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Connie Bush

Dead Heat. Travers winners Golden Ticket (left) and Alpha (right) drew a crowd after the historic Grade 1 finish Saturday. The person who names the most people in the photo and e-mails it to the Special, gets an Embrace The Race hat and a Best of the Special book.

WORTH REPEATING The Special's quotes from Saratoga

"Reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated."

Multiple defending Special handicapping champion John Shapazian (paraphrasing Mark Twain): Shapazian is trying to make a late-season charge from five down to Gaile Fitzgerald with five days to go.

"No, it's the only place to eat over there."

Trainer Chad Brown, when someone asked if the Central Avenue McDonald's was his favorite hangout in hometown of Mechanicville back in the day

"I have some text messages."

Jim Riccio, owner of King's Bishop winner Willy Beamin, in the understatement of the meet

"Claim some horses."

Riccio, on what he's going to do with the \$300,000 earned in the King's Bishop

"What, are they trying to kill me?"

Janine in the trustees room, as the Travers dead heat was announced

"I'm a farmer with a set of spurs now."

Goldmark Farm's Karl Keegan, who was much more visible at the track when he was a valet

"Whether or not to get two canoes was a 'conundrum,' or is it a 'canoendrum.'"
Sent to us by Marilyn Lane

"It's that dapple spray he uses."

Exercise rider Carole Williams, to a 'she's got some dapples' comment about a 2-year-old of Barclay Tagg's

"You're supposed to be rescuing people, not stuffing your faces."

Tagg, to an outsider with a brown bag of snacks on the saddle

"We did our own fox hunts, make trails in the woods. We would make believe. My father had a riding academy in the state park, there were plenty of woodman trails, we would make believe we were hunting. Racehorses loved it. Good riders on them, pop them over things. We had fields, we would gallop them in the fields, must be real good for steeplechasers."

Allen Jerkens, asked if he ever fox hunted

"Yeah, but there were two."

Trainer Todd Pletcher, when reminded of the adage, "Don't be scared of one horse," after upsetting champion Royal Delta and multiple Grade I stakeswinner It's Tricky in the Personal Ensign

"It's up there with the best ones. The World Cup is hard to ever top, the Breeders' Cup Classic . . . but, yeah, this is a great one."

Kiaran McLaughlin, after winning the Travers

"Sleep is for when you're dead, or when you're up all night waiting for your daughter to get home from the prom."

Tom Gallo, when told the Special staff has to sleep some time.

"I found a Golden Ticket."

Steeplechase jockey Willie Dowling, after sending a photo of the Travers winner crossing Fifth Avenue at 7:42 Saturday night

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Tod Marks

Two's A Crowd. The traditional Travers paddock lawn jockey picked up a partner after Saturday's dead heat between Golden Ticket and Alpha.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1:** Owner on the rail Tuesday morning (rainy, last Tuesday of the meet, first Tuesday after Travers).
- 2:** Saratoga Grade 1 steeplechase stakes winners bred by Gainsborough Farm. Demonstrative (New York Turf Writers Cup) and Spy In The Sky (A.P. Smithwick) both hail from the Kentucky program.
- 5:** Ports in the NYRA press conference microphone system (they might need to get some more if these Grade 1 dead heats keep happening).
- 4:41:** Time it took Beau Choix to jog the wrong way from the wire to the three-quarter pole Tuesday morning.
- 62.10:** \$2 win-bet profit, still, for jockey Wilmer Garcia at the meet. His 10 winners (from 133 rides) have paid a combined \$328.10 – a high of \$60.50 and a low of \$8.80.

WEATHER

Today: Sunny. High 76, low 52. Turn off the fans, get the quarter sheets.
Thursday: Sunny. High 84, low 59.
Friday: Sunny. High 93, low 66.



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"Another thing that goes in trends, you look back at those old pictures, every horse had blinkers, and closed ones. I remember when I was real young, they started putting figure eights on them, then all of a sudden, nobody used them, now you never see a horse without them. A lot of times, I'd see a horse fighting the tongue tie in the paddock and I'd take it off, a lot of them won, a lot of them didn't win."

– Allen Jerkens, about equipment

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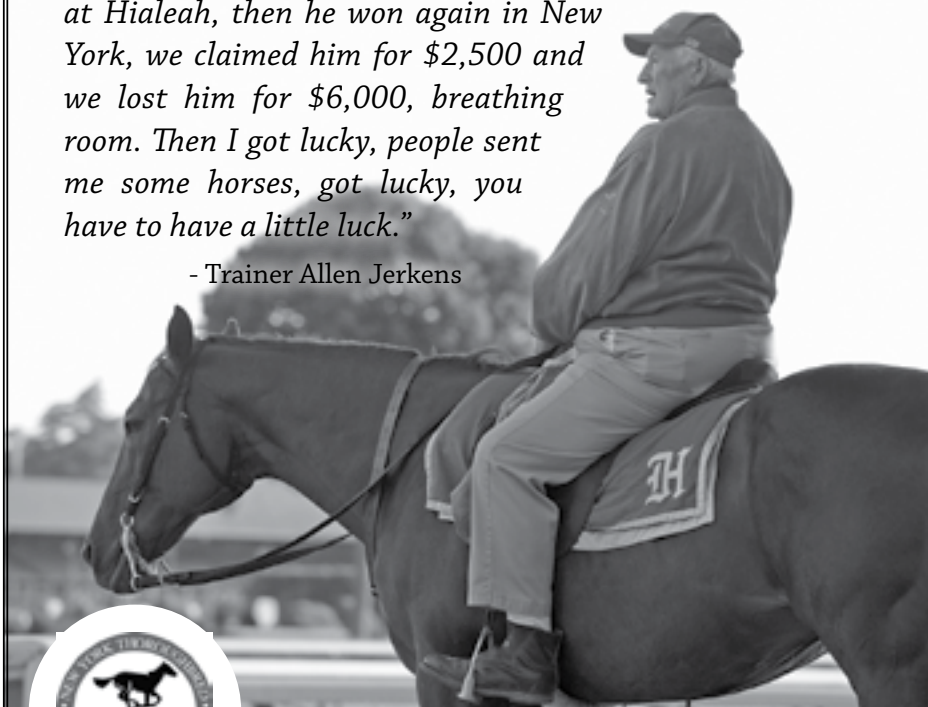
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"I used to read a lot, watch Fitzsimmons, watch what the other guys are doing. You get your own, that makes you learn. In fact, Preston Burch said that, nothing teaches you more than having your own money in them. That horse that won in Florida with Steve DiMauro's father, the old man when he had the bug, that time, man was that ever important. Me and another guy had him in partners. Right after my father died and my wife was having our first child, and she was in New York and I went down to Florida, he won at Hialeah, then he won again in New York, we claimed him for \$2,500 and we lost him for \$6,000, breathing room. Then I got lucky, people sent me some horses, got lucky, you have to have a little luck."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens



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Irish Miss

Brown's import makes United States debut in 2-year-old turf stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

Chad Brown has enjoyed plenty of success with European imports, with the likes of Zagora, Stacelita and Desert Blanc winning Grade 1 stakes for the 34-year-old trainer. Usually, older, established horses come to Brown to take advantage of the American buffet line of turf stakes around the country.

Today, Brown unveils Irish-bred Watsdachances, in the P.G. Johnson Stakes, a 1 1/16-mile turf stakes for 2-year-old fillies. The eighth race is one of three stakes on the card and attracted a field of 10 plus two main-track-only entrants.

Brown's import follows a well-worn path, but she's far from established (yet), winning once from two starts in Ireland in April. The daughter of Diamond Green finished third in her debut at Cork before winning a maiden at Navan April 29. Purchased by Michael Kisber and Bradley Thoroughbreds, the bay filly has enjoyed a long transition to the American scene after joining Brown's barn in May. She posted her first breeze, a 3-furlong move on the Oklahoma dirt, June 6. Since then, she's basically worked every week, gradually building to three strong 5-furlong moves over the Oklahoma turf.

She's ready.



Tod Marks

P.G. Johnson starter Broken Spell captures a maiden race at today's distance here Aug. 19.

"She came to me right away, she's had plenty of time to acclimate," Brown said. "People say to run them right off the plane, but I'm not seeing that, she's had plenty of time and I'm impressed. She's really adapted to our program from day one. To think she started over in Europe but there was no adjustment, she trains like my horses who have been here the whole time. I'm very impressed with her."

According to the Racing Post, she won her maiden impressively as well.

A pretty impressive performance from Watsdachances and the bare form does suggest that she has improved from what was a very promising Cork debut. It also seems to be further proof that initial impressions of the strength of the Cork maiden won by Liberating as being a good race is very close to the mark.

She broke smartly and gradually wound it up

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Big Man

Beau Choix part of classy field in \$100,000 turf test

BY JOE CLANCY

Beau Choix could be your buddy from college. You know the guy. He's big, he drinks as much free beer as you'll give him, he's successful enough to make you jealous but he's not going to overwhelm you with it.

"He's really laid back, he'd stand here all day if I let him," said Robin Smullen, while aboard the chestnut Tuesday morning. To emphasize the point, she reached up and rubbed his forelock, letting it fall back just so between his ears. He shook his head and the hair went crazy again – sticking up like Alfalfa after a bad night's sleep. Then he and Smullen went for a jog on the main track, splish-splashing through the mud a day before a race.

