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What's Happening and Where To Find It

Here's your newspaper. If you took "over 12/11" for the publishing date you can cash your ticket now. But all good things come to those who wait, right? Somehow it's time to recap the 2009 season, but before we do, we'll revisit late season stops in Camden and Palm Beach and give you everything you need to know about the 2009 champions; both human and equine. From Aiken to Palm Beach and all points in between we had one heck of a time . . . we hope you did too. See you next year!



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That's A Wrap

The season closed up shop in sunny Florida once again where Seer reminded us what all the fuss was about way back when. Along the way, Jack Fisher clinched another title over his pal Tom Voss and Farah T Salute nabbed a big one for Jazz Napravnik.



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Crystal Clear

The Colonial Cup crowns champions. None are more deserving than Mixed Up. Bill Pape's 10-year-old turned back time, stretched his stamina and confirmed again why Jonathan Sheppard is the Master. Not to be outdone, Arch Kingsley enjoyed another banner day at Camden with a hat trick over his hometown course.



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Calling All Champions

The 2009 who's who list of champions blends familiar faces with promising newcomers. Here are their stories, along with updates to the 2009 and career leaderboards. The group includes Tax Ruling, Left Unsaid, Patriot's Path, Hope For Us All, Jack Fisher, Paddy Young and The Fields Stable.



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'Pick Six'

A Pricey Six Pack

Wendi Graham outlasted a former-turned-current jockey, an auto mechanic and a bunch of ST "experts" to claim the Pick Six title with a diverse and well-rounded stable.



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On the Cover

Mixed Up came through in the final Grade I of 2009, solidifying the race for the championship for Bill Pape and Jonathan Sheppard.

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News & Notes from around the circuit

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Take A Number

0: Impact trainer Jonathan Sheppard made on the first five runnings of the Colonial Cup. Wustenchef fell in the first running in 1970, lost his jockey in 1971 and finished last of 13 in 1973. Sheppard finished fourth with Tall Award in 1974. A year later, Cafe Prince gave the trainer his first of 14 wins (and counting) in the historic race.

4: New South of the Border billboards on I-95 (by ST's count).

2: 2009 steeplechase divisional champions sired by Carnivalay – top hurdle horse Mixed Up and top timber horse Patriot's Path.

13: Rank of trainer Jonathan Sheppard on Thoroughbred racing's leaderboard for 2009. His horses (flat and jump) earned \$5,406,228 through Dec. 13. Former assistant Graham Motion was 14th, less than \$200,000 behind.

The Name Game

Pick Six, Colonial Cup training flat. EMO Stable's newest horse is by Dynaformer out of Oh What A Windfall. If you hit the Pick Six, you're sure to receive a windfall.

Worth Repeating

"We've been working on getting her to settle but both Xav and I had a sad feeling that she would get herself on the front end just by jumping well. In three fences, she jumped her way to the lead."

Trainer Jazz Napravnik on Palm Beach winner Farah T Salute

"Sarah Palin for President 2012."

Bumper sticker on the car of Tom Voss assistant Robert Cutler

"Shawan Downs 2006."

Nameplate on muddy halter worn by Left Unsaid; in 2006, he was yearling.

"Tom must have done something to anger the steeplechase gods because he had better horses and more horses than I did."

Champion trainer Jack Fisher on runner-up Tom Voss

"Ann does all my flat horses and I do all my steeplechase horses, my lay-ups, 2-year-olds and yearlings. We have a revolving door, we ride horses back and forth whether they need to be with her or need to be with me. It's a great combination, a win-win all around."

Owner/trainer Michele Sanger on her relationship with flat trainer Ann Merryman

Grandmother Nina Strawbridge: "Are you in charge?"

Grandmother Nancy Miller, shepherding Teddy and Scarlet Davies, around the Colonial Cup: "Aren't I always?"

"He was on steroids as a puppy."

Oversized Jack Russell owner at the Colonial Cup

"What the hell am I doing? This place is great."

Trainer Tim Keefe, on his first trip to Churchill Downs



Tod Marks

Flying Horses. The field touches down over a fence in the maiden hurdle at the Colonial Cup. The 2009 season ended at Palm Beach Nov. 28. Next year starts March 20 at Aiken.

"Are there any charts out besides the Internet, which I don't know how to use."

Sheppard, the morning after going 1, 2, 3 in three Breeders' Cup Races at Santa Anita

"It would be interesting to see how far she'd go but I'm not sure what it would prove. What's wrong with doing what we did this year? It's bad enough to run against Ventura without having to run against Rachel Alexandra."

Sheppard on sprinting filly Informed Decision who beat Ventura in the Breeders' Cup and won't try Rachel Alexandra in 2010

"He doesn't get that excited about the wins; it's more of a feeling of relief. He worries about everything else, and thinks a lot more about the ones that don't win than the ones that do."

Cathy Sheppard, about her husband

"Hope that Suby has a plow on it."

Former champion jockey Chuck Lawrence to Sean Clancy (who drives a Subaru) when it snowed in Middleburg

"Alan King to the rescue again."

The Saratoga Special's handicapper Pete Fornatale while visiting Wincanton Racecourse (and backing horses trained by King) in England

"Wait, who was the jockey then?"

Trainer Tom Voss, trying to recall a particular race run by novice champion Left Unsaid in 2009; the horse won with stable jockeys Padge Whelan, Peter Buchanan and Ross Geraghty during the season

"You're not coming to find the next Good Night Shirt?"

Fasig-Tipton's Dan Pride to ST's Sean Clancy who declined to attend the Fasig-Tipton December Sale

"If you're writing that Tax Ruling, 'ran a blinder,' you've been spending too much time with the Euro jockeys."

Owner/trainer Kate Dalton to Sean Clancy who did write Tax Ruling ran a blinder in the Colonial Cup

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Trainer Dr. John Fisher, on ST's under-reconstruction office



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End of The Line

Seer, Swagger Stick shine in season finale

BY SEAN CLANCY

Last stop. Last chance.

The steeplechase tour made its final foray of 2009, hitting Palm Beach for the second annual finale at Wellington, Fla. Nov. 28. The winners covered the spectrum; Jack Fisher and Tom Voss, locked in a battle for champion trainer, won races as did Michele Sanger and Jazz Napravnik, representing the young entrepreneurs of the game.

Fisher led Voss by one win going into the day. The Maryland neighbors battled to the wire as the Fisher-trained Seer took the Palm Beach Supreme Hurdle by a neck over the Voss-trained Ground Frost. Fisher also scored when Swagger Stick dominated the allowance. In a repeat of his runner-up effort in the 2008 standings, Voss earned a claiming win with Mabou to cap off the season.

Owned by Sheila Williams and Andre Brewster, Seer did his part to give Fisher the championship. The



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Seer (left) clears the last fence in front of Torlundy in the Palm Beach feature.

5-year-old son of Pulpit returned from a bowed tendon, suffered in a winning effort at Monmouth last September, to run three times this fall. Each effort improved.

He finished fourth at Monmouth, third at Callaway Gardens and then re-flashed his form from 2008 with a determined run at Palm Beach. Seer (Xavier Aizpuru) tracked toward the back of the compact field while Callaway maiden winner Best Alibi led early. He ran out at the fourth fence, which made the race a four-horse fist of third-time starter Torlundy, Saratoga winner Terpsichorean, one-time winner Ground Frost and Seer. Torlundy made a mistake at the second-last while in front and Aizpuru gunned Seer through to take the lead. Ground Frost (Ross Geraghty) made his run but

fell a neck short of winning the race and ultimately tying the trainers' race. Torlundy (Bernie Dalton) wound up third.

"Jack and I had a good talk before the race and decided we needed to ride him a little differently because he likes to take his time early and we just couldn't do that here," Aizpuru said. "I got a good jump at the second-to-last and nipped up the inside of Torlundy who made a mess of it. It made all the difference, we got first run and held on from Ground Frost who was flying. He was very brave at the last, he fully deserved it."

Fisher knew he was rushing Seer to return to the races this fall, but felt it was worth the risk.

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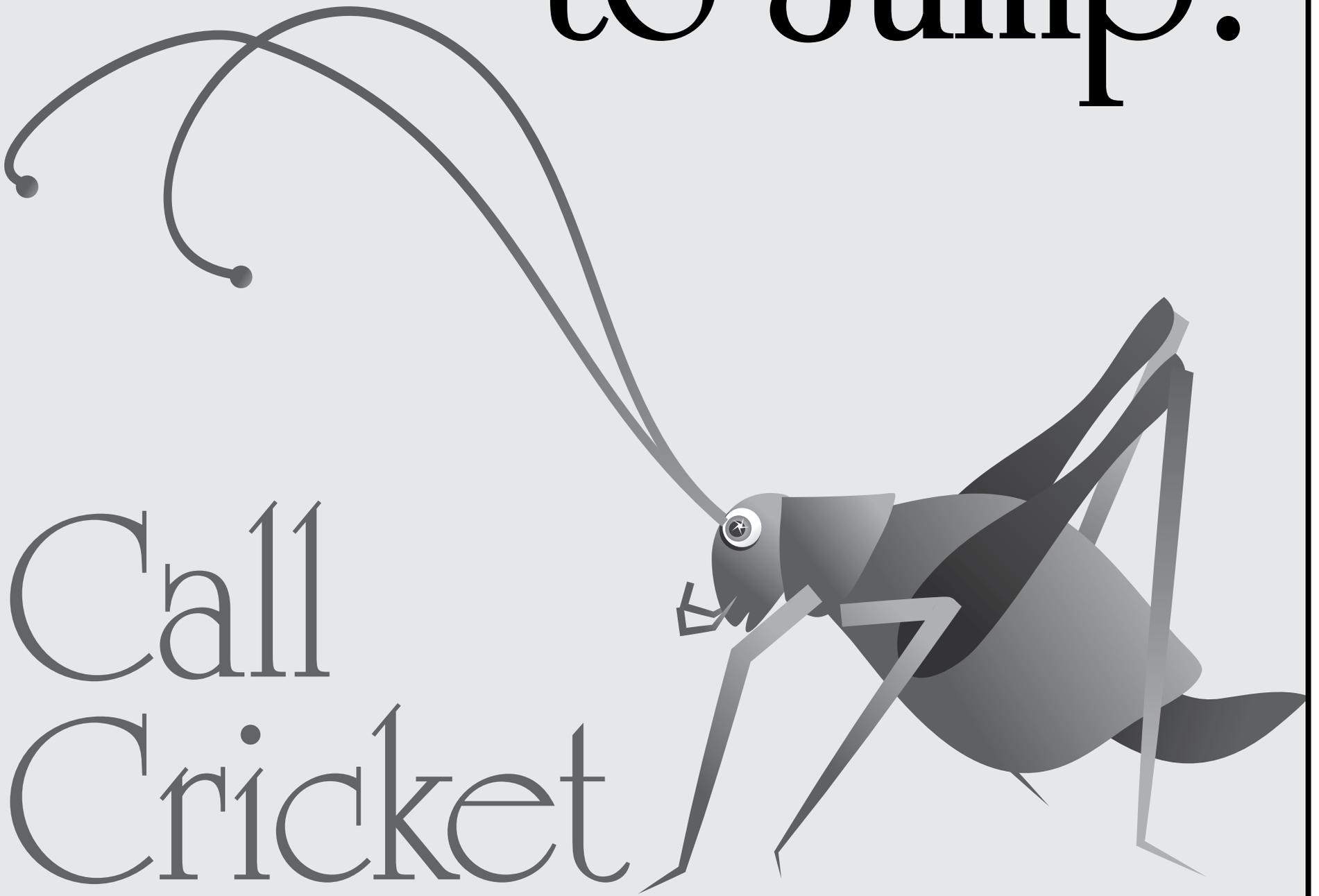
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“He had a small bow last year but it wasn’t that big so I wasn’t that worried about bringing him back early, I wanted to get him back this fall because it was his last chance in his novice career,” Fisher said. “His first start at Monmouth was just a prep, we missed Far Hills (scratched because of soft ground) which hurt his training a little at Callaway, I thought he was a little short there, but if we did Far Hills we wouldn’t have done Palm Beach. He’s a pretty tough horse, he’s a trier. He gives everything he’s got, you’ve got to love the horse.”

Seer finished the 2 1/4 miles in 3:41.20.

• Napravnik is used to taking a shot. Shipping all the way to Florida with a mare who just broke her maiden for a \$10,000 tag? That’s nothing. In 2002, Napravnik bred her junior-race mare Farah’s Moment to Boy Done Good, an event horse. In 2009, she got a \$25,000 win with the offspring.

Farah T Salute (Aizpuru) jumped to the lead after three fences, slowed the cadence and sprinted home to hold off Miss Crown (Dalton) by a neck. Moon Dolly (Geraghty) finished third after 3:45.80.

“I’m elated, I knew there were a couple of fillies who would be tough to beat, I thought she would be competitive but I didn’t know she would go on and win, I’m thrilled she did,” Napravnik said. “It’s exciting, I bought her mother when I was 13, rode some junior races

on her, had a foal for fun, I bred her to be a steeplechase horse and she’s proved herself. She’s done everything I’ve asked her.”

According to Napravnik, Boy Done Good (by Salutely) is the only Thoroughbred stallion going advanced in American eventing. It cost \$1,200 to breed to him and Napravnik figured if the offspring couldn’t run, her mother could teach it eventing. Fairly pragmatic for a 19-year-old.

“I had a small budget and wanted a steeplechase horse, I had a pony-racing mare who could jump, I knew he could jump. One and one make two apparently,” Napravnik said. “My mom trains event horses and I figured if I came out with a foal who couldn’t run, it should be able to jump and be able to do some eventing, which she has. She won her first event in 2008, she did the indoor horse show circuit last winter, I took her to a hunter trial two weeks after Aiken, she was second. I use her as a pony, she foxhunts.”

Napravnik trains seven horses from her Maryland base and plans to have 15 by the spring. Farah T Salute, the only foal from Farah’s Moment, improved her career record to 4-for-25, including two wins over jumps this fall. Under Napravnik’s sister, Anna, Farah T Salute won her career debut in 2006. She won once more on the flat before making her jump debut this spring.

“Farah’s Moment was 13 when I bred her and I certainly didn’t need to start breeding a bunch of horses; we sold her to a woman in Vermont, she’s 21 now, healthy, fat and going on trail rides. I’d be excited to breed Farah T. Salute in time,” Napravnik said. “She



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Farah T Salute shows the way over Miss Crown in the filly/mare stakes.

gave me one hell of a run this fall. She’s done a lot and she’ll get a well-deserved break.”

• Like Napravnik, Sanger was rewarded for her faith. The Maryland-based owner/trainer shipped Birthday Beau south to take on some highly regarded maidens, including Callaway Gardens runner-up Italian Wedding and highly touted flat runners Always First, Power Game and Old Man Buck.

Making his fifth career start over hurdles, Birthday Beau shot to the lead and widened his advantage throughout the 2 1/4 miles. Under champion jockey Paddy Young, the 4-year-old son of Silic marched to a 6 3/4-length win over Italian Wedding (Danielle Hodsdon) and Back To Mandalay (Dalton). Birthday Beau finished in 3:41.40.

It’s been a long road for Birthday Beau, whom Sanger purchased as a 2-year-old. They share a birthday. He

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Palm Beach Steeplechase

Wellington, Fla. Saturday, Nov. 28. Turf: Firm.

1st. \$25,000. SOK mdn. hurdle. 2-1/4 miles.

1. Birthday Beau	L 148	Young
2. Italian Wedding	L 148	Hodsdon
3. Back To Mandalay	154	Dalton
4. Fifty Five	L 154	Aizpuru
5. Old Man Buck	L 143	Roberts
6. Always First (GB)	L 154	Geraghty
7. Power Game	L 143	Mackenzie

Mgn: 6 3/4. Time: 3:41:2/5.

O/T: Michele Sanger.

B. g. 4, Silic (Fr)-Sue’s Jet, Tri Jet.

Bred by Woodfield Farm (Fla).

2nd. \$25,000. F&M hurdle stakes. 2-1/4 miles.

The Palm Beach.

1. Farah T Salute	L 147	Aizpuru
2. Miss Crown	L 137	Dalton
3. Moon Dolly (GB)	L 147	Geraghty
4. Make Believe	L 139	Hodsdon
F. Teak	L 140	Young

Mgn: Neck. Time: 3:45:4/5.

O/T: Jazz Napravnik.

Ch. m. 6, Boy Done Good-Farah’s Moment, Christopher R. Bred by Jazz Napravnik (Md).

3rd. \$30,000. Allow. hurdle. 2-1/4 miles. (Nw \$18,000 twice in 2008-09)

1. Swagger Stick	L 148	Dowling
2. Arcadius	L 148	Hodsdon
3. Easy Red	L 144	Geraghty

Mgn: 2 1/2. Time: 3:44:4/5.

O: Gil Johnston. T: Jack Fisher.

Gr/Ro. g. 8, Cozzene-Regal State, Affirmed.

Bred by Clovelly Farms (Ky).

4th. \$70,000. Nov. hurdle stakes. 2 1/4 miles. The Palm Beach Supreme. (NW Prior To 6/1/08 Or NW 2).

