

2025 GUIDE

to Saratoga Race Course Trainers'

Saddle Towels

Encore!



17th Edition



Welcome to Saratoga Race Course and the best Thoroughbred racing in the country. Racing fans worldwide have attending Saratoga on their “bucket list.” Glad you made it! We at NYRA appreciate you joining us. Our team is here to help you make your visit a memorable one.

Beginning your day of racing watching morning workouts is the perfect way to enjoy your day at the Spa, and this **ThoroFan Guide** will help you learn more about the beauty and importance of morning training. You can lean on the fence by the historic 1864 grandstand or the Oklahoma training track’s Whitney Viewing Stand and watch these athletes - both horse and human - train. Here you may see the current and future stars of Thoroughbred racing. Often the riders and jockeys will interact with you and pose for a photo. Only at Saratoga!

Afternoons are when Saratoga comes alive. Thousands of people like you come each race day. If your approach is casual, find a picnic table in the backyard and set up for the day in a beautiful environment unique in the sport. Always a fun and social experience, you may be invited by an owner, trainer, or me, to help you get closer to racing by trips to the paddock and the Winner's Circle on select days.

Enjoy your day(s) of racing at Saratoga Race Course. Let us know how you are doing and what we can do to improve your stay.

See you on the rail!

David O’Rourke

*President and
CEO of NYRA*



Encore!

The French word for “Again”!

This 17th edition of the guide to Saratoga Race Course Trainers' Saddle Towels is the 16th Encore of this publication intended to give fans a little deeper understanding of what occurs during the morning workouts be it at the Oklahoma Whitney stand or historic 1864 clubhouse and grandstand.

We also find ourselves witnessing another Encore - the return of the Belmont Stakes to the Saratoga oval in 2025. The legacies August Belmont Sr. and his son August Jr. live on not only in the name of the third jewel of the Triple Crown series but are part of the foundation of Saratoga. Learn more on pages 16 & 26.

The 2024 meet showcased another Encore. Chad Brown again took the leading Trainer title, his 7th since his first in 2016.

And, in 2024 Irad Ortiz again led all jockeys by winning 52 races, 7 more than runner-up and leading money winner Flavien Prat.

And once again Klaravich Stables using conditioner Chad Brown captured the Leading Owner title, their 6th.

2024 was full of Encores, but there is no guarantee that there will be more repeats of Saratoga title winners. That's the beauty and uncertainty of thoroughbred racing. But there WILL be racing at Saratoga “Again”, and the Belmont Stakes will return in 2026 for the last time as the Belmont track renovations are scheduled to be completed that fall. Savor it and the excitement and rounds of applause each day of this 2025 meet.

And enjoy the quiet energy of the morning workouts with this Guide in hand.

Encore!





H. ALLEN JERKENS

SARATOGA TRAINING TITLE

ThoroFan Congratulates
the 2024 H. ALLEN JERKENS
SARATOGA TRAINING TITLE Award winner,
Chad Brown with **42 WINS**

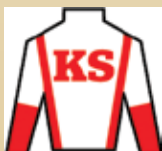
CHAD BROWN 2024 WINNERS

7/12	Clever Mischief	8/14	Cost Containment
7/13	Carl Spackler	8/17	Grayosh
7/13	Whitebeam	8/18	Briland
7/19	It's Hot in Here	8/22	Beauté Cachée
7/19	Unmatched Wisdom	8/22	Headline Numbers
7/19	Root Cause	8/23	Senza Parole
7/20	Incentive Pay	8/23	Transactional
7/21	Raging Sea	8/23	Raging Sea
7/21	Virgin Colada	8/24	Domestic Product
7/21	Moore's Law	8/24	Treaty Obligation
7/25	Dolomite	8/29	Call Protection
7/26	Tough Street	8/29	Right to Vote
7/27	Chancer McPatrick	8/29	Zulu Kingdom
8/1	Peak Popularity	8/29	Credit Worthy
8/1	McKulick	8/31	MacCullough
8/2	Fantasy Performer	8/31	Idea Generation
8/2	Evaluation	9/1	Opulent Restraint
8/3	Ways and Means	9/1	Running Bee
8/4	Kick a Buck	9/2	Marvelous Madison
8/11	Proprietary Trade	9/2	Prerequisite
8/11	Carl Spackler	9/2	Dea Matrona

Still On A Roll!!

At Saratoga in recent years “Encore!” is synonymous with Chad Brown. Chad was the Saratoga Meeting leading trainer for the seventh time in 2024 with 42 wins. Brown also led all trainers pocketing \$5,848,233 in purse money as well as the number of Grade 1 stakes. Considering that he started training 18 years ago this is a phenomenal accomplishment.

Included in the 2024 victories were 6 Grade 1 races among which was an “Encore!” with White Beam (Caravaggio) in the 2024 Grade 1 Diana stakes. That Diana was also an “Encore!” G1 win for him, a repeat of the 2023 victory. Additionally, Brown achieved the rare feat of saddling 3 two-time winners at Saratoga. To those honors, Chad notched a Breeder's Cup win and was honored as the 2024 Eclipse Award winning trainer.



Brown's longtime owners, Klaravich Stables, celebrated their own 8th “Encore!” as Leading Owner for the 2024 meet with winnings of \$2,175,928 from 18 wins - 12 more than the second place Owner.

Taka A Bow Mister Brown!

