

2021 GUIDE

to Saratoga Race Course Trainers'

Saddle Towels

*“Looking To Get
Back To The Track!!”*

2020 Leading Trainer Todd Pletcher

Photo by Susie Raisher

13th Edition

Tiz Good To See You Back!

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Saratoga Springs, NY – where our motto is “Health, History, Horses.” If you’ve been here before, you know what a wonderful place Saratoga is, and hopefully you’ve been looking forward to coming back. If this is your first visit, we think you’ll be astonished at the beauty, charm, welcoming nature, sophistication, and remarkable wealth of attractions, restaurants, museums, retail shops, and fine accommodations Saratoga has to offer.

Saratoga’s award-winning, walkable, and vibrant downtown is a jewel among destination cities. Visitors flock to our destination to experience Saratoga’s thriving arts and culture, exhilarating horse racing, and natural mineral springs. But horse racing is truly the lifeblood of Saratoga! When people talk “track” they only mean one thing – the Saratoga Race Course – a cultural icon and one of the world’s top 10 sporting venues, according to Sports Illustrated Magazine. When the racecourse is not open, you can still get a sense of our rich equine history at the National Museum of Racing & Hall of Fame, located on Union Avenue across from the track.

It is amazing that a city the size of Saratoga (approximately 30,000 year-round residents) can welcome millions of visitors each year, but our satisfied “customers” return again and again because Saratoga has always been some place special. So, welcome to Saratoga! We’re so glad you’re here and we hope you enjoy your visit! Good luck and see you at the races!

Sincerely,

Darryl Leggieri

President of Discover Saratoga

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What a Year It 'TWAZ.....

For the past 13 years *ThoroFan Guide to the Saratoga Racecourse Trainers' Saddle Towels* has chronicled the trainers, jockeys, and owners that entered their horses searching for a win at the famous oval. We are at it again this year. ThoroFan published a limited hard copy edition of the 2020 Guide, although it was available on line in hopes that fans might be able to watch workouts.

The 2020 Saratoga Meeting was like no other. So were the mornings – the time when fans got to watch horses train. One word - COVID . No Whitney Stand. No Breakfast at the Track with Maude Walsh's commentary. No backside tours. No fans at the rail, or in the clubhouse seats. It was quiet.

Just "quiet".

No noise other than hoof beats, snorts, whinnys and exercise rider banter. Diehard fans peered through a green web covered fence erected to discourage onlookers or watched the Oklahoma morning works through the East Avenue chain linked fence. It wasn't much but it was something. A glimpse, a sound. New friends were made.

In addition to saluting/summarizing the persistence of trainers last year dealing with COVID issues and requirements, this 2021 Guide highlights things that fans would have cheered had they been at the races. Todd Pletcher captured the leading trainer with 32 wins (page 4). Jockey Irad Ortiz took the riding title with 59 wins (page 27). We never got to say farewell Jonathan Sheppard retiring at the top of his game (page 31). Jack Fisher has picked up the mantle with his election to the Hall of Fame's 2021 class. And there was Saratoga's and Sackatoga's own NY Bred Travers winning *Tiz The Law* that gave a much needed boost to Saratogians' pandemic malaise (pages 28 & 29).

Again we have attempted to include the saddle towel for each trainer that entered last year. Covid reduced trainers at the Spa from 268 to 222. The Jockey colony went from 90 to 28. Restricted backside access resulted in 43 towels that have not been included in this edition. They are shown on page 53. We would appreciate help in acquiring them for the 14th edition.

We're off to a 2021 Saratoga Meeting that will start the road back to normal. Hope to see you on the morning rail with your 2021 Saddle Towel guide in hand.

Make Some NOISE!!





H. ALLEN JERKENS

SARATOGA TRAINING TITLE

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Todd Pletcher with his **32 WINS**

TODD PLETCHER 32 SARATOGA WINNERS FOR 2020

7/16	Eternal Summer	8/9	Spinoff
7/19	Lucifer's Lair	8/12	Microsecond
7/18	Value Proposition	8/15	Mo Ready
7/22	Colonel Liam	8/20	Thankful
7/23	Irish Font	8/21	Ashiham
7/24	Assume	8/22	Halliday (G1)
7/25	Midnight Surprise	8/26	Capde Creus
7/26	Mandate	8/27	Prairie Wings
7/26	Happy Saver	8/29	En Wye Cee
8/1	Ima Pharoah	8/30	Fried Rice King
8/2	Fort Worth	9/2	Unrighteous
8/2	Moretti	9/5	Ancient Times
8/5	Nonna Madeline	9/5	Restored Ordeer
8/5	Intrepid Heart	9/6	Chocolate Cookie
8/7	Bean Counter	9/6	Last Judgement
8/8	Mutassabeq	9/7	Per Capita

