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Track Star. Triple Crown winner American Pharoah gallops for the first time at Saratoga Thursday morning.

Tod Marks

## here&there... at Saratoga

### BY THE NUMBERS

**1:** Cup of Coffee handed from a car window to the East Avenue security guard at 5:30 Thursday morning.

**19:** Age of Willie the pony at the David Donk barn, who is retiring at the end of the meet.

**1:** 2006 Secretariat Stakes Winner horse cooler on the backside Thursday morning.

### NAMES OF THE DAY

**Rooftop View, eighth race.** Michael Lauer's homebred is by Utopia, out of Wrigley Ivy.

**Invading Humor, ninth race.** Bloodlines Racing Partnerships' mare is by Invasor out of Very Funny.

**Fleeting, 10th race.** Treadway Racing's 3-year-old is by Elusive Quality.

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Eddie Kenneally on the 2015 Saratoga meet, which still has 10 days to go

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## WORTH REPEATING

“I’ll take basement. I can sleep anywhere.”  
**Videographer Greg Charkoudian, non-basement-sleeping house guest of The Special’s Tom Law and Elizabeth Collins this week**

“You have no idea how much I wish I was up there right now.”  
**Former Special intern Ryan Martin**

“What are we, chopped liver?”  
**Jim Bond after getting accidentally snubbed by fill-in paperboy in the dark Thursday morning**

“If the meet was any longer, I wouldn’t have any horses left.”  
**Alan Brodsky, on life as an owner**

“Everything has its ups and downs and sometimes you have to stand there and take it. There are positives and negatives to everything. It’s like raising a family, you go through all sorts of things along the way. It’s happened before, I hate it, it’s not easy, but . . .”  
**Bill Pape, owner of Divine Fortune who died Thursday**

“Can you get us a marker or something?”  
**Exercise rider Rodney Paine, while riding Upstart (who didn’t get a Travers saddle towel) to the track Thursday morning**

“I think he read the condition book wrong because he’s supposed to be running in the Ballston Spa on Saturday.”  
**Trainer David Donk, about Trainer Christophe Clement’s choice to run Discreet Marq in today’s Yaddo**



Three Smiles. Miles and Anne Clancy nearly make trainer Barclay Tagg smile Wednesday morning.

Sean Clancy

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If Michael Jordan had four brothers none of them are going to be like him.”  
**Trainer David Donk, whose barn includes siblings King Kreesa and Lady Kreesa**



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## NAME OF THE DAY

**Lubash, seventh race.**  
His name still rolls off the tongue after 42 starts and 14 wins.  
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## WORTH REPEATING

“They aren’t capping the attendance for the pope.”

**Daily Racing Form’s Dave Grening, comparing American Pharoah to that other guy**

“Not bad for a paperboy.”

**Richard Hutchinson, to The Special’s Sean Clancy who pointed out several Grade 1 stakes winners Wednesday morning, while delivering papers**

“I’m like a 15-year-old jumper who can’t jump any more.”

**Steve Young, while getting some rehab on his back**

“Our boy.”

**Assistant trainer at Mike Maker’s barn, while receiving Thursday’s edition of The Special with Da Big Hoss on the cover**

“That’s a lion.”

**Trainer Tom Bush, looking at the photo of American Pharoah jumping in the air**

“Once again, I didn’t make the cover.”

**Owner Everett Dobson, while picking up Thursday’s copy of The Special**

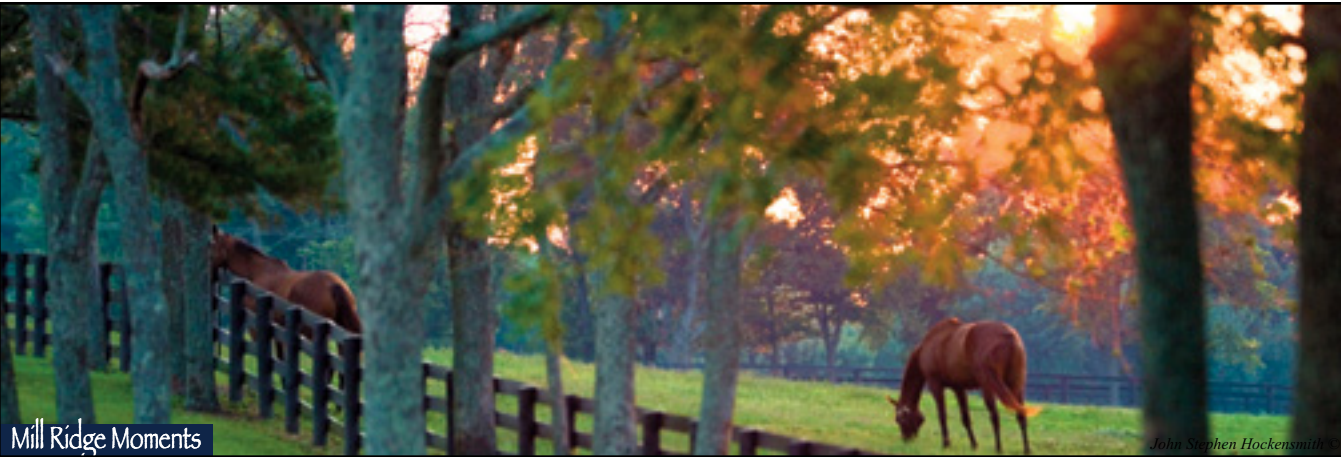
“We’re on 11 now.”

**Jockey Kendrick Carmouche, after eclipsing his goal of 10 winners at the meet**



Sean Clancy

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# Stable Tour:

*with Tony  
Dutrow*



Tony Dutrow is enjoying an excellent meet at Saratoga Race Course. Heading into Saturday's card he's saddled 14 starters and 13 have finished first, second or third. Five of the 14 starters are winners, none bigger than Embellish The Lace's front-running score in the Grade 1 Alabama Stakes last Saturday. She's already shipped out and back to Dutrow's base at the Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland, but he's still got plenty of possible runners in his barns just inside the Union Avenue gate on the Oklahoma Training Track.

When asked if he'd be interested in hosting a stable tour, Dutrow said, "drop by any time." The Special's Brandon Valvo showed up two days after the Alabama and Dutrow squeezed 20 minutes out of his day to go stall-to-stall.

**The Big Beast:** "He's in the Forego Saturday. He's doing great. He won the King's Bishop here last year and he just got beat in the Vanderbilt. He's doing terrific. We've given him two workouts and he's been sensational in both of them. Just getting him to race four weeks later is really just hoping everything goes well. It's not like he needed any preparation. We're just cruising along with him."

**I Spent It:** "He won the Saratoga Special here last year as a 2-year-old. He's had a break. He had a small injury, no big deal. He's almost ready to run. He won't run at Saratoga, but he's almost ready and we're really looking forward to him. He's a very good horse."

**Mo For The Money:** "This is an unraced 2-year-old by Uncle Mo. I consider him a very good colt. I've got three of them (Uncle Mo colts). All three of them are runners. I see lots of other Uncle Mos doing fantastic. He's a very good stallion. He's going to be six weeks (from a start)."



**Set The Trappe:** "Another good colt, by Trappe Shot. He ran up here in his first start and finished second (Aug. 8). He ran a very, very good race and I do hope to run him back here at Saratoga on the 5th. Very happy with him. You hope that they come out of the race well mentally. You hope that they get better. Not all of them do. This boy has led us to believe that he's getting better."

**Big World:** "Big World is a 2-year-old. She's run twice. She finished third at Belmont. Then she came to Saratoga and finished third to Rachel Alexandra's daughter (Rachel's Valentina Aug. 2). We really like this filly. She is (pretty laid back). She's a nice horse to have in the barn. We hope to run her again up here on the 6th."

**Get Jets:** "This is another very good 2-year-old (by Scat Daddy). He did run here one time and he won (Aug. 19). He came from last and won very easily and I think you have to be a good colt to do that. We're just preparing him for the Belmont fall meet. Very good colt, appears to have a very good future."

**Play Big:** "He's a 2-year-old colt that has not run yet. He's probably three weeks away. He'll run at Belmont. Leads me to believe he's a very good colt. He's by Twirling Candy. We bought him at the OBS March 2-year-old in training sale (for \$500,000). The owner Alex Lieblong picked him out."

**The Big Mo:** "He's also a son of Uncle Mo. He's probably six weeks from the races. We feel super about him. Alex Lieblong picked him out (and bought him for \$275,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Florida) 2-year-olds in training sale."

**Kibble:** "Kibble is a 3-year-old filly that broke her maiden in a claiming race last winter at Aqueduct and she's preparing for her 3-year-old debut. She had an injury, but it's a safe injury and she's completely healed. She's going to be a while. She had a condylar fracture in her right hind. She's had plenty of time and she's all good."

**Burndines:** "He raced here at Saratoga early in the meet and he won (maiden claiming, Aug. 9). There's a race for him Closing Day. We're excited about him, very

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good horse that's improving. He's got plenty of energy, but he's a good boy about everything. Still learning, lots of energy, has a good time."

**Bankers Holiday:** "He's a 3-year-old (by Harlan's Holiday) that has not raced yet. We're trying to get him there. He is probably 75 percent there. We think that, if everything goes the way it is now, we like the horse. He can run. One thing after another. Little stuff. This happens, that happens. Time consuming, but he seems matured now and through all of it. Hopefully all that stuff is behind him."

