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Nice Shirt

Good Night Shirt and Willie Dowling soar to Iroquois win

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*Headley Britannia and
Lucinda Fredericks win Badminton*

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Salmo dominates Virginia Gold Cup
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Here's your newspaper. The date stays May 18, but we pushed the deadline (half on purpose, half not) to include some more current information and get steeplechase fans off to Fair Hill with the most current information. The last few weeks have been filled with stellar performances – Salmo at the Virginia Gold Cup, Headley Britannia at Badminton and Good Night Shirt at the Iroquois chief among them. Enjoy reliving them.



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On the Cover

Steeplechaser Good Night Shirt flashes over a fence in his Iroquois victory and eventing heroine Headley Britannia throws down some superb dressage work in her win at Badminton, England.

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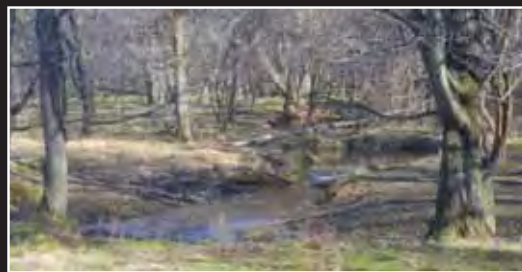
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News and Notes
from around the circuit

FOR STARTERS

Worth Repeating

"Good thing you didn't catch me in the bath, because I'd be quite cold by now."

Event rider Lucinda Fredericks, at the end of a 41-minute evening telephone call with a reporter

"We saw every landmark in Monroe and none of them pointed to the race course."

Steeplechase fan Dick Ogden, on the drive to the Queen's Cup Steeplechase

"Franklin."

Brand name of the street-hockey shin guards used by trainer Jack Fisher's timber horses

"Even I enjoyed watching that. It was just something to watch. He jumped for fun."

Awestruck jockey Rob Massey, after watching Chip Miller and Salmo win the Virginia Gold Cup

"Not so good – I haven't won the Power Ball yet."

Willowdale Steeplechase gatekeeper Harvey Journey, to the simple question 'How ya doin, Harvey?'

"I'm going into a career as a ventriloquist after this."

Injured jump jockey Robbie Walsh, whose jaw is wired shut

"Now that's a jumper."

Willowdale announcer Tony Bentley, as a horse-shaped balloon flew into the sky

"If any of you lads are in front of Mark The Shark in a 3-mile hurdle race, you are out of your minds."

Steeplechase jockey Xavier Aizpuru, to a cast of amateur jockeys discussing race strategy at the Iroquois

"He's been kicked by the best."

Van driver Keith Cooper, on McDynamo's pony companion Garth

Definitions, Definitions

A jockey hitting the ground in a steeplechase is a jockey hitting the ground in a steeplechase – fall, lost rider, brought down are all the same, right?

Not so fast.

There's a huge difference, especially to jockeys – who can live with F (for fall) but really don't like LR (for lost rider). F means the horse fell. LR means the jockey fell off. Big difference.

A recent conversation produced the following snippets:

"I rode a horse once that jumped so badly that her belly and my heels were on the ground while my feet were in the stirrups. Eventually I came off her, and of course it was listed as a lost rider in the results. That should have been a fall."

"All I could hear was the announcer saying 'and so-and-so has lost his rider' and the horse was lying on top of me. There's not much more I could have done."

"In England, they've got a third choice – brought down – which says a lot. Here,



Tod Marks

FACE OF A CHAMP. McDynamo looked as good as ever while keeping his eyes on things at the Iroquois barn before his seasonal debut.

a horse can be knocked down by another horse that fell and it still says 'fell.' He might have jumped perfectly fine, but it looks like he made a hash of it."

One Anxious Moment

The seemingly Skippy Creamy smooth trip around the Virginia Gold Cup course by Salmo and Chip Miller included one anxious moment – two or three head tosses approaching the 11th fence. Miller laughed about it.

"He was just doing his job and tossing his head at me when I was trying to slow him down. He got a little quick away from the noise of the crowd over there and I picked up my hands to see if I could get him to come back to me a little bit – he didn't want any part of it and was mad at me for a few strides, so I put my hands back down."

Take A Number

331: Pounds the quintet of steeplechase fans Harry Walker, Tom Young, Trevor McCarron, Jack Clancy and Nolan Clancy weighed on the Willowdale jockeys' scale.

17: "Steeplechase people" (at least) on Southwest Airlines Flight 1894 from Nashville to Philadelphia May 12.

138,500: Dollars earned by Jack Fisher-trained horses at the Iroquois – 36 percent of the \$390,000 paid out by the Nashville meet run May 12.

38: Antique carriages on parade at Winterthur

34: Rolls-Royces and Bentleys on display at Winterthur

32: Program number of Rolex Kentucky three-day event winner Ben Along Time and Clayton Fredericks.

32: Program number of Badminton winner Headley Britannia and Lucinda Fredericks (Clayton's wife).

6-1: Starting price of Headley Britannia to win the Badminton Horse Trials (yes, there is betting on eventing in England).

11-10: Headley Britannia's odds entering the final day of competition.



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Like a horse trying to get to the finish line, we're a little late. The spring publishing schedule got shoved around in the final stages, but we're starting to rally. Here's a quick update on the most recent news, which will get you up to date through the racing of May 20, and ready for Fair Hill. Look for more in the June 8 edition.



Best Attack (left, Chip Miller) fights past Orsay and Orison at Radnor.

BEST ATTACK WINS AT RADNOR

The spring novices continue to beat up on each other as the Steeplechase Triple Crown produced its third winner. Sally Jeffords Radcliffe's Best Attack (Chip Miller) charged through the stretch to win the \$75,000 Mellon Financial National Hunt Cup at Radnor in Malven, Pa., May 19. Trained by Bruce Miller, the winner rallied up the inside to edge Carolina Cup winner Orison by a half-length with Orsay third and Temple Gwathmey hero Gliding fourth.

In Radnor's timber feature, the \$40,000 VW of America Radnor Hunt Cup, trainer Jack Fisher continued his hot streak with a win by Nick Arundel's Seeyouat-theevent. Willie Dowling rode the winner, who passed Move West late and won by 2 3/4 lengths. Mr Bombastic was second with Move West third.

Other Radnor winners (with jockey and trainer) were: Bill Pape's Divine Fortune (Danielle Hodsdon, Jonathan Sheppard), Arcadia Stable's Rum Squall (Xavier Aizpuru, Fisher), Move Up Stable's River Bed (Carl Rafter, Kathy McKenna), Warren Dempsey's Desert Vigil (Hodsdon, Sheppard).

River Bed won for the fourth time this spring, getting home first in the open claiming hurdle with another stellar effort.

PREP SCHOOL TAKES HIGH HOPE FEATURE

Timber Bay Farm's Prep School (James Slater) rallied from off the pace to defeat Classy Brute by a length in the \$25,000 Sport of Kings maiden hurdle feature at High Hope in Lexington, Ky., May 20. Trainer by Jonathan Sheppard, the winner was making his fourth start this spring.

Jubilee Stable's Dig This Hoss (Rylee Zimmerman) won a race-long duel with Barrington in a starter allowance hurdle for trainer Dabney Thommpson. Pulled up when his saddle slipped at Nashville eight days earlier, the winner scored by a nose after giving up the lead on the final turn. Barrington was second with West-bound Road third.

Carrington Racing Stable's Bold Turn won a \$15,000 maiden hurdle for trainer/ jockey Arch Kingsley. The victory was Kingsley's first as a jockey since returning from a nearly four-year retirement. Bold Turn rallied along the rail to defeat Second Approval by 2 lengths with Belknap County third.

High Hope's timber race went to Stewart Strawbridge's Straight Path (Carl Rafter) for trainer Kathy McKenna. The winner drew clear late and won by 8 lengths.

MILLER NEEDS ONE FOR 200

Jockey Chip Miller won once at Radnor to reach 199 lifetime American steeplechase victories. With one more he will become just the eighth jockey to win 200 NSA jump races, joining Joe Aitcheson (440), Paddy Smithwick (398), Dooley Adams (301), Jerry Fishback (also 301), Tommy Walsh (253), Jeff Teter (231) and Miller's sister Blythe (202).

If you're scoring at home, Miller technically won his 200th career race with Best Attack at Radnor as he claimed an English win with Storm North back in 1995.

NSA Standings

TOP 10 THROUGH MAY 25

Jockeys (Races Won)						
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Carl Rafter	36	9	0	10	\$120,100	.25
Paddy Young	45	8	8	8	175,824	.18
Matt McCarron	47	7	9	5	184,810	.15
Chip Miller	36	7	8	2	245,425	.19
Xavier Aizpuru	32	7	3	3	188,712	.22
Danielle Hodsdon	36	5	7	7	241,150	.14
Jody Petty	26	5	2	6	141,750	.24
James Slater	35	4	6	2	71,900	.11
Jeff Murphy	20	3	4	0	84,550	.15
Blake Curry	11	3	1	2	49,625	.27

Trainers (Races Won)						
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Jack Fisher	56	12	12	8	\$489,455	.21
Sanna Hendriks	38	11	3	5	227,000	.29
Jonathan Sheppard	57	9	10	8	302,700	.16
Kathy McKenna	38	9	1	9	117,650	.24
Doug Fout	52	7	9	7	228,835	.14
Tom Voss	34	4	4	4	107,350	.12
Arch Kingsley	21	4	3	3	83,006	.19
Paul Rowland	28	4	2	0	59,000	.14
Neil Morris	24	3	4	1	88,250	.13
Bruce Miller	15	2	4	2	119,574	.13

Owners (Money Won)						
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Sonny Via	7	1	3	2	\$149,793	.14
Augustin Stable	25	9	0	3	140,500	.36
Bill Pape	8	2	2	1	121,975	.25
Irv Naylor	26	3	5	2	99,300	.12
Kinross Farm	24	3	4	1	88,250	.13
Ann Stern	6	3	1	1	88,212	.50
Brigadoon Stable	14	2	3	4	84,375	.14
EMO Stable	11	2	1	0	71,400	.18
Hudson River Farm	8	2	0	3	69,375	.25
High Hope Stable	15	3	2	2	68,656	.20

Horses (Money Won)						
	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Good Night Shirt	2	1	1	0	\$118,643	.50
Mixed Up	1	1	0	0	95,475	1.00
Paradise's Boss	3	2	0	1	69,912	.67
Salmo	2	1	1	0	63,600	.50
Orison	3	1	1	0	61,500	.33
River Bed	5	4	0	1	61,000	.80
Best Attack	3	1	1	1	57,900	.33
Irish Prince (NZ)	2	2	0	0	57,000	1.00
Gliding (NZ)	3	1	0	1	54,375	.50
Seafaring Man	2	1	0	1	47,500	.50

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Feeling So Pretty retired

Champion mare earned \$231,000

Owner/trainer Lee McKinney's Feeling So Pretty, the leading American female steeplechaser of all-time, has run her last race. The 13-year-old mare was honored in a ceremony at the Iroquois Steeplechase May 12 and will assume a new career as a broodmare.

The daughter of Nordic Legend won six races and earned \$231,898 in a steeplechase career that began in 2000. She won three hurdle stakes and was the NSA's champion filly/mare in 2003, the inaugural year for the award. Before the creation of specific races for the distaffers, Feeling So Pretty defeated males three times – winning a maiden at Nashville in 2001, an allowance at Saratoga later that year and another allowance at Nashville in 2003. In other efforts against open company, she finished second in the Grade I Iroquois and third in the Grade I Royal Chase in 2006.

Feeling So Pretty placed second in her final career start, the \$50,000 Margaret Henley Stakes at Nashville May 12. Ridden by Chip Miller, she charged through the stretch but came up a nose short of winner and 2006 champion Orchid Princess at the wire. McKinney was thinking retirement before the race, but fully made up her mind afterward.

"The effort was there and she ran great – again," said the owner/trainer. "She had a slight injury that got stirred up by the race at Keeneland, and she was 100-percent sound for Nashville, but she was telling me it was time to go. She's given me so much. I'm amazed by her every day."

The Feeling So Pretty story took several twists and turns through a career that also includes two victories on the flat in 2000. As yearling, she sold for \$165 at a sheriff's sale on the courthouse steps in Versailles, Ky. She was given to McKinney to train and stooped as low as a \$3,500 claimer at Beulah Park in 1997. McKinney wound up the owner as well for the balance of a training bill (about \$1,200). The rest is history.

In all starts (flat and jump), Feeling So Pretty had eight wins, nine seconds and 10 thirds with total earnings of \$302,103.

McKinney eyed a potential date with Shadwell Farm stallion Swain, a multiple European champion, for Feeling So Pretty. The mating should take place in the next few weeks.

HURDLE RACES RETURN TO SARATOGA OPEN HOUSE

The NSA released a tentative schedule of summer jump racing at Colonial Downs, Philadelphia Park and Saratoga with 17 races worth an estimated \$723,000 carded from June 17 through Aug. 30.

Racing will begin at Colonial in New Kent, Va., June 17 and continue with two races every other Sunday through July 29. The schedule trims the number of Colonial jump races in half from 2006, when racing took place every Sunday. Last year's racing included

two races that were moved to the flat by track management and several small fields later in the meet.

The \$50,000 Zeke Ferguson Stakes again serves as the Colonial feature at 2 1/2 miles.

Hurdle racing will return to the Saratoga Open House for the first time since 2003 with a pair of \$25,000 Sport of Kings maiden races on the list for July 22. The day helps kick off the traditional Saratoga meet and usually draws strong attendance. The jump races are funded by the Temple Gwathmey Fund and entry fees from the Sport of Kings program.

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association raised its commitment to jump racing by \$25,000 to boost the purse of the Flatterer Stakes to \$75,000. Restricted to state-breds as part of Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, the Flatterer is scheduled for July 28 at Philadelphia Park.

The Saratoga schedule includes six hurdle races, as it did last season. The races will be run on Thursdays with the features being the \$75,000 A.P. Smithwick Memorial Aug. 9 and the \$150,000 New York Turf Writers Aug. 30.

IROQUOIS INDUCTS FIRST HALL OF FAME CLASS

The Iroquois Steeplechase unveiled the first four members of its Hall of Fame class at the races Saturday, May 12. The Hall will honor individuals who have made historic contributions to the race and the initial quartet was recognized for their roles as founders of the Iroquois.

Marcellus Frost, Mason Houghland, John Sloan Sr. and Guilford Dudley Jr. will launch the Hall, which will be housed at the Belle Meade Plantation where supplemental memorabilia and biographical material concerning the races and the inductees will be displayed. New members will be inducted as appropriate. The first four had a hand in the meet's founding.

Marcellus "Pops" Frost received permission from Edwin Warner to look around the Warner Parks to locate places to put some jumps. The enthusiastic Frost, however, envisioned a steeplechase course and had Mason Houghland enlist the aid of William du Pont Jr. Frost's vision came to fruition in 1941 with the inaugural running of the Iroquois Steeplechase.

Mason Houghland founded the Hillsboro Hounds, a private equestrian organization of foxhunters, in 1932 with himself as master and John Sloan Sr. as honorary secretary. The first Iroquois Steeplechase was run with Houghland as chairman. The success has been due in large part to the interest and chairmanship of his son, Calvin Houghland, whose attention has been an enormous benefit.

John Sloan Sr. was a protégé of Mason Houghland and nurtured the Hillsboro Hounds and the Iroquois. He managed both for two decades after Houghland's death.



Sarah Libbey Greenhalgh

Feeling So Pretty walks off into retirement as the leading filly or mare in NSA history.

