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Trainer Todd Pletcher to The Special's
Sean Clancy who needed an afternoon interview

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NYRA waiter, racing a waitress, while running across
the top of the clubhouse Saturday morning

"Charades, that would be great TV."

Photographer Chad Harmon, suggesting a format for
The Special's final show on the OTB Channel today

"Was he any good?"

Mystic's owner Reynolds Bell, after hearing there was a steeple-
chase sire with the same name back in the day (and yes he was)

"You've got to pull for War Front. I trained him and still root for him."

Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin after Soldat,
a son of War Front, won the With Anticipation

"You better give those two a week off."

Owner to his trainer after a set breezed in 48
over the Oklahoma track Saturday

"I can eat breakfast."

Newly turned journeyman, Freddie Lenclud,
after losing his apprentice allowance

"Try to keep yourself fresh and in a pretty good frame of mind, come to the barn like you won three the day before. He used to say, 'You have to train yourself first to train horses.'"

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens, about his father's advice

"The hook was already in."

Owner Craig Robertson, after winning his first stakes with Soldat

License Plates of the Day

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not a veterinarian.

Jimmy Picou Racing Stable, New York. The license plate
frame, a salute to an old friend.

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Names of the Day

La Belle Gabrielle, third race. Blue Devil Racing Stable's
3-year-old filly is out of French Hideaway.

Nugget Of Wisdom, fourth race. The 5-year-old gelding,
owned and bred by Jack Wolferseder, is by Gold Fever out of
Doctor Knows Best.

Drifting Away, sixth race. The Phipps Stable homebred filly
is out of Napping.

"This can't be good."

Trainer Mark Hennig, as four female
hotwalkers talked Saturday morning

"They're only \$120 a dozen."

Jockey Rajiv Maragh after giving away a pair of goggles Friday

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Connie Bush

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Weather

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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low near 50.

Monday: Sunny. High in the upper 70s and low in the 50s.

Tuesday: Clear (hopefully) on The Thruway.

Just Sayin'

Wisdom and more from Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens, who appeared on The Special's television show Saturday morning along with son Jimmy, who won the 2010 Travers with Affleet Express

"I got all shook up."
about watching his son win the Travers

"The only time I gave him any advice, I was wrong. If he doesn't know anything after 22 years with me . . ."

about giving advice to his son

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about his son's career

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about Toboggan winner Beaukins

"I don't know what the stigma is about it, I have no idea why you'd get arrested if you worked a horse a mile. But that's why I don't have any horses and everybody else has a hundred."

about old-school training

"I wasn't confident about beating Secretariat but I knew he was going to run awful good. Secretariat had been running hard and he worked a mile in 1:34, I know Lucien (Laurin) didn't want that."

about preparing Onion to upset Secretariat in the 1973 Whitney

"The racetracks are different, they used to be more tiring than they are now."

about racetracks

"Like Bobby Frankel used to say, when you have a good grass horse, you want them light on their feet."

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According to Plan

Quality Road dominates Grade I stakes to get back on schedule



Dave Harmon

Quality Road takes control entering the stretch of Saturday's Woodward.

BY SEAN CLANCY

Todd Pletcher lowered his binoculars and turned to walk out of Fred Hooper's box at the top of the clubhouse stairs Saturday afternoon.

"We'll take it," the trainer said.

Quality Road had just dominated the Woodward just as he was supposed to do. It wasn't a moment for exultation, exclamation or exuberance. It was a \$450,000 check, a lily pad on the way to the Breeders' Cup, pure relief — an elixir for a raw-tasting loss in the Whitney, four weeks earlier.

Bred and owned by Edward Evans, Quality Road outshined six rivals in the Grade I Woodward — on paper and on the racetrack.

Quality Road broke sharply inside speedster Arcodoro, John Velazquez put the favorite into the race from the outset. Once engaged, Quality Road matched strides with Arcodoro until Velazquez angled him outside the front-runner through a quarter in 24.06.

"Today, he had a horse in front of

him and he was on the bridle," Velazquez said. "In the Whitney, he was in front and off the bridle. Today, he got competitive. When the other horse got in front of him, when I jumped his heels, on the bridle he went. That was the difference right there."

Stalking a half-length off the lead, Quality Road led Mythical Power and a hyped-up Mine That Bird through a half in 47.76. Second choice Convocation came next, 5 lengths off the leading quartet. Passing the half-mile pole, Velazquez sent Quality Road to the lead, dispatching Arcodoro in a flash.

At the quarter pole, Velazquez sneaked a look under his shoulder, saw Mythical Power chugging along, waited a couple of strides until Quality Road straightened in the stretch and pounced onto his right lead. Velazquez buckled down on the big horse, making him draw off and run home. Velazquez hit him with his whip turned down and then turned it over and hit him again

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The Woodward field breaks from the gate Saturday. Winner Quality Road is third from right.

Woodward —

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on his right side before switching to his left hand and giving him two reminders. Velazquez never let up, urging Quality Road all the way to the wire to finish 9 furlongs in 1:50 (more than a second slower than the Whitney). Nearly 5 lengths back, Mythical Power stayed on for second, a half-length to the good of late-running Tranquil Manner. Convocation made a mild rally for fourth with Indian Dance fifth. Arcodoro faded

ed to sixth and Derby winner Mine That Bird faded to last.

"Normally when he takes the lead, you squeeze him and he goes, maybe he's gotten older and smarter, I don't know. Today, I let him know he needed to run," Velazquez said. "To see him come back and be more willing to do it was important. In the Whitney, he never got in any rhythm. He needed to know, 'When I need you, you need to respond.' They can be different from one race to the next. Today, I got even with him."

After the race, Pletcher was asked repeatedly if it was good to have Quality Road back. Saratoga's

champion trainer didn't know he went anywhere.

"He gets beat half a head by a horse who's won six out of seven, including the Clark, and the Stephen Foster, giving him five pounds. Tough game. Tough game," Pletcher said. "It's a relief. When you're in that position and there's no other acceptable result, you look at them a little differently. To me, today didn't prove anything other than he's still a great horse and he always has been. You can't win every time. We laid out a plan last November and up until (the Whitney), everything fell into place, if we win by that much, in-

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John Velazquez and Quality Road coast to victory in the \$750,000 Woodward.

Woodward —

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stead of getting beat by that much, it's a different game."

Pletcher and Velazquez wanted to make it a new game. In the Whitney, Quality Road led through tepid fractions but failed to match Blame's closing kick. Velazquez thought he should have been more aggressive, Pletcher agreed.

"I think I got too cocky and too confident, it cost me the race," Velazquez said.

Pletcher regrouped after the Whitney, planning two workouts for Quality Road and stayed on target for the Woodward, the fifth stop on the schedule.

On Aug. 22, the schedule nearly went under water. Torrential early morning rain created two sloppy tracks for Pletcher to choose from on a dark, dreary morning. Power was out on the backside, the trainer drove his golfcart to the main track and walked onto the track, he didn't like what he felt. He went back to the Oklahoma track and decided to go ahead with Quality Road's scheduled breeze.

It was a tough call.

"I made the decision to work on the training track on a sloppy track which I hated to do but I didn't want to get off schedule," Pletcher said. "We had no electricity, I'm checking this track, I'm checking this out, I'm trying to figure out what to do. At the end of the day, I walked on the track and said, 'You know what, this is OK. Woody (Stephens) would do it. Let's go.'"

Quality Road breezed an easy half-mile in 51 4/5 seconds and came out of it in good order. He returned to the main track, under Velazquez, and worked five-eighths in a minute Aug. 29.

"I let Johnny work him, just because I wanted him to get his confidence in him," Pletcher said.

After the breeze, Pletcher and Velazquez made a simple gameplan for

the Woodward; get him into the race, make sure he's on call the whole time and when it's time to go, go. Velazquez put a bullseye on Arcodoro and made sure Quality Road saw it too.

"It was a much better effort than last time, he was on the bridle. The only thing I did differently was I kept him busy down the stretch," Velazquez said. "When he got to the lead the last time, he got to waiting on the other horses. He got bored and I didn't get after him hard, I thought he would fight when the other horse came to me but he never did. Today I made sure I kept his mind on running. Today, I gave him a surprise, I let him know he's got to do it."

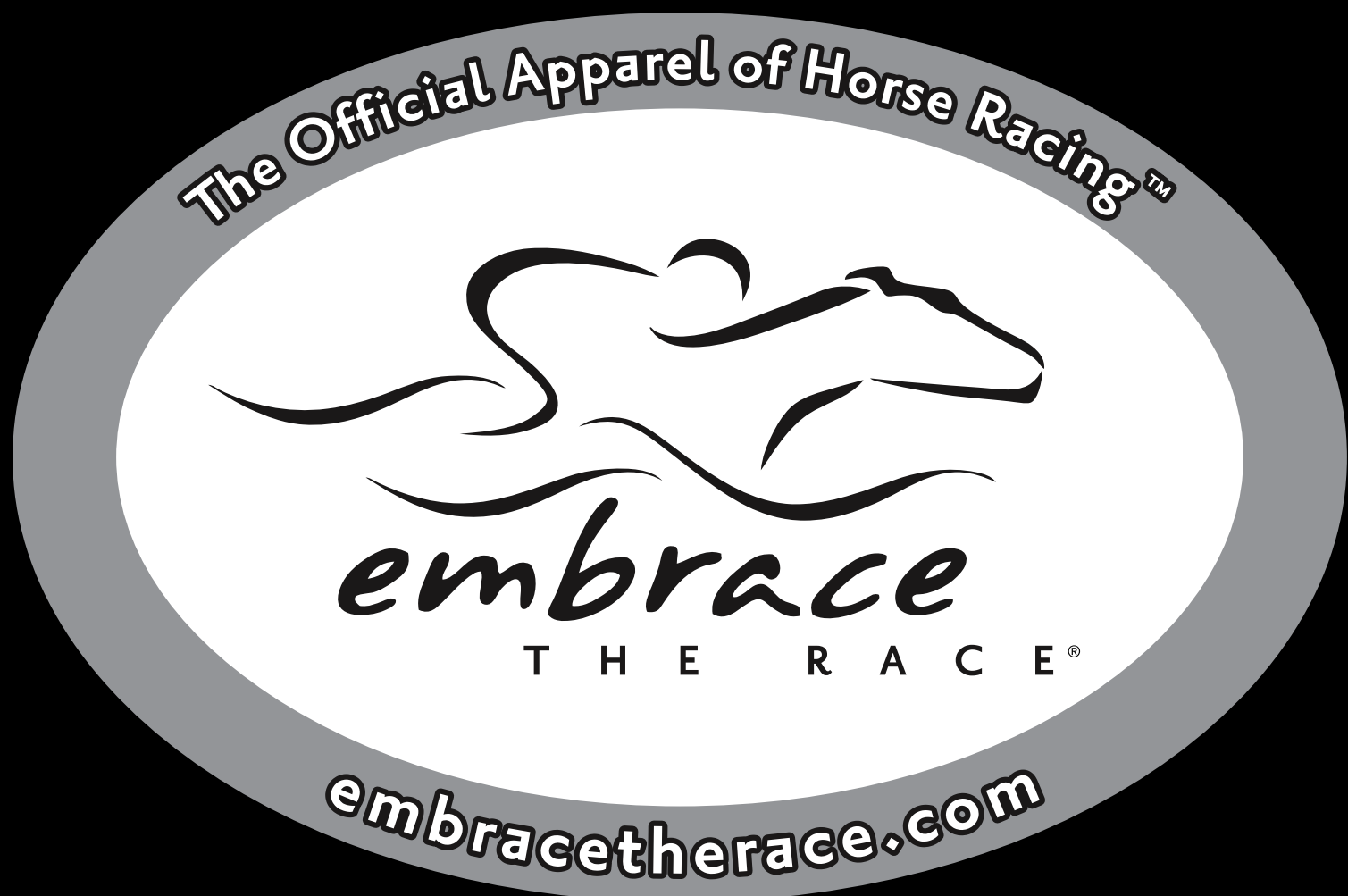
Last spring, Quality Road led the 3-year-old division after powerful wins in the Grade II Fountain of Youth and Grade I Florida Derby. Hoof problems derailed that plan and he was transferred to Pletcher's barn. He returned to set a track record in the Grade II Amsterdam before finishing third in the Grade I Travers and second in the Grade I Jockey Club Gold Cup last fall. Scratched at the gate in the Breeders' Cup, Quality Road returned to Florida and a plan was set for 2010. He had checked all the boxes, winning the Grade III Hal's Hope, the Grade I Donn and the the Grade I Met Mile earlier this year. The imposing son of Elusive Quality came to Saratoga with the Whitney as the first goal and a month later, the Woodward as the second. Pletcher went into the Whitney with confidence.

