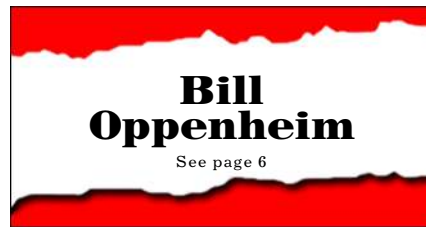


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BATTLE TESTED

It's no surprise that Richard Santulli's **Straight Story** (Giant's Causeway) has thrived on the lawn. The son of Eventail (Lear Fan)--heroine of Belmont's grassy Mount Vernon H.--has finished no worse than second in four attempts on the spinach, including a pair of heart-breaking defeats to Battle of Hastings (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) in the June 20 GII Colonial Turf Cup and July 18 GII Virginia Derby July 18. "We always thought he was a good horse," trainer Al Goldberg said. "We knew he was going to be a turf horse all along." Virginia Derby third-place finisher Take the Points (Even the Score) returned to annex last weekend's GI Secretariat S. at Arlington. "We could have gone to the Secretariat, but the Hall of Fame S. gave us more time," Goldberg continued. "We would also have had to fly him out there and give him a long van ride." [Click for the brisnet.com PPs.](#)

Friday, Saratoga NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING HALL OF FAME S. -GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Straight Story	Giant's Causeway	Goldberg	115
2	No Inflation	Repriced	Proctor	115
3	Lime Rickey	Lemon Drop Kid	Alexander	115
4	Out At Night	Aptitude	R Martin	117
5	Al Khali	Medaglia d'Oro	Mott	115
6	Conservative	Unbridled's Song	McGaughey	115
7	Midnight Mischief	Medaglia d'Oro	Attfield	115
8	Courageous Cat	Storm Cat	Mott	117
9	Sal the Barber	Alphabet Soup	Clement	117
10	El Crespo	A.P. Indy	Arnold	122

'STARS' YORK RUN HINGES ON GROUND

The participation of Christopher Tsui's dual Classic winner **Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) in next week's G1 Juddmonte International at York will depend on the track condition, trainer John Oxx reaffirmed yesterday. Oxx has repeatedly insisted that his stable star will not be risked on unsuitable going, and that will be the case if the Knavesmire course does not escape most of the forecast rain due before Tuesday's Ebor meeting highlight. "Clerk of the course William Derby has been keeping me fully informed about the ground, and I have all the weather forecasts in front of me," Oxx told *PA Sport*. "If all of the rain that is forecast arrives, then it will be soft on Sunday in my opinion.



Sea the Stars
Horsephotos

There is a big question mark about Tuesday, and I hope that all of the forecast rain doesn't arrive. The rain could miss York, but if it doesn't, then we will have a tricky decision on Sunday morning. By then, most of the rain may have come but I feel it will be an unclear situation. The forecast looks quite good for Monday and Tuesday, and there is a possibility we will have to declare him if the ground is uncertain, but if it is very soft then he won't be declared. He needs to have it good or faster if he is to run to his rating, which is what people want to see." Should Sea the Stars be forced to miss his intended engagement, he will point straight to the Sept. 5 G1 Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown with the possibility of taking in the Oct. 4 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp after that. "The Arc is very much in mind, and my only reservation over not running him [at Longchamp] is that the ground is unlikely to suit," Oxx continued.
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"It is a tough regime and most horses that run in the Arc will not have run in the International and Irish Champion beforehand," Oxx said. "If all goes well and the ground is dry then I think he will run in the Arc, and I would imagine that the owners will be keen to run, as they won it with his dam [Urban Sea]. It is highly unlikely that he will race next year, but if the weather makes a mess of plans then we will have to think about it." A trans-Atlantic journey is also an option. "The Breeders' Cup is a possibility and we have to think about it with the surface out there," Oxx said, referring to the Santa Anita turf course. "If the horse is still fresh and well in November then we will have to think about it, as the trip and track will suit. I am boring when it comes to Sea The Stars' plans, but you just don't know what will happen with the weather."



RACING Round-Up

'PACO' TO MISS JACQUES LE MAROIS TEST

The Calvera Partnership's **Paco Boy (Ire)** (Desert Style {Ire}) will miss Sunday's G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville, connections announced yesterday. The Richard Hannon trained four-year-old was originally an intended runner in the straight mile event, but the East Everleigh conditioner has reconsidered plans for the G1 Queen Anne S. winner. "There is nothing wrong with Paco Boy, but we have decided that it is a good time to give him a break," Hannon told *richardhannonracing.tv*. "He'll come back for the [Oct. 3 G1] Prix de la Foret at Longchamp's Arc meeting, the race he won so impressively last year. He gets a mile standing on his head, but the seven-furlong trip there is absolutely ideal. We'll take it one race at a time, but there are plenty of good races for him at the back-end, so it makes sense to give him a little holiday as he was on the go early this season. I have made no secret of the fact that I would be against taking him to the Breeders' Cup, but there is Hong Kong in December to consider, and we'll sit down again after the Foret and make a plan."

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SARISKA PRIMED FOR YORKSHIRE OAKS BID

Lady Bamford's **Sariska (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) will tackle older rivals for the first time when attempting an Oaks treble in the Aug. 20 G1 Yorkshire Oaks. Trainer Michael Bell is hopeful the Epsom and Irish Oaks heroine can add to her Group 1 haul and book a ticket to the Oct. 4 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp. "Sariska has only run against her own sex and age group so far," the Newmarket trainer told *PA Sport*. "She needs to prove she can get to the next level and if she can, then we will take on horses like Sea the Stars in the Arc. The plan after York is to run in the Arc and to keep her in training next year, too. If we don't go to America [for the Breeders' Cup] then she will only have had seven runs at the end of her three-year-old career. Her mother didn't win until she was a four-year-old and Pivotal's improve with age. I know I am an optimist, but I am optimistic that she will run a big race, and statistically, fillies do well in the Arc."



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BEAUTY O' GWAUN TO SHIP STATESIDE

Neil Jones' **Beauty O' Gwaun (Ire)** (Rainbow Quest), who failed to give her true running when last of 10 in the July 12 G1 Irish Oaks at The Curragh, will to ship to the United States, possibly to race, but is ultimately bound for the paddocks, it was revealed yesterday. Successful in the May 13 G3 Blue Wind S. at Naas, the bay homebred bounced back from her Classic failing to run third in the Aug. 3 G3 Give Thanks S. at Cork last time. "I'm afraid she just downed tools in the Irish Oaks and for some reason she didn't want to run that day," explained trainer John Oxx. "She pulled herself up coming down the hill into the straight and, with it being her home track at The Curragh, maybe she knew where she was too much. She's going to the States now and may race there, but she is going there to go to stud, so we're not persevering with her."

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 7:25 p.m.

BALLYROAN S.-G3, €62,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Fiery Lad (Ire)	Mull of Kintyre	Lyons	135
2	3	Profound Beauty (Ire)	Danehill	Weld	135
3	2	Shreyas (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Bolger	135
4	7	Mourayan (Ire)	Alhaarth (Ire)	Oxx	124
5	1	Nafaath (Ire)	Nayef	K Prendergast	124
6	6	Stately Home (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	A O'Brien	124
7	4	The Bull Hayes (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Harrington	124

This presents an opportunity for His Highness The Aga Khan's **Mourayan** to book a ticket to the Sept. 12 G1 St Leger at Doncaster. Third in the June 28 G1 Irish Derby at The Curragh last time, he will go postward as the likely favorite here. "The plan is to go to Doncaster for the St Leger and that is his major objective," said trainer John Oxx. "He will run in this if the ground is good enough. He does like some ease in the ground so that will be a factor at the time. He doesn't like it good to firm, he likes it on the slow side of good."

Thursday, Salisbury, Britain, post time: 4:15 p.m.

