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2YO G1 SW  
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**Dog Clutch.** A four-legged van driver keeps an eye on things Friday morning. Connie Bush

## here&there... at Saratoga

### BY THE NUMBERS

**1:** Person watching Married with Children in the rec. hall at 8:40 Friday morning.

**100:** Percentage of returned stolen golf carts (so far) at the meet as Amy Tarrant's ride was found by NYRA security Friday.

**.9375:** Height in inches of some documents given to The Special Friday. We're not sure what to do with them.

### NAMES OF THE DAY

**Italian Charm, second race.** Green Hills Farm's homebred is by Gio Ponti, named after the Italian architect, out of Voodoo Dancer.

**Direct Message, seventh race.** Godolphin's colt is out of Tweeter.

**Shoot From The Hip, seventh race.** Chestnut colt is by Cowboy Cal out of Selective.

**Constellation, ninth race.** If you see the white spots speckled across her chestnut coat, you'll know how they came up with the name.

### WORTH REPEATING

"We made it as far as Coatesville (Pennsylvania), then they changed his schedule so we turned around and came back."

**West Point Thoroughbreds' partner Monty Gill, who travels by RV to see his horses run, after Commanding Curve's next race changed from Indiana Grand to Saratoga**

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- "I might have a spare 15 minutes."  
**Exercise rider, and elite runner, Rodney Paine on whether he had time to run this morning's 5K**
- "I don't know the Silks & Satins 5k put me on layoff for a while."  
**West Point Thoroughbreds' Joe Migliore when asked if he was participating in today's Run For The Horses 5k**
- "I feel like I'm being led back into the coliseum again."  
**Trainer Graham Motion, making another trip to Saratoga from Maryland Friday**
- "I'm happy to talk about a horse, this will be much more enjoyable and much shorter."  
**Glen Hill Farm owner Craig Bernick, who spent much of Friday on a racing-business conference call, returning a phone call about a race preview**
- "We've got a couple more days here before we have to get back to reality."  
**Bernick, on being at Del Mar near the end of the meet**
- "I'm here all day."  
**Rudy Rodriguez, about his schedule at the barn**
- "I'll go to Parx on the 19th (of September) if I have to walk."  
**Jock's agent Ron Anderson, to trainer Kieran McLaughlin**



**Beer Saver.** A Saratoga Race Course fan takes care of the important things during Thursday's briefshower. Connie Bush

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The names take some work."  
**Owner/breeder/trainer Roy Lerman, whose mare Supposedly has produced Presumptive, Plausibly, Ostensibly and today's runner Evidently**



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## NAME OF THE DAY

**Evidently, 11th race.**  
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Someone recorded history at John Terranova's barn.

Connie Bush

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## WORTH REPEATING

"You know you've read The Special for too long when you start counting things...6 dog bowls on Broadway...3 pitch forks hanging on the wall..."

**Jim Cornes, who follows By the Numbers in The Special**

"What happens to all the washed-up trainers? Do they have a place for them?"

**Trainer Mitch Friedman, while looking at the programs for retired horses**

"The Atlanta Braves and the Baltimore Swallows."

**Miles Clancy, when asked who was playing football**

"We're not exactly sure."

**Miles, when asked who was winning**

"Well, we had a good 50 years together."

**Trainer, about losing a long-time client**

"That goat ranch."

**Brook Ledge's John Dickson, when asked where he went golfing**

"I entered a filly at Suffolk, thinking it would be a good spot. I look in the form and I see Christophe Clement in there."

**Jonathan Sheppard, at 6:33 Friday morning**

"I entered a filly at Suffolk, thinking it would be a good spot. I look in the form and I see Jonathan Sheppard in there."

**Clement, at 8:12 Friday morning**

"What day is this at the meet? Day 37, and you're finally stopping by my barn?"

**Trainer Chad Brown joking with bloodstock agent Steve Young Friday morning**

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# Stable Tour:

*with Rudy Rodriguez*



With 30 horses at Saratoga and 40 at Belmont Park, Rudy Rodriguez is busy. Asked about making an appointment for a Stable Tour, Rodriguez laughed, "I'm here all day."

Rodriguez won 14 races, including the Albany and Evan Shipman Stakes, through Friday's card and had Magna Light primed for Monday's Grade 1 Hopeful. The 2-year-old colt won the Sanford, but was disqualified for interference.

Late Thursday morning, Rodriguez pulled off his flak jacket and walked down one side and halfway up the other side of his long barn inside the old Horse Haven track.

One stall is empty, a horse claimed. Another is empty, hoping to fill it by the claim box later that afternoon. The rest are occupied by a few promising 2-year-olds and a lot of claimers. It's rare to see a horse with a correct nametag on his halter, that's the nature of the claiming game. Rodriguez's stable has earned \$3.6 million this year, placing him 16th by money won in North America.

Born in Mexico, the 43-year-old trainer met with The Special's Sean Clancy Wednesday morning.

**Power Crazy:** "We ran him the other day, they didn't use the race we wanted, so we ran him in the wrong spot, he had heat stroke after the race, I thought we were going to lose him, we were lucky he was OK."

**Magna Light:** "The big horse. We are hoping for the Hopeful. He's training very good, he's happy. He's a very cool horse, when he's on the track, he doesn't do anything wrong, I ride him. Over here in the shedrow and the paddock, he's a good feeling horse. He's easy to ride, you can stand on the track for an hour. Right now, he's the best 2-year-old in the barn."



**Finn's Quest:** "We claimed him for 35 to run on the dirt. I trained him on the grass today, he ran OK on the grass at Laurel. Now, we were waiting for the race to go two times, so we'll try on the grass." (Finished eighth Thursday).

**McIlroy:** "I don't know what to tell you about this one. We run him a couple of times over here, no good. He won a couple for Chad (Brown). I've got to give it to him, I can't figure this horse out. He trains good, eats good, looks good, I can't get him to run a step."

**Midnight Surfer:** "This guy, we like him, 2-year-old, finished sixth the other day (Aug. 29), the rail was pretty deep, he went to the inside and slowed down, he didn't embarrass himself. He'll be OK."

**First Bid:** "He's a cool horse, I thought we claimed a good one, we run him in a starter allowance at Philadelphia and he galloped, we ran him back and he finished dead last, I've got no clue why. We ran him back at Belmont and he flattened out again. Then he finished second up here, maybe he wants seven eighths." (He's in the fifth race Sunday)

**Eloquent Tribute:** "Tapit filly. We ran her on the grass, she's OK. She galloped at Aq-

ueduct, and I ran her back in a stake, she finished fourth (Marshua, Jan. 29), then second (Cicada, March 15), but we knocked her out. She lost weight. She's got some black type, Mike Ryan owns her. She'll win a couple of races in the winter."

**Hushhushmushmush:** "Finally, buddy. Finally. He got lucky in Saratoga (broke maiden in 19th start Aug. 28). I think we'll run him back on the 13th at Belmont. He tries. He don't owe nobody nothing."

**No Entiendo:** "This guy, I think I screwed up. He won here (Aug. 10), I shipped him back to Belmont, then brought him back. I ran him back in a stake back too quick (fifth in Funny Cide, Aug. 28). I screwed up everything. I should have left him at Belmont and run him at Finger Lakes. Shipping horses back and forth, I don't like, especially before a race."

**J R Star:** "This filly, we like her a lot. She's nice and sound, hopefully she can get the job done Monday (sixth race)."

**Star Gazer:** "We just started to figure out what's wrong, I think he's going to be OK, maybe he's my Derby horse, who knows? He's a pain in the neck to train, he wants to be

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the boss, he rears up, wants to do this, wants to do that. In the stall, he's very, very quiet. He runs Saturday (fourth race), hopefully he shows up."

**Flower Kisser:** "She's been a disaster. We thought she would win first time out, she didn't break, no good. We tried her on the grass, did nothing. I changed everything, pony her, freshen her up, try blinkers, try again."

**Towering Moon:** "He's run three times for us, third, second and a win. Nice horse, tough, tough horse to gallop. He never breaks good, if he broke good, he'd be a very nice horse."

**Good Luck Gus:** "This is a pretty horse, a very cool horse. He loves the ice tub, he'd stay all day in there. He won the Albany. Maybe we take him to Philadelphia for the Pennsylvania Derby. We shipped him to Finger Lakes, he lost a lot of weight, so we gave him all the time. He looks good again."

**Big Gillette:** "He's in Saturday (seventh race). We're just trying with him. Hopefully, he'll show up. He's from Canada, I thought they told me he was a New York-bred, so I entered him in a New York-bred, I thought we were good. He might be OK."

**Springcourt:** "I've claimed him back and forth, I'm going to run him back Monday (fifth race), he was just third when I claimed him. I'm going to put him in the round pen, not even take him to the track, and run him. He looks better than when I lost him, right buddy?"

**Island Therapy:** "I claimed this one Wednesday, the boss said enter him back. He's going to run back Sunday (third race, starter allowance)."



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"Kelly Kip should have been champion, look what he did. If you want to be champion, you have to go after it, that's what you're supposed to do, I guess. There are a lot of good horses that weren't champions. Kelly Kip and Duck Dance, look what they did. Kelly Kip won the big race on Wood Memorial Day, the big race at Finger Lakes, the big race on Mass Handicap Day in Boston and he won the big race in Maryland, The De Francis. He won all those races and they gave it to the horse who win the Breeders' Cup. Which, I mean, maybe he deserved it. We didn't go to the Breeders' Cup because his ankle was getting to bothering him."