"I've been in the game long enough that I always know you can always get beat, but this horse trained so great leading up to it, he put in some works that were jaw-dropping," Pletcher said. "When your confidence level is so high and you get beat, you get mad at yourself because you know it can always happen and you're frustrated because it did happen. It is what it is, you shake it off and regroup. It's the nature of our business."

Asked how long it took to get over, Pletcher answered straight and true.

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Road Trip

Kentucky shipper Here Comes Ben, Lopresti make off with Gr. I score

BY JOE CLANCY

Four minutes to post for the Grade I Forego at Saratoga – horses on the track, owners in the box seats, trainers setting up in front of television monitors or grabbing their binoculars.

Charlie Lopresti? He's pacing. Hands behind his back, he walks out to the track as the horses jog past. He turns, walks back inside, stops, goes back outside, says hello to an acquaintance. Wonders if he made the right call by coming to Saratoga for the first Grade I stakes start of his career.

Five minutes and change later, the Kentucky-based trainer knew. And so did everyone else.

Here Comes Ben roared between horses in the stretch to catch Big Drama and win Saturday's Forego by three-quarters of a length. Vineyard Haven, part of an even-money Godolphin Stable entry, finished third. The Marianne and Brandon Chase homebred covered



Lopresti

7 furlongs in 1:22.50 for jockey Alex Solis and paid \$21.80 as the 10-1 fifth choice.

"I was so nervous, you know?" Lopresti said after being talked into a champagne toast in the Trust-

ees' Room. "I got to tell you. It's just overwhelming to come here and run against these kind of horses and these trainers . . . first time being here. I knew how good these horses were. I wasn't sure how good my horse was."

Here Comes Ben hinted at big things this year with three victories (all at 7 furlongs) in as many tries this year. He won the Kelly's Landing Stakes at Churchill Downs in his most recent try June 25,



Dave Harmon

Here Comes Ben (left) catches Big Drama in the stretch of the Forego.

but this was the Forego, Saratoga, the spotlight.

The 4-year-old son of Street Cry broke well, then dropped back to last as Checklist zipped to the front. Just off the leader, Big Drama found a spot to stalk and was matched by Vineyard

Haven on the rail and Girolamo just behind. That quartet separated itself from Omniscient, You And I Forever, Bribon, Here Comes Ben and Warrior's Reward through a first quarter-mile in 22.55 seconds and a half in 45.29.

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Vineyard Haven paused on the turn and moved out to find some running room as Big Drama and Girolamo advanced. Checklist yielded before the quarter pole, giving Big Drama daylight. Vineyard Haven followed and went to the inside after passing Checklist. Meanwhile, the closers unwound — Warrior's Reward to the outside, Here Comes Ben to the inside. The winner advanced between Bribon and Girolamo at the furlong pole and went after Big Drama at the sixteenth pole, charging past in the final yards. Vineyard Haven settled for third, with Warrior's Reward a neck back in fourth.

"At the half-mile pole, I chirped to him and he jumped on the bit," said Solis. "At the five-sixteenths I knew he was going to be tough. At the beginning, he tempts you to ask him early because he doesn't grab the bit."

Lopresti put it more bluntly — "he just goes to sleep down the back" — while watching the replay. Here Comes Ben could sleep in the racing office on entry day for the Travers, which might help him win races as much as that devastating late kick and grinding determination.

"He's that kind of horse, he gave me that kind of feeling right away. As soon as you get on a good horse, you feel the engine, it's the difference between a Volkswagen and a Ferrari," said Solis. "Not only does he have the engine, but he has the mind with it, he's very smart, very laid back. I thought I was going to be laying fifth, sixth, thinking he hadn't been out for a couple of months, I thought he would be fresh, more in the race, but he came out of there so relaxed."

After his final workout at Saratoga (a half-mile in 48 1/5 seconds Aug. 31), Here Comes Ben was so calm that Lopresti called the barn at Keeneland to make sure he wasn't missing something.

"I'm not always there when he cools out so I had



Dave Harmon

Winner Here Comes Ben (third from right) gets set to unleash his late charge in the Forego.

to ask if he always walks around like he's asleep afterward," Lopresti said. "I thought the horse was sick or he doesn't like it here or something. They just said that was him; I knew that, but I just had to ask somebody. He walks around the barn, just pokes around there like nothing. He sleeps during the day, all day. It's almost like the last couple of days he knew he was going to run and he was just conserving his energy."

Here Comes Ben turned it loose in the Forego, beating a classy group of sprinters including Grade II winner Big Drama, Grade I winners Vineyard Haven and Warrior's Reward, 10-time winner Bribon and so on.

Not bad for a trainer making his first trip to Saratoga.

Afterward, Lopresti answered the expected "is this your first stakes win at Saratoga?" questions, but also had to relay that it was his first win of any kind here, with his first starter.

"My biggest fear was that he wouldn't show up," said the trainer, a Long Island native but longtime Kentuckian. "Everybody's had them 1-5 and stuff and they just didn't show up. I would have just ducked my head and run out of here."

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Forego —

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No chance.

Here Comes Ben rallied into contention by mid-stretch, split horses to gain ground, then went after Big Drama.

"I knew he'd run good turning for home, I wasn't sure he was going to win but I knew he was really rolling at that point," Lopresti said. "At the sixteenth pole, I knew he had him and when he got to the wire I was just thinking that we did the right thing coming. I just can't believe that horse ran that good."

Lopresti shipped Heres Comes Ben to Saratoga a little more than two weeks ago, and set up in a stall in trainer Eoin Harty's barn. With some galloping work by Trina Pasckvale and some tour-guide help by Harty's assistant Brian Ange, Lopresti and his horse settled into the Spa. The dark bay or brown colt worked 6 furlongs in 1:15 2/5 Aug. 25, then went that half-mile six days later.

"(Whitney winner) Blame has been at Keeneland too and we watched everything Al Stall did," Lopresti said. "I tried to do it the same way. Go two

weeks before, give him two easy breezes and show up for the race. Everybody's been so great back at the barn, answering questions and telling me where to go. They ran a horse in the sixth (Saturday) and I went with them as a trial run — I didn't know where anything was."

Back in the late 1970s, Lopresti worked for Joe Cantey as a hotwalker and groom at Belmont Park, with Cox's Ridge among others, but never made it to Saratoga. Kentucky was more on the future trainer's mind anyway.

"I always had it in my mind that I wanted to go to the farms in Kentucky and I wanted to learn about breaking babies and how they raise these horses," he said. "I really didn't want to stay on the racetrack, just wasn't my thing."

Lopresti's career path included time at the Paulson family's Brookside Farm and at Calumet Farm working with yearlings and young horses. He trained a few, bought a farm and took yearlings and other horses for people such as Bob and Beverly Lewis. He gradually added training to the business and now operates off his farm and from a 16-stall shedrow at Keeneland.

After the win, Lopresti patted his horse in the winner's circle, did a television interview with NYRA host Eric Donovan, got swarmed by the press circle and then tried to bolt for the test barn to check on his horse.

"I've talked to my wife once and the owner, I need to call my mom, I've got 25 messages already and I just want to see my horse," he said. "I'm not sure when this will sink in — maybe when I'm on the plane home."

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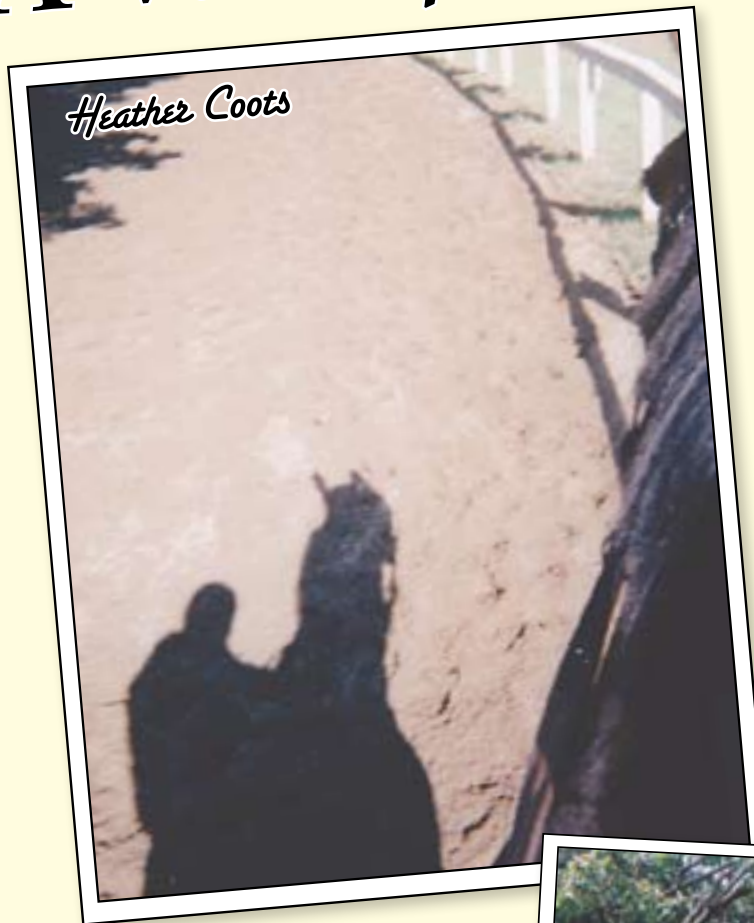
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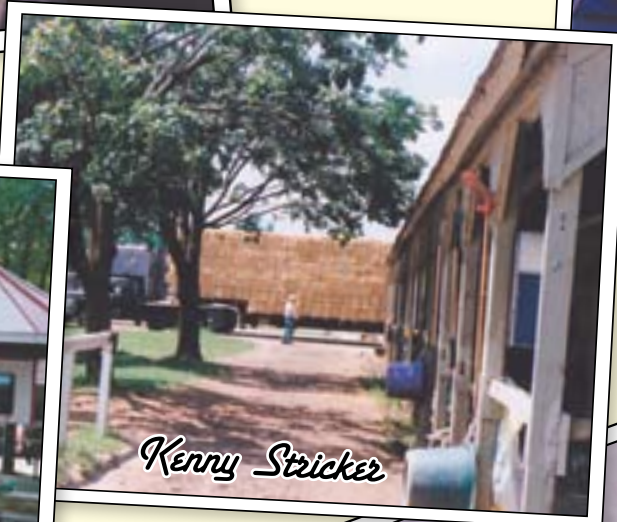
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Rose Catherine rolls in Spencer



Tod Marks

Rose Catherine hits the finish line first in Saturday's opener, the Lena Spencer Stakes.

BY PHIL JANACK

Trainer Todd Pletcher already has a long list of horses in the barn to consider for the Breeders' Cup. Now, he has one more.

In her first try against older horses, emerging star Rose Catherine extended her win streak to three races with a 1-length victory in Saturday's opener, the \$70,000 Lena Spencer.

Owned by Paul Pompa Jr., Rose Catherine sat behind a speed duel be-

tween Stormandaprayer and Canadian Ballet before easing past both horses in the stretch and drawing away to win in 1:01.53 for 5 1/2 furlongs on the Mellon Turf.

It was the fourth win in five starts this year for Rose Catherine, a 3-year-old daughter of champion sprinter Speightstown, and fifth in as many tries on grass at distances under one mile.

"It was a big effort," Pletcher said. "Obviously, this is her game, sprinting on the turf. She's very good at it. You're always concerned when you're running against older mares for the first time. We had her in last week against straight 3-year-old fillies and it got rained off, and it turned out to be a blessing. We were able to win that race with Hilda's Passion, and come back and try older mares today."

Jockey Javier Castellano, duking it out for the riding title with three-time Saratoga champion John Velazquez, let Rose Catherine settle behind the pacesetters, who led through splits of :21.20, :43.95 and :55.50. Castellano swung his filly out three wide as the quarter pole came into view, and she put away the leaders under a hand ride.

"There was a lot of speed in the race," Castellano said. "If she were to break on top, I didn't want to take anything away

from her, but it worked out perfectly because the two horses got hooked up in front and I just sat behind them.