TOTESPORT.COM SOVEREIGN S.-G3, £65,000,

3yo/up, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Mac Love (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Liddiard	129
2	2	Confront (GB)	Nayef	Stoute	126
3	1	Khateeb (Ire)	King's Best	M Jarvis	126
4	3	Laa Rayb	Storm Cat	Johnston	126
5	4	Ordnance Row (GB)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Hannon	126
6	7	Without a Prayer (Ire)	Intikhab	Beckett	126
7	5	Orizaba (Ire)	Orpen	bin Suroor	119

Thursday, Deauville, France, post time: 3:25 p.m.

PRIX MINERVE - SHADWELL-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f,

1 9/16mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	8	Zerkeriya (Ire)	Soviet Star	de Royer-Dupre
2	3	Qertaas (Ire)	Linamix (Fr)	F Head
3	10	Villa Molitor (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Rohaut
4	2	Peinture Rare (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Lellouche
5	6	Pearlescence	Pleasantly Perfect	Rouget
6	4	Lasting Applause (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	FD ouden
7	1	Irish Queen (Fr)	Speedmaster (Ger)	Pantall
8	9	Jakonda	Kingmambo	de Royer-Dupre
9	5	Kalla (GB)	Monsun (Ger)	Fabre
10	7	Divine Comedy (Fr)	Daylami (Ire)	Smaga

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PRIX DE LIEUREY - SHADWELL-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Article Rare	El Prado (Ire)	Lellouche	128
2	9	Entre Deux Eaux (Fr)	Ange Gabriel (Fr)	Rob Collet	128
3	6	Wilside (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Delzangles	128
4	11	Aria di Festa (Ire)	Orpen	B Grizzetti	128
5	10	Dreamt (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Fabre	123
6	2	Emergency (GB)	Dr Fong	Smaga	123
7	1	Soneva	Cherokee Run	de Nicolay	123
8	3	Sweet Hearth	Touch Gold	de Royer-Dupre	123
9	4	Mary's Precedent (Fr)	Storming Home (GB)	Lerner	123
10	8	Alice de la Vis (Fr)	Bahhare	de Roualle	123
11	12	Providanza (Fr)	Okawango	Clement	123
12	5	Rosey de Megeve (GB)	Efisio (GB)	Rohaut	123

Saturday, Saratoga
SWORD DANCER INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Grand Couturier (GB)	Grand Lodge	Ribaldo	120
2	Gentleman Chester	Chester House	Nicks	116
3	Lauro (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Wohler	118
4	Better Talk Now	Talkin Man	Motion	116
5	Rising Moon	Runaway Groom	R Dutrow Jr	116
6	Americain	Dynaformer	Pletcher	118
7	Telling	A.P. Indy	Hobby	116
8	Quijano (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Schiergen	123
9	Brass Hat	Prized	Bradley	116
10	Musketier (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Attfield	116

Saturday, Monmouth Park
MONMOUTH OAKS-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Stage Trick	Distorted Humor	Goldberg	118
2	Hightap	Tapit	Asmussen	122
3	Just Jenda	Menifee	L Jones	122
4	Bandora	Dixieland Band	Werner	118
5	Renda	Medaglia d'Oro	Arias	118
6	Oro Blanco	Hold For Gold	Tullock Jr	118
7	Sweet Relish	Smoke Glacken	D Von Hemel	120
8	Missunitednations	Peace Rules	Reid Jr	118
9	Malibu Prayer	Malibu Moon	Pletcher	118
10	Sea Wind	Northern Afleet	Entenmann	118

Saturday, Del Mar
LA JOLLA H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	New Bay	Cuvee	Mandella	116
2	Rendezvous	Victory Gallop	Hollendorfer	117
3	I'll Show Them	Smarty Jones	Hofmans	116
4	Gretsky	Tocet	Drysdale	116
5	I. B. Outta Here	Out of Place	Polanco	113
6	Arcodoro	Medaglia d'Oro	Guillot	113
7	Meteore	Pulpit	Mandella	116
8	Herr Mozart	Mr. Greeley	Baffert	115
9	Plasma Beam	Smarty Jones	Tekos Jr	113
10	Mark S the Cooler	Johar	O'Neill	117



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Aug. 15	GI Sword Dancer Invitational H.	SAR
	GII La Jolla H.	DMR
	GIII Monmouth BC Oaks	MTH
	GIII Gardenia H.	ELP
Aug. 16	GI John C. Mabee H.	DMR
	GIII Longacre Mile BC	EMD
Aug. 19	GII Adirondack S.	SAR
Aug. 20	GII Saratoga Special S.	SAR
Aug. 21	GII Lake Placid S.	SAR



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**FROM THE DESK
OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



GOOD NEWS WEEK

There have been some interesting things said by, about, and from Saratoga over the last few days. What's not open to debate is they had a blockbuster sale. They catalogued 40 more and better pedigrees than last year and sold 38 more--a 21-percent rise in the number catalogued, a 31-percent rise in number sold, albeit on a small scale compared to, say, the Keeneland September Sale. Yesterday morning's figures (private sales run through the sales company before close of business included) showed the gross at \$52,549,500 (not sure about that \$500, maybe a misplaced decimal?), a gain of 46 percent over last year's total of \$36,080,000, and over \$10 million more than the sale's gross in both 2006 (\$42 million) and 2007 (\$41 million). This year's average of \$328,434 was up 11 percent over 2008.

Mind you, only somebody inattentive could have failed to realize Saratoga was going to outperform the market: the combination of a Dubai company's purchase of Fasig-Tipton, plus management's ability to attract better horses with better pedigrees--partially no doubt as a result of Sheikh Mohammed's increased patronage--made that prediction a total no-brainer. Last year, Fasig July plus Saratoga (*see Weekly Sales Ticker*) saw 427 yearlings bring \$64,231,000, which was 16 percent of the combined three-sale market, including Keeneland September's \$327,999,100 total. The fact that the new Fasig Tipton sold 428 horses--one more than last year, from five percent fewer catalogued--for \$73,377,500 is pretty impressive, no matter what the circumstances. That's a 14-percent rise, an increase of more than \$9.1 million.

Truth or Fiction...

Truth or Fiction: Saratoga is the new Keeneland July. Well, yes and no. If we're talking the legendary July sales of the early 1980's, no way--they routinely grossed well over \$100 million, whereas Saratoga this week grossed \$52 million. But if we're talking the country's premier two-day yearling sale isolated as a discrete sale, yes, in that sense it could be comparable. Even so, Keeneland's two-day Book 1 last year saw 300 yearlings sell (admittedly from 495 catalogued) for \$113 million, an average of \$377,857. So if you want to say "the biggest two days of yearling selling," that's still Keeneland September Book 1. No matter how much it drops this year--and it will drop, that is guaranteed--it will still have a far bigger gross, and probably a higher average, than Saratoga's two nights.

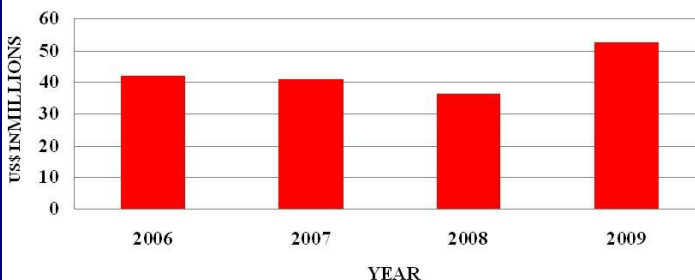
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Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Evidently there's nothing Sheikh Mohammed likes more than shopping for horses, and where better to shop in the second week of August than at your own sales company? My estimate is that Maktoum entities bought about two of every eleven yearlings that went through the ring at Saratoga, and accounted for about 39 percent of gross receipts. There were a scattering of more traditional Saratoga buyers, an increased impact by racing syndicates, and decreased buying by pinhookers. The Fasig-Tipton team deserves a lot of credit, too, for improving the catalogue." *-Bill Oppenheim*

