

# 2019 GUIDE

to Saratoga Race Course Trainers'  
*Saddle Towels*

*How to Enjoy  
A Saratoga Morning*



***"Breezing to the Title"***

**Civil Union** (Gazuel Cruz up-inside)  
& **Competitionofideas** (Francisco Quiñones up)

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*11<sup>th</sup> Edition  
with special  
150th Travers  
Section*

**RUNHAPPY**



*What's this?*



Find out on page 4  
and see what happens!



## CARRIE WOERNER

MEMBER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY  
113TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT  
SARATOGA AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Saratoga Springs Racetrack, located in historic Saratoga Springs. There's truly no place like the racetrack and the home it creates for tourists, trainers, and workers each summer.

For more than 150 years, the race track has been a central piece of the Saratoga community. While you are visiting the Spa City, whether you live locally or come from a distance, I hope you will enjoy experiencing the wide variety of local businesses, restaurants, and natural springs Saratoga has to offer. And of course, visiting the track highlights the best that our community has to offer – a historic, world renowned sporting ground where visitors from all walks of life come together to share a love of racing.

This season is particularly unique as the racetrack opens earlier than ever before and continues for eight weeks, providing more opportunities for you to enjoy all that the track has to offer. From the morning jogs, gallops, and breezes to the late afternoon races, each day at the track is filled with moments of excitement. Seeing the backstretch workers care for their horses and proudly maintain shed rows as you would your home, watching as trainers ready their horses, and hearing stories from racing fans from around the world, creates the warm, welcoming feeling you can only find in Saratoga.

This year, we celebrate an especially exciting racing season with the 150th running of the Travers Stakes. Known both as the Mid-Summer Derby and the graveyard of champions, Travers Day always proves to be a day of nerves, excitement, and pure entertainment. Take a look through this brochure and in the center you'll find a list of the trainers who have won the Travers before. Will this year's winner be a legendary trainer taking home another title, or will a newcomer break through the pack?

So for those of you visiting Saratoga Springs and the Saratoga Race Track for the first time, welcome. And for those of you who spend your summers here making memories, welcome home; there's truly no place like it. I hope you enjoy your visit and wish you luck at the track!

Sincerely,

**Carrie Woerner**  
Member, New York State Assembly  
113th Assembly District  
Saratoga and Washington Counties

Member, Committee on Racing and Wagering

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# There's No Place Like Home

It's that time. August residents return to set up their Saratoga summer homes, Saratoga homeowners primp their homes to rent to visiting race goers, and once again, just as they have for the past 156 years, the race horses and the backstretch workers that care for them return for another summer at their Saratoga Race Course home.

This 11th edition of the **"Guide To The Saratoga Racecourse Trainers' Saddle Towels"** provides a glimpse of life on the "backside", a place race goers not often experience. The horse vans pull through the security gate, workers offload the horses and tack trunks from the vans, unpack their suitcases, roll off their bicycles, get their security credentials and room assignments and, as they have done for over a century, set up their "vacation home" on the backside. Some are here from April until October - more than half the year. The hundred plus year old barns are spruced up and decorated with hanging plants and flower beds, "lawns" where horses are cooled out and grazed are mowed and landscaped, furnishings are found to help make their space as homey as possible. Throughout the Guide you will see



2018 Jonathan Thomas Travers winner "Catholic Boy"

images of these barns. Many of them will have embedded videos showing the personalities and life in these barns. You can get a glimpse of this community by taking the free NYRA backstretch tour on days when the track is open. Hop on the free tram ride and take a stroll through this unique neighborhood,

This 11th Edition also celebrates the 150th running of Saratoga's marquee race, The Travers. Pages (Center) list the winning Travers trainers over the years. How many of these do you remember?


In any close-knit community, a loss of a friend is felt. Each year as we return, we keep looking in vain for that face—that spirit—that did not return this season or that, sadly, will never return. This year the passing of **Rick Violette** was felt in every barn. A trainer with many accomplishments, he is remembered on page\_\_\_.



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### 258 OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP TRAINERS TRAVELED TO SARATOGA IN 2018.

In 2019, the lure of \$20.85M in purses spread out over 76 Stakes races in 40 days for a prestigious win at historic Saratoga will bring them here again to find that elusive Winner's Circle. Keen-eyed-fans at the morning rail with the help of the Guide might have spotted horses that are present, past, and future Triple Crown winners, Breeders Cup winners, European stakes winners, Hall of Famers and Horses of the Year as they went about their morning works under the hands of their exercise riders and the watchful eye of their trainer. The use of Saddle Towels began in \_\_\_\_\_. This 11th Anniversary Guide lists saddle towels for trainers that entered races in 2018. Images are annotated to recognize trainers who are members of the Hall of Fame, or who won a 2019 Triple Crown race, a 2018 Breeders Cup, or a Saratoga 2018 signature race. Included are Towels for new trainers arriving at the Spa before the Guide went to print. We regret that we will always miss some. We are committed to building the most comprehensive catalog as possible.

### 2018 SARATOGA LEADING TRAINERS (BY WINS)

Name	Wins	Purse
1. Chad Brown	46	\$ 4,428,772
2. Todd Pletcher	19	\$ 1,951,666
3. Rudy Rodriguez	14	\$ 796,614
4. William Mott	13 (tie)	\$ 1,844,701
4. Steve Asmussen	13 (tie)	\$ 1,033,995
5. Jeremiah Englehart	12	\$ 970,896
6. Kiaran McLaughlin	11	\$ 733,752
7. Jason Servis	10	\$ 759,987
8. Linda Rice	9	\$ 823,331
9. Gary Contessa	8 (tie)	\$ 768,109
9. David Donk	8 (tie)	\$ 423,978
9. Joe Sharp	8 (tie)	\$ 421,698
10. Kenneth McPeck	7 (tie)	\$ 723,993
10. Brad Cox	7 (tie)	\$ 672,748
10. Claude "Shug" McGauhey	7 (tie)	\$ 559,487
10. Jorge Abreu	7 (tie)	\$ 432,747
10. Robertino DiOrio	7 (tie)	\$ 349,971

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7. Bob Baffert	\$ 807,250	3
8. Rudy Rodriguez	\$ 796,614	14
9. Rick Violette	\$ 773,404	3
10. Gary Contessa	\$ 768,109	8

