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Three-Year-Olds clash in Grade I shootout



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Ice Box

Trappe Shot

Afleet Express

Admiral Alex

Fly Down

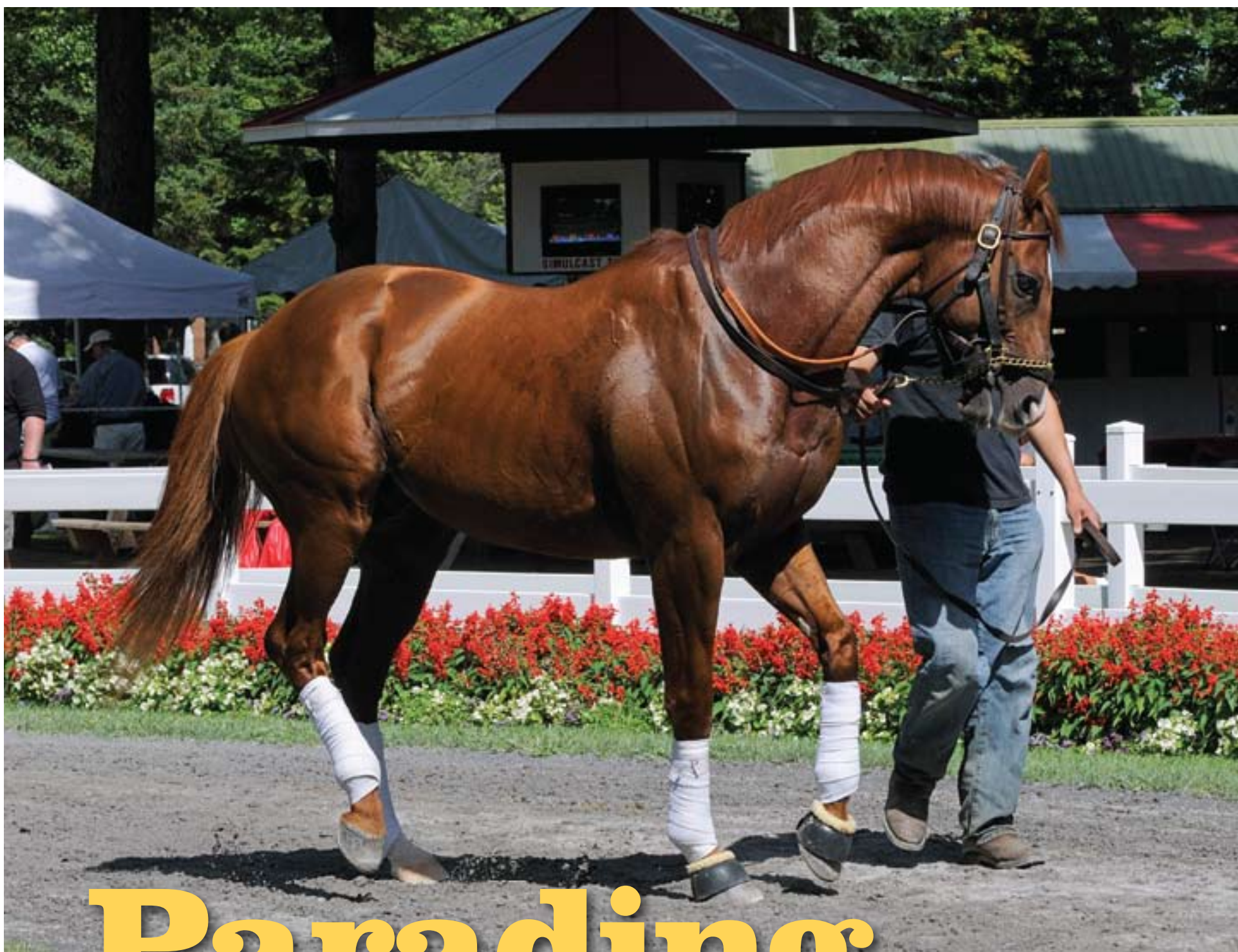
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"I hope I don't mess it up by coming down myself."

Trainer Roger Attfield, whose horses have yet to miss the board in four starts, about making his first trip to Saratoga this summer.

"I'm a hoping and a guessing."

Trainer John Sadler when asked if he was hoping or guessing whether Sister Dawn would like the dirt in today's Victory Ride

"Who you looking for? Shake and Bake?"

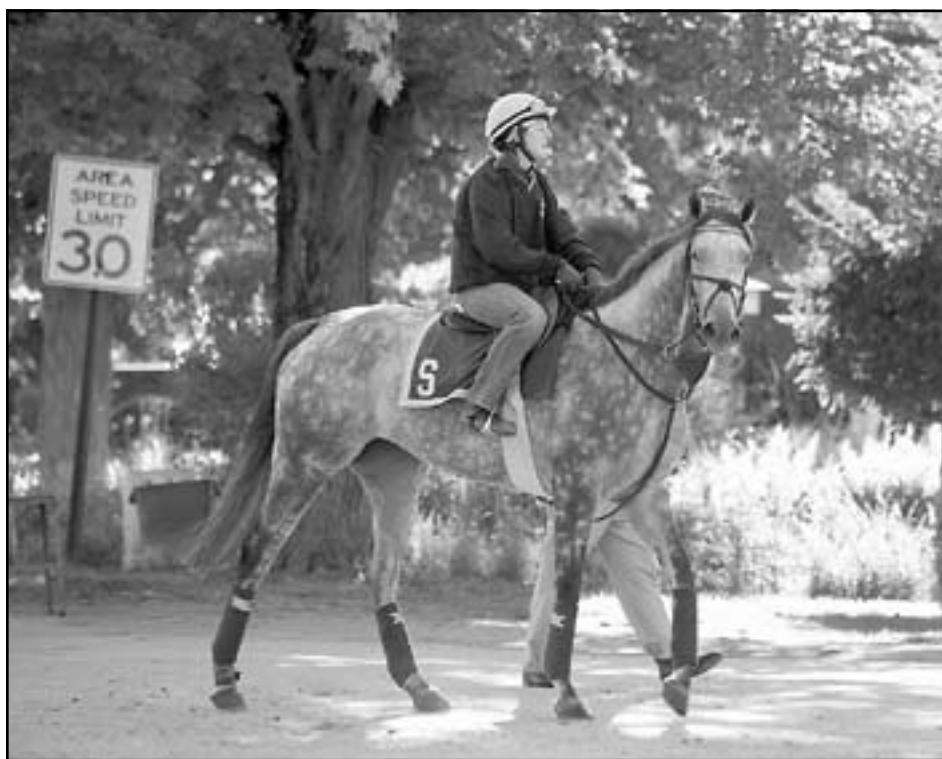
Assistant at trainer Jim Baker's barn Friday morning

"She's a good doer; relaxed, calm and cool."

Baker about Ballston Spa entrant Danzon

"The numbers are much higher than the trainers' IQ's."

Trainer Eric Guillot, when reading the form of the King's Bishop



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By the Numbers

2: Fishing poles in a golf cart parked at trainer Kiaran McLaughlin's barn Friday morning

82: Average highest Beyer Speed Figure by the seven New York Turf Writers Cup runners to have registered the flat speed figure (Swagger Stick, third in the \$100,000 stakes, led the way with a lifetime best of 100).

Name of the Day

Giddie Up Putnam, the name given to Jan Woods' life-sized bronze foal in front of the Gideon Putnam Hotel.

Kerfuffle, second race. Darley runner is out of Stormy Blues.

Volcker, third race. Owned by former U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and his brother Jim, the 2-year-old son of War Front is named after Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve until 1987, a year before Brady began his term as Treasury Secretary.

Headingtothecity, sixth race. What we feel like doing after the Travers.

Fabio, seventh race. Trainer Tom Proctor's nickname for Our Douglas, the most beautiful horse on today's card.

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"Grade I maiden special weight."

Trainer Carlos Martin, describing a Travers Day maiden

"The worst part was The Saratoga Special the next morning when it showed the photo at an angle, it looked like she finished second."

Trainer Seth Benzel, on finishing fourth (beaten a neck) in the Diana with Dynaslew

"Then I should be writing Pulitzer-worthy material."

The Special's Mike Kane, who's fighting with computers this week, to the comment 'the best stuff comes under duress'

"Wonderful Cup of Coffee, but stop talking about the end of the meet already."

Sovereign Stable's Rich Cristiano (nine cards still to play)

"Gumbo. Sunday morning."

Louisiana-bred trainer Eric Guillot

"When he came around he'd always ask if he was bothering you or if he was taking you away from something. Are you kidding? You liked it when he came around. When he came around, all you wanted to do was talk to him."

Trainer David Donk, on legendary Daily Racing Form writer Joe Hirsch

"You can get your butt kicked here, but it's still fun."

Donk, on training horses at Saratoga

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Jockey Edgar Prado after winning the Albany with Stormy's Majesty

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"I came over with an open view, I wanted to see how I enjoyed it, I knew I had a little bit of ability left, I wanted to give it my best shot, if I had a good craic at it and it didn't work, it didn't work, nothing lost."

Irish-born jump jockey Brian Crowley,
after winning the New York Turf Writers Cup aboard Sermon Of Love

"I knew coming to this race he was 110 dollars."

Crowley, mixing metaphors, about Sermon Of Love

"We've been lucky, we've been so many places with them. Nobody would have ever known me if I didn't have Flatterer."

Bill Pape, owner of four-time champion steeplechase horse Flatterer

"I don't think I get quite as nervous as I used to but it means quite a lot, certainly. I like to feel like I've been at a consistent level for a long time, even though I'm a little long in the tooth, I have experience to make up for that and I have some very good, young people helping me, that's a very big part of it. They work their butts off and I'm as happy for them as I am for myself."

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard, after winning his 13th New York Turf Writers Cup Thursday

"We discuss which one's going to be in front, which rider's going to be on which horse and (assistant) Jim Bergen calls me and tells me how it went, it doesn't always go according to plan."

Sheppard, about training off the farm

"Follow Sheppard's crew, they always go there."

Tom Voss assistant Robert Cutler, when asked for directions to the test barn

"Did you pick him?"

Steeplechase jockey Willie Dowling to Brian Nadeau, who usually picks Swagger Stick, a longshot third in the Turf Writers (Brian did not pick him)

"That pony's bedded hip deep."

WinStar Farm's Elliott Walden to Bill Mott after checking the stall bedding Friday morning

"You never know."

Special reader, holding Friday's paper and checking the paper rack for another edition Friday morning

"You know what ball 4 means in baseball? Take a walk."

Instructions to a barn visitor Friday morning

"You never know for sure, that's what this game is all about."

Trainer Angel Penna, when trying to figure out a horse

"The Monmouth race was not chicken liver."

Penna, when describing the Oceanport Stakes at Monmouth

"Open."

Title of the book, by tennis great Andre Agassi, being read by jockey Alex Solis

"We've got a long time to get there."

Trainer Al Stall, after Blame worked an easy half-mile Friday morning, in preparation for the Jockey Club Gold Cup in early October

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1	12-1	Miner's Reserve	Robert LaPenta	Nick Zito	David Cohen
2	4-1	Trappe Shot	Mill House	Kiaran McLaughlin	Alan Garcia
3	12-1	Admiral Alex	Leon Blusiewicz	Leon Blusiewicz	Kent Desormeaux
4	8-1	First Dude	Donald Dizney	Dale Romans	Ramon Dominguez
5	7-2	A Little Warm	Edward Evans	Tony Dutrow	John Velazquez
6	10-1	Ice Box	Robert LaPenta	Nick Zito	Julien Leparoux
7	6-1	Afleet Express	Gainesway Stable	Jimmy Jerkens	Javier Castellano
8	8-1	Fly Down	Richard Pell	Nicholas Zito	Jose Lezcano
9	15-1	Friend Or Foe	Chester & Mary Broman	John Kimmel	Rajiv Maragh
10	30-1	Afleet Again	Cash Is King Stable	Robert Reid	Cornelio Velasquez
11	6-1	Super Saver	WinStar Farm	Todd Pletcher	Calvin Borel



Heating Up

A Little Warm, Dutrow face 10 in competitive Travers

BY SEAN CLANCY

Tony Dutrow walked back from the main track last Friday feeling good, really good, about today's Travers Stakes. Jim Dandy winner A Little Warm had just completed another flawless round of exercise and walked home confidently and content. Just like his trainer.

"Knock on wood, I don't think it's possible he could be any better," Dutrow said. "I know that's a big statement but I don't think it's possible he could be any better. He likes this race-track. A mile and a quarter, I don't know, I'm not going to act like I do know. But my feel is good."

So far, Dutrow and owner/breeder Edward Evans' feel has been spot on with the son of Stormin Fever.

A Little Warm takes on 10 rivals, including Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver and Haskell runner-up Trappe Shot, in the Grade I stakes, going a mile and a quarter for \$1 million.

Divisional leader Lookin At Lucky dominated the Haskell at Monmouth, handling five Travers starters in the process. Trainer Bob Baffert kept the clubhouse leader in the clubhouse in California, allowing the East Coast horses to rumble in Saratoga.



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Trappe Shot tacks the Travers for Kieran McLaughlin.

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Friend Or Doe comes out of the Jim Dandy.

Tod Marks

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"I don't know if Lookin At Lucky would have shown up, that four or five others wouldn't. His form has been exceptional but I don't know if I'd duck

him," said Todd Pletcher who trains Super Saver. "I think it's totally wide open, what you want to do is get that trip. It's the kind of race that the perfect trip will make the difference."

John Velazquez engineered the perfect trip for A Little Warm in the Jim Dandy, placing him just off Miner's Reserve and ahead of eventual third,

fourth and fifth-place finishers — Afleet Express, Friend Or Doe and Fly Down — who return in today's Travers. A Little Warm used his tactical speed to get first run and his talent to finish it out. Miner's Reserve hung tough for second while Afleet Express and Friend Or Doe seemed to hit flat spots in the turn and then finish strongly.

The Jim Dandy provides information. But with an asterisk. The Travers charts new water, an extra furlong to separate speed from stamina.

Every year, the Travers provides the intersection for spring classic contenders and new shooters who for one reason or another weren't factors on the Triple Crown.

This year, Super Saver, First Dude, Ice Box and Fly Down represent the former. Trappe Shot, A Little Warm, Afleet Express, Friend Or Doe, Miner's Reserve and Afleet Again represent the latter. Admiral Alex is the wild card, exiting a maiden win in his only start earlier this season.

A Little Warm dabbled on the Triple Crown Trail, finishing second in the Louisiana Derby and briefly pointing for the Preakness until a fever derailed that plan. Dutrow regrouped and took aim at Saratoga. Nothing went wrong and he comes here with the now horse.