**- Trainer Allen Jerkens,  
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Liam's Map tries to stretch his speed in today's Woodward.

Tod Marks

# Elite Eight

## Second in Whitney, Liam's Map meets seven opponents in Gr. 1

### WOODWARD PREVIEW

Without Whitney winner Honor Code to run them down in the stretch, the eight horses in today's Woodward get a chance at Grade 1 glory from a variety of angles.

Runner-up Liam's Map and fourth-place finisher Wicked Strong exit the Whitney, the former looking to stretch his speed the full 9 furlongs and the latter aiming for his first win since the 2014 Jim Dandy.

Two-time graded winner Protonico makes his first start since May as part of a four-horse assault – along with Liam's Map, Brooklyn winner Coach Inge and Alydar runner-up Mylute – from trainer Todd Pletcher. Jimmy Jerkens counters with two, Wicked

Strong plus Suburban winner Effinex who was merely a nice New York-bred last summer before blossoming into a graded stakes threat.

Bay Of Plenty won the Alydar on the lead for Godolphin and Kiaran McLaughlin, but will have to deal with a new pace scenario with fellow frontrunner Liam's Map in the mix. Runner up in the Kentucky Derby and a Travers starter last year, Commanding Curve comes off a dull seventh in the West Virginia Governor's Cup at

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# Woodward —

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Mountaineer Aug. 1 after opening the year with an allowance win at Churchill Downs in May.

Won by the likes of Kelso (three times), Forego (four times), Cigar (twice), Seattle Slew, Affirmed and Spectacular Bid, the Woodward hosts its 62nd running as the 10th race and one of four graded stakes on the card.

A closer look at the contenders.

### 1. Wicked Strong

Winner of the Jim Dandy and runner-up in the Travers last year, Centennial Farm's colt rides a seven-race losing streak into his 12th consecutive stakes start. Luis Saez kept him closer to the pace in the Whitney and he wound up 6 lengths behind Honor Code and Liam's Map. A win would push him over \$2 million in career earnings.

**Trainer Jimmy Jerkens:** "He's training sharp. I thought his Whitney was decent, he was chasing all the way and got a little tired, he laid a lot closer than he had in the races leading up to

it. I thought it was good, because he was laying back and not making any run. He came out of the race good, why not run? Why wait another two months to run?"

### 2. Liam's Map

The fastest horse in the race, the gray frontrunner returns from a tough loss in the Whitney, when getting nailed late by Honor Code. Son of Unbridled's Song has never finished worse than second in six starts and will certainly define the early fractions in the Woodward.

Javier Castellano returns after beating him aboard Honor Code. Trained by Todd Pletcher, Liam's Map ripped three quarters in 1:09 3/5 and a mile in 1:33 3/5 in the Whitney.

**Jockey Javier Castellano:** "I've worked the horse twice, the last two weeks. He's a really fast horse, the key is how you rate the horse, it's not how fast he goes, it's how he does it. If he goes really fast, he won't get there. You have to monitor the pace, the second quarter is the key. I'm not going to take anything away from him, I hope nobody chases me. Whoever chases me is not going to win the race,



Tod Marks

**Wicked Strong tries to duplicate his Jim Dandy win at Saratoga in 2014.**

they'll blow their race. You're not going to go in 24, it's going to be 23. If everybody rides smart, they'll wait to put pressure on me. I have to give the credit to my agent, Matt (Muzikar) for getting back on the horse."

### 3. Commanding Curve

Claim to fame continues to be runner-up finish to eventual Horse of the Year California Chrome in 2014 Ken-

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# Woodward —

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tucky Derby. One victory in five starts since, that coming in allowance company May 30 at Churchill Downs. Comes off seventh in West Virginia Governor's Stakes on the West Virginia Derby undercard Aug. 1 at Mountaineer Race Track.

**West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley:** "What's that song, the John Denver song? Unlike the John Denver song, we didn't belong in West Virginia. He's grown into a beautiful horse. He was just fiddling with those horses (in comeback win May 30 at Churchill). It's interesting because you look up and it's September 1 and he's only run twice. It wasn't by design, it's one of those things where we wanted to work him one more time, a race didn't go, another race didn't go. We've got a fresh, talented 4-year-old in September."

### 4. Bay Of Plenty

Darley/Godolphin homebred exits powerful win in Alydar going 1 1/8 miles here Aug. 9 — his fifth win in nine starts. Led the whole way there, but will have company if that's the strategy today for jockey Joel Rosario at 10-1.

**Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin:** "The race shape isn't good for him. He won on an uncontested lead last time, but I think that spot's going to be occupied by Liam's Map, so that's a problem for us. We'll just have to see how they break and see how it unfolds. We hope (he can sit behind a fast pace), we hope. He's doing fabulous and he loved this track when he ran."

### 5. Mylute

Third in the 2013 Preakness, son of Midnight Lute makes his fourth start for Pletcher. Owned by GoldMark Farm and Whisper Hill Farm, 5-year-old rallied from last to finish second behind Bay Of Plenty in the Alydar here Aug. 9. Irad Ortiz rides for the first time.

**Trainer Todd Pletcher:** "His last couple of works have been really good and his last race was decep-

tively good, tough trip, he's coming up to the race really well. He's a very uncomplicated horse to train, push-button in the mornings, he's an easy gallop, he'll work to his mate's level."

### 6. Coach Inge

Repole Stable's 4-year-old won the Brooklyn in June before finishing third behind Effinex and Tonalist in the Suburban July 4. John Velazquez, who guided him to an allowance win and the Brooklyn win, returns on the son of Big Brown. Bay gelding owns four wins from 11 starts and hasn't finished off the board in six tries this year. He makes his first attempt at winning a Grade 1 stakes.

**Trainer Todd Pletcher:** "He's getting better and better, it took us a little while to unwrap the potential we thought he had, ultimately, castrating is what turned the corner for him. He's put together some good races, I thought his last race was very courageous, considering the ridiculous fractions going a mile and a quarter, he kept fighting. He stalks Liam's Map, and maybe, Bay Of Plenty, depending on what he does. I won't handcuff Johnny with a lot of instructions."

### 7. Effinex

Owned by Tri-Bone Stable, the New York-bred son of Mineshaft upset the Suburban and makes his first start since. He's 3-for-4 this year, the only blemish occurring when he bolted and pulled up in the Brooklyn June 6. A win would catapult him past \$1 million in career earnings.

**Trainer Jimmy Jerkens:** "His works have been good and he's doing good. He's come a long way



Tod Marks

**Commanding Curve makes his third start of 2015 in today's Woodward.**

from last summer. He hit his pasterns real bad in the Suburban, they kind of got infected, we worked on him with the laser and he's doing good now. He's been great, unbelievable. The only time he was off the board was when he bolted, why he bolted, we still don't know."

### 8. Protonico

Sumaya Us Stable's 4-year-old rolls in the Woodward fresh off two consecutive stakes wins, taking the Ben Ali and Alysheba in Kentucky this spring. The son of Giant's Causeway makes his first start since securing the Alysheba back on May 1.

**Trainer Todd Pletcher:** "It's not ideal what we're doing, going to a Grade 1 off an extended layoff, but circumstances put us here. He got sick before the Foster, we had a virus go through the barn, that knocked us out. Look, we're trying to win, but maybe need this race to throw him forward to his best."


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Rachel's Valentina walks at trainer Todd Pletcher's barn this week.

Tod Marks

## Race Royalty

### Rachel's Valentina tries to follow in mother's steps

Six years removed from her mother rocking Saratoga Race Course the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, Rachel's Valentina will try to bolster Rachel Alexandra's already soaring status as a broodmare in today's \$350,000 Spinaway Stakes.

Rachel's Valentina, a daughter of Bernardini and the second foal out of the 2009 Woodward Stakes winner, faces five others in the traditional late-meeting fixture for 2-year-old fillies. She won her debut going 6 furlongs Aug. 2, showing every sign she wanted more ground, and stretches out to 7 furlongs in the Grade 1 Spinaway.

John Velazquez and Todd Pletcher teamed to win the Spinaway twice – with Adieu in 2005 and Circle Of Life

#### SPINAWAY STAKES PREVIEW

in 1999 – and they'll team up again with Rachel's Valentina. Pletcher's won the race four times, also with R Heat Lightning in 2010 and Hall of Famer Ashado in 2003.

Rachel's Valentina is certainly the biggest name in the race but by no means the only maiden winner on the circuit to create significant buzz this summer.

Tap To It and Constellation, two impressive winners at the meet, and Belmont Park maiden-breaker Tona-sah, are her chief opposition. Throw in 11 ½-length maiden winner Anna

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# Spinaway —

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Rae and Schuylerville runner-up Ban-ree and one of Saratoga's oldest traditions has all the makings of a gem.

A closer look at the contenders.

## 1. Tap To It

Twenty days from ousting nine rivals in a bump-and-run debut, the daughter of Tapit returns for her stakes debut. Owned by Whisper Hill Farm, the long-striding gray filly broke from the rail that day and will have to handle that task again. She ripped 4 furlongs in 47 3/5 seconds Tuesday, in preparation for this. Joel Rosario rides.

**Trainer Ralph Nicks:** "I think she's more focused, she has her quirks but she schooled well, trained well, her work was outstanding to watch, I felt like it was better than anything here before her race, more professional, she did it easy. I was watching her and I was thinking, 'Joel, let her pick it up a bit,' and I punch the watch and she comes home in 23 and 2. With all the trouble she had, it ended up being a pretty easy race on her, physically. Timing-wise, would 30 days be better than three weeks, probably so, but you're running back over the course you won over and not having to travel, going to seven eighths which is easy in her grasp."