1. Seer	L 153	Aizpuru
2. Ground Frost	L 144	Geraghty
3. Torlundy	L 144	Dalton
4. Terpsichorean	L 153	Hodsdon
OC. Best Alibi (Ire)	L 150	Walsh

Mgn: Neck. Time: 3:41:1/5.

O: Sheila Williams. T: Jack Fisher.

B. g. 5, Pulpit-Potrinner (Arg), Potrillazo.

Bred by Jayeff B Stable & Reynolds Bell Jr. (Ky).

5th. \$20,000. Clm. hurdle. 2-1/4 miles.

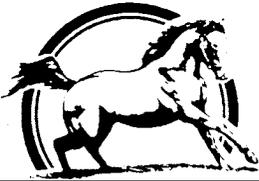
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1. Mabou	L 150	Geraghty
2. True Blue Fingers	L 130	Mackenzie
3. Cradle Will Rock	L 142	Hodsdon
4. Junood	143	Roberts
PU. Mark The Shark	L 150	Aizpuru

Mgn: 1/2. Time: 3:37:3/5.

O: Ken Ramsey. T: Tom Voss.

B. g. 6, Dynaformer-Royal Dove (Ire), Royal Academy. Bred by Ironwater Farm (Ky).



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made seven starts on the flat, picking up two seconds and a third on the turf. This spring, he won at Warrenton Point-to-Point, then fell in a water trough. Yes, fell in a water trough – and lodged himself for more than two hours. It took two tractors, 15 people and lots of ideas to unearth him from the ultimate water hazard.

“For a horse to be stuck in the water trough in the middle of April and winning at the end of the year makes me pretty happy. He was pawing in the water trough, he just curled up into it and laid in it,” Sanger said. “Ann Merriyman came up with the idea of moving the tank off the drain and dragging it about 25 feet and then the one tractor literally dumped him out of it.”

After surviving that, Birthday Beau was all set to run at Fair Hill until he cut his leg on the van ride. More time off. He pulled up in his first sanctioned jump start at Penn National in July, then finished fourth, beaten 98 1/2 lengths at Saratoga Open House. Given the summer off, he returned at Monmouth, finishing fifth before showing a glimmer of hope with a third at Montpelier.

Young rode the Florida-bred at Saratoga and didn't climb back aboard until Palm Beach.

“Paddy totally ditched on the horse at Saratoga and I said, ‘Paddy, hang on, he's a nice horse, he's a talented horse, he's just had a stop-and-go year,’ ” Sanger said. “He came around at Monmouth and ran better, then he ran at



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Birthday Beau (center) leads Fifty Five (left) and Back To Mandalay in the maiden hurdle.

Montpelier and I was like, ‘OK, if he runs well we'll make the investment to go down to Palm Beach; if he doesn't, he doesn't.’ He ran great, I thought he was really set up for it. It was worth taking the chance. People say it's the most talented horses that get hurt the most, that's the truth.”

• After watching Birthday Beau and Farah T Salute win the first two races on the front end, Fisher and jockey Willie Dowling decided there was only one option for Gil Johnston's Swagger Stick in the three-horse allowance hurdle.

The 8-year-old led every step to win by 2 1/2 lengths over Arcadius (Hods-

don) and Easy Red (Ross Geraghty). The order of running never changed during the race's 3:44.80.

Starting on his 31st race course, Swagger Stick won for the eighth time in his career, increasing his (flat and jump) earnings to more than \$300,000. Winner of the Foxbrook Novice Stakes at Far Hills last fall, Swagger Stick was winless in nine starts since. He had started in 14 consecutive stakes before downsizing to the allowance at Palm Beach.

Fisher delved into Swagger Stick's chart and circled the Happy Intellectual at Saratoga last summer, the first and only time Swagger Stick led early in a

race in the U.S., when he decided on the reversal of tactics.

“I looked at the PPs and noticed he was second at Saratoga when he was right up there so obviously going to the front end here is the place to be, nobody else wanted it,” Fisher said. “He galloped along in front, jumped like a stag, and kept galloping. They didn't go fast like some of the other races where they just rocked around there. Now I'm fighting about his future, I want him to be a timber horse, he's a step below the top notch, he can be third or fourth behind them, I think he'll be a great timber horse.”

• Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Mabou finished the year with an easy win in the claimer. The 6-year-old son of Dynaformer possesses plenty of early gas and put it to use, wiring four rivals. Geraghty put Mabou on the lead and they held off maiden True Blue Fingers (Roddy Mackenzie) and Cradle Will Rock (Hodsdon) to win by a half-length, finishing the distance in the fastest time of the day, 3:37.60.

Nobody plays the flat claiming game better than Ramsey.

He tries to utilize the same tactics over jumps. He claimed Mabou for \$20,000 at Delaware Park last summer. Mabou broke his maiden at Philadelphia Park, failed to see it out at Saratoga, then flourished when dropped to the \$20,000 claiming ranks at Aiken and Palm Beach. Ramsey and Voss used the same approach with claimer turned stakes winner Slip Away.

Mabou was claimed for \$50,000 in his career debut, from owner/trainer Michael Moran.

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No Doubt About It

Mixed Up nails down 2009 title in Gr. I win

BY JOE CLANCY

CAMDEN, S.C. – Bill Pape leaned over the box-seat railing after the Colonial Cup and said, simply, “Never underestimate him.”

Never.

Pape spoke about trainer Jonathan Sheppard, or maybe their horse Mixed Up. And definitely for anyone who witnessed the Nov. 21 race. The 10-year-old rallied from fourth at the last fence to win the season’s final Grade I and seize the 2009 steeplechase championship.

The victory showcased Mixed Up’s sprinter speed, Sheppard’s training prowess, jockey Danielle Hodson’s patience and the continuous impact of North America’s first \$100,000 steeplechase. The Colonial Cup has crowned champions since its start in 1970 and came through big time in 2009. Five horses brought single Grade I wins into the race and dominated discussion among a field of 11. Your Sum Man,



Tod Marks

Mixed Up (right) digs in to catch Red Letter Day (center) and Tax Ruling (left) in the Colonial Cup stretch.

Red Letter Day, Spy In The Sky, Mixed Up and Pierrot Lunaire carried championship hopes and looked to lock up the crown with a second major win.

Red Letter Day (Bernie Dalton) took the first swing, rolling to a quick lead and turning back time to another Janet Elliot trainee, Victorian Hill. Tax Ruling set up in second, followed by Best Attack. Mixed Up found a spot in the bubble, fourth, behind the pacesetters and in front of the closers. Pierrot Lunaire, Your Sum Man and Spy In The Sky took their places near the back.

Two miles in, Red Letter Day showed no signs of weakening, but Tax Ruling (Willie Dowling) turned up the pressure along with Best Attack (Jody Petty). Mixed Up stayed fourth, conserving energy and han-

dling the jumps with style. Sweet Shani and Pierrot Lunaire moved into contention. Briefly as far back as fifth on the sweeping final turn, Mixed Up never changed his tempo as the others took swipes at the leader. Three fences from the finish, Red Letter Day led by a length over Tax Ruling, followed by Best Attack, Mixed Up, longshot Chess Board, Three Carat and Pierrot Lunaire. About 4 lengths separated the eight. Chess Board wilted first, replaced by a streaking Spy In The Sky on the outside.

At the top of the stretch, Red Letter Day felt two left-handed slaps from Dalton and responded with a big leap at the second-last. To the inside, Best Attack battled. Outside, Tax Ruling matched the effort. Be-

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Still waiting as Red Letter Day led at the last, Mixed Up (white cap) begins his winning rally.

Tod Marks

Colonial Cup —

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hind them, Mixed Up drafted. Red Letter Day still led at the last, but didn't jump as well as he did a fence earlier — and looked vulnerable for the first time. Tax Ruling landed second, followed by Best Attack, Mixed Up and Three Carat. Finally, Hodsdon asked her horse for run and he blasted into the fray with a move aimed between Red Letter Day and Tax Ruling. The hole closed, and Mixed Up dove inside to draw even. Red Letter Day answered the challenge, but couldn't hold off the winner — who took charge a dozen strides from the finish and won by a neck in 5:16.6 for the 2 3/4 miles. Tax Ruling stayed for third with Zozimus arriving late for fourth.

"I knew jumping the last that I had every shot because they were hitting their horses and I wasn't," said Hodsdon. "There was a gap to the outside between those two horses. That was the straight path, that's where I sent him, but they tightened up and I had to check him out and go back to the inside. He tried so hard. That's all on heart."

Fast enough to win six races on the flat, Mixed Up did what he wasn't supposed to be able to do — win a major race away from a racetrack at 2 3/4 miles. In 2006, he came to autumn with a chance at a championship (after Grade I wins at Keeneland and Saratoga) and faltered in the distance tests at Far Hills and Camden. Sheppard passed on Far Hills this time.

"I don't think on the best day of his life he'd win that race at Far Hills," said Sheppard. "It's much more of a stamina test, and he can't use his best traits there. He sprints late in his races and he can't do that there. This race shouldn't be his game either, but there was a strong enough pace. He could stay close to a fast pace and then he was able to quicken."

And nobody in steeplechasing quickens like Mixed Up. The son of Carnivalay might be the fastest horse in the game and he's got the 5-furlong works at Saratoga to prove it. He and Red Letter Day finished a neck apart in the race, three days after working together at Springdale Race Course. They went a strong 6 furlongs — Mixed Up and Hodsdon setting the pace with Red Letter Day and Elliot pulling alongside late.

The speed move sharpened both horses and helped Mixed Up put the finishing touches on a fitness regimen that included a much different workout at the farm in Pennsylvania.

"We normally go 2 1/2 times around a big field on the farm for the last long work before a race," said Sheppard. "It's about seven-eighths around there, a figure of eight and it's a good, long, stamina-building work."

Sheppard and Hodsdon made it even longer for Mixed Up.

"You know, we've got to get a good, stiff work into this horse. We're going 2 3/4 miles in the Colonial Cup," Sheppard told his rider.

Hodsdon responded: "How about if I go 3 1/2 times around?"

Mixed Up handled the extra distance with enthusiasm, and rode it to Camden.

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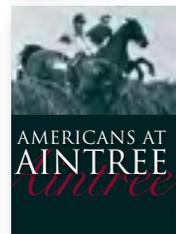
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Stakes winner Jogja highlights triple by horses from Kingsley barn

BY JOE CLANCY

CAMDEN, S.C. – Trainer Arch Kingsley has enjoyed some of his biggest moments at Springdale Race Course. He won the Colonial and Carolina Cups twice each as a jockey, got married in the paddock in 2000.

Proving he's not through, Kingsley trained three winners on the 2009 card – taking the Raymond Woolfe Memorial for 3-year-olds with Jogja, the Hobkirk Hill starter allowance with Sunshine Numbers and a maiden hurdle with Here Comes Art.

Carrington Racing Stable's Here Comes Art (Bernie Dalton) started the triple with a front-running power trip in the \$25,000 maiden. The 7-year-old went to the front at the start and led a quality field for every inch – drawing off late to score by 1 3/4 lengths over Ballet Boy (Ross Geraghty) with Jimtown (Roddy Mackenzie) third. The winner, who led to the last fence in his jump debut at Far Hills, covered the 2 1/4 miles in 4:23.8.

Here Comes Art outran Fifty Five early, shed that rival at the second-last, and braced for stretch challenges. Ballet Boy rallied from fourth to reach the leader at the last, but was no match. Jimtown charged from far back and outfinished fellow deep closer Virginia Minstrel for third.

Dalton's horse wasn't done at the finish line.

"I was screaming for the last (fence), I was exhausted from trying to hold him," said the jockey. "I really fancied him off the run at Far Hills. I thought he might get done for toe on a sharp track like this because he was kind of one-paced on the flat, but he was fast enough – very determined, very good."

Kingsley claimed Here Comes Art for Carrington in October 2007, but didn't get to see him run for nearly two years. The son of Royal Anthem returned with a game second vs. New York-bred flat company at Saratoga for trainer Will Phipps. Sent back to Kingsley, the rangy

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Saturday, November 21

gray finished a game second to Amber-sham at Far Hills in advance of Camden.

"It's hard to argue with what he's done so far," said co-owner Bill Price. "He's a beautiful horse and makes you look at him, that's for sure. We had to wait on him (after the claim), but it's going well now."

- One race later, Kingsley and new owners Tom and Connie D'Ambra met in the winner's circle after Jogja won the \$25,000 Woolfe.

Fourth behind Hope For Us All at Far Hills, the son of Vindication claimed the lead from Farndale before the last fence and won by an easy 7 3/4 lengths. Jogja (Jody Petty) led in the race's earliest stages, let Farndale blaze past and then relaxed behind Parker's Project. Petty said go coming to the last and Jogja did the rest, getting to the line in 4:06.60 for the 2 miles. Parker's Project (Danielle Hodsdon) stayed for second with Class Century (Dalton) third.

The D'Ambra's campaigned Jogja on the flat with Phipps, who recommended a new career after one win in five starts.

"He could go on forever but he just didn't have that burst at the end," said Tom D'Ambra. "Will is friends with Arch and we had some babies with Arch so we talked about it and decided to give it a try."

Petty was impressed.

"I'm not going to say he hated the ground or liked the ground at Far Hills, but it definitely wasn't his calling," said the jockey. "He ran and jumped well up there and I was psyched to ride him here. We got to (Farndale) easier than I thought we would and then just kept going."

- After giving former employer Jonathan Sheppard the timber race (He's



Tod Marks

Here Comes Art fights off Ballet Boy at the last fence of Camden's maiden hurdle.

A Conniver) and the Colonial Cup (Mixed Up), Kingsley closed his day with a score by Sue and George Sensor's Sunshine Numbers in the Hobkirk Hill. Run over the Colonial Cup fences, the race always serves as the last stop for the claiming division and a dozen veterans showed up in 2009.

Normally a front-runner, Sunshine Numbers (Dalton) backed off the early heat for a change. Brands Hatch took the lead, followed by Mon Villez. The latter lost Petty with a mistake at the third, leaving Eagle Beagle, The Editor, Henry's Hero and Dubai Sunday behind the leader. Sunshine Numbers rated in

sixth.

For a while. The 7-year-old went after Eagle Beagle (Paddy Young) down the backstretch the final time, let Motel Affair (Xavier Aizpuru) get close on the final turn and powered off to win by 7 1/4 lengths in 4:27 for the 2 1/4 miles. A winner of five this year, Eagle Beagle, finished second with 2007 Hobkirk Hill victor Motel Affair third.

"I'm sure Arch was having babies up in the grandstand because he's normally in front and I got him to back off it," said Dalton. "They were going a right

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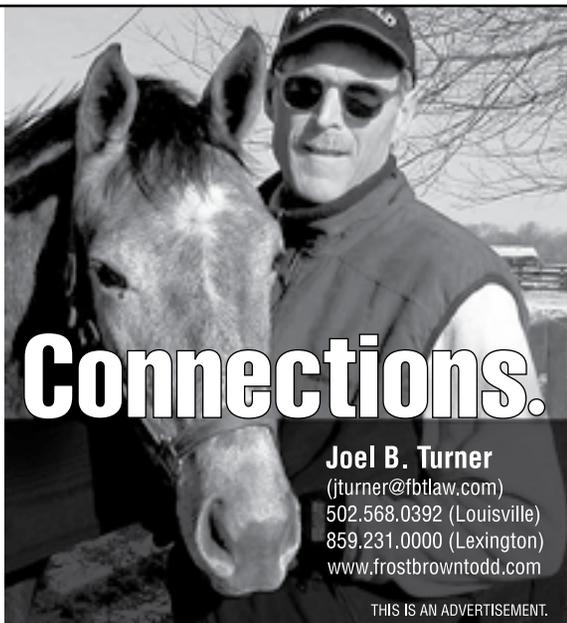
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good gallop. He jumped off the heels of one or two at the first two fences and he was happy after that. He relaxed. I wanted to get in front at the last on the backside so we could get to the rail on the turn so I let him go on. From there, it was all him. Another great spin.”

Sunshine Numbers started 2009 with a runaway allowance win at Aiken and came to Camden off a 54-length defeat in the soft going at Far Hills.

• Late in the \$20,000 open timber, a racing fan watched He's A Conniver and Robbie Walsh loping along on the lead and muttered – half in jest – “Does Robbie have as much horse as he thinks?”

Peering through binoculars as the field turned into the stretch, the same fan spoke the truth: “Yes he does.”

In a duplicate of his win over the course in March, He's A Conniver controlled the pace, handled the right- and left-handed turns, jumped efficiently and won for fun – scoring by 4 3/4 lengths over Bon Caddo (Willie Dowling) and Plum Brush (Dalton). Owned by the estate of Calvin Houghland, the winner covered the 3 1/2 miles in 7:14 while winning for the second time in 11 timber starts for trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

“He's a lot of fun to ride,” said Walsh. “I was able to just sit and let him pop away.”

The only anxious moment came three fences from the finish, when Plum Brush ranged alongside. He's A Conniver reacted, pulled Walsh into the fence a little too quickly and made a mistake. He righted the wrong quickly, re-claimed the lead, jumped the final two in stride and won easily. He's A Conniver opened 2009 with the win on the Carolina Cup undercard, then finished second in the varied-course Alfred Hunt at Middleburg. Back to timber, he chased home eventual division champion Patriot's Path at Nashville and in his first start of the fall finished fourth behind Erin Go Bragh, Seeyouattheevent and Patriot's Path at Virginia Fall.