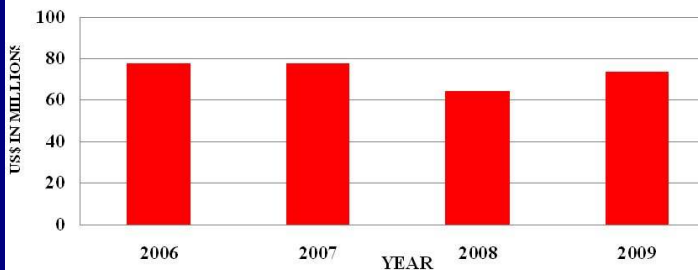
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FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA SELECT SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	235	205	160	12.8%	78.0%	68.1%	\$52,549,500	\$328,434
2008	195	164	122	15.9%	74.4%	62.6%	\$36,080,000	\$295,738
2007	214	188	142	12.1%	75.5%	66.4%	\$41,082,000	\$289,310
2006	180	160	130	11.1%	81.3%	72.2%	\$42,085,000	\$323,731

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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	729	629	428	13.7%	68.0%	58.7%	\$73,377,500	\$171,443
2008	763	662	427	13.2%	64.5%	56.0%	\$64,231,000	\$150,424
2007	796	709	496	10.9%	70.0%	62.3%	\$77,523,000	\$156,296
2006	657	567	437	13.7%	77.1%	66.5%	\$77,683,000	\$177,764

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



There is similarly no doubt, however, that Fasig-Tipton is making serious inroads to Keeneland's market share. Their one-day November sale (it will be two evenings this year) has badly hurt Keeneland in the 'filly-off-the-racetrack' (broodmare prospects) sector of the mixed sale market. It's taken seven years since the demise of the Keeneland July sale, and needed a change of ownership, but it's a pretty good guess that this year Saratoga will impact Keeneland September Book 1. Certainly most, if not all, of the top Kentucky consignors were there, and not with second-raters, either. The following simple comparison shows the impact they'd already achieved by the end of 2008. Take five sales: Fasig July, Saratoga and Keeneland September yearlings; and Fasig November and Keeneland November mixed sales:

In 2006, the five sales grossed \$855,448,600. The Keeneland sales accounted for \$713,635,600, or 83 percent of the combined total; the Fasig sales grossed \$141,813,000, or 17 percent of the total.

In 2007, the five sales grossed \$855,454,800--a difference of only \$6,000, or one 1/1000th of one percent. The three Keeneland sales totaled \$725,895,800, or 85 percent of the combined total. The Fasig sales grossed \$129,559,000, or 15 percent of the combined total.

In 2008, Fasig's three sales, aided by the split-up between Southern Equine and Hill 'n' Dale in November, grossed \$134,510,000--an increase of \$5 million from the previous year. Keeneland's combined gross dropped over \$200 million to \$513,551,400. About \$57 million of that drop came in September, which was down about 15 percent in gross from 2007. But November was down by a whopping \$155 million--over 45 percent. The point is, while Keeneland was losing \$200 million in revenue, Fasig's three-sale revenue actually increased by nearly \$5 million. The upshot was that Keeneland's share of the five-sale market dropped from 85 to 79 percent, while Fasig's increased by 40 percent (15 to 21) to 21 percent. Now Fasig's first two major yearling sales are up \$9 million over last year, which is 14 percent. Anybody want to bet on a 14-percent increase at Keeneland September? And the likely result? More market-share erosion, from Keeneland, in Fasig-Tipton's direction.

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Truth or Fiction: Sheikh Mohammed and Sheikh Hamdan supported the sale significantly, with John Ferguson, Shadwell, and Rabbah Bloodstock signing 21 tickets totaling \$13,285,000--which were 10 percent of the 205 yearlings sent through the ring, and 25 percent of the money spent. The Maktoum family did support the sale significantly--quite a bit more significantly. While no one seems to want to admit to it publicly (they buy for "unnamed principals who don't want to be identified," or some such doubletalk), everybody knows a number of European trainers and agents are employed to sign for horses which end up racing for Maktoum entities. My entirely unofficial and unverifiable estimate is that seven other agents or trainers were signing tickets on their behalves, and their actual purchases consisted of about 37 yearlings totaling around \$20.5 million in sales. That would represent 18 percent of the horses sent through the ring, and 39 percent of the money spent. I'll bet that's a lot closer to the truth. Those crafty consignors who bet that Sheikh Mohammed was going to support Saratoga strongly had about a one in five chance that the Maktoums were going to buy their horse. I'll bet they don't buy two of every 11 yearlings offered in Keeneland Book 1.

A + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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If we take the *TDN Insta-Tistics* tables, but look at just those stallions which have had four or more sell at the sales covered so far (Fasig July and Saratoga), there are 13 stallions that have averaged \$250,000 or more. They are, in order:

- Storm Cat** (F1989): 6 offered, 4 sold, average \$1,037,500
 - Bernardini** (F2008): 13 offered, 12 sold, average \$570,833
 - Distorted Humor** (F2000): 9 offered, 6 sold, average \$434,166
 - Medaglia d'Oro** (F2006): 16 offered, 14 sold, average \$426,428
 - Smart Strike** (F1998): 7 offered, 6 sold, average \$358,333
 - Unbridled's Song** (F1998): 8 offered, 7 sold, average \$317,857
 - Empire Maker** (F2005): 6 offered, 5 sold, average \$313,000
 - Dynaformer** (F1991): 6 offered, 5 sold, average \$312,000
 - Rock Hard Ten** (F2007): 6 offered, 6 sold, average \$293,333
 - Indian Charlie** (F2000): 5 offered, 4 sold, average \$282,500
 - Street Cry** (F2004): 11 offered, 8 sold, average \$270,000
 - Hennessy** (F1998): 7 offered, 5 sold, average \$255,000
 - Tiznow** (F2003): 10 offered, 8 sold, average \$250,000
- Among sires with their first yearlings selling (F2008), the top five so far are:
- Bernardini** (A.P. Indy): 13 offered, 12 sold, average \$570,833
 - Bluegrass Cat** (Storm Cat): 11 offered, 7 sold, average \$225,000
 - Henny Hughes** (Hennessy): 15 offered, 12 sold, average \$223,333
 - First Samurai** (Giant's Causeway): 7 offered, 4 sold, average \$137,500
 - Rockport Harbor** (Unbridled's Song): 16 offered, 9 sold, average \$125,000

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Christophe Clement

Accomplishment: Clement won the GI Arlington Million with Gio Ponti, after winning his first Grade I on conventional dirt with Funny Moon in the July 25 Coaching Club American Oaks.

Birthdate: November 1, 1965.

Birthplace: Paris, France.

Family: Wife Valerie, daughter Charlotte & son Miguel. Brother Nicholas is a trainer.

Current Residence: Florida and N. Y.

Why did you choose to train in the U.S. rather than stay in France?
 The American Dream!

Who has been the most influential person in your career?
 Luca Cumani or the Head family.

You've trained several top turf horses throughout your career -- Voodoo Dancer, Mauralakana, Honor Glide, Forbidden Apple, etc.. -- but have also done quite well with horses like Dynever & In Summation as well as recent GI CCA Oaks heroine Funny Moon.

Does it bother you when people label you as a turf trainer?
 No, I'm fortunate to be labeled as something, however, I feel comfortable on all surfaces.

Do you follow any sports besides horseracing?
 I always enjoy watching a good tennis match. I especially like Nadal.

What is your favorite movie?
 Patton, Out of Africa and of course, Wedding Crashers!

What radio station or CD is playing in your car right now?
 Enya.

What's your idea of a perfect day?
 Any dark days. I can't get beat!

If you weren't involved in racing, what would you be doing?
 Owning a vineyard in the south of France.

Favorite place to go on vacation?
 Harbour Island, Bahamas.

Favorite place to eat in Saratoga?
 Hattie's.

How did you celebrate Gio Ponti's win in the Arlington Million?
 Still celebrating.

If you could name a stakes race after anybody, who would it be for?
 My father, Gerald Leigh, Francois Boutin or Peter Karches.

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THE FAMILY BUSINESS

by Alan Carasso

For owner Samantha Siegel, horse racing has been in her blood since the day she was born. Check that--it was actually probably there a little bit before that.

