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Travers Steam. Belmont Stakes winner Arcangelo leans into the turn for Javier Castellano in a workout Sunday morning. The Travers hopeful went 5 furlongs in 1:00.21 and galloped out 7 furlongs in 1:26.18, a mile in 1:39.03 and 1 1/8 miles in 1:53.36.

Here&There...in Saratoga

By The Numbers

1: Bicycle stolen (OK, maybe just taken) from The Special's office Saturday night. Older Trek, weird frame and suspension, red-ish color, Henry Street Taproom and Saratoga Special stickers on the frame. We'd love to have it back. No questions asked. Thank you.

1: Coffee mug in Joe Clancy's Saratoga rental that definitely doesn't go in the microwave.

24: Beers delivered from Lexington's West Sixth Brewery to The Special. Let's just say we're rooting a bit harder for Cherie DeVaux's horses.

1:00.21: Time for Belmont Stakes winner Arcangelo to breeze 5 furlongs Sunday morning. Travers Day, here he comes.

Worth Repeating

"This is like any job. If you want to do it right, you have to work at it. People think agents just show up and spend people's money."

Bloodstock agent David Ingordo, about buying yearlings

"All that stuff they put in the front of the catalog, it's pretty simple and it should be in every language, 'Buyer beware and do your homework.' "

Ingordo, with some sales advice

"Bring back The Chief."

Trainer Mitch Friedman earlier in the week

"They've got hundreds of them over there."

The Special's Tom Law, to someone who wanted to borrow a sales catalog

Names of the Day

Most sales yearlings don't come with names. If they do, it's up to the buyer as changes can be made until the horse races. A handful in the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga catalog:

Laugh. The bay filly is Hip 172 in the sale and she was – of course – named by Peter Blum Thoroughbreds. She's by Practical Joke out of Spirit.

Lady Liberty. The bay filly is Hip 157. She's by Constitution.

Wren. The bay filly is Hip 138 and we just like the way the name sounds. She's by Into Mischief out of Rare Event. Wrens don't seem that rare, though they probably could create some mischief depending on the situation.

Incredible. Another Blum-bred, Hip 81 is a gray colt by Authentic.



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Worth Repeating

"I've gotten outshook on a few and haven't been really upset. They weren't the ones where you're like, 'Man, I really hope I get that one.' "

Trainer Bruce Brown, on claiming horses

"The only good thing that Covid did for me was it forced me to use the digital catalog. I was always a catalog guy, never used the iPad before."

Bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, who has fully embraced technology

"Of course, I picked prime time to do it, after first break, in front of everybody." Trainer Brendan Walsh after he and his pony tripped and fell Saturday morning

"She looks unbelievably well. I'm really excited about it." Trainer Tom Morley about running Grannys Connection in the Union Avenue Friday

"She's training very well and there's been no glitches."

Trainer Dave Duggan about Union Avenue hopeful Kant Hurry Love

"'Si way' is still our favorite."

Davant Latham about a classic Worth Repeating that followed "no way" on the Saratoga backstretch many summers ago

"My husband's name is Bob Weir. It causes a lot of confusion."

TRF's Kimberly Weir Sunday morning

"She blows me away every time."

Trainer John Ortiz about Adirondack winner Brightwork

"We're looking for that purple saddle towel."

Ortiz, about the long-term goal for Brightwork

The Chief

The Special enjoyed a long, fun, fruitful relationship with Hall of Fame trainer Allen "The Chief" Jerkens. He filled notebooks, recorders (tape and digital) and brains with stories, wisdom, advice, opinions, history, perspective and more for 15 seasons of this newspaper even if he wasn't sure what to make of us at the beginning. For years, we ran a daily quote. We'll try to bring one back, like this gem about sprint star Kelly Kip and jockey Jean-Luc Samyn, as often as we can.

"Kelly Kip had that extra gear, the good ones have that extra gear. One thing about Jean Luc when he was breezing, he would look over to me and see if I was going to wave him on, he was working here one day, he was literally flying anyway. I still to this day don't know whatever made me wave him on, and he still put those legs out further. He must have gone that eighth in :10 and change. God, he was a runner. Why I waved him on, I don't know. I guess I just wanted to see it."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This sport needs good encouragement for good, young people if we want to sustain it." Bill Simon of WSS Racing. about supporting trainer John Ortiz







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Graham Motion juggled dirt workers, turf workers, a revolving gaggle of visitors and a scheduled Stable Tour on a somber Sunday morning in Saratoga.

"We better do this right now," Motion said as he walked down the shedrow of his barn, behind Shug McGaughey's barn and in front D. Wayne Lukas' barn along the Fifth Avenue side of the Oklahoma backstretch. The Special's Sean Clancy followed orders as the Kentucky Derby-winning trainer inspected his dozen horses based in Saratoga.

The Grey Wizard: Owned by Eclipse Thoroughbreds and Albert Frassetto, the Irish-bred has picked up two allowance wins for Motion and has hit the board in three stakes, including the Belmont Gold Cup going 2 miles in June. The 4-year-old finished sixth in the Bowling Green here July 30.

"He's going to run in the John's Call. Disappointing the other day. I don't know if coming off the 2-mile race . . . he's always slow from the gate but he just took a long time to get into the race. Unfortunately, (Richard Mullen, jockey of Rebel's Romance who clipped heels) came off just when he was starting to pick up horses, not that he was going to do a great deal, but he did impede him when he was going to make a little bit of a run. The John's Call will suit him, he needs distance. I'm going to keep him up here, sharpen him up a little bit. He's a very honest horse, a lovely horse, a kind horse. Everything I've asked him to do, he's done really well. He just needs distance."

Frivole: Imported to the United States after winning once in France, the daughter of Anodin won at Churchill Downs before finishing seventh in the Grade 3 Robert G. Dick at Delaware Park July 1.

"She's in today. She won an allowance at Churchill. Ran her in the Robert Dick, she was disappointing, the grass was very soft that day, I'm obviously a little concerned about that today." Update. Manny Franco pulled up Frivole around the clubhouse turn of Sunday's fourth race. "Manny said she spooked at something by the wire, possibly the cameras and took a funny step. She walked back into her stall and all X-rays seem good. Thank God."

Drilling For Gold: Entered for the turf Saturday, the son of Twirling Candy lagged early and finished fifth after the 2-year-old race was moved to the dirt. Owned by Golden Lion Racing, the bay colt chilled in his stall the morning after.

"This colt I'm kicking myself for running him (Saturday), he's a half to Say The Word, everything in his family is grass. He trained OK on the dirt at Fair Hill, but he's a grass horse. He got creamed coming out of the gate, which took him out of the game, didn't help. I'd like to keep him up here and run him on the grass at the end



of the meet. I have a month, so I think I will get to run him on the grass. He's a lovely horse. You know me, I try not to bring 2-year-olds up here unless I like them obviously."

Gypsy Mischief: The 2-year-old posted his fourth breeze at Saratoga Sunday morning.

"Into Mischief with a blue eye. He just breezed a half. He's going to run up here. Handles the dirt. I'm always a little reluctant to run 2-year-olds on the dirt here because it's so competitive, but I do like him."

Speaking Scout: Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' 4-year-old has racked up four wins and \$646,093 in a 19-race career. Winner of the Grade 1 Hollywood Derby to finish his 3-year-old season, the son of Mr Speaker hasn't won this year but has picked up checks in five stakes, including a fourth in the Fasig-Tipton Lure Saturday.

"Ran a good race on soft turf and I don't think he really cared for it. I don't think I'll run him back up here. He's been a really consistent horse, a really useful horse. He was fourth, he ran a respectable race."

No Show Sammy Jo: British-bred daughter of Lope De Vega finished fourth in her debut and came back to break her maiden at Belmont Park for Bridlewood Farm and Madaket Stable.

"This filly has been up here. It came off the grass the first time I had her up here. She's in on Thursday. Manny (Franco) is going to work her five-eighths this morning. She's run twice, she won second time out at Belmont. She's a filly with a future. She's stakes caliber."

Surprenant Cocca: Purchased by Whitehorse and Madaket as a weanling for \$105,000, the bay filly posted her third breeze at Saratoga Sunday morning.

"She's a Catholic Boy 2-year-old filly. I'm going to start her on the grass up here. She's going to need the two turns. Talking to Jonathan (Thomas, Catholic Boy's trainer), he thinks a lot of these Catholic Boys appreciate the grass. It makes sense. I believe there's a race for her next weekend. She breezed this morning. She's breezed on the grass earlier in the meet. I would have breezed her on the grass today, but they had to be allowance horses."

Federalist Papers: Elkstone purchased the daughter of More Than Ready for \$150,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Horses of Racing Age Sale this summer. She won two races for her former connections and was in Sunday (she finished second).

"She's been with us since the beginning of the meet. Brendan (Walsh) ran her the last time. She's had a couple of breezes up here; she missed a couple of works with a foot abscess before she came to me."

