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# So long, Saratoga

2015 season draws to a close

# Keeneland September

## Yearlings • Week One

### Book 1

*Monday • Sept. 14*

**106 WAR FRONT** colt  
*1st foal out of a G2 SW by ARCH*

**109 WAR FRONT** colt  
*Half to SW out of G2 SW  
by SMART STRIKE*

*Tuesday • Sept. 15*

**303 WAR FRONT** filly  
*Half to G1 SW CONTESTED*

**352 GHOSTZAPPER** colt  
*Half to G1 SW ZENSATIONAL*

**387 WAR FRONT** colt  
*Out of a half to GSW HUDSON STEELE*

*Wednesday • Sep. 16*

**495 WAR FRONT** colt  
*Half to SW / G1-placed  
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### Book 2

*Friday • Sept. 18*

*Yearlings by Such Sires as:*

Algorithms  
Arch  
Blame

Broken Vow  
First Samurai  
Flatter

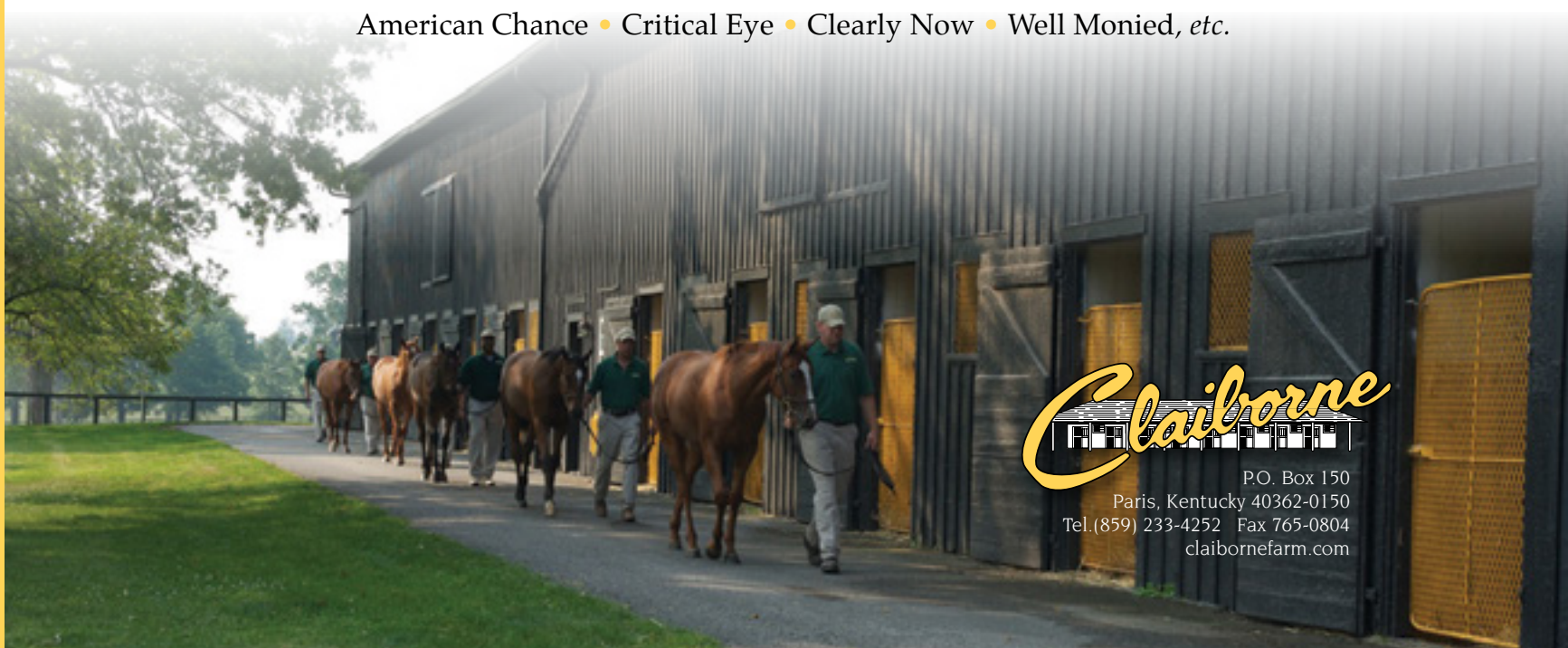
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**Vacancies.** The horses are leaving, people can't be too far behind. Thanks for a great summer, Saratoga.

Tod Marks

## here&there... at Saratoga

### BY THE NUMBERS

- 1:** Kayak used as a drying rack at Rick Violette's barn on the harness track.
- 9:** Hay nets in a golf cart Saturday morning.
- 75:** Gallons of water consumed by the staff at The Special's water cooler.
- 2:** Retired Thoroughbreds at Saturday's Run for the Horses 5K at SPAC – Prince Raffie and Celtic Walk. They entertained runners, posed for photos and even crossed the finish line.

### LICENSE PLATES

- DUVEL, New York (enjoy one responsibly to celebrate the end of the meet).
- WIN PHOTO, New York.
- SPAAAA, Massachusetts.

### NAMES OF THE DAY

- Lebowski, second race.** Sunderland Racing and River Card Stable named this son of First Dude.
- Something Naughty, second race.** Clyde Rice's 2-year-old is by Into Mischief, out of Gracious Assault.
- Power Nap, third race.** After 34 issues of The Special, we're going to take more than a power nap.
- Barrier To Entry, ninth race.** Fox Ridge homebred is out of Stormy Winter.

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## WORTH REPEATING

“You know, John All-Day Shirreffs.”  
**Exercise rider Kevlin Henry laughing as he rode back to the barn about 11 a.m. Saturday**

“Well, you found it.”  
**Richard Lugovich Jr., when The Special’s Tom Law said he was looking for little guys for the Stable Tour**

“What are you doing over here in this part of the world?”  
**Jose Cuevas, when seeing The Special team at the harness track Saturday morning**

“I went to the Army game last night. I had a day, it was a beautiful day, they were playing at home against Fordham. Fireworks at halftime. The ball is delivered by air, six parachuters out of helicopter and then the helicopter buzzes the stadium. It was neat.”  
**Trainer and football fan Michael Lauer**

“You just need a little spark to get you going, then the game gets fun again.”  
**Trainer Mike Shevy, hoping for a spark this fall**

“You know, I’ve read where this happens every year.”  
**The Saratoga Sleigh’s Don Nichols, to some small talk about autumn’s arrival and the leaves that keep falling**

“I was in here 10 years ago and back then there was no drainage. If it rained, you were in mud for a week.”  
**Trainer Eddie Barker, on his barn behind Clark’s Cottage on Frank Sullivan Place**



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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“This year, we’re already there.”  
**Owner/breeder Barbara Banke, on the free trip to the Breeders’ Cup earned by Rachel’s Valentina**



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## RUNNING FOR (NOT LIKE) HORSES

What did you do Saturday morning? Go out to breakfast, play with the kids, take the dog for a walk? The Special, well some of us, went for a run – along with several other hardy souls from the racing community – at the sixth annual Run for the Horses 5K at Saratoga Spa State Park.

The event benefited Thoroughbred charities ACTT Naturally, Heading For Home, Old Friends of Cabin Creek, ReRun and the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, and hosted more than 300 runners.

Among the highlights:

- Owner Adam Newman (Tricky Zippy and Diplomat among others) finishing 10th overall and second in his age group in 21:08. The Newman family was also represented by age-group winners Josh and Sarah, plus Regina and Richard.

- The Special's Elizabeth Collins placing 16th overall, and first in her age group in 21:47.

- The Special's Tom Law (Collins' husband and running understudy) placing 29th overall in 23:40.

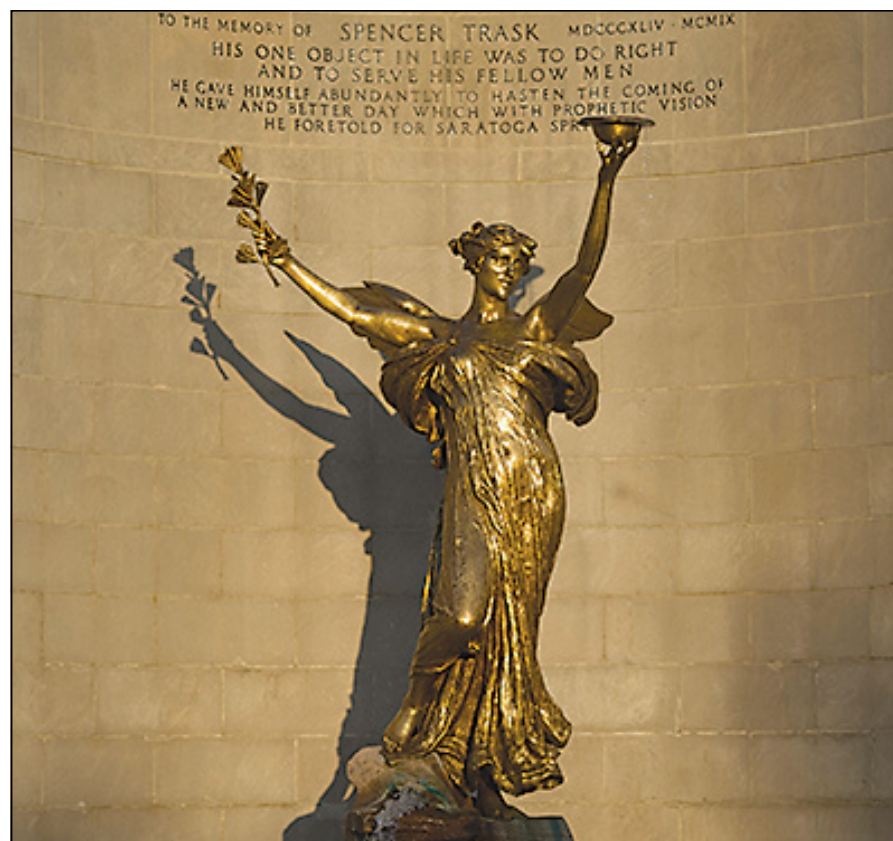
- The Special's Joe Clancy placing 42nd overall in 24:59.

- Ace veterinarian and @racinggratitude hostess Jennifer Durenberger finishing 43rd overall in 25:00.

- The Special's Sean Clancy placing 59th overall in 26:08.

- Trainer Rick Schosberg (26:43), owner Michael Sternklar (27:02) and NYRA's Maggie Morley (30:14) were also in the field along with a smiling Theresa Behrendt and Valerie Clement, breeder Barry Ostrager, landlord extraordinaire Donna Vild, Diana Pikulski of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and a host of others.

- David McCarthy won the whole thing in 17:23 while Hannah Davidson (17:59) led the women and finished third overall.



**Spirit of Life.** Newly refurbished, the Spirit of Life statue stands watch in Congress Park in downtown Saratoga Springs.

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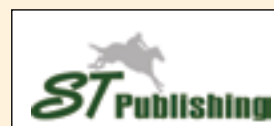
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In honor of the final edition of The Special for 2015, we bring you the “Little Guy” Stable Tour. We scoured the grounds, searching Horse Haven, Oklahoma, the main track, the harness track, the stakes barn and Gridley Street to bring you the trainers and horses who might not have made headlines this summer, but certainly earned recognition and respect. We even scaled a cyclone fence to track down a trainer flying below the radar. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to find the likes of Desmond Farrell, Lars Becdelamotte, Bill Allyn, Bill Hickey, Bill Heffner, Eddie Miller and we only found Joe Parker’s golf cart. Next year!

**Peter Pugh (Vulcan’s Forge):** He’s a 2-year-old Giant’s Causeway out of a Seeking the Gold mare. He’s big, 16.2, two-turn type of horse that should run at Belmont in September if we’re lucky. He breezes on the grass Monday with one of Jimmy Jerkens’ and if that goes well we’ll be pretty close.”

**Peter Pugh (Zoot Suit):** “He’s by High Cotton out of a Yes It’s True mare. He’s ready to run, I put him in for a race Monday and the race didn’t go. He’s going to have to run at Belmont. He’s quick, had a black-type work the other day, just real nice on the main track, went in :47. He also worked with one of Jimmy Jerkens’ horses.”