"My parents met because mutual friends of theirs set them up on a blind date to go to the races [at Aqueduct in 1962]," Siegel recollected by phone from Del Mar. "They were married about three months after that, and it's been a way of life. People go to church on Sunday, temple on Saturday, and I go to the races."

Born in New York City nine days after the 1965 Kentucky Derby, Siegel, who was named after the old Cole Porter hit single "I Love You, Samantha,"--a favorite of her mother's--has, in fact, been around horses her entire life. Her father, Mace, and mother, Jan, got into the game in 1964, purchasing their first horse at auction that year, and they always made sure to take their daughter with them to the races, be it in the Big Apple or in the Southeast.

"I remember going to the races every Saturday," she said. "At one point, they didn't let minors into the races in Florida and I couldn't understand why I could go to the races in New York and not Florida. So we'd just try to sneak me in that day.

"My mom quizzed me, and told me, 'They're going to ask you how old you are, you say you're 18. And if they ask you the year you were born, this is the year you were born.' So, we walk up and the guy's like, 'OK, you're not old enough. How old are you?' And I say, '18.' 'OK, well if you're 18, what year were you born?' I gave him the year and he said, 'OK, just go.'"

Following a brief tenure with her father's publicly traded Macerich Co., one of the largest owners of regional and community shopping centers in the United States, Siegel became fully immersed in the family's operation in the mid 1980s. It was exactly where she wanted to be, even if it wasn't always peaches and cream.

"It's a great thing for a family to go and do together," she commented, referring to the Thoroughbred business. "It's a great way to spend an afternoon. You meet great people at the racetrack. At the same time, sometimes your parents can be a tough boss. My dad used to joke that my mom and I were the toughest partners he ever had.

"My mom grew up in Cincinnati, went to the University of Kentucky and fell in love with horses," Siegel explained. "She was a good handicapper and a very lucky gambler, and we'd have a lot of fun at the races and we'd just enjoy it."

Jan Siegel lost her battle with cancer in 2002 at the age of 69, and the operation, which heretofore was referred to as Jan, Mace and Samantha Siegel, was renamed Jay Em Ess Stable, to honor the memory of her late mother.

Over the years, the Siegels have campaigned several prominent horses, some purchased at auction and others bred at home. Samantha Siegel is a fixture at sales from coast-to-coast. Siegel's approach is as simple as it is logical.

"I look for decent conformation, a good physical presence and I don't buy small horses; they have to work too hard and run too hard to keep up with the big ones," Siegel offers. "The better the pedigree, the more you have to pay, which is why we don't have a lot of high-pedigreed horses. We'll make our own pedigrees. We've kept our better mares and bred them to better stallions in the hopes that if it walked into an auction ring, it would be above where we'd like to pay. My dad says, 'I don't

take out a mortgage to buy horses.' He doesn't have any other hobbies, he doesn't own a plane, doesn't have a boat. This is it. Finding a good horse is hard, but the thrill is undescrivable."

The Jay Em Ess team employs Ric Waldman as an advisor, and the team has paired up for some major scores. Urbane (Citidancer), purchased for just \$25,000 as a yearling, was a Grade I winner at three and four, banked over \$1 million and would have been even more successful if not for her classmate Serena's Song.

"She picked the wrong year to be

born," Siegel chuckled.

Urbane is a current member of the Jay Em Ess broodmare band and is most prominently the dam of MGSW Suave (A.P. Indy).

Love of Money (Not For Love), a \$70,000 yearling acquisition, also more than paid his way, taking the 2004 GII Pennsylvania Derby and earning a shade more than \$600,000 in his career.

The Making of a Champion...

Declan's Moon (Malibu Moon) was broken in Ocala and turned over to trainer Ron Ellis in the spring of 2004.

A five-length debut winner at odds of 14-1 at Del Mar, the gelding defeated Roman Ruler (Fusaichi Pegasus) in the GII Del Mar Futurity and the sky appeared to be the limit. Declan's Moon could have further solidified his credentials for a championship with a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but he did not take part on championship day.

"We took a shot not running in the Breeders' Cup because he was not Breeders' Cup-nominated and because he was a gelding," Siegel said. "We got lucky, but that was one case where the plan worked." **Cont. p10**



Samantha and Mace Siegel

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Declan's Moon would conclude a perfect four-race campaign with wins in the GIII Hollywood Prevue S. and the GI Hollywood Futurity. For his efforts, he was rewarded with an Eclipse Award as champion two-year-old.

Given the family's success in both buying and breeding a horse, which is the more daunting task?

"Breeding them is harder because you can't choose what they look like," Siegel suggests. "For the most part, we keep most of our homebreds; we don't sell a lot of them. Every once in a while we'll sell one. When you go buy one, you're hand-picking them. You choose the matings to try to get what you want, but it doesn't always work out that way. It's all a crapshoot. The horse that walks nice and pretty may not run very fast. But we all get the same shot."

The Trip Horse...

Unfortunately for the Siegels, **Rail Trip** (Jump Start) was unable to make the races until two months ahead of his four-year-old season. Fortunately, the gelding has made up for lost time by winning six of his eight career starts and is one of the leaders of this year's handicap division.

"I joked when he won [first time] that it was only a year after we planned," Siegel deadpanned. "Ron did think he was his Derby horse, and Ron is very good at giving horses time. When you're good to them, they're good to you back, so you have to do it."

Plagued by persistent ankle issues, Rail Trip underwent surgery to have a chip removed, and a key decision followed.

"When we brought him back in, Ron suggested gelding him, and I didn't think it was an unreasonable suggestion," Siegel explained. "He was a very high-energy horse as a two-year-old. He'd work very well and moved very well, but he'd expend a little too much energy than you'd like to see a good horse do. After we gelded him and started again, he was a totally different animal."

Rail Trip, a ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ off a highly impressive maiden score at Hollywood last Nov. 7, rolled through his conditions and first five starts unscathed, including a deceptively easy win in the Santana Mile S. at Santa Anita Apr. 4. Then, "disaster" struck--Rail Trip finished second in the GII Mervyn LeRoy H. and the GII Californian. Cause for concern? Not really, says Siegel.

"They were literally paid workouts [Santa Anita allowance races], and our horse thought all he had to do was run around there and look pretty," she commented. "He got to the Mervyn LeRoy and we decided to let Ball Four (Grand Slam) go and he came up to him and just assumed that he'd stop just like everyone else had. He went, 'Well, what's this?'"

"Then he had to figure that out," she continued. "After that race, he knew he didn't win, he knew something happened. Then we got to the Californian and applied some of what he learned and learned a little bit more. By the time we got to the Gold Cup, he learned what he should have learned in the three races at Santa Anita."

After being favored in each of his first seven outings, five of those at 3-5 or less, Rail Trip was an astronomical 9-1 in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup July 11. On or near the pace through-out, the handsome bay strolled home by three. And Siegel and her dad strolled to the windows.

"My dad and I, we kind of have a standard bet, except when we're a heavy favorite, and then we don't bet at all," she related. "We used to have a horse called Don't Bet Chalk--9-1 was very nice. Most of the time horses make liars out of us and it's nice when something happens the way you plan it, for a change. It's a thrill. Winning any kind of race is a lot of fun, but the bigger the race, the bigger the thrill."

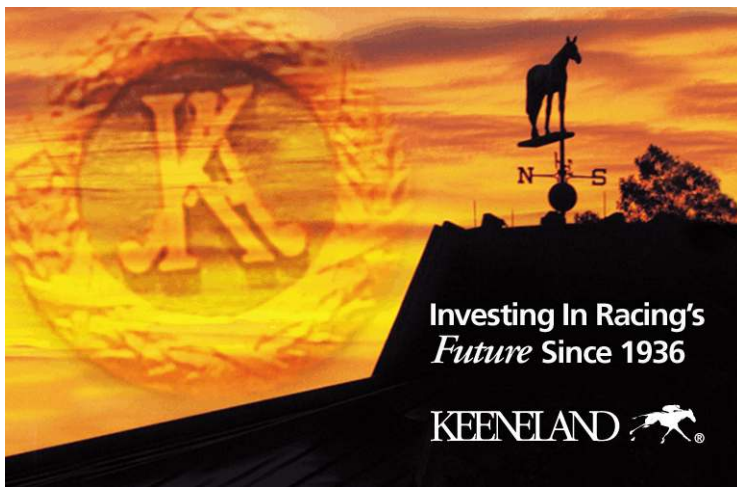
And up next is the GI Pacific Classic Sept. 6.