HOW to locate a Trainers' Towel

BY BACKGROUND COLOR

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

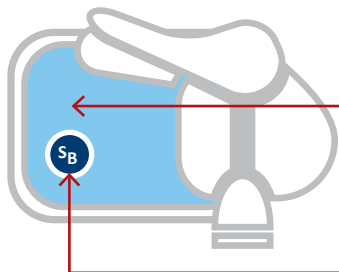
- BLACK & BROWN
- BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE
- GREEN
- RED, ORANGE, & PINK
- WHITE & GREY
- YELLOW & GOLD

OR BY NAME INDEX

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

Some trainers use Owner's 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.

The inaugural running of the third jewel of the Triple Crown – the Belmont Stakes – took place at Saratoga for its 156th running. History will record that the winner was a horse trained by Danny Gargan.

Gargan was foaled in 1973 and grew up in Louisville a couple of blocks from Churchill Downs. Racing is in Danny's bloodline. His father was a jockey riding for owner C. V. Whitney and trainer George Poole. He rode **Bag of Tunes**, winner of the 1973 Kentucky Oaks. Prior to taking out his trainer's license in



2013 Danny was an assistant trainer and jockey agent. Gargan built his training stable through astute picks in claiming races. He claimed Tax in 2018 out of a 2-year old maiden race in Keeneland. Tax went on to win more than \$1,000,000 for Gargan and his owners.

Gargan spotted a yearling colt at the Keeneland September Sale he thought looked very promising. The yearling was by **Good Magic** out of the mare **Puca**. He bought the colt for \$325,000, more than he had budgeted. One of his clients, West Paces Racing, was in for 33% and another client took 25%. His other clients all declined, which left Gargan with 42%. Gargan wanted to be the trainer not the owner. Danny approached Jason Werth, a retired all-star major league



baseball player, at the sale. Werth took a 10% share. The horse was **Dornoch**. The colt finished 2nd in its first race at Saratoga. He broke his maiden two races later, and by then other Gargan clients had bought into the

colt. Interest in the colt was due to more than his race record. His full brother **Mage** had run a strong race in the Florida Derby and, of course, went on to win the 2023 Kentucky Derby.

Danny Gargan's training prowess was on full display with **Dornoch's** record of 10 starts, 5 wins, and 2 seconds, but the horse's campaign displayed much more than training acumen. Gargan searched for and found a yearling that caught his eye, bid on the colt, bought the colt, marketed him, and then did do an outstanding job of caring for and training the 2024 Belmont winner. The Louisville kid earned more than \$2,400,000 for his owners.

The sign on barn 18 is a testament to Danny Gargan's rise in the racing game. And he's not done yet!

BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



SCOTT ACKER



WHIT BECKMAN



JENA ANTONUCCI
Travers



FENNAKA BENTLEY



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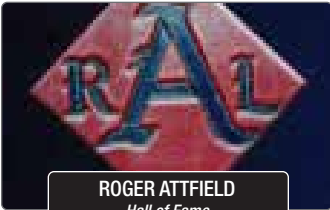
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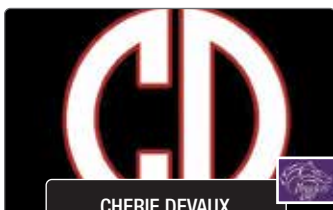
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ADRIANNE DEVAUX



AMIRA CHICHAKLY



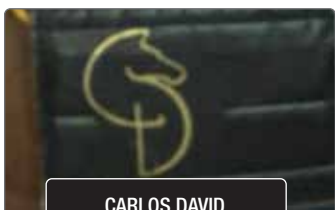
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GARY CONTESSA



DAVID DONK



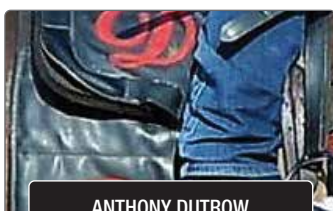
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BERNARD DUNHAM



ROBBIE DAVIS
EARS



ANTHONY DUTROW



KEITH DESORMEAUX

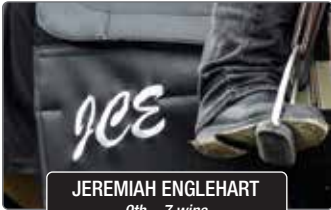


RICK DUTROW



Summer Home

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RAYMOND HANDAL



KIERON MAGEE



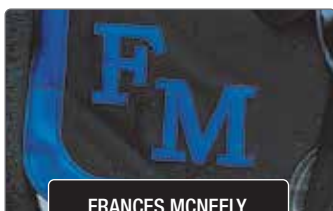
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PAMELA MARTINO