## 2. Rachel's Valentina

By Superman out of Wonder Woman. The daughter of Travers winner Bernardini and Woodward winner Rachel Alexandra produced the most heralded debut of the meet when ral-



Tod Marks

### Tap To It eyes her second win of the meet for trainer Ralph Nicks

lying to secure a 6-furlong maiden Aug. 2. Owned and bred by Stonestreet Stable, she makes her second start here.

**Trainer Todd Pletcher:** "We were really pleased with everything she had done leading up to her debut, we thought it was a good professional start, she's certainly a filly that's looking for more ground, so 7 (furlongs) is a step in the right direction, it looks like there is enough speed to be able to ride her the way she wants to be ridden which is not rush her off her feet and hopefully she'll keep coming. This was in the back of my mind, before we ran her, I didn't

want to run her 5 or 5 1/2 (furlongs), 6 was the only option outside of that, timing wise, she was ready to go. In the back of your mind, you're saying, 'Should this go well, it gives you time for this.' "

## 3. Tonasah

Owned by StarLadies Racing, the daughter of Malibu Moon will lead her five rivals as fast and as far as she can. Pletcher removes blinkers, hoping she won't go as fast as she did in the Adirondack, when posting a 22 1/5 opening quarter and getting nabbed by Just Wicked late.

**Trainer Todd Pletcher:** "We're taking the blinkers off, just trying to get her slowed down a little bit the first part, we're not looking to take her back, but just hopefully settle her a little bit so she can carry her speed a little further. I think seven eighths is stretching her as far as she wants to go as a 2-year-old. Looking at our options, as in terms of graded stakes, there weren't many."

## 4. Anna Rae

Neal Allread's daughter of Tiz Wonderful dominated maiden-claiming race going 5 1/2 furlongs in her debut for trainer Jeremiah Englehart, who is in the midst of a career meet at Saratoga with nine wins through Friday. A \$30,000 buy earlier this year at OBS March sale, she won that day by 11 1/2 lengths.

**Assistant trainer Erika Wager:** "I didn't know she was going to run like that. I knew she was classy, just by the way she acts around people. Everybody that's been here, the vet, the dentist, everyone says she's the classiest filly. So nice. That was big, watching I was like, 'oh there she comes, oh there she goes. Wow. Where's the rest of the field?'"

## 5. Constellation

Constellation enters the Spinaway off an impressive 4 1/2-length debut victory Aug. 9. An \$800,000 purchase by LNJ Foxwoods at the OBS March sale of selected 2-year-olds in training worked three times since for trainer Steve Asmussen and retains the meet's leading rider, Irad Ortiz Jr.

**Assistant trainer Scott Blasi:** "She's been a dream to train. She's very straightforward. She came out of her

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# Spinaway —

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race in great shape and has trained forward since. Rachel's Valentina is a really nice filly, but we're excited about running our filly."

## 6. Banree

Banree was second in the Grade 3 Schuylerville Opening Day and recorded two bullet works since for trainer Wesley Ward and regular rider Rafael Hernandez. She has stretched out in distance in her three starts and will stretch out again from 6 to 7 furlongs.

**Assistant trainer Lauren Robson:** "Banree, we love the way she's coming in. It's a really tough spot – pretty much most of the field are really nice fillies – hopefully we can step up. The way she's been running, the seven-eighths will fit her. She's a big, long-legged filly. She's training really well. Her last two works were really nice and just coming into the race real happy and sharp. Hopefully her running style will suit the distance. I get on her every day. She's ready. I'm happy she's running because she's a handful right now."

*Interviews by Tom Law, Joe Clancy, Sean Clancy and Brandon Valvo.*



Tonasah exits a second in the Adirondack Aug. 15 for trainer Todd Pletcher.

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The immediate three fillies and mares that tried and failed to catch Goldy Espony for 12 furlongs in early August will take another crack at the French-bred filly in today's \$200,000 Glens Falls Stakes.

The trio of Eastern Belle, White Rose and Evidently, who all raced wide last time out in the Grade 3 Waya Stakes Aug. 8, are back with five others in the 1 3/8-mile Glens Falls. Goldy Espony looked like the one to catch in the Waya and she looks like the one to catch in the Glens Falls.

Trained by Chad Brown, Goldy Espony is unbeaten in three starts this year and comes in off back-to-back stakes victories with Kendrick Carmouche in the saddle. She defeated

## GLENS FALLS PREVIEW

Eastern Belle by 3 1/4 lengths in the Waya and Graham Motion is taking another crack with that half sister to this year's Epsom Derby winner Golden Horn.

Eastern Belle raced ride for most of the Waya under Jose Lezcano, who is off today in favor of John Velazquez, and she'll try to snap a run of three straight seconds for owner Antoinette Oppenheimer.

A closer look at the contenders.

### 1. Maximova

Gallagher's Stud homebred seeks her first graded stakes win and fifth victory



Tod Marks

**Goldy Espony goes for her second stakes win of the meet.**

overall for trainer Christophe Clement. New York-bred is winless this year, but won here last summer going 1 1/8 miles. Jose Ortiz rides at 15-1.

### Mallory Mort of Gallagher's Stud:

"It's a tough spot, but . . . we're going to try to get a graded stakes win

if we can. She's Grade 2 and Grade 3 placed and has done well. She's 5 now, so more than likely we'll retire her after this year. All the babies from that mare, Honoria, kind of have big bellies, but they have these tremen-

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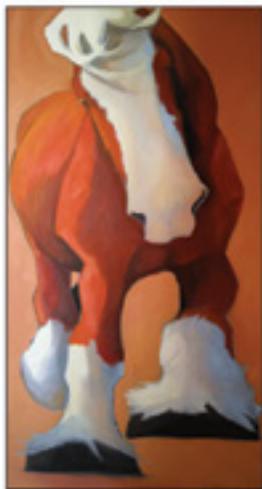


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## Glens Falls —

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dous walks on them and I think that's what makes them good. She was just kind of average as a foal, but had an awesome walk and made you look at her. We have a Distorted Humor filly we're selling in Book 1 in September and the Lemon Drop Kid filly we sold out of that mare is with John Gosden (in England) and they like her. Maximova is a little tough. Her last couple races, she hasn't gotten good cover and she runs her race early. Hopefully, with the one post she'll get some cover and be able to come with her run."

#### 2. White Rose

Hmmm. Five-year-old mare faces Goldy Espony and Eastern Belle, who finished in front of her in the Waya. Today, it's a furlong shorter, but that probably doesn't make much difference to the late-running daughter of Pulpit. Owned by Jake Ballis and Rashard Lewis, the daughter of Tapit seeks her first win since taking the Dowager in October.

**Trainer Bill Mott:** "The winner has been lengths the best in her last two races, the winner looks like she should be going for a Grade 1 rather than a Grade 3. White Rose is a very steady mare, she keeps coming, she doesn't have a real turn of foot which has caused her to have some wide trips."

#### 3. Eastern Belle

The 4-year-old filly has made four American starts, and come away with four placings including three consecutive seconds in stakes for owner/breeder Antoinette Oppenheimer. Second in the 1 1/2-mile Waya here Aug. 8 when wide around three turns, she faces three other returnees from that race. The half-sister to 2015 English Derby winner Golden Horn looks for her second lifetime win and will be ridden by John Velazquez at 3-1.

**Trainer Graham Motion:** "I like my filly, she's just been unlucky in her trips. We'll see what happens. I'm surprised she hasn't won one of these yet. I wasn't necessarily set on running her back here it just seems so logical to do it. She needs a mile-and-a-quarter. I ran her mile-and-a-sixteenth at Keeneland and she was kind of run off her feet. If I'd been bold I'd have waited for the Flower Bowl or something at Belmont but I felt like she needs to win one of these before I do that. She's doing really well."

#### 4. Ceisteach

Bred and initially raced in Ireland, the Glen Hill Farm and Hill n Dale Equine filly rides a two-race winning streak with front-running tallies in the Keertana in May at Churchill Downs and the Grade 3 Robert G. Dick Memorial at Delaware Park in July. Missed the second half of last year recuperating from a knee injury. Channing Hill comes in for the ride aboard the 4-year-old, who ships in from Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland for trainer Tom Proctor at 6-1.

**Owner Craig Bernick:** "When Tom first got her, he did very little with her before her race at Arlington (last June).



Tod Marks

**A winner here in 2013, White Rose seeks her fifth career win.**

She won easily and we were thinking big things but she came up with a chip in her knee. They elected not to do surgery, and we just gave her some time and now Tom likes training her on that hill (near the new base at Fair Hill). She's doing really well now. When you bring a horse off of an injury especially for our outfit our tendency is to be very kind in their training and her first couple races maybe weren't as good as you'd like but her last two were great. (Hill) rides this filly with a tremendous amount of confidence. She's a little bit challenging to ride."

#### 5. Bocaiuva

Irish-bred filly makes first start in more than two months and might be returning to more favorable distance after three straight at 1 1/16 miles in Kentucky, Maryland and New Jersey. Group 3-placed in France last year as a 3-year-old, daughter of Teofilo will try to hit the board for the first time in her fourth U.S. start for Lael Stables, Etreham Farm and Meridian Racing Club. She won going 1 1/4 miles last year in France.