**Main Road:** "This is an Alex and Jo Ann Lieblong 2-year-old that they bought up here (for \$350,000 at last year's Saratoga yearling sale). He's a talented 2-year-old son of Quality Road. Not ready, going to be a little bit, but we like him. I like everything about him. You'd never know he was around. He does everything right. Good boy all the way."

**Pep The Champ:** "He ran up here at Saratoga one time. He finished third (in \$50,000 claiming race on the grass). He ran a very good race. We hope to run him back on the 7th. Once they've run up here you're just on cruise control to run them again. Just maintenance workouts. Just hopefully things go well for them and they continue to do well."

**Tap Less:** "Nice 2-year-old filly by Tapit. She's going very good, very close to being ready to run. I don't know if she'll get to run here or not, but she's almost ready to run. Big Tapit filly. That's why I haven't run her. She's not a turf horse and they just haven't given us any distance races here on the dirt."

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"I freshened Onion up, he was running pretty steady in Florida and early in New York. We put him away, we were getting him ready to run on the second day of the meeting, they used to start on Monday. He had been a slow mile, in :35 at Belmont, he could do that all the time. Go the distance of the race and then sharpen them up, that's what I always thought. We came up from New York Sunday morning, he went a half in :47 on Sunday, then blew out an eighth of a mile on Tuesday morning, he broke the track record going six and a half on Tuesday afternoon. Pretty good bunch of horses he beat. Vasquez's agent asked me where I was running him back, I said, the Whitney. He laughed. I've made enough mistakes to know if they're going to ever pull off anything, they have to be doing exceptionally well at the time. He was really on his game and the other horse wasn't. It was just one of those things that happen every once in a while."

**- Trainer Allen Jerkens,  
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Taum Sauk, a.k.a Thomas, has a part-time job teaching Raine Mayer to learn to ride after retiring from racing in 2010. When not teaching lessons or dressed up for Raine's enjoyment, he works as the stable pony in Dean Ward's barn.

**Eva Jansson photo**



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# 3 Deep

## Old pals King Kreesa, Kharafa, Lubash clash

BY JOE CLANCY

Hey, hey, the gang's all here. If it's a New York-bred turf stakes, there's a good chance Kharafa, King Kreesa and Lubash will be there. They clash – again – in today's \$150,000 West Point.

Combined, they've won 33 races and earned a little more than \$3 million. They can run in open company, but set off plenty of fireworks when they turn up in the same race. Today, King Kreesa is the 2-1 favorite just ahead of 5-2 Lubash and 4-1 Kharafa in a field of eight (plus two main-track-only entrants).

"They're good horses in open company, not just good new York-breds," said David Donk, who

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Tod Marks

King Kreesa (right) and Lubash renew their rivalry – along with Kharafa – in today's West Point.

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## West Point —

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trains King Kreesa. "It's fun to be part of it. Better to be one of the three than not, though one or two of them could stay home once in a while."

Donk brings King Kreesa back 13 days after finishing fourth in the Grade 2 Fourstardave. The 6-year-old King Cugat gelding, who races for Gerald and Susan Kresa, was beaten just a length by Grand Arch for the win after setting a contested pace.

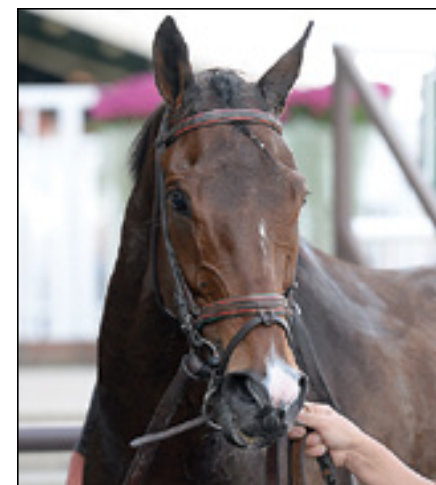
"It was a great field of horses and a big effort," Donk said. "The owners asked me what I thought about running back in the West Point. I like to run back, obviously, if they're doing well and he's come out of it well. Sometimes they fool you because he's a good-feeling horse, but he seems good. He's pretty consistent and we're ready."

King Kreesa galloped in a set of draw reins Thursday morning, looking cool and composed while seeking his second consecutive West Point score. The 2014 race was his first of the year, and first start for Donk, and came at the expense of Lubash. King Kreesa lost his next four (including two this year), but rebounded to take the Grade 3 Poker and the ungraded Forbidden Apple at Belmont leading into the Fourstardave.

Lubash makes his 43rd career start for owner/breeder Leonard Pivnick. The 8-year-old rides a two-race wining streak — including a score over Kharafa and King Kreesa in the Kingston May 25 — and is a big part of the surging barn of trainer Christophe Clement.

"He's one of my favorites," Clement said early this week. "I've got a tremendous amount of respect for the horse. It's amazing how hard he tries. If you had a barn of 20 Lubashes, you'd be doing great."

Last month at Belmont Park, Lubash got loose during morning training and missed two weeks while recovering from bumps and bruises which were feared to be much worse. He worked at Belmont Aug. 16 and at Saratoga Sunday. The son of Freud eyes his 15th win and his third on the inner turf at Saratoga. Lubash won the 2012 West Point, finished fourth in 2013 and second to King Kreesa (by a head) last year.



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**Kharafa eyes his third win of 2015.**

"He's probably a better horse, but it's very difficult to pass on the New York-bred races," Clement said. "He's one of the most consistent horses in the program. He won a Grade 3 at the end of last year and I will probably do the same this year. He's 8 and one of the reasons he's lasted is because we took care of him."

Regular jockey Junior Alvarado takes the return call.

Monmouth Park-based trainer Tim Hills will head north with the third slugger in this lineup, Kharafa. The 6-year-old son of Kitalpha finished third in the 2013 race but did not make the trip last year. He's won twice in four starts this year, and beat Lubash and King Kreesa in last year's Mohawk at Belmont. Javier Castellano takes the riding assignment for owners Paul Braverman and Timothy Pinch.

Like everyone else, Donk sees the race going through the top three.

"It's a different set-up every time — post positions, different pace scenarios, they all have their styles," he said. "They've all run up close and off the pace, so I think it becomes a jockey's race to some degree. It's great for the sport. It's Saratoga on top of it. They're just really solid horses and fun to watch."

Notacatbutallama tries to make it four deep for Repole Stable and Todd Pletcher, though the 5-year-old looks for his first win of the year. Bond Racing Stable's Orino returns to state-bred competition for the first time in a year and exits a second in open allowance company here July 25. Front, Ocala Jim and With Exultation complete the field. Saratoga Snacks and Empire Dreams are entered for the main track only.



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# Right Race

Ace mare Discreet Marq casts long, classy shadow

BY JOE CLANCY

David Donk is joking, but he's got a bit of a problem with the entries for today's Yaddo Stakes, part of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders' Saratoga Showcase Day.

"I think (Christophe Clement) read the condition book wrong because he's supposed to be running in the Ballston Spa on Saturday," said Donk with a jab at 4-5 favorite Discreet Marq and her trainer. Owned by Moyglare Stud Farm, after a big purchase last fall, Discreet Marq regularly tackles graded stakes competition and towers over today's nine foes with eight wins and \$1.2 million in career earnings. She wouldn't look out of place at all in Saturday's Ballston Spa, a Grade 2 worth \$400,000 and headed by Tepin and Coffee Clique.

Donk runs three in the Yaddo anyway – Lady Kreesa,

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Tod Marks

Discreet Marq seeks her ninth career win in today's Yaddo, part of New York showcase day.

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# Yaddo —

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Selenite and Chrysolite – and will hope for the best on a big day for the state's breeding and racing program.

Selenite finished third to Discreet Marq in the Ticonderoga last year and won an open-company optional claimer at Belmont Park in July by disqualification. Owned by Bill Punk and Philip DiLeo, the 8-1 third choice will be ridden by leading jockey Irad Ortiz Jr.

"He rides her well and she's a pretty competitive filly so don't let somebody slip up or she'll be there," Donk said. "I had her entered in the Waya earlier in the meet and that came up crazy tough so we elected to run here instead, hoping Discreet Marq would run in the Ballston Spa."

Lady Kreesa is a half-sister to New York-bred male turf star King Kreesa and has won two of five starts this year for Gerald and Susan Kresa. Jose Ortiz rides the daughter of Stonesider at 15-1. Chrysolite also races for Punk and DiLeo and seeks her fourth career win at 20-1 with Manuel Franco.

"Mine are all doing well," Donk said. "I'm happy with them. They're taking a shot for black type. They're nice horses, but they're not Discreet Marq."

As for the favorite, Clement did indeed read the condition book properly and hopes to use today as a launching pad for bigger things.