JOHN KIRBY



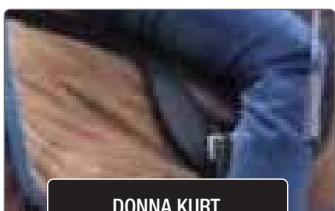
FRANCES MCNEELY



STEVE KLESARIS



KERRY METEVIER



DONNA KURT



RON MOQUETTE



LILLI KURTINECZ



TOM MORLEY



Proctor's Place

BLACK & BROWN TOWELS



NADAR MOUBARAK



JENNIFER PARAGALLO



MIKE MULLIN



JENNIFER PARAGALLO



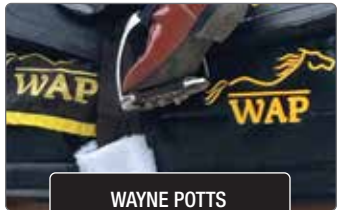
MICHELLE NEVIN



TERRI POMPAY



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10th - 6 wins



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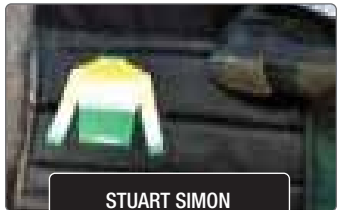
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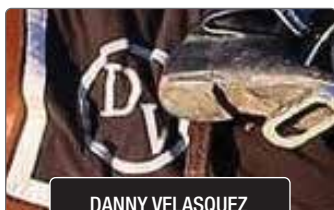
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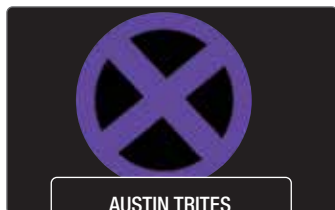
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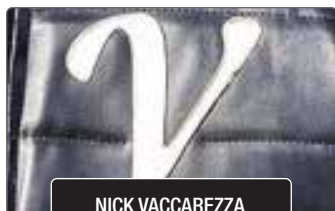
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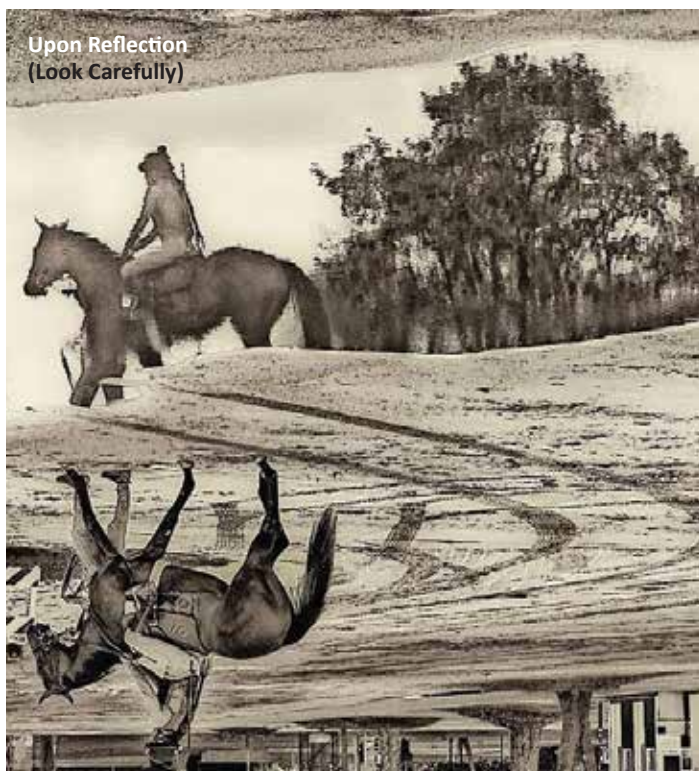


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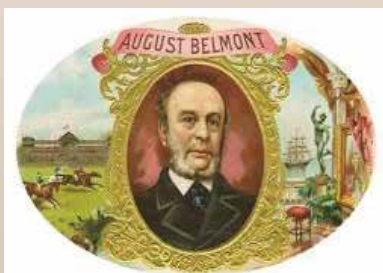


WEST POINT THOROUGHBREDS

Upon Reflection
(Look Carefully)



August Belmont Senior was born in 1813 and immigrated to America in 1837 from his native Germany. He was the Rothchild bank's New York representative and subsequently established his own bank there. With his wealth and influence he acquired political influence, entered New York Society, and Belmont naturally took part in the Saratoga Springs season each summer. In Saratoga he met and married Admiral William Perry's daughter Caroline in 1849. He was at the Springs for Morrissey's inaugural thoroughbred race meet in 1863 and kept a Saratoga



1813-1890

***Financier & Rothschild Bank
Representative in the US***

stable under Hall of Fame trainer Jacob Pincus at the historic barns in Oklahoma's Horse Haven.

In 1867, after the success of Saratoga Race Course, Belmont helped finance the construction of Jerome Park racetrack and

was initial president of the race track board. He also sponsored a major stake race at Jerome Park that would eventually bear his name. The Belmont Stakes, first run in 1867, is the longest and oldest of the Triple Crown races. His horse **Fenian**, trained by Jacob Pincus, won the 1869 running of the race. **Fenian** is the horse atop the Belmont Stakes Trophy. August Belmont Sr. was president of the Jockey Club from 1866 to 1887. In 1890 Belmont formed the short-lived Saratoga Association. The group dissolved when August Sr. and another founding member George Hearst died within a year of its formation. Upon his death his son August Jr. took control of the Belmont bank as well as his father's horse racing interests.