**Trainer Arnaud Delacour:** "She's doing well, training well. She's a little tricky because her form was really good in Europe and she hasn't really duplicated it in America. I don't think we have quite figured her out yet. I'm trying something and the mile and three-eighths being one of the things. That's why I'm coming, for the distance. It's a very competitive field and I hope we can learn something. Her good races were also on softer turf, too, and that's something we didn't have all summer. I was expecting a break and there to be some soft turf sometime, you know, with some rain but it didn't happen. It's been a very dry summer."

#### 6. Goldy Espony

French-bred filly comes in on three-race win streak, in-

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cluding gate-to-wire score last time out in Grade 3 Waya going 12 furlongs here Aug. 8. Kendrick Courmouche rode daughter of Vespone that day and in River Memories win going the same distance two starts back. He rides again today and figures to again be on the lead.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** “She’s in terrific form right now. She’s another one that’s kept her form real well. It’s worked for her to go to the lead. Does she absolutely have to be in front? I’m not convinced of that, but if she makes the front like she has that would be Option 1. I’m not going to try to fix something that’s not broke. If she can’t make the lead, then I’d be curious to see what happens. I’m not entirely convinced she has to be on the lead. Kendrick’s ridden her very well in her last two starts.”

### 7. Lady Of Gold

Third as the favorite in an allowance race in the mud here July 30, the 5-year-old mare seeks to halt a 12-race losing streak and collect her third career win for The Elkstone Group. She placed in two graded stakes last year in California and was sixth, just 2 lengths behind today’s rival Ceisteach, at Delaware Park. Junior Alvarado takes the mount at 15-1.

**Trainer Graham Motion:** “She is a little frustrating. She shows she’s very capable of winning one of these in the morning. She benefits from the distance. If she could run back to her California races she’s in the mix. She trains very well in the mornings.”

### 8. Evidently

The 4-year-old daughter of Smart Strike and Supposedly finished fourth behind today’s rivals Goldy Espony, Eastern Belle and White Rose in the Grade 3 Waya here Aug. 8 – at 34-1. Beaten two necks for second, she gets jockey Javier Castellano and is 12-1 on the morning line.

**Owner/trainer/breeder Roy Lerman:** “It’s the same group and the same problems (as the Waya Aug. 8), but maybe the race develops differently. I’ve got to make up a few lengths and we didn’t have the ideal trip last time. She was very wide and got bumped at the head of the lane. That might have cost us second or third. She’s real live there. She can run the last quarter as fast as any horse around. She’s capable. She doesn’t run on Lasix, those races are nothing for her. She runs a quarter-of-a-mile, that’s all she has to do. If she runs the last quarter in 22 and 3, she’s right there but they all can do that in there.”

### 9. Regardez

English-bred daughter of Champs Elysees put it together for first U.S. victory last time in 1 3/16-mile turf allowance-optional here Aug. 12. A minor



Tod Marks

**Regardez eyes a second win at the meet.**

stakes winner overseas as a 2-year-old, she competed in Group 1 Epsom Oaks and placed in a pair of Group 3 stakes in England and Ireland as a 3-year-old before coming to America.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** “She’s stepping up. She has run in group races before. The distance is a question mark for her but she trains like a horse that can stay a mile and three eighths, but we’ll see. Her last race we finally got her figured out and she ran really well. Give her a shot, see what happens.”

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# Round 2

Hall of Fame runners meet four newcomers in turf stakes for 3YOs

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Four runners from the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes Aug. 7 are back for another crack, including the winner of the Grade 2 turf stakes in Takeover Target. World Approval (fourth), Winter Springs (sixth) and Vision Perfect (seventh) are also back for more and will stretch out an additional sixteenth to 9 furlongs for the Grade 3 Saranac.

That quartet will meet four new shooters in Money Multiplier, Sky Hero, Go Around and Non-na's Boy.

Takeover Target is the 8-5 favorite on the

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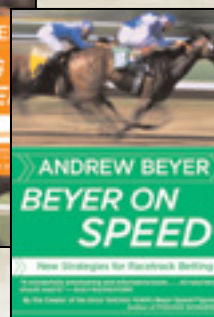
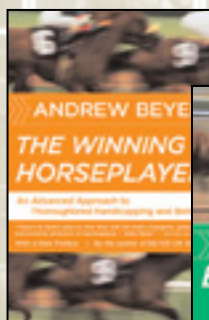
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# Saranac —

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morning line for Chad Brown and Irad Ortiz Jr., who will try to move a step closer to winning their respective training and riding titles over the Labor Day weekend. The son of Harlan's Holiday won the Hall of Fame by a half-length from A Lot, who returned to finish second in Monday's Better Talk Now Stakes.

Brown also trains Money Multiplier, who gets John Velazquez off a promising debut on the grass in July at Delaware Park, and Winter Springs, who gets two-time defending Saratoga riding champ Javier Castellano.

A closer look at the contenders.

### 1. Money Multiplier

One of two for Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence, Lookin At Lucky ridgling finished second in turf debut in Grade 3 Kent Stakes July 18 at Delaware Park. A \$260,000 yearling, he was on the board in three of four starts on dirt prior to that effort.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "His first start on turf in the Kent was really a good

effort. He really took to the surface well, we've given him plenty of time and he seems to be coming into the race in terrific shape. We've got Johnny (Velazquez) on the horse and he should fit him real well."

### 2. Sky Hero

John and Debby Oxley homebred made his 3-year-old debut against older horses here Aug. 15 and led for much of 1-mile turf trip before yielding late by three-quarters of a length. Won two of four starts on dirt as a 2-year-old, but impressed with some turf workouts and returns against 3-year-olds today with Luis Saez at 12-1.

**Assistant trainer Norm Casse:** "We were really encouraged (with the return) and really monitored the way he trained afterward and we liked the way he was going. We think he deserves to be in there. His dirt races are good, but we breezed him over the turf and he just seemed like he was a much better horse. Off a layoff it was the most natural thing to get our horse ready to run on the grass. He showed that he liked it, so we'll step forward. My reservation is distance,



Tod Marks

**Seventh in the Hall of Fame, Vision Perfect looks to rebound in the Saranac.**

but hopefully the pace won't be too hot. I don't know if he'll be on the lead because Todd's horse coming from Monmouth (Nonna's Boy) has been going a little faster early doing the same thing but we'll be sitting right off of him."

### Takeover Target

Ran his career record to 3-for-5 with victory in Grade 2 National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes Aug. 7 for Klaravich Stables and

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MD-bred; BC
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- 60 Rule**—Four Star Morning PA-bred
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- 206 Majestic Warrior**—Promised Treasure  
PA-bred
- 207 Petionville**—Prom Time MD-bred; BC
- 212 Into Mischief**—Queenterra MD-bred
- 224 Quality Road**—River Cruise  
MD-bred; BC
- 247 Successful Appeal**—Shesagrumptoo  
WV-bred
- 259 Songandaprayer**—Silver Strings  
MD-bred; BC
- 261 Smarty Jones**—Singing Sword  
MD-bred
- 311 Pure Prize**—Today's Treasure  
MD-bred; BC
- 334 Great Notion**—All Apologies MD-bred
- 337 Bullsbay**—Alytania MD-bred; DE-cert.
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William Lawrence and trainer Chad Brown. Harlan's Holiday colt was second in Pennine Ridge Stakes going today's 9-furlong distance. The meet's leading rider, Irad Ortiz Jr., gets the return call.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "We just had some maintenance work in between. He seems to have kept his form well in the mornings. He has that important race over the course so he should also be in with a real good chance."

### 4. Winter Springs

French-bred was sixth and 4 1/4 lengths behind stablemate Takeover Target in Grade 2 Hall of Fame last time in U.S. debut. Son of Stormy River should appreciate more distance after running competitively going 9 and 10 furlongs in France as a 2-year-old.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "He was far behind off a moderate pace and he did close. He passed some horses, galloped out real well. He ran like a horse that needed a start and he's come back and breezed extremely well since. We think he deserves a shot in this race. Javier (Castellano) worked the horse last time and really liked him. It's a little increased distance for him and I'd expect a forward move."



### 5. Go Around

Owned and bred by Peter Vegso, 4-year-old makes his fifth career start and stakes debut. Fresh off a dominant win against allowance foes Aug. 1, son of Medaglia d'Oro owns two wins and two thirds in four starts. Jose Lezcano takes the return call.

**Trainer Bill Mott:** "He's doing well, coming off a couple of good efforts. We always thought he was nice, we had a lot of baby issues, we were a little late getting started, mentally, he just wasn't focused. He's becoming more professional."

### 6. Vision Perfect

Robert Spiegel homebred exits a seventh in the Hall of Fame Aug. 7, and looks to get back to winning after taking three of his first five starts (with two seconds). Won his return at Aqueduct in April, then didn't run again for nearly four months. Manuel Franco takes the return call at 20-1.

**Trainer David Donk:** "He just had a niggling issue and I didn't really get to the bottom of it for a while so I kind of hurried up to get him ready (for the Hall of Fame) and I think he moves forward from that. It was a good race for him. He got a lot out of it and he's done well since. He's a nice horse. I don't know how good he is. He's going to get tested here."

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Sean Clancy

**Bad Nonna's Boy (left) and Good Nonna's Boy. One runs in the Saranac.**



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## 7. World Approval

Fourth behind today's foe Take-over Target in the Hall of Fame Aug. 7, Live Oak homebred won the Grade 3 American Derby at Arlington in July and seeks his fourth win of 2015. Joel Rosario gets aboard the 5-1 third choice

**Assistant trainer Norm Casse:** "He's a really cool horse. If you train him in the morning you don't think he has any talent, but he is all heart. He could have had a better trip last time and if things worked out a little bit differently he might have won so this is the best spot for him. He got way out of it with a slow pace, and made a huge run. We're excited to run him again."