Olkovskha: Owned by Madaket Stable and Alain Jalthiere, the French-bred daughter of Zelzal won twice in France before joining Motion.

"She was a private purchase by Madaket. Her race came off the grass the other day. She's in the mile-and-an-eighth race with No Show Sammy Jo. She needs more ground: I think this will be



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a little sharp for her. My thought was if I run her in this race, she can catch the longer race at the end of the meet. She's only run for me once. I was a little disappointed, but I might have run her a little short. It's sometimes hard with these European horses, you just don't quite know their level of fitness or what they were doing when they came to you. I think she'll be useful."

Carina Nebula: Flaxman homebred is by Into Mischief out of millionaire Daisy Devine.

"She runs today (finished ninth). I really like this filly. Again, I'm worried about the soft turf. For these 2-year-olds, it's a lot. First time on soft turf. Already, you're running them two turns which is a lot to ask. Now, you're throwing in the caveat of soft turf. I wouldn't bring her up here if I didn't like her."

Honest Al: Purchased for \$17,000 as a yearling, the son of Always Dreaming finished third in his debut here July 20 and came back to win here Aug. 4.

"He won the other day, the auction race. I think they're a great idea. It's fantastic. It's a great opportunity and makes so much sense. Very cool horse and he ran very respectably the first time I ran him, and I do think he'll be better on the grass. I want to get him on the grass."

Naptown: Ontario-bred son of Munnings breezed 5 furlongs on the Oklahoma in 1:01.54 Sunday morning.

"He just worked with Gypsy Mischief. I'm going to run him in a sprint on the grass next weekend. Obviously, I like him, or I wouldn't bring him up here. But it's deep waters up here with the 2-year-olds. I like to start them on the grass,



Tod Marks

Spendarella targets Saturday's Beverly D at Colonial Downs.

it's a little easier. They have to be so fast on the dirt, they get the kickback. At least on the grass, if you miss the break, it doesn't matter so much. Even if they're not necessarily a grass horse, it's an easier introduction for them. The ones I bring up here, that's what I like to do with them."

Nagirroc: Owned by Little Red Feather, Madaket and William Strauss, the 3-year-old son of Lea has yet to miss the board in eight starts, including two stakes. Motion scratched him from the Hall of Fame Stakes which was then canceled with horses in the paddock because of storms Friday.

"He runs in the Secretariat. We had always planned on running him there. He breezed yesterday at Fair Hill. I'm glad I didn't bring him up here after what happened."

Romagna Mia: A recent purchase by Team Valor, the British-bred 4-year-old won a Group 2 stakes in Italy in October.

"She came over to run in the Beverly D. She breezed (Saturday) at Fair Hill. She's useful. I've literally had her a month. I've breezed her the one time. She's graded stakes caliber in Europe. She certainly went nicely yesterday but I don't know that much about her. I know the form of her races is pretty good."

Spendarella: Gainesway Stable's homebred has yet to finish worse than second in seven starts. The New York-bred daughter of Karakontie won her debut last February and has garnered three graded stakes wins, including the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks last summer. She finished second behind the Chad Brown-trained In Italian in the Grade 1 Just A Game at Belmont Park June 9.

"Knock on wood, good. I didn't want to take on Chad's filly again in the Diana. I know she was beaten but I just circled the Beverly D and we've stuck to that plan."

Sy Dog: Head of Plains Partners' homebred son of Slumber sports three wins and \$504,050 in earnings.

"I might bring him up here to run in the John's Call. He was third to King Vega in a nice allowance race, ran fine, a good third. He might appreciate the extra ground in the John's Call."

King Vega: HPG Thoroughbreds' son of Lope De Vega returned for his first start since October to dead heat in a tough allowance at Colonial Downs Thursday.

"He was in the sale (in the fall) and he had a little chip so they scratched him. We've given him a lot of time and it's taken us a long time to get him back."

Sopran Basilea: Irish-bred 5-year-old finished fourth in the Glens Falls Thursday. As she was galloping out, she suffered an injury and was euthanized.

"Terrible. Just desperate. She's never had an issue, ever since she came to us, she's been straightforward. Very generous, an overachiever and ran a very respectable race. I don't know what happened. Just devastating. She was such an honest, genuine filly. Unfortunately, sometimes it's those ones who get hurt. Very upsetting."

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Stage Time

Spa yearling market set for 102nd edition

The horses are here. The buyers are here. The weather will probably be here – look for tents out back. And the stage is ready.

BY TOM LAW

The stage that is the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale sits under some mighty bright lights. And unlike the action down East Avenue where everyone can come play with a spin through the turnstiles, this version of Saratoga isn't for everyone. It's for the best of the best, and sellers and Fasig-Tipton officials hope the combination of physically attractive yearlings with

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The sales grounds were busy with showings Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The bidding starts tonight.

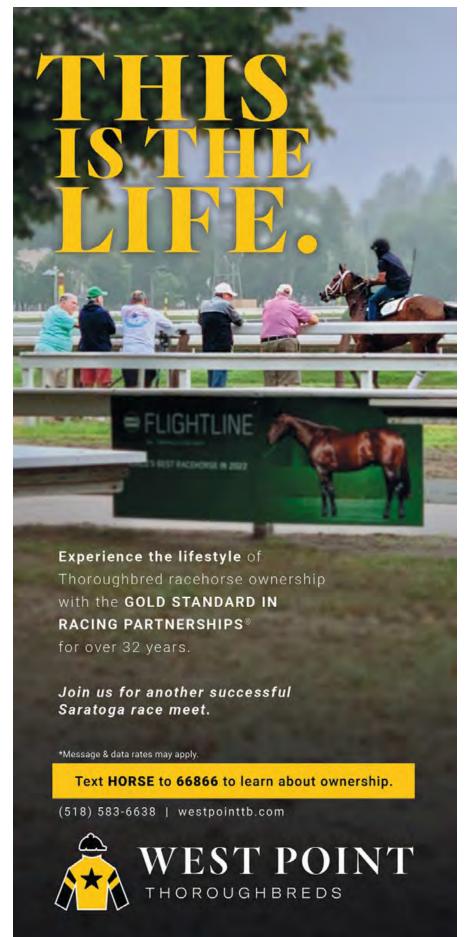


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pedigrees to match equate to stellar results in the sales ring Monday and Tuesday.

"It's the perfect place to sell the right horse," Fasig-Tipton's Boyd Browning Jr. said Sunday afternoon inside the Humphrey S. Finney sales pavilion, where the action gets underway at 6:30 p.m. today and Tuesday. "We're a little more than 24 hours before the start of the sale, you try to think of what you could do differently and you always try to do everything possible to set the stage. We don't control the market but we help create the market. We've assembled a tremendous group of physical individuals on the grounds with the pedigrees to match. Our inspection team has done a remarkable job, in conjunction with the breeders and consignors of these horses."

The 102nd Saratoga Sale goes off on the heels of some amazing results by recent graduates. Buyers, sellers and onlookers will be greeted by a banner of Flightline on the sales pavilion, commemorating the sale of the 2022 Horse of the Year for \$1 million at the 2019 edition.

Fasig-Tipton also boasts a pair of other graduates in this year's news cycle in National Treasure, this year's Preakness winner who sold

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for \$500,000 in 2021; and Songbird, inducted into the Hall of Fame last week and a \$400,000 purchase at the 2014 sale. The list continues, and Browning is optimistic for more top-level graduates.

"The consistency of the product that we have the opportunity to sell has improved," Browning said. "That's due in part to the success the sellers have had in the sales ring and also because of the success the buyers have seen on the racetrack. They go hand-in-hand. The pendulum is always in motion in terms of the market and the sales and so forth. People have a high level of confidence in bringing a top-quality horse to Saratoga. It's our responsibility to do everything we can to fulfill that."

Familiar names and newcomers alike have brought yearlings to the sales grounds hoping for what they call "Saratoga magic."

The Bandoroff family's Denali Stud has seen plenty through the years, dating back to when the operation was known as Crystal Springs.

Denali sold one of the 14 seven-figure yearlings last year, a colt by Gun Runner purchased by Coolmore for



Tod Marks

Denali returns with another consignment, including Hip 111.







Mark Taylor (right) keeps things moving at Taylor Made.

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\$1.4 million. They also sold a Munnings filly for \$700,000 who made an impression winning her second start at Saratoga Race Course July 23.

"This is the summer place to be, we like to bring nice horses up here to sell," said Conrad Bandoroff, taking a break from his lunch Sunday outside the Denali consignment in its usual spot in Barn 7A across Madison Avenue. "We always try to pick out one or two of the best horses from our own crop at the farm, because this is just a magnificent place to present and sell a horse. We call it the Saratoga magic.

"We saw it last year. We brought up a Munnings filly who has gone on to be Sam's Treasure, who was a queen. It isn't normally a pedigree that we would earmark for Saratoga but she was so nice physically.

"She showed over 255 times and coming up, we thought if she could bring \$300,000 or \$400,000, that would be amazing. She brought \$700,000. That's the definition of Saratoga magic. We love to sell here. Buyers love to shop here on the grounds and see these nice horses.