For 40 years, Guilford Dudley had various horses in the Iroquois – a remarkable achievement. This persistence was rewarded in 1962 when Navy Fighter, owned and trained by Dudley won the Iroquois. Moreover, Dudley won the flat race, once a fixture on the card, nine times.

TEN CENTS A SHINE DIES

Former Kentucky Derby starter and potential steeplechaser Ten Cents A Shine was put down after sustaining an injury in a training flat race at Wintertur May 6. Owned by Ken Ramsey and trained by Tom Voss, the 7-year-old attempted to bolt off the course but lost jockey Cyril Murphy.

"We came down off the hill and he got a run on me," said Murphy. "He was getting away from me and eyeballed taking a shot at the gap but changed his mind and came back on course. He lost me there and caught the very corner of the hedge and fence I think."

Murphy called Ten Cents A Shine a "troubled" horse and the jockey had discussed his behavior with NSA starter Barry Watson before the race. A part of the Voss barn since last summer, Ten Cents A Shine was on the path to becoming a steeplechaser with the Wintertur race an educational opportunity.

"The idea was to run him around there and see how he handled it," said Murphy. "He didn't want to cooperate, but we were working with him. It's tough to take because you never want to see it happen."

As a flat horse, Ten Cents A Shine finished eighth in the 2003 Kentucky Derby and placed in the Grade II Kentucky Jockey Club as a 2-year-old.

NOTES: Steeplechasing also lost veteran runner Iron County Xmas at Wilkesboro May 13. The multiple hurdle and timber winner fell after suffering an apparent heart attack.

NSA SUMMER RACE SCHEDULE

Fair Hill Races

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Saturday, May 26

Colonial Downs

New Kent, VA • (804) 966-7223 www.colonialdowns.com. (2 races each day)

Sunday, June 17, Sunday, July 1, Sunday, July 15, Sunday, July 29

Philadelphia Park

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Saturday, July 28

Saratoga

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Sunday, July 22 (Open House) 2 races

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STEEPLECHASE 'Pick Six'

THE HOFFBERGER INSURANCE GROUP FANTASY STABLE GAME

The Wizard of Wichita

Kansas? Yes, Toto, we're in Kansas. Jayhawk State steeplechase fan Ernie Moulos leads the way in the Pick Six standings through May 25 thanks to a quality string of stakes horses – including the wise timber choice of Irish Prince. A \$75,000 stakes win by that one, and another stakes victory by Paradise's Boss fueled Moulos' run to the top as he moved from second at the end of April.

Moulos studies for the Pick Six by watching Saratoga steeplechase simulcasts at Wichita Greyhound Park and reading *Steeplechase Times*. Winfield Sapp holds down the second spot, after leading at the April break, while Nick Schweizer (obviously a Jack Fisher fan) sneaks into the top three thanks in large part to a Radnor timber stakes win by Seeyouattheevent.

The top 66 stables are below.

See www.st-publishing.com for complete standings.



Tod Marks

Triple Dip (Liam McVicar) powers over a fence in his maiden hurdle win at Great Meadow. The Pick Six players missed out on the horse's \$15,000 in earnings.

MVP Stable	Ernie Moulos
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Irish Prince	\$57,000
Pukka	\$15,000
Imagina	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	\$258,387

Holly	Winfield Sapp
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Orison	\$61,500
Irish Prince	\$57,000
Imagina	\$13,500
Northern Gale.....	\$7,600
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	\$242,575

Twelfth Night Farm ...	Nicholas Schweizer
Good Night Shirt	\$118,643
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Seeyouattheevent.....	\$31,000
Mark The Shark.....	\$9,250
Footlights	\$5,000
Fiscal Storm.....	\$0
.....	\$233,805

Pony Up Stable	Ashley Monroe
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orison	\$61,500
Irish Prince	\$57,000
Imagina	\$13,500
Class Deputy	\$10,950
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	\$220,362

Daring Daughter Stable	Pam Hodsdon
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Orison	\$61,500
Sur La Tete	\$27,000
Prep School	\$16,500
Slew's Peak	\$14,500
Miles Ahead	\$0
.....	\$214,975

Flight of Fancy Stable	Tod Marks
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orison	\$61,500
Swimming River	\$28,250
Mr Bombasatic.....	\$28,200
Sur La Tete	\$27,000
Lair.....	\$0
.....	\$214,862

3D Stable	Dallas Butts
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Sur La Tete	\$27,000
Ghost Valley	\$22,000
Gold Mitten	\$0
Ten Cents A Shine	\$0
.....	\$214,387

Ms Demeanor	Linda Cowasjee
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Irish Prince	\$57,000
Riddle.....	\$31,956
Swimming River	\$28,250
Imagina	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	\$208,118

Can't Claim Prize Stable	Sean Clancy
Good Night Shirt	\$118,643
Best Attack	\$57,900
Rare Bush	\$27,000
Jellyberry	\$3,600
Straight Gin.....	\$0
When The Saints	\$0
.....	\$207,143

Lacrosse Rules	Jack Clancy
Good Night Shirt	\$118,643
Best Attack	\$57,900
Ghost Valley	\$22,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Gold Mitten	\$0
Ten Cents A Shine	\$0
.....	\$206,043

Singapore Lions	Bill Hutchinson
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Pukka	\$15,000
Imagina	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead	\$0
.....	\$201,387

Little Farm	Robert Wasserman
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Ghost Valley	\$22,000
Diego Cao	\$13,500
Guelph	\$0
Three Carat	\$0
.....	\$200,887

Brookwood	Anne Clancy
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Sur La Tete	\$27,000
Ed's Empire	\$2,600
Gold Mitten	\$0
Miles Ahead	\$0
.....	\$194,987

Jabberwocky Stables	Sarah Greenhalgh
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orison	\$61,500
Mr Bombasatic.....	\$28,200
Diego Cao	\$13,500
Imagina	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	\$194,112

Mr. McGuggles Inc.	Suzanna Lampton
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Orison	\$61,500
Ghost Valley	\$22,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Haggard	\$2,500
Guelph	\$0
.....	\$188,975

Second Time Around	Jo Ann Sampson
Good Night Shirt	\$118,643
Sur La Tete	\$27,000
Ghost Valley	\$22,000
Feeling So Pretty.....	\$15,365
Mon Villez	\$4,500
Dynamont	\$0
.....	\$187,508

Who D'ya Like Ranch ...	William Skidmore
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Riddle.....	\$31,956
Mr Bombasatic.....	\$28,200
Chivite	\$26,974
Slew's Peak	\$14,500
Diego Cao	\$13,500
.....	\$185,042

Dadoffthree Stable	Joe Clancy
Orison	\$61,500
Best Attack	\$57,900
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Planets Aligned	\$15,000
Imagina	\$13,500
Coal Dust	\$9,000
.....	\$183,900

All4Fun&Fun4All	Lulu Verney
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Orchid Princess.....	\$35,000
Swimming River	\$28,250
Big Is Best.....	\$14,200
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Class Vantage.....	\$1,500
.....	\$181,925

Gush Katif Farm	Howard Newstadt
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
The Bruce	\$46,750
Sur La Tete	\$27,000
Pukka	\$15,000
Slew's Peak	\$14,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	\$180,662

Wass' House	Paul Wasserman
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Pukka	\$15,000
Askim.....	\$0
Gold Mitten	\$0
Mattssuterrun	\$0
.....	\$180,387

Try Again	Jim McVey
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Sharp Face	\$23,100
Diego Cao	\$13,500
Imagina	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	\$180,075

Steeplestakes.com	Van Cushny
Orison	\$61,500
The Bruce	\$46,750
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Pukka	\$15,000
Imagina	\$13,500
The Looper.....	\$13,500
.....	\$177,250

Bossy Boots	Faith Hutchinson
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orison	\$61,500
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Diego Cao	\$13,500
Askim.....	\$0
Gold Mitten	\$0
.....	\$171,912

Genesee Valley Racers	Gail McGuire
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Riddle.....	\$31,956
Swimming River	\$28,250
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Imagina	\$13,500
Wee Highland Star	\$0
.....	\$170,618

Flying High Farm	Kathryn Rasch
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Orchid Princess.....	\$35,000
Chivite	\$26,974
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Erin Go Bragh.....	\$4,700
Alumni Hall	\$0
.....	\$169,649

Thunder Road Farm	Diana Rowland
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orchid Princess.....	\$35,000
Swimming River	\$28,250
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead	\$0
.....	\$167,662

Lulie Bear Inc.	Mason Lampton
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Sur La Tete	\$27,000
Noblest.....	\$26,750
Slew's Peak	\$14,500
Irish Laddie	\$3,150
Gigger	\$0
.....	\$166,875

Hunter's Rest	Betsy Parker
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orison	\$61,500
Imagina	\$13,500
Praise The Prince	\$9,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Fershaw	\$4,500
.....	\$165,912

Big Fat Tabby Cat	L.K. Thomas
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orchid Princess.....	\$35,000
Sur La Tete	\$27,000
Ghost Valley	\$22,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Ninety Day Note	\$2,300
.....	\$163,712

Fancy Footwork Stable	Jared Marks
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Irish Prince	\$57,000
Diego Cao	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Meadow	\$4,500
Evidential	\$2,000
.....	\$154,412

The Dukester	Charles Reid
Orison	\$61,500
Gliding	\$54,375
Prep School	\$16,500
Imagina	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead	\$0
.....	\$153,375

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Full Tilt Stable.....Will Rowland	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
The Bruce.....	\$46,750
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Silent Vow.....	\$4,550
Meadow.....	\$4,500
Gold Mitten.....	\$0
.....	\$152,712

Living On A Prayer Lisa McLane	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Mr Bombasatic.....	\$28,200
Chivite.....	\$26,974
Pukka.....	\$15,000
Imagina.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	\$152,674

WILCO Tina Smith	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orison.....	\$61,500
Diego Cao.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Gold Mitten.....	\$0
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
.....	\$152,412

SeaBass Stable Leslie Young	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orison.....	\$61,500
Imagina.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Flyrock.....	\$0
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
.....	\$152,412

PonyGirl Stables Elizabeth Watrous	
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Class Deputy.....	\$10,950
Bug River.....	\$10,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Guelph.....	\$0
.....	\$151,425

Lotta Errata Jamie Santo	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Mr Bombasatic.....	\$28,200
Rare Bush.....	\$27,000
Diego Cao.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Won Wild Bird.....	\$4,500
.....	\$150,612

On The Payroll Stables... Kathleen Strakes	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Mr Bombasatic.....	\$28,200
Chivite.....	\$26,974
Slew's Peak.....	\$14,500
Socca Beat.....	\$9,000
Mauritania.....	\$0
.....	\$148,586

Western Run Racing..... Regina Welsh	
Best Attack.....	\$57,900
Swimming River.....	\$28,250
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Bubble Economy.....	\$26,400
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Guelph.....	\$0
.....	\$147,050

Beulah Hill Doris Green	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Riddle.....	\$31,956
Ghost Valley.....	\$22,000
Diego Cao.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Countess Avie.....	\$1,800
.....	\$146,668

Carglen Stable Joe Clancy Sr.	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Swimming River.....	\$28,250
Rare Bush.....	\$27,000
Ghost Valley.....	\$22,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Lair.....	\$0
.....	\$146,250

Millstone Farm James Watrous	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Orchid Princess.....	\$35,000
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Pukka.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Askim.....	\$0
.....	\$146,000

Alms For The Poor Peter Hitchen	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Rare Bush.....	\$27,000
Bubble Economy.....	\$26,400
Class Deputy.....	\$10,950
Preemptive Strike.....	\$9,000
Evidential.....	\$2,000
.....	\$145,262

Stampede Farm Jean Donnan	
Orison.....	\$61,500
River Bed.....	\$61,000
Across The Sky.....	\$8,250
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Won Wild Bird.....	\$4,500
Askim.....	\$0
.....	\$142,750

Boots & Bows..... Delaney Shields	
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Slew's Peak.....	\$14,500
Diego Cao.....	\$13,500
Preemptive Strike.....	\$9,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Rosbrian.....	\$0
.....	\$139,975

Hard Boot Stable Clara Allison	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Orchid Princess.....	\$35,000
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
Ten Cents A Shine.....	\$0
.....	\$139,412

Irish Imports Ann Morss	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Riddle.....	\$31,956
Pukka.....	\$15,000
Imagina.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Askim.....	\$0
.....	\$137,868

Browntrout Stable Douglas Lees	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Riddle.....	\$31,956
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Diego Cao.....	\$13,500
Gold Mitten.....	\$0
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
.....	\$133,956

Lucy's Lunging Leapers..... Lucy Seginak	
Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Feeling So Pretty.....	\$15,365
Angel Del Viento.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
Quem Se Atreve.....	\$0
.....	\$133,340

Third Brother Stable Nolan Clancy	
Gliding.....	\$54,375
Swimming River.....	\$28,250
Bubble Economy.....	\$26,400
Prep School.....	\$16,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Gold Mitten.....	\$0
.....	\$133,025

Not A Clue Jack McVey	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Slew's Peak.....	\$14,500
Bold Turn.....	\$12,950
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
.....	\$131,862

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Mixed Up.....	\$95,475
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Mon Villez.....	\$4,500
Alumni Hall.....	\$0
Askim.....	\$0
Gold Mitten.....	\$0
.....	\$126,975

McHistory Owen Demare	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Pukka.....	\$15,000
Imagina.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Askim.....	\$0
.....	\$124,500

Too Far Out Farm Tiffany Webb	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Pukka.....	\$15,000
Imagina.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
.....	\$124,500

Cheltenham Invasion.. Richard Hutchinson	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Diego Cao.....	\$13,500
Imagina.....	\$13,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Askim.....	\$0
.....	\$123,000

Let The Band Play On Caylin Haldeman	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Planets Aligned.....	\$15,000
Imagina.....	\$13,500
Mark The Shark.....	\$9,250
Preemptive Strike.....	\$9,000
Askim.....	\$0
.....	\$116,662

Exeter Township..... Sarah Hutchinson	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Pukka.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Gold Mitten.....	\$0
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
.....	\$111,000

Pdxgene Gene Blick	
Best Attack.....	\$57,900
Rare Bush.....	\$27,000
Feeling So Pretty.....	\$15,365
Sovereign Duty.....	\$7,875
Straight Gin.....	\$0
Ten Cents A Shine.....	\$0
.....	\$108,140

KARASI Diana Walker	
Gliding.....	\$54,375
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Diego Cao.....	\$13,500
Erin Go Bragh.....	\$4,700
Aruso.....	\$3,250
Evidential.....	\$2,000
.....	\$104,825

Upper East Side Racing ...Andrea Wasserman	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Jellyberry.....	\$3,600
Askim.....	\$0
Dynamont.....	\$0
.....	\$99,600

Chasing Hutchinson Joanie Morris	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Sweet Shani.....	\$2,000
Kilbride Rd.....	\$0
Straight Gin.....	\$0
Victorycelebration.....	\$0
.....	\$98,912

castle stables..... Michael Murphy	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Never Fear.....	\$1,250
Gold Mitten.....	\$0
Miles Ahead.....	\$0
Quem Se Atreve.....	\$0
.....	\$98,162


Horsey Horsey Farm.... Nolan Wasserman	
Orison.....	\$61,500
Orsay.....	\$25,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Haggard.....	\$2,500
Flying Contraption.....	\$0
Sailmaker.....	\$0
.....	\$97,000

Jacob's Jumpers Jacob Benda	
Gliding.....	\$54,375
Orchid Princess.....	\$35,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Askim.....	\$0
Cripple Creek.....	\$0
Quem Se Atreve.....	\$0
.....	\$96,875

Wild Thang Stables..... Tara Meyers	
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Pukka.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Evidential.....	\$2,000
N J Devil.....	\$500
Racey Dreamer.....	\$0
.....	\$94,912




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Shirt's On

Good Night Shirt wires stars in Grade I stakes

BY JOE CLANCY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – After getting his ear chewed by Jack Fisher two races earlier, jockey Willie Dowling could almost hear the trainer warming up another diatribe as the Iroquois Steeplechase unfolded.

