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McDynamo

Good Night Shirt

## HILL TOPPERS

*Steeplechasers  
aim for glory  
at Far Hills*

Divine Fortune

Footlights



### Plus **EVENTING NEWS**

- *Woodburn scores at Wits End*
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Here's your newspaper. On the cusp of two of the biggest days in steeplechasing and eventing, the October Times includes brief looks at both plus a recap of the action over the past month. The fall steeplechase season began in earnest, with a Breeders' Cup prep at Belmont Park, busy race meets at Shawan Downs, Foxfield and Virginia Fall plus visits the Meadowlands and Philadelphia Park. And the eventers keep galloping along to new achievements – including a recent win for “crossover” owners Sharon and Jess Sweely.



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Steeplechase stars McDynamo, Good Night Shirt, Divine Fortune and Footlights head for the Far Hills Races. Wit's End eventing winner Woodburn and rider Phillip Dutton aim for Fair Hill.

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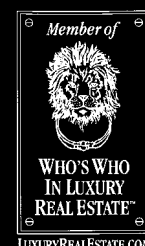
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## News and Notes from around the circuit

# FOR STARTERS

### Take A Number

**2:** Stakes winners by Royal Anthem at The Meadows Sept. 21. Divine Fortune won the Somerset Medical Center steeplechase and Presious Passion took the Grade III Cliff Hanger on the turf.

**40:** Late scratches at Virginia Fall's two-day meet.

**.538:** Strike rate of jockey Xavier Aizpuru since the start of the Saratoga meet. He's won with seven of his last 13 mounts, including a 3-for-5 start to the fall season.

### Worth Repeating

"When the rooster crows in the morning . . ."  
**Bob Dylan on jockey Russell Haynes' cell phone message**

"What's with you guys, you don't eat? You're the third one today that said that."

**Dr. Matt Gavin, after jockey Willie Dowling (who fell from Miss Battisti at Virginia Fall) answered "nothing" to Gavin's check-up question of what he had for breakfast**

"That's why you don't go running out to the front at the beginning."

**Six-year-old racing fan Nolan Clancy, after a pacesetter stopped at Shawan Downs**

"I figured Ravens Rock on rock-hard ground."  
**Trainer Paul Rowland, on his decision to run Ravens Rock in the James McCormick Memorial at Virginia Fall; the horse won by nearly 30 lengths**

"Everything's better in Virginia. Even our droughts are drier."  
**Middleburg's Chris Malone**

"I'd kiss you too if I thought it'd make any difference."  
**Owner John Ryan to jockey Paddy Young, after Ryan's wife, Monica, gave Young a pre-race kiss in The Meadowlands paddock**

"It was the first time I rode around the course here. I came and walked it in the dusk last night so I wouldn't scare myself. It didn't look so big, it looked all right – in the dark."

**Jockey Carl Rafter, on the timber course at Middleburg**

### Trophy, Big Trophy

On the table in the Belmont Park winner's circle Sept. 22 stood Lonesome Glory – or at least a bronze version. In honor of the inaugural running of the Lonesome Glory Stakes at Belmont, the National Steeplechase Museum donated a bronze of the five-time steeplechase champion for display at Belmont and use as a perpetual trophy for the Grade I stakes.

Sculpted by artist Margery Torrey, the bronze depicts the Hall of Famer at a walk and makes a striking presence – mounted on a marble base, it stands nearly 2-feet tall and weighs 75 pounds. The original sculpture was commissioned by the Jeffords family and was used to cast the trophy given the National Steeplechase Association's leading earner each year.

At Belmont, Sally Jeffords Radcliffe (daughter of owner Kay Jeffords), Blythe Miller (the horse's regular jockey) and Peggy Steinman (representing the National Steeplechase Museum) made the trophy presentation to Good Night Shirt's connections.



The Lonesome Glory trophy, and its contingent, at Belmont.



Doug Lees

**AND THEY'RE OFF! The Constellation Energy stick-pony race at Shawan Downs attracted a big field.**

### Happy Feet

At race meets where the horses get saddled in the barn, jockeys must have faith – setting up the saddle the way they want, putting it all together and handing the package to the trainer for the actual saddling process.

And that's where things sometimes go awry, as evidenced by the good-natured verbal sparring between trainer Doug Fout and jockey Matt McCarron after Erin Go Bragh's win at Shawan Downs.

"I wish you'd stop putting my irons down," said McCarron.

"I dropped them three holes today; it was six the last time. You're riding these timber horses too damn short," countered Fout.

McCarron: "I galloped down to the start and I couldn't figure out what was wrong. They didn't feel that long over hurdles – I thought maybe I was feeling old. Then I realized you had put them down."

Riding with the longer stirrups, McCarron steered Erin Go Bragh to an easy win in the \$15,000 maiden timber – and Fout smiled all the way.

### First Timer

Owner Tony Daniele won his first steeplechase when The Cobblers Son scored in Virginia Fall's maiden hurdle Oct. 7. Trained and co-owned by Jazz Napravnik, the 4-year-old son of Waquoit created a steeplechase fan for life.

Let Daniele tell it:

"It was great, just a lot of fun. I had one other horse but it was unsuccessful. I have a strong connection with the (Napravnik) family; I was the best man at Jazz's father's wedding. We actually lived on a farm together for a little bit. I met him when I was racing Thoroughbreds back at Penn National, probably sometime in the 1970s.

"The whole experience was great. Jazz did a great job. The horse looked great; very sound. I just love her intuition. The reason I have him is that I want to promote Jazz. She was in on the selection process and she looks at the conformation of the horses.

"I've been involved with various groups on Thoroughbreds, at Belmont Park and Penn National and other places. And I have won a lot of races, but this is the best one so far. I said afterward I want to go to Saratoga and win the Turf Writers.

"The differences in the settings of the events is great; the tower and the hillside. Of course, there is no betting, but that's OK too. I always want to have at least one, no matter what I do. I like to go to these NSA events and the point-to-points as well. I wish I had a few partners at Middleburg because I'm sure I would have gotten a few more interested.

"Even before the races I liked the foxhunting aspect of it, and seeing the horses out there getting ready. I can't wait for the next one. I told Jazz afterward 'Where's the next one?'"





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# Head for the Hills

McDynamo, 'Shirt' top the list of dozen eyeing Breeders' Cup

BY JOE CLANCY

"Going to Far Hills?" It's steeplechasing's version of "Going to Cancun?" though that question is asked by college students dreaming of drinking games, wet T-shirt contests and mud wrestling.

Oh wait, those happen at both places.

If it's world-class jump racing you want, however, the New Jersey race meet is your place – especially in 2007. The 87th Far Hills Races take the course Saturday, Oct. 20 and promise to deliver plenty of action.

McDynamo bids for his fifth consecutive victory in the Breeders' Cup Grand National, worth \$300,000 this year, but will have to get past the considerable shadow of Good Night Shirt. In the \$100,000 Foxbrook novice hurdle stakes, budding star Divine Fortune looks to continue building his enviable resume. Twice a winner over males this year, Footlights returns to the distaff ranks in the \$50,000 Peapack. Three more stakes complete the card, which promises – hope,



Tod Marks

McDynamo (here in 2006) returns to his favorite race course and the Breeders' Cup Oct. 20.

hope, hope – to be free of wild weather this year.

The course stands ready thanks to typically aggressive turf management and other improvements to access roads, drainage and the stable area. Guy Torsilieri, the race co-chairman, sent an e-mail this week with the subject line "What drought?" and an attached photo of lush green grass on the clubhouse turn.

The horses will be there soon enough. One in particular seeks to extend a career full of achievement.

McDynamo first went to Far Hills in 2001 and won a maiden hurdle. He was 4 years old then – raw, green, unpolished. The next year, he won the Foxbrook against novices. Then came the Breeders' Cup streak – four wins and a trip to immortality. That 4-year-old maiden from 2001 will be a Hall of Famer someday, and took the sport along for the ride.

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# Far Hills —

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"It's his seventh year at the same place and that's amazing," said trainer Sanna Hendriks. "I'm sure I ran other horses that day that are gone now. It's been a thrill and you start to realize it's not going to go on forever. I'm not saying this is it, but he's 10, not 4. It's been an adventure."

For the record, Hendriks' other runners that day in 2001 included Bredesen Moe, Spring Salute, Comanche Raider, Walkin n' Memphis, Lord Zada and Praise The Prince. And, by the way, her last name was still Neilson.

McDynamo headlines a group of 12 nominated to the Breeders' Cup, a 2 5/8-mile test over 14 National Fences, but seeks his first win of 2007. Fourth in the Iroquois in May, the champion makes his second start of the year and plays from behind Good Night Shirt. The latter, owned by Sonny Via, won the Iroquois and took the Lonesome Glory last month at Belmont Park. He, not McDynamo, holds the key to the steeplechase Eclipse Award and can lock it up with a win at Far Hills.

"Good Night Shirt is at the top of his game," said Hendriks. "He ran a really nice race at Belmont and is going to take a lot of beating. I don't take any of them lightly. Any horse can run a great race. My job is to make sure McDynamo's ready to run a great race."

To that end, she prepped her horse with a group workout at Shawan Downs Oct. 1. McDynamo finished full of run, passing several horses in the final half-mile and galloping in ahead of Rainiero, who subsequently won the maiden hurdle at Philadelphia Park. The "training race" helped build fitness, but just as importantly sent McDynamo for a day out.

"He came out of the Shawan work pretty well, brighter and tighter than he was," said Hendriks. "He seems happy and he runs his best races in the fall. The Iroquois wasn't his day. I guess I didn't have him fit enough for that day on that ground. He's going to have to run a big race, but he's done it before."

Good Night Shirt has done it three times this year.

He finished second at Keeneland, beaten a neck by Mixed Up in the Royal Chase, and followed that up by taking the 3-mile Iroquois. Trainer Jack Fisher

gave the 6-year-old a summer vacation, and the long-striding chestnut returned to win the inaugural Lonesome Glory at Belmont by a length.

"He came out of the Belmont race really good and I think he'll move forward off of that race. He surprises me, this horse. I didn't think he was that fit going into the race, so it should set him up for the Breeders' Cup," said Fisher. "If he doesn't make a mistake at the last jump he wins (the Belmont race) easy, so it wasn't like he wasn't fit. We're ready to go."

Tactically, the horses should meet somewhere on the final run down the backstretch, if not sooner. Good Night Shirt usually keeps close to the pace (he led throughout the Iroquois and was up close early at Belmont and Keeneland). McDynamo's best races at Far Hills have come from the front or near it. Experience shouldn't matter, but McDynamo owns 23 career jump starts, compared to 14 for Good Night Shirt.

"If I see a weakness (in Good Night Shirt) it's his jumping," said Hendriks. "Can he jump the last fence the way he did at Belmont and beat McDynamo?"

Fifty thousand spectators will be watching.

Beyond the top pair, the nomination list includes a mixed bag. Three Carat makes his first start since finishing second in the 2005 Breeders' Cup, 9 lengths behind McDynamo. One of four nominees trained by Jonathan Sheppard, he joins Underbidder, Luongo and distaffer Sweet Shani.

Orison chased Good Night Shirt home in the Lonesome Glory and was going well late so ought to appreciate the course's added furlong and hills. Doug Fout-trained barnmate Gliding fell in the stretch at The Meadowlands; still a novice, he could opt for the Foxbrook. The Looper finished a decent third to Footlights in the New York Turf Writers at Saratoga, then lost jockey Cyril Murphy late in the Lonesome Glory.

Best Attack hinted at big things with a novice stakes win (over Orison) at Radnor, but finished a dull seventh at Belmont. Trainer Bruce Miller hopes the 6-year-old appreciates the expected good turf at Far Hills. Miller also nominated Chivite, who finished a non-threatening second to McDynamo in the 2006 race.

Visiting English trainer Gary Brown nominated Irish-bred Your A Gassman, a winner of four English jump races (the most recent in 2004).



Tod Marks

The fans are ready for Far Hills once again — and the horses are too.

# News from the NSF

The National Steeplechase Foundation is dedicated to the preservation and advancement of American steeplechasing through programs that promote safety, education, fairness, and the spirit of amateurism.



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Last year NSA meets contributed approximately \$5 million to charities: a remarkable total for a sport of this size, considering that American steeplechasing has only about 750 participants. These contributions to worthy causes are something supporters of the sport should be very proud of. At the same time, supporters should be determined to help the foundation and the race meets maintain and expand.

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# Darn Duke

Fisher's veteran English import takes down optional claiming field

BY SEAN CLANCY

PHILADELPHIA PARK

Monday, October 8

BENSALEM, Pa. — Jack Fisher has a good sense of humor — he laughs at himself, his horses, his career. But, sometimes he needs a prop.

All year, he's used Duke Of Earl as a sidekick to his shenanigans. He calls the English import "The \*&^%\$#\* Duke Of Earl." It's like a proper name around Kingfisher Farm. When he's not using that moniker, he calls him Good Night Shirt's cloned brother — even though he's two hands shorter than the dual Grade I winner and no relation. Fisher offered Duke Of Earl to anybody in his barn for a dollar this spring — all they had to do was pay his training fees. Nobody bit.

On the Columbus Day card, the sidekick took center stage.

Owned by Fisher, Duke Of Earl rallied from eighth in a field of nine to win the \$30,000 optional claimer, feature of a two-race steeplechase foray to Philadelphia Park.

Ridden by Xavier Aizpuru, who replaced Robbie Walsh after scratch time, Duke Of Earl lagged with just Bow Strada behind him as Swimming River and Lead Us Not led early in the 2 1/16-

mile race. Leaving the backside, Lead Us Not, Swimming River and Sheriff Dillon hooked up but fourth choice Duke Of Earl gained ground from the outside. Tracking him, longshot Bunt clipped heels at the head of the stretch and fell.

Duke Of Earl flew the last to run past Lead Us Not, Sheriff Dillon and Swimming River, scoring for the second time this year and third time since being imported from England. Lead Us Not (Danielle Hodsdon) finished second, 2 3/4 lengths off the leader, with Sheriff Dillon (Carl Rafter) third.

Fisher switched places with assistant Mary McGlothlin and led the winner to the test barn. The jokes flew better than at a tryout for *Saturday Night Live*.

"I have no idea how he won. I kind of wanted to scratch him, I thought he was going to get killed," Fisher said. "I have no idea how he won. No, I didn't bet him . . . 9-2, the Duke Of Earl? I'm going to supplement him to the Breeders' Cup. You think I'm kidding? Who



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Duke Of Earl (left, Xavier Aizpuru) overtakes Sheriff Dillon and Lead Us Not at the last.

else is going to be there? Why not. He's Good Night Shirt's little brother."

Originally purchased by Edie Dixon after a 2-for-6 jump career and a 3-for-28 mark on the flat in England, Duke Of Earl made his American debut in 2004 when finishing fourth in an allowance at Middleburg. Longevity means something as he faced Hidden Key, El Guardiaespalda, He's A Dreamer, Easy and Malagash. Winless in 2004 and runless in 2005, Duke Of Earl picked

up a claimer at Colonial Downs last summer and another one this summer. The \$18,000 winner's share at Philadelphia marked his career best.

Not that Fisher was taking him seriously.

"You know what my instructions were? 'Just go along, if you can win it, win it, but if not, just pull up,'" Fisher said. "Where else am I going to run

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# Philadelphia —

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him? It's good ground, I don't have any conditions. I think I'll go to the Breeders' Cup now. And he's still for sale."

For Aizpuru, whose sister and brother-in-law were on hand from England, it was win number 16, to lead all jockeys.

"He's only a little horse so I just let him find his feet and get comfortable," Aizpuru said. "What he lacks in physical size he makes up for in his jumping. He jumped his way into a nice position entering the final turn and I took him off the front two and just poked his head out to give him a look at the last fence and he just stayed on to the line. It wasn't that he found anything extra; it just feels like he could go like that all day."

• Trainer Sanna Hendriks needed a prep for four-time defending Breeders' Cup champion McDynamo so she convinced Fisher to open the irrigated Shawan Downs for an informal training flat race Oct. 1. McDynamo worked well. How well, we'll find out at Far Hills Oct. 20. Hendriks, at least, received a good sign from the exercise when McDynamo's company Rainiero won his jump debut. Owned by Augustin Stable, the Chilean-bred 5-year-old jumped like a veteran, winning by a half-length over The Price Of Love (Hodsdon), with longshot Atrium (Calvin McCormack) third. Jody Petty collected his 99th career victory aboard the winner.

"I thought he went really well at Shawan," Hendriks said. "When I saw that, I thought he should run pretty well, but Shawan was a little hard to gauge, it's Northern Thinking, McDynamo . . . that was good enough company. When I thought about the Shawan thing, I'm like 'hopefully it was a good race,' but you never know. If he ran terrible, I would have thought, 'Uh oh, we might be in trouble.' The fact that he came out and ran well makes me happy for McDynamo. It's hard to feel confident about any of them, but at least you feel like it was a good piece of work. I liked it enough to bet on him."

A half-brother to Augustin's Octavio, Rainiero won four of 12 on the flat in Chile. Imported last summer, Rainiero learned the basics of jumping last fall, was castrated this winter and was nearly ready to run this spring when he got kicked in the knee while turned out. That shelved any spring or summer plans for the son of African Dancer.

"I liked him, but to be honest, he's a half-brother to Octavio and I liked him and he didn't turn out too good. When (*Steeplechase Times*) called in the spring, I was like, 'Yeah, I have this nice maiden Octavio.' At home, he could work with anything in our barn, he was like a speed machine but I guess he couldn't get the trip. This horse is more of a stayer. I thought it was a very tough race so I thought he might finish second or third. He's done everything we've asked him to do at home."

Petty concurred.

