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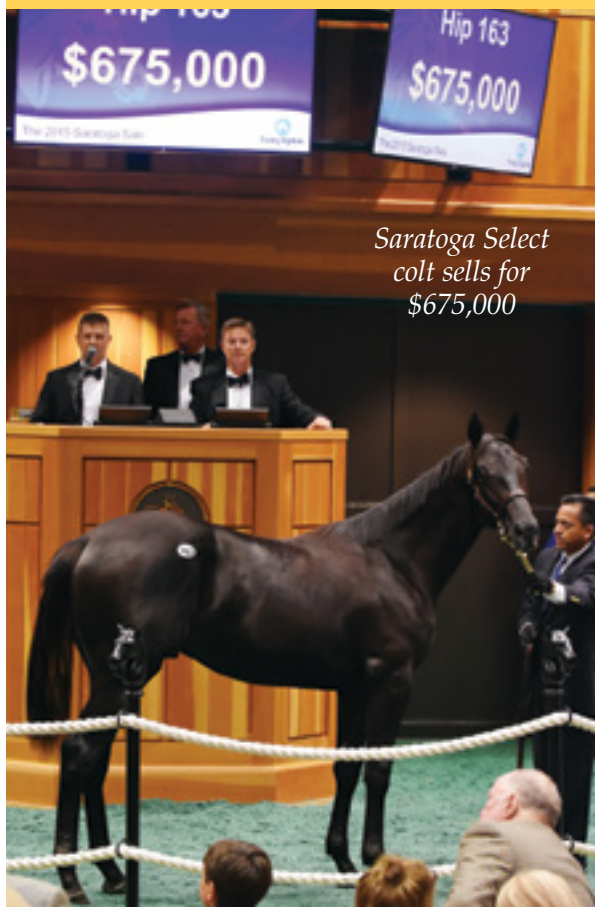
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Cat Tree. Sammy Phipps (or McGaughey, we’re not sure) finds a spot to hide.

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## VOCABULARY LESSON OF THE DAY

Give announcer Larry Collmus a four-horse field, 19 furlongs and 4:49.20 to work with and he gets creative. Collmus – who admitted to breaking out a thesaurus for at least some of them – used the terms (in order), peregrination, gaffe, nascent, tertiary, tetrad, forge, jaunt, quaternity, distaffer, quadrumvirate, antepenultimate and indefatigable to describe Thursday’s steeplechase race.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 1: Set of actual golf clubs strapped to a backstretch golf cart Thursday morning
- 1: Baby stroller strapped to a backstretch golf cart Thursday morning.
- 1: Miniature black panther patrolling the stakes barn and keeping the bird, mouse and any other varmint population in check (we’d recommend not taking a nap in that area).

## NAMES OF THE DAY

- Take Cover, first race.** Padua Stable and Colts Neck Stable’s 3-year-old is by War Front.
- Path Dependent, first race.** Mark Grier’s 3-year-old is by Henrythenavigator.
- Southern Sunshine, sixth race.** Filly is by High Cotton, out of Sunshine Song.
- Rooftop View, seventh race.** Michael Lauer’s homebred is by Utopia, out of Wrigley Ivy.
- Life’s A Stage, eighth race.** Joseph Lostritto’s mare is by Shakespeare, out of Bounding Boldly.

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## TWEET OF THE DAY

“More impressive guys that paid their Garlic bill are 3/3.”  
**@NoAgentSaysThis** responding to Tom Law’s tweet that the run of good karma continued Wednesday when Stable Tour host Bruce Brown lit up the tote board with \$50 winner Escape To The Moon

## WORTH REPEATING

“The fact that I haven’t slept this whole meet says something about how busy we’ve been, but it’s paid off.”

**Erika Wager**, assistant trainer to Jeremiah Englehart, about the stable winning nine races through Wednesday

“Not that close.”

**Todd Pletcher** when The Special’s Brandon Valvo began a question with “the trainer standings are very close” Wednesday after the With Anticipation

“We’ve sold some, but we keep most of them. When we need the money we sell them.”  
**Albert Fried Jr.**, who bred full-brothers Escape To The Moon and Towering Moon, one-two in Wednesday’s ninth race

“I was about to come find you, I’ve got some horses in this weekend.”  
**Trainer** looking to host The Special’s Tom Law for a Stable Tour after reading on Twitter how it’s proven good karma

“I’ve got to keep my record intact.”  
**Jim Cornes**, while being quoted for Here & There section of The Special



**Davis Décor.** Any barn with a flower-pot person is OK with The Special. Connie Bush

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When he called, you knew you were live.”  
**Trainer David Donk**, about accepting calls from legendary Daily Racing Form columnist Joe Hirsch



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## NAME OF THE DAY

**Outer Orbit, eighth race.**  
Joemar Racing Stable’s homebred is by Western Expression, out of Galaxy Spirit.

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## WORTH REPEATING

“What else do we have to do?”  
**The Special’s Joe Clancy, while explaining the plan for The Special to run the Run for the Horses 5K Saturday morning**

“Whas me please.”  
**Written (not a typo, here) in dust on the back of a white Jeep on the backstretch Thursday morning**

“See any dents? 2005.”  
**Dr. Stowe Burke, while backing up his truck Thursday morning**

“Oh you’ll never make it. We’ll talk about it later.”  
**Owner Gigi Lazenby, in the winner’s circle after Thursday’s first race, to her husband Ted who was too far away to make the photo**

“Whenever you see Bruce Johnstone in a jacket and carrying a walkie talkie, you know the weather’s going to be a problem.”  
**Paddock fan, watching Johnstone walk into the paddock before Thursday’s storm hit**

“It’s getting to be a customary habit.”  
**Trainer Joe Parker, scanning Thursday’s Special for some news about his second win of the meet**

“I’ll do it in heats.”  
**NYRA’s Andy Serling, about taking part in Saturday’s 5K Run for the Horses**

“And one for my brother in prison . . .”  
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Two-Way Street. Racing fans watch opposite ends of a race, or something like that. Connie Bush



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# Stable Tour:

with  
**Mark Hennig**



Mark Hennig is ready to get back home to Belmont Park. Not because he isn't a fan of Saratoga, but because he's got plenty of young prospects he hopes to run there this fall and where he'll get Merry Meadow ready for the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint.

Merry Meadow booked her ticket to Keeneland for the Breeders' Cup with a victory in the Princess Rooney in July at Gulfstream Park. Seventh in the Grade 1 Ballerina on the Travers Stakes undercard, the 5-year-old Henny Hughes mare will get ideal spacing for her trip to Lexington if she stays on target.

Hennig's got one win at the meeting and is hoping to add to that total with several runners closing weekend. One more victory will also push his yearly purse total into the seven figures, marking the 23rd straight year the barn's racked up at least \$1 million in earnings.

Thursday morning with training complete and a new chair in his office, Hennig hosted The Special's Tom Law to talk about some of his horses at Saratoga, Belmont and Monmouth.

**Merry Meadow:** "She won the 'Win And You're In' at Gulfstream and even though she didn't win the other day we're still pointing toward the Breeders' Cup. She had a rough trip getting behind horses the other day, that's not really the way she wants to run. We'll re-adjust and hopefully get a piece of things in the Breeders' Cup. I don't know if I'll run her again. She runs well fresh. Ideally at her age she's best with the long break in between races. If you go back and look at her races, 60-plus days between her races, she's really good. Her race at Gulfstream that she won by quite a few in February came after a race in mid-December and then I ran her back short rest, a month between races, six weeks maybe and she didn't run any good. Then I gave her from the end of March until July and she ran lights out in the Princess Rooney."



**Add Four:** "Maiden homebred 2-year-old for Mark Grier. He was a good third first time (July 25, 5 1/2-furlong maiden special), closing, galloped out nice, probably was a little short for him but we were just getting started. Looking forward to stretching him out."

**Baffle Me:** "Didn't run here, she's been a hard-knocking mare. She's won a lot of races (eight), never won a graded stakes but we're fooling around and trying to get that done. I'm going to plan to run her in the Noble Damsel. We've got one or two more shots to get some graded black-type with her. She's made a lot of money but that would help her resume."

**Cabo Cat:** "He's in Saturday, two other than. He won a little stakes last year. He had some issues with his feet this winter and kind of had to back off on him. He's running himself back into shape. He was a good third here earlier in the meet with a less-than-ideal trip. He's one of those horses that needs some pace in front of him."

**Flatware:** "She's a New York-bred for DATTT Stable who ran here earlier, was fourth and came back and was third. I think she's just dying for more ground. I'm looking forward to running her at Belmont."

**Predicate:** "She's in Saturday. Paul Reddam's horse, ran here, ran well, kind of same as Cabo, needs a little bit of a setup and comes flying. Come-from-behind sprinter. She had a long break because she reared up in the shedrow, broke her withers off so we had to give her an extended period of time over the winter. She's come back strong."