"We didn't stretch him out until the end of March, he was very successful going 6 and 7 furlongs against the very best of his generation. I did tell Mr. Evans and (farm manager) Chris Baker that I didn't know how far he would go but I felt very good that he was as good as the horses in his generation," Dutrow said. "I felt like he was as good as anybody out there. It's not a surprise that A Little Warm is where he is, he just doesn't have a lot of two-turn experience. I learned a great deal from A Little Warm. In the great big picture, I don't feel like I made any mistakes but I feel like I could have done it better."

Dutrow has made up for lost time with a perfect summer for A Little

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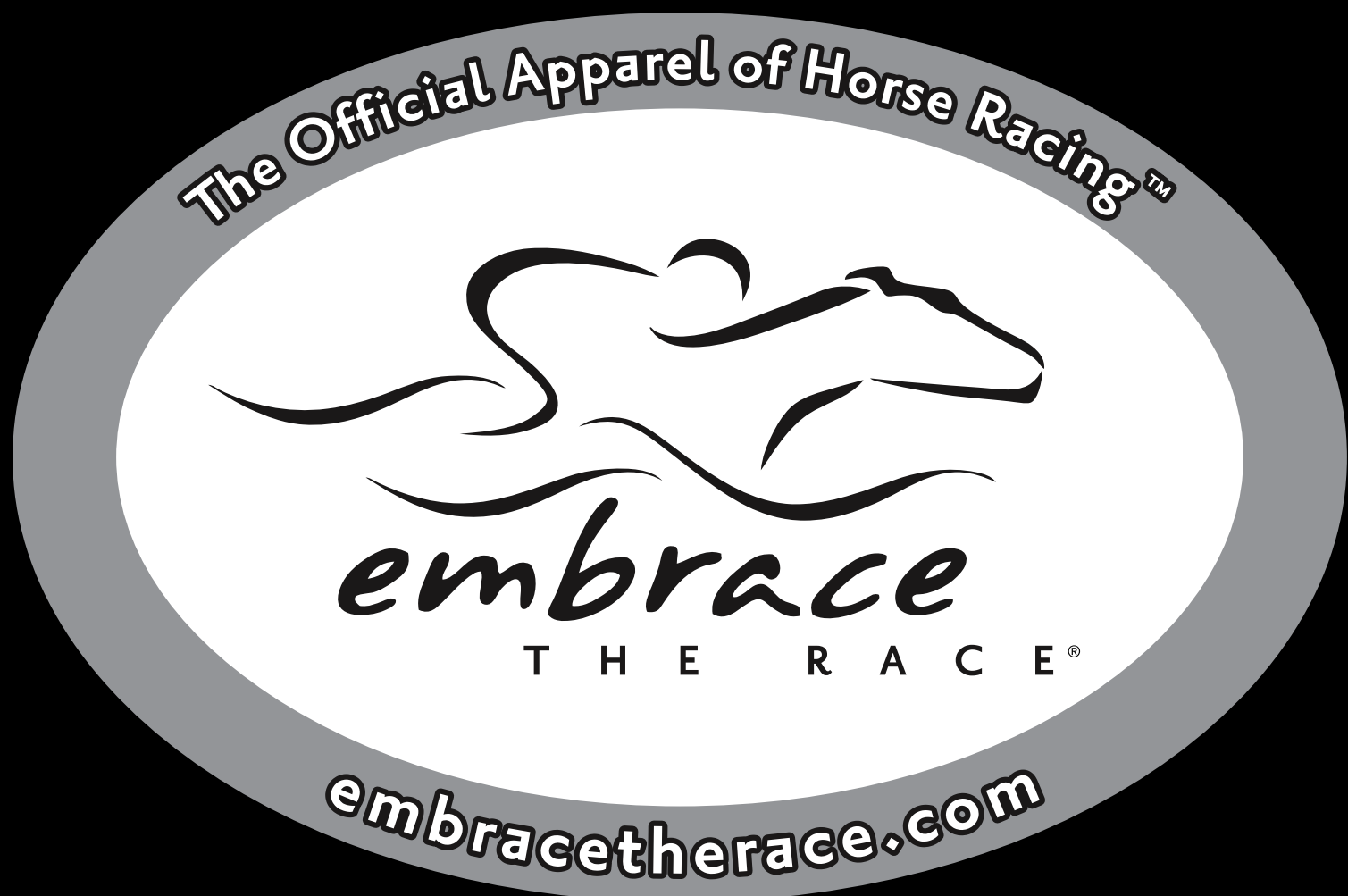
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Warm. He ended a short rest with an allowance win at Delaware and then came back to dominate the Jim Dandy. With a month to prepare for another furlong, Dutrow didn't do anything heroic, giving A Little Warm two 5-furlong breezes over the main track.

"The approach I've taken is I didn't get too cute with A Little Warm, I played it safe, I don't have the experience at a mile and a quarter to try anything else," Dutrow said. "If this horse wins the Travers, I can't take any credit for it, I'll feel fortunate that it all came together."

While A Little Warm emerged as a true summer 3-year-old, Super Saver and the other battled-hardened survivors from the Triple Crown tried to recharge the batteries.

Pletcher punted after Super Saver flopped in the Preakness, finishing eighth behind Lookin At Lucky and First Dude. Pletcher worries about horses bouncing like mothers worry about three square meals and the two weeks between the Derby and the Preakness took its toll on

WinStar Farm's homebred. In a way, it worked out as Pletcher could regroup and prepare for a summer campaign.

Super Saver returned in the Haskell but failed to match Lookin At Lucky's devastating kick. Super Saver was out-finished by Trappe Shot and First Dude, but all three finished within a length. Pletcher's hoping the race will have his horse tuned up further and the increase in distance will help decrease the margin of defeat.

"He trains willingly, it's not that he's lazy but some horses need that race to propel them forward, maybe if we approached that race like it was the last race of his career, then we might have done things differently. We were trying to get him to run big and yet keep moving forward for a couple of more important things," Pletcher said. "Just experience, the way you do it with other horses, with him, his previous races. He's proven a couple of things that nobody else has; that he can win going a mile and a quarter, in a large field, carrying 126 pounds, there's something to be said for that."

Super Saver didn't get any breaks when he drew the outside post in the field of 11. Calvin Borel will have to



Tod Marks

Afleet Again is one of three sons of Afleet Alex in the Travers.

negotiate a stalking trip from the unenviable spot. Ideally, Pletcher would like to see Super Saver adopt the same stalking trip as he found in the Derby. Easier said than done.

"Eleven horses, outside post, plenty of pace, plenty of closers," Pletcher said. "If you could fall into that Derby trip that we got, that's the key. We'd like

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to fall into that garden spot.”

Super Saver will have company trying to find a seat in the garden. Trappe Shot, A Little Warm, Afleet Express, Friend Or Foe and perhaps Admiral Alex, could be eyeing the stalking spot in third, behind probable pacesetters Miner’s Reserve and the blinkers-equipped First Dude. Ice Box, Fly Down and Afleet Again look like the likely closers.

Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin and jockey Alan Garcia will be searching for a position but keeping an eye on the gas gauge as Mill House’s Trappe Shot tries to go 10 furlongs for the first time.

Trappe Shot dominated four of his five starts, gradually stretching from 6 furlongs to 1 1/16 miles in the Long Branch at Monmouth. He might not have relished the 9 furlongs of the Haskell but he did beat all the Travers starters who ran in the Grade I stakes.

“Maybe he’ll love the mile and a quarter, we don’t know. There is the unknown,” McLaughlin said. “It’s exciting, big day, it’s a very competitive race. Even Admiral Alex is a nice horse, it’s a big step but he’s a nice horse.”

Travers hero Nick Zito sends out three horses. Miner’s Reserve offers speed from the inside while Fly Down and Ice Box will be running late.

Miner’s Reserve has yet to win a stakes

“There are only four horses who have proven they can go this far: Super Saver, First Dude, Ice Box and Fly Down. But



Connie Bush

Super Saver chills out before the Travers.

A Little Warm is the horse to beat,” said Zito who has had a slow season at Saratoga. “I don’t have the favorite but it’s a wide-open race. I’ve been here before, I had three horses in the Birdstone year.

I’ve had some legitimate horses to run over the years and these three are legitimate. I love the Travers, it’s how we’ve made our mark. I haven’t had a great meet, but winning the Travers would

change the headlines. I’m happy to be in the race.”

Jimmy Jerkens and Javier Castellano will be searching to make up 2 1/2 lengths on A Little Warm with Afleet Express. The imposing colt held a good position, then back-pedaled on the turn before running on late to collect third. Gainesway Farm’s colt finished strongly and has had two stout works over the past two weeks. Jerkens drilled him 5 furlongs in 1:01 and 6 furlongs in 1:13 a week ago.

“I don’t think you’re going to get instant response from him, but you’ll get a response,” Jerkens said of his horse’s potential for a late run. “I didn’t have him until late September. He came in and I really liked him but he was tall and weedy, kind of lanky. The first time we breezed him, just a little quarter in company, he acted like he could do something.”

Finishing just off Afleet Express was Friend Or Foe for trainer John Kimmel. The New York-bred won his first three before running a game fourth in the Jim Dandy. Owned and bred by Chester and Mary Broman, Friend Or Foe could show the biggest improvement than any Jim Dandy starter.

“He galloped out great the first time going two turns, it was his fourth race in his life, horses don’t peak in their fourth lifetime start,” Kimmel said. “He’s a big, handsome horse who’s training well. I think it’s a wide-open race, I can make a case for a lot of them. It’s a great race, a great betting race. There are no Spectacular Bids in here.”

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Magna Graduate was my first purchase, venturing from the Show Jumping World into Horse Racing.

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Dale Romans makes the most dramatic change of any trainer by putting blinkers on First Dude, who finished second in the Preakness, third in the Belmont and third in the Haskell. A winner of just one race, Donald Dizney's home-

bred will try to sit just off Miner's Reserve from the inside and get first run on the closers.

"We're trying to give him 2 more lengths some way and it's the only thing we could come up with," Romans said of the long and tall colt. "He's a neat looking horse, a neat horse to be around. Laid back, nothing bothers him, happy all the time."

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1	1	Six Clicks.....	Desormeaux K J...	Albertrani Thomas...	6-1
2	2	Launch N Relaunch ...	Dominguez R A....	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	12-1
3	3	Aspire.....	Leparoux J R.....	Kenneally Eddie.....	3-1
4	4	Bravo Whiskey	Lenclud F	Howard Neil J.....	15-1
5	5	Ya Gotta Have Soul....	Castellano J J.....	Tagg Barclay.....	8-1
6	6	Litigation Risk	Maragh R	Violette, Jr. R A.....	10-1
7	7	Lubango.....	Borel C H.....	Romans Dale.....	12-1
8	8	Yes I'm Clever	Bridgmohan S X...	Brown Bruce R.....	30-1
9	9	Maximus Ruler.....	Mena M.....	Hanna Clark.....	7-2
10	10	Cocalero.....	Garcia Alan.....	bin Suroor Saeed	4-1

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2ND (12:05) 6 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$60,000

1	1	Five Mach Speed	Maragh R	Benzel Seth	6-1
2	2	Kerfuffle	Dominguez R A....	Albertrani Thomas.	12-1
3	3	Forbidden Brew	Garcia Alan.....	Benzel Seth	15-1
4	4	With the Current.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	6-1
5	5	Promise Me a Cat.....	Castellano J J.....	Martin Carlos F.....	9-2
6	6	Blazing Along	Garcia M.....	Baffert Bob	5-2
7	7	Missyoulikecrazy	Leparoux J R.....	Kenneally Eddie.....	6-1
8	8	Malibu Cougar.....	Prado E S.....	Asmussen Steven.....	5-1
9	9	Alexandra Rylee.....	Velasquez C.....	Reid Robert E Jr.....	15-1

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3RD (12:37) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$61,000

1	1	Beachcombing	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C	12-1
2	2	Johnny Two by Four ..	Garcia Alan.....	Ryerson James T ..	20-1
3	3	Wild Pegasus	Desormeaux K J...	McPeek Kenneth ...	20-1
4	4	Nolangrant'skitten	Leparoux J R.....	Maker Michael J....	6-1
5	5	Tingaleo.....	Solis A.....	Ward Wesley A.....	10-1
6	6	Film Making.....	Maragh R	Mott William I.....	10-1
7	7	Forum.....	Prado E S.....	Weaver George.....	7-2
8	8	Gold Trader.....	Castellano J J.....	McGaughey III C....	10-1
9	9	Big Bentley	Coa E M	Fawkes David	4-1
10	10	Volcker	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	6-1
11	11	Peb Hughes.....	Dominguez R A....	Motion H Graham....	8-1
12	MTO	Gospel Lesson.....	Maragh R	Mott William I.....	5-1

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4TH (1:10) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) NY BRED 3&UP ALLOW PURSE: \$53,000

1	1	Pegasus Ena.....	Espinoza J L.....	Terracciano Neal ...	30-1
2	2	The Noz	Castellano J J.....	Benzel Seth	3-1
3	3	Barrel of Love.....	Samyn J L.....	Hertler John O.....	10-1
4	4	New Pais	Leparoux J R.....	McCauley Tevis Q...	10-1
5	5	Monastir.....	Coa E M	Hennig Mark.....	12-1
6	6	Thunder Chief.....	Velazquez J R.....	Gyarmati Leah	8-1
7	7	Mr. Hooker	Lenclud F	Payne Curtis.....	50-1
8	8	Quiet On the Tee	Velasquez C.....	Englehart Chris.....	7-2
9	9	Joey's Chance	Prado E S.....	Kelly Patrick J.....	6-1
10	10	Wishingtonadream	Chavez J F.....	Disanto Glenn B ...	15-1
11	11	Dos Hombres	Maragh R	Schettino Dominick A.	8-1
12	12	The Plot Thickens.....	Hill C	Martin Carlos F.....	15-1
13	AE	Talk Therapy	Dominguez R A....	Rice Linda	4-1
14	AE	Siete Machos.....	Desormeaux K J...	Hess R B Jr	4-1
15	AE	Kuggerand.....	Velazquez J R.....	Matz Michael R.....	12-1
16	AE	John Wyatt.....	Garcia Alan.....	Barbara Robert.....	6-1

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

5TH (1:45) 6 FURLONGS 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$60,000

1	1	Research Report.....	Prado E S.....	Violette, Jr. R A.....	4-1
2	2	Risk Drag	Garcia Alan.....	Harty Eoin	8-1
3	3	Uncle Mo.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	3-1
4	4	Free Entry.....	Leparoux J R.....	Kenneally Eddie.....	6-1
5	5	Believe in You.....	Dominguez R A....	Contessa Gary C....	15-1
6	6	Admiral Perry.....	Cohen D	McGaughey III C....	15-1
7	7	Northern Hammer	Velasquez C.....	Penna Angel Jr.....	15-1
8	8	Sinorice.....	Lezcano J	Zito Nicholas P.....	12-1
9	9	Duca.....	Maragh R	Lukas D Wayne.....	6-1
10	10	King Congie.....	Castellano J J.....	Albertrani Thomas...	6-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (5-7), Pick 4 Races (5-8) Daily Double