"From Day One I thought he was going to be a good jumper; he was pretty natural. We always liked how he traveled. He's just a beautiful type, so we just hoped he got it all together," he said. "We train on the farm and with the ground being so hard it's tough. But he handled it beautiful out there. Just phenomenal."

## Philadelphia Park Results

Bensalem, Pa. Monday, Oct. 8. Turf: Firm.

### 4th. \$25,000. Sport of Kings maiden hurdle. 2 1/16 miles.

1. RAINIERO (CHI)	L 154	Petty	18.60	9.00	5.40
2. THE PRICE OF LOVE	L 150	Hodsdon		4.40	4.00
3. ATRIUM	L 154	McCormack		12.60	
Exacta (7-3) \$106.20. Trifecta (7-3-10) \$1,159.00					

4. FANTORINI	L 154	Aizpuru
5. GIGGER	L 154	C. Miller
6. BIG BOO BOO	L 150	Young
7. CLOSTERTOYOURHEART	L 150	Dowling
8. ORPINGTON	L 154	Walsh
9. FLYROCK	L 149	J. Murphy
10. RESTON	L 150	Rafter
11. LUVYUODAD	L 144	Doran

Mgn: 1/2. Time: 3:50 3/5. O: Augustin Stable. T: Sanna Hendriks.

B. h. 5 African Dancer-Ultramar (CHI), El Morgon.  
Bred by Haras Dadinco (CHI).

### 7th. \$30,000. Optional allowance/claiming hurdle. 2 1/16 miles.

1. DUKE OF EARL (IRE)	L 144	Walsh	11.60	5.20	3.00
2. LEAD US NOT	L 144	Hodsdon		4.80	2.80
3. SHERIFF DILLON	L 144	Rafter			2.60
Exacta (5-10) \$48.40. Trifecta (5-10-1) \$149.40					

4. SWIMMING RIVER	L 156	Young
5. IMAGINA (CHI)	L 150	Petty
6. GREAT GUSTO	L 140	Slater
7. WESTBOUND ROAD	L 139	J. Murphy
F. BUNT	L 144	McCarron
PU. BOW STRADA (GB)	L 148	C. Miller

Mgn: 2 3/4. Time: 3:48 4/5.  
O: Kingfisher Farm. T: Jack Fisher.  
Ch. g. 8 Ali-Royal (IRE), Faye (GB).  
Bred by Noel Finegan (IRE).

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# Still Sweet

Veteran horseman Rouse savors stakes win with Fields Of Omagh

BY SEAN CLANCY

MIDDLEBURG, Va. — Randy Rouse walked down the Glenwood Park stretch like he had done so many times before and celebrated.

"Yeah, I've got something to take home," Rouse said to a well-wisher, as he pumped both the owner and trainer trophies for the National Sporting Library Chronicle Cup.

Rouse's Fields Of Omagh had just upset Noble Bob in the \$35,000 timber stakes, the feature on the first of two days of racing at Virginia Fall.

The winner stretched out three rivals over 3 miles to win his second Chronicle Cup in the past three years. Carl Rafter decided early to make Noble Bob chase and it worked to perfection; he finished a non-threatening second, beaten 8 lengths, with Navesink View another 40 lengths back in third.

For Rouse, who first came to Glenwood Park more than a half-century ago, the thrill hasn't changed.

"Same feeling. Always a great feeling to win. It's always exciting," Rouse said. "He's a dear animal, just lovely around the barn, anybody can ride him.

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A girl who works for me gets on him, she takes him out, doing trots and canters, popping over a few logs. He's easy to train, never does anything mean, but he hates soft going, so this was fine for him."

Rouse purchased Fields Of Omagh from Kinross Farm, in hopes of having a hunter, maybe a point-to-point horse. He won the Chronicle Cup (then just a \$10,000 open timber) and the International Gold Cup stakes in 2005, made two winless starts last year, but relished the hard ground and picked up the \$21,000 winner's check. Assistant David Bourke helps Rouse with the training. When you're 90, you need a little assistance.

"Everybody kept saying don't run him, he's too valuable. I kept saying he'll like it," Rouse said. "I told Carl to stay behind, that's the reason Zohar (Ben Dov) got rid of him, because he couldn't hunt him, he would refuse. If he has a lead, he never refuses, so I was a little afraid he'd get out there all by



Doug Lees

Fields Of Omagh (Carl Rafter) leads Noble Bob in the Chronicle Cup.

himself and say 'screw it,' but he didn't. He tried to keep him back but nobody else would go."

Longtime amateur rider Rouse remembers his first trip to Glenwood Park.

"Oh my God, it was 1950. I rode a race against Willie McCormick's father, Jamie. It was a point-to-point, that was my first time," Rouse said. "Eugene Weymouth, tall and straight as an arrow, was riding the race before and he came over and said, 'I forgot my stick, can you lend me yours?' I said sure. When my race came up, I said, 'Where's

my stick?' He said, 'I dropped it on the backside.' I cut a twig off a tree and that was my stick. I didn't do any good."

Rouse recently purchased the Middleburg Training Center and plans to keep owning, training, hustling, wheeling and dealing.

"I still ride, not much, I'm 90 years old. I work at staying fit. I keep busy," he said. "You slow down when you get old, but you've to keep doing something. These old guys stop doing things, lay around. Not me."

English import Rafter wasn't around  
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### Virginia Fall Results

Middleburg, Va. Saturday, Oct. 6. Turf: Hard.

**1st. \$12,500. Opt. clm. hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.**  
**NW \$9,100 once or for \$15,000 clm. price**

1. SLATTERY	L 149	Petty
2. ONE SEA	L 136	Mackenzie
3. BIG IS BEST (NZ)	L 153	Young
4. SILVER WHEAT	L 138	McVicar
5. MARINO FELIZ (CHI)	L 136	Gillam
R. REFLECTOR	L 140	W. Haynes

Mgn: 3 1/4. Time: 3:48 2/5.

O: Crestview Farm. T: Sanna Hendriks.

Dk.B/Br. g. 5 Personal Flag-Can't Bluff Me, Pine Bluff. Bred by John Dillon (FL).

**2nd. \$15,000. Maiden timber. 3 miles.**

1. RAVENS ROCK	L 165	Young
2. GENGHIS	L 174	G. Winants
3. BERANI	L 165	Slater
PU. PATRIOT'S PATH	L 160	R. Haynes

Mgn: 29 3/4. Time: 7:02 4/5.

O: Holbrook Hollow Farm. T: Paul Rowland.

Gr./Ro. g. 8 Waquoit-Raw Sugar, Judger.

Bred by James Steele Jr. (MD).

**3rd. \$35,000. Timber stakes. 3 1/4 miles.**

**The National Sporting Library Chronicle Cup**

1. FIELDS OF OMAGH	L 155	Rafter
2. NOBLE BOB	L 165	Petty
3. NAVESINK VIEW	L 155	W. Haynes
4. JAVA TO GO	L 150	Walsh

Mgn: 16. Time: 7:08 4/5. O/T: Randy Rouse.

B. g. 12 Pleasant Tap-Brave and True, Fappiano.

Bred by Paul Mellon (VA).

**5th. \$5,000. Mdn. clm. hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.**

**\$7,500-\$5,000 claiming price**

1. OLD FELLOW (ARG)	L 157	Ryan
2. CUSE	L 156	Slater
3. DROMINEER	L 147	Zimmerman
F. MISS BATTISTI	L 146	Dowling
LR. SCOTT'S GOLD	L 147	R. Haynes
LR. GLIDE KING	L 152	Young
PU. HILLBROOK BUSTER	L 155	McCormack

Mgn: NK. Time: 3:48 2/5.

O: Gregg Ryan & Margaret Littleton. T: Mairead Carr.

Ch. g. 6 Luhuk-Oda (ARG), Southern Halo.

Bred by La Quebrada (ARG).

Sunday, Oct. 7. Turf: Hard.

**1st. \$10,000. 3YO Mdn. hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.**

1. C R'S DEPUTY	L 150	Young
2. MULTIE COLORED	L 150	Rafter
3. MECKLENBURG	L 140	W. Haynes
4. TANK ZONE	L 145	R. Haynes

Mgn: 1 1/2. Time: 3:54 2/5.

O: Barracuda Stable. T: Ricky Hendriks.

B. g. 3 Deputy Commander-Splendid Victory, Atticus. Bred by Tracy Farmer (KY).

**2nd. \$10,000. Maiden hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.**

1. THE COBBLERS SON	L 140	Chalfin
2. PET BROKER	L 148	Walsh
3. ASTROLOGER	L 145	R. Haynes

Mgn: 1 1/2. Time: 4:14 4/5.

O: Flying Horse Farm & Anthony Daniele.

T: Jazz Napravnik. B. g. 4 Waquoit-Tangawisi,

Northern Baby. Bred by Kinross Corp. (NY).

**4th. \$7,500. Maiden hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.**

**Owned and trained in Virginia**

1. DEJAVUALLOVERAGAIN	L 154	Ryan
2. ENDLESS MOUNTAIN	L 149	Gillam

Mgn: 2. Time: 4:27 2/5.

O: W. William Pearson. T: Mairead Carr.

Dk.B/Br. g. 6 Whiskey Wisdom-You Just Watch Me, Spectacular Bid.

Bred by Kinghaven Farms (ONT).

**6th. \$5,000. Amateur hwt. hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.**

**NW of a stakes**

1. YOKAZONA	L 167	R. Haynes
2. CHIME CHOIR	L 172	Slater

Mgn: 1/2. Time: 4:01 3/5.

O: Anne Haynes. T: Bruce Haynes.

Ch. g. 8 Sword Dance (IRE)-Summer Account,

Classic Account. Bred by Gilbert Campbell (FL).

**7th. \$5,000. Amateur hwt. timber. 3 miles.**

**NW \$9,000 once in 2006-07**

1. DR. RAMSEY	L 180	Gillam
*OC. CHINESE WHISPER	L 191	Whitner

Time: 7:23 4/5.

\* DQ from 1st for going off course.

O: Mary Fleming Finlay. T: Dot Smithwick.

Dk.B/Br. g. 13 Northern Baby-Inspired, Sham.

Bred by Arthur Hancock III (KY).



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when Rouse was winning every owner/rider race aboard horses such as Quashed and Cinzano, but Rafter gallops at Middleburg Training Center and knows all about Rouse's legacy in steeplechasing.

"It's great for Randy," Rafter said. "Randy always tells me, be careful, he can stop, so I woke him up going to the first and slapped him on the shoulder, I've always ridden the horse positively. Nobody else wanted to go. Robbie (Walsh aboard Java To Go) said



Doug Lees

Randy Rouse

he's dropping in, the other fellow was just getting around and Jody was the one to beat. I was looking for company over the first couple but we loped, we loped. I had to be positive on him, if he would have stopped . . ."

• Crestview Farm's Slattery took the opener, an optional claimer where five of the six starters ran for the \$15,000 claiming price. Jody Petty allowed Slattery to gallop on the front end where he held off One Sea (Roderick Mackenzie) and Big Is Best

(Paddy Young). Mackenzie claimed foul for interference at, where else, the elbow, but it was disallowed. Sanna Hendriks trained the winner, a 5-year-old son of Personal Flag.

"He's such a cool horse, he's an amazing jumper and that's what put him in the race," Petty said. "I was expecting to sit behind Marino Feliz, but we out-jumped him at a couple of fences, then he settled on the front end, went at his own lick, jumped at his own pace and had enough to hold them off."

Petty scoffed at the claim of foul.

"I don't know where he came from and I don't know where he was going," Petty said. "I was shocked there was a claim of foul, to be honest."

• Paul Rowland wheeled back Shawan Downs runner-up Ravens Rock to score in the maiden timber. Young sent the 8-year-old son of Waquoit to the lead and his three rivals were never in the hunt as Genghis (Woods Winants) finished 20 lengths back in second with Berani (James Slater) third.

Owned by Paul Wooden's Holbrook Hollow Farm, Ravens Rock negotiated 6 miles in seven days, picking up \$13,200 for a week's work.

"The owners have been so patient with this horse. They let me run him through the point-to-points this spring, getting the horse some confidence, instead of going down to Maryland," Rowland said. "This came up an easy spot. He ran well last week. He has issues; he doesn't like tongue ties. In the end, it's better to have as little as possible on him. He's settling down with age. I'm happy for the owner because he's been patient and it's been a long time coming."

• Like all trainers who entered horses over the weekend, Mairead Carr anguished over the decision to run. Carr entered four horses — her entire stable — over the two-day card. After her first runner, she felt better about the choice.

Gregg Ryan rode the aptly named Old Fellow to win the \$7,500 maiden claimer over late-running Cuse (Slater) and long-time leader Dromineer (Rylee Zimmerman). Owned by Ryan and Margaret Littleton, Old Fellow rallied between horses to win by a neck.

An Argentine-bred, Old Fellow made his American debut at Foxfield last fall and was winless in five starts before Middleburg.

"We imported him about two years ago, it's taken him a while to get going. He's a good jumper, he finally won," Carr said, on her way back to the barn. "It's always nice to win but especially at your hometown;



Doug Lees

Old Fellow (left, Gregg Ryan) stalks Miss Battisti in a maiden hurdle Saturday at Virginia Fall.

the Littletons live here, they have their picnic here. We've taken gas about running him, I'm supposed to run three tomorrow. They seem to be coming back fine, you just don't ever know. I'm running my entire string, I have a nice 3-year-old — if you don't run him here, what do you do? You can't go from Thornton Hills to Far Hills."

## SUNDAY RACING

• Barracuda Stable's C R's Deputy took the first 3-year-old race of the season by wiring three rivals under Paddy Young. Trained by Ricky Hendriks, C R's Deputy handled Multie Colored (Carr's 3-year-old) and Rafter by 1 1/2 lengths. Mecklenburg (Will Haynes) finished third. Bred by Tracy Farmer (of Sun King fame), C R's Deputy exited a win against \$25,000 claimers over the Delaware Park turf Sept. 18.

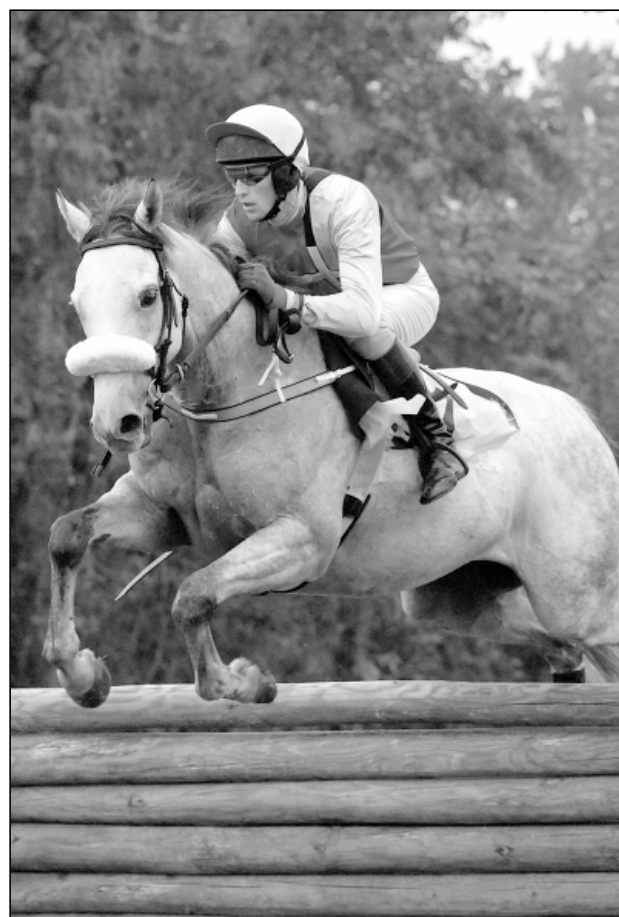
"It was a pretty straightforward ride. There were only four horses in there and the ground wasn't ideal. He made the running, which probably isn't his best style, but I think he'll be better with a target to run at," Young said. "He had a nice win without having to give too much out there. He's still improving and he could be really tough at Far Hills. I really like his chances. He's got a run under his belt now, and it should help him improve a lot. Coming in he hadn't done a lot of schooling but he was pretty fit. He should get a lot out of this race, experience-wise."

• One bucket? Better get three. The Cobblers Son broke his maiden — and that of his owner, trainer and jockey too — with a front-running victory in the \$10,000 maiden hurdle. The 4-year-old son of Waquoit exited a front-running triumph at the Blue Ridge Point-to-Point Sept. 22 to register a 1 1/2-length win over Pet Broker (Robbie Walsh) and first-time starter Astrologist (Russell Haynes). They were the only runners.

Jake Chalfin steered The Cobblers Son for trainer Jazz Napravnik, who co-owns the bay gelding with Tony Daniele. Napravnik, 25, has registered wins on the flat and the point-to-points but had never won a sanctioned steeplechase. Daniele was at Middleburg to see his first steeplechase victory. Ten-pound apprentice Chalfin, 29, has a real job in the compost business and gallops for trainer Kathy McKenna most mornings.

"You know what the best part is? I lost that damn bug. That thing was killing me for about two weeks," Chalfin said. "They hit me twice with water. James (Slater) hit me with some nice 80-degree water, I think he got it out of a pond, a frog might have bounced off the back of my head. That was in front of the tower. And back at the jocks' room Carl Rafter got me with the water that was holding the Gatorade; that was nice, it washed off some of the pond scum."

Chalfin grew up in Chester Springs, Pa., joined 4-H as a kid, hunted and rode in Pony Club, and eventually moved to Unionville to channel his horse bug. He rode his first jump race at Block House this spring and talked Napravnik into giving him a chance at Middleburg.



Doug Lees

Ravens Rock (Paddy Young) flies a fence early in his maiden timber win Saturday.