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## H. ALLEN JERKENS SARATOGA TRAINING TITLE

ThoroFan Congratulates  
the 2018 H. ALLEN JERKENS  
SARATOGA TRAINING TITLE Award winner,  
**Chad Brown** with his  
**46 WINS**

### CHAD BROWN 46 SARATOGA WINNERS FOR 2018

7/20	Drynachan	8/12	Feedback
7/20	Dominant Strategy	8/13	Fog of War
7/21	Call Provision	8/15	No Need to Appeal
	Sistercharlie (G1 Diana)	8/15	Civil Union
7/22	Guerriere	8/18	Standard Deviation
7/23	Shanghai Schwartz	8/18	Rushing Fall (G2)
7/23	Ekhitbaar	8/19	Newspaperofrecord
7/26	Generalist	8/19	Admission Office
7/28	Reversethedecision	8/22	Focus Group
7/30	Focus Group	8/23	Shanghai Schwartz
8/1	Your Love	8/25	Greyes Creek
8/2	Hizeem	8/29	Prognostication
8/3	Proven Reserves	8/29	More Mischief
8/3	Raging Bull (G2)	8/30	Dog Tag
8/4	Uni	8/31	Chiclet's Dream
8/4	Separationofpowers (G1 Test)	8/31	Apartfromthecrowd
		8/31	Big Birthday
8/5	Gambler's Fallacy	9/1	Elysea's World (G3)
8/6	Chestnut Street	9/1	Spirit Animal
8/9	Ticonderoga	9/1	Hizeem
8/10	Theaterintheround	9/1	Raging Bull
8/11	Prognostication	9/2	Mighty Scarlet
8/11	Network Effect	9/3	Dominant Strategy
8/11	Patterrecognition		

### CHAD BROWN WON 2018 H. ALLEN JERKENS AWARD

in Secretariat like fashion, his second. The 40 year old from Mechanicville won 46 races (27%) to set a new Saratoga record for wins. He also notched 35 place purses. From a well-bred battalion of runners, the "Brown Barn" amassed \$4.4M total,



accounting for 6 Graded Stakes, including 2 Grade 1's at Saratoga - the Test Stakes and Diana Stakes. Brown has won the Diana Stakes 4 times. 2018 was indeed a good year for Chad, with a career high 224 wins in 47 Graded Stakes, 20 of those Grade 1's.

The Premier turf Trainer in North America calls Saratoga his home track. On race days, Brown watches his horses race from the Grand Stand Boxes but in between races Chad can be found in the picnic area with family and friends. After all, that's where it all began. In the mornings, look for him on the Oklahoma Trainers' stand or at Elmer's Gap.

Chad's principal client Klaravich Stable won an amazing 212 races; 1.4 million in purses—leading all owners. His other Owner, Peter Brant added 7 wins from only 18 starts, with 1.1 million in purses.

The protégé of HOF Trainer Bobby Frankel didn't take long to get noticed. He came to national acclaim during the 2007 Breeders' Cup. Frankel returned to California to care for his sick dog, Brown stepped into his place saddling **Ginger Punch** to win the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

The 2018 Eclipse Award winner for Outstanding Trainer always credits to his workers for the Barn's success. Rightfully So!



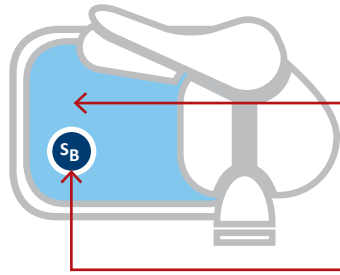
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# HOW to locate a Trainers' Towel

## BY BACKGROUND COLOR

In this years guide, trainers' towels have been indexed by the background color of the towel, into 6 color categories:

- BLACK & BROWN
- BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE
- GREEN
- RED, ORANGE, & PINK
- WHITE & GREY
- YELLOW & GOLD



## WHILE WATCHING THE MORNING WORKOUT:

- identify the main color of the saddle towel
- go to the towels' main color section in this booklet
- identify the trainer by additional colors, letters, and logos

## WHY ARE SADDLE TOWELS USED?

Racehorses are athletes and therefore have to condition their muscles, just like human athletes do, before racing.

Jockeys on horses entered in the afternoon races wear the unique colors of the horse's owners. When horses train in the mornings, the trainers use unique saddle towels on their horses so that they, the Gap Attendants, and the Clockers can identify them as they conduct their workouts in accordance with New York State Racing and Wagering Board Rule 4003.53 which states:

*"...A trainer desiring to engage a horse in a work-out shall, prior to such work-out, cause the following to be specified to a work-out coordinator: the name of the horse, the distance the horse will work-out and at what point on the facility the work-out is intended to begin..."*

The people who time the horses as they workout in the morning are called Clockers. The Clockers not only time the horses and note the distance that they run, but also how hard they were ridden and urged by the rider.

## OR BY NAME INDEX

An alphabetical listing of trainers' towels is on pages 42-45.

*Some trainers use Owners logos. In such cases the owner's name is in "( )".*

We encourage feedback at [saddletowels@gmail.com](mailto:saddletowels@gmail.com). Photos of new Towels can also be sent for inclusion in our next edition.

## BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



ABIGAIL ADSIT



OSCAR BARRERRA III



JENNA ANTONUCCI



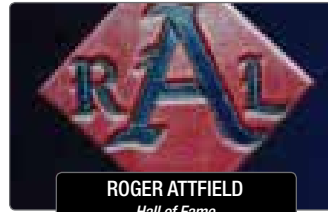
BRUCE BROWN



ANTONIO ARRIAGA



DAVID CANNIZZO



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WAYNE CATALANO



LUIS DUCO



EDWARD COLLETTI



ANTHONY DUTROW



JUAN M CORONEL  
*Retired*



JEREMIAH ENGLEHART  
*5th - 12 wins*



MARK DEPAULO



NICK ESLER



KEITH DESORMEAUX



DAVID FAWKES



CHERIE DEVAUX



MITCH FRIEDMAN



CHARLES "SCOOTER" DICKEY



CAM GAMBOLOTTI

**BLACK & BROWN TOWELS**



DANNY GARGAN



WILLIAM HICKEY



ALLEN GRANITZ



DAVID JACOBSON



JOSE GUERRO



DONNA KRUTT



TIM HAMM



LILLI KURTINECZ



RAYMOND HANDAL



LISA LEWIS



EOIN HARTY



CHARLES LOPRESTI



## BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



KIERON MAGEE



RON MOQUETTE  
*Forego*



DERMOT MAGNER



RON MOQUETTE  
*Forego*



ART MAGNUSON



TOM MORELY



MIKE MAREINA



MICHELLE NEVIN



PAMELA MARTINO



KEITH O'BRIEN



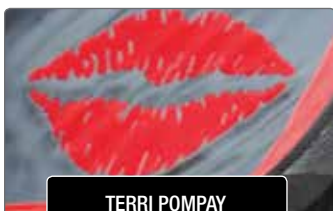
FRANCES MCNEELY



LEO O'BRIEN



KERRY METEVIER



TERRI POMPAY

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## BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