You can catch lightning in a bottle here."

Mark Taylor hopes to catch some of that lightning in Taylor Made's consignments spread between Barn 7B and across George Street in Barn 10.

The group includes one expected star of the sale in Hip 165, a colt by leading sire Curlin out of Hall of Famer and four-time champion Beholder. He sells Tuesday night. Taylor Made sold a pair of seven-figure yearlings during last year's blockbuster Saratoga Sale.

"I'm optimistic," Taylor said.
"From what I'm hearing in general there are very good horses on the grounds. Within our own consignment this is the most solid, across-the-board, consistent-good physicals we've ever brought up here. That's the recipe for success. If you bring the quality physical horse, that's what the market is responding to. Saratoga is a special place to buy, a lot of people like to be up here and I think it's going to be good."

Good doesn't describe last year's Saratoga Sale, which saw those 14 seven-figure yearlings and record sales of \$66,955,000 for 143 horses sold. That marked a 21.4 percent increase



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from the previous year. Records were also set for average price (\$468,217) and median (\$375,000).

Fasig-Tipton cataloged 235 yearlings for this year's sale, up 8.8 percent from 216 last year. By the time selling was complete 143 were sold at an 80 percent clearance rate. Eighteen scratches were reported by Fasig-Tipton through Sunday evening.

Activity on the sales grounds was brisk for the three days of showing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with the usual lulls around the races. All the major domestic players are in town for the sale, along with a larger than usual contingent of overseas buyers.

Meg Levy, celebrating her 25th consignment at Saratoga, likes what she's seen from her usual spot replete with Bluewater Sales' famous ice cream machine between Barns 4 and 5.

"All the right people are here," she said while Hip 103, a colt by Triple Crown winner and top second-crop sire Justify was shown. "It's great to see several Japanese groups here. Fasig

does such a great job recruiting the right people. It is wonderful to see the Japanese here. We'll see how it falls out. Have you ever heard that phrase, cautiously optimistic? Maybe 1,000 times, right? But that's what we are."

Fergus Galvin saw similar heavy traffic at the Hunter Valley Farm consignment in Barn 2 and takes the same outlook into tonight's opening session.

"We're showing and we're busy," Galvin said. "We started showing here Friday and it's been steady the whole time. The right people are here, giving all signs for it to be a good sale. We're definitely happy with the action and hopefully it converts into some big prices. You never can tell but the signs are good."

Lane's End consigned Flightline, a son of Tapit out of the Indian Charlie mare Feathered, for Jane Lyon's Summer Wind Equine at the 2019 sale. He attracted plenty of presale buzz and lived up to the hype in the sales ring, landing a \$1 million bid from West Point Thoroughbreds on the first night.

Flightline went unbeaten in six

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age 18 Hip 8 will be part of the first group in the walking ring tonight.



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starts, including a dominant performance in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland, before retiring to stand at Lane's End in Versailles, Ky.

The Farish family's Lane's End brought six yearlings to Saratoga this year and Director of Sales Allaire Ryan sees reason for optimism.

"The traffic has been great," she said. "I've seen more international buyers here, too. That's fantastic and they've done a great job recruiting people to come out. That's what a select sale should be, even if it's only a couple hundred horses. It's a great group."

Yearlings by Flightline are still a few years away from the Saratoga sales ring, but there's plenty of depth to the roster of stallions represented this year.

The top nine stallions on the North American general sire list – Into Mischief, Curlin, Uncle Mo, Gun Runner, Quality Road, American Pharaoh, Munnings, Not This Time and Hard Spun – are all represented with yearlings. Tapit had eight yearlings cataloged, and promising young sires Authentic, Good Magic, Justify, McKinzie, Tiz The Law, Tom's d'Etat and War Of Will also have yearlings in the sale.

"We have 55 stallions represented," Browning said. "We really want to do that. It's typical of what we do. We want to have diversity. I don't think it's healthy to get too concentrated to a limited number of sires. You never know who is going to emerge. We have some exciting new stallions in the catalog, we have all the top stallions represented and we have all the new potential superstars like Good Magic, Justify, Bolt d'Oro and so forth. We do try to have a balance as far as stallion representation."



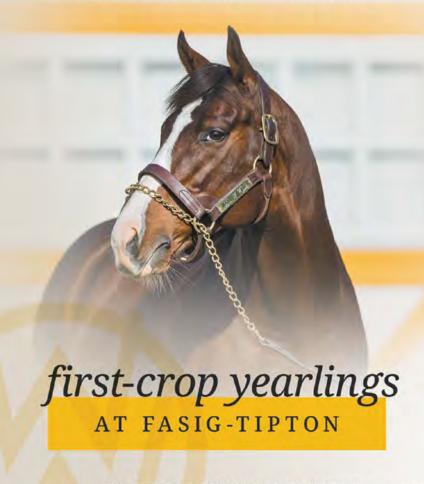
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Saratoga Moms

Some Fasig-Tipton yearlings bring extra connection to ring

BY NOLAN CLANCY

Bret Jones remembers watching Indian Pride, a family horse bred and owned by his father Brereton Jones, debut at Saratoga in 2019.

"One of the most fun days we ever had at Saratoga was the day that Indian Pride made her first start," Jones said. "We've never had a horse have a debut like she had."

The daughter of Proud Citizen out of Ms. Cornstalk won a 6-furlong maiden special weight by 8 lengths in 1:09.45 Aug. 28, 2019

Tonight, her first son hits the ring at Humphrey S. Finney Sales Pavilion as Hip 79 at the 102nd Fasig Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearling sale. The Jones family's Airdrie Stud brings the bay colt by American Pharoah to

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Saratoga carrying stallion star-power that needs no introduction.

But Jones thinks the strong Saratoga performances from Indian Pride, including her commanding debut and a victory in the 2020 Shine Again Stakes, might make her son stand out from the crowd of more than 200 yearlings Monday and Tuesday night.

"The track announcer, I think the exact line was 'Indian Pride is something special!' which is amazing to hear about a first start," Jones said.

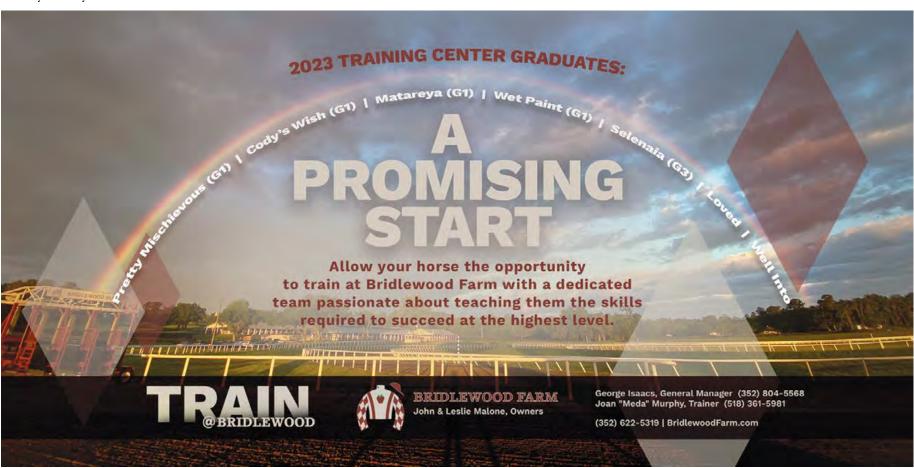
Larry Collmus said just that, sandwiched between "Boy did she live up to the billing" and "she was never

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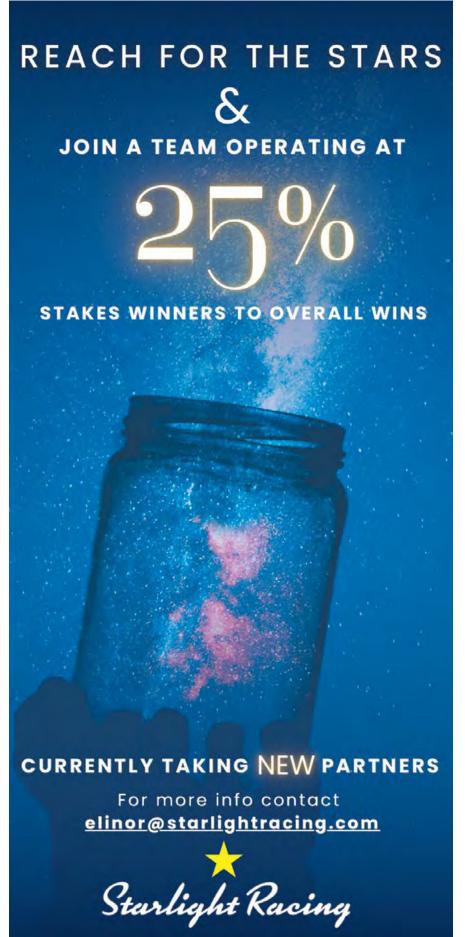
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Airdire Stud's Hip 79 is out of double Saratoga winner Indian Pride.