**Lucky Lurie:** "He was a 2-year-old we were really looking forward to coming up here with. He won first out at Belmont, came back and was second in a stake at Belmont (Rockville Centre, July 18). He's got a bright future. We got up here and he just wasn't traveling right. I don't know if it was the change of surfaces or what, but we just decided to back off. Girolamo colt for Alan Brodsky."

**Path Dependent:** "He's in Friday, ran well here first out last year, had some hind-end issues and we gave him some time off over the winter. He came back and ran well here first start back (third in maiden special weight, Aug. 13). He's the morning-line favorite (in the first race, 5 1/2-furlong turf maiden)."

**Summersault:** "She won here (maiden special weight, Aug. 14) and is entered for Sunday. She's the kind of filly that took awhile

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to break her maiden, was always hitting the board and I think she's got the idea. She's done well since she's gotten to Saratoga. Some horses blossom here and some don't."

**Strike Charmer:** "She's one we're picking up for Don Adam, when we get to Belmont. She won the Cardinal last fall at Churchill and has been on the shelf for a while. She ran at Churchill this spring (Grade 2 Distaff Turf Mile May 2 and Grade 3 Mint Julep Handicap June 6) for David Carroll but has been off awhile. She's had a little break and is going to come back. We'll point her toward some of those fall stakes at Belmont. She's supposed to arrive shortly after we get there."

**Cuantos:** "He's a horse for Alan Brodsky who is a New York-bred, he won an a-otherwise than in 8 and change last fall. A loose horse this winter ran into him. My rider was out for five months and the horse has been out a little longer by the time he makes it back. He breezed a half-mile in (:47.40, the fastest of 81 Aug. 30) at Monmouth so he's coming back."

**Table Talk:** "He's a maiden in the second race Saturday for Lee Lewis. He's out of Mystic Lady, who I trained and made over a million dollars. She's had some useful horses and he's going to make his first start going long on the grass. She was very versatile, ran grass and dirt, but I breezed him on the grass the other day and he went well."

**Analyze Datt:** "He's a New York-bred, brother to Regal Minister, who won a stakes last fall. He's a great big guy, Regal Minister could walk underneath him just about. We're pretty high on him, but he was too big to push. He was showing signs that he wanted us to back off and we did. If the meet went a little further we'd be able to make a start up here."



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# The Chief . . . Day 32

"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. She worked seven eighths in 22 with Mike Smith. I told him to go in 27 because I figured jocks always go a little faster, I figured 25 would be perfect. He couldn't believe it when he came back. ... I only trained one champion. Thank God for Sky Beauty."

**- Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015**

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# On The Loose

## Sciacca, Saratoga Snacks laugh into today's New York-bred stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

EVAN SHIPMAN PREVIEW

Gary Sciacca needed 20 minutes Thursday morning.

A crisis had just been averted but stress was still palpable. Twenty minutes later, the affable trainer had returned to normal.

As did Saratoga Snacks.

The day before taking on five rivals in the Evan Shipman, Saratoga Snacks dropped his rider and got loose, for 10 strides. The nine-time winner was caught and led home.

The bad news was, of course, that he got loose. The good news, he's done that before.

"He only jogged 10 feet and they caught him. Thank God," Sciacca said. "The day before the race, he gets bad. Up here, a few years ago, the day

before he won, he got loose coming off the main track. He got loose another time at Belmont, the day before he won."

Saratoga Snacks rolls into today's \$100,000 New York-bred feature fresh off a win in the restricted Saginaw July 18 at Belmont Park. Owned and trained by Sciacca, the son of Tale Of The Cat breezed three times in preparation for his fourth attempt at 9 furlongs.

"He's doing real good at this point," Sciacca said, as Saratoga Snacks cooled out under the trees in front of Sciacca's Horse Haven barn. "I was going to run him earlier and I figured, 'ah, don't get greedy.' He



Sean Clancy

Owner/trainer Gary Sciacca talks things over with Saratoga Snacks.

likes time off between spots, he's doing real good."

Saratoga Snacks won seven races for Sciacca and owner Bill Parcels before departing for Bill Mott's barn from August to December last year. He went winless in five starts before rejoining Sciacca, where he's won two

of four starts including the Saginaw going 1 1/16-miles at Belmont. He'll stretch another sixteenth and go two turns today.

"Probably a mile or a mile and a sixteenth is his best distance but what

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# Shipman —

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are you going to do, he came back like a tiger,” Sciacca said. “I didn’t expect Zivo in there, he’s coming off a layoff. He beat me a nose one day. I hope it’s going to be a slow pace, which will hurt him a bit. If we go slow early, he’ll have a tough time catching us.”

Grade 2 and three-time New York-bred stakes winner Zivo is the 7-5 favorite for the Evan Shipman despite coming off a lengthy layoff after throat surgery following last year’s Breeders’ Cup Classic.

Thomas Coleman’s homebred son of True Direction finished eighth in last year’s Classic, beaten 10 1/4 lengths by Bayern, and went to the sidelines.

“He had a procedure done on his throat actually. It seems to have gone well, so fingers crossed,” trainer Chad Brown said. “He seems to be back to his old self, breezing well again. Hopefully he’ll show up.”

Zivo won an allowance race and was second in the Albany Stakes, both at 9 furlongs, as a 3-year-old at Saratoga. He was third in a 7-furlong allowance-optional off a year layoff in 2013 and was fourth in the Grade 1 Woodward last summer.

Brown hoped to bring Zivo back in something shorter than the 9-furlong Evan Shipman, but couldn’t find the right spot.

“It’s a little longer than I wanted to run him off the layoff in distance, but with a horse that’s won as



Tod Marks

**Royal Posse enters the Shipman off a win here Aug. 20.**

many races as he has there’s limited opportunities available so we’ll give it a shot,” Brown said. “He’s run well here and he’s a classy horse. Hopefully his class will carry a mile and an eighth off the layoff.”

Empire Dreams is the 7-2 third choice despite a record of 0-for-4 at Saratoga, including an eighth in the 1 1/8-mile Alydar Aug. 9 for trainer Tom Albertrani. The 4-year-old son of Patriot Act won the Commentator Stakes and was second in two other New York-bred stakes in his other three starts this year.

Rudy Rodriguez entered meet winner Royal Posse, fourth choice on the morning line. Owned by Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stable and Gary Asquith, Royal Posse won a state-bred allowance at the Shipman distance Aug. 20. Coming back in 15

days and making his third start of the meet, Royal Posse has earned Rodriguez’s respect since he claimed him for \$20,000 from trainer Bruce Brown in May.

“We know we like Saratoga and the boss wants to run. He gave us two good races and now to bring him up in the toughest race of his life, it’s going to be a challenge,” Rodriguez said Thursday morning. “He’s training good, he’s happy, I’m just babying him the last couple of days, just walking over there, over here, just making him happy. He tries.”

Royal Posse finished second to Sea Raven on Opening Day, then handled six rivals in the same condition. He’ll make his stakes debut in the Shipman. Javier Castellano takes the return call.

“We know he likes the mile and an eighth, when we claimed him he ran a big race, a very big race, and we just pointed him for Saratoga and he’s working good for us,” Rodriguez said. “Bruce does a very good job with his horses, we were just looking for horses to run at Saratoga and for horses who could run a mile an eighth, he can run all day. He’s nice and sound, he showed up. Now, it’s a bonus.”

Sea Raven will try to improve off his fifth last time in an open-company allowance, his first loss in three starts at Saratoga for trainer Leah Gyarmati. The 4-year-old ridgling by Mineshaft makes his stakes debut under Kendrick Carmouche.

Gridley Here, fourth in the 1 3/4-mile Birdstone and third behind Saratoga Snacks and Empire Dreams in the Saginaw, completes the field.

*Additional reporting by Tom Law.*



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1ST (1:00PM). \$83,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Chiltern Street.....	K. Fallon.....W. Ward.....4-1
2	.....2.....	Rootformejustin.....	E. Cancel.....J. Terranova, II.....8-1
3	.....3.....	Honorable Daniel.....	L. Saez.....J. Englehart.....15-1
4	.....4.....	Take Cover.....	J. Velazquez.....W. Mott.....5-1
5	.....5.....	Bow Tie Boss.....	A. Arroyo.....J. Jerkens.....7-2
6	.....6.....	Ready for You.....	J. Leparoux.....I. Wilkes.....5-1
7	.....7.....	Path Dependent.....	J. Lezcano.....M. Hennig.....3-1

2ND (1:33PM). \$37,000, MCL \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....4.....	Bird Humor.....	J. Rosario.....N. Zito.....8-1
1a	.....9.....	Yapper.....	J. Leparoux.....I. Wilkes.....8-1
2	.....1.....	Exposed.....	K. Carmouche.....J. Lawrence, II.....10-1
3	.....2.....	Pollards Secret.....	F. Jara.....J. Hertler.....15-1
4	.....3.....	Abie.....	A. Arroyo.....R. Lerman.....20-1
5	.....5.....	Noble Hustle.....	M. Franco.....A. Dutrow.....7-5
6	.....6.....	Nicholson.....	L. Saez.....L. Gyarmati.....20-1
7	.....7.....	Magical Connection.....	S. Bridgmohan.....A. Stall, Jr.....3-1
8	.....8.....	Powerofone.....	I. Rodriguez.....J. Sheppard.....15-1
9	.....10.....	Green Gold.....	E. Cancel.....W. Ward.....5-1