"It was a beautiful trip. I had so much horse. I let her run her race. When I put her outside, she just took off. I had so much left in the tank for the last part of the race. She's a really nice filly."

Pletcher gave Rose Catherine a shot in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last fall at Santa Anita, where she ran second by a half-length off an 8 3/4-length maiden score at Belmont Park. With another effort similar to Saturday's, Pletcher may consider the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint in November at Churchill Downs.

"We might. We might," he said. "We'll look at the Turf Amazon at Philadelphia Park next against older mares, and if we do well in there, we'll talk to Paul Pompa about it."

The \$200,000 Turf Amazon Handicap for 3-year-olds and up at five furlongs is run on Sept. 25.

- C.S. Silk ran down pacesetter Be Fair in midstretch and held off a closing bid from Fantasia to win the \$70,000 Addison Mallory, the second of two overnight stakes on Saturday's undercard.

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Saturday —

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Owned by William Pacella, Fred Barbara and George Bonomo, C.S. Silk won for the third time in eight starts since being moved to the turf last summer by trainer Dale Romans. She had two wins in nine tries on dirt, and was second in the Grade III Delta Downs Princess as a 2-year-old.

"She seems to like the grass," Romans said. "She runs well all the time. She won a stakes on the Poly-track, but turf seems to be her thing."

Be Fair, a front-running winner of the Grade III Lake George on the Saratoga turf last summer for trainer D. Wayne Lukas, got out to the lead and posted fractions of :24.80, :48.37 and 1:12.13. Velazquez kept C.S. Silk close and ahead of favorites My Princess Jess and Fantasia, and she collared the pacesetter past the eighth pole.

"We wanted to get a jump on the other two fillies," Romans said. "Johnny said she was kind to him and he felt like he could make a move anytime he wanted. She sprinted home nice. It looked like Wayne's filly was the one that was going to want to sprint clear, and if she didn't like the turf I thought she might stop running at the head of the lane and give us a chance to kick on."

C.S. Silk has five wins in 17 lifetime starts for purses of \$389,305, earning \$153,033 of that on turf.

- Expectations are already high when a horse brings \$1,150,000 as a yearling; they go higher when the colt in question is a half-brother to undefeated champion mare Zenyatta.

"Definitely, being a half to Zenyatta doesn't lower the bar at all," trainer Seth Benzel said. "At the same time, we've tried to put that aside and concentrate on the task at hand and get him to where he's focused on his job. Today, he did fantastic."

After two unsuccessful tries on dirt, Souper Spectacular, a 3-year-old son of Giant's Causeway out of



Mr. Fantasy glides to the finish with a victory in the third.

the Kris S. mare Vertigineux, broke his maiden with a two-length victory on the inner turf course.

"He's been a bit of a project," said Benzel, who trains Souper Spectacular for Live Oak Plantation. "He's just one of those colts that has been a slow learner up to this point, but as you can see he's got a lot of talent. We're just thrilled to death that first time turf, doing a lot of things differently, he was able to change things around from his last race. Nothing went right that day, but he was able to regain his composure, go through the right steps and come out a winner."

Souper Spectacular was sixth of eight, beaten 15 1/4 lengths, in a maiden race at Monmouth Park July 17, knocked sideways at the start. He had worked

three times on the turf since arriving in Saratoga last month.

"He is high strung," Benzel said. "We've been schooling him in the gate for ages, and he always does that. Right before he goes in, he raises a little fuss and then he'll calm down and he's fine. As much as we've schooled him, we hope that he gets over that. Right now, we're just happy that he took to the turf and came out with such a positive win."

Benzel will bring Souper Spectacular back to Belmont Park when the meet ends on Monday and take things slow.

"We're not going to get out of touch with where he is," he said. "We'll probably just find a nice little a-othe-than for him and go from there. I think eventually he'll go as far as you want to go with him. He's shown an incredible amount of endurance, and someday we'll take advantage of that."

- Terry Finley doesn't usually wager on his horses, but the founder and president of West Point Thoroughbreds couldn't resist investing some money in Mr. Fantasy on Saturday. The one-time Kentucky Derby hopeful rewarded Finley's faith with his first victory in nearly 17 months.

Trained by Mike Hushion, Mr. Fantasy led from start to finish to win the third race, a six-furlong allowance/optional claimer by 4 1/2 lengths in 1:09.84. It was his first start running second in an overnight stakes at Monmouth Park May 22, and first win since the Grade III Withers last April at Aqueduct.

"He's gone through a lot," Finley said. "He stumbled at the start at Monmouth and really grabbed his quarter pretty good. Everybody was anxious to get him back because he's obviously a very talented horse, and it's tough to keep a talented horse in the barn. Kudos to Mike and his team, and kudos to the partners because they were the ones paying the bills and being patient with this horse."

A bay son of E Dubai, Mr. Fantasy won his first two starts by 19 combined lengths, and was third in

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the Grade III Gotham. He developed an ankle chip after winning the Withers on April 25, 2009 and didn't run back until March 18.

"He just needed time," Finley said. "He's a late May foal, and he was just kind of behind the 8-ball. We figured we'd take the chip out and give him a little bit of time. He just had some little things, nothing major, and we addressed them."

Jockey Ramon Dominguez looked like a statue on Mr. Fantasy, hardly moving except to shake the reins in the stretch and allow the horse to draw off. Finley gave an assist to retired jockey Richard Migliore, aboard for allowance and Withers wins, who provided Dominguez with a heads-up.

"He's a horse that doesn't like to get hit," Finley said. "I give a lot of credit to The Mig. He walked by me the other day about two weeks ago, and said he told Ramon not to hit the horse. I think it really helped. I'll always have a lot of respect for Migliore."

From the time he left Hushion's barn on Saturday, Mr. Fantasy was a picture of composure.

"He's always been a little bit of a hyper horse, and now he's settled down," Finley said. "I saw him in the paddock, and he's never been as good as he was. He was great in the gate. I don't bet for the most part, but I put a couple of dollars on him today when I saw him on the racetrack."

• For the third time at the meet, trainer John Morrison found himself in the winner's circle. For the first time, it wasn't with a horse named Cody Samorra.

Trained for owner Jeffrey Tucker by Morrison, a graduate of Shaker High School in the Albany suburb of Latham, Don't Fooli Houli came running down the lane and held off Midnight Billy to win the eighth race.

It was the first win since Sept. 17, 2008 for the 6-year-old gelded son of Freud, who ran fifth, beaten only 1 1/2 lengths, in a 5 1/2-furlong claiming race at Saratoga on July 28, his return from a 19-month layoff.

"You guys wouldn't believe it if we told you we always give our 5-year-old horses the year off," joked Tucker.

"He had various ailments and it took him a long time to get back," said Morrison. "Just in the last month, he's really come back to himself here."

Named for a friend of breeder Anthony Grey, Don't Fooli Houli and rider Alan Garcia wound up closer to the pace set by Alltiffedoff, though Abilio, a frontrunner who led by 16 lengths down the backstretch in a Saratoga allowance win Aug. 4, was rated by jockey Channing Hill.

"The race didn't quite set up the way we envisioned it," Morrison said. "I thought there was going to be two legitimate speed horses and Alan was going to tuck in behind them, but only one came out running. I wasn't too thrilled he was up there battling for it, but I could tell in the backstretch Alan got him to settle and I knew he'd have a chance. He did a good job getting him to relax, and then it was a question of if he wants to go this far, and he did."

Sent off at 18-1, Don't Fooli Houli

Saratoga Leaders Through Saturday

Jockeys

John Velazquez	55
Javier Castellano	52
Ramon Dominguez	43
Julien Leparoux	27
Alan Garcia	24
Garrett Gomez	19
Kent Desormeaux	17
Rajiv Maragh	15
Edgar Prado	15
Cornelio Velasquez	15
David Cohen	10
Eibar Coa	10

Trainers

Todd Pletcher	34
Linda Rice	19
Chad Brown	16
Bill Mott	11
Ken McPeck	11
Seth Benzel	10
George Weaver	9
Rick Dutrow	9
Rick Violette	8
Bruce Levine	8
Kiaran McLaughlin	7
Michael Maker	7
Rudy Rodriguez	6
Dale Romans	6

returned \$38.60 on a \$2 win bet.

"I'm not surprised he went off that high," Morrison said. "I knew he was going to run well, though. Everything worked out right."

• Stretched out and put on the lead, Tocco d'Oro turned away a determined Shimmering Forest in the final 100 yards to win for the first time in five tries on turf.

Trained by Bruce Levine for Ray Canosa and McRich Stables, Tocco d'Oro had made three of his first four grass starts in sprints, including a seventh-place finish at Saratoga on Aug. 7, where he lost all chance after lunging at the break.

"He reared at the start, so he really got eliminated right away," Levine said. "The time before that, there was a lot of speed in the race and he kind of got jostled, and he just ran a bad race. I don't know why; he just didn't run good."

The 3-year-old chestnut son of Touch Gold was sent straight to the front by jockey Cornelio Velasquez, a late replacement for injured rider Kent Desormeaux, setting a pace of :23.79 and :47.86, before finishing in 1:42.47 for 1 1/16 miles.

Velasquez now has two wins and a second in three tries aboard Tocco d'Oro.

"He did good," Levine said. "He rated them well, and they were legit fractions. I think he gets to relax a bit more just going the two turns. He ran long at Belmont [Park] last time and he looked like he was going to win that day, and he kind of caved in late. It was great to win this one. There's nothing like it."

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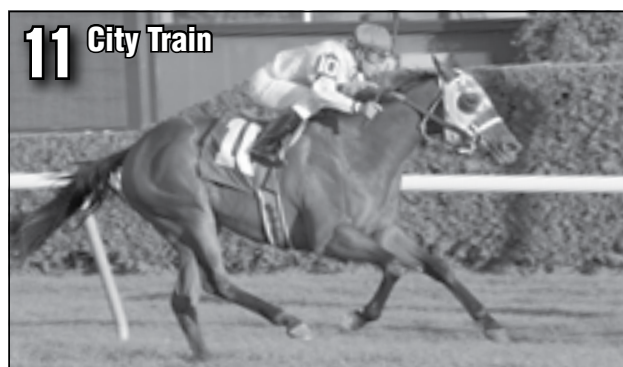
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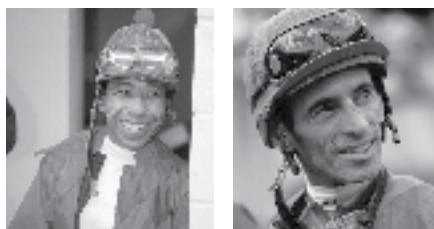
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1ST LENA SPENCER S. 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3 & UP STAKES PURSE: \$70,000

2	Rose Catherine	Castellano J J	3.30	2.60	2.20
1	Broken Dreams	Gomez G K		7.10	4.80
6	Karakorum Elektra	Dominguez R A			9.00

Time 1:01.53

Trainer: Pletcher Todd A - Owner: Pompa, Jr. Paul P.

Dk. b. or br. f. 3 by Speightstown - Great Plains Lady by Peaks and Valleys

Breeder: Janavar Thoroughbreds

\$2 Exacta (2-1) Paid \$20.40 \$2 Trifecta (2-1-6) Paid \$224.00

\$2 Superfecta (2-1-6-7) Paid \$1,280.00

2ND 6 FURLONGS 2 YO MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$40,000

8	Crea's Law	Velazquez J R	4.90	3.00	2.70
10	D' Sauvage	Castellano J J		4.90	4.00
6	Freud's Theory	Maragh R			10.80

Time 1:12.49

Trainer: Pletcher Todd A - Owner: Anstu Stables, Inc.