“At the third-last, with the big boys coming to get me, I was thinking Jack’s going to kill me for being in front too soon,” said Dowling, who was aboard Good Night Shirt. “The plan wasn’t to

be in front like that, but he jumped the first fence so well he ended up in front.”

And, much to Dowling’s glee, he stayed there.



Tod Marks

Good Night Shirt (right, Willie Dowling) leads an all-star field early in the Grade I Iroquois.

Owned by Sonny and Ann Via, Good Night Shirt went to the front early and turned aside the heavily favored duo of Sur La Tete and McDynamo to win the \$150,000 Iroquois. Sur La Tete, bidding to become the first horse to win three consecutive runnings of the stakes, settled for second with Chivite third. The winner covered the 3 miles in 5:50 2/5, and won by 5 1/4 lengths.

Fisher praised his jockey afterward.

“Willie was a little nervous when he got to the lead but he did a fabulous job,” said the trainer. “The horse settled there, jumped great and they couldn’t catch

him. Great ride.”

Pre-race thinking centered on the 2007 debuts of Sur La Tete and McDynamo. Both horses skipped the handicap Royal Chase at Keeneland April 20, opting instead for the weight-for-age Iroquois. Sur La Tete dominated the event the past two years. McDynamo finished second in his only start in the race (2005), but ruled the autumn championship races last year and looked to build on his record \$1.1 million in career earnings.

One of two 6-year-olds in the race, Good Night Shirt

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made the others feel their age. Though he was in front, the long-striding chestnut won more with stamina than sprint.

A stalking second at Keeneland, he took the Iroquois lead from McDynamo after the first fence and settled into a rhythm. McDynamo (Jody Petty) was strong early, too, but found a comfortable spot off the pace in fourth. Sur La Tete (Chris Read) rated just behind his main rival, covered up in sixth. As the field of 10 passed the finish line with a lap to go, Good Night Shirt led Hip Hop (Chip Miller), The Looper (Cyril Murphy), McDynamo, Mon Villez (Matt McCarron) and Sur La Tete.

Dowling let Good Night Shirt roll on, and skipped away as Hip Hop began to tire before the field straightened into the backstretch. Behind the leader, McDynamo moved to the outside and flew into second place – poised to pounce. Behind him, Sur La Tete built steam and quickly moved to third. Midway on the final turn, Sur La Tete motored alongside McDynamo as the favorites prepared to inhale the upstart.

Only nobody told Good Night Shirt to give up. The horse with a race this year answered the challenge – making McDynamo fold first and then kicking away from Sur La Tete in the stretch as both favorites looked outgunned.

“We had a race, and obviously it was a huge advantage,” said Fisher. “Everybody says this is a huge upset. I agree it was. Those two are monsters of the sport. To beat both of them is doing something. I hate to call a \$150,000 Grade I at Keeneland a prep race but to have a race under his belt made a difference. You can’t do what you can do in a race at home.”

At Keeneland, Good Night Shirt raced up close early, lost his position and



Tod Marks

After the last fence, Good Night Shirt powers away from two-time defending race winner Sur La Tete.

dropped back on the final turn before charging through the stretch and finishing a neck behind winner Mixed Up. At 2 1/2 miles, the Royal Chase is long enough for most horses but Good Night Shirt thrived at the extra 4 furlongs of the Iroquois.

“He’s a big horse, a big galloping horse; he loves a place like this,” said Fisher. “Three miles, big sweeping turns, he hates a place where he has to jerk around because he’s too big.”

Good Night Shirt improved to 4-for-13 over jumps, the victories coming at Nashville (the 2007 Iroquois and a 2005 maiden), Saratoga and Colonial Downs.

The son of Concern appreciates long straightaways and simple courses; his worst starts were at Far Hills, Middleburg and Radnor. The \$90,000 Iroquois payday pushed the Maryland-bred’s steeplechase earnings to \$253,4553.

“He’s so big that his one stride makes horses behind him have to go two strides,” said Dowling, who won his first race of 2007. “But he’s also such a class horse. Two years ago he kept banging into his fences because he was so big and green, and still won. I said then that he must have an engine and he showed it this time.”

Dowling works on Fisher’s Maryland

farm and the duties involve more than riding races.

“I was in this morning at 6:30 (Iroquois day) cleaning his stall out,” said the Irishman in the winner’s circle. “I know how to do the hard work as well as the good work. And it all paid off today. I’m delighted for Jack – he stood by me.”

And didn’t have to yell again.

Iroquois Steeplechase			
Saturday, May 12. Nashville, Tenn. Turf: Good.			
1st. \$35,000. Highweight hurdle. 3 miles.			
Amateur jockeys.			
1. NOBLEST	L 172	Read	
2. UNDERBIDDER	L 180	Slater	
3. MARK THE SHARK	L 175	Curry	
4. PLEASANT PICK	L 172	Ryan	
5. DYN IN TEXAS	172	Dalton	
6. SENOR MELCHOR	L 170	Burke	
7. REFLECTOR	L 162	W. Haynes	
F. REGAL AGAIN	L 170	McMillan	
LR. YOKAZONA	L 167	R. Haynes	
PU. TRUMANSON	L 162	Baker	
PU. DIG THIS HOSS	L 162	Helders	
PU. MENEFF (AUS)	171	Saville	
Mgn: 4. Time: 5:52 3/5.			
O: Kinross Farm. T: Neil Morris.			
Dk. B./Br. g. 8 Deputy Minister-Plenty of Grace, Roberto.			
Bred by Phillips Racing Partnership (KY).			
2nd. \$50,000. Hurdle stakes. 2 miles.			
The Marcellus Frost (Grade III)			
1. PARADISE’S BOSS	L 150	Aizpuru	
2. PREEMPTIVE STRIKE	L 150	Young	
3. MONEYTRAIN (GER)	L 146	Hodsdon	
4. BOW STRADA (GB)	L 150	C. Miller	
5. PARTY AIRS	L 154	McCarron	
6. CLASS VANTAGE	L 142	Boucher	
F. CHARLIE WHISKEY	L 146	C. Murphy	
PU. MAURITANIA	L 146	Massey	
Mgn: 1/2. Time: 3:54 2/5.			
O: Ann Stern. T: Jack Fisher.			
B. g. 7 Thats Our Buck-Paradise Land (URU), Paradise Bay (GB).			
Bred by Juan Escobar (FL).			

3rd. \$50,000. F&M hurdle stakes. 2 1/4 miles.			
The Margaret Henley			
1. ORCHID PRINCESS	L 160	Dalton	
2. FEELING SO PRETTY	L 160	C. Miller	
3. FOOTLIGHTS	L 160	Aizpuru	
4. SLEW’S PEAK	L 155	Massey	
5. SWEET SHANI (NZ)	L 160	Hodsdon	
6. IMAGINA (CHI)	L 150	Petty	
7. NO PLEASING	L 150	Young	
F. NORTHERN GALE	L 145	R. Haynes	
PU. GOLD MITTEN	L 160	McCarron	
PU. MARY CAT	L 133	McVicar	
PU. SMART BABY	L 145	J. Murphy	
PU. WON WILD BIRD	L 145	W. Haynes	
Mgn: Nose. Time: 4:25.			
O/T: Linda Klein.			
B. m. 9 Demaloot Demashoot-Island Orchid, Aggravatin’. Bred by Adena Springs (FL).			
4th. \$25,000. SOK maiden hurdle. 2 1/4 miles.			
1. PLANETS ALIGNED	L 154	C. Miller	
2. DR. BLOOMER	L 154	Slater	
3. FANTORINI	L 154	Dowling	
4. CLASS DEPUTY	L 142	Boucher	
5. ATRIUM	L 154	McCormack	
6. WESTCLIFFE	L 144	W. Haynes	
PU. HELLO JERRY	L 154	Aizpuru	
PU. COCO’S CLOWN	L 154	Traurig	
PU. KATE CAMPBELL	L 146	Massey	
PU. LOVE PALACE (IRE)	L 149	Zimmerman	
PU. PAPER MAN	L 146	McMillan	
PU. CUMULUS NIMBUS	L 142	McCarron	
PU. LOST IN BOSTON	L 154	Young	
PU. CHENAPAN	L 142	Rafter	
Mgn: 3. Time: 4:26 4/5.			
O: Fox Ridge Farm. T: Tom Voss.			
Ch. g. 6 Gold Fever-Flying Minister, Deputy Minister. Bred by Fox Ridge Farm (KY).			

5th. \$75,000. Timber stakes. 3 miles.			
The Mason Houghland			
1. IRISH PRINCE (NZ)	L 160	Petty	
2. WOODMONT	L 155	Boucher	
3. SHARP FACE	L 160	Aizpuru	
4. NO FAST MOVES	L 160	Read	
5. SHADY VALLEY	L 160	R. Haynes	
6. EARMARK	L 160	Slater	
7. PRAISE THE PRINCE (NZ)	L 160	Young	
8. NAVESINK VIEW	L 155	W. Haynes	
F. MONTE BIANCO (IRE)	L 155	C. Miller	
PU. ALISON’S TRICK	L 155	J. Murphy	
Mgn: 9 3/4. Time: 6:33 4/5.			
O: Augustin Stable. T: Sanna Hendriks.			
B. g. 8 Prince of Praise-Jane Irish (NZ), Take Your Partner (AUS).			
Bred by B.G. Keli (NZ).			
6th. \$150,000. Hurdle stakes. 3 miles.			
The Iroquois (Grade I)			
1. GOOD NIGHT SHIRT	L 158	Dowling	
2. SUR LA TETE	L 158	Read	
3. CHIVITE (IRE)	L 158	Young	
4. MCDYNAMO	L 158	Petty	
5. THE LOOPER	L 158	C. Murphy	
6. MON VILLEZ (FR)	L 158	McCarron	
7. KILBEGGAN LAD (IRE)	L 158	W. Haynes	
8. SUMMERSVILLE	L 158	R. Haynes	
PU. HIP HOP	158	C. Miller	
PU. MEADOW (NZ)	L 158	Hodsdon	
Mgn: 5 1/4. Time: 5:50 2/5.			
O: Sonny Via. T: Jack Fisher.			
Ch. g. 6 Concern-Hot Story, Two Punch.			
Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman (MD).			



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Timber Triple

Irish Prince makes it three straight in Houghland for Hendriks, Petty

BY JOE CLANCY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Looking for a key to the Mason Houghland Memorial at the Iroquois? Find Sanna Hendriks and Jody Petty.

The trainer and jockey won the \$75,000 timber stakes for the third consecutive year, adding a victory with Augustin Stable's Irish Prince to scores with Albert's Crossing in 2005 and Al-limac in 2006.

"We know what we're doing in that race," said Petty with a smile. It was the jockey's first win since a fall at Atlanta left him with multiple facial injuries that required plastic surgery.

New Zealand import Irish Prince improved to 2-for-2 over timber with another speedy effort. The 8-year-old jumped to the front after about a mile and got away from Monte Bianco's challenge on the final run down the backstretch. The latter (Chip Miller) fell after moving to second and slowed

IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE

Saturday, May 12

the momentum of Woodmont (Richard Boucher), handing an even easier win to Irish Prince. Woodmont rallied for second, 10 lengths behind the winner, with Sharp Face (Xavier Aizpuru) third in 6:33 4/5 for the 3 miles.

Similar to a maiden win at Camden, Irish Prince impressed Petty by jumping like a hurdler – only higher.

"Mainly, he was a good, flat hurdler and he has taken that over to timber, only he's not touching the fences," said the jockey. "He lands running and is very light on his feet. That's what you need around both of the places he's run. He outjumped the other horses at every fence and now we know he does not mind being on the front end too."

• Trainer Jack Fisher ran 10 horses at Nashville, with Good Night Shirt's Iroquois win obviously the main achievement. Give Paradise's Boss best supporting actor, though, for his bold effort to win the \$50,000 Marcellus Frost hur-



Tod Marks

Irish Prince (Jody Petty) flies over a timber fence while leading Alison's Trick early in the Mason Houghland Memorial.

dle stakes for owners Ann and Henry Stern.

Third (beaten two necks) in the Royal Chase three weeks earlier, Paradise's Boss shadowed pacesetter Preemptive Strike throughout before overwhelming that one in deep stretch to win by a half-length with Aizpuru. Moneytrain finished third in the 2-mile race.

"He was so brave at the second-last, and that's what won the race really," said Aizpuru, who drafted to Preemptive Strike's tail on the final turn. At the 10th of 12 fences, Preemptive Strike (Paddy Young) led Paradise's Boss a length with Moneytrain (Danielle Hodsdon) rallying outside the first two. Aizpuru forced himself to wait, briefly dropping to third, and staying on the rail.

"I wanted (Preemptive Strike) to lead me but at the same time it's a very fine line," said Aizpuru. "If he jumps well and I don't, he gets away from me and

all of the sudden I've got to make up ground up the hill, which can kill horses. I was trying to save up the hill and Dani's horse came up to me full of run. I had a choice of either going outside around the both of them or hoping I could get a run up the inside. I decided to gamble and it paid off, but on another day it might not have."

Paradise's Boss cut the corner, Preemptive Strike dug in and Moneytrain flattened out. The winner flew the second-last to draw alongside and they jumped the last on even terms. Winning for the second time this year, Paradise's Boss inched away in the final yards. Aizpuru paid credit to some Nashville experience.

"It's so easy to get carried away up the hill and think you've got to go with a horse," he said. "I've seen people sit

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Paradise's Boss (Xavier Aizpuru) charges through on the inside of Preemptive Strike at the last fence of the Marcellus Frost Stakes.



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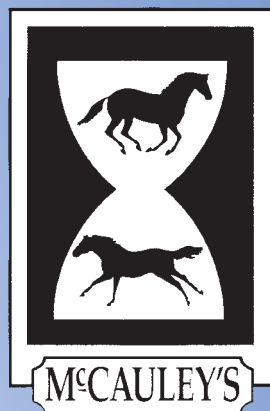


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Northern Thinking



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Paradise's Boss

Nashville —

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and lose a length up the hill, but make that up two- or three-fold because they saved the energy and had more horse at the end. I decided to do that, but don't get me wrong — my horse had to give everything he had to beat Preemptive Strike especially on ground that was a little bit softer than normal. I'm so proud of the horse."

Novice champion of 2004, Paradise's Boss improved to 9-for-16 (\$325,880) for his jump career.

- In the barn at Linda Klein's Voxton Farm in Camden, S.C., this spring, 2006 NSA filly/mare champion Orchid Princess acted nothing like a lady.

"I brought her in and she started digging holes in the stall. She dug a hole to China," said Klein. "Mats that I cannot lift up myself, she rolled them up and put them against the wall. So out she went. I would not let her come back in the barn."

Orchid Princess lived outside 24 hours a day, ate her meals on the fence like the other turnouts — and got ready to run apparently.

In her first start this year, Orchid Princess (Bernie Dalton) survived a furious rally from fellow veteran Feeling So Pretty (Miller) in the final yards to win by a nose in 4:25 for the 2 1/4 miles. Footlights (Aizpuru) finished third.

"We'll probably never be connected to a horse this great again," Klein said afterward. "She comes out and gives 100 percent every time. She tries. That's all you want from a horse — just give me some try."