3RD (2:06PM). \$78,000, AOC \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Ack Naughty.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....C. Brown.....8-5
2	.....MTO.....	Scat Away.....	C. Velasquez.....L. Rice.....2-1
3	.....3.....	Capriana.....	J. Velazquez.....T. Pletcher.....7-5
4	.....4.....	Take It Inside.....	J. Ortiz.....M. Gorham.....12-1
5	.....5.....	Graceful Gal.....	K. Carmouche.....L. O'Brien.....10-1
6	.....MTO.....	Champagne Ruby.....	T. Rice.....L. Rice.....7-2
7	.....MTO.....	Jules N Rome.....	J. Ortiz.....D. Schettino.....5-2
8	.....8.....	Run to Mama.....	J. Alvarado.....R. Schosberg.....8-1
9	.....9.....	Desert Bliss.....	C. Velasquez.....A. Adsit.....15-1
10	.....10.....	Devious Maddy.....	J. Rosario.....L. Gyarmati.....12-1

4TH (2:39PM). \$100,000, STK - THE EVAN SHIPMAN, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Empire Dreams.....	M. Franco.....T. Albertrani.....7-2
2	.....2.....	Sea Raven.....	K. Carmouche.....L. Gyarmati.....10-1
3	.....3.....	Gridley Here.....	E. Cancel.....K. McPeck.....15-1
4	.....4.....	Saratoga Snacks.....	J. Velazquez.....G. Sciacca.....5-2
5	.....5.....	Royal Posse.....	J. Castellano.....R. Rodriguez.....8-1
6	.....6.....	Zivo.....	J. Ortiz.....C. Brown.....7-5

5TH (3:13PM). \$25,000, CLM \$12,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	John Silver.....	M. Franco.....G. Weaver.....15-1
2	.....2.....	Oltre' Oro.....	L. Saez.....R. Rodriguez.....12-1
3	.....3.....	Perfect Disco.....	I. Rodriguez.....G. Gullo.....10-1
4	.....4.....	Bet the Power.....	J. Castellano.....M. Maker.....6-5
5	.....5.....	Native Gold.....	E. Cancel.....D. Jacobson.....8-1
6	.....6.....	Sandcat.....	C. DeCarlo.....J. Kimmel.....20-1
7	.....7.....	Noble Doss.....	K. Carmouche.....B. Levine.....5-1
8	.....8.....	I Want You to Know.....	A. Arroyo.....G. Contessa.....20-1
9	.....9.....	Star of New York.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....J. Servis.....4-1

6TH (3:47PM). \$55,000, STR \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Hatta's Appeal.....	M. Franco.....D. Donk.....10-1
2	.....2.....	Comet Sixty Two.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....C. Brown.....3-1
3	.....3.....	Autumn Squall.....	A. Arroyo.....A. Quartarolo.....6-1
4	.....4.....	Megan's Muse.....	E. Cancel.....J. Terranova, II.....15-1
5	.....5.....	Aussie Prayer.....	J. Castellano.....D. Donk.....8-1
6	.....MTO.....	Buckskin Doll.....	L. Saez.....T. Pletcher.....5-2
7	.....7.....	Egyptian Magic.....	J. Ortiz.....L. Rice.....10-1
8	.....8.....	April Rose.....	L. Saez.....E. Plesa, Jr.....9-2
9	.....9.....	Southern Sunshine.....	J. Alvarado.....R. Schosberg.....8-1
10	.....10.....	Benny's Bombshell.....	J. Velazquez.....W. Catalano.....7-2

7TH (4:21PM). \$73,000, MSW, 2 YO, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Championofthenile.....	J. Ortiz.....L. Rice.....4-1
2	.....2.....	Awesome Gent.....	J. Velazquez.....T. Pletcher.....3-1
3	.....3.....	Holdtherightcards.....	M. Franco.....M. Nevin.....15-1
4	.....4.....	Celtic Chaos.....	E. Cancel.....T. Morley.....20-1
5	.....5.....	Brett the Jet.....	J. Castellano.....J. Hertler.....12-1
6	.....6.....	Crea Can Do.....	L. Saez.....M. Dilger.....8-1
7	.....7.....	Playwright.....	J. Lezcano.....W. Mott.....6-1
8	.....8.....	Foggy Mountain Cat.....	S. Bridgmohan.....R. Violette, Jr.....6-1
9	.....9.....	Carysfort Reef.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....T. Pletcher.....5-1
10	.....10.....	Hit It Once More.....	K. Carmouche.....G. Sciacca.....15-1
11	.....AE.....	Mind Your Biscuits.....	J. Rosario.....R. Rodriguez.....2-1
12	.....AE.....	New York Song.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....R. Violette, Jr.....3-1
13	.....AE.....	Fish Trappe Road.....	L. Saez.....W. Calhoun.....5-2
14	.....AE.....	Rooftop View.....	M. Franco.....M. Lauer.....20-1

8TH (4:55PM). \$45,000, CLM \$35,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Comfort Level.....	S. Bridgmohan.....D. Gargan.....6-1
2	.....2.....	William'sluckygray.....	L. Saez.....G. Sciacca.....8-1
3	.....3.....	Tizsational.....	E. Cancel.....R. Moquett.....20-1
4	.....4.....	Reversiontothemean.....	I. Rodriguez.....R. Metivier.....20-1
5	.....5.....	Chow Fun.....	K. Carmouche.....B. Levine.....12-1
6	.....6.....	Life's a Stage.....	J. Castellano.....J. Lostritto.....6-1
7	.....7.....	Lakeview Lady.....	F. Jara.....J. Hertler.....20-1
8	.....8.....	Willow U.....	M. Franco.....G. Weaver.....5-2
9	.....9.....	Outer Orbit.....	J. Alvarado.....D. Schettino.....15-1
10	.....10.....	Swoop.....	C. Velasquez.....E. Voss.....5-1
11	.....11.....	Daisy a Day.....	J. Ortiz.....M. Nevin.....12-1
12	.....12.....	Funky Munky Fever.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....D. Donk.....15-1
13	.....AE.....	Right On Kitten.....	J. Rosario.....M. Maker.....6-1
14	.....MTO.....	My Jimmy Chew Girl.....	L. Gyarmati.....6-1
15	.....MTO.....	Sweet Henrietta.....	P. Hernandez Ortega.....P. Farro.....4-1

9TH (5:29PM). \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Simple Love.....	J. Lezcano.....J. Servis.....6-1
2	.....2.....	Runway Ready.....	J. Alvarado.....G. Contessa.....5-1
3	.....3.....	Hinder.....	S. Bridgmohan.....A. Stall, Jr.....6-1
4	.....4.....	Jubilant Vision.....	C. Velasquez.....D. Jacobson.....15-1
5	.....5.....	Laura Can Disco.....	L. Saez.....G. Gullo.....20-1
6	.....6.....	Persnickity.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....J. Toscano, Jr.....12-1
7	.....7.....	Spectacular Me.....	J. Ortiz.....S. Klesaris.....7-2
8	.....8.....	Hooligan.....	E. Cancel.....W. Ward.....6-1
9	.....9.....	Iroquois Girl.....	J. Rosario.....R. Nicks.....3-1






10TH (6:03PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta			
1	.....5.....	Royal Afleet.....	A. Arroyo.....G. DiSanto.....30-1
1a	.....AE.....	Lotza Heat.....	J. Castellano.....G. DiSanto.....30-1
2	.....1.....	Bapu.....	C. Velasquez.....A. Kingsley, Jr.....15-1
3	.....2.....	Longisland Express.....	J. Lezcano.....R. Handal.....10-1
4	.....3.....	Hirschbein.....	J. Rosario.....C. Clement.....5-2
5	.....4.....	Colonel Jessup.....	E. Feurtado.....M. Shevy.....50-1
6	.....6.....	Disco Joey.....	J. Alvarado.....B. Brown.....8-1
7	.....7.....	Heavenly Sun.....	R. Silvera.....K. Feron.....10-1
8	.....8.....	Purim Party.....	M. Franco.....G. Weaver.....15-1
9	.....9.....	Adirondack Posse.....	L. Saez.....G. Contessa.....5-1
10	.....10.....	Street Fightin Man.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....N. Esler.....6-1
11	.....11.....	Plundering.....	J. Ortiz.....G. Contessa.....6-1
12	.....12.....	Beyond Belief.....	E. Cancel.....H. Bond.....15-1
13	.....AE.....	Emergency Exit.....	C. Sullivan.....G. Goodwin.....50-1
14	.....AE.....	Starago.....	A. Arroyo.....G. DiPrima.....30-1
15	.....AE.....	Ten Twenty.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....D. Donk.....12-1