Owned by Belle Meadows Farm and Lael Stable, Beau Choix seeks his first win in more than a year in the Win Stakes, a 1-mile restricted turf race carded as today's sixth. The \$100,000 race lured a tough field of nine including stakes regulars Right One, Beau Choix, Paris Vegas, Yield Bogey, Hoofit, Scotus and Swift Warrior.

The 4-1 second choice for trainer Barclay Tagg, Beau Choix exits a narrow loss to Paris Vegas in an optional claimer at today's distance here Aug. 6. The chestnut won the Quick Call Stakes here in 2010,



Dave Harmon

Paris Vegas (left) and Beau Choix were this close at Saratoga Aug. 6 and line up again today.

placed in the Grade 1 Jamaica that year and won a stakes at Belmont in 2011. He's lost eight in a row since, finding life tough in the air between allowance and stakes horse.

"He's won three minor stakes but he just misses being a good horse, a really good horse," said Tagg. "He ran great last time, just got beat. He's on his game. He belongs in the race."

A robust chestnut by Elusive Quality, Beau Choix wears the biggest girth in the barn – bigger even than Tagg's big-barrelled Kentucky Derby winner Funny Cide, who once tipped the scales at 1,240 pounds.

"They said that was the most a horse ever weighed on that scale in Florida, and this horse wears a bigger girth," said Smullen. "I don't know what he weighs

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P.G. Johnson —

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from halfway, galloping away from her rivals from a furlong out and keeping it up to the line. Racing on ground probably softer than ideal and doing it the hard way into a considerable headwind took both class and courage, and she's one to give a fair bit of respect to when she turns up in a stakes race.

Instead, she turned up in Brown's barn at Saratoga.

"They have different programs and sometimes they take a little time to accept a different way of training, a different system, behaviorally. That would be the biggest thing. The way they feed them, the way we train them," Brown said. "I would have predicted with a 2-year-old, it would have been a little more challenging, but, in fact, she's actually been very smooth. She's blended in nicely. We usually have 3- and 4-year-olds,

at different stages of their careers. The rain shouldn't have hurt her, I'm liking what I'm seeing."

Javier Castellano rides at 4-1.

Todd Pletcher has loaded three stones into his sling-shot for the \$100,000 stakes — Top Tier Lass, Skyfall and Tara From The Cape.

Lets Go Stable's Top Tier Lass won her debut by 7 lengths going 5 1/2 furlongs over good turf here July 30. The daughter of Street Boss cost \$60,000 at OBS March, she's had two works on the main track since her handy debut. The chestnut filly, 2-1 favorite on the morning line, breaks from the rail and attracts John Velazquez, who also rode Skyfall to break her maiden.

Skyfall represents Glencrest Farm. The daughter of More Than Ready won an off-the-turf maiden here Aug. 5 at 7 furlongs. The homebred won her debut by three-quarters of a length. She breezed once over the main track since her victory. Julien Leparoux rides.

Pletcher tabbed Ramon Dominguez for his final entry, Tara From The Cape. The chestnut daughter of Leroidesanimaux won her debut at Woodbine in June,

was sold to Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gary Barber and joined Pletcher's barn. She won the Tuck Greene Stakes at Delaware Aug. 2.

Christophe Clement unleashed Da Mi Basia Mille to win her debut July 23, rallying from 11 lengths off the lead to win by 1 1/4 lengths in the 1 1/16-mile turf maiden. Jose Lezcano has the return engagement on the Henry Prieger and David Lester-owned daughter of Pure Prize.

Wayne Lukas sends out meet winner Broken Spell for Bluegrass Hall and jockey Rajiv Maragh. Wesley Ward entered Belmont maiden winner Almost An Angel for Ice Wine Stable and jockey Kent Desormeaux and Go Kitten Go for Ken and Sarah Ramsey and jockey Elvis Trujillo. The latter won her debut at Colonial Downs in June before finishing third in the Colleen at Monmouth Park August 12.

Wayne Catalano sends out an entry for Gary and Mary West. Maiden Oscar Party attracts Joel Rosario and Arlington maiden winner Incredible Journey gets Miguel Mena.

Win Stakes —

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and I'm not exactly sure how tall he is, but he's a big boy. He gets his two Guinness a day in his feed, but we had to put him on a diet because he'll eat anything you put in front of him."

Bred in Kentucky by his owners, the 5-year-old sits on the verge of \$300,000 in career earnings. Junior Alvarado rides from the outside post.

French import Right One looks to end a losing streak of his own for Ghislane Head and trainer Christophe Clement. The 3-1 favorite hasn't won since taking the Grade 3 Jaipur at Belmont in July 2011. Since, he's finished third in the Grade 1 Woodbine Mile, third in the Grade 2 Commonwealth and third in the 2012 Jaipur. He makes

his Saratoga debut off a fifth in the Grade 3 Poker July 4. Julien Leparoux rides from post seven.

Merrifield Farm's Paris Vegas defeated Beau Choix by a head at 14-1 here Aug. 6 and looks to repeat for trainer Tom Voss. Joel Rosario takes the return call on the 5-year-old. Fox Ridge Farm's veteran Yield Bogey eyes his first win since June 2010. Like the others, he's been close with placings in the Jaipur and Poker the last two years. Edgar Prado rides for trainer Pat Kelly at 5-1.

Swift Warrior breaks from the rail for owners James Covello and James Dolan while making his first start since April 1. The 4-year-old son of First Samurai owns a stakes win on Polytrack and a Grade 3 placing on turf.

"He's doing great, just happy to see him back," said trainer John Terranova. "He came back with a few good runs

off a long layoff early this year, he's freshened up and is ready to go here. We took a shot in the Mervin Muniz, he didn't get beat far, he should have won the Tampa Bay stakes, just couldn't get out in time, he was 11th at the top of the stretch, he just flew, it was unbelievable, just missed. He's coming back great, I'm looking forward to running him."

Nine O Wonderful streaks in off back-to-back wins for GC Capital Partners and trainer James Bond. Rosie Napravnik rides the 4-year-old son of Royal Academy at 8-1. Longshot Perfect Footprint won five of 14 tries in 2011 but is winless in five starts this year for trainer David Figueroa and Boice Brook Stable.

Gill Johnston's New Zealand import Hoofit heads back to the turf off two starts on synthetic surfaces for trainer Graham Motion. The 5-year-



Beau Choix

Connie Bush

old won a Grade 2 sprinting last year. John Velazquez takes the ride at 12-1. Trainer Ken McPeck entered Scotus for owner Peter Callahan. The 4-year-old makes his second career turf start, the first one a third in a stakes at Churchill Downs. Alan Garcia rides.

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Waiting Game

Slot Play gets a second chance in New York-bred juvenile stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

The breeze drew a crowd. A cool Thursday morning at the Oklahoma track, Rajiv Maragh and Slot Play put in their final half-mile breeze before today's David Stakes. The New York-bred colt sat well off his John Terranova stablemate before rolling through on the inside to finish on the bridle and on even terms.

The Sovereign Stable team watched, approved and continued to count down the days from Slot Play's maiden win June 28 to the \$100,000 stakes for New York-breds, today's third race and first of three stakes.

The breeze took 49 seconds. The wait has taken 61 days.

Slot Play surprised Terranova – and bettors – with a polished score in his debut at Belmont June 28. Sent off at 12-1, the homebred ran hard and repelled Richiesbronzbomber to win by a half-length.

The win changed the plan. "I really didn't think he was super tight going into his first race, I expected to get a good run into him, get a good race under his belt, and come up here and hopefully break his maiden," Terranova said. "You never know, he was

DAVID STAKES PREVIEW

game in his first race, he showed more than I expected, I knew he was a nice horse but we didn't really hone on him going into his first race. He was very immature when he started and he needed a little time to develop, he's certainly got it, he's trained on real forwardly since, he's ready to go."

Winning a New York-bred 2-year-old race in June is nice, it just doesn't leave you with many options.

"He came through, then we had to sit tight and wait for something to come up," Terranova said. "We had zero options unless we wanted to go open company but we didn't think that was the right move at the time."

Terranova waited three weeks after the maiden win to breeze Slot Play, going an easy 5 furlongs at Belmont July 18. He followed that with a 3-furlong breeze at Belmont Aug. 1 before arriving in Saratoga in time for a 5-furlong breeze on the main track Aug. 9 and a gate drill Aug. 16. The final tightener came six days ago.

For Terranova, the wait's been simply part of the deal.

"I guess for some it could be good and for some it could be bad. He's a very sound horse, he was very immature for the most part going into the first race, I don't think the time hurt him at all, if anything, it helped him," Terranova said. "We idled with him for a little while, then started tightening things up the last few breezes and he's done very well. We waited a little bit, gave him something to do, and then started to get him cranked for this."

Slot Play drew the rail for his second career start. He'll have five rivals to his outside, but showed plenty of speed in his debut to be able to establish a position. The son of Discreet Cat will be treated with Lasix for the first time.

"We'll play it off the break. He broke well the first time, if he breaks well from the inside, there's no sense taking anything away from him," Terranova said. "It's nice, he's a homebred, we had the mare for them, she was a nice filly. I think it was a foal share, he went through the ring here last summer, it was a no-brainer to buy him. I said 'you can't sell him, he's a good looking horse.'"