Orchid Princess always does that, and won for the fourth time in a jump career that began in 2005. The 9-year-old mare repeated her score in the 2006 Henley, a race Dalton missed with an injury.

"She keeps her promises," said Dalton. "Linda tried to retire her and she was having none of that. She said 'I owe Bernie' and she came back. If you ask her, she gives it to you every time. All the way up to the wire, she was looking out of the corner of her eye. I was



Tod Marks

Orchid Princess (right, Bernie Dalton) digs in to hold off a determined run from Feeling So Pretty in the stretch of the Margaret Henley.

pretty confident I was going to hold on just because you can feel the mare. She was going to keep digging."

- Kinross Farm and trainer Neil Morris entered two horses in the \$35,000 Bright Hour for amateur jockeys, Nashville's opener, and both looked live. The gooddiyoung came off a 3-mile win at Foxfield two weeks earlier. Noblest entered off decent allowance efforts at Middleburg and Aiken.

Either could win the 12-horse race, but Noblest took the van south (and Thegooddiyoung aimed north for Wil-

lowdale) and handled the Bright Hour field with ease. Noblest (Chris Read) took over at the second last and defeated Underbidder (James Slater) by 4 lengths in 5:52 3/5. Pacesetter Mark The Shark (Blake Curry) finished third.

Read was impressed with his horse's ability to get the distance.

"He's never gone 3 miles before, but we knew he relaxes and Neil said to just make sure he gets the distance, get the trip," said Read. "When I saw Underbidder there with me I knew we'd both be closing and I figured I was in a good spot. It worked out great."

- After two fruitless hurdle starts, Planets Aligned nearly returned to the flat for owner Fox Ridge Farm. And then trainer Tom Voss asked for a little more time.

"The guy (Peter Schiff) said to send

him back to New York and they'd run him on the flat. I said 'we'll give him one more try,' " said Voss. "So we changed everything around. We changed everything."

And wound up with a new horse. Planets Aligned (Chip Miller) worked his way into the race — rallying into a slow pace and taking over from Fantorini (Willie Dowling) in the stretch to win by 3 lengths in 4:26 4/5 for the 2 1/4 miles. Dr. Bloomer (Slater) finished second with Fantorini third. The winner fell in his jump debut at Atlanta, then finished 10th at Foxfield.

"I don't know if there's anything else there or not," said Voss. "He ran well last time, jumped well, just lost a lot of ground but it was something to build on — but I got a star for him at Pimlico (the following week) just in case I needed it."



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Noblest (center, Chris Read) fights for space between Underbidder (right) and Meneef mid-way through the Bright Hour hurdle for amateur jockeys.

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Hundt Cup

Former Wall Streeter nets first riding victory with 'Michele'

BY JOE CLANCY

WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE

Sunday, May 13

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. – Every once in a while, somebody wins a steeplechase race and makes people say "Who is that?"

He's George Hundt, he's an amateur jockey. And a winner.

Hundt steered his recent purchase Michele Marieschi to victory in a \$5,000 highweight amateur timber at Willowdale. In his third NSA ride, Hundt let his horse settle off the pace of Little Dewey Know (James Stierhoff) and Chinese Whisper (Jim Whitner) early and won a fight with Twill Do (James Slater) over the final quarter-mile to win by a half-length for trainer Richard Valentine.

And everyone smiled. Hundt, 43, is new to the game and has plenty of people on his side. The former Wall Streeter now gets his thrills in jump races (riding out at the barns of Valentine, Jonathan Sheppard and others) and his advice from jockeys such as Slater, who

patted Hundt's back moments after crossing the wire in a photo finish.

"He wasn't coaching me during the race, but he did ask me if I was having fun at one point," Hundt said of Slater. "James and everyone have just been great and helped show me some things. Really, I'm just pleased to have such a wonderful horse."

Michele Marieschi has always turned heads in the paddock with his potential and look, but maxed out as a hurdler and went on the market as a timber/foxhunter prospect. Owner Clarke Ohrstrom (Whitewood Stable) put two prices on the 10-year-old English import – one if he stayed with Valentine, another if he moved to another trainer. Hundt stuck with Valentine, and the trainer is as happy as the owner/jockey.

"It worked out great, we got to keep the horse and George has come down and schooled him," said Valentine. "Joe Cassidy's been helping him and Billy Meister's been helping him. I've



Jim Graham

Michele Marieschi (right, George Hundt) takes the final fence along with Chinese Whisper (left) and Little Dewey Know on the way to Hundt's first victory.

done the least amount with his riding, other than getting his horse ready, but he rode a great race."

After a rough start to the season at the Grand National (they parted company at the water jump), Hundt and Michele Marieschi got back on track at Willowdale. They broke toward the back, rated kindly off the pace and blazed through the stretch. Valentine changed some equipment, adding a Kimberwicke bit and a standing martingale.

"Richard got him prepped just right," said Hundt. "He's a front runner but I rode him from the back. It has nothing to do with the rider, the horse just did it. I didn't even ask him – he just brought it home."

• When Blake Curry accepted the assignment to ride Northern Thinking in the feature – a \$20,000 open timber race around Willowdale's twisting

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and turning race course over 21 brush, timber and water fences – he knew the danger.

“If I was off course I would have kept right on going,” he said. “Down the chute and back to the barn and you wouldn’t even know where I went.”

Curry and Acorn Hill Farm’s horse didn’t need to run away after the race. They did it in the race. Northern Thinking took over the lead when Findhorn (Ivan Dowling) fell and ran away to a 65-length laughter for trainer Jack Fisher. King Lear (Slater) finished second as the only other finisher in the field of six.

Long a timber stalwart, Northern Thinking has missed out on further greatness by going off course several times including two would-be wins in 2006 alone. Curry raved about his first ride on the 11-year-old.

“He was outstanding. You know you’re sitting on a class horse like that and it’s a great feeling,” said the jockey. “He starts picking out a spot five strides out. Other horses, you might have two strides to play with.”

Typically, the Willowdale course played a role and the most experienced horse in the field won – easily. Curry just steered, letting Northern Thinking fly down the long hill toward the stretch and winning with plenty in reserve.

“(The course) is inherently difficult for horses to adjust when they’re able to brush through the top of some fences and then you run into two big timber fences,” said Curry. “Even we knocked those pretty good, but he was a great ride. I had a lot of fun out there.”

Without having to run away.

• Trainer Kathy McKenna summed up the fifth race in one sentence. “He shows up in soft ground.”

Armata Stable’s Toughkenamon (Carl Rafter) flew through the Willowdale turf to win a stretch battle with Motel Affair (Cyril Murphy) in the hurdle feature – a \$20,000 conditioned claimer – but relied on more than wet grass. Class and guts played a big part too.

The 8-year-old won a novice stakes in 2005, and had to work for his third career hurdle win. Toughkenamon emerged from behind the trees on the backside with a clear lead, but had plenty of pursuers and held Motel Affair safe by a nose at the wire. Slattery (Paddy Young) was third.

“He’s been knocking on the door – he was unlucky at Strawberry Hill, nearly fell at the last and ended up third,” said Rafter. “He’s just been an unlucky horse, just a streaky horse, and he hasn’t had a good run round, or he’s had a bad jump or he’s got cut off or he’s pulled too hard. There have been excuses for him every time, and they’ve been valid – which has been fortunate. Some horses you make excuses for and they never repay you.”

• Rafter and McKenna picked up a \$10,000 maiden claiming hurdle victory two races earlier, when Crestview Farm’s Heros Among Us caught Sussex County (Jeff Murphy) in the final steps to win by a nose – McKenna must make them practice photo finishes. General

Roanoke (Young) finished third.

McKenna loved the local double. Crestview owner Tony Young is a Willowdale sponsor through Acorn Capital Management, and McKenna collected praise from friends and family afterward.

“Sure it’s nice to win here at Willowdale with mom cheering in the background,” said the trainer. “I was in Nashville yesterday and couldn’t get a win, so I’ll take two here for now.”

• Lucy Lindsay’s Luongo (Slater) thrived over the 3-mile distance to win a \$10,000 hurdle for amateur jockeys. Trained by Jonathan Sheppard, the winner advanced from third to outduel Saitensohn (Patrick Smithwick) late and win by a head. Russia (Curry) finished third.

“He’s as honest as the day is long and he always tries,” said Slater. “He’s not going to outsprint that many. If it’s not about stamina, he’s not going to win it. You try to save ground, let him use that gallop.”

• Augustin Stable’s Radio Flyer (Jody Petty) opened the day with an easy maiden timber win for trainer Sanna Hendriks. The 6-year-old Irish import plowed through a wet portion of the course on the backstretch, emerging from behind the trees with a clear lead and won by 9 1/2 lengths over Private Attack (Billy Santoro) with Western Fling (Rafter) third.

“On the backside, there’s a huge, long bog and the two horses in front of me looked like they stopped dead,” said Petty. “My guy just galloped right through it, I hardly noticed it. I got to the lead a little earlier than I wanted to, but they hit the bog and stopped and I didn’t.”



Sarah Libbey Greenhalgh

Radio Flyer (right, Jody Petty) stalks the pace in his maiden timber win in the Willowdale opener.



Sarah Libbey Greenhalgh

Heros Among Us (foreground, Carl Rafter) edges Sussex County at the wire in Willowdale’s third race.

Willowdale Steeplechase

Sunday, May 13.

Kennett Square, Pa.

Turf: Firm.

1st. \$10,000. Maiden timber. 3 miles.

1. RADIO FLYER (IRE)	L 165	Petty
2. PRIVATE ATTACK	L 160	Santoro
3. WESTERN FLING	L 165	Rafter
4. CAN'T FIND MY KEYS (IRE)	156	Stierhoff
5. MANLY JACK (NZ)	L 156	Mulligan
6. INCASEYOURAMINER	L 157	Swope
F. JAMAICA ME LAUGH	165	C. Miller
F. GREYHAME	L 165	Young
F. CRYPTO COUSIN	155	Carter
F. TRUSTED COMRAD (IRE)	L 166	McKenna
PU. TALE TELLER	161	Curry
PU. GENGHIS	L 165	Slater
PU. WHY NOT BABY	L 165	Meister
R. THUNDERING HOME	L 160	J. Murphy

Mgn: 9 1/2. Time: 6:13 4/5.

O: Augustin Stable. T: Sanna Hendriks.

Dk. B./Br. g. 6 High Roller (IRE)-Executive Seat (IRE), Executive Perk (IRE).

Bred by Noelle Canheady (IRE).

2nd. \$10,000. Hwt. allowance hurdle. 3 miles.

NW of a stakes. Amateur jockeys.

1. LUONGO	L 176	Slater
2. SAITENSOHN (GER)	L 175	Smithwick
3. RUSSIA	L 167	Curry
4. THEGOODDIEYOUNG	L 180	Read
5. ACROSS THE SKY	167	Saville
PU. GATHER NO MOSS	L 172	Ryan
PU. SHERIFF DILLON	L 167	McKenna

Mgn: HD. Time: 7:01 4/5.

O: Lucy Lindsay. T: Jonathan Sheppard.

Dk. B./Br. g. 6 Foligno-Romanissimo, Double Zeus.

Bred by Jonathan Sheppard (PA).

3rd. \$10,000. Maiden claiming hurdle. 2 1/2 miles.

\$15,000-\$10,000 cfm. price

1. HEROS AMONG US	L 156	Rafter
2. SUSSEX COUNTY	L 151	J. Murphy
3. GENERAL ROANOKE	L 152	Young
4. JACKSONIAN	L 148	Aizpuru
5. TIPASTAIRE	148	Carter
6. MISS BATTISTI	L 148	McCarron
PU. CLEVER BROKER	L 143	Mackenzie
PU. BORDEAUX GREAT (ARG)	L 156	Ryan
PU. THE COBBLERS SON	L 142	Slater
PU. LUVYUODAD	L 146	Doran
PU. NATASHIOUS	151	C. Miller

Mgn: Nose. Time: 5:35.

O: Crestview Farm. T: Kathy McKenna.

Ch. g. 6 Saint Ballado-Lady Ling (ARG), Egg Toss.

Bred by Marvin Little, James Iselin & Ron McKee (KY).

4th. \$20,000. Open timber. 3 1/2 miles.

Amateur jockeys.

1. NORTHERN THINKING	L 167	Curry
2. KING LEAR	L 172	Slater
F. BIG IS BEST (NZ)	L 167	Saville
F. HOTSPUR	L 172	Ryan
F. FINDHORN	L 162	I. Dowling
PU. ROYAL'S QUEST	L 172	Meister

Mgn: 65 3/4. Time: 7:56.

O: Acorn Hill Farm. T: Jack Fisher.

Dk. B./Br. h. 11 Northern Baby-Think Double, Al Nasr (FR).

Bred by Acorn Hill Farm (MD).

5th. \$20,000. Cond. cfm. hurdle. 2 1/2 miles.

NW 3. \$25,000-\$15,000 cfm. price.

1. TOUGHKENAMON	L 150	Rafter
2. MOTEL AFFAIR	L 147	C. Murphy
3. SLATTERY	L 143	Young
4. SHINING JACK (GB)	L 140	J. Murphy
5. CRADLE WILL ROCK	L 143	Hodsdon
6. UDEMAN	L 144	Slater
7. LETSPULLTHETRIGGER (FR)	L 137	McCarron

8. CAMBRIDGE BAY

L 133 Bonsal

F. WESTBOUND ROAD

L 147 Carter

PU. LOOKING BEST

L 148 Aizpuru

PU. ONE SEA

L 142 Mackenzie

PU. EXTRA CHECK

L 140 Dowling

PU. LEGEND'S SILVER

L 140 Petty

Mgn: Head. Time: 5:22 2/5.

O: Armata Stable. T: Kathy McKenna.

Gr./Ro. g. 8 Maria's Mon-Azulejos, Buckfinder.

Bred by Bonita Farm & Kennard Warfield Jr. (MD).

6th. \$5,000. Hwt. allowance timber. 3 miles.

NW \$9,000 once in 2006-07. Amateur jockeys.

1. MICHELE MARIESCHI	L 169	Hundt
2. TWILL DO	L 170	Slater
3. LITTLE DEWEY KNOW	L 162	Stierhoff
4. CHINESE WHISPER	L 190	Whitner
5. QUAREMBA	160	Cochran
F. IRON COUNTY XMAS	L 175	Winants
LR. KENNY'S CROSSING	L 167	McKenna

Mgn: 1/2. Time: 6:34.

O: Anna Stable. T: Richard Valentine.

B. g. 10 Alzao-Escape Path (IRE), Wolver Hollow (IRE).

Bred by Hugo Merry and Michel Stanley (GB).

7th. Training flat. 2 miles. Amateur jockeys.

1. KING MAXIMUS	L 165	Slater
2. DUKE OF EARL (IRE)	L 165	McKenzie
3. FLYING CONTRAPTION (IRE)	165	Seipel
4. SANDYLAND	L 165	Stierhoff
5. INCA MAGIC	165	Wyatt
6. SHADOW OF A CLOUD	161	Curry
7. MIDSIDE MAGGIE	L 161	Wehner
8. WARRANT	L 165	Hannum
9. BRITNEY B	160	Savell
10. BAD BIRDIE	165	Winants
PU. HARD ROCK BOTTOM	L 165	Ryan

Mgn: 3 3/4. Time: 4:10:2/5.

O: Hudson River Farm. T: Jonathan Sheppard.

B. g. 6 King of Kings-Excedent, Exceller.

Bred by Ward Stiff and George Strawbridge (KY).

Front and Center

Salmo, Miller enjoy 4 miles on lead in \$100,000 timber stakes

BY JOE CLANCY

THE PLAINS, Va. – As he and Salmo sped around the Virginia Gold Cup course – hoping to make an early lead stand up – jockey Chip Miller smiled at his good fortune.