**Glenn DiSanto (Where’s Danny):** “He tries all the time. We claimed him for 20 and he’s made about 120 for us, he’s a neat old horse, right Danny Boy? He almost died on us, he came in one day with an infection that went all the way up his leg. I took him to Stowe Burke’s place, it’s a miracle, he’s coming back. We train for nice people who love their horses.”

**Richard Lugovich Jr. (Get Even Here):** “She’s a 3-year-old filly by Stephen Got Even out of Cherished Trick, she’s a half to eight winners including Saytono Daytona, earner of almost a million dollars in Japan. I bred her and raised her on my farm right here near Saratoga Lake. We probably would have



sold her but she cut a big chunk of her foot off when she was a baby. She might run in a month. My father trains at Fair Hill, I’ve got all the mares and foals up here, she stayed with me, I thought I’d give it a go. It’s the first one I’ve trained on my own. It’s been a fun and educational summer. My main man, Rudy (Wolfendale) helps me, I’ve learned a lot.”

**Robbie Davis (Susie’s A Cowgirl):** “She’s pretty rapid, she’s a free runner. She could have been in the money the other day with a better trip, it’s not what I wanted to see. I didn’t get much sleep that night, I was pulling weight in my sleep, that’s not a good thing for a 54-year-old man, I was having flashbacks. You work so hard, she performed, she got beat 5 lengths, it wasn’t what we were looking for, but we’ll live to fight another day.”

**Mike Shevy (La Dama De Hierro):** “She was fourth Thursday. That was her 20th start and she’s finished third twice (and fourth five times). I’ll try and find something for her later this month. The next three days I’ll be shuffled over to the Oklahoma and then I’ll start planning what we’re going to do as far as running at Belmont.”

**Mike Shevy (Colonel Jessup):** He just ran yesterday (Friday). He led quite a bit of the race, took off and led. Got tired, only beat a couple. He went 22, 46 and hung on for a mile, so if I could use my melon and put him in a 7-furlong race, or a mile race, guess what? He might get

a check. It sounds real simple to a lot of people. He’s started 10 times and only gotten a third. Yesterday people said, ‘he only beat a couple horses,’ but if you saw the race he was brilliant for a little bit. It was my un-brilliance that didn’t put him in the right race.”

**James Nicol (Principle Equation):** She’s in the last race of the meet, a-other-than on the turf. She hasn’t run at the meet, ran at Belmont but that was a disaster. It’s one of those things, you ship over from England and you’ve got that little window of opportunity when you first get here and I ran her after that and it didn’t work out. Now it’s taken a bit of time to get her back and get over that hump. She raced sort of level. She probably needs to be going further. It’s a mile and three-sixteenths, but she probably needs to go mile and three-eighths.”

**Mike Lauer (Iced Over):** “I wish he was in these next few days but we didn’t get in. We tried a two other than New York-bred. There’s a two-other-than at Belmont. He’ll run there hopefully. He ran at Belmont, he’s a Yorkie (New York-bred). He’s been going good since he’s been here. They all do good here. If they do bad here they need a vet.”

**Anthony Quartarolo (Autumn Squall):** “Nice filly. She’s run four times, has a win and two seconds. She runs on the dirt and she runs on the grass. Very useful. She was on the grass (Friday) and just got beat a (head). I’ll try and run her back at Belmont on the 24th, there’s

a race for her, I believe a starter. She’s got a big heart.”

**Anthony Quartarolo (Onecats Chance):** “He ran here Wednesday, ran good, just starting to get good. He finished fourth, two-other-than New York-bred. He won here last year. He had a win and a third last year. This meet he ran twice, two fourths, but right close.”

**Eddie Barker (Lucky Lotto):** “We claimed him for \$12,500 back in February. He’s turned out OK. He won for \$32,000 and he’s been second twice and third twice. We backed off him a little bit, didn’t run him here, because he ran some really hard races. He’s made \$75,000 or so for us.”

**Eddie Barker (Wantach Queen):** “She just got beat (Wednesday) by that horse of Jimmy Bond’s that paid \$40. She’s a nice, hard-trying New York-bred filly. She ran a perfect race the other day, just got beat. She’s sitting on a win.”

**Eddie Barker (Run For Logistics):** “The owner wanted to run in the Forego (he finished 10th in the Grade 1), but he’s going to run in an a-other-than back at Belmont. He’ll run real good. He’s a nice little horse.”

**Leon Blusiewicz (Admiral Blue):** “He’s a 2-year-old by Admiral Alex (a Saratoga winner and Travers starter in 2010). He’s worked as good as anybody here on this racetrack, but he bucked shins. I was going to run him Travers Day but we’re back to the drawing board a little bit. He’ll be OK.”

**Leon Blusiewicz (unnamed 2-year-old):** “He’s by Giant’s Causeway out of Madam Lagonza, a Kingmambo mare, so he’s a half-brother to Admiral Alex, Woodlander, Miss Ocean City who had a winner the other day (Azar in the With Anticipation). It’s a great family and he’s a grand-looking horse. He just got a little behind schedule.”

**Peter Pugh (Gin Tiz):** “He’s going to be later, by Tizway. He’s also a big, two-turn type of horse. He’s going to be a bit later. He’s out of a pretty nice mare, has some siblings that are stakes winners.”



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"When I used to let up on (Shine Again), she'd break out in bumps, which doesn't make any sense at all but I've watched it. Classy Mirage did that, too. You hate to waste a horse, say you weren't going to run for her another six weeks. You figure you're not going to keep drilling her, that's when she'd get the bumps. Years ago, when we used to back off a horse we used to not feed them much grain. Maybe that's the trouble, we feed them the same. I don't, though. (Charlie) Whittingham told me, 'Nah, I give 'em the same, I want 'em to get built up.' Did you ever meet him? Some guy. Jimmy said he talked to him for 10 minutes and he could realize why he was so great. Lazaro was no slouch either. Lazaro Barrera."

**- Trainer Allen Jerkens,  
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# Big Smooch

Liam's Map sets pace, flies home in Grade 1

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Vinnie Viola kissed Todd Pletcher, Tracy Pletcher, Hannah Pletcher and Payton Pletcher. He kissed his wife, Teresa. He kissed his son, John. He kissed Terry Finley and Anthony Bonomo. He kissed Richard Migliore. He kissed a man in a kilt.

Winning the Woodward is better than a kissing booth.

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Liam's Map strides toward the finish with a runaway score in Saturday's Grade 1 Woodward.

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## Woodward —

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Viola hugged Pletcher at the top of the clubhouse box seats – an owner and his trainer, in universal celebration.

“I’m so happy for you,” Pletcher said. “You deserve it.”

“You don’t know. You don’t know,” Viola said. “You don’t know. You don’t know.”

Later, he tried to explain what it meant.

“I’m so happy for my wife, she picked the horse out. It’s means everything in the world to me that it’s her horse, my wife is my best friend and she’s the horse person in the family,” Viola said. “She believed in him from the beginning. The Whitney was so hard for him, for us, but he proved he’s a really special horse today.”

Liam’s Map dominated the Woodward for his first Grade 1 stakes victory. He won by 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths from stablemate Coach Inge, with Wicked Strong third after 9 furlongs in 1:47.44. Owned by Viola’s wife, Teresa, trained by Pletcher and ridden by Javier Castellano, the son of Unbridled’s Song earned redemption, satisfaction, reprieve after a grind-your-teeth loss in the Whitney, a month earlier. That day, the gray 4-year-old blistered on the lead, losing a neck decision to Honor Code in the final strides.

Saturday, Liam’s Map dawdled on the lead. And there was no Honor Code.

With Mike Smith aboard for the Whitney, Liam’s Map posted fractions of :22.79, :46, 1:09.72 and a mile in 1:34.66 before being nabbed after 9 furlongs in 1:47.82. In the Woodward, with Castellano, Liam’s Map posted fractions of :23.69, :47.49, 1:10.94 and a mile in 1:34.97 before strolling home in 1:47.44.

In the Whitney, Moreno pressured early, which elicited the sharp early tempo. In the Woodward, Bay Of Plenty hinted at pressure, then backed off and sat second, which allowed Liam’s Map to saunter. It was over quickly.

Castellano, who had ridden Liam’s Map to an allowance score in June and breezed him twice since the Whitney, knew what to do.

“The second quarter is the key,”

Castellano said before the race. “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, 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.”

They waited, then deflated.

Liam’s Map broke cleanly from post 2, Castellano nudged for two strides and stayed low, draping over his withers, taking a long hold and allowing Liam’s Map’s natural speed to take control. Joel Rosario hopped and pumped for a couple of strides on Bay Of Plenty, then stayed wide into the first turn. John Velazquez placed Coach Inge to the inside in third. Wicked Strong stayed on the rail as Protonico sat outside him. Effnex came next. Commanding Curve and Mylute trailed.

Liam’s Map loped down the backstretch, tepid fractions in the bank. Into the turn, Bay Of Plenty tried to apply the pressure Castellano expected, but it was like yelling at a passing car as Liam’s Map rolled through 6 furlongs in 1:10.94.


Castellano chilled all the way around the turn, like it was one of the half-mile breezes between the Whitney and the Woodward. Passing the quarter pole, Castellano said he asked, but it was hard to see. If he asked, it was nothing more than a request. Straightening into the stretch, Castellano moved his hands for the first time, Liam’s Map sailed past the eighth pole, widening his lead on Bay Of Plenty, Coach Inge and Wicked Strong.

Nothing else was materializing. Castellano stayed low, pumped like he was riding the Equicizer in the jocks’ room and pocketed another Grade 1 stakes score at Saratoga. Liam’s Map swapped to his left lead late but it had long been decided.

“He’s a tough horse, if he takes off, nobody can stop him, you have to have finesse with him, you have to be patient, if you rush, he’s gone. If you take a hold, you’ll struggle too,” Castellano said. “In the Whitney, there was more pace, he was inside, Moreno was next to him. This time, there wasn’t as much speed. My horse, :47 and change is like :48 and change. If he relaxes that second quarter, he’s gone. I learned a lot in the morning,

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# Woodward —

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when you get on horses in the morning, it builds your confidence. I felt like King Kong.”

Liam's Map made his debut here last summer, finishing second to Three Alarm Fire. After his debut, he finished the year with three consecutive wins, including the Harlan's Holiday at Gulfstream Park.

Freshened, he returned to win an allowance race at Belmont in June, then lost the heartbreaker in the Whitney. Liam's Map made the decision for Pletcher to run back in the Woodward.

“My first reaction was, that was a hard race on him. Two days after the race, we couldn't keep him on the tow ring. Sometimes hard races set horses back and sometimes they move them forward, maybe that one moved him forward,” Pletcher said. “He looked unbelievable, his weight was good, his energy was good, good breezes. Let's not overthink this. Honor Code's not running. Tonalist's not running. We should. It's great to project what you're going to do three months from now, six months from now, but there's no time like right now.

Liam's Map jetted out of the Whitney, his second start of 2015. Pletcher tabbed Castellano, who had ridden Honor Code, and asked him to breeze Liam's Map Aug. 22 and again Aug. 29. The moves were nearly identical, the horse flourishing and



Tod Marks

**Liam's Map (2) blasts out of the gate in Saturday's Woodward.**

Castellano learning.

“I think Javier getting to know him a little bit better helped. He's got a little bit of a light mouth, a high cruising speed, you don't want to get in his way but you don't to go in :45 either,” Pletcher said. “The key was when he got that clearance, when

they threw up :47 I thought he would be tough, but I'm always concerned until they cross the wire. He'll make horses a little drunk running behind him. It's his natural style, he's a free-running horse, you don't want to get in a fight with him, you want to use it not abuse it.”



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### RAGS TO RICHES OVERNIGHT STAKES

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Fillies, Two Years Old

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1 Mile

### CHILUKKI (GII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 7  
\$200,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 21  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1 Mile

### MRS. REVERE (GII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 14  
\$200,000  
Fillies, Three Years Old

Closes Oct. 28  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles Turf

### CARDINAL HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 21  
\$100,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Nov. 4  
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1 1/8 Miles Turf

### RIVER CITY HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 26  
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Three Year Olds & Up

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Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

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1 1/8 Mile

### COMMONWEALTH TURF (GIII)

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\$100,000  
Three Year Olds

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1 1/16 Miles Turf

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Closes Nov. 11  
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1 1/8 Mile

## STARS OF TOMORROW II

### GOLDEN ROD (GII)

*2016 Kentucky Oaks Points Race*

Runs Sat., Nov. 28  
\$200,000  
Fillies, Two Years Old

Closes Nov. 11  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles

### KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB (GII)

*2016 Kentucky Derby Points Race*

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Two Year Olds

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Rachel's Valentina surges to a Grade 1 win in the Spinaway.