B. c. 2 by Thunder Gulch - Lone Tree by Exploit. Breeder: EKQ Stables

\$2 Exacta (8-10) Paid \$25.00 \$2 Quinella (8-10) Paid \$18.60

\$2 Trifecta (8-10-6) Paid \$466.50

\$2 Daily Double (2-8) Paid \$7.70 Daily Double Pool \$301,193

\$2 Superfecta (8-10-6-3) Paid \$2,235.00

3RD 6 FURLONGS 3 & UP ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING (\$50,000) PURSE: \$54,000

1	Mr. Fantasy	Dominguez R A	5.50	3.70	2.70
6	Callide Valley	Maragh R		11.40	6.50
4	Brother Bird	Velazquez J R			3.20

Time 1:09.84

Trainer: Hushion Michael E - Owner: West Point Thoroughbreds, Brooks, Donald and Cammarano, Nick

B. c. 4 by E Dubai - Twice Forbidden by Spectacular Bid

Breeder: Corra Cavalo Stable

\$2 Exacta (1-6) Paid \$62.00

\$2 Trifecta (1-6-4) Paid \$171.00

\$2 Pick 3 (2-8-1) 3 Correct Paid \$18.20 Pick 3 Pool \$158,031

\$2 Daily Double (8-1) Paid \$12.80 Daily Double Pool \$76,597

\$2 Superfecta (1-6-4-8) Paid \$464.00

4TH 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 3& UP CLAIMING (\$25,000) PURSE: \$28,000

5	Tocco d'Oro	Velasquez C	40.80	17.20	11.20
12	Shimmering Forest	Dominguez R A		5.90	5.00
8	Lion Under Oath	Santiago V			7.10

Time 1:42.47

Trainer: Levine Bruce N - Owner: McRich Stables and Canosa, Ray

Ch. c. 3 by Touch Gold - Micayla's Peach by Demaloot Deamshoot

Breeder: Sez Who Thoroughbreds

\$2 Exacta (5-12) Paid \$270.50 \$2 Quinella (5-12) Paid \$98.50

\$2 Trifecta (5-12-8) Paid \$2,023.00

\$2 Pick 3 (8-1-5) 3 Correct Paid \$347.00 Pick 3 Pool \$78,616

\$2 Daily Double (1-5) Paid \$165.00 Daily Double Pool \$86,976

\$2 Superfecta (5-12-8-4) Paid \$5,663.00

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

6	Souper Spectacular	Velazquez J R	16.00	8.60	5.80
8	Doctor Peach	Lezcano J		9.10	6.50
2	Bellhouse	Castellano J J			4.70

Finish Time: 1:36.16

Trainer: Benzel Seth - Owner: Live Oak Plantation

Ch.c.3 by Giant's Causeway - Vertigineux by Kris S.

Breeder: Maverick Productions & Ashford Stud

\$2 Exacta (6-8) Paid \$138.00 \$2 Trifecta (6-8-2) Paid \$633.00

\$2 Pick 3 (1-5-6) 3 Correct Paid \$1,455.00 Pick 3 Pool \$103,934

\$2 Pick 4 (5/8-1-5-6) 4 Correct Paid \$2,999.00 Pick 4 Pool \$262,826

\$2 Daily Double (5-6) Paid \$367.00 Daily Double Pool \$82,623

\$2 Superfecta (6-8-2-13) Paid \$4,195.00

6TH 7 FURLONGS 2 YO MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$50,000

4	Astrology	Garcia Alan	7.10	4.00	2.90
1	To Honor and Serve	Velazquez J R		6.90	5.20
11	Anthony's Cross	Gomez G K			3.10

Time 1:24.58

Trainer: Asmussen Steven M - Owner: Bolton, George, Stonestreet Stables

B. c. 2 by A.P. Indy - Quiet Eclipse by Quiet American

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings

\$2 Exacta (4-1) Paid \$49.20 \$2 Trifecta (4-1-11) Paid \$150.00

\$2 Pick 3 (5-6-4) 3 Correct Paid \$1,503.00 Pick 3 Pool \$107,610

\$2 Daily Double (6-4) Paid \$46.00 Daily Double Pool \$126,871

\$2 Superfecta (4-1-11-6) Paid \$869.00

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

4	C. S. Silk	Velazquez J R	10.60	4.70	3.80
3	Fantasia (GB)	Leparoux J R		3.60	3.00
1	Be Fair	Maragh R			7.70

Time 1:35.29

Trainer: Romans Dale - Owner: Pacella, William, Barbara, Fred, Bonomo, George

Dk. b or br. f. 4 by Medaglia d'Oro - Remember the Day by Settlement Day

Breeder: Hermitage Farm

\$2 Exacta (4-3) Paid \$38.00 \$2 Trifecta (4-3-1) Paid \$393.00

\$2 Daily Double (4-4) Paid \$46.80 Daily Double Pool \$102,138

\$2 Pick 3 (6-4-4) 3 Correct Paid \$353.00 Pick 3 Pool \$149,986

\$2 Superfecta (4-3-1-2) Paid \$664.00

8TH 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 3 & UP ALLOW OPTIONAL CLM (\$35,000) PURSE: \$45,000

9	Don't Fooli Houli	Garcia Alan	38.60	15.40	10.80
2	Midnight Billy	Espinoza J L		9.30	6.30
3	Alltiffedoff	Chavez J F			15.40

Time 1:42.23

Trainer: Morrison John - Owner: Tucker Jeffrey

Dk. b or br. g. 6 by Freud - July Orchid by Lear Fan. Breeder: Anthony Grey

\$2 Exacta (9-2) Paid \$482.50 \$2 Trifecta (9-2-3) Paid \$12,544.00

\$2 Pick 3 (4-4-9) 3 Correct Paid \$1,053.00 Pick 3 Pool \$125,590

\$2 Daily Double (4-9) Paid \$170.00 Daily Double Pool \$93,198

\$2 Superfecta (9-2-3-6) Paid \$89,584.00

9TH FOREGO S. (G1) 7 FURLONGS 3 YEAR OLDS AND UP STAKES PURSE: \$250,000

4	Here Comes Ben	Solis A	21.80	8.50	3.70
3	Big Drama	Coa E M		6.70	3.30
1	Vineyard Haven	Garcia Alan			2.20

Time 1:22.50

Trainer: Lopresti Charles - Owner: Chase, Marianne, Chase, Brandon, L.

Dk. b. or br. c. 4 by Street Cry (IRE) - Chasetheragingwind by Dayjur

Breeder: Marianne & Brandon Chase

\$2 Exacta (4-3) Paid \$114.50 \$2 Trifecta (4-3-1) Paid \$382.00

\$2 Pick 3 (4-9-4) 3 Correct Paid \$1,912.00 Pick 3 Pool \$123,994

\$2 Daily Double (9-4) Paid \$468.50 Daily Double Pool \$109,308

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

3	Quality Road	Velazquez J R	2.60	2.10	2.10
7	Mythical Power	Gomez G K		5.90	4.40
6	Tranquil Manner	Garcia Alan			4.80

Time 1:50.00

Trainer: Pletcher Todd A - Owner: Evans Edward P.

B. c. 4 by Elusive Quality - Kobla by Strawberry Road (AUS)

Breeder: Edward Evans

\$2 Exacta (3-7) Paid \$14.00

\$2 Trifecta (3-7-6) Paid \$94.00

\$2 Superfecta (3-7-6-1) Paid \$164.40

\$2 Pick 3 (9-4-3) 3 Correct Paid \$832.00 Pick 3 Pool \$114,707

\$2 Daily Double (4-3) Paid \$37.60 Daily Double Pool \$149,705

\$2 Grand Slam (1,3,4-2,3,9-1,3,4-3) Paid \$82.50

11TH RACE 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3 & UP MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$41,000

10	City Train	Castellano J J	5.90	3.30	2.80
3	Runaway Jim	Maragh R		5.10	4.20
2	N P Cat	Velazquez J R			8.30

Finish Time: 1:36.16

Trainer: Contessa Gary C - Owner: Judge Terry

B. g. 3 by Slew City Slew - Royal Relic by Colonial Affiar

Breeder: Jeffrey Tucker

\$2 Exacta (10-3) Paid \$30.00 \$2 Trifecta (10-3-2) Paid \$334.00

\$2 Superfecta (10-3-2-5) Paid \$1,540.00

\$2 Daily Double (3-10) Paid \$7.70 Daily Double Pool \$264,272

\$2 Pick 3 (4-3-10) 3 Correct Paid \$127.50 Pick 3 Pool \$253,384

\$2 Pick 4 (9-4-3-10) 4 Correct Paid \$2,277.00 Pick 4 Pool \$771,006

\$2 Pick 6 (4/8-4-9-4-3-10) 5 Correct Paid \$183.50 Pick 6 Pool

\$2 Pick 6 (4/8-4-9-4-3-10) 6 Correct \$21,562.00 Pick 6 Pool \$166,445

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Summer Patriot
Karakorum Legend
Conservative

Karakorum Legend
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Big Polk a Dot

Romp
Writingonthewall
Stevil

Summer Patriot
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Romp

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Romp

2

Texas Aggie
Include the Cat
Elarose

Texas Aggie
Sortilege
Eve of Destruction

Include The Cat
Sortilege
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Texas Aggie

Sortilege
Eve of Destruction
Include the Cat

3

Magdalena Girl
Bea Bet
Pals First Lady

Magdalena Girl
Beat Bet
Outta My Mind

Bea Bet
La Belle Gabrielle
Magdalena Girl

Magdalena Girl
Delta Holiday
Bea Bet

Outta My Mind
Bea Bet
Magdalena Girl

4

Beth's Kitten
Il Senatore
Up for Love

Won O Won
Syzygy
Il Senatore

Il Senatore
Jacob's Dream
Won O Won

Syzygy
Brunelli
Rappaport

Brunelli
Up for Love
Beth's Kitten

5

Ginger Snapit
Roots Run Deep
Soinlovewithuam I

Ginger Snapit
Gin Cat
Roots Run Deep

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Gin Cat
Soinlovewithuam I

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Ginger Snapit
Stray Bullet
Soinlovewithuam I

6

Sterling Silver
Smart Farming
Deanaallen'skitten

Sterling Silver
Unbridled Humor
Chardonniere

Chardonniere
Ivybridge
Sterling Silver

March Mischief
Chardonniere
Unbridled Humor

Chardonniere
Unbridled Humor
Smart Farming

7

Ash Zee
Film Charm
North Rodeo

Ash Zee
Shine Upon
Film Charm

Ash Zee
Shine Upon
Film Charm

Ash Zee
Shine Upon
Proclaim

Ash Zee
Proclaim
Film Charm

8

Zodiac Girl
Kan N Klear
Mythical Yarn

Kan N Klear
Thunder Way
Zodiac Girl

Thunder Way
Cougar Cruise
Pretty B

Thunder Way
Zodiac Girl
My Sweet Emily

Zodiac Girl
Kan N Klear
Thunder Way

9

Fantastico Roberto
Devon Rock
Lethal Combination

Fantastico Roberto
Turf Melody
Devon Rock

Fantastico Roberto
Lethal Combination
Mystic

Lethal Combination
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Alienation
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Alienation

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She's a Ketch
Atlantic Beauty
Collect the Fee

Atlantic Beauty
Afterallivbeenthru
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SUNDAY'S SARATOGA ENTRIES

Sunday, September 5. Post Time 1:00 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

1ST (1:00) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP ALLOW/OC (\$50,000)
PURSE: \$55,000

1	1	Big Polk a Dot	Mena M	Guillot Eric	12-1
2	2	Writingonthewall	Prado E S	Martin Carlos F	5-1
3	3	Karakorum Legend	Cohen D	Rice Linda	4-1
4	4	Stevil	Lezcano J	Barbara Robert	9-2
5	5	Conservative	Garcia Alan	McGaughey III C R	8-1
6	6	Summer Patriot	Dominguez R A	Tagg Barclay	7-2
7	7	Romp (ARG)	Velazquez J R	Donk David	5-1
8	8	Unbridled Heat	Velasquez C	Jerkens H Allen	15-1
9	9	A. P. Ridge	Leparoux J R	Sheppard Jonathan	12-1
10	MTO	Z Fortune	Bridgmohan S X	Asmussen Steven	4-1
11	MTO	Endymion	Leparoux J R	Dutrow, Jr. R E	5-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (1-3), Daily Double

2ND (1:32) 7 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP MAIDEN PURSE: \$50,000

1	1	Speak Freely	Mena M	Dollase Wallace	15-1
2	2	Eve of Destruction	Velazquez J R	Schettino Dominick A	6-1
3	3	Quippery	Garcia Alan	Ribaudo Robert J	8-1
4	4	Elarose	Dominguez R A	Lewis Lisa L	12-1
5	5	Texas Aggie	Maragh R	Albertrani Thomas	3-1
6	6	Grace'n Style	Lezcano J	Martin Carlos F	8-1
7	7	Include the Cat	Hill C	Dollase Wallace	7-2
8	8	Sortilege	Solis A	Kimmel John C	7-2

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (2-4)
Pick 4 Races (2-5), Daily Double