KRISTEN PROCTOR



LARRY RIVELLI



ADAM RICE



DALE ROMANS  
*King's Bishop*

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A *Workout*

Owners, trainers, jockeys, clockers, handicappers and pretty much anyone else in racing watch morning workouts and try to learn something. How fast is that horse? How competitive is this horse? How fit? How ready? Expert or not, it can be great fun to watch training at a racetrack, especially one as historic and meaningful as Saratoga. A racehorse trains almost every day. He or she gallops (slower than race speed) sometimes as far as 2 miles; jogs (trots) to warm up or to get some light exercise. Racehorses work or breeze (race speed) once a week or so, usually a half-mile or 5 furlongs though sometimes longer. While watching the action, look for riders trying to teach horses how to switch leads (left on the turns, right in the stretch), how to relax, how to wait for their cues. Riders don't want horses to pull too hard, or to be too lazy. It's all about balance. A galloping racehorse should be energetic, bouncy, light on its feet, but manageable. Even a novice can tell if a horse is pulling too hard – its rider will be leaning back, tugging on the reins. A rider on a relaxed horse will look just the opposite – hands down, reins comparatively loose, weight balanced over the saddle. Working or breezing, the same thoughts apply. A breezing racehorse should be doing it at least somewhat on its own – with little encouragement or urging. Discerning names can be difficult in the busy atmosphere, but morning exercise offers a rare chance to find some heroes. Keep an eye on the saddle towels and other clues and you might just recognize a superstar such as *Bulletin*, *Monomoy Girl*, *Sistercharlie*, *City of Light*, and Bridlewood Stables Travers winner *Catholic Boy*. Before and after a training session, you can see horses “standing in” to face the track. It's a way for them to relax, take a deep breath and realize life's not always about running.

– Joe Clancy “The Saratoga Special” ([thisishorseracing.com](http://thisishorseracing.com))

We hope you find this Guide both informative and useful. And make sure you “Meet Up” with other ThoroFans to share the sport on Mondays after the races at the Embassy Suites “Diamond Club Grill.”

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**BLACK & BROWN TOWELS**



**KATHY RUBLEY**



**JAMES TONER**



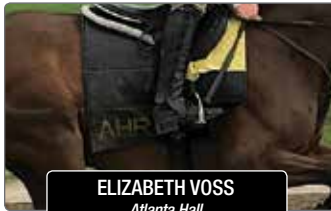
**JOHN SALZMAN**



**RICHARD VALENTINE**



**DOMINICK SCETTINO**



**ELIZABETH VOSS**  
*Atlanta Hall*



**JOHN SERVIS**



**WESLEY WARD**



**MICHAEL STIDHAM**



**RONNIE WERNER**



**CHAD SUMMERS**



**WEST POINT THOROUGHBREDS**



**CHAD SUMMERS**

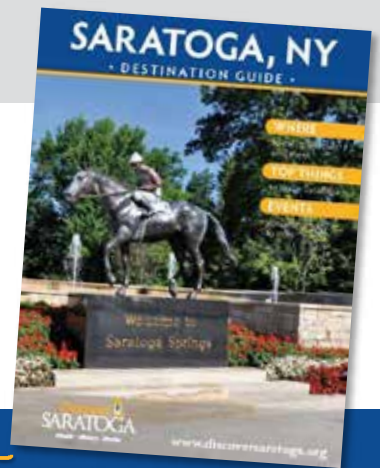


**TROY WISMER**

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- EAT
- PLAY
- STAY
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**JORGE ABREU**  
*10th - 7wins (tie)*



**CHARLTON BAKER**



**TOM ALBERTRANI**



**READE BAKER**



**TOM AMOSS**



**BOBBY BARBARA**



**STEVE ASMUSSEN**  
*4th - 13 wins (tie)*



**EDWARD BARKER**



**ROB ATRAS**



**PAUL BARROW**



**MANNY AZPURA**



**PATRICK BIANCONE**



**BOB BAFFERT**  
*Ballerina, Personal Ensign  
Hall of Fame*



**H. JAMES BOND**  
*Alive & Kickin*

**BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE TOWELS**



**DAVID BRADY**



**NICK CANANI**



**BUFF BRADLEY**



**LUIS CARVAHAL**  
*A.G. Vanderbilt*



**RUDOLFO BRISSET**



**JANE CIBELLI**



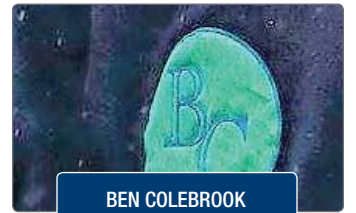
**CHAD BROWN**  
*1st - 46 wins; Diana, Test*



**CHRISTOPHE CLEMENT**



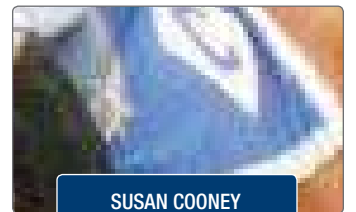
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IGNACIO CORREAS



MIKE DILGER



BRAD COX  
10th- 7wins(tie); CC American Oaks



LUIS DUCO



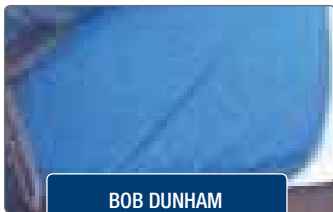
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DAVID DUGGAN



KATE DALTON



BOB DUNHAM



KIARAN MCLAUGHLIN  
& TOM ALBERTRANI  
(DARLEY)



STEVE DWORSKIN



ARMAND DELACOUR



GORDON ELLIOT



JOE DEMOLA



ROBERT FALCONE JR.