# Star Daughter

## Rachel's Valentina states her case

BY JOE CLANCY

### SPINAWAY STAKES RECAP

You can almost hear anyone who has anything to do with Rachel's Valentina trying not to apply pressure. Treat her like herself, not her mother – champion, fan favorite and Saratoga heroine Rachel Alexandra.

Easier said than done after the 2-year-old filly eased away from five rivals to win the Grade 1 Spinaway Saturday for owner/breeder Stonestreet Stables and trainer Todd Pletcher. The daughter of Bernardini ran her short race record to 2-for-2, by settling behind sparring pacesetters Tonasah and Constellation early, rallying off the turn for John Velazquez and holding sway over Tap To It with Constellation third in 1:23.10 for 7 furlongs.

The Spinaway winner earned a ticket to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and further embellished the reputation of her dam. Fans Saturday cheered Rachel's Valentina in the paddock, held Stonestreet burgundy and gold signs aloft for the winner's circle photos and peppered owner Barbara Banke with questions about visiting the farm, giving Rachel Alexandra some love and the power of prayer.

"I don't think anyone counts on anything like this," said Banke. "She's awesome."

She was Saturday. The bay filly broke a little bit slow from post two,

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# Spinaway —

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and was fifth of six for the first few strides. She quickly advanced to third behind Tonasah and Constellation, then ran up into a pocket on the rail as the first quarter-mile went in :22.75. Velazquez glanced right, tapped the brakes and eased to a length back after a half-mile in :45.38.

"She was a little bit more aggressive the first part of the race than I wanted her to be," said Velazquez, who was aboard for her maiden win here Aug. 2. "She's not like that. I had to really get ahold of her and put her behind the other horses. I didn't want to overdo it and take too much hold of her and take away what she was doing easy. Once she got behind the other horses she settled well and was very good."

Just past the quarter pole, Rachel's Valentina angled outside, reeled in Constellation at the eighth pole and repelled Tap To It's long strides over the final sixteenth.

Second at the eighth pole after 1:10.09, Rachel's Valentina stayed on

late and won by a length. Velazquez was impressed, and proven right.

"I worked her from the gate and I worked her from the pole and she definitely looked like she was not going to be a lighting-fast horse," the jockey said. "I told Todd she was probably going to need a little distance. I didn't think five-eighths was going to be for her. So we went three-quarters and then seven (furlongs) today. She did it perfectly."

She's done a whole lot of things that way.

"When we raised her, she was in our top four fillies and she kept getting better and better and better," said Banke. "By the time she left, we thought she might be the best one, and we have some other really good ones."

Sent to Pletcher, Rachel's Valentina continued to ascend and answer questions.

"She stamped herself as really good to us early on, just as easy to prepare for anything as you would ever hope for, everything she did was totally uncomplicated, totally professional. My only concern first time out was just



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Rachel's Valentina leaves the winner's circle with a perfect 2-for-2 record.

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# Spinaway —

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if 6 furlongs was going to be enough ground,” Pletcher said. “She did some things in the morning that over the years of coming to Saratoga, watching 2-year-olds breeze five-eighths, only some of them will go on and gallop out that next quarter. She did that. Super Saver, Devil May Care, only Grade 1 horses.”

Pletcher aimed for a 6-furlong maiden race and she rallied from sixth of eight to win by 2 lengths. The Spinaway was the next step.

“I didn’t want to overthink it,” Pletcher said. “You’ve got a filly that breaks her maiden impressively going 6 and she’s bred to go further and the Spinaway is good timing, let’s not make this more complicated than it needs to be.”

Pedigree counts for something in racing, or else much of an industry is wasting its time.

Bernardini raced just one season, but won the Preakness, Jim Dandy, Travers and Jockey Club Gold Cup. He finished second in the Breeders’ Cup Classic and retired to Darley as a coveted stallion prospect. Horse of the Year in 2009, Rachel Alexandra won 13 of 19 starts (with five seconds), captured the Kentucky Oaks, Preakness, Mother Goose, Haskell and Woodward. She beat males in three Grade 1 stakes and rode a rare wave of popularity.

Rachel’s Valentina is the second (and perhaps last) foal for Rachel Alexandra, who underwent surgery and a lengthy recovery process after being injured in the foaling process. The filly was raised by a nurse mare.

By a champion, out of a Horse of the Year, the Spinaway winner will get a chance to blaze her own trail.

“Let her be who she is,” Velazquez said. “She has to earn it. Forget about who Mommy is. Mommy isn’t here. It’s not easy to earn it on the track. It’s nice to be from good bloodlines and everything, but a lot of times they don’t show up. Sometimes it doesn’t mean anything. It’s a matter of how much ability you have and what you can do not who your Mommy and Daddy are.

“She’s showing all the potential to be a really good horse.”

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# At Last

## Casse barn connects with World Approval

BY BRANDON VALVO

Norm Casse couldn't help but think, "are we going to get beat by a head again?" as he watched the stretch run of Saturday's \$300,000 Saranac Stakes, and with good reason.

No one has had worse luck in close stakes finishes this summer than the stable of trainer Mark Casse. Tepin lost two photo finishes in the Grade 1 Diana and then the Grade 2 Ballston Spa. The brutal beats continued in the Fleet Indian, which Conquest Superstep lost by a head.

Down to their last starter of the meet, luck finally went the way of the Casse stable as World Approval was up in time to collar Money Multiplier by a head the Grade 3 Saranac.

"It looked for a second like we were going to win and I wasn't going to let myself believe we were going to win because we were getting beat in a lot of races like this," said Norm Casse, assistant to his father. "Today was a good day for us."

World Approval broke evenly and was wrangled to the tail of the eight-horse field by rider Joel Rosario as Nonna's Boy gunned to the front. He posted a blistering opening quarter-mile of :22.30 before clicking off a half in :46.29. Up the backstretch, the field took closer order and World Approval picked up a few positions, skimming the hedge under Rosario's urging.

As Nonna's Boy weakened on the lead through 6 furlongs in 1:10.23, World Approval slid up the



Tod Marks

**World Approval (right) outruns Money Multiplier in deep stretch.**

inside and was soon on the heels of the leader. Nonna's Boy was quickly put away, but World Approval still had Money Multiplier to deal with. Rosario went to the stick left-handed, asking the Northern Afleet gelding for a strong run. He delivered, grinding out the narrow victory as an 8-1 outsider. Money Multiplier was second while Go Around finished 1 1/4 lengths back in third. World Approval ran the 9 furlongs in 1:45.39.

"You can't say enough about the ride, the ride made a big difference," Casse said. "This horse is a very tricky horse to figure out to ride. You can't give up on him; when you ask him, he'll go. We never gave up on him and it looked like he was confident with him the whole time. Like I said, he

(Rosario) made all the difference today. I can't describe enough how good the ride was."

Rosario got back aboard World Approval in the Saranac. He rode the gray gelding once before, finishing third over a sloppy track last November at Aqueduct when he was trained by Christophe Clement. He took over for Jose Lezcano, who rode World Approval in the Grade 2 Hall of Fame and rode Go Around in the Saranac.

"I could see when Johnny pointed to the outside and I said 'OK, this is my chance to go,'" Rosario said. "They picked up a little bit down the backside and I wanted to be on the inside the whole way and

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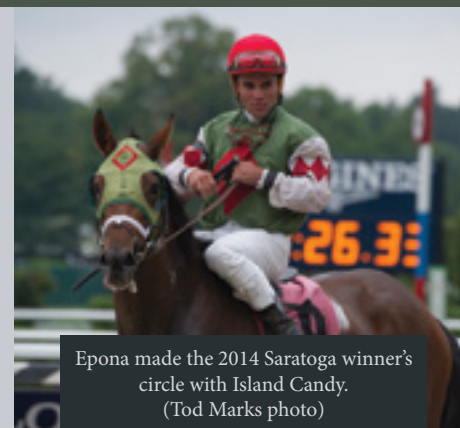
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Epona made the 2014 Saratoga winner's circle with Island Candy.  
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# Saranac —

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save ground and hoped he had something in the end.”

The win is the fourth of World Approval’s career from nine tries and bumps his earnings to \$364,050 for owner/breeder Charlotte Weber’s Live Oak Plantation.

Although the meet has been an unlucky one for the Casse stable, sending out just three winners from 42 starters, Casse still has a positive takeaway from the summer.

“It’s been a humbling experience, but at the same time, the majority of our horses ran well, we just never had any kind of luck,” Casse said. “We’re basically a head away from winning four stakes at Saratoga. That’s the way I look at it. We got this one and three of them we got nailed at the wire, so we actually had a decent meet.”

Father and son work closely with the stable. With Mark having departed Saratoga before the stable sent out their final runner, the 31-year-old was left alone to enjoy his first major success at Saratoga.

“It’s what I’ve wanted to do for a long time,” he said. “To be here, this is the pinnacle, to win a race like this is really exciting. It’s just super exciting. We talk together. We both respect each other. At the end of the day, he makes the final decision on things, but I have a big influence in what he does.”

Casse heads to Belmont next with a 12-horse string, but plans to be back at Saratoga next year. He is already looking forward to applying what he learned this season to next year’s meet.

“Now we get to go. This is our last runner of the meet. We get to come back next year with some optimism.”



Charlotte Weber and Norm Casse lead World Approval into the winner's circle.

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White Rose powers to the finish line after an inside run to capture Saturday's Glens Falls.

## Working Quickly

### White Rose rides inside rally to Grade 3 triumph

BY TOM LAW

Bill Mott made his way out of the winner's circle, through and to the back of the clubhouse to his usual spot to watch a replay and for a split second seemed like he was about to miss something.

"Whoop, Kentucky Downs," Mott said, making a bee-line for a bank of televisions and casting his eyes high and to the right to watch a race already underway. The race was a \$300,000 stakes and he was represented by a colt he's always held in high regard, so don't think for a minute that he was forgetful or as attuned to where the members of his stable were running as he is to their training.

A few minutes earlier White Rose showed the benefits of her trainer's Hall of Fame horsemanship, perseverance and attention to detail with a course-record setting victory in the \$200,000 Glens Falls Stakes to cap a four-pack of graded stakes on the final Saturday of the 2015 Saratoga meeting. White Rose's victory came just before Tourist

#### GLENS FALLS STAKES RECAP

dominated the field for the More Than Ready Mile at Kentucky Downs.

"Two stakes within about two minutes," Mott said as he made his way to the paddock for the finale. "How about that?"

Mott added to his big day in the gloaming as Take The Stand came from behind to win a \$90,000 allowance-optional on the grass in Saratoga's 12th race. Three wins, three separate ownership groups, two stakes, a course record, total purses of \$590,000 and a winner's haul of \$354,760.

"That was great," Mott said.

White Rose was great in the Glens Falls thanks to an ideal inside trip under Shaun Bridgmohan. The well-named 5-year-old daughter of Tapit rarely seems to get an inside trip and frequently gets pushed out while trying to make her run. She not only got the inside trip but a perfect setup in the 1 3/8-mile Glens Falls when a speed duel developed early.

Goldy Espony, the gate-to-wire winner of the Grade 3

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# Glens Falls —

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Waya going 12 furlongs Aug. 8, was expected to be on the lead again in the Glens Falls but couldn't stay in front after leading early. Instead the front-runner's role fell to Maximova, who set a strong early pace from her inside post, going the opening half-mile in :46.70 and 6 furlongs in 1:10.57.

Maximova barreled along on the lead and led by 3 lengths through that quick three-quarter split. Ceisteach and Goldy Espony gave immediate chase in front of the stands the first time and around the clubhouse turn. Neither looked particularly comfortable not being in front, headstrong and pulling, while White Rose and Eastern Belle relaxed in the next flight with several lengths of daylight between them and the leading trio.