“In fairness to him, he's been knocking against some good horses,” said Walsh. “He's learning. At Middleburg, he was still a little too keen. The worry with him was 3 1/2 miles, we're not sure if he gets a trip or not, but he's better when he relaxes like he did today.”



Jogja flies the last fence en route to a victory in the Raymond Woolfe Memorial for 3-year-olds.

Tod Marks

Colonial Cup

Camden, SC. Saturday, Nov. 21. Turf: Firm.

1st. \$25,000. SOK mdn. hurdle. 2-1/4 miles.

1. Here Comes Art	L 154	Dalton
2. Ballet Boy (Ire)	L 154	Geraghty
3. Jimtown	L 149	Mackenzie
4. Virginia Minstrel	L 154	Rafter
5. Fifty Five	L 154	Aizpuru
6. Boojwhacked	L 148	Walsh
7. Steppenwolver	L 154	Petty
8. Back To Mandalay	L 149	Roberts
F. Primero Peru	L 148	McCarthy
PU. Frosted Face	L 148	Chalfin
PU. Piney Mountain	L 154	Young
PU. Shortcourt	L 148	Murphy
PU. Gallant Again	L 154	Dowling
PU. La Resistance	L 148	Carter

Mgn: 1 3/4. Time: 4:23:4.

O: Carrington Racing Stable. T: Arch Kingsley.
Gr. g. 7, Royal Anthem-Heirloom Wish, Lyphard's Wish (Fr). Bred by Will Ammann (NY).

2nd. \$25,000. 3YO hurdle stakes. 2 miles.

The Raymond G. Woolfe Memorial.

1. Jogja	L 148	Petty
2. Parker's Project	L 148	Hodsdon
3. Class Century	L 148	Dalton
4. Ptarmigan	L 142	Murphy
5. Class Classic	L 148	Boucher
6. Farndale	L 148	Geraghty
F. Say Hallelujah	L 148	Mackenzie
PU. Bobbin' Forgold	L 142	Walsh
PU. Preachers Pulpit	L 148	Rafter
PU. Royal Bentham	L 148	Young

Mgn: 7 1/4. Time: 4:06:3/5.

O: Trade Winds Farm. T: Arch Kingsley.
B. g. 3, Vindication-I'm Sweeter, Dixieland Band. Bred by Brushwood Stable (Pa).

3rd. \$20,000. Open timber. 3-1/2 miles.

1. He's A Conniver	L 165	Walsh
2. Bon Caddo	L 165	Dowling
3. Plum Brush	L 160	Dalton
4. Haddix	L 160	Roberts
5. G'day G'day	L 150	Young
6. Skiperoo	L 160	Petty
7. Rainbows For Luck	L 160	Watts
F. Regality	L 150	Carter

Mgn: 4 3/4. Time: 7:14.

O: Estate of Calvin Houghland.

T: Jonathan Sheppard.

Ch. g. 7, Crafty Friend-Better To Be Lucky, Roberto. Bred by Jonathan Sheppard (Pa).

4th. \$100,000. Hurdle stakes. 2-3/4 miles.

The Colonial Cup (Gr. I). Brush course.

1. Mixed Up	L 156	Hodsdon
2. Red Letter Day	L 156	Dalton
3. Tax Ruling	L 156	Dowling
4. Zozimus	L 156	Roberts
5. Best Attack	L 156	Petty
6. Three Carat	L 156	Walsh
7. Pierrrot Lunaire	L 156	Murphy
8. Spy In The Sky	L 156	Young
9. Your Sum Man (Ire)	L 156	Geraghty
10. Sweet Shani (NZ)	L 150	Aizpuru
11. Chess Board (GB)	L 156	McCarthy

Mgn: Nk. Time: 5:16:3/5.

O: Bill Pape. T: Jonathan Sheppard.

B. g. 10, Carnivalay-Oh Nonsense, Oh Say. Bred by Bill Pape & Jonathan Sheppard (Pa).

5th. \$20,000. Str. alw. hurdle. 2-1/4 miles. Started for clm. price in 2009. Brush course.

1. Sunshine Numbers	L 146	Dalton
2. Eagle Beagle	L 158	Young
3. Motel Affair	L 142	Aizpuru
4. Dubai Sunday (Jpn)	L 146	Dowling
5. Henry's Hero	L 137	Boucher
6. The Editor	L 136	Murphy
7. Bold Turn	L 146	McCarron
F. Fogcutter	L 142	Geraghty
LR. Mon Villez (Fr)	L 142	Petty
PU. Brands Hatch	L 142	McCarthy
PU. Cuse	L 146	Rafter
R. Fabi's Legacy	L 142	Walsh

Mgn: 7 1/4. Time: 4:27:1/5.

O: Sue Sensor. T: Arch Kingsley.

Dk. B./Br. g. 7, Polish Numbers-Saturday Sunshine, Dahar.

Bred by Dresden Farm (NY).

6th. Training flat. Amateur jockeys. 1-1/2 miles.

1. Pick Six	L 168	Duncan
2. Hidden Trail	L 168	Roberts
3. Ziggly	L 165	Gillam
4. Riddle	L 168	Ruch
5. Farah T Salute	L 165	Williams
6. Cup Half Full	L 168	Washer
7. Maestro Magic	L 168	Hansel
8. Matty's Moneymaker	L 168	R. Haynes
9. Swinging Tequila	L 168	Fillmore
10. Dr. Breeze	L 168	Quinn
LR. Love Colony	L 168	Chalfin

Mgn: 1 3/4. Time: 2:29.

O: EMO Stable. T: Ernie Oare.

B. h. 5, Dynaformer-Oh What A Windfall, Seeking The Gold. Bred by Phipps Stable (Ky).

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Sunshine Numbers (left) bounds away from Motel Affair (center) and Eagle Beagle.

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He's A Conniver sails the last fence.

Tod Marks



NSA Standings

FINAL TOP 15 FOR 2009

Jockeys (Races Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Win%
Paddy Young.....	99	19	13	12	\$358,043	.19
Xavier Aizpuru.....	82	15	13	12	438,109	.18
Jody Petty.....	94	13	12	9	319,949	.14
Danielle Hodsdon.....	79	12	15	13	494,449	.17
Robbie Walsh.....	91	12	8	7	283,210	.13
Bernie Dalton.....	56	9	9	10	329,945	.16
Jacob Roberts.....	42	8	3	5	95,725	.19
Willie Dowling.....	53	7	9	11	355,575	.13
Darren Nagle.....	35	7	2	3	200,075	.20
Jeff Murphy.....	47	7	1	3	101,950	.15
Padge Whelan.....	38	6	10	5	138,250	.16
Ross Geraghty.....	29	6	6	4	323,950	.21
Liam McVicar.....	51	5	8	7	172,290	.10
Carl Rafter.....	58	5	6	9	95,670	.09
Chip Miller.....	28	4	4	3	200,060	.14

Trainers (Races Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Win%
Jack Fisher.....	107	23	17	18	\$650,122	.22
Tom Voss.....	105	21	24	11	814,063	.20
Jonathan Sheppard.....	110	17	18	18	672,721	.16
Desmond Fogarty.....	45	9	1	6	261,675	.20
Doug Fout.....	81	7	8	7	218,018	.09
Sanna Hendriks.....	37	7	7	3	158,631	.19
Janet Elliot.....	26	7	5	3	226,670	.27
Richard Valentine.....	51	6	3	5	163,950	.12
Ricky Hendriks.....	24	6	3	4	67,800	.25
Arch Kingsley.....	17	5	4	1	86,850	.29
Jimmy Day.....	31	4	6	5	130,490	.13
Julie Gomena.....	29	4	2	4	65,500	.14
Todd Wyatt.....	22	4	2	2	93,150	.18
Kathy McKenna.....	47	4	1	8	51,295	.09
Teddy Mulligan.....	22	4	0	1	30,150	.18

Owners (Money Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Win%
The Fields Stable.....	14	4	4	0	\$292,000	.29
Irv Naylor.....	68	10	2	8	288,025	.15
Bill Pape.....	33	8	1	5	278,995	.24
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Sonny Via.....	18	3	3	4	180,250	.17
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Gil Johnston.....	28	6	0	6	127,325	.21
Ken and Sarah Ramsey.....	14	7	1	0	125,115	.50
Maggie Bryant.....	31	3	2	4	120,282	.10
Randleston Farm.....	18	2	2	3	106,540	.11
Armata Stable.....	7	2	2	1	106,008	.29
Mede Cahaba Stable.....	24	3	5	3	102,850	.13
Sheila Williams.....	10	3	1	2	102,197	.30
Augustin Stable.....	29	5	4	3	98,369	.17
Arcadia Stable.....	15	5	2	2	93,650	.33

Horses (Money Won)

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Win%
Mixed Up.....	8	4	1	1	\$184,495	.50
Your Sum Man (IRE).....	2	1	0	0	150,000	.50
Left Unsaid.....	6	3	2	0	137,700	.50
Red Letter Day.....	5	1	1	0	130,160	.20
Pierrot Lunaire.....	3	1	0	0	100,000	.33
Tax Ruling.....	6	2	0	2	98,500	.33
Tricky Me.....	7	2	2	1	97,500	.29
Dynaski.....	3	1	2	0	83,508	.33
Slip Away.....	7	3	1	0	80,115	.43
Spy In The Sky.....	7	1	0	0	78,540	.17
Patriot's Path.....	6	3	0	2	73,500	.50
Good Night Shirt.....	2	1	1	0	72,000	.50
Terpsichorean.....	6	1	2	1	71,900	.17
You The Man.....	6	2	0	1	68,250	.33
Arcadius.....	8	1	2	2	59,860	.13

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Spring schedule could get new look

BY JOE CLANCY

Steeplechase schedule too predictable? Wait until 2010.

Next year's spring schedule starts in Aiken, like normal, but includes several new twists with race meets working to shift to new dates and feature race conditions changing. The new stuff will affect the schedule of top stables, and could mean significant changes to your local meet.

It's also all subject to change, though that's not different.

Strawberry Hill, which runs at Colonial Downs racetrack in New Kent, Va., plans to give up its traditional April date in favor of running May 15, the same day as Radnor. The move leaves My Lady's Manor alone on April 10, the season's fourth week.

Race director Sue Mullins said the move still requires final approval, but could be announced later this month. The meet is trying to move away from periodic conflicts with Easter and toward better weather. The added bonus of possible simulcast wagering on

Preakness Day also appeals to Strawberry Hill.

"We've been under a little bit of duress since we've been at Colonial Downs," Mullins said. "We're not in Richmond and we're not in Williamsburg, it's been a tougher sell and we lost some of our old, loyal crowd. Moving a month later is part of it, but being able to piggyback on Preakness Day is part of it too. This could be a good event for Colonial Downs and for us."

Mullins said the final decision depends on variables including the relocation of flat horses from Maryland to Colonial Downs after the Preakness and the conversion of Colonial's racing surface from harness to flat racing. The track normally leaves the firmer harness surface in place through the Strawberry Hill meet to create tailgating spaces, but the later day could impact preparations for the flat meet.

The schedule also includes the return of Tanglewood, a fixture on the circuit for many years, at its course near Winston-Salem, N.C. The meet will run Saturday, May 8, the same day as the Iro-



Betsy Parker

Grade I competitor Tax Ruling won at Strawberry Hill in 2009.

quois, with \$70,000 in purses planned. Tanglewood last raced in 2002 (in the fall) but was a part of the NSA schedule for more than 30 years until 1998.

Strawberry Hill's move creates a crowded weekend in mid-May with Radnor and Strawberry Hill on Saturday, May 15 and High Hope slated for Sunday, May 16. The latter is contemplating a venue change due to the Kentucky Horse Park hosting the World Equestrian Games later in 2010.

"We're pretty much up in the air because of the course," said race director

Bill Wofford. "We have a contract for the course, but parking is going to be an issue. If Strawberry Hill moves, and I didn't know they were thinking of it, that might make us think about a different date."

Wofford said running the meet at Keeneland for one year might be an option and has also investigated running at nearby Mereworth Farm. High Hope has struggled in terms of sponsorship in recent years, but Wofford said the Lexington meet showed a 20 percent

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growth in terms of attendance and net revenue in 2009.

The schedule will once again include a four-meet package on the last Saturday in April. Atlanta, Foxfield, Maryland Hunt Cup and Queen's Cup will each run April 24. Race conditions will shift that weekend, however, as the Queen's Cup plans to card a \$75,000 novice hurdle stakes. In 2009, Atlanta hosted a novice stakes.

Most other race conditions mirror 2009, though race lineups have not been finalized. Major races include the \$75,000 Carolina Cup (open hurdle stakes) March 27, the \$60,000 Temple Gwathmey (open hurdle stakes) April 17, the novice race at Queen's Cup April 24, the \$75,000 Maryland Hunt Cup timber stakes April 24, the \$75,000 Virginia Gold Cup timber stakes May 1, the \$355,000 lineup at the Iroquois May 8, Radnor's \$75,000 National Hunt Cup novice stakes and \$40,000 Radnor Hunt Cup timber stakes May 15.

Purses decrease 8 percent

The 2009 NSA season showed a big dip in total purses, with a figure of \$4,948,265 distributed.

The total was \$410,835 less than the record \$5,359,100 handed out in 2008. The decrease is the largest in history based on the data available (since 1954), topping even the \$393,882 decrease of 1970-71 when the New York Racing Association reduced its steeplechase commitment.

The decrease came from several key

NSA Numbers

	2008	2009
Purses.....	\$5,359,100	\$4,948,265
Races.....	195	203
Horses.....	508	529
Starts.....	1,545	1,593

areas including the loss of the Grade I Royal Chase at Keeneland, \$50,000 deductions to the purses of Grade I stakes the Colonial Cup and New York Turf Writers Cup, the loss of one race at Saratoga, a \$25,000 cut in the Virginia Gold Cup and Kentucky Downs' decision not to hold jump races.

"We offset some of those with additions at other places, but the toughest thing was the economy," said NSA director of racing Bill Gallo. "We and our race meets will need to wrestle with that for a while."

Contrary to the purse numbers, individual races increased from 195 to 203. Other numbers also increased as 529 horses started 1,593 times in 2009, compared to 508 and 1,545 in 2008.

NOTES: The NSA awards dinner will be Friday, Jan. 15 at the Maryland Club in Baltimore. The event will honor the 2009 champions . . . The NSA named five members to its board of directors: Nick Ellis, Richard Hutchinson, Laura Shull, Dwight Hall and Peggy Steinman. All begin three-year terms in January, with Hall and Steinman starting second terms . . . The stable of top owner Calvin Houghland, who died last month, will continue under the direction of his wife Mary Ann and the horses will remain with their current trainers.

2010 NSA Spring Schedule

Saturday, March 20.....	Aiken; Aiken, S.C.
Saturday, March 27.....	Carolina Cup; Camden, S.C.
Saturday, April 3.....	Stoneybrook; Raeford, N.C.
Saturday, April 10.....	My Lady's Manor; Monkton, Md.
Saturday, April 17.....	Block House; Tryon, N.C.
.....	Grand Natonal; Butler, Md.
.....	Middleburg Spring; Middleburg, Va.
Saturday, April 24.....	Atlanta; Kingston, Ga.
.....	Foxfield Spring; Charlottesville, Va.
.....	Maryland Hunt Cup; Glyndon, Md.
.....	Queen's Cup; Mineral Springs, N.C.
Saturday, May 1.....	Virginia Gold Cup; The Plains, Va.
Sunday, May 2.....	Winterthur; Wilmington, Del.
Saturday, May 8.....	Iroquois; Nashville, Tenn.
.....	Tanglewood; Winston-Salem, N.C.
Sunday, May 9.....	Willowdale; Kennett Square, Pa.
Saturday, May 15.....	Radnor; Malvern, Pa.
.....	Strawberry Hill; New Kent, Va.
Sunday, May 16.....	High Hope; Lexington, Ky.
Saturday, May 22.....	Fair Hill; Fair Hill, Md.

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Always Up

BY JOE CLANCY

The Colonial Cup winner stared at the sound of the rock band playing in the infield, shook his head, circled the stall, took a bite of dinner, allowed a visitor to pat him on the neck and started it all over again.

Safe to say, Mixed Up did not bask in his moment. But he did stick to the script.

From the start, Mixed Up did things with speed. He won going 5 1/2 furlongs way back in 2002. He won two allowance races and a Pennsylvania-bred stakes on the flat in 2004, the same year he won his hurdle debut. He ran a 90 Beyer Speed Figure. He made morning clockers take note with near-bullet works on the Saratoga turf. He also tested his trainer, his exercise rider, his grooms, his jockeys.

After the maiden win at Stoneybrook in 2004, jockey Danielle Hodsdon said: "His name suits him. He's a little bit quirky at home so I put him on the front. He's like a sports car. He's tiny, handy, athletic. And honest."

