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The Special quotes from Saratoga

"The Breeders' Cup Mile."

Trainer Tom Proctor about Queen Of the Creek's goal for the fall (he was kidding)

"She looked like she was going to jump in the canoe."

Proctor about Queen Of The Creek's bump with the inside rail late in the Riskaverse

"Drop her head was a good plan."

Jockey Julien Leparoux, about the instructions for front-running Queen Of The Creek

dealer." Cort Marzullo, about trading horses

"I gotta hang up, Mom, I think these people are waiting for me."

"A horse dealer is a horse

Trainer Charlie Lopresti, as The Special photographers showed up at the barn

"Union Army is on the march early."

Announcer Tom Durkin, in the early stages of Friday's fourth race



"Wilbur, come in the room." Lead Us Not (or Mr. Ed?) talks it up at Jonathan Sheppard's barn at the Annex.

Names of the Day

Extravaganza, first race. Stone Farm 3-year-old is by Elusive Quality out of Shoppingwithbetty.

Safe Trip, third race. Wishing everybody one on the way home.

Writethatdown, 11th race. Been doing that for six (plus) weeks.

Weather

Today: Sunny, p.m. showers. High 71.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 53. **Sunday**: Partly cloudy. High 70. Monday: Mostly sunny. High 76.

Tuesday: Who cares?

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- Lee Hills, Pulitzer Prize winner, Knight Ridder chief executive, in 1974



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"I don't think that's the answer."

Trainer Mark Hennig to owner Alan Brodsky after a turf breeze

"This really isn't much fun."

Steeplechase trainer Jack Fisher after losing another race Thursday

"Trust everyone, but always cut the cards."

Alan Brodsky's advice on business

"That was a tough call."

Fan walking into the track, when finally deciding to take a free New York Post (he was in for a long day, if that was a tough call)

"Xanadu is over."

Brooklyn Boyz Stable's Anthony Bonomo, as the meet winds down

"Hey, Shug."

Greeting to trainer Kiaran McLaughlin while signing autographs at Impressions

"You finally got a job you can handle."

Trainer Seth Benzel to agent Richard DePass who was handing out papers Friday morning

"It's a community rake."

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens, after a groom took a rake out of Jerkens' hand

"It's a circus, but what the hell."

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens about his crew

Just Sayin'

"I used to go to Del Mar but after Del Mar my horses were done for the year, they were cooked. Here, they keep running. Horses do good here."

Trainer Tom Proctor, after winning the Riskaverse with Queen Of The Creek

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Guest Speaker

It's 5:45 a.m, but who could sleep? Three miles away, dreams and hopes are being made and broken on our ancient racing grounds.

I'm driving through the working farm that flanks our road. Fields gauzed in purple and gold. Two gray companions; logging drafts we call Frick and Frack, graze in company. New suburban style homes sit close by. Worlds collide.

Then, as if by magic, horses have the right of way. Clare Court is on my right, the big quiet grandstand in the distance.

The clip, clop, clip of hooves on hard ground. "Watch your back." The quiet chatter in two distinct languages. The kind old trees give us peace. A few old warriors as tough and wise as the gnarly maples give us the eye. Troops of willowy 2-year-olds go by: Their eyes and action say, "Watch me, I'll give you what I can; tell me what to do; help me and I'll help you."

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I'm happy now; still time to dream.

- Jeff Ott

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Back in the Game

Quality Road eyes return to title picture

BY SEAN CLANCY

How do you beat Quality Road?

We need a miracle," trainer Kiaran McLaughlin

"If the old Quality Road shows up, forget it," trainer Jimmy Jerkens said.

"Quality Road is a super horse," jockey Rajiv Maragh said.

The favorite for today's Woodward looks formidable. Owned and bred by Edward Evans, Quality Road has never finished worse than third in 11 career starts. He's won the Fountain of Youth, Florida Derby, Amsterdam, Hal's Hope, Donn and Met Mile. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the son of Elusive Quality comes back from a tough loss in the Grade I Whitney when unable to hold off the late rush of Blame. It was Quality Road's solo defeat this year.

"I was disappointed, frustrated, the horse had trained so well, you're always cautious about expectations with any horse but you hate to lose those kind,"



Quality Road tunes up for the Woodward with a workout over the main track.

Pletcher said Friday. "When you have a horse like that, you hate to ever get beat, he's a half a head away from being perfect this year."

The Whitney was Quality Road's first race in 10 weeks. The Woodward looms as his second race in a month. Asked if had his choice between preparation time, Pletcher didn't hesitate.

"Six," Pletcher said, meaning weeks.

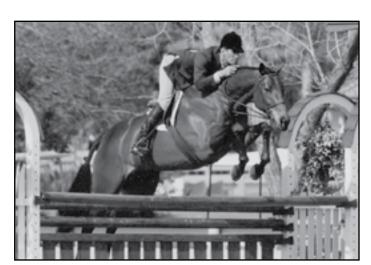
After the Whitney, Pletcher breezed Quality Road a half mile in 51 4/5 seconds over a sloppy Oklahoma surface. He returned seven days later with a minute drill over the main track.

John Velazquez put Quality Road on the lead in the 9-furlong Whitney and slowed it down from there. The Virginia-bred crawled through a half in 48 seconds, compared to 45 seconds when he won the Met Mile, and Blame sat closer than his usual style. Garrett Gomez gunned Blame and turned the 9-furlong stakes into a sprint home.

"He's capable of winning a number of different ways but the ideal race is where there's a good, fast pace that you can prompt and turn up the pressure and make it an honest race," Pletcher said. "What he can do is if they go in 46, he can do that in a high cruising speed.'

Pletcher wants to amend the pace tactics in the Woodward. Arcodoro possesses speed in the next stall over from Quality Road; Pletcher expects the 30-1 shot to go and Quality Road to track him. If jockey David

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Cape Crusader, Academy Award

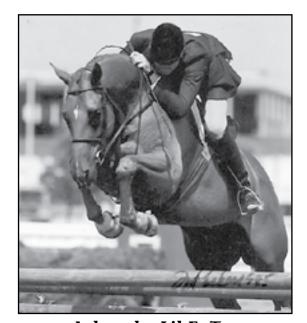


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Cohen tries to slow it down too much with Arcodoro, then Quality Road will take the initiative.

"There wasn't much we could have done differently except being a little more aggressive and told Johnny to go ahead and take it to them. I told him to ride him in complete confidence, the logical thing is any time you can get away with a 48 half, you're supposed to do it. In his particular case, as illogical as it sounds, in some ways it works against him," Pletcher said. "He can go in 46 and 1:09 and keep going, not all other horses can. You have to take the other horses out of their comfort zone, his strength is his high cruising speed and the ability to maintain it. Hopefully you learn from your losses and improve on them."

When asked the reason for the Whitney defeat, Pletcher did not blame tactics or preparation.

"Blame is a very good horse, he ran a big race. In retrospect, we would have been better off if we spread the race out a little bit and made everybody work harder to stay close. He ran a good race, just not the same race as the Met Mile and the Donn."

There are no Blames in the Grade I Woodward.

The seven-horse field consists of a Kentucky Derby winner on hard times, a two-time allowance winner, a 44-1 winner earlier in the meet, a Maryland-based gelding, a 4-year-old Darley homebred who's never won a stakes and



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a California transferee looking for his first win since April.

Jerkens takes a shot at his former student with Convocation. Wayne Lukas puts blinkers on and takes Calvin Borel off Derby winner Mine That Bird. Eric Guillot tries to top off his meet with two-time winner Arcodoro. Larry Murray ventures out of Laurel Park with Indian Dance. McLaughlin hopes for second money with Tranquil Manner. Bob Baffert takes a shot with three-time winner Mythical Power.

Of the group, Centennial Farm's Convocation warrants the longest look. The 4-year-old son of Pulpit finished 7 lengths behind Quality Road in their first meeting, the Met Mile May 31. Since then, Convocation finished second to Haynesfield in the Grade II Suburban before taking a two-other-than allowance race here Aug. 4. Convocation prevailed over Glenwood Canyon after a long stretch battle. Since that victory, Jerkens has put three solid breezes into Convocation, including a 6-furlong

move in 1:14 Aug. 24 (Mine That Bird went 2 seconds faster).

"It's a tough spot with Quality Road, that's for sure, we'll give it a go," Jerkens said Friday morning as Convocation walked under the trees at the barn. "His last race was good, it would have been nice to see that horse he beat come back and win but he didn't. He's always on the muscle like most Pulpits but for the most part he's pretty genuine."

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Javier Castellano, aboard for the allowance win, has the return call aboard Convocation, who breaks from the rail.

"He's doing good, he'll run good," Jerkens said. "He usually breaks bad from the rail. He never breaks great but he seems to be worse on the inside. It's a big pot, \$750,000. It's got to make more sense than running in a three other than and they're like stakes anyway."

Jerkens and Castellano teamed up to win the Travers with Afleet Express. After the race, Jerkens said he was quietly confident in the horse leading up to the Travers. Asked his feelings about Convocation, Jerkens didn't hesitate.

"I'm quietly confident," Jerkens said.
"If the old Quality Road shows up, forget it, but there's nothing wrong with second in a Grade I."