"It would be tremendous to win this race down here," Siegel admits. "He looks like he likes it down here. He's going very well over the track."

For the Siegel Family, years of hard work have paid off, and for her part, Samantha feels blessed.

"You're always lucky when you get to do something you love," she says. "There are great people involved in this business. You get to meet great people from all walks of life. The owners, trainers and jockeys are all fun. To see your own horse out there competing and winning, it's like having your own sports team. No matter whether you invest a little or a lot, you have as good a chance to win as the next guy. We're all sick for doing this when you have absolutely

no control over what happens, but that unpredictability is part of the excitement part of what makes this business so great. There's nothing like it when it works."



Off The Track...

Away from the racetracks and the sales pavilions, Siegel is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) and is also a member of overseeing committee for the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA), which designates a percentage of net purses to support equine retirement in the Golden State.

"It's extremely important for me to be involved in such undertakings," Siegel commented. "It keeps me in touch with what's going on and gives me the chance to try to make a difference, even if sometimes that is hard."

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

GRADED STAKES CHANGES ON TAP Three changes were announced at yesterday's American Graded Stakes Committee meeting held in Saratoga Springs, New York, *The Blood-Horse* reports. The Grade I purse minimum was lowered to \$250,000 for 2010, but will return to \$300,000 in 2011. The Association of Racing Commissioners International model rule on toe grabs has been suspended, effective July 22. It was also announced that if a race isn't held for two or more years or not run in two of the last three years, it's no longer eligible for grading. Peter Willmott was re-elected AGSC chairman at the meeting as well.

★ **SARATOGA** ★

Yesterday's Results:

1st-SAR, \$59,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:50 4/5, ft.

PLATINUM (f, 3, [Mineshaft](#)--Nataliano, by Fappiano) debuted with a promising runner-up effort at Churchill May 29 for trainer Jose Fernandez, and was turned over to Jimmy Jerkens. The 3/4-sister to A. P. Adventure (A.P. Indy), GISW, \$355,080, graduated with a comfortable five-length score at Belmont July 17 going six panels, and was bet down to 6-5 while stretching out to two turns here. With John Velazquez throttling her down while leading through splits of :24.46 and :49.43, the bay filly had plenty left in the lane and was never seriously threatened en route to a 3 1/2-length success. Second-choice Starship Angel (Running Stag) held that spot throughout. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$70,860.

O-Peter E Blum Racing LLC. B-Peter E Blum (KY).

T-James A Jerkens.

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2nd-SAR, \$50,000, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04, ft.
+ **ASPIRE (c, 2, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Mamselle Nanette, by Southern Halo)** showed a host of good works at Keeneland before posting two drills over Saratoga's Oklahoma track, and went postward as the 3-1 third choice. After ducking in at the start, the dark bay settled into fourth, several lengths behind a solid pace set by Good to Be Seen (Montbrook). Aspire rallied four wide on the turn and, despite lugging in, wore down the pacesetter to graduate by a half-length. It was seven lengths back to 3-2 chalk Grand Strategy (Eurosilver). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000.

O-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.


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**TODAY'S
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1:35p 2nd-SAR, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f
HR/TVG CABLEKNIT ([Unbridled's Song](#)) was the highest-priced yearling for her sire last year, going for \$1.7 million at KEESEP. A half-sister to champion sprinter and leading young sire Speightstown (Gone West), the Darley representative has several good works for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, who has a 26% strike rate with juveniles. She is a daughter of Canadian champion Silken Cat (Storm Cat). Also in the field is **Happy Week ([Distorted Humor](#))**, a \$600K KEESEP acquisition by the Wertheimer brothers. The chestnut filly, a granddaughter of Broodmare of the Year Weekend Surprise (Secretariat), has been training well for trainer Todd Pletcher. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

4:23p 7th-SAR, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f
HR/TVG HATHEER ([Storm Cat](#)) is the latest foal from champion turf mare Golden Apples (Ire) (Pivotal (GB)). Trained by Kiaran McLaughlin for owner/breeder Shadwell, the full to GSW Habaya has shown plenty in the morning. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

8:00p 7th-DMR, \$62K, Opt. Clm., 3yo/up, f/m, 5f
HR/TVG LANGS LASH (IRE) ([Noverre](#)) posted a win in the G2 Queen Mary S. at the 2008 Royal Ascot meet before finishing third by a head in the G2 Lowther S. at York a year ago. However, the bay filly ran 11th, beaten 6 3/4 lengths, in the G1 Cheveley Park S. Oct. 3 for trainer Mick Quinlan, and hasn't been out since. She will wear blinkers and will be treated with Lasix in her first outing for Neil Drysdale, who wins with an eye-catching 36% of his first-time imports. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

Eastern Daylight Time



Saratoga report cont.

3rd-SAR, \$50,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03 1/5, fm.

DAWN CHORUS (f, 3, [Unbridled's Song](#)--Dawn Princess {SW & GSP, \$131,398}, by Polish Numbers), a \$425,000 KEESEP yearling, had a promising debut when second on the Arlington Polytrack Sept. 20, but was sidelined following an eighth on the all-weather at Keeneland Oct. 18. The dark bay returned to action with a rusty sixth behind Platinum (Mineshaft, see above) on the Belmont main track July 17, and was dismissed at 12-1 while making the move to the infield here. After a ground-saving trip around the turn, Dawn Chorus came off the fence entering the stretch. Firster West Ocean (Elusive Quality) looked to be making a winning move on the outside, but Dawn Chorus found another gear and hit the wire a half-length in front of her rival. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$35,815. O-Swettenham Stud. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-William I Mott.

5th-SAR, \$48,400, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, ft.

+ OPUS A (f, 2, [Read the Footnotes](#)--Lady Nelson, by Sea Hero) attracted attention at the windows on the strength of a solid worktab combined with trainer Rick Violette Jr.'s 26-percent strike rate with firsters. The 3-1 second choice had a rough time of it early and was forced to steady, but finally found running room while six wide on the far outside and put in a sustained run to hit the front approaching the wire. In the end, she had a half-length on Freud's Notebook (Freud). Sales history: \$6,500 RNA wlng '07 KEENOV. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$29,040. O-Broadway Blue Stable. B-Nan Cassidy (NY). T-Richard A Violette Jr.

Belmont Child Care Association Benefit:

The seminar "Thoroughbred Racing - The Unsung Heroes Give the Inside Scoop" to benefit the Belmont Child Care Association will be held Aug. 24 at The Parting Glass in Saratoga Springs, New York. The seminar, which will benefit the Belmont Child Care Association, will be hosted by Amanda Roxborough of Kylar Productions. Admission is \$20 for the seminar, which will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, contact saratoga@kylarproductions.com or The Parting Glass at 518.583.1916.

Summer Bird Gallops on Grass:

GI Belmont S. winner **Summer Bird** (Birdstone) galloped over the Oklahoma turf course Wednesday morning at Saratoga. "I'm going to keep him on the dirt right now; I didn't like the way he looked over the turf," trainer Tim Ice said of the GI Travers S. contender. "He didn't look comfortable. He doesn't look like the same horse going on the turf than going over the dirt. I wanted to see what his reaction would be. Some horses don't like it; some horses do." Summer Bird was last seen placing a distant second behind super filly Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI Haskell Invitational. "I have been happier with him training here than I was with him at Monmouth," Ice continued. "He looks good. He was training brilliantly coming into the Haskell. He was training as good going into the Haskell as he was in the Belmont. We just caught a superstar in the Haskell. He ran a winning race. As long as he tries and runs, that's all I can ask from him." Ice is keeping the option open of Summer Bird racing on grass down the line. "I'll still nominate him to the [Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita Nov. 7]," he said. "Maybe he didn't like it because there were some divots over there. Being that it was the first time, he could have been unsure of it."