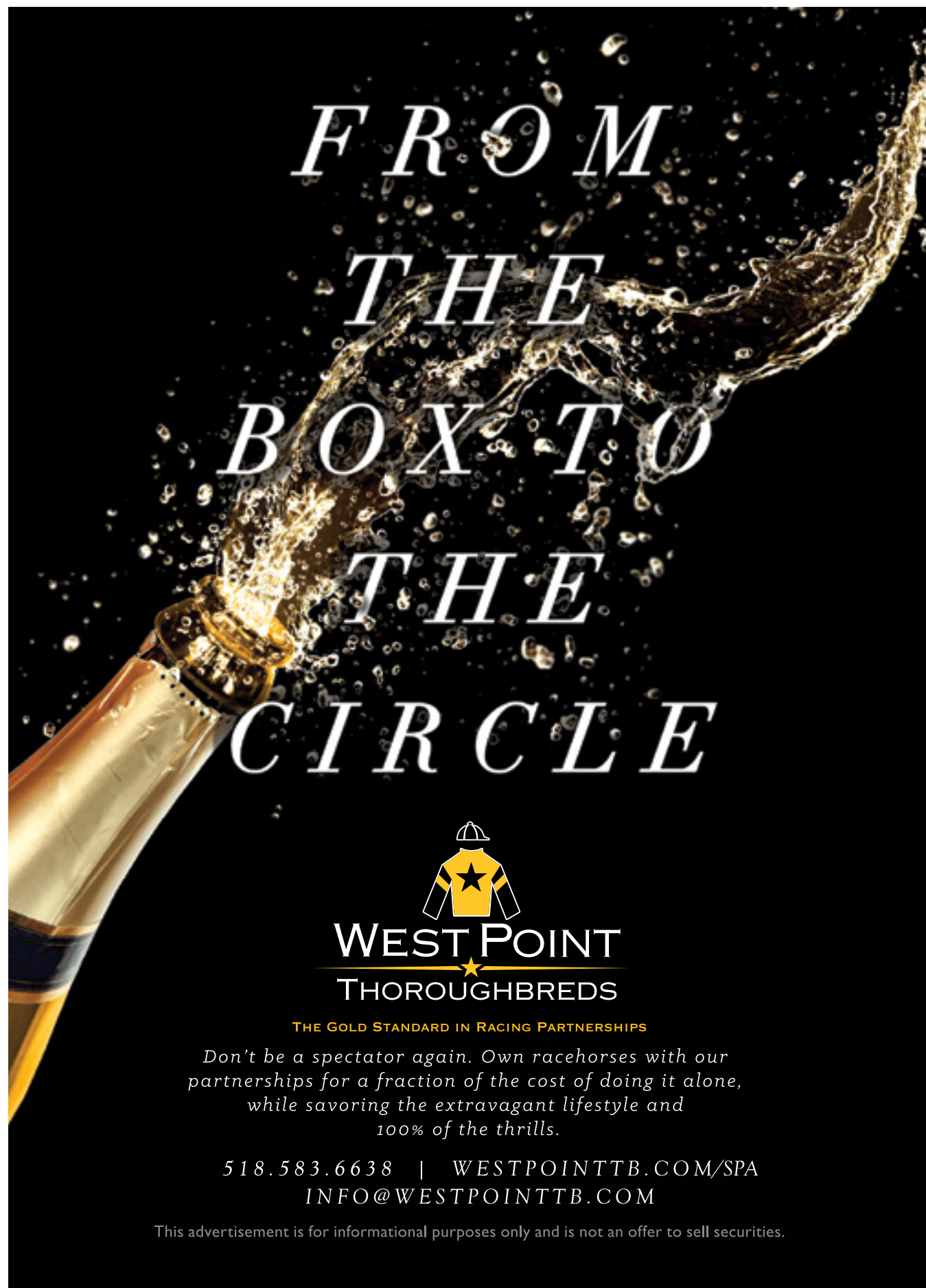
The 5-year-old Discreet Cat mare finished third in the Grade 1 Diana here last year for her breeder Patricia Generazio and was second to Dayatthespa in the 2014 Yaddo. At the Fasig-Tipton November Sale last year, Moyglare spent \$2.4 million to buy the gray mare and returned her to Clement.

The trainer was thrilled to have her back and she opened the year with a Grade 3 win in the Beaugay in May. She backed up that effort with a third in the Grade 1 Just A Game in June.


"She's been running with the top-class fillies in the country for two years now," he said. "She might not be the best, but she's right there with the best. She brings her A game, has a lot of natural speed."

Clement also knows the possibilities a Yaddo win might hold.

"Last year, Dayatthespa won the Yaddo before she won the Breeders' Cup."



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# Still Taking Aim

## Force looks to help Casse barn

BY SEAN CLANCY

Norm Casse stood in front of his father Mark's barn on the main track and gave directions to three exercise riders Thursday morning. When finished, the assistant trainer described the stable's 2-for-31 record at Saratoga this summer.

"It's been disappointing. It's a very difficult place to figure out, eventually we will. It's a humbling experience, it's not just us, there are plenty of people being humbled," Casse said. "You come up and you have high expectations, but there's two weeks left and we still have some shots to fire. We could turn it around and I could have a different answer."

Force is one of those shots in today's Albany Stakes.

Owned by John Oxley, the 3-year-

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old son of Flatter vaults from a win in the New York Derby at Finger Lakes July 3. The dark bay colt traveled from Finger Lakes to Saratoga to prepare for the \$250,000 stakes, breezing four times since his 2-length win, including two bullets over the main track.

Force broke his maiden at Santa Anita in February, before shipping to Kentucky to prepare a spring/summer campaign. Casse added blinkers for his two most recent starts, a third at Churchill Downs and a solid score at Finger Lakes.

"We were pretty confident, he had trained at Churchill real well all spring," Casse said. "He had always shown a lot of ability, even early on as



Sean Clancy

Force could be a force in today's Albany for New York-breds.

a 2-year-old, but it just seemed like he wasn't giving us his maximum effort, as soon as we put blinkers on him, it turned him around."

After the New York Derby, Casse aimed here.

"This was the goal all along, we're really happy with how he's trained, glad he's been here for a significant amount of time, there's a home-court advantage when you're able to train

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over the track,” Casse said. “He likes the racetrack, I’m excited to see him run. The racetrack seems to be playing fair, so even if he’s not up close early, I don’t think it’s a disadvantage any more.”

Jose Lezcano rides Force for the first time.

Todd Pletcher sends a pair of runners for the Albany.

Repole Stable’s One Sided won earlier in the meet, taking a 9-furlong restricted allowance race. The son of Quality Road returns in 18 days from that score. Javier Castellano has the call.

“First time at a mile and an eighth, first time around two turns, he handled it well, he’s an interesting horse in that he’s improved his Beyer figure every start of his life, probably needs to do that again to pull this off,” Pletcher said. “It’s back in 18 days, it isn’t ideal but he seems to have handled it well. We decided not to breeze him, he’s a leggy horse who’s fairly narrow and doesn’t carry a lot of weight, I fig-

ured that mile and an eighth race has him plenty fit enough.”

Pletcher bolsters his hand with Gary Barber’s Bullheaded Boy, winner of his two most recent starts against allowance foes over the Belmont turf. A three-time winner, the son of Bulls-bay won his debut over a sloppy track here last summer. Irad Ortiz returns.

“Just no 3-year-old New York-bred turf opportunities and you don’t want to step up into the older horses division,” Pletcher said when asked about the move back to the main track. “He’s got some form on the dirt, he’s been training well so we figured we’d give this a try.”

Chad Brown tries to avenge a loss in the New York Derby with Battle Of Evermore. Doubledown Stable’s son of Scat Daddy finished 2 lengths behind Force in the New York Derby, before finishing seventh on the turf here July 29.

Good Luck Gus, fourth in the New York Derby, breaks from the rail for Rudy Rodriguez. Bellamy Way, second to One Sided in the allowance race, breaks from post 4 for Dave Cannizzo.

Two-time winner Fleeting completes the field for Leah Gyarmati.

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# Well-Named

## She's All Ready set for second test in filly stakes for Ryerson

BY TOM LAW

She's All Ready slipped through the cracks a little when she went through the ring in Timonium, Md., earlier this spring.

The New York-bred daughter of Girolamo sold for \$45,000, exactly on the median and well below the sale's average price of \$88,859, despite coming from a consignment with a successful record at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale and strong eighth-mile breeze in 10.40.

She's All Ready didn't go unnoticed less than three months later when she debuted in a field of nine at 2-1 and won in a gallop. Now the chestnut filly is even-money on the morning line for her second start in today's

### SEEKING THE ANTE PREVIEW

\$200,000 Seeking The Ante Stakes at Saratoga.

"That was nice," Jim Ryerson, who trains the filly for Nirvana Stables, said while he watched training Thursday morning on the turn at the Oklahoma Training Track. "She had worked pretty good at Belmont on the training track and here one day on the main track. She was no secret."

She's All Ready's sparkling debut came in a 5 ½-furlong maiden special weight Aug. 7. She didn't break on top but showed good speed early and didn't take long to get to the lead. Kendrick Carmouche, who rides

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Tod Marks

She's All Ready zooms into today's Seeking The Ante Stakes.



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again today, put her on the lead around the turn and through the opening quarter-mile in :22.28.

She's All Ready was just off the rail, opened up her lead a little more turning for home and sailed past the half-mile mark in :45.87. Carmouche gave her a couple taps on the shoulder, she responded and opened up by 5 ½ at the eighth pole before winning by 8 1/4 lengths geared down.