"I want to do this as an amateur; I'd like to see how far I can take it," Chalfin said. "I'm pretty serious about it and I think you have to be because it's so dangerous and if you're not sharp you're going to get yourself or someone else hurt. You can't be too casual about it, so I don't see myself being a major professional, but I do want to try to apply myself as an amateur as much as I possibly can."

Napravnik avoided a soaking — it's only a tradition with the jockeys — but was enthused about her first win.

"It was a lot of fun, but mostly I was concentrating on the fact that it was Jake's first win and the first win for the owner, and to be honest, it didn't dawn on me until the next morning that it was my first win as a trainer in a sanctioned race," Napravnik said. "The plan is to be a professional trainer. I have a two-year lease on the farm that I'm at now and I'm almost a year and a half into it. I graduated with a degree in psychology. I've kind of given myself two years to make it or break it; if I break it I'm going back to grad school and if I make it I'm in it for life. I think we're gonna make it. Last year the farm did well enough and I bought a new truck, so things are looking good."

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# Virginia Fall —

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• If Old Fellow was aptly named, then the second winner on the weekend for Carr and Ryan had an even better handle. Dejavualloveragain secured a double for the duo. The 6-year-old son of Whiskey Wisdom, owned by William Pearson, led most of the way to vanquish his only rival Endless Mountain (Diana Gillam) by 2 lengths in the \$7,500 maiden for horses owned and trained in Virginia.

Dejavualloveragain made his hurdle debut in 2006 at the Virginia Gold Cup. He picked up two seconds while going winless in four starts last year and missed in his two previous starts this year.

“It was a two-horse race; I wish I had more of those,” Ryan said. “The ground was so firm so we were going slow out there while still trying to win. It worked out great. Sometimes you start thinking too much (with only two horses). In a big field you have horses in front and behind you, but it worked out good.”

The victory made it 144 for Ryan’s career, inching him closer to the all-time leading amateur record of 147, set by Rigan McKinney in 1940.

“The record would be great. He did it in just a few years and rode for a lot of top stables,” Ryan said. “Me, I’m kind of the ‘king of the claimers,’ so if I get it, it will be by being tenacious. I’ve always had an office job too, so it will be very satisfying.”

Ryan started in 1981, winning his first race on Close To Glory (trained by Jerry Fishback) at High Hope. He beat Jane Sloan, Herman Playforth, Speedy Smithwick and Paul Sloan.

“The first and last five years it’s been tough. It was tough to get to win 10 races. My last three rides have all been winners, and that’s the first time since 1990 with Jonathan Sheppard that I’ve done that,” Ryan said. “The game has changed a lot; I’m not riding 15 winners a year anymore, so it’s been tough. You get a good horse and it doesn’t work out; it’s tough. But



**The Cobblers Son (Jake Chalfin) cuts the corner in his win at Virginia Fall Sunday.**

Betsy Parker

whatever the case may be I’m within reach, I’m within striking distance. Over the years I’ve tried to do everything right and with the same enthusiasm. You have owners who you work for and they deserve that.”

• Bruce Haynes and his son Russell teamed up to win the amateur allowance hurdle with wife/mother Anne’s Yokazona. The 8-year-old son of Sword Dance led early before relinquishing the lead to Chime Choir (Slater). Yokazona rallied late to win by a half-length for his first score since winning a maiden claimer for Contrarian Stable in 2003.

Russell Haynes, 20, hit the ground twice Saturday, then finished last on his first two rides Sunday. It was about to be a lost weekend for the Virginia Tech sophomore when Yokazona nailed Chime Choir in the last stride.

“It was much-needed. Saturday was the day I was expecting to win a couple of races and Sunday was the day I was dreading. Saturday was real frustrating,” Haynes said. “I’m just happy getting a lot of rides. It’s been a long spring and a little bit of a long fall as far as fallers go, but that’s part of the game.”

Haynes studies film and communications at Virginia Tech.

“I’ll keep riding as long possible and then move on from there,” he said.

• Oldtimers Chinese Whisper and Dr. Ramsey completed the triplet of match races Sunday, squaring off in the amateur highweight timber. Chinese Whisper and owner/rider Jim Whitner won the 3-mile affair but stewards disqualified the 10-year-old former Kinross runner for missing a beacon twice (Whitner was fined a healthy \$500 for the offense). Gillam watched Whitner’s miscues and allowed Mary Fleming Finlay’s Dr. Ramsey to canter home second. Including non-sanctioned events, it was the third winner on the weekend for Gillam and second for Finlay and trainer Dot Smithwick.

Dr. Ramsey, 13, made his career debut in 1998 when trained by Jack Fisher and owned by Cary Jackson. The son of Northern Baby has made at least two starts for 10 consecutive seasons.

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Jimmie Echo shows the way early as winner Gather No Moss (right) settles off the pace in the conditioned claiming hurdle at Foxfield.

# Flying Change

Former eventer Gomena realizing success with shift to steeplechasing

BY BRIAN NADEAU

## FOXFIELD FALL RACES

Sunday, September 30

Ever had the chance to wake up each morning and do something you love, something you have a passion for and something you take pride in doing?

Trainer Julie Gomena, who enjoyed a successful career in three-day eventing, is doing just that. Gomena has made a smooth transition to the steeplechase game, and her charge Soy Desatanudos helped prove the point after a flag-to-wire victory in the Foxfield opener, a \$10,000 maiden claimer over 2 1/8 miles.

"I just love the American Thoroughbred and I'm so thankful for my background in three-day eventing. I think my education in eventing has helped me immensely," Gomena said. "The Thoroughbred seems to be getting less and less popular in eventing and showing. Even my ex-event horses came from flat racing, but I think I'm adjusting.

The speed factor is very different (from eventing) and I still have a lot to learn, but I just love it."

Owned by Gomena's father-in-law Ned Bonnie and her husband Robert Bonnie, Soy Desatanudos had not been out since last fall's Foxfield meet, where he was unplaced in a maiden claimer.

"I've had him a few years and he's just been a bad-luck horse; he's lost his rider several times. He hadn't run this year but I just felt he was ready, he was right," Gomena said. "The lack of rain made it difficult getting him back to the races, especially because I don't have a track. The Middleburg training track helped out a lot. This horse is a good swimmer and he is good at getting himself fit."

Soy Desatanudos (Gregg Ryan) was a handful early, but eventually relaxed into an easy rhythm and they maintained a comfortable, measured advantage over Sussex County (Matt McCarron). With three fences to go, McCarron turned up the pressure, but Gomena's tutelage paid off as the Argentinean-bred fought off Sussex County to pull clear by 1 3/4 lengths. Sussex County held second over Glide King (Paddy Young).

"He's a tough individual," Gomena said. "He was rank early on but that's just him. You let him jump a few and he's ready to rock and roll."

• Gather No Moss got trainer Mike Berryman his first jump winner of the year when he took the fourth, a



Julie Gomena

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# Foxfield —

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\$10,000 conditioned claimer at 2 1/8 miles, under Rylee Zimmerman. Gather No Moss tuned up for Sunday's assignment at Thornton Hill Point-to-Point two weeks earlier.

"The horse came out of the race in real good shape. It's always nice to get a win," Berryman said. "With no rain all summer it's been tough. You try to do enough with them but you never know. The point-to-point really helped and he got a lot out of it. He gained a lot of conditioning that he couldn't get from training. I'll look for a three-lifetime claiming race for him, if I can find it."

Owned by Buck Kisor, Gather No Moss stalked in second, just off Jimmie Echo. Gather No Moss closed the gap at the 11th fence and drew off to a 3 1/2-length victory. Jimmie Echo (Young) held second over Across The Sky (Robbie Walsh) in third.

The win was part of a double for Kisor, Berryman and Zimmerman as they won a training flat race with Heir Apparent in the second.

- Harry's Firebolt scored in the fifth, a scratch-reduced \$15,000 maiden hurdle at 2 1/8 miles. Trained by Doug Fout for Russell Looney, Harry's Firebolt (McCarron) came off a fourth at High Hope May 20, his first start since a run on the flat at Turfway Park in September 2005.

"Mr. Looney and (Dwight) Hall bought him and were foxhunting with him and we felt he could win a few races over hurdles," Fout said. "He's had some trials and tribulations along the way but he's doing good now. They are having fun with him and enjoying it. We wanted to run him earlier in the summer at Colonial but the races didn't go and they didn't want to risk him for a tag."

With only four horses in the field, McCarron kept Harry's Firebolt right off the flank of Change Course (Young),

who dictated the pace shortly after the fourth fence. The order remained unchanged as the field approached the 10th, when McCarron began to go after Change Course. The top two quickly distanced themselves from Classy Brute (Will Haynes), the only remaining runner after Spy In The Sky lost Liam McVicar at the first fence. Harry's Firebolt rid himself of Change Course to score by 3 lengths, with Classy Brute a distant third.

"We'll keep him jumping for now and I'll look to run him on Gold Cup day in the two-lifetime race," Fout said. "We'll probably send him home and bring him back next year and make a timber horse out of him."

- Tenacious Rhythm took the third, a \$10,000 maiden claimer, for Young and trainer Ricky Hendriks. Owned by Barracuda Stable, Tenacious Rhythm was last seen running second against similar company at Colonial July 29, setting the pace and finishing over 25 lengths clear of third.

Young again put him on the lead while Cuse (James Slater) tracked from second. Chime Choir (Michael Taurig) found trouble before the fourth and were soon distanced while Jacksonian pulled up after eighth fence.

As the leaders approached the 10th, Cuse rolled past Tenacious Rhythm and opened a clear lead. Things came unhinged at the 11th as Cuse stumbled and lost all momentum — leaving Tenacious Rhythm and Young the keys to the safe. They quickly gained on Cuse and went past late to score by 1 3/4 lengths, with Chime Choir in third.

"He deserved to win. He's not a great horse but he tries," said Young. "He jumps like he thinks he's the most fantastic jumper ever. Once Cuse came past me I said, 'I'll test him again with one to go.' He jumped the second-to-last really well and it put me in position to get back to Cuse. My horse was really making up ground over the last few jumps; Cuse's error definitely helped me, but I won't say we wouldn't have won anyway."



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Tenacious Rhythm (right) shows the way over Cuse and Chime Choir in a maiden claiming hurdle at Foxfield.

### Foxfield Fall Races

Charlottesville, Va. Sunday, Sept. 30.  
Turf: Hard.

#### 1st. \$10,000. Mdn. clm. hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.

##### \$10,000-\$5,000 clm. price

1. SOY DESATANUDOS	L 152	Ryan
2. SUSSEX COUNTY	L 156	McCarron
3. GLIDE KING	L 148	Young
4. CHEQUE MARQUE	L 148	Taurig
5. COZY LANE	L 147	J. Murphy
6. STELLAR LEAGUE	152	Slater
7. TRACY ARM	L 156	Rafter
PU. DROMINEER	L 147	Zimmerman

Mgn: 1 3/4. Time: 4:07 4/5.

O: Ned & Robert Bonnie. T: Julie Gomena.

Ch. g. 8 Algenib (ARG)-Soy de Sutil (ARG), Farnesio (ARG). Bred by Nelida Guillermina Valotta De Cardinali (ARG).

#### 2nd. Training flat. 1 1/16 miles.

1. HEIR APPARENT (SAF)	L 155	Zimmerman
*DQ. MAESTRO MAGIC	L 153	Taurig

\* From 2nd for carrying improper weight.

Mgn: 10. Time: 1:58.

O: Manown Kisor. T: Mike Berryman.

B. g. 7 Fort Wood-Quick Succession, Al Mufti. Bred in South Africa.

#### 3rd. \$10,000. Mdn. clm. hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.

##### \$10,000-\$5,000 clm. price

1. TENACIOUS RHYTHM	L 156	Young
2. CUSE	152	Slater
3. CHIME CHOIR	L 156	Taurig
PU. JACKSONIAN	L 148	Rafter

Mgn: 1 3/4. Time: 4:09.

O: Barracuda Stable. T: Ricky Hendriks.

B. g. 5 Southern Rhythm-Fiesty Ballerina, Mr. Redoy. Bred by Tanglewood Thoroughbred Trust and Mr. & Mrs. Timory Mark Ridall (PA).

#### 4th. \$10,000. Con. clm. hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.

##### NW2 for \$10,000-\$7,500 clm. price

1. GATHER NO MOSS	L 139	Zimmerman
2. JIMMIE ECHO	L 144	Young
3. ACROSS THE SKY	L 152	Walsh
4. SUMMERSVILLE	L 147	R. Haynes
5. BEYOND REPARE (IRE)	L 147	McVicar
6. DYN IN TEXAS	152	Slater

Mgn: 3 1/2. Time: 4:03 3/5.

O: Manown Kisor. T: Mike Berryman.

Gr./Ro. g. 6 Awad-Caro Landing, Caro (IRE). Bred by Ryehill Farm (MD).

#### 5th. \$15,000. Maiden hurdle. 2 1/8 miles.

1. HARRY'S FIREBOLT	L 154	McCarron
2. CHANGE COURSE	L 154	Young
3. CLASSY BRUTE	L 140	W. Haynes
LR. SPY IN THE SKY	L 133	McVicar

Mgn: 3. Time: 4:12 1/5.

O: Russell Looney. T: Doug Fout.

Ch. g. 6 Sandpit (BRZ)-Miss Tern Around, Arctic Tern. Bred by John Charles Hancock (OH).

#### 6th. Training flat. Amateur jockeys. 2 miles.

1. PATRIOT'S PATH	168	R. Haynes
2. RAINBOWS FOR LUCK	L 168	Gillam
3. BERANI	168	Slater
4. BENEFICIAL MAN (IRE)	L 168	Chubb

Mgn: Neck. Time: 3:32 4/5.

O: Irv Naylor. T: Bruce Haynes.

Dk.B./Br. g. 7 Carnivalay-Rode to Nowhere, Solutely. Bred by Jeremy Gilliam (MD).

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Doug Lees

Irish Prince flashes flawless form in the Ski Roundtop Stakes at Shawan Downs.

# Answer Man

## Irish Prince delivers in Roundtop to seize control of timber division

BY BRIAN NADEAU

HUNT VALLEY, Md. – Sanna Hendriks went into the \$25,000 Ski Roundtop Stakes looking for answers from Irish Prince, who was stepping up after two easy scores in the spring. Augustin Stable's timber rookie delivered like he had a cheat sheet, scoring by three-quarters of a length over last year's race

SHAWAN DOWNS RACES

Saturday, September 29

winner Bubble Economy.

"Before the race I told someone we were going to find out what he's made of because it doesn't get any tougher than that," Hendriks said. "It was pretty fierce. But it seems like he shows up and does it every time. I think he's a pretty darn nice little horse. He's very workmanlike, but that's how he is at home too. He goes out and does his job."

Off for almost two years after a bowed tendon in the summer of 2005, Irish Prince – an allowance winner over hurdles prior to his injury – has found a new lease on life over the lumber this season. He returned in March to take an allowance race at the Carolina Cup before winning the Mason Houghland by a resounding 9 3/4 lengths on the Iroquois undercard in May. Facing his most difficult assignment at Shawan, he ran his record to a perfect 3-for-3 under Jody Petty and now heads to the New Jersey Hunt Cup at Far Hills with a division championship in reach.

Jack Fisher sent out a trio, including 2004 timber champion Bubble Economy, but it was Mr Bombastic who took charge from the start. Robbie Walsh sent him immediately to the front and they opened up with every fence in the early stages. After one lap, Mr Bombastic found himself isolated on the lead. Irish Prince and Petty tracked intently in second – albeit a distant second.

"I was thrilled with my position. My goal was to get him to settle out there. He impressed me a lot today," Petty said. "He was relaxed and I wanted to get him jumping; it was a 3-mile race and we were going pretty good so I didn't want to use him up."

As the field hit the stretch to complete the second of three circuits Mr Bombastic's long lead had dwindled to only a few lengths, and Petty had Irish Prince in perfect position to overhaul the tiring leader as the field traveled downhill for the tight turn. Mr Bombastic began to tire on the backstretch and Petty sensed his opportunity.

"I'm not saying Jack's horse was all-out, but when he picked it up I picked it up with him and I felt he wasn't traveling as good as I was," Petty said. "I then stopped worrying about him and started worrying about what was behind me."

Behind him was Bubble Economy (Diana Gillam), who had drawn into contention. The formerly strung-out horses were separated by only a few lengths as they hit the backstretch for the final time. Petty moved Irish Prince into the lead before the final turn, with Bubble Economy getting ever closer.

Turning for home, Petty asked the question and Irish Prince responded to fend off Bubble Economy and drive clear for the victory. Seeyouattheevent (Willie Dowling) finished third.

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"This was my third time riding him and it's only his third time over timber and he impressed me a lot when he won at Nashville," Petty said. "You don't know if that was a fluke, but this was a serious group of horses . . . when he comes back and runs like he did today, when you come back and repeat it, that's when you know you have a good horse."

The \$15,000 winner's check vaulted Irish Prince to the top of the timber list with \$72,000 in earnings, \$8,400 more than Salmo (who is sidelined with a bowed tendon). Maryland Hunt Cup winner The Bruce also skipped the fall season, so Irish Prince heads to New Jersey with a commanding lead. Seeyouattheevent, in fourth, has \$33,500.

• Chip Miller hadn't ridden King Hoss prior to the Shawan opener, but that didn't stop him from guiding the Tom Voss-trainee to a comfortable 2-length victory over Love Palace (Rylee Zimmerman) and Fershaw (Matt McCarron) in the \$15,000 maiden hurdle.

Miller, as evidenced by his previous 200 career victories, is a quick study.

"I had never been on him before so you just have to have an open mind. You don't know the horse, but you know, we do it a lot; especially me," Miller said. "I've been around so long and I ride for a lot of other people; I don't ride first-string for anybody. I was last basically the first five fences — that's where we were just feeling each other out. I was feeling him out and he was feeling me out."