Later that year, he ran off with Hodsdon in a Saratoga allowance hurdle and faded to sixth as the 6-5 favorite. So maybe he was more quirky than honest.

Then.

The 10-year-old proved to be all heart in the Colonial Cup, charging past three horses in the stretch to win the \$100,000 Grade I stakes by a neck over Red Letter Day. Mixed Up's fourth win on the year sewed up the 2009 earnings title and gave him the inside track for the Eclipse Award as champion steeplechaser. The Bill Pape/Jonathan Sheppard homebred made sense of a jumbled open stakes division in the race of the year.

"Of the better horses, he had the best year," said Sheppard. "He's been at the top of the division for a spell here and there, but things seemed to fall off for him in other years. This year, he came through. To be 10 years old and run a race like that? It's a really neat way to cap his career, not that he's finished."

A Grade I winner in 2006 (New York Turf Writers) and 2007 (Royal Chase), Mixed Up weathered an injury-shortened, two-start campaign in 2008. Sheppard experimented that summer, taking him off Lasix for a flat race at Saratoga Open House where he finished second. Reaching him for the A.P. Smithwick, Sheppard didn't like the looks of a leg and stopped.

Mixed Up started 2009 as a question mark – with options. Sheppard saw a favorable spring condition book and took his Grade I winner to Aiken for the restricted (non-winners of \$27,000 twice in 2008-09) Imperial Cup. In his first jump start in 10 months and without Lasix, Mixed Up edged fellow returnee Paradise's Boss by a nose. Still carrying conditions, Mixed Up went to Block House and laughed to a \$25,000 allowance win over Dubai Sunday and Cuse.

Sheppard went to Nashville in May for the Grade III Frost at 2 miles and settled for third over a soft turf course. In July, Mixed Up prepped for Saratoga's Grade I A.P. Smithwick with a second in Colonial Downs' Zeke Ferguson behind runaway winner Slip Away. Like it was meant to be, Mixed Up ran down a stubborn Preemptive Strike to win the Smithwick by a half-length in early August.

After that, the year nearly came unraveled. Sheppard didn't want to run in the Grade I New York Turf Writers Cup at the end of the meet, then changed his mind when the race fell apart with the late scratch of Planets Aligned. Without Hodsdon for the first time in 24 starts, Mixed Up finished fifth (beaten 50 lengths). Belmont Park's Grade I Lonesome Glory came next, and Mixed Up loomed turning for home, but faded late to finish seventh as Red Letter Day led throughout.



The leader of a crowded stakes division takes a break at Saratoga.

Sheppard scratched from the \$250,000 Grand National in October when rain softened the Far Hills course. One of five horses to win open Grade I stakes, Mixed Up went to Camden with title hopes but – like the others – needed to win. He also needed to erase a stigma of not being able to win after August.

The races get tougher – and longer – in the fall. For all his speed, Mixed Up gets tested by long races on demanding courses.

The uphill stretch at Far Hills, home to the sport's richest race, doesn't suit Mixed Up. In 2006, he looked like a title contender but lost three in a row to McDynamo late in the year. In 2007, Good Night Shirt halted the title hopes at Belmont.

At 2 3/4 miles, the Colonial Cup tests stamina limits but the flat course rewards speed.

"He gets the trip when the conditions are right," said Sheppard. "Belmont was not right for him because there wasn't a strong enough pace and he got muddled up; Far Hills is not right for him. (The Colonial Cup) really came together for him – he could stay close to a fast pace and then he was able to be the one who quickened. He can still really sprint late in his races."

For a furlong, Mixed Up might be the fastest horse in steeplechasing. And when he gets a chance to stalk a quick pace, he's ultra dangerous.

The key, however, has always been balance.

Sheppard skips the Lasix because he worries about dehydration. Hodsdon babies the gelding in the mornings in hopes of relaxing him in the afternoons. The

Mixed Up

B. g. 10, Carnivalay-Oh Nonsense, Oh Say.
Owner: Bill Pape. **Trainer:** Jonathan Sheppard.
Jockeys: Danielle Hodsdon and Xavier Aizpuru.
 Bred by Pape and Sheppard (PA).

CAREER STEEPLCHASE RECORD

Year	Age	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2004	5	3	1	0	1	10,940
2005	6	4	2	0	2	69,995
2006	7	7	3	2	1	205,080
2007	8	5	2	0	0	159,215
2008	9	2	0	0	1	12,500
2009	10	8	4	1	1	184,495
Totals		29	12	3	6	\$642,225

Broke open deadlocked division by winning Colonial Cup, season's final Grade I and his first career win after August . . . Also won A.P. Smithwick at Saratoga, allowance at Block House and Imperial Cup stakes at Aiken . . . Should join Flatterer (1983-86), Martie's Anger (1979) and Athenian Idol (1973) on list of Pape's champions when Eclipse Awards are announced in January . . . Sheppard has not trained steeplechase Eclipse winner since Highland Bud in 1989.

day before the Cup, Mixed Up galloped full bore into the barn after getting spooked by something on the walk home.

"That made my day, told me he was here and he was ready," said Hodsdon. "He's matured, but that's the same personality he had as a young horse."

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LEADING HORSES

Top 30 steeplechase earners (North American earnings only; no bonus earnings):

Horse	Earnings
1. McDynamo.....	\$1,310,104
2. Good Night Shirt*	1,006,493
3. Lonesome Glory.....	965,809
4. Victorian Hill	748,370
5. Sur La Tete.....	664,050
6. Rowdy Irishman.....	644,528
7. Mixed Up*.....	642,225
8. Flat Top	592,306
9. Hirapour.....	583,722
10. Praise The Prince	576,488
11. Tres Touche.....	573,670
12. Mistico.....	517,347
13. Ninepins.....	516,179
14. Al Skywalker	466,841
15. Preemptive Strike*	460,918
16. Warm Spell	457,964
17. Highland Bud	437,500
18. All Gong.....	435,989
19. Polar Pleasure.....	433,222
20. Saluter	429,489
21. Census.....	426,524
22. Flatterer.....	421,146
23. Double Bill.....	417,548
24. Steve Canyon	388,102
25. Romantic	379,102
26. Pompeyo.....	353,280
27. It's A Giggle.....	347,790
28. Summer Colony	347,422
29. Bubble Economy*	338,950
30. Yaw	335,327

*-Active in 2009



Tod Marks

Bill Pape and Janet Elliot.

LEADING TRAINERS

Steeplechase trainers with \$1 million or more purses earned in North America:

Trainer	Earnings
1. Jonathan Sheppard*	\$18,737,192
2. Jack Fisher*	8,629,243
3. Janet Elliot*	7,806,904
4. Tom Voss*	7,550,871
5. Bruce Miller*	6,960,796
6. Sanna Hendriks*	6,612,518
7. Burley Cocks	4,479,171
8. D.M. Smithwick.....	4,307,037
9. Charlie Fenwick*	3,879,052
10. Doug Fout*	3,660,920
11. Ricky Hendriks*	3,021,948
12. Neil Morris*	2,307,589
13. Kathy McKenna*	2,234,755
14. Mickey Walsh.....	1,993,881
15. John Griggs*	1,902,285
16. Sidney Watters Jr.....	1,696,919
17. Jimmy Day*	1,626,381
18. Bruce Haynes.....	1,592,452
19. George Bostwick.....	1,481,588
20. Alicia Murphy*	1,135,285
21. Morris Dixon.....	1,041,229

LEADING OWNERS

Steeplechase owners with \$1 million or more purses earned in North America:

Owner	Earnings
1. Augustin Stable*	\$8,701,631
2. Bill Pape*	3,432,423
3. Bill Lickle.....	3,226,421
4. Kinross Farm*	2,483,524
5. Arcadia Stable*	2,475,451
6. Calvin Houghland*	2,178,897
7. Lillian Phipps	2,016,353
8. Irv Naylor*	2,014,222
9. John Griggs*	1,995,035
10. Timber Bay Farm*	1,966,024
11. Ann Stern*	1,848,846
12. Gillian Johnston*	1,736,243
13. Sonny Via*	1,508,609
14. Kay Jeffords.....	1,477,669
15. Michael Moran	1,346,204
16. Rokeby Stable	1,326,937
17. Hudson River Farms*	1,314,251
18. Montpelier.....	1,224,225
19. The Fields Stable*	1,126,152
20. Joy Valentine.....	1,123,307
21. Virginia Kraft Payson	1,087,580

LEADING JOCKEYS

Steeplechase jockeys with 100 wins or more in North America:

Jockey	Wins
1. Joe Aitcheson	440
2. Paddy Smithwick	398
3. Dooley Adams.....	301
Jerry Fishback.....	301
5. Thomas Walsh	253
6. Jeff Teter	231
7. Chip Miller*	211
8. Blythe Miller	202
9. Matt McCarron*	187
10. James Murphy	185
11. Craig Thornton.....	171
12. Robert McDonald	166
13. Sean Clancy	152
14. Gregg Ryan*	150
15. Doug Small Jr	150
16. Albert Foot	149
17. Rigan McKinney.....	147
18. Robert Crawford	139
19. J. Dallet Byers	138
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21. Thomas Field.....	135
22. Ricky Hendriks.....	130
23. Jody Petty*	129
24. Arch Kingsley*	125
25. Gus Brown	122
Chuck Lawrence.....	122
27. John Cushman.....	116
28. Thomas Skiffington.....	115
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Doing Work

BY SEAN CLANCY

Jack Fisher earned his fifth NSA training championship in 2009. The 46-year-old Maryland-based conditioner produced 23 wins from 107 starts to outlast his neighbor Tom Voss by two wins.

Fisher won his first championship in 2003; that was special. He went over the million-dollar mark last year and trained Good Night Shirt to a second Eclipse Award; that was monumental.

This year, well, this year came down to simply winning a title. Good Night Shirt wound up with a broken ankle. Two-time timber champion Bubble Economy managed just one win. Stakes winner Paradise's Boss managed just one start. Stakes winner Swagger Stick won his only race on the season's final day. Tricky Me emerged as a potent novice, but broke down at Callaway Gardens.

Fisher shucked and jived to win the title, picking up 11 wins in the spring, just one all summer and 11 more in the fall.

"I thought I was dead in the fall, I just didn't have the stock, I had a lot of stupid little injuries. I'm shocked I could win it," Fisher said.



Tod Marks

In 2009, Jack Fisher won his fifth NSA training championship.

"The first year it really means something, after that it lessens, but it's still nice to be champion trainer."

Fisher needed 23 wins by 17 horses. Some awed, some shocked and some simply relieved their trainer.

Diva Maria. Filly and mare maiden at Carolina Cup: "Relieved. I thought she was a pretty nice horse and she should win that race."

Good Night Shirt. The Carolina Cup: "Relieved. He was the best horse in the race, he should have won. He had won seven in a row or whatever, you kind of expect it."

Rare Bush. Optional claimer at Stoneybrook: "Awed. Because he's such a (pain) in the morning, what else am I going to do with the horse?"

Bubble Economy. Allowance timber at Middleburg: "Shocked. Because I wanted the other horse to win, Seeyouattheevent did all the donkey work there and deserved to win."

Rare Bush. Allowance at Atlanta: "Again, shocked. He never works farther than a quarter-mile in the morning, he just runs off for a quarter of a mile and pulls up."

Mark The Shark. Claimer at Atlanta: "Relieved. Because I had just purchased the horse for \$5,000 and I was out."

Across The Sky. Allowance timber at Queen's Cup: "Shocked. Viewing the race, we opened up a long, long lead and that usually doesn't work."

Perkedintheland. Filly and mare allowance at Foxfield: "Relieved. Because Willie (Dowling) got heat stroke and I got Jeff Murphy, he didn't even know who the horse was, minutes before the race."

Tricky Me. Maiden at Iroquois: "Relieved. Because I knew he was a pretty good horse and it's nice when a plan works out, to go to Nashville and win the maiden. It was so soft there you didn't know what was going to happen."

Duke Of Earl. Claimer at Radnor: "Relieved. Expected it. He's an expert at Radnor."

Delta Park. Allowance timber at Fair Hill: "Shocked. Because he's a big goober and the other horse was better; Major Malibu was the choice."

Duke Of Earl. Claimer at Saratoga Jump Start: "Relieved. Again, I figured he was the best horse in the race and previously we ran him in the A.P. Smithwick and Turf Writers instead of the claimer at Saratoga."

Tricky Me. Metcalf Memorial at Monmouth Park: "Relieved. Because at Saratoga he would miss a fence or two fences and get beaten, he put it all together and jumped extremely well."

Major Malibu. Maiden timber at Virginia Fall: "Relieved. Because Mr. (Henry) Stern had little mishaps, Duke Of Earl breaks his tail, Freeboard pulls a muscle in his forearm, another gets a small fracture in his hind end, all of them weren't big deals but eight weeks off and you're done for the fall. This was the last horse I had for him, so it's nice to give him some fun."

I know Its Not. Maiden claimer at Virginia Fall: "Shocked. Because he hadn't done anything up until then. I was shocked by old Knothead. He's another goober in the barn, like, 'Hey, what's up dude? Got a carrot or a mint?'"

Prospectors Strike. Maiden timber at Genesee Valley: "Definitely have to be a shocker."

Seeyouattheevent. The International Gold Cup: "Relieved. Again, same reason as Major Malibu, it's Mr. (Nick) Arundel's horse, his race meet and he had some bad luck earlier in the spring, he should have won a

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Jack Fisher

Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Pct.	Earnings
107	23	17	18	.22	\$650,122

Fifth career championship – only Burley Cocks, Sidney Watters Jr., Jonathan Shepard and Mikey Smithwick have won more – and third consecutive . . . Outlasted earnings leader Tom Voss by two wins . . . Seer's half-length win at Palm Beach over Voss-trained Ground Frost essentially clinched championship . . . Fisher and Voss have won eight of the last 10 championships . . . Managed title without major contribution from Good Night Shirt, who missed most of the year . . . No horse in barn won more than two races (but year included five double winners) . . . Passed \$8 million in career earnings and hit 359 in career victories.

Fisher —

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couple before that and it's always nice to win a race for a guy at his course."

Major Malibu. Steeplethon at International Gold Cup. "Relieved. Because he's the best horse in the race. The jock's instructions were, 'Did you walk the course?' Yeah. 'Did you watch videotapes?' Yeah. 'Well, do it again.'"

Ambersham. Maiden at Far Hills: "Relieved. We had been setting him up for that race, since I got the horse and again for Gil Johnston, everybody was doing better with her horses than I was and I had the better ones."

Hope For Us All. Gladstone Stakes at Far Hills: "Shocked. Awed. Relieved. Probably awed, it's the whole thing, buying the horse for not a lot of money and knowing everybody else had a shot at the horse, having him win there was cool."

Delta Park. Allowance timber at Pennsylvania Hunt Cup: "Did you see the race? Definitely shocked. After watching the videotape, (owner) Andre Brewster's comment was, 'The horse almost fell about three times, the rider almost fell off him about four times, I don't know how they finished.'"

Swagger Stick. Allowance at Palm Beach: "That's a relief. To finally win a race with the horse at the end of the year and he did it very well too. He jumped beautifully and did everything right."

Seer. Palm Beach Supreme Hurdle at Palm Beach: "That was relief too. He's a nice horse, we didn't go to Far Hills because of the ground, but the ground probably wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. He was short at Callaway and then down there on a speed favoring track . . . Irv's horse goes off course, Paddy Young's horse blows the second-to-last, that was a relief."

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Thanks Dad

BY SEAN CLANCY

Paddy Young knows it's all about timing. To be champion jockey, timing is everything. Sure, it's about riding a horse, seeing a spot, a sense of pace, good hands, keeping people happy, getting up and going to work every day, getting lucky – and timing.

For Young, timing proved decisive in 2009. The 33-year-old Irishman won 19 races to dethrone two-time defending champion Xavier Aizpuru by four wins. Second to Aizpuru in 2007, Young thought that was his one and only chance.

"I thought that might be the closest I would get," Young said. "I tried really hard, even though you were second, you're disappointed, that year is over, I felt like that might be the closest I ever get, it was a letdown."

Timing wasn't right in 2007. Two years later, Timex Eagle Beagle happened to come along this year and win five races. Young and his wife, Leslie, mined three wins from their niche operation. Tom Voss imported Peter Buchanan and Ross Geraghty, depriving Aizpuru of a needed pipeline. Rivals Jody Petty, Danielle Hodsdon and Robbie Walsh lacked ammunition. Padge Whelan retired due to concussions. Young doubled at Wintertur and Willowdale, tripled at Virginia Fall. Doug Fout provided seven wins.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," Young said. "I don't think I'm any better than Robbie Walsh, or Xav, or Dani Hodsdon or Chip Miller, when everything falls into place it falls into place, for some reason this year was meant to be and you've got to take it when you're given it."

All year, timing went right.

Then it didn't. Going into Camden, five up with 10 races to go, Young's father died from cancer. The man who made Young a jockey knew his son was in front, but never knew he was champion. Or maybe he did.

"He knew I was five clear with 10 races left going into Camden, he had a fair idea it would take a miracle," Young said. "I hope he's up there crying, I hope he's sharing in the glory as much as I am. You know you only have one dad."