McLaughlin made no bones about his thought process of putting 15-1 Tranquil Manner in the Woodward. Bred and owned by Darley, Tranquil Manner is here to make a run at the \$150,000 second-place check and pick up a substantial line of Grade I black type for his dam Composure.

"We've had 12 seconds at the meet, I'd be tickled if this was 13. I don't think we can beat Quality Road but I'd be happy to be second," McLaughlin said. "He's an A.P. Indy and they own the family, if we got Grade I placed, that would be great, I just don't think we can beat him. It's pretty wide open after him, I respect Jimmy Jerkens' horse, after that it's wide open. Todd likes to give them more time than this but we need a miracle."

Bob Baffert shipped Mythical Power

from his Del Mar base earlier in the meet. The 4-year-old son of Congaree won the Grade III Texas Mile in April but has failed to hit the board in his next three starts.

He's punched two solid breezes since arriving in Saratoga, drilling 5 furlongs in 1:00 2/5 Aug. 21 and coming back six days later to go another 5 panels in 1:00 1/5 over the main track. Garrett Gomez picks up the ride on the Peachtree Stable homebred who's 3-for-12 in his career for more than \$600,000 (third highest earner in the field).

Larry Murray entered Sondra Bender's Indian Dance for his first Graded stakes attempt. A winner of four races from nine starts, Indian Dance has lost his last three starts. The gelded son of Indian Charlie won the Harrison Johnson in March at the Woodward distance. Kent Desormeaux had the call but fell in Friday's third race and took off the rest of his remaining mounts.

Upset winner of the Derby, Mine That Bird returns to face Quality Road for the second time. Owned by Double Eagle Ranch and Buena Suerte Equine, Mine That Bird failed to make any impact when fifth in the Whitney. Lukas, who took over Mine That Bird's training this spring, made major adjustments since that defeat.

The Hall of Fame trainer replaced Borel with Rajiv Maragh and put blinkers on the late-running gelding. Lukas also amped up Mine That Bird's morning routine. Nine days after the Woodward, he breezed 5 furlongs in a bullet 1:00 2/5. Eight days later, he fired 6 furlongs in 1:11 4/5. Six days after that, he scorched another 5 furlongs in a bullet 1:00 1/5. Lukas and Maragh expect the gelding to lay closer to the pace than he

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Arcodoro represents the Eric Guillot barn in the Woodward.

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has in his prior races.

"I know what I'm on, he won the Kentucky Derby, he's not a bad horse. Working him, he's very impressive," Maragh said. "I just want to give him a trip where we don't have any excuses. With the blinkers on and the way he's worked, it's just getting him into a good, forward rhythm so when I get to the quarter pole, I'm within range. I'd like to be within a couple of lengths of Quality Road at the three-eighths pole."

Guillot shocked Saratoga bettors when he unleashed Arcodoro to win a first-level allowance going the Woodward distance July 31.

Campaigned predominantly on the turf and synthetic tracks in California, Arcodoro won an off-the-turf allowance at Louisiana Downs May 28, then finished third on the turf there before streaking to a front-running score. Owned by Southern Equine Stable, Arcodoro will be ridden by David Cohen, who was aboard the 4-year-old son of Medaglia d'Oro for his most recent victory.



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1	Rose Catherine Canadian Ballet Broken Dreams	Rose Catherine Karakorum Electra Ahvee's Destiny	Rose Catherine Broken Dreams Happy Dreams	Gemswick Park Broken Dreams Rose Catherine	Rose Catherine Quebrada Shiner Stormandaprayer
2	Crea's Law Exley Super Angelo Mr. Fantasy	Crea's Law Cooks Forest Exley Brother Bird	Crea's Law Cook's Forest Exley Brother Bird	Crea's Law Cooper River Cooks Forest Mr. Fantasy	Crea's Law Exley D'Sauvage Safe Trip
3	Brother Bird Callide Valley Golly Day	Flying Pegasus Speight of Hand Shimmering Forest	Mr. Fantasy Safe Trip Golly Day	Speight Of Hand Brother Bird Time For Tutt	Brother Bird Mr. Fantasy Shimmering Forest
4	Albany Road Epicurus Souper Spectacular	Golly Day Epicurus Promovedor Glory	Epicurus Shimmering Forest Loquacious	Golly Day Epicurus Loquacious	Lion Under Oath Southern Saint Promovedor Glory
5	Jaguar Paw Rock America Astrology	Jaguar Paw Souper Spectacular Praetereo	Promovedor Glory Ender's Universe Anthony's Cross	Souper Spectacular Promovedor Glory Anthony's Cross	Doctor Peach Ender's Universe To Honor and Serve
6	To Honor and Serve Economic Summit Fantasia	Astrology Anthony's Cross Fantasia	Astrology Data Link McVictory	Astrology Economic Summit My Princess Jess	Astrology Anthony's Cross C.S. Silk
7	My Princess Jess Forest Trail Abilio	My Princess Jess Be Fair Pegasus Tommy D.	Fantasia My Princess Jess Pegasus Tommy D.	Fantasia Striking Dancer Eire's Run	Solo Piano My Princess Jess Abilio
8	Pegasus Tommy D. Saginaw Godolphin Entry	Duke of Naples Bishop of Nola Vineyard Haven	Bishop Of Nola J L Bernstein Godolphin Entry	Midnight Billy Pegasus Tommy D. Big Drama	Bishop of Nola Saginaw Bribon
9	Bribon Checklist Quality Road	Warrior's Reward Bribon Quality Road	Warrior's Reward Bribon Quality Road	Vineyard Haven Bribon Quality Road	Vineyard Haven Here Comes Ben Quality Road
10	Arcodoro Mythical Power Bourbon Bandit	Tranquil Manner Mythical Power City Train	Convocation Tranquil Manner City Train	Mythical Power Mine That Bird City Train	Mythical Power Convocation City Train
11	City Train N P Cat	Roaring Conquest Writethatdown	Bourbon Bandit Writethatdown	Bourbon Bandit Writethatdown	N P Cat Roaring Conquest
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1	1	Broken DreamsGomez G K Proctor Thomas F10-1
2	2	Rose Catherine Castellano J J Pletcher Todd A2-1
3	3	War KillLeparoux J R McPeek Kenneth15-1
4	4	ExtravaganzaBorel C H Arnold George R12-1
5	5	StormandaprayerMaragh R Toner James J12-1
6	6	Karakorum ElektraDominguez R A Rice Linda8-1
7	7	Quebrada Shiner (ARG)Lezcano J5-1
8	8	Ahvee's DestinyVelazquez J R Rice Linda8-1
9	9	Lady RizziVelasquez C Rice Linda12-1
		LookalikeMena M
11	11	Canadian BalletGarcia Alan Rice Linda8-1
12	MTO	Gemswick ParkMena M Albertrani Thomas 3-1
13	MTO	Happy WeekMena M Pletcher Todd A5-2
Exa	cta, ⁻	Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (1-3), Daily Double

2ND (1:31) 6 FURLONGS NY BRED 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$40,000

1	1	Cooks Forest	Velasquez C	Alexander Frank A5-1
2	2			Galluscio Dominic . 10-1
3	3			Benzel Seth4-1
4	4	Street Game	Garcia Alan	Serpe Philip M10-1
5	5			Trombetta Michael6-1
6	6	Freud's Theory	Maragh R	Morrison John15-1
7	7	Marvolo	Espinoza J L	Feron Kathleen M 30-1
8	8	Crea's Law	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A5-2
9	9	Hard Two Imagine	Cohen D	Phipps William20-1
10	10	D' Sauvage	Castellano J J	Kimmel John C6-1
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3RD (2:02) 6 FURLONGS 3&UP ALLOW/OC (\$50,000) PURSE: \$54,000

1	1	Mr. Fantasy	Dominguez R A Hushion Michael E5-2
2	2	Speight of Hand	Castellano J J Brown Chad C6-1
3	3		Prado E S Alexander Frank A .15-1
4	4	Brother Bird	Velazquez J R Pletcher Todd A7-2
5	5	Southern Danger	Desormeaux K J Romans Dale20-1
6	6	Callide Valley	Maragh R Schwartz Scott M 8-1
7	7	Flying Pegasus	Gomez G K Nicks Ralph E8-1
8	8	Safe Trip	Leparoux J R Kenneally Eddie7-2
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4TH (2:33) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 3&UP CLM (\$25,000) PURSE: \$28,000

1	1	Solar Panel	Hill C	. Bush Thomas M 20-1
2	2	Avenging	Maragh R	. Voss Thomas H12-1
3	3	Cullinan	Gomez G K	. Good John8-1
4	4	Golly Day	Castellano J J	. Weaver George4-1
5	5	Tocco d'Oro	Desormeaux K J	. Levine Bruce N20-1
6	6	Grand Black Jak	Solis A	. Lewis Lisa L30-1
7	7	Southern Saint	Mena M	. Guillot Eric15-1
8	8	Lion Under Oath	Santiago V	. Hills Timothy A8-1
9	9	Epicurus	Velazquez J R	. Pletcher Todd A5-1
10	10	Albany Road	Garcia Alan	. Rice Linda6-1
11				. Tagg Barclay10-1
12	12	Shimmering Forest	Dominguez R A	. Domino Carl J9-2
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14	ΑE	Time for Tutt	Maragh R	. Allard Edward T10-1
Exa	acta,	Quinella, Trifecta, Su	per (.10), Pick 3 Rad	ces (4-6), Daily Double