“It’s hard to believe that in the most competitive Gold Cup in 20 years you could be left alone this long – in a 4-mile race, for a hundred thousand?”

Miller and the veteran timber horse took the lead at the start and made it stand up through 23 fences – winning the \$100,000 Galen Capital Virginia Gold Cup (the richest timber race in history) at Great Meadow. Owned by Irv Naylor and trained by Jack Fisher, Salmo led every inch and won by a head over Fisher-trained stablemate Mr Bombastic with Ghost Valley third in 8:24.60. Worth six figures for the first time, the 82-year-old Gold Cup attracted a wildly even field of 12. The list of main contenders went five deep and included stakes winners Ghost Valley, Bubble Economy, Mr Bombastic, Fappa Fire and Salmo – whose 2006 record included two wins and two jockeys sent to the hospital in four starts.



VIRGINIA GOLD CUP

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The enigmatic son of Northern Baby trumped them all with an effort that put the blime in sublime.

Miller crouched over the massive chestnut’s withers and sat still for most of the race – toes in the stirrups, hands relaxed on a long hold, knees bent, rear end suspended above the saddle. Unswayed by the horse’s reputation, the fences, the distance, the opponents, the pressure or the roughly 50,000 folks in attendance, Miller never moved.

And Salmo kept running.

“I was surprised we had a clear lead the whole race because I didn’t think we were going much of a gallop, but maybe that’s just how good he is,” said Miller. “I didn’t dream I would be left alone for as long as I was – I got at least five breathers. We slowed it down, steadied up. We jumped so well that maybe I had far enough of a lead that they couldn’t tell how easily I was going.”



Tod Marks

See *GOLD CUP* page 20 ► Salmo (left, Chip Miller) and Mr Bombastic (Paddy Young) battle it out down the stretch.

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Gold Cup —

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J. Alfred Prufrock (Conrad Somers) led the chasers and briefly challenged the winner midway through the race before backing off at the 16th fence. Behind him came Mr Liberator, Fields Of Omagh, Ghost Valley, Bubble Economy and Mr Bombastic. As usual, the field found high gear at the 19th, the water jump. Salmo skipped over it and landed running, though Miller still waited – and hoped the others wouldn't arrive too soon. Fresh off a win at Middleburg two weeks earlier, Ghost Valley (Jody Petty) chased in second while J. Alfred Prufrock tried to keep pace in third. Bubble Economy (Diana Gillam) and Mr Bombastic (Paddy Young) moved to fourth and fifth. Still leading on the final turn, Salmo jumped the 22nd in front, but braced for the cavalry.

“He told me we were getting a little bit of heat, but I didn't feel that much pressure,” said Miller. “We got a pretty good fence at the second-to-last on the turn. He doesn't turn quite as cleverly as everybody else, but he dug in after that fence and I felt like it was too early. We couldn't go from there, not with everything. You can't run from there so I just sat on him. I actually changed holds just to tell him I wasn't asking him yet.”

At the last, Mr Bombastic, Ghost Valley, Bubble Economy and another Fisher horse Seeyouattheevent took their shots – and Miller asked.

“The last came up short – not a mistake, just a short spot – and then I sent him,” said Miller. “Paddy got in front of us, but Salmo's a game horse. He was digging and digging and digging and digging. He has a great gallop and he still finishes – it wasn't like we were walking home.”

No, they were running home in what would be the third-fastest time in 23 runnings at Great Meadow. Salmo and Mr Bombastic both stretched their necks and pushed for the finish, with the winner in doubt to all but the bravest. Fisher walked to both horses. Assistant Tara Elmore smiled and said she didn't care who won. Young muttered about the photo being “tight now” and shook his head. Miller didn't know either, and marveled at his horse. “It's a head bob, but man that's fun.”

The jockey enjoyed every second, especially when announcer Mike Hughes called Salmo's name. Miller stood tall



Doug Lees

Salmo (Chip Miller) puts in one of his 23 textbook leaps while leading the pack in the Virginia Gold Cup at Great Meadow.

in the stirrups, pumped both fists and shouted like he won the lottery. He practically did. As usual, Salmo entered the race a mystery with a record that included three wins and four falls/lost jockeys in seven starts in 2005-2006.

The real trouble started last spring in the Grand National. Salmo tried to stop and/or run out at a fence, and sent jockey Roger Horgan flying over the fence. Horgan wound up with a broken leg.

Miller climbed aboard in the horse's next start at Winterthur (a victory which included a hairy fence or two) but hadn't been aboard since.

“I got off him at Winterthur, and said he'll be better the next time,” said the jockey. “I didn't say he was going to win, but he always felt that if he ever got on a real race course, a proper race course, he'd be real tough.”

Salmo won his next start at Radnor, with Robbie Walsh aboard, but fell with Matt McCarron at Shawan Downs in September.

Miller almost missed the reunion with Salmo at Great Meadow.

With Walsh injured and Miller committed to Straight Gin, Salmo needed a jockey and Fisher leaned toward going to Nashville rather than putting an inexperienced rider on his horse. Then Richard Valentine scratched Straight Gin, leaving Miller open – though he nearly

wound up on Iron County Xmas.

“It actually got to the point that Jack called Richard,” said Miller. “Tuesday, Straight Gin was running. Wednesday, Richard called and said we weren't going so I called Jack.”

Fisher answered on the first ring.

“He needs a very confident rider, one that can say, ‘That's OK, we can do that, that's all right,’ when he takes a shot at a fence,” said Fisher. “Chip and Robbie can do that.”

Fisher and Naylor mulled the Nashville race and the Gold Cup, and Fisher actually called Walsh (at home with multiple broken bones from a point-to-point fall) for advice.

“He doesn't have a dog in the fight, so why not ask him where to go?” thought the trainer. “I asked him where he would rather ride the horse and he said the Gold Cup absolutely.”

So Fisher waited out the scratches, got Miller, went to Virginia – and won with a horse known more for his failures than his successes.

Much of Salmo's problems come simply from his size.

“He's so big, he doesn't think about the fence until five strides out and then he's too big to do anything about it,” said Miller. “If he's too long or too short, he's too big to get out from under it. Last year when I got on him at Winterthur he was looking at the crowd, paying attention to other things and then ‘oh, there's the fence.’ Today, he was much better.”

The Gold Cup's extra distance also gives the long-striding horse more time to find his best gallop while also keeping other horses farther back in the field.

“Four miles makes a difference for a horse like that,” said Fisher “He lopez around for 3 miles, doesn't get any pressure and doesn't have to really run until after the second-to-last. And he also goes a good enough pace that other horses can't go with him for that long.”

And that was perfectly clear to Salmo and his jockey early in the Gold Cup.



Tod Marks

Chip Miller reacts to the news that he and Salmo won the \$100,000 Virginia Gold Cup photo finish over Mr Bombastic.



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Cup Runneth Over

Voss' Orsay rebounds with gritty allowance score over Best Attack

BY JOE CLANCY

THE PLAINS, Va. – The world's first \$100,000 timber stakes stole the headlines, but the allowance hurdle on the Gold Cup card deserved its share of the ink as well.



The \$30,000 race for non-winners of two other than lured five runners including Saratoga winners Orsay and Best Attack, Grade II-placed Lone Arrow and The Next Man and three-time winner Underbidder. With no real pacemaker and an evenly matched field, the race really didn't start for a mile. The Next Man (Rob Massey) showed the way early, and was followed in close order by Underbidder (Danielle Hodsdon), Orsay (Cyril Murphy), Lone Arrow (Matt McCarron) and Best Attack (Chip Miller). Lone Arrow took over with a lap to go, but the tempo stayed quiet until the backside, where it went from



Shiny Emblem (right, Xavier Aizpuru) leads Desert Vigil in the eventful Great Meadow finale.

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soft jazz to hip hop. Lone Arrow fought back when Orsay challenged, The Next Man stayed in contention and Best Attack accelerated into fourth.

On the turn, Best Attack flew past horses, but Lone Arrow and Orsay weren't finished and the trio scrapped into the stretch. Orsay landed in front over the last and held off Best Attack by a half-length at the finish, with Lone Arrow three-quarters of a length back in third in a mild 5:04 1/5 for the 2 1/2 miles.

Converted to steeplechasing last year, Orsay improved to 3-for-5 over jumps and looks poised for a try at novice or other stakes company in the near future. Purchased by Armata Stable, the son of Lycius won at first asking at Colonial Downs last summer and backed that up with a Saratoga allowance score. He finished third in the Foxbrook novice at Far Hills, despite struggling with the deep going. A major talent on the flat – beaten 4 lengths by subsequent Grade I winner Go Deputy – Orsay looked promising from the start.

"This horse has always, always been a good horse," said trainer Tom Voss. "At Saratoga, we said he was going to be a good horse. I sort of babied him a little bit because he's behind everybody. You think, on his flat form, that he's better than he is. Saratoga and Colonial Downs were just like flat races to a horse like him. These races are different."

Orsay found that out at Atlanta, where he was brought down by a fallen rival.

"That scared him a little bit," said Voss. "We went to school him 10 days ago and he just wouldn't even jump the fence. He jumped it, but he was just looking for something to happen on the other side. He was smart enough to remember. Then we fooled around with him, fooled with him. He jumped it three or four more times and he got better. He's a good enough horse that he overcame it. He hadn't run enough times to see something like that – he's come to hand now; he's full center. I think I could put him anywhere."

• Say you're a horse looking at the end of your racing career. You're 10 years old, a little slower, a little grumpier a little stiffer in the morning . . . inspiration would really help, wouldn't it? And then you see yourself on a billboard – bigger than life, battling in a photo finish with two others Thoroughbreds.

River Bed must have taken a trip to Elkton, Md., because ever since the Bridge Street billboard promoting the Fair Hill Races went up he's been a new horse. The veteran hurdler became the year's first three-time winner with another gutsy effort, this time



Tod Marks

Orsay (Cyril Murphy) leads the way in his allowance win.

in a \$20,000 starter allowance. Owned by Move Up Stable, River Bed rated well off the early pace of Hidden Key, Deb's Delight and Barrington before charging through the stretch to win by 5 1/2 lengths in 4:51 1/5. Carl Rafter rode the winner for trainer Kathy McKenna, who paid at least partial credit to the roadside motivation.

"Maybe he saw it – on his way to the races, he saw himself and figured he can do it again," she said. "Mentally, he's figured it out and I think there's something to that. If you can keep running until you're 10 years old, you're going to realize you don't have to worry about anything anymore. He doesn't worry about anything in the race and he used to. He totally relaxes now."

McKenna nearly gave the son of Gulch away two years ago as a foxhunting prospect (the recipient had too many other bills at the time and passed). Instead, River Bed is a racehorse again. His 2006 campaign included a win and two seconds in four jump starts and he's earned \$46,000 in 2007 – good enough to

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Virginia Gold Cup Results

Saturday, May 5. The Plains, Va. Turf: Firm.

1st. \$25,000. SOK mdn. hurdle. 2 1/2 miles.

1. TRIPLE DIP	L 135	McVicar
2. FERSHAW	L 140	McCarron
3. HONOUR EMBLEM	L 154	Hodsdon
4. POSTNUPTIAL	L 154	Rafter
5. PLUM BRUSH	L 144	Carter
6. HOT SKY	L 154	C. Murphy
7. PREP SCHOOL	L 154	Slater
8. FISCAL STORM	L 154	Dowling
9. COCO'S CLOWN	L 154	Traurig
10. LIGHT SPEED	L 140	Young
F. GHOST BAR	L 130	McKenzie
F. NEVER FEAR	L 140	Aizpuru

Mgn: 1/2. Time: 4:55.

O: Joseph Henderson III. T: Jimmy Day.
B. g. 4 Storm Broker-Triple Wrapped (IRE), Be My Native. Bred by High Mountain Farm (MD).

2nd. \$25,000. Open timber. 3 miles.

Steeplethon course

1. BRIMSON	L 155	C. Miller
2. NAVESINK VIEW	L 150	W. Haynes

3. NORTHERN THINKING	L 160	Young
*DQ. BON FLEUR	L 155	J. Murphy
OC. PRIVATE ATTACK	L 150	Santoro

*From first for going off course.

Mgn: 185. Time: 5:57 3/5.

O: Never Better Stable. T: Chip Miller.
B. g. 7 Sandpit (BRZ)-Pounding Mills, Lord Avie. Bred by Kimberly Heytens (KY).

3rd. \$30,000. Allow. (nw2x) hurdle. 2 1/2 miles.

1. ORSAY	L 156	C. Murphy
2. BEST ATTACK	L 156	C. Miller
3. LONE ARROW	L 156	McCarron
4. UNDERBIDDER	L 156	Hodsdon
5. THE NEXT MAN (IRE)	L 144	Massey

Mgn: 1/2. Time: 5:04 1/5.

O: Armata Stable. T: Tom Voss.
B. g. 6 Lycius-Second Bloom, Deputy Minister. Bred by Haras Santa Maria de Araras (FL).

4th. \$20,000. Starter allow. hurdle. 2 1/2 miles. Clm. price of \$30,000 or less in 2006-07.

1. RIVER BED	L 158	Rafter
2. DEB'S DELIGHT	L 150	Hodsdon
3. BARRINGTON	L 146	C. Murphy

4. HIDDEN KEY	L 146	McCarron
5. CORRUPTION	L 158	Massey
PU. EXTRA CHECK	L 150	Read
PU. LOCAL TREASURE	L 146	R. Haynes
*R. UDEMAN	L 158	C. Miller

*Refused at fence.

Mgn: 5 1/2. Time: 4:51 1/5.

O: Move Up Stable. T: Kathy McKenna.
Dk. B./Br. g. 10 Gulch-Lake Placid (IRE), Royal Academy. Bred by Guy Snowden (KY).

5th. \$100,000. Timber stakes. 4 miles.

The Virginia Gold Cup

1. SALMO	L 165	C. Miller
2. MR BOMBASTIC (GER)	L 165	Young
3. GHOST VALLEY	L 165	Petty
4. SEEYOUATTHEEVENT	L 165	Dowling
5. J. ALFRED PRUFROCK	L 171	Somers
6. PATRIOT'S PATH	L 165	R. Haynes
7. FAPPA FIRE	L 165	Curry
8. ROSBRIAN (IRE)	L 166	Fenwick III
9. MR LIBERATOR	L 165	Meister
F. BUBBLE ECONOMY	L 165	Gillam
PU. IRON COUNTY XMAS	L 165	McCarron
PU. FIELDS OF OMAGH	L 165	Rafter

Mgn: Head. Time: 8:24 3/5.

O: Irv Naylor. T: Jack Fisher.

Ch. g. 11 Northern Baby-Melantha, Vast Empire. Bred by Sara Collette (VA).

6th. \$20,000. Mdn. clm. hurdle. 2 1/2 miles. \$30,000-\$25,000 clm. price.

1. SHINY EMBLEM	L 148	Aizpuru
2. DESERT VIGIL	L 140	Hodsdon
3. CLASSY BRUTE	L 134	W. Haynes
4. FIRE ISLAND JET	L 139	Young
5. ORLIK	L 156	Ryan
F. NOTABLE CONTENDER	L 156	Rafter
LR. FOCUS ON A STAR	L 156	C. Miller
LR. CRIPPLE CREEK	L 148	Carter
LR. ED'S EMPIRE	L 138	C. Murphy
LR. COMPETENCE	L 148	Slater
OC. SUSSEX COUNTY	L 143	J. Murphy
OC. HEY DOCTOR	L 144	Read
OC. CUSE	L 148	Traurig
OC. MESHWAAR	L 139	McVicar

Mgn: 3/4. Time: 4:59 4/5.