Weekend Hideaway attracted the morning-line favorite's role for Red and Black Stable and trainer Phil Serpe. The son of Speightstown finished second during the first weekend here before returning to win a New York-bred maiden over a sloppy track Aug. 10. Jose Lezcano has the return call.

Awesome Weekend is the second choice on the morning line for McConnell Racing and Darlene Bilinski. Trained by Gary Contessa, the son of Any Given Saturday won a New York-bred maiden in the mud July 29 after finishing third



Tod Marks

Weekend Hideaway splashes home with an easy maiden win here Aug. 10.

behind Slot Play at Belmont. Ramon Dominguez returns.

Dominic Galluscio entered two in the David. Cay To Pomeroy won his debut at Belmont in May before finishing last against open company in the Track Baron. Freshened since, the son of Pomeroy attracts Javier Castellano. Becker's Galaxy enters off a fifth in his career debut, on the turf here just nine days ago. Owned by Francis Paolangel, the son of Greeley's Galaxy gets Alan Garcia.

Rudy Rodriguez sends out the aptly named Mr Rodriguez for Michael Imperio and Elizabeth Loftus. Cornelio Velasquez guided the son of Chapel Royal to an 8-length win at Belmont in May and returns for the ride. Mr Rodriguez drilled 5 furlongs in 59 2/5 nine days ago.

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Name	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Ramon Dominguez	241	57	46	36	\$4,206,890
Javier Castellano	224	40	34	31	\$3,006,568
Jose Lezcano	175	29	31	24	\$2,077,447
John Velazquez	118	26	13	11	\$3,195,410
Joel Rosario	185	23	24	29	\$1,839,547
Junior Alvarado	170	21	23	25	\$2,038,956
Julien Leparoux	160	21	25	16	\$1,771,102
Rosie Napravnik	178	17	18	18	\$1,552,624
Rajiv Maragh	182	15	20	19	\$1,291,086
Irad Ortiz Jr.	183	14	21	21	\$1,608,629
Cornelio Velazquez	130	12	16	19	\$874,025
Alan Garcia	81	11	7	11	\$1,143,948
Eddie Castro	107	11	9	11	\$880,444
Wilmer Garcia	133	10	11	9	\$617,482
David Cohen	84	7	13	10	\$1,032,574
Edgar Prado	93	7	11	13	\$640,898

Owners

Name	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Repole Stable	40	11	9	4	\$529,509
Klaravich Stables & Bill Lawrence	40	9	8	7	\$711,521
Ken & Sarah Ramsey	38	6	7	2	\$482,684
Godolphin Racing	9	4	0	2	\$1,405,150
Phipps Stable	19	4	2	1	\$588,686
Juddmonte Farms	12	4	4	1	\$308,332
Stonestreet Stables	6	4	0	2	\$280,500
Flying Zee Racing Stables	14	4	1	2	\$226,228
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Trainers

Name	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Todd Pletcher	117	30	18	11	\$2,710,528
Chad Brown	78	22	19	11	\$1,511,122
Steve Asmussen	56	11	9	9	\$816,668
George Weaver	51	10	1	7	\$503,773
Tony Dutrow	35	9	6	3	\$459,991
Bruce Levine	41	9	10	3	\$439,418
Bill Mott	72	8	14	11	\$1,242,430
Christophe Clement	41	8	7	7	\$606,179
Rudy Rodriguez	54	8	6	12	\$489,993
Gary Contessa	64	8	7	7	\$395,787
Kiaran McLaughlin	39	7	5	5	\$1,636,732
Rick Dutrow	50	7	12	9	\$960,993
Eddie Kenneally	34	7	10	3	\$490,796
David Jacobson	39	7	6	4	\$404,656
Dale Romans	46	6	2	5	\$482,192
Rick Violette	29	6	1	3	\$425,439
Al Stall Jr.	21	6	3	6	\$362,752
Dominic Galluscio	43	6	5	7	\$350,505
Phil Serpe	26	6	2	4	\$301,902
Shug McGaughey	36	5	4	4	\$810,561
Bruce Brown	53	5	4	8	\$327,913
John Kimmel	27	5	6	2	\$321,850
Linda Rice	54	5	4	8	\$293,308
Dominick Schettino	32	5	3	3	\$288,330



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WEDNESDAY'S ENTRIES

Wednesday, August 29.

1ST (1:00PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Credit Call	R. Maragh	D. Lukas	15-1
2	2	Taken by the Storm	D. Cohen	K. McPeck	8-1
3	3	Western Sadler	J. Leparoux	S. Asmussen	5-2
4	4	Boogie Too	J. Alvarado	N. Zito	6-1
5	5	Thane	I. Ortiz, Jr.	K. McLaughlin	6-5
6	6	Norumbega	J. Rosario	C. McGaughey III	5-1

2ND (1:33PM). \$50,000, MCL \$65,000, 2 YO, 7F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	1	Money in Return	W. Garcia	R. Persaud	20-1
2	2	Scotfield	J. Espinoza	C. Martin	6-1
3	3	Smoke Town	R. Dominguez	R. Dutrow, Jr.	2-1
4	4	Stick With Skip	J. Leparoux	H. Motion	12-1
5	5	Brazilian Court	J. Rosario	R. Hess, Jr.	6-1
6	6	Mister Woolman	J. Lezcano	N. Zito	12-1
7	7	Brother Bob	J. Velazquez	M. Trombetta	7-2
8	8	Summer Revival	J. Castellano	D. Jacobson	4-1

3RD (2:06PM). \$100,000, STK - THE DAVID, 2 YO, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Slot Play	R. Maragh	J. Terranova, II	5-1
2	2	Cay to Pomeroy	J. Castellano	D. Galluscio	7-2
3	3	Awesome Weekend	R. Dominguez	G. Contessa	3-1
4	4	Mr Rodriguez	C. Velasquez	R. Rodriguez	6-1
5	5	Weekend Hideaway	J. Lezcano	P. Serpe	8-5
6	6	Becker's Galaxy	A. Garcia	D. Galluscio	15-1

4TH (2:39PM). \$85,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Promise Me a Cat	R. Dominguez	C. Martin	5-2
2	2	Smokin' Alice	J. Rosario	G. Weaver	8-1
3	3	Hearts of Red	C. Velasquez	R. Nicks	6-1
4	4	Xunlei	R. Maragh	D. Romans	5-1
5	5	Bessie M	J. Castellano	D. Galluscio	2-1
6	6	North Freeway	J. Velazquez	A. Dutrow	4-1

5TH (3:13PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double

1	1	Fredericksburg	J. Lezcano	M. Matz	2-1
2	2	Winning Cause	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	4-1
3	3	Irsaal	A. Garcia	K. McLaughlin	6-1
4	4	Revelationist	J. Castellano	M. Maker	12-1
5	5	Rakete	J. Leparoux	G. Arnold, II	12-1
6	6	Pagets	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	12-1
7	7	Order of Magnitude	R. Maragh	D. Lukas	15-1
8	8	Summer Shiner	K. Desormeaux	K. McPeck	7-2
9	9	Ride l'Ultimo	I. Ortiz, Jr.	M. Hennig	20-1
10	10	Act of Divinity	E. Prado	K. McPeck	20-1
11	AE	Asunder	J. Velazquez	H. Motion	5-2
12	AE	Brickyard Kitten	R. Dominguez	M. Maker	6-1
13	AE	Draw Two	R. Dominguez	M. Nihei	4-1
14	AE	Never the End	J. Lezcano	E. Kenneally	12-1
15	AE	Newfound Zapper	A. Solis	W. Ward	6-1
16	MTO	Armor		W. Mott	5-1

6TH (3:47PM). \$100,000, STK - THE WIN, 3 & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Swift Warrior	J. Espinoza	J. Terranova, II	6-1
2	2	Scotus	A. Garcia	K. McPeck	6-1
3	3	Hoofit (NZ)	J. Velazquez	H. Motion	12-1
4	4	Perfect Footprint	S. Husbands	D. Figueroa	50-1
5	5	Nine O Wonderful	R. Napravnik	H. Bond	8-1
6	6	Yield Bogey	E. Prado	P. Kelly	5-1
7	7	Right One (FR)	J. Leparoux	C. Clement	3-1
8	8	Paris Vegas	J. Rosario	T. Voss	5-1
9	9	Beau Choix	J. Alvarado	B. Tagg	4-1
10	MTO	Trickmeister	R. Dominguez	R. Dutrow, Jr.	4-5
11	MTO	Isn't He Perfect		R. Dutrow, Jr.	5-2
12	MTO	Leave of Absence		R. Violette, Jr.	5-1