5TH (3:05) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3&UP MAIDEN PURSE: \$51,000

1	1	My Tapit	Prado E S	Ubillo Rodrigo A20-1
2	2	Bellhouse	Castellano J J	Albertrani Thomas4-1
3	3	Promovedor Glory (ARG)	Leparoux J R	McPeek Kenneth5-1
4	4	Jaguar Paw	Mena M	Mott William I6-1
5	5	European Roulette	Velasquez C	Serpe Philip M10-1
6	6	Souper Spectacular	Velazquez J R	Benzel Seth7-2
7	7	Wild Hero	Coa E M	Hayden Dan20-1
8	8	Doctor Peach	Lezcano J	Zito Nicholas P6-1
9	9	Ender's Universe	Gomez G K	Arnold George R5-1
10	10	Tiz Rescued by Joe	Santiago V	Hunter Allan Jr30-1
11	ΑE	Rock America	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda5-1
12	ΑE	Cinnamon Beach	Hill C	Everett Scott12-1
13	ΑE	Baatesh	Maragh R	McLaughlin Kiaran 4-1
14	ΑE	Trackman	Lenclud F	Dodgen James A15-1
				Albertrani Thomas4-1
Exa	cta, [†]	Trifecta, Super (.10), F	Pick 3 Races (5-7),	Daily Double

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1	1	To Honor and Serve.	Velazquez J R	Mott William I8-1	
1A	ΑE	Gallant Dreams	Maragh R	Albertrani Thomas8-1	
2	2	Lemon Ghost	Cohen D	Lukas D Wayne20-1	
3	3	Voodat	Leparoux J R	McPeek Kenneth 12-1	
4	4	Astrology	Garcia Alan	Asmussen Steve4-1	
5	5	Golden Gulch	Velasquez C	Kenneally Eddie 15-1	
6	6	Data Link	Castelİano J J	McGaughey III C8-1	
7	7	Economic Summit	Maragh R	Violette, Jr. R A10-1	
8	8	Scotus	Borel C H	McPeek Kenneth 20-1	
9	9	Punster	Prado E S	Alexander Frank8-1	
10	10	King Ting (IRE)	Desormeaux K J	Stewart Dallas 15-1	
11	11	Anthony's Cross	Gomez G K	Harty Eoin5-1	
12	12	Praetereo	Dominguez R A	Pletcher Todd A10-1	
13	13	Philippe	Solis A	Baker James E30-1	
14	14	Dr. Tom G	Lezcano J	Zito Nicholas P15-1	
15	ΑE	Whistlin' Dixie	Velasquez C	Penna Angel Jr 20-1	
A-C	A-Coupled: To Honor and Serve and Gallant Dreams				

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (6-8), Pick 6 Races (6-11) Daily Double

7TH (4:09) ADDISON MALLERY S. 1 MILE (INNER TURF) F&M 4&UP PURSE: \$70,000

	IUL.	Ψ10,000		
1	1	Be Fair	.Maragh R	Lukas D Wayne15-1
2	2	My Princess Jess	.Dominguez R A	Tagg Barclay5-2
3	3	Fantasia (GB)	.Leparoux J R	Sheppard Jonathan .3-1
4	4	C. S. Silk	.Velazquez J R	Romans Dale6-1
5	5	Coulee	.Prado E S	Hushion Michael E 10-1
6	6	Awesome Grannie	.Lenclud F	Nihei Michelle30-1
7	-			McGaughey III C6-1
8	8	Striking Dancer	.Solis A	McPeek Kenneth8-1
9	9	Solo Piano	.Desormeaux K J	Mott William I10-1
10	MTO	McVictory	.Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A2-1
Exa	cta, ⁻	Trifecta, Super (.10), F	Pick 3 Races (7-9),	Grand Slam Races (7-10)
Dai	ly Do	uble		

8TH (4:42) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) NY BRED 3&UP ALLOW/OC (\$35,000) **PURSE: \$45,000**

		Ψ.0,000		
1	1	Come Undone	Lezcano J	Serpe Philip M8-1
2	2	Midnight Billy	Espinoza J L	Ortiz Juan 15-1
3	3	Alltiffedoff	Chavez J F	Reynolds Patrick 20-1
4	4	Bishop of Nola	Velazquez J R	Brown Bruce R5-1
5	5	Duke of Naples	Prado E S	Levine Bruce N8-1
6	6	J L Bernstein	Maragh R	Schettino Dominick A8-1
7	7	Stormy Success	Studart M	Toscano John T30-1
8	8	Abilio	Hill C	. Rice Linda9-2
9	9	Don't Fooli Houli	Garcia Alan	Morrison John12-1
10	10	Saginaw	Castellano J J	Brown Chad C6-1
11	11	Pegasus Tommy D	Dominguez R A	Dutrow, Jr. R E7-2
12	MTO	Eire's Run	Hill C	Rice Linda4-1
13	MTO	Jimmy Vegas	Hill C	Rice Linda9-2
Exa	cta,	Trifecta, Super (.10),	Pick 3 Races (8-	10), Pick 4 Races (8-11)
Dai	ly Do	ouble	·	

9TH (5:14) FOREGO S. (G1) 7 FURLONGS 3&UP PURSE: \$250,000

1	2	Vineyard HavenGarcia	Alan bin Suroor Saeed2-1		
1A	3	GirolamoVelasq	uez C bin Suroor Saeed2-1		
2	1	Bribon (FR)Gomez	G K4-1		
3	4	Big DramaCoa E	M Fawkes David4-1		
4	5	Here Comes BenSolis A	Lopresti Charles 10-1		
5	6	Charitable ManDomin	guez R A Dutrow Anthony 12-1		
6	7	OmniscientBorel (H Asmussen Steven 12-1		
	8		h R Contessa Gary C30-1		
8	9	Warrior's RewardLepard	ux J R6-1		
			uez J R Pletcher Todd A15-1		
			ano J J Bush Thomas M20-1		
	A-Coupled: Vineyard Haven and Girolamo				
Exa	ıcta,	, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (9-11),	Daily Double		

10TH (5:48) WOODWARD S. (G1) 1 1/8 MILES 3&UP PURSE: \$750,000

1	1	Convocation	Castellano J J	. Jerkens James A 6-1
2	2	Mine That Bird	Maragh R	. Lukas D Wayne 10-1
3	3	Quality Road	Velazquez J R	. Pletcher Todd A 1-4
4	4	Arcodoro	Cohen D	. Guillot Eric30-1
5	5	Indian Dance	Desormeaux K J	. Murray Lawrence 20-1
				. McLaughlin Kiaran 15-1
7	7	Mythical Power	Gomez G K	. Baffert Bob12-1
		Trifecta, Super (.10		

11TH (6:20) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) NY BRED 3&UP MDN PURSE: \$41,000

1	1	No More Taxes	Samyn J L	Prine David50-1
2	2	N P Cat	Velazquez J R	Donk David12-1
3	3			Hills Timothy A6-1
4	4	Roaring Conquest	Leparoux J R	Reinacher, Jr. R J6-1
5	5	Bourbon Bandit	Dominguez R A	Rice Linda5-1
6	6	Western Connection	Studart M	Morrison John15-1
7				White Linda A6-1
8	8	Whateverittakes	.Velasquez C	Schosberg Richard5-1
9	9			Baker Charlton15-1
10				Contessa Gary C5-2
11	ΑE	Rappaport	.Garcia Alan	Rice Linda10-1
				Weaver George7-2
13	MTO	Fortitude	Dominguez R A	Schosberg Richard5-1
				Ryerson James T4-1
15	MTO	Jello Shot	Lezcano A	Kelly Patrick J15-1
16	MTO	Marsh Haven	.Hill C	Baker Charlton12-1
Exa	cta, T	Trifecta, Super (.10)		

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Kentucky shipper meets big names among 11 tough sprinters in Gr. I

BY JOE CLANCY

Trainer Charlie Lopresti stood outside Barn 16 between Clare Court and the main track and surveyed Saratoga.

"It's a long way from Turfway in the winter," he said. "It's a big step up for me, for the horse, for the farm. We raised him there, we broke him. That adds a lot to it. It makes it mean a little more, but it is intimidating. You know there are a few people around saying 'This guy brought this horse in from Kentucky? Who's he kidding? What's he thinking?"

Based at Keeneland and his Forest Lane Farm in Lexington, Lopresti shipped Here Comes Ben in for today's Forego. The 7-furlong Grade I lured multiple Grade I winner Vineyard Haven, speedy \$1.5 million earner Big Drama, Grade I winners Bribon and Warrior's Reward and Grade II winners Girolamo, You And I Forever and Charitable Man among 11 entrants. The \$250,000 race is the ninth on the program and shares top billing with the Woodward one race later.

Lopresti shows up with 10-1 shot Here Comes Ben, a streaking 4-year-

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old with five lifetime wins including his last three at 7 furlongs. He comes off a victory in the Kelly's Landing Stakes at Churchill Downs in June and could find an ideal trip rallying behind a fast pace. He also represents a major step for Lopresti (13-for-49 this year).