6TH (2:20) 1 1/16 MILES (IN. TURF) NY BRED 3&UP MDN PURSE: \$51,000

1	1	Just a Dab	Velazquez J R.....	Callejas Bernardo ...	15-1
2	2	Neversaywhen	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	12-1
3	3	Butterfield Road	Samyn J L.....	Hertler John O.....	12-1
4	4	Brolio	Bridgmohan S X...	Bond H James	12-1
5	5	Fourseventeen.....	Coa E M	Galluscio Dominic G.	12-1
6	6	Jacob's Dream.....	Lenclud F	O'Brien Colum.....	5-1
7	7	Felice Di Notte	Maragh R	Sciacca Gary	15-1
8	8	Chingachgook	Leparoux J R.....	Motion H Graham....	9-5
9	9	Headingtothecity	Dominguez R A....	Schettino Dominick A.	6-1
10	10	Gasper C.....	Husbands S P.....	Rossi Bobbi.....	30-1
11	11	Military Star	Cohen D	Bush Thomas M.....	20-1
12	12	Treasure Trunk	Desormeaux K J...	Kimmel John C.....	15-1
13	AE	City Train	Castellano J J.....	Contessa Gary C....	2-1
14	AE	Whateverittakes.....	Velasquez C.....	Schosberg Richard..	4-1
15	AE	Writethatdown.....	Garcia Alan.....	White Linda A.....	6-1
16	MTO	Raffinator	Prado E S.....	Ryerson James T....	4-1

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

7TH (2:55) 1 3/16 MILES (TURF) 3&UP ALL/OC (\$50,000) PURSE: \$55,000

1	MTO	Endymion	Lezcano J	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	7-2
1A	MTO	Masala.....	Lezcano J	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	7-2
2	1	Insider Tip	Garcia Alan.....	Howard Neil J.....	20-1
3	2	Thabazimbi.....	Bridgmohan S X...	Mott William I.....	20-1
4	3	More Than Willing	Leparoux J R.....	McPeek Kenneth G	12-1
5	4	Staying On (IRE)	Maragh R	Clement Christophe.	8-1
6	5	Our Douglas	Borel C H.....	Proctor Thomas F....	8-1
7	6	Karakorum Legend	Dominguez R A....	Rice Linda	5-1
8	7	War Hoot.....	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C	4-1
9	8	Rescue Squad	Prado E S.....	McGaughey III C....	8-1
10	9	Midnight Mischief	Desormeaux K J...	Mott William I.....	8-1
11	10	En Fuego	Velasquez C.....	Clement Christophe	5-1
12	11	Aikenite	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	12-1
13	12	Premium Gold	Castellano J J.....	Kimmel John C.....	20-1

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8TH (3:30) BALLSTON SPA (G2) 1 1/16 MILES (IN. TURF) F&M 3&UP PURSE: \$200,000

1	1	Miss Keller (IRE)	Castellano J J.....	Attfield Roger L.....	7-2
2	2	Danzon	Solis A.....	Baker James E.....	20-1
3	3	Phola.....	Dominguez R A....	Pletcher Todd A.....	4-1
4	4	Silver Reunion.....	Maragh R	Motion H Graham....	10-1
5	5	Strike the Bell	Prado E S.....	Donk David.....	15-1
6	6	Scolara	Desormeaux K J...	Mott William I.....	12-1
7	7	Dynaslew	Coa E M	Benzel Seth	8-1
8	8	Cherokee Queen	Leparoux J R.....	Wolfson Martin D....	6-1
9	9	Maram.....	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C	5-1
10	10	Mekong Melody (IRE) ..	Velazquez J R.....	Attfield Roger L.....	6-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (8-10). Pick 6 Races (8-13) Daily Double

9TH (4:05) VICTORY RIDE (G3) 6 FURLONGS FILLIES 3YO PURSE: \$100,000

1	1	Kid Kate.....	Prado E S.....	Brown Chad C	5-1
2	2	My Jen	Leparoux J R.....	Kenneally Eddie.....	15-1
3	3	Rapport	Garcia M.....	Baffert Bob	3-1
4	4	Sister Dawn	Maragh R	Sadler John W.....	6-1
5	5	Worstcasescenario	Garcia Alan.....	Violette, Jr. R A.....	20-1
6	6	Simply Spiteful	Lezcano J	Martin Carlos F.....	15-1
7	7	Beyondallboundarys..	Borel C H.....	Amoss Thomas	4-1
8	8	Touching Beauty.....	Castellano J J.....	Jerkens James A.....	8-1
9	9	Katy Now.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	7-2

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10TH (4:38) BALLERINA (G1) 7 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP PURSE: \$250,000

1	1	Rightly So	Velasquez C.....	Dutrow Anthony W..	6-1
2	2	Warbling.....	Castellano J J.....	Kenneally Eddie.....	4-1
3	3	Jessica Is Back.....	Trujillo E	Wolfson Martin D....	7-2
4	4	Informed Decision.....	Leparoux J R.....	Sheppard Jonathan.	5-2
5	5	Qualia	Maragh R	Ribaudo Robert J....	4-1
6	6	Pretty Prolific	Prado E S.....	McPeek Kenneth ...	12-1
7	7	Devil by Design	Desormeaux K J...	Mott William I.....	12-1
8	8	First Passage.....	Bridgmohan J V ...	Wolfson Martin D..	15-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (10-12), Daily Double

11TH (5:10) KING’S BISHOP (G1) 7 FURLONGS 3YO PURSE: \$250,000

1	1	Latigo Shore.....	Dominguez R A....	Zito Nicholas P.....	20-1
2	2	Hurricane Ike.....	Borel C H.....	Sadler John W.....	6-1
3	3	D’ Funnybone	Prado E S.....	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	5-2
4	4	Discreetly Mine	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	6-5
5	5	Bulldogger.....	Garcia M.....	Baffert Bob	5-1
6	6	Bank Merger.....	Garcia Alan.....	McLaughlin Kiaran ..	8-1
7	7	In Jack’s Memory	Mena M.....	Guillot Eric.....	20-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (11-13), Daily Double

12TH (5:46) TRAVERS STAKES (G1) 1 1/4 MILES 3YO PURSE: \$1,000,000

1	1	Miner’s Reserve	Cohen D	Zito Nicholas P.....	12-1
2	2	Trappe Shot.....	Garcia Alan.....	McLaughlin Kiaran ..	4-1
3	3	Admiral Alex.....	Desormeaux K J...	Blusiewicz Leon J..	12-1
4	4	First Dude.....	Dominguez R A....	Romans Dale.....	8-1
5	5	A Little Warm	Velazquez J R.....	Dutrow Anthony W..	7-2
6	6	Ice Box	Leparoux J R.....	Zito Nicholas P.....	10-1
7	7	Afleet Express	Castellano J J.....	Jerkens James A.....	6-1
8	8	Fly Down	Lezcano J	Zito Nicholas P.....	8-1
9	9	Friend Or Foe.....	Maragh R	Kimmel John C.....	15-1
10	10	Afleet Again.....	Velasquez C.....	Reid Robert E Jr....	30-1
11	11	Super Saver.....	Borel C H.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	6-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10) Wagers, 1st Half - Travers/Personal Ensign Double

13TH (6:20) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) F&M 3&UP CLAIMING (\$25,000) PURSE: \$37,000

1	1	Glory Chaser	Dominguez R A....	Rice Linda	3-1
2	2	Ben’s Boots	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	9-2
3	3	Hunny of a Tour.....	Mena M.....	Metivier Richard....	50-1
4	4	Pea Stone.....	Chavez J F.....	Ramos Faustino F..	12-1
5	5	Pretty Cozy	Maragh R	Contessa Gary C....	9-2
6	6	Max’s Runner	Velasquez C.....	Rodriguez Rudy R....	4-1
7	7	Auric Girl.....	Studart M.....	Toscano John T Jr..	15-1
8	8	Z Cats Meow	Hill C	Morrison John.....	15-1
9	9	Moonwalk Beauty.....	Lezcano J	Martin Carlos F.....	8-1
10	10	Angel Wave	Espinoza J L.....	Schettino Dominick A.	20-1
11	11	Msjerseyroulette.....	Lenclud F	Serpe Philip M.....	20-1
12	12	Saratoga Tiger.....	Bridgmohan J V ...	Streicher Kenneth..	30-1
13	AE	Miss Dolan’s Rose.....	Lenclud F	Disanto Glenn B....	20-1

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1	Aspire Maximus Ruler Cocalero	Cocalero Aspire Launch N Relaunch	Maximus Ruler Cocalero Aspire	Maximus Ruler Cocalero Aspire	Maximus Ruler Six Clicks Cocalero
2	Blazing Along With the Current Malibu Cougar	Blazing Along Missyoulikecrazy Promise Me a Cat	Promise Me A Cat Blazing Along With The Current	Blazing Along Promise Me A Cat Five Mach Speed	Missyoulikecrazy Blazing Along With the Current
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4	Talk Therapy The Noz Quiet On the Tee	Dos Hombres Thunder Chief The Noz	The Noz Barrel Of Love Siete Machos	The Noz Quiet On The Tee Barrel Of Love	The Noz Joey's Chance Dos Hombres
5	Uncle Mo Research Report Sinorice	Uncle Mo Research Report Duca	Uncle Mo Research Report Free Entry	Uncle Mo Free Entry Duca	Sinorice Uncle Mo Free Entry
6	Chingachgook Headingtothecity Fourseventeen	Chingachgook Headingtothecity Felice Di Notte	Chingachgook Jacob's Dream City Train	Neversaywhen Fourseventeen Chingachgook	City Train Fourseventeen Jacob's Dream
7	War Hoot Karakorum Legend Our Douglas	War Hoot Our Douglas Insider Tip	War Hoot En Fuego Our Douglas	Rescue Squad War Hoot Insider Tip	En Fuego War Hoot Karakorum Legend
8	Phola Miss Keller Cherokee Queen	Miss Keller Silver Reunion Phola	Miss Keller Phola Strike The Bell	Silver Reunion Phola Miss Keller	Miss Keller Mekong Melody Phola
9	Rapport Beyondallboundarys Katy Now	Katy Now Rapport Beyondallboundaries	Katy Now Rapport Kid Kate	Katy Now Beyondallboundarys Rapport	Katy Now Sister Dawn Kid Kate
10	Informed Decision Jessica Is Back Rightly So	Informed Decision Rightly So Qualia	Jessica Is Back Informed Decision Qualia	Rightly So Informed Decision Qualia	Jessica is Back Qualia Rightly So
11	Discreetly Mine Bulldogger D' Funnybone	Discreetly Mine Hurricane Ike D' Funnybone	Discreetly Mine D' Funnybone Bulldogger	Bulldogger D' Funnybone Discreetly Mine	Discreetly Mine D' Funnybone Bank Merger
12	A Little Warm Trappe Shot Super Saver	Fly Down First Dude A Little Warm	Fly Down Trappe Shot A Little Warm	Fly Down Trappe Shot Friend Or Foe	First Dude A Little Warm Trappe Shot
13	Glory Chaser Ben's Boots Max's Runner	Ben's Boots Glory Chaser Z Cats Meow	Glory Chaser Pretty Cozy Max's Runner	Pretty Cozy Moonwalk Beauty Max's Runner	Max's Runner Moonwalk Beauty Glory Chaser
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Taking His Shot

Owner/trainer Blusiewicz tries to upset Travers with newcomer Admiral Alex

BY MIKE KANE

Can a colt formerly named Bunky with one race on his resume win the Travers? Owner-trainer Leon Blusiewicz says yes. No question about it.

Moments after the colt, now named Admiral Alex, broke his maiden July 31, Blusiewicz declared that he would run in the \$1 million Travers, Saratoga's oldest and highest profile race.

Nearly a month later, Admiral Alex is right where Blusiewicz said he would be: in the field of what looks to be a deep and wide-open running of the Travers. Admiral Alex drew post three and will be ridden by Hall of Fame jockey Kent Desormeaux, who was up for the maiden win.

"I have a lot of faith in the horse. I think he's a super horse," Blusiewicz said. "Down the road, I think you might hear about this horse big-time."

A variety of issues kept Admiral Alex from racing until the last day of July, but Blusiewicz said the son of Afleet Alex is in ideal condition for the mile and a quarter Travers.

"He's sound. He's good," Blusiewicz said. "You never know in this game. They're like strawberries, they can spoil overnight. In this game, you've got to take every day you can get. Especially with a horse like this. This horse is a

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Leon Blusiewicz and Admiral Alex share a moment in the morning.

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Blusiewicz —

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jewel. You dream about getting a horse like this. These kind of horses don't come every day."

Blusiewicz said the Travers may be a steppingstone to greatness for Admiral Alex.



Leon Blusiewicz

"He could easily be the top horse this fall. Just like that," he said, snapping his fingers. "Then you'd jump up in the air about this horse."

Blusiewicz, 79, has won major stakes with horses coming off maiden victories, so Admiral Alex can't be dismissed as a colt with no shot being promoted by an over-enthusiastic owner.

"He's the best horse I've ever had," Blusiewicz said. "He does things very easy, very professional. The first time out going a mile and an eighth, he wins with complete authority. It doesn't say that on the tape, he only wins by a length, but Kent said he put them away at the eighth pole."

That's when Blusiewicz started talking — not whispering — about the Travers.

Blusiewicz has been around this colt for parts of three years. He tried to sell him in the 2008 Keeneland September sale, but the bidding never reached his reserve price of \$350,000. A private sale was brokered and Blusiewicz began

training the colt named Bunky last year.

"He trained good as a 2-year-old up here," Blusiewicz said. "He went seven-eighths of a mile in 1:25 and went the last three-eighths in 35. Then he worked a mile in 1:41 and galloped out a mile and a quarter in 2:07. So he's quite an unusual horse. I don't train him for speed, but if I trained him for speed he could go 45, 1:10. But I don't train him for speed, I train him for endurance."

Problems derailed Bunky's 2-year-old racing career. He bruised a foot. He got sick. In November, he was found to have a bone cyst. Blusiewicz was told that surgery was not needed, but that the colt should be turned out for three months. Blusiewicz decided five months made more sense.

The colt resumed training in March, but Blusiewicz said the owner was having some financial problems, had been told Bunky wouldn't amount to much and wanted to sell. Blusiewicz bought him on May 1 and changed his name.