## 8. Nonna's Boy

Bred and owned by Repole Stable, the 3-year-old son of Distorted Humor broke through with a front-running romp in his turf debut, taking the Lamplighter July 18. A debut winner at Belmont last year, he tried the Sanford and Saratoga Special before taking an extended break until this spring. Tried on the dirt three times, including a second in the Gold Fever and a third in the Easy Goer, he switched to the turf for his third career win. Chris DeCarlo guided him to win the Lamplighter and gets the return assignment.

**Trainer Todd Pletcher:** "We were cautiously optimistic when we tried the grass, the one thing we felt like after watching him breeze on the grass is that he finished stronger and galloped out better than he did on the dirt. He can be a little bit of a head-strong horse, for whatever reason, he seems to have just started to settle better, that's key for him to have success. We try not to gear up in the morning, work him by himself, try to get him to ease off and finish up a little bit. As he's gotten older, he's settled a little bit. You have to ride him away from there quietly and he'll take you there."

*Interviews by Tom Law, Joe Clancy, Sean Clancy and Brandon Valvo.*

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# SARATOGA ENTRIES

Saturday, September 5.

## 1ST (12:30PM). \$32,000, CLM \$16,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5

1	1	Sourcesandmethods	J. Ortiz	R. Violette, Jr.	5-2
1a	8	Tax Package	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Brown	5-2
2	2	April Color	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-1
3	3	Pin and Win	A. Arroyo	P. Serpe	15-1
4	4	Lightning Ron	I. Rodriguez	J. Parker	20-1
5	5	Humbolt Street	E. Cancel	G. Sciacca	12-1
6	6	Howaboutwe	K. Carmouche	J. Antonucci	4-1
7	7	Wynhurst	L. Saez	R. Rodriguez	9-5

## 2ND (1:03PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, 1 1/16M (TURF)

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

1	1	Highland Sky	C. Velasquez	B. Tagg	8-1
2	2	Dark Gemini (IRE)	J. Ortiz	G. Weaver	10-1
3	3	Arctic Joy	J. Lezcano	R. Violette, Jr.	8-1
4	4	Table Talk	K. Carmouche	M. Hennig	15-1
5	5	Regal Kitten	L. Saez	J. Sharp	8-1
6	6	War Order	J. Rosario	H. Motion	7-2
7	7	Our Way	E. Cancel	H. Bond	15-1
8	8	Donegal Moon	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	4-1
9	9	Italian Charm	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Clement	3-1
10	10	Papa Sol	M. Franco	D. Lukas	20-1
11	AE	Matt King Coal	J. Ortiz	L. Rice	7-2
12	AE	Acoustic	J. Velazquez	W. Mott	10-1
13	AE	Oscar Nominated	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	4-1
14	AE	Steamboat Bill	E. Trujillo	G. Contessa	8-1

## 3RD (1:36PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Excuse My French	J. Castellano	C. Brown	2-1
2	2	Eloquent Tribute	J. Alvarado	R. Rodriguez	8-1
3	3	Julie D	L. Saez	J. Englehart	7-2
4	4	Mrs. Hudson	I. Ortiz, Jr.	K. McLaughlin	4-1
5	5	Theophilia	J. Lezcano	W. Mott	3-1
6	6	Predicate	J. Ortiz	M. Hennig	8-1



Tod Marks

Money Multiplier goes in today's Saranac for trainer Chad Brown.

## 4TH (2:10PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, 7F

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

1	1	Master Magician	E. Cancel	N. Zito	12-1
2	2	Hotinthehamptons	J. Ortiz	L. Rice	8-1
3	3	Greenpointcrusader	J. Castellano	D. Schettino	7-5
4	4	Star Gazer	C. Velasquez	R. Rodriguez	12-1
5	5	Ifyousnoozeyoulose	L. Saez	M. Maker	15-1
6	6	Vilma	E. Trujillo	N. Zito	20-1
7	7	Pirellone	J. Velazquez	R. Nicks	10-1
8	8	Add Four	J. Rosario	M. Hennig	4-1
9	9	Revved Up	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. McGaughey III	6-1
10	10	Ghostcatcher	M. Franco	M. Friedman	20-1
11	AE	Sawyers Mickey	J. Ortiz	S. Asmussen	6-1
12	AE	Star Hill	J. Velazquez	G. Arnold, II	5-2

## 5TH (2:44PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Are We Not Men	A. Arroyo	P. Serpe	5-1
2	2	Giant Finish	J. Lezcano	R. D'Alessandro	12-1
3	3	No Wunder (GB)	C. Velasquez	E. Voss	10-1
4	4	Travel True	K. Carmouche	J. Sheppard	15-1
5	MTO	Flag On the Play		L. Rice	5-2
6	6	Goodtolook	J. Alvarado	D. Gargan	5-2
7	7	Blarp	L. Saez	J. Sharp	3-1
8	8	Branded Hand	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Toscano, Jr.	7-2
9	9	Sheldon	E. Trujillo	J. Toner	8-1
10	MTO	Savoy Stomp		T. Pletcher	2-1

## 6TH (3:19PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Tale of Life (JPN)	I. Ortiz, Jr.	H. Motion	8-5
2	MTO	Gangster	J. Ortiz	T. Pletcher	6-5
3	3	Rock Eagle	J. Ortiz	B. Tagg	12-1
4	4	Conquest Panthera	S. Bridgmohan	M. Casse	4-1
5	5	West Village	E. Trujillo	W. Catalano	15-1
6	6	Designed for War	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	5-1
7	7	Gustnado	J. Rosario	W. Mott	8-1
8	8	Furyofthenorsemen	A. Arroyo	S. Klesaris	6-1
9	9	Enjoy the Show	J. Velazquez	J. Toner	12-1

## 7TH (3:55PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, 7F

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

1	1	Rafting	I. Ortiz, Jr.	H. Motion	6-1
2	2	Direct Message	J. Lezcano	T. Albertrani	8-1
3	3	Silvertown	J. Ortiz	E. Kenneally	7-2
4	4	Parting Gift	E. Cancel	N. Zito	12-1
5	5	Big Gillette	C. Velasquez	R. Rodriguez	15-1
6	6	Spikes Shirl	J. Velazquez	D. Stewart	4-1
7	7	Prime Time Man	L. Saez	D. Lukas	15-1
8	8	Shoot From the Hip	E. Trujillo	G. Contessa	12-1
9	9	Dunk a Din	K. Carmouche	I. Wilkes	15-1
10	10	Clear the Mine	M. Franco	G. Weaver	3-1
11	AE	Tricky Citizen	E. Cancel	M. Nevin	20-1
12	AE	Set the Trappe	J. Castellano	A. Dutrow	2-1

## 8TH (4:33PM). \$300,000, STK - THE SARANAC, 3 YO, 1 1/8M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Money Multiplier	J. Velazquez	C. Brown	6-1
2	2	Sky Hero	L. Saez	M. Casse	12-1
3	3	Takeover Target	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Brown	8-5
4	4	Winter Springs (FR)	J. Castellano	C. Brown	10-1
5	5	Go Around	J. Lezcano	W. Mott	7-2
6	6	Vision Perfect	M. Franco	D. Donk	20-1
7	7	World Approval	J. Rosario	M. Casse	5-1
8	8	Nonna's Boy	C. DeCarlo	T. Pletcher	8-1

## 9TH (5:11PM). \$350,000, STK - THE SPINAWAY, 2 YO, F, 7F

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

1	1	Tap to It	J. Rosario	R. Nicks	7-2
2	2	Rachel's Valentina	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-2
3	3	Tonasah	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	7-2
4	4	Anna Rae	L. Saez	J. Englehart	12-1
5	5	Constellation	I. Ortiz, Jr.	S. Asmussen	3-1
6	6	Banree	R. Hernandez	W. Ward	8-1



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## 10TH (5:47PM). \$600,000, STK - THE WOODWARD, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	..... 1.....	Wicked Strong	..... L. Saez.....	J. Jerkens.....	5-1
2	..... 2.....	Liam's Map	..... J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher.....	6-5
3	..... 3.....	Commanding Curve	..... S. Bridgmohan.....	D. Stewart.....	30-1
4	..... 4.....	Bay of Plenty	..... J. Rosario.....	K. McLaughlin.....	10-1
5	..... 5.....	Mylute	..... I. Ortiz, Jr.....	T. Pletcher.....	15-1
6	..... 6.....	Coach Inge	..... J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	6-1
7	..... 7.....	Effinex	..... J. Alvarado.....	J. Jerkens.....	4-1
8	..... 8.....	Protonico	..... J. Ortiz.....	T. Pletcher.....	12-1

## 11TH (6:24PM). \$200,000, STK - THE GLENS FALLS, 3 & UP, F & M, 1 3/8M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

1	..... 1.....	Maximova	..... J. Ortiz.....	C. Clement.....	15-1
2	..... 2.....	White Rose	..... S. Bridgmohan.....	W. Mott.....	10-1
3	..... 3.....	Eastern Belle (GB)	..... J. Velazquez.....	H. Motion.....	3-1
4	..... 4.....	Ceisteach (IRE)	..... C. Hill.....	T. Proctor.....	6-1
5	..... 5.....	Bocaiuva (IRE)	..... J. Rosario.....	A. Delacour.....	20-1
6	..... 6.....	Goldy Espony (FR)	..... K. Carmouche.....	C. Brown.....	2-1
7	..... 7.....	Lady of Gold	..... J. Alvarado.....	H. Motion.....	15-1
8	..... 8.....	Evidently	..... J. Castellano.....	R. Lerman.....	12-1
9	..... 9.....	Regardez (GB)	..... I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown.....	4-1