"I don't think so, not that I can remember," he said when asked if he'd started a horse in a Grade I. "We won a Grade III last year and we've won our share of races. I'm just going to go over there, duck my head, saddle him up and treat it like another race."

The Forego is anything but – thanks to a strong field. Godolphin's Vineyard Haven and Girolamo are the 2-1 favorites. The former comes off a win in the James Marvin Opening Day, his first start of 2010. The son of Lido Palace crossed the line first in the King's Bishop last summer, only to be disqualified for interference, but returned to take the DeFrancis Dash at 6 furlongs and just miss in the Cigar Mile to close a 2009 schedule that began in Dubai.

Alan Garcia takes the return call on



Maggie Kimmitt

Here Comes Ben and trainer Charlie Lopresti head to the Forego today.

the powerful gray 4-year-old.

"He's a really fast horse, has done well and improved every year," said Godolphin's Rick Mettee, the New York-based assistant to Saeed bin Suroor. "He's really peaking at this race; the way he worked the other day (6 furlongs in 1:12.45) was great and told us something. That's the best he's worked all year, the first time he worked like he did last year. We were a little apprehensive before the James Marvin because he didn't seem to be working as well as he did – then he pops out of the gate and goes 45 flat (for a half-mile) and keeps running."

Vineyard Haven led throughout and will be prominent again from post 2. Girolamo makes his first start of 2010, after closing last year with a 12th in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Before that, the son of A.P. Indy won two allowance races and the Jerome Handicap. Mettee said the plan did not originally include the Forego.

"We had a nice allowance race picked out a couple of weeks ago, but it didn't go," he said. "When races don't fill, it's tough. Do you run him here? Do you take him down to Monmouth? This is obviously a really tough spot, a much

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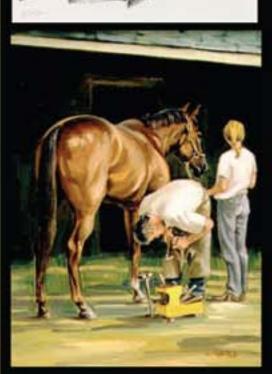


















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tougher comeback spot than you'd want for him, but given the option of running in a 100-grander down at Monmouth or staying here, we're here. You never know. It might set up for him."

Girolamo (Cornelio Velasquez) figures to sit just off the pace early, and could get the first punch on several laterunning sprinters in the group.

Big Drama (Eibar Coa, 4-1) might be up close early for trainer David Fawkes. The 4-year-old finished second behind Majesticperfection in the 6-furlong Vanderbilt here Aug. 8, went home to Calder for a few weeks and returned this week. Harold Queen's homebred son of Montbrook won at the distance twice last year (disqualified to second once) and also as a 2-year-old in 2008.

Starlight Partners' Checklist (John Velazquez, 15-1) also fits in the first flight, though he is entered at Monmouth for Sunday. Trainer Todd Pletcher has the 4-year-old son of Gone West on the improve with an optional claiming win

here at 6 furlongs July 25.

The field is full of late-running sprinter types including 2009 Travers starter Warrior's Reward. A. Stevens Miles' 4-year-old made 10 starts in 2009 and opened 2010 with back-to-back victories for trainer Ian Wilkes. Warrior's Reward took an optional claimer at Gulfstream Park in February, then added the Grade I Carter in April. Atta Boy Roy held off Warrior's Reward's wide rally by a head in the Grade II Churchill Downs in May.



Warrior's Reward heads for the Forego after running in the Travers last year.

Warrior's Reward then tried the Metropolitan Mile at Belmont Park and ended four consecutive 1-2 finishes with a sixth after being close up early.

"I screwed up, I tried to win it too much instead of letting the horse do it," Wilkes said. "I felt like I needed to be in there, up on the pace - we put him in the race too much. You start thinking like that and you make mistakes. I made a big mistake that day, but you learn from it and you move on.'

Warrior's Reward (6-1) reunites with Julien Leparoux, aboard for the first three starts this year, and is 3-for-5 at the distance. Last summer, he finished distance horse.

back to sprinting at the end of last year



Tod Marks

Charlitable Man

The Special

horse, he can be dangerous," Wilkes See *FOREGO* page 18 ▶

and into this year. He's very agile for a

big horse, doesn't look like a sprinter or

knock you on your back, or run around

a stronger horse, there's more to him,"

said the trainer. "He's a much more ma-

ture horse now. He's got a great temper-

Like Warrior's Reward, Mr. and Mrs.

W.K. Warren's Charitable Man started

in the Jim Dandy and Travers last year,

a season that also included a win in the

Peter Pan and a fourth behind Summer

Bird in the Belmont Stakes when trained

by Kiaran McLaughlin. Now part of

Tony Dutrow's barn, the 4-year-old

blew some dust out of the pipes with

a second going 6 furlongs at Delaware

Park Aug. 2 – his first start in almost a

year. Ramon Dominguez takes the ride

Gomez, 4-1) exits a third in the Vander-

bilt, where he rallied to be third behind

Majesticperfection while getting spun wide. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the

7-year-old opened 2010 with a second

in the Barbados Gold Cup on turf and

has one win – the Grade II True North

a two-race winning streak into the Fore-

go with victories in the Majestic Light

at Monmouth Aug. 1 and an allowance

at Churchill Downs July 2. The 4-year-

old son of Pulpit gets Calvin Borel and

Starforaday (Rajiv Maragh, 30-1) leads the field with 35 lifetime starts - one more than Bribon - and exits a second going 7 furlongs here Aug. 16 for train-

Harold Lerner's and John Moirano's

Jafar Abdullah Algahtani's You And I Forever (Javier Castellano, 20-1) tested Vineyard Haven in the James Marvin finishing third after being spun wide.

The 5-year-old son of A.P. Indy makes his third start for trainer Tom Bush after

tangling with Blame, Quality Road and Awesome Gem for Marty Wolfson.

Haven as a key and hopes to see Big Drama, Checklist and Charitable Man

near the front early. He also didn't miss Lopresti's name on the overnight.

Wilkes sees "class speed" Vineyard

"Here Comes Ben is an improving

is 12-1 for trainer Steve Asmussen.

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at Belmont - this year.

er Gary Contessa.

Derrick Smith's Bribon (Garrett

ament. He's very sharp, very happy.

If he were a football player, Warrior's Reward would be a tight end. He can

"He was always a big horse, now he's

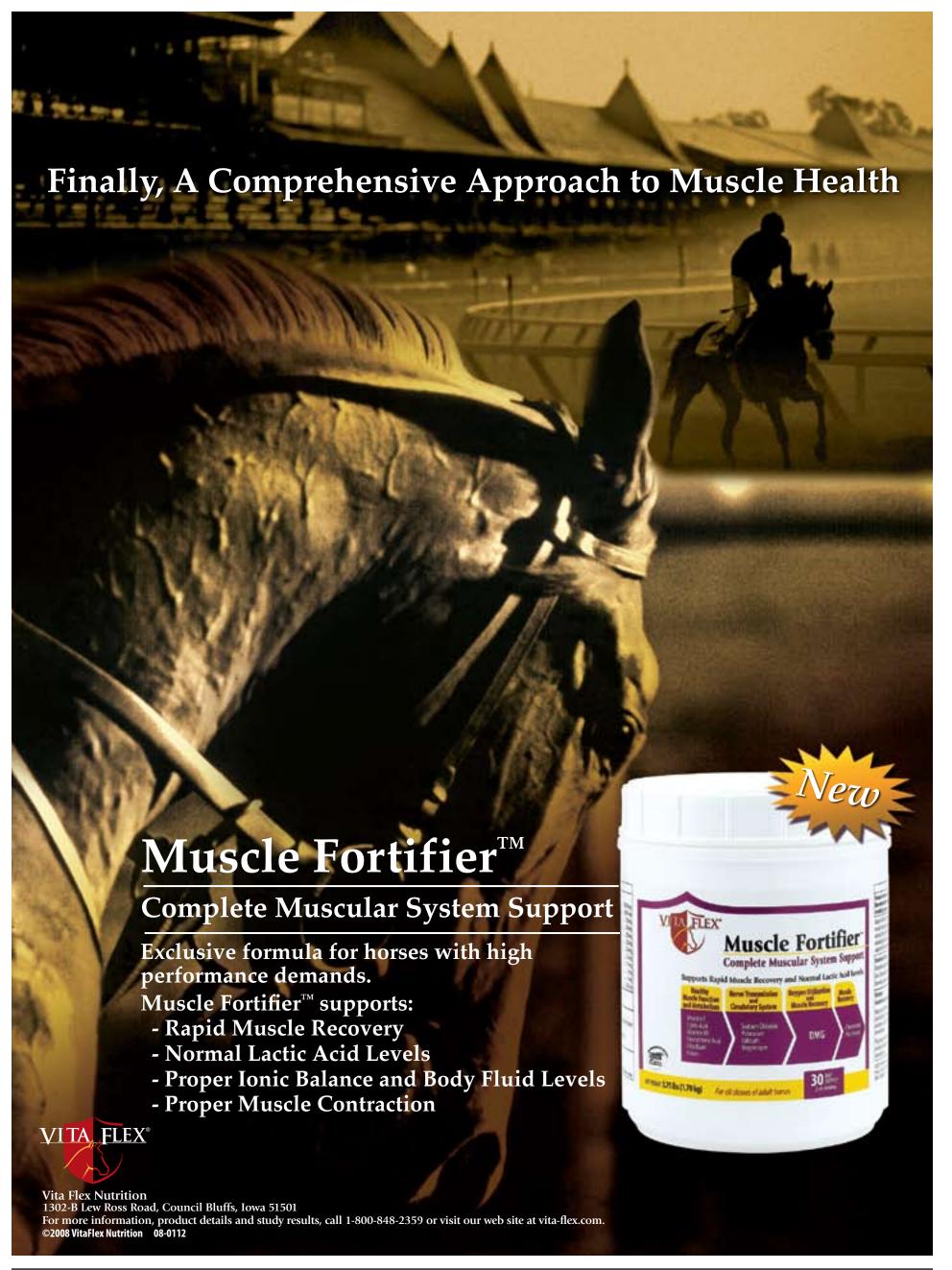
act like one really."