'Twaz a Great year for TAP

"Training horses is all I ever wanted to do. I remember being 11 or 12 and telling my mom I wanted to train and she said it was wonderful. From that point on with her endorsement I never thought of doing anything else." – Todd Pletcher

In his 26th year of conditioning, at 53, Dallas TX native trainer Todd Pletcher has hit all the marks. On his own since 1995, he is the leading North America earnings winner (10 times) with the lifetime record for winnings (\$405,791,977). He owns 7 Eclipse awards, trained 11 Eclipse horses, and is currently 7th in all time wins (5,118). Add to this list wins for the Kentucky Derby (2), Belmont Stakes (3), and Breeders Cups (11). Fans of this Saddle Towel Guide know he has been the Leading Trainer at Saratoga for 14 years since 1998, setting the record once and tying it 3 times. (http://www.toddplecherracing.com/trainer_titles.asp). It has been a Hall of Fame career, and Todd Pletcher is now in the Class of 2021 Inductees.

Mom has to be smiling...

Pletcher lineup



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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:

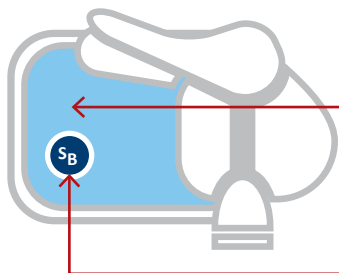
- BLACK & BROWN
- BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE
- GREEN
- RED, ORANGE, & PINK
- WHITE & GREY
- YELLOW & GOLD

OR BY NAME INDEX

An alphabetical listing of trainers' towels is on pages 49-52.

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

We encourage feedback at saddletowels@gmail.com. Photos of new Towels can also be sent for inclusion in our next edition.



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.

BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



JENA ANTONUCCI



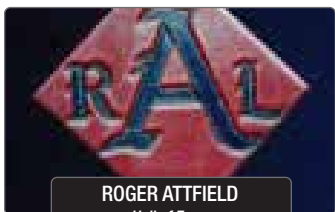
DAVID CARROLL



ANTONIO ARRIAGA



JOSIE CARROLL



ROGER ATTFIELD
Hall of Fame



NORM CASSE



OSCAR BARRERRA III



WAYNE CATALANO



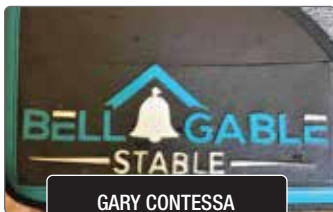
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EDWARD COLLETTI



DAVID CANNIZZO



GARY CONTESSA

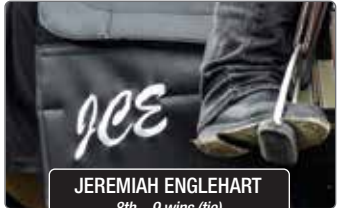


Flat Back Mike

BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



ROBBIE DAVIS



JEREMIAH ENGLEHART
8th – 9 wins (tie)



MICHAEL DEPAULO



NICK ESLER



KEITH DESORMEAUX



DAVID FAWKES



CHERIE DEVAUX



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BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



ALLEN GRANITZ
(David Donk)



LISA LEWIS



JOSE GUERRO



CHARLES LOPRESTI
Retired



TIM HAMM



KIERON MAGEE



RAYMOND HANDAL
10th – 7 wins (tie)



DERMOT MAGNER



DONNA KURT



ART MAGNUSON



LILLI KURINECZ



MIKE MAREINA



BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



PAMELA MARTINO



MICHELLE NEVIN



FRANCES MCNEELY



MICHELE NIHEI



KERRY METEVIER



KEITH O'BRIEN



RON MOQUETTE



LEO O'BRIEN



RON MOQUETTE



JOHN ORTIZ



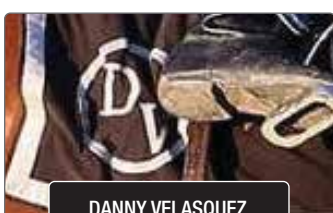
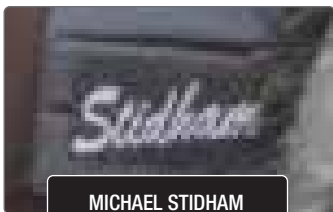
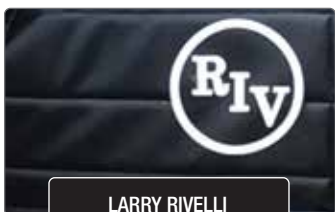
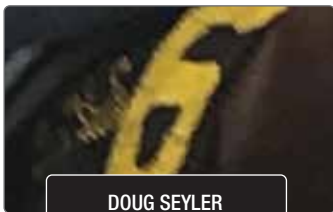
TOM MORLEY



TERRI POMPAY



BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



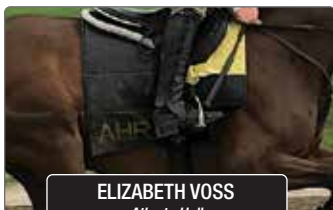
BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



RICHARD VALENTINE



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WESLEY WARD
7th – 10 wins (tie)



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'Tiz a New Oklahoma!