Young followed his dad's lead in Ireland, riding the family's horses as an amateur, picking up point-to-point wins here and there. He ventured to England to work as "a lad in the yard" at Nicky Henderson's, then spent five formative years with Henrietta Knight, schooling everything he could, including future three-time Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Best Mate.

Looking to ride the Maryland Hunt Cup, Young landed at Jack Fisher's barn in Maryland in the fall of 2003 and quickly carved a notch in the vacant jockeys' table, winning seven races from 24 mounts, including the feature at Shawan Downs with Indispensable.

Young never did ride the Hunt Cup.

"When I first come over, it was to have some fun, ride as an amateur, maybe ride the Hunt Cup and call it quits, that was it," Young said. "Being champion jockey or anything like that was never there. I kept falling into good rides, it built more on luck than anything. Being in the right place and things opened. I owe Jack a lot, nobody else would have given me the opportunity he gave me, he gave a kid a chance."

Young won six races the following year and then struggled in 2005, going 2-for-48 while admittedly sidetracked by personal issues back in Ireland.

"When I look back at my early career in America, I was always on the front end, I wasn't learning anything," Young said. "I was winning races thinking I was better than everybody else, that kind of catches up with you so I had to go back to the drawing board and work on it, the more I got into it, the more I got better. I don't think I'm there yet, but I've improved."

A better rider than a jockey, Young moved to Pennsylvania to work for Sanna Hendriks in 2006 and has made steady headway since: winning 56 races over the past four years. Built more like



Tod Marks

Champion Paddy Young and Eagle Beagle – the difference maker with five victories in 2009.

a center for the YMCA basketball team than a champion jockey, Young has learned to be patient, save ground and think through a race.

"When I started working for Sanna, she had more hurdle horses than timber horses, I thought, 'Wow, this is pretty cool.' Then people like Bruce Miller were calling me up to ride, people I never dreamed of riding for when I first came over," Young said. "I started to think this was something I could make a go of, that I could be competitive, ride 10 winners in a year, I was more than happy to do that."

Married with three kids, Young has a full plate, but keeps his keel evenly in the water of family life, racing career, training operation and galloping job. He exercises horses for Hendriks, helps train his wife's horses, schools for trainers when needed and shows up every weekend ready to ride. This year, he rode first call for Fout, winning seven races for the Virginian including the Temple Gwathmey with a daring ride on Isti Bee and the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup with a butter-smooth trip on Erin Go Bragh. Young won six races for Ricky Hendriks (Eagle Beagle producing five), three for the house and one each for Michele Sanger, Paul Rowland and Fisher.

"Do I think I'm a better rider than everyone else? Definitely not. But it's a reward for all the hard work over the years more than anything else," Young said. "It's really hard trying to keep all the little people happy, the people that have been so good to me over the years, it's hard to say you can't ride for them anymore. They were there for me when I needed them."

Young rides for everybody, balancing his first-call assignment

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Young —

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for Fout with quality spares from the rest of the sport. He was able to find five stones in a river of claimers with Eagle Beagle. When Willie Dowling took off Major Malibu at Virginia Fall, Young gladly stepped up. When Voss needed a rider at Montpelier, Young got the call aboard Fogcutter (he was on his way to winning when he slipped on the turn) and first-time starter Ballet Boy who finished second. When Jimmy Day needed a jockey for Spy In The Sky in the Colonial Cup, Young was on speed dial.

It wasn't all perfect. Young lost a winner when Coupe De Ville was disqualified at Colonial Downs for a prohibited substance. Saratoga kicked Young around; he went winless in nine rides at the Open House and the real meet. He wound up with a broken

collarbone when he fell from Teak on the final day at Palm Beach.

"The one thing I love is getting up in the morning and riding. They say horses are bred to race, I don't know if people are bred to ride, but I love riding," Young said. "I can't wait until the Saturdays come around, no matter how bad a week you've had, you think next week will be better. My life is riding horses, to get paid for that, what more can you ask for?"

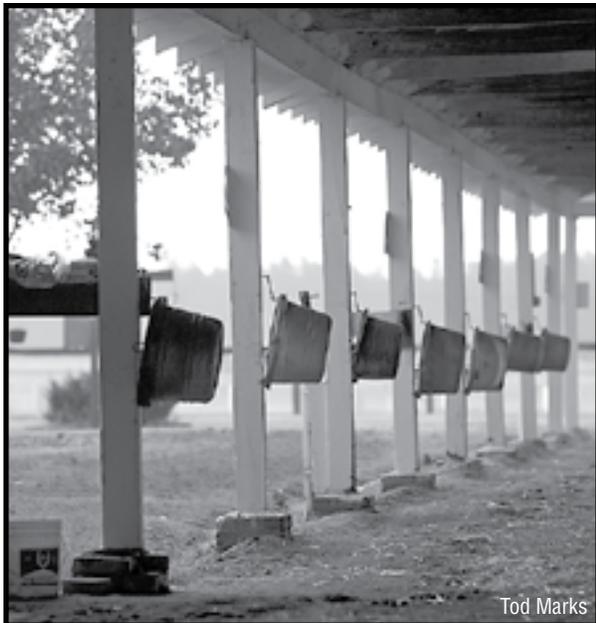
For your father to see it through.

"He had a great love for what we did as kids. He was the person who started me up, gave me rides, got me going. I wanted to win for him," Young said. "He loved following it, he got really into it, he enjoyed getting the results, when I found out he was dying, I thought being four or five clear would be a pick-me-up for him, but the hardest thing for me was that I couldn't ring him and tell him 'Thanks for everything, I did this because of you.'"

Paddy Young

Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Pct.	Earnings
99	19	13	12	.19	\$358,043

First championship for Irishman, who rode first U.S. race in 2003 and placed second in 2007 jockey standings . . . Dethroned two-time NSA champion Xavier Aizpuru . . . Father of three (Tom, Rory, Saoirse) . . . Assists in wife Leslie's small training operation, which provided three victories on the year . . . Pennsylvania resident got five wins from top claimer Eagle Beagle . . . Rode all seven of trainer Doug Fout's winners . . . Ended 2009 with 71 wins in American career . . . Won five timber races with four horses . . . Doubled on back-to-back weekends at Winterthur and Willowdale early in the year . . . Tripled on first day of Virginia Fall meet in early October . . . Rode a winner and broke collarbone on season's final day at Palm Beach.



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Field Day

BY JOE CLANCY

Your Sum Man and Left Unsaid won the biggest races in the program at Far Hills Oct. 17, rewarding owner Betty Merck with \$210,000 in prize money, a big day at her home course and praise from trainer Tom Voss.

"This is wonderful," he said. "There's no better owner, no better sport; she's the perfect owner. She doesn't tell you to run them, she says run when you're ready. She shows up to the point-to-points, goes to all the races, supports the whole thing. She deserves to win races like this."

Far Hills propelled Merck's The Fields Stable to the 2009 NSA owner championship, in a \$3,975 photo finish with Irv Naylor. The Fields, named for Merck's Bedminster, N.J. home, campaigned just five horses who made 14 starts, won four times and earned \$292,000. Irish import Your Sum Man won the Grand National and placed second in the horse standings with \$150,000. Former Bobby Frankel pupil Left Unsaid won the first-year novice championship and earned \$137,700 to finish third.

But don't think Merck simply got lucky for one year. Soon to be 90, she has been a horsewoman for her entire life – riding, showing, foxhunting, competing. She didn't own a racehorse until 1996, but she rode in point-to-points at 50 and is still a master of the Essex Foxhounds near her home.

Racehorses became a part of the equation as part of her 75th birthday in 1995. Merck's family created a whirlwind present that included a trip to Saratoga, a day of racing with box seats, a cocktail party at the National Museum of Racing and – eventually – an introduction to Voss. Merck's favorite horse growing up was Battleship, the American-bred who won the English Grand National at Aintree in 1938, and he was part of the birthday equation as well.

"We dreamed this whole business up as a way to get her to scale back all the riding," said Merck's daughter Josie. "We gave her a surprise birthday party, did all this research we could do on him, dressed my daughter up as (jockey) Bruce Hobbs, the whole thing. The big present, though, was the trip to Saratoga."

The idea of owning part of a steeplechase horse – one that could run at Far Hills – bounced in and out of discussions too with Josie Merck making a few phone calls but coming up empty.

"We knew nothing of the process," she said. "How do you own part of a horse? We thought it would be something Mom would like and maybe she'd stop foxhunting if we got her involved as an owner. I talked to Sandy Cassatt for a bit about it, but we couldn't make it happen."

On the birthday trip to Saratoga, the Mercks attended a cocktail party at the museum that exhibited a famous painting of Battleship. They wound up in a discussion with Phil and Bunny Hathaway, who campaigned horses with Voss.

"Are you involved as owners?" Josie Merck asked the Hathaways.

"Yes we are; you should meet our trainer," replied the Hathaways, who participated in the Phoenix Stable partnership.

The next morning at 6, the Mercks went to Voss' Saratoga barn to watch horses train.

"I don't think Tom said a word," recalled Josie.

By November, The Fields Stable owned its first horse – Brigade Of Guards, a purchase from the Paul Mellon dispersal. He raced the next season – in the stable's green and brown silks – and won seven career races and earned \$216,269. He also kick-started a string that has included Approaching Squall, Lapseng,



Tod Marks

Champion owners Betty and Laddie Merck of The Fields Stable won four races in 2009.

Equistar, Guelph and the 2009 stars. In 14 seasons, The Fields (which includes Merck's son Laddie and, sometimes, Voss' wife Mimi, as partners) has earned \$1,126,152.

And Merck still foxhunts.

"I guess the idea was to see if I wouldn't foxhunt so much," she said. "They didn't actually say so at the time because they knew it wouldn't be very popular. I ride Approaching Squall (the 1998 NSA novice champion and earner of more than \$125,000) and love to spend time with horses. I'm not going to stop now."

In addition to Approaching Squall, former Merck horses Lapseng and Raider Brigade regularly hunt with Essex as staff horses.

Betty (Mead) Merck was born in Canada and moved to Lake Forest, Ill. as a young girl. She got her horsemanship from her mother, who trained and rode in Illinois and also in Aiken, S.C. Josie

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The Fields Stable

Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Pct.	Earnings
14	4	4	0	.29	\$292,000

Mother/son partnership of Betty and Laddie Merck campaigned first-year novice champion Left Unsaid and Grand National winner Your Sum Man, who keyed a narrow victory (by less than \$4,000) over Irv Naylor in final standings . . . Took the lead with two Grade I victories (and \$210,000 in earnings) at hometown meet in Far Hills . . . First owner championship in 14th season with trainer Tom Voss . . . Stable won NSA divisional championships with Approaching Squall (1998) and Guelph (2005 and 2008) . . . Betty, 89, is a master with the Essex Foxhounds in New Jersey and a former point-to-point participant.

The Fields —

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Merck said her parents met at an Officer Candidate School dinner party in Chicago during World War II. George W. Merck, the son of the chairman of the pharmaceutical company, Merck served in the Navy during the war and moved his family to New Jersey in the late 1940s. He worked for the family company until 1956 and later held positions with the New York Zoological Society, which owns the Bronx Zoo and was the executive director of the United States Equestrian Team, based in Gladstone, N.J.

George Merck, who died in 1984, and his wife raised three children — Tony, Laddie and Josie — and moved to The Fields in the early 1950s. The farm has always been home to horses, dogs, enviable gardens and a hard-working diminutive horsewoman who found time to hold an elected position on the Bedminster Township Committee (her campaign slogan: Put Betty to Work for You). In addition to Approaching Squall, she rides an old Ford tractor around the property.

Through it all, Betty Merck maintains a grace and a sense of style. She smiles broadly when the horses win and refuses to frown when they lose. She's experienced great success (Brigade Of Guards, Approaching Squall, Guelph, Your Sum Man, Left Unsaid) and great sadness (the death of Perfect Match at Saratoga in 2000).

She also appreciates the experience of her involvement in the sport.

"Down deep, it's been a great experience having a partnership with my youngest son, Laddie, and watching everyone else appreciate these wonderful animals," she said. "We've also all had the great pleasure of becoming great friends with the Vosses — it's far more than a business relationship."

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Said and Done

BY SEAN CLANCY

Of course, they were friends.

Tommy Voss and Bobby Frankel were cut from the same cloth. Well, they were made of the same cloth. Tough, reliable and effective. And, admittedly, a little abrasive.

Burlap – better at the barn than anywhere else.

The old-school Marylander and the Jew from Brooklyn did a few horse deals over the years. None better than Left Unsaid – champion first-year novice for 2009.

Owned by The Fields Stable of Laddie and Betty Merck, the 4-year-old son of Dynaformer clinched the title by clawing his way through the deep ground to win the Foxbrook at Far Hills Oct. 17. He earned his third victory of the year and increased his earnings to \$137,700.

Voss walked back to the barn after the victory, thinking about his first-year horse who finished worse than second once in six starts and his Hall of Fame friend who had privately battled cancer for most of the year.

“Those Frankel horses, they come, they’re so well taken care of, we just bought one from him, he’s like an old hunter, you have to wake him up. This horse has always been sound, never had a problem,” Voss said. “We had a horse together, he was so easy, ‘Do whatever you want with him, run him, don’t run him, whatever you want.’ I know the situation is dire . . . won’t be another like him.”

Frankel died Nov. 16.

Frankel wasn’t a jumping man (although he used to brag about winning a jump race with a son of Bold Ruler he claimed from the Phipps family), but he knew jumpers. If it was a horse, he knew it.

Bred and owned by Frankel and Jerry Amerman, Left Unsaid began his life with high expectations. His sire, Dynaformer, might be the best in the game. His dam, the Irish-bred Hello Soso, placed in a Grade II at Saratoga and carried classic European bloodlines.

“He should be better than he is,” Frankel said about Left Unsaid in 2008. “He’s a big, good-looking horse, sound, nothing bothers him. Look, he’s what you want.”

You could go to the bank on that.



Left Unsaid

B. g. 4, Dynaformer-Hello Soso (IRE), Alzao.

Owner: The Fields Stable. Trainer: Tom Voss. Jockeys: Padge Whelan, Peter Buchanan, Ross Geraghty, Xavier Aizpuru. Bred by Jerry Amerman and Bobby Frankel (KY).

FIRST-YEAR NOVICE HURDLE STANDINGS

Horses that started 2009 as maidens

Horse	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Left Unsaid	6	3	2	0	137,700
Tricky Me	7	2	2	1	97,500
You The Man	6	2	0	1	68,250
Eagle Beagle	9	5	2	1	47,650
Class Crash	7	1	2	1	45,000



Tod Marks

Left Unsaid flashes perfect form in the Foxbrook Novice at Far Hills.

At the time, Left Unsaid had chipped away at his maiden condition but remained winless after nine starts. Frankel never had many horses mired at 0-for-9.

Voss bought Left Unsaid during that summer and played with him on the farm last fall, schooling him over hurdles and was tempted to run him as a 3-year-old. The horse adapted to the farm life and had Voss thinking big before the spring season began. He unveiled him for a flat race at Camden; he won easily over a field that included Dalucci and Torino Luge.

Voss took the conservative route and unleashed the horse at Strawberry Hill in a \$15,000 maiden.

A rival trainer saw Left Unsaid walk into the barn before his debut.

“Man, he looked like he knew what he was doing. Like he knew he was special.”

Left Unsaid cruised for a facile win over eight over-matched foes. Under Padge Whelan, the Kentucky-bred rated kindly and pounced when asked.

“I was just waiting to give him his cue and let him go,” Whelan said. “He’s a nice young horse that is very professional at this stage of his career. It’s impressive to see a young horse that has all the tools and be this mature even before his first race.”

Voss pushed his training chart across his desk and pointed for Saratoga.

Xavier Aizpuru picked up the ride after Whelan retired and suffered through a rough trip at Penn National, winding up fourth behind Sermon Of Love, Sweep Domino and So Amazing. Saratoga awaited.

Making his third career start, Left Unsaid showed his rough edges in his first start at the Spa, finishing second to You The Man.

The edges were gone in his next start when he stretched to 2 3/8 miles and trounced peers Tricky Me, Nationbuilder and You The Man. Voss wheeled him back in 17 days and he finished a hard-luck third in a three-turn maiden on the turf. Twenty days later, he failed to run down Tricky Me in the Metcalf, but came back three weeks later to end all doubt, winning the Foxbrook.

Voss opted to end the year on that note, bypassing novice stops at Callaway Gardens and Palm Beach.

“He’s done enough,” Voss said. “He made it through his 4-year-old year unscathed, not a mark on him, and we want to get him through his 5-year-old year the same way.”

Nearly two months after Far Hills, Left Unsaid appreciated the break.

Thick mud. Thicker coat. He looked a bit like a sheep as he enjoyed his downtime in early December at Voss’ farm. The 4-year-old former California boy is a true Maryland hillbilly now. And that’s just fine with him.

“He wants a mint, get him a mint,” Voss said to a visitor as Left Unsaid begged for a treat after coming in from the field late on a Friday morning. “Look at him, he’s a lovely horse, just a big baby. He’s got a kind, smart eye which tells you something.”

Given two mints, Left Unsaid munched while sharing a four-stall shedrow with Ballet Boy, Hidden Trail and Ground Frost. The latter two came from Frankel’s deep barn, a barn Voss always trusted.