second in the Jim Dandy and fifth in the Travers, during a stint as a longer-"In hindsight, he couldn't finish up

going long," said Wilkes. "I couldn't duplicate the races he ran going short - he'd run huge going short. I took him

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said. "He's a good horseman, he's no dummy. If he's here, he has a chance."

Lopresti hopes Wilkes is right, but knows the horse will have to prove he belongs.

"Let me tell you what, if we come up here and we finish in the first three I'm going to be delighted, really delighted," Lopresti said. "I want to win obviously but I'm not coming in thinking I'm the best horse. It's going to take the race of his life to win this race, but he's doing well and maybe he runs the race of his life."

Lopresti built his training career on experience gained working with yearlings and other horses for Allen Paulson, Calumet Farm and Bob and Beverly Lewis. Arazi, Fraise, Dinard, Eliza, they all passed through Lopresti's hands as yearlings. So did Charismatic and Exploit.

"Calumet started giving me some of the second-tier horses to run off the farm when I was there," Lopresti said of his start as a trainer. "Then we started our own farm and had horses for the Lewises - (bloodstock agent) John Moynihan used to do some work for them and John and I were friends. The first horses we ever broke on our farm were for the Lewises before anybody really knew who they were."

Bred by owners Marianne and Brandon Chase, Here Comes Ben learned his early lessons at Lopresti's farm and didn't run until April of his 3-year-old year. He won his third start, tried the turf at Indiana Downs last summer, won a Keeneland allowance in October and finished fifth in the Prairie Bayou Stakes at Turfway Park in December.

The placid dark bay spent the winter with Lopresti, wearing a "big, old, heavy blanket" much of the time, and went back to the races at Keeneland in April.

He's done nothing but win - taking a two-otherthan by 6 lengths, going up the ladder to three-other-than at Churchill Downs in May and becoming a stakes winner in the Kelly's Landing June 25 to earn his shot in the Forego.

"After he won that, a couple people at Keeneland said we ought to look at the Forego," said Lopresti, who sent the horse to Saratoga two weeks ago. "The race fits our schedule, it's the next good race going 7 furlongs, he's doing really well. Bob Lewis used to tell me 'Charlie, if you don't put them in the gate you

Here Comes Ben, named for the Chase's grandson, breaks from post 5.

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I'll miss going to the Morning Line Kitchen on the backside and ordering a "Sean Tea."

I'll miss going to the races and eating cookies with Andrew.

I'll miss Nathan's Fries

I'll miss everything being in walking distance.

I'll miss hearing Paul and Leo saying "Lies."

I'll miss David and Fay Donk, treating me like I'm their child.

I'll miss watching my TV shows with Tracy.

I'll miss Plum Dandy, My favorite place downtown.

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I'll miss meeting someone new every day.

I'll miss the NYRA security guard shouting "Down the middle, across Union Avenue."

I'll miss Sean impersonating him.

I'll miss Sean saying the word kookalooka and saying "These are the good ol' days.

I'll miss everyone thinking I'm Sean's daughter, then asking me if I'm going to be a jump rider.

I'll miss actually wearing a sweater.

I'll miss Bri Bri eating lunch with me.

I'll miss Joe The Usher watching over me.

I'll miss Maggie letting me use her camera.

I'll miss Joe Clancy's laugh.

I'll miss John Panagot, the best hotwalker on the backside and our awesome fist bump.

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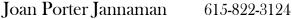
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Lawn Boy

McLaughlin maiden tries turf, powers off with juvenile triumph

BY SEAN CLANCY

Kiaran McLaughlin snapped his fingers and cackled like a thief in the

"A maiden in a stake, what were we thinking? What were we thinking?"

Soldat had just shown what McLaughlin was thinking with a powerful score in Friday's Grade III With Anticipation.

One of three maidens in the juvenile turf stakes, Soldat stalked the pace and sprinted home like a seasoned veteran, strolling to a 3-length victory over favorite Powhatan County and pacesetter Typhoon Slew. Owned by Harvey Clarke and Craig Robertson III, Soldat finished a mile and a sixteenth in 1:41.37.

Alan Garcia used Soldat's natural speed to challenge Ellis Park maiden winner Typhoon Slew for the lead. The duo paired off through the opening stages before Soldat eased off to find a perfect stalking spot in second through the first quarter in 23.08. Typhoon Slew opened a 2-length advantage over Sol-

dat and stretched a 20-length ribbon between himself and maiden Manchurian High at the back. After a half in 47.97, Typhoon Slew led Soldat by a length with second choice Sensational Slam tracking to the outside in third while Powhatan County stayed inside in fourth. Air Support sat fifth and the rest were suddenly out of the room when the deal was done.

Midway on the turn, Garcia sent Soldat past Typhoon Slew and turned for home with a substantial advantage. Powhatan County made up some ground but was never a threat to Soldat who glided under the wire with an easy

"I thought we would be on the lead and I was little worried going into the first turn because he lugs in a little. Then I liked it a lot when he settled," McLaughlin said. "We worked him once over it and we saw what we needed to see."

Soldat made his debut in a 5-furlong maiden at Belmont, finishing second to Bail Out The Cat. McLaughlin



Tod Marks

Soldat glides home with a win in Friday's With Anticipation Stakes.

aimed him at a 5 1/2-furlong maiden at Saratoga but ran into Wine Police who crushed him by nearly 8 lengths.

"We were little bit disappointed but we were second best," McLaughlin said. "People asked me if we liked the horse, I said, 'Yeah, we like him a lot but it's Saratoga, you might hook a freak.' And we did."

After that defeat, McLaughlin decided to see if Soldat handled the turf. On Aug. 13, he breezed a half in 47 2/5 seconds and McLaughlin circled the With Anticipation.

"We saw what we needed to see. He always trained very well, we liked him from the beginning," McLaughlin said.

"We thought he would run like that if he could handle the turf. He's a great mover, does everything right."

After the With Anticipation, McLaughlin convinced Robertson to walk his first stakes winner into the winner's circle at Saratoga. Robertson, a lawyer from Lexington, thanked McLaughlin, then thanked him again, and thanked him again.

"It doesn't get any better than that," Robertson said. "I grew up in Lexington, I've loved the horses all my life, but I've always been on the periphery, I've dreamed about owning a horse and I fi-

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nally pulled the trigger and it's everything that I've ever thought it would be."

Prominent owner Maggi Moss convinced Robertson to put together a partnership to buy his first horse. Soldat is his second. Steve Shahinian purchased the Brookfield Farm-bred colt for \$180,000 at Keeneland September.

"I was having so much fun before I won this race, it's a great sport to be involved in," Robertson said. "I was worried, the horse had never been on the turf and never been two turns but Kiaran was very confident and I trust him to put him in the right spot."

Robertson has known the McLaughlin family for as long as he remembers. He went to high school with Kiaran's sister. A novice owner on paper, Robertson takes a pragmatic approach to owning horses.

"Getting involved with the right people, people you can trust. I'm not afraid of losing money but if I'm going to lose it, I want to lose it honestly," Robertson said. "There a lot of people on the periphery who would love to be involved as owners, but you have to bring them in the fold. Maggi Moss talked to me and said let's own a horse together, once you get a taste for it, you're hooked for life, especially after this."

With that, Robertson, his fiance Shelia Bayes and McLaughlin toasted Soldat.



Tod Marks

Craig Robertson leads Soldat to the winner's circle after the With Anticipation.

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Tough Team



Wicked Diva (right) holds off Banker's Buy and Don't Forget Gil in Friday's Saratoga Dew Stakes.

Dominguez, Hushion collect stakes win with Wicked Diva

BY BEN MEYERS

uts, moxie, or grit come to mind, but whatever you want to call it, Wicked Diva showed it in the final strides of Friday's Saratoga Dew Stakes.

The 4-year old daughter of Jump Start held off outside rallies from Banker's Buy and Don't Forget Gil to win the \$70,000 overnight stakes for New York-bred fillies and mares by a head.

"In the last three jumps I had no idea what was going to happen,"owner/trainer Mike Hushion said. "I had a bad angle on the race so I wasn't sure at all. When I saw the replay I was OK. You saw the picture it was, what, maybe six inches. It was a really close one."