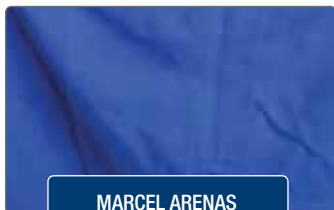


Belmont Silks

BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE TOWELS



NED ALLARD



MARCEL ARENAS



FERNANDO ABREU



STEVE ASMUSSEN
Ballerina



JORGE ABREU
10th – 6 wins (tie)



ROB ATRAS



TOM AMOSS
10th – 6 wins (tie); Magnawave



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JIMMY CARRERA



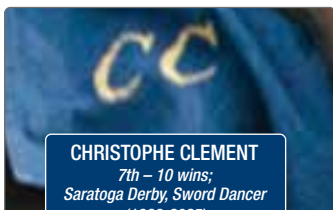
CHAD BROWN
*1st – 45 wins; 6 Grade 1;
2024 Eclipse Trainer*



DYLAN CLARKE



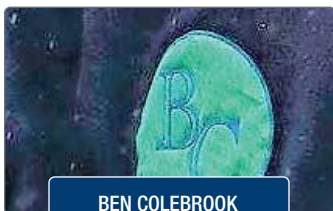
ROGER BURCHELL



CHRISTOPHE CLEMENT
*7th – 10 wins;
Saratoga Derby, Sword Dancer
(1966-2025)*



JOSE CAMEJO



BEN COLEBROOK



CAIRO CARAMORI

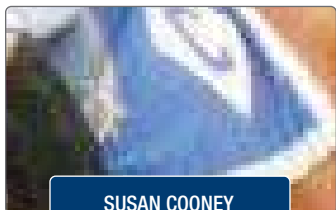


BRADLEY COMBS



*In Memoriam – Christophe Clement
Trainer, Tutor, Friend, Father*

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SUSAN COONEY



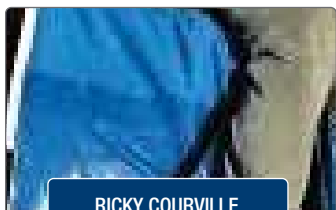
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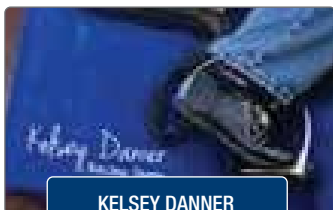
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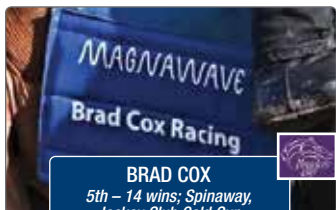
KELSEY DANNER



BRAD COX
5th – 14 wins; Spinaway,
Jockey Club Gold Cup



ARNAUD DELACOUR



BRAD COX
5th – 14 wins; Spinaway,
Jockey Club Gold Cup



JOE DEMOLA



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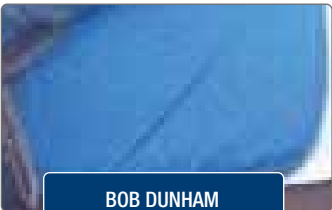
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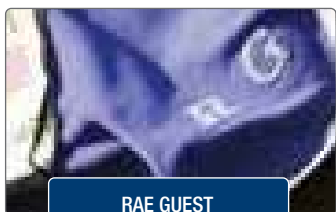
SAFFIE JOSEPH
6th – 11 wins



MARK GLATT



ILKAY KANTARMACI



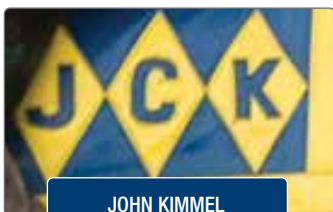
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All Alone

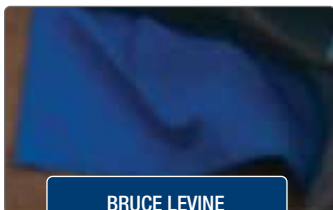
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JOE LEE



ESTABAN MARTINEZ



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(1950-2024)



BRIAN LYNCH



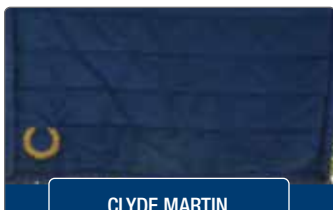
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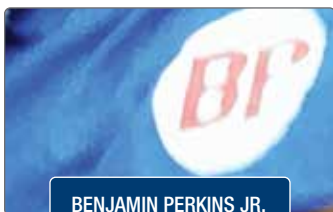
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RUDY RODRIGUEZ
7th – 10 wins (tie)



Henry the Notorious

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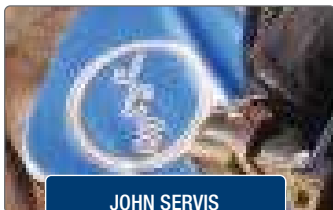
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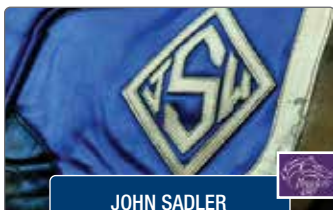
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August Belmont Junior created his own legacy in banking, finance, and transportation as well as horse racing, where he was very active. He was part of Whitney's group that purchased Saratoga Race Course and Belmont obtained 13+ plus acres of land adjacent to the track and build his own training center the "Surcingle". When the Hart Agnew Act was repealed in 1914 and racing resumed, William Clare was named track superintendent. His brother Thomas succeeded him and then in 1940 Thomas' wife Ann took over the reins. In July of that year George Bull, President of The Saratoga Association, renamed it "Clare Court" in recognition of the family's 46-year impact on Saratoga.