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asked to run!" as the filly stormed home under a hand ride by Javier Castellano.

Indian Pride won three of her four starts in a career shortened by a bout with pneumonia.

"Even though it was an abbreviated career, having those two wins over the Saratoga track is always about as good of advertising as there is," Jones said. "We haven't sold here in 40 years, we knew we needed to bring up a special horse if we were going to, and I think we did. [Indian Pride] was the type of filly that when you'd watch her train, people would come over and ask you 'Who's that filly?' so I think people knew her name."

Hip 43. Ch. c., by Curlin out of Farrell. Hip 135. B. c., by Into Mischief out of Rachel's Valentina.

Taylor Made Farm brings two sons of Saratoga standouts to this week's sale.

"I just think it's really cool from a presentation standpoint to the buyers, because a lot of them will make comments about that, like 'I remember when she ran up here'," said Taylor Made President and CEO Mark Taylor. "It's human nature that you're going to recall that, and then this horse might be able to replicate its mother. They're both just really nice horses too, regardless of what their dams won or did, they're just horses you're proud to bring out."

Farrell won eight races in 19 starts for Coffeepot Stables and Wayne Catalano, including Saratoga's Grade 3 Shuvee in 2018. She earned \$1,098,777 in her racing career.

"He's a little bit different type of Curlin. To me he's a little more stretchy and refined . . . I think he gets that from the mare's side," Taylor said. "To me it's a really good complement. The horse is very correct, and if you're trying to buy a horse that can go run in classic races, he looks like he would fit the mold."

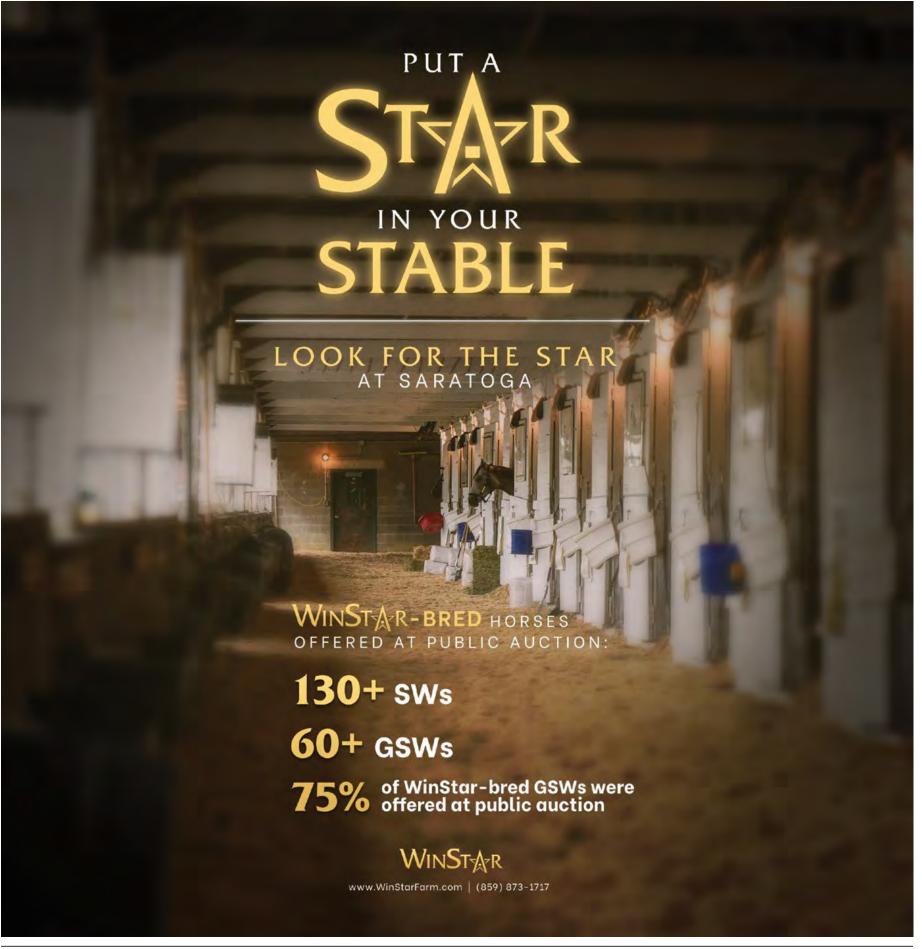
Rachel's Valentina won her debut and the Grade 1 Spinaway at Saratoga in 2015 for Todd Pletcher and Stonestreet Stables. Her son is a full-brother to 5-year-old horse Alejandro and 3-year-old filly Mija, with Steve Asmussen and Todd Pletcher, respectively.

"I first saw this horse out at Ston-



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Hip 43 is out of Saratoga stakes winner Farrell.







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Hip 15, from the first crop of Tom's d'Etat, is out of Schuylerville winner Catherinethegreat.

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estreet probably two-and-a-half months ago, and they have one barn you go to on Stonestreet when you first drive in," Taylor said. "And if you get one out of that barn, you're very happy . . . The collector's items, generally speaking, are in that first barn

"A lot of times my notes will be five sentences, and on that horse it was just, 'Wow.'"

Hip 15: Ch. f., by Tom's d'Etat out of Catherinethegreat.

Catherinethegreat won the 2018 Grade 3 Schuylerville for trainer Mark Casse and owner John Oxley and ELiTE Sales brings her WinStar Farm-bred daughter to Saratoga.

"It's great to sell for WinStar, an Eclipse Award-winning breeder. The first foal they retained and is in training at WinStar, doing well," said EliTE Sales founder Brad Weisbord. "They're such a great organization led by great people. They know they need to select their best physicals to come up here. David Hanley even made the comment that she might

even be better looking than the mare. And the mare was fast."

Hip 15 gets some Saratoga push from her first-crop sire's side too as Tom's d'Etat won a maiden race here in 2016, captured the 2019 Alydar Stakes and was third in the Grade 1 Whitney in 2020.

"Physically she's going to match up with everybody on the sales grounds and she looks fast like the mom. She looks exactly like she should look and we're excited to bring her to the market."

Hip 59: Ch. c., by Tapit out of Granny Mc's Kitten.

The bay Kitten's Joy mare won the P.G. Johnson Stakes as a 2-year-old in 2013 and posted allowance wins in each of the next two years at Saratoga for Ken and Sarah Ramsey and Chad Brown. Granny Mc's Kitten has already had two foals make the races in stakes-placed Hop Kat and stakes winner Sister Lou Ann.

The mare out of Granny Franny earned \$305,793 in a three-year racing career. Mulholland Springs brings her son, along with a small string in Fasig Tipton's Barn 4 to the sale.

"I'm sure people see that and peo-



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ple will recognize the mare and recognize the family," said John Mulholland. "Certainly people that follow the racing here no doubt. Certainly nothing wrong with having something that's won up here."

Hip 74: B. c., by Constitution out of Icon Project.

Icon Project began her career overseas before coming to America for owner Andrew Rosen and trainer Marty Wolfson. She won the Grade 1 Personal Ensign in 2009, her last race before retirement from a racing career where she earned \$660,965.

Her son came to Saratoga with Lane's End Farm, set up in Fasig Tipton's barn 7C.

"It's cool to have something come full circle," said Allaire Ryan, director of sales for Lane's End. "There's so much that has to line up, apart from pedigree, for horses to get to this sale, so it's kind of the cherry on top when you think about it.

"This colt, he's been a straight-

forward individual all along and one we've liked including as a weanling on the farm. Positioning him for this sale was a seamless effort on his part and on ours. It's fun to have something like that."

Hip 116: B. f., by City Of Light out of Nellie Cashman.

The Pennsylvania-bred mare crossed the wire first but placed third via disqualification in the 2013 Lake Placid. She earned \$349,839 in a three-year career, winning the Grade 3 Virginia Oaks at Colonial Downs and Dahlia Stakes at Pimlico for trainer Tres Abbott and owner Sycamore Racing.

"Nellie Cashman was a beast, obviously she ran great here, ran down at Colonial Downs and took her game to multiple places, but obviously she loved the Spa," said Zach Madden of Buckland Sales.

Purchased by Calumet Farm after her racing career, Nellie Cashman has four foals of racing age, most notably Bendoog, a Dubai-based Gun Runner colt who finished sixth in the Dubai World Cup for trainer Bhupat Seemar.





AGE 28 Hip 74's dam Icon Project won the Grade 1 Personal Ensign at Saratoga in 2009.



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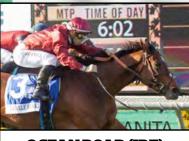
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"Her daughter's beautiful, love her physically . . . Hopefully people do sort of see the Saratoga in her as well as just an overall really good pedigree," Madden said. "I do think there's a few people that see that, and we're here so it's kind of a good little refresher."