O: Kingfisher Farm. T: Jack Fisher.
Dk. B./Br. g 6 Our Emblem-Plenty of Sunshine, Deputy Minister. Bred by Fitz Dixon (KY).

Undercard —

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place him in the Top Ten.

“He lucked into some good spots, and they’ve been perfect for him,” said McKenna of the wins at Little Everglades, Block House and now Great Meadow. “It’s not the Breeders’ Cup. He appreciates shooting lower, and he likes his races a little longer like here and at Block House.”

• Despite plenty of changes, Great Meadow’s \$25,000 steeplethon over the varied course produced more drama with the twists, turns, splashes and leaps.

In order (sort of), Bon Fleur went to the wrong side of a beacon before the eighth fence, but continued in the race . . . Private Attack followed, but was pulled up . . . Northern Thinking turned left in the water crossing and missed a beacon. He circled back to get on course, but was out of contention the rest of the way . . . Bon Fleur crossed the finish line first, but was disqualified.

Of the five starters, Brimson and Navesink View were the only two who stayed on-course throughout. Brimson galloped in second behind Bon Fleur (Jeff Murphy) but was awarded the victory for Never Better Stable and trainer/jockey Chip Miller. Navesink View (Will Haynes) moved up to second and Northern Thinking (Paddy Young) a distant third.

The winner broke his maiden over hurdles at the Gold Cup in 2006, but struggled through much of the remainder of the calendar. Hence the change of plans in 2007. Miller took aim for timber, and a request from the owners.

“Tommy and Denise Walsh have never asked me for anything, but they asked if Brimson could possibly run in the funny race at Great Meadow,” said Miller, using the race’s slang term. “So I said sure, we’ll give it a try.”

Brimson ran and jumped throughout, seemed to enjoy himself and wound up winning despite finishing second. Miller barely moved through the stretch as he was sure Bon Fleur would eventually come down.

Great Meadow race director Don Yovanovich made several changes to the course including numbering the obstacles and simplifying beacons, but still wound up with a minor calamity. Murphy made the first jockey mistake, going left of a yellow flag instead of right, and Billy Santoro (aboard Private Attack) followed. In an error beyond Young’s control, two-time race winner Northern Thinking half-stumbled, half-bolted to the left in the water before scrambling up a bank and nearly into a group of photographers.

“We reduced the number of flags, cut the number of beacon boxes down again and left no choices – you honor every gold flag,” said Yovanovich. “I’m sorry to death that it happened. We changed it to be simple.”

Murphy even asked a question about that part of the course in a pre-race meeting with Yovanovich and the jockeys, but apparently the answer didn’t clear up the confusion.

“At the riders’ meeting, I repeated several times that you had to use every yellow flag and for some reason, Jeff had it ingrained in his mind that we



Doug Lees

Northern Thinking leads the way, moments before veering off course, in the steeplethon. Bon Fleur and Brimson follow.

didn’t have to go around the flag in the turn,” said Yovanovich. “Retrospectively, I wish I went down there and showed him what I meant.”

• Far more eventful than even the steeplethon, the \$20,000 maiden claiming hurdle included more oddball occurrences among the field of 14 than Ripley’s. Notable Contender slipped on the first turn and took out Ed’s Empire and Focus On A Star. With the jockeys down, a United States Park Police mounted patrol officer rode to the area to check on injuries or other problems. His horse became unruly as the field returned for its second trip through the turn, and backed into the oncoming horses. Competence collided with the police horse and officer, losing jockey James Slater, and two others were forced off course. Panicked, the riderless police horse chased the field and eventually collapsed on the final turn. Due to an a suspected aneurism, the horse died on the course.

“According to the veterinarians, when (an aneurism) happens, horses panic and if they aren’t confined or contained they will do flighty things and run,” said Yovanovich, the Gold Cup’s director of racing. “Eventually, they

bleed out and they drop dead. It took 30 to 40 seconds and the whole thing was over.”

Yovanovich said the police officers and horses are at the Gold Cup for security – to assist with crowd control and other issues that arise with the large number of people at Great Meadow.

“The horse’s behavior was very strange – he was an experienced horse with lots of years in the field,” said Yovanovich. “He was a riot-control horse so had a lot of training. He had been to the Gold Cup several times before.”

No jockeys were injured in the incident, and early reports showed that the racehorses were not seriously hurt either. Initial concerns about a life-threatening injury to Competence turned out to be false, though he was taken out of training afterward.

“It’s a really unfortunate incident and accident,” said Yovanovich. “The officer feels horrible, he lost his horse and would do anything to correct it.”

Yovanovich said protocol does not require the mounted officers to attend to fallen jockeys.

“Their job is to have concern and they impulsively went over to the jockeys,” said Yovanovich. “They were near enough that they went over there to see

if they could be of help.”

Oh, the race had a winner. Kingfisher Farm’s Shiny Emblem (Xavier Aizpuru) just missed the police horse and ran down Desert Vigil (Hodsdon) in the final stages to win by three-quarters of length for trainer Jack Fisher. Classy Brute (Will Haynes) finished third.

“I couldn’t believe it,” said Aizpuru. “I was in front of the three (that fell) on the turn, the next time round I just got past the police horse when he stepped out and whoever was on my inside hit him. My horse actually got turned sideways but he stood up. I looked around and there were horses and people going everywhere. The first down the back, this police horse is coming up behind me like a freight train with the saddle flapping around under its belly. All I could think was I’ve got to get out of here. It was one of those things today – it was my day.”

• The races started innocently enough as Joe Henderson’s Triple Dip (Liam McVicar) rallied past Fershaw (McCarron) in the stretch to win a \$25,000 maiden hurdle by a half-length for trainer Jimmy Day. The winner dumped McVicar on the way out of the paddock, but was a gentleman on the course.

“He must have heard something or seen something because he’s the most laid-back horse at home,” said McVicar. “I was on him one minute and looking out over his ears, the next minute he’s flipped over and I was on the ground. I guess it’s all an experience for him, but it didn’t faze him much once the race started.”

Twice a winner at point-to-points this year, Triple Dip settled in the middle of the 12-horse pack, accelerated into contention approaching the stretch and out-scraped Fershaw to the finish. Honour Emblem (Hodsdon) finished third.

“When he came to the last, the crowd started roaring and he cocked his head to have a look at them,” said McVicar. “I had to tell him he had one more to go. (Fershaw) got upsides me, and that helped my horse go on.”



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River Bed (Carl Rafter) takes command in the starter allowance hurdle.



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Rolling Double

Move West, Noble Bob take pair of timber races for Augustin team

BY JAMIE SANTO

WINTERTHUR, Del. – Trying to find your way to the Winterthur Races? Either ask a Delawarean to point you to “Point-to-Point” (no “the”) or follow the Jags and Jeeps to Route 52. If you were



trying to find a timber winner there this year, you had no options – he had to be 6 years old, ridden by an Irishman and come from off the pace.

As the races enjoyed their second spring under the auspices of the NSA, the thousands gathered at the former estate of Henry Francis du Pont witnessed a double by the trio of Augustin Stable, trainer Sanna Hendriks and jockey Paddy Young and double first for multi-tasking horseman Desmond Fogarty.

• Augustin, Hendriks and Young got the first half of their double in the third, a \$10,000 maiden timber at 3 1/4 miles. Move West, returning from nearly a year and a half on the shelf, sat just off the early pace of Latino (Chip Miller). The

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duo dueled downhill to the 17th and final fence; Move West jumped clean while Latino rattled the rails. The 6-year-old bay son of Gone West powered his way through the uphill stretch to win by 5 1/2 lengths. Latino held for second, while Straight Path (Carl Rafter) took third.

Two years ago, Move West was a promising novice hurdler. He broke his maiden at first asking, picked up a grab bag full of thirds and closed the season with a 10-length score in the Foxbrook Supreme Hurdle at Far Hills (27 lengths ahead of 2007 Iroquois winner Good Night Shirt) in boggy conditions. He came out of that with a tendon, but following a year on the shelf and a winter of foxhunting, he returned to the track at 6 – on the timber circuit.

“He’s a big, good-looking horse,” Hendriks said, “but I thought he might get a little bit outfooted (over hurdles), just because he’s kind of big and gangly. (Owner George Strawbridge) wasn’t really that happy with me switching him over to timber, but he kind of looks the



Tod Marks

Move West (Paddy Young) pulls away from the field in a maiden timber at Winterthur.

part and he’s very accurate, very careful; he’s gotten braver and braver.”

Move West’s confidence has progressed like a 19th-century American settler – slowly, but relentlessly. He faced his first timber test at Brandywine Point-to-Point, where he finished seventh.

“He basically got scared and didn’t really go so smoothly,” said Hendriks. “Then we ran him back at Plumsted and he won that pretty nicely.”

Young rode him at Plumsted Point-to-

Point, two weeks prior to Winterthur.

“He was a bit novicey that day. He’s actually improved a lot. At the point-to-point he was very, very . . . stupid, to tell you the truth,” said the jockey. “But the way he’s run today, he actually got it together. These fences are a little bit small for him, but he’s probably not mentally ready for a big fence yet. That correction will happen, probably next year; he’ll be a really nice horse then.

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George Hundt

The amateur owner/jockey fulfilled a dream with his first National Steeplechase Association victory, aboard Michele Marieschi at Willowdale, May 6. In just his third NSA race, Hundt and his new horse prevailed by a half-length over the far more experienced James Slater aboard Twill Do. Hundt used to work on Wall Street, but turned to steeplechasing for his new thrills. Seasoned campaigner Michele Marieschi – and some coaching by Slater, Joe Cassidy, Richard Valentine, and a few others – helped fuel the victory at Willowdale. Congratulations on a job well done.



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“He’s such a big baby he needs to run in these sort of places just to get the miles on the clock, but a beautiful horse. Total class, he is a classy, classy animal, obviously he was very classy over hurdles.”

• The men who brought the slates liked Noble Bob’s in the fourth race, marking him a chalky 1-2 favorite. It was the jockey who had his doubts.

“This wouldn’t be his ideal track, because he’s won at Genesee which is a big, galloping track,” said Young. “He’s run well around Middleburg which is another galloping track, so it’s hard for him to get up and down these hills and around these bends.”

Seems the line was right, however, as Augustin, Hendriks and Young capped their double by taking the \$17,500 open timber feature.

Not that bridgejumpers didn’t run the risk of ojita in the early going as Mr. Fater (Rafter) opened up an easy, double-digit lead on the field. But Noble Bob and Irish Laddie (Rob Massey) joined the front-runner midway through, and the pair battled into the stretch as Mr. Fater dropped off the pace. Noble Bob widened his lead on the downhill run to the last, then pulled away to win by 5 1/4. Irish Laddie finished second, with Mr. Fater a comfortable third.

“I’ve ridden Mr. Fater before so I was kind of worried about him,” Young said, “but he also hasn’t run that many times this year. I thought maybe he went a bit quick, but (Carl) still had him good so it was hard work for my horse. He must have loads of ability to win ’round here because at no real stage did I think I was going to win.”

The 6-year-old son of Lord Avie notched his second career timber score, having broken his maiden over the logs at Genesee Valley in October.

“He’s a lovely horse and Sanna had him spot-on for today,” the jockey said, “which makes my job easy, so it does.”

• The last was full of firsts for Desmond Fogarty, as the Irish-born trainer and jockey notched his first NSA victory in either capacity aboard Irv Naylor’s Hot Springs. Ice Bullet (Ann Hambleton) enjoyed an early lead in the \$5,000 highweight amateur timber, but the 14-year-old gave way to Hot Springs and Ravens Rock (Niall Saville) in the later stages. Hot Springs took a narrow lead

into the stretch, then stormed up the hill to win by 11.

Fogarty and Hot Springs have developed together.

“I’ve been training him since last August, when I started working with Irv,” said Fogarty. “He was off a layoff and I just started back with him. He had won a hurdle race in Foxfield last year and he was (switching) over to timber so I started riding him and schooling him a little bit. He’s just a lovely, natural jumper so we ran him over timber in the fall and he was second his first time out up in Genesee to that horse that won today, Noble Bob, actually.”

The 6-year-old son of Wekiva Springs was making his third start in four weeks, following runner-up efforts at My Lady’s Manor and Grand National. Ravens Rock stayed on for second, with Ice Bullet third.

Fogarty was impressed and a bit surprised by his mount.

“He doesn’t travel as well on good ground,” he said. “I know he won and all the rest, but it’s just the class that comes through on him. He likes to get his toe in at the bigger fences, but in saying that, he hurdled every one of those jumps and traveled well, he’s got a lot of class. He’s coming off two seconds and he won today – you can’t ask much better than that. He tries his heart out.”

Fogarty conditions a few other runners for Naylor and is excited about the rest of the season.

“I’ve got a lovely little hurdle horse, Ice Is Nice, who’s been running the last couple of weeks,” he said, “and we have a horse called Stars Out Tonight that’s got a little injury, we might get one into him at the end of the season. There’s a few more there . . . I’ve been just legging up, training a few, running a few. Whatever the man decides, whether they go back out or whether I keep them. I guess if I can train a few winners he’ll leave horses at the farm, so it’s a good opportunity. He’s given me a good chance and I’m very grateful for it.”

• The five-race card kicked off with a pair of training flat races. Professor Maxwell (James Slater) took the 2-mile opener for owner and trainer Janet Elliot, winning by a handy 7 1/4 lengths over jump veteran Najjm (Niina Seipel), with Jacksonian (Alison Chubb) third. Honors in the second race went to Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard, as his trainee tag team finished 1-2. Sheppard’s own Sparkled (Massey) outfinished Timber Bay Farm’s Mr. J.T.L. (Slater) and Shredded (Jody Petty) over the 1 3/4 miles to prevail by 2 lengths.



Tod Marks

Noble Bob (right, Paddy Young) challenges Te Akau Five in the Winterthur feature.

Winterthur Races

Sunday, May 6. Winterthur, Del. Turf: Firm.

1st. Training flat. 2 miles. Amateur jockeys.

1. PROFESSOR MAXWELL	L 165 Slater
2. NAJJM	L 165 Seipel
3. JACKSONIAN	L 165 Chubb
4. LOCHLOMAN	155 Fletcher
5. NATIVE PEACE	150 O’Callaghan

Mgn: 7 1/4. Time: 4:24 2/5.
O/T: Janet Elliot.
B. g. 8 Buckhar-Pas de Basque, Bounding Basque.
Bred by Janet Elliot (PA).

2nd. Training flat. 1 3/4 miles.

1. SPARKLED	L 155 Massey
2. MR. J. T. L.	L 155 Slater
3. SHREDDED	L 155 Petty
4. MASTER BEN	L 155 Doran
5. GRAFFHAM	L 155 Rafter
6. OUR PHANTOM	L 155 O’Callaghan
7. WARRANT	L 155 Naughton
F. TEN CENTS A SHINE	L 155 C. Murphy
PU. KING DINGALING	L 155 Young

Mgn: 2. Time: 3:12 2/5.
O/T: Jonathan Sheppard.
Dk. B./Br. g 6 Valley Crossing-Gemini’s Gem, Gemini.
Bred by Jonathan Sheppard (PA).

3rd. \$10,000. Maiden timber. 3 1/4 miles.

1 MOVE WEST	L 165 Young
2 LATINO (PER)	L 165 C. Miller
3 STRAIGHT PATH	L 165 Rafter
4 ANTONIO STAR	L 165 Massey
5 MANLY JACK (NZ)	L 155 Mulligan

6 HADDIX	L 160 Slater
F FATHER PAUL	L 165 Traurig
PU SHINES BY THE SEA	L 161 Fogarty

Mgn: 5 1/2. Time: 6:47 3/5.
O: Augustin Stable. T: Sanna Hendriks.
B. g. 6 Gone West-Ristna (GB), Kris (GB).
Bred by George Strawbridge (PA).