Now he's running in the Travers and Blusiewicz is confident that Admiral Alex, the only horse in his stable, is set for a big performance.

"I believe in my ability, I believe in the horse," he said. "When you've only got a few horses, you can get into their heads and you can find out what kind of horse they really are. I put him through a lot of tests and this horse, he's passed every test with flying colors."

Blusiewicz is serious. He believes Admiral Alex is the one that will take him to the promised land.

"This is the kind of horse I've been waiting for for 43 years," he said. "I've been waiting for a horse like this."



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Leon Blusiewicz's Admiral Alex tries to go from maiden to Grade I winner in less than a month.



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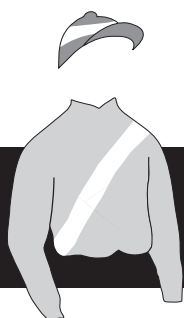
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1 Miss Keller

Irish-bred filly returns from her Woodbine base, just 24 days since kicking clear to an impressive score in the restricted De La Rose Stakes going a mile.

Trainer Roger Attfield: "I don't have any concerns, she's done very, very well since her last race, she's been training great and she'll run another good race if she gets a trip. She's got a big turn of foot but she has to be ridden a certain way and (Javier) Castellano knows her well enough now so it's in their hands. She doesn't like the whip, if you ride her with a little bit of feeling, she'll run a big race."

2 Danzon

Claimed for \$80,000 in June, the 7-year-old mare promptly won the Grade III Locust Grove. Ten-time winner has trained sharply at Saratoga.

Trainer James Baker: "They want to keep her for a broodmare, the rest is gravy. We didn't expect to win a stake right off the bat, we were looking to run her in an allowance race but it wouldn't fill, we put her in the stake and got lucky, five across the track and we won the photo. They couldn't get her in foal, she has ovaries, but they just couldn't get her in foal for some reason. She's a problem mare but this guy is willing to take a shot."

3 Phola

Five-time winner rattled off three consecutive victories earlier this year but lost her next two while taking on Grade I foes – mainly Proviso.

Trainer Todd Pletcher: "The Diana was as we feared on paper, a paceless race and she has a patented running style, she wants to settle and make one run, we were stuck with what we know she does well, unfortunately, it unfolded wrongly for her, she ran her race, she came running, but so did everyone else. This year, her form has been a lot better since we let her do that. There's a touch more pace in here, the ground should be a little softer than the first time."

4 Silver Reunion

Four-year-old filly makes her first start of 2010 after three wins (including a Saratoga stakes) in 2009. Daughter of Harlan's Holiday went to the shelf after the Valley View last fall at Keeneland.

Trainer Graham Motion: "She came out of the Valley View, which was on really soft turf, with an issue – nothing surgical, but she needed time off. It's a very ambitious spot, but she's training really well and her one other grass race (the Riskaverse here last summer) was very impressive. I had her up here early in the meet to run in the De La Rose (Aug. 4) and I felt she just wasn't tight enough. I got a little ahead of myself. A couple of more works were going to have her right where I wanted. She's doing very well and I think she'll be competitive."

5 Strike The Bell

Four-year-old filly exits a tough head loss to Maram in a stakes at Monmouth July 4 and won an allowance going short here last summer. She's finished second three times in stakes, beaten a half-length or less each time.

Trainer David Donk: "She's not a stakes winner, she probably should be. She's a talented filly with a big turn of foot, as big a turn of foot as any horse I've ever been around. I know it's jumping into a Grade II, but at the same time I just got beat by Maram last time and she ran pretty well in a Grade I (beaten a half-length in the Diana). On purpose, we spaced her out off two big efforts and pointed for this one. We're all in."

6 Scolara

New York-based mare has competed at five different tracks in 2010 and this will make six. Winless since taking a tough three-other-than allowance at Gulfstream, she rarely runs a bad race.

Trainer Bill Mott: "Plain brown wrapper, runs hard every time. We had some options with her but it looks like the turf should be in pretty good order so we're going to try it. She's been a good, solid filly, seems like she's been doing well. It's a good, competitive race."

7 Dynaslew

Ultra-consistent filly had nothing to show for a big effort in Grade I Diana when finishing fourth, beaten a neck for everything. Adaptable running style gives her options while seeking her first Grade II stakes score.

Trainer Seth Benzel: "She ran big, I was just glad for her because she was 19-1, those of us who know the filly sure didn't think she was that kind of an outsider. Things had to go smoothly since the Diana, given that kind of effort, it wouldn't be your first inclination to bring her right back but she bounced out of the race and has done everything quite perfect, she had a sharp breeze the other day and basically stamped the ticket to go."



Dynaslew



Miss Keller

8 Cherokee Queen

Five-year-old mare lost jockey Elvis Trujillo when she stumbled out of the gate as the favorite in the Grade III Matchmaker at Monmouth Aug. 1. Trained by Marty Wolfson, she won a stakes at Philadelphia in her prior start and finished less than 2 lengths behind Proviso in the Grade I Just A Game.

Jockey Julien Leparoux: "She stalks the pace and there looks like there will be enough pace to sit behind. That helps in a race like that. She should put me in the race and then we will see. She ran a very good race when I rode her (at Philadelphia Park). It's a tough, tough race – there are a lot of good fillies out right now."

9 Maram

A winner of five races from nine starts, the 4-year-old filly missed winning the Diana by a half-length. That was the good news. The bad news was she finished fifth.

Trainer Chad Brown: "Run your lifetime race and not get paid for it. I thought she might need a little more time after that but she's doing good, I'm going to run her. She worked once since the race and her energy level around the barn has been high. She breezed in hand and she's been tough to gallop, that's her when she's doing good."

10 Mekong Melody

Irish-bred filly completes a tough van load for Attfield who has already won two stakes at the meet. She's won four of five starts, including the Grade II Dance Smartly in her most recent start.

Trainer Roger Attfield: "She's doing great also, the only concern I have for her is the outside post position on that turf course but we have to live with that. If she runs her race, she'll run a bang-up race as well. She's a very competitive filly, she always lays it down for me, she's as genuine as the day is long. I've got one inside and one outside, I'd like to swap their positions actually but that's OK, you can't complain about that stuff."

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1 Kid Kate

Homebred exits a win against allowance rivals earlier in the meet, she seeks her first Graded stakes victory while shortening up from her allowance win.

Trainer Chad Brown: "I put her in the last second; she's doing good, she likes the track, but I'm going to take a good look at it, it's a little short in distance, I'd rather run seven eighths of a mile. I'm going to look at my options."

2 My Jen

Winner of her first three starts as a 2-year-old then finished seventh in the Grade III Old Hat over a sloppy surface at Gulfstream Park in January. She makes her first start since that defeat.

Trainer Eddie Kenneally: "She was undefeated at 2 then had a bit of a setback, she's here, she's training good, she's ready to run, it's a tough spot to start back in, there are some solid fillies. I think she'll run OK and improve from the race, she should have a good fall. We're here, there's nothing else available for her, we'll start here and hopefully get something out of it."

3 Rapport

Transferred from one Hall of Fame trainer to another, she's won two of three starts for Bob Baffert over the synthetic surface at Hollywood Park. Shipped to Calder for the Grade III Azalea, she opened 7 lengths before fading to fourth. Martin Garcia flies in for the ride.

Trainer Bob Baffert: "She is wickedly, wickedly quick. She'll be in front again, that's the whole thing, the pace is important to her because she's so fast, she's automatic, if you move on her, she's gone."

4 Sister Dawn

California shipper makes her first start on the dirt for trainer John Sadler. Daughter of Indian Charlie is Grade III placed and won her last start, going 5 furlongs on the turf at Del Mar.

Trainer John Sadler: "We came more for the colt (Hurricane Ike) but we put her on the plane because we wanted to try the dirt, she's a beautiful filly, she's run consistently, we have high hopes for her. I wouldn't say she has underperformed, we just think a lot of her. We think she's going to like the dirt, she galloped over the track really well Thursday and Friday."

5 Worstcasescenario

She won the Grade II Adirondack here last year, but is 0-for-5 since including a third in the Lucy Scribner overnight stakes here July 29. Stumbled at the gate that day, but rallied into the show spot.

Trainer Rick Violette: "We might have been a little closer if we'd have gotten away cleanly and in those races position early is important. Did it make a huge difference? I don't know. She had the rest of the race to make it up. We're trying to re-establish her good form from early last year. She doesn't like a lot of training, so she should come back well off the last race. Win, lose or draw, we'd like to see her run another encouraging race so we're moving forward."

6 Simply Spiteful

Winner of three in her 10-race career, she transferred to trainer Carlos Martin after a last-place finish in the Duchess Stakes at Woodbine where she blitzed a half mile in 44 in her first start over a synthetic surface.

Trainer Carlos Martin: "Mike Trombetta has done a good job with her, great trainer, happy to get the opportunity. We worked her an easy half mile, went in 48 and change, nice and easy. I know it's a tough spot on Travers Day but I don't think there's a clear-cut standout, but she needs to step it up. We haven't done a lot with her, we got her to relax in the workout which was important after seeing that 44 flat in her last start."

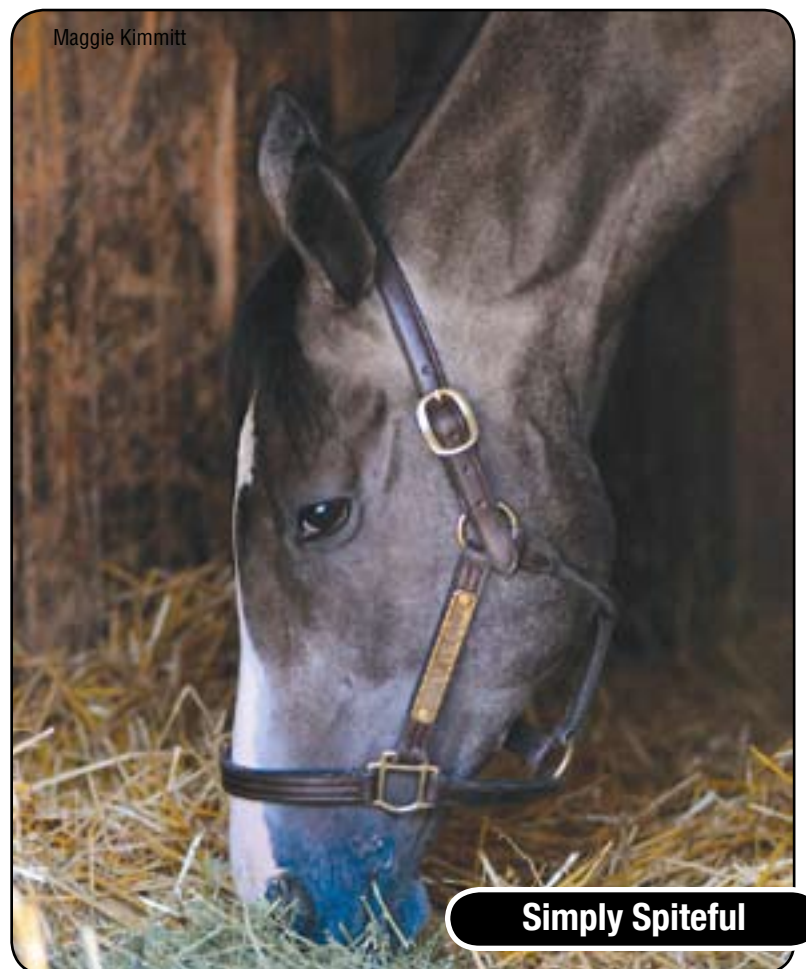
7 Beyondallboundaries

Unbeaten in three starts at the 6-furlong distance, the daughter of Saint Liam looks to win her third consecutive start including her first stakes score (the Dearly Precious at Monmouth) July 23.

Trainer Tom Amoss: "She's got a little streak going so we'll see if she can continue it. She's really straightforward to train and she's shown in her most recent two races that she's taken a real turn. She's got a lot of confidence in herself and she seems like she's found a new level."



Sister Dawn



Simply Spiteful

8 Touching Beauty

The daughter of Tapit makes her first start since winning the Grade III Comely at Aqueduct in April, after missing time with an infection in her hock. Broke her maiden here last summer and also has an allowance win on her 2010 scorecard.

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens: "Six (furlongs) isn't really her thing, I don't think, unless it's an absolutely dopey pace which it might be. They might collapse and fall into her face. She's doing real well, but I just don't know. Those fillies look like they are pretty good and they're sprinter types. It's a tough spot, but we've got to get her started again and the three-other-than doesn't go when you want it to."

9 Katy Now

Led early before tiring in the Mother Goose, she shortens up to 6 furlongs for her first start since June 26. Before the Mother Goose experiment, daughter of Tiznow won three straight, the first two for trainer Ian Wilkes, the next for Todd Pletcher.

Trainer Todd Pletcher: "She ran well for us the first time, we tried stretching her out in the Mother Goose and she was too headstrong. Backing up to 6 (furlongs) in a race that looks like it has a lot of pace, outside post, hopefully, she'll fall into the garden spot. She's an interesting filly, by Tiznow out of Forest Wildcat mare, so we're not 100 percent sure what her best distance is, based on the two starts for us, we feel like it's sprinting."

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1 Rightly So

All speed, all the time, in the money all the time. New York-bred has stepped out of her division to earn open graded black type with a second in the Grade II Vagrancy and a win in the Grade III Bed o' Roses.

Trainer Tony Dutrow: "Speed's dangerous, it's as simple as that. She's a very fast filly, she's always run well, she's like a machine, every race, she runs. It's very obvious what she does, she's not going to settle. That is not happening. We're very fortunate she can go very fast the whole way around there but this is the Ballerina at Saratoga."

2 Warbling

Winner of three races from eight starts, she returns from finishing third in the Grade II Honorable Miss just 20 days ago. She owns a win at the distance, taking the Grade II Inside Information at Gulfstream Park in March.

Trainer Eddie Kenneally: "We've been spacing her races pretty good this year, I think we can get away with wheeling back in 20 days, we'll give her a nice space after this race, I think to do it one time is OK. I know the theory is they'll bounce if you run them back too soon but we're taking a shot, hopefully it'll work."

3 Jessica Is Back

Six-year-old mare brings a hickory-like record to Saratoga, fresh off a Grade I victory in the Princess Rooney at Calder, her home track. She's won 12 races from 44 starts and brings more salsa to the speed fest.

Trainer Marty Wolfson: "The mile is really what she likes, so I like this distance better than 6 furlongs (of the Princess Rooney) and she was pretty good there. She's got tactical speed, which you need in a race like this and the horses on the rail have got to come out running and we don't."

4 Informed Decision

The 2009 filly/mare sprint champion has won two in a row, and returns to try to annex the Ballerina, where she finished third on a sloppy track last year.