3RD (2:04) 6 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP CLM (\$10,000) PURSE: \$18,000

1	1	Outta My Mind	Chavez J F	Schettino Dominick A	6-1
2	2	Pals First Lady	Dominguez R A	Rice Linda	9-2
3	3	Bea Bet	Gomez G K	Rodriguez Rudy R	3-1
4	4	Great Cliff	Lenclud F	Stoklosa Richard	20-1
5	5	Saratoga Tiger	Santiago V	Streicher Kenneth	12-1
6	6	Magdalena Girl	Leparoux J R	McPeck Kenneth	4-1
7	7	A Girl Named Maria	Espinoza J L	Figueroa David J	20-1
8	8	Delta Holiday	Maragh R	Alexander Frank A	6-1
9	9	La Belle Gabrielle	Castellano J J	Martin Carlos F	5-1

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

4TH (2:36) 1 3/16 MILES (TURF) NY BRED 3&UP MAIDEN PURSE: \$41,000

1	1	Beth's Kitten	Leparoux J R	Maker Michael J	8-1
2	2	Shipping News	Mena M	Lerman Roy S	30-1
3	3	Nugget of Wisdom	Hill C	Wolferseder John	30-1
4	4	Up for Love	Dominguez R A	Domino Carl J	12-1
5	5	Ponte Vecchio	Maragh R	Weaver George	20-1
6	6	Szygy	Cohen D	Motion H Graham	10-1
7	7	Won O Won	Prado E S	Levine Bruce N	5-1
8	8	Brunelli	Luzzi M J	Bond H James	7-2
9	9	Rappaport	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	12-1
10	10	Jacob's Dream	Lenclud F	O'Brien Colum	5-1
11	11	Il Senatore	Velazquez J R	Schettino Dominick A	4-1
12	12	Gotta Go Round	Espinoza J L	Ubillo Rodrigo A	20-1
13	MTO	Raffinator	Prado E S	Ryerson James T	2-1

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

5TH (3:08) 6 FURLONGS NY BRED FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$40,000

1	1	Dainty Daisy	Lezcano A	Hayden Dan	30-1
2	2	La Busta	Chavez J F	Campo John P Jr	20-1
3	3	Buttonfront	Lezcano J	Martin Carlos F	12-1
4	4	Roots Run Deep	Dominguez R A	Rice Linda	6-1
5	5	Stray Bullet	Castellano J J	Badgett William	6-1
6	6	Ginger Snapit	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A	2-1
7	7	Gin Cat	Leparoux J R	Hennig Mark	6-1
8	8	Sentimental Lass	Maragh R	Duggan David P	8-1
9	9	Soinlovewithuam I	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	4-1

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

6TH (3:41) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP MAIDEN PURSE: \$51,000

1	2	Chardonniere	Gomez G K	Harty Eoin	5-2
1A	9	Ivybridge	Hill C	Albertrani Thomas	5-2
2	7	Lone Tigress	Leparoux J R	Maker Michael J	10-1
2B	AE	Deanaallen'skitten	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C	10-1
3	1	March Mischief	Luzzi M J	Violette, Jr. R A	20-1
4	3	Unbridled Humor	Velazquez J R	Motion H Graham	8-1
5	4	Smart Farming	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	5-1
6	5	Sterling Silver	Dominguez R A	Clement Christophe	3-1
7	6	Hey Hey Mama	Maragh R	Albertrani Thomas	6-1
8	8	Glass Path	Prado E S	Miceli Michael	20-1
9	10	Drifting Away	Castellano J J	McGaughey III C	8-1

A-Coupled: Chardonniere and Ivybridge
B-Coupled: Lone Tigress and Deanaallen'skitten
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (6-8), Pick 6 Races (6-11), Daily Double

7TH (4:14) 7 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP ALLOW/OPT CLM (\$50,000)
PURSE: \$54,000

1	1	Ain't Love Grand	Solis A	Lewis Lisa L	15-1
2	2	Ash Zee	Bridgmohan S X	Asmussen Steven	4-5
3	3	Film Charm	Leparoux J R	Mott William I	5-1
4	4	Shine Upon	Castellano J J	Jerkens James A	6-1
5	5	Proclaim	Velazquez J R	Bond H James	10-1
6	6	Dattt Echo	Lezcano J	Hennig Mark	20-1
7	7	Sneaky Girl	Velasquez C	Rodriguez Rudy R	10-1
8	8	North Rodeo	Desormeaux K J	Romans Dale	10-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (7-9), Grand Slam Races (7-10)
Daily Double

8TH (4:48) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP CLM (\$25,000)
PURSE: \$28,000

1	1	Zodiac Girl	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C	3-1
2	2	Clearly Perfect	Velazquez J R	Donk David	30-1
3	3	Eager Leader	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	10-1
4	4	Thunder Way	Mena M	Nicks Ralph E	6-1
5	5	Cougar Cruise	Studart M	Contessa Gary C	8-1
6	6	Karen's Joy	Leparoux J R	McPeck Kenneth	15-1
7	7	My Sweet Emily	Hill C	Duggan David P	20-1
8	8	Pretty B	Velasquez C	Hough Stanley M	10-1
9	9	Alykela	Luzzi M J	Disanto Glenn B	30-1
10	10	Kan N Klear	Gomez G K	Clement Christophe	4-1
11	11	Goodgollymissdolly	Chavez J F	Iselin James H	20-1
12	12	Lion Cub	Dominguez R A	Tagg Barclay	5-1
13	AE	Mythical Yarn	Garcia Alan	Serpe Philip M	4-1
14	AE	Wise Choice	Santiago V	Sciacca Gary	15-1
15	AE	Glory in Motion	Velazquez J R	Benzel Seth	6-1
16	MTO	Suzanne	Solis A	Lewis Lisa L	4-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (8-10), Pick 4 Races (8-11)
Daily Double

9TH (5:22) SARANAC STAKES. (G3) 1 3/16 MILES (TURF) 3YO
PURSE: \$100,000

1	1	Turf Melody	Dominguez R A	Motion H Graham	6-1
2	2	Fantastico Roberto (IRE)	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A	5-2
3	3	Lethal Combination	Garcia Alan	McLaughlin Kiaran	3-1
4	4	Mystic	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I	7-2
5	5	Devon Rock	Castellano J J	Jerkens James A	9-2
6	6	Citrus Kid	Hill C	Terranova, II John	8-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (9-11), Daily Double

10TH (5:56) SPINAWAY STAKES. (G1) 7 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO
PURSE: \$250,000

1	2	Stopspendingmaria	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A	7-2
1A	4	Sky Hosoya	Castellano J J	Pletcher Todd A	7-2
2	1	Abide	Bridgmohan S X	Asmussen Steven	5-1
3	3	Alienation	Hill C	Baffert Bob	4-1
4	5	Valiant Passion	Leparoux J R	Pletcher Todd A	3-1
5	6	Le Mi Geaux	Lenclud F	Dutrow, Jr. R E	6-1
6	7	Coax Liberty	Caraballo J C	Lawrence, II James	15-1
7	8	R Heat Lightning	Gomez G K	Pletcher Todd A	4-1

A-Coupled: Stopspendingmaria and Sky Hosoya
Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

11TH (6:30) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) F&M 3&UP MDN CLM (\$25,000)
PURSE: \$22,000

1	1	Servi Energia	Luzzi M J	Payne Curtis	30-1
2	2	Swales Park	Santiago V	Hills Timothy A	15-1
3	3	Lady Symphony	Lenclud F	Dollase Wallace	20-1
4	4	She's a Ketch	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C	3-1
5	5	Atlantic Beauty	Leparoux J R	Maker Michael J	5-1
6	6	Disarming	Solis A	Duggan David P	12-1
7	7	Afterallivbeenthru	Dominguez R A	Rice Linda	8-1
8	8	Seattle Dynasty	Castellano J J	Toscano John T	10-1
9	9	Dreamnote	Bridgmohan S X	Violette, Jr. R A	30-1
10	10	Curlina	Velasquez C	Hough Stanley M	6-1
11	11	Eliza Grace	Studart M	Barker Edward R	30-1
12	12	Collect the Fee	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A	7-2
13	AE	Margaro	Santiago V	Sciacca Gary	50-1

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Turf Players

Three-year-olds stretch out in Saratoga Grade III

BY JOE CLANCY

Without divisional stars Paddy O'Prado, Interactif and a few others, Sunday's Grade III Saranac offers a chance for 3-year-old turf horses to prove themselves in a Saratoga stakes.

The ninth of 11 races on the card, the \$100,000 stakes at 1 3/16 miles attracted a field of six including just one turf stakes winner – the Irish-bred, Italian-raced Fantastico Roberto from Team Valor International and trainer Todd Pletcher. As a juvenile, the son of Refuse To Bend won two starts at Florence and made his American debut last summer. He was fourth in a stakes at Arlington Park and third in the Grade III Summer at Woodbine.

This year, Fantastico Roberto finished second in a Keeneland allowance and was second again in the Lamplighter Stakes at Monmouth Park when equipped with blinkers for the first time. Two starts back, July 5, he ran away late to capture the Choice Stakes and then faded to seventh after leading early in the Jersey Derby Aug. 1. Pletcher takes the blinkers off the Saranac's 5-2 favorite and puts John Velazquez on from post 2.

"The horse ran great the time before with Johnny, with blinkers, he was real focused," Pletcher said. "Alan (Garcia) rode him on Haskell Day and he basically ran off. "We're taking the blinkers off and Johnny is back on, hopefully he'll get him to settle. If he doesn't settle, a mile and three sixteenths is going to be a long road. If he settles, we'll be OK."

Sequoia Racing's Mystic exits an allowance win at Saratoga for trainer Bill Mott and has been on the im-

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prove since switching to the turf in March. The Unbridled's Song colt made two dirt starts, beaten a combined 48 lengths, at Gulfstream Park this winter – but has been involved in all five starts (on turf) since.

"We tried the turf because he stopped so early in his dirt races," Mott said. "He was not finishing up so we felt like we had to do something. He's been better on the turf. The last one was a big race, but he's got to move forward again. He's got to step up."

Mystic broke his maiden at Churchill Downs in May, finished fifth in his first try vs. winners and then graduated the first-level allowance ranks with a three-quarter length score here Aug. 7. The wins have come in races open to 3-year-olds and up, and his chart includes flattering names Prince Will I Am (third to Mystic Aug. 7), who won at Saratoga Friday, and Beau Choix (who defeated Mystic by a length back in March), who won the Quick Call Stakes here July 29.

Mott will go to jockey Julien Leparoux in place of the injured Kent Desormeaux at 7-2 from post 4.

Earle Mack's Turf Melody chased Beau Choix when fifth in the Quick Call Stakes and was beaten 1 1/4 lengths in his first start since May. Trained by Graham Motion, the son of Maria's Mon seeks his first turf win but owns a stakes victory on dirt at Remington Park late last year. Ramon Dominguez rides at 6-1 from the inside post.

Namcock Stable's Lethal Combination finished one spot ahead of Turf Melody in the Quick Call and returns as the 3-1 second choice for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. Lethal Combination won two races in England as a 2-year-old, captured a Keeneland allowance this spring and placed fourth (two spots behind Fantastico Rober-



Maggie Kimmet

Mystic comes off an allowance win over the Saratoga turf Aug. 7.

to) in the Lamplighter. Third in the Grade III Hill Prince in June, the son of Broken Vow gets Alan Garcia and breaks from post 3.

Centennial Farm's Devon Rock (Javier Castellano, 9-2) finished third behind Fantastico Roberto in the Choice and was third again in a 1-mile allowance race here July 29 for trainer Jimmy Jerkens.

Golden Goose Enterprises' and James Covello's Citrus Kid steps back from the Grade II Hall of Fame Stakes here when he was fifth, 4 1/2 lengths behind Interactif. The son of Lemon Drop Kid made his debut on the turf here last summer, then won a maiden race and the Dover Stakes on the dirt at Delaware Park when trained by Gary Contessa. Now in John Terranova's barn, Citrus Kid makes his third start of 2010 and is 8-1 with jockey Channing Hill from post 6.

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4-on-4

Pletcher quartet holds the cards in eight-horse field for filly stakes

BY JOE CLANCY

Half the eight entrants in Sunday's Grade I Spinaway for 2-year-old fillies represent the barn of Todd Pletcher. Three of the remaining four come from Steve Asmussen, Bob Baffert, Rick Dutrow.