"She was still game in the last part," jockey Ramon Dominguez said. "It looked like in the last sixteenth they were going to overtake her, but she kept

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on digging, and was able to stay in front. She was game. When we hit the wire, if I had to guess, I thought that we had it. We were so far apart that it was really hard to gauge."

Wicked Diva, starting from the fifth post in the six horse field, got out of the gate quickly, but was able to get relatively soft fractions of 24.99, 49.68, and 1:14.14 on her way to the win in the 1 1/8-mile test. Ultimatley, Banker's Buy nosed out Don't Forget Gil for second behind the

"Ramon's ride was pretty spec-another win together. tacular. He made the lead from the outside and slowed it down. He

did it all," Hushion said. "He kicked her from the outside post and put her there, slowed it down and then got on his belly the last sixteenth. My man Ramon."

Wicked Diva improved to 3-for-6 with two seconds in her career and more than made up for a fifth here in the slop Aug. 23. In addition to her first stakes start, the winner was trying 9 furlongs for the first time. Her longest race before Friday had been a score at a mile in an allowance at Belmont June 30.

Dominguez has been aboard for all of the 4-year-old filly's starts, but knew Friday's wins was close.

"I saw (Banker's Buy and Don't Forget Gil) actually right before the wire," Dominguez said about the finish. "I kept on riding and I took a peek back,



winner, who finished in 1:52.77. Jockey Ramon Dominguez and Mike Hushion collected

but I had to pick up my head to be able to see them because they were so far out. I said, 'Shoot, they are still there.' It was a pretty close finish, but she was still game."

Bred by Hidden Lake Farm, Richard Gallagher and Joan Simpson, Wicked Diva is a daughter of Jump Start and the Devil's Bag mare Wicked Mama.

Wicked Diva was the 19th starter of the meet for Hushion, and gave him four wins. The Hushion/Dominguez combination has won at better than 60 percent over the past two Saratoga sea-

"He has been very supportive of me. He is a very good trainer," Dominguez said. "He always wins a high percentage so it really isn't surprising for him to win any kind of race.



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Standing Tall

Longshot Count Catamount gives Tannuzzo first Saratoga victory



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Count Catamount hits the wire first in Friday's seventh race at more than 35-1.

BY BEN MEYERS

he roller coaster that was Friday's races at Saratoga hit its peak in the seventh race.

Going off at better than 35-1, Count Catamount and jockey David Cohen were able to get soft early fractions and hold off a late charge from Bold Vindication to win the mile race for claimers on the inner turf.

The early fractions of 24.77, 49.31, a laugh about what he was going to do and 1:13.78, gave Cohen something to work with at the end. The pair won by a neck over Bold Vindication with Ziptronic third.

'We got a relatively easy pace and it really seemed to make the difference for us to keep going strong," the rider said about the horse that won in 1:36.95 and paid \$72.50.

Trainer Michael Tannuzzo claimed the winner from trainer Seth Benzel in April. A month later he finished fifth in a starter allowance and then was a well-beaten ninth in a 5 1/2-furlong offthe-turf claimer Aug. 16. Owned by M and S Stable, the winner appreciated a return to turf.

"I ran him on the dirt last time and he stumbled badly, but David rode him perfectly (Friday). What can I say?" an excited Tannuzzo said after the win. "I kept trying to run him five and a half and I couldn't get into any races, so I thought he was doing so good that I have to run him a mile and take a chance."

It was the fifth horse to go to the gate for the trainer this meet and his first winner.

"Oh, forget it," Tannuzzo said with

to celebrate. "I have been in the game 25 years and been training on my own a year and a half. To win a race at Saratoga the first time up here is just great. We are going to go out and have a good

 Jimmy Toner has nice horses and isn't afraid of putting them against any-

'We take a shot at them every now and then," said Toner, who saddled less than 50 horses going into Friday. "We have a nice group of horses. Not too many, but we have them."

Winter Memories is one of the nicest. The 2-year-old daughter of El Prado (Jose Lezcano) found room on the hedge and rallied to win the 1 1/16-mile race for maidens by 1 1/2 lengths in 1:42.58.

"This filly has shown us right along that she is a quality filly," Toner said. "We didn't get her in the first week and we hoped to get her in and it just came up that we were able to get her in (Friday)."

Winter Memories and half-sister La Cloche are both out of champion Mem-See *FRIDAY* page 26 ▶

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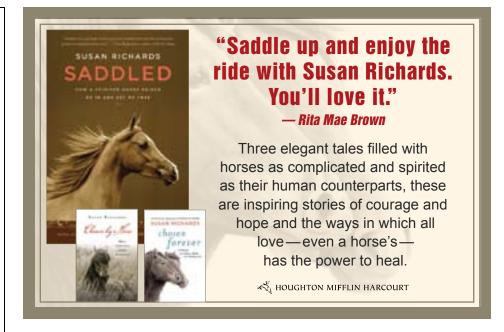
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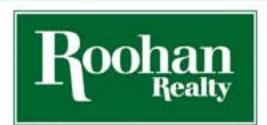


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Winter Memories (right) kicks clear in Friday's sixth, a maiden race for 2-year-old fillies.

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ories Of Silver. Both are Saratoga winners this meet. Both are trained by Toner and owned by Phillips Racing Partnership (also the breeder and owner of Memories Of Silver).

"It is a family affair," Toner said with a smile. "I had their mother too and now I have these two . . . It is more satisfying for the owners, who are also the breeders, and I have trained for, for so many years."

Winter Memories sat in seventh through much of the early going, but Lezcano had to wait behind a wall of horses for a crack to open as he tried to find room for a late run. Once the field hit the top of the stretch,

"It's a family affair. I had their mother and now I have these two."

- Jimmy Toner, about Winter Memories

she found the opening she needed, Lezcano put her there and the horse charged to victory. Town Flirt was second and Hungry Island third.

"We were expecting good things from her so hopefully we can go along from here. It looked like he had a nice spot even though he had some trouble on the turn. We were a little concerned about that. Once she got straightened away . . ." Toner trailed off while watching the race replay. "Here she is like, 'OK.'

Watch her kick. Whoa, she just kicked another gear right there."

Toner's cell phone rang and after answering it he only had one thing to say to the caller, "She looked pretty good to me too."

• In the fifth race, a 5 1/2-furlong test for maidens on the main track, winner Palooza (Javier Castellano) drifted in front of Ramon Dominguez and Overseas Market in the final strides. The inquiry sign immediately went up as the race was reviewed.

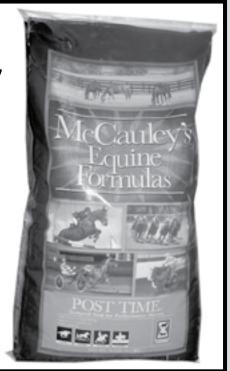
After about five minutes, Overseas Market was given the win and Palooza was placed second. Simply Delightful was third.

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Friday –

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"You don't like to win these ways, but when it is so dramatic you just can't be taking right hand turns in front of horses and stay up," trainer Rick Violette said. "I think they made the right call. She ran terrific. She backed up a little bit going around the turns with the dirt in her face and gave herself a little bit too much to do."

Owned by Klaravich Stable and William Lawrence, the winner came out of a runner-up effort at Monmouth in June.

• It took Cookram Rock and John Velazquez every bit of the mile and three-sixteenth fourth race for New York-breds to catch City Sneakers, but the rally paid off.

The 3-year-old son of Artax won by a neck that he gained in the final three strides, in a time of 1:55.11, for trainer Melnyk Racing Stable and Seth Benzel.

"I don't know what the trick is, but I am glad that we ended up where we did," said Benzel about pulling off the come-from-behind win. "It was a fantastic ride by Johnny. He made all of the right decisions and came up right when he needed to. It was a fantastic effort by him."

Even though Cookram Rock raced in seventh, of twelve, for much of the race he was never more than 4 lengths from the front. He sat behind horses while running along the hedge before Velazquez found some running room to the outside in mid-stretch.



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Cookram Rock streaks to the finish first in the fourth race, a key win for jockey John Velazquez.

"I thought we had a lot of horse. I thought we had the best horse," Benzel said about watching the stretch. "It was a matter of if we were going to get out or not. Johnny did a great job to use his left hand and get him to drift over and bull his way through and that was the ending move that won it for us."

City Sneakers was second and Hangingbyathread was third.

• The lowest moments of the day came in the first two races. In the second race, Forest Whip, a 2-year-old daugh-

ter of Forestry, collapsed in the stretch and threw jockey Kent Desormeaux. The horse died of an apparent heart attack, according to track veterinarians.

The jockey got to his feet and took a few steps before medical personal sat him on the track. He went to Saratoga Hospital where X-rays revealed a back injury, and later moved to Albany Medical Center for further examinations.

In the first race, Seis de Mayo was pulled up going into the turn. The horse suffered a sesamoid fracture and was euthanized.

Saratoga Leaders Through Friday **Jockeys** 51 John Velazquez Javier Castellano 50 Ramon Dominguez 42 Julien Leparoux 27 Alan Garcia 22 **Garrett Gomez** 19 Kent Desormeaux 17 Rajiv Maragh 15 Edgar Prado 15 Cornelio Velasquez 14 Eibar Coa 10 David Cohen 10 **Trainers** 31 Todd Pletcher Linda Rice 19 Chad Brown 16 Ken McPeek 11 Bill Mott 11 Seth Benzel 9 **Rick Dutrow** George Weaver



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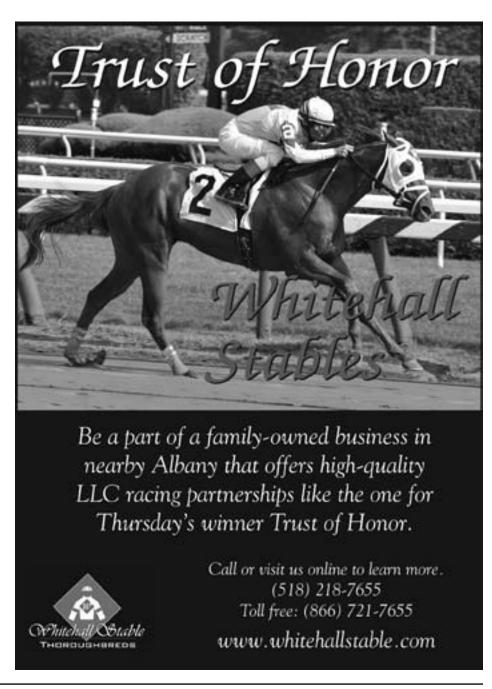
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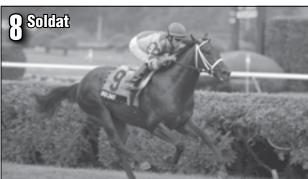
















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Friday, September 3, 2010

1ST. 6 FURLONGS 3&UP CLAIMING (\$10,000) PURSE: \$17,640						
9	Scibelli	Hole T M	11.60	4.60	2.10	
5	Idol Image	Lenclud F		4.30	2.10	
1	Money's Sweet	Garcia Alan			2.10	
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Trainer: Shevy Michael J - Owner: Matties Racing Stable LLC B. g. 5 by Orientate - Baby I'm Leaving by Fortunate Prospect Breeder: James Scibelli Racing Stable

\$2 Exacta (9-5) Paid \$38.00 \$2 Trifecta (9-5-1) Paid \$51.00

2ND 6 FURLONGS 2 YEAR OLDS MAIDEN CLM (\$60,000 - \$50,000) PURSE: \$31,360

7	Henny's Hurricane	Leparoux J R	15.80	5.10	3.60
6	Nolita	Dominguez R A		4.00	3.00
3	Hurricane Barb	Velasquez C			4.60
Time	: 1:11.91				

Trainer: McPeek Kenneth G - Owner: Branham Doug B. f. 2 by Henny Hughes - Amarillo by Crafty Prospector Breeder: Liberation Farm

Exacta (7-6) Paid \$73.00 \$2 Quinella (6-7) Paid \$31.40

\$2 Trifecta (7-6-3) Paid \$401.00 \$2 Daily Double (9-7) Paid \$143.50 Daily Double Pool \$195,573

3RD SARATOGA DEW STAKES. 1 1/8 MILES 3&UP PURSE: \$70,000

5	Wicked Diva	Dominguez R A	10.20	4.40	3.00
3	Banker's Buy	Lezcano J		3.30	2.40
1	Don't Forget Gil	Castellano J J			2.70
Tim	e: 1:52 77				

Trainer: Hushion Michael E - Owner: Hushion Michael E Dk. b. or br. f. 4 by Jump Start - Wicked Mama by Devil's Bag Breeder: Hidden Lake Farm LLC, Richard Gallagher & Joan Simpson Exacta (5-3) Paid \$36.40 \$2 Trifecta (5-3-1) Paid \$111.00 \$2 Pick 3 (9-7-5) 3 Correct Paid \$876.00 Pick 3 Pool \$117.104 \$2 Daily Double (7-5) Paid \$107.00 Daily Double Pool \$62,864

4TH 1	3/16 MILES (TURF)	3&UP ALLOW/OC (\$	§25,000)	PURSE:	\$43,000
12	Cookram Rock	Velazquez J R	10.20	5.00	3.80
4	City Sneakers	Dominguez R A		4.30	3.10
1	Hangingbyathread	Castellano J J			3.90
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Trainer: Benzel Seth - Owner: Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc.

Ch. c. 3 by Artax - Carino Deulce by Wolf Power. Breeder: Eugene Melnyk \$2 Exacta (12-4) Paid \$36.20 \$2 Quinella (4-12) Paid \$18.80

Trifecta (12-4-1) Paid \$130.00

\$2 Pick 3 (7-5-12) 3 Correct Paid \$797.00 Pick 3 Pool \$69,304

Daily Double (5-12) Paid \$90.00 Daily Double Pool \$94,651

Superfecta (12-4-1-6) Paid \$1,401.00

5TH 5 1/2 FURLONGS 2 YO MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$50,000

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1	Overseas Market	Dominguez R A	6.40	4.00	3.20
7	DQ-Palooza	Castellano J J		5.20	4.20
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3	Simply Delightful	Bridgmohan S X			3.90
Time	e 1:05.44				

Trainer: Violette Richard A Jr

Owner: Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, W.H.

Ch. f. 2 by Stormy Atlantic - Early Glow by Easy Goer

Breeder: Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm

\$2 Exacta (1-7) Paid \$36.20 \$2 Trifecta (1-7-3) Paid \$182.50

Pick 3 (5-12-1) 3 Correct Paid \$237.00 Pick 3 Pool \$120,381

Pick 4 (7-5-12-1) 4 Correct Paid \$2,378.00 Pick 4 Pool \$245,526 Daily Double (12-1) Paid \$39.00 Daily Double Pool \$92,071

Superfecta (1-7-3-2) Paid \$1,257.00

6TH 1 1/16 MILES (TURE) 2 YO MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$51,000

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4	Winter Memories	Lezcano J	7.50	4.10	3.50
6	Town Flirt	Dominguez R A		5.90	4.30
5	Hungry Island	Velasquez C			11.00
Time	1.40 E0				

Trainer: Toner James J - Owner: Phillips Racing Partnership Gr./ro. f. 2 by El Prado (IRE) - Memories of Silver by Silver Hawk

Breeder: Phillips Racing Partnership
\$2 Exacta (4-6) Paid \$51.50 \$2 Trifecta (4-6-5) Paid \$632.00 Pick 3 (12-1-4) 3 Correct Paid \$252.50 Pick 3 Pool \$98,962

Daily Double (1-4) Paid \$35.00 Daily Double Pool \$95,504

Superfecta (4-6-5-9) Paid \$3,476.00

7TH 1 MILE (INNER TURE) 3&11D CLAIMING (\$25 AAA) DUDGE: \$20 AAA

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8	Count Catamount	Cohen D	72.50	24.60	12.20
3	Bold Vindication	Velazquez J R		9.60	5.10
5	Ziptronic	Garcia Alan			7.40
Timo	1.26.05				

Trainer: Tannuzzo Michael - Owner: M S Stables

Dk. b or br. g. 4 by Langfuhr - Lady Wildcat by Forest Wildcat Breeder: Fred Sahadi

Exacta (8-3) Paid \$609.00 \$2 Trifecta (8-3-5) Paid \$4,846.00

Daily Double (4-8) Paid \$446.50 Daily Double Pool \$85,762

Pick 3 (1-4-8) 3 Correct Paid \$1,916.00 Pick 3 Pool \$102,262

Superfecta (8-3-5-2) Paid \$23,486.00

8TH WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES (G3) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 2 YO PURSE: \$100,000

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9	Soldat	Garcia Alan	19.40	7.40	5.90
2	Powhatan County	Castellano J J		3.60	3.20
1	Typhoon Slew	Leparoux J R			6.30
Tim	e 1:41.37				

Trainer: McLaughlin Kiaran P

Owner: Clarke, Harvey A. and Robertson III, W. Craig

Dk. b. or br. c. 2 by War Front - Le Relais by Coronado's Quest Breeder: Brookfield Stud

\$2 Exacta (9-2) Paid \$71.00 \$2 Trifecta (9-2-1) Paid \$383.00

\$2 Grand Slam (1,3,7-4,5,6-3,5,8-9) Paid \$777.00

Pick 3 (4-8-9) 3 Correct Paid \$4,519.00 Pick 3 Pool \$73,150

Daily Double (8-9) Paid \$666.00 Daily Double Pool \$82,195

Superfecta (9-2-1-4) Paid \$2.938.00

9TH 1 3/8 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIM-ING (\$35.000) PURSE: \$53.000

8	Prince Will I Am	Castellano J J	9.00	5.60	4.00		
2	Slambino	Velazquez J R		15.40	8.20		
5	Ordination (IRE)	Garcia Alan			5.70		
Tim	Time 2·15 16						

Trainer: Nihei Michelle - Owner: Casa Farms I, LLC

Ch. r. 3 by Victory Gallop - Dyna's Dynamo by Dynaformer

Breeder: Roxanne Martin Stable & Anzac LLC

Exacta (8-2) Paid \$135.00 \$2 Trifecta (8-2-5) Paid \$764.00

Superfecta (8-2-5-3) Paid \$2,805.00

Daily Double (9-8) Paid \$88.00 Daily Double Pool \$268,351 Pick 3 (8-9-8) 3 Correct Paid \$4,621.00 Pick 3 Pool \$149,753

Pick 4 (4/11/12-8-9-8) 4 Correct \$19,445.00 Pick 4 Pool \$367,261 Pick 6 (12-1-4/11/12-8-9-8) 5 Correct Paid \$1,396.00

Pick 6 (12-1-4/11/12-8-9-8) 6 Correct Paid \$83,770.00

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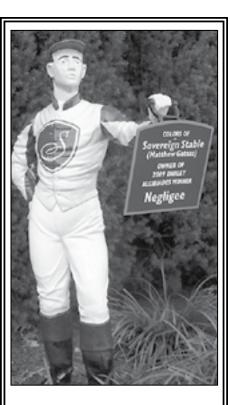
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The Great Tomato Derby of 2010 went like this: One gardener grew a 6-foot plant (with one tomato); another raised a 40-tomato plant; someone else put his plant in a bucket. They overcame blight, insects, weeds, water, sun, earth, some jealousy, a little conflict, confusion and at least two fatalities (mowers).