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Race #	 John Shapazian	 Tom Law	 Gaile Fitzgerald	 Charles Bedard	 Chad Summers
1	Chiltern Street Path Dependent Take Cover	Ready For You Path Dependent Honorable Daniel	Chiltern Street Path Dependent Bow Tie Boss	Take Cover Bow Tie Boss Chiltern Street	Chiltern Street Bow Tie Boss Path Dependent
2	Noble Hustle Green Gold Magical Connection	Noble Hustle Magical Connection Exposed	Noble Hustle Exposed Green Gold	Noble Hustle Exposed Magical Connection	Noble Hustle Green Gold Whitney entry
3	Jules N Rome Ack Naughty Capriana	Capriana Ack Naughty Devious Maddy	Scat Away Capriana Ack Naughty	Capriana Graceful Gal Ack Naughty	Ack Naughty Capriana Graceful Gal
4	Zivo Saratoga Snacks Royal Posse	Zivo Royal Posse Saratoga Snacks	Zivo Saratoga Snacks Royal Posse	Saratoga Snacks Zivo Empire Dreams	Royal Posse Zivo Empire Dreams
5	Bet the Power Star Of New York Noble Doss	Noble Doss Bet The Power Star Of New York	Bet The Power Star Of New York Noble Doss	Bet The Power Star Of New York Native Gold	Star Of New York Bet The Power John Silver
6	Buckskin Doll Comet Sixty Two Benny's Bombshell	Comet Sixty Two Benny's Bombshell Southern Sunshine	Comet Sixty Two April Rose Benny's Bombshell	Comet Sixty Two April Rose Southern Sunshine	Comet Sixty Two Autumn Squall Egyptian Magic
7	Awesome Gent Fish Trappe Road Championofthenile	Foggy Mountain Cat Championofthenile Playwright	Mind Your Biscuits Awesome Gent Championofthenile	Mind Your Biscuits New York Song Awesome Gent	Mind Your Biscuits Awesome Gent Playwright
8	Swoop William'sluckygray Willow U	Willow U Daisy A Day Comfort Level	Swoop Willow U Life's A Stage	William'sluckygray Willow U Life's A Stage	Willow U Comfort Level Chow Fun
9	Iroquois Girl Spectacular Me Simple Love	Hinder Spectacular Me Hooligan	Spectacular Me Iroquois Girl Simple Love	Hooligan Runway Ready Hinder	Hinder Iroquois Girl Runway Ready
10	Hirschbein Adirondack Posse Street Fightin Man	Hirschbein Disco Joey Purim Party	Hirschbein Street Fightin Man Plundering	Adirondack Posse Hirschbein Heavenly Sun	Simple Love Plundering Purim Party
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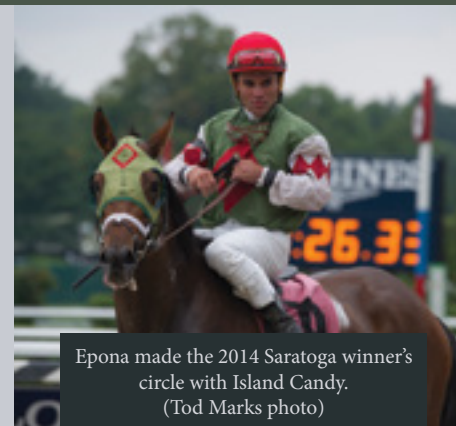
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Epona made the 2014 Saratoga winner's circle with Island Candy.  
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# Sweet Music

Harmonize delivers stakes for Armstrong

BY TOM LAW

Larkin Armstrong felt fortunate for the chance to buy a filly from a family he knows well, honored when a Hall of Famer called to ask about training her and thrilled when she provided his biggest win as an owner Thursday at Saratoga Race Course.

The filly is Harmonize, winner of the \$100,000 P. G. Johnson Stakes for 2-year-old fillies in a brief and driving rainstorm. The daughter of Scat Daddy broke her maiden in the 1 1/16-mile turf stakes, rat-

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Tod Marks

Harmonize races near the lead early in Thursday's P. G. Johnson Stakes for jockey Junior Alvarado.

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# Johnson —

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ing behind the run-off pace of Ava's Kitten, responding to a challenge from another rival and then drawing clear in the stretch to win by 4 lengths over Thrilled.

Armstrong watched the P. G. Johnson from Dallas, where he lives and is gearing up for a big stretch at the Keeneland September yearling sale in Lexington. He works as a bloodstock agent, but bought Harmonize for himself at last year's September sale for \$80,000 and plans to be there again next week inspecting prospects.

"It was very exciting," said the 34-year-old. "I'm in Dallas so I had to watch it on TV."

Armstrong got to know Harmonize through his longtime association with her breeder and one of his clients, Jack Swain III.

He was very familiar with her pedigree, too, learning about her as he grew up and as his cousin Emory Hamilton bred and raced the filly's great granddam Too Chic and many members of the family which includes

Grade 1-winning daughters Chic Shirine and champion Queena and graded stakes winners down the line like Waldoboro, Tara Roma, Serra Lake, Hungry Island, Coal Play and others. Harmonize is from the Chic Shirine family and is out of her granddaughter, the winning Sky Mesa mare Mesa Fresca.

"It's a family I'm very familiar with, going back to Too Chic, who was raced by my cousin. We're close, Emory and I, and I've looked at those horses over the years and knew them well," Armstrong said. "The filly I knew from Jack Swain, who I really respect. He's always liked her and was high on her going in the sale. I thought she would sell really well. She didn't wind up with a whole lot of interest and I was fortunate to purchase her from Jack."

Armstrong, who only raced one other horse himself and admittedly "without success," got Harmonize started with Bill Harrigan in Kentucky.

Harmonize landed in Bill Mott's shedrow after the trainer saw the filly with Harrigan at Payson Park this winter and spring. Mott winters at Payson in Indiantown, Fla., about

45 minutes northwest of West Palm Beach, and liked what he saw from the filly and called Armstrong, whose parents Stewart and C. C. Armstrong were prior clients of Mott.

"I've known him for a long time, always really respected him," Armstrong said. "My parents had horses with him before. I was flattered for someone like him to call to ask about the filly."

Harmonize showed promise early and nearly won her debut Aug. 9 going the same 1 1/16-mile trip. She raced on the lead that day, opened 2 lengths in midstretch but couldn't hold off Thrilled and lost by a nose.

Harmonize broke sharply again in the P. G. Johnson, run with an abbreviated post parade after threatening skies, rumbles of thunder and cracks of lightning moved through the area with about a half-hour to post for the early feature. The six fillies skipped the full loop of the paddock, went straight to the track and the race went off two minutes earlier than the scheduled post time.

Junior Alvarado let Harmonize relax on the lead early and they were quickly overtaken by slight 2-1 favorite Ava's Kitten, who was headstrong

under Javier Castellano and intent on the lead around the first turn. Alvarado kept Harmonize relaxed in second as Ava's Kitten clicked off a strong half-mile in :46.73 and 6 furlongs in 1:11.26.

Thrilled and John Velazquez made a sustained run around the turn, and drew alongside Harmonize and Ava's Kitten approaching the quarter pole.

"She kind of figured it out here," Mott said as he watched the replay in the clubhouse out of the rain alongside Alvarado's agent Mike Sellito.

Harmonize responded between those rivals, put away Ava's Kitten to the inside and Thrilled to the outside, stopping the clock in 1:41.41, more than a full second faster than her debut.

"Our filly was very green last time, she was on the lead the whole way and just got a little lonely out there by herself turning for home," Mott said. "She probably overreacted to the whip a little bit, he hit her and she cocked her body, drifted out and pulled herself up a little bit. When that horse went past her down the middle of the backside it actually helped out a little bit because it gave her a target

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and something to focus on rather than just daylight in front of her.

“(Alvarado) said she was 100 times better. We were looking to have a target today if possible, but she breaks so sharp that she actually broke on the lead herself and was on the lead going around the first turn. It just happened that Mr. Ramsey’s horse (Ava’s Kitten) was a little rank down the backside and was running off a little bit. It gave us an opportunity to get back a little bit and give our filly a target.”

Mott said he’d start thinking about the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Oct. 30 at Keeneland for Harmonize.

If she makes it back to Lexington she’ll undoubtedly be joined by her owner and breeder, who’s in the midst of a stellar year. In addition to Harmonize, Swain is the breeder of Grade 1 winner Noble Bird, Grade 2 winner Miss Ella, Grade 3 winner Blingismything in 2015, and the co-breeder of Grade 3 winner Walk Close.

“It’s been good all around. He’s had an amazing year,” Armstrong said.