Ryerson wasn't surprised in the slightest by the filly listed at 8-1 on the program for her debut.

"She came out of the Timonium sale, was very forward, very precocious," he said. "Barry Eisaman had her and I asked him if she needed some time off after the sale and he said, 'no, she's really ready to go.' I've known Barry for a while, have done business with him in the past, so he must have thought highly of her and she hasn't disappointed."

Carmouche breezed She's All Ready 5 furlongs

in a bullet 1:00.44 on the Oklahoma last Thursday, touting her fitness. Now there's only a couple things left for Ryerson to worry about.

"She came out of her race real well," he said. "She breezed a good five-eighths here with Kendrick last week. Now we're hoping she can get the distance. She's going to face tougher, but she was very impressive and we'll see."

Six others are entered in the Seeking The Ante, including 7-2 second choice Lemon Liqueur and 5-1 third choice Super Surprise.

Lemon Liqueur scored by 2 ½ lengths in her debut Opening Day for trainer Rick Violette, who saddled Upstart to victory in last year's Funny Cide in the inaugural Saratoga Showcase. Bettors picked up on the daughter of Exchange Rate's talent and Violette's ability with firsters and also sent her off as the 2-1 favorite for her debut.

Repole Stable's Super Surprise, a homebred daughter of Giant Surprise, was 6-5 for her debut and finished a close third behind fellow Seeking The Ante entrant Backwood Bay Aug. 15. Super

Surprise is trained by Todd Pletcher.

"I thought she might win first time out, but she missed the break and had to do a rush job to get there and I think she just got a little bit late," Pletcher said. "It's not exactly what you always do with a maiden but Mike owns Giant Surprise and we're trying to promote him as a stallion, get him off to a good start, having a couple of his offspring running in stakes will go a long way to making him a stallion."

"She's a big, hearty filly who carries pretty good condition, we felt like she bounced out her race well enough to take an unorthodox approach."


Crowd Control, fifth in the Lynbrook Stakes July 19 at Belmont, and longshots Ben's Girl and Out Of Nowhere complete the field.

Additional reporting by Sean Clancy

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# Rematch

Dr. Shane, Manipulated meet again in 2YO stakes

BY TOM LAW AND ANNISE MONTPLAISIR

Nick Esler was shopping for a better spot earlier this month when he opted to scratch Dr. Shane from an open-company sprint stakes on the grass in favor of today's \$200,000 Funny Cide Stakes against fellow New York-breds.

Chances are he was hoping to avoid Manipulated, who beat Dr. Shane and didn't look like a first-time starter winning his debut in the Rockville Centre Stakes at Belmont Park the Saturday before racing got underway at Saratoga Race Course.

"Obviously Jimmy Jerkens' horse (Manipulated) is a very nice horse and he'll probably be showing up in open company and graded stakes next time out," Esler said, thinking that the Malibu Moon colt might land in the Grade 1 Hopeful closing day or something else down the road.

Turns out that won't happen, at least not in the 6 ½-furlong stakes that kicks off the second annual Saratoga Showcase program. Manipulated is one of five entered in the stakes named for the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, who made an appearance at Saratoga Thursday after flying up from his home at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington with Triple Crown winner American Pharoah Wednesday.

To make matters even tougher, Dr. Shane will also face the Todd Pletcher-trained debut winner and slight 7-5 favorite Sudden Surprise in the Funny Cide. The others entered are Aug. 10 maiden winner No Entiendo for Rudy Rodriguez and two-start maiden Guaranteed for Russell Cash.

The Funny Cide will be Dr. Shane's fourth career



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**Rockville Centre winner Manipulated returns in Friday's Funny Cide.**

start. He won his debut going 5 furlongs May 29 at Belmont then came back a week later to try open company in the Tremont Stakes going 5 ½ furlongs the day before the Belmont Stakes.

"He's very professional little colt," Esler said. "He jumped up, got the job done first time without a whole lot of foundation under him breeze wise. Then there was going to be seven weeks to the Rockville Centre. I thought he was a little short going into his first race, thought he got a lot out of it and then gave him a shot in the Tremont."

Dr. Shane lost all chance after getting caught in a messy start in the Tremont that compromised several horses. He finished last of seven, beaten 11 ¼ lengths after racing fairly close early.

"He was stepped on right out of the gate," Esler said. "So yes, a rough trip for a 2-year-old, but he was probably in over his head as well."

Six weeks later Dr. Shane ran into Manipulated

in the Rockville Centre. He battled for the lead, put away his early rival but couldn't fend off Manipulated and Lucky Laurie.

Sudden Surprise got the favorite's nod off his 2 ¾-length victory over one of the few sloppy tracks at the meet, a July 30 state-bred maiden going 5 ½ furlongs. A homebred for Mike Repole's Repole Stable, Sudden Surprise will be ridden again by John Velazquez.

Pletcher described the colt's workouts prior to his debut as "somewhat inconsistent," but he was still good enough to overcome the off track and a three-wide trip into the stretch.

"We saw some (works) that would suggest he was good enough to win first time out and I saw a few that made me unsure," Pletcher said. "He's a good gate horse, some of his best works were from the gate, when it rained and he got a big start, that helped. We'll see as we step up in his races."

*Additional reporting by Sean Clancy*



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Friday, August 28.

1ST (1:00PM). \$200,000, STK - THE FUNNY CIDE, 2 YO, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	No Entiendo.....C. Velasquez.....	R. Rodriguez.....4-1
2	.....2.....	Dr. Shane.....M. Franco.....	N. Esler.....8-1
3	.....3.....	Sudden Surprise.....J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....7-5
4	.....4.....	Manipulated.....L. Saez.....	J. Jerkens.....8-5
5	.....5.....	Guaranteed.....K. Carmouche.....	R. Cash.....20-1

2ND (1:33PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	There Goes Ben.....I. Rodriguez.....	R. Rodriguez.....3-1
2	.....2.....	Forever in Love.....J. Ortiz.....	L. Rice.....7-2
3	.....3.....	Sax Change.....R. Hernandez.....	G. Contessa.....5-2
4	.....MTO.....	Big East.....M. Franco.....	G. Weaver.....5-1
5	.....5.....	Squashville Road.....K. Carmouche.....	A. Kingsley, Jr.....10-1
6	.....6.....	Ro Bear.....J. Alvarado.....	D. Schettino.....6-1
7	.....7.....	High Noon Cocktail.....E. Cancel.....	K. McPeek.....15-1
8	.....8.....	Bluff Harbor.....M. Franco.....	G. Weaver.....8-1

3RD (2:06PM). \$200,000, STK - THE FLEET INDIAN, 3 YO, F , 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Temper Mint Patty.....J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....1-1
2	.....2.....	Congaroo.....P. Rodriguez.....	J. Englehart.....15-1
3	.....3.....	Conquest Superstep.....S. Bridgmohan.....	M. Casse.....9-5
4	.....4.....	Jc's Shooting Star.....M. Franco.....	D. Donk.....12-1
5	.....5.....	Freudie Anne.....J. Ortiz.....	E. Kenneally.....5-1

4TH (2:39PM). \$83,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Mascarello.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....	H. Bond.....6-1
2	.....2.....	Lead by Example.....J. Ortiz.....	C. Clement.....5-2
3	.....3.....	Bustin the Bank.....K. Carmouche.....	D. Donk.....12-1
4	.....4.....	True Bet.....J. Velazquez.....	M. Dilger.....7-2
5	.....5.....	Interior Secretary.....M. Franco.....	G. Weaver.....10-1
6	.....6.....	Scorecard Harry.....J. Alvarado.....	M. Ferraro.....3-1
7	.....7.....	Dettifoss.....R. Hernandez.....	B. Brown.....5-1

5TH (3:13PM). \$200,000, STK - THE SEEKING THE ANTE, 2 YO, F , 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Lemon Liqueur.....J. Ortiz.....	R. Violette, Jr.....7-2
2	.....2.....	Super Surprise.....J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....5-1
3	.....3.....	Ben's Girl.....F. Jara.....	J. Lawrence, II.....20-1
4	.....4.....	She's All Ready.....K. Carmouche.....	J. Ryerson.....1-1
5	.....5.....	Crowd Control.....C. Velasquez.....	R. Rodriguez.....12-1
6	.....6.....	Out of Nowhere.....M. Franco.....	R. Cash.....30-1
7	.....7.....	Backwood Bay.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....	L. Rice.....6-1

6TH (3:47PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, F , 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Table for Six.....J. Leparoux.....	E. Kenneally.....4-1
2	.....2.....	Lady Lucky.....K. Carmouche.....	D. Cannizzo.....12-1
3	.....3.....	Glistening.....M. Franco.....	M. Lauer.....20-1
4	.....4.....	Eloquent Ethel.....C. Velasquez.....	C. Englehart.....20-1
5	.....5.....	Taken by Surprise.....J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher.....7-2
6	.....6.....	Miss Kew.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Maker.....3-1
7	.....7.....	Corinthian's Joy.....J. Alvarado.....	D. Schettino.....6-1
8	.....8.....	Sheyn Vi Di Levone.....S. Bridgmohan.....	M. Dilger.....6-1
9	.....9.....	First Showing.....E. Cancel.....	M. Hennig.....15-1
10	.....10.....	Saratoga Gal.....R. Hernandez.....	T. Hills.....20-1