4th. \$17,500. Open timber. 3 1/4 miles.

1. NOBLE BOB	L 160 Young
2. IRISH LADDIE	L 150 Massey
3. MR. FATER	L 155 Rafter
4. MR ROKEBY	L 161 Curry
5. TE AKAU FIVE (NZ)	L 160 McCarron
PU. MESSOMANIA	L 150 Slater
PU. TACLOBAN	154 C. Miller

Mgn: 5 1/4. Time: 6:26 3/5.
O: Augustin Stable. T: Sanna Hendriks.
Dk. B./Br. g. 6 Lord Avie-Scythia, Believe the Queen.
Bred by Circa Farm (MD).

5th. \$5,000. Amateur highweight timber. 3 1/4 miles.

1. HOT SPRINGS	L 161 Fogarty
2. RAVENS ROCK	L 165 Saville
3. ICE BULLET	L 166 Hambleton
4. RIDERWOOD	L 165 Smithwick
5. QUAREMBA	161 Cochran
6. BAD DOG PRESS	L 170 Slater
7. BIEN ALLURE	L 190 Whitner IV

Mgn: 11. Time: 6:43 2/5.
O: Irv Naylor. T: Desmond Fogarty.
Gr./Ro. g. 6 Wekiva Springs-Hard Evidence, Alleged.
Bred by Dolphus Morrison (KY).

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Fresher Than Ever

Garden State event keeps growing

BY KAREN BRIGGS

The eventing world will converge on Stone Tavern, N.J., the weekend of May 30-June 3 for the Jersey Fresh CCI***/** – bigger, bolder and better than ever.

Now in its fifth year, Jersey Fresh is really coming into its own, said Event Director Jane Cory (also the long-time organizer of the Pleasant Hollow Horse Trials in southeastern Pennsylvania). In addition to the two-star and three-star short-format CCI divisions, the signature event of the Horse Park of New Jersey is also offering an Advanced Horse Trials division this year, which is designated as one of two mandatory outings for both the American and Canadian riders who are qualified for the 2007 Pan Am Games teams. All told, Jersey Fresh has attracted a record number of entries – 135 in all – including big guns such as Philip Dutton, Jonathan Holling, Karen O'Connor, Darren Chiacchia, Bonnie Mosser (third here in 2006 with Close the Deal, one of her two entries this year), Bruce and Buck Davidson, Will Faudree, Stephen Bradley, Mara Dean and Kim Severson.

There will be lots of young stars as well. Watch for 18-year-old Waylon Roberts, son of Canadian Olympian Ian Roberts (who will also be competing in the Advanced Horse Trials division aboard his recent Rolex entry, Napalm) and fellow Canadian Young Rider graduate Jessica Ruppel, whose diminutive partner, Naughty by Nature, is of Appaloosa and Morgan breeding but jumps like a Thoroughbred. Kate Ditchey, 24, of Unionville, Pa., and Belmont III, who won the Intermediate division at Jersey Fresh last year, are back to try their hand at the three-star course, too.

Kim Severson will be bringing her latest protégés, Tsunami and Tipperary Liadhnan, for a go in the three-star division.

Bruce Davidson will be piloting King Billy as well as Private Treaty, formerly his son's ride. Buck has an entry in the two-star division in Ballynoecastle RM, as does veteran Stuart Black, who'll ride three in the two-star division and Fleeceworks Starlight in the three-star.

The biggest crowd-pleaser, however, will likely be Karen O'Connor aboard 14.1-hand superstar Theodore O'Connor, aka "Teddy the Wonder

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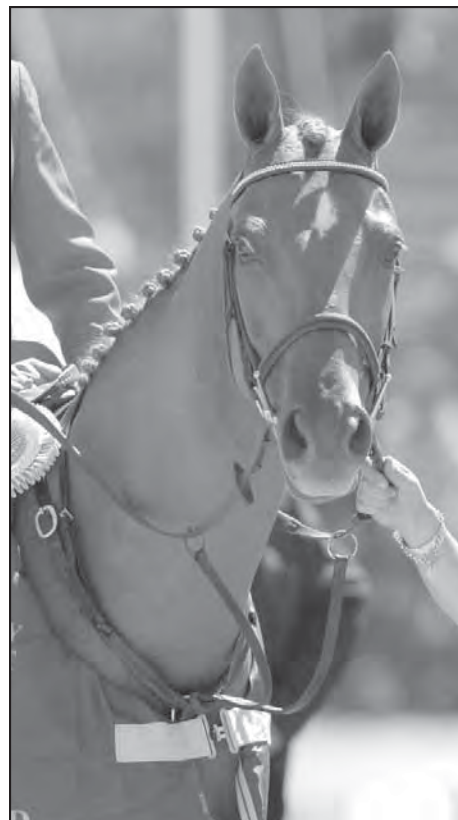
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Pony." Having recently made short work of the four-star course at Rolex Kentucky, Teddy will likely treat Jersey Fresh as a combined test and not run cross-country, but his legion of fans will turn out nonetheless to see this amazing little dynamo – possibly the world's only four-star pony – in action.

Team selectors will be watching both the Advanced Horse Trials and the CCI*** divisions, as the short list for the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro will not be drawn up until after the competition. Selections will be announced June 11, taking into account results at Jersey Fresh and the mandatory outing for West Coast riders at the Woodside Horse Trials in California.

COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

The courses at Jersey Fresh have earned praise from spectators for being compact and accessible, but that same design has required competitors to do a lot more turning than open galloping over the past few years. Now, with newly-acquired access to a sizeable chunk of land adjacent to the Horse Park, riders can look forward to a course that is much more open, said Cory.



Shannon Brinkman

The popular Theodore O'Connor was among the entries for Jersey Fresh.

Course designer John Williams only had a few-weeks notice to put the new acreage to good use – not enough time to build anything spectacular, he said, but sufficient to enable him to re-design the track to make it flow much more pleasantly.

"The most significant improvement is that the addition of this new loop has

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allowed me to position the first water jump so that it comes not quite so early in the course,” and the trip through the final water is now much closer to the finish, sparing the riders that long, taxing uphill gallop towards the finish flags.

“The new property does offer some fun bits of terrain, in particular a little ravine between the old property and the new that I’m hoping to play with for next year,” Williams said. “For now, we’re just using portable fences out there, but I think the riders will find the whole course flows better than ever with the addition, and I expect this will be by far the best Jersey Fresh yet, in terms of course quality, organization and management.”

That’s certainly the hope of the organizers.

“Jersey Fresh started from nothing,” said Cory, “and has grown so much in five years. I think it’s on the cusp of being an event people think of in the same way as they do Fair Hill. It’s slowly acquiring that same cachet. It’s ready to take off in a bigger direction – that growth is one of the most exciting things about it, even if the financial growth has taken a while to get going.

“At the same time, though, it’s still a friendly event and the riders really enjoy coming here,” she said. “We have an amazing volunteer base as well.”

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Close The Deal (Bonnie Moser) flies a fence at the 2006 Jersey Fresh event. He was third last year and eyes a return in 2007.

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Crowned Head of Australia

Headley Britannia leads from start to complete double for Fredericks

BY JOE CLANCY

Of all the barns in all the world, Headley Britannia walked into Lucinda Fredericks'. And the rest is history.

A smallish, non-descript mare, Headley Britannia belonged to a riding student who gave up on eventing and

headed off to see the world – leaving the horse with Fredericks to sell. One potential buyer said the chestnut was too short “in front of the saddle,” another didn’t like that “Brit” wouldn’t let anyone touch her ears and a third questioned the mare’s jumping.

Take that, doubters.

BADMINTON CCI FOUR STAR

May 3-6

Headley Britannia stayed with Fredericks and would be on anyone’s short list of the best event horses in the world. Headley Britannia led from start to finish to win the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton CCI**** at Badminton, England. The 14-year-old Irish Draught/Thoroughbred cross took the lead with a superb dressage test on the first day and added just 1.6 time penalties on cross country and 4 show-jumping penalties to become the first mare in 56 years to win the historic competition. FRH Serve Well finished second with German rider Andreas Dibowski, with American Kim Severson third aboard Winsome Adante.

The victory completed a rare double – Fredericks’ husband Clayton won the Rolex Kentucky four-star aboard Ben Along Time a week earlier – and confirmed Headley Britannia’s unlikely climb to the top. The Badminton victory was her second consecutive four-star score, coming on top of a win at Burghley last year.

“She’s one in a million,” said Fredericks from her home in England. “I unexpectedly ended up with her and she rewarded me with all my dreams. This little chestnut mare has come into our lives and done more for us than she possibly could. I’ve spent my life since I was 14 dreaming of Badminton. You wonder can your luck be that good?”

Undoubtedly, yes. Fredericks, 41,

added Badminton to an eventing c.v. that includes winning three-stars with Bally Leck Boy and producing numerous standout horses that were sold on to other riders. She and Clayton operate a thriving horse business in England and aim for spots on the Australian Olympic team in Beijing for 2008.

At Badminton, Headley Britannia seized the lead with a superb 34.8 score in dressage, but was nearly matched by American stalwart Winsome Adante, who checked in at 35.8 in his first try at the English four-star. Severson and Winsome Adante bypassed Rolex, which they won in 2002, 2004 and 2005,

in favor of Badminton and showed their class against the best in the world.

But nobody did better than Headley Britannia, described as a “little rubber ball” by her rider.

“She trots up like the little short-stepping pony,” said Fredericks. “For dressage,

you’ve got to supple her up and make her really sit down. When we go into the arena, I just ask her that little bit more. She gives me as much as she can. The more expression you want in the changes, you ride a little bit higher. If you want a small change, you just sit a little heavier on her.”

Sounds easy. Headley Britannia used her small stature to attract attention all weekend and had most of the spectators on her side by the end. The 15.2-hand mare soared and sprinted around a tough cross-country course, collecting the few time faults only because Fredericks opted for slightly longer routes

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Badminton Results

May 3-6

Place	Horse	Rider	Country	Penalties
1.	HEADLEY BRITANNIA	Lucinda Fredericks	AUS	39.6
2.	FRH SERVE WELL	Andreas Dibowski	GER	41.6
3.	WINSOME ADANTE	Kim Severson	USA	35.8
4.	BONZA KATOOMBA	Matt Ryan	AUS	46.2
5.	LORD KILLINGHURST	Andrew Nicholson	NZL	46.2
6.	MARIUS VOIGT-LOGISTIK	Hinrich Romeike	GER	47.6
7.	SNIP	Joe Meyer	NZL	48.2
8.	HENRY TANKERVILLE	Andrew Nicholson	NZL	49.2
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Learning from the Masters III

In December 2006, the National Steeplechase Foundation sent National Steeplechase Association Safety Advisor and Starter, Barry Watson, to England for a six-day trip (organized by Steeplechase Times) designed to glean information on anything from safety standards, to jump design to course maintenance from the British way of jump racing and bring it home to use in the United States.

The group visited Taunton and Cheltenham Racecourses. Watson walked both courses with the respective officials, starters and Jockey Club representatives and spent time at the start during each racing day. In short, the trip proved valuable in many areas – course safety, course maintenance, starting procedures and – perhaps most importantly – the establishment of contacts with various English racing officials.

A summary of Watson's report to the foundation follows, and will appear in the next few Foundation advertising placements.

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The English racing system seems ready to tackle a multitude of other protocols and options to deal with most of the intangible difficulties that arise during a typical day of racing. As can be the case in the Colonial Cup in the United States, the late afternoon sun can make it difficult for horse and rider to see the last few fences. Such was the case in the latter races of both days at Cheltenham. Being aware of the situation, the stewards and the starter awaited the opinion of the jockeys as they prepared to get the seventh race under way.

The riders felt the first fence presented a problem with the conditions at hand and requested the fence be closed off. Some of the riders thought the last fence should be taken out as well. But when the hardened veteran, Mick Fitzgerald, spoke up and said the last would be fine, there was not another word spoken, and soon afterward the field of novices made their way around without incident. In fact, by the time the horses got under way; the sun had taken refuge behind a cloud and presented no problem at all.

Similar conditions prevailed on the following day, while a field of four was preparing for the start of The boylesport.com International (Grade II). Once again the sun hung low in the sky, much in the manner of the day before. But on this occasion there was not a word spoken by the jockeys as they sorted out who was going to "make it." Instead, the feature race of the meet got under way without any mention of sun or shadows. It might have been the difference between novices and stakes horses. It's likely that the £200,000 purse had some bearing or perhaps both came into play.

There were more difficulties with the two types of mechanical starting devices used at Cheltenham on Friday. The first of these is referred to as the "Gray Gate." This is a spring-loaded device that consists of a strip of flexible cord that flies up and away from the field when the starter depresses the start button. During the start of the first race, a knot in the cord slipped, causing it to go slack and recoil down into the oncoming field. Many of the riders had to duck as they left the start. A steward's inquiry followed to uncover the problem, and decide if the mechanism should be used again. The starters revealed that the problem would be easily solved and assured the stewards of the device's integrity. The more widely used "flip start" is a fairly simple and straight-forward device consisting of a length of elastic cord that hooks onto a spring-loaded gear that releases when a trigger is pulled. In the case at Taunton the gear failed to lock into place, where as at Cheltenham it was just a minor adjustment of rotation of the device after a failed pre-race test, and there is always a pre-race test of the starting apparatus before each and every race.

A course inspection program similar to the one implemented here by the NSA provides the racing public and horsemen with a variety of facts as to what conditions may be expected at any of the racecourses in Great Britain that are preparing to hold a race meet sanctioned by the National Hunt, the governing body of steeplechasing in the United Kingdom. An implement referred to as the "going stick" is used to help gather data about the status of the racecourse. The going stick measures the density of the ground, the amount of moisture, and a sheer reading that are calculated in numerical terms and displayed on the digital readout of the instrument. A numerical scale has been developed to translate the data into relative terms as to the condition of the turf. The going stick is still in an active, developmental as well as experimental stage until 2007.

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WALKING ON AIR. Headley Britannia (Lucinda Fredericks) cuts across the ring in her dressage test at Badminton.

Badminton –

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at two obstacles – looking for control rather than blazing speed.

"I knew when I warmed her up on Saturday that I had my hands full and knew I could get close to the time because she's so quick," said Fredericks. "I had to do the three elements on the alternative at the pond, but I rode a very tight line. We only wasted about five seconds because she's so agile. On another horse, that wouldn't have worked."

Headley Britannia exited cross country in first place, but couldn't shake Winsome Adante (who added no faults on the second day). He flew around the course and was just .2 faults behind the leader heading to a show-jumping showdown.

Fredericks tried to ignore the pressure, and almost succeeded.

"I certainly felt it," she said. "When we won Burghley we were lying second and presumed we would stay there. This was different. As the days went on, it became blatantly obvious that a lot of people wanted her and expected her to go well. I suddenly thought 'I'm not only here for myself, I better do well.'"

Winsome Adante knocked down two rails in his show-jumping round, leaving the gate wide open for Headley Britannia and her fans. Of course, she clipped a single rail to make things interesting but found a rhythm and made off with the win.

"When I walked the course I knew the rail we had was going to be my problem because it was downhill," said Fredericks. "We had pressed it a little bit before that, but I rode her better after that. The last five jumps were much better – it took the pressure away or something."