## 12TH (7:00PM). \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1	..... 11.....	Yankee Dealer	..... K. Carmouche.....	B. Levine.....	5-1
1a	..... AE.....	Revolt	..... J. Lezcano.....	B. Levine.....	5-1
2	..... 1.....	Take the Stand (ARG)	..... J. Alvarado.....	W. Mott.....	5-1
3	..... 2.....	Xaverian	..... C. DeCarlo.....	C. Simon.....	30-1
4	..... 3.....	Wabbajack	..... E. Trujillo.....	J. Toner.....	15-1
5	..... 4.....	El Jefe Grande	..... C. Velasquez.....	A. Adsit.....	30-1
6	..... 5.....	All Tied Up	..... L. Saez.....	G. Weaver.....	15-1
7	..... 6.....	Artic North	..... M. Franco.....	D. Cannizzo.....	20-1
8	..... 7.....	Front	..... A. Arroyo.....	J. Jerkens.....	4-1
9	..... 8.....	Cabo Cat	..... J. Velazquez.....	M. Hennig.....	12-1
10	..... 9.....	With Exultation	..... I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Trombetta.....	7-2
11	..... 10.....	Adirondack Dancer	..... J. Ortiz.....	L. Rice.....	8-1
12	..... 12.....	Hollywood Idol	..... J. Rosario.....	R. Nicks.....	6-1
13	..... AE.....	Tetradrachm	..... J. Castellano.....	D. Jacobson.....	20-1
14	..... MTO.....	Unrivaled	.....	J. Jerkens.....	8-1
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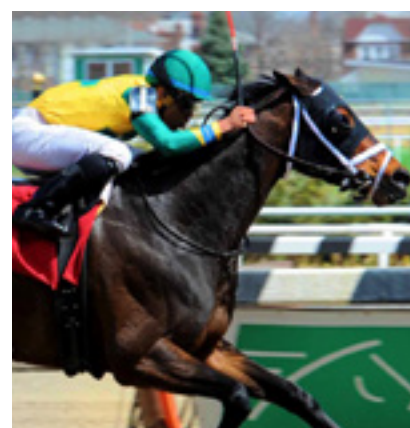
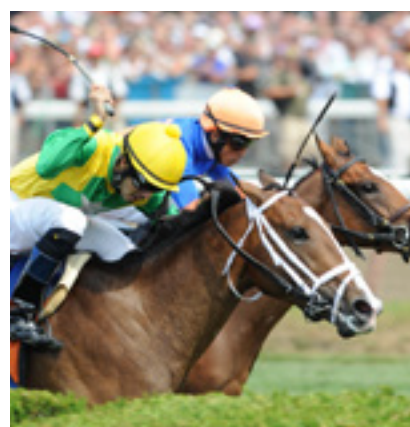
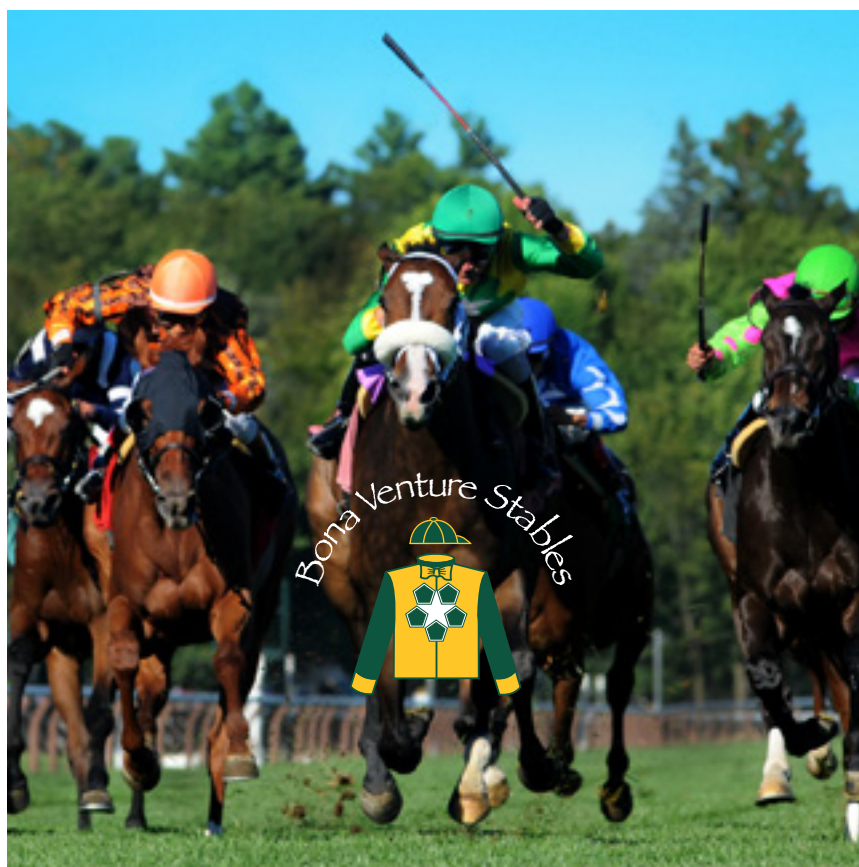
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Klaravich entry  
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Klaravich entry  
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Wynhurst

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Italian Charm  
War Order  
Matt King Coal

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Arctic Joy

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# Royal Recovery

Royal Posse delivers for Rodriguez, Dubb

BY TOM LAW

The meeting that started with anger, frustration and disbelief is turning out just stellar for Michael Dubb and his partners and trainer Rudy Rodriguez.

Rodriguez is in the midst of a career year at Saratoga Race Course, with 14 wins and nearly \$1 million in purse earnings heading into Labor Day weekend. Dubb is on his way to his second straight owners' title, a crown he's able to win since victories with various partnerships are combined. They've got a chance to add to their haul Monday when Magna Light, the source of consternation when disqualified from a win in the Grade 3 Sanford Stakes the first Saturday of the meet, goes in



Dave Harmon

**Royal Posse (5) edges Saratoga Snacks at the finish of Friday's Evan Shipman.**

the Grade 1 Hopeful to close the meet.

The weekend kicked off Friday with a victory by Royal Posse in the \$100,000 Evan Shipman Stakes for New York-breds, the second win in three starts for the Posse gelding at the meet. Javier Castellano rode the winner and added to his own spectacular meeting that also saw him win the Whitney, Ala-

bama and Travers to set up winning the most important category of all – money won.

Rodriguez, Dubb, Gary Aisquith and Mike Caruso – the other two owners of Royal Posse – had to sweat out Friday's Evan Shipman. Not like

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# Shipman —

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in the Sanford, but because Royal Posse battled to the wire with multiple New York-bred stakes winner Saratoga Snacks.

The bob could have gone either way, but since it's been that kind of meet for Rodriguez, Dubb and Co., it went to Royal Posse.

"I can't believe that photo, they don't get any closer than that," Dubb said. "I didn't think I had it from where I watched, then I watched the replay and I thought maybe."

Rodriguez didn't think he won watching it live, but warmed up a bit watching the slow-motion replay immediately after the 9 furlongs were run in 1:49.91.

"I thought the other horse came back and beat us. He's a tough horse, a game horse," said Rodriguez, who added a second win Friday when Oltre' Oro won the race after the Shipman for a \$12,500 claiming tag. "At the quarter pole it looked like we were going to draw away from Saratoga Snacks but Saratoga Snacks came back, and looked like he was going to get beat . . . He's a very game horse, loves the mile and an eighth, so to see him do that, to come back like that, was very, very special."

Royal Posse improved to 3-for-5 lifetime at Saratoga. He won an allowance-optional 15 days before the Shipman and his first Saratoga win came in a maiden claimer at last year's meeting for trainer Gary Contessa and Richard Troncone and Richard Troncone Jr., who also bred the gelding.

He was claimed from Contessa and the Troncones out of another win for a \$25,000 tag last September at Belmont Park.

Royal Posse made his next nine starts for trainer Bruce Brown and Epونا Racing Stable and Dark Horse Racing Stable, compiling a record of one win and three seconds, before Dubb and Rodriguez reached in for \$20,000 May 31.

"He had good back numbers and he's a New York-bred," said Dubb, the leading owner through Friday's card with 11 wins. "And the guy who bred him, he's a sharp breeder. I try to pay attention to that. A lot of times I look

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# Shipman —

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at who the breeder is when making claims. Like that Towering Moon I have, Mr. (Albert) Fried bred him and he breeds great horses. I paid attention. We thought for that price – I wasn't expecting this, this was great – that he would work out.”

The Evan Shipman was worth \$60,000, pushing Royal Posse's bankroll since the claim to \$122,400.

Royal Posse scored his latest victory in a close carbon-copy to his win Aug. 20. None of the six state-breds were over-eager for the lead heading into the first turn, so Velazquez and Saratoga Snacks were left to dictate the tempo.

The winner of the Saginaw Stakes last time out at Belmont set an easy pace, taking the field through splits of :25.37, :50.14 and 1:14.10.

Castellano kept Royal Posse close, never more than a length behind the leader around the first turn and up the backstretch. He sensed the slow pace, but wasn't concerned.

“I just rode my race,” Castella-



Tod Marks

**Rudy Rodriguez helps Royal Posse cool off after Friday's stakes win.**

no said. “He doesn't have to be on the lead. I thought Saratoga Snacks would be on the lead and I just wanted to follow him all the way.”