The leftover? Chuck Lawrence, shipping in from Fair Hill Training Center for the second time this year, with Coax Liberty. She's 15-1 on the morning line – somebody has to be – but comes off a third in the Grade II Adirondack here Aug. 15 and might appreciate the more settled approach at 7 furlongs in the Spinaway. The \$250,000 race is the 10th of 11 on the Sunday card.

The Pletcher quartet looks formidable:

- Repole Stable's entry of Stopspendingmaria, second here in a sloppy Schuylerville July 23, and Sky Hosoya, a 9 3/4-length winner of a \$50,000 maiden claimer here July 29. John Velazquez rides the former (post 2), Javier Castellano the latter (post 4), as the 7-2 second choice.

- Team Valor International's Valiant Passion, a recent purchase from the barn of Ralph Nicks. She won a 5 1/2-furlong maiden by 9 1/4 lengths here Aug. 12. Julien Leparoux takes the ride on the 3-1 favorite from post 4.

- E. Paul Robsham Stable's R Heat Lightning, the new shooter of the bunch who makes her Saratoga debut after

winning a maiden at Delaware Park in July and placing second in Monmouth Park's Colleen in August. She's 4-1 and gets Garrett Gomez while breaking from the outside.

Pletcher's views depended on the horse:

"It's an aggressive play with Sky Hosoya, she's coming out of an a maiden 50, but she ran a fast figure and did it the right way and has trained since."

"Stopspendingmaria was favored in the Schuylerville, probably over-analyzed that one, breaking from the rail on a sloppy track, we sent her and got in a three-horse speed duel and set it up for somebody else."

"Valiant Passion came in in great shape, breezed her one five-eighths, she's done everything right."

"R Heat Lightning ran a really a good race in the Colleen, seven-eighths should suit her well."

Lawrence's filly Coax Liberty does not buy into the celebrity.

"She doesn't know Todd Pletcher has four in there," the trainer said. "She placed in a Grade II and I thought she ran pretty well. If she improves, and they're expecting the favorites to improve, she can be right there."

Owned by Copper Penny Stable, Coax Liberty cost \$60,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sale this winter and earned her first Saratoga try with a strong maiden win when coming from off the pace going 5 1/2 furlongs at Delaware Park July 20. In the 6 1/2-furlong Adirondack, Coax Liberty had to hustle to keep up early, made a short run at the top of the stretch and hung on for third – beaten 10 lengths by winner Position Limit and 5 by today's rival Alienation.

"Hopefully we get a better trip where we can make one move," Lawrence said. "She hopped a little bit at the start and that put her in a little bit of a pinch. I'd love to see her fourth or fifth and make a move at the quarter pole rather than the way she had to last time. She had to move at the five-eighths or four-and-a-half pole and then she had to make another move at the three-eighths pole. She doesn't want to do that."

Coax Liberty went back to Fair Hill and posted two works on the Tapeta surface – a 5-furlong move in 1:01 2/5 Aug. 25 and a half-mile drill in 48 2/5 Sept. 1.

"This is the first race where I've actually tightened the screws a little bit," said Lawrence. "All the other races, she had some fast works, but they were on the bridle. This time we put two good back-to-back works together and she seems like she responded. She's happy, eager to go."

Delaware-based Jose Caraballo comes back to Saratoga for the ride from post 7.

Schuylerville winner Le Mi Geaux returns for owner/breeder Lansdon



Maggie Kimmet

Coax Liberty and trainer Chuck Lawrence get some exercise at Saratoga Saturday.

Robbins and Dutrow. The daughter of First Samurai is the only two-time winner in the field. She broke her maiden at Churchill Downs June 20 and then splashed home in the Schuylerville on Opening Day. Freddie Lenclud keeps the mount at 6-1 from post 5.

George Bolton's and Billy Hudleston's Abide breaks from the rail and comes off a 6-furlong maiden win here Aug. 1 for Asmussen. The daughter of Tiznow cost \$430,000 at Keenel-

and September and gets Shaun Bridgmohan on a return call at 5-1.

Natalie Baffert's Alienation couldn't match strides with Position Limit when second in the Adirondack, but leans on a solid maiden-breaking effort on the turf at Hollywood Park July 5.

She went 5 furlongs in 56 1/5 that day and has worked twice at Saratoga including a 6-furlong move Aug. 29. Channing Hill rides from post 3 at 4-1.



Tod Marks

One of four horses from Todd Pletcher in the race, Valiant Passion tries to duplicate her maiden win Aug. 12.



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A Big Boy

‘Toscanova’ headlines final Grade I

BY PHIL JANACK

As good as Boys At Tosconova has been, both in the morning and the afternoon, trainer Rick Dutrow Jr., no stranger to superlatives, has been careful not to put a label on the talented young colt.

Not yet, anyway.

An eye-catching maiden winner at Belmont Park July 2, Boys At Tosconova makes his first start since that dozen-length romp in the Grade I \$250,000 Hopeful. Among his competition are Stay Thirsty and Wine Police, each impressive in breaking their maidens at Saratoga three weeks apart.

“We’ll have to watch him run with these horses to see if he beats them and know if he’s kind of special. We haven’t said that yet,” Dutrow said. “He just beat up on some horses that were OK; a couple of them came back and won. It wasn’t like it was a bad race, but he did it the right way and he looked special doing it. He’s going to have to show up like that against good ones, and he’s got a couple of horses he’s going to have to deal with. If he blows them off the track, then I’ll start using that word.”

Named for a favorite restaurant of the previous owners, Boys At Tosconova was purchased privately by Mace and Samantha Siegel of Jay Em Ess Stable following the Officer colt’s runner-up finish in the Grade III Kentucky Juvenile Stakes April 30 at Churchill Downs, where he rallied from last to come within a length and a half of winner Lou Brissie.

Since that time, Dutrow has been flooded with superlatives about the horse, from his assistant and exercise rider, Michelle Nevin, to veteran jockeys Ramon Dominguez, winner of 10 consecutive New York Racing Association meet titles, and dominant New Jersey-based Joe Bravo.

“We bought him out of Monmouth [Park] and we had to get over some issues with him,” Dutrow said. “Once we did, we kept him there. I wanted to run him in a maiden special weight there, and we had Bravo give him a basic breeze one day. He called me and said, ‘Rick, this is the best baby I’ve ever been on. Please let me ride him.’”

“After that, I looked for a race at Belmont, and when he got in I shipped him straight to Belmont. The first day



Tod Marks

Boys At Tosconova enjoys himself at the barn Saturday morning.

Michelle galloped him, she said, ‘This is our [Kentucky] Derby horse.’ The next day, Ramon breezed him, and absolutely fell in love with him. He rode him in the race, and didn’t know what to say.”

A \$35,000 yearling purchase at Keeneland September in 2009, Boys At Tosconova has thrived at Saratoga, even outworking another recent Dutrow purchase, 3-year-old Trickmeister, in an Aug. 17 breeze on the main track. Bought with designs on the Grade I Travers, Trickmeister was an 11 ¾-length winner of the Pleasant Colony Stakes on Travers eve.

“It was a mismatch,” Dutrow said, “but we’d been having troubles with Trickmeister. I’m sure if he was smooth and fluid, he could have hung with the baby. It was just a basic breeze, but the baby had him every step. I’ve never had a baby like this one. Not many trainers have.”

As Dutrow spoke on a recent morning, his eyes rarely diverted from Boys At Tosconova, who was getting a bath nearby. He said the seven-furlong Hopeful has been a primary target since getting the horse in his barn.

“Every rider I’ve put on him is just blown away with the horse,” Dutrow said. “He’s just got something, he gives them some kind of feel underneath of them, that they just get goosebumps. That’s what we’ve been dealing with since he’s run.”

“Every single day that we’ve had him has been a great day for him. I’ve had Michele, Dominguez breezes him. I put other boys on him, and they just absolutely love him. He’s a good one. If he gets a good trip, I’m sure that he’s going to run a huge race. I can’t wait. We’re very excited about him.”

Cautiously optimistic is how trainer Steve Asmussen is approaching the Hopeful with Wine Police, a chestnut son of champion sprinter Speightstown owned by Kirk and Judy Robison. Wine Police led from gate to wire to win his debut by 7 ¾ lengths at Saratoga on July 24, under jockey Shaun Bridgman’s hand ride.

“He started in Laredo with my dad, and he showed up at Churchill with high expectations, and he ran well,” Asmussen said. “Afterward, yeah, we thought of the [Hopeful]. We know what a big race it is and we’re aware of where it’s

at. We just thought it was an outstanding chance.

“He’s got one start, and one win. He’s a long ways from established, but I think it’s a good start. We’re concerned about the level of competition, the seventh-eighths, and the second race. There’s a lot of things to consider.”

Settle For Medal was a distant third behind Boys At Tosconova, beaten 14 lengths, in their Belmont debut, but came back on July 31 at Saratoga to rally from off the pace and win by two lengths at odds of 21-1. He is trained by Mark Hennig for owner Mark Grier.

“He’s doing real well,” Hennig said. “It’s a tough race, obviously, going up against the one that beat him pretty handily the first time, but he’s improved and you never know. With the proper setup, things could fall his way.”

Hennig felt Settle For Medal took a big step forward off his unveiling, and is eligible to do the same off his victory, already having shown the ability to sit off horses, even if by necessity.

“I just think he gets outrun early. He’s not that quick,” Hennig said. “The first time he ran, he broke slow, but it was kind of a sneaky good race. He was away last and kind of came up through the field like an experienced racehorse. To be third that day, albeit a well-beaten third, he learned a lot and showed a lot that day to give me confidence we didn’t have to send him off his feet to run him in that second start. He just seems like the kind of horse that would rather run at horses than be chased.

“He’s trained well. We thought the seven-eighths was appealing, and the fact that he won over the track was appealing. Just the fact that there’s plenty of pace in there, it appears, and a short field, we thought we’d take a shot.”

Trained by meet leader Todd Pletcher for leading owner Repole Stable, Stay Thirsty broke his maiden by 5 ½ lengths at Saratoga Aug. 14. A half-brother to multiple stakes winner Andromeda’s Hero who brought \$500,000 at Fasig-Tipton’s February sale, the Bernardini colt was second to Sovereign Default in his July 15 debut at Belmont.

Sovereign Debut, owned by Klara-vich Stables and William Lawrence, will miss the Hopeful with a hind ankle issue, trainer Rick Violette said.

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Monday, September 6. Post Time 1 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

1ST (1:00) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) F&M 3&UP CLAIMING (\$25,000)
PURSE: \$36,000

1	8	Honest to Betsy.....	Leparoux J R.....	Feron Kathleen M.....	6-1
1A	12	Ride On Josephine....	Bridgmohan S X....	Romans Dale.....	6-1
2	1	Sextant.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	8-1
3	2	Honorable Truth.....	Maragh R.....	Balsamo Diane.....	8-1
4	3	Silent Stalk.....	Velasquez C.....	Beattie Todd M.....	4-1
5	4	Healthy Debate.....	Dominguez R A.....	Rice Linda.....	3-1
6	5	My Luckey Penney....	Hill C.....	Ortiz Paulino O.....	30-1
7	6	Hanginonaprayer.....	Lezcano J.....	Martin Carlos F.....	6-1
8	7	Fiona Freud.....	Velasquez J R.....	Levine Bruce N.....	8-1
9	9	Southside Babe.....	Chavez J F.....	Contessa Gary C.....	20-1
10	10	Catty Madeline.....	Castellano J J.....	Contessa Gary C.....	12-1
11	11	After Phyllis.....	Lezcano A.....	Mena, II Pastor.....	30-1

A-Coupled: Honest to Betsy and Ride On Josephine
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (1-3), Daily Double

2ND (1:32) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3&UP ALLOW PURSE: \$53,000

1	1	Yankee Fourtune.....	Santiago V.....	McLaughlin Kiaran ..	6-1
2	2	Quick to Charm.....	Velasquez J R.....	Duggan David P.....	8-1
3	3	Good Prospect.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	3-1
4	4	Cedros.....	Lenclud F.....	Glenney John.....	20-1
5	5	Johannesburg Smile ..	Castellano J J.....	Galluscio Dominic ..	5-1
6	6	Yankee Empire.....	Maragh R.....	Tagg Barclay.....	8-1
7	7	Strong Commitment..	Leparoux J R.....	McGaughey III C R ..	7-2
8	8	Billions Boy.....	Dominguez R A.....	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	6-1
9	9	Tapit's Brew.....	Prado E S.....	Albertrani Thomas..	15-1
10	MTO	Day of Destiny.....	Castellano J J.....	Brown Chad C.....	7-2