Off-season Thoroughbred training typically begins on the Oklahoma track on the north side of Union Avenue in mid-April, but not this year. When Saratoga barns opened April 15, the Main track opened for training instead of waiting until its usual mid-June. This allowed surface and safety upgrades of Oklahoma while permitting horses to still get ready for the spring Belmont meet and summer racing at Saratoga. Like the project on the Main track last year, work on the Oklahoma oval focused on replacing base-layer material that horses, and tractors travel, and installing new cushion material. The land that is now Oklahoma was purchased by Whitney in 1902, and after 100+ years, the training track was tired. The track dried unevenly and reacted inconsistently to traffic and maintenance. Safety issues required action. From the bottom up, everything is new.

When the Oklahoma surface was stripped, it exposed roots for the 40-foot trees on the north side that migrated into the base and the cushion. The impact of the trees on the track was obvious. NYRA worked with local organizations for approvals to remove the pine trees. Planted decades ago, but not historic like some of the barns and other structures on the grounds, the trees will ultimately be replaced throughout the property with NYRA committing to planting more trees than were removed. But the views from across the track and from homes along Fifth Avenue are different. A landscape architect and other preservation experts were consulted on the plan, keeping horse and rider safety paramount. Replacement trees won't be next to the rail, or they'll be a variety that won't impact the track.

The 1-mile Oklahoma track was widened by an average of 12 feet, except for a portion on the eastern edge where historic preservation, important to Saratoga Springs and NYRA, and unmovable underground utilities left the horse path and barns untouched. In the stretch, the clockers' stand and Whitney Viewing Stand are now closer to the action, giving the 2-year-olds the feel of race-day crowds and giving fans a closer look.

The entire track elevation is now 3 feet higher to help with drainage and maintenance. Gaps were increased in number and widened, making track access for horses and emergency vehicles easier. The misaligned crossing to the Oklahoma turf course was straightened. Trainers, Shug's Gap attendant Tim Donahue, and exercise riders now breathe a little easier. It will also make leaning on the higher outside rail a bit easier for railbirds.

The new Oklahoma is now ready to go for another 100 years.



BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE TOWELS



JORGE ABREU
7th – 10 wins (tie)



BOB BAFFERT
Whitney, Test; Hall of Fame
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TOM ALBERTRANI



CHARLTON BAKER



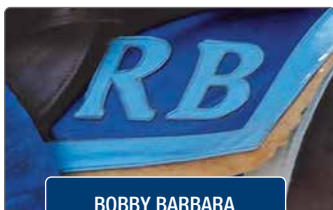
TOM AMOSS
Ballerina



READE BAKER



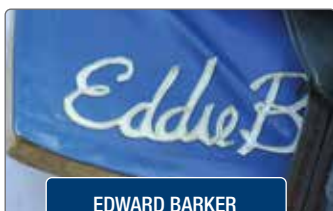
STEVE ASMUSSEN
*5th – 14 wins; Vanderbilt, Hopeful,
Jerkens Memorial*



BOBBY BARBARA



ROB ATRAS
10th – 7 wins (tie)



EDWARD BARKER



MANNY AZPURA



PAUL BARROW



Oklahoma Sunrise

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PATRICK BIANCONE



ROGER BURCHELL



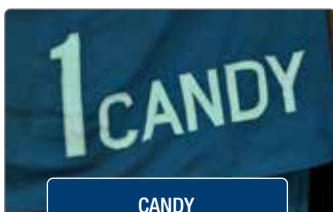
H. JAMES BOND
6th – 12 wins



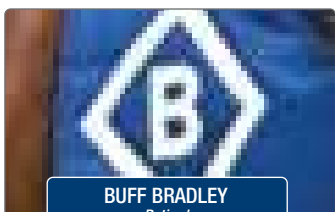
BERNARDO CALLEJAS



DAVID BRADY



CANDY



BUFF BRADLEY
Retired



NICK CANANI



RUDOLFO BRISSET



LUIS CARVAJAL



CHAD BROWN
2nd – 28 wins; Diana



JANE CIBELLI



Clare Court

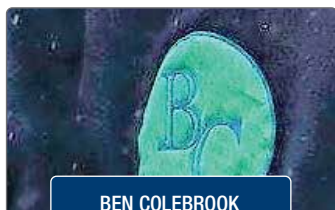
BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE TOWELS



CHRISTOPHE CLEMENT
3rd – 20 wins (tie)