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard: "She's sharp, but I want her a little bit sharper because she's coming out of her first mile race (a win in Presque Isle Downs' Windward Stakes July 27). She seems very good. She stayed at Presque Isle until this week. She trains well there. There was no huge rush to get back here. We shipped two horses to Arlington Park from Presque Isle and after the van got back there Sunday morning, they brought her here. She got here with enough to time to have a couple of days galloping and then a breeze (a half-mile timed in 48 2/5 second by the clockers at Oklahoma Wednesday)."

5 Qualia

Four-year-old filly is a neck and a head away from being undefeated in six starts. Fought hard against Rightly So in their Grade III tussle but lost by a head. Could use her stalking style to pounce when the speed softens.

Trainer: Bob Ribaud: "She just kept coming and coming along, and has gotten better with everything she has done. The Bed o' Roses was an excellent race and a big test for her. If she is good enough here, then our goal would be the Breeders' Cup. If not, we can drop back and make her life easier. The work the other morning (a bullet half-mile in 46 3/5) wasn't something we planned on. She is a pretty quick filly and she is capable of it. But unfortunately it was right after the break, the track was crowded, and there was two working in front of her. She went quicker than expected, but she cooled out very good, so I don't think it will be a problem."

6 Pretty Prolific

The blinkers come off the three-time winner who makes her second start for trainer Ken McPeck. Runner-up in the Grade I Humana Distaff.

Trainer Ken McPeck: "She needed the first race, she got a little washy on us. We've gotten a good series of works and gallops in her and I do think she's going to improve a notch which she needs to do to win, she needs to run the best race of her career."

7 Devil By Design

The only starter to have won a race at Saratoga (actually, two wins here), she exits a strong showing in the Lucy Scribner a month ago. She's won three of her last four starts.

Trainer Bill Mott: "She won earlier in the meet at that distance, it's a big step up in class but she's doing well, she's run well over the racetrack, all that part is good. It's a tough race. Mr. Sheppard's filly is in there, it's always a tough race."



Tod Marks

Devil By Design



Connie Bush

Qualia



Maggie Kimmitt

8 First Passage

Returns to Saratoga for the first time since bungling the Grade I Test last summer when breaking poorly and winding up fourth, beaten less than 2 lengths. A \$1.2 million yearling purchase, she finished seventh behind Jessica Is Back and Warbling in the Princess Rooney.

Trainer Marty Wolfson: "She should have won the Test last year and that's why I'm bringing her back. She's a closer I like the outside post position for her."

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1 Latigo Shore

Two-time winner made up some ground against favorite Discreetly Mine in the Amsterdam when rallying from ninth to finish fourth. He also closed ground to finish second in the Grade III Chick Lang in the spring.

Trainer Nick Zito: "We're trying to figure out what distance is good for him, I think it's a mile. He ran so good in the Chick Lang and then he didn't run that bad in his last race but Calvin (Borel) told me he's a come-from-behind sprinter, he's got to ride Hurricane Ike and that's a tough horse, but I was lucky to get Ramon (Dominguez). If he closes with these type of horses that will at least give us some leverage to build on, it's a small field. From the 1, let him break and sit there, that's how he ran good in the Chick Lang."

2 Hurricane Ike

California-based winner of the Grade III Derby Trial finished second at this distance in the Grade III Bay Shore at Aqueduct in April. Will try to overcome a four-month layoff.

Trainer John Sadler: "He missed some time before the Preakness, we think seven eighths is a good distance for him. Discreetly Mine obviously looks very formidable, but he's a nice horse in his own right and has trained extremely well. We were going to go to the West Virginia Derby but we missed that and decided to get him started here. He ran a big number in the Bay Shore and then he came back in the Derby Trial and handled the mud beautifully and won nicely."

3 D' Funnybone

Six-time winner owns graded stakes wins in the Saratoga Special, Futurity, Hutcheson, Swale and Woody Stephens. Florida-bred won his career debut at Calder last summer, has run in nine consecutive stakes since. Aims for his first Grade I stakes triumph.

Trainer Rick Dutrow: "We've been having this race on our mind for a long time. It's a Grade I. It's Saratoga, he likes. It's seven eighths, he likes. Everything has gone smoothly with him."

4 Discreetly Mine

Runaway winner of the Grade II Amsterdam streaks in off two straight sprint wins after dabbling in routes, including the Kentucky Derby, earlier this spring. Couldn't handle D' Funnybone in the Futurity or the Stephens but has improved since.

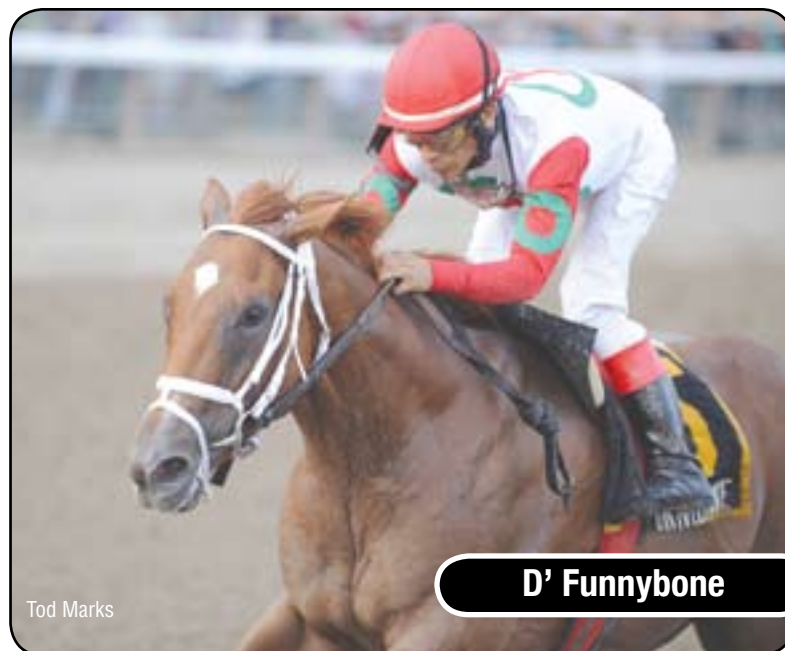
Trainer Todd Pletcher: "I just hope he runs the same kind of race he just ran. You always worry about spotting the field weight with the exception of D' Funnybone and that he ran so well the last time, just trying to duplicate that performance. I don't know that he's had that hard a year, we tried to freshen him up after the Derby and he bounced out of it so well that five weeks to the Woody Stephens seemed to be fine, he just got involved in a speed duel. His two races since then have been very good. What we're seeing, is OK, but sometimes you don't know until you get to the eighth pole and need to call on some reserves. He did it on his own but it was very fast. His last race was certainly good enough to win this one so we're hoping for that kind of performance. He did it on his own but still it was awfully fast."



Discreetly Mine



Bulldogger



D' Funnybone

5 Bulldogger

Lightly-raced colt crushed allowance foes in his 3-year-old debut just two weeks ago which improved his Saratoga record to 2-for-2. Won his debut on this card last summer, winning by 6 lengths, then hit the shelf until March when he weakened to finish third while going a mile. Return race signaled readiness.

Trainer Bob Baffert: "He likes this track, it was either this or run him back in an allowance race. He's doing better after the race than he was going in, we haven't worked him or anything. The King's Bishop is so important. If he doesn't run well, we can freshen him up. He's here. He looks great. He should handle it, it's a big day. He had shins, I ran him long the first time back, we had a little setback, he's been in training for a long time, he's got a lot of mileage."

6 Bank Merger

Upset winner of an allowance sprint in the slop earlier this month, aims to keep his undefeated record intact while taking on stakes company for the first time.

Trainer Kieran McLaughlin: "We thought we'd take a shot, he ran very well here off a year layoff. The worry is he broke in a tangle and came flying, six wide in the slop. If he breaks sharply and is tracking, that's what we are worried about, we hope he settles back and makes a run. We thought we'd take a shot; everything to gain, nothing to lose."

7 In Jack's Memory

Third, beaten 10 lengths in the Amsterdam, son of Malibu Moon tries to twin his first stakes in his sixth career start. He worked a bullet half mile in 47 and 1/5 seconds over the main track August 15.

Trainer Eric Guillot: "Look at the field, I need to make up 10 lengths at least, I'm hoping for third."

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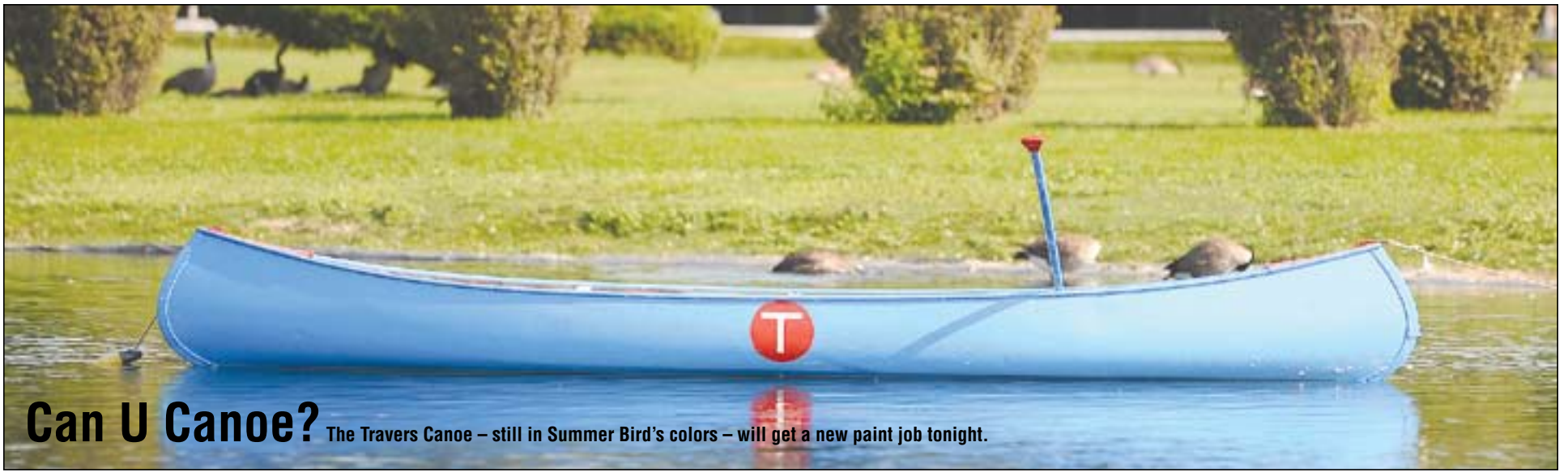
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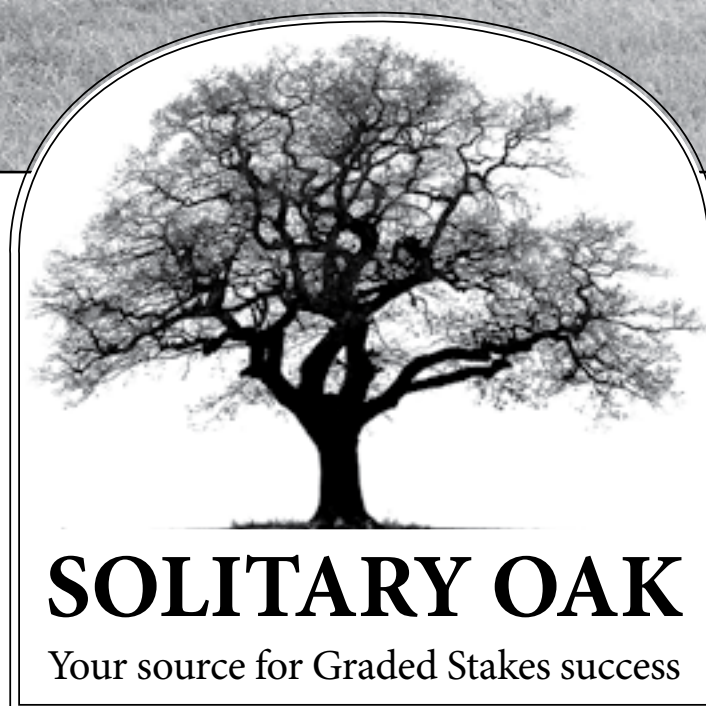
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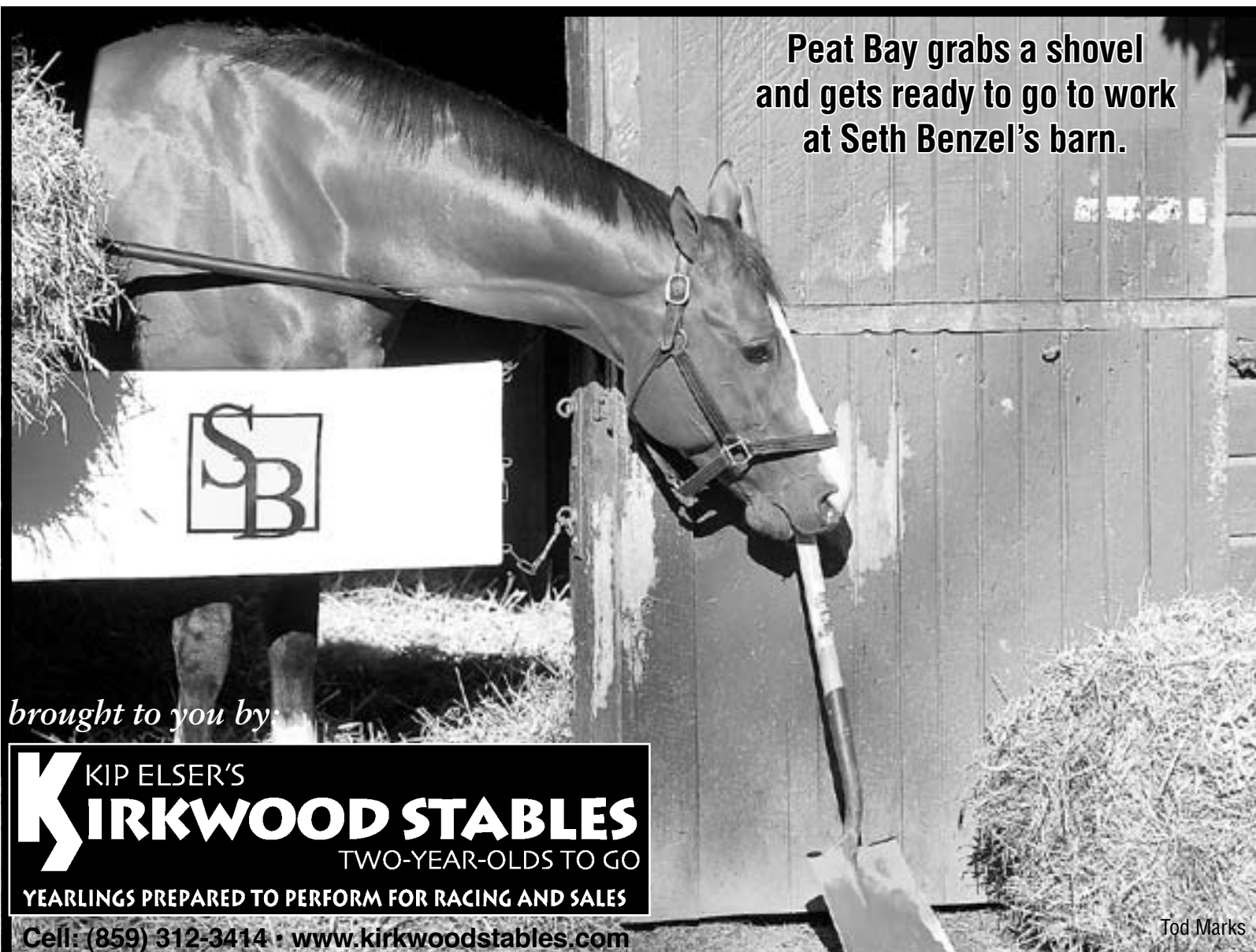
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Travers Stakes

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1 Miner's Reserve

Frontrunner will use his speed from the rail to try and upset more accomplished rivals. Two-time winner has turned his career around with the aggressive change of tactics which helped him take the Grade II Jim Dandy field on a merry dance, at least until A Little Warm reeled him in late.