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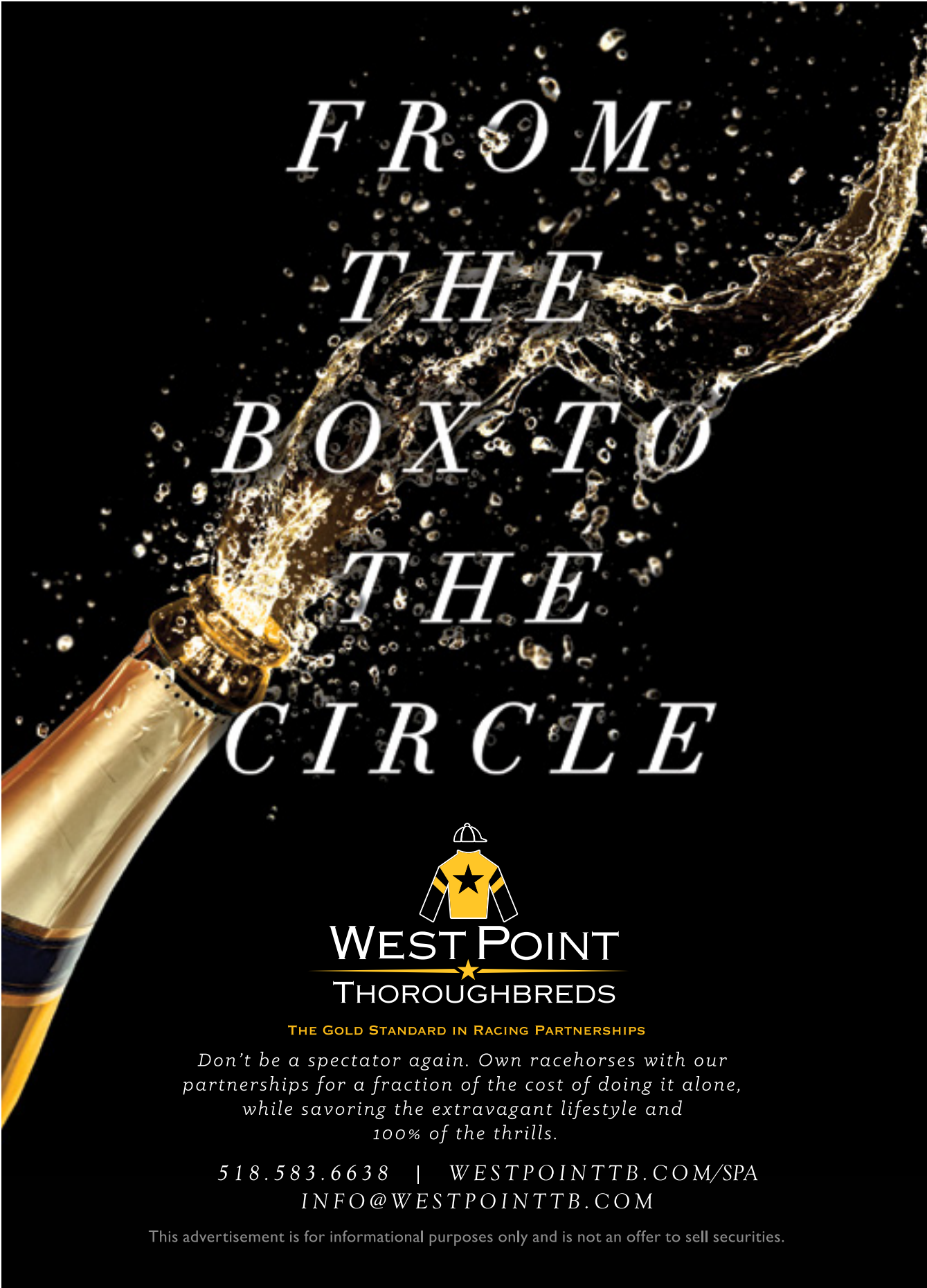


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# Victory Song

## Lead Singer helps Morley barn break through with 1st meet win

Lead Singer officially entered the barn of trainer Tom Morley 13 months ago and since then the 5-year-old has raced three times and improved each time.

Lead Singer's 2015 campaign began May 24 at Belmont Park with a seventh, followed up with a fourth a month later. He was shortened from 1 1/16 miles to 1 mile last time, yielding a second, beaten just a neck before finally delivering his patient connections a win in Thursday's seventh at Saratoga Race Course over the same distance.

"These old horses, they just need a little bit of TLC," Morley said. "He's no different to the others. He's improved with racing and he got a little tired again today, but we freshened

### THURSDAY RACING RECAP

him up. He doesn't stay a yard over a mile; that's as far as he wants to go. Couple of times going a mile and-a-sixteenth he got run down at Belmont, but today he was ready to run and he ran his eyeballs out."

Lead Singer went straight to the lead when the latch sprung and dictated a comfortable pace around the inner turf course. Entering the stretch, he was on a 1 1/2-length lead and braced for the challenge of favored Moon Over Cuzco while Day Six split them. Rider Jose Ortiz asked Lead Singer, pumping away with his arms all the way to the wire and going to a left-handed stick late to register



Tod Marks

Lead Singer (right) digs in late to win Thursday's seventh race.

a win by a head. The victory was the first of the meet for Morley and the first career score for owner VinLaur Racing Stables.

"It's been a long meet," Morley said. "We've had a few unlucky stories, but last year we had a hell of a year. We won some races with lucky moments last year. This meet we've been very unlucky so far, but I have to

say it would be one of my biggest fears professionally to leave here without winning a race, so we can wipe that off and go on to the next one now."

VinLaur Racing Stables' Gregg Palesky, along with wife Cathy and partners Dorice Stancher and Jay Platt, were on hand and excited to get

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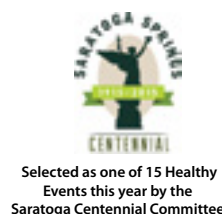
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their first winner's picture taken.

"First win, it's unbelievable; it's like a dream come true," Palesky said. "I always loved horses, but I hurt my knees playing golf and I needed something to do, so I got into a syndicate, but I said I want to get into my own stable. Now I own five. I love it. It's my passion, it's my dream and they're just such beautiful creatures. It's been great."

Morley was equally thrilled for his owners.

"These guys deserve it so much," Morley said. "This is Gregg and Cathy's first winner. They've been involved in the game a few years now. We've had some very close near misses. The old boy's done it, so delighted. Jose gave him a terrific ride on the front end, judged the pace perfectly, couldn't ask for more."

Earlier in the card, Jose Ortiz also helped trainer Michelle Nevin snap a 32-race winless streak at the meet as he guided Saluda to a gate-to-wire score in the fourth. He won three races on the card, with the final victory coming onboard Clearly Now in the ninth.

— **Brandon Valvo**

- Hardrock Eleven came with a warning when he arrived at trainer Doug Fout's barn for a new career as a steeplechaser. No matter how much you might want to, don't even think about putting a tongue tie on him.

Then he made a gurgling noise while galloping, and Fout figured the fight would be worth it.

"David Banks, who trained him

on the flat, told me they couldn't put one on him because he was so fidgety about it," Fout said. "I galloped him for a month in a tongue tie and he fought it like the Tasmanian Devil for a week or two, then all the sudden he let go and was pretty good about it."

The proof came Thursday, as the 5-year-old pulled a mild upset in the first race, a \$65,000 allowance hurdle that scratched down to four runners. Hardrock Eleven assumed command of the paceless quartet after two fences and made it stand up the rest of the way. Ridden by Kieran Norris, the winner outran See Trouble and Magical Moon on the final turn, chipped in a bit at the last fence and scored by 4 1/4 lengths over See Trouble who was a nose in front of Magical Moon after 4:49.20 for 2 3/8 miles. Perfect Union lost jockey Bernie Dalton with a mistake at the ninth of 10 fences.

Owned by Gigi Lazenby, Hardrock Eleven came into the race as a maiden in four starts over jumps, but won three and placed in three stakes in his flat career (mainly in Louisiana while trained by Lazenby's brother Banks). Fout was enthusiastic about the son of Hard Rock Ten this spring, and produced a second at first asking in April. Next out, Hardrock Eleven fell after making most of the running in a strong maiden race at Nashville — forcing Fout back to teaching mode on the farm.

"He wanted to jump everything like a show horse, way up over the fence," Fout said. "I video all my schooling and he got better every time, but last Monday he finally started attacking his fences the way I want him to."

The lessons paid off with a third against maidens at Monmouth

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Park in June, and then again with a late-running fourth against winners here Aug. 13.

Fout called each race a step forward. Monmouth was better than Nashville, the first try at Saratoga was better than Monmouth and Thursday was better still.

Hardrock Eleven raced in a titanium hood designed to comfort nervous horses. Fout couldn't use the equipment in the first Saratoga start because he didn't declare it at entry time.

"I brought him to the paddock in it and he was calm and cool," Fout said of the first race. "We had to take it off when he got to the racetrack, and that's when he got bad. They let us run him in it today and it made a huge difference."

Bred in Florida by Farm III Enterprises and Off The Hook Partners, Hardrock Eleven won for the fourth time in his career and pushed his career earnings to \$156,615 in 25 starts.

— Joe Clancy

- Brian Lynch dropped Clearly Now into an allowance-optional looking to get the three-time graded stakes winner some confidence and got it in the eighth race.

Clearly Now proved too difficult for the field in the 6 ½-furlong race, winning by 4 ¾ lengths under Jose Ortiz. The 5-year-old son of Horse Greeley, sixth in the Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt Aug. 1, won in 1:16.55 for his first win since last July's Grade 3 Belmont Sprint Championship.