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JOHN FARLEY



ERIC GUILLOT



JAMES FERRARO



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**LIN LAUREN**



**MERTKAN KAMARACI**



**BRUCE LEVINE**



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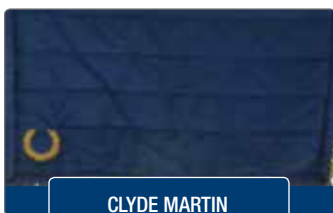
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**RICHARD MANDELLA**  
*Hall of Fame*



**JOHN KIMMEL**



**CLYDE MARTIN**

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**KIARAN MCLAUGHLIN**  
*6th - 11 wins*



**DANNY MILLER**



**KIARAN MCLAUGHLIN**  
*6th - 11 wins*



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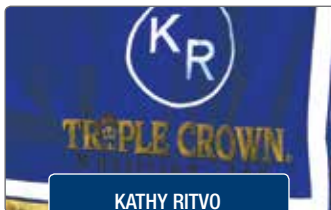
DOUG O'NEILL



PAT REYNOLDS



JOSEPH PARKER



KATHY RITVO



MATTHEW PEEBLES



KATHY RITVO



BENJAMIN PERKINS JR.



RUDY RODRIGUEZ  
3rd - 14 wins



WAYNE POTTS



ASSAF RONEN

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JAMES RYERSON



GARY SCIACCA



JOHN SADLER



PHIL SERPE



ANTONIO SANO



JASON SERVIS  
7th - 10 wins



PETER SCHIERGEN



JOHN SHIRREFFS



RICHARD SCHOSBERG



DOOD SHIVMINGAL



GARY SCIACCA



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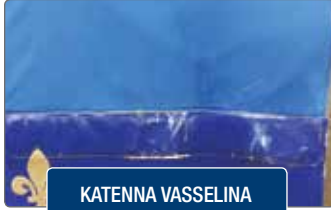
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CHAD SUMMERS



KATENNA VASSELINA



JOHN TERRANOVA



RICHARD VEGA



MICHAEL TROMBETTA



MARCUS VITALI



RODRIGO UBILLO



Roy Lerman's Home

## 2018 LEADING JOCKEYS (BY WINS)

The Saratoga Jockey Colony was 91 strong.  
Here are the Top 10 by wins and Purse

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BRENDAN WALSH



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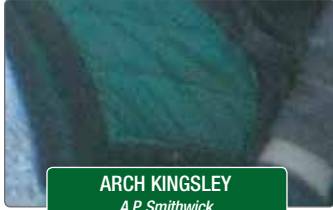


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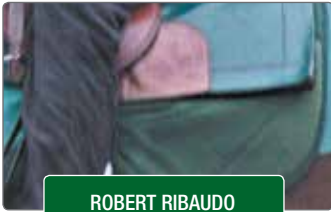
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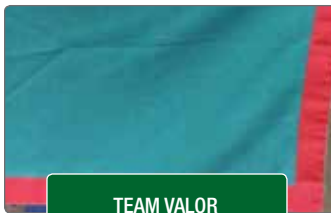
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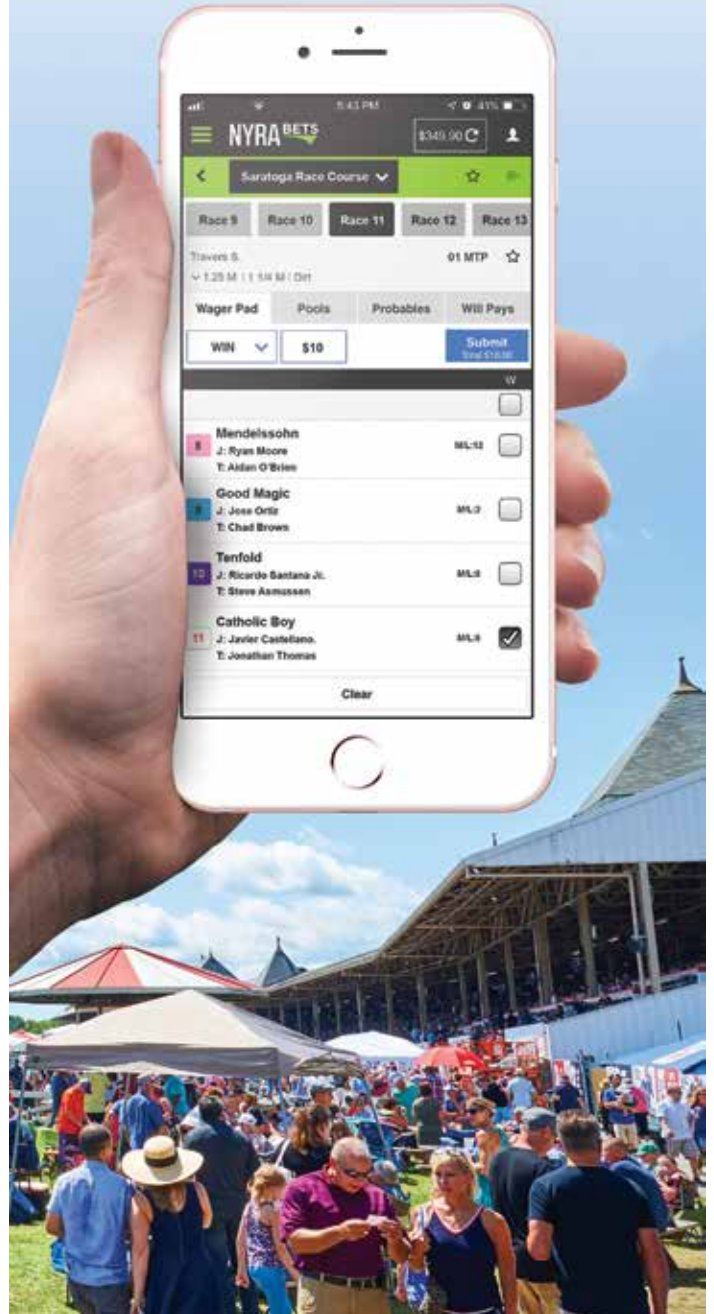


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# The Travers Stakes

**2019 MARKS THE 150<sup>TH</sup>** running of the Saratoga Race Course signature race- *The MidSummer Derby*, **The Travers Stakes**. Named after William R. Travers, a founder of the *Saratoga Association for the Breed of Horses*. It is the oldest stakes race for 3-year-old colts and fillies in the US. This **"2019 Guide to the Saratoga Race Course Trainers' Saddle Towels"** celebrates this milestone by recognizing the winning trainers over these years with their photographs, along with the year and the horse's name. You can now see the faces that trained the famous horses in American racing. We found most. Early time periods were tough. How many do you remember? Who won the year you were born or married?