Trainer Nick Zito: "Regardless of who would train him or who would own him today, he was second in the Jim Dandy. People keep saying it's a wide-open race, he was second, he wasn't last. The mile and a quarter is a question, but it's a question with a lot of them. We'll give it a whirl."

2 Trappe Shot

Florida-bred son of Tapit ticked off four consecutive victories before being upended by Preakness winner Lookin At Lucky in the Grade I Haskell. While no match for the winner, he handled Travers starters First Dude, Super Saver, Ice Box and Afleet Again. Three starts ago, he crushed the talented Tahitian Warrior going 7 furlongs. Now, he makes his first foray at 10 furlongs.

Trainer Kieran McLaughlin: "We're excited, he's a very nice horse, a great horse to train, does everything right. We thought about the King's Bishop but the Travers is the Travers; being 4-1 in the Travers is hard to pass up, especially for the owners, they've been in the game a long time, it's a big race, the prestige. He's doing great. We're going to break and be forward, a lot of horses have enough pace to be close. There's a bunch of horses who want to lay third but there's only one spot. He's never been a mile and a quarter, he carries 126, he's not a big, robust horse, those are concerns. Last time in the Haskell he was running at the end."

3 Admiral Alex

The wild card of all wild cards. One-time winner (and starter) tries to take the Grand Canyon-esque leap from maiden winner to Grade I winner. Obviously a talented horse and has trained forwardly since breaking his maiden at 9 furlongs July 31, but wow what a leap. One-horse stable with a one-horse dream.

Trainer Leon Blusiewicz: "Of all the races I've run horses in, this is the most relaxed I've been . . . like nothing is happening. The other Travers I ran in, those horses weren't good enough (Tong Po, 1991, eased) and Lejoli (fourth in 1982). I feel good about this race. I think in the next couple of months you will see a big-time Saturday horse. If you're going to run a horse a mile and an eighth in their first start, you have to think they are a very good horse. He's like a 4-year-old. After his first race, I grazed him 20 minutes, I hosed him 20 minutes, 40 minutes later, he ate up all his feed. That is the magnitude of his strength as a horse. He is the best horse I've ever trained, hands-down. He could become a big-time Saturday horse. He has all the potential in the world. Yes, of course, I think I have the horse to beat. I think he is a superstar in the making."

4 First Dude

Aptly named colt has a big following at Churchill Downs and turned heads when he arrived at Saratoga this week. Solid races in string of Grade I starts this year including second in the Preakness, third in the Belmont and third again in the Haskell. He gets blinkers for the first time.

Trainer Dale Romans: "Churchill is his home track, he likes to train on that track and it's nice to keep him in one place for a while. We're trying to find 2 lengths and the blinkers will help him a little bit and there's no Lookin At Lucky in here. He's been the most consistent horse all year, but we're still waiting on him to have his best race. He hasn't had it yet. Everything's in place for him to run big."



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Exercise rider/trainer's wife Tammy Fox: "The first time I worked him he worked three-eighths of a mile, did it 35 and change, in hand, easy. He's easy to ride when he's by himself. When he gets horses around him or sees something in front of him he can get tough. If he wanted to be tough all the time, he could be, but I probably wouldn't be riding him."

5 A Little Warm

Here's your favorite, a tepid favorite, in a wide-open edition of the Travers. Broke through the Grade II barrier with a polished performance in the Jim Dandy when tracking Miner's Reserve and then rolling to an impressive victory. Has been handled with care and has rewarded his connections with four wins and four seconds from nine starts. The summer horse.

Trainer Tony Dutrow: "Everything has gone well, a trainer's dream between the Travers and the Jim Dandy. He came out of the Jim Dandy excellent and he has trained up to the Travers Stakes without any troubles. We're really happy with him. I'm not feeling stress but I'm feeling the anxiety of trying to keep him safe between the Jim Dandy and the Travers. We've been able to avoid the unforeseen, it's been great that things have gone so smoothly. It's a lot of fun, I've taken some time and made sure I've enjoyed this, we've won a lot of races and a lot of stakes but this is a big race, this would be a breakthrough in my career. We have taken the time to put things into perspective and tried to enjoy the ride in the meantime. We've got a big task in front of us. I really don't know if he's a mile and a quarter horse, I don't have enough experience at going from a mile and an eighth to a mile and a quarter. He did not have any trouble getting a mile and an eighth in the Jim Dandy. We've prepared him the same way, our fingers are crossed that the same scenario comes again in the Travers."

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Travers Stakes

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6 Ice Box

Unlucky closer in the Derby had everybody talking before the Belmont but failed to show up going 12 furlongs at Belmont. Returned to beat just one rival in the Haskell. Julien Leparoux steps in for Jose Lezcano, who opted to ride stablemate Fly Down.

Trainer Nick Zito: "He's a very talented, high-strung horse. He's got a lot of nervous energy. I changed exercise riders, Carlos (Correa) knows my system, I feel a little better going into this race. The main thing is the vigorous training for the Triple Crown. I had to have six weeks before the Kentucky Derby, you've got to train a horse really hard to win the Kentucky Derby. He won the Florida Derby, it was a month and a half before the Kentucky Derby. As I speak to you today, we are finally out of the woods strength-wise, because the Derby takes so much out of the horse. The Haskell was a pretty good indication, even though he didn't run well, I think maybe now strength-wise he's back to the same Ice Box. If he runs well, it's because he's finally over the Triple Crown."

7 Afleet Express

Three-time winner progressed from Belmont allowance winner in May to Grade III winner at Monmouth in June to a third (beaten 2 1/2 lengths) in the Grade II Jim Dandy here July 31. Lost position on the turn in that race, but rallied through the stretch to get closer. Gets rematch with A Little Warm and Miner's Reserve.

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens: "It ended up being a good race for him. I don't know what happened around the turn. They kind of scooted away from him and I thought we were in big trouble, then he came on again. He was so covered with dirt, he probably just got disgusted with it and backed off the bridle. It's hard to explain. They picked it up and he just didn't accelerate. Then he had the best head of steam up by the wire and the way he galloped out, the mile-and-a-quarter should be good for him."

8 Fly Down

Another late-running entry from Zito needs to improve from his fifth in the Jim Dandy when sent off the favorite. Stamina-laden son of Mineshaft won the Dwyer, finished second in the Belmont and then failed to fire in the Jim Dandy. One of the few who has gone this far with any success.

Trainer Nick Zito: "He's a terrific horse, didn't have the best trip in the Jim Dandy or the Belmont. I got three legitimate horses. Fly Down is 8-1, he was favorite for the Jim Dandy. It's an interesting race. I had three horses in the Birdstone year. I've had some legitimate horses to run over the years and these three are legitimate. It is the Travers, one of the races I mark down every year. Let's just see if it works."

9 Friend Or Foe

New York-bred stepped well out of his comfort zone when finishing fourth in the Jim Dandy. Another one who hit a flat spot and then picked it up again in the Travers prep. Undefeated before the hiccup in the Jim Dandy, he was beaten just 3 lengths.

Trainer John Kimmel: "Any horse that makes his first start around two turns against quality horses and doesn't regress has got a big chance to move forward. He's shown it in the mornings, natural horsemanship will tell you the horse is going to improve the next time he does it. He's been working great, he had to use himself extremely hard in that race and it was probably the only time he had to reach down, it



Tod Marks

Admiral Alex



Tod Marks

Fly Down

should move him forward. It took him a few days to recover but he's up and moving forward now. My horse is going to handle the two turns better this time. You watch that race, A Little Warm had everything his own way; this time, I'm not going to let him get away from us. My horse has good tactical speed too. He can be wherever he needs to be; I'd like to see him putting some pressure on that horse turning for home, let him look him in the eye and the best horse wins."

10 Afleet Again

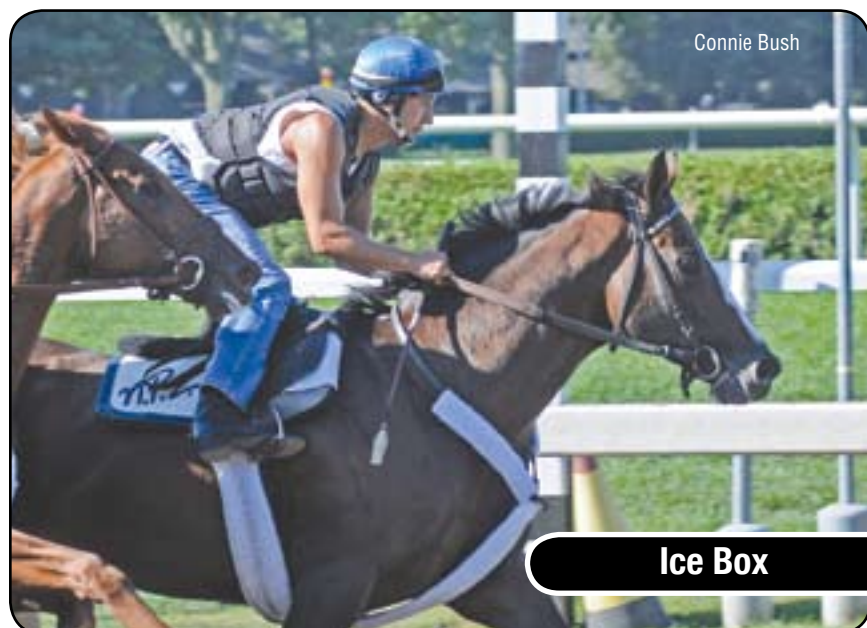
Third son of Afleet Alex in the field races for the sire's owner Cash Is King Stable. Won the Withers in April and comes off a fifth in the Haskell for trainer Butch Reid.

Jockey Cornelio Velasquez: "It's not an easy race, a very tough race, but I think my horse has a good chance. He worked very good three days ago. He worked in 48, but it was easy for him. He's a longshot, but he's very nice."

11 Super Saver

The Kentucky Derby winner returns after finishing fourth behind divisional leader Lookin At Lucky in the Haskell. The only entry with a victory at the mile and a quarter distance, he must overcome the outside post under Calvin Borel.

Trainer Todd Pletcher: "If you look at his history, he ran decently the first time and improved the second time. He ran well in the Tampa Bay Derby but improved the next time. Off a little bit of a freshening, his race in the Haskell was decent and I hope it moves him forward. He stumbled a little at the start, a little wide into the first turn, I thought at the five-sixteenths pole we had a shot then Lookin At Lucky put in an explosive move, I liked that he gutted it out and wasn't beaten badly for second. I think he can improve for that race."



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Friday, August 27, 2010

1ST VIC ZIEGEL MEMORIAL STAKES. 7 FURLONGS 3&UP PURSE: \$70,000

6	Driven by Success	Velazquez J R	2.50	2.10	2.10
1	Groomedforvictory	Dominguez R A	3.90	2.60	
8	Naughty New Yorker	Velasquez C		4.40	

Time 1:21.84

Trainer: Pletcher Todd A - Owner: Repole Stable

Ch. g. 5 by Precise End-Afleet Closer by Afleet. Breeder: New Dawn Stud LLC

\$2 Exacta (6-1) Paid \$6.80

\$2 Trifecta (6-1-8) Paid \$37.00

2ND 7 FURLONGS 3 & UP ALLOWANCE PURSE: \$42,000

4	Steal the Shot	Dominguez R A	17.80	7.10	3.40
1	Reading Group	Velasquez C		4.50	2.70
7	Roderick	Velasquez J R			2.20

Time 1:24.10

Trainer: Schosberg Richard - Owner: Fried, Jr. Albert

B. c. 3 by Vindication - Stolen Beauty by Deputy Minister

Breeder: Albert Fried Jr.

\$2 Exacta (4-1) Paid \$68.00

\$2 Quinella (1-4) Paid \$32.40

\$2 Trifecta (4-1-7) Paid \$148.50

\$2 Daily Double (6-4) Paid \$33.20 Daily Double Pool \$202,275

\$2 Superfecta (4-1-7-8) Paid \$921.00

3RD 7 FURLONGS 3 & UP MAIDEN CLAIMING (\$60,000 - \$50,000) PURSE: \$32,000

4	Holiday Ballad	Borel C H	7.40	5.30	3.80
3	Grand Strategy	Garcia Alan		5.00	3.30
5	Megaholtz	Velasquez J R			2.90

Time 1:23.29

Trainer: Romans Dale - Owner: WinStar Farm LLC

B. g. 3 by Harlan's Holiday - Lively Ballad by Saint Ballado

Breeder: B C Jones & Machmer Hall

\$2 Exacta (4-3) Paid \$44.60

\$2 Trifecta (4-3-5) Paid \$99.50

\$2 Pick 3 (6-4-4) 3 Correct Paid \$144.00 Pick 3 Pool \$105,213

\$2 Daily Double (4-4) Paid \$71.00 Daily Double Pool \$54,845

4TH PLEASANT COLONY S. 1 1/8 MILES 3 YO STAKES PURSE: \$73,500

1	Trickmeister	Gomez G K	4.20	2.80	2.20
2	Our Dark Knight	Lezcano J		2.50	2.30
4	Regal Warrior	Dominguez R A			2.80

Finish Time: 1:48.91

Trainer: Dutrow Richard E Jr - Owner: IEAH Stables

B. c. 3 by Proud Citizen - Afternoon Trick by Afternoon Deelites

Breeder: Brereton Jones & Tim Thornton

\$2 Exacta (1-2) Paid \$8.40

\$2 Quinella (1-2) Paid \$4.10

\$2 Trifecta (1-2-4) Paid \$35.60

\$2 Pick 3 (4-4-1) 3 Correct Paid \$292.00 Pick 3 Pool \$51,080

\$2 Daily Double (4-1) Paid \$20.60 Daily Double Pool \$79,013

5TH 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 2 YO MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$51,000

1	Excited	Velasquez J R	9.80	6.20	4.20
7	Mirimichi Babe	Maragh R		31.80	13.60
8	Holidaysatthefarm	Lezcano J			5.20

Time 1:45.17

Trainer: Pletcher Todd A - Owner: Tabor Michael B.