"His form has been a little up and down this year," winning trainer Brian Lynch said. "So it was good to see with the class drop that he still wants to do it."

Clearly Now was pinched at the start of the Vanderbilt and never was in serious contention, finishing 5 ¾ lengths behind Rock Fall and The Big Beast.

"If there's a way to get in trouble he will find it," Lynch said.

Lynch brought Clearly Now back to Belmont after the Vanderbilt to prepare for Thursday's Saratoga return. He breezed a bullet 5 furlongs there last Wednesday.

The thunderstorms that rolled through town during and just after

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Dave Harmon

Hardrock Eleven draws away late in Thursday's first race.

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the P. G. Johnson Stakes around 2:30 p.m. left the main track wet and listed as good for Clearly Now's race.

"It was a funny track today," Lynch said. "I didn't know whether he would like it or not but he had enough back class to get the job done. He's a stakes-caliber horse for sure. We needed to see a performance like that to go back into those races."

— **Billy Blake**

- Dreams do come true, whether they're on the basketball court or at the racetrack.

Saratoga Smoke set off a raucous winner's circle celebration after the finale, with the members of Double Onions Stable leading the charge after the 3-year-old daughter of Read The Footnotes led every step of the 1 1/16-mile state-bred maiden claimer on the turf.

The partnership consists mostly of graduates of nearby Siena College who came up with the name after one of men's college basketball commentator Bill Raftery's trademark calls from the 2009 NCAA Tournament when Siena upset Ohio State.

"Ronald Moore hit a shot and Raftery says 'Onions! Double Order!'" Double Onions partner Bob Jones said.

Saratoga Smoke pulled off one of her own upsets for trainer James Bond and the 10 partners of Double Onions. Mike Kane, a longtime local sportswriter, is one of the partners.

"I have been a writer here for 25 years," Kane said. "So for me to be doing this is pretty weird."

Jones is Kane's brother-in-law and Double Onions' managing partner Mike Daley and Jones are cousins.

The high fives and hugs continued long after the winning photo and the race replay on the infield screen.

"Mike (Daley) got into my group at first," Joe Cacciolfi said. "So when we got out of the game he asked me if I would like to get into his group. Plus I bred the horse."

The only horse owned by Double Onions Stable, Saratoga Smoke is proof that the little guys can pull it off on the big stage. Just like Siena did against Ohio State.

— **Billy Blake**



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Stakes horse Clearly Now charges home to win Thursday's eighth.

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## FIRST \$65,000, ALLOWANCE, 4 YO'S & UP, 2 3/8M

7	Hardrock Eleven	K. Norris	\$6.50	\$3.70
5	See Trouble	R. Walsh		\$4.10
4	Magical Moon (GB)	P. Young		

Gr/ro G 2010, by Rock Hard Ten - Stark Beauty by Unbridled's Song  
 Owner: Lazenby, Virginia. Trainer: Doug Fout.  
 Breeder: Farm III Enterprises & Off The HookPartners LLC (FL).  
 Late Scratches: North Star Boy (IRE), Street Fight, Miguel Grau  
 Time: 4:49.20  
 Exacta (7-5), \$28.20

## SECOND \$75,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

1	Hunt's Road	J. Velazquez	\$7.70	\$4.70	\$3.80
2	Sugar Gold	I. Rodriguez		\$22.40	\$12.40
3	Futurazo	J. Lezcano			\$5.40

Dk B/ Br G 2012, by Portobello Road - Hunt's Corner by Silver Ghost  
 Owner: Burning Sands Stable LLC. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.  
 Breeder: Dan Bearden (NY). Time: 1:51.37  
 Daily Double (7-1), \$33.00; Exacta (1-2), \$197.00; Quinella (1-2), \$99.50; Superfecta (1-2-3-4), \$2,230.00; Trifecta (1-2-3), \$672.00

## THIRD \$28,000, CLAIMING \$14,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

4	Saluda	J. Ortiz	\$5.80	\$3.40	\$2.90
6	Annie Walker	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$3.50	\$2.80
3	Gethot Stayhot	M. Franco			\$4.10

B Filly 2012, by Congaree - Pronto Pronto by Fusaichi Pegasus  
 Owner: Riccio, James, A.. Trainer: Michelle Nevin.  
 Breeder: Cobalt Investments, LLC & ThreeDiamonds Racing (NY).  
 Late Scratches: Evangeline's Hope  
 Claimed: Saluda claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$14,000, Annie Walker claimed by Murray, Robert for \$14,000, Stolen Victory claimed by Flanken Farms for \$14,000.  
 Time: 1:16.65  
 Daily Double (1-4), \$25.00; Exacta (4-6), \$20.80; Superfecta (4-6-3-2), \$449.50; Trifecta (4-6-3), \$135.00; Pic 3 (7-1-4), \$154.00

## FOURTH \$100,000, STAKES - P. G. JOHNSON S., 2 YO, 1 1/16M

1	Harmonize	J. Alvarado	\$6.40	\$3.30	\$2.80
4	Thrilled	J. Velazquez		\$4.70	\$2.70
2	Finn's Girl	T. McCarthy			\$3.90

B Filly 2013, by Scat Daddy - Mesa Fresca by Sky Mesa  
 Owner: Armstrong, Larkin. Trainer: William Mott.  
 Breeder: Jack Swain III (KY). Time: 1:41.41  
 Daily Double (4-1), \$24.80; Exacta (1-4), \$24.40; Quinella (1-4), \$13.80; Superfecta (1-4-2-5), \$231.00; Trifecta (1-4-2), \$130.00; Pic 3 (1-4-1), \$80.50

## FIFTH \$45,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLM \$40,000, 3&UP, 6 1/2F

6	She's All Even	J. Rosario	\$8.10	\$4.30	\$3.40
7	Mohawk Lily	K. Carmouche		\$9.00	\$5.30
1	Splash of Sass	J. Davis			\$6.30

Ch Filly 2012, by Stephen Got Even - Loxina by Came Home  
 Owner: Moirano, John, L.. Trainer: Gary Contessa.  
 Breeder: Julia Burnett Armstrong (NY).  
 Claimed: Dacoma claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$40,000. Time: 1:19.58  
 Daily Double (1-6), \$31.60; Exacta (6-7), \$70.50; Superfecta (6-7-1-8), \$2,558.00; Trifecta (6-7-1), \$617.00; Pic 3 (4-1-6), \$85.00

Attendance: 14,827  
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## SIXTH \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

10	Ian Smith	J. Velazquez	\$5.20	\$3.20	\$2.60
5	Rappel	M. Franco		\$4.30	\$3.10
2	Light the Night	J. Alvarado			\$6.70

Dk B/ Br Colt 2013, by Wildcat Heir - Cry Hallelujah by Street Cry (IRE)  
 Owner: Martin, Brian, F.. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.  
 Breeder: Brent Fernung, Crystal Fernung & EugeneP. Cahalan (FL).  
 Late Scratches: Spicy Blonde, Wild Impulse. Time: 1:03.30  
 Daily Double (6-10), \$27.00; Exacta (10-5), \$20.20; Superfecta (10-5-2-6), \$637.00; Trifecta (10-5-2), \$174.50; Pic 3 (1-6-10), \$94.00; Pic 4 (4/7-1-6-10/11/12), \$303.00; Pic 5 (1-4/7-1-6-10/11/12), \$1,875.00

## SEVENTH \$45,000, CLAIMING \$35,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

8	Lead Singer	J. Ortiz	\$15.00	\$7.10	\$4.70
5	Moon Over Cuzco	J. Castellano		\$4.40	\$3.20
4	Day Six	J. Velazquez			\$3.60

Gr/ro Gelding 2010, by Unbridled's Song - Miss Lodi by Mr. Greeley  
 Owner: VinLaur Racing Stables, LLC. Trainer: Thomas Morley.  
 Breeder: Sha-Li Leasing Associates, Inc. (KY).  
 Late Scratches: Elroi, Bajan Summer, Film Shot, Inca Saint  
 Claimed: Day Six claimed by Stone Creek Racing for \$35,000, Borseggiatore claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$35,000  
 Time: 1:38.18  
 Daily Double (10-8), \$51.00; Exacta (8-5), \$73.50; Superfecta (8-5-4-2), \$2,843.00; Trifecta (8-5-4), \$256.50; Pic 3 (6-10-8), \$286.00

## EIGHTH \$93,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

4	Clearly Now	J. Ortiz	\$5.50	\$3.50	\$2.80
2	John's Island	A. Arroyo		\$7.40	\$4.50
1	Noble Cornerstone	J. Rosario			\$3.90

Dk B/ Br Horse 2010, by Horse Greeley - Bend by Arch  
 Owner: Up Hill Stable. Trainer: Brian Lynch.  
 Breeder: Claiborne Farm (KY). Late Scratches: Stephanoatsee  
 Time: 1:16.55  
 Daily Double (8-4), \$48.60; Exacta (4-2), \$42.00; Superfecta (4-2-1-7), \$396.40; Trifecta (4-2-1), \$117.50; Pic 3 (10-8-4), \$122.00