**A. Jack Minor** conditioned the first Travers winner, "*Kentucky*", who took the \$2,500 purse (\$43,000 today) in 1864. **Minor** won it again in 1867 with "*Ruthless*". The distance was a testing **14 furlongs** (1¼ miles) and ran at this length 26 times until 1889. It ran at 1½ miles for 1890-1892. The first running at the current 1

¼ miles began in 1893 and held at that distance for two years after which it was run at 9 furlongs (1 1/8 miles) for 5 years. It has been at today's 1 ¼ mile length since 1904. Poor track ownership and political climate eliminated the Travers for 5 years (1896,1898-1899 & 1911-1912)

3.06.50 (**J.B. Pryor's "D'Artignan"** in 1875) was the fastest time for the 1 ¼ miles. **Frank McCabe's "Sir John"**

covered the 10-furlong distance quickest (2:39.00) and **John McCormack's "Hermis"** found the 9-furlong wire 1:54.80. The best time (1:59.36) for the 1 ¼ distance is **Bob Baffert's "Arrogate"** in 2015. While not the fastest, **Frank Whiteley's "Damascus"** led the field by 22 lengths (2:01.60) in 1967. The only trainer to win the Travers Stakes and the Triple Crown was **Ben Jones' "Whirlaway"** in 1941. In 1973 **Doug Davis' "Annihilate 'Em"** won the first Grade 1 Travers Stakes. It is a career achievement for a trainer to win the Travers Stakes. Only **Burt Mulholland** has won it 5 times. These are just highlights of the accomplishments by these storied trainers that can be found in the next few pages. See what you find and share it with fellow race fans.

Since 1961 the Travers Stakes winning owner's colors are painted on a canoe floating in the infield pond. Last year "*Catholic Boy*", conditioned by former Steeplechase jockey **Jonathan Thomas**, took home the Man o' War Cup and owner Robert LaPenta's colors are now on the canoe.

What will they be when the 150<sup>th</sup> Travers Stakes horses roar along with the crowd to the finish line?

Catholic Boy Canoe



## TRAVERS WINNERS

 <b>1864 A. JACK MINOR</b> KENTUCKY	 <b>1865 T.G. MOORE</b> MAIDEN	 <b>1866 ANSEL WILLIAMSON</b> MERRILL	 <b>1867 A. JACK MINOR</b> RUTHLESS
 <b>1868 JOHN DAVIS</b> THE BANSHIEE	 <b>1869 JACOB PINCUS</b> GLENELG	 <b>1870 ROLLIE COLSTON SR.</b> KINGFISHER	 <b>1871 DAVID MCDANIEL</b> HARRY BASSETT
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 <b>1888 FRANK MCCABE</b> SIR DIXON	 <b>1889 G.M. RYE</b> LONG DANCE	 <b>1890 FRANK MCCABE</b> SIR JOHN	 <b>1891 ENOCH WISHARD</b> VALLERA

*For Trainer images that could not be found, the Owner's silks are shown. Where neither the trainer image nor images of the Owner's silks were available, the Generic silks used at Saratoga are provided. If you find the missing ones, please contact the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame or the Keeneland Library. Working together works.*

## TRIVERS WINNERS



### TRIVERS TRIVIA

- According to International rankings, The Travers is the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked race for American 3 year-olds, behind only the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes.
- Javier Castellano has more Travers victories than any other jockey: **James Jerkens' Afleet Express** (2010), **Todd Pletcher's Stay Thirsty** (2011), **James Jerkens' V.E. Day** (2014), **Dale Romans' Keen Ice** (2015), and **Jonathan Thomas' Catholic Boy** (2018)

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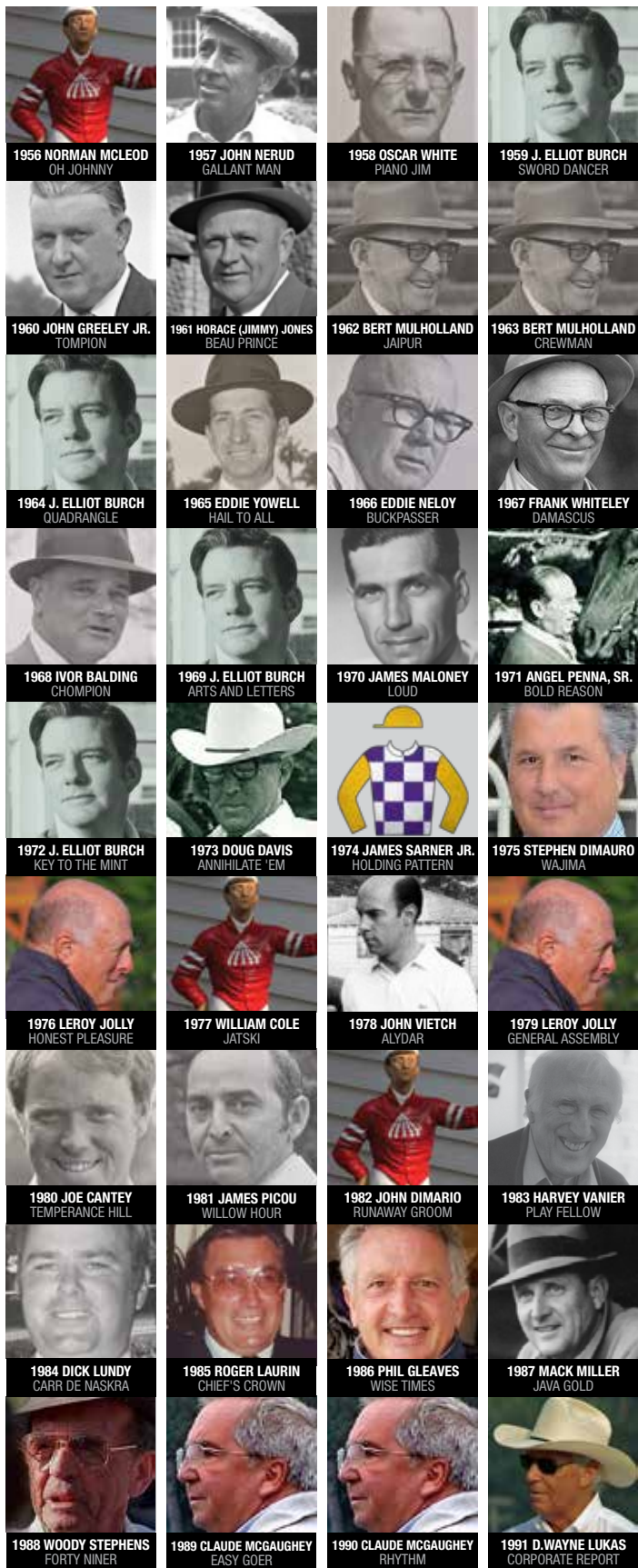