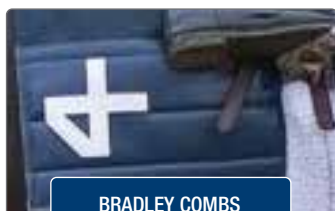
BRAD COX
9th – 8 wins



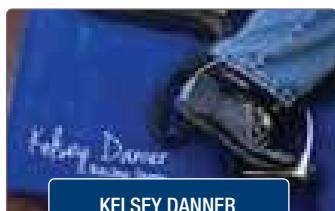
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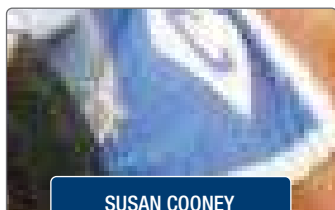
KATE DALTON



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9th – 8 wins



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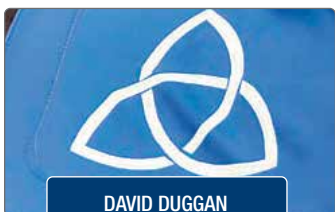
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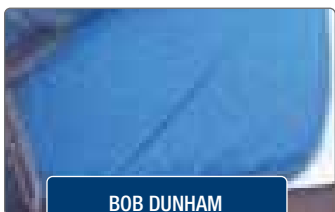
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STEVE DWORSKIN



MARK FROSTAD



GORDON ELLIOT



CARLA GAINES



Back To The Barn

BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE TOWELS



RAE GUEST



JAMES JERKENS



JERRY HOLLENDORFER
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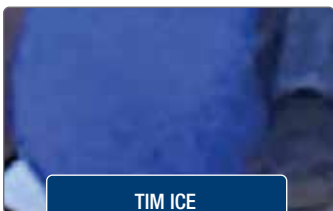
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PAT MEADOW



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HUGH MCMAHON



CLYDE MARTIN



JOHN MORRISON
Retired



LLOYD MACKINNON



H. GRAHAM MOTION
10th – 7 wins (tie)



BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE TOWELS



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ANTHONY QUARTAROLO



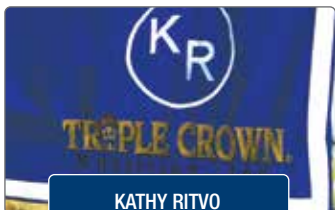
BRITTANY RUSSELL



PAT REYNOLDS



JAMES RYERSON



KATHY RITVO



JOHN SADLER



KATHY RITVO



ANTONIO SANO



RUDY RODRIGUEZ
6th – 13 wins



PETER SCHIERGEN



ASSAF RONEN



RICHARD SCHOSBERG



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GARY SCIACCA



ALBERT STALL



GARY SCIACCA



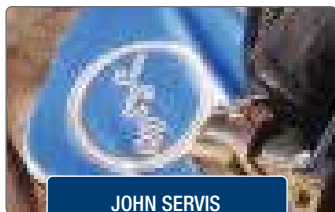
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JOHN SERVIS



MICHAEL TROMBETTA
Forego



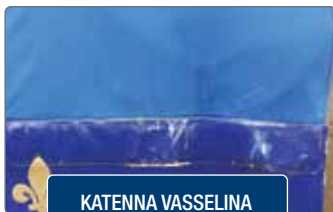
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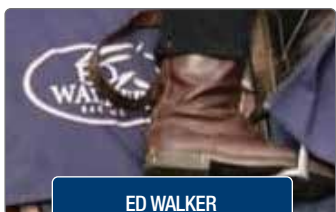
MIKE YANKOVICH



PETER WALDER



LESLIE FALLON YOUNG



ED WALKER



NICK ZITO
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BRENDAN WALSH



JOSEPH ZOPPI



Here Comes The Sun

'TWAZ A TOUGH YEAR

COVID impacted the number of trainers that traveled to Saratoga in 2020 as they have for the past 158 years. The number of trainers entered in search of a win in the 71 Stakes races and a piece of the \$14,45 million in purses at the famed oval dropped 8% from 268 to 222. Racing fans had to watch the morning workouts by peering through the track fences in hopes of spotting a current or future star. An occasional glimpse of the cream of racing - trainers, jockeys and veteran exercise riders on a Horse of the Year was all they could hope for. But there was a bright spot. (See pages 28 & 29)

As in past Guide editions, the saddle towel images recognize trainers that are in the Hall of Fame or that won a Triple crown or Breeder's Cup Race. If a trainer entered a race in 2020, the saddle towel is included. We regret that not all are shown and those not yet on hand are listed on page 53.