Belmont Junior was the first president of the Jockey Club, created the Westchester Racing Association, was one of the 9 founding members of the National Steeplechase Association (1895) and in 1905 he built Belmont Park racetrack. Three Belmont horses won the Belmont Stakes:

Masterman (1902), **Friar Rock**

(1916), and **Hourless** (1917). Hall of Famer Sam Hildreth conditioned the 1916 & 1917 winners. In 1911 the Hart-Agnew Act effectively shut down horse racing. Belmont defied that anti-gambling law in 1913 and held a race meet anyway. The crowd was so huge that the authorities did not enforce the ban, the law was repealed and racing resumed. Belmont is credited with having saved thoroughbred racing with his successful effort to have the law repealed. Belmont Junior and his three sons volunteered for the World War I American expeditionary force. Belmont had no idea when or if he would be coming home or if the war might end and decided to sell his entire stable. A 2-year-old for sale was a colt that Mrs. Belmont had named "My Man o'-War" to honor her husband. The sale was held in Saratoga Springs and Man o' War was sold to Sam Riddle. August Belmont Jr. died in 1924.



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KENT SWEZEY



BRENDAN WALSH



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MARCUS THOMPSON



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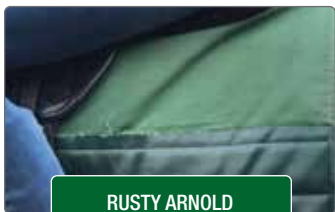
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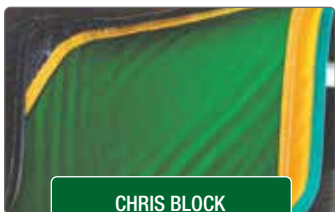
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JAMES DOYLE



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GARY CONTESSA
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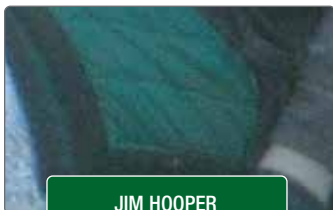
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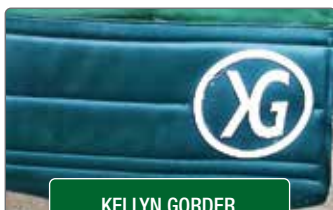
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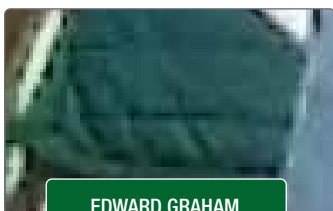
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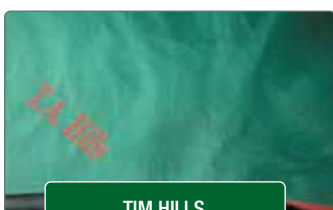
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MICHAEL PUYPE



RILEY MOTT



SYLVIO RAMIREZ



BILL MOTT
*4th – 15 wins (tie); Hall of Fame;
Whitney, Kentucky Derby, Belmont*
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ROBERT RIBAUDO

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Bill Mott's trainee **Sovereignty** won the 152nd running of the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday of May and the Belmont at Saratoga in June, capturing 2 of the 3 jewels in horse racing's Triple Crown. These achievements top the long list of career successes for this conditioner that began at the age of 15 in his hometown of Mobridge, South Dakota. He won his first race as a trainer at 16.



When he got a little older, he became an exercise rider there and gradually moved up to assistant trainer in South Dakota.

In his early twenties Mott worked for Hall of Fame trainer Jack Van Berg at Chicago area race tracks. Van Berg was one of, if not the first, "super-trainers" – trainers with many horses in their care throughout the country. Van Berg won an Eclipse Award while Mott was one of his two Chicago assistants. In 1978 Bill went

out on his own and set a record for wins at Churchill Downs in 1984, one that lasted for 31 years. In 1987 he became the private trainer for Bert and Diana Firestone and that brought Bill to Saratoga. Mott trained many outstanding horses carrying the Firestone silks – dark green with a white diamond on the chest and back. 5 years later when his affiliation with the Firestones ended, Bill continued using the green background and white diamond as his stable colors.

Bill Mott has won 4 Eclipse Awards as America's leading trainer and notched 9 training titles at Saratoga. In 1998, at 45, he entered the Racing Hall of Fame – the youngest ever given this honor. Hall of Famer Allen Jerkens was 46 when inducted in 1975.

Race fans are watching to see if Bill Mott and **Sovereignty** can take home the 4th Jewel in the Triple Crown – The 2025 Travers. The Travers is a more defining measure of a thoroughbred's ability and health during a 3 year old's campaign. There was a Travers race before the 3 Triple Crown races began.

Mott's son and former assistant Riley continues the family tradition and went out on his own in 2022. With his dad's pedigree, good things lie ahead.