- A filly has not won the Travers Stakes in over a century. **A. Jack Minor's Ruthless**, the second winner (1867) also won the first Belmont Stakes that year. Other Travers winning fillies were: **T.G. Moore's Maiden** (1865), **J. H. Davis' The Banshee** (1868), **J. McClelland's Sultana** (1876), **John Huggin's Liza** 1895, **A. Jack Joyner's Ada Nay** 1903, and **A.J. Goldsborough's Lady Rotha** in 1915.
- **Richard O'Connell's Thunder Rumble** (1992) was the second NY Bred to win the Travers (1992) since 1867.
- In 1993, **Bob Baffert's West Coast** defeated all three 1993 Triple Crown race winners, going wire to wire.

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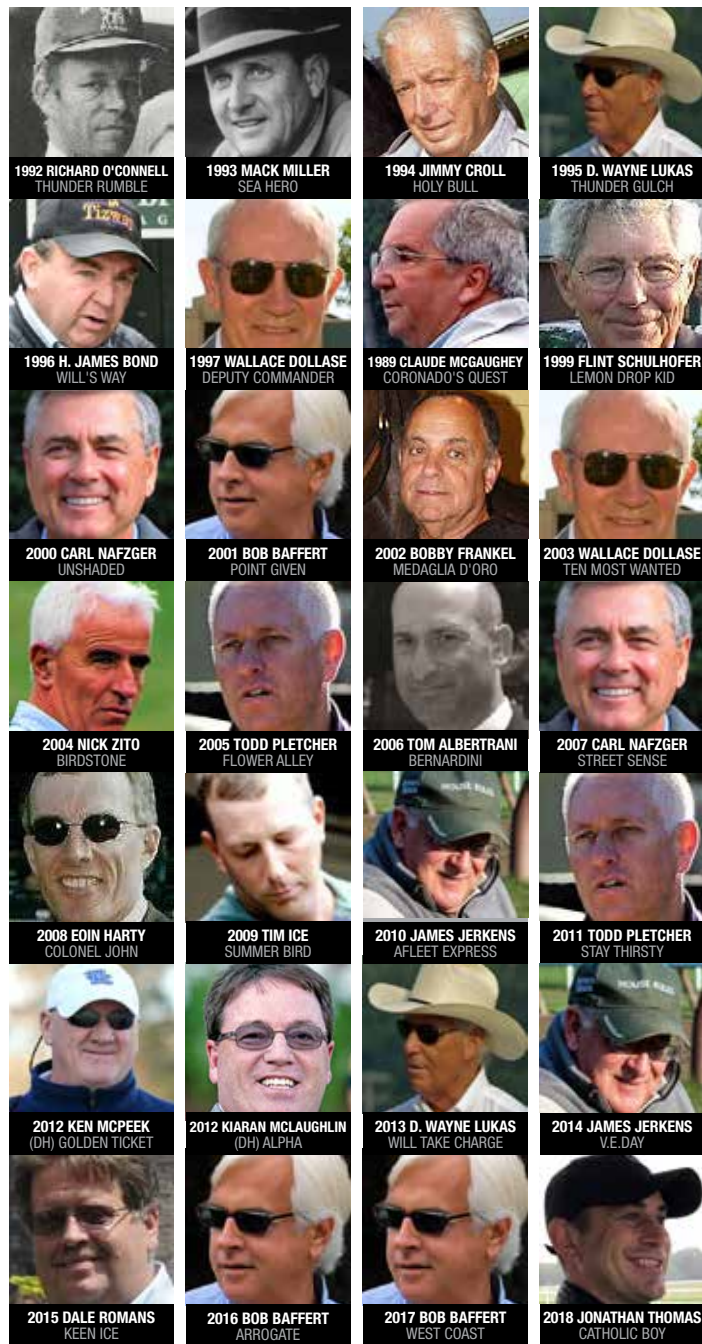
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- In 1881, **James G. Rowe Sr.**'s *Hindoo* completed an 18 win streak beginning in May and ending with a Travers victory in August. Rowe won the race as a jockey aboard **David McDaniel's Joe Daniels** in 1872. Rowe won the Travers as trainer again in 1883 (*Barnes*) and in 1909 (*Hilarious*)
- Since 1936, the Travers winner has been named champion 3-year-old male on 21 occasions including three times in the last five years: **D. Wayne Lukas' Will Take Charge** (2013) and **Bob Baffert's** two: *Arrogate* (2016), and *West Coast* (2017).