Miller and King Hoss seemed to get along just fine from there. Owned by The Fields Stable, the 5-year-old El Prado gelding was making just his third start over jumps. King Hoss took charge when Miller gave him his cue.

"Once we jumped the fence with a turn to go I gave him a slap and he just kind of took off. Then I knew he was going to run well — but we still had a long way to go," Miller said. "I actually got in front way sooner than I wanted to but I didn't have a choice. And then you just are sort of hanging on; meaning you are in front and there is nowhere to go, so let's just jump as best we can, try to get a breather. Luckily he let me get a breather around the last turn; he got in front and he started looking around. Usually when a horse is looking around they slow up; that's part of looking around, the horse is decelerating. He broke again when that happened."

• Xavier Aizpuru had a memorable summer and he transported his hot streak to Hunt Valley, scoring aboard Lair in the second for Voss, who notched the early double. Midside Maggie (Danielle Hodsdon) was second, some 7 1/2 lengths clear of Straight To Court (Carl Rafter).

Midside Maggie jumped to the early lead and Aizpuru had Lair sitting comfortably in third, a few lengths from the leader and just off Straight To Court. Things remained unchanged as they continued down the backstretch. As the pace quickened Straight To Court began to tire and Lair and Midside Maggie made it a match race turning for home. Owned and bred by Voss' wife, Mimi, Lair put in her bid as the duo hit the last fence and drew off to the wire.

Aizpuru took over the mount from Cyril Murphy, and had never been aboard the 5-year-old daughter of Lion Cavern. The jockey used her class, as well as some much appreciated instructions from Murphy and Voss to his advantage.

"I'd never ridden her before but I had seen her run. It's



Doug Lees

Erin Go Bragh sails a timber fence in his maiden win.



Doug Lees

King Hoss (left) hits the line first for Chip Miller.

been a long time since she has run (November)," Aizpuru said. "They're great guys, Cyril and Mr. Voss. They've been in the job a long time. They told me everything I needed to know. Sometimes it's actually an advantage because you are going in with a fresh slate and you don't have any preconceptions of the horse. You go out there with a plan and if you can execute it — great. And if not, you go to Plan B. But it worked out perfectly today."

• Aizpuru was back at it in the third, a \$20,000 optional claiming hurdle, guiding Super Fame to victory for Fisher and Gil Johnston. Valley's Pride (Hodsdon) finished a length back in second, with In Pursuit Of Love (Slater) a distant third.

The lack of rain has been a major roadblock for everyone over the summer and fall, but Aizpuru gave credit to the Shawan grounds crew for a job well done.

"The ground is pretty fast but they have done the best they can with it. They've just about taken the sting out of it. From what I have seen there haven't been too many horses that have come back off," he said. "It's a credit to the job they have done because with the lack of rain it hasn't been easy."

Hodsdon attempted theft on the front end with only a 136-pound impost, but Aizpuru kept Super Fame in close attendance while the rest of the field lagged. Hodsdon had Valley's Pride a measured 2 lengths clear for the opening 2 miles when Aizpuru began turning up the pressure. The pair drew off from the rest as they hit the final turn and Super Fame forged a short lead at the final fence.

"I wasn't sure if Danielle was going to be my biggest danger out there but it turned out going down the backside for the last time the horse still looked strong so I didn't want to give him too much of a head start," Aizpuru said. "I was traveling OK but she looked like she was traveling comfortably too. Luckily it worked out where we got the job done."

• The finale featured more leaders than a United Nations summit, but Erin Go Bragh led last and best. Tucked away in second for most of the \$15,000 maiden timber, Erin Go Bragh let Beseennotheard set the pace, watched Profowens refuse to jump, saw Why Not Baby nearly do the same, didn't let Ravens Rock steal the race on the final run down the backstretch. And showed up big time in the stretch — drawing off to score by an easy 7 lengths.

Owned by Brigadoon Stable, the winner used his jumping to stay close and took the lead at the top of the stretch to win for trainer Doug Fout. A hurdle stakes horse in 2005 and 2006, Erin Go Bragh converted to timber this spring with a second at My Lady's Manor and a third at Charlotte before heading to the sidelines. The 8-year-old used a point-to-point win at Thornton Hill as a springboard to Shawan. Jockey Matt McCarron noticed an improvement in his horse.

"At the point-to-point he was running up under a whole bunch of them and that had me a little tentative because when you're hoofing it like you can here you can get in trouble," said McCarron. "It helped that we went slow early because he was able to set himself and get his jumping down. I haven't had a jumping trip like that in a long time."

Ravens Rock (Paddy Young) took the lead with a circuit remaining and ramped up the pace on the final trip down the backstretch. Erin Go Bragh simply followed along.

"I got a little worried because Paddy kicked on with a turn to go," McCarron said. "I know it's a long way, but I couldn't let him get 10 or 15 lengths in front and then try to run him down. I wanted to stay in touch. My horse has a serious engine and I was just hoping that he could keep going the last part of it."

— Additional reporting by Joe Clancy.

## Shawan Downs

Hunt Valley, Md. Saturday, Sept. 29. Turf: Firm.

### 1st. \$15,000. Maiden hurdle. 2 miles.

1. KING HOSS	L 154 C. Miller
2. LOVE PALACE (IRE)	L 149 Zimmerman
3. FERSHAW	L 150 McCarron
4. CHENAPAN	L 150 Rafter
5. ZOZIMUS	L 150 Young
6. DUBAI SUNDAY (JPN)	L 144 W. Haynes
7. FOCUS ON A STAR	L 154 Petty
8. BAD BIRDIE	154 Traurig
LR. SWAGGER STICK	L 154 Aizpuru
PU. RUNNING TIDE	L 154 Dowling

Mgn: 2. Time: 3:39 2/5.

O: The Fields Stable. T: Tom Voss.

Ch. g. 5 El Prado (IRE)-Belle's Appeal, Valid Appeal. Bred by Adena Springs (KY).

### 2nd. \$15,000. F/M maiden hurdle. 2 miles.

1. LAIR	L 151 Aizpuru
2. MIDSIDE MAGGIE	L 151 Hodsdon
3. STRAIGHT TO COURT	L 147 Rafter
4. EVE COUNTY	L 147 Young
5. NORTHERN GALE	L 146 R. Haynes
PU. CLASS PROSPECTOR	L 151 Petty
PU. PET BROKER	L 151 Walsh

Mgn: 2. Time: 3:42 4/5.

O: Mimi Voss. T: Tom Voss.

B. m. 5 Lion Cavern-Lostris, El Gran Senor. Bred by Mimi Voss (MD).

### 3rd. \$20,000. Opt. cl. hurdle. 2 1/2 miles. NW \$12,000 once or clm. pr. \$25,000

1. SUPER FAME	L 144 Aizpuru
2. VALLEY'S PRIDE	L 136 Hodsdon
3. IN PURSUIT OF LOVE	L 152 Slater
4. MOTEL AFFAIR	L 144 McCarron
5. MENEFF (AUS)	L 148 Rafter
6. FLY PAST	L 136 Petty
7. WICKLOW BOUND	L 139 Santoro
PU. THRUMCAP	L 142 Dowling
PU. TOURING ENGLAND	148 Traurig

Mgn: 1. Time: 4:37 2/5.

O: Mrs. S. K. Johnston Jr. T: Jack Fisher.

Ch. g. 8 Diesis (GB)-Popularity, Blushing Groom (FR). Bred by Juddmonte Farms (KY).

### 4th. \$25,000. Timber stakes. 3 1/8 miles. The Ski Roundtop Trophy

1. IRISH PRINCE (NZ)	L 165 Petty
2. BUBBLE ECONOMY	L 165 Gillam
3. SEEYOUATTHEEVENT	L 165 Dowling
4. MR BOMBASTIC (GER)	L 160 Walsh
5. WOODMONT	L 155 J. Murphy
6. EARMARK	L 160 Slater
7. SHADY VALLEY	L 160 R. Haynes
8. IN KENT'S MEMORY	L 160 Santoro

Mgn: 3/4. Time: 6:06.

O: Augustin Stable. T: Sanna Hendriks.

B. g. 8 Prince of Praise-Jane Irish (NZ), Take Your Partner (AUS). Bred by B.G. Keil (NZ).

### 5th. \$15,000. Maiden timber. 3 1/8 miles.

1. ERIN GO BRAGH (NZ)	L 165 McCarron
2. RAVENS ROCK	L 165 Young
3. WHY NOT BABY	L 165 Dowling
4. IRISH LADDIE	L 160 Fahey
5. WON WILD BIRD	L 144 W. Haynes
6. BESEENNOTHEARD	L 155 Stierhoff
LR. PROFOWENS (IRE)	165 Traurig
LR. LATINO (PER)	L 165 Walsh

Mgn: 7 1/4. Time: 6:35 2/5.

O: Brigadoon Stable. T: Doug Fout.

B. g. 8 Desert Sun (GB)-Ball Road (NZ), Vice Regal (NZ). Bred by W.P. Maher (NZ).

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# Work Shirt

Spring star Good Night Shirt returns with powerful tally in Lonesome Glory

BY JOE CLANCY

BELMONT PARK

Saturday, September 22

ELMONT, N.Y. – Trainer Jack Fisher ducked into the Belmont Park clubhouse to get out of the rain and took a deep breath.

His horse Good Night Shirt had just daringly won the inaugural running of the Lonesome Glory Stakes, stamping himself a favorite for the Breeders' Cup Grand National four weeks hence and hammering home the point that Fisher underestimated the rangy chestnut.

"He surprised me this spring," said the trainer. "I worried he might have to be a timber horse because I wasn't sure he was that caliber and if you're not quite that caliber you can still be an awesome timber horse."

He's no timber horse.

In 2007, Good Night Shirt owns a second and two wins in three starts – all Grade I stakes, all against top competition. He leads all American steeplechasers in earnings with \$214,163 and has beaten Mixed Up, Sur La Tete and McDynamo, among others. If the season ended now, he'd get the Eclipse Award.

At Belmont, Good Night Shirt settled in fourth behind early leader Preemptive Strike, Sweet Shani and The Looper in a field of nine. The pace was slow at the outset, but zoomed up considerably on the final run down the long Belmont backstretch. Preemptive Strike, far more controlled than he was in the New York Turf Writers Cup at Saratoga, maintained his advantage, but was soon joined by Sweet Shani and Good Night Shirt. From the back, Orison began to whittle away at the lead while slight favorite Mixed Up followed him into contention.

Exiting the final turn, Good Night Shirt (Willie Dowling) rallied three-wide and took aim at Preemptive Strike and Sweet Shani while Orison continued to make progress and Mixed Up hung. With two fences in the stretch, jumping took on added importance. Good Night Shirt flew the second-last, landing with a slight lead and set sail for the last – which he trashed. Diving

through the brush like Michael Phelps into a pool, the winner stayed on his feet, gathered himself and had enough to win by a length over Orison, clocking 4:42.45 for the 2 1/2 miles. Preemptive Strike stayed on for third with Sweet Shani fourth. The Looper lost jockey Cyril Murphy at the second-last. The first seven were separated by less than 13 lengths. Owned by Sonny Via, the winner paid \$7.80 as the second choice in the \$159,200 race.

Like everyone else, Dowling held his breath at the final fence.

"I thought (Sweet Shani) was going to take me further than she did in the stretch, but I wound up in front at the last," said Dowling. "I thought he was going to pop it but he saw a long one and he went for it. Just miscommunication. He's such a big strong horse that it didn't matter."

No, it didn't. Right now, Good Night Shirt could probably run through a wall and be right there at the finish.

"I thought he'd need the race, but he comes to the track and he's a different horse," said Dowling. "He did it at Keeneland too – we didn't think he was ready and he came out and ran a great race. I don't want to hype him up, but I haven't ridden a better horse than this one. He's got speed early on, but then he just keeps it going. He must have some set of lungs on him."

In front from the start in the Iroquois, Good Night Shirt wisely backed off the pace a bit at Belmont – saving those lungs for the end.

"I'm convinced he's going to be even better over the distance at Far Hills (going 2 5/8 miles in the Breeders' Cup)," said Dowling. "He doesn't have to be in front, I can tuck him in behind horses, and that's good for him. He's not there to be shot at. In the Iroquois they let me lead, but there not going to do that anymore. They're all watching him now."



Tod Marks

Good Night Shirt powers toward the finish in the Lonesome Glory.



Tod Marks

Good Night Shirt survives a blunder at the last fence en route to a Grade I victory in the Lonesome Glory at Belmont Park.

## Summer vacation pays off for Good Night Shirt, Fisher

While steeplechasing went to Colonial Downs, Saratoga and Philadelphia Park this summer, Good Night Shirt took a vacation – soaking up the sun, dust, grass and atmosphere in Jack Fisher's back field at the trainer's house in Monkton, Md.

Part of a contingent that also included retired steeplechasers Saluter and Charlie's Dewan, Good Night Shirt enjoyed his time off – and even stood in the pond to cool off on the hottest days. In all, he spent about 45 days in the field, from mid-May through June. The horses roughed it, living outside day and night.

"They might get a little fly spray on them, if we can catch them," said Fisher's wife, Sheila. "He was pretty hard to catch."

Jack Fisher called the summer camp a necessary part of training and racing – although economically it's easier to give a horse a six-week break when he's producing like Good Night Shirt.

"They're horses, it's what they're supposed to do," said the trainer. "There's a big group of them, which actually helps. If you have too few there's a real pecking order and one horse can get picked on. He's pretty low on the pecking order. The big ones usually are, and he's pretty big. The little, faster, smarter horses kind of run the show."

– Joe Clancy

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Hey Jack Fisher, how do you feel about taking on McDynamo with Good Night Shirt in the Breeders' Cup Grand National?



"Who? No, no, no . . . Has McDynamo been beaten at Far Hills by anybody? Ever? No. That's his course and he'll be tough to beat and is still the favorite until somebody beats him."

## Belmont Park Results

Elmont, N.Y. Saturday, Sept. 22. Turf: Firm.

1st. \$159,200. Hurdle stakes. 2 1/2 miles. The Lonesome Glory Stakes (Grade I).

1. GOOD NIGHT SHIRT	L	154	Dowling	7.80	4.50	3.30
2. ORISON	L	146	McCarron	5.90	4.10	
3. PREEMPTIVE STRIKE	L	146	Young	4.90		

Exacta (7-3) \$54.00. Trifecta (7-3-6) \$412.00

4. SWEET SHANI (NZ)	L	144	Aizpuru			
5. MIXED UP	L	158	Hodsdon			
6. UNDERBIDDER	L	142	Slater			
7. BEST ATTACK	L	146	C. Miller			
8. MON VILLEZ (FR)	L	146	Petty			
LR. THE LOOPER	L	142	C. Murphy			

Mgn: 1. Time: 4:42 2/5. O: Sonny Via. T: Jack Fisher.

Ch. g. 6 Concern-Hot Story, Two Punch. Bred by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman (MD).



# Just Divine

## Budding star captures stakes for Sheppard

BY JOE CLANCY

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. – Divine Fortune barged into the winner's circle after taking the Somerset Medical Center Stakes at The Meadowlands, turned this way, stepped that way, nearly ran over most of his connections and annoyed an array of photographers.

And didn't care. He's 4 years old, tall, lean, a little green, somewhat flighty and long on potential. Years from now, the winning will be commonplace, the aftermath routine and the achievements – if he continues the upward swing – far greater.

Bill Pape's novice hurdler added a stakes victory to his burgeoning record, waltzing off with the \$75,000 Somerset with a graceful gallop around the final turn. Last leaving the backside the final time, Divine Fortune shifted gears (barely) and flew past the others to win by 2 3/4 lengths over Planets Aligned, with Dark Equation third. Returning \$3.80 as the odds-on favorite, the winner covered the 2 1/2 miles in 4:28 1/5 and improved to 3-for-5 over jumps this year for trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

The success has people trying to temper their enthusiasm.

"It's exciting to have a young horse coming on like him," said Sheppard. "You never want to get too high on these horses because you don't know what might happen, but he seems to have untapped potential. He looks like maybe there's more there if you have to call on it. Hard to imagine, really . . ."

But Divine Fortune might be even better than he looks. Bred by Pape and Sheppard, the chestnut son of Royal Anthem made six starts as a 3-year-old (half on the flat, half over jumps) and hit the board but once, a third in the mud at Far Hills. This year, Divine Fortune has done nothing but finish first or second – with wins coming at Radnor (maiden hurdle), Colonial Downs (maiden flat), Saratoga (allowance hurdle) and now



Tod Marks

Divine Fortune barrels over a fence late in his victory under the lights at The Meadowlands.



Tod Marks

Divine Fortune

early pace. Dr. Bloomer zoomed to the front on the first run down the backside, but fell at the sixth fence, leaving Dynaway in front once again. On the turn, everybody was briefly in contention as Dynaway, Gliding, Dark Equation, Planets Aligned, Swimming River and the rapidly closing Divine Fortune approached the stretch within 5 lengths of each other.

Divine Fortune took over – going from 5 lengths down leaving the backstretch to 4 lengths in front heading to the last fence, where Gliding fell and brought down Dynaway. Planets Aligned made up a

The Meadowlands.

"There have been a number of races where you could say he wasn't running against much or this and that, but he runs his race every time," said Hodsdon. "He's that good and felt great to me tonight."

Edgy in the paddock, Divine Fortune lunged away from Sheppard while being saddled but settled when he reached the racetrack.

The winner dropped toward the rear of the seven-horse field, outside and in touch, as Dynaway set the

little ground on the leader late, but was no match.

Hodsdon was pleased with her horse's progress, though she worries.

"I try and be very careful with him because his mind could be fragile if we didn't take care of him," she said. "I try and be very quiet with him. I was very worried about him being 4 and being immature about Saratoga, and he stepped up both times and ran well. I figured he could take the step here as well. He was a little more keyed-up tonight and I think it was the atmosphere. You can't forget that he is 4."