2020 SARATOGA LEADING TRAINERS (BY WINS)

	Name	Wins	Purse
1	Todd Pletcher	32	\$ 2,163,810
2	Chad Brown	28	\$ 2,718,978
3	Christophe Clement	20(tie)	\$ 1,667,643
3	Michael Maker	20(tie)	\$ 1,512,762
4	William J. Mott	15(tie)	\$ 2,161,484
4	Linda Rice	15(tie)	\$ 912,499
5	Steve Asmussen	14	\$ 1,483,812
6	Rudy Rodriguez	13	\$ 692,800
6	H. James Bond	12	\$ 619,218
7	Jorge Abreu	10(tie)	\$ 536,578
7	Wesley Ward	10(tie)	\$ 511,898
8	Jeremiah Englehart	9(tie)	\$ 540,995
8	Orlando Noda	9(tie)	\$ 404,764
9	Claude McGaughey III	8(tie)	\$ 610,530
9	Brad Cox	8(tie)	\$ 569,236
9	David Donk	8(tie)	\$ 488,026
10	Rob Atras	7(tie)	\$ 388,367
10	H. Graham Motion	7(tie)	\$ 381,922
10	Raymond Handal	7(tie)	\$ 363,702

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8	Barclay Tagg	\$ 728,484	3
9	Bob Baffert	\$ 701,100	2
10	Rudy Rodriguez	\$ 692,800	13



Making Friends

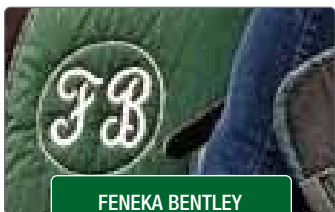
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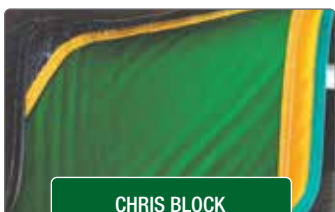
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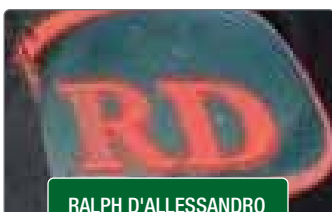
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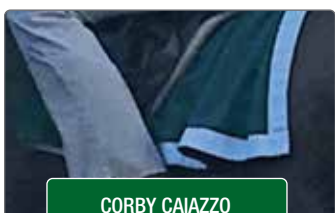
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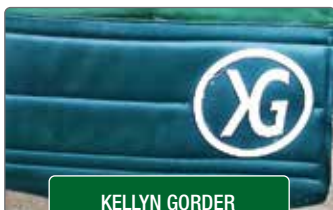
Gate Break!

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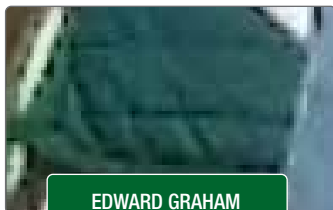
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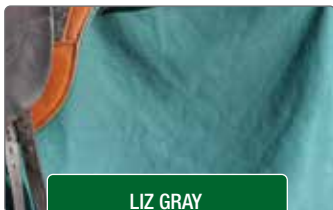
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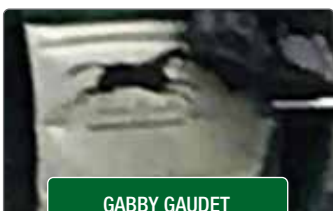
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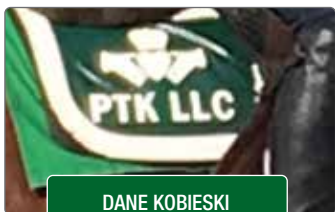
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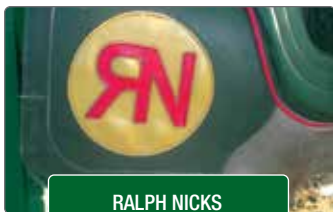
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Sure 'Twas A Great Ride!!

Sackatoga Stable's **Tiz The Law** added some much-needed sparkle during the COVID-19 pandemic to the gem that is Saratoga Springs in 2020. The 2-year-old broke his maiden on 8/8/19 and never looked back. His victory in the G1 Champagne Stakes at Belmont Race Track 2 months later showed that this Barclay Tagg-trained bay might be something special. Memories of Funny Cide returned. Could lightning strike again? That Champagne win earned a free trip to the Breeders Cup Juvenile a month later, but The "Tagg Team" opted to "not push him" and skipped the opportunity.

*"You go slow, you get where you want to go.
You go fast you never last..."*

That decision paid off. In his first 2020 start, **Tiz** took the G3 Holy Bull at Gulfstream Park in Florida and Sackatoga Stable buckled up for what looked to be an exciting ride ahead.

Then things got interesting when COVID-19 changed everything in the world; horse racing included. On March 28, 2020, **Tiz The Law** won the G1 Florida Derby in front of an empty grandstand at Gulfstream Park as the world shut down to stem the spread of this global pandemic.

Next came the Triple Crown shuffle with The Kentucky Derby shifted to the first Saturday in September instead of the



Barclay Tagg

Heather Smullen
and Tiz



Travers Man O' War Cup



#6 was #1



NY Bred Horse of the Year

traditional first Saturday in May. The Preakness then shifted from the middle of May to the front end of October. The Belmont Stakes normally follows the Preakness, but with the new dates it would conflict with the Breeders Cup, so the powers-that-be moved The Belmont to June 20th making it the first jewel in the Triple Crown run instead of the last. Because the long layoff could impact the still developing 3-year-olds, the Belmont distance was shortened by 3 furlongs and was now the shortest race of the Triple Crown Series.