GREEN TOWELS



MICK RUIS



BARCLAY TAGG



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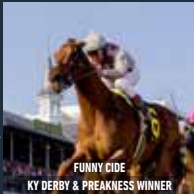


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2024 SARATOGA LEADING TRAINERS (BY WINS)

	Name	Wins
1	Chad Brown.....	45
2	Todd Pletcher	22
2	Michael Maker	22
3	Linda Rice.....	18
4	Bill Mott.....	15
4	Mark Casse.....	15
5	Brad Cox	14
6	Saffie Joseph	11
7	Christophe Clement	10
7	Rudy Rodriguez	10
7	Michael Maker	10
8	Horatio DePaz.....	8
8	Raymond Handal	8
9	Jeremiah Englehart	7
10	Phil Bauer	6
10	Jorge Abreu.....	6
10	Tom Amoss.....	6
10	John A. Ortiz.....	6

2024 SARATOGA LEADING TRAINERS (BY PURSE)

	Name	Purse
1	Chad Brown.....	\$5,848,233
2	Todd Pletcher	\$3,367,585
3	Bill Mott.....	\$2,354,721
4	Christophe Clement	\$2,142,720
5	Brad Cox	\$2,077,110
6	Michael Maker	\$1,660,937
7	Linda Rice.....	\$1,635,091
8	Steve Asmussen.....	\$1,271,363
9	Mark Casse.....	\$1,264,065
10	Cherie DeVaux.....	\$1,021,400

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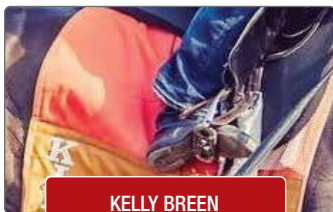


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PHIL BAUER
9th – 6 wins (tie)



KELLY BREEN



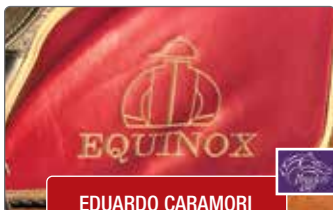
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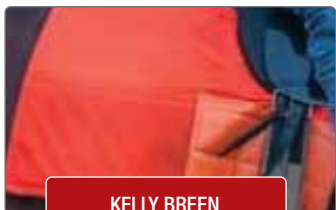
MARK CASSE
4th – 15 wins (tie)



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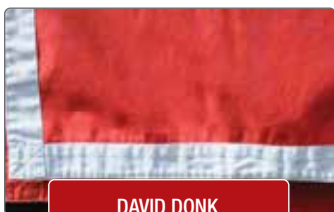
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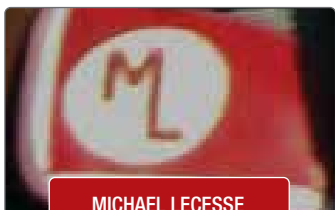
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EDUARDO JONES



RANDY MORSE



MICHAEL LECESSE



H. GRAHAM MOTION



CATHAL LYNCH



JEREMIAH O'DWYER



GEORGE MAROUN



JEREMIAH O'DWYER



JAIME MEJIA



RANDI PERSAUD



KATHY MONGEON



GREG SACCO



Tagg Team

RED, ORANGE, & PINK TOWELS



RICHARD SACCO



JOHN TOSCANO
(1945-2025)



SARATOGA OUTRIDER



JUAN VASQUEZ



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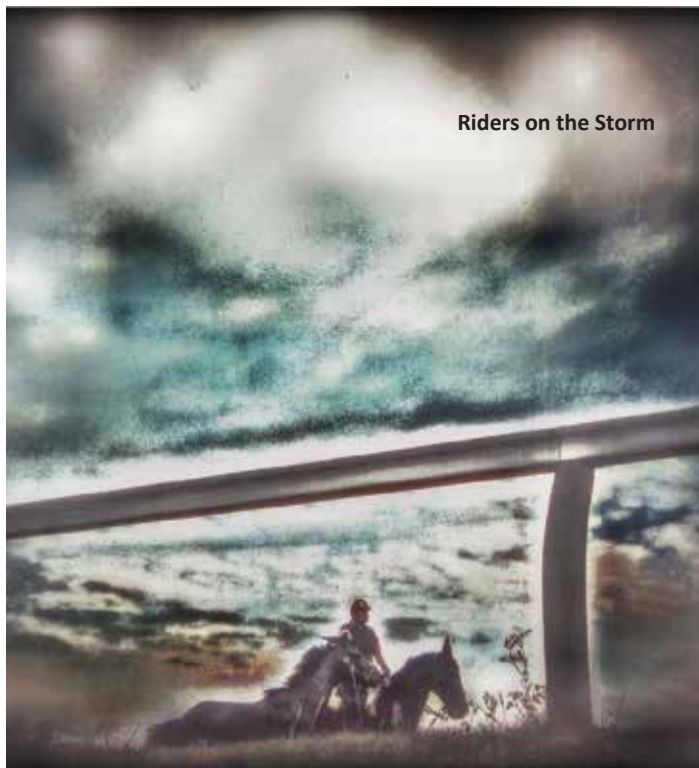


JONATHAN THOMAS



MELVIN WINNEY

Riders on the Storm



2024 LEADING JOCKEYS – BY WINS

	Name	Wins
1	Irada Ortiz Jr	52
2	Flavien Prat	45
3	Dylan Davis	36(tie)
3	Tyler Gaffalione	36(tie)
4	Manuel Franco	29
5	Jose Ortiz	26
6	Luis Saez	24
7	Junior Alvarado.....	22
8	Ricardo Santana Jr.....	19
9	Joel Rosario	16
10	Javier Castellano.....	15



Irada Ortiz



Flavien Prat

2024 LEADING JOCKEYS – BY EARNINGS

	Name	Purse
1	Flavien Prat	\$6,610,757
2	Irada Ortiz.....	\$5,117,556
3	Tyler Gaffalione	\$3,612,499
4	Dylan Davis	\$3,515,391
5	Manuel Franco	\$3,235,230
6	Junior Alvarado.....	\$2,922,795
7	Joel Rosario.....	\$2,469,499
8	John Velazquez	\$2,298,968
9	Javier Castellano.....	\$1,820,803
10	Ricardo Santana Jr	\$1,456,116