### The Meadowlands Results

East Rutherford, N.J. Friday, Sept. 21. Turf: Firm.

3rd. \$75,000. Novice hurdle stakes. 2 1/2 miles.

NW prior to June 1, 2006

The Somerset Medical Center Stakes (Gr. II).

1. DIVINE FORTUNE	L 144	Hodsdon	3.80	2.80	2.60
2. PLANETS ALIGNED	L 155	C. Miller	4.60	3.40	
3. DARK EQUATION	L 158	McCarron	3.00		
Exacta (3-1) \$15.00. Trifecta (3-1-2) \$25.60					
4. SWIMMING RIVER	L 155	Young			
F. DR. BLOOMER	L 152	Slater			
F. GLIDING (NZ)	L 158	Dowling			
F. DYNAWAY	L 152	C. Murphy			

Mgn: 2 3/4. Time: 4:28 1/5.

O: Bill Pape. T: Jonathan Sheppard.

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# Farewell,



Zaccio in retirement.

Barbara Livingston

BY JOE CLANCY

The trainer entered his 8-year-old flat convert, a track record-holder at Pimlico and a son of Round Table, in a maiden hurdle in May 1979. Counting on a easy win, the trainer dispatched his staff to Fair Hill and accompanied a flat runner out of town. The horse battled for the lead throughout and was right there in the stretch, where an upstart 3-year-old blazed past and won by 2 lengths. "In hand" the chart read.

"What do you mean he lost?" the trainer asked by telephone later. "Who beat him?"

"Some horse of Mr. Cocks' . . . Zickie, Zackie, something like that. He was awesome."

Was he ever.

Zaccio won four times that year – as a 3-year-old, remember – and took the next three Eclipse Awards as champion steeplechaser. Owned by Mrs. Lewis Murdock and trained by the legendary Burley Cocks, Zaccio became the name and face of steeplechasing in the early 1980s, winning at Saratoga, Monmouth Park, Delaware Park, Belmont, Aiken, Camden, High Hope and beyond. The stocky chestnut retired in 1984 as the sport's earnings leader with \$286,299. He moved on to life as a fox-hunter/pensioner at the Murdock family's New Jersey farm.

And lived another 23 years. At age 31, Zaccio was euthanized Sept. 19 after suffering from the infirmities of old age. He was the second-oldest living Hall of Fame Thoroughbred behind John Henry (32), who would die three weeks later.

Zaccio will be remembered for many things, but mostly the thrills of various victories up and down the steeplechase circuit. He won the Colonial Cup twice. He scored five times at Saratoga. Three times, he built four-race winning streaks.

"He just radiated strength, bottomless strength and power," said Dick McWade, aboard for nine of Zaccio's steeplechase wins. "He would go 2 miles and where another horse would start to get tired he was just getting warmed up. I've ridden better jumpers, more brilliant jumpers at a fence, but I've never ridden a better horse."

"Winning the Colonial Cup on him was the most fun I

ever had. He was just so relaxed and he won so easy," said Gregg Morris, Zaccio's jockey in 1981 and 1982. "He was a remarkable horse to ride. He gave me an amazing feeling where he actually felt like he accelerated when he hit a jump, it was almost like he was spring-loaded."

"He was an easy horse to ride in the races, but I couldn't ride him in the morning – he was too strong for me," said Ricky Hendriks, who rode him in 1982. "The neatest thing about him was he didn't rise up to the jump. He just raised his legs and went over the fence, really quickly, and would land running again."

Cocks spent \$25,000 to purchase Zaccio for owner Miles Valentine at the Saratoga yearling sale in 1977. When Valentine died in 1978, Cocks advised the Murdocks to acquire the Kentucky-bred son of Lorenzaccio at a dispersal sale. They paid \$22,000 and got a legend.

After winning six of nine starts (going 4-for-6 over jumps) in that 3-year-old season of 1979, Zaccio launched himself at 1980 – winning the Imperial Cup, the Carolina Cup, the Pillar, the Midsummer, the Indian River, the Lovely Night and the New York Turf Writers. He made 10 starts, won seven, earned just shy of \$100,000 and captured the Eclipse Award.

Unquestionably, the highlight of the season came in the Turf Writers. Ridden by McWade, Zaccio took over the race and marched toward a sure win at the top of the stretch. Then Running Comment, getting 15 pounds, charged past and set sail for the wire and the upset. But the favorite called on his reserves and rallied in deep stretch, earning the win and a wave of applause from the stands.

"That boundless energy again," said McWade of what turned out to be his final win aboard the horse. "He just put it into another gear. Even when (Running Comment) came past me, I knew I had more there."

McWade broke his leg in a fall later that year, and Zaccio made just one more start – losing Doug Small with an awkward leap in the Temple Gwathmey – before being shelved with an injury. The champion's 1981 season

## Legendary cha



Zaccio (left, Dick McWade) challenges Martie's Anger (Al Quanbeck) in the 1980 Lovely

started late and slowly with defeats at Saratoga and Arlington Park under McWade. When the jockey re-broke his leg at Rolling Rock in September, John Cushman got on board at Foxfield and won the Grand National, a thrilling match race with Sailor's Clue, in mid-October. Cushman stayed with main client Jonathan Sheppard the rest of the year and Morris picked up the call.

Last of six in their debut together in the mud at Far Hills, Zaccio and Morris capped the campaign with lopsided victories in the Noel Laing at Montpelier and the Colonial Cup.

The season finale was one of Zaccio's signature performances as he closed with a rush to take the lead nearing

### Zaccio

1976-2007

Ch. g., Lorenzaccio-Delray Dancer, Chateaugay.

Bred by Blue Bear Stud in Kentucky.

Owner: Mrs. Lewis Murdock. Trainer: Burley Cocks.

Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
29	18	5	2	\$286,299

Eclipse Award as champion steeplechaser in 1980, 1981, 1982.

Inducted to Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame in 1990.



Zaccio and Bubba Salmond look for competition at Saratoga.

Bert and Richard Morgan/NSA Archives





# Zaccio

ump dies at 31



Night at Saratoga, earning the fifth of his seven stakes victories that year.

NSA Archives

the last fence and blazed home to win by 11 lengths. "Two fences from home, he picked up the bit like a sprinter," Morris said in reports afterward. "I clucked to him once and never had to think about using the stick."

Zaccio finished 1981 with three wins from six jump starts, \$51,705 in earnings and a second Eclipse Award. Like its predecessor, 1982 started slowly, with defeats at Camden and Atlanta. He found his stride by summer, notching a second and two wins at Saratoga in a span of 20 days. He couldn't catch Quiet Bay in the Lovely Night Aug. 6, but blew away Leaping Frog, Double Reefed and three others in a handicap 10 days later.

## Major Victories

Colonial Cup 1981, 1982  
New York Turf Writers Cup 1980, 1982  
Temple Gwathmey 1982  
American Grand National 1981  
Noel Laing 1981  
Lovely Night 1980  
Midsummer Hurdle Handicap 1980  
Indian River 1980  
Pillar Stakes 1980  
Carolina Cup 1980  
Imperial Cup 1980  
Raymond Woolfe Memorial 1979



Doug Lees/NSA Archives

Zaccio (right, John Cushman) battles Sailor's Clue (Woody Maloney) in the 1981 Grand National.

On Turf Writers Day, Aug. 26, Morris broke his arm in a fall with Sugar Bee – leaving the prized mount on Zaccio open. Hendriks, then 18, was in the right place at the right time as Zaccio outdueled Give A Whirl over the final furlong to win by a neck.

Hendriks stayed aboard as Zaccio won the Temple Gwathmey and the Colonial Cup to close the third championship season. With the \$30,000 Colonial Cup payday, he overtook the great Neji as the career earnings leader in American steeplechasing.

"I was more nervous for the Colonial Cup than even the first time I rode him," said Hendriks of the 8-length score. "It was equal weights and he was probably 20 pounds the best horse. I came around that turn and just aimed at the middle of those fences in the stretch. He did the rest."

Sadly, and yet fittingly, that was the horse's final jump start as injuries kept him from running in 1983. He returned the

following year for three flat races, including a win at Virginia Fall, before heading to permanent retirement.

Zaccio moved on to life as a foxhunter for Lewis Murdock, living at the farm in Peapack, N.J., a few miles from the Far Hills race course. As in his racing days, Zaccio thrived on the action.

"He was a handful," said Hank Slack, a longtime Murdock family friend. "Mr. Murdock had a great time hunting him, but you could tell he was a racehorse. Even a great rider like Mr. Murdock had to keep his wits about him. He was a terrific looking horse and full of himself all the time."

Regularly ridden until age 20, Zaccio was more than a foxhunter – he lived in a barn marked as "The house that Zack built," played host to numerous visitors, longed to eat carrots and essentially refused to go inside except for special occasions.

"He had been turned out for the last 11 years or so, and was just hanging out," said Lisa Podraza, who worked for the Murdocks for 15 years. "I lived about an hour and a half away and I would drive up to give him carrots. He was just a fantastic horse. He was a good one and will be missed."

Zaccio's final few years were spent with Slack, who lives next door to the Murdock property and agreed to care for the horse after Mrs. Murdock passed away in late 2005. Slack considered it an honor.

"I didn't know him during his racing career, but I heard about him all the time from the Murdocks and saw him out foxhunting after he retired," said Slack, who lived in England during Zaccio's racing heyday. "He led a very happy retirement and was a happy old man. He hated coming in the barn."

In the end, Zaccio was lame behind and had lost weight. Slack consulted several veterinarians and it was agreed that recovery would be difficult on the 31-year-old horse that was already having trouble maintaining his weight.

"It would have been unfair to put him through too much treatment, and to have him go through another winter," said Slack. "The plaque is still there on his stall door and I'm not sure what we'll do with it – we'll leave it there for a while."

Zaccio is buried at the border of the Slack and Murdock properties and a fitting marker will soon be placed.

Murdock, Cocks, McWade, Morris, Hendriks, Podraza, Slack – the list of people affected by Zaccio is vast, spanning decades, geographic borders and career changes. His name still comes up, especially when the true greats of the sport are debated. Few can be mentioned in the same breath.

"Every other poor horse that was pretty good that I rode for next 10 years, people would ask how does he compare to Zaccio?" said McWade. "What are you going to say? It was hard to give them a hopeful answer."

And it all started back in 1979 at Fair Hill.

"At the time I don't think anybody realized what he was," said McWade. "We had an idea he was a nice kind of horse, but he was just a 3-year-old and it was May . . ."



Milton Toby/NSA Archives

Zaccio (Ricky Hendriks) wins the 1982 Colonial Cup.



## Obituary: Owner/breeder Eve Ledyard, 89

Eve Mortimer Ledyard, a breeder of stakes-winning Thoroughbreds, died Oct. 1. A longtime resident of West Grove, Pa., she was 89.

She and her husband started breeding race horses in the early 1950s after moving to Pennsylvania from Long Island. Lewis Ledyard died in 1990, and she continued the business until her health failed.

Ledyard bred successful runners over jumps and on the flat, in the United States and abroad. Rhoman Rule, Tina's Ten and Wonders Delight all won graded stakes in the States, while Nobo Jack captured numerous stakes in Japan. Over jumps, Party Airs won the 2006 Appleton Memorial at Far Hills and the 2005 Flatterer among others. As an owner, she campaigned High Card, who won the 1997 Temple Gwathmey, with trainer Bruce Miller in addition to others.

Having competed on horses from an early age, Ledyard – a former Vogue model – was a talented and respected rider and could often be found mounted on a retired racehorse, hunting with three generations of her family at meetings of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds.

Born in New York City and raised in Tuxedo Park, N.Y., she married Clarence C. Pell Jr. in 1937, with whom she had two children. She subsequently married Lewis C. Ledyard III, with whom she had four children.

During World War II, the Ledyards resided in Canada, where Eve drove an ambulance for the war effort and Lewis flew for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

She is survived by two daughters, Eve Pell and Wendy Powell; a stepdaughter, Evelyn Cochran; three sons, Lewis, Michael and John; as well as 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

## Timber stalwart Ninewa dies at 21

Ninewa, winner of the International Gold Cup and the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, was euthanized Sept. 19 after a long battle with Cushing's Disease. He was 21.

Owned, trained and ridden by Alexander Gordon-Watson, Ninewa was truly a feel-good story. At 6, in 1992, he won the International Gold Cup timber stakes by 12 lengths, just six months after breaking his maiden. Ninewa was given the winter off to prepare for a spring campaign when tragedy struck, forcing him to the sidelines for almost five years.

"He got loose and fractured his hip, and suffered from muscle damage," Gordon-Watson said recently. "He lost almost five years of his prime, from when he was 7 to when he was 11; he was off the course for over four and a half years."

Ninewa would make up for the lost time. He returned at My Lady's Manor in 1998, running fifth behind Hopewell. That fall, almost six years after his coming-out party in the Gold Cup, 12-year-old Ninewa did the impossible and won the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup in flag-to-wire fashion, edging Bronze Angle by a head.

"That was pretty special, to win that race after all that time off," Gordon-Watson said. "He meant a lot to me, you don't often get one like him. He was a very brilliant jumper who always gained ground over the fences. He was a very good timber horse; very brave."

A son of Smoggy out of the Executioner mare

Executioner's Miss, Ninewa was bred by Rayleen Rittenberry in Kentucky. He retired in 1999 after finishing fifth in the Virginia Gold Cup.

"He was a very English horse; almost 17 hands and very handsome. He was a long-striding horse who I had a lot of fun with after he retired from racing," Gordon-Watson said. "For the next eight years we went to the hunter trials with him and he was a good jumper before the condition caught up with him."

– Brian Nadeau

## Nominations sought for Woodville Award 2007

Trainer Janet Elliot is seeking nominations for the 2007 Woodville Award, given annually to a behind-the-scenes stable employee in steeplechasing. Named for Elliot's Pennsylvania farm, the award includes cash prizes and was started to recognize people who work with steeplechase horses.

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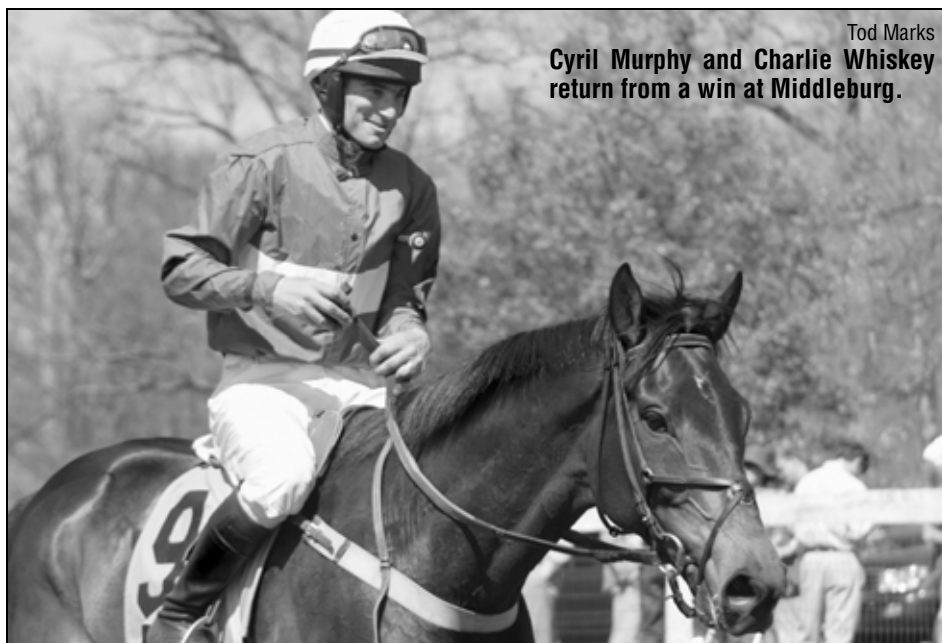
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Tod Marks  
Cyril Murphy and Charlie Whiskey  
return from a win at Middleburg.

## Murphy bypasses early fall race meets

In the midst of a 2-for-43 season and coming off back-to-back falls at the Meadowlands and Belmont Park, jockey Cyril Murphy sat out the first three race meets of the fall season.

"I'm taking a break, it's not a completely voluntary decision but I understand it," he said. "(Trainer Tom Voss) and I spoke about it and thought maybe it was the best thing to do."

Murphy rides mainly for Voss, with limited rides for other trainers, and works for Voss as an exercise rider/assistant trainer. Since making his American debut in 2000, he has won 65 races and hit double digits in 2002, 2003 and 2005. He won the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase with Quel Senor in 2001.

The 2007 season has been a different story however as Murphy's lonely pair

of wins came aboard Charlie Whiskey at Middleburg in April and with Orsay at Great Meadow in May. The year has featured its share of mishaps including at least four races where Murphy's mount was brought down by another horse. And Voss' first two runners this fall won with other jockeys.

"From my point of view it's bad luck," said the jockey. "I don't know what else you could call it."

Murphy did not rule out riding this fall, and hopes to be back aboard winners before too long.

"If there's something to ride, we'll ride," he said. "I'm not retiring."

- In other jockey news, amateur Blake Curry will miss the rest of 2007 with an injury to his right knee. Curry won three races this spring and was second in the Maryland Hunt Cup aboard Lear Charm.