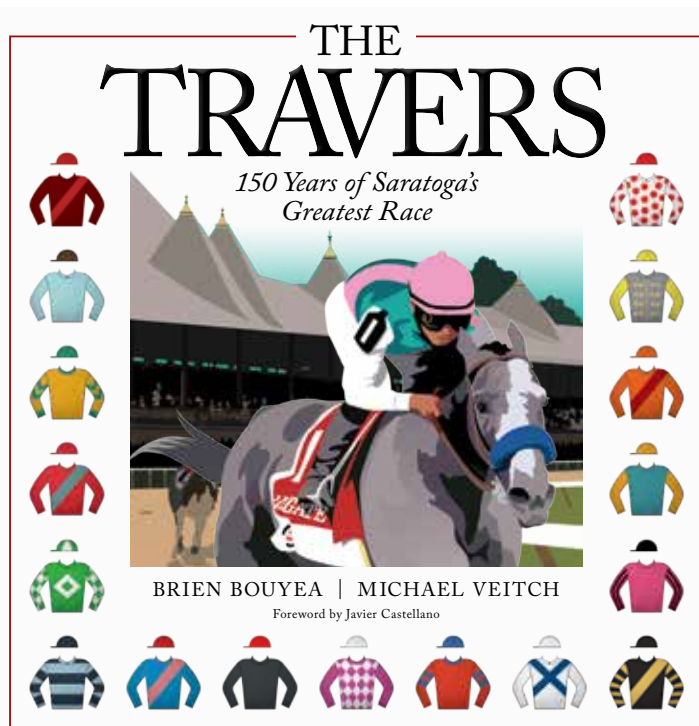
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## TRIVERS TRIVIA

- The Travers Stakes is named after William R. Travers, first president of the **Saratoga Association for the Improvement of the Breed of Horses**.
- The Travers Stakes is the oldest 3-year-old race in the USA. Colts carry 126 pounds, Fillies carry 121 pounds.
- The Travers Stakes predated the Belmont Stakes by 3 years and the Kentucky Derby by 10 years.
- Unlike the Kentucky Derby, the Travers has not run every year. It was not run in 1896 and 1898 to 1900 during a period of corrupt track ownership. Many stakes races were cut from the program. It also was not run in 1911 and 1912 when politics shut down racing.
- The Travers Stakes trophy, the solid gold Man o' War Cup designed by Tiffany, is named after the 1920 winner owned by Sam Riddle. And first presented (1936) to **"Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons'** *"Granville"* by Riddle's wife.
- **Louis Feustel's** *"Man o' War"* was only beaten once – by Upset in the Sanford Memorial. He faced *"Upset"* in the 1920 Travers Stakes and beat him just before retiring.
- **A.Jack Minor** won the inaugural race in 1864 with William R. Travers' *"Kentucky."*



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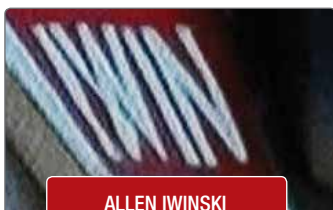
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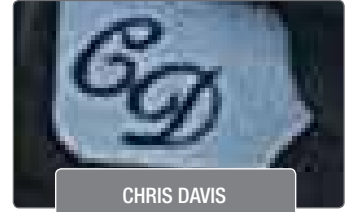
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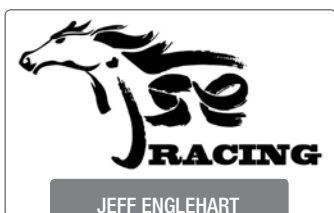
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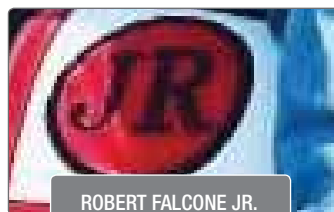
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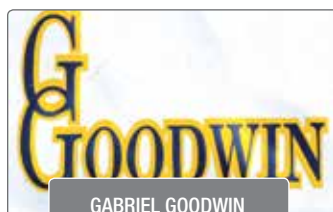
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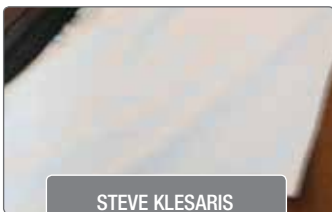
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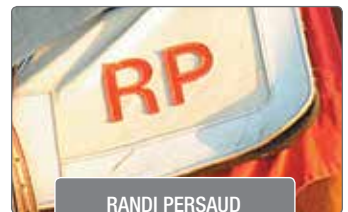
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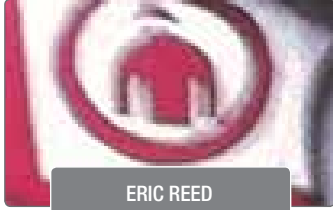


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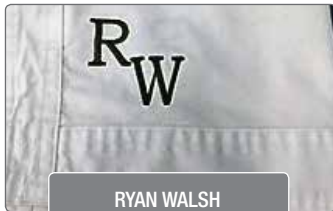
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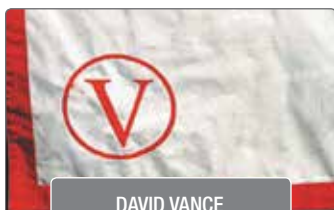
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**BARN 19 IS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.** It no longer sports the blue and black stable colors and the RVA logos. No flowers and sawhorses define the training space. Grooms, riders and hotwalkers faces are no longer familiar. *Diversify*, last year's Whitney winner, is now in the Jonathan Thomas barn. 15-year Assistant Trainer, Melissa Cohen is no longer seen in the barn office, or running the shedrow, or leading a set on her pony onto the track through the ¾ gap. Sadly, she won't be standing next to that familiar face on the gap inside rail wearing his orange



ball cap, *Morning Line* coffee in hand, binoculars slung over his right shoulder—Rick Violette.

NYRA assigns trainers stalls for the meet. Their barns move around each year given the number of horses they bring, their trainer ranking, and who has not returned. Returning top trainers typically get the same space and set it up to make it a home. Sadly, some moves are into a void.

Like Bobby Frankel's, like Allen Jerkens' ("The Chief"). Those barns will always be known by their names no matter who sets up there. And now, after 17 years Barn 19 will always be "Rick's".

Rick, a top trainer with a career \$44.5M in purses and 844 wins—9<sup>th</sup> in purses won at the Spa in 2018—was more than that record. His many eulogies noted his generosity, no-nonsense mentoring and his commitment to the game. As head of the New York Thoroughbred Horseman's Association and the National Thoroughbred Horseman's Association, he successfully advocated for health insurance for backstretch workers, obtained an estimated annual \$15M split from VLT revenues for purses, established workers' compensation for jockeys, and provided backstretch grooms and hotwalkers recreation, education and housing facilities. His "Take2" and "Take The Lead" initiatives found safe homes for retired horses. He did much to make the game safer for riders and horses.