7TH (4:21PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	3	Emotional Kitten	K. Desormeaux	W. Ward	3-1
1a	AE	Smittenwithkitten	R. Dominguez	M. Maker	3-1
1x	AE	Win for Kitten	J. Rosario	C. Clement	3-1
2	1	Derby Eve	J. Castellano	E. Harty	8-1
3	2	Hedonemewrongsong	R. Napravnik	J. Sheppard	20-1
4	4	Sandsarita	C. Velasquez	W. Mott	15-1
5	5	Magnificent Shirl	J. Velazquez	C. Brown	4-1
6	6	Everything Sweet	A. Garcia	R. Violette, Jr.	15-1
7	7	Zadina	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	5-2
8	8	Coarsegold	J. Lezcano	M. Hennig	12-1
9	9	Ruthie Blue Eyes	W. Garcia	J. Kimmel	20-1
10	10	Elusive Fate	J. Leparoux	G. Arnold, II	6-1
11	AE	Doctor Vickie Lynn	D. Cohen	K. McPeck	8-1
12	AE	Neith	R. Maragh	D. Lukas	20-1
13	MTO	Sensationalize		W. Mott	6-1
14	AE-MTO	Chifa	J. Rosario	M. Trombetta	4-1

8TH (4:55PM). \$100,000 - P. G. JOHNSON, 2 YO, F, 1 1/16M (INN TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	5	Almost an Angel	K. Desormeaux	W. Ward	8-1
1a	MTO	Sweet Shirley Mae	K. Desormeaux	W. Ward	8-1
2	7	Oscar Party	J. Rosario	W. Catalano	15-1
2b	8	Incredible Journey	M. Mena	W. Catalano	15-1
3	1	Top Tier Lass	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	2-1
4	2	Broken Spell	R. Maragh	D. Lukas	12-1
5	3	Da Mi Basia Mille	J. Lezcano	C. Clement	6-1
6	4	Skyfall	J. Leparoux	T. Pletcher	12-1
7	6	Watsdachances (IRE)	J. Castellano	C. Brown	4-1
8	9	Tara From the Cape	R. Dominguez	T. Pletcher	4-1
9	10	Go Kitten Go	E. Trujillo	W. Ward	15-1
10	MTO	Over the Counter	R. Maragh	T. Pompay	5-2

9TH (5:30PM). \$38,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

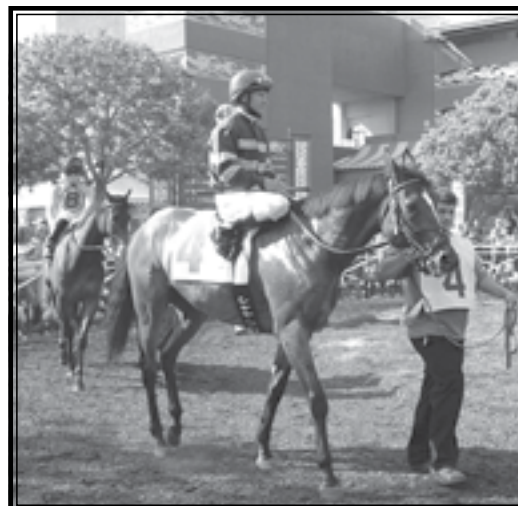
1	1	Gimme Credit	J. Castellano	C. Brown	2-1
2	2	Slamm'n Lou	R. Maragh	W. Badgett, Jr.	20-1
3	3	Dugan	C. Velasquez	J. Sheppard	8-1
4	4	Wishingtonadream	W. Garcia	G. DiSanto	30-1
5	5	The Vin Man	E. Prado	G. Sciacca	12-1
6	6	Short Shrift	J. Lezcano	J. Fisher	3-1
7	7	Alcomatch	K. Desormeaux	J. Toscano, Jr.	10-1
8	8	Gamblin Fever	J. Espinoza	W. Turner, Jr.	15-1
9	9	Jet to Classics	M. Luzzi	C. Martin	15-1
10	10	Foolish Tiger	E. Castro	T. Bush	15-1
11	11	Cinnamon Beach	C. Montalvo	F. Raia II	30-1
12	12	Pervis	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Araya	6-1
13	AE	Ground Frost	R. Napravnik	T. Voss	10-1
14	MTO	Seniors Pride	C. Velasquez	T. Pletcher	3-5
15	MTO	Bail Out the Banks		R. Violette, Jr.	6-1
16	MTO	Omniscient	S. Bridgmohan	S. Asmussen	5-1

10TH (6:04PM). \$38,000, MCL \$25,000, 3&UP, F&M, 1 1/16M (INN TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta

1	1	Raquel	W. Garcia	D. Balsamo	5-1
2	2	Comment	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	6-1
3	3	Romolo's Juliet	J. Ortiz	K. Streicher	30-1
4	4	Lizzie Bear	J. Castellano	P. Walder	4-1
5	5	Stormin Esther	J. Espinoza	G. DiSanto	50-1
6	6	Tightly Wound	C. Montalvo	G. Arnold, II	12-1
7	7	She Be Bunny	J. Leparoux	E. Harty	12-1
8	8	Passionate Gold	R. Dominguez	M. Trombetta	7-2
9	9	Corinzia	I. Ortiz, Jr.	T. Bush	20-1
10	10	Accent	J. Rosario	S. Asmussen	10-1
11	11	Crimson Spire	S. Bridgmohan	L. Scace	12-1
12	12	Cola	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	6-1
13	AE	Irish Wedding	J. Ortiz	R. Rodriguez	5-1
14	AE	She Gets It	C. Montalvo	G. Contessa	20-1
15	AE	Chessrate	R. Maragh	C. Englehart	15-1
16	AE	Crypto Kitten	R. Dominguez	M. Maker	3-1

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2	Summer Revival Brother Bob Smoke Town	Smoke Town Brother Bob Brazilian Court	Smoke Town Mister Woolman Brother Bob	Summer Revival Smoke Town Brother Bob	Brother Bob Stick With Skip Scofield
3	Cay To Pomeroy Weekend Hideaway Mr Rodriguez	Weekend Hideaway Awesome Weekend Cay To Pomeroy	Weekend Hideaway Awesome Weekend Slot Play	Awesome Weekend Mr Rodriguez Cay to Pomeroy	Weekend Hideaway Awesome Weekend Cay To Pomeroy
4	Smokin' Alice Bessie M Xunlei	Promise Me A Cat Smokin' Alice Xunlei	Bessie M Xunlei Smokin' Alice	Smokin' Alice North Freeway Promise Me A Cat	Xunlei Bessie M Promise Me A Cat
5	Asunder Summer Shiner Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg Summer Shiner Draw Two	Rakete Irsaal Summer Shiner	Winning Cause Fredericksburg Summer Shiner	Fredericksburg Asunder Summer Shiner
6	Trickmeister Yield Bogey Beau Choix	Trickmeister Swift Warrior Right One	Trickmeister Right One Beau Choix	Right One Beau Choix Swift Warrior	Trickmeister Right One Perfect Footprint
7	Chifa Magnificent Shirl Zadina	Zadina Elusive Fate Ramsey Entry	Everything Sweet Ramsey Entry Zadina	Emotional Kitten Zadina Derby Eve	Ramsey Entry Derby Eve Everything Sweet
8	Sweet Shirley Mae Top Tier Lass Watsdachances	Over The Counter Da Mi Basia Mille Top Tier Lass	Top Tier Lass Oscar Party Watsdachances	Top Tier Lass Watsdachances Tara From The Cape	Top Tier Lass Watsdachances Tara From The Cape
9	Seniors Pride Gimme Credit Short Shift	Seniors Pride Gimme Credit Short Shift	Seniors Pride Short Shift Gimme Credit	Short Shift Gimme Credit Pervis	Seniors Pride Pervis Alcomatch
10	Raquel Passionate Gold Comment	Passionate Gold Vicola Raquel	Corinzia Crypto Kitten Passionate Gold	Lizzie Bear Raquel Crimson Spire	Lizzie Bear Raquel Comment

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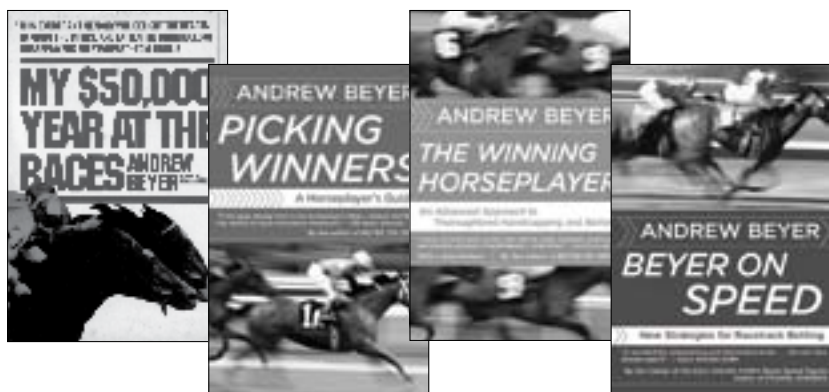


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Give and Take

Love And Pride upsets big names in Sunday's Grade 1

BY JOE CLANCY

Push, pull, push, pull, push, pull. John Velazquez looked more like an Olympic rower than a jockey while describing what it's like to ride Love And Pride, a 4-year-old filly with her own ideas about racing strategy.

"You grab and let go, grab and let go, grab and let go, until she comes back to you," he said. "If she's head and head or a head in front, forget it – no way you're going to win. She's going to win that fight. Once another horse goes, she'll lay off that horse, but it's not easy. You have to get her before she gets you."

Sunday, Velazquez got her and then she got everyone else – upsetting Royal Delta and It's Tricky in the \$600,000 Personal Ensign for Green Hills Farm and trainer Todd Pletcher. The race was supposed to be a showdown between last year's champion 3-year-old filly Royal Delta, and multiple Grade 1 winner It's Tricky. Four others signed on, but they were obvious understudies to the star attractions.