With the new dates set, the chase for the Triple Crown was on and The Tagg Team started training for the Belmont Stakes. Regular rider Manny Franco piloted **Tiz** to win The Belmont Stakes going away. **Tiz The Law** was now the second NY Bred to win the August Belmont Trophy since Forester in 1892. With this win under their belts, Sackatoga Stable & The "Tagg Team" turned their attention to the Travers Stakes at Saratoga Race Course in August.

The Travers Stakes is the Jewel of the Saratoga season and the hometown Sackatoga partners wanted to take home that Man O'War Cup. Excitement brewed throughout Saratoga. Local racing and non-racing fans got "**Tiz** Fever". Signs, t-shirts, buttons, caps, an ice cream, a hot dog and a motorized tricycle all bore his name. Broadway business windows and homes were decorated. Homemade signs were everywhere (some even broke "**The Law**"....) and fans came from all over to take pictures of it all. Amateur and professional photographers focused on work riders Robin and Heather Smullen in the saddle for **Tiz's** morning workouts.

On race day, masked fans angled for a spot outside the track fence at the first turn on Nelson Avenue and at the far turn on Union Avenue to catch a glimpse through a fence with a green net. (The images on these pages try to capture it all.)

...And then he won...!!

A few lucky partners on the rail cheered and hugged. Barclay, Robin, Heather, and **Tiz's** groom Juan beamed. But there was no grandstand or Clubhouse roar. Just a deafening quiet.

And then a single piercing fan's whistle found its way from outside the first turn fence 3 furlongs away to the Winner Circle's quiet celebration. They couldn't hear the rest of the town, but TV watchers erupted as Saratoga's Hometown Hero brought home the Man O'War Cup.

What a time. What an ending. What a day. What a ride!
You had to be there.

All of Saratoga was in one way or another.

Thanks **Tiz**...

Tiz the Law raced two more times (The Kentucky Derby [2nd place finish] and The Breeders Cup [6th place finish]) before being retired to Coolmore's Ashford Stud Farm in Versailles, KY, due to a deep bone bruise.



Whoa!!



Young fans



Pedal power



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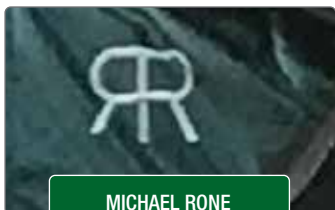
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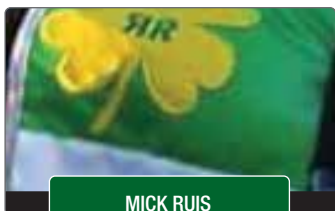
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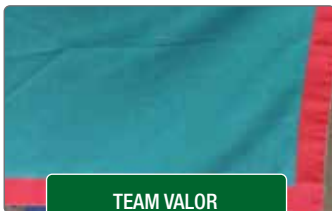
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BARCLAY TAGG
Belmont, Travers
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TEAM VALOR



PETER SCHIERGEN



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‘Tiz Empty Now...



Things are quiet in “Leaper Land”, the racetrackers name for the National Steeplechase Association (NSA) Barn 85 in the Saratoga backside Annex. No Ashwell stall guards, green and yellow saddle cloths hanging out to dry after the morning works on the Oklahoma training track. For the first time in decades, it is no longer the shedrow of trainer Jonathan Sheppard. In 2020 the Hall of Fame conditioner decided to close the tack room door after calling that barn his summer home for more than 30 years.

His career highlights:

- Leading steeplechase trainer of all time in wins and earnings
- 3,426 Lifetime victories (\$88,679,925 in purses)
- Trained at least one winner at Saratoga for 47 consecutive years
- One of only two trainers to win championships over jumps and on the flat. (*Can you name the other?**)
- National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Member – Jumps and Flats
- A member of the English Hall of Fame in Cheltenham
- Saratoga Leading Trainer in 1984 (9 wins) & 1985(10 wins)
- Trained 15 Eclipse Champions
- 12 NY Turfwriters Cup wins at Saratoga (a race now renamed for him)
- 4 Breeders Cup Grand National wins
- 11 Colonial Cup wins

Labor Day closed another Saratoga meeting and Jonathan Sheppard went out with a flourish. Of the 9 jump races run at The Spa in 2020, the Sheppard barn won 2, including the Jonathan Kaiser Novice Stakes, and in the money in all 9 events. Yet Saratoga was not his final chapter. Sheppard kept up the momentum throughout the Fall National Steeplechase Association season and regained the Leading Trainer Title after a 9 year hiatus. In November at Charleston he captured 4 of the day's 5 races, his final score coming off the Buttonwood Farms **Zoom Zoom Zoe**. He recorded 30 wins for the season, and finished in the money in 48 of 79 starts.