“He’s good, always been good to his horses,” Voss said after Left Unsaid won at Far Hills. “This horse is living proof.”

Additional reporting by Joe Clancy.



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Golden Rule

BY BRIAN NADEAU

The blueprint for Irv Naylor's stable has always been drawn with the precision of a T-square; the timber runners do the heavy lifting while the hurdle horses imitate an aging Triple-A pitcher and start a few times for the big club each summer. Tried and true, the formula has been as solid as the timber fences Naylor's horses have scaled to the tune of five championships (including 2009) in the past six years.

The permanent frown that is the Internal Revenue Service wasn't impressed with Naylor's championship trophies and questioned the timber-driven business model – and more importantly whether you can make money from a sport with so few big money races. Naylor adjusted, tweaked the program and moved forward.

"The IRS said the old way wasn't a legitimate business, so I wrote a new business plan to include hurdle horses," Naylor said. "I used the models of Good Night Shirt, McDynamo, Lonesome Glory – they made a million dollars and that's real money. Tax Ruling was bought specifically to be a hurdle horse. He turned out OK, didn't he?"

The trophy on the mantel says so.

Naylor's aptly named Tax Ruling started the year as a competent allowance runner, advanced to a novice stakes winner and then solidified his status as a top-shelf open stakes performer by the end of the season. Along the way the 6-year-old did more than pay the bills, winning twice in six starts, amassing \$98,500 and winning the Second Year Novice Championship under Desmond Fogarty's tutelage.

With a barn full of classy timber runners, Naylor had reason for championship aspirations when the season started. Just not from a horse that entered 2009 with only a maiden hurdle win to his credit.

"Going into the season we felt like he was just a nice allowance horse that was growing up and maturing," Naylor said. "We didn't really think he would jump up and run so well, win a stakes by open lengths and then go on to a whole new ballgame at the end of the season."

Tax Ruling started 2009 with a determined allowance win at Strawberry Hill but tempered any enthusiasm when he fell at the last while tiring in a Charlotte allowance two weeks later. Fogarty forged on and entered Tax Ruling in Radnor's National Hunt Cup for novice runners in May. Tax Ruling galloped on a loose lead, led at every call and ran off to a 12-length win. In his wake came Terpsichorean, The Price Of Love,



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Tax Ruling steams to victory at Radnor, one of his two wins on the season.

Spy In The Sky and Dictina's Boy. The allowance performer had suddenly morphed into a potential star, not that his trainer saw it coming.

"I left Radnor completely scratching my head because that was not the type of performance I was expecting," Fogarty said. "There was a time when he was 4 or 5 that I thought maybe he was going to top out as an allowance horse. So to see him run off like that was a surprise to me. He was always a half-decent horse but just not something you would think of in terms of a stakes runner. More than anything he had improved with age and maturity. He's grown up a lot and that began to show itself throughout the course of the year."

Fogarty backed off after Radnor and aimed for the fall. He prepped Tax Ruling with a useful fourth in Saratoga's Paul Fout Stakes in September and after missing Belmont's Lonesome Glory in September due to a minor issue, sent him to Far Hills' Grand National in October to test open stakes horses for the first time. Tax Ruling stalked the pace from third and held that position to the wire while finishing well clear of every horse that started the season in North America. He built on that run in Camden's Colonial Cup when he again finished third, just 1 3/4 lengths behind champion Mixed Up and gives Fogarty every reason to expect an even better horse in 2010.

"Certainly he's just continued to improve, continued to mature and grow up and we feel that he's going to get one of those Grade I's next year," Fogarty said. "He'll

just be 7 next year and coming into his prime, so you would think with a little more maturity and improvement one of those big races will have his name on it."

Though it took longer than expected, Tax Ruling was destined for stardom. By Dynaformer out of Grade I winner Fantastic Find, Tax Ruling was bred by the famed Phipps Stable. When he failed to make it to the races for the Phipps family, he became the charter member of Naylor's newly diversified stable in 2006.

Like any great pioneer, Tax Ruling has opened the door for those that followed. Classy flat runners Best Name and Best Alibi were bought from the Godolphin/Darley pipeline. Each hinted at ability this year and the latter has the makings of a second-year novice star in 2010.

Naylor, like his stable, has enjoyed a renaissance of sorts. While his silks have won the majority of the circuit's major timber races, he's seldom been a major player on the hurdle scene. Woody Boy Would and Sassello were solid runners but bow to Tax Ruling's past and potential future accomplishments.

"It's extremely exciting to have some hurdle horses in the barn, especially one as talented as Tax Ruling, who we think next year can go on and be a Grade I winner," Naylor said. "I never rode hurdle horses or had much to do with them so I'm learning more and more about it. Of course my heart is always going to be over timber but I'm very enthused about the transformation going forward."

Tax Ruling

Dk. B./Br. g. 6, Dynaformer-Fantastic Find, Mr. Prospector.

Owner: Irv Naylor. Trainer: Desmond Fogarty.

Jockeys: Darren Nagle, Willie Dowling.

Bred by Phipps Stable (KY).

SECOND YEAR NOVICE HURDLE STANDINGS

Horses that started 2008 as maidens

Horse	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Tax Ruling	6	2	0	2	\$98,500
Dynaski	3	1	2	0	83,508
Slip Away	7	3	1	0	80,115
Terpsichorean	6	1	2	1	71,900
Arcadius	8	1	2	2	59,860

Royally bred gelding never started for Phipps family and made jump debut as a 3-year-old in 2006 . . . Won at Strawberry Hill in April, added Radnor novice stakes in May and confirmed ability with back-to-back thirds in open company – Grand National and Colonial Cup – late in the season . . . Rare hurdle stakes winner for timber-centric owner Naylor . . . Half-brother to Grade I flat winner Finder's Fee.

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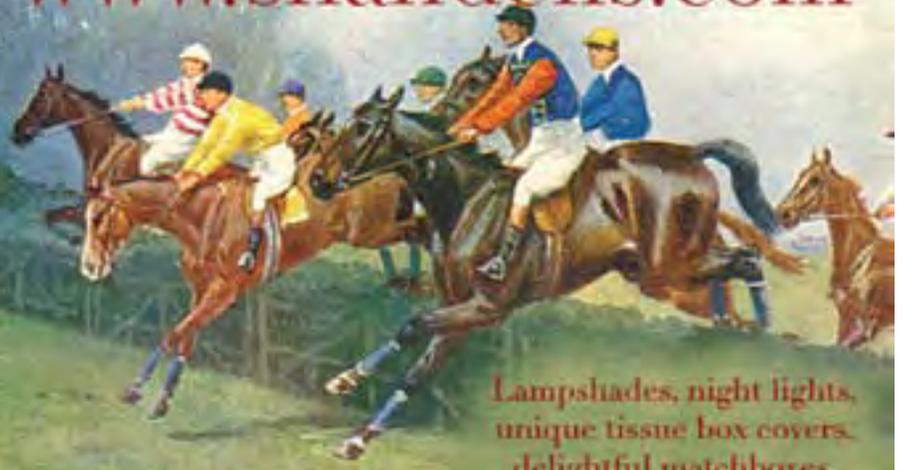


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BY JOE CLANCY

Get up, horse. Get up, horse. Get up, get up, get up. Please, get up. You can't win the NSA timber championship lying on the ground. You have to get up. Get up, horse. Get up, horse. Get up, get up, get up.

In April, Patriot's Path won two races in a week. In May, he ran away with the \$75,000 Mason Houghland Memorial at the Iroquois. In November, he scared everyone at the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup with a cartwheeling fall at the last fence. Patriot's Path left the ground a half-stride behind Erin Go Bragh, got in too tight, blasted the fence with his hind legs and landed on his face, neck, shoulder. He flipped, he slid, he looked hurt. His trainer arrived. Then the ambulance. Then the vet. Then the screens. Some people ran to help. Others walked away quietly. Some stared. Some couldn't look.

And then he got up.

Patriot's Path clambered to his feet and walked through the stretch with trainer Desmond Fogarty to stunned applause.

"Thank God he got up," said Fogarty, who trained the 9-year-old for Irv Naylor. "I didn't know if he would, but it was a good feeling to see him do it."

Patriot's Path started the year as a maiden and ended it by walking away from a scary fall as the year's timber champion. He won half his six starts and earned \$73,500.

Despite the maiden conditions, the 9-year-old came into 2009 with seasoning thanks to four seconds – behind division warriors Bubble Economy, Move West, Western Fling and He's A Conniver.

"He had run in as tough of company as there is out there and hit the board so he was in a good spot when the year started," said Fogarty. "The maiden at the Manor was the perfect spot for him to start and he won easily. Then I looked at the condition book. The only shot he had of picking up another win outside of a stakes was the race the next week at the Grand National."

He won there, too, pocketing \$18,000 and covering 6 1/4 miles in a week. The victories gave light to a career that included one win (in a rained-out hurdle turned flat race at Colonial Downs) in 39 lifetime starts.

The long, fruitless road began with three starts (for owner/breeder/trainer Jeremy Gillam) as a 2-year-old in 2002, moved on to three dull hurdle runs as a 3-year-old in 2003, and included a 15-start marathon campaign in 2006. Three races into that season, trainer Bruce Haynes bought Patriot's Path as an amateur hurdle horse for sons Russell and Will. The horse lost six lopsided hurdle decisions before winning (at 19-1) that flat race at Colonial Downs.

By October, Patriot's Path was a timber horse and by November he was owned by Naylor – who's never met a timber horse he didn't like. Patriot's Path finished third in the 2007 Grand National and third again at Morven Park that fall. When Bruce Haynes died in early 2008, Patriot's Path moved to Fogarty's care and continued the upward trend.

After starting 2009 with maiden and allowance wins, Patriot's Path headed for stakes competition. Fogarty passed on the Maryland Hunt Cup and Virginia Gold Cup and eyed Nashville's rich Houghland. The \$75,000 race often suits a horse on the rise and this year was no different as just four horses started in the 3-miler. Soft ground helped take some of the speed out of He's A Conniver, G'Day G'Day and Askim and Patriot's Path galloped off with the \$45,000 payday.

"He wouldn't be ideally suited to that course, but the ground came up the way he wants it; otherwise



Patriot's Path and trainer Desmond Fogarty head back to the vans after the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup.

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it would probably be too fast for him," said Fogarty. "He likes to jump, he likes to gallop."

Fogarty brought Patriot's Path gradually back for a fall campaign, leaving Shawan Downs to stablemate Hot Springs (third) and the International Gold Cup to Salmo (sixth). The champion got started at Virginia Fall, and finished a late-running third to Erin Go Bragh and Seeyouattheevent in the \$35,000 National Sporting Library/Chronicle Cup. The Pennsylvania Hunt Cup came next and Patriot's Path took a short lead when Irish Prince fell at the second-last. Former stakes hurdler Erin Go Bragh pounced shortly thereafter and sped to a narrow advantage just before the last, where a tired Patriot's Path fell.

But got up.

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At least some of Patriot's Path's timber ability comes from his breeding. Gillam has been a longtime player in jump racing and mated his Salutely mare Rode To Nowhere with former Maryland stallion Carnivalay to get Patriot's Path. Salutely sired timber star Saluter among others while developing a reputation for providing stamina and late maturity to his progeny.

"Billy Christmas (who managed Salutely) once asked (flat trainer) King Leatherbury if he would send some mares to Salutely, and Leatherbury said he'd rather wait until the Salutelys were 5 and claim them," Gillam said with a laugh. "We didn't breed Patriot's Path to be a timber horse but it makes sense. I knew 3 miles or more would be his thing and with us it always seemed like next year was going to be better and now it is. I'm very happy for the horse and they've done a real good job with him."

Rode To Nowhere's first foal, Swoop And Soar, won five jump races and earned \$100,000. Gillam sold the mare, in foal to Eastern Echo, several years ago but still owns two daughters.



Patriot's Path

Dk. B./Br. g. 9, Carnivalay-Rode To Nowhere, Salutely.

Owner: Irv Naylor. Trainer: Desmond Fogarty.

Jockeys: Darren Nagle, Blake Currey, Xavier Aizpuru.

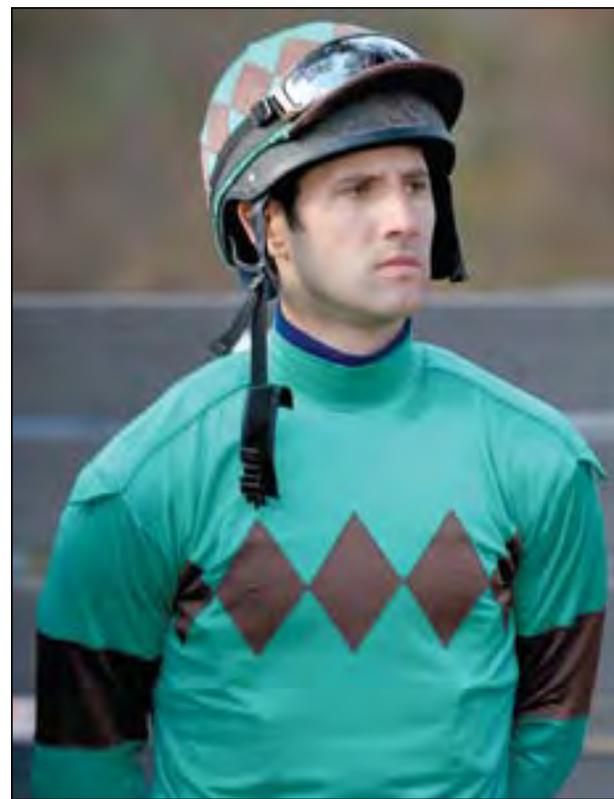
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TIMBER STANDINGS

Horse	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Patriot's Path	6	3	0	2	\$73,500
Erin Go Bragh (nz)	6	2	0	2	53,100
Irish Prince (nz)	6	2	2	0	48,100
Salmo	2	1	0	0	47,000
Michele Marieschi (GB)	3	1	0	0	46,050

Second timber champion in four years for Naylor . . . First for Fogarty . . . Started the year as a maiden after placing second in all four 2008 starts . . . A son of Carnivalay, like top hurdle horse Mixed Up . . . Won two races in seven days at My Lady's Manor and Grand National in April.

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Jacob Roberts

Amateur Highweight Timber Jockey – Billy Santoro
Seven-race highweight timber division stopped at My Lady's Manor, Grand National, Winterthur, Willowdale, Virginia Fall, Morven Park and Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. Santoro, 59, essentially had it clinched after the spring based on two wins and a second aboard Haddix for trainer Kathy McKenna. Chipped in with a third aboard Fieldview at Virginia Fall in October. The Comeback Kid broke his leg in a training accident this fall and announced his retirement.

Leading Amateur/Apprentice Jockey – Jacob Roberts
A native of Puerto Rico, Roberts went from a relative unknown to a confirmed member of the top 10 in the span of just a few weekends. He doubled at Shawan Downs Sept. 26 and tripled at Virginia Fall the following Sunday. Scored his lone stakes win in the Ski Roundtop at Shawan when he guided Bon Caddo to an upset win for Dawn Williams. Won eight races from just 42 mounts and booted home winners for Alicia Murphy, Britt Graham, Dot Smithwick, Bay Cockburn and Blythe Miller Davies.

Champion Trainer (races won) – Jack Fisher
107 races, 23 wins, 17 seconds, 18 thirds. \$650,122. Secured a three-peat despite losing two-time champion Good Night Shirt after just two starts. Versatile stable once again fired on all cylinders, winning with open stakes horses, novice runners, timber veterans and even campaigning 3-year-old champion Hope For Us All. Like 2008, he secured the championship over friend and neighbor Tom Voss on the season's final day at Palm Beach. Also led the timber category with six wins.

Champion Trainer (money won) – Tom Voss
105 races, 21 wins, 24 seconds, 11 thirds. \$814,063. Comfortable winner over Jonathan Sheppard (\$672,721) proved to be a force in just about every division. Voss essentially clinched the crown with a day for the ages at Far Hills, where Your Sum Man upset the Grand National in his first U.S. start, Left Unsaid clinched the novice title with a romp in the Foxbrook and Dictina's Boy upset the Appleton. Maryland-based conditioner also added the Grand National over timber with Coal Dust and took the Valentine at Fair Hill with Moon Dolly.

Champion Jockey (races won) – Paddy Young
99 races, 19 wins, 13 seconds, 12 thirds. \$358,043. Irishman was a worthy winner, riding more races than anyone on the circuit and ending two-time champion Xavier Aizpuru's reign at the top. Led the standings the entire fall and spurred clear from a tight pack when he won the first three on the Saturday card at Virginia Fall. Won the Temple Gwathmey with Isti Bee and the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup and Chronicle Cup with Erin Go Bragh. Young claimed five wins on the claimer of the year, Eagle Beagle. Also led the timber category with five wins.

Champion jockey (money won) – Danielle Hodsdon
79 races, 12 wins, 15 seconds, 13 thirds. \$494,449. Took the less-is-more approach to the title while riding first call for Jonathan Sheppard. Partnered champion Mixed Up to nab a pair of pricey Grade I's in the A.P. Smithwick and Colonial Cup as well as the Imperial Cup, also took the Georgia Cup Novice with The Price Of Love and the Paul Fout at Saratoga with Terpsichorean.