Hip 123: Dk. b./br. c., by Tapit out of Paola Queen.

The daughter of Flatter won the 2016 Grade 1 Test Stakes for Grupo Seven C Stable and trainer Gustavo Delgado. Paola Queen has already delivered huge sales results at Saratoga for Gainesway Farm.

A colt by Into Mischief sold for \$2.6 million to Coolmore's M.V. Magnier at this sale in 2021. Last year, an Into Mischief filly sold to Kohki Maeda for \$1.2 million. Named Mugen, she finished third in her debut at Saratoga July 30.

"It's pretty sweet to bring that up here. We tried it twice already, both slam dunks. We topped the sale the first time and got \$1.2 million for the second, and now we've got this guy here who's a pretty big standout in his own right," said Brian Graves, general manager at Gainesway Farm. "Whether it adds to the price or not I don't know, I think just the quality of a race like the Test just speaks for itself."

Hip 156: B. c., by Into Mischief out of Separationofpowers.

Separation of powers won the 2018 Grade 1 Test for Klaravich Stables and Chad Brown.

The bay daughter of Candy Ride also won first time out at Saratoga in 2017, kicking off a career where she amassed \$964,000 with four wins in 10 starts.

She sends her son to Fasig-Tipton Saratoga with Hunter Valley Farm.

"He's a nice colt. Looks very fast. Great body. Looks very similar to the mare," said Fergus Galvin, owner of Hunter Valley Farm. "Obviously with it being a Test winner it swayed our way of thinking as far as bringing him up here. It is one of the top 3-year-old filly races on the calendar.

"We thought he would fit here. It's going well. Beautiful mare. She has another Into Mischief on the ground and she's in foal to Flightline."



Tod Marks

Hip 116 is out of Nellie Cashman, who crossed the line first in the 2013 Lake Placid.





Poster Boy

Even in retirement, Flightline towers over East Ave., sales

BY JOE CLANCY

That giant Flightline poster on the side of the Humphrey S. Finney Sales Pavilion on East Avenue? Yeah, David Ingordo has seen it.

"It's very gratifying," the bloodstock agent said last week. Ingordo was part of the group that landed the 2022 Horse of the Year for \$1 million at the 2019 Saratoga sale. Officially, West Point Thoroughbreds made the purchase

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but Flightline was soon shared by a group that included Hronis Racing, Siena Farm, breeder Summer Wind Equine and Woodford Racing. Ingordo saw a yearling he loved, the bidding reached seven figures and they wound up with an undefeated star whose basically life-sized image graces the building this summer.

Ingordo passed credit for Flightline, who didn't race until his 3-year-old year, along to the owners and trainer John Sadler.

"They did the right thing," Ingordo said. "The owners should be commended, and I don't think he becomes what he is without John Sadler. Other people might have been seduced by his



Tod Marks

Flightline, then just Hip 80, walks the sales grounds in 2019.



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speed and ability and made bad decisions. The horse made us wait, through no fault of his own a couple times, but the owners never questioned what we did. You give a million for a horse, there are expectations. They never, ever questioned what was right and that's why he was what he was."

Flightline was brilliant from the start, the start was just delayed thanks to a cut on his right hindquarters from backing into a stall latch as a 2-year-old. The injury took 90 days to heal and left a scar that could be compared to a lightning bolt, or an overhead map of a volcanic island. He won his debut, a 13 1/4-length thrashing, at Santa Anita in April 2021. The plan, Ingordo said, was to run once more in California and come to Saratoga for the Grade 1 Allen Jerkens on Travers Day.

"There was a work and it was very average," said Ingordo, who watched it with Sadler. "I had never seen him work at the track and thought maybe that was just him. We got in the car and John said, 'I didn't like that.' He ended up stepping on a rock, missed the race we were pointing him to which would have been the bridge to the Jerkens."



Flightline wins the 2022 Met Mile, almost three years after selling at Saratoga.

Instead, Flightline didn't run until Sept. 5 – an easy allowance win – and then won the Grade 1 Malibu at Santa Anita in December. Delayed again by a strained hock in early 2022, he didn't run until June and blitzed through the Met Mile at Belmont Park. Then came more domination in the Pacific

Classic and Breeders' Cup Classic, a Horse of the Year crown and retirement to Lane's End as a stallion.

Like everybody, Ingordo would have loved to see more races, but he keeps it in perspective.

"As easy as he made those races look, a horse like him never doesn't put in 110 percent," Ingordo said. "He might put in 150 percent and that took something out of him. They did the right thing with him."

Shopping at Saratoga

Ingordo likes the select nature of the Saratoga sale, in part because at least some of the work has been done by the consignors and the sales company.

"The first thing is the consignors and breeders and owners of these horses should get some credit because they know what a Saratoga horse looks like and the second part is Fasig does a good job of not just taking any horses," he said. "Sales companies need horses to fill the book so sometimes they might take some horses who are on the borderline, but at Fasig for Saratoga it's a sales."

high standard."

Some of that "select" work gets done by breeders, owners and sales consignors as they decide



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which horses to nominate to the Saratoga sale. Nominations occur in spring. Inspections come shortly thereafter. And the sale isn't until August. Plenty can change as horses get pointed toward Saratoga, Keeneland September or fall yearling sales in Kentucky, Maryland, Florida and beyond.

"Thirty days in a horse's life at that stage is important," Ingordo said. "You're entering for the September Sale Derby Week. Obviously, you're thinking about it ahead of time but you're making a decision the first weekend of May and then with the Saratoga ones it's kind of the same thing. Sales companies and consignors have to have a little bit of a crystal ball and if a horse doesn't have a good 30 days somewhere in there it changes everything."

Ingordo splits up his Saratoga season with trips back and forth to Kentucky and when he's not here he's looking at yearlings at farms.

"I've seen 100 yearlings from the catalog," he said of Saratoga. "I hit the farms I like or breeders I like, or people tell me about one. That helps. You have to work at it."

Hip 165, a colt by Hall of Famer and leading sire Curlin out of Hall of Famer and graded-stakes producer Beholder, was on Ingordo's list of farm visits



Mike Ryan bought champion Rushing Fall at Saratoga in 2016.

and the all-star pedigree isn't the only plus.

"He's as advertised, a lovely horse," Ingordo said. "I saw [breeder Spendthrift Farm's] Ned Toffey and said, 'I don't know if I have enough for it.' He said, 'Yeah right.' I like to see a good mare like her throw a graded stakes winner. So many of those big mares are not able to do that."

Ingordo rattled off a quick list of Saratoga purchases such as Grade 1 winner Honor A. P., Grade

1 winner Exaulted, Horse of the Year Flightline, Grade 1 winner Flagstaff and multiple Grade 3 winner First Captain on the Saratoga scorecard. The least expensive, Exaulted, cost \$200,000 so Ingordo knows Saratoga isn't necessarily a place to find bargains.

"People bring their best up here and they get paid for them too," he said. "It's very tough to buy here, but at the same time you're getting what you pay for. You get offered pretty good stock here."

Ryan ready for sale

Bloodstock agent Mike Ryan regularly shops the Saratoga sale, landing among others 2005 Horse of the Year Saint Liam for \$130,000 in 2001 and 2020 champion turf female Rushing Fall for \$320,000 in 2016. He hadn't done much homework beforehand, but that's not out of the ordinary.

"You can get around them up here because it's not such a big sale," he said. "It's a nice sale to work, a beautiful facility, it's all level, and there are good places to show them and look at them."

Pedigrees obviously carry weight at Saratoga, or at any sale, but Ryan homes in on much more.

"It's all about the physical," he said. "Don't be put off by the pedigree. People bring good physical horses up here. You need to look at them and make your decision."

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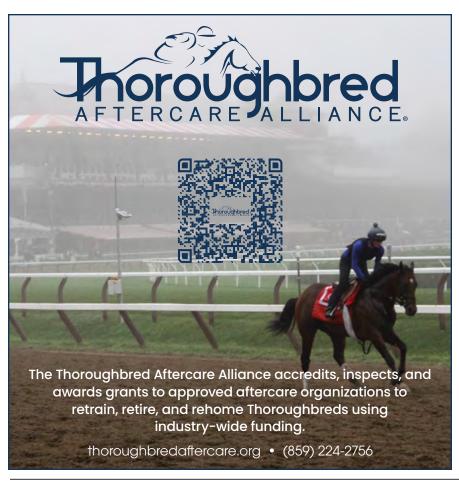












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Return Trip

Maryland consignor Northview returns to Spa with six yearlings

BY JOE CLANCY

Last year, Maryland's Northview Stallion Station ended a 16-year Saratoga hiatus with a three-horse consignment. Two sold, including a Mendelssohn filly pinhooked for \$425,000 from a \$280,000 purchase as a weanling the previous November.

The experience brought Northview back to town with six yearlings this summer – four pinhooks for Northview owners Michael Golden and his sister Lisa Hofstetter and two homebreds.