# NSA Standings

## TOP 10 THROUGH OCT. 12

### Jockeys (Races Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Xavier Aizpuru.....	54	16	8	4	\$513,942	.30
Paddy Young.....	79	13	13	13	291,086	.16
Matt McCarron.....	69	12	14	8	352,201	.17
Danielle Hodsdon.....	55	11	13	8	496,410	.20
Carl Rafter.....	57	11	3	12	161,490	.19
Jody Petty.....	46	10	5	8	264,394	.22
Chip Miller.....	49	9	11	4	328,325	.18
James Slater.....	60	6	10	6	143,940	.10
Gregg Ryan.....	22	4	3	2	40,350	.18
Jeff Murphy.....	28	3	4	0	89,470	.11

### Trainers (Races Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Jack Fisher.....	84	18	18	10	\$718,775	.21
Jonathan Sheppard.....	94	17	16	14	704,494	.18
Sanna Hendriks.....	50	15	5	7	322,802	.30
Doug Fout.....	71	12	13	9	380,676	.17
Kathy McKenna.....	50	10	3	10	134,590	.20
Tom Voss.....	64	8	8	11	269,953	.13
Paul Rowland.....	37	5	3	2	81,950	.14
Ricky Hendriks.....	35	4	4	3	60,890	.11
Arch Kingsley.....	26	4	4	3	96,906	.15
Neil Morris.....	25	3	5	1	93,650	.12

### Owners (Money Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Bill Pape.....	21	6	6	2	\$332,015	.29
Arcadia Stable.....	16	6	3	1	256,280	.38
Sonny Via.....	13	2	5	2	255,013	.15
Augustin Stable.....	33	12	2	4	198,800	.36
Brigadoon Stable.....	20	4	3	4	114,165	.20
Calvin Houghland.....	34	1	4	4	107,348	.03
EMO Stable.....	13	2	2	0	104,301	.15
Irv Naylor.....	33	3	5	2	103,500	.09
Hudson River Farm.....	11	3	0	4	100,875	.27
Timber Bay Farm.....	17	2	3	1	94,160	.12

### Horses (Money Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Good Night Shirt.....	3	2	1	0	\$214,163	.67
Mixed Up.....	5	2	0	0	159,215	.40
Footlights.....	3	2	0	1	142,280	.67
Divine Fortune.....	5	3	2	0	117,540	.60
Orison.....	5	1	2	0	94,401	.20
Rum Squall.....	6	3	1	0	81,600	.50
Dark Equation.....	5	2	1	2	76,300	.40
Planets Aligned.....	6	2	1	0	72,600	.33
Irish Prince.....	3	3	0	0	72,000	1.00
Paradise's Boss.....	3	2	0	1	69,912	.67

### Timber Horses (Money Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Money	Win%
Irish Prince.....	3	3	0	0	\$72,000	1.00
Salmo.....	2	1	1	0	63,600	.50
The Bruce.....	2	1	0	0	46,750	.50
Seeyouattheevent.....	4	1	0	2	33,500	.25
Bubble Economy.....	4	1	2	0	32,400	.25

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Saturday, October 13 .....	Genesee Valley, Geneseo, N.Y.
Saturday, October 13 .....	Morven Park, Leesburg, Va.
Saturday, October 20 .....	Far Hills, Far Hills, N.J.
Saturday, October 20 .....	International Gold Cup, The Plains, Va.
Saturday, October 27 .....	Aiken Fall, Aiken, S.C.
Saturday, November 3.....	Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga.
Saturday, November 3.....	Montpelier, Montpelier Station, Va.
Sunday, November 4.....	Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, Unionville, Pa.
Sunday, November 18.....	Colonial Cup, Camden, S.C.

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Fiscal Storm .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$469,105</b>

<b>Holly</b> .....	<b>Winfield Sapp</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Orison .....	\$94,401
Irish Prince .....	\$72,000
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Northern Gale .....	\$8,200
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$374,016</b>

<b>MVP Stable</b> .....	<b>Ernie Moulos</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Irish Prince .....	\$72,000
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Pukka .....	\$15,000
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$356,327</b>

<b>Daring Daughter Stable</b> .....	<b>Pam Hodsdon</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Orison .....	\$94,401
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Slew's Peak .....	\$26,740
Prep School .....	\$16,500
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$323,856</b>

<b>Lacrosse Rules</b> .....	<b>Jack Clancy</b>
Good Night Shirt .....	\$214,163
Best Attack .....	\$57,900
Ghost Valley .....	\$22,000
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
Gold Mitten .....	\$5,400
Ten Cents A Shine .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$306,963</b>

<b>Can't Claim Prize Stable</b> .....	<b>Sean Clancy</b>
Good Night Shirt .....	\$214,163
Best Attack .....	\$57,900
Rare Bush .....	\$27,000
Jellyberry .....	\$5,100
Straight Gin .....	\$0
When The Saints .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$304,163</b>

<b>Dadofthree Stable</b> .....	<b>Joe Clancy</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Planets Aligned .....	\$70,500
Best Attack .....	\$57,900
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Coal Dust .....	\$9,000
.....	<b>\$291,501</b>

<b>Pony Up Stable</b> .....	<b>Ashley Monroe</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Irish Prince .....	\$72,000
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Class Deputy .....	\$10,950
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$287,463</b>

<b>Mr. McGuggles Inc.</b> .....	<b>Suzanna Lampton</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Orison .....	\$94,401
Ghost Valley .....	\$22,000
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
Haggard .....	\$2,500
Guelph .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$285,616</b>

<b>Singapore Lions</b> .....	<b>Bill Hutchinson</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Pukka .....	\$15,000
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$284,327</b>

## Twelve in front, and drawing away

Twelfth Night is a holiday, part of the 12 Days of Christmas. It's also the nom de course of Nicholas Schweizer's fantasy farm, where every day is Christmas.

After riding fab filly Footlights from fourth to first, Schweizer rode to daylight with Good Night Shirt, whose \$95,520 winner's check from Belmont more than doubled Schweizer's overall lead.

Since that margin is \$95,089, however, it's not as if the other contenders pulled up. Winfield Sapp pulled in \$51,824, getting checks from Orison, Irish Prince and Mixed Up, leapfrogging Ernie Moulos, who had only the latter two.

Good Night Shirt is the straw that stirs the drink. Of the four fantasy stables that own him, none is worse than 12th. And no wonder – a barn with Good Night Shirt and five stable ponies would still make the leaderboard, in 30th.

Like ST Publishing, the Top 10 is a family affair. Jack Clancy jumped 17 places and now sits sixth, one spot ahead of his uncle Sean, two ahead of his dad – and well ahead of his two brothers, he'd like to add.

Wallflower Farm continues to rock and roll. The collection of castaways – all unowned in the Pick 6 contest – picked up \$52,500 since last we met, thanks to Divine Fortune and Dark Equation's night out at The Meadowlands. The pseudo stable has banked \$390,140, which would be good enough for second.

For leading at the end of September, Schweizer gets a \$50 gift certificate, which should go nicely with the one he earned last month. The top 52 stables are listed below. See [www.st-publishing.com](http://www.st-publishing.com) for complete standings.

– Jamie Santo

<b>3D Stable</b> .....	<b>Dallas Butts</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Ghost Valley .....	\$22,000
Gold Mitten .....	\$5,400
Ten Cents A Shine .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$283,527</b>

<b>Second Time Around</b> .....	<b>Jo Ann Sampson</b>
Good Night Shirt .....	\$214,163
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Ghost Valley .....	\$22,000
Feeling So Pretty .....	\$15,365
Mon Villez .....	\$4,500
Dynamont .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$283,028</b>

<b>Little Farm</b> .....	<b>Robert Wasserman</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
Ghost Valley .....	\$22,000
Guelph .....	\$0
Three Carat .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$276,627</b>

<b>Try Again</b> .....	<b>Jim McVey</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
Sharp Face .....	\$23,100
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$275,015</b>

<b>Brookwood</b> .....	<b>Anne Clancy</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Ed's Empire .....	\$8,600
Gold Mitten .....	\$5,400
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$270,127</b>

<b>All4Fun&amp;Fun4All</b> .....	<b>Lulu Verney</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Orchid Princess .....	\$37,720
Swimming River .....	\$35,000
Big Is Best .....	\$15,450
Class Vantage .....	\$15,000
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$269,885</b>

<b>Flight of Fancy Stable</b> .....	<b>Tod Marks</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Swimming River .....	\$35,000
Mr Bombastic .....	\$29,450
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Lair .....	\$9,000
.....	<b>\$264,763</b>

<b>Jabberwocky Stables</b> .....	<b>Sarah Greenhalgh</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Mr Bombastic .....	\$29,450
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$259,463</b>

<b>Boots &amp; Bows</b> .....	<b>Delaney Shields</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Preemptive Strike .....	\$40,202
Slew's Peak .....	\$26,740
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
Rosbrian .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$259,157</b>

<b>Lulie Bear Inc.</b> .....	<b>Mason Lampton</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Noblest .....	\$26,750
Slew's Peak .....	\$26,740
Gigger .....	\$12,500
Irish Laddie .....	\$3,900
.....	<b>\$256,105</b>

<b>Wass' House</b> .....	<b>Paul Wasserman</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Pukka .....	\$15,000
Gold Mitten .....	\$5,400
Askim .....	\$0
Mattsutterrur .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$249,527</b>

<b>Ms Demeanor</b> .....	<b>Linda Cowasjee</b>
Irish Prince .....	\$72,000
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Swimming River .....	\$35,000
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Riddle .....	\$31,956
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$249,068</b>

<b>Steeplestakes.com</b> .....	<b>Van Cushny</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
The Bruce .....	\$46,750
The Looper .....	\$32,976
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Pukka .....	\$15,000
.....	<b>\$248,827</b>

<b>Flying High Farm</b> .....	<b>Kathryn Rasch</b>
Mixed Up .....	\$159,215
Orchid Princess .....	\$37,720
Chivite .....	\$26,974
Erin Go Bragh .....	\$13,700
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
Alumni Hall .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$245,109</b>

<b>Guitarro Stables</b> .....	<b>Mike Haldeman</b>
Footlights .....	\$142,280
Riddle .....	\$31,956
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Fappa Fire .....	\$18,000
Fantorini .....	\$11,400
Heros Among Us .....	\$8,700
.....	<b>\$239,336</b>

<b>Let The Band Play On</b> .....	<b>Caylin Haldeman</b>
Planets Aligned .....	\$70,500
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Preemptive Strike .....	\$40,202
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Mark The Shark .....	\$9,250
Askim .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$222,564</b>

<b>Bossy Boots</b> .....	<b>Faith Hutchinson</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Sur La Tete .....	\$27,000
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
Gold Mitten .....	\$5,400
Askim .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$222,213</b>

<b>Hunter's Rest</b> .....	<b>Betsy Parker</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Paradise's Boss .....	\$69,912
Imagina .....	\$32,700
Praise The Prince .....	\$9,000
Fershaw .....	\$8,700
McDynamo .....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$222,213</b>

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<b>PonyGirl Stables .....</b>	<b>Elizabeth Watrous</b>
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Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Class Deputy.....	\$10,950
Bug River.....	\$10,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Guelph .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$215,165</b>
<b>The Dukester .....</b>	<b>Charles Reid</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Gliding .....	\$62,415
Imagina.....	\$32,700
Prep School.....	\$16,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$213,516</b>
<b>Who D'ya Like Ranch .....</b>	<b>William Skidmore</b>
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Riddle.....	\$31,956
Mr Bombastic .....	\$29,450
Chivite .....	\$26,974
Slew's Peak.....	\$26,740
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
.....	<b>\$210,532</b>
<b>Living On A Prayer.....</b>	<b>Lisa McLane</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Imagina.....	\$32,700
Mr Bombastic .....	\$29,450
Chivite .....	\$26,974
Pukka.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$206,025</b>
<b>SeaBass Stable .....</b>	<b>Leslie Young</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Imagina.....	\$32,700
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Flyrock .....	\$0
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$204,513</b>
<b>Northbrook Stable .....</b>	<b>Peggy Falini</b>
Footlights .....	\$142,280
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Chivite .....	\$26,974
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Flyrock .....	\$0
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$203,754</b>
<b>WILCO .....</b>	<b>Tina Smith</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Gold Mitten .....	\$5,400
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$202,713</b>
<b>Lucy's Lunging Leapers.....</b>	<b>Lucy Seginak</b>
Mixed Up.....	\$159,215
Feeling So Pretty.....	\$15,365
Angel Del Viento.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
Quem Se Atreve .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$197,080</b>
<b>Genesee Valley Racers .....</b>	<b>Gail McGuire</b>
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Swimming River .....	\$35,000
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Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Wee Highland Star .....	\$0
.....	<b>\$196,568</b>



Doug Lees

Lair (Xavier Aizpuru ) draws away from the field to earn some cash for Pick Six players.

<b>Mediocrities Stable.....</b>	<b>Charlotte Brooks</b>
Mixed Up.....	\$159,215
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Gold Mitten .....	\$5,400
Mon Villez .....	\$4,500
Alumni Hall .....	\$0
Askim.....	\$0
.....	<b>\$196,115</b>
<b>Carglen Stable .....</b>	<b>Joe Clancy Sr.</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Swimming River .....	\$35,000
Rare Bush .....	\$27,000
Ghost Valley .....	\$22,000
Lair.....	\$9,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$194,901</b>
<b>Gush Katif Farm .....</b>	<b>Howard Newstadt</b>
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
The Bruce.....	\$46,750
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Slew's Peak.....	\$26,740
Pukka.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
.....	<b>\$192,902</b>
<b>Cheltenham Invasion.....</b>	<b>Richard Hutchinson</b>
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Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Askim.....	\$0
.....	<b>\$187,101</b>
<b>Browntrout Stable.....</b>	<b>Douglas Lees</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Riddle.....	\$31,956
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Diego Cao .....	\$25,500
Gold Mitten .....	\$5,400
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
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<b>Alms For The Poor .....</b>	<b>Peter Hitchen</b>
Paradise's Boss.....	\$69,912
Preemptive Strike.....	\$40,202
Bubble Economy .....	\$32,400
Rare Bush .....	\$27,000
Class Deputy .....	\$10,950
Evidential .....	\$2,000
.....	<b>\$182,464</b>
<b>Millstone Farm .....</b>	<b>James Watrous</b>
Orison .....	\$94,401
Orchid Princess.....	\$37,720
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
Pukka.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Askim.....	\$0
.....	<b>\$181,621</b>
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<b>Thunder Road Farm .....</b>	<b>Diana Rowland</b>
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Orchid Princess.....	\$37,720
Swimming River .....	\$35,000
Sur La Tete.....	\$27,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
Miles Ahead .....	\$0
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Pukka.....	\$15,000
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Askim.....	\$0
.....	<b>\$176,601</b>
<b>Too Far Out Farm .....</b>	<b>Tiffany Webb</b>
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Imagina.....	\$32,700
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Pukka.....	\$15,000
McDynamo.....	\$7,500
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Rider Boyd Martin (here with Yin Yang Yo at Rolex 2006) won at the Middleburg Horse Trials with Bailey Wick.

Shannon Brinkman

# Deputy Rider

## Martin picks up mounts, ribbons while subbing for Dutton in Virginia

BY KATY CARTER

Boyd Martin picked up a couple of rides for the Middleburg Horse Trials at Glenwood Park and didn't let his boss down. The latest addition to the arsenal of talent at Phillip Dutton's True Prospect Farm brought home the blue in Open Intermediate I aboard Bailey Wick and took second in Open Intermediate II with Risk Taker.

"Phillip usually rides these two," Martin said "He was in Canada and I was lucky enough to get the rides this weekend."

Martin and Bailey Wick, owned by Jess Sweely's Acorn Hill Farm, took the lead in dressage with a score of 22.8, adding a rail in show jumping and two time faults on cross country for a final tally of 28.8 to finish 8.8 points ahead of runners-up Sally Cousins and Centerfield. Megan Correia-Bittner and Anyway finished third.

"Bailey Wick just came to True Prospect Farm this year," said the native of Sydney, Australia, who had never competed the 7-year-old Irish Sport Horse before. "While he's still a bit new to us, he's got all the wonderful ingredients you want in a horse. He has tremendous movement and presence in the dressage and also has a phenomenal jump and lots of courage."

That courage came in handy while negotiating Glenwood Park's cross-country course, designed by Olympian and landscape architect Nina Fout.

"The cross country was tough and technical," Martin said. "It asked all the right questions for this level; bounces, narrows, and a difficult water jump as well."

In the second intermediate group, Martin and Risk Taker, a 7-year-old Thoroughbred owned by Mardie Faucette, added a rail and 2.4 time penalties to their dressage for a total of 42.3, good enough for second behind amateur rider Wendy Bebie and Phoenix VIII (37.4), who have performed consistently at the upper levels for several seasons.

"Risk Taker is a superb mover and a very careful and clean jumper. He's just started running intermediate and is trying a bit too hard right now," Martin said. "We had some wobbly moments, but hopefully in time, he will start relaxing in the ring and on cross country. He's definitely one of Phillip's top young horses."

Martin and Risk Taker finished sixth at the Stuart CIC\*\* in New York this July, and "Risky" followed that performance with a fourth at Millbrook and win at Five Points, both in intermediates with Dutton in the irons.

When asked about his move to the United States, Martin responded enthusiastically. "The States are fantastic. The horse culture is loaded with hospitable, welcoming and friendly people."

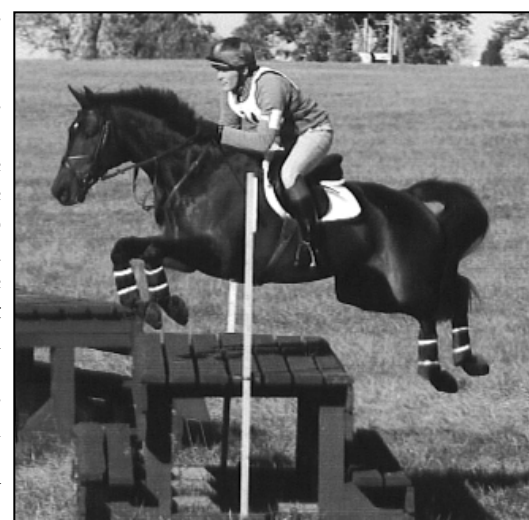
Since permanently relocating here with his wife – German Grand Prix

### MIDDLEBURG HORSE TRIALS

September 29-30

Dressage rider Silva – the former student of Heath Ryan has marveled at the level of training to which he has been exposed.