Bridgmohan, who rode White Rose the last time she won in the 2014 Dowager Stakes at Keeneland in October, sliced into the lead when he sent the gray mare around the far turn. He kept her inside all the way around the bend, something she wasn't able to do in losses this year in the Waya, River Memories, Bewitch and Orchid. She raced wide in those races, sometimes extremely wide, and they were part of a six-race losing streak for the mare owned by Jake Ballis and former NBA star Rashard Lewis.

White Rose passed Goldy Espony first, at about the midpoint of the turn, then slipped past Ceisteach



Tod Marks

**White Rose returns after her stakes win.**

just as the field turned for home and started to bunch up behind the tiring Maximova.

White Rose came off the inside to pass Maximova at the same time John Velazquez roused Eastern Belle toward the lead. White Rose repelled the challenge from Eastern Belle, holding a 1-length advantage at the sixteenth pole and maintaining it to the finish. The official margin was three-quarters and White Rose won in 2:11.46, topping the previous course mark of 2:11.66 set in 2008 by Hostess.

"I had a perfect trip. It was pretty straightforward," Bridgmohan said. "Got to the fence, saved every inch of ground, angled off at the top of the stretch and she gave me what she had. Obviously, Bill does a phenomenal job with her and she showed it."

"She's a very difficult mare to ride, so I just have

to ride her and not worry about anyone else. She gets along good with me. She likes me."

Saturday was their fourth win, and third stakes win, together. A \$225,000 purchase at the 2012 Keeneland April 2-year-olds in training sale, White Rose was originally trained for Ballis by Michelle Nihei and didn't race until late September of her juvenile season. She caught eventual graded stakes winners Emollient and Caroline Thomas in her first two starts and was transferred to Mott that winter.

White Rose won her second start for Mott, going 9 furlongs on the grass at Gulfstream. She was second in the 2013 Glens Falls at Saratoga, earning trips to the Grade 1 Flower Bowl Invitational and Grade 3 Long Island, where she finished off the board to end the season. She won only once in five starts to start her 4-year-old year, before back-to-back wins once she really stretched out, in the 1 5/16-mile Kentucky Downs Ladies Marathon and the 1 1/2-mile Dowager

The wide trips plagued her from there, until she got the more ideal trip in the Glens Falls.

"That can happen in those longer races sometimes," Mott said. "The frustrating thing is she doesn't have a real quick turn of foot so sometimes she gets packed a little wide. She got a beautiful rail trip today. She fit in here and if you were a numbers guy she's run some good speed figures but just because she's been taking the overland route every time."

"We couldn't be more happy. We got a graded stakes for her, these guys are here, Jake and Rashard, and I'm thrilled for them."



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Appropriately, the race was won by an acquaintance of Nerud, Anthony Bonomo.

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Greenpointcrusader (left) heads for the finish while winning Saturday's fourth race.

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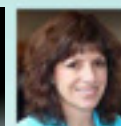
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# Saturday —

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Bonomo's MeB Racing Stable, sent out Greenpointcrusader to win the 7-furlong maiden special weight for 2-year-olds. The son of Bernardini rode the rail to the top of the stretch, angled out in the lane and was up to win by a neck as the even-money favorite.

"I'm very happy. He's running as we expected," Bonomo said. "His first race, he just was a little short and his trip was a little tough. He's running to where we believe he is and we believe as the distance goes further, he'll get better."

Bonomo and Viola purchased Greenpointcrusader for \$575,000 at the 2014 Keeneland September yearling sale at the recommendation of trainer Dominick Schettino, although the deal almost didn't work out.

"Trainer loved him," Bonomo said. "He saw him in the sales and just loved the horse. Thank God for Vinnie Viola because I was bidding on him and I was stopping and Vinnie kept going. We've been in partnership for a couple of horses. We've got a couple of 2-year-olds that we're partners on that are all pretty promising. We grew up together, so it's kind of special when you win with a good friend. We grew up in Brooklyn."

"Our trainer is a great trainer. He does great with 2-year-olds. I sometimes don't think he gets the recognition he deserves. And it's special to win with him."

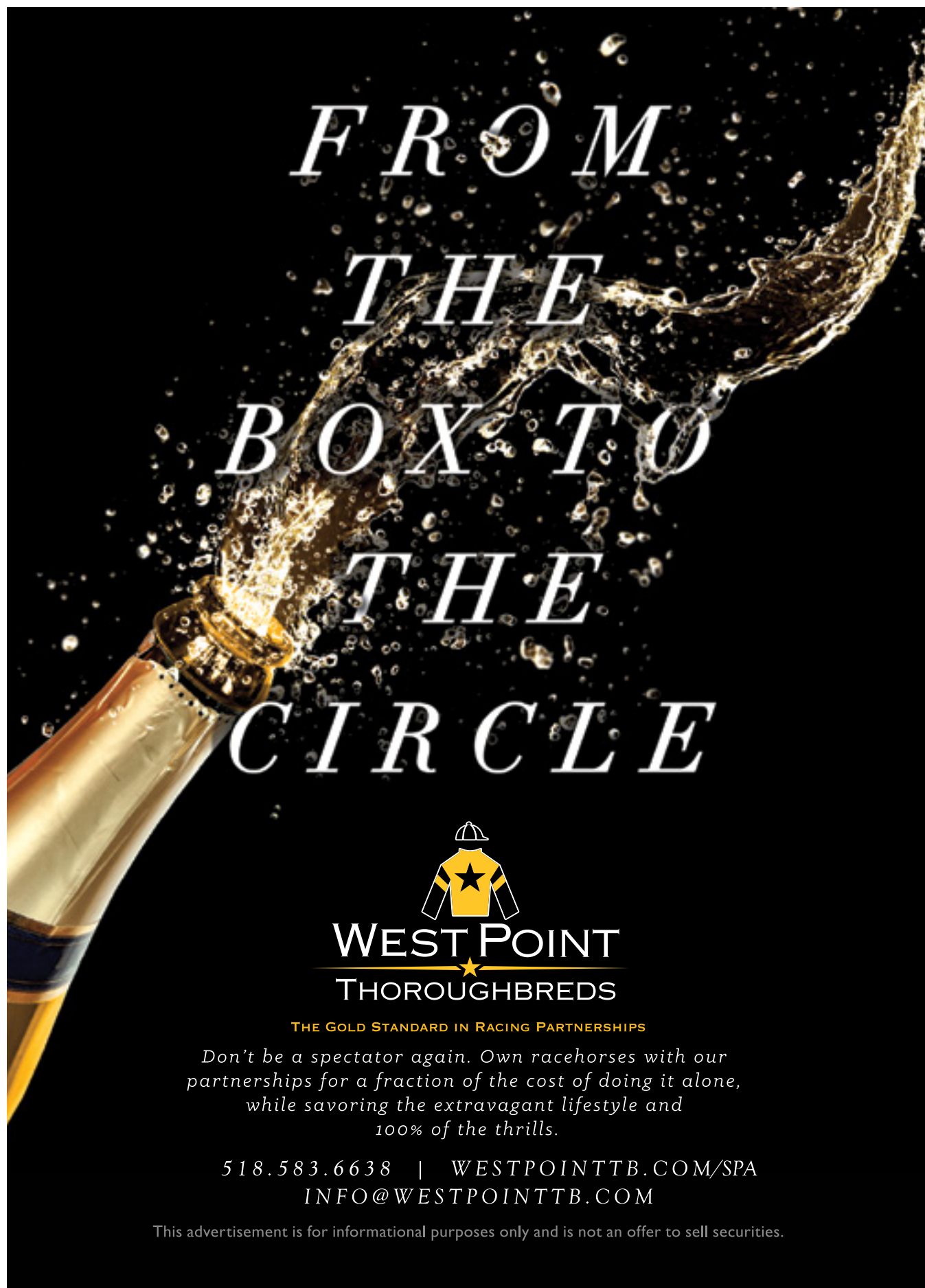
Bonomo was also thrilled to win the Nerud Memorial and plans to cherish that moment with his friends for a long time to come.

"It's also special winning the race named after Mr. Nerud, who's been an icon in the sport, one of the greatest trainers ever, and also was a member of the country club I belong to," Bonomo said. "I saw him right before I came up to Saratoga and we used to talk horses a little bit. It's special. I'm going to try to get a big picture blown up and being that it's the first Nerud Memorial, get it put up in the club."


— **Brandon Valvo**

- One race removed from getting disqualified from an apparent victory by Tale Of Life, Graham Motion and

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## Saturday —

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Irad Ortiz Jr. got paid back as Rafting pulled a minor upset in the seventh race while making his second career start.

Tale Of Life's disqualification spoiled a strong U.S. debut for the Japanese-bred son of Deep Impact. He rallied up the inside to win by a nose over Designed For War, but was disqualified for impeding fourth-place finisher and pacesetter Furyofthenorsemen.

"That's the game," Motion said about the disqualification. "It's just so tough up here."

Rafting helped take some of the sting away when he rated up the backstretch and kicked clear to win the 7-furlong maiden special weight on the main track by 2 1/4 lengths in his second start. The Tapit colt was seventh in a 1 1/16-mile maiden race on the grass Aug. 8 at Saratoga.

"His pedigree kind of leans toward grass," Motion said. "Having said that

he worked very well on the dirt, so that's why we decided to go this way."

Bred in Kentucky by his owners, Gerard and Alain Wertheimer, Rafting is out of the stakes-winning Kris S. mare Paiota Falls.

Rafting was the lone winner of the day for Ortiz, who takes a six-win lead over Javier Castellano into the final two days of racing as he seeks his first Saratoga riding title.

— **Billy Blake**

- Rudy Rodriguez maintained his hot hand, sending out Wynthurst to win the opener a day removed from winning two races including the featured Evan Shipman with Royal Pose. Rodriguez is in a three-way tie with Bill Mott and Christophe Clement for third in the trainer standings with 15 wins.

- Barclay Tagg sent out another 2-year-old winner when Highland Sky won his debut in the second race going 1 1/16 miles on the grass. Bred and co-owned by Bonner Young, the Sky Mesa colt is out of the Grade 3-placed Petionville mare Kristi With A K.

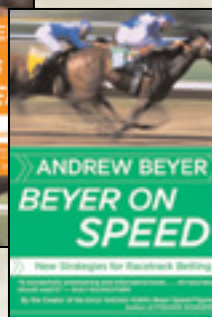
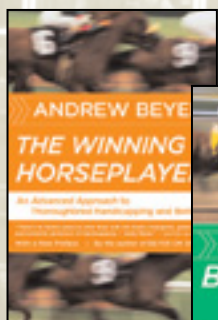
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Irada Ortiz Jr.	55
Javier Castellano	49
John Velazquez	44
Jose Ortiz	35
Luis Saez	34
Joel Rosario	25
Junior Alvarado	22
Eric Cancel	17
Jose Lezcano	15
Kendrick Carmouche	15

<b>TRAINERS</b>	<b>1ST</b>
Todd Pletcher	32
Chad Brown	30
Christophe Clement	15
Rudy Rodriguez	15
Bill Mott	15
George Weaver	12
Kiaran McLaughlin	11
Jeremiah Englehart	10
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Rafting rolls down the lane to win Saturday’s seventh race, a 2-year-old maiden.

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## SARATOGA RESULTS

Saturday September 5.

### FIRST \$32,000, CLAIMING \$16,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

7	Wynhurst	L. Saez	\$5.10	\$2.80	\$2.10
1	Sourcesandmethods	J. Ortiz		\$3.10	\$2.10
6	Howaboutwe	K. Carmouche			\$2.60

Dk B/ Br Colt 2011, by Fairbanks - So Smashing by Two Punch

Owner: Carl Lizza Racing Stables, LLC. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez.

Breeder: Sycamore Hall Farm, LLC (MD).