Tod Marks

John Velazquez restrains Love And Pride (center) after breaking sharply in the Personal Ensign.

The race changed in an instant as It's Tricky stumbled twice leaving the gate from her inside post, nearly losing Eddie Castro, spotting the field 6 lengths and creating a new tactical situation. Expected pacesetter Brushed By A Star broke a step slow next to It's Tricky but was hustled to the front by Corey Nakatani. To her outside, Love And Pride made Velazquez work, but rated just off the leader.

"I didn't know what happened to Eddie," said Velazquez. "I knew the horse with the speed was (Brushed By A Star). She'd been on the lead the last three races. I saw Eddie warming up and he didn't do a lot so I was expecting him to ride off both of us. That's the way I was looking at it anyway. Nobody warmed up but Corey Nakatani (on Brushed By Love) so you

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Personal Ensign —

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know that's the horse that's going to go to the lead. It worked out good for me."

Behind them stalked Royal Delta, in It's Tricky's spot, through a quarter-mile in 24.16 seconds. Last early, It's Tricky made up the lost ground and moved to fourth alongside Royal Delta through a half in 47.69. Brushed By A Star went 6 furlongs in 1:11.38 as Love And Pride moved closer. Royal Delta rolled up on the outside while It's Tricky drove through on the rail. For a few strides near the quarter pole, the expected clash looked like a reality — Royal Delta sweeping wide off the turn and It's Tricky cutting the corner.

Between them, Love And Pride answered the challenges — shrugging off Royal Delta, then putting away It's Tricky at the three-sixteenths pole. Sent off at 10-1, Love And Pride won by a half-length in 1:49.22 as Royal Delta kept grinding to catch It's Tricky and get to the winner's girth at the wire. Game as an underdog boxer, It's Tricky drew praise for the effort while settling for third.

"It changed the whole complexion of the race immediately, but we still were in the position we would have wanted to be in," said Pletcher. "We just didn't have It's Tricky up there with us. It compromised her chances but didn't do anything that different for our filly. It's Tricky ran a huge race."

Love And Pride erased a messy effort in the Delaware Handicap, where she and Jeremy Rose blasted through fast fractions and faded to fourth behind Royal Delta going 1 1/4 miles. A winner on the filly here last summer, Velazquez watched the race live and grimaced.

"Forty-five and change, I didn't know she could go that fast," he said. "I rode her here last year and we went in 48. I didn't want to watch the race again, I didn't want to ride her like that. I told Todd I was just going to try to finesse her like I did at Pimlico (a second in the Allaire du Pont Distaff), get her back, try to



Tod Marks

Love And Pride (center) holds off Royal Delta (left) and It's Tricky (right) in the stretch.

get her to relax. She ran a huge race that day. She has it in her, she just needs to relax the first part of the race."

She did that, thanks to Velazquez's give and take plus Pletcher's call to take the blinkers off the daughter of A.P. Indy. The trainer wasn't sure the Personal Ensign was the target until the week of the race, however.

Based at Delaware Park, Love And Pride worked a half-mile in 47 2/5 seconds there Monday and Pletcher talked options with assistant Michael Dilger. Love And Pride could have gone to Monmouth for the Lady's

Secret the same day, could have shipped to Saratoga.

"How's she doing?" Pletcher asked Dilger. "Is she ready to try a big one?"

Dilger's response covered all the bases: "Training great, ready as she can be."

The Kentucky-bred shipped to New York, stepped off the van and drew an appreciative "Man, she looks awesome," from her trainer. Taking on Royal Delta and It's Tricky seemed at least plausible, if daunting.

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"In that particular case, it's a no pressure situation," said Pletcher. "She's already a graded stakes winner, she's Grade 1 placed. It's a big purse, if we get a piece we were going to be happy. She

was doing well, why not take a shot?"

Bred by Stud TNT, Love And Pride won two of three at Delaware last year before taking the Proud Spell Stakes at Saratoga and placing third in the Grade 1 Gazelle at Belmont. She started 2012 with a stakes win at Aqueduct, went to Hawthorne and Pimlico, then back to Delaware Park where she won the

Grade 3 Obeah in June before the Delaware Handicap disaster.

"We were trying to get a graded stakes win and the Obeah was there, a mile-and-an eighth," Pletcher said. "You win that, you think DelCap. Can we stretch her out to mile and a quarter? She liked the track and sometimes that's an edge. She'll get a mile and a

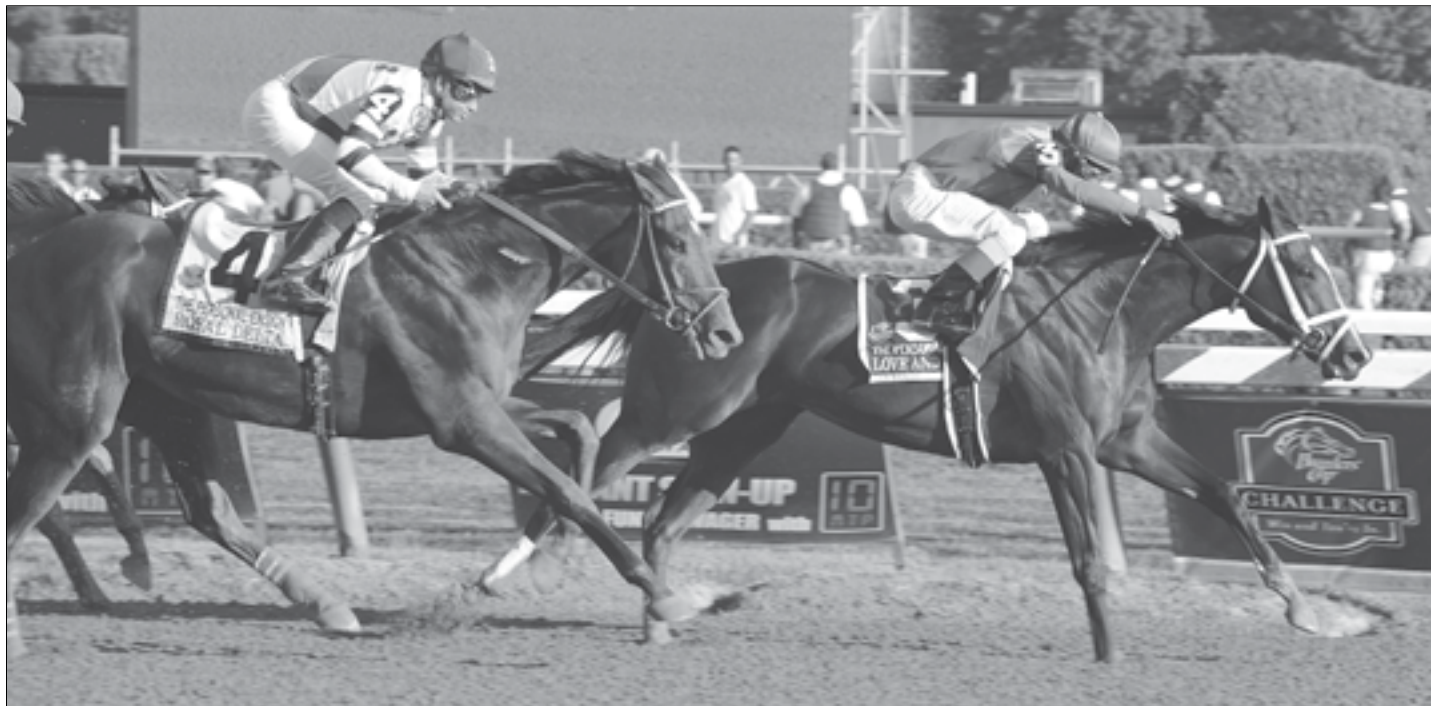
quarter under the right scenario. You just have to nurse her along."

That didn't happen. She went too fast early, forced Royal Delta wide on the far turn and lost by 9 1/2 lengths as Royal Delta defeated Tiz Miz Sue.

"She was strong, too strong," said Pletcher. "Suicidal fractions. She bounced out of it well, and we made a couple of adjustments."

The blinkers came off, Velazquez went on. The van headed north.

"She relaxed," said the jockey. "She's run some good races for me. If she lets you get her back a little bit, at least for the first part of the race, she's going to finish with you. That was the case today. I know the filly, she's been running with decent horses. She stepped up big time. She was running against Royal Delta and It's Tricky, but she's OK too. We beat a champion. My horse put in a really good race."



Dave Harmon

A stride from the wire, Love And Pride keeps Royal Delta safe.

Pedigree 101

Love And Pride became a Grade 1 winner Sunday, elevating her broodmare value considerably — even though it was pretty high thanks to a close relative. The filly's dam Ile de France is a half-sister to champion and sire Bernardini (whose sire is A.P. Indy, the same as Love And Pride). Pletcher spoke for everyone when he said, "I wish I owned her."



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The winner's circle after Sunday's fifth looked a lot like it did after some of Saturday's races: mobbed.

So why the crowd for the average New York-bred maiden race? The horse that brought a conga line out of the clubhouse was Mr Cowboy, the Saratoga-bred gelding known as much for his made-for-TV life story as his 25-person local ownership group.