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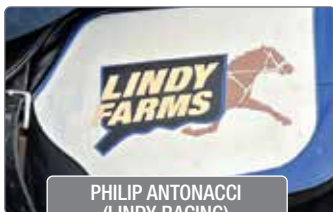
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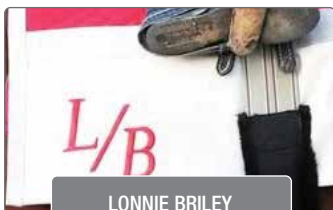
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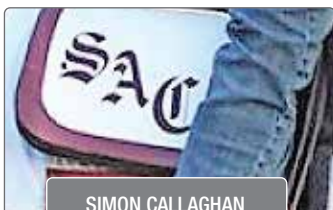
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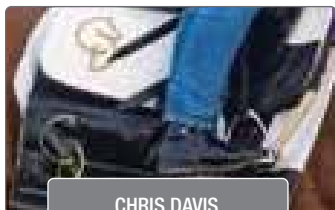
JORGE DELGADO
Alabama



CHRIS DAVIS



GUSTAVO DELGADO



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HORACIO DE PAZ
8th – 8 wins



EDDIE DAVIS



GREG DIPRIMA



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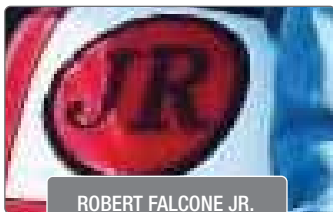


In the Gate!

WHITE & GREY TOWELS



BOB DUNHAM



ROBERT FALCONE JR.



SKIP EINHORN



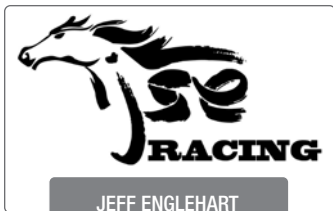
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MICHAEL MAKER
2nd – 22 wins (tie)



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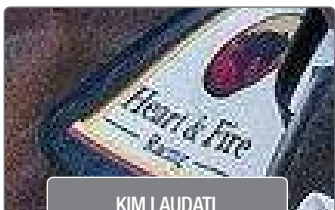
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KIM LAUDATI



MICHAEL MCCARTHY
Preakness
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MIKE MACHOWSKY



SEAN MCCARTHY



WHITE & GREY TOWELS



CLAUDE "SHUG" MCGAUGHEY



PETER PUGH



CLAUDE "SHUG" MCGAUGHEY



MIKE PUYPE



KEN MCPEEK



LUIS RAMIREZ



BILL MOREY



ERIC REED



EDDIE PLESA



ROBERT "BUTCH" REID



TODD PLETCHER

2nd – 22 wins; Hall of Fame;
Jockey Club Gold Cup, Travers



KEVIN RICE



Fearless on Fierceness

WHITE & GREY TOWELS



LINDA RICE
3rd – 18 wins



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LARRY RIVELLI



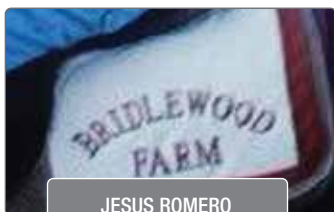
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JOE SHARP



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DALLAS STEWART



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Bath Time

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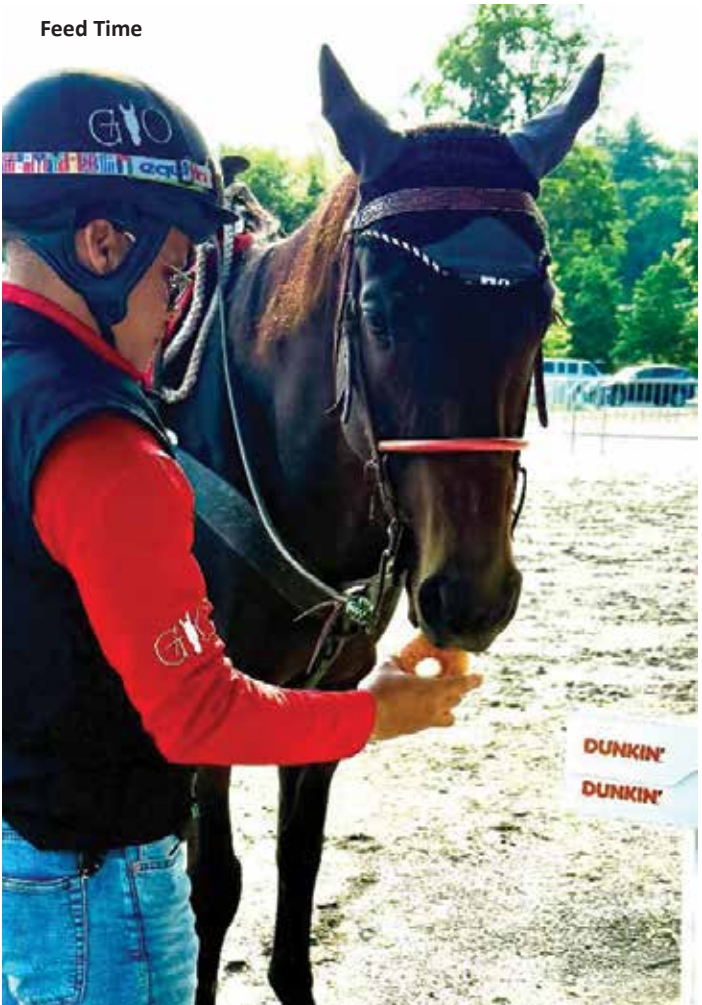