Owned by the Fredericks, the Badminton champion nearly died from a virus in 2005 but returned last year to work through the three-star and CIC ranks. She finished third in a CCI four-star at Luhmühlen and won Burghley later in the year. Headley Britannia is an unlikely combination of grace, speed, stamina and jump, all in a small package.

"She doesn't seem to lack anything – she doesn't lack power, scope, speed, anything," said Fredericks. "She just seems to go from the start to the finish. She keeps coming, and jumps the last four jumps like she jumps the first four jumps. I've never ridden one like her."

An English native, Fredericks has ridden plenty – she rented her first barn at 9 and made a living out of buying and selling horses. She worked for Americans Karen and David O'Connor one winter, drove trucks another. She married Clayton in 2000, and they have a 3-year-old daughter, Ellie.

"Most riders get big breaks in their 20s or during the first 10 years of their careers, and I've done it the other way 'round," she said. "I was quite prepared to say 'no, time's up' after I had Ellie, but the one thing I hadn't done was have a good ride and be respected for a good performance at a four-star. Then I met this little mare and I thought I could do it. After Burghley, I couldn't wait to do it again. It made me more hungry. I'm extremely lucky and I couldn't be more proud of my little mare."

NOTES: Headley Britannia is by top eventing sire Jumbo, also known for producing quality dressage horses and show jumpers . . . The good news at the Fredericks' yard was tempered somewhat by the death of Lucinda's three-star winner Bally Leck Boy. He was put down due to chronic soundness issues.

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Lisa Marie Fergusson and Uni Griffon clear a fence in cross country.

Canadian rider Fergusson scores at Shawan Downs

Call it 3,000 miles. Langley, British Columbia, in Canada and the Shawan Downs equestrian center in Cockeysville, Md., are 2,930 miles apart according to Mapquest, but round up.

Lisa Marie Fergusson and her horse Uni Griffon made the trek worthwhile with a victory at the Maryland Combined Training Association's first CIC*** May 4-6. To be fair, Fergusson didn't travel all that distance just for the event – she's been training with David O'Connor in Virginia for a few weeks – but it's still a long way from home.

"Everyone back home is really excited, but they all want me to come home again," said Fergusson, 24.

She came East on the advice of O'Connor, with eyes on the Jersey Fresh CCI***. The move was all about competition. Uni Griffon finished seventh at

Galway Downs and fourth at Twin Rivers (both in California) this spring, with the big break coming at Shawan against a field that included Buck Davidson, Karen O'Connor and other big names.

"There are more people to intimidate you in your division out here," said Fergusson. "You ride with more big names here which helps you ride better."

Second after a dressage score of 50.3, Uni Griffon jumped cleanly through the show ring to take the lead heading to Saturday's cross-country round. Run in reverse order of placing, the round ratcheted up the pressure as Fergusson went last with a 3.3-point lead. Uni Griffon added nothing but time penalties to get the victory over rider Donna Smith's pair of Call Me Clifton and Rocket.

"I didn't expect much (beforehand)," said Fergusson. "I expected to do it for

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experience, but I knew my horse would jump around and our dressage was pretty solid. Still, you never know until it happens."

Fergusson knew something in advance as she bought the now 8-year-old Welsh Warmblood as a foal. Bred by longtime friend Carol McDonald, the week-old horse caught Fergusson's attention.

"He was just one of those horses that when I went and saw him all the hair on the back of my neck stood up," she said. "I had two really frustrating Thoroughbreds at the time, so that might have been part of it, but I was looking forward to training one from the ground up."

Together, they rolled up the levels on the West Coast and caught O'Connor's attention. He suggested Jersey Fresh, and some time in Virginia for fine tuning. Fergusson secured two sponsors (Dundee Securities' Langlois-Brown office and SnugRug horse blankets) for the trip and started driving.

"I packed up my trailer and my horse and drove out - here we are," said Fergusson.

• In other MCTA action, another Candian rider - Jessica Ruppel - won the advanced division with Naughty By Nature. The Ontario resident rallied from seventh after dressage to get the victory - her second advanced score of the spring.

Naughty By Nature turns heads no matter where he goes as the 15-hand gelding sports an Appaloosa blanket on his hindquarters.

• The MCTA event hosted more than 400 horses over the weekend with several divisions represented. David O'Connor designed the cross-country course, which was built by David Wisner. In five years at Shawan, MCTA has advanced its horse trials to the international level (six countries were represented this year). In addition, the host site is home to a steeplechase race meet in the fall and a point-to-point in the spring. Shawan hosted a fund-raiser aimed at building an all-weather outdoor arena at the facility.

- Joe Clancy

BRADLEY SCORES AT PLANTATION

Stephen Bradley guided From to victory in an advanced division at Plantation Field Horse Trials in Unionville, Pa. May 12-13.

The winner added only time faults to his dressage score in cross country, and went double clean in show jumping to end on a 47.7 score. Frodo Baggins (ridden by Laine Ashker) finished second with Columbo (Selena O'Hanlon) third.

Also at Plantation, Lion Display (Dornin North) captured an advanced victory, outperforming Relentless Pursuit (Dana Widstrand) and Arthur (Alison Springer).

SMITH, COURDRAY TAKE TWIN RIVERS

Young riders ruled at the Twin Rivers CCI in Paso Robles, Calif. on May 4-6 with Tory Smith, 20 of Los Angeles winning the two-star and Tiana Coudray, 18 of Carmel Valley, Calif. winning the one-star.

Smith rode her big Irish gelding Bantry Bay for her first victory at this level, leading all the way in spite of one rail down in show jumping. Her in-

structor, Debbie Rosen, placed second aboard The Alchemyst, and was enthusiastic about Smith's win.

"She really deserves this," said Rosen. Smith claimed \$1,650 in prize money, a cooler and a new custom Antares saddle. Third place went to Barbara Crado and Eveready who was sixth after dressage but moved up with double-clear cross-country and one rail in show jumping, when both the second- and fifth-placed horses retired from the cross-country course.

Derek diGrazia designed the course, run on a dirt track at the ranch located in the Salinas River valley, and constructed mainly of portable fences. High winds Saturday kept the dust blowing heavily, but the weather was clear and cool and ideal for the horses. Sunday was much hotter, but the wind

died down for a pleasant afternoon of show jumping, with spectators clustered under a couple of large shade-providing platforms.

A second-year student at UCLA where she is studying psychology, Smith, had previously competed to preliminary level with a horse that had to be retired due to old age. She and Bantry Bay have come up through the levels together and moved to intermediate just last year. She said that he is a difficult horse to ride and they have had their share of setbacks, so she was overjoyed by the success.

• Coudray and her young Irish horse Ringwood Magister won the CCI*. Just 6, Ringwood Magister has long been in the shadow of Coudray's upper-level horse King Street with

whom she recently won the three-star at Galway Downs.

Coudray, 18, rode boldly despite a dramatic fall the previous weekend at the Rolex Kentucky three-day event with King Street and an exhausting travel schedule in the week before Twin Rivers. A solid dressage performance put them in the lead, and then she kept her horse on track to take the win. Anna Collier and her Dutch horse Uppercrest D placed second, followed by Max McManamy and Beacon Hill.

Coudray, 18 works for Derek and Bea diGrazia and is sponsored by Mountain Horse, Ovation, Vertias, Advanced Protection Formula, and F.I.T.S. Breeches.

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Skipping around on spring season

Random thoughts on the end of a steeplechase season. It's the end of May and time to ponder.

Fair Hill. We made it. Whew. Racing began in Florida back in March and has meandered to Memorial Day Weekend and the Fair Hill Races. The race course is a few yards from the ST office and it will feel good to not have to catch a plane or pay to park or rent a car or spill airport coffee for a change.

The Outside Rail

Joe Clancy

I will, however, miss reading the early-morning newspaper at the gate and on the plane. There's nothing like not watching SportsCenter, and relying on the Philadelphia Daily News for the highlights – though it was another

tough April to be a Phillies fan.

Is it me or does jockey Xavier Aizpuru sound like the gecko in the Geico commercials?

The NSA "Official Notices" pages make for great reading now that the Stewards Advisory Committee reports are included. The bit about the Willowdale beacons that were put down, put back up by mistake and honored in the wrong race could be a skit on Saturday Night Live.

High Hope's disclaimer about the horsemen's hospitality tent was a breath of fresh air. The Kentucky meet ran the following in its overnight: "All NSA members and horsemen attending the High Hope races are invited to a hospitality tent, located next to the tower with food and refreshments." Thanks for including everybody.

This year's group of novice hurdlers is special. Orison, Gliding, Best Attack, Orsay, Rare Bush, Sovereign Duty and the rest look pretty good to me and we'd probably see a different winner every time they met – oh wait, we have. Here's hoping they stick around awhile.

The \$1,000 prizes for the winning owner and trainer in training flat races are a waste of money. Use that cash for the catering bill in the hospitality tent (see High Hope, above).

As a fan, it would have been nice to see Miles Ahead take a run at Salmo late in the Virginia Gold Cup.

Still a fan, I wish Sur La Tete and McDynamo had run at Keeneland.

Anybody for a million? It probably won't happen, but Jack Fisher is nearly on pace to become the first trainer to finish with seven figures in American steeplechase earnings. Jonathan Sheppard's horses cleared \$900,000 in 1989 and 1992, but Fisher hit \$489,455 before Fair Hill and leads Sheppard's second-place stable by more than \$186,000. Last year's spring leader, Neil Morris, checked in at \$334,000.

It's a shame that in a sport populated by zillionaires, the jockeys held a fundraiser to benefit Robbie Walsh and other injured jockeys. Summer project for the jockeys and the sport's leaders – form an independent jockeys' association, sit down together, motivate the Steeplechase Fund to do some proactive work and create better conditions for all.

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Tod Marks

LIP SERVICE. Class Vantage soaks up some of the cool mist off a misting fan in the Iroquois stable area May 12.

Sugaring Off

At dawn, a furlong down the road, Jim and Michelle Smith's old rooster crows. In the woods between there and here wild turkeys gobble incessantly, almost drowning out the joyous trilling of songbirds. Wood frogs chorus in the pond. Geese flap and honk overhead. The Sylvan Creek – swollen with snowmelt – runs high and fast and loud, roaring like a runaway train.

The wild din makes a believer out of me. It's spring.

I sit on the stone step outside the kitchen door drinking coffee and watching Mr. and Mrs. Mallard glide across the pond. Crocuses bloom at my feet.

I remember a long ago spring in Southern Pines. The morning was vivid and birds were celebrating big-time. I was riding out on the first set with a trainer and his guest. They looked a bit peaked after a long night of bending their elbows at Finch's Bar. We were jogging head-and-head down the fire lane. The guest grimaced and touched a hand to her ear.

"Ooh, these birds," she said. "They're way too loud."

"#**% birds," the trainer said.

Anybody riding out of my barn with a hangover today would need a double dose of Banamine and earplugs.

I hope the ducks aren't drunk on love because yesterday afternoon I watched a huge red fox stroll across the hill on the far side of the pond. He was obviously on a reconnaissance mission and wasn't

From The Hinterlands

By Annie Hawkins

deterred when I opened the door and ordered sternly. "Keep moving, Bucko."

At night I hear the eerie calls of coyotes close by. The bears are out of their dens and everyone has taken their bird feeders down. I've spotted moose tracks in the ribbon of snow left on the trail through the woods.

Last week at dusk shots rang out from the Smiths'. Raccoons were lurking around the chicken coop.

"A gang of thugs," Jim said later.

He walked out with his .38, took aim and blasted his tractor tire instead of the thugs. He's a mechanic, not a sharpshooter.

Soon the peepers will add their music to the sounds of the wood frogs. Peepers are already singing in the wetlands along Pleasant Valley Road, about 10 miles east of here and lower in elevation. I drove over there last weekend to buy a load of hay from Richard Stickney. He makes the best hay around and when he tells you it's an exceptionally good load you can count on it. Richard's son Matt

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Outside Rail —

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Nobody beats the Iroquois for attention to detail. Horses often have problems coping with the heat after a race on the Nashville course, but the race meet comes prepared with misting fans, troughs of cold water, ice and strategically placed hoses.

And if you leave your binoculars on a table in a tent, the Iroquois will get them back to you.

The Walsh fundraiser at Willowdale May 13 raised \$12,500 – from the silent auction alone. Other totals were still being tabulated, and don't forget to buy your motorcycle raffle tickets at

Fair Hill. Even better news, Walsh and injured amateur jockey Ellen Horner were on the improve.

River Bed for President. The veteran hurdler improved to 4-for-5 this year with a win at Radnor and seems to have rejuvenated his career. The 10-year-old stooped to a \$15,000 claimer to win last fall, but has pocketed \$61,000 this year with victories at Little Everglades, Block House, Great Meadow and Radnor.

Somebody asked me how long I've been going to the Iroquois. I don't think I've missed any since 1994, but I first went in 1978 when Dad won it with Owghata Chief – now I feel old.

Thinking of River Bed, his jockey Carl Rafter stands atop the standings

with nine winners thus far. But don't bet the man to place. In 36 rides, the transplanted Englishman hasn't finished second – but he's got 10 thirds to go along with the nine winners.

At the risk of sounding like a Bob Dylan song . . . too many horses have died. The list includes Racey Dreamer, Biblos, Ten Cents A Shine, Iron County Xmas and The Next Man. There's probably no one reason, but as a person who must answer the "why?" questions it doesn't get any easier. Steeplechasing might never be able to answer why, but we need to make sure we can thoughtfully provide a response to what's done – equine ambulances, rapid injury response, veterinary inspections, race course maintenance, drug testing and so on. Like much in our sport, the generali-

ties are great but can the specifics be improved? Can we be more uniform? Can horses and horsemen expect the same standards at each stop? Shouldn't they? The answers, my friends, are blowin' in the wind.

The high-priced maiden claimers popping up on the circuit are good moves. Owners and trainers can compete for a \$20,000 purse while risking their horses for a fair price (\$30,000 down to \$25,000). Desert Vigil won and was claimed at Radnor, clearing \$42,000 for his owners. Rum Squall dipped into a maiden claimer at Charlotte to get a win, then scored in allowance company at Radnor.

Have a great summer, and be good to your horses.

Hinterlands —

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told me he's picky about where his hay goes, the way some people are picky about who buys their horses.

"Yeah," Matt said, "Dad'll be hemming and hawing about selling a load and my mom will say 'Richard, just sell the damn hay!' "

Now I know that having 800 bales of Stickney hay in the loft is better than being blessed by the Pope. The horses aren't Catholic and neither am I so we're not getting a papal audience anyway.

Richard keeps a sugar house, too. During sugaring season old-timers park on the wooden bench inside and tell stories. It's the best place to go for a Vermont education even though I suspect that the storytellers keep a few secrets under wraps.

I ask Richard if I can have a quart of syrup along with the hay.

"I'm all out," I tell him. "That's almost as bad as being out of hay."

"Worse," he replies.

I know two secrets you won't hear in the sugar house. Nobody will warn you about spring's high decibel level and they won't mention that maple syrup is addictive. When I moved here I never sweetened my coffee. Now it's maple lattes every morning and sometimes a wee cuppa before afternoon stables. When I stock the pantry before a blizzard, syrup is at the top of my list along with coffee beans and toilet paper.

Maple syrup is an important part of the Vermont economy and part of the vernacular, too. On the way home from Richard's I listen to "Eye on the Sky" – the weather report from Vermont Public Radio. Mark Breen predicts more sunshine and rising temperatures.

"By late afternoon, the day will sugar off in the low-to-mid sixties," he says.

Winter coats on horses and humans are history. The mud on my road is drying up and there's a tinge of green in the fields. I've got two to jog and a mane to pull and I'm happy to get home and get on with it. Like everybody else in these parts, I'm sugaring off.

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