Rick knew the value of the fan and the need to develop their understanding of racing. This *"Guide to the Saratoga Racecourse Trainers' Saddle Towels"* is indebted to Rick Violette. Approached with the idea of a pamphlet to engage racing fans by providing them an understanding of what Morning Workouts involve, allowing them to better interact with the horses passing by and using The Guide along with the dialogue by Maude Walsh, Rick saw the value of this initiative and encouraged moving it forward. Our 11-year effort continues to pursue that goal. We thank him for his vision and support.

Rick saddled 13 graded stakes winners, winning 36 graded stakes. But winning the 2018 Whitney here at Saratoga with *Diversify* was truly special. A race delayed by extended downpours with seemingly never-ending circles around the Paddock led by Melissa until the skies culminated with a Grade 1 trip to the Winner's Circle as a rainbow appeared. Fitting. Poetic. Accepting the traditional winning trainer Longines watch as fans cheered behind him and connections embraced, Rick said, "I always wanted a watch like this". I'm glad he got it.

We just wish he had more time....



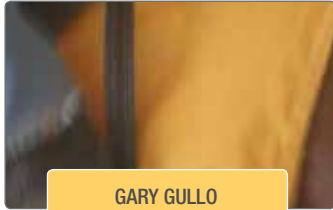
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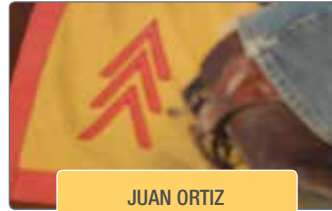
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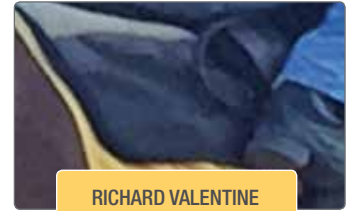
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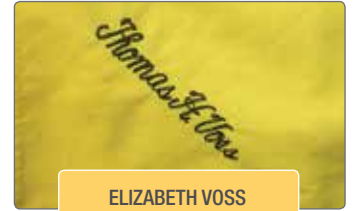
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# Glossary of Terms

**BACKSTRETCH/BACKSIDE:** Straight run on far side of the track opposite the finish line; Location of stables.

**BEDDING:** Typically straw, placed in the stall after removing dirty wet bedding.

**BIT:** A device in the horse's mouth attached to the bridle and reins used to steer and control the horse; can be made of metal, rubber, or plastic; several different types ranging from gentle to severe.

**BLANKET:** An actual blanket placed on the horse during hotwalking; a lighter version with a more open weave is called a "Cooler"

**BLINKERS:** Horses can see 180 degrees on either side using independently moving eyes; Blinkers are "cups" of varying size to limit this range of vision to help the horse concentrate on what is ahead.

**BRIDLE:** Headgear that has several parts used as needed to control the horse. These include different types of bits, nosebands.

**CURRY COMB:** Brush with rough edges to remove dirt and loose hair from the horse's fur to promote a healthy coat

**FEED TUB:** Bucket in a corner of a stall to place horse's feed; checked by groom to see horse is eating well, an indication of health; a b"bad doer" is a horse with a bad appetite.

**FORK:** Pitchfork used to clean stalls before adding fresh bedding.

**FROG:** Fleishy part in center of hoof; one important physiological function is that it serves as a "pump" to circulate blood through the horse's system.

**GROOM:** Key person responsible for care of the horse; duties include cleaning the stall, feeding, brushing, saddling the horse; can have as many as 5 horses under their care. Knows every inch of the animal and alerts trainers to any issues – not eating, leg heat or swelling, etc.



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**HALTER:** Headgear worn by the horse when not wearing a bridle; it controls the horse when leading around the shedrow by hand or by a shank, and while tacking it up for riding.

**HOOF PICK:** Device used to clean the bottom of the hooves; particular attention is paid to the area around the "frog".

**HOTWALKER:** Entry level of the barn staff; walks the horse to cool them out after exercising.

**ICE BOOTS:** Bandages around the lower legs with pockets for ice worn before and after a workout, much like human athletes.

**POULTICE:** Cooling mud, claylike substance applied to the legs after an intense work to help exercise pain or swelling.

**REINS:** Long pieces—typically leather—attached to the bit and running to the rider's hands so that the horse direction and speed are managed.

**SADDLE STRETCHER:** A device new hotwalkers and barn help are sent to find as part of their first duties.

**SHANK (LEAD SHANK):** Leather or nylon strap used to lead / hotwalk a horse; smart handlers tie a knot in the end of the shank so it is more difficult to lose when a horse pulls or rears.

**SHEDROW:** Covered area in front of the stalls.

**STIRRUP (IRONS):** Holds the rider's feet; attached to the saddle using a billet strap.

**TACK:** Equipment used to ride, train and control the horse (e.g., bridle saddle, draw reins, martingale, yoke, cottons, bandages, bell boots, halter, shank, saddle towel, blinkers, etc.).

**YOKE:** Part of the martingale setup used to control the horse's head height during training; not used in a race (it is used as part of a steeplechase horse's tack).



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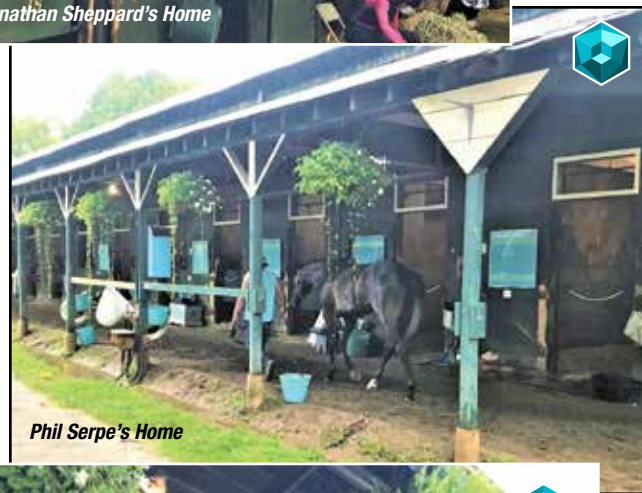
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