Late Scratches: Lightning Ron. Time: 1:24.16

Claimed: Sourcesandmethods claimed by Wentworth, John for \$16,000, Howaboutwe claimed by Team Dunn for \$16,000, April Color claimed by Fernandez, Juan C. for \$16,000, Tax Package claimed by R. D. M. Racing Stable for \$16,000

Exacta (7-1), \$10.20; Superfecta (7-1-6-3), \$143.50; Trifecta (7-1-6), \$27.40

### SECOND \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M

1	Highland Sky	C. Velasquez	\$12.60	\$6.00	\$3.90
6	War Order	J. Rosario		\$4.10	\$2.70
8	Donegal Moon	J. Castellano			\$3.20

Dk B/ Br Colt 2013, by Sky Mesa - Kristi With a K by Petionville

Owner: Young, Joyce B. and McManis, Gerald. Trainer: Barclay Tagg.

Breeder: Bonner Young (KY).

Late Scratches: Steamboat Bill, Matt King Coal, Oscar Nominated, Acoustic. Time: 1:42.61

Daily Double (7-1), \$49.20; Exacta (1-6), \$51.00; Quinella (1-6), \$25.80; Superfecta (1-6-8-3), \$1,054.00; Trifecta (1-6-8), \$189.00

### THIRD \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

3	Julie D	L. Saez	\$12.00	\$6.10	\$4.20
2	Eloquent Tribute	J. Alvarado		\$8.60	\$5.60
5	Theophilia	J. Lezcano			\$3.80

Dk B/ Br F 2012, by Hear No Evil - Star in My Crown by Monsieur Cat

Owner: Fortune Farm (Richard Nicolai) and Team Dunn.

Trainer: Jeremiah Englehart. Breeder: Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL).

Time: 1:15.97

Daily Double (1-3), \$79.00; Exacta (3-2), \$82.50; Superfecta (3-2-5-6), \$694.00; Trifecta (3-2-5), \$322.50; Pic 3 (7-1-3), \$346.00

### FOURTH \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

3	Greenpointcrusader	J. Castellano	\$4.10	\$2.90	\$2.30
7	Pirellone	J. Velazquez		\$10.80	\$9.20
5	Ifyousnoozeyoulose	L. Saez			\$6.90

Dk B/ Br Colt 2013, Bernardini - Ava Knowsthecode, Cryptoclearance

Owner: St. Elias Stable, MeB Racing Stables LLC and Brooklyn Boyz Stables.

Trainer: Dominick Schettino. Breeder: Oakbrook Farm (KY).

Late Scratches: Master Magician, Star Hill. Time: 1:23.03

Daily Double (3-3), \$30.20; Exacta (3-7), \$54.00; Quinella (3-7), \$34.80; Superfecta (3-7-5-11), \$2,269.00; Trifecta (3-7-5), \$378.50; Pic 3 (1-3-3), \$212.50

### FIFTH \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M TURF

6	Goodtolook	J. Alvarado	\$4.90	\$3.60	\$2.90
3	No Wunder (GB)	C. Velasquez		\$7.80	\$4.60
8	Branded Hand	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$3.30

B Gelding 2010, by Disco Rico - Lookstoogood by Tiger Ridge

Owner: Antonacci Racing and Corms Racing Stable.

Trainer: Danny Gargan. Breeder: Lucia Carroll (NY).

Late Scratches: Savoy Stomp, Flag On the Play

Time: 1:34.82

Daily Double (3-6), \$12.20; Exacta (6-3), \$36.40; Superfecta (6-3-8-1), \$603.00; Trifecta (6-3-8), \$146.50; Pic 3 (3-3-6), \$83.00; Pic 4 (1-3-1/3/12-5/6/10), \$762.00; Pic 5 (4/7-1-3-1/3/12-5/6/10), \$2,805.00

### SIXTH \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO, 1 1/16M TURF

6	Designed for War	J. Castellano	\$12.00	\$6.10	\$3.80
3	Rock Eagle	J. Ortiz		\$11.80	\$6.10
8	Furyofthenorsemen	A. Arroyo			\$3.60

\*Ten Of Life (Jpn) DQ from first for interference and placed fourth.

B Ridgling 2012, by War Front - Design for Life by Aptitude

Owner: Glencrest Farm LLC (Lessee) and JSM Equine, LLC.

Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: JSM Equine LLC & Greathouse Horse-Property LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: Gangster, West Village

Time: 1:40.33

Daily Double (6-6), \$37.20; Exacta (6-3), \$133.50; Superfecta (6-3-8-1), \$1,662.00; Trifecta (6-3-8), \$728.00; Pic 3 (3-6-6), \$91.00

### SEVENTH \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

1	Rafting	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$12.80	\$5.70	\$4.30
3	Silvertown	J. Ortiz		\$4.10	\$3.40
5	Big Gillette	C. Velasquez			\$9.90

Ch Colt 2013, by Tapit - Paiota Falls by Kris S.

Owner: Wertheimer and Frere. Trainer: H. Motion.

Breeder: Wertheimer et Frere (KY).

Late Scratches: Tricky Citizen, Set the Trappe

Time: 1:23.70

Daily Double (6-1), \$102.50; Exacta (1-3), \$43.20; Superfecta (1-3-5-2), \$2,877.00; Trifecta (1-3-5), \$441.00; Pic 3 (6-6-1), \$276.50

### EIGHTH \$300,000, STAKES - SARANAC S., 3 YO, 1 1/8M TURF

7	World Approval	J. Rosario	\$19.80	\$8.20	\$4.30
1	Money Multiplier	J. Velazquez		\$11.80	\$5.70
5	Go Around	J. Lezcano			\$3.40

Gr/ro Gelding 2012, by Northern Afleet - Win Approval by With Approval

Owner: Live Oak Plantation. Trainer: Mark Casse.

Breeder: Live Oak Stud (FL). Time: 1:45.39

Daily Double (1-7), \$152.00; Exacta (7-1), \$187.00; Superfecta (7-1-5-8), \$2,953.00; Trifecta (7-1-5), \$725.00; Pic 3 (6-1-7), \$979.00

### NINTH \$350,000, STAKES - SPINAWAY S., 2 YO FILLIES, 7F

2	Rachel's Valentina	J. Velazquez	\$5.50	\$3.10	\$2.60
1	Tap to It	J. Rosario		\$3.30	\$2.70
5	Constellation	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$3.40

B Filly 2013, by Bernardini - Rachel Alexandra by Medaglia d'Oro

Owner: Stonestreet Stables LLC. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY).

Time: 1:23.10

Daily Double (7-2), \$86.50; Exacta (2-1), \$14.20; Superfecta (2-1-5-4), \$247.00; Trifecta (2-1-5), \$52.00; Pic 3 (1-7-2), \$591.00

### TENTH \$600,000, STAKES - WOODWARD S., 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

2	Liam's Map	J. Castellano	\$4.40	\$3.20	\$2.60
6	Coach Inge	J. Velazquez		\$6.50	\$4.20
1	Wicked Strong	L. Saez			\$3.20

Gr/ro Colt 2011, by Unbridled's Song - Miss Macy Sue by Trippi

Owner: Teresa Viola Racing Stables. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.

Breeder: Albaugh Family Stable LLC (KY).

Time: 1:47.44

Daily Double (2-2), \$13.00; Exacta (2-6), \$35.00; Superfecta (2-6-1-7), \$363.40; Trifecta (2-6-1), \$173.00; Pic 3 (7-2-2), \$178.00

### ELEVENTH \$200,000, - GLENS FALLS S., 3&UP, F&M, 1 3/8M. TURF

2	White Rose	S. Bridgmohan	\$20.00	\$8.30	\$4.40
3	Eastern Belle (GB)	J. Velazquez		\$6.50	\$4.10
9	Regardez (GB)	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$4.40

Gr/ro Mare 2010, by Tapit - Garden Dance by El Prado (IRE)

Owner: Ballis, Jake and Lewis, Rashard. Trainer: William Mott.

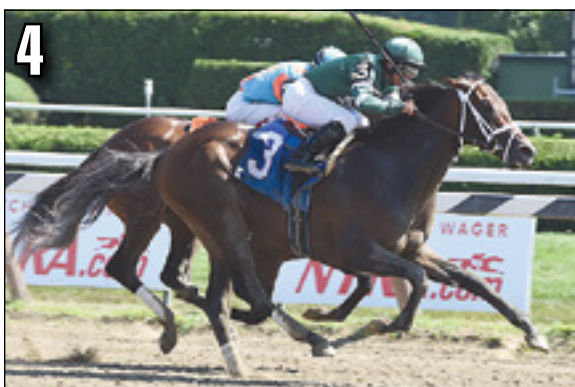
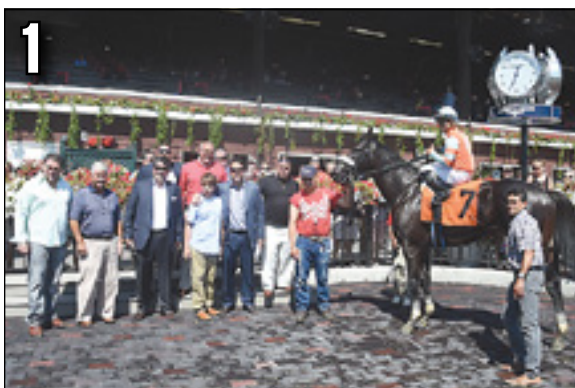
Breeder: J. S. McDonald (KY). Time: 2:11.46

Daily Double (2-2), \$66.50; Exacta (2-3), \$96.50; Superfecta (2-3-9-7), \$6,428.00; Trifecta (2-3-9), \$578.00; Pic 3 (2-2-2), \$163.00.



# SARATOGA RESULTS PHOTOS

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## SARATOGA RESULTS

**TWELFTH \$90,000 ALLOWANCE/OPTIONAL CLAIMING \$62,500. 1**

**1/16M TURF**

2	Take The Stand (Arg)	J. Alvarado	9.80	5.60	4.60
13	Tetradrachm	J. Castellano		13.00	7.20
5	El Jefe Grande	C. Velasquez			12.80

Dk b/br c, 2011, Not For Sale (Arg)-Taken Away (Brz), Wild Event.

Bred by Santa Maria de Araras (Argentina).

O: Earle Mack, Wachtel Stable & Brous Stable. Trainer: Bill Mott.

Double (2-2) \$85.00. Exacta (2-13) \$190.00. Trifecta (2-13-5) \$3,671.00. Superfecta (2-13-5-12) \$27,246.00. Pick 3 (2-2-2) \$416.50. Pick Four (2-2-2-2) \$1,306. Pick Six, 5 correct (1-7-2-2-2-2) \$869.00.

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# SUNDAY SARATOGA ENTRIES

Sunday, September 6.

## 1ST (12:30PM). \$93,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 3/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Slim Shadey (GB).....	C. Velasquez.....	D. Jacobson.....	4-1
2	.....2.....	Notacatbutallama.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	5-1
3	.....3.....	Iron Power.....	J. Ortiz.....	C. Clement.....	5-2
4	.....4.....	Hothersal.....	J. Castellano.....	J. Servis.....	3-1
5	.....MTO.....	Catholic Cowboy.....	E. Cancel.....	N. Zito.....	2-1
6	.....6.....	English Minister.....	L. Saez.....	M. Trombetta.....	8-1
7	.....7.....	I'll Call.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Martin.....	12-1
8	.....8.....	Yankee Dealer.....	K. Carmouche.....	B. Levine.....	6-1

## 2ND (1:03PM). \$54,000, MCL \$65,000, 2 YO, F, 5 1/2F

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

1	.....1.....	Taleofsixtythree.....	J. Rosario.....	G. Contessa.....	6-1
2	.....2.....	Forever Plus.....	C. Sullivan.....	N. Zito.....	15-1
3	.....3.....	Kalabaka.....	S. Bridgmohan.....	R. Violette, Jr.....	10-1
4	.....4.....	Steve's Philly.....	K. Carmouche.....	C. Martin.....	10-1
5	.....5.....	Tessio.....	J. Alvarado.....	D. Schettino.....	3-1
6	.....6.....	Lebowski.....	E. Cancel.....	J. Terranova, II.....	10-1
7	.....7.....	Anthem Singer.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Rodriguez.....	4-1
8	.....8.....	Frequently.....	J. Ortiz.....	S. Asmussen.....	7-2
9	.....9.....	Something Naughty.....	T. Rice.....	L. Rice.....	10-1