"I've brought nine different horses through the four-star level in Australia, but back home, eventing is a bit more primitive," he said. "Working at Phillip's is amazing. The focus is on a high level of attention to detail and preparation for competition. It's an incredible environment in which to work, and the quality of horses at the farm is wonderful."



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Smooth Rider (Bobby Meyerhoff) flies a fence at the Middleburg Horse Trials.

• Smooth Rider and Bobby Meyerhoff made their second run at preliminary worth the wait, as they emerged victorious in Open Preliminary I. Meyerhoff has taken his time with the 6-year-old Dutch Warmblood, owned by Sandra Donnelly of Calgary.

"He's a beautiful mover and very obedient in dressage," said Meyerhoff. "He's still very green in the jumping, but there was a huge difference in him cross country at Middleburg."

A native Californian now based in Virginia, Meyerhoff acquired Smooth Rider last October but has only run him six times.

"When I got him, he'd only done one novice," he said. "He did some trainings and then we ran prelim for the first time at Surefire in July. I'm taking my time with him. We'll do at least four more events at this level before I even begin to think about the next steps."

Smooth Rider responded well to the cross country, even surprising his pilot a bit with his exuberance.

"There were some challenging questions on course. The bank with the drop was a big question for preliminary. For a green horse, it was an even bigger question, and I was thrilled with how he responded," said Meyerhoff. "He really went for it at the water, which was

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# Middleburg —

■ Continued from page 28

difficult, and the road crossing, too. I was pleasantly surprised at how well he listened and at how confident he was."

Meyerhoff and Smooth Rider adding a rail and .8 time faults to their dressage score of 27 for a total of 31.8; Stephen Bradley and Express Root (32.4) picked up second, with Leslie Law and All the Buzz (34.3) third.

In the second prelim grouping, Duncan MacRae and Flash Point sat 10th after dressage, but were sitting pretty at the end. Clean through show jumping and cross country, they made their 37 hold up, edging out Sarah Cousins and Say You Do by less than a point. The runners-up, 12th following dressage, finished clean as well. Kurt Martin and The Barrister (39.6) took third.

• Tiffany Catledge of Aldie, Va., and Allfort (whom she owns jointly with Debbie Burton) won the Low Score Award, finishing on their dressage mark of 26.3. Catledge and "Spider," a 5-year-old gelding is affectionately known, were actually

even with Along Came A Spyder and Louise Foster, victors in the Novice Rider division, but finished closer to the optimum time on cross country, breaking the tie.

"We were one second closer to the optimum," said Catledge, who rides for Deana Vaughn at Tail Wind Farm. "It was a great day all around and this made it really fun."

Catledge and Burton purchased the son of Art Deco nearly two years ago, but he didn't compete regularly until this year, as Catledge was sidelined by surgery in 2006.

"We're going to do the Novice Championships next, then move him up to training at the end of October," she said. "I couldn't be more pleased. His dressage was very good and having to show jump before cross country gave him confidence to tackle cross country, which he thought was the Novice Olympics."

Catledge praised the organizers, officials and all involved for hosting a great competition.

"Mrs. (Carol) O'Malley does such a great job running this event every year, from making sure riders with multiple horses don't have conflicts to securing really cool prizes," Catledge said. "The courses are beautiful and ride well and the volunteers are always amazing."



Future event horse champion  
Muggle and owner  
Melissa Stubenberg.

USEA/Emily Daily

Nearly 50 entries turned out for the U. S. Eventing Association's inaugural Future Event Horse Championships, held in conjunction with the Morven Park Three-Day Event in Leesburg, Va. Wednesday, Oct. 3. The classes were split by age (yearlings, 2- and 3-year-olds) and sex, with the top two from each class going on to compete in the championship class. After an impressive run Melissa Stubenberg's 3-year-old Dutch Warmblood/Thoroughbred gelding Muggle (by Obediah, out of Isn't She Nice, bred by Laurel Hill Farm in Unionville, Pa.) claimed the championship title with Diane and Peter Halphin's 3-year-old filly Fuerst Aphrodites R (by Fuerst Gotthard out of Kleopatra R, bred by Edgar and Susan Schutte of Lincoln, Cal.) earning reserve champion.

Judges Suzanne Quarles and Eileen Pritchard-Bryan had a full schedule judging the largest class of youngsters of the series, which began as a pilot program this spring. The goal is to help breeders and owners of future event horses promote and market their young stock from yearlings to three-year-olds. A second, and critical feature of this program is the creation of a database of records, results, and pedigree information that will stay with the horses for their entire careers.

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**A:** (from Sanna Hendriks who won a maiden at Philadelphia Park with Chilean import Rainiero): "Treat him like any other horse, I knew we were going to give him plenty of time. He ran in April last year and we probably got him in June or July. We started him jumping, I pretty much get them jumping and then do nothing with them. He actually handled it better than a lot of them, most of them come over and fall apart and he didn't do that."



# Byyny, barn find success

BY KATY CARTER

## MORVEN PARK HORSE TRIALS

October 5-7

Surefire Farm has had a lot to celebrate this fall, and the party continued at Morven Park in Leesburg, Va., with owner and head trainer Jan Byyny and Dario taking first place in Division I of the CCI\* and her student, Charlotte Merle-Smith and Cyrillic, finishing second in the open division.

Byyny took the lead from the start and after running double clean in both cross country and show jumping, finished on her dressage score of 35.7 penalty points, one of only two pairs in the division to show jump double clean.

Byyny and Dario, a 6-year-old Dutch Warmblood Thoroughbred cross owned by Allie Lawaetz have racked up an impressive list of accomplishments this year, including preliminary wins at the Maryland and Stuart Horse Trials, as well as slew of consistent placings. Dario also won a section of preliminary at the spring trials at Plantation Field with Byyny's coach, Phillip Dutton.

Merle-Smith and her Bulgarian Sport Horse, Cyrillic, have also had a successful year, earning preliminary wins at Loudoun, Waredaca, Sporting Days and Jumping Branch, and finishing second at Stuart, Seneca, and Plantation. Merle-Smith's dressage score of 38.6 was good enough for fourth place after the first day, then a double-clear trip cross country moved the pair into third on Saturday. A rail in show jumping added four penalties for a final score of 42.6.

• Lisa Barry and her aptly named Just A Lil Bit won Division II of the CCI\*, as Barry and her 15.3-hand partner finished on their dressage score of 51.1, four points ahead of Lauren Woodall and her Paint gelding, William Penn.

"I bought him two years ago as a resale project," Barry said. "I train with David and Karen (O'Connor) and

when I brought him to the farm, I was told I wasn't allowed to sell him. So I thought I'd keep him a while and see how it went."

Things have gone quite well, as Just A Lil Bit has proven himself to be much more than originally thought.

"He's a really cool little horse with an enormous heart," Barry said. "He comes to work every day ready to go. He is the first project horse I've had that made me feel like he could really do something. The more I push, the more I ask for, the better he gets."

Even with good placings at various preliminary level horse trials, including a win at Richland Park in Michigan, Barry didn't plan to take the 7-year-old Thoroughbred to a one star this year.

"I didn't have this on our schedule, but Karen suggested we go for it, and I ended up entering at the last minute," she said. "My biggest concern was being able to get him three-day fit in a month. In Virginia we are very lucky to have hills."

Barry also had access to the O'Connors' galloping track which, combined with the hill work she was already doing, contributed greatly to the pair's fitness as event time approached.

Barry and Team O'Connor have worked to improve Just A Lil Bit's dressage, and the effort paid off.

"He has responded beautifully to what was being asked of him on the flat," she said. "We had a 51, which compared to the very, very good scores in the open division isn't great, but I was just so pleased with how he handled himself in the big ring. It was our most consistent test to date."

Just A Lil Bit impressed in the other disciplines as well.

"I approached cross country with my eyes open," Barry said. "I wasn't 100-percent sure about his fitness and the ground was terribly hard, so my plan was to ride smart and listen to my horse."

Just A Lil Bit cruised home double clean, despite a few blips, putting to rest any concerns about his readiness to tackle the elements of a one-star track, which Barry described as big and technical. Many of their experiences all came into play at Morven Park.

"He was a rock star," said Barry. "He had a few green moments out there, but he came through and saved my butt a couple of times in return."

Sitting second behind Woodall after dressage and cross country, Barry walked the show-jumping course with David O'Connor Sunday morning.

"It was biggish, and like cross country, asked a lot of technical questions," she said. "David and I made a plan and when I went in the ring, the course rode completely different than it walked, and there were not many clear rounds."

Barry and Just A Lil Bit were one of only two combinations that show jumped double clean, ultimately moving from second to first.



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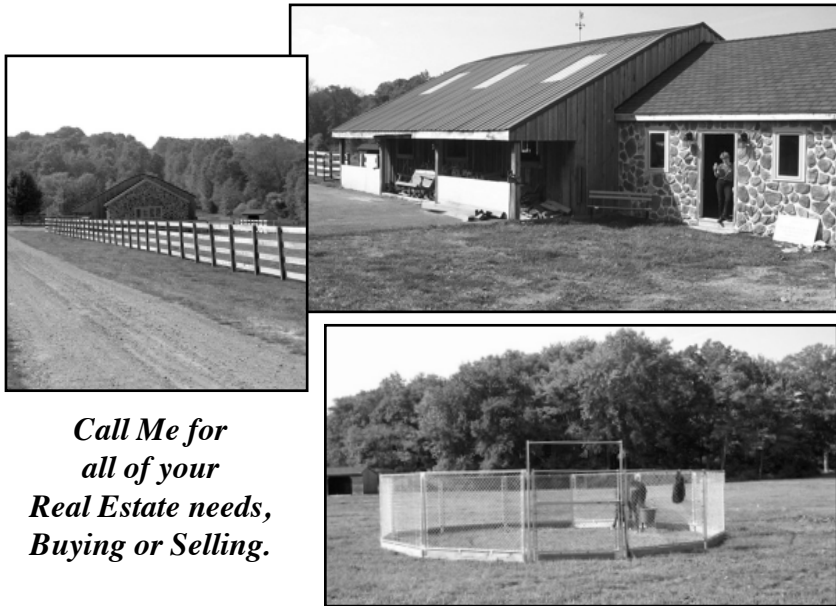
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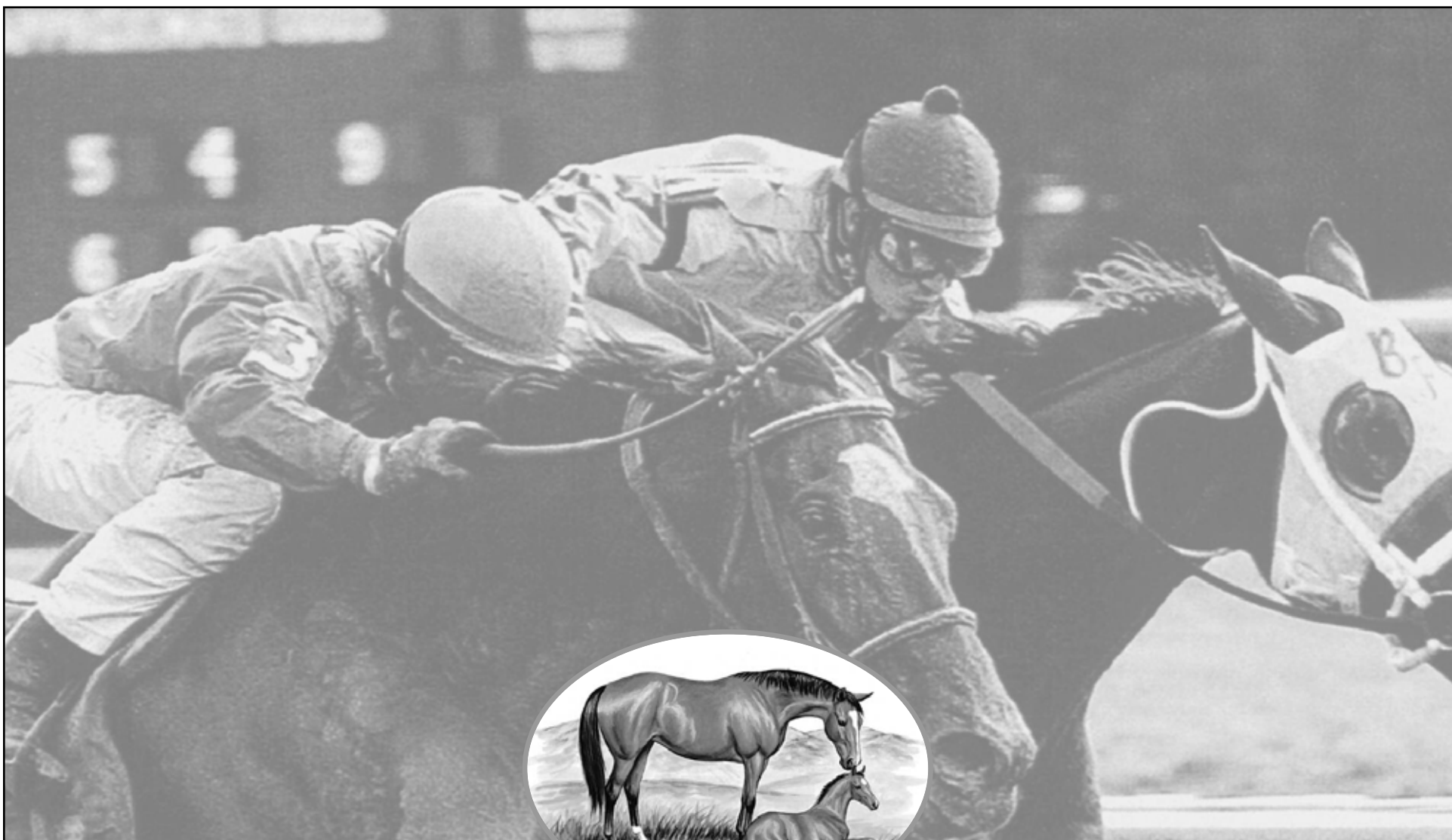
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# The Right Call

## Acorn Hill owner Sweely turns to Dutton, scores

BY SEAN CLANCY

Jess Sweely needed a rider. He had five event horses at Acorn Hill Farm in Madison, Va. and needed someone who could take them somewhere.

Sweely made a list of who he thought were the best riders in the country and called the man at the top of that list. Phillip Dutton.

Five months later, Sweely's Woodburn and Dutton won the final World Cup qualifier, at Wits End in Mansfield, Ontario and head to Fair Hill International.

Dutton and Woodburn sat third after dressage but posted the fastest cross country round (with just 18 time penalties) and knocked down one rail in show jumping to best Will Coleman on Kiki Du Manoir, with Darren Chiacchia and Windfall third.

Dutton moved from 15th to second in the World Cup rankings, a series which included more than 200 riders from 24 countries, riding in 16 FEI World Cup qualifiers held in 11 countries on three continents.

Sweely hasn't seen Dutton ride Woodburn yet, but if he goes to the World Cup next year, he's going.

If he can find the time.

Sweely masterminds the breeding program of Acorn Hill Farm, which includes 50 Thoroughbred broodmares which he breeds mostly to Irish Draft Horses. Daughter Robin rides at the top level in show jumping so some of the horses go there, some are sold, some are kept as event horses.

None are better than Woodburn – but he's not a homebred. He was a private purchase about three years ago when Emily Beshear was riding for Sweely.

"She was looking for an Advanced horse, this one came available, Ralph Hill helped design a cross coun-

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try course for us and told Emily, 'Here's a horse you should take a look at,' " Sweely said. "It wasn't a lot of money, I said, 'Well, fine, if he vets, we'll buy the horse.' That was about three years ago. Emily rode the horse, she won the Intermediate division of the American Eventing Championships down in Carolina."

Suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome, Beshear sent Sweely's horses home, leaving Sweely with decisions to make. He decided to send Woodburn to Robin to see if he could be a show jumper.

"He was a nice enough horse so we thought maybe he could be a show jumper. She took him to Florida and they worked with him for about three months and when she came back she said, 'Dad, I think this horse should be an event horse.' By that time all the horses that Emily had, we had back. I said, 'Well, I need somebody who can ride them.' So I contacted Phillip Dutton. I said, 'You might as well go to the best.' "

Dutton stopped at Acorn Hill after riding at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington and tried some horses. He now has five horses for Acorn Hill Farm, including homebred Bailey Wick, who has won three Intermediate events this year. Castle View, Carrig View and Cruiseline complete the quintet. Woodburn leads the band at the moment.

"Robin always thought he was a world class horse and when Phillip got him he thought he was a world class horse. We hope everybody's right. We were going



Karen Briggs

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August 24	Unbridled Belle	Team Valor	Saratoga	2nd
August 20	Bondage	Pin Oak Stable	Delaware Park	1st
August 20	Becrux (lty)	Team Valor	Del Mar	2nd
August 19	Awesome Gem	West Point Thoroughbreds	Del Mar	2nd
August 16	Sharp Susan	WinStar Farm & IEAH Stables	Saratoga	1st
August 11	Iridesence	Team Valor	Arlington Park	2nd
August 5	Any Given Saturday	WinStar Farm & Padua Stables	Monmouth Park	1st
August 5	West Coast Swing	WinStar Farm	Arlington Park	1st
August 1	Try To Remember	Brereton C. Jones	Delaware Park	1st
July 29	Street Sense	Mr. & Mrs. James B Tafel	Saratoga	1st
July 22	Please Include Me	Brereton C. Jones	Ellis Park	1st
July 21	Go For Brook	Jack Smith III	Ellis Park	1st
July 21	Awesome Gem	West Point Thoroughbreds	Del Mar	2nd
July 21	Octave	Starlight Stables & Donald Lucarelli	Saratoga	1st
July 18	Yario (lre)	Kathy Harty	Del Mar	2nd
July 15	Pray Tell	WinStar Farm	Woodbine	1st
July 15	King Of The Roxy	Team Valor	Delaware Park	2nd
July 14	Tiago	Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Moss	Hollywood Park	1st
July 11	Onthedeanslist	Team Valor	Arlington Park	1st
July 8	Communicated	WinStar Farm	Churchill Downs	1st
July 6	Monashee Gold	Team Valor	Churchill Downs	1st
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to sell the horse and then we thought, 'what the hell, we'll just keep him.' ”

Sweely and his wife Sharon were introduced to horses when Robin took her first riding lesson. Thirty-five years later, they own flat horses, steeplechasers, show jumpers and event horses.