Leading Timber Owner – Irv Naylor
36 starts, 6 wins, 1 second, 5 thirds. \$154,875. Took home his fifth title in the last six years in dominant fashion while more than doubling his nearest pursuer Maggie Bryant (\$64,500). Campaigned the 2009 champion Patriot's Path, the Mason Houghland winner did enough on his own (\$73,500) to secure the title for Naylor. Also took home the Virginia Gold Cup with 13-year-old Salmo.

Champion Timber Horse – Patriot's Path
Dk. B. or Br. g. 9, Carnivalay-Rode To Nowhere, Salutely. Bred by Jeremy Gillam (Md). Owner: Irv Naylor. Trainer: Desmond Fogarty. Jockeys: Darren Nagle, Blake Curry, Xavier Aizpuru. 6 races, 3 wins, 2 thirds. \$73,500.

Entered season with a 1-for-39 lifetime record but quickly made it known that he would take a lot of beating. Broke maiden at My Lady's Manor in April, took an allowance a week later at the Grand National and annexed the Mason Houghland at Nashville in May. Rough fall included a third in the Chronicle Cup followed by a spill late in the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. Luckily the cagey veteran got up and walked back to the barn and into the record books.

Champion Filly/Mare – Confined
B. m. 5, Majave Moon-Maternity Leave, Northern Baby. Bred by Jonathan Sheppard and Warren Dempsey (Pa). Owner: Sherry Fenwick. Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard. Jockeys: Danielle Hodsdon, Robbie Walsh. 3 races, 2 wins, 1 third. \$53,000.

Followed through on the promise of her 15-length debut romp at Shawan Downs in 2008 to hold a bevy of challengers at bay in 2009. Started out slowly, running a distant third in the Henley at Nashville in May but after a three-race foray on the flat she closed with a rush in the fall, taking the Peapack-Guelph at Far Hills and the Crown Royal at Callaway to close out her campaign.

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Goodbye and . . .

I am leaving this sport because of the unpardonable sin of age. I've sat out the fall season with a broken leg and turn 60 before next spring.

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— Billy Santoro



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Champion Claimer — Eagle Beagle

B. g. 5, Lemon Drop Kid- Tough Broad, Broad Brush. Bred by Fitzhugh, LLC (Md).
Owner: Barracuda Racing Stable. Trainer: Ricky Hendriks. Jockeys: Paddy Young, Jody Petty.
9 races, 5 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third. \$47,650.

Five-time winner on the flat equalled that number in his first year of hurdle racing, winning his second start at Foxfield in April and going strong right through to a second at Camden to close out his season. In between he scored at Willowdale, Colonial Downs, (twice) and Morven Park and helped pave the way for Young's first riding title. His five wins were the most on the season, besting overall champion Mixed Up (4). Full-brother to Grade I Pacific Classic winner Richard's Kid.

Champion First-Year Novice — Left Unsaid

B. g. 4, Dynaformer-Hello Soso (Ire), Alzao. Bred by Jerry Amerman and Bobby Frankel (Ky).
Owner: The Fields Stable. Trainer: Tom Voss.
Jockeys: Padge Whelan, Xavier Aizpuru, Peter Buchanan, Ross Geraghty.
6 races, 3 wins, 2 seconds. \$137,700.

Anyone who witnessed his poised and professional debut win at Strawberry Hill knew there was serious talent here. Did little to dissuade his backers throughout an accomplished campaign that peaked with dominant novice stakes wins at Saratoga in the Mickey Walsh and Far Hills in the Foxbrook, where he won by a combined 12 1/4 lengths. Save for a rough-trip fourth against optional claimers at Penn National, he never failed to hit the board, running second in the Jonathan Kiser at Saratoga and the Metcalf Memorial at Monmouth Park. Even threw in a closing third in a maiden race on the flat at the end of the Saratoga meet. Winless in nine starts on the flat while in the care of his co-breeder and Hall of Fame trainer Frankel, but turned into a star with the career change and Voss' handling.

Champion Second-Year Novice — Tax Ruling

Dk. B. or Br. g. 6, Dynaformer-Fantastic Find, Mr. Prospector. Bred by Phipps Stable (Ky).
Owner: Irv Naylor. Trainer: Desmond Fogarty. Jockeys: Mark Watts, Darren Nagle, Willie Dowling.
6 races, 2 wins, 2 thirds. \$98,500.

Advanced through the ranks after winning his seasonal debut in a Strawberry Hill allowance to become a novice stakes winner at Radnor (National Hunt Cup) before ending his season with bang-up thirds against open foes in the Grand National and Colonial Cup. Along the way he started a transformation of sorts for the timber-driven Naylor, put Fogarty on the map as a hurdle trainer and gained a legion of backers as a wiseguy horse in the 2010 open stakes division. Not bad for a blue-blooded Phipps-McGaughy prospect that never made it to the races on the flat.

Champion Three-Year-Old — Hope For Us All

B. g. 3, Royal Anthem-Great Red Hope, Red Ransom. Bred by Robert Anderson (Ky).
Owner: Arcadia Stable. Trainer: Jack Fisher. Jockey: Willie Dowling.
2 races, 1 win. \$30,400.

Picked the right race to win when he closed late to take Far Hills' Gladstone and clinch the title. Like Left Unsaid before him, he was winless in nine starts on the flat (for trainer Mike Stidham) before taking to his new job description this fall. Built off a fifth in his hurdle debut at Virginia Fall and relished the ground at Far Hills when he was up late to defeat nine others.

Champion Owner — The Fields Stable

Came from nowhere to launch into title contention when Your Sum Man (Grand National) and Left Unsaid (Foxbrook) won the day's big prizes at Far Hills. Started just 14 runners in 2009 but earned \$292,000 to outlast a tight group led by Naylor, Pape and the estate of Calvin Houghland. Secured the title on the last day of the season at Palm Beach when Naylor (\$288,025) was unable to bridge the gap.

Leading Horse — Mixed Up

B. g. 10, Carnivalay-Oh Nonsense, Oh Say. Bred by Bill Pape and Jonathan Sheppard (Pa).
Owner: Bill Pape. Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard. Jockeys: Danielle Hodsdon, Xavier Aizpuru.
8 races, 4 wins, 1 second, 1 third. \$184,495.

Thankfully made sense of a year-long conundrum in the open stakes division when he defied logic to win the 2 3/4-mile Colonial Cup at the ripe age of 10. Along the way he cemented his and his trainer's greatness with wins in the Imperial Cup at Aiken, a Block House allowance and the A.P. Smithwick at Saratoga. The only horse to win two Grade I stakes on the year claims his first title after a 2008 season that had him all but forgotten based on just two runs that resulted in distant defeats. Sheppard used those disappointments to take advantage of the condition book in this spring before readying for an eventful summer/fall campaign that including a 50-length defeat in the Turf Writers at Saratoga and a seventh in Belmont's Lonesome Glory. Skipped the Grand National due to the soft ground and readied for the Colonial Cup, that was thought to be too far — even when he was in his prime. Showed with his game and determined neck win over fellow title contender Red Letter Day that it's never wise to underestimate Sheppard or this 10-year-old champion. *Eclipse Awards vote recognizes official champion with results announced in January.*

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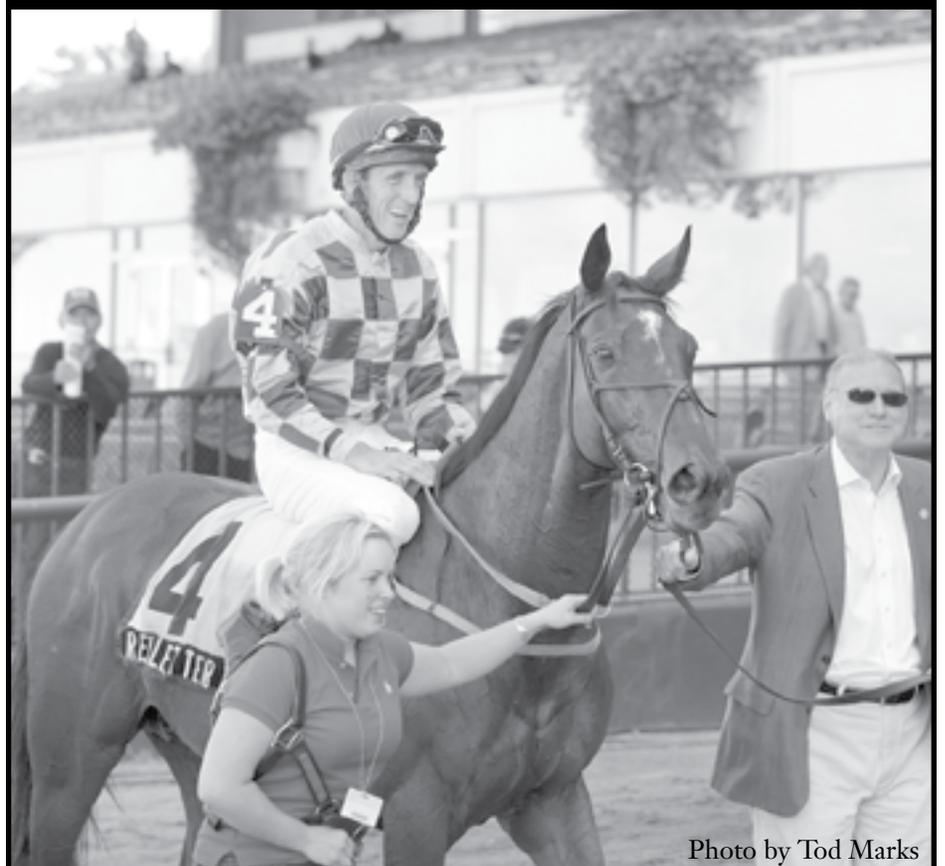


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BY BRIAN NADEAU

Sherry Fenwick took a late fall visit to Jonathan Sheppard's barn to check on Confined, the 5-year-old mare she co-owns with the Hall of Fame trainer. She found the strapping bay nestled nicely in her stall, between flat champions Informed Decision and Forever Together.

Confined fit right in.

Buoyed by a late fall stakes surge, Confined ran away with the NSA's filly/mare championship and reminded Fenwick, who worked for Sheppard in the early 1990s, of the dedication it takes to produce a champion.

"Working with Jonathan and all the great help he had and all the great horses he had, I know just how hard the people and the jumpers work and what they go through, so this makes it very special," Fenwick said. "For five years I did everything from riding and saddling horses to tacking and feeding them lunch every day. I left in 1996 but we remained great pals and I always paid close attention to his stable and over time we've been involved together on some different horses."

Confined, whom Sheppard co-bred with former steeplechase owner Warren Dempsey, quickly moved to the top of Fenwick's list. The daughter of Mojave Moon started her season with a third in Nashville's Margaret Henley in May before venturing to the flat over the summer at Presque Isle Downs. Though Confined lost all three starts, the legwork set her up for a fall campaign that started with a 5-length win in Far Hills' Peapack-Guelph and ended with a gutsy, nose decision over highly regarded stablemate Sweet Shani in Callaway's Crown Royal. The win went a long way in clinching the title, but Sheppard viewed the main track as a pivotal part of the year.

"I think she got some extra seasoning from the flat racing even though she didn't do much in terms of winning," Sheppard said. "She was able to keep ticking over and get some fitness and gain some maturity and that helped going forward to the fall. There's just not a lot to do with a filly over the summer so it worked out well that we could keep her going while maybe some of the others were in some down time."

Confined burst on the hurdle scene in September 2008, when she ran off in a filly/mare maiden by 15 lengths at Shawan Downs. Fenwick braved the elements that day, most notably the rain that forced the cancellation of the card after just two races. She left wet and soggy – and convinced past frustrations as an owner were in the rearview mirror.

"Over the years I've had some tough times with a few horses. I had a filly die when she was a week old, a jumper colic and die at 3 after making one hurdle start and another that bowed early in his career; so I know how tough it can be," she said. "The course at Shawan was a river that day from all the rain but she ran so beautifully when she could have easily not tried; she had her ears pricked and jumped fabulous. I was convinced right there that she was something special. She ran like a champion from the get-go."

Sheppard bred his mare Maternity Leave to Mojave Moon and the mating produced Confined, a full-sister to Desert Vigil, whom Fenwick co-owned with Dempsey. One year Confined's senior, Desert Vigil won a maiden claimer at Radnor in 2007 (and was claimed by Rusty Carrier). Sheppard knew early on that Confined would have family bragging rights.

"Desert Vigil was a useful horse, but on looks alone I always thought Confined had more quality," Sheppard said. "So with her pedigree and being that my horses tend to improve over time, I felt like she had a license to improve into a nice filly as she got older. You can't really say you think a horse will be a champion



Tod Marks

Confined powered away with the filly/mare championship in 2009 thanks to two fall stakes wins.

someday but she has always been a good jumper with a beautiful way of moving."

Championship campaigns seldom go off without a hitch and Confined's came about from simple math. Her win at Callaway gave her \$53,000 on the year. Moon Dolly, confirmed for Palm Beach's \$25,000 filly/mare stakes on the last day of the season, sat with \$38,600. With \$15,000 going to the winner at Palm Beach, the title remained in play.

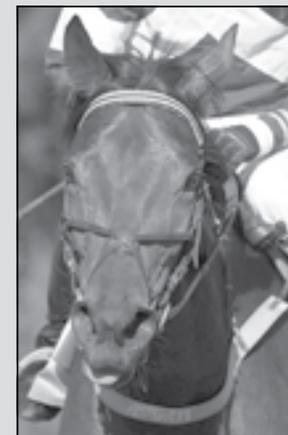
Sheppard weighed the pros and cons and decided to pass. After Moon Dolly ran third, Confined clinched the title and the word intuition was added to the superlatives on his Hall of Fame resume.

"I just thought it over and decided it wasn't right to ship all the way down there after such a long year; Confined's never been a good shipper to begin with, so that's a long way to go to be disappointed," Sheppard said. "And we also felt like we didn't want to push things too much after some tough races and such a big year. Moon Dolly is a really nice horse but there were some other good ones in the race as well so we just decided to take our chances and it worked out."

Confined's success built upon a friendship and working relationship that Fenwick forged with Sheppard almost two decades ago. She's happy to be part of another good horse.

"I've got a long history with Jonathan and have seen the great horses he's trained over the years, so it's great to be able to share in something like this with him," Fenwick said. "From the very beginning he thought she had tremendous class and ability. She has a great presence about her and is a big, spectacular-looking filly."

Just ask Informed Decision and Forever Together.



Confined

B. m. 5, Mojave Moon-Maternity Leave, Northern Baby.
Owner: Sherry Fenwick. **Trainer:** Jonathan Sheppard.
Jockey: Robbie Walsh, Danielle Hodsdon.
Bred by Jonathan Sheppard and Warren Dempsey (PA).

FILLY/MARE HURDLE STANDINGS

Horse	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Confined	3	2	0	1	\$53,000
Dynaskill	6	1	1	2	44,900
Moon Dolly (GB)	7	1	3	1	41,100

First filly/mare steeplechase champion for Sheppard . . . Won rich stakes at Far Hills and Callaway Gardens late in the year to provide bulk of her earnings . . . Didn't clinch championship until Moon Dolly finished third on season's final day at Palm Beach.

Here's Hoping

BY SEAN CLANCY

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Congratulations on the winning races from Saturday. I watched all of them with great interest, especially the last one, the Gladstone. You see I am the breeder and previous owner of Hope For Us All. He ran splendidly and looked quite in his element. When he was sold I had no idea where his new home would be, but felt he needed a new profession. I did not know exactly what would fit him best but did know that the more ground he covered the better he would be. When he finished, he looked ready to go around again.

I'm delighted he is in good hands and has found his strength. I would love to follow his progress but it is difficult to get video of the steeplechase races. I was fortunate to catch the Saturday events (at Far Hills). I still have Hope's mom so maybe another jumping offspring is in the future. Up to this point I have only raced Thoroughbreds on the flats but maybe next time I'll consider getting into steeplechase. What would it cost me to get started?

Again, nice work and good luck. I'm glad Hope lived up to his name . . . there is hope for us all.

Sincerely,
Bob Anderson

Indeed, 3-year-old champion Hope For Us All found his strength. In nine starts on the flat, the son of Royal Anthem picked up a couple of thirds, fourths and fifths but mostly prompted jockeys to shrug "needs more ground" afterward. In two starts over hurdles, he earned a stakes win, \$30,400 and a championship.

Trainer Mike Stidham and assistant Hilary Pridham knew the big Kentucky-bred's strength wasn't at a mile on the synthetic at Arlington Park. Pridham knows steeplechasing from England, and she moved Mark The Shark and others to the jump game. She knew Hope For Us All had a place.

"He was just a big, one-pace type horse. Kind, willing, very sound – a perfect candidate," Pridham said. "I like to find them other things to do if they're not working for us. He always needed more ground, I guess he's got it now. We're delighted for the horse."