7TH (4:21PM). \$150,000, STK - THE WEST POINT PRESENTED BY TRUSTCO BANK, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Notacatbutallama.....J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....10-1
2	.....2.....	Orino.....E. Cancel.....	H. Bond.....6-1
3	.....3.....	King Kreesa.....J. Ortiz.....	D. Donk.....2-1

4	.....MTO.....	Saratoga Snacks.....J. Velazquez.....	G. Sciacca.....7-5
5	.....5.....	Kharafa.....J. Castellano.....	T. Hills.....4-1
6	.....6.....	Lubash.....J. Alvarado.....	C. Clement.....5-2
7	.....MTO.....	Empire Dreams.....M. Franco.....	T. Albertrani.....8-5
8	.....8.....	Front.....A. Arroyo.....	J. Jerkens.....15-1
9	.....9.....	Ocala Jim.....J. Lezcano.....	D. Donk.....20-1
10	.....10.....	With Exultation.....P. Lopez.....	M. Trombetta.....15-1

8TH (4:55PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Joey Cap.....E. Cancel.....	M. Nevin.....10-1
2	.....2.....	Irish Filibuster.....L. Saez.....	M. Maker.....8-1
3	.....3.....	Dearie.....C. Sullivan.....	L. O'Brien.....20-1
4	.....4.....	Rooftop View.....R. Hernandez.....	M. Lauer.....20-1
5	.....5.....	Stubbs.....J. Velazquez.....	H. Motion.....3-1
6	.....6.....	Leaveematthegate.....C. Velasquez.....	L. Gyarmati.....7-2
7	.....7.....	Storm Prophet.....J. Ortiz.....	M. Hushion.....5-1
8	.....8.....	Slapstick.....J. Lezcano.....	T. Morley.....12-1
9	.....9.....	Jump N Jive.....K. Carmouche.....	J. Hertler.....20-1
10	.....10.....	Go Go Lucky.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Clement.....4-1
11	.....AE.....	Heated Verdict.....L. Saez.....	G. Weaver.....5-2
12	.....AE.....	Gaming.....E. Trujillo.....	G. Gullo.....12-1
13	.....AE.....	Yummy Bear.....J. Velazquez.....	L. Rice.....4-1

9TH (5:29PM). \$150,000, STK - THE YADDO, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Lady Kreesa.....J. Ortiz.....	D. Donk.....15-1
2	.....2.....	The Tea Cups.....L. Saez.....	J. Englehart.....12-1
3	.....3.....	Unbelievable Dream.....J. Alvarado.....	B. Tagg.....20-1
4	.....4.....	Selenite.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....	D. Donk.....8-1
5	.....5.....	Old Harbor.....E. Trujillo.....	R. Cash.....10-1
6	.....6.....	Forever for Always.....A. Arroyo.....	J. Antonucci.....30-1
7	.....7.....	Swear by It.....K. Carmouche.....	C. Brown.....12-1
8	.....8.....	Chrysolite.....M. Franco.....	D. Donk.....20-1
9	.....9.....	Discreet Marq.....J. Velazquez.....	C. Clement.....4-5
10	.....10.....	Invading Humor.....J. Castellano.....	B. Levine.....5-1
11	.....MTO.....	Jet Majesty.....R. Hernandez.....	W. Ward.....8-5

10TH (6:03PM). \$250,000, STK - THE ALBANY, 3 YO, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Good Luck Gus.....L. Saez.....	R. Rodriguez.....5-1
2	.....2.....	One Sided.....J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher.....7-2
3	.....3.....	Bullheaded Boy.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....	T. Pletcher.....10-1
4	.....4.....	Bellamy Way.....J. Rosario.....	D. Cannizzo.....4-1
5	.....5.....	Battle of Evermore.....K. Carmouche.....	C. Brown.....4-1
6	.....6.....	Fleeting.....C. Velasquez.....	L. Gyarmati.....20-1
7	.....7.....	Force.....J. Lezcano.....	M. Casse.....3-1

11TH (6:37PM). \$50,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta			
1	.....1.....	Starago.....A. Arroyo.....	G. DiPrima.....30-1
2	.....2.....	Moon Track.....J. Ortiz.....	D. Duggan.....10-1
3	.....3.....	Hushhushmushmush.....J. Castellano.....	R. Rodriguez.....7-2
4	.....4.....	Whippo.....J. Lezcano.....	T. Bush.....6-1
5	.....5.....	Ten Twenty.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....	D. Donk.....4-1
6	.....6.....	O'Bear.....K. Carmouche.....	J. Hertler.....20-1
7	.....7.....	Elusive Talmo.....C. Velasquez.....	R. Schosberg.....6-1
8	.....8.....	Touch of Paradise.....E. Cancel.....	T. Albertrani.....5-1
9	.....9.....	Lotza Heat.....E. Trujillo.....	G. DiSanto.....15-1
10	.....10.....	Jacob's Here.....F. Jara.....	P. Quick.....30-1
11	.....11.....	Priest N the Rabbi.....R. Hernandez.....	W. Ward.....8-1
12	.....12.....	Soul Approval.....M. Franco.....	R. Hendriks.....15-1
13	.....AE.....	Scooby Dude.....I. Rodriguez.....	K. Feron.....20-1
14	.....AE.....	Plundering.....R. Hernandez.....	G. Contessa.....6-1
15	.....MTO.....	River of Magic.....M. Franco.....	G. Weaver.....4-1

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Race #

**1**

Manipulated  
Sudden Surprise  
No Entiendo

Sudden Surprise  
Manipulated  
Dr. Shane

Manipulated  
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Dr. Shane

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No Entiendo  
Dr. Shane

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Sudden Surprise  
No Entiendo

**2**

Forever In Love  
Sax Change  
There Goes Ben

Forever In Love  
There Goes Ben  
Sax Change

Sax Change  
Forever In Love  
Ro Bear

Sax Change  
There Goes Ben  
Forever In Love

Forever In Love  
Sax Change  
Ro Bear

**3**

Conquest Superstep  
Temper Mint patty  
Freddie Anne

Freddie Anne  
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Conquest Superstep  
Temper Mint Patty  
Freddie Anne

Temper Mint Patty  
Conquest Superstep  
Congaroo

Temper Mint Patty  
Freddie Anne  
Jc's Shooting Star

**4**

True Bet  
Mascarello  
Lead By Example

Lead By Example  
Dettifoss  
True Bet

Lead By Example  
True Bet  
Dettifoss

Dettifoss  
Lead By Example  
Scorecard Harry

Lead By Example  
Interior Secretary  
True Bet

**5**

She's All Ready  
Super Surprise  
Lemon Liqueur

She's All Ready  
Lemon Liqueur  
Backwood Bay

She's All Ready  
Lemon Liqueur  
Backwood Bay

She's All Ready  
Crowd Control  
Backwood Bay

She's All Ready  
Backwood Bay  
Lemon Liqueur

**6**

Taken By Surprise  
Miss Kew  
Table For Six

Taken By Surprise  
Table For Six  
Sheyn Vi Di Levone

Miss Kew  
Sheyn Vi Di Levone  
Table For Six

Corinthian's Joy  
Miss Kew  
Taken By Surprise

Sheyn Vi Di Levone  
Miss Kew  
Lady Lucky

**7**

Kharafa  
Lubash  
King Kreesa

Lubash  
King Kreesa  
Kharafa

Saratoga Snacks  
Lubash  
King Kreesa

King Kreesa  
Orino  
With Exultation

King Kreesa  
Kharafa  
Lubash

**8**

Stubbs  
Heated Verdict  
Irish Filibuster

Heated Verdict  
Stubbs  
Leaveematthegate

Stubbs  
Heated Verdict  
Leaveematthegate

Leaveematthegate  
Go Go Lucky  
Slapstick

Storm Prophet  
Stubbs  
Go Go Lucky

**9**

Discreet Marq  
Invading Humor  
The Tea Cups

Discreet Marq  
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Selenite

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The Tea Cups  
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Jet Majesty  
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Chrysolite

Discreet Marq  
Selenite  
Invading Humor

**10**

Force  
One Sided  
Bullheaded Boy

Force  
Bullheaded Boy  
One Sided

Force  
One Sided  
Bellamy Way

Force  
One Sided  
Battle Of Evermore

Battle Of Evermore  
Bullheaded Boy  
Bellamy Way

**11**

Touch Of Paradise  
Ten Twenty  
Hushhushmushmush

Moon Track  
Elusive Talmo  
Touch Of Paradise

Hushhushmushmush  
Ten Twenty  
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# Can't beat 'em...

## Private purchase Stormy Regatta wins

BY BRANDON VALVO

Christophe Clement watched Ricky Griffith's Stormy Regatta defeat his filly Mozambique Gold in an allowance-optional April 18 at Gulfstream Park. Clement determined he would not lose to Stormy Regatta again and to do that he convinced owner Everett Dobson to buy her.

"In the race that she won prior to my purchase, Clement had a horse in there that he really liked, and this filly beat her," said Dobson of his reason-

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Stormy Regatta (8) holds off Partisan Politics in Thursday's \$100,000 Riskaverse.

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# Riskaverse —

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ing behind the private purchase. “Brad Weisbord brokered the horse and we thought it would be a good purchase. Sent her off to Clement to see how much fun we could have with her up here, and sure enough.”

Sure enough, Stormy Regatta delivered Thursday, taking the \$100,000 Riskaverse Stakes under Irad Ortiz Jr. for Dobson’s Cheyenne Stables and Clement.

“Those that know me know that I enjoy the morning more than I do anything else,” said Dobson, who frequents the backstretch during training hours. “But winning stakes races at Saratoga is awfully, awfully special. I’m very, very happy for the team. The filly just ran great. I didn’t think she had the greatest trip into the first turn. She got position after that. Irad just rode her great after that. I couldn’t be more pleased.”

Dobson has enjoyed stakes success at Saratoga in the past. He owned Caleb’s Posse in a partnership with McNeil Stables and the son of Posse won the Grade 1 King’s Bishop in 2011. The Riskaverse was the first stakes victory in Saratoga for Cheyenne Stables as a sole owner, making the win all the more special.

Stormy Regatta stalked 1 ½ lengths off pace-set-

ting Greywalls in the early stages of the 1-mile turf race while carried wide into the first turn by Bugle. Despite the trouble, Stormy Regatta settled nicely, racing just off the pace and in the clear up the backstretch through a half-mile of :49.20.

Around the far turn, Ortiz angled Stormy Regatta three-wide and ranged up to confront the leaders through 6 furlongs in 1:13.92. In the stretch, Stormy Regatta hooked up with fast-closing Partisan Politics, holding off the post-time favorite by a nose to take the Riskaverse in 1:37.73. Partisan Politics was second while Eriluis Vaz guided Lola Beaux up the inside to finish third.

“The filly coming on the outside probably helped us a little bit,” Clement said. “I always believe that you get this little momentum when a horse comes on the outside of you. We just got to the wire in front. She’s very game, very game. Irad gave her a great trip. Very game filly. I’m delighted for Mr. Dobson. Life is good.”

“She was ready,” said Ortiz, who registered his 50th winner of the meet. “She gave me everything she had turning for home.”

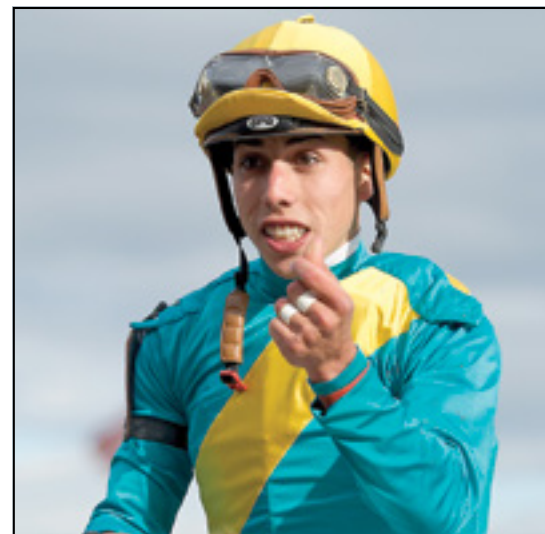
Stormy Regatta’s Riskaverse win is the second straight stakes victory for the 3-year-old daughter of Midshipman. She took the \$60,000 Little Silver Stakes July 26 at Monmouth Park.

“We were all in agreement; Monmouth seemed logical,” Dobson said. “She was stakes placed and we wanted to make her a stakes winner. We did that. Now we’re a winner at Saratoga. We were

pointing to this race (the Riskaverse) even before the race at Monmouth. They were spaced well, timing wise. We were thinking this would be the next logical spot.”

Although Dobson said he hopes there are “bigger and better things to come” with Stormy Regatta, Clement wasn’t ready to commit to the filly’s next race.

“Let’s just enjoy this for a few days and then I will come up with a plan,” he said.



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It was that close for Irad Ortiz Jr.

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# Empty Win

## Bob Le Beau wins spill-marred Grade 1

BY JOE AND SEAN CLANCY

Off a powerhouse flat win at Parx, Bob Le Beau looked live in the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial steeplechase here Aug. 6 and finished a middling fourth without making much headway in the stretch.

Three weeks later, going 2 1/2 furlongs farther, he dominated Thursday's Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup for The Fields Stable and Elizabeth Voss. The Irish-bred rated ninth of 10 early for Jack Doyle, rallied leaving the backside and outran Schoodic over the final quarter-mile to score by 7 1/4 lengths. Longshot Charminster rallied for third at 35-1 while race favorite, 2014 Eclipse Award winner Demonstrative, was pulled up in a race marred by the death of 2013 Eclipse winner Divine Fortune in a fall at the last fence.

"You can't enjoy it, it's hard on everybody," said Voss, who lost Makari in a similar fall in the 2014 Turf Writers. "We were standing there last year like they are this year."

Voss credited the step up in distance for Bob Le Beau's improved effort Thursday.

"He won at Radnor (in May) which is the exact same distance," Voss said. "His Smithwick wasn't very good, but we thought he'd like the longer distance. I know he's little and you think he should be sharper, but I think the little longer trip is better for him."

It sure looked like it Thursday.

Divine Fortune bounced to his customary spot on the lead, Syros tracked him in second, All Together and Schoodic found sweet spots in third and fourth. Favorite Demonstrative established a comfortable peg in fifth. Doyle placed Bob Le Beau near the back and outside, with just British import Hinterland behind him.

With a circuit to go, Divine Fortune continued to lope on the lead as Demonstrative lost another position and slid back to last. Bob Le Beau drafted behind the peloton, continuing to make positive ground.

Leaving the backside, Divine Fortune led a stacked quartet of Syros, All Together, Schoodic and Alajmal. With a choice of slinging outside past four rivals or taking a shot along the cones,



Tod Marks

Bob Le Beau and Jack Doyle are well clear at the finish of New York Turf Writers.

Doyle aimed Bob Le Beau for a sliver inside a tiring All Together. Turning for home, and saving ground, Bob Le Beau took aim at Divine Fortune while Schoodic tried to muster a rally.

Barging through the inside of All Together and squaring up to the outside of Divine Fortune, Bob Le Beau reached even terms with Divine Fortune, slammed in a short stride at the last and landed with the race firmly in his grasp. He skipped clear to a comfortable win over Schoodic and Charminster.

"I actually was happy enough, he switched off a lot better today, we thought he didn't really liked being crowded and in behind horses, but it worked out in the end," said Doyle. "Ideally, I didn't want to be that far back, but I was happy enough to stay there and let them go on and race in front. I turned in, with loads of horses, I couldn't believe how well he was going, he missed the last a little bit, it made no difference whether the horse stayed up, I was going by him."

Voss credited Doyle with the idea of outfitting Bob Le Beau with a hood for his races. Essentially a head cover, though not the new-fangled titanium numbers some horses wear, the black hood includes covers over the horse's ears, which minimizes noise and has a calming effect.

"He's always been a nervous horse and he

doesn't like you anywhere near his ears so you can't stick earplugs in him," she said. "Jack thought we should try this hood on him. On race-days we put it on him a couple hours before and it totally calms him. The sound and the pressure on their face is supposed to help them too. Whatever it is, we'll use it."

Bob Le Beau won for the second time over jumps in the United States, to go with six flat wins and two hurdle wins in Ireland. The \$90,000 payday raised his career bankroll to \$433,457 with stops in Ireland, Dubai and the U.S.

Voss couldn't help but think about her father, and his longtime client Betty Merck, afterward. Tom Voss died in January 2014, a few months after contemplating the purchase of Bob Le Beau for Merck's The Fields Stable. The horse's name came back around Elizabeth Voss' husband Gary Murray's list. Merck went for it, like she did throughout her life, and saw him run a few times last year. At 95, she died in April – leaving the horses to her son Laddie.

"How about this? Of course I'm thinking about Mom," he said in the winner's circle Thursday. "Of course, afterward people asked me about where we might run next. I'm just enjoying this. Mom's smiling somewhere, with Tom. You know it. She loved the racing and we said we were going to try to keep the stable going. We've got a bunch of homebreds coming along, too."



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# Back to Back

Roman Reign makes it two in a row since return to trainer Pugh

Peter Pugh got to know Roman Reign pretty well last summer and into the fall before she went to another trainer with designs on a few more starts to round out the year.

Roman Reign raced two more times in November and December, returned to Pugh in the spring when he returned from Florida and made it back to the races with a win in a July 1 state-bred maiden claiming race. The 4-year-old daughter of Roman

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Roman Reign wins second straight in Thursday's second race.

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# Thursday —

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Ruler made it two in a row in the second race Thursday to give Pugh his first win of the Saratoga Race Course meeting.

"I gave her to Lisa (Lewis) because we went to Florida for the winter and we wanted to run her a couple more times," Pugh said.

Owned by MFRG Racing Stable, Roman Reign finished fourth in two starts for Lewis at Aqueduct before taking the winter off. She won the July 1 race at 6 furlongs, the same distance as Thursday's \$16,000 claiming race.

"If you can't enjoy winning here, you don't enjoy winning anywhere that's for sure," Pugh said.

— **Billy Blake**

• Trainer Mike Hushion picked up his second win of the meet as Women Win wired the field in the fourth, a 6-furlong maiden special weight for state-breds.

The 3-year-old daughter of Yes It's True won by 11 ¼ lengths to end a string of four consecutive seconds for Hushion and owner-breeder Barry Schwartz.

"My granddaughter is very into women's things," Schwartz said. "We named one a few years ago Girls Rule, but that one didn't pan out so I had to try again."

Women Win's run of seconds included a runner-up July 26 at Saratoga and the bridesmaid efforts stretched back to April 17 at Aqueduct.

Women Win is out of Schwartz's stakes-placed Madame Diva.

— **Billy Blake**



Tod Marks

**Women Win checks the final time after her win for trainer Mike Hushion.**

• Michael Lauer picked up his first win of the meet when Dynamite Stick won the fifth, a \$40,000 claiming race going 5 ½ furlongs on the turf, at 19-1.

The 4-year-old Candy Ride gelding was coming off a distant ninth in a similar race Aug. 5 and was winless since last September at Indiana Downs.

• Unbridled Ocean relished some class relief in the sixth and came away with a victory in the three-other-than optional going 1 1/16 miles on the grass.

The 7-year-old son of Unbridled's Song faced the likes of Big Blue Kitten, Reload, Charming Kitten, Under Control and Mr Speaker in his last four starts.

He got up in the last jump to hand Mr. Online his second tough beat of the meet.

Owner/trainer David Jacobson claimed the winner for \$80,000.

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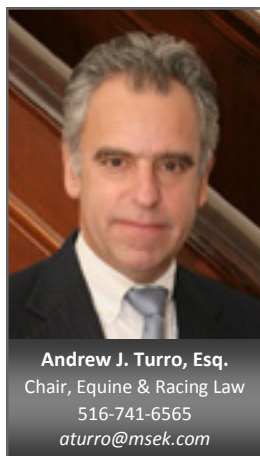
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10	Bob Le Beau (IRE)	J. Doyle	\$14.40	\$7.80	\$5.70
7	Schoodic	P. Young		\$8.30	\$6.70
5	Charminster (IRE)	C. Sloan			\$14.40

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2007, by Big Bad Bob (IRE) - Shine Silently (IRE) by Bering (GB)  
 Owner: The Fields Stable. Trainer: Elizabeth Voss.  
 Breeder: Anamoine Ltd (IRE).  
 Time: 4:35.09  
 Exacta (10-7), \$116.00; Superfecta (10-7-5-3), \$26,805.00; Trifecta (10-7-5), \$2,502.00

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

5	Roman Reign	L. Saez	\$9.90	\$4.40	\$2.60
6	Dunn Listening	A. Arroyo		\$3.50	\$2.50
4	Tia Lana	J. Lezcano			\$2.80

Dk B/ Br Filly 2011, by Roman Ruler - Dixie Doree by Dixie Brass  
 Owner: MFRG Racing Stable. Trainer: Peter Pugh.  
 Breeder: MFRG Racing Stable (NY).  
 Late Scratches: Enduring Touch  
 Claimed: Samus claimed by The Players Group for \$16,000  
 Time: 1:11.92  
 Daily Double (10-5), \$72.50; Exacta (5-6), \$35.40; Quinella (5-6), \$13.20; Superfecta (5-6-4-1), \$241.00; Trifecta (5-6-4), \$129.50

## THIRD \$45,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLAIMING \$40,000, 3 & UP, 6F

6	Call Me Stoney	K. Carmouche	\$8.60	\$3.70	\$2.80
8	Apache Warrior	A. Murgia		\$5.10	\$3.30
2	My Tommy Boy	C. Velasquez			\$2.60

B Gelding 2012, by Bustin Stones - Appollo North by Polish Numbers  
 Owner: Valente, Roddy J. and Lemme, Thomas. Trainer: Bruce Levine.  
 Breeder: Roddy Valente & Thomas Lemme (NY).  
 Late Scratches: Thank You  
 Time: 1:11.33  
 Daily Double (5-6), \$43.40; Exacta (6-8), \$56.50; Superfecta (6-8-2-7), \$680.00; Trifecta (6-8-2), \$234.00; Pic 3 (10-5-6), \$266.00

## FOURTH \$73,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 & UP, 6F

1A	Women Win	J. Ortiz	\$5.70	\$2.90	\$2.10
2	Stone Supplier	J. Velazquez		\$5.00	\$2.60
4	Royalton	J. Castellano			\$2.40

Ch Filly 2012, by Yes It's True - Madame Diva by Mr. Greeley  
 Owner: Schwartz, Barry, K.. Trainer: Michael Hushion.  
 Breeder: Stonewall Farm (NY).  
 Time: 1:09.75  
 Daily Double (6-1), \$25.80; Exacta (1-2), \$25.80; Quinella (1-2), \$13.20; Superfecta (1-2-4-3), \$63.00; Trifecta (1-2-4), \$39.40; Pic 3 (5-6-1), \$115.50

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

4	Dynamite Stick	E. Cancel	\$40.80	\$12.60	\$4.30
1	Polar Axis	I. Rodriguez		\$5.90	\$3.30
3	Ogermeister	J. Castellano			\$2.20

B Gelding 2011, by Candy Ride (ARG) - Mocha Queen by Cozzene  
 Owner: Lauer, Michael, E.. Trainer: Michael Lauer.  
 Breeder: Michael E. Lauer, Jack Danehy, Barry Ward & Terry Ward (IN).  
 Late Scratches: Bow Tie Affair, Slimshady, Malibu Charlie  
 Time: 1:03.59  
 Daily Double (1-4), \$102.00; Exacta (4-1), \$234.00; Superfecta (4-1-3-8), \$934.00; Trifecta (4-1-3), \$456.50; Consolation Double (1-5), \$5.30; Consolation Double (1-7), \$5.30; Pic 3 (6-1-4), \$452.50; (6-1-5), \$19.40; (6-1-7), \$19.40

## SIXTH \$93,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

1	Unbridled Ocean	J. Velazquez	\$8.90	\$4.90	\$3.10
6	Mr. Online	K. Carmouche		\$7.50	\$4.20
4	Slim Shadey (GB)	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$2.90

Gr/ro Horse 2008, by Unbridled's Song - Ocean Drive by Belong to Me  
 Owner: Hartunian, Gary. Trainer: William Mott.  
 Breeder: SyBon Racing Stable LLC & RacehorseManagement, (KY).  
 Late Scratches: Anchor Down  
 Claimed: Unbridled Ocean claimed by Jacobson, David for \$80,000  
 Time: 1:44.11  
 Daily Double (4-1), \$267.00; Exacta (1-6), \$56.00; Superfecta (1-6-4-5), \$408.00; Trifecta (1-6-4), \$186.00; Pic 3 (1-4-1), \$502.00; (1-5/7-1), \$22.40; Pic 4 (6-1-4-1), \$5,128.00; Pic 5 (5-6-1-4-1), \$35,197.00

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

9	Dot Product	M. Franco	\$22.20	\$9.00	\$4.90
5	No Tunes	J. Lezcano		\$9.70	\$6.10
2	Cool Comfort	R. Hernandez			\$4.00

B Filly 2012, by Langfuhr - Aunt Dot Dot by Gulch  
 Owner: Allread, Neal, M.. Trainer: Jeremiah Englehart.  
 Breeder: Truxton Stables (NY).  
 Time: 1:04.20  
 Daily Double (1-9), \$110.50; Exacta (9-5), \$203.00; Superfecta (9-5-2-4), \$7,386.00; Trifecta (9-5-2), \$1,002.00; Pic 3 (4-1-9), \$3,785.00

## EIGHTH \$100,000, STAKES - RISKVERSE S., 3 YO, 1M

8	Stormy Regatta	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$13.40	\$5.50	\$3.10
3	Partisan Politics	J. Castellano		\$2.80	\$2.20
9	Lola Beaux (GB)	E. Vaz			\$5.10

B Filly 2012, by Midshipman - Storm Front by A.P. Indy  
 Owner: Cheyenne Stables LLC. Trainer: Christophe Clement.  
 Breeder: Pleasant Hill Partners (KY).  
 Late Scratches: Aljalela, Enchantress, Love's Illusion  
 Time: 1:37.73  
 Daily Double (9-8), \$222.50; Exacta (8-3), \$34.60; Superfecta (8-3-9-5), \$3,114.00; Trifecta (8-3-9), \$332.50; Pic 3 (1-9-8), \$1,042.00

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

6	Big Family	E. Cancel	\$17.20	\$8.50	\$4.80
3	The Big Deluxe	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$7.70	\$3.80
7	Decent	J. Castellano			\$2.60

Dk B/ Br Colt 2012, by Any Given Saturday - She'll Be Right by Sky Mesa  
 Owner: Grupo Seven C Stable. Trainer: Gustavo Delgado.  
 Breeder: Woods Edge Farm LLC (KY).  
 Late Scratches: Energetico  
 Time: 1:02.80  
 Daily Double (8-6), \$221.00; Exacta (6-3), \$136.00; Superfecta (6-3-7-4), \$1,461.00; Trifecta (6-3-7), \$445.00; Pic 3 (9-8-6), \$2,916.00; Place Pix Nine (1/4/6-2/5/9-3/8/9-5), \$112.50

## TENTH. \$39,000 MDN CLM \$25,000 NY-BRED, 6F

7	Proletariat	L.Saez	11.20	6.10	4.20
4	Rich Dalone	J. Ortiz		6.00	4.30
3	Hundred Percent	A.Arroyo			4.00

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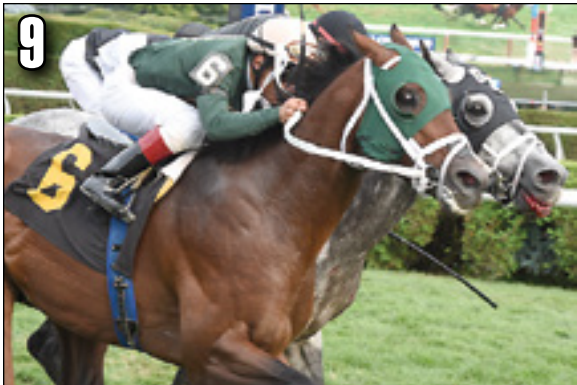
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# Fortune

Last fall, I went for a ride with Divine Fortune. With Keri Brion aboard, he sauntered out of the barn, stepping with a leggy reach that said, "Hey let's go train." He was 11, coming off a rough fall at Belmont Park a month earlier, and it was the attitude that struck me.

He led the set. He carried his chestnut head high. He slapped his front feet out when we started to trot and reluctantly slowed to a walk when we turned left to walk down a lane toward the galloping field at trainer Jonathan Sheppard's Pennsylvania farm. I was on a semi-retired racehorse, and mostly holding on, but I could feel Divine Fortune. He was happy to be there. Walking along, he put on a show, the Thoroughbred at its best.

We galloped up a steep hill in a field, mostly just something to do as his race was four days away and the serious training was finished. He started slowly, hammered his hind legs for power to get up the incline, then floated over the top. Slowing to a walk, he drew great breaths of air and stared far into the distance. He couldn't have known I was there to write an article, couldn't have known his seven-years-younger stablemate All The Way Jose needed a role model, couldn't have known that he looked like a horse in a movie.

Walking back to the barn, Divine Fortune made Brion smile with a silly head-shaking, neck-snapping maneuver that still proves difficult to explain.

In October, I put it like this but it's not quite right either: *Part twitch, part habit and all "Hey look at me!" the 11-year-old cranks his head all the way to the left – while walking straight ahead – holds it for a beat, then zips it back in one, swift pull. Then he goes back to walking. Then he does it all again. And again. And again.*

The point of my visit was to see if he still had anything left. He'd won an Eclipse Award (at 10) the year before, won a Grade 1 in May, but pulled up as the heavy favorite at Saratoga in July and fell like some-



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cost him his life Thursday. Battling for the lead in the New York Turf Writers Cup, his fifth start in the race and his 43rd in a jump race, he fell at the last fence and broke his shoulder. It was one of those falls. You kind of knew. You didn't want to know. But you did.

He was surely tired. He was definitely brave. Probably reckless too. But that's how he did it. Divine Fortune didn't chip in at the last fence, Divine Fortune went for it, flew at it, fired with whatever he had for Sheppard, Brion, owner Bill Pape, anyone else who ever appreciated a brave Thoroughbred.

Like that walk in October, he did it his way and nobody knows why.

I saw the fall and felt it, especially when he didn't get up right away. In 2012, he fell at the same spot, scrambled to his feet and jumped a fence past the

one pushed him off a ledge at Belmont Park in September.

I left knowing that, yes, the old man still had it. Four days after my visit, Divine Fortune finished second in the Grade 1 Grand National. A month later, he won the Grade 1 Colonial Cup.

That's the way Divine Fortune was – all in – and it

wire without a jockey just to show everyone he could do it. Thursday, he stayed down. Veterinarians, jockey Darren Nagle, Sheppard, Brion and others were there in seconds and Divine Fortune eventually stood up and walked on to the ambulance but the damage was done. He was euthanized because you can't fix broken shoulders, not in horses.

When it happens, people want to know why or how. They wonder how jump racing can be so dangerous, but still exist. I struggle for an answer. It's not that dangerous, it's just magnified here, I say. Horses have been competing in jump races for 260-some years. There are people who think flat racing is too dangerous. They don't watch it and don't participate.

There are no easy answers.

I wrote a similar column after Makari died doing the same thing at the same spot in the same race last year. When falls happen, jump racing is bad. But I don't think it's cruel or barbaric. I think the horses like it, I know they like the life they get. I know it's a delicate, fragile balance for the humans involved – just as it is for people responsible for flat horses. Divine Fortune could have been retired. He also could have died in one of those earlier falls. If you enter a horse in a race – any race – there's a chance he or she might not come back.

I saw Brion, Sheppard's assistant and Divine Fortune's biggest fan, after the race. She had blood on her arms. Her face wasn't really a color. She stood just outside the winner's circle and leaned on a fencepost. She didn't sob, not then, though she probably did and will. She just tried to speak for her horse.

"He does that, he tries so hard and then he doesn't even let himself just fall. He tries to save himself and falls harder and worse," she said. "It's not fair. It's not the way he was supposed to go out. But that's what he loved to do."

It still hurts.

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Coming home from Deadline 26 Wednesday night, I stepped onto my porch and noticed that something looked different. I thought, 'Did they trim the bushes?' as I stepped over a forlorn golf cart charger, it laid across the porch like an IV drip, pulled from a dead man's arm.

My golf cart was missing.

I found the key, like holding a box of cereal without a bowl. I asked my wife, Annie, if she had seen the golf cart. She had not. My natural instinct, when faced with strife or discord is to call it a night and hope it's better in the morning. My wife, the youngest of seven Greeks from Alabama, believes that it will only get better with a head-on collision.

"You need to call the police."

I grunted and walked outside. Nearing midnight, I searched in the bushes behind the house, up and down the street looking for my trusted comrade, we've been together for 36 days. She was nowhere to be seen.

My mind raced.

Do I have insurance for this? Did I leave it somewhere and can't remember where? What am I going to do with 600 papers being delivered at 4:45 in the morning? I wondered who would have stolen, borrowed or pulled a prank?

Jack Fisher. My loyal friend, who stays at the house, decided to play a joke and hid it, kind of like stealing the Travers Canoe.

Bob Baffert? They needed a golf cart for security to follow American Pharoah to the track in the morning. I would have gladly donated it to that cause.

The Pink Sheet? They had declared war on our distribution system, tired of us taking market share.

"What are you doing?" Annie yelled out the door.

"Blowing off steam."

"You need to call the police."

I called the police at 11:40.

"I'd like to report a stolen golf cart..."

"Do you want us to dispatch a cruiser?"

I reluctantly said yes and a cop car zoomed up Caroline Street minutes later. It slowed to a halt and I walked to the car door.

"He'll bark at you," the cop said.

"What?"

Then he barked and I lurched, backward, into the metal gate. I couldn't see in the car, but I could hear the bark. A dog started to bark, in response, farther down Caroline, then another one in a yard on Salem Drive. A chorus, a cacophony.

We discussed the situation.

"Golf cart."

"Yup."

"When did you see it last?"

"After the last race, about 6, maybe."

"What's it look like?"

"Green."

"Got a serial number?"

"No."

"Know what it's worth?"

"No."

"They usually turn up inside the gates, somebody takes them for a joy ride."

"Yeah, that's what I'm thinking."

"Do you want to file a report?"

"I don't know, I just thought if you see a golf cart driving down the street, you'll know it's mine."

"Yeah. You should call NYRA."

"NYRA?" I'm thinking, Chris Kay is not dealing with my golf cart.

The cop (I wish I had his name) couldn't have been more cordial and professional. He took down my name, my number and said he would talk to NYRA security.

My phone rang at 1:07, I missed the call. It rang again at 1:21, I missed the call. An hour later, my front door rattled, I leapt out of bed, ran around in circles, wondering and wishing for clarity. I pulled

on a shirt and a pair of jeans and opened the door.

"You want your golf cart? We found it."

No socks, no phone, no house keys, I climbed in the car, as Rin Tin Tin tried to break down the barrier between the seats, we zoomed down Caroline, East and through the security gate.

There she was, abandoned, alone, in the grass parking lot between the Oklahoma track and Fasig-Tipton. Copies of The Special, still on the dashboard. Three men, flash lights, couple of cars, it looked like Elliott Ness breaking the case.

"This your cart?"

"Yup."

"You're the paper guy. I see you every morning, full of papers early and empty late."

"Yeah, that's me."

I shook hands with my trusted friend from Saratoga Police and the three security guards. They nodded, shook off the gratitude and turned to get in their cars, before they did, one asked me a question.

"Like anything tomorrow?"

- Champion Divine Fortune fell at the last in Thursday's New York Turf Writers Cup and was euthanized after breaking his shoulder. Thursday evening, I received an email from a reader, Doug McGuirk.

He asked, "Can you help me and so many other fans reconcile our love of Saratoga, horses, racing and everything surrounding it with the loss of such a wonderful champion?"

I wish I could, Doug, I wish I could, but it's a hard day for reconciliation. Joe wrote a tribute to Divine Fortune, one of the greatest to ever grace our game.

He wrote it for all of us – it helped me to read it, hopefully it will help you as well. See page 32.



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