B. f. 2 by Giant's Causeway - Path of Thunder by Thunder Gulch

Breeder: Chelston

\$2 Exacta (1-7) Paid \$307.00

\$2 Trifecta (1-7-8) Paid \$1,846.00

\$2 Pick 3 (4-1-1) 3 Correct Paid \$137.50 Pick 3 Pool \$129,559

\$2 Pick 4 (4-4-1-1) 4 Correct Paid \$1,457.00 Pick 4 Pool \$220,700

\$2 Daily Double (1-1) Paid \$24.40 Daily Double Pool \$108,373

\$2 Superfecta (1-7-8-4) Paid \$15,901.00

6TH 7 FURLONGS 3 & UP CLAIMING (\$16,000) PURSE: \$23,000

5	Stealth Missile	Velasquez J R	19.20	7.70	5.40
4	Not for Money	Dominguez R A		6.00	4.40
12	The Zipster	Garcia Alan			6.60

Time 1:23.29

Trainer: Levine Bruce N - Owner: Repole Stable

Ch. g. 6 by Golden Missile - Crafty Siren by Crafty Prospector

Breeder: Adena Springs

\$2 Exacta (5-4) Paid \$106.00 \$2 Trifecta (5-4-12) Paid \$1,106.00

\$2 Pick 3 (1-1-5) 3 Correct Paid \$184.50 Pick 3 Pool \$105,974

\$2 Daily Double (1-5) Paid \$80.50 Daily Double Pool \$72,960

\$2 Superfecta (5-4-12-2) Paid \$3,435.00

7TH 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3 & UP STR ALLOWANCE (\$50,000 -) PURSE: \$49,000

8	Peahi	Maragh R	28.20	11.80	7.70
6	Versailles Road	Leparoux J R		8.30	5.90
1	Too Big to Fail	Garcia Alan			10.20

Time 1:42.16

Trainer: Nicks Ralph E - Owner: PHS Racing Stable

B. c. 4 by Pleasantly Perfect - Ole' Sis by Ole'

Breeder: Dutton Stable and Tom Capehart

\$2 Exacta (8-6) Paid \$198.00 \$2 Trifecta (8-6-1) Paid \$2,638.00

\$2 Daily Double (5-8) Paid \$287.00 Daily Double Pool \$89,755

\$2 Pick 3 (1-5-8) 3 Correct Paid \$1,062.00 Pick 3 Pool \$77,993

\$2 Superfecta (8-6-1-7) Paid \$9,897.00

8TH 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3 & UP CLM (\$25,000) PURSE: \$27,000

4	Spanish Fortune	Velasquez C	8.70	4.60	3.80
2	Jockey Ridge	Dominguez R A		3.60	2.80
9	Tudor King	Hill C			6.00

Time 1:02.45

Trainer: Clement Christophe - Owner: Preston Stables LLC

B. g. 4 by Spanish Steps - Miss Gold Dee by Gold Legend

Breeder: Martin Stables Inc.

\$2 Exacta (4-2) Paid \$28.60 \$2 Trifecta (4-2-9) Paid \$218.00

\$2 Pick 3 (5-8-4) 3 Correct Paid \$914.00 Pick 3 Pool \$81,550

\$2 Daily Double (8-4) Paid \$165.00 Daily Double Pool \$74,769

\$2 Consolation Pick 3 (5-8-1) Paid \$194.00

\$2 Superfecta (4-2-9-3) Paid \$1,200.00

\$2 Consolation Double (8-1) Paid \$27.00

9TH BERNARD BARUCH H. (G2) 1 1/8 MILES (INNER TURF) 3 & UP PURSE: \$200,000

5	Get Stormy	Castellano J J	3.90	3.00	2.30
7	National Kid (BRZ)	Leparoux J R		5.80	4.30
8	Radical Sabbatical	Dominguez R A			4.80

Time 1:46.70

Trainer: Bush Thomas M - Owner: Sullimar Stable

B. c. 4 by Stormy Atlantic - Foolish Gal by Kiri's Clown

Breeder: Mary Sullivan

\$2 Exacta (5-7) Paid \$24.60 \$2 Trifecta (5-7-8) Paid \$160.50

\$2 Grand Slam (4,5,12-1,6,8-2,4,9-5) Paid \$153.00

\$2 Pick 3 (8-4-5) 3 Correct Paid \$269.50 Pick 3 Pool \$67,841

\$2 Daily Double (4-5) Paid \$20.40 Daily Double Pool \$93,617

\$2 Consolation Pick 3 (8-1-5) Paid \$59.00

\$2 Superfecta (5-7-8-3) Paid \$800.00

10TH 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3 & UP MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$50,000

4	Brampton	Velasquez C	7.40	4.30	3.00
3	Jazz Life (BRZ)	Desormeaux K J		16.20	7.10
5	Holy Place	Castellano J J			3.50

Time 1:02.85

Trainer: Jerkens H Allen - Owner: Shields, Jr. Joseph V.

Dk. b. or br. f. 3 by Smart Strike - Honor Point by Honor Grades

Breeder: J V Shields Jr.

\$2 Exacta (4-3) Paid \$185.00

\$2 Trifecta (4-3-5) Paid \$671.00

\$2 Superfecta (4-3-5-9) Paid \$6,081.00

\$2 Daily Double (5-4) Paid \$13.80 Daily Double Pool \$272,673

\$2 Pick 3 (4-5-4) 3 Correct Paid \$69.50 Pick 3 Pool \$151,191

\$2 Pick 4 (8-4-5-4) 4 Correct Paid \$1,447.00 Pick 4 Pool \$365,548

\$2 Pick 6 (1-5-8-4-5-4) 5 Correct Paid \$301.00 Pick 6 Pool

\$2 Pick 6 (1-5-8-4-5-4) 6 Correct Paid \$38,362.00 Pick 6 Pool

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Blowing Through

Get Stormy rates behind pace, rolls to second Gr. II of meet

BY JOE CLANCY

If Tom Bush and Javier Castellano tried to beat Get Stormy, they would do exactly what Rick Dutrow and Julien Leparoux did Friday.

Go to the lead.

National Kid outran 4-5 favorite Get Stormy to the first turn and established early control of the \$200,000 Bernard Baruch, set solid fractions, led for almost a mile and still settled for second. Get Stormy is that good. Going 9 furlongs for the first time, Sullimar Stable's 4-year-old rolled alongside National Kid in the stretch and drew off to win by 2 3/4 lengths in 1:46.70. Radical Sabbatical rallied for third.

Get Stormy improved to 4-for-5 over the inner turf course at Saratoga and continued an escalation pattern of major turf races. Last year, he won an allowance race and the Lure overnight stakes at a mile. This year, he took the Fourstardave at 1 1/16 miles Aug. 1 and added the Baruch.

"Absolutely, absolutely, absolutely, I would have gone to the front with my horse too," Bush said afterward. "And that horse



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Get Stormy heads for home with Javier Castellano in the Bernard Baruch.

Tod Marks

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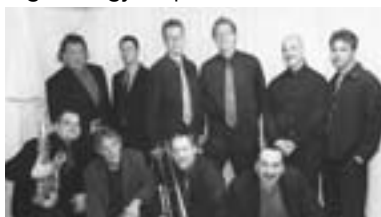
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sets real fractions. You couldn't argue with their gameplan, but I didn't think it would matter."

Especially when Get Stormy relaxed into an easy gallop behind the front-runner's early splits of 23.81, 47.23 and 1:10.90. Castellano kept a long hold, stayed inside on the first turn, moved outside on the backside — still just stalking.

"I didn't want to hook up with that horse, I rated a little bit, just the first quarter-mile of the race," said Castellano. "He came back to me, he responded in a nice way, relaxed and comfortable. He just focused on the other horse, his ears were going back and forth, listening to me."

National Kid made the advantage stand up around the far turn as Get Stormy gathered momentum. In his shorter races, he's in front, cuts the final curve like a 200-meter man — and guns for the tape. This time, he pulled alongside the leader at the quarter pole, straightened up and ran away — like an Olympian 400-meter gold medalist. The homebred son of Stormy Atlantic covered the final furlong in 12.07 seconds and won like he'd been running 9 furlongs his entire life.

"We really weren't overwhelmingly concerned about him getting the mile-and-an-eighth," said Bush. "He's never acted like he's getting late when he was winning shorter races. I was more worried about him settling but if you take that nice strong hold of him, you never

"Turning for home, when I asked him he took off — like I pushed a button. He was so relaxed, so lovely, he so enjoyed it. I smooched and he went. Beautiful. Like Bernardini, Ghostzapper, something like that."

— Jockey Javier Castellano, about Get Stormy


see him flip his head, he doesn't fight you. He just says 'OK, that means you want me to come back a little bit.' He's a beauty, what can you say?"

Get Stormy won for the eighth time in 16 career starts, but has lost just once in his last eight. That defeat came at Woodbine, on a turf course (long grass, soft ground) he didn't appreciate in his second start of the year. Get Stormy won the Elkwood at Monmouth May 22 in his 2010 debut, then dropped the June 27 King Edward by 8 lengths before rebounding with back-to-back Grade II scores at Saratoga.

"Run him at Woodbine on 8-inch high grass when it's soft — I found that out," said Bush, when asked how to make Get Stormy lose. "Dummy. I don't know where I came up with that idea. He redeemed himself and me."

After the Fourstardave, Bush mentioned the Breeders' Cup Mile as an au-


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Baruch —

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turn goal and he's not wavering — though the longer Baruch win, the ease in which Get Stormy rated behind a front-runner and the horse's continued progress made the trainer think about the future.

"His grandsire (1995 Sword Dancer winner Kiri's Clown) sure ran longer and he was more of a miler type too," said Bush. "Could this guy do it? I don't know. We're not going to find out this year though, I can tell you that."

Get Stormy won the 1 1/16-mile Commonwealth at Churchill Downs, site of the 2010 Breeders' Cup, last fall and would obviously face classy European rivals and others in the Mile but he's earned the chance.

"That was a good looking race today, boy," said Bush. "He's just good. He's that kind. Every time I look at him, he looks better so I just keep doing what I'm doing. He was fabulous today, the best I've ever seen him."

Castellano appreciated the horse's effort, and the partnership — which started a year ago tomorrow. The jockey rode Get Stormy for the first time last Aug. 29, in the Lure Stakes. They won by three-quarters of a length and closed the year with two Grade III wins in Kentucky.

Bush selected Monmouth for Get Stormy's 2010 debut and the jockey, reluctantly, had to pass. He had important rides at Belmont — including an allowance race aboard future Travers starter Afleet Express — and watched Eddie Castro win the stakes by 3 lengths in a wire-to-wire power trip.



Tod Marks
ABOVE: Get Stormy won his second Grade II of the meet on Friday. BELOW: His connections celebrate the victory.

Friday at Saratoga, after finishing third in the last, Castellano took off his silks, unzipped his flack jacket, took a deep breath and thought about it.

"I had a lot of commitments to ride at Belmont that day he went to Monmouth — a couple stakes, other things. Unfortunately, I had to stay in New York," he said. "They gave him to (Garrett) Gomez, Gomez got a fall early in the day, Castro picked up the mount, he wins — sometimes you don't get back on nice horses like that. I am so thankful that they put me back on. I'm so happy to ride him — I won't take off again."



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Driven By Success rolls in Vic Ziegal

BY BEN MEYERS,
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Driven By Success won the first race to get things started on Friday at the Saratoga Race Course as impressively as the race's namesake could write about him doing it.

After plowing through opening fractions of 22.75 and 45.27 while being pressed on the lead, the five-year old Precise End gelding powered away to win the seven-furlong overnight stake for New York Breds by six lengths in 1:21.84.

"Once he had the lead and settled into a rhythm, and he can do that, he is pretty nasty," trainer Todd Pletcher said about the win. "I was a little worried because I thought on paper that we were the lone speed, but jockey John Velazquez was able to get into a pretty good rhythm and it was a pretty fast race."

Driven By Success, now 3-for-6 lifetime with two seconds at Saratoga, was

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Driven By Success wins the first race, the Vic Ziegal Stakes, on Friday.

Tod Marks

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second in the sloppy John Morrissey on Aug. 5, but had won back-to-back optional claiming races before that. The horse was second in last year's John Morrissey as well.

"It was nice to see him win a stake at Saratoga," Pletcher said referring to the two Morrissey runs. "It was rewarding to have him win this stake."

The win opened up some possibilities for Driven By Success as well including a return trip to the 6 furlong Hudson Stakes, which he won last year, at Belmont on October 24.

"We'll see if there is something between now and then," Pletcher said. "That would be the logical place to try again."

Groomed for victory was second and New York veteran Naughty New Yorker got up for third.

The race was named the "Vic Ziegel Memorial" by NYRA to honor the New York sports writer that was a fixture in the pressboxes of Belmont, Aqueduct, and Saratoga for the better part of half a century.

Roberta, his wife of 34 years, Katy, their daughter, and Shelly Goldfeder, his sister, presented the trophy afterwards.

"He absolutely loved it here," Roberta said while looking down at the Media Credential Pin she had been given for her late husband. "When my daughter would go to camp in the Adirondacks she wasn't allowed to go during the first session because we had to stop on the way back."



Steal the Shot, with Ramon Dominguez, rallies in the stretch to win the second race on Friday.

Tod Marks

She was flanked by media members, both colleague and competitor, all admirers.

Vic Ziegel worked for the New York Post in the 1960s and 70s, was hired by The Daily News in 1985 as executive sports editor, and became a sports col-

umnist for The News in 1990.

A two-time Red Smith award winner for his coverage of the Kentucky Derby, Ziegel continued his craft despite failing health late in his life. At this year's Belmont Stakes his wry humor made his way into print as he wrote, "Drosselmeyer's winning time was 2:31.57.

Secretariat, who won his Belmont in 2:24, would have beaten him by, oh, 40 lengths. Drosselmeyer must never be told."