Mr Cowboy's Hollywood storyline began at birth. He wasn't breathing when he was born and required mouth-to-nose resuscitation from co-owner JoAnn Pepper just to survive his first minutes. Pepper and her husband, Mark, said they were up with the foal for three days straight, nursing him back from the brink at their Cabin Creek Farm, also the New York chapter of Old Friends Thoroughbred retirement program just outside Saratoga in Greenfield Center.

"He couldn't walk or stand," Mark Pepper said. "When he did stand, we were trying to get him to move his feet and he kept tripping."



Tod Marks

Mr Cowboy reaches the finish with an easy maiden win in Sunday's fifth.

On the fourth day, the horse "popped up and started running" and a local legend was born. The Peppers and other locals put together Team Cowboy, and got into the racing business. The son of Stonesider ran once last year, a dull ninth at 64-1, before moving over to trainer James Bond for a 2010/2 campaign. At Aqueduct in April, he bounced off the inside rail and lost his jockey. He improved dramatically in his next two, finishing third at Belmont in May and second in the mud in June. At Saratoga Aug. 8, he finished fourth going 1 1/16 miles. Sunday, he came back in the same race (state-bred maidens on the turf) and won by 1 1/2 lengths while equipped with blinkers for the first time. Ridden by Ramon Dominguez, the 3-year-old de-

livered in a big way, coming from sixth at the halfway mark to defeat Hope Still Springs. Co-owner Marcia Pappas was in tears as Mr Cowboy strutted into the winner's circle.

"To break his maiden in Saratoga with where came from and with the best jockey in the world on his back is really amazing," Pappas said.

For Bond, the celebration was as big as any he's ever seen. The trainer also said it was appropriate that the win came on NYRA's Social Media Day at the track.

"I'm not a Facebook person, but I've heard it from everybody, including my kids, that this horse is all over the place," he said. "It's awfully nice and there's

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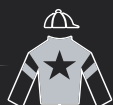
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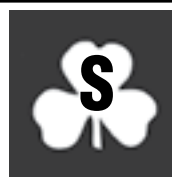


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a great amount of emotion for the owners, who just followed a dream, and for me.”

As for where Team Cowboy goes next, one co-owner cracked, “To the Jim Dandy Bar.”

• Vivien Malloy couldn't have been happier after Owen Rico's victory in the day's last race, state-bred maiden going t 5 ½ furlongs on the turf. It wasn't just because her horse delivered a wire-to-wire win, or even that it came by 6 ½ lengths.

It's that the homebred is the last of his kind.

“The mare (Vivaling) died after having him, so he's the last one,” said the owner/breeder. “It's the last hurrah. It's the most exciting thing to break your maiden at Saratoga.”

The win was never in question, as the gelding steadily built his lead throughout for jockey Julien Leparoux, leaving a big impression on trainer Tom Bush.

“He broke super sharp and we knew he'd act much better on the turf,” said Bush, whose horse finished fourth on the dirt here Aug. 9. “We wanted to give him a little racing experience on dirt the first time and it paid off because he was fit today.”

The trainer said it was “fabulous” to see Malloy celebrate the win at the Spa.

“(Owen Rico) is the last of a long crop and Mrs. Malloy is attached to him,” Bush said, “so you can understand why this is so meaningful.”



Dave Harmon

Owen Rico streaks to the finish with a maiden win for owner/breeder Vivien Malloy in Sunday's finale.

• Fiddlers Afleet led the way as they neared the finish in the Clever Electrician Stakes for New York-breds, but with David Cohen and Sailmate hot on the trail, things were starting to look a little familiar.

Unlike the scene a day earlier, there was a clear-cut winner in this one, as Gary Barber's 6-year-old held onto the lead and ensured there would be no Travers repeat.

Ridden by Alan Garcia, Fiddlers Afleet started from the post six in the seven-horse field and flirted with the lead the whole way, emerging at the front of the pack as they neared the finish. He hung on to win the 7-furlong

race by a half-length.

Trainer David Jacobson said he thought the post position was a major factor.

“Being on the outside was great,” he said. “Had we been on the inside we might've had to make decisions earlier.”

It was a nice turnaround for a horse that finished sixth in the John Morrissey Stakes here Aug. 1 for owner Gary Barber.

“He wasn't at the top of his form last time and met probably one of the best horses around with Saginaw then,” said Jacobson, who also trains that runner. “In this one he was a favorite and he ran his race.”

• Joe Bucci was all smiles after Mr E Philip won the seventh, a \$20,000 claimer. He had good reason

The owner had a connection with the gelding when he first laid eyes on him — or maybe it was the other way around.

“He was just looking at me,” Bucci said of their first meeting at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale. “I kept listening to the experts and then I said, ‘Get away from me. I want to buy that horse,’ and I did.”

Mr E Philip made a strong showing in his Saratoga debut, running the 5 ½ furlongs on turf in 1:02.06 to earn his second straight win for trainer Eddie Kenneally.

The success was a long time coming for Bucci, who thought his initial fondness for the Pennsylvania-bred might never prove fruitful. The owner knew something had to be done after the 3-year-old failed to hit the board in his first five starts, moving the son of More Than Ready to Kenneally this spring. Some new company helped, too, as Mr El Philip dipped to the \$25,000 level to break his maiden last time and improved to 2-for-8 in his career with Sunday's score.

• It was fair to say Chad Brown needed a breather after having a horse in three of the four stakes races on the meet's biggest day Saturday. The trainer's only entrant on Sunday, The-screensired, made sure the trainer had an easy day at the office when she won the third, a 5 ½-furlong turf race for New York-bred maidens.

The filly had two seconds to her

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credit in three previous starts under Javier Castellano and broke through to the winner's circle in impressive fashion.

"We were confident with firm ground under her that she'd give us her best race and she did," Brown said. "I was really nervous at the quarter pole because she was in a really tight spot," he said, "but Javier was patient and worked out of it."

The 3-year-old ran the race Brown thought she would, sitting behind pacesetter White Sangria and making her move at the finish to win it by 1 ¼ lengths in a quick 1:02.08. The winner is owned by Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence.

- Junior Alvarado knew early in the sixth that he was in for a good trip as 2-year-old Heidi's Holiday broke well from the second post and had the jets turned on — dropping back to fifth in the six horse field as the pacemakers flew through an opening quarter of 21.93 seconds.

"I was like 'wow!' because they were going really fast in front of her and she was running well," Alvarado said.

The New York-bred made steady progress through the 6-furlong race, letting favored Red Hook burn out as they turned for home. Heidi's Holiday romped to the wire, winning by 8 ¼ lengths for Casner Racing and trainer Eoin Harty.

"Turning for home she really had it," he said, "but I knew we'd get there when we were still 3 ½ lengths behind."

The winner was bred by locals Bill Wilmot and Joan Taylor.

- Sometimes the playbook goes out the window as soon as the gate opens. Other times things work out just the way a trainer draws it up. The latter turned



Tod Marks

Bombagua stays clear of Barocci late in Sunday's ninth for trainer John Kimmel.

out to be the case for John Kimmel in the ninth, a classy two-other-than optional claimer, when Bombagua knocked off heavily favored Barocci.

"I thought the best way to beat the favorite was to ask him a little early so he'd have to work a little harder," Kimmel said.

Goldmark Farm's 3-year-old started strong and stalked the pace for most of the 1 3/16-mile turf trip, passing front-runner Followmyfootsteps in the stretch and getting home 1 ¾ lengths ahead of Barocci, who finished second over Share Out. Edgar Prado rode the winner, who has captured two of his last four starts after losing six in a row.

- John Terranova summed up Screenplay's win in the eighth pretty simply. "He ran the perfect race."

Pretty much. The 5-year-old, who hadn't won in 2012, stormed out of the gate and would've been a wire-to-wire winner if not for a brief moment around the halfway mark of the 1 1/16-mile turf race for \$20,000 claimers. Owner James Covello's horse was being pressed hard by Ronin Dax when jockey Wilmer Garcia asked for more. Away the gelding went, taking over again and cruising home by 1 ¾ lengths.

"The horse was off for a while and lacked some confidence," Terranova said, "so we just tried to get him in the right spot to get him back on track."



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Chiefly Going

Go Unbridled rallies to claim NY-bred stakes for Jerkens

BY SEAN CLANCY

Allen Jerkens drove his golf cart from this barn deep in Clare Court to the outside rail, near the three-quarter pole to see a daughter of Passing Shot gallop. On a dreary Tuesday morning, rain had drenched the track, keeping many horses in the barn and a late night at 13 had kept plenty of others in bed.

From his barn to the track, The Chief accepted congratulations from eight people. There weren't nine out there.

Jerkens pulled off another upset with Howard Whitbred's Go Unbridled who rallied from fifth to run down favorite Opus A in the 9-furlong Saratoga Dew, Monday's feature for New York-bred fillies and mares. The 5-year-old daughter of Unbridled Jet snapped a six-race losing streak dating back to the John Hettiger last fall. Since that win, she had finished third in the Turnback The Alarm, second against open allowance company at Gulfstream, fifth in the Grade 3 Rampart at Gulfstream, third in the Key Cents at

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Go Unbridled pricks her ears while heading to the wire in Monday's Saratoga Dew.

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Belmont, fifth in the Endear at Belmont and fifth in the Fleet Indian earlier in the meet.