## 3RD (1:36PM). \$55,000, STR \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Hillbilly Style.....	J. Castellano.....	P. Reynolds.....	5-2
2	.....2.....	Here Comes Tommy.....	R. Silvera.....	J. Morrison.....	12-1
3	.....3.....	Island Therapy.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Rodriguez.....	5-1
4	.....4.....	Indiana Stones.....	M. Franco.....	R. Falcone, Jr.....	3-1
5	.....5.....	Power Nap.....	J. Ortiz.....	S. Asmussen.....	2-1
6	.....6.....	Uncharted Course.....	A. Arroyo.....	C. Englehart.....	8-1

## 4TH (2:10PM). \$73,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

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

1	.....1.....	Neverindicted.....	M. Franco.....	J. Tebbutt.....	12-1
2	.....2.....	Megatron R L.....	J. Hernandez.....	M. Sims.....	15-1
3	.....3.....	Junger.....	J. Lezcano.....	J. Hertler.....	15-1
4	.....4.....	Watch the Tie.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	G. Gullo.....	3-1
5	.....5.....	Boldlee.....	F. Jara.....	P. Barrow.....	15-1
6	.....6.....	Frisky Magician.....	J. Ortiz.....	M. Trombetta.....	5-2
7	.....7.....	Wind Warning.....	J. Castellano.....	M. Maker.....	5-1
8	.....8.....	Baby Snacks.....	K. Carmouche.....	G. Sciacca.....	6-1
9	.....9.....	Ruxpin.....	J. Velazquez.....	J. Sharp.....	6-1

## 5TH (2:44PM). \$40,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....4.....	Political Justice.....	J. Castellano.....	M. Maker.....	9-5
1a	.....6.....	Ground Force.....	K. Carmouche.....	J. Sharp.....	9-5
2	.....5.....	Real Estate Rich.....	E. Trujillo.....	G. Contessa.....	3-1
2b	.....10.....	Rockford.....	J. Rosario.....	G. Contessa.....	3-1
3	.....1.....	Petrocelli.....	J. Lezcano.....	O. Barrera, III.....	4-1
4	.....2.....	First Bid.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Rodriguez.....	6-1
5	.....3.....	Bull Dozer.....	L. Saez.....	W. Calhoun.....	12-1
6	.....7.....	Private Tale.....	J. Ortiz.....	M. Maker.....	8-1
7	.....8.....	Charitable.....	A. Arroyo.....	R. Legall.....	20-1
8	.....9.....	In the Beat.....	C. DeCarlo.....	J. DeMola.....	15-1

## 6TH (3:19PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 7F

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

1	.....6.....	Flora Dora.....	K. Carmouche.....	M. Coffey.....	20-1
1a	.....AE.....	Ruby Dusk.....	K. Carmouche.....	M. Coffey.....	20-1
2	.....9.....	Carella.....	J. Alvarado.....	T. Albertrani.....	10-1
2b	.....AE.....	Capellini.....	L. Saez.....	T. Albertrani.....	10-1
3	.....1.....	Sherini.....	J. Rosario.....	H. Motion.....	6-1
4	.....2.....	Zondaq.....	M. Franco.....	R. Ribaud.....	8-1
5	.....3.....	Inheritance.....	J. Velazquez.....	S. Asmussen.....	3-1
6	.....4.....	Preppy.....	J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher.....	5-1
7	.....5.....	Cinder.....	E. Trujillo.....	G. Arnold, II.....	20-1
8	.....7.....	Soigne.....	S. Bridgmohan.....	M. Matz.....	8-1
9	.....8.....	Melbas Indian.....	J. Ortiz.....	R. Violette, Jr.....	12-1
10	.....10.....	Big World.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	A. Dutrow.....	4-1
11	.....AE.....	Storm Petrel.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	6-1
12	.....AE.....	J R Star.....	C. Velasquez.....	R. Rodriguez.....	8-1
13	.....AE.....	Shayna Lady.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Brown.....	7-2

## 7TH (3:55PM). \$45,000, CLM \$35,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Dominic's Smile.....	A. Arroyo.....	C. Martin.....	3-1
2	.....2.....	The Comish.....	J. Rosario.....	E. Plesa, Jr.....	7-2
3	.....3.....	Dynamite Stick.....	L. Saez.....	M. Lauer.....	12-1
4	.....4.....	The Imposter.....	M. Franco.....	J. Englehart.....	6-1
5	.....5.....	Sidearm.....	J. Castellano.....	G. Gullo.....	5-1
6	.....6.....	Status of Forces.....	E. Cancel.....	S. Torelli.....	20-1
7	.....7.....	Bajan Summer.....	J. Velazquez.....	G. Sciacca.....	10-1
8	.....8.....	Blue Pigeon.....	J. Ortiz.....	L. Rice.....	4-1
9	.....9.....	Sounds of Saratoga.....	K. Carmouche.....	C. Martin.....	30-1

## 8TH (4:33PM). \$75,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1 1/8M (INNER TURF)

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

1	.....1.....	Accelebrate.....	E. Cancel.....	M. Gorham.....	20-1
2	.....2.....	Kathy's Humor.....	L. Saez.....	R. Violette, Jr.....	5-1
3	.....3.....	Lil' Zilla.....	K. Carmouche.....	J. Sheppard.....	15-1
4	.....4.....	Loon River.....	J. Lezcano.....	G. Sciacca.....	4-1
5	.....5.....	Summersault.....	J. Castellano.....	M. Hennig.....	5-1
6	.....6.....	Archer Queen.....	E. Trujillo.....	P. McBurney.....	12-1
7	.....7.....	Flirtatious Spring.....	J. Ortiz.....	L. Rice.....	12-1
8	.....8.....	Race and Shine.....	A. Arroyo.....	P. Reynolds.....	20-1
9	.....9.....	Rockin Alli.....	M. Franco.....	T. Shaw.....	15-1
10	.....10.....	Daisy Cutter.....	C. Velasquez.....	L. Rice.....	10-1
11	.....11.....	Style Drift.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown.....	3-1

## 9TH (5:11PM). \$75,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Missy Bay.....	J. Alvarado.....	D. Schettino.....	12-1
2	.....2.....	Moondance Joy.....	L. Saez.....	T. Albertrani.....	12-1
3	.....3.....	Pink Freud Live.....	J. Rosario.....	J. Sharp.....	10-1
4	.....4.....	Hillaryinthehouse.....	C. Velasquez.....	L. Rice.....	4-1
5	.....5.....	Barrier to Entry.....	S. Jimenez.....	P. Kelly.....	20-1
6	.....6.....	Kicken Livi.....	A. Arroyo.....	J. Englehart.....	20-1
7	.....7.....	Majestic Bloom.....	J. Velazquez.....	G. Weaver.....	4-1
8	.....8.....	Full Tap.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Clement.....	5-1
9	.....9.....	Lemme Rock.....	H. Berrios.....	S. Iorio, Jr.....	30-1
10	.....10.....	Given Fire.....	K. Carmouche.....	L. Lewis.....	15-1
11	.....11.....	Maggiesfreuddnslip.....	M. Franco.....	R. Lerman.....	20-1
12	.....12.....	Slam Chowder.....	J. Ortiz.....	E. Kenneally.....	3-1
13	.....MTO.....	Nonnie Connie.....		J. Englehart.....	6-1

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## 10TH (5:47PM). \$300,000, STK - THE PRIORESS, 3 YO, F , 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

1	.....	1	.....	Hot City Girl	.....	F. Jara	.....	L. Rice	.....	30-1
2	.....	2	.....	Ekati's Phaeton	.....	J. Alvarado	.....	W. Mott	.....	20-1
3	.....	3	.....	Sky Gold	.....	C. Velasquez	.....	J. Garoffalo	.....	12-1
4	.....	4	.....	Clothes Fall Off	.....	J. Ortiz	.....	K. McLaughlin	.....	12-1
5	.....	5	.....	Fusaichi Red	.....	J. Bravo	.....	G. Weaver	.....	12-1
6	.....	6	.....	Tricky Zippy	.....	J. Velazquez	.....	J. Jerkens	.....	8-1
7	.....	7	.....	Bar of Gold	.....	J. Lezcano	.....	J. Kimmel	.....	6-1
8	.....	8	.....	Paid Up Subscriber	.....	J. Rosario	.....	A. Stall, Jr.	.....	10-1
9	.....	9	.....	Irish Jasper	.....	J. Castellano	.....	C. Brown	.....	5-1
10	.....	10	.....	Cavorting	.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.	.....	K. McLaughlin	.....	2-1
11	.....	11	.....	Promise Me Silver	.....	L. Saez	.....	W. Calhoun	.....	10-1

## 11TH (6:24PM). \$73,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1	.....	1	.....	Sweet Advance	.....	J. Velazquez	.....	T. Pletcher	.....	5-1
2	.....	2	.....	Broken Border	.....	C. Velasquez	.....	J. Servis	.....	6-1
3	.....	3	.....	Belief	.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.	.....	C. Clement	.....	8-1
4	.....	4	.....	Dilly Magilly	.....	E. Trujillo	.....	J. Price	.....	30-1
5	.....	5	.....	J'ray's Sunshine	.....	E. Cancel	.....	M. Trombetta	.....	12-1
6	.....	6	.....	Sauvignon	.....	J. Rosario	.....	T. Morley	.....	4-1
7	.....	7	.....	Esther the Queen	.....	L. Saez	.....	N. Esler	.....	8-1
8	.....	8	.....	Madison Blues	.....	J. Ortiz	.....	C. Martin	.....	8-1
9	.....	9	.....	Outtacypresshills	.....	M. Franco	.....	J. Ferraro	.....	12-1
10	.....	10	.....	Congress Park	.....	J. Castellano	.....	B. Brown	.....	7-2
11	.....	11	.....	Americasprincess	.....	R. Silvera	.....	K. Feron	.....	50-1
12	.....	12	.....	John's Catnip	.....	A. Arroyo	.....	D. Prine	.....	20-1
13	.....	AE	.....	Fourstar Crook	.....	J. Rosario	.....	C. Brown	.....	5-1
14	.....	AE	.....	Justenufflaughter	.....	F. Jara	.....	L. Jolley, Jr.	.....	30-1
15	.....	AE	.....	Barrel of Dreams	.....	K. Carmouche	.....	J. Hertler	.....	15-1
16	.....	AE-MTO	.....	Lady in Shades	.....	A. Arroyo	.....	S. Klesaris	.....	3-1

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Indiana Stones

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Hillbilly Style  
Here Comes Tommy

Power Nap  
Indiana Stones  
Uncharted Course

**4**

Watch The Tie  
Frisky Magician  
Ruxpin

Frisky Magician  
Wind Warning  
Ruxpin

Watch The Tie  
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Wind Warning

**5**

Ramsey entry  
Contessa entry  
Private Tale

Ramsey entry  
Private Tale  
First Bid

Ramsey entry  
Private Tale  
Petrocelli

Ramsey entry  
Rockford  
First Bid

Ramsey entry  
Contessa entry  
First Bid

**6**

Inheritance  
Shayna Lady  
Big World

Inheritance  
Big World  
Shayna Lady

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Big World  
Shayna Lady

Godolphin entry  
Inheritance  
Big World

Big World  
Inheritance  
Sherini

**7**

Dominic's Smile  
Blue Pigeon  
Sidearm

The Comish  
Blue Pigeon  
Dynamite Stick

The Imposter  
Blue Pigeon  
Sidearm

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Bajan Summer

Sidearm  
The Imposter  
Dominic's Smile

**8**

Style Drift  
Kathy's Humor  
Loon River

Loon River  
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Summersault  
Kathy's Humor

**9**

Majestic Bloom  
Full Tap  
Slam Chowder

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Cavorting  
Bar Of Gold  
Irish Jasper

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Cavorting  
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# Locked and Loaded

## Bullet Gone Astray ready to fire

BY BRANDON VALVO

HOPEFUL PREVIEW

Trainer Henry Collazo walked Bullet Gone Astray around John Kimmel's barn adjacent to Union Avenue Friday morning. The 2-year-old colt just returned from the track, was cooling off and feeling good. Collazo was one step ahead of any possible antics.

"Stop it, stop it. Don't do it," Collazo told Bullet Gone Astray, who listened. "He's happy to be here. You have to hold his head up before he goes up on his own."