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1st-SAR (Alw) Platinum (Mineshaft) strikes for the second straight time.
5th-SAR (Msw) Opus A (Read the Footnotes) gets up in the shadow of the wire.

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IN BRITAIN:

Al Ghazal, c, 2, Motivator (GB). See "Britain."

Botham, g, 5, Cryptoclearance--Oval, by Kris S. Hamilton Park, 8-12, Hcp (Apprentices), 3yo/up, 6f 5ydsT. B-France Weiner & Neal Hayias. *\$35,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG; 90,000gns 2yo '06 DONAPR.

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-DEL, \$39,750, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5, fm.

SOBHY (c, 3, [Friends Lake](#)--Another Vegetarian, by **Stalwart**), a half-brother to Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever), GISW, \$1,098,723, debuted with a distant third on the Aqueduct inner track Dec. 6. The chestnut returned with a close fifth in his turf bow at Delaware July 7, and was beaten just 1 3/4 lengths when fourth over the same course July 25. Sent off as the 5-2 second choice here, Sobhy jumped out in front quickly, but was content to let 8-5 Just Right (Fr) (Pleasantly Perfect) take the lead briefly on the backstretch. The Zayat colt reclaimed the advantage approaching the 3/8-pole and went on to earn his diploma by two lengths over Today's Man (Empire Maker). Just Right faded to fourth. The winner was a \$100,000 KEENOV weanling and \$600,000 KEESEP yearling. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$30,520.

O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

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EUPHONY (Forest Wildcat), 5f, 1:02.00, 8/35

WIN WILLY (Monarchos), 5f, 1:01.60, 7/35

DEL MAR

CARLSBAD (Rocky Bar), 4f, :49.00, 26/57

CHOCOLATE CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), 6f, 1:13.40, 7/18

MARSH SIDE (Gone West), 4fT, :48.80, 3/8

SCOREWITHCATER (Even the Score), 6f, 1:14.60, 14/18

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DESPITE THE ODDS (Speightstown), 4f, :50.00, 3/9

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BEAUTICIAN (Dehere), 5f, 1:03.12, 24/32

GUAM TYPHOON (Distorted Humor), 4f, :49.98, 36/46

REGAL RANSOM (Distorted Humor), 4f, :48.44, 10/46



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SENATE INTERNET GAMING BILL IMPACTS HORSE RACING

[Sen. Robert Menendez](#) (D-NJ) introduced Internet gaming legislation one day before the start of the Senate's summer recess last Friday. The "Internet Poker and Games of Skill Regulation, Protection and Enforcement Act" ([S. 1597](#)) would allow federally-regulated online poker and other games of skill.

The Menendez bill has important implications for the horse racing industry. First, it expressly exempts online pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing as authorized under the Interstate Horse Racing Act (IHA) from the various procedures other entities wishing to enter the online gaming market must follow. Among other provisions, S. 1597 also offers a "safe harbor" for financial transaction providers that process wagers under the IHA, amends the tax code to eliminate the automatic 25% federal withholding on pari-mutuel winnings of \$5,000 or more and raises the reportable amount from \$600 at odds of 300-1 to \$1,200 at odds of 300-1.

A bill ([H.R. 2267](#)) introduced earlier this year by House Financial Services Committee Chairman [Barney Frank](#) (D-MA) has some similarities to S. 1597, but it would legalize most any type of online gaming.



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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Bell Re-Elected TOBA Chairman:

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced that Reynolds Bell Jr. was re-elected as the chairman of its Board of Trustees. "I am flattered by the confidence shown in me by the trustees to be elected to a second term as TOBA chairman," Bell said. "TOBA's American Graded Stakes Committee has affected change in the past year by implementing eligibility requirements for anabolic steroids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and I look forward to working with the other industry organizations to continue to affect the needed change to improve the integrity and position of our sport in the sports and entertainment marketplace." It was also announced that new member Terry Finley would serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees. Current trustees Gary Biszantz, Seth Hancock, Roy Jackson, Stuart Janney III and Michael Levy were re-elected to three-year terms. Named as officers for 2009-2010 were: Reynolds Bell Jr., chairman, Stuart Janney III, vice-chairman; Dan Metzger, president; Seth Hancock, secretary; and Peter Willmott, treasurer.

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\$1.1 Million in Grants for Equine Health Research:

Two grants totaling more than \$1.1 million were awarded to James MacLeod and John S. and Elizabeth A. Knight, chair and professor of veterinary science at the Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center and director of UK's Equine Initiative. Three other equine researchers in UK's College of Agriculture were also awarded more than \$500,000. "As an equine scientist, it is very gratifying to obtain a large grant from the National Science Foundation for a project with direct relevance to equine health research," MacLeod said. The grant will be used to develop computer-based analytical methods to study gene expression. "Determining the nucleotide sequence of the equine genome and several emergent DNA sequencing technologies are opening exciting new opportunities to study gene expression. Changes in gene expression underlie many disease processes and treatment mechanisms. The computational algorithms that we are working to develop will greatly facilitate the analysis of gene expression based on direct RNA sequencing approaches." The second grant, worth \$100,000, was awarded by the Morris Animal Foundation. It will provide support for graduate student Jennifer Janes and her project on equine cervical stenosis.



First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, August 13

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- BULL MARKET** (Holy Bull), Buck Pond, \$4K, 11/0/0
7-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Capitalism At Risk, \$65K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1
GHOSTZAPPER (Awesome Again), Adena Springs, \$200K, 80/0/0
7-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Crimson Glory, \$47K ADS SPR 2yo, 7-2
HERO'S PLEASURE (Sea Hero), 4/0/0
4-CBY, Msw, 5 1/2f, Cinder Ellie, \$5K MNS AUG yrl, 7-2
KITTEN'S JOY (El Prado {Ire}), Ramsey, \$25K, 104/8/0
7-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Raise the Kitty, \$67K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
LIMEHOUSE (Grand Slam), Vinery, \$18K, 99/6/1
1-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, Horrendous, \$9K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
7-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Neenie's House, \$115K OBS FEB 2yo, 12-1
2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Limeheart, \$120K FTK JUL yrl, 10-1
MIDWAY ROAD (Jade Hunter), Lane's End, \$5K, 36/2/0
1-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, Midland, \$2K EAS DEC wnl, 10-1
PROUD ACCOLADE (Yes It's True), Bridlewood, \$4K, 62/7/0
2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Proud Zoe, \$72K OBS FEB 2yo, 9-5

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Aug. 13

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- GLITTER CODE** (Glitterman), Horse Country, \$1K, 17/1/0
3-HOO, Msw, 5f, +Glitter Power, 7-2



★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

EBF UPAVON FILLIES' S.-Listed, £50,000, Salisbury, 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 198ydsT, 2:05.99, gd/fm.

- 1-#**AVE (GB)**, 117, f, 3, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Anna Amalia (Ire)**, by **In the Wings (GB)**. O/B-Plantation Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Ryan Moore; £28,385. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, £54,064.
- 2--**Splashdown (GB)**, 121, f, 3, Falbrav (Ire)--Space Time (Fr), by Bering (GB). £10,760.
- 3--**Sterling Sound**, 117, f, 3, Street Cry (Ire)--Lady in Silver, by Silver Hawk. (\$120,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). £5,385.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3, NK. Odds: 5-4, 4-1, 20-1.
Also Ran: Syvilla (GB), Cape Amber (Ire), Sweet Lilly (GB), Wymering File (Ire), Cosmea (GB). Scratched: Lady Deauville (Fr), Perfect Star (GB), Wadaat (GB).