Like any good Derby there was, of course, a winner.

Racetrack Chaplaincy volunteer Mike DeSano coordinated the backstretch tomato contest. He gave 30 seedlings in Solo cups to backstretch workers, who were charged with producing the best tomato plant during the Saratoga season. It's too early to tell who has the best tomato – most aren't ripe yet – but the plants were great.

DeSano's been telling us all meet about the contest and finally wrangled me to find some time to be a judge. San Gennaro Day, it had to be San Gennaro Day (Aug. 26 to the non-Italian readers). OTB Channel host Jeanne Wood, Saratoga racetrack chaplain Humberto Chavez and I did the honors – inspecting the plants on a golf-cart tour that covered nearly every corner of the backstretch.

We started at Greentree, where Octavio Urista produced the tallest tomato plant I've ever seen – perhaps the world has ever seen. The 6-footer stands against a bunkhouse on the Greentree property in a small garden with other vegetables tended by Hugo Sanchez among others. The staff puts the garden to good use as the smell of lunch wafted off the front porch. Somewhere John Gaver is smiling. Urista's giant plant apparently spent its time growing tall – only – as it yielded just one tomato.

Close, but no ketchup.



Maggie Kimmitt

The winner – grown by Ruffino Garcia.

Big Reds



Maggia Vimmitt

The Kiaran McLaughlin Tomato Team took second place in the Great Tomato Derby of 2010.

Next came the bucket. A full 46 inches high, the plant looked well on its way to producing a nice crop with four green tomatoes in work and a few buds on the way. Walter Ramos grew the plant outside a bunkhouse near Dale Romans' barn on the main track side. Thinking versatility, Ramos put the plant in an Uptite Poultice bucket so he could move it from sun to shade depending on the weather. He might also be able to take it back to Belmont, or wherever the next stop is.

Nice work, but not quite pizza sauce.

On we drove to the Oklahoma side, where Ruffino Garcia cultivated a tomato plant Ragu would be proud of – small, dense, bushy even, and full of tomatoes. Dozens of plump, green tomatoes waiting to be picked once they turn red. The plant, built up on a bank of earth to help control the water and traffic, sits next to Building 90, just off the inside rail of the old Horse Haven track. Garcia works for Tony Dutrow and they will be having salsa soon.

The leader, but the sauce isn't done yet.

On we drove to the Annex, where the most enthusiastic crew awaited. The Kiaran McLaughlin Tomato Team – led by Juan Jose Estrado (a.k.a. "El Payo") – grew a 53-inch plan with a dozen tomatoes. The plant thrives next to dormitory building 123, and judging from the response of the team, gets lots of care. "Tomatoes the size of melons," said one caretaker.

Another strong plant, but don't call Campbell's.

The massive garden at trainer Bruce Levine's barn on the Oklahoma side came next. Somewhere in the midst of a huge plant is the one DeSano gave to Alejandro Rodriguez. The man with the "pulgar verde" has outdone himself with a small field of squash, tomatoes, mint and peppers of all varieties. The tomato plant got big, and wound up on the ground when the stakes wouldn't hold, but that didn't stop the tomatoes.

"If this was Macy's that thing would be a float," said photographer Maggie Kimmitt.

Nicely done, but the judges must discuss over a V-8. First place, after much deliberation, went to Garcia – Tony Dutrow's groom with the bushy model in Horse Haven. He won a \$100 prize, a tomato from DeSano and backstretch bragging rights. Second place went to the McLaughlin team at the Annex, followed by the bucket plant, the Levine garden and the "Jack and the Beanstalk" at Greentree.

Beyond the tomatoes, the day was a reminder of the backstretch community. The track is a home to more than horses. People live here. They work, they play, they grow tomatoes, they cook, they tend a community garden, they play soccer, they talk to Chavez about everything – and Chavez talks back. The chaplain and DeSano – "Uncle Mike" to everyone he came across on our jaunt – work hard and put the people first. A tomato contest sounds goofy, but it worked.

"You could tell people had fun with it and took pride in it," said Chavez. "The gardening makes for good food and saves money. Some of them did it in their countries so it's a reminder of home."

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by Sean Clancy

My compatriot Jane Motion inspired my list (her list runs on page 18) of things I'll miss from Saratoga.

I'll miss petting Doctor Peach, Rescue Squad, The Looper, Always First and George in the morning.

I'll miss the Morning Line Kitchen girls.

I'll miss turf racing.

I'll miss Graham Motion's help who take care of a golfcart like it's a child and always provide a smile no matter what time of day.

I'll miss the sound of the crowd clapping for Rachel Alexandra after the Personal Ensign.

I'll miss seeing Quality Road, Warrior's Reward, Missinglisalewis and Quick To Charm training in the morning.

I'll miss the enthusiasm of the owners.

I'll miss the gambler.

I'll miss asking questions.

I'll miss the cash.

I'll miss trying to hit a \$1 trifecta box in the last while waiting for an interview.

I'll miss Tom Proctor's laugh.

I'll miss Kevin Kahkola standing watch.

I'll miss the dogs, the squirrels, the geese (geeses to Angel Penna) and the big cat at Al Stall's barn.

I'll miss the goodwill of my friends who visited or contributed for Ben Garner.

I'll miss the lead ponies going to work.

My Misses

I'll miss turf works.

I'll miss the outriders making those leaning, across the body saves like Tony Esposito.

I'll miss the touts.

I'll miss the competition between John Velazquez and Javier Castellano; especially moments like the finish of Friday's fourth when Castellano tried to slide the couch in front of the door as Velazquez got through on Cookram Rock.

I'll miss the valets.

I'll miss the morning work of Simon, Carl, Anna, Michelle, Lorna, Richie, Paddy and all the other exercise riders who ride with hands down, elbows in and stirrup right across the foot like an arrow at a target.

I'll miss Eddie Brown.

I'll miss random sightings of The Special and random shouts from readers who appreciate what we do.

I'll miss Robert Cutler, Danielle Hodsdon, Anne Sinchak, Kristin Fischer, Ally Couchman, Paddy Young, Nacho Corona and The Looper from the Annex.

I'll miss my friend "Easy Job" from Shadwell.

I'll miss Todd Pletcher's efficiency.

I'll miss dropping off papers at the Horseshoe in the morning and walking out as others call me in.

I'll miss Ron Anderson's calm, simplicity and effectiveness.

I'll miss Richard DePass' bloodhound scent.

I'll miss Ramon Dominguez jogging into the paddock to ride the last after he's breezed horses all morning and ridden races all afternoon.

I'll miss readers trying to be creative.

I'll miss the clarity of the morning, the vitality of the afternoon and the closure of a deadline.

I'll miss Steve Rushing's polished boots.

I'll miss champagne and Janine in the Trustees' Room. readers – yup, I'll miss Saratoga.

I'll miss my brother's anxiety over a widow, a bad break and a headline that's one letter too short, or too long.

I'll miss Channing Hill's outlook.

I'll miss Linda Rice's alacrity.

I'll miss sweating out a photo, an inquiry and a bad question.

I'll miss the pressure.

I'll miss the public's fascination over the dreamers; Tim Snyder and Leon Blusiewicz gave wish to wishful thinking this summer.

I'll miss the slate shingles.

I'll miss the music from Siro's, the bell from the finish line, the sound of loafer on wood in the boxes and aluminum on macadam on Union Avenue.

I'll miss the Chief.

I'll miss Jimmy Jerkens, who gets more like his dad every summer.

I'll miss the dust on my cell phone.

I'll miss the empty paper racks in the morning.

I'll miss the trees.

I'll miss the impromptu conversations in the morning when interests and memories collide to provide verbal history worthy of a museum.

I'll miss the ink on my hands.

I'll miss the search for the next great maiden nobody knows about.

I'll miss my brother's advice when I'm stuck on grammar – "Write around it."

I'll miss starting a column without an idea and finishing with something that will make people laugh or think in the morning.

I'll miss the horses, the horsemen, the paper, the readers – yup, I'll miss Saratoga.

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