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2024 SARATOGA'S 18 GRADE 1 STAKES WINNERS

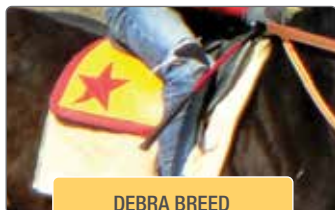
Race	Trainer	Purse	Winner
The Diana	Chad Brown	\$ 500,000	Whitebeam-Encore!
CC American Oaks	Ken McPeck	\$ 500,000	Thorpedo Anna
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A.P. Smithwick Chase	Jack Fisher	\$ 150,000	Ziggle Pops
The Whitney	Bill Mott	\$1,000,000	Arthur's Ride
The Test	Chad Brown	\$ 500,000	Ways and Means
Saratoga Derby	Christophe Clement	\$ 600,000	Carson's Run
Alabama	Jorge Delgado	\$ 600,000	Power Squeeze
The Jonathan Sheppard	Keri Brion	\$ 150,000	Jimmy P
Sword Dancer	Christophe Clement	\$ 750,000	Far Bridge
The Travers	Todd Pletcher	\$1,250,000	Fierceness
The Ballerina	Steve Asmussen	\$ 500,000	Society
Forego Handicap	Rudolphe Brisset	\$ 500,000	Mullikin
FourstarDave Handicap	Chad Brown	\$ 500,000	Carl Spackler
Personal Ensign	Chad Brown	\$ 500,000	Raging Sea
H. Allen Jerkens Memorial	Chad Brown	\$ 500,000	One in Vermillion
The Spinaway	Brad Cox	\$ 300,000	Immersive
The Hopeful	Chad Brown	\$ 300,000	Chancer
			McPatrick
Jockey Club Gold Cup	Brad Cox	\$1,000,000	Highland Falls

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 most of the 2024 Eclipse Award winning horses including Horse of the Year, including **Thorpedo Anna**, Travers winner **Fierceness**, and then 2 year old stars **Citizen Bull**, **Immersive**, and Derby/Belmont Winner **Sovereignty**.

– Joe Clancy “The Saratoga Special” (thisishorseracing.com)

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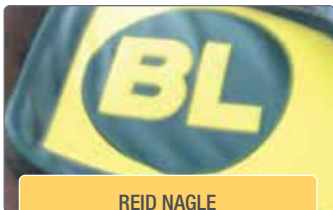
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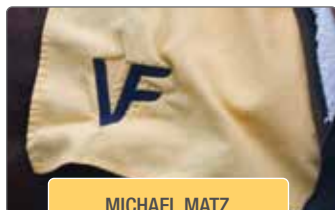
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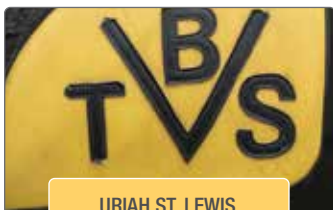
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(1950-2025)



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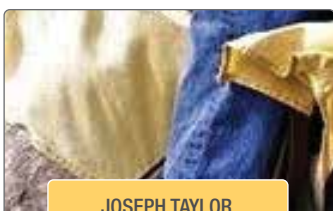
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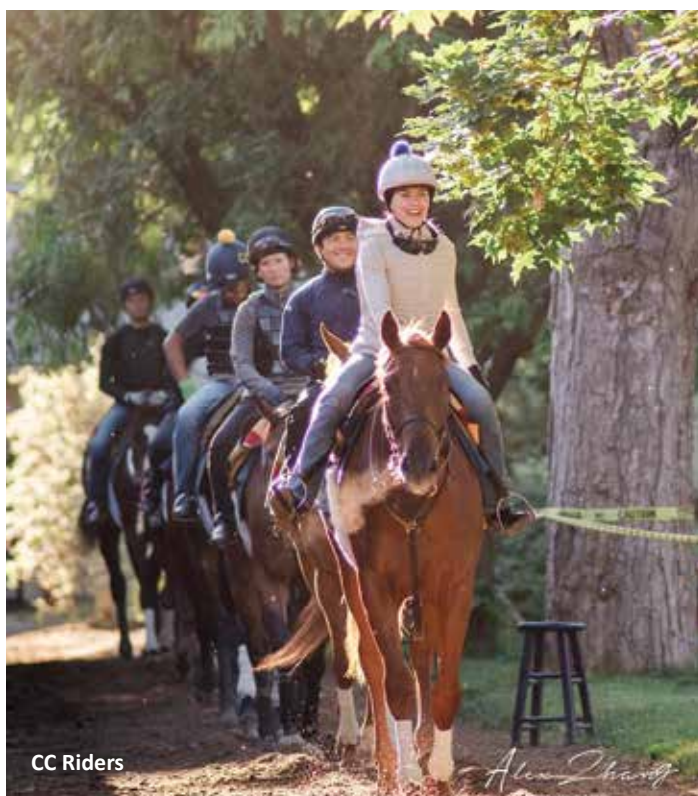
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