The tack room door is closed. Jonathan Sheppard has hung up his tack. He went out on top.

(**Sydney Waters*)



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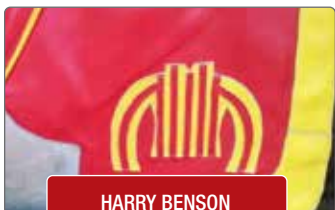
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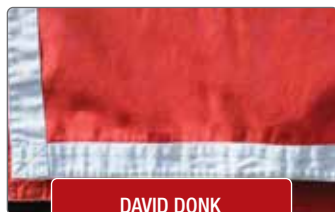
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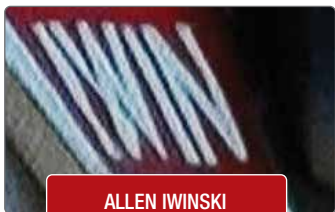
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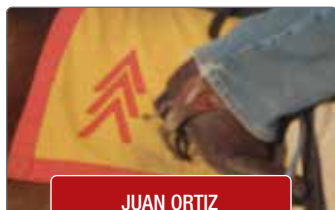
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IAN WILKES



Easy Hands

2020 SARATOGA GRADE 1 WINNING TRAINERS

Stakes	Name	Purse	Winner
The Diana	Chad Brown	\$ 500,000	<i>Rushing Fall</i>
Coaching Club American Oaks	Bill Mott	\$ 350,000	<i>Paris Lights</i>
A.G. Vanderbilt	Steve Asmussen	\$ 250,000	<i>Imperial Hint</i>
A.P. Smithwick	Jonathan Sheppard	\$ 250,000	<i>Winston C.</i>
The Whitney	Bob Baffert	\$ 750,000	<i>Improbable</i>
The Test	Bob Baffert	\$ 500,000	<i>Gamine</i>
The Alabama	Ken McPeck	\$ 500,000	<i>Swiss Skydiver</i>
NY Turfwriters	Jonathan Sheppard	\$ 150,000	<i>Rashaan</i>
Sword Dancer	Bill Mott	\$ 500,000	<i>Channel Maker</i>
The Travers	Barclay Tagg	\$ 1,000,000	<i>Tiz The Law</i>
The Ballerina	Tom Amoss	\$ 300,000	<i>Serengeti Empress</i>
The Forego Handicap	Mike Trombetta	\$ 300,000	<i>Win Win Win</i>
Fourstardave	Todd Pletcher	\$ 400,000	<i>Halliday</i>
The Personal Ensign	Jack Siston	\$ 300,000	<i>Vexatious</i>
H. Allen Jerkens Memorial	Steve Asmussen	\$ 500,000	<i>Echo Town</i>
The Woodward	Stanley Hough	\$ 500,000	<i>Global</i>
The Spinaway	Robert Reid	\$ 250,000	<i>Vequist</i>
The Hopeful	Steve Asmussen	\$ 250,000	<i>Jackie's Warrior</i>

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 ***Tacitus, Bourbonic, Rombauer, Essential Quality, Known Agenda, Rock Your World.*** 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)

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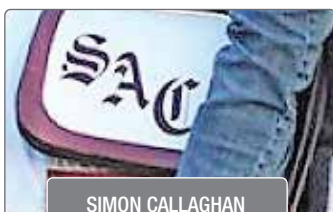
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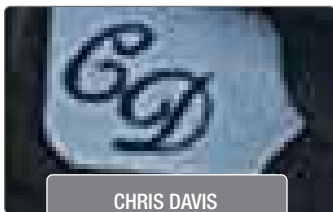
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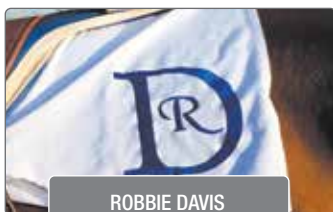
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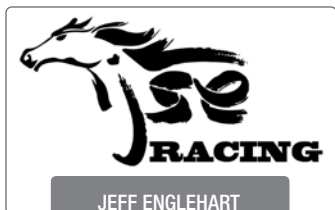
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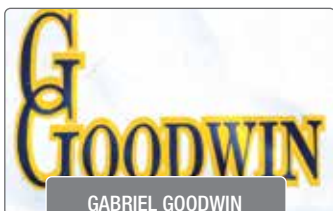
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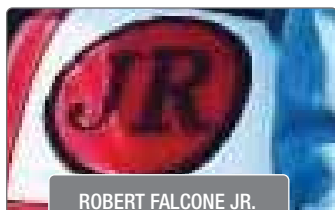
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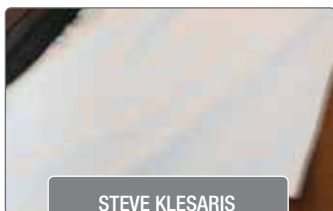
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INGRID MASON