After a few more turns were completed, Bullet Gone Astray went quietly into his stall and peered out, looking for attention. He got plenty.

"It's not that he's really sharp, it's just that he's happy," Collazo said. "He's very quiet in the stall. You can walk up and lay hands on him. He's very sensible, he likes people. He's a little kid that wants to play and for him out there is play and he can't get enough."

Bullet Gone Astray is 2-for-2 entering Monday's Grade 1 Hopeful Stakes. He won his debut June 28 at Gulfstream Park as an 8-1 outsider before wheeling back Aug. 1 in the \$100,000 Mountaineer Juvenile Stakes. He romped that day, deci-

ating his four rivals by 9 lengths under left-handed urging from rider Luca Panici, who will be back aboard Monday.

"He won at Gulfstream and after the race, he was ready to go back to the track," Collazo said. "The effort didn't take anything out of him. As time went on, he was just getting sharper and more anxious. He just got sharper and when I did finally race him, two days later, he was wanting more. Took him to the track, he was using everything he did as a stepping stone. So I had a stick of dynamite with the fuse lit, it's either going to blow up in my hands, or I take it somewhere and have a safe explosion and that's what Mountaineer was. It was an opportunity for him to extend himself."

Although it looked like Bullet Gone Astray had a good blowout at Mountaineer, Collazo soon discovered that he still had a problem on his hands.

"He came back, he was still lit and he was still waiting to explode," he said. "I was just going to sit chilly on him, but he's lit and he's going to explode. He either blows up in my hand or he goes and applies himself in the



Brandon Valvo

**Bullet Gone Astray and trainer Henry Collazo tackle Monday's Hopeful.**

afternoon. I had about three different places to go, and for sure Saratoga is No. 1 on the hit list and there was no reason not to try."

Bullet Gone Astray will be Collazo's first Saratoga stakes runner. The trip to New York is something of a homecoming for the Florida-based trainer.

"I've been stabled in New York in the past," he said. "I just love New York. Who doesn't love Yankee Stadium? The history of it all. Being in this barn with John is just a taste of the good life. I was raised in Queens when I was little. I love baseball and I love horse racing. The only thing I could end up doing was training horses. I'm fulfilling my childhood dreams."

Although Collazo grew up in New York, his family relocated to California in the 1960s after a hurricane blew through the East coast. It was in California that he got his first taste of racing while visiting Hollywood Park, Santa Anita Park and Del Mar with his older brother, who has since passed away. After about nine years in California, Collazo's family moved again, this time to Florida. He spent time on the backstretch and began to work his way up the ladder.

"My parents figured hurricanes aren't as bad as earthquakes, so they went to Florida and when we got to Florida, my friends and I all went to work at Calder," Collazo said. "And I was walking hots and holding horses

for the blacksmith. I went to college and graduated high school, but every summer I was on the racetrack, every afternoon after I finished work I'd go and get the late double, sit there from the eighth to the 10th race. I just loved the races. In '79 got my trainer's license. I could never get this out of my mind."

For Collazo, the allure of racing wasn't about money, fame or glory; it was about the horse and the lasting connections he has built over the years.

"That's what makes everything special is the horses and then the people," he said. "It's a family and no matter where I go, I see somebody that knows me that I know. It's incredible the way everybody interacts with everyone else and they're all good-hearted people."

Although Collazo acts mainly as a manager for his team at Gulfstream Park, he is taking care of Bullet Gone Astray himself this week in Saratoga. As he recalled the first time he saw his stakes winner, he prepared the colt's feed bucket and mucked his stall.

"This is how I got my start," he said. "And not only how I got my start, this is my passion. The only problem is my age doesn't allow me to take care of two or three, but I'm good enough for one . . . For me, this is a vacation, it's a blessing."

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# Hopeful —

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“When I went down at the (OBS) April sale, I was by myself because (my owners) have real jobs,” Collazo joked. “So we’re on the phone. I read the catalog, they read the catalog, but I’m the one that goes hands on with everything. We bred a couple of our mares to Gone Astray, so we were interested in the stallion. My owner said, ‘Hey listen, there’s a Gone Astray there that looks pretty interesting. Go take a look at him.’ I went over because he was bought back. He was in the stall and there was nobody around. I knew the consignors were friends of mine, so I went in the stall and took a look at him and about two minutes later, I’m on the phone saying, ‘I bought him.’ We shook hands and that was it.”

What caught Collazo’s attention wasn’t a flashy pedigree or a perfectly built racehorse. It was something more, something intangible, that stood out about Bullet Gone Astray.

“From the very first moment I saw him, I just had a gut feeling,” Collazo

said. “I look at their eyes. It’s that innate thing that they have inside them. And just his attitude, his personality, he was either going to be a great racehorse or a great pet, but he was a great horse. That I knew. He was a great horse.”

Bullet Gone Astray has been jogging and galloping with rider Raymond Bulgado since he arrived in Saratoga Tuesday. He blew out an untimed few furlongs over the main track, giving him the opportunity to stretch his legs and get a feel for the course. The work was welcomed by

Bullet Gone Astray, who has been wanting to do more in the mornings.

“He just feels good and he’s a like a little kid that can throw a fastball or a curveball,” Collazo said. “He’s going to throw every pitch fast or throw every pitch a curveball; he’s just going to do it until his arm falls off. So my job is to keep a pitch count, per say. Keep him loaded and waiting to fire.”

“He looks good and that’s exactly how he feels,” Bulgado said before walking Bullet Gone Astray after training Saturday. “All he needs is some luck.”



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# MONDAY SARATOGA ENTRIES

Monday, September 7.

## 1ST (12:30PM). \$55,000, STR \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

1	1	Stroll On Down	R. Silvera	K. Feron	20-1
2	2	Bow Tie Affair	J. Castellano	P. Reynolds	5-1
3	3	Burndines	I. Ortiz, Jr.	A. Dutrow	5-2
4	4	Captain Moss	C. Velasquez	C. Englehart	6-1
5	5	Coordinate	J. Alvarado	T. Albertrani	3-1
6	6	Broughton Kitten	E. Trujillo	G. Gullo	12-1
7	7	Generous Kitten	J. Ortiz	M. Maker	4-1
8	8	Quimet	C. Sullivan	N. Zito	12-1

## 2ND (1:03PM). \$73,000, MSW, 2 YO, F , 5 1/2F (TURF)

1	1	Bareeqa	J. Castellano	B. Brown	6-1
2	2	Moonshine Cate	M. Franco	R. Lerman	20-1
3	3	Surprise Cameo	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	2-1
4	4	Roman Ceres	C. Velasquez	A. Kingsley, Jr.	20-1
5	5	Lady's First	E. Cancel	D. Stewart	8-1
6	6	Love You Babe	M. Luzzi	B. Brown	20-1
7	7	Frostie Anne	J. Alvarado	E. Kenneally	4-1
8	8	Night Madam	J. Rosario	G. Contessa	10-1
9	9	All Day Lawn	L. Saez	G. Gullo	12-1
10	10	B Three	J. Ortiz	L. Rice	5-1
11	AE	Sharyn's Dream	L. Saez	J. Englehart	12-1
12	AE	Wild About Harry	J. Rosario	T. Bush	12-1
13	AE	Sweet Peaches	A. Arroyo	D. Gargan	10-1
14	AE-MTO	Firestar	J. Velazquez	T. Morley	8-1
15	AE-MTO	Rock Garden		G. Contessa	7-2
16	AE-MTO	Young Anna Lee	M. Franco	J. Sharp	5-2

## 3RD (1:36PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

1	1	Lightning Buzz	C. Velasquez	A. Adsit	12-1
2	2	Jet Streak	A. Arroyo	J. Antonucci	20-1
3	3	Shadow Jack	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	3-1
4	4	Lieutenant Dale	E. Trujillo	N. Zito	20-1
5	5	Two Putt	J. Castellano	G. Arnold, II	6-1
6	6	Alaapatique	E. Cancel	J. Terranova, II	7-2
7	7	Bandwagon	M. Franco	T. Pletcher	10-1
8	8	Here Sir	J. Ortiz	A. Adsit	4-1
9	9	Vitiate	J. Alvarado	R. Ribaldo	20-1
10	10	Augie's Coming	C. DeCarlo	J. Kimmel	12-1
11	11	Because I'm Happy	L. Saez	M. Mareina	8-1

## 4TH (2:10PM). \$83,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

1	3	Tweet Kitten	J. Castellano	C. Brown	7-2
1a	11	Fourth of July	J. Velazquez	J. Sharp	7-2
2	7	Thamaan	J. Alvarado	C. Brown	4-1
2b	8	Farz	I. Ortiz, Jr.	K. McLaughlin	4-1
3	1	Infinite Wisdom	J. Rosario	B. Lynch	3-1
4	2	Magical Mirror	A. Boag	F. Multari, Jr.	30-1
5	4	Tale of Fancy	C. Velasquez	B. Tagg	6-1
6	MTO	Mongolian King		P. Serpe	7-2
7	6	Wildwood Days	M. Franco	J. Sheppard	15-1
8	9	Contradict	L. Saez	T. Albertrani	10-1
9	10	Uptown Joe	J. Ortiz	J. Englehart	8-1
10	12	Battle Red	E. Cancel	T. Pletcher	5-1

## 5TH (2:44PM). \$40,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

1	6	Moneyinyour Pocket	J. Velazquez	D. Jacobson	3-1
1a	8	Mr Palmer	C. Velasquez	D. Jacobson	3-1
2	1	Mr. Roessink	E. Cancel	B. Levine	15-1
3	2	Golden Itiz	E. Trujillo	G. Gullo	6-1
4	3	Bemata	L. Saez	E. Barker	5-1
5	4	Twice Mike	M. Franco	J. Englehart	20-1
6	5	Unstoppable U	J. Alvarado	G. DiPrima	10-1
7	7	Frost Jordan	J. Rosario	G. Contessa	12-1
8	9	Days Ride	J. Castellano	C. Fisher	4-1
9	10	Playing a Joke	J. Ortiz	M. Maker	12-1
10	11	Springcourt	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Rodriguez	12-1
11	12	Rap d'Oro	A. Arroyo	J. Ferraro	8-1

## 6TH (3:19PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, F , 1 1/16M (TURF)

1	2	Theory of Change	J. Castellano	C. Brown	5-1
1a	AE	Downside Scenario	J. Rosario	A. Stall, Jr.	5-1
2	9	Love the Kitten	L. Saez	W. Ward	8-1
2b	AE	Adopt a Kitten	L. Saez	W. Ward	8-1
3	1	Wedding Dress	C. DeCarlo	T. Albertrani	7-2
4	3	Miss Aja Brown	J. Ortiz	M. Hushion	12-1
5	4	Winged Fury	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Brown	9-2
6	5	Kusama	J. Rosario	C. Clement	6-1
7	6	Kentucky Road	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	8-1
8	7	Majestic Smile	J. Alvarado	H. Motion	6-1
9	8	Flying Freud	E. Cancel	M. Nihei	20-1
10	10	Double Dose	M. Franco	T. Pletcher	10-1
11	AE	Mrs Barbaroux	C. DeCarlo	G. Sacco	20-1
12	AE	Zipbopzoo	M. Franco	G. Sacco	20-1
13	MTO	J R Star		R. Rodriguez	2-1

## 7TH (3:55PM). \$75,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

1	1	Louie's Luck	C. Velasquez	C. Englehart	30-1
2	2	Rectify	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	6-1
3	3	Euros to Dollars	J. Velazquez	B. Lynch	10-1
4	4	Uncle Sigh	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Contessa	1-1
5	5	Colorado Grandslam	E. Cancel	M. Hushion	5-1
6	6	Broadway Bay	L. Saez	B. Brown	20-1
7	7	Whale Rock	J. Ortiz	K. McLaughlin	10-1
8	8	Tiz Time to Shine	J. Castellano	C. Brown	8-1
9	9	Candid Desire	A. Arroyo	G. Sciacca	20-1

## 8TH (4:33PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO, F , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