Northview has been a fixture at Fasig-Tipton's Maryland sale for years, and general manager David Wade feels Saratoga offers a chance to expand the farm's footprint as

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Golden and Hofstetter upgrade their broodmare band and work the pinhooking game. Their father, Richard Golden, founded Northview with Allaire du Pont and Dr. Tom Bowman in 1989 after the world-renowned Windfields Farm closed its Maryland farm. Northview occupies 116 acres of the old Windfields property and the main stallion barn once housed the great Northern Dancer among others. Du Pont died in 2006 and Golden became the sole owner years later as the Bowman family expanded its Thoroughbred business. When

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Golden died at 82 in 2021, his son and daughter picked up the reins. The stallion roster goes 10 deep and recent upgrades include new barns and other construction, plus the bigger sales footprint and pinhooking venture.

"Saratoga is the sale we're starting to point toward with our pinhooks and as we're improving the broodmare band it's the place we want to be," said Wade. "Keeneland is a great venue, but it's such a large sale and we're a small consignor. Saratoga seems to fit us perfectly if we have a quality horse that deserves to be there."

This year's consignment includes colts by Tiz The Law, Good Magic, Speightstown, Street Sense and Gun Runner and a filly by Authentic. By a quirk in the catalog, one sells Monday (Hip 93, the Tiz The Law colt) and five sell Tuesday – Hips 150, 190, 193, 206, 220.

"I think that's five in the last hour, and those last four are pretty close together," Wade said with a laugh. "We're going to be busy, but we've got a great team and we're ready."

Wade loves the Gun Runner colt, Hip 220. The dark bay was purchased for \$400,000 at Keeneland January and is the first foal from the Will Take Charge mare Willa.

"He is as nice a horse as I've ever taken to a sale," Wade said. "He's so athletic and has a walk like you've never seen before."

The Maryland-bred Street Sense colt, Hip 206, goes way back with Northview as his dam Victory Ral-

ly and granddam American Victory were bred and raced by Sycamore Hall and Richard Golden.

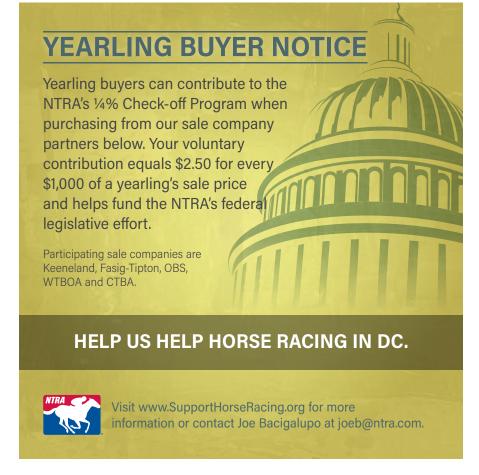
The connection started with third dam Who Did It And Run, a New Jersey-bred daughter of Northview stallion Polish Numbers who won the Grade 2 Jersey Derby for owner/trainer Deborah Sones at Garden State Park in 1998.

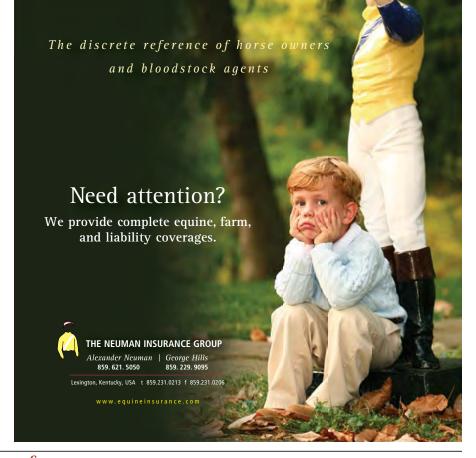
Her foals include nine winners, led by Giant Run, and a slew of Sycamore Hall/Golden standouts connected to broodmares Who's Cozy and Who's In Town among others. American Victory produced four winners. Stakes winner Victory Rally has had one foal to race, a \$75,000 yearling purchase at Fasig-Tipton's Maryland sale last year.

"He looks like a 2-year-old and not because of anything we've done, we don't push them to look like something that they're not," said Wade. "People want to buy yearlings that look like 2-year-olds which is OK if they've gotten there by themselves. We foaled him, his mother, his grandmother. That's a few generations. To be that connected to a horse is special."

Northview plans to continue its Saratoga involvement, with eyes on expanding the consignment without losing its niche feel.

"You're always going to have your big consignors, they obviously do a good job, that's how they got there and we hope we can offer a little more personalized touch to it," he said. "We'd like to get the consignment somewhere between six and 12. I feel good with our ability to do a good job. It's a matter of having the product. We learned a lot from last year."







Perfect Trip

Trip Brightwork stays unbeaten for Ortiz BY TOM LAW

Bill Simon gave the nudge. He felt like John Ortiz needed and deserved it.

Ortiz, leading trainer at Ellis Park last summer and in the hunt for top honors at Oaklawn Park the last few years, hesitated a bit when considering sending a string to Saratoga Race Course for the summer.

"I'm not ready, I'm not ready," said Ortiz, the son of a jockey who grew up near Belmont Park, knew the NYRA circuit and learned the game from



Dave Harmon

Brightwork zips to victory in Sunday's Adirondack for 2-year-old fillies.



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the ground up starting as a hotwalker and later as an exercise rider for Bill Mott.

Simon, the former CEO of Walmart and an owner since 2019, disagreed.

"If you want to be in racing on a national level, you've got to be here in the summer," said Simon, who teamed with Ortiz to make a run at the spring classics last year with Barber Road. "That's what I was saying to Johnny, who has been making strides for himself, making a name for himself in Kentucky. He's a New York boy who wants to make a name for himself. You've got to be here. I'm glad we're here and now we're more than just here."

Ortiz, assisted by his brother Daniel with a small string bedded down on the backstretch of Saratoga Race Course, showed they were more than just there with a victory in late July. They made an even bigger splash Sunday, sending out Brightwork to victory in the Grade 3 Adirondack Stakes to cap off Whitney Weekend.

Brightwork, a 2-year-old daughter of Outwork purchased by Simon as a weanling for \$95,000 in 2021, improved to 3-for-3 with a 5-length victory over 5-2 favorite Here U Come

Again. Irad Ortiz Jr. rode Brightwork, who won the 6 1/2-furlong Adirondack in 1:16.85 over the fast track.

Brightwork added the Adirondack to her victory in the \$216,000 Debutante Stakes July 2 at Ellis Park. She won a 4 1/2-furlong maiden race in her debut the last week of the Keeneland spring meeting, overcoming trouble throughout on the way to a 3-length tally.

Ortiz started thinking about Saratoga after that victory, for Brightwork and a few other members of his Kentucky-based string.

"After she broke her maiden at Keeneland, we were very confident," Ortiz said. "We already targeted this race specifically. Working backwards from there, we knew the Debutante at Churchill was going to be our second spot, so we gave her about 60 days in between races. Obviously, there's nothing else to run in during the meet after you break your maiden at Keeneland. So, it's a waiting game and we were very patient."

Ortiz credited Simon with being patient, too.

"He's the biggest supporter of the barn and obviously it means a lot to come up here for him with his horses here," said Ortiz, who saddled WSS Racing's Urgent Fury to victory here in a July 28 maiden claiming race.

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Brightwork soaks in a Saratoga victory.

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IROQUOIS (GIII)

"Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen" Runs Saturday, September 16 Closes August 30 \$300,000 Includes \$75,000 from KTDF Two-Year-Olds

LOCUST GROVE (GIII) 🥡

Runs Saturday, September 16 Closes August 30 \$400,000 Includes \$100,000 from KTDF Fillies & Mares, Three-Year-Olds & Up 1 1/16 Miles

POCAHONTAS (GIII)

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1 Mile

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OPEN MIND (Listed)

Runs Saturday, September 16 Closes August 30 \$300,000 Includes \$50,000 from KTDF Fillies & Mares, Three-Year-Olds & Up 6 Furlongs

SENECA OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Saturday, September 23 Closes September 6 \$175,000 Includes \$65,000 from KTDF Fillies, Three-Year-Olds 1 1/16 Miles

BOURBON TRAIL

Runs Saturday, September 23 Closes September 6 \$300,000 Includes \$50,000 from KTDF Three-Year-Olds 1 3/16 Miles

HARRODS CREEK

Runs Saturday, September 23 Closes September 6 \$300,000 Includes \$50,000 from KTDF Three-Year-Olds 7 Furlongs

DOGWOOD (GIII) 🥳

Runs Saturday, September 23 Closes September 6 \$300,000 Includes \$50,000 from KTDF Fillies, Three-Year-Olds 7 Furlongs

ACK ACK (GIII)

"Win and You're In Dirt Mile Division"

Runs Saturday, September 30

Closes September 13

\$400,000

\$400,000 Includes \$100,000 from KTDF Three-Year-Olds & Up 1 Mile

LUKAS CLASSIC (GII)

Runs Saturday, September 30 Closes September 13 \$500,000 Includes \$100,000 from KTDF Three-Year-Olds & Up 11/8 Mile

JEFFERSON CUP

Runs Saturday, September 30 Closes September 13 \$200,000 Includes \$50,000 from KTDF Three-Year-Olds 1 Mile (Turf)



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"We're 2-for-2 with his horses so far and the sky is the limit with this filly."