Steeplechase horse Northern Thinking, trained by Jack Fisher, owns six victories in his nine-year career. Northern Thinking's half-brother Steve's Double (bred and sold by Acron Hill) won the Perryville at Keeneland Oct. 13. Sweely stands back and watches.

“I've done the same thing with Phil-

lip as I do with Jack (Fisher), ‘You're the trainer, you've got the horse, don't ask me to tell you what to do. You're on your own.’ I'm not going to inject myself into the middle of it,” Sweely said. “I expect them to do what's right and don't do anything that's going to hurt the horse. That's just the way we are.”

Asked if he could win just one – the Kentucky Derby, Badminton, the Colonial Cup or the World Cup in show jumping, Sweely didn't hesitate.

“Badminton. Or Rolex,” Sweely said. “I told Phillip we've got to get to Rolex with one of these horses. To me, the eventing is such a tough, tough world. You've got to have a horse that can be supple to do the dressage, but bold and go cross country, then come back and do it in the arena. That's tough.”

## Byyny takes Bromont CCI\*\* with Syd Kent

Jan Byyny admits she took a risk in buying Syd Kent.

“It's easier to find good horses than to find people to own them,” she said.

Byyny purchased the 9-year-old Thoroughbred on a trip to England, where he had begun eventing after a brief career as a show jumper in his native New Zealand.

Her gamble paid off with the win at Bromont CCI\*\* Sept. 21-23 in Quebec, Canada, finishing on their dressage score of 49.1.

“He's pretty new to me, so we just gave it a shot,” Byyny said. “He just suits me very well – a bit quirky, a bit tricky, but he's quite trusting. He's been wonderful this season.”

Syd Kent finished third at the Stuart CIC\*\* and second at Waredaca and Maryland Horse Trials. He went flawlessly at Bromont. The bay gelding jumped around Derek DiGrazia's big, technical cross country course in great form.

“He's a very natural jumper,” said Byyny. “He's a freaky good jumper and is very careful, sometimes too careful. He has the tendency to jump too hard, and then he's like ‘Oh my god!’ afterwards. This happened at the first cross country fence.”

Byyny and Syd Kent led going into show jumping, where a minor bobble could have cost them the win. “We had a bit of a moment cantering by the in-gate,” she said. “He tried to leave. I got him back and we finished clean.”

Byyny was impressed with the way Syd Kent handled the atmosphere at Bromont.

“Our regular horse trials don't have a whole lot going on,” she said. “This place is second only to Kentucky in atmosphere. The horses fell it and it can be a challenge.”

– Katy Carter

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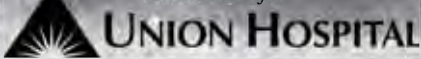
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# Obstacle Man

Course builder Bull brings art to Fair Hill

BY BRIAN NADEAU

As you gaze across the glorious countryside that makes up much of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area, take time to notice Eric Bull's handiwork. It isn't difficult to spot – anything on the cross-country course not attributable to Mother Nature is a direct byproduct of Bull and his team.

From post-and-rails to intricately detailed wooden turtles and ducks, the craftsmanship on display is worthy of Better Homes & Gardens.

By the time the Fair Hill International unfolds Oct. 18-21, Bull and his team – Tyson Rementer, Brett Larose and Travis Hurt – will have quietly receded into the background. Their work, however, will be as vibrant as any of the horses and riders competing on the grounds.

Originally from New York, Bull now makes his home in the central Virginia town of Scottsville, where he plies his trade under the name of ETB Equine Construction. Bull's roots, however, are steeped in eventing and he's used his knowledge and experience to start a second career.

"I was a three-day event rider myself so I've been part of the sport for a long time," he said. "I went into



Shannon Brinkman

The snake jump was part of Eric Bull's creation at Fair Hill in 2006.

the construction business after college as it was a good way to make money and then I just put two and two together and decided to get into the building aspect of things. I've been doing the event here at Fair Hill for seven or eight years and have been in the business for about 17 years."

For three weeks leading up to the event, ETB prepared the Fair Hill course, one of many stops on a busy 2007 calendar that has sent Bull up and down the East Coast, with a trip to South America thrown in as well.

"In June I went to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil to help out with the Pan Am Games. They didn't know how to build the fences," Bull said. "They were very willing but they just didn't know how. I went down and basically supervised them. I'd say we built about 40 fences in 10 days."

Some of the bigger fences and obstacles for Fair Hill were built at Bull's shop in Scottsville and transported north on flatbed trucks, but most of the handi-

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# Course Builder —

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work was done on the course itself. Have chainsaw, will travel.

"This didn't take us very long, about three weeks to build. Travis does a lot of the chainsaw carving and the fences stay after the show; they are part of the property. Over the course of three weeks we'll probably build 50 fences," Bull said. "I'd say we are the biggest operation in that we have the most people and do the most work. We probably build 30 to 40 tracks a year and maybe 1,000 fences."

Talk to anyone involved with horses and within seconds the summer drought enters the conversation. Count Bull among those having difficulty with the hard ground. He recalls his days as a rider and understands the concerns this year's competitors feel.

"The lack of rain has been an issue, but the course is aerated and hopefully we might get some rain before the event," Bull said. "It's tough on the horses and the riders because a lot of them don't have the back-up horses; they can't afford them. And therefore they can't afford to have a horse go down because there isn't anyone to replace them."

In a world where far too many people have to force themselves out of bed and head to a job they want nothing to do with, Bull admits he's lucky — working at something he loves that also allows the freedom to create.

"It's great to be able to do what you love. I know there are easier ways to make money but I wouldn't do anything else," he said. "Every day you get to reinvent the wheel. We have to meet certain specifications on what we build but we still are allowed to change things to a certain degree."

To gain a full appreciation for the talent of Bull and his team, walk the grounds, let your mind drift a bit

and imagine the carvings before they were finished projects. It's a long way from a tree trunk to oversized wooden duck or turtle.

"A lot of them are just fallen trees brought to us by some people or ones we find or have back at the shop in Virginia. Some are trees we have bought as well," Bull said. "We try to build things that have a somewhat personal feel to them. Down south we did a track that had ties to the Civil War, so we built some things along those lines. But something like that wouldn't be right here. You see the turtle, and that is something associated with Maryland. We try to keep it from looking like Disneyland and give it a more personal feel."

The story of Fair Hill International 2007 will deservedly be the horses and riders that make the competition one of the biggest and most important events in the country. While you won't see Eric Bull's name on the scoreboard, he's one of the most valuable people on the grounds.

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# Fair Shake

## Three riders take aim at big finish

BY KATY CARTER

Heading into the Dansko Fair Hill International three-day event, ST checked in with three riders coming to the three-star competition from various directions.

The event starts Thursday, Oct. 18 and runs through Sunday, Oct. 21.

### Melissa Hunsberger

**Expedience, 10YO Thoroughbred mare.  
Just Fun Stuff, 12YO Thoroughbred gelding.**

Melissa Hunsberger came up through the levels of eventing with true determination and hard work. The native of Reading, Pa. came to Virginia in 1999 for a year-long working student position with Phyllis Dawson. A year later, she was hired full-time and hasn't looked back, bringing her top two horses up through the three- and four-star levels.

Fair Hill will be Hunsberger's second go around the three star track, and she hopes to improve upon her experience last fall, where she finished 15th with Just Fun Stuff and 23rd with Expedience.

"Expedience and I had to do dressage in a wind storm and we almost didn't make it into the ring," said Hunsberger, 26. "I hope we're lucky enough to avoid another blustery day and put in a good test."

They went clean on cross country last year, which Hunsberger would like to repeat. She would also like to improve on their four-fault effort in show jumping.

"Expedience is very trusting and sweet and will do anything I ask of her," said Hunsberger. "Fun is a different ride. He's an old timber horse and is extremely brave and gets very excited. We've been trying to get him to relax on the flat and in show jumping. We ran Rolex for the first time this past spring, and it was an incredible experience."

Expedience and Just Fun Stuff have qualified for the 2008 Rolex Kentucky CCI\*\*\*\*, a reward for eight years of effort. Results aside, Hunsberger truly delights in the day to day interaction with the horses.

"Having the opportunity to compete at this level is fantastic," she said. "One



Shannon Brinkman (2)

Melissa Hunsberger brings two horses to Fair Hill International – Expedience (left) and Just Fun Stuff.

of Phyllis' favorite sayings is 'Invest in the journey, not the destination,' and I go to work each morning with that in mind. Otherwise, I think all the pressure sets you up for disappointment and you begin to doubt yourself. It's so true in this sport. Success is wonderful, but it's important to take pride in the small things."

### Allison Springer

**Arthur, 8YO Irish Thoroughbred.**

Allison Springer and Arthur may be newcomers to the Fair Hill CCI\*\*\*\*, but they could be a force. Recently named to the United States Equestrian Team

Developing Rider List, Springer and her chestnut Irish Thoroughbred rocketed to the top of the advanced level in 2007 with a second at Bromont CCI\*\* and thirds at the American Eventing Championships and Richland Park CIC\*\* (which she won with Destination Known).

Add these to an eighth at Jersey Fresh CCI\*\*\* and a slew of advanced and intermediate horse trials, and it's not a stretch to predict Springer could leave a mark on Fair Hill.

"Arthur has really come into his own

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# Fair Hill —

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this year,” said Springer, who grew up in Barrington Hills, Ill. “When I got him, he was 5 and was quite nervous and a bit of a spook. He has developed a ton of confidence this year, and although he is still a bit of a spook, he’s never nasty.”

Arthur’s improvement was sent into hyperspeed after he and his pilot participated in the Pan Am Training Sessions with American coach Mark Phillips.

“I had been sitting very upright on him and Mark has me switch to more of a forward seat, which helped me get the closer distances,” Springer explained. “Just that small change made a big difference in our show jumping, which was important because we’d had a few too many rails.”

The training sessions coupled with assistance from new coach Phillip Dutton also created dramatic change in the dressage ring.

“We were receiving very good scores in the FEI tests, but since Jersey Fresh, we’ve had a seven-point improvement,” she said.

Like so many of riders and trainers, Springer understands the importance of staying grounded.

“Arthur is a gift to ride,” she said. “He is definitely the horse who will allow me to fulfill my dreams, but the best thing about all the hard work is producing a really special horse. It’s hard for young professionals like myself to succeed, but I think it’s that way on purpose. If it were easy, it probably

wouldn’t be worth it. And it’s so important to keep learning. Education never stops; it’s done on a daily basis and forces you to think hard and work hard at producing your horses and yourself correctly.”

### John Williams

**Sloopy, 15YO Thoroughbred,  
owned by the rider and Robert Boeckman.**

No strangers to Fair Hill, Sloopy and John Williams continue to prove they are one of the most consistent pairs at the advanced level and ride into Fair Hill off a sixth at the American Eventing Championships. Before that, they were second at Millbrook, first at the Fair Hill International horse trials, second at The Fork and first at Southern Pines. A withdraw at Rolex (after a strong dressage test) is the only blemish to a great year.

Properly managing his campaigner is clearly a priority for Williams, who lives with his wife Ellen in Southern Pines, N.C.

“He didn’t do a whole lot this year,” said Williams. “He was a bit foot sore at Rolex, so we withdrew, but he’s a very resilient horse and has been going well since then, even though he managed to pick up a bit of a cold after the American Eventing Championships.”

At Sloopy’s age, riders start talking about the future and how much longer a good thing can last.

“He’s going to be 16 next year, so we will see how he goes at Fair Hill and then how he is post-event,” he continued. “Sloopy’s always been a very good, very sturdy horse who has finished his competitions in fine form and we want him to stay that way. He genuinely wants to



Shannon Brinkman

**Sloopy (John Williams) steps through a dressage test at Rolex this spring.**

be good and always, always tries.”

Although he’s a bit of a grump, as Williams describes it, Sloopy is easy to have around.

“We use to play jokes on people coming to look at young horses,” he said. “They’d try a few we had for sale and then stick them on Sloopy, who is very naughty to hack out. For quite a few years, he couldn’t summon the courage to step over a railroad tie, which is ridiculous when you consider when he leaves the start box, he knows exactly that his job is to gallop and jump.”

## Holder wins Gold Cup

Becky Holder will need to make more room on her trophy shelf after becoming “Keeper of the Cup” for a second year in a row – this time winning the Adequan USEA Gold Cup Series advanced division with her and husband Tom’s Courageous Comet. Holder won the series’ intermediate division in 2006.

“This is super,” Holder said. “The Gold Cup is great. It gives us alternative goals for the season and rewards consistency, and I feel like it was a close race right up until the end.”

The Adequan USEA Gold Cup Series is comprised of 12 USEA-recognized events from March through September. Horse-and-rider combinations receive points on separate intermediate and advanced leaderboards.

Courageous Comet finished with 615 points earned at three Gold Cup events. Will Faudree and Antigua earned the reserve champion title with 555 points. Corrine Ashton and Dobbin finished third with 440.

• The Intermediate Gold Cup went to Will Coleman and Kiki du Manoir with 260 points. They started out in April with a win in the intermediate division at The Fork Horse Trials and followed that up in July with a win at the Cosequin Stuart Horse Trials before moving up to advanced for the rest of the season.

Canadian Hawley Bennett and SplendoroftheSun finished second, five points behind the winners.

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## Fair Hill International Schedule

### Thursday, October 18

8 a.m. Merchandise Tent and Food Court open  
8 a.m. CCI Dressage, Wm. du Pont, Jr. Arena  
8:30 a.m. Fair Hill Club open (Day Memberships available)  
8:30 a.m. Festival Of Art open, Fair Hill Club  
Noon Country Shops open  
Noon – 2:30 p.m. Lunch in Fair Hill Club  
12:00 Driving Briefing and Course Inspection  
3 p.m. Driving Horse Inspections, Cecil County Fairgrounds  
5 p.m. Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception, Fair Hill Club

### Friday, October 19

8 a.m. Country Shops, Merchandise Tent and Food Court open  
8 a.m. USDAA Dog Agility Starts  
8 a.m. CCI Dressage, Wm. du Pont, Jr. Arena  
8:30 a.m. Fair Hill Club open (Day Memberships available)  
8:30 a.m. Festival Of Art open, Fair Hill Club  
9 a.m. Driving Dressage, Driving Arena  
Noon – 2:30 p.m. Lunch in the Fair Hill Club  
1:30 p.m. CCI Dressage, Wm. du Pont Jr. Arena  
4 p.m. Wine/cheese reception, Country Shops

### Saturday, October 20

7 a.m. Driving Briefing, Public Food Tent  
8 a.m. USDAA Dog Agility Starts  
8 a.m. Country Shops, Merchandise Tent and Food Court open  
8 a.m. Driving Marathon Starts  
8:30 a.m. Fair Hill Club open (Day Memberships available)  
8:30 a.m. Festival Of Art open, Fair Hill Club  
9 a.m. Children’s Activities open  
9 a.m. The Delmarva Miniature Horse Club demonstration  
9:30 a.m. US Pony Club President’s Cup Games, Driving Dressage Arena  
10 a.m. CCI\*\*\* Fence Judge Briefing, Ed Walls Activity Hall  
10 a.m. Pony Club and 4-H Cross Country Course Walk - CCI Start Box

10 a.m. New Castle County Police Mounted Patrol Demo, CCI Warm-Up Arena  
10 a.m. Public Course Walk, CCI Start Box  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rebecca Pitre/Whoa Buddy Productions live music, Country Shops  
11 a.m. “Horse Play” – A Play about Horses through History, CCI Warm-up Arena  
12 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch in the Fair Hill Club  
12:30 p.m. CCI\*\*\* Cross Country Starts  
1 p.m. The Delmarva Miniature Horse Club Demonstrations  
3 p.m. US Pony Club President’s Cup Games Competition, Driving Dressage Arena  
6:30 p.m. “Masquerade Party” in the Ed Walls Hall, Fairgrounds (tickets required)

### Sunday, October 21

8 a.m. CCI\*\*\* Horse Inspection  
8 a.m. Merchandise Tent and Food Court open  
8 a.m. USDAA Dog Agility Starts  
8:30 a.m. Fair Hill Club open (Day Memberships available)  
8:30 a.m. Festival Of Art open, Fair Hill Club  
9 a.m. Country Shops Open  
9 a.m. Driving Cones, William duPont, Jr Arena (Awards follow each class)  
9 a.m. Children’s Activities Open  
9 a.m. Classic Cars Display Open  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rebecca Pitre/Whoa Buddy Productions live music, Country Shops  
10 a.m. Paws for Life Demonstration, CCI Warm-Up Arena  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Brunch in the Fair Hill Club  
11 p.m. The Delmarva Miniature Horse Club Demonstrations; Kid’s Area  
12 p.m. Pony Club Games Awards, William duPont, Jr Arena  
12:45 PM Stadium Jumping Course Walk with Sally Ike, course designer  
1 p.m. CCI\*\*\* Stadium Jumping, reverse order of standing  
4 p.m. CCI\*\*\* Awards, Wm. du Pont, Jr Arena

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