Third in a Newmarket handicap on her seasonal return May 2, Ave bagged a handicap here next time July 11 and was a last-out second in the July 24 Listed Lyric S at York. Reserved off the pace in third along the rail from the outset of this, she made smooth headway in the straight to lead approaching the final quarter mile and was ridden out in the closing stages to safely hold Splashdown for a first black-type score. [Video, courtesy of Racing UK.](#)

Salisbury, 14.30, Mdn, £7,250, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.81, gd/fm.

MON CADEAUX (GB) (c, 2, Cadeaux Genereux {GB}--Ushindi {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire}), a debut runner-up at Newmarket July 25, gradually inched across from an outside draw and raced in a prominent second after the initial strides here. Taking over just before halfway, the 9-4 favorite was ridden out inside the final furlong to comfortably best Dafeef (GB) (Medicean {GB}) by three lengths. The winner was a 37,000gns TATOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £6,043. [Video, courtesy of Racing UK.](#)

O-Mick & Janice Mariscotti; B-Stourbank Stud; T-Andrew Balding.

Sandown Park, 18.35, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 7f 16ydsT, 1:30.62, gd.

AL GHAZAL (c, 2, Motivator {GB}--Mansfield Park {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Green Desert), a first-up third at Windsor July 6, raced in fourth early, but was shuffled back to sixth before halfway. Niggled along soon after turning for home, the even-money pick challenged with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was ridden out up the hill to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Champagne Style (Lion Heart). He is the second winner for his freshman sire (by Montjeu {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,815. [Video, courtesy of Racing UK.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Saeed bin Suroor.



★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF HURRY HARRIET S.-

Listed, €42,500, Gowran Park, 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 100ydsT, 2:01.16, gd.

1--**CHINESE WHITE (IRE)**, 132, f, 4, Dalakhani (Ire)--

Chiang Mai (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 14f+, GSW-Ire, GSP-Fr, \$117,666), by Sadler's Wells. O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Skymarc Farm & Castlemartin Farm; T-Dermot Weld; J-Pat Smullen; €27,668. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 8-3-1-1, €127,758.

2--**Roman Empress (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, Sadler's Wells--Ionian Sea (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB). €00,000.

3--**She's Our Mark (GB)**, 137, m, 5, Ishiguru--Markskeepingfaith (Ire), by Ajraas. (3,500gns wnlq '04 TATDEC; €12,000 yrl '05 TATIRE). €0,000.

Margins: 1HF, 6, 3/4. Odds: 15-8, 14-1, 5-2.


Also Ran: Festival Princess (Ire), Choose Me (Ire), Timabiyra (Ire), Crossing (GB), Wanna (Ire), Dollar Chick (Ire), Cristal Island (Ire), Always Be True (Ire).



Observations
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5.55 Leopardstown, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, f, 7fT

YOU'LL BE MINE (Kingmambo) is a daughter of the 2001 G1 Moyglare Stud S victress Quarter Moon (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who was runner-up in three Classics in 2002. She is thus a half-sister to this term's G3 Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial third Born to be King (Storm Cat) and debuts for the Roisin Henry and Susan Magnier partnership. Her 14 rivals include the David Myerscough trained **Moonlight Cass (Ire)** ([Danehill Dancer {Ire}](#)), who is a sibling to six black-type performers.



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Hurry Harriet S. cont.

Successful in last term's Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. over course and distance, Chinese White failed to hit the board in the G1 Epsom and Irish Oaks, and closed her sophomore year with another off-the-board effort in the G3 Give Thanks S. at Cork last August. The grey homebred came back this term to run second in defense of the May 3 Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. and was a last-out third in the May 13 G3 Blue Wind S. at Naas. Settled just off the pace behind the leaders until easing into second at the two pole, she was pushed into a slight lead approaching the final eighth and kept on strongly in the latter stages to score in cozy fashion. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

Gowran Park, 17.15, Mdn, €15,500, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.43, gd.

SEBASTIAN FLYTE (GB) (c, 2, Observatory--Aravonian {GB}, by Night Shift), a debut seventh at The Curragh Mar. 22, raced in a handy fifth after the opening exchanges of this comeback. Angled outside for his bid approaching the final quarter mile, the 9-1 chance kept on strongly under a final-furlong drive to nail Mister Tee (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) by a short head on the line. The winner, a half-brother to Age of Chivalry (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSW-Ire, \$157,958, was a £38,000 DONAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,711. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

O-Plantation Stud; B-Perle O'Rourke; T-Francis Ennis.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

GRAND PRIX DU LION D'ANGERS-Listed, €55,000, Le Lion d'Angers, 8-12, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:21.21, gd/sf.

1--**#CIRRUS DES AIGLES (FR)**, 123, g, 3, by Even Top (Ire)
1st Dam: Taille de Guepe (Fr), by Septieme Ciel
2nd Dam: Roots (Fr), by Funambule
3rd Dam: Ruma (Fr), by Rheffic (Fr)

O-Jean-Claude-Alain Dupouy & Xavier Niel; B-Yvon Lelimouzin & Benoit Deschamps; T-Corine Barande-Barbe; J-Franck Blondel; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 17 starts, 4 wins, 13 places, €166,500.

2--**Karlisse (Ire)**, 120, f, 3, [Celtic Swing \(GB\)](#)--Karlinaxa (GB), by Linamix (Fr). €11,000.

3--**Ile de Re (Fr)**, 123, c, 3, Linamix (Fr)--Ile Mamou (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). (€45,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG). €8,250.

Margins: 6, NO, 2HF. Odds: 0.80, 7.70, 4.80.

Also Ran: Rossanna, Liberty Chery (GB).

With 12 starts already in a busy sophomore campaign, Cirrus des Aigles had hit the board in all five prior black-type attempts, including a third in the July 27 Listed Prix Ridgway at Chantilly last time. Leading from flagfall in this one, he was briefly threatened rounding the home turn, but was ridden clear in the short straight to easily register a personal best.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

NEW YORK STALLION CAB CALLOWAY S., \$150,000, SAR, 8-12, (R), 3yo, c/g, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.
 1--**UNCLE T SEVEN, 121, c, 3, Freud--Holy Wish, by Lord At War (Arg)**. O-Mina, Bobley, MFRG Racing Stable & Brida; B-Anthony Grey (NY); T-John Morrison; J-Julien R Leparoux; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-4, \$250,158. *3/4 to Wishful Tomcat (Tactical Cat), GSW, \$420,654.
 2--**Livin Large**, 115, g, 3, A. P Jet--Pierpont Account, by Private Account. \$30,000.
 3--**Scientist**, 117, c, 3, Intidab--The Demon Chaser, by Boundary. (\$15,000 wlng '06 NYBSEP). \$15,000. Margins: 2 3/4, 1HF, HD. Odds: 2.40, 11.00, 2.35.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-DMR, \$86,800, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), C, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33 4/5, fm.
HOT N' DUSTY (f, 4, Unusual Heat--Eager Dusty, by Eager Eagle) Lifetime Record: 20-4-7-3, \$291,016. O-M Auerbach LLC & Little Red Feather Racing. B-Madeline Auerbach (CA). T-Barry Abrams. *1/2 to Chemolo (Be a Native), SW, \$137,465.

3rd-WOX, \$64,167, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y (off turf) (AWT), 1:42 2/5, ft.
MONTROSE AVENUE (g, 3, Endeavor--Typical, by Alydeed) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, \$110,049. O/B-Tucci Stables & Lou Tucci (ON). T-Nicholas Gonzalez.

5th-DMR, \$57,800, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, (R), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56, fm.
SPEEDIN EXCESS (f, 3, In Excess {Ire}--Danish Dessert, by Regal Classic) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-2-0, \$93,769. O-Barbara M & G Chris Coleman. B-Ballena Vista Farm (CA). T-Ted H West. *\$25,000 yrl '07 BESNOV; \$115,000 RNA 2yo '08 BESMAY.

8th-APX, \$40,300, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 4/5, ft.
PEYOTE PATTY (f, 4, Cactus Ridge--Runaway Emily A {SW, \$195,041}, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-3, \$104,180. O-Timothy J Keeley. B-Barr Three LLC (IL). T-Steve Fridley.