MICHAEL MAKER
3rd – 20 wins



MIKE MCCARTHY
Preakness
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MIKE MAREINA



CLAUDE "SHUG" MCGAUGHEY
9th – 8 wins



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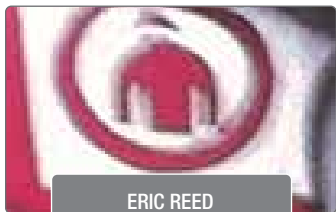


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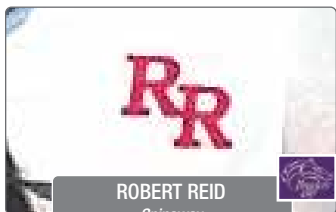
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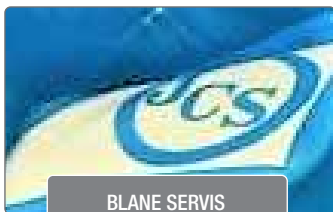
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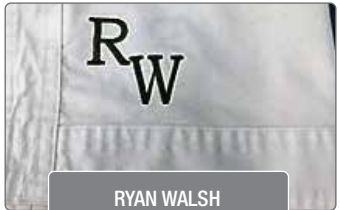
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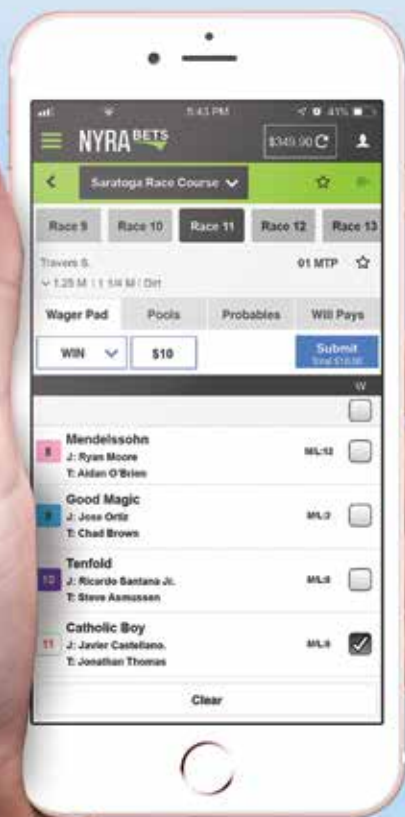
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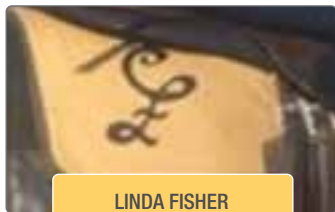
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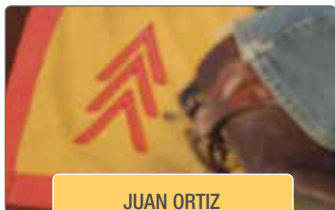


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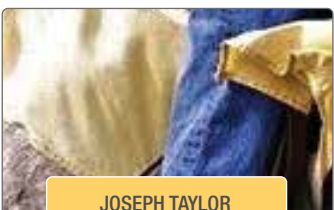
JUAN ORTIZ



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PAT QUICK



JOSEPH TAYLOR



JUAN ANDRES RODRIGUEZ



ELIZABETH VOSS

2020 LEADING JOCKEYS (WINS)

	Name	Wins	Purse
1	Irad Ortiz	59	\$4,449,397
2	Jose Ortiz	58	\$4,214,994
3	Joel Rosario	48	\$3,813,203
4	Luis Saez	45	\$3,644,603
5	Jose Lezcano	27	\$2,036,514
6	Javier Castellano	26	\$2,416,926
7	Tyler Gaffalione	21	\$1,844,809
8	Junior Alvarado	19	\$1,770,604
9	Manuel Franco.	18	\$2,207,975
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10	Dylan Davis	17	\$1,137,649

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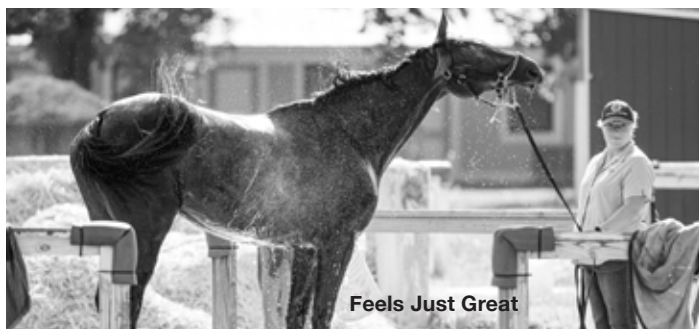
2020 Leading Jockey Irad Ortiz Back At The Spa on a June 2021 Morning



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