The Ortiz brothers, who joked Saturday that they were the "original Ortiz brothers," knew what they had in Brightwork well before she walked into the paddock for the Adirondack.

Brightwork shipped to Saratoga shortly before the meet opened July 13 and breezed three times over the main track before the Adirondack. Luis Saez, who rode the filly to victory in the Debutante but missed the chance Sunday with rides booked at Ellis Park, was aboard for two of the moves.

With Saez out of town, John Ortiz called on an unrelated half of the other "Ortiz brothers," reigning Eclipse Award winner and the meet's leading rider Irad, for the Adirondack.

"She's sharp out of the gate," John Ortiz told his rider in the paddock. "Don't take nothing away, and don't worry, you're going to win the race at the end."

Brightwork bobbled a bit at the start, recovered and settled into third behind Here U Come Again and Streaming Now through the opening quarter-mile in :22.01. Brightwork moved alongside those two leaders around the far turn while wide on the bend, continued even wider into the lane and vaulted past with less than a quarter-mile to run. She poured it on from there, widening her advantage through the lane to win under steady urging.

"She blows me away every time," John Ortiz said.



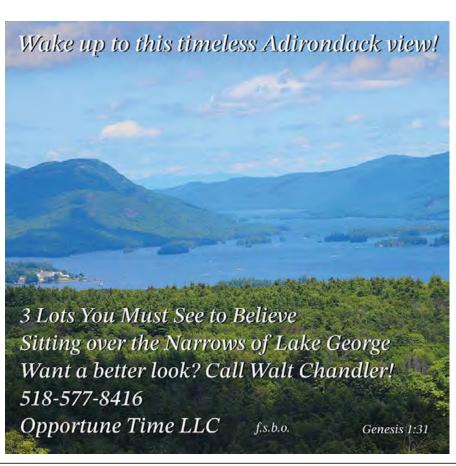
Dave Harmon

The Brightwork team accepts the Adirondack trophy.

"Not only in the mornings, but in the afternoons. It magnifies what I see in the mornings. She comes out of every race with such class. We were walking her up here and she had a lip shank and I told my brother to take it off. She doesn't need that. She was cool and collected and very professional.

"I've got a joke with my dad (former jockey Carlos Ortiz) going on. We usually say we put 'Ocala power' in our horses, now we have 'Ocala class.'

Here U Come Now, a 2 1/4-length winner in her lone start at Ellis July 7 for Brad Cox, held second by 3 ¾ lengths over another Ellis maiden winner, Streaming Now. Magic Cross, Princess Indy, Princess Celina, Grade 2 Schuylerville winner and 5-2 second choice Becky's Joker and 4-1 third choice Copper Em completed the field.



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Two-year-olds shine at Spa

Trainer Christophe Clement entered the day with five wins at the meet, including one with a first-time starter 2-year-old on the turf. The public let his filly, Ozara, spring from the gate at 12-1 in Sunday's opener, a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight for juvenile fillies on the inner turf.

Ozara settled in midpack for Cheyenne Stable and jockey Tyler Gaffalione. Saving ground on the turn, she kicked clear in the stretch and denied a rally from favorite Weigh The Risks. A daughter of Lope de Vega, Ozara scored by a neck in 1:45.48.

Clement was confident his filly would perform well in her debut.

"She worked very well," he said. "The last two works were good works. While a long shot, we were

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sure to be competitive. I was surprised that she was over 10-1, but I don't bet myself. With Tyler, we just tell him to give us a good trip. The ground is not firm yet. Save ground, which she did, and she had the most beautiful trip."

Clement conveyed his pride in Ozara's performance and excitement about the filly's future.

"She was fit enough," he said. "She was fighting and the first two, I think, were much the best. It's exciting, let's enjoy it, and we can go from there."

The Clement barn dealt with the other side of racing three races later when graded stakes-placed filly Ever

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Dave Harmon

Irish-bred 2-year-old filly Ozara scores in Sunday's opener.





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Summer, suffered a catastrophic injury on the last of three turns in the turf allowance, and had to be euthanized on the track.

Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. fell to the course, but was cleared to ride the rest of the card. The incident caused the rest of the day's grass races to be moved to the main track.

-Alec DiConza

• Each year at Saratoga, everyone remembers at least one 2-year-old performance. These races generate excitement and even get some fans thinking about the first weekend in May.

Sunday's second race may have been one of those performances.

Ways And Means, owned by Klaravich Stables and trained by Chad Brown, was already touted as a filly who could run. The 3-5 favorite ran to that hype.

Breaking from post five, she sat in the back of the lead group before she made her move nearing the quarter pole. There was no catching her from there.

"She was training fabulous, so I'm relieved to see her run to her works," Brown said. "Special filly."

Opening up to win by 12 3/4 lengths, the daughter of Practical Joke ran 6 furlongs in 1:10.51.



Dave Harmon

Ways And Means makes it look easy in Sunday's second..

A homebred for Klaravich, Ways And Means could show up next in the Grade 1 Spinaway on closing weekend.

-Alec DiConza

• Mid-Atlantic trainer Lacey Gaudet was not at Saratoga Sunday, but she secured her first win of the meet with Burgee. The 4-year-old gelding sat a patient trip under Tyler Gaffalione, stalking the pace set by Sprinklehead. Midway on the turn, Gaffalione asked Burgee for more.

The son of Union Rags battled Durkin's Call late and won Sunday's fifth, a \$12,500 claimer by a neck. Gaffalione said Gaudet provided perfect instructions.

"Mainly just get him into a good rhythm and make one run," the jockey said. "He broke a lot sharper than I expected so I didn't want to take too much away but he was there for me every step," Gaffalione said.

Burgee notched his fifth career win and second this year.

- Mary Rufo

• First-time starter Empire Island battled Lady Moscato in the stretch but prevailed to give trainer Norm Casse a win in the sixth, another 2-year-old maiden race. Ricardo Santana Jr. kept the daugh-

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ter of Classic Empire midpack while conserving ground at the rail. At the top of the stretch, Santana asked for more and found space to launch a bid between Lady Moscato and favorite Gypsy Tales.

The winner scored by three-quarters of a length while completing a family double (Casse is Gaudet's brother-in-law).

The bay filly out of Gull Island is a Marylou Whitney Stables homebred. Casse gives himself a reality check daily when thinking about training for the late Saratoga philanthropist's stable managed by her husband John Hendrickson.

"You know every day I pinch myself and remind myself that I do train for Marylou Whitney, just an iconic owner, just a great ambassador for the game," said Casse. "I'm truly honored to be their representative."

- Mary Rufo

• Until Sunday, Cant Keep Me Down had yet to live up to her name in three tries.

Set for a fourth trip on the turf in the seventh, the 3-year-old filly graduated in a race moved to the dirt and shortened to a mile. She won by 4 1/4 lengths after engaging favorite It Wasn't Me on the lead.

Three Diamonds Farm's Kirk Wycoff looked to the Mike Maker trainee's pedigree and felt her damsire might give her surface versatility.

"We thought she was going to run really good on turf also, but because of the breeding, the Street Cry, he's a really good turf and dirt sire," said Wycoff. "We knew the track would tire out the grass mares so we took our best shot and we got lucky."

- Mary Rufo

• Trainer Claudio Gonzalez won Sunday's ninth, a starter allowance also moved to the dirt, with Ruda.

Run at 1 1/4 miles, the race turned into a five-horse field and Ruda navigated her first trip in the dirt as if by routine. The 4-year-old Florida-bred cleared the field at the top of the stretch and won by 7 3/4 lengths for Jose Ortiz.

"Today we can prove how she was good in the morning on the dirt," said Gonzalez. "Now we have two choices (dirt or turf)."

- Mary Rufo

• Trainer George Weaver doubled on the day, taking the third with Miss Domina and the 10th with Forward Move.



Dave Harmon

Forward Move wins Sunday's 10th race for trainer George Weaver.



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Name Game

The week before the Kentucky Derby in 1970, I told my father I had made my pick. My money would be on the colt who'd just finished second in the Blue Grass Stakes - Corn Off The Cob.

"No chance," he said.

"Why?" I asked.

My father was an intelligent man and knowledgeable about horse racing, so I paid rapt attention when he revealed what he said was an inviolable law of the turf:

No horse with a goofy name is allowed to win the Kentucky Derby.

For 50 years that rule was etched on my brain as each year I surveyed the Derby hopefuls. And then a few years ago I wrote a piece for The Special in which I lamented that former jockey Rosie Napravnik, never had a fair chance of winning the Derby because her best shot in the race was on a colt named Pants On Fire.