Royal Posse stayed a few paths off

the rail around the far turn and came to the leader approaching the quarter pole. Saratoga Snacks responded in the stretch, just when it looked like Royal Posse might go by and draw

off, but couldn't sustain it when it counted most and lost the bob by a nose. Empire Dreams raced on the inside most of the trip and was a non-threatening 2 1/4 lengths back in third.

Grade 2 winner Zivo, the 4-5 favorite making his first start since last year's Breeders' Cup Classic, raced wide around both turns and was fourth in the field of six while getting weight from four of his five opponents.

Royal Posse's latest victory earned him some time in the round pen outside Rodriguez's barn inside the old Horse Haven track on the Oklahoma Training Track grounds, the same place he spent time in between his three Saratoga starts. Rodriguez hopes to give the gelding a little freshening and get him geared up for more two-turn races at Aqueduct this fall and winter.

“I'm going to keep him happy,” Rodriguez said. “I've been bringing him to the paddock, bringing him around the barn. We've got a round pen, I put him in the round pen. Right now he's going to spend about an hour in there, let him be happy, he deserves it.”

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# Makeup Victory

Take It Inside avenges last season's nose loss

Take It Inside broke sharply in Friday's third race at Saratoga Race Course and went straight to the lead. She was untested on the front end, a familiar spot. Last year at Saratoga, she found herself on the lead of an allowance, set moderate fractions and lost by a nose.

Friday was a different story.

Take It Inside set a glacial pace in the 1-mile allowance-optional before coming to the top of the stretch a half-length in front. Leading trainer Chad Brown's Ack Naughty was breathing down Take It

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Tod Marks

Take It Inside (4) edges Ack Naughty in Friday's third for trainer Michael Gorham.

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# Friday —

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Inside's neck in the lane and threatened to go by, but Take It Inside responded to right-handed urging from jockey Jose Ortiz to gut out a win by a head.

"That's when she runs her best when she can get loose on the lead and go kind of easy early," winning trainer Michael Gorham said after the race. "Last year she ran here one time and the same thing. She got beat a nose on the wire, so we turned the tides this year."

Take It Inside entered Friday's race after tiring on the lead in a starter going 7 1/2 furlongs on the grass Aug. 10 at Delaware Park. The beaten favorite and seventh that day, Take It Inside was sent off at 18-1 Friday. Despite the big price, Gorham was unfazed.

"What I liked about it was there wasn't a lot of pace in the race," he said. "Which actually ended up working out real good for us. She got a nice easy half, three-quarters was in 1:15. And I had a lot of horse left, so that worked out pretty well."

Take It Inside had plenty left after galloping those first 6 furlongs. She threw down a final quarter of :22.68. In doing so, Take It Inside gave Gorham his third winner at the meet from just six starters.

"It's timing," Gorham said. "The right horses for the right spots and horses doing well at the time, so it's all working out."

— Brandon Valvo

• Championofthenile, Lady Sheila Stables', Iris Smith Stables' and Linda Rice's \$840,000 2-year-old in training

purchase, made an inauspicious debut Aug. 17, finishing sixth and 8 1/2 lengths back in a turf sprint.

Undeterred, Rice entered the son of Pioneer of the Nile back in Friday's seventh, a New York-bred maiden special weight going 6 1/2, this time on the dirt. This time, it clicked.

Championofthenile broke sharply and jumped straight to the early lead. He came into the stretch on a 4-length advantage as Jose Ortiz shook the reigns and delivered two left-handed smacks, followed by another two in quicker succession. From there, he was cruising. Championofthenile galloped down the lane on a 6-length lead, stopping the timer in 1:15.71, giving Lady Sheila, Iris Smith and Rice their third winner of the meet as owners.

"He looked beautiful and it was on Linda's advice," said Sheila Rosenblum of their big purchase. "And hopefully he lives up to a little bit of American Pharoah's bloodlines. He looked like he had something special to him. And it was a decent price, we know that."

Although Championofthenile debuted on turf, Smith indicated that Rice wanted to get a start under his belt before moving to the more unforgiving main track.

"Experience," she said. "A little more gentle and see that he's clearly a dirt horse. He's proven himself today. He likes the dirt."

The 2015 meet at Saratoga has been a big one for Rosenblum, Smith and Rice. Together they have debuted several impressive 2-year-olds, including winner Big Thrill and Startwithsilver, who finished second in her first race. Lady Sheila Stables also debuted winner Forever In Love at the meet.

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Tod Marks

Iroquois Girl (9) sweeps to the win in Friday's ninth race for trainer Ralph Nicks.



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“It’s incredible, it’s exhilarating and scary,” Rosenblum said. “You’ve got to remain humble and know that these were great horses out there, our competition was really tough and we listened to Linda. Linda thought this was the way to race and Saratoga is as tough as it gets, but we’re getting some heck of a record. I know I like Belmont and Aqueduct, Saratoga is there too now.”

This is the first summer that Rosenblum has brought a large group of horses to race at Saratoga. She’s still stinging from getting a horse claimed last season, but the pile of 2-year-old winners is easing the pain.

“Last summer I had one or two horses and I had a claimer and that was a sensitive thing. He won, he got claimed and that was delicate and that was pretty much it. Now we’re one of the bigger players, now we’re real competitors out there. We’re trying to prove ourselves and get a lot of respect.”

— **Brandon Valvo**

- Ralph Nicks saddled his second winner of the meet and did it with a filly he owns, Iroquois Girl, in the ninth race.

The 5-year-old daughter of Indian Charlie stalked the pace while four wide in the 5 ½-furlong allowance-optional on the grass before winning by 1 ½ lengths from Spectacular Me. Iroquois Girl was third in a similar race Aug. 13.

“I think she wins if she broke clean that day,” Nicks said. “She had traffic after that but it was all created when she missed the break.”



Tod Marks

**Championofthenile returns a winner.**

Nicks, who will run Whisper Hill Farm’s Tap To It in today’s Grade 1 Spinaway Stakes, also has a second and a third from his nine Saratoga starters this year. A former Saratoga regular, Nicks is now based full-time in South Florida.

“It shows they fit,” Nicks said of his small string. “It’s been a lot more fun this year having horses that are competitive.”

— **Billy Blake**

- Trainer Eddie Plesa Jr. won his first race of the meet when April Rose prevailed in the sixth, a 5 ½-furlong starter allowance on the grass. Plesa, based primarily at Monmouth Park in the summer and in Florida the rest of the year, brought a small string to Saratoga this summer. He was 0-for-12 before April Rose, a 3-year-old daughter of Wildcat Heir, won by a head over Autumn Squall in 1:02.03.



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Two Year Olds	1 Mile

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\$60,000	(no nomination fee)
Fillies, Two Years Old	1 Mile

#### CHILUKKI (GII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 7	Closes Oct. 21
\$200,000	(\$200 nomination fee)
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up	1 Mile

#### MRS. REVERE (GII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 14	Closes Oct. 28
\$200,000	(\$200 nomination fee)
Fillies, Three Years Old	1 1/16 Miles Turf

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\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Three Year Olds & Up	1 1/8 Miles Turf

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Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up	1 1/8 Mile

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Breeder: Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY).

Late Scratches: Green Gold, Abie. Time: 1:17.60

Claimed: Noble Hustle claimed by Our Sugar Bear Stable LLC for \$20,000, Magical Connection claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$20,000

Daily Double (2-5), \$59.00; Exacta (5-6), \$42.80; Quinella (5-6), \$32.00; Superfecta (5-6-1-7), \$324.50; Trifecta (5-6-1), \$128.00; Consolation Double (2-4), \$20.60

## THIRD \$78,000, NY-BRED AOC \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

4	Take It Inside	J. Ortiz	\$38.00	\$14.00	\$8.70
1	Ack Naughty	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$3.50	\$3.10
8	Run to Mama	J. Alvarado			\$7.00

B Mare 2009, by Disco Rico - Deer Berry by Deerhound

Owner: Steeplechase Farm. Trainer: Michael Gorham.

Breeder: Steeplechase Farm (NY). Late Scratches: Scat Away, Champagne Ruby, Jules N Rome. Time: 1:37.83

Daily Double (5-4), \$126.50; Exacta (4-1), \$123.50; Superfecta (4-1-8-3), \$1,874.00; Trifecta (4-1-8), \$855.00; Pic 3 (2-5-4), \$1,545.00; (2-4-4), \$380.00

## FOURTH \$100,000, NY-BRED. EVAN SHIPMAN S., 3 & UP, 1 1/8M

5	Royal Posse	J. Castellano	\$13.00	\$5.60	\$4.00
4	Saratoga Snacks	J. Velazquez		\$3.90	\$3.10
1	Empire Dreams	M. Franco			\$3.50

B Gelding 2011, by Posse - Struckbylightning by Cryptoclearance

Owner: Dubb, Michael, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Aisquith, Gary. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez. Breeder: Richard J. Troncone & Richard J. Troncone Jr. (NY). Time: 1:49.91

Daily Double (4-5), \$218.50; Exacta (5-4), \$51.00; Quinella (4-5), \$20.80; Superfecta (5-4-1-6), \$306.00; Trifecta (5-4-1), \$207.50; Pic 3 (5-4-5), \$787.00

## FIFTH \$25,000, CLAIMING \$12,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

2	Oltre' Oro	L. Saez	\$10.40	\$5.90	\$3.60
5	Native Gold	E. Cancel		\$6.40	\$3.70
9	Star of New York	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$2.60

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2011, by Ready's Image - Gold Room by Mining

Owner: Carl Lizza Racing Stables, LLC. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez. Breeder: Rick Gallo (KY).