"I thought she lost her interest but she sure closed a lot ground," Jerkens said. "She ran as good as she's ever run, I don't know her number (speed figure) but I bet it's as high as she's ever run."

Go Unbridled broke a step slow and naturally established a spot in fifth in the field of six as favorite Opus A took the field through a quarter-mile in 23.95 seconds. Harbor Mist found a spot in second with Great Gracie Dane inside third. Alykela sat fourth with Go Unbridled 5 lengths behind her. Tangled at the start, Ginger Snapit trailed.

Leaving the backside, Great Gracie Dane aggressively went after Opus A as Harbor Mist slipped to third and Go Unbridled rolled into fourth. Passing the quarter pole, Opus A and Great Gracie Dane battled like they were the only two in the race. By the eighth pole, Opus A shook off Great Gracie Dane but Go Unbridled had hit her best stride, flying past the longtime leader to win convincingly by 6 1/2 lengths. Winning with her left ear up and her right ear flicking, Go Unbridled earned her fourth career victory in her 21st start, increasing her earnings to \$263,210.

Junior Alvarado produced his second come-from-behind win for Jerkens, after guiding Emma's Encore to win the Prioress earlier in the meet.

"She made up the ground nice and gradual, sometimes when they make

it up too quick they come up empty," Jerkens said. "I was happy with the fractions when I saw them. I could see her stirring in the back. That jock's been doing that a lot, that real gradual way. When it works, it looks great."

Jerkens tried to sharpen Go Unbridled for the 7-furlong Fleet Indian, ponying her many mornings and giving her one 5-furlong breeze between starts. She never threatened, fading to finish fifth, beaten 10 lengths by Beautiful But Blue, who came back to finish third in the Test later in the meet.

"We didn't do much with her, ponied her, blew her out short," Jerkens said. "I thought she would be one who would go for it, but she was closer at the eighth pole than she was at the wire. Some horses who want to be routers, that's how it works."

Jerkens drifted to the history book in his head, thinking of horses who could manage the feat of routing one start, sprinting the next.

"Then you get some route horses who can shorten up, Stymie was always a mile and a quarter horse and he won the Metropolitan Mile. Carry Back was a way-come-from-out-of-it horse and he won the Met," Jerkens said. "Some horses who want to make that big run in the middle of the race don't want to follow that fast a pace. You always hear the bigger the pace, the better for come-from-behind horses, but it's not true for all of them because they get too discouraged."

Stretching from 7 furlongs to 9 furlongs, Go Unbridled breezed twice, going 5 furlongs in 1:02 3/5 August 17 and 6 furlongs in 1:16 1/5 August 23. The last work concerned Jerkens.

"She went five-eighths in a minute or something but she slowed up from the wire to the mile pole," Jerkens said. "I asked, 'What the hell happened?' The boy said, 'I don't know, it might sound like an excuse but she seemed like she knew where the wire was.' Because, then when he went to raise up and pull her up, she wanted to take off with him. She never gallops slow, she always gallops fast."

Jerkens trained the dam, Reign Or Shine, for Whitbred. The daughter of Majesty's Time broke her maiden at Aqueduct in 2001. She won three three times at Aqueduct from January to April. She lost her next 12 in a row, all in 2001, while getting claimed from Jerkens for \$50,000 in June and being reclaimed by him for \$20,000 in October. She finished the year — and her career — with a second for \$20,000 in December. Retired with a record of 3-for-20,

she gave birth to Go Unbridled in 2007.

"Her mother didn't have near as nice a disposition as this one," Jerkens said. "She'll get hot, a little prancy dancy once in a while but she's as nice a filly as you'd want to be around."

Go Unbridled nearly won the Saratoga Dew last year, finishing third to Mineralogist and Banker's Buy. Under Jose Espinoza, she rallied from last to miss by a head and a nose.

"I felt bad for that jock, everybody blamed it on him, but he just couldn't get out when he wanted," Jerkens said. "This year, she just galloped into the first turn, they went in 23 and change, she must have gone 24 and change. I felt pretty good when she was sneaking along, making that forward progress."

With that, Jerkens wheeled his golf cart to go back to the barn and trainer Glenn DiSanto congratulated him.

That made nine.

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Monday Racing Photos

With The Special's college-student writers registering for classes, meeting new roommates and going to rugby practice, we were a little short-staffed for the weekend and covered the races via photographer Dave Harmon's lens.



See Me Proud (Irad Ortiz Jr.) charged from last to win the sixth, a \$25,000 claimer going 9 furlongs for Thummps Racing Stable and trainer Patrick Quick.



Lone Star Stables Three won the seventh, a 5 1/2-furlong turf maiden for 2-year-olds, with Sensational Appeal. She lit up the board at almost 16-1 for trainer Michael Matz and jockey Joel Rosario.



Bill and Vicki Poston's O'Frederica (Ramon Dominguez) took down the fifth, a \$35,000 maiden claimer for 2-year-olds. Trained by Tony Dutrow, the winner caught Let's Have Us One in the stretch while scoring by 1 1/4 lengths.



Chester and Mary Broman's homebred Leap (5) jumped past Comandante to win the eighth, a New York-bred maiden for 2-year-olds going 6 furlongs. John Velazquez rode the winner, who got up in the final stride, for trainer John Kimmel.



Effie Trinket (inside) prevails in the \$100,000 Aristie Stakes for New York-bred 2-year-old fillies, holding off favorite Agilion by a head. Bred by McMahon of Saratoga, the winner races for Patsy Symons and trainer Rick Violette. Alan Garcia rode the daughter of Freud, who also won here Aug. 10.



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Worse than Tricky

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It's Tricky stumbled badly – twice – leaving the gate for Sunday's Grade 1 Personal Ensign alongside Brushed By A Star and eventual winner Love And Pride. The multiple Grade 1 winner righted herself, spotted the field several lengths and still finished third in a gallant effort. NYRA media reports indicated she sustained only superficial scrapes and was being pointed for major races this fall. Here's to no more tricky beginnings.



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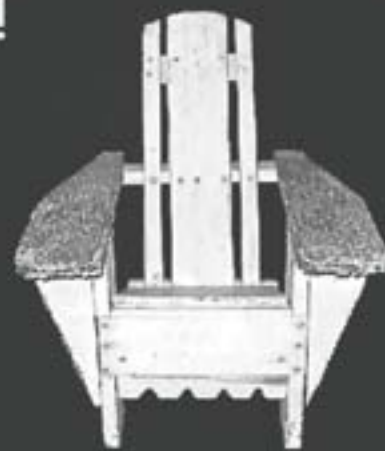
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Monday August 27.

FIRST \$60,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

5	True Fortune	J. Castellano	\$7.80	\$4.90	\$3.30
7	Polan	W. Garcia		\$5.90	\$4.60
3	Bit Bustin	C. Montalvo			\$8.70

B Filly 2010, by Yes It's True - Fortuesque by Fortunate Prospect

Owner: R. A. Hill Stable. Trainer: George Weaver.

Breeder: Maybrys Farm, Inc. (NY).

Late Scratches: Uncaged Heart

Time: 1:05.54

Exacta (5-7), \$36.60; Superfecta (5-7-3-2), \$1,130.00; Trifecta (5-7-3), \$505.00

SECOND \$95,000, AOC \$75,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

2	Federation (GB)	J. Leparoux	\$3.60	\$2.50	\$2.10
5	(dh)The Underling	R. Maragh		\$5.70	\$5.20
3	(dh)Prize Catch	E. Castro		\$2.70	\$3.70

B Filly 2008, by Motivator (GB) - Flirtation (GB) by Pursuit of Love (GB)

Owner: Roxburghe, Guy. Trainer: Christophe Clement.

Breeder: Floors Farming (GB).

Late Scratches: Acting Happy

Time: 1:41.38

Daily Double (5-2), \$17.00; Exacta (2-3), \$6.30; Exacta (2-5), \$32.40; Quinella (2-3), \$5.20; Quinella (2-5), \$19.40; Superfecta (2-3-5-4), \$202.00; Superfecta (2-5-3-4), \$459.00; Trifecta (2-3-5), \$44.80; Trifecta (2-5-3), \$95.50

THIRD \$100,000, NY-BRED STAKES - ARISTIE S., 2 YO, 6F

5	Effie Trinket	A. Garcia	\$6.50	\$2.90	\$2.40
6	Agilion	J. Rosario		\$2.40	\$2.10
4	Zekes Surprise	J. Castellano			\$2.40

Dk B/ Br Filly 2010, by Freud - Maya's Note by Editor's Note

Owner: Symons, Patsy, C.. Trainer: Richard Violette, Jr..

Breeder: McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: Westerdag

Time: 1:11.86

Daily Double (2-5), \$12.80; Exacta (5-6), \$10.00; Trifecta (5-6-4), \$24.60; Pic 3 (5-2-5), \$53.50

FOURTH \$40,000, CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

6	Wildcat Aly	R. Dominguez	\$5.50	\$3.60	\$2.70
5	Magnificent Mia	R. Maragh		\$7.10	\$4.80
2	Henny's Hurricane	A. Garcia			\$3.90

Dk B/ Br Mare 2007, by Wildcat Heir - Stanford Reunion by General Meeting

Owner: Farnsworth Stables LLC. Trainer: Anthony Dutrow.