1	1	Lovely Moon	E. Trujillo	M. Matz	20-1
2	2	Tide Is High	E. Cancel	J. Sheppard	8-1
3	3	Southern Gem	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	5-1
4	4	Runner Runner (IRE)	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Brown	7-2
5	5	Gap Year	J. Rosario	K. McLaughlin	3-1
6	6	Jewelisa	L. Saez	J. Sharp	30-1
7	7	Crown D' Oro	J. Ortiz	R. Nicks	12-1
8	8	Fila Primera	J. Velazquez	C. Brown	5-1
9	9	Ortiga (IRE)	M. Franco	L. Gyarmati	10-1
10	10	Divine Praises	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	8-1
11	MTO	La Inesperada	E. Cancel	P. Serpe	8-1

## 9TH (5:11PM). \$250,000, STK - THE BERNARD BARUCH, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (TURF)

1	1	Ironicus	J. Castellano	C. McGaughey III	9-5
2	2	Constitution	J. Rosario	T. Pletcher	2-1
3	3	Vyjack	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	6-1
4	4	Under Control (BRZ)	I. Ortiz, Jr.	H. Motion	12-1
5	5	Charming Kitten	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	10-1
6	6	Grand Tito	J. Ortiz	G. Delgado	20-1
7	7	All Included	M. Franco	T. Pletcher	5-1

## 10TH (5:47PM). \$350,000, STK - THE HOPEFUL, 2 YO, 7F

1	1	Magna Light	J. Ortiz	R. Rodriguez	3-1
2	2	Sallisaw	J. Alvarado	K. McLaughlin	5-1
3	3	Stickstatelydude	J. Rosario	G. Burchell	12-1
4	4	Set the Trappe	R. Santana, Jr	A. Dutrow	8-1
5	5	Tom's Ready	I. Ortiz, Jr.	D. Stewart	10-1
6	6	Ralis	J. Castellano	D. O'Neill	4-1
7	7	Uncle Vinny	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-2
8	8	Bullet Gone Astray	L. Panici	H. Collazo	15-1

## 11TH (6:24PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1 3/16M (TURF)

1	12	Hail Cornell	E. Trujillo	J. Sharp	15-1
1a	AE	Asperites (IRE)	L. Saez	M. Maker	15-1
2	1	Kitzys Rocket	J. Ortiz	B. Tagg	7-2
3	2	Voila La Victoire (IRE)	J. Rosario	T. Albertrani	20-1
4	3	Rock Me Again	L. Saez	T. Pletcher	6-1
5	4	Lahinch Classics (IRE)	J. Castellano	C. Brown	5-2
6	5	Principle Equation (IRE)	C. Velasquez	J. Nicol	15-1
7	6	Pure of Spirit	I. Ortiz, Jr.	B. Tagg	6-1
8	7	Tizallheart	T. Rice	R. Metivier	30-1
9	8	Pivoting	M. Franco	J. Sheppard	20-1
10	9	Queenofzeenile	A. Arroyo	M. Gorham	15-1
11	10	Wigwam Baby	E. Cancel	J. Sheppard	10-1
12	11	Hassah (GB)	J. Velazquez	K. Rubley	12-1
13	AE	Tiztalented	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Clement	3-1
14	AE	Pushme Pullyou	E. Trujillo	G. Contessa	30-1
15	AE	So Good to Go	E. Cancel	B. Brown	20-1



I can take down the seven pieces of paper taped to my office wall.

They list, in various forms: Times Union PDF file specifications, a slew of contact numbers at the printer, the complete advertising schedules of iStable (until it changed) and Maestro's, less-detailed advertising schedules for Brisnet, Fasig-Tipton, Keeneland, West Point Thoroughbreds and WinStar Farm, Times Union file-name specifications and very detailed instructions (which I forgot) on how to upload our digital editions.

Must be time to go home. Thanks Saratoga, it's been real.

For about seven weeks (it only seems like 17), I live The Special by checklist – ads, photos, articles, headlines, cutlines, photo credits, PDFs, printer logistics and so on – every day until we're finished. Occasionally, the process seems smooth. Others, it's as bumpy as driving a golf cart down the old Horse Haven track. And by this time in the summer, I've had it with checklists, ad changes, troubles with the computers, hassles from some people, the lack of sleep, the relentless nature of this project, the days that spin into nights and back into days again.

Oh the things I didn't do this meet.

I didn't write enough, I didn't climb more than one Adirondack High Peak, I didn't get to the cool interviews with Chuck Fipke and Ronan Cunningham in my recorder (look for them on thisishorseracing.com). I didn't go to enough nice restaurants, I didn't watch enough races. I never got to meet with the people at Unlimited Potential, a local business that employs people in recovery from a mental illness to make (among other things) the picnic tables you sit on at the track. I didn't spend enough time with my family – Sam, Ryan, Jack, Nolan, Sheila, my dad. I saw quite a bit of Sean, though not where either one of us would prefer. I didn't sit on a rocking chair and chat – enough – with Don and Cindy at the Saratoga Sleigh. I never had that coffee with Bar-

ry Loffedo, who organizes a speakers series called Horses, History and Handicapping at Empire State College and a Bridges Out Of Poverty class in Schenectady. I never went to the Times Union to see Joe and Travis and everyone else who prints The Special and makes it look so good. I didn't go see the guy in the clubhouse reserved seats who hasn't missed a race – not a racing day – at Saratoga in 27 years.

But, 48 days and 34 newspapers after coming to town, the list of things I did contains plenty as well.

I saw Flintshire win. Man, what a horse. He blew away the Sword Dancer on the Travers undercard (which is crazy; Flintshire on an undercard?) then went back to France in pursuit of the Arc. Like watching Bernard Lagat run the mile.

I saw American Pharoah train. He looked crabby the first day, fluid as Hannah Davidson the next. I hiked to the top of Cascade Mountain with Sam, Jack, Nolan and Katie the Labrador. Then I went swimming in Saranac Lake.

I boated with the Cristianos (once). I ordered so many egg-cheese-lettuce-tomato-mayonaisse sandwiches at Spring Street Deli that they now start making one when I call. I saw the sun rise and the mist float. I tried to take a photo of the full moon at Oklahoma after finishing the paper one night – and realized I need a tripod.

While delivering papers one morning, I met Doug Cowans and his horse from Belterra Park. They finished second, after looking like a winner, in the With Anticipation. Cowans lived the life of a Saratoga underdog – training at Clare Court, collecting his own bucket and bell boots in the paddock, wondering where to stand and watch, almost (painfully almost) winning, then leaving his horse with Hall of Famer Bill Mott for a new owner.

I met Past The Point in his new life as Trish McLaughlin's best friend. I wrote a sad column about Divine Fortune, and wished I didn't. I attempted to explain jump racing's difficult balancing act to peo-

ple who wanted to know.

Like an idiot, I did not watch the Travers with Dale Romans and his family despite walking out of the paddock with them. Two days before the Travers, I said hello to Funny Cide. Gave him a proper pat between the eyes and a rub on the neck. Horses really are amazing.

For the Fasig-Tipton Stable Tour, a feature we sure hope is here to stay, I talked horses with Christophe Clement, Robin Smullen, Kiaran McLaughlin, David Donk, Graham Motion and several others. Oh the insights. I love talking to horsemen who are good enough to explain what they do and confident enough to say they don't have all the answers. All we ever wanted to do with this newspaper was try to explain the horses to readers. To everyone who talked to us all summer, thanks.

I watched Brandon Valvo, Billy Blake, Annise Montplaisir and Kaitlyn Vishneowski take real pride in a project they knew nothing about a few months ago. I watched Tod Marks, Dave Harmon and Connie Bush take classy photos from one end of Saratoga to the others. I saw Tom Law do heavy lifting – writing, editing, distributing, organizing, coaching – all summer long. I saw our handicappers good naturedly wrestle with the puzzle of trying to pick winners (and succeed). I saw my brother write a column a day, for the 15th year in a row.

I saw enthusiastic readers pick up the paper from town to the track and hot spots to hotels. They sent us notes, dropped off food and generally relished the magic involved in trying pull this off every day. We couldn't do this without a whole lot of people, but if nobody read with interest we'd be truly sunk.

And today, I'll pack up and drive home in time for Monday's closing-day party at Fairfield Pool, in time to get back to normal, in time to live a little bit less of a checklist, in time to tell my wife happy 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday.

That's all, Saratoga.



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# Hey Boss

"If we had a boss..." Tom Law began. And I cut him off, which I'm prone to do. Looking back on it, I have no idea what he was going to say, but I knew what I was going to say.

"If we had a boss . . . they wouldn't let us do this. They wouldn't let us do any of this," I said, as we drove our golf cart through the harness track looking for Desmond Farrell, Lars Becdelamotte, Bill Hickey, Eddie Miller, Joe Parker and any other little guy for the Little Guy Stable Tour (see page 7). "They'd have us maximizing revenue, filing reports for HR and holding editorial planning meetings. They definitely wouldn't have let us run a 5K this morning, with one more paper still to go."

Yes, we ran a 5K in between delivering thousands of newspapers and hitting the harness track in search of the unknown. Obviously, I was still on a runner's high – if there could be such a thing after finishing third of three runners from The Special in the Run for the Horses 5K at SPAC.

It was getting late, 11:47 and we figured only the little guys were still at the barn. We found Richard Lugovich and Rudy Wolfendale poulticing Get Even Here, a 3-year-old filly who breezed a half-mile earlier in the morning. We stood and chatted, about Lugovich's farm near Saratoga Lake and a filly named Vague Memory, with whom Wolfendale won a graded stakes back in 2001. They were glad to see us, the first reporters to stumble into their shedrow all meet.

Then we saw Glenn DiSanto getting in his car on the other side of Gridley Street, we couldn't let him get away. I leapt out of the cart, camera on my shoulder, scaled the chain link fence. DiSanto wasn't sure if he should run or shoot, then I asked DiSanto about his favorite horse. He told me about Where's Danny, he gave me a tour of the private barn he shares with Farrell, he told me about the painted silks hanging on the fence, showed me a couple of horses. I hopped back over the fence – the first



person to ever break into the harness track – and we searched for more little guys. We met Anthony Quartarolo, sitting under a tree. We chatted about horses, life. He told us it was his pony in The Special a few days ago. He thanked us for doing the paper, "You guys are good."

We felt good.

Mission accomplished, we crossed Nelson Avenue, over Clare Court, through the trees and back around to the main track. We straightened the rack at the Morning Line Kitchen as tractors scraped and harrowed the track, the early post time looming. With one more paper to go – and that runner's high still beating – we felt at ease, free, or close to free.

That was 11 hours ago.

I don't feel as free as I did then. The runner's high has fled, a memory, as I type out the final words for Saratoga 2015. This column flowed a lot better during the 26:08 it took me to complete the 5K. Funny how that works.

We covered our final stakes Saturday afternoon (sorry, Sunday and Monday winners). Liam's Map wired the Woodward. Rachel's Valentina won the Spinaway and received an ovation.

Mark and Norm Casse found a moment of redemption, when winning the Saranac after a testing stint at Saratoga.

White Rose upset the Glens Falls to bolster Bill Mott's solid meet. I sat in the box with my dad and my sister, Sheila. We took selfies, bet every race and enjoyed an afternoon at the Spa.

I'll miss the conversations – I won't have as many conversations in a month at home as I do in a day here.

Most mornings, they start with John Shirreffs, he pulls out a book about the Grand National or a 1930 article in the Chicago Tribune on his iPad. Then they bounce around from trainers to jockeys, friends to family. By the end, it's Tom, Joe and I sitting on the office tables, after we've sent the interns home, talking about the races, the paper, today's snafus and tomorrow's plans.

Saratoga has come and gone for another year. A constant clash, it can feel short and long, mesmerizing and agonizing, frustrating and liberating, draining and energizing.

Every year since 1989, I have come here for the full season. I used to leave with knee rubs from hard-pulling horses, now I leave with elbow rubs from hard-going deadlines. I used to leave with regrets, disappointed I didn't accomplish more. I haven't left with regrets since we started The Special in 2001. Disappointments, yes. Regrets, no. There's a big difference.

In 15 years, The Special has come a long way. Random fans stop us now, asking about the paper.

We get calls with submissions for Worth Repeating, By the Numbers and License Plates. Rudy Rodriguez said he kept Royal Posse fresh for the Evan Shipman by reading The Chief's wisdom in The Special. We wander into the harness track and the little guys know about the paper.

Tell that to the boss.



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