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (2-4) Pick 4 Races (2-5), Daily Double

3RD (2:04) 6 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP MDN CLM (\$20,000) NY BRED
PURSE: \$22,000

1	1	Song of Broadway....	Velasquez C.....	Rice Linda.....	4-5
2	2	Sister Berta.....	Chavez J F.....	Payne Curtis.....	15-1
3	3	Guilty Choice.....	Stuart M.....	Ritvo Timothy.....	30-1
4	4	Shahzadi.....	Bermudez J E.....	Hernandez Ramon..	30-1
5	5	Jilli's Joy.....	Lezcano A.....	Simeone Paul J.....	10-1
6	6	Glance My Way.....	Hill C.....	Martin Frank.....	15-1
7	7	Lady Alma.....	Espinoza J L.....	Kelly Patrick J.....	4-1
8	8	Shuttle Craft.....	Santiago V.....	Odintz Jeff.....	10-1
9	9	Bird in Hand.....	Samyn J L.....	LeBlanc Kirsten.....	30-1
10	10	Above the Call.....	Lenclud F.....	Hernandez Ramon..	10-1

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

4TH (2:36) FRANK SULLIVAN S. 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3&UP
PURSE: \$70,000

1	1	African King.....	Chavez J F.....	Jacobson David.....	20-1
2	2	Yield Bogey.....	Samyn J L.....	Kelly Patrick J.....	6-1
3	3	Awakino Cat.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	3-1
4	4	True to Tradition.....	Carmouche K.....	Lake Scott A.....	6-1
5	5	Affirmatif.....	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	5-2
6	6	Ravalo.....	Prado E S.....	Johnson Cleveland ..	8-1
7	7	Mitigation.....	Maragh R.....	Gullo Gary P.....	15-1
8	8	Ahvee's Destiny.....	Dominguez R A.....	Rice Linda.....	10-1
9	9	Perfect Officer.....	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	10-1
10	10	Our Friend Harvey....	Espinoza J L.....	Hills Timothy A.....	30-1

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

5TH (3:08) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP ALLOW PURSE: \$53,000

1	1	Loxy Lady.....	Castellano J J.....	Hennig Mark.....	6-1
2	2	Aruna.....	Dominguez R A.....	Motion H Graham....	5-2
3	3	Crazy Catlady.....	Prado E S.....	Hills Timothy A.....	7-2
4	4	Ouchy Night.....	Hill C.....	Bush Thomas M.....	12-1
5	5	River Forest.....	Lezcano J.....	Proctor Thomas F.....	5-1
6	6	Sotique.....	Maragh R.....	Ribaudo Robert J....	10-1
7	7	Picture Hat.....	Leparoux J R.....	Albertrani Thomas..	6-1
8	8	Biz Jet (BRZ).....	Garcia Alan.....	Albertrani Thomas..	12-1
9	9	Molly Molly Molly....	Velasquez C.....	Weaver George.....	15-1
10	MTO	Verse Choir.....	Lezcano J.....	Jerkens H Allen.....	4-1

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

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6TH (3:41) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 2YO MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT
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1	1	Samurai Sword.....	Hill C.....	Alexander Frank.....	20-1
2	2	Associate.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	6-1
3	3	Call the Ball.....	Prado E S.....	Proctor Thomas F....	12-1
4	4	McCarroll.....	Lenclud F.....	Guillot Eric.....	12-1
5	5	Laconic.....	Castellano J J.....	Tagg Barclay.....	6-1
6	6	Dixon Lane.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Asmussen Steve.....	12-1
7	7	Rogue Romance.....	Leparoux J R.....	McPeek Kenneth.....	5-1
8	8	Willy Pay.....	Dominguez R A.....	Kimmel John C.....	9-2
9	9	Perregaux.....	Velasquez J R.....	Howard Neil J.....	3-1
10	10	Pervis.....	Lezcano J.....	Brown Chad C.....	8-1

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

7TH (4:14) 7 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN NY BRED PURSE: \$50,000

1	1	Cash for Clunkers.....	Lezcano J.....	Violette, Jr. R A.....	6-1
1A	8	Sovereign Crisis.....	Castellano J J.....	Brown Chad C.....	6-1
2	2	Street Mate.....	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	9-2
3	3	Baby Me.....	Maragh R.....	Harty Eoin.....	4-1
4	4	Julene.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Pletcher Todd A.....	8-1
5	5	Malibu Spice.....	Velasquez C.....	Benzel Seth.....	15-1
6	6	Rhondda Gardens.....	Prado E S.....	McPeek Kenneth.....	12-1
7	7	Social Vindication....	Garcia Alan.....	McLaughlin Kiaran ..	6-1
8	9	Come a Callin.....	Hill C.....	Mott William I.....	12-1
9	10	Centring.....	Dominguez R A.....	Albertrani Thomas..	8-1
10	11	Niji's Grand Girl.....	Leparoux J R.....	McPeek Kenneth.....	5-1

A-Coupled: Cash for Clunkers and Sovereign Crisis
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (7-9), Grand Slam Races (7-10)
Daily Double

8TH (4:48) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP ALLOW PURSE: \$43,000

1	1	Nurse Dolce.....	Velasquez J R.....	Serpe Philip M.....	6-1
1A	4	Sounds Familiar.....	Prado E S.....	Serpe Philip M.....	6-1
2	2	Glory in Motion.....	Lenclud F.....	Benzel Seth.....	12-1
3	3	In Your Dreams.....	Maragh R.....	Bush Thomas.....	10-1
4	5	Gitchee Goomie.....	Garcia Alan.....	Violette, Jr. R A.....	3-1
5	6	Frivolous Buck.....	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	4-1
6	7	Centrina.....	Lezcano J.....	Martin Carlos F.....	15-1
7	8	Lateday Edition.....	Hill C.....	Weaver George.....	12-1
8	9	Can She Dance.....	Leparoux J R.....	Donk David.....	15-1
9	10	Australis Princess....	Dominguez R A.....	DiPrima Gregory.....	6-1
10	11	Tutti Va Bene.....	Santiago V.....	Sciaccia Gary.....	6-1
11	MTO	Moshe Diane.....	Santiago V.....	Donk David.....	4-1
12	MTO	Under the Rainbow....	Santiago V.....	Hernandez Ramon...	7-2

A-Coupled: Nurse Dolce and Sounds Familiar
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (8-10), Pick 4 Races (8-11), Daily Double

9TH (5:22) THREE CHIMNEYS HOPEFUL S. (G1) 7 FURLONGS 2YO
PURSE: \$250,000

1	1	Nacho Saint.....	Castellano J J.....	Breen Kelly J.....	6-1
2	2	Chipshot.....	Garcia Alan.....	Asmussen Steve.....	8-1
3	3	Settle for Medal.....	Velasquez C.....	Hennig Mark.....	12-1
4	4	Printing Press.....	Maragh R.....	Pompay Terri.....	20-1
5	5	Boys At Tosconova....	Dominguez R A.....	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	8-5
6	6	Stay Thirsty.....	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	4-1
7	7	Wine Police.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Asmussen Steve.....	5-2

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (9-11), Daily Double

10TH (5:56) GLENS FALLS H. (G3) 1 3/8 MILES (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP
PURSE: \$100,000

1	1	Casablanca Smile (CHI).....	Castellano J J.....	6-1	
2	2	Kiawah Cat.....	Velasquez J R.....	Mott William I.....	8-1
3	3	Keertana.....	Lezcano J.....	Proctor Thomas.....	4-1
4	4	Go Ask Alex.....	Lenclud F.....	Glenney John.....	15-1
5	5	Sweet and Flawless ...	Dominguez R A.....	Reed Eric R.....	12-1
6	6	Beauty O' Gwaun (IRE) ..	Garcia Alan.....	Clement Christophe ..	15-1
7	7	Striking Dancer.....	Prado E S.....	McPeek Kenneth.....	12-1
8	8	Liberally (IRE).....	Maragh R.....	Albertrani Thomas..	12-1
9	9	Forever Together.....	Leparoux J R.....	Sheppard Jonathan ..	6-5
10	MTO	McVictory.....	Leparoux J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	2-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Daily Double

11TH (6:30) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 2 YO MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT
PURSE: \$51,000

1	1	Fly On the Wall.....	Leparoux J R.....	Maker Michae.....	8-1
2	2	Mister Pippit.....	Velasquez C.....	Benzel Seth.....	10-1
3	3	Shadow Wood.....	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	6-1
4	4	Iwannaiwannaiwanna ..	Garcia Alan.....	McPeek Kenneth.....	8-1
5	5	Mr Tribute.....	Dominguez R A.....	Romans Dale.....	4-1
6	6	East Indies.....	Prado E S.....	McPeek Kenneth.....	4-1
7	7	Read the E Mail.....	Stuart M.....	Contessa Gary.....	30-1
8	8	Malibu Rhythm.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Howard Neil.....	12-1
9	9	Voodoo Storm.....	Castellano J J.....	McGaughey III C R ..	3-1
10	10	Pretty Mr. D.....	Maragh R.....	Good John.....	20-1

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Wish List



by Joe Clancy

We have no more creativity, no more words, no more pictures, no more ability to keep track of the details, no more paper, no more questions, no more answers, no more rope in which to tie a knot.

And no more newspapers, thankfully.

Every year about this time some rumor gets started that next year's meet will be 40, 50, 60, 80 days long. Every year, we tell the rumor starters that we can't possibly do any more newspapers. We added three this year, when the meet expanded to 40 days from 36. In the old days, we'd have been done three days ago – but think of all we would have missed.

Eight weeks next year? You really think so? Let me sleep on it.

Our 10th publishing season will be remembered for signature performances by horses and humans and even more so by a host. Saratoga Race Course, this old place with so much history, so much past, manages to get it done every year – providing a canvas on which to paint. The horses, jockeys and trainers (and all the other players) create masterpieces on the racetrack. At The Special, we just try to do it justice.

Thirty-five newspapers behind us, we did. As usual, there were anxious moments, arguments, confusion, irritation and exhaustion.

There was also plenty of magic – Afleet Express, Persistently, Malibu Prayer, Blind Luck. Quality Road's bangs and easy win, Telling doing it again, Ra-

chel Alexandra's stride, Majesticperfection's speed, a near-sweep in the jump races, Always First stirring the spirits when he won the John's Call.

I leave every year with a list of things I wished I had done. This year . . .

I wish I found time to visit a college or two with Ryan while we were here. This time next year, he'll be a freshman – somewhere. Any advice?

I wish I improved my Spanish enough to understand what John Velazquez and Javier Castellano were saying to each other in the jocks' room. Slow down guys. And whoever wins this jockey race – remember all the fun it was and don't lose that great mix of competition and camaraderie.

I wish I got to the story on Billy Badgett's pony. Rocky caused a stir when left to graze on the barn lawn – loose. He didn't go anywhere, just made everyone jump. On most days, Rocky could be seen by the fence along Union Avenue – getting his picture taken by fans on their way to the track. This much I know, he's 21 years old, he's an easy-going chestnut Thoroughbred and he's found a home after nearly being abandoned.

I wish I had enough money to buy The Saratoga Sleigh. The bed and breakfast across the street from the track and next to Fasig-Tipton would be THE place to live for the summer. Then I'd make Don and Cindy stay for coffee and doughnuts.

I wish I bet the longshots I liked that won, and ignored the ones I liked that lost.

I wish I went to Dennis Brida's deli for lunch.

I wish I roped my son Jack into a photography session with Barbara Livingston and Tod Marks.

I wish I actually got to meet Jim at Leader-Herald Printing in Gloversville.

I wish I wrote a column about being confused with Chad Brown while standing in the clubhouse.

I wish my father came up for a weekend.

I wish we hit the Pick Six – but we probably would have canceled the rest of the newspaper schedule.

I wish I didn't confuse Mike Moreno with Mike Smith (blame a lack of sleep, no time, or maybe I just needed some gumbo).

I wish my youngest son Nolan spent more time in Saratoga. He was here briefly, and made me smile. Can't wait to get home for fall baseball (he's a left-handed pitcher).

I wish convince my mom would go professional with her oatmeal cookies. They're the best anywhere, and got us through many a deadline.