## NINTH \$78,000, NY-BRED AOC \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

7	Hot Squeeze	C. Velasquez	\$13.20	\$6.10	\$4.80
10	Harlan's Honor	J. Castellano		\$4.50	\$3.40
1	Summerdale	M. Franco			\$8.00

Ch Filly 2011, by Latent Heat - Snickeez by Mr. Greeley  
 Owner: Jim and Susan Hill. Trainer: George Weaver.  
 Breeder: Carapan Farm LLC (NY).  
 Late Scratches: Scat Away, Champagne Ruby, Non Finisce Mai  
 Time: 1:02.39  
 Daily Double (4-7), \$50.50; Exacta (7-10), \$56.50; Superfecta (7-10-1-2), \$2,432.00; Trifecta (7-10-1), \$675.00; Pic 3 (8-4-7), \$476.50; Place Pix Nine (2/5/10-4/5/8-1/2/4-7), \$41.00

## TENTH \$45,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLM \$40,000, 3&UP, 1 1/16M

4	Saratoga Smoke	E. Cancel	\$37.00	\$17.00	\$7.60
10	Ten Penny Princess	J. Rosario		\$5.80	\$3.70
1	Weather Girl	J. Castellano			\$2.70

Ch Filly 2012, by Read the Footnotes - Toga Tiger by Hold That Tiger  
 Owner: Double Onions Stable, LLC. Trainer: H. James Bond.  
 Breeder: Toga Tiger Breeding #2 LLC (NY).  
 Late Scratches: Q T Bird  
 Time: 1:42.92  
 Daily Double (7-4), \$249.00; Exacta (4-10), \$280.00; Superfecta (4-10-1-9), \$13,380.00; Trifecta (4-10-1), \$963.00; Pic 3 (4-7-4), \$2,073.00; Pic 4 (8-4-7-4), \$13,951.00; Pic 6 (6-10/11/12-8-4-7-4), \$1,271.00; Pic 6 (6-10/11/12-8-4-7-4), \$720,148.00



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A detailed illustration of several horses and jockeys in a close race, with jockeys wearing various colored silks and helmets.



# guestcolumn

BY RYAN JONES

Each Thursday night, as if on command, my phone vibrates.

“What’s the plan?”

Since May, Ryan Clancy and I have managed weekend trips to the Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Haskell and three to Saratoga. Based in Fair Hill, Md. and Washington, D.C. respectively, we’ve logged more than 3,500 miles and 50 hours in the car together. Newly minted young professionals, it’s our first summer in the “real” world.

We drag others along for the adventures, offering rides in exchange for food, gas, or anything you can barter; we’ve accepted Chipotle, Chex Mix and Orbit spearmint gum.

It was predetermined long ago that we would be making a Travers-weekend trek back to Saratoga, a Friday-night-to-Sunday-morning ordeal. Of course, leaving Washington during rush hour on a Friday evening is akin to a wildebeest stampede in the Serengeti; madness at every turn. The key is a refined musical selection: Jim Croce bats leadoff, Otis Redding follows. The Boss fills the three-hole when we hit the New Jersey border with Bob Dylan as cleanup.

On the road, we’re Marty McFly and Doc Brown, less the DeLorean and flux capacitor, testing the 88 m.p.h. time-travel hypothesis.

Passing Citizens Bank Park, fireworks illuminate the sky before a rogue rocket bounces across four lanes of traffic, skips, then explodes nearby, chaff filling the air as we drive through a cloud of smoke.

After stops in Philadelphia and Weehawken, we’re fully loaded with four passengers riding low on the suspension. An orange dashboard light flashes indicating a potential computer malfunction between the accelerator and throttle, fly-by-wire technology they call it; might as well just make the dashboard lights dollar signs. I cross my fingers and keep it to myself, hoping we don’t end up stranded.

We drive with a destination in mind, but no deadline. Caroline Street would welcome us with open arms regardless of our arrival time, if we decided to pay her a visit. D’Andrea’s Pizza would have ample inventory until the sun comes up for this caravan of weary travelers.

As the hours tick by the conversation dwindles. It’s time for the performance enhancers. It’d be fun to say Monster’s American Pharoah sponsorship af-

fecting my decision to crack the can of jet fuel, but honest to say I was searching for something, anything for those final few hours. It gets the job done.

We skip the routine stop at Sloatsburg, bypass Plattekill, ignore New Baltimore, opting to save a few minutes.

We arrive at 12:52 a.m. Not our latest ever, but sufficient to quell any former alacrity. We slow to admire (commiserate?) the dedication of those lining the sidewalks of Union Avenue, manifestations of 19th-century prospectors, eager to stake their Travers Day picnic-table claim.

Saturday was ephemeral, tortuous. I grew up hearing my dad explain where he was when he saw Affirmed cut off Alydar in the Travers (the infield next to the eighth pole). Now I have my own story of defeat. Section E, Row J, Seat 12. No photos, no Instagrams, just memories and a souvenir ticket, like it should be.

We came, we saw, nothing left to conquer. We crawl into the car Sunday, sink into leather seats, exhausted, clothes wrinkled, little more than a mangy pack of vagabonds.

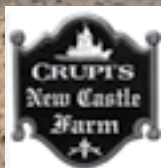
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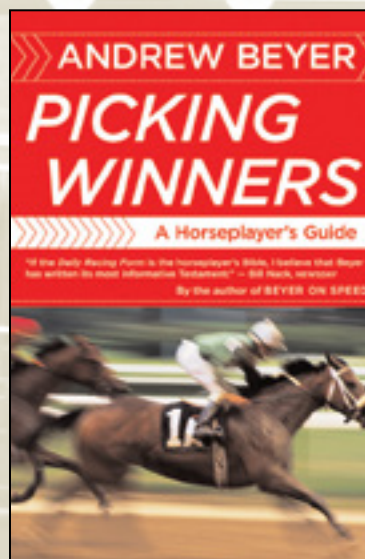
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A Saratoga night and three hours of traffic on the New York State Thruway will test your bladder. We take a vote: all are in favor of a pit stop. Park, stretch, walk toward the entrance. Then shouting from beyond.

"I found him; he's in here! Let's get him!"

A rest stop hit-and-run with a literal runner and a literal hitter. With the first punch, we stop. With the second, we turn. A halcyon afternoon made ugly. In an age of cellphone cameras someone will record it. We trudge south in search of a more peaceful scene and no angry travelers.

In total, 16 hours of driving for 34 hours in Saratoga. The math seems

off, but I've checked the numbers.

I think there's a lesson in here about life, savoring the moment, living in the present, being "here," "now," more than enough clichés to fill a column. Perhaps there's a more important lesson about saying yes to sleep deprivation, long car rides, lost bets, hangovers, flat tires, broken sunglasses, overpriced drinks, embracing life's lassitude. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

We'll attempt one more trip to Saratoga this weekend before turning our attention to the Breeders' Cup. Young, restless and eager. Horse racing pilgrims, a Ford in place of the Mayflower. Why not?

*Ryan Jones, a native of Saratoga Springs and graduate of Brown University, was an intern at The Saratoga Special from 2012 to 2014.*

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## Remembering 'Iron Man'

Sergeant Buddy Murnane never missed a day of work in 42 years on the job with the New York City Police Department.

He died of a heart attack in March at 62 – weeks from retirement – and his family and friends gathered Wednesday at Saratoga Race Course to honor the officer they called Iron Man in the winner's circle after the fifth race.

"He loved hanging out, he loved the horses, he loved everything about this place," Murnane's son, Rob, said. "He always used to tell me, 'You got to come here next year.'"

Buddy Murnane and his friends came to Saratoga Race Course over the last several years to enjoy the last week of the meet.

"The guys were still coming up for the trip this year, and we were able to get a race named after him," Rob Murnane said. "Once we found out it was going to happen, my whole family came up to see it."

A picture of Buddy Murnane flashed on the infield screen as tears flowed from loved ones looking on.

"He wasn't a big racing guy, but he loved Saratoga," Rob Murnane said.

– **Billy Blake**

BY BILLY BLAKE

Another summer at Saratoga Race Course is almost over, but the journey for me is just beginning. One week after Labor Day I'll be off to California to work at Santa Anita Park for The Stronach Group.

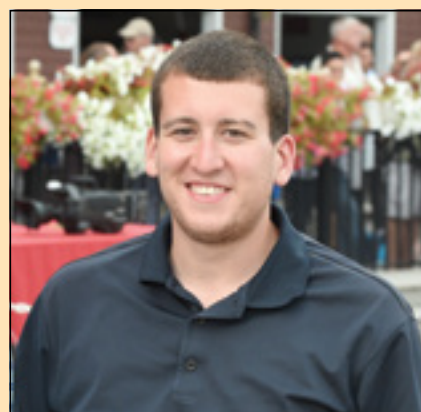
I'm a big believer in the phrase "everything happens for a reason," and how I landed this opportunity is proof. I participated in an online handicapping contest when I was at Aqueduct for this year's Wood Memorial Stakes. Only the top two finishers would earn an automatic spot for an even bigger live money tournament at Santa Anita over Preakness Stakes weekend.