Ziegel covered more than just the turf as he received the 1983 Nat Fleischer Award for excellence in boxing

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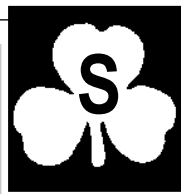
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journalism and eventually penned the book "Summer in the City: New York Baseball 1947-1957," about the Yankees, Dodgers, and Giants dominating the decade.

"He used to always talk in sentences and paragraphs," Roberta remembered. "He would always talk like he was writing a column."

By 1975, Ziegler had been to 50 separate race tracks around the country. The credentials that weigh down an exercise bike at home attest to that according to Roberta.

"He had a little quote above his desk," Roberta remembered while getting a little misty-eyed. "I don't remember it exactly, but it was something like, 'If a man could pick a winner, he'd never have to write this stuff.'"

It was a good thing Vic Ziegler couldn't pick winners.

• The brutal speed dual to start the second race, between One Turn Eddie and Roderick, led to an opening half mile of 44.86 and played right into the hands of Ramon Dominguez.

The jockey had plenty left in Steal the Shot and the pair gave the crowd a textbook example of how to come-from-behind as they swallowed up the speedsters to win the seven-furlong allowance test for New York Breds in 1:24.10 by four easy lengths.

"It was a great set-up," Dominguez said. "I never really thought they would go quite that fast, but it set-up great for

us."

The strategy for the rider going into the race was to allow the early runners to set everything up for Vidication's three-year old son.

"That was really like a dream trip," he said. "You see those horses just popping up on you and you just hope that they come back to you as they should. At that point it is very, very easy race to ride because you don't have to think too much."

Reading Group also rallied around the spent leaders for second, while Roderick held on for third.

• Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. wanted to run Trickmeister in the Travers. Mike Iavarone, managing partner of new owner IEAH Stables, did, too – at least until the race got closer.

"I just didn't want to do too much too fast," Iavarone said. "I bought him for the Travers, and then when I looked at the field, I noticed there was a lot of speed. I was just worried about him carrying his distance over that sort of ground. It was really my move."

Instead, the three-year-old Proud Citizen colt debuted for his new connections in the \$75,000 Pleasant Colony Stakes on Friday, going gate-to-wire to demolish the five-horse field by 11 3/4 lengths in 1:48.91 for 1 1/8 miles on the main track.

"Rick said, 'If he wins by 10, I'm going to be mad,'" Iavarone said. "He's mad at me now."

Previously owned by Brereton Jones and Timothy Thornton and trained by Cindy Jones, Trickmeister improved his

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Trickmeister rolls to a win in the Pleasant Colony for Rick Dutrow and IEAH Stable.

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record to 4-0. He won his first three races at Delaware Park, all in front-running fashion, before being bought privately in late July.

"I pulled the plug [on the Travers] the night before entries," Iavarone said. "Rick kept pushing me on it. I guess you could be a little disappointed that you're not giving yourself a shot, but on the other hand, we've got bigger plans ahead. Maybe we can knock off a bigger one."

Next on the agenda is the Grade II \$1 million Pennsylvania Derby on Sept. 25 at Philadelphia Park, also run at nine furlongs.

"That's going to be our first option at this point," Iavarone said. "It's a speed-favoring track, so it's going to probably play right into his hands."

- Twenty days after a disappointing debut, Holiday Ballad had his connections signing a much happier tune following Friday's third race.

Owned by WinStar Farm and trained by Dale Romans, the 3-year-old Harlan's Holiday gelding dueled with Grand Strategy for seven furlongs, getting his nose down at the wire in a head bob to win in 1:23.29.

"That was a tough stretch duel," Romans said. "They were head-to-head, banging all the way, but I knew [jockey] Calvin [Borel] would have a little something left to finish with."



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Holiday Ballad, with Calvin Borel, nose out Grand Strategy during the third race on Friday.

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On Aug. 7, Holiday Ballad broke from post one and raced near the lead until tiring and finishing tenth of 11, beaten 10 3/4 lengths.

"I think he got a lot of experience out of his first race," Romans said. "Down in the one hole, he broke good, but he was pressured in there the whole way. It worked out well for him."

"This was a gutsy race, and it was a decent field of horses. The horse that ran second, he's a nice horse. I think he can move forward from this."

It was the fifth win of the meet in 26 starts for Romans, who has four seconds and two thirds.

"Win by a nose or by 10, it doesn't make any difference," he said. "At Saratoga, a win's a win."

• Excited turned in a very professional performance breaking her maiden first time out going a mile and a sixteenth on the Mellon Turf Course in the fifth. The 2-year-old Giant's Causeway filly trained by Pletcher and ridden by Velazquez, stalked the pace, showed patience and accelerated on cue from Velazquez.

"We broke from the inside and were able to save ground and kind of had to wait it out and find a seam," Pletcher said. "It worked out good. She was game when it opened up."

And brave for a young horse in a big field. She did exactly what she was supposed to do and move through the hole.

"We had the benefit of breezing her



Tod Marks

Excited breaks her maiden on the Mellon Turf by winning the fifth race.

with a couple of other horses on the turf a couple of times and set her behind horses," Pletcher said. "She was pretty well educated before, but still it's impressive when they're able to do that first time out."

Excited edged 40-1 shot Mirimichi by a half length and paid \$9.80 as the third choice in the wagering.

• Trainer Christophe Clement clearly enjoyed Spanish Fortune's victory in the eighth, a turf sprint claimer. Cornelio

Velasquez rode the 4-year-old Spanish Steps gelding to a narrow victory over Jockey Ridge, who closed hard inside the sixteenth pole of the 5 1/2-furlong eighth race.

"He had the layoff of a year," Clement said. "He ran back on the dirt the other day, it was an off-the-turf race. He got beat. I don't think he can handle the dirt as well as the turf. This is a much weaker race, a two lifetime for \$25,000. We got lucky and we won. Cornelio gave him a great ride, as usual."

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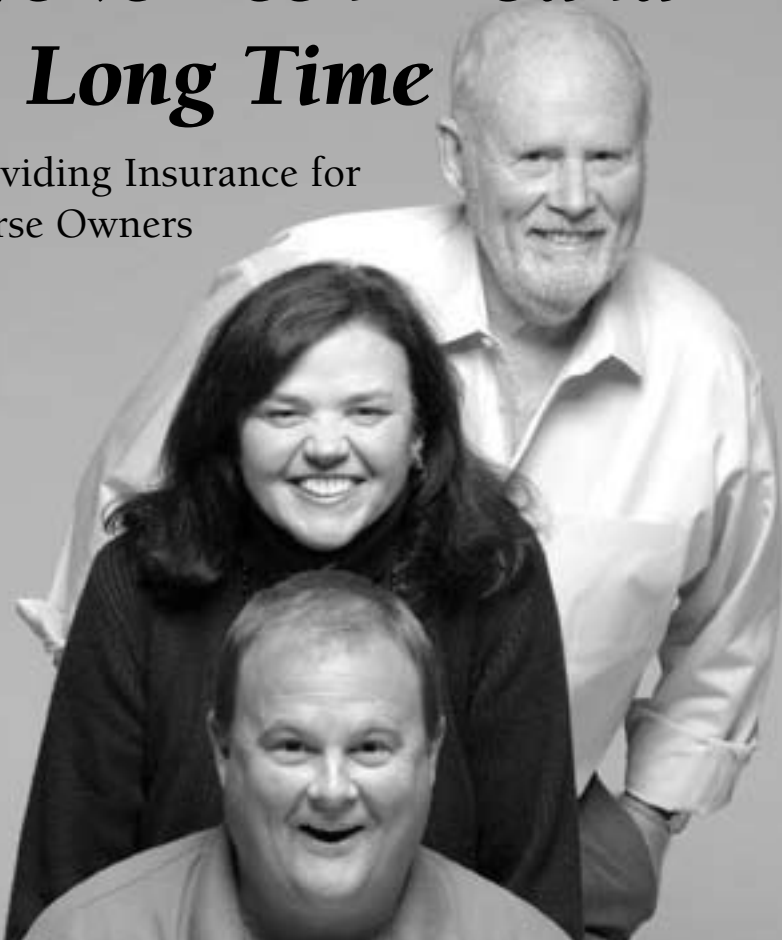
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And this here is your Travers edition. Annually the biggest issue of the year, this one took a while. If you're reading this, we actually got it to the printer on time and the printer rung up overtime hours to get it out the door, to our porch, to your hands.

Whew.

We started the morning with no back cover and no quotes. We finished with the back cover sold (thank you Shadwell) and 45 quotes (thank you reporters and horsemen).

The theme for this issue began several summers ago when we decided to get a quote from every trainer about every horse in every stakes. It was part challenge, part lark. Nothing handed to us, this was beat the horsepaths, open the tackroom screen doors, call Andrew Byrnes for phone numbers for guys like Butch Reid, Marty Wolfson, Roger Attfield and John Sadler.

You find out Reid doesn't return phone calls. You learn that Attfield trained the dam of Turf Writers Cup winner Sermon Of Love. You understand that half the trainers are taking shots and they're the first to know it. You learn that owners pick spots at times. You see how much goes into producing horses for the five stakes on Travers Day in Saratoga.

Friday, I interviewed Eddie Kenneally while he rode his pony to the Oklahoma.

I drove my golf cart next to John Kimmel in his BMW (or was it a Mercedes?), microphone stuck in the window while a giant Tonka Toy hovered behind us, urging us to get off the road. I caught up with Jim Baker as he put a halter on a returning galloper. Nick Zito and I sat at his picnic table and talked horses – from Sir Shackleton to Ice Box.

The rest of the team did something of the same; hustling, scouring and attacking at the right moment. It's amazing how you can see a guy every day and then when you need a quote you can't find him. They sense it.

Byrnes told my brother Joe that Marty Wolfson would call back when Joe didn't have time to talk. On his way into the paddock for the Baruch, Joe's phone rang, he scribbled notes while seated at a picnic table by the Big Red Spring as Get Stormy walked a circle in the paddock.

And the last quote came at 6:28 Friday night as Joe talked to Cornelio Velasquez in the silks room about Afleet Again.

But the answers are worth the search.

You meet trainers who are fans first.

"I'm excited just to be here and run on Travers Day," Bob Baffert said. "What a card, huh? I love the card."



Tod Marks

Super Saver will leave the draw reins in the barn for the Travers.

"This actually is my first time in Saratoga. I've never been here, how about that?" John Sadler said. "It's great, I'm glad I came, it's certainly beautiful, the weather has been beautiful the days I've been here. It's a new experience, I think I'm bringing some quality horses and we'll see how we do. I've driven around and seen all of it. I'm in the Jerkens barn, in the Blind Luck stall. I'm hoping to follow her lead."

And you meet the introspective Tony Dutrow who runs A Little Warm in the Travers and Rightly So in the Ballerina.

I learned my lesson; give him 10 minutes after his horses return from the track before you tickle his nose with a tape recorder. He watches them circle the trees, watches wife Kim cool one out, and then says he's ready.

"The only way I can do this and feel like I have a feel for it is watching the horses as good as I possibly can and do what that horse tells me to do," Dutrow said. "I'm not saying I'm any good at it but that's the only way I can make anything out of it. We got here and we got here the right way. Right now, I don't think we could do any better. We all would like to look into our horses and see exactly what it would take for that horse to be all he can be, that's a big part of why some achieve more than others because they are able to do it better than others."

Dutrow has won a lot of races at a lot of tracks. He's won stakes. Won Grade I stakes. But he's got a chance to win two Grade I stakes on a Saturday in Saratoga. He knows it but won't let his guard down.

"I am not caught up in the moment, I am approaching this Travers Day, this Ballerina Day, like any other day," Dutrow said. "I'm getting a big chance with the clients and the horses they're providing me with, it's not like I'm training for the guys who own the corner gas station or the local cleaners. Those are great guys, thank God for them, I've trained for them, but this is different."

Then you talk equipment with Todd Pletcher. Years ago, he turned Lawyer Ron into a morning plug by putting on the draw reins, bowing the horse's neck so the rider had a chance and the horse had a frame. He did the same with Super Saver, back in December or January. He won the Derby in May.

"He's a tricky horse to ride, he's got a little bit of a light mouth but he'll respond to the draw reins," Pletcher said. "In a perfect world, you'll use them to frame a horse up, get them to use themselves better and then take (the draw reins) off. But with his case, he's just too hard to gallop without them."

At that moment, the Derby winner galloped past; reaching for ground, neck bowed like the Trojan Horse. It felt like Interview 46.

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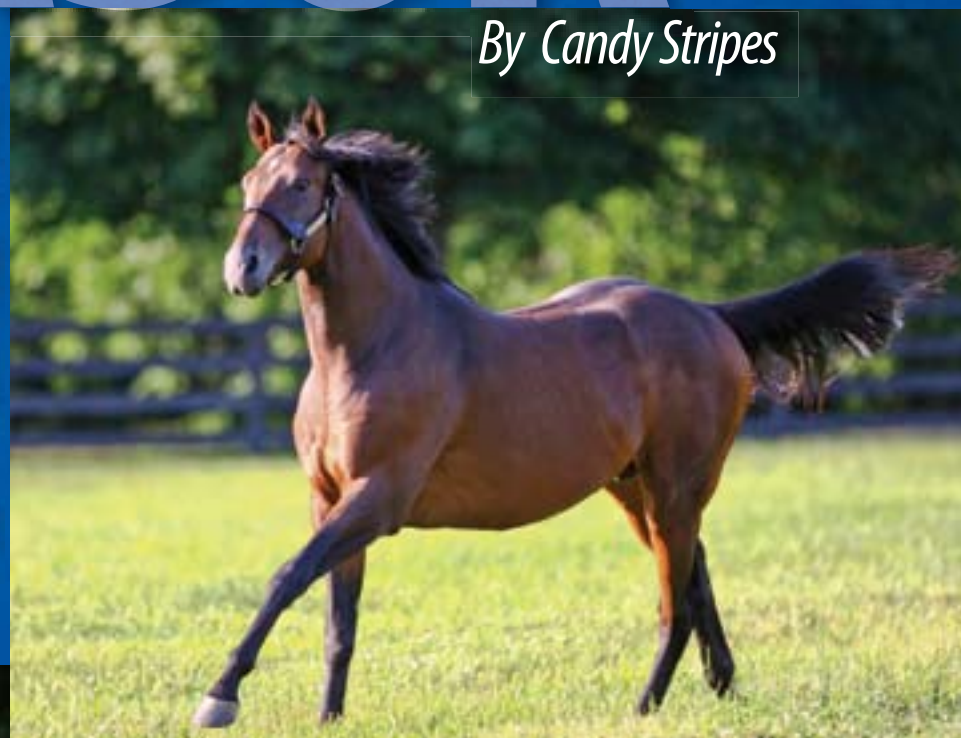
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