I wish Laura de Seroux came to Saratoga for Azeri's Hall of Fame ceremony.

I wish I ran more regularly.

I wish I talked to Tony Milan, John Velazquez and Angel Cordero for a column about that old saddle. It'll happen, boys.

I wish I had better shoes when I walked from the front side to Allen Jerkens' barn after his son Jimmy won the Travers.

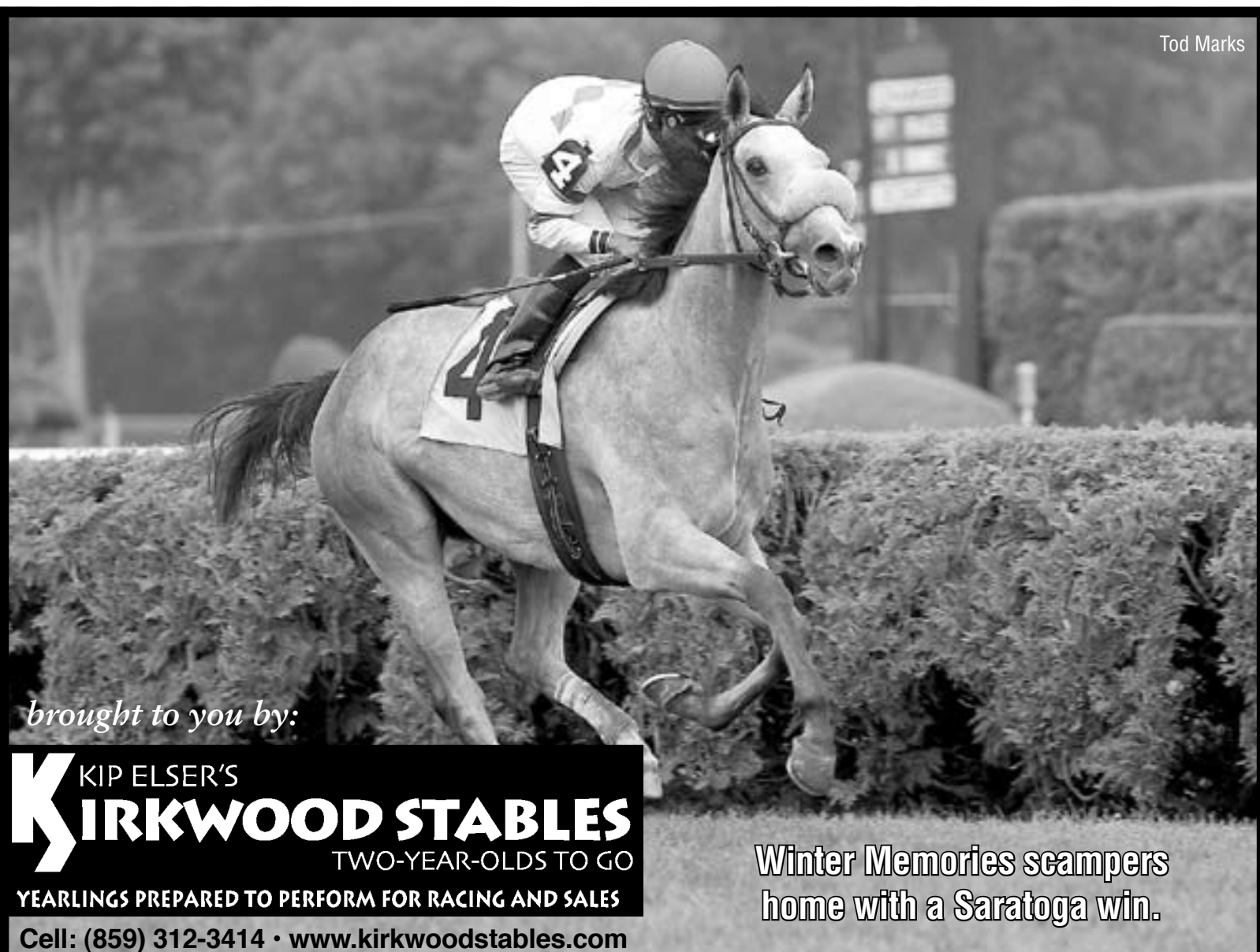
I wish I could properly thank everyone for taking the Clancy family under their wings. Thanks for recognizing my boys, keeping an eye on them and making them feel like part of the show.

I wish Ryan and Jack and Nolan and Brandon and Brian and Emmy and Charlotte and Luca and Jane and Chappy and all the other kids around here get to stay friends – even when they go off to various parts of the country.

I wish I went on more walks around town with my wife, Sam. Happy 20th Anniversary a few days early.

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by Sean Clancy

Writer: "I'll write the goodbye column. What I'll miss, the thank you to the horsemen and horses, the salute to Saratoga . . . like I write every year at this time."

Editor: "You've been writing that for a week."

The feedback does nothing for me.

Then Alex Solis wins the Forego and provides the perspective for the final Cup of Coffee of 2010.

The closest Solis had come to Saratoga before this summer were fly-by excursions to ride California stakes horses and when his name appeared on the Hall of Fame ballot each year.

A California mainstay for 25 years, the 46-year-old Panamanian relocated to Kentucky this spring and met the brave new world of Saratoga this summer.

It wasn't easy. Solis paddled in the deep end, winning one race from about 40 rides, until Saturday. Quiet, neat, tidy, polished – Solis is the consummate professional, plying his trade and hoping something happens. Nothing was happening.

Then Here Comes Ben takes the toil out of the soil.

"It's been a tough meet but you always look forward to a horse like this, they keep us here," Solis said. "Ramon Dominguez and I were talking about it in the jocks' room, about how much fun it is to do this and how hard it is to give this up. Why, because it's an addiction. An addiction to the feeling after you win a race. It's hard to give it up and try to find something else to do. You can't. I'll just try to do it as long as I can and

hopefully we'll come up with a horse like this."

Here Come Ben's trainer Charlie Lopresti, in the middle of celebrating his own Saratoga moment, thought about his jockey.

"This meant a lot for him," Lopresti said "He's a great rider. You know what kind of horses he's ridden over the years? He's had a tough go, but he rode him great. I'm happy for him."

Solis won his third consecutive race on Here Comes Ben, a 4-year-old sprinter he first rode at Churchill Downs. Solis has the 5,000-win mark in his sights, he's won Breeders' Cup races, won the Preakness aboard Snow Chief, won the George Woolfe Award and will some day get into the Hall of Fame. But it's still about the rush of winning a race, when your horse crosses the wire and suddenly everything releases. Winning is crack cocaine for jockeys.

"You're the best, you're on cloud nine. You can't replace that. People ask me when I'm going to retire, aren't you afraid of getting hurt? 'What are you talking about?' I know I could be hurt when I started at 16 years old, I know I'll have broken bones, I know I could be a cripple, or dead. But that's the trade off to do what you love, it's very simple," Solis said. "I don't want to retire with regrets; that's why I came here because I always wanted to come to the east, I was very fortunate to be in California but I wanted to experience coming here. It's been a very slow meet, but still there is a lot of satisfaction. I understand the business, it's part of it."

After the Forego, Solis stopped before Hattie's Chicken stand. Still covered in Saratoga sand, he stopped and talked. His security guard shuffled his feet and waited. A mother asked Solis to pose with her daughter. He gave away a pair of goggles. A fan said

to no one in particular, "I guess he doesn't have to ride the next race."

No, this wasn't about the next race – which happened to be the Woodward – this was about the last race. The one that justified Solis and his agent Brian Beach's move to Saratoga.

"I remember seven, eight, nine years ago, Bobby Frankel asked me to come with him but at the time I was very lucky and very fortunate to be in California, I didn't have to move," Solis said. "To be honest, I wish I would have done it. To see the racing here. I love California racing but the quality here, they're great races. Horses here can go any place around the country and win a big race; this is where the money is and this is where the fun is."

Solis spent 25 summers in Del Mar. Without the barometer of Saratoga, he couldn't answer the unanswerable question – which is better. Now he can.

"Del Mar is a lot of fun, we still have good races, you have the ocean, it's two different worlds," Solis said. "Here, you have history, the lake and best of all you have space for horses. You have a training track, you have space, it's beautiful, you love horses and you love seeing the environment they're living in, you love it because they're being treated right. You have the quality of the horse here."

Welcome to Saratoga, Alex. See you next summer.

It's now past 11, a cool breeze blows through my open window looking out on Broadway. A rock band with too much bass plays the Star Spangled Banner. And somewhere in Saratoga, Alex Solis feels young again. As for us, we feel young and old all at the same time; a year older, a year wiser, a year in the books. Another bittersweet goodbye to the season, to summer, to Saratoga.

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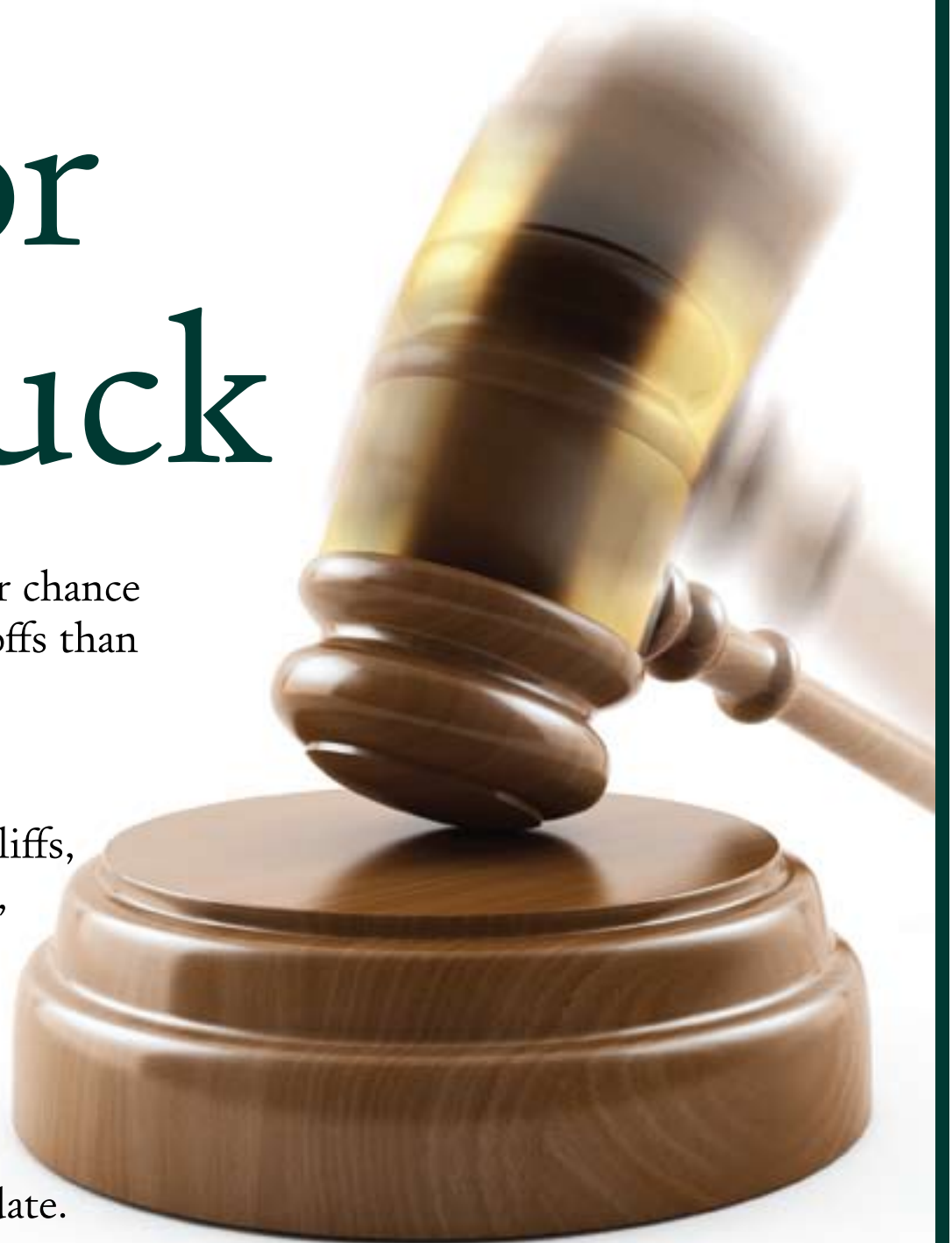
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