Andre Brewster's Arcadia Stable purchased Hope For Us All in late July. The horse made his jump debut at Virginia Fall in early October, won the Gladstone at Far Hills Oct. 17, clinching the 3-year-old championship. His breeder, Bob Anderson, sent the note to trainer Jack Fisher.

The career change and championship came easy. The process was more complicated.

Offered to Fisher and other steeplechase owners and trainers, Hope For Us All bounced around computer screens and conversations but nobody would pull the trigger for most of the summer. Finally, after the horse finished third for maiden claiming \$10,000 at Arlington Park July 16, Fisher relented.

"In the beginning he was for sale and I had one guy I tried and he said no," Fisher said. "Then I'm sitting around with Dr. (James) Kenney at Fair Hill and we're talking about the horse who won the U.N., Presious Passion, and he said that's a really good sire, that would work for you."

Also by Royal Anthem, Presious Passion won the United Nations this summer and finished second in the Breeders' Cup Turf this fall. His game is carrying his speed over a distance of ground.

"Then I'm sitting on the bench at the barn one day and Andre happens to walk in and I said, 'Andre, do you want to buy a horse?'" Fisher said. "I told him the price and he was like, 'That's not really a horse.' I said, 'Come on, I'll split it with you, we can't get killed.' He said, 'All right, whatever you want.'"

Hope For Us All arrived just as Pridham described.



Tod Marks

Hope For Us All took a new road from flat racing to jump racing in 2009.

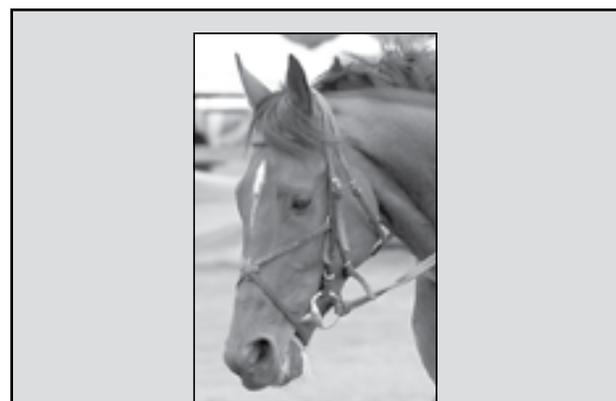
Big, willing, looking for more ground. He took to jumping like Sarah Palin to the limelight and made his debut at Virginia Fall, finishing fifth in a 3-year-old maiden under Willie Dowling. The race set him up perfectly for the \$50,000 Gladstone two weeks later. Hope For Us All pulled hard through the race and wore down Class Century to win by 1 1/4 lengths.

"At Middleburg, I told Andre that we were setting up for Far Hills. He said, 'is he good enough for Far Hills?' I knew he was good enough for Far Hills," Fisher said. "He was always a good jumper from the beginning and I think that's what it takes for 3-year-olds, the best jumper wins. After looking at the PPs for the horses at Far Hills, nobody in there could win a maiden claiming \$20,000. There wasn't a heavy head in there."

Arcadia and Fisher cashed the check and looked toward Camden for Hope For Us All. A subpar schooling session early in the week convinced Fisher to put away the champion.

"I thought something was wrong behind after Far Hills, I had him looked at by a couple of vets and a couple of acupuncturists. Everybody said he was OK. He usually schools brilliantly and he didn't, so I just pulled the plug, it was an easy decision," Fisher said. "Years past, I would have run him, maybe it works out, maybe it doesn't. When it doesn't work, instead of being back in the spring, they'll be back in the spring of 2011."

Fisher pulled Hope For Us All's shoes and plans to have him back in 2010.



Hope For Us All

B. g. 3, Royal Anthem-Great Red Hope, Red Ransom.
Owner: Arcadia Stable. Trainer: Jack Fisher.
Jockey: Willie Dowling. Bred by Bob Anderson (KY).

THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE STANDINGS

Horse	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Hope For Us All	2	1	0	0	\$30,400
Jogja	2	1	0	0	17,500
Class Century	3	0	2	1	14,200
Class Classic	2	1	0	0	7,000

"He's better than average but I do think it was a below-average group of 3-year-olds," Fisher said. "He's a 4-year-old in the novice division next spring, with the weight break, you might get lucky."

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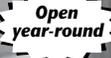
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Graham, whose husband Eddie is a trainer, secured the crown due in large part to her timber choice Irish Prince. The former champion earned \$48,100 on the year, besting McCarron's timber runner Coal Dust (\$21,000). In addition to Irish Prince, Graham scored with Mixed Up and Good Night Shirt (who didn't?) and distanced herself from the majority with novice champion Left Un-said, her maiden choice. Preemptive Strike proved a worthy selection as her third hurdle hurdle runner and Jellyberry paid a few bills in the filly/mare division.

McCarron and third place finisher Dave Green used Left Un-said to climb up the standings and complete the trifecta. The top 34 stables are listed here. Check www.st-publishing.com for the complete standings.

Previous Winners: 2008: Lisa McLane; 2007: Winfield Sapp; 2006: Howard Newstadt; 2005: Pauline Hutchinson; 2004: Vivian Rall; 2003: Employees of Opdyke Truck and Equipment; 2002: Pauline Hutchinson; 2001: Janet Hutson; 2000: McLane Hendriks; 1999: Kelly MacKinnon.

Agador Spartacus Stable	Wendi Graham
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Left Un-said.....	\$137,700
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Irish Prince.....	\$48,100
Preemptive Strike.....	\$35,562
Jellyberry.....	\$15,400
	\$493,257
Armchair Quarterback	Matt McCarron
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Left Un-said.....	\$137,700
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Planets Aligned.....	\$46,590
Coal Dust.....	\$21,000
Diva Maria.....	\$12,000
	\$473,785

Fixucar Farm	Dave Green
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Left Un-said.....	\$137,700
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Dark Equation.....	\$15,036
Diva Maria.....	\$12,000
South Monarch.....	\$5,400
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Jimbo Stable	Joe Clancy
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Left Un-said.....	\$137,700
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Jellyberry.....	\$15,400
South Monarch.....	\$5,400
Torino Luge.....	\$0
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Mets Mania	Brian Nadeau
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Erin Go Bragh.....	\$53,100
Confined.....	\$53,000
Dugan.....	\$33,350
Bee Charmer.....	\$18,000
	\$413,945

Screaming Tabby	Wallace Greenhalgh
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Erin Go Bragh.....	\$53,100
Rare Bush.....	\$49,197
Dugan.....	\$33,350
Won Wild Bird.....	\$2,500
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Ramp Creek	Kathleen Morrow
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Tricky Me.....	\$97,500
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Bubble Economy.....	\$34,500
Sweet Shani.....	\$5,400
Look At Him.....	\$0
	\$393,895

Block House Farm	Chuck Ross
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Erin Go Bragh.....	\$53,100
Preemptive Strike.....	\$35,562
Northern Bay.....	\$22,100
Jellyberry.....	\$15,400
	\$382,657

Don't Know	Jack McVey
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Irish Prince.....	\$48,100
The Price Of Love.....	\$37,500
Northern Bay.....	\$22,100
Perkedintheland.....	\$15,000
	\$379,195

Redbud	Winfield Sapp
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Moon Dolly.....	\$41,100
Preemptive Strike.....	\$35,562
Bubble Economy.....	\$34,500
Rubicon.....	\$9,000
	\$376,657

Irish Mugs	Ann Morss
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Preemptive Strike.....	\$35,562
Bubble Economy.....	\$34,500
Northern Bay.....	\$22,100
Jellyberry.....	\$15,400
	\$364,057

PonyUp	Ashley Monroe
Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
Preemptive Strike.....	\$35,562
Bubble Economy.....	\$34,500
Northern Bay.....	\$22,100
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Mixed Up.....	\$184,495
Good Night Shirt.....	\$72,000
The Price Of Love.....	\$37,500
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Northern Bay.....	\$22,100
Diva Maria.....	\$12,000
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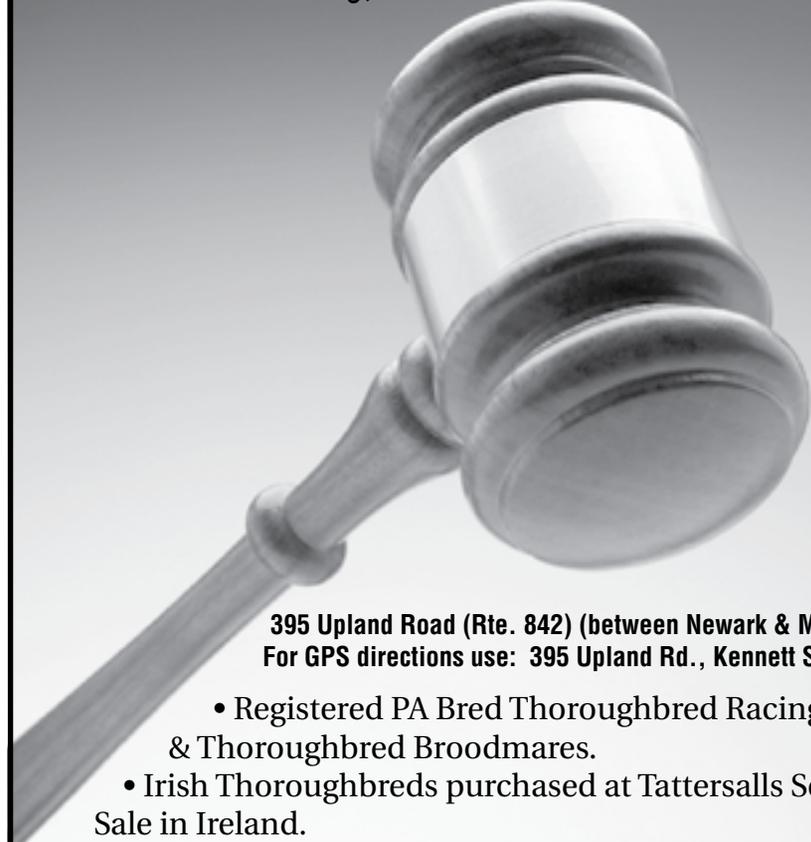
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TIMES EDITORIAL

Schedule must make more sense

American steeplechasing concluded its 2009 season with a variety of numbers.

Participation? Up.

Purses? Down.

The increase in participation (21 more horses) can be partially traced to the weather, it rained more in 2009, but at least it's a positive trend. More horses making more starts in more races can only be a good thing.

The decrease in purse money (\$410,835 less than 2008) is disconcerting. The fall in numbers can be traced to losing the Royal Chase at Keeneland, losing a full card at Kentucky Downs and purse reductions to key stakes at Atlanta, Colonial Cup and Saratoga. It's the biggest decrease in purse money since the jumpers left New York in the early 1970s. This downward trend can also be traced to the struggling world economy, but it will take jumper cables to galvanize purse money to the 2008 level. Like farmland, once it's gone, it usually stays gone.

What will happen in 2010?

In a preliminary report presented at Camden in November, the NSA will welcome back an old friend, Tanglewood. The North Carolina meet will take a slot on May 8, the same day as the Iroquois. Atlanta has cut its purse structure by another \$45,000, hosting a stakes-less card for the first time since the 1960s. Queen's Cup picked up the novice stakes disbanded by Atlanta, increasing its purse offering by \$50,000; the meet has made a dramatic return to prominence, two years after running unsanctioned. Camden's Carolina Cup will carry the same purse of \$75,000 as it did in 2008.

You'll need a Farmer's Almanac to keep track of the date changes and substitutions. Strawberry Hill is planning a move to the weekend of Radnor and High Hope, May 15. Already on shaky ground, High Hope will feel the pinch by that move, competing for the same type of horses with a meet within a couple of hours for most horsemen. High Hope's director, Bill Wofford, was already facing a course concern for 2010 as the World Equestrian Games control much of the Kentucky Horse Park. High Hope is in peril, if anybody hasn't noticed.

If the changes stay as presented, My Lady's Manor will be the only NSA meet on the weekend of April 10. Hey, Manor Committee, want to host some hurdle races? In two years, that weekend has gone from three meets to one. In 2008, Atlanta, My Lady's Manor and Strawberry Hill ran on this weekend. Three was bad, one is awful. It shows little vision.

The logs jam quickly with three meets April 17 and four April 24 and again when three meets (Iroquois, Tanglewood and Willowdale) occur May 8-9. A week later, Radnor and Strawberry Hill take the Saturday slot with High Hope Sunday.

The 2010 schedule makes little sense. It would be like the National Football Association scheduling three games on Monday night and none on Sunday.

With the proposed calendar, the sport continues to spin its wheels, er, dates.



Tod Marks

The Trainer. Jonathan Sheppard (left) keeps an eye on a morning schooler at Springdale Race Course before the Colonial Cup last month.

No Doubts

Achievements continue to set Sheppard apart

"Explain to me why we doubt Sheppard?"

That text came via Steeplechase Times' Brian Nadeau at 5:57.47 Nov. 21, after Mixed Up won the Colonial Cup. The 10-year-old 2-miler won the 40-year-old 2 3/4-mile classic.

Why do we doubt Sheppard?

It's not that we doubt him, it's just sometimes we believe in him less. Mixed Up winning the Colonial Cup? Impossible. He's a racetrack horse, anything beyond 2 miles taxes him. He couldn't do it three years ago when he was younger and spryer. He hasn't been the same since being thrown to the fire in the Turf Writers when carrying top weight. Personally, I think he bled in the Lonesome Glory at Belmont, finally succumbing to the pressure of running without Lasix.

Sheppard wisely skipped Far Hills when it came up soft, but the Colonial Cup? He's stabbing. Pressing. Reaching.

Then he wins. And we wonder why we doubted him, er, why we believed in him less.

We are living in the times of a living legend. The trainer has been in the Hall of Fame for years. Re-break and tabulate his statistics since he got in the Hall of Fame and he'd get in again. He's threatened to reach 1,000 wins (sometime in 2011 probably) and retire from the jump game. The chasm would fortify his competitors – and deprive his disciples.

This year, if it wasn't for Sheppard, his protege Janet Elliot trains a champion in Red Letter Day. Sanna Hendriks (another protege) is lauded for her delicate touch with Preemptive Strike after he wins the A.P.

The Inside Rail

By Sean Clancy

Smithwick. Dynaski dominates Saratoga instead of being upset by Terpsichorean in the final jump race of the meet. Moon Dolly, not Confined, clinches the champion mare title. That's over jumps.

On the flat, Sheppard coddled and controlled Informed Decision to a Breeders' Cup win and a certain championship in the filly/mare sprint division. He engineered another Grade I Diana victory with Forever Together. He turned giveaway Just As Well into a graded stakes winner, finishing the year with a trip to Japan. Sheppard missed going 4-for-4 – by a nose in the Breeders' Cup Marathon – with 9-year-old Cloudy's Knight. The flat world went atwitter over Cloudy's Knight's return from a year layoff to win three stakes. For Sheppard, that's nothing, Cloudy's Knight has a year in hand on Mixed Up and went a mile shorter. Think of what he'll do next year.

Give Sheppard the Eclipse Award for the best trainer in the country. Flat or jumps, no trainer in the world could do what he did this year.

Two champions – at 6 furlongs and 22 furlongs. And a gaggle of accomplishments in between.

All with introspection, humility and a thirst for competition and answers. I used to lobby for another

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assignment when it came to interviewing the man.

Now, I run for the opportunity, tape recorder and notebook on ready.

“Storm Cat was pretty speedy, but I would probably say, just for pure, raw speed, yeah, she’s the fastest,” Sheppard said of Informed Decision. “It’s just how God made her, she’s a running machine. She always works fast. She is fast. What do they say, ‘A loaded gun will go off in anybody’s hand,’ ”

“Good horses tend to get you out of a lot of spots. I’ve done some really stupid things over the years, sometimes it’s worked out and sometimes it hasn’t,” Sheppard said the day before running Forever Together in the Diana. She won.

“You’ve got a sprinter, a middle distance turf horse and a marathoner,” Sheppard said the morning after going 1, 2, 3 with his starters in the Breeders’ Cup. “There’s no rhyme or reason for it, except fate, because presumably I’ve trained them the same way I have for the last 43 years and I’ve never

had three horses like this before. Well, we’ve had a few like Cloudy. . .”

In the jump game, there are those who lived in the Mikey Smithwick era. There are those who learned in the Pete Bostwick era. There are those who believe Burley Cocks, Mickey Walsh, James Ryan were the best who ever lived.

For us, it’s the Sheppard era.

I’ve watched Nadeau become a fan since he began his steeplechasing odyssey with this company. A tried and true flat rat, Nadeau plays Aqueduct’s Guaranteed Pick 4 and knows more about takeout and rail bias than anybody who went to the International Gold Cup and Strawberry Hill this year. Nadeau and Sheppard have become, dare I say, friends. It’s a classic relationship; 69-year-old Englishman, Hall of Famer, Eclipse Awards on his mantel jiving with a 33-year-old New Yorker, National Turf Writer, mutuel tickets in his pocket.

“I just finished my 20-minute Fireside Chat with Jonathan Sheppard,” Nadeau said one day this fall. “Terpsichorean’s waiting for Palm Beach, Just As Well’s going to Tokyo and he thinks something needs to be done with the steeplechase schedule. . .”

Whatever he said, don’t doubt it.



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