Late Scratches: I Want You to Know, Bet the Power

Claimed: Oltre' Oro claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$12,500, Native Gold claimed by Amaty Racing Stables for \$12,500 Time: 1:16.54

Daily Double (5-2), \$83.00; Exacta (2-5), \$58.00; Superfecta (2-5-9-6), \$675.00; Trifecta (2-5-9), \$142.50; Pic 3 (4-5-2), \$1,578.00; Pic 4 (4/5/9-4-5-2), \$7,522.00; Pic 5 (2-4/5/9-4-5-2), \$79,778.00

## SIXTH \$55,000, STARTERS ALLOWANCE \$50,000, 3 & UP, 5 1/2F

8	April Rose	L. Saez	\$19.40	\$9.00	\$4.90
3	Autumn Squall	A. Arroyo		\$6.70	\$4.50
2	Comet Sixty Two	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$3.30

B Filly 2012, by Wildcat Heir - Ariel Rose by Black Mambo

Owner: Rustlewood Farm, Inc.. Trainer: Edward Plesa, Jr..

Breeder: Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL).

Late Scratches: Buckskin Doll

Time: 1:02.03

Daily Double (2-8), \$97.50; Exacta (8-3), \$146.50; Superfecta (8-3-2-7), \$4,454.00; Trifecta (8-3-2), \$614.00; Pic 3 (5-2-8), \$733.00

## SEVENTH \$73,000, NY-BRED MDN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6 1/2F

1	Championofthenile	J. Ortiz	\$10.20	\$4.80	\$3.20
11	Mind Your Biscuits	J. Rosario		\$3.70	\$2.70
7	Playwright	J. Lezcano			\$3.90

Dk B/ Br Colt 2013, by Pioneerof the Nile - Lantern Glow by Mineshaft

Owner: Lady Sheila Stable, Iris Smith Stable and Rice, Linda.

Trainer: Linda Rice. Breeder: All Gold Racing LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: Rooftop View, Fish Trappe Road, Foggy Mountain Cat, New York Song. Time: 1:15.71

Daily Double (8-1), \$92.00; Exacta (1-11), \$35.20; Superfecta (1-11-7-3), \$1,607.00; Trifecta (1-11-7), \$194.00; Pic 3 (2-8-1), \$698.00

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

8	Willow U	M. Franco	\$7.60	\$3.90	\$3.10
11	Daisy a Day	J. Ortiz		\$7.80	\$4.40
2	William'sluckygray	L. Saez			\$3.80

B Filly 2011, by Utopia (JPN) - Overextended (FR) by Entrepreneur (GB). Owner: Brockley, Thomas. Trainer: George Weaver.

Breeder: Andy Beadnell (NY).

Late Scratches: Tizsational, Right On Kitten, Sweet Henrietta, My Jimmy Chew Girl

Claimed: Willow U claimed by Check Mark Stables LLC for \$35,000, Comfort Level claimed by Imperio, Michael for \$35,000

Time: 1:36.84

Daily Double (1-8), \$42.60; Exacta (8-11), \$67.00; Superfecta (8-11-2-6), \$1,772.00; Trifecta (8-11-2), \$337.00; Pic 3 (8-1-8), \$441.00

## NINTH \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

9	Iroquois Girl	J. Rosario	\$6.00	\$3.30	\$2.60
7	Spectacular Me	J. Ortiz		\$3.70	\$2.90
6	Persnickity	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$5.30

Dk B/ Br Mare 2010, by Indian Charlie - Lake Huron by Salt Lake

Owner: Nicks, Ralph, E.. Trainer: Ralph Nicks.

Breeder: Craig B. Singer (KY). Time: 1:01.65

Daily Double (8-9), \$29.20; Exacta (9-7), \$20.80; Superfecta (9-7-6-1), \$635.00; Trifecta (9-7-6), \$165.00; Pic 3 (1-8-9), \$135.00; Place Pix Nine (2/3/8-1/7/11-2/8/11-9), \$26.80

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

4	Hirschbein	J. Rosario	\$5.70	\$3.90	\$3.00
11	Plundering	J. Ortiz		\$8.80	\$5.90
3	Longisland Express	J. Lezcano			\$6.40

Gr/ro Colt 2012, by Posse - F Sharp by Kris S.

Owner: Aliyu Ben J Stables. Trainer: Christophe Clement.

Breeder: Aliyuee Ben J Stable Inc. (NY). Time: 1:43.41

Late Scratches: Ten Twenty, Emergency Exit, Lotza Heat, Starago

Daily Double (9-4), \$18.40; Exacta (4-11), \$45.60; Superfecta (4-11-3-6), \$2,129.00; Trifecta (4-11-3), \$413.00; Pic 3 (8-9-4), \$77.00; Pic 4 (1-3/8/13/14/15-9-4/13/14/15), \$460.00; Pic 6 (2-8-1-3/8/13/14/15-9-4/13/14/1), \$188.00; Pic 6 (2-8-1-3/8/13/14/15-9-4/13/14/1), \$25,117.00

Attendance: 18,383. On Track Handle: 3,154,835

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# Road Trips

We'd sleep in the living room, at least, try to sleep. Somehow, we thought it was better to sleep downstairs, on couches and two chairs pushed together, better to slip out in the middle of the night. Pillows, blankets, duffel bags ready to go. Dad woke us up at midnight. He always shipped at night, better for the horses.

My brother Joey, my sister Sheila and I toppled in the Imperatore horse van, the six-horse. One kid in the front, two in the back, usually two horses in the front two stalls, webbing, brush box, buckets, tack in a back stall, a mattress on straw bales in the other. Dad slammed the door, the heavy metal latch sliding shut, like a cellblock. It was pitch black.

Salvo, Conserje, Odd Man, Hawaiki, Town And Country, Smokum Scout...I remember all of them. They'd stand, wide-legged for balance, facing us, somehow peaceful, hay nets creating a galaxy of hay, snot, dust for the six-hour journey to Saratoga. Windows wide open, better for the horses. We grabbed Baker blankets, nets, rub rags, anything we could find and curled into balls, like Huskies in the snow. We'd doze off for a few minutes, here and there, snatches, sleep was hard to come by, partially because of the constant rattling of chains, the pot holes, the drone of the highway and partially because of the anticipation. We were going to Saratoga.

No stops, better for the horses. We packed bags of food, gone before we hit the Delaware Memorial Bridge. We packed books, they were never opened. Before Walkmans, before cell phones, before video games, just horses, kids and dreams.

The highway rolled past, Dad steady at the wheel. The captain of the ship.

At the first break of dawn, we'd leap from the mattress and clutch the window bars, like refugees spotting land. Trees, ridgelines, Mac trucks ripping past, the toll on the Thruway always signaling that we were getting closer.



Then we made that left onto Union Avenue, coming up the rise and seeing the first green barn, where John Kimmel is now. Ah, Saratoga.

We pulled into the Annex, always the second gate, parking in the open, where Ken McPeck stables now. Dad threw open the doors, slamming them into the latches on the side of the van. He grabbed the chain of the ramp, gave it a mighty tug, pulling it out straight, like trying to get crumbs off a blanket, then dropping it onto the dirt, a cloud of dust billowing out. Nothing was said, we grabbed shanks, pulling the leather ends from the bars which we had rigged to stifle the noise. Over the nose first, through the two brass squares and clipping it on the bottom, then we unhooked the two chains. The horse closest to the ramp, always first.

The horses walked off, some leapt, and always stopped. Heads up, they'd stare, wide eyed, like they knew they were in Saratoga. As John Shirreffs said to me yesterday, "Horses don't think about tomorrow." These horses were only thinking about today.

Joey grabbed the straw bales and bedded down the stalls, turning screw eyes quicker than a pit crew turns lug nuts. Sheila and I walked the horses, if they

were jumpers. If they were flat horses, Dad would try to find a different way, sometimes holding two.

Bedded down, the horses walked into the stalls and rolled. Always, rolled. Then Joey and I filled up buckets, Joey dipping the buckets into the red cans of scalding hot water and me topping them off with cold, splashing it into my sneakers. Baths, light breakfast, hay in the corner and in a net, the morning was done.

Off to Lassie's or the the Blue Spruce Motel, halfway to Schuylerville, dad always saving millionaires money in hotel bills. It was bleak, but it was a jaunt, a trip, an adventure. Settled in, we'd try the black and white TVs, hopeless. Too restless to nap, we threw rocks at telephone poles until it was time for afternoon feed. Dad fired up the van and we rumbled back to Saratoga, hanging off the stall screens tied to the doorframes.

Pick, graze, walk, feed, then to the quarter pole to watch the feature.

One trip, Dad told me about a horse named Forego. The track was sloppy. Big field.

"He'll come running, bud. He'll come running, bud."

Eighty cents on the dollar, he never came running. It was 1977, the big horse finished seventh in the Whitney. Nearly On Time won carrying 103 pounds. Forego carried 136.

There were many before him and many after, all creating the image of Saratoga that would wallpaper our lives.

We checked on the horses again, topped off their water, threw each another flake of hay. Then went back to the hotel, showered and went to dinner somewhere. DiRossi's was a favorite place in the early days. Spaghetti with meat sauce, eaten outside. The Pink Sheet came out at night, we hovered over the charts, deciphering, digesting what had happened today and dreaming of what would happen tomorrow.



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