2nd-EVD, \$28,826, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
SOUTHERN VINTAGE (g, 3, Cuvee--Dixie Time, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$55,533. O-Markpoint Stables & Jeffrey Louis Bessa Jr. B-Cashmark Farm (TX). T-Cash Asmussen. *1/2 to Margarita Man (Mr. Shawklit), MSW, \$153,660.

6th-MNR, \$25,600, 8-11, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, my.
BOUGH BREAKER (m, 5, Kokand--Baugher, by Comet Shine) Lifetime Record: 23-3-1-2, \$54,287. O/B-James Sanford Morris Jr (WV). T-Timothy M Collins.

9th-MNR, \$25,600, 8-11, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, my.
ONE BOLD WEST (c, 3, Way West {Fr}--Poached, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$59,613. O-Patricia Shockey. B-Mr & Mrs Dale Edward Shockey (WV). T-Dale E Shockey.

8th-HOO, \$23,500, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08 2/5, ft.
MAGNA HEART (f, 4, Gone West--Coldheartedcat, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 20-2-2-4, \$52,258. O-Goldmark LLC. B-Racehorse Management, LLC (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss. *\$200,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

2nd-MNR, \$22,400, 8-11, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y (off turf), 1:45 2/5, my.
VEILED VOW (f, 4, Broken Vow--Viewy, by Majestic Light) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$30,704. O/B-Spooky Hollow Racing (KY). T-John L Langemeier. *\$30,000 RNA wlng '05 KEENOV; \$23,000 RNA yrl '06 FTKOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sweet Lemon Chello, f, 2, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Miss Kathy B, by Magesterial. APX, 8-12, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:12 4/5. B-Mike Dini (IL). *\$60,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP.

Tremendamente Loca, f, 2, **Offlee Wild**--Montaraz, by Numerous. PID, 8-12, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05 3/5. B-J D Squires (KY). *\$22,000 RNA yrl '08 FTKJUL. **Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Wild Again).

Roman Charity, f, 2, **Roman Ruler**--Trickle Down (SP, \$156,140), by Phone Trick. DMR, 8-12, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:11. B-Meritage LLC, Victor Flores & Angelo Ferro (KY). *\$37,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL; \$38,000 2yo '09 BESMAY; \$40,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSMAR. **Eighth winner for freshman sire (by Fusaichi Pegasus).

+ **Skippa Sweep**, f, 2, **Skip Away**--Silent Sweep, by End Sweep. APX, 8-12, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:13 4/5. B-Lamont H Nienast LLC (IL).

+ **Impressively**, f, 2, **Whitney Tower**--Medieval Empress, by Medieval Man. HOO, 8-12, (S), 5f, :59 1/5. B-James R Elliott (IN).

Live Sundays, g, 3, **High Brite**--Thisisyourluckyday (SP), by Rich Cream. GGX, 8-12, 6f (AWT), 1:11 3/5. B-Harris Farms Inc (CA). *\$5,000 yrl '07 CTNSEP.

D'oro Diablo, g, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Dancehall Floozy, by Paramount Jet. WOX, 8-12, 6 1/2f (off turf) (AWT), 1:16. B-Robert G. Harvey (ON). *\$115,000 RNA wlng '06 KEENOV. **1/2 to Dancehall Deelites (Afternoon Deelites), GSP, \$182,894.

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Passade, f, 3, **Pikepass--Missus Cat**, by Cat's Career. APX, 8-12, (S), 1m (AWT), 1:41 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Harvey L Vanier & Lexco Services Inc (IL).

Final Journey, g, 3, **Redattore (Brz)--Super Journey**, by Super Moment. DMR, 8-12, (S), (C), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17 3/5. B-Kirkorian & Valpredo (CA). *1/2 to First Journey (Vernon Castle), SW, \$271,080.

Jemilyn, f, 4, **Good and Tough--Twenty Four Carat**, by Gold Spring (Arg). MTH, 8-12, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Frances Hartwell (PA).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

HANDICAP RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Salisbury, 15.00, £5,000, 2yo, 6f 212ydsT, 1:28.48, gd/fm.

FROZEN POWER (IRE) (c, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Musical Treat {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £8,996. O-Godolphin; B-Rathbarry Stud; T-Saeed bin Suroor. *500,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT. *1/2 to Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley), Ch. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, Fr & Ire, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 7-9.5f, Co-Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng, Ire & Fr, \$1,517,910.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Anavelga (Fr)**, f, 2, **Anabaa--Mavelga (GB)**, by Machiavellian. Le Lion d'Angers, France, 8-12, Cond, 2yo, 7fT. B-Charles Barel. *€11,000 wnlg '07 DEADEC.

Bridge Valley (GB), c, 2, **Avonbridge (GB)--Go Between (GB)**, by Daggers Drawn. Sandown Park, Britain, 8-12, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 6ydsT. B-D J & Mrs Deer. *58,000gns wnlg '07 TATDEC; £30,000 yrl '08 DONAUG. **12th winner for freshman sire (by Averti {Ire}).



Upavon Fillies S. (Salisbury) Ave (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) earns a first black-type score.
Hurry Harriet S. (Gowran Park) Chinese White (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) proves a popular winner.
18.35 Sandown (Mdn) Al Ghazal (Motivator {GB}) is the second winner for his freshman sire (by Montjeu {Ire}).

Borgo Pio (Ger), c, 2, **Barathea (Ire)--Be Crafty**, by Crafty Prospector. Naples, Italy, 8-11, Mdn, 2yo, 1mT. B-Ugo Marchetti. *1/2 to Spirit of Sport (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), SW-Ity.

Tominator (GB), g, 2, **Generous (Ire)--Jucinda (GB)**, by Midyan. Beverley, Britain, 8-12, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 100ydsT. B-Mrs S L Brimble. *7,500gns yrl '08 TATOCT.

+ **Theymistim (GB)**, g, 2, **Kyllachy (GB)--Dance Sequence (GSW-Eng, \$116,869)**, by Mr. Prospector. Beverley, Britain, 8-12, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. *10,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT.

Sird'Ouilly (Fr), g, 3, **Man O West (Fr)--Reefsna (Fr)**, by Shareef Dancer. Vichy, France, 8-11, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT. B-C Baudouin, Jame Baudouin, Mlle A Baudouin & P H Baudouin.

Brushing (GB), f, 3, **Medicean (GB)--Seasonal Blossom (Ire)**, by Fairy King. Yarmouth, Britain, 8-12, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6f 3ydsT. B-Dullingham Park. *10,000gns RNA yrl '07 TATOCT.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

August 13, 1919...Upset scored a win against **Man o'War** in the Sanford Memorial S. at Saratoga. The defeat was Big Red's only loss in 21 career starts.



2009 GRADED STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Cond.
8-14	GII Nat'l Museum of Racing	3yo, 9fT
8-15	GI Sword Dancer Inv	3/up, 12fT
8-19	GII Adirondack	2yo, f, 6.5f
8-20	GII Saratoga Special	2yo, 6.5f
8-21	GII Lake Placid	3yo, f, 9fT
8-22	GI Alabama	3yo, f, 10f
8-28	GII Bernard Baruch H.	3/up, 9fT
8-29	GI Shadwell Travers S.	3yo, 10f
8-29	GI NetJets King's Bishop	3yo, 7f
8-29	GI Ballerina BC	3/up, f/m, 7f
8-29	GII Ballston Spa H.	3/up, f/m, 8.5fT
8-29	GIII Victory Ride	3yo, f, 6f
8-30	GI Personal Ensign	3/up, f/m, 10f
9-4	GII With Anticipation	2yo, 1mT
9-5	GI Woodward	3/up, 9f
9-5	GI Forego H.	3/up, 7f
9-6	GI Spinaway	2yo, f, 7f
9-6	GIII Saranac	3yo, 1 3/16mT
9-7	GI Three Chimneys Hopeful	2yo, 7f
9-7	GIII Glens Falls H.	3/up, f/m, 11fT

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