When the piece ran, I found my editor, Tom Law, had cut my mention of Rosie and the Law of Goofy Names. While reasonable men may Godolphin's Grade 1 winner Maxfield was named after the artist Maxfield names. A filly by Violence out of Vaguely Famildiffer on Corn Off The Cob, I don't believe there can be any serious doubt on Pants On Fire. In court the vote was 8-1 Goofy (with only Clarence Thomas dissenting simply out of habit).

Tom said he cut it because it simply was not a

"Really?" I challenged, "Name one."

"How about Smarty Jones?"

Well, of course, he had me.

With two words he had knocked my father off the handicapping pedestal I had held him on for five decades. But it did make me think about the naming of horses. What makes a good name? How are horses named? Who's good at it? What is "good at it?"

Who would know better than the people at Jockey Club's list of taken names. Godolphin Racing, one of the world's largest racing and breeding operations?

So I started by talking with Vicky Van Camp, then."



Tod Marks

introduced to me as Godolphin's "Queen of the Naming Process." With the royalty of that title I was tempted to call her Victoria, but she insisted on Vicky. The process she oversees is long and grueling.

Each year she starts by sending a briefing sheet with pedigrees and other essential information on between 100-130 yearlings. This goes to the whole staff of about 150.

"I think they very much like playing the name game," she said. "They get into it. Last year, for instance, they came up with over 2,300 name suggestions."

These suggestions are then run through The

"This can be very disappointing," Vicky said. "So many names, good names, are kicked out right

Vicky and her colleagues then star the names they like for each horse and send the list up the chain of command including chief operating officer Dan Pride and director of operations Michael Banahan.

"Dan and Michael make the final decisions, but they aren't really final," Vicky said, "because even after all that, the Jockev Club rejects 40 percent of our choices. So, back to the drawing board."

The majority of the names have some connection with the pedigrees. But that can be difficult. Stallions Street Cry, Street Sense and Street Boss have long been associated with Godolphin.

"We've pretty much come to a dead end on 'Street' names," Vicky said. "We have to try different avenues."

Vicky swears that the puns were unintentional, but when you play the name game for a living, your subconscious sometimes takes over.

Vicky reels off personal favorite stories of iar is named Line Up. I love it.

One day at the office, a colleague's 9-year-old daughter was bored. She asked if there was something she could do, so Vicky gave her an assignment they'd been stumped by: name an Into Mischief-Pretty City Dancer filly. Less than a minute later Elle-Marie Galvin produced Pretty Mischie-

Sometimes serendipity plays a hand. Once while Vicky was looking through a book of paintings by New York artist Maxfield Parrish, Vicky thought, "Gee, Maxfield would make a good name for a horse."

Well, I might have had that thought myself, but so what? When you're the Queen, however, you can actually do something about it. Vicky did and, of

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course, racing at 2, 3 and 4, Maxfield earned more than \$2 million and won eight of 11 races. I guess it was a good name.

Craig Bernick, of Glen Hill Farm, also plays the name game. He enjoys it. He needs about 20 names a year. His approach often involves themes. For instance, consider an early Glen Hill Farm broodmare Shelf Talker (1968). She gave birth to Feature Price, the dam of Repriced. Some of Shelf Talker's other foals were Brands, Buy Out, Gatefold, Header Card, On Display and Rebate. Supplier and Deep Discount are also Glen Hill Farm names.

Do you see a theme? You would if you were a packaged-goods or beauty-products marketer. Those words would be part of your daily business conversations. Craig's grandfather, Leonard Lavin, founder of Glen Hill Farm, made his name as the entrepreneur behind Alberto-Culver beauty products.

Craig has also been discouraged at times by Jockey Club name disqualifications. One year he submitted the name Jewish Guilt. Rejected. The year before, however, another owner had submitted Catholic Guilt and it had been approved.

What followed was an almost sociological discussion on the relative validity of Jewish versus Catholic guilt. In the end Jewish Guilt was acknowledged. One year Craig decided to name his charges after well-known Chicago neighborhoods. Wrigleyville, Evanston and others all made their way through the Jockey Club, but Lincoln Park was turned down. Craig was baffled. "Why?" he asked.

The answer? Too commercial.

There is a rock band named "Linkin Park." But Craig didn't feel that should disqualify his nominee, especially since they were spelled differently. He was miffed, which is not as extreme as angry, but still he felt a response was called for.

He tweeted an open question to the Twitter world asking: why no one at the Jockey Club had ever heard of a well-known Chicago neighborhood called "Lincoln Park?"

Suddenly many retweets and comments started appearing.

Craig said he later received a message suggesting that naming discussions not be conducted in quite such a public way.

The Jockey Club's objectives are clearly designed for the overall good of Thoroughbred racing and we should no doubt cut the association some slack when it comes to possibly overcautious rules. I'm sure also that over the years, like every major public-facing organization, it has had to bow to the pressures of political correctness.

I genuinely wonder how they would rule today on the name of America's 1955 handicap champion, the then 5-year-old gelding – Social Outcast.

The sire was Shut Out from the mare Pansy.







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Fill it Up

D. Wayne Lukas guffawed after telling a story Thursday morning. Behind an immaculate desk inside his paneled office, window blinds closed tighter than a stakeout, the Hall of Fame trainer threw his head back, pitching his cowboy hat like the top end of a seesaw.

"We've got stories to fill your whole paper," the Hall of Fame trainer said.

I couldn't tell if it was a warning or a promise while hoping for the latter. Stories are what we're looking for during a six-in-a-row spree of paper writing.

I had already been in his office for at least a half-hour, listening to his advice to NYRA starter Hector Soler (A horse can't have three masters, one at his head, one on his back and one behind him) and embarking on our first Fasig-Tipton Stable Tour with Lukas.

The tape – I know it's not tape anymore –had been rolling for 14 minutes as his wife Laurie patiently sat in a chair and listened. Surely, she had heard all the stories and knew Lukas was offering anything but a warning.

Thirty-three minutes later, my Olympus digital recorder beeped once, twice, three times. Memory full. Lukas didn't notice. Didn't draw breath. It was a promise.

And for all my loyal readers, yeah, I let the recorder roll.

"We decided to run Lady's Secret in the Whitney. Now Lady's Secret weighed 700 pounds soaking wet. She was a little, ratty looking thing. Nick Zito has this horse and he's got him in the Whitney. He's new to the game. This was years ago of course.

"He says, 'I go over there, I want everything to be perfect. I'm standing there in the paddock, I'm so nervous, I can't hardly saddle, I look in the next stall and there's Lady's Secret. Jeff Lukas is reading



By Sean Clancy

the Racing Form. He's not even paying attention. I saddle my horse. I get the rider up. I said, I better go out and see how he warms up, I want to make sure he warms him up properly and everything goes smooth. I'm racing through the crowd, and I glance over to my left and Jeff Lukas is at the hot dog stand fixing himself a hot dog. I knew right there and then we were going to get our ass kicked. I'm washing out and he's over there fixing a hot dog.'

"That's how Jeff was, too. He was so sure of himself. The Whitney made her Horse of the Year. She went into the conversation when she won the Whitney. She was something else.

"I bred her. I had the ranch there in Oklahoma. We bought Great Lady M after one of my clients passed away. My favorite horse was Secretariat like everybody else so I thought I would breed her to Secretariat.

"I fly into the ranch and they tell me Great Lady M foaled. I go look at the foal and I'm just sick. I thought, 'Oh my God, how could this be? How could I breed to Secretariat and get a foal like this?' She was so skinny and ratty and small. I thought, 'What in the world?' She never flourished.

"When she got a little older, Gene Klein said he wanted to have some babies out in the front of the yard. said, 'Are you out of your mind?' He owned the Chargers, he lived in Rancho Santa Fe. I said, 'I've got a couple of babies. I'll sell you this little gray filly and another one. I'll get them appraised.' 'No. No. Just price them. I trust you.' I said, 'OK, wiseguy, I'll take \$200,000 a piece.' He said, 'Done, Get'em.'

"The first one he names Gene's Lady. Look her up, she made \$946,000. Just short of a million dollars. The other one is this little ratty gray thing and he names her Lady's Secret.

"She grew up. I raced her every time there was a race. I didn't care if it was two weeks apart, three weeks apart, six weeks apart. We entered. You try that now, the way they're breeding them...

"I told Jeff to take her to Bay Meadows. I said, 'We've got to protect Gene a little bit here, he gave 200 thousand for her. We don't want to throw him under the bus with this one.' So, he gets in the trailer and takes her to Bay Meadows, at least she'll break her maiden. There weren't cell phones back then so he stops at a truck stop on the way back. I said, 'What happened there?' He said, 'Dad, you wouldn't believe it, she run right off the screen. It was unreal.' I said, 'Come on.' He said, 'I'm telling you, she looked like a racehorse.' I said, 'That must have been a bunch of muskrats chasing her.' He said, 'I don't know. I think you better be a little careful here.'

After that she just won, won, won, wherever we took her. It was fun to have her."

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