I wound up winning the online contest and packed my bags for "The Great Race Place."

I met several fellow horseplayers who share the same passion for the game that I do during my time in California. One told me about a producer job I should apply for, so I did.

A few weeks later I was on an air-

# The Journey



plane back to the West Coast for a job interview that turned out to be successful. It all happened so fast that even now it's tough to process.

In the meantime as the days count down before I move from my native New York to California I've been

fortunate to be a part of The Special team with Joe, Sean and Tom.

They gave me my first chance to work in the racing industry, and for that I'm grateful.

But, a couple of months ago, I wasn't sure what the future held for me after Labor Day.

Probably back to working overnights at a local television station in Albany, setting the alarm for 1:15 a.m. and working from the early-early morning to more manageable early morning.

Now the journey takes me across the country, from Saratoga to Santa Anita.

Racing used to be a hobby, now it's a life.

And none of this happens if I don't win that handicapping contest on Wood Memorial Day.



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# Course Walk

Richard Farquhar, dressed in tweeds with a pint of Guinness in his hand, said he was going to “walk the courses” for charity.

I looked at him, a pint of Guinness in my hand, and thought ‘that’s cool, you’re going to walk once around each racecourse in England for charity.’ Like tossing a dollar in the bucket on the way out of the races, a token gesture, a conscience clearer, an effort but not an exploit. Then he explained further, that it was going to take 13 months, covering 3,000 miles.

I dropped my Guinness.

The conversation occurred in March at Cheltenham, weeks before Farquhar was to embark on his journey connecting all 60 racecourses on mainland Britain, from Newton Abbot in the south to Perth in the north, Yarmouth in the east to Ffos Las in the west and points in between. Farquhar arrives at each racecourse on raceday and takes one lap around the course. All to raise money for pancreatic cancer, a disease that killed Farquhar’s father, his friend John Hills (and closer to home, our friend Dominic Galuscio) and Racing Welfare, the charity that takes care of British horsemen in need.

I called Farquhar Tuesday, five months since that initial conversation.

“That’s a very good question, ‘what on Earth was I thinking?’” Farquhar said, laughing.

The 52-year-old father, husband, businessman was on a break, working in his London office as a fund manager, between his most recently completed leg from Catterick Bridge to Cartmel that finished Saturday and his next scheduled walk from Cartmel to Carlisle that starts Monday.

“It all came about after my father died about 3 ½ years ago,” Farquhar said. “I thought to myself, ‘the only thing I’ve ever done for charity is grow a pathetically feeble mustache.’ After my dear old dad died, I thought I wanted to do something once in my life that really, really, really means something, I had no idea what.”



About six weeks later, a friend of Farquhar’s called and said he had just been to Great Leighs Racecourse, completing his 60-course checklist. Farquhar made his list and it came to 28, then he started thinking about a charity idea involving visiting every racecourse in Britain.

“I thought I can’t simply go racing because no one is going to sponsor me to just go racing because it’s all I’ve ever wanted to do. I can’t simply drive. I can’t ride a horse to every race because I can’t ride, I can’t ride a bicycle because of a knee, then I thought maybe I could walk,” Farquhar said. “Then over the course of the next couple of months, I did what any sensible, sane person does and thought of all the good reasons I couldn’t do it, like the fact, I’m too old, I’m not fit enough, I’ve got a job, I’ve got a family and a million other reasons. I stuck it to one side and thought, ‘silly.’”

Then Hills, who trained in Newmarket, died of pancreatic cancer, at exactly the same age as Farquhar, 10 weeks after being diagnosed. Hills had four kids, like Farquhar.

“Everybody loved John Hills, he lived life to the full,” Farquhar said. “The racing industry is a very compassionate, warm community and I thought they’ll get behind it. I said yes, my family said yes and my employer said yes.”

Farquhar’s oldest daughter, Minty, began to make a plan. Farquhar started walking March 20. He’s logged about 1,275 miles and raised £145,946 so far.

“I’m in the middle of a really busy spell, I did about 320 miles in August and I’ve got to do about 360 miles between now and three and a half weeks time, I’m pretty much in the guts of it now,” Farquhar said. “The one bit that’s really surprised me, I’m enjoying the walking part far more than I imagined, I saw the walking as a means to an end, but I’m having such fun doing it.”

Family, friends and members of the racing community join Farquhar on his walks, across some of the most beautiful parts of the world. So far, it’s only rained six out of his 70 days in the wild.

“The best part, without a shadow of doubt, has been the reaction of people within racing, they have been unbelievable in their support, big owners, trainers, jockeys, media,” Farquhar said. “From every part of the world of racing, we have people putting their hand up and saying this is good, this is something that racing needs to back. People see the map and think that is one mother of a project. It’s got that slightly mad English feel to it and it makes people smile, clearly they think the man is an idiot, we should support him.”

Farquhar, who’s lost 20 pounds so far on the walk, will finish his last leg at the Craven meeting at Newmarket in April. He and his dad went to the meeting for 28 years in a row. It will be the first time Farquhar will be back at the meeting since he lost his dad.

“That will be a big old day,” Farquhar said.

By the end of the conversation, I had signed up for a leg in October and another leg or two in March. Anybody want to go for a walk?

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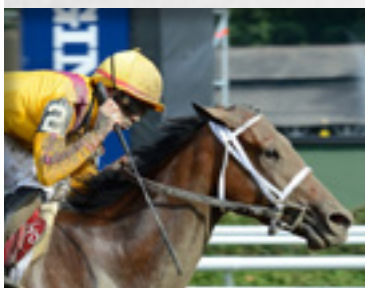
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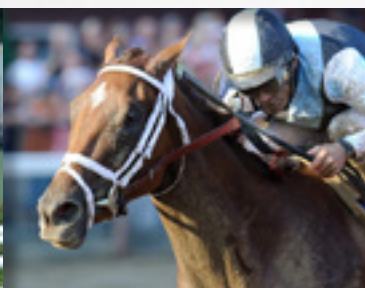
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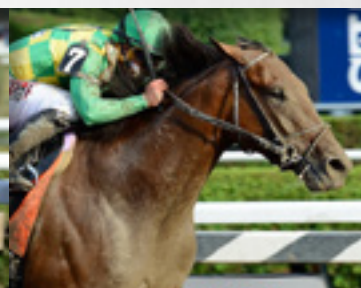
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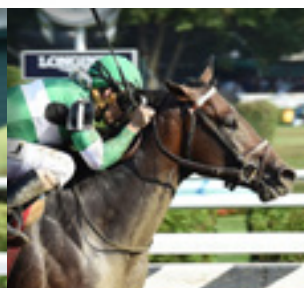
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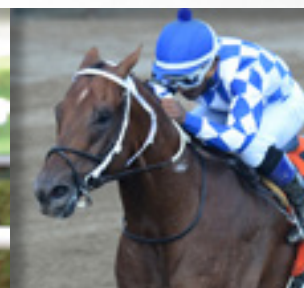
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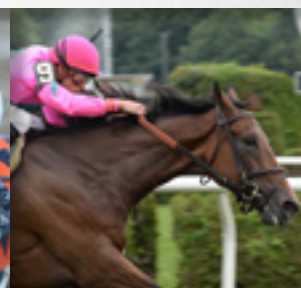
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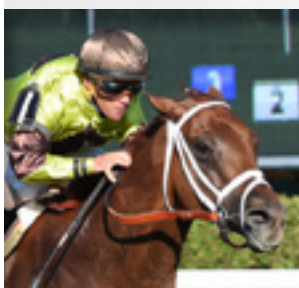
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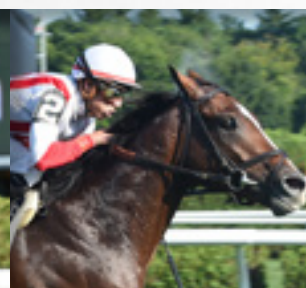
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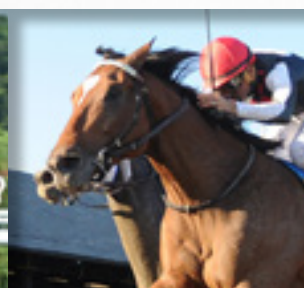
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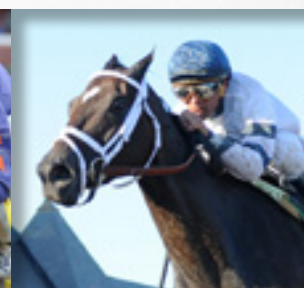
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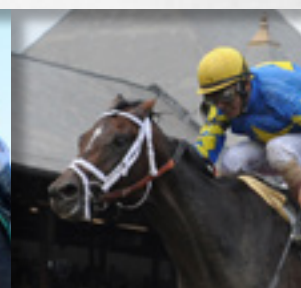
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