Breeder: Kay Dennis & Florida Bloodstock LLC (FL).

Claimed: Henny's Hurricane claimed by Commonwealth Stable for \$20,000, Victoria Lynn claimed by Roussel III, Louie J. for \$20,000

Time: 1:10.60

Daily Double (5-6), \$17.40; Exacta (6-5), \$33.60; Quinella (5-6), \$22.00; Superfecta (6-5-2-3), \$348.50; Trifecta (6-5-2), \$141.50; Pic 3 (2-5-6), \$40.00

FIFTH \$42,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$35,000, 2 YO, 6F

4	O' Frederica	R. Dominguez	\$9.30	\$3.90	\$2.90
5	Let's Have Us One	J. Leparoux		\$3.30	\$3.00
8	One More Cat	J. Lezcano			\$4.70

B Colt 2010, by Flatter - Relay by Smoke Glacken

Owner: Bill and Vicki Poston. Trainer: Anthony Dutrow.

Breeder: Jill Kobak & Zeke Kobak (KY).

Late Scratches: War Reigns, Yankee Mickey, Fierce Face

Claimed: O' Frederica claimed by Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc. for \$35,000, Gladhander claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$35,000

Time: 1:11.38

Daily Double (6-4), \$21.40; Exacta (4-5), \$19.80; Superfecta (4-5-8-7), \$408.50; Trifecta (4-5-8), \$83.50; Pic 3 (5-6-4), \$56.00; Pic 4 (2/7-5-6-4), \$165.50

SIXTH \$40,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

8	See Me Proud	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$22.00	\$9.20	\$4.80
2	Myhorseofcourse	R. Maragh		\$9.60	\$5.20
4	Parachute Coney	M. Luzzi			\$3.30

B Colt 2009, by Proud Citizen - Noseeme by Lear Fan

Owner: Thummps Racing Stable LLC, Zuccherio Stables, LLC and Paradise Farms. Trainer: Patrick Quick. Breeder: Brereton C. Jones (KY).

Late Scratches: Vee One Rotate, Springcourt

Claimed: English Major claimed by Rice, Linda for \$25,000

Time: 1:48.75

Daily Double (4-8), \$90.50; Exacta (8-2), \$164.50; Superfecta (8-2-4-1), \$2,808.00; Trifecta (8-2-4), \$847.00; Pic 3 (6-4-8), \$278.00

SEVENTH \$80,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

6	Sensational Appeal	J. Rosario	\$33.00	\$15.60	\$6.80
5	Speaking Role (GB)	R. Dominguez		\$6.30	\$4.30
2	Neon Moon	J. Leparoux			\$4.00

B Filly 2010, by Successful Appeal - Zelna J by Roy

Owner: Lone Star Stables Three. Trainer: Michael Matz.

Breeder: Chance Johnson & Walmac Farm (KY).

Late Scratches: Jane of All Trades, Joanne's Halo, Ol Donyo, Tie Dye

Time: 1:04.21

Daily Double (8-6), \$271.00; Exacta (6-5), \$204.00; Superfecta (6-5-2-8), \$4,763.00; Trifecta (6-5-2), \$868.00; Pic 3 (4-8-6), \$1,389.00

EIGHTH \$60,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6F

5	Leap	J. Velazquez	\$9.00	\$4.50	\$3.30
6	Comandante	R. Napravnik		\$4.30	\$3.50
8	Western Grit	J. Leparoux			\$5.50

B Colt 2010, by Hook and Ladder - Safety Net by A.P. Indy

Owner: Chester and Mary Broman, Sr.. Trainer: John Kimmel.

Breeder: Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY).

Late Scratches: Hooked Forever

Time: 1:11.39

Daily Double (6-5), \$209.00; Exacta (5-6), \$42.60; Superfecta (5-6-8-1), \$855.00; Trifecta (5-6-8), \$205.00; Pic 3 (8-6-5), \$1,501.00

NINTH \$100,000, NY-BRED STAKES - SARATOGA DEW S., 3&UP, 1 1/8M

5	Go Unbridled	J. Alvarado	\$12.20	\$5.00	\$3.00
1	Opus A	A. Garcia		\$3.00	\$2.50
3	Ginger Snapit	E. Castro			\$3.60

B Mare 2007, by Unbridled Jet - Reign Or Shine by Majesty's Time

Owner: Whitbred, Howard, T.. Trainer: H. Jerkens.

Breeder: Thinking Cap Stable (NY).

Late Scratches: Fiftyfour Forever

Time: 1:49.90

Daily Double (5-5), \$55.00; Exacta (5-1), \$34.40; Superfecta (5-1-3-4), \$499.00; Trifecta (5-1-3), \$132.50; Pic 3 (6-5-5), \$1,056.00; Place Pix Nine (2/4/8-2/5/6-5/6/8-5), \$100.50

TENTH \$80,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

8	Miss Suwanee	E. Prado	\$17.40	\$8.00	\$5.30
9	Loud Pipes	J. Castellano		\$3.20	\$2.80
7	Tricky Slam	J. Espinoza			\$6.00

B Filly 2009, by Mr. Greeley - Lindy Wells by A.P. Indy

Owner: Reeves Thoroughbred Racing. Trainer: Katherine Ritvo.

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: Belvoir

Time: 1:01.79

Daily Double (5-8), \$90.50; Exacta (8-9), \$53.00; Superfecta (8-9-7-1), \$1,734.00; Trifecta (8-9-7), \$332.50; Pic 3 (5-5-8), \$407.00; Pic 4 (6-5-5-8), \$7,439.00; Pic 6 (4-8-6-5-5-8), \$3,024.00; Pic 6 (4-8-6-5-5-8), \$299,289.00

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by Sean Clancy

We just edited and cleaned up the final five excerpts of the Chief – Days 31-35 – which will finish the season. And, yes, we realize it's been the best part of the paper. We've enjoyed delivering it as much as you've enjoyed reading it.

Thank the Chief for contributing.

With that in mind – and considering the fact that it's 7:44 p.m. and I really want to eat dinner with Miles and Annie before they leave – here's a couple of more classics from the Chief. It saves me writing a column and I'll guarantee you'll like it.

"Arcaro got a year once. Well, if you went into the stewards and the stewards said, 'Do you realize you could have hurt that jockey?' He said, 'Hurt him, I was trying to kill him.' I was about 16 when he came back, he rode all week and he finally won the last race on Saturday and I was there, a horse name Gray Wing. He was the Babe Ruth of the jockeys."

"Shine Again won when she was the Budweiser Longshot. The girl on TV came on and said, 'You have to say it. I said, 'Say what?' She said, 'Giant Killer.' I said, 'I'm not saying it.'"

"My father used the state park as if he owned it, he used to turn out all the old hack horses, in the winter,

when you didn't get people riding them, he would pick me up from school, he would keep one horse in for me to go and round them up and bring them in, some days, you just smooch to them and they'd be great, nice and easy, even go in their stalls. The next day, it would be cold as hell, spitting snow, and they wouldn't go in, right by the doorway, around again, I'd have to chase them back again, you'd think they'd be glad to get home. He would turn them out around 8 in the morning in the winter, earlier in the summer. Loose. He was game, like with me, I was galloping a racehorse when I was 7 years old, who the hell would put a 7-year-old kid on a racehorse? I was riding a polo pony when I was 4 years old, guy came out there, saw me galloping that polo pony around, said, 'Joe ...' He'd say, 'Don't worry, he'll be all right...' I had the greatest childhood, my mother used to say how poor we were. Poor, what do you mean? We never went without eating. When I was 7, 8 years old, I would ride out with somebody who needed to know the bridle paths, they would give me a quarter, stuff like that, always make something. An ice-cream cone only cost a nickel. I was the godfather, bought my own two-wheel bike, that was a big deal, have a two-wheeler, \$22 it cost. Hot dog was 10 cents. Phone call was a nickel, then it went up to a dime, that's where they got saying, 'Drop a dime on me.'"

"I was surprised about the Hall of Fame, the sportswriter who told me about it, before it came out, I said, 'Wow.' He said, 'You thought you'd get in, didn't you?' I said, 'Yeah, I thought I would get in someday but I

wasn't thinking about it today.' 1975. Didn't even have the place yet, wasn't built yet. They had a tent right about where it is now. C.V. Whitney was there. Mr. Dreyfus, never let on that he was going to present it."

"School's good because they can do anything afterward, I've seen it in my life, I've done good, I don't have no complaints, but you can tell the people that have the education have the edge on you, business-wise and all kinds of ways."

"God, Sky Beauty was terrific, I didn't think she was doing good when she won the Alabama, she wasn't eating when she got up there, she was torturing me, I said, 'It doesn't seem like I should work her the way I've been working her.' Then I said, 'Well, I've never won a big race without working them like that.' She had a good work and she started eating better, a lot of good ones are like that."

"November Snow won by an inch and a half, Antley rode her, the reason we got Antley was because Red Terrill's filly broke down, what a natural jockey, what a shame, she came back and he threw the reins over her head and Earle Mack had her by the reins, I said, 'God, Earle hadn't been around horses very much ...' He said, 'Don't worry, she isn't going anywhere after that mile-and-a-quarter.' All you could see was the whites of her eyes."

There's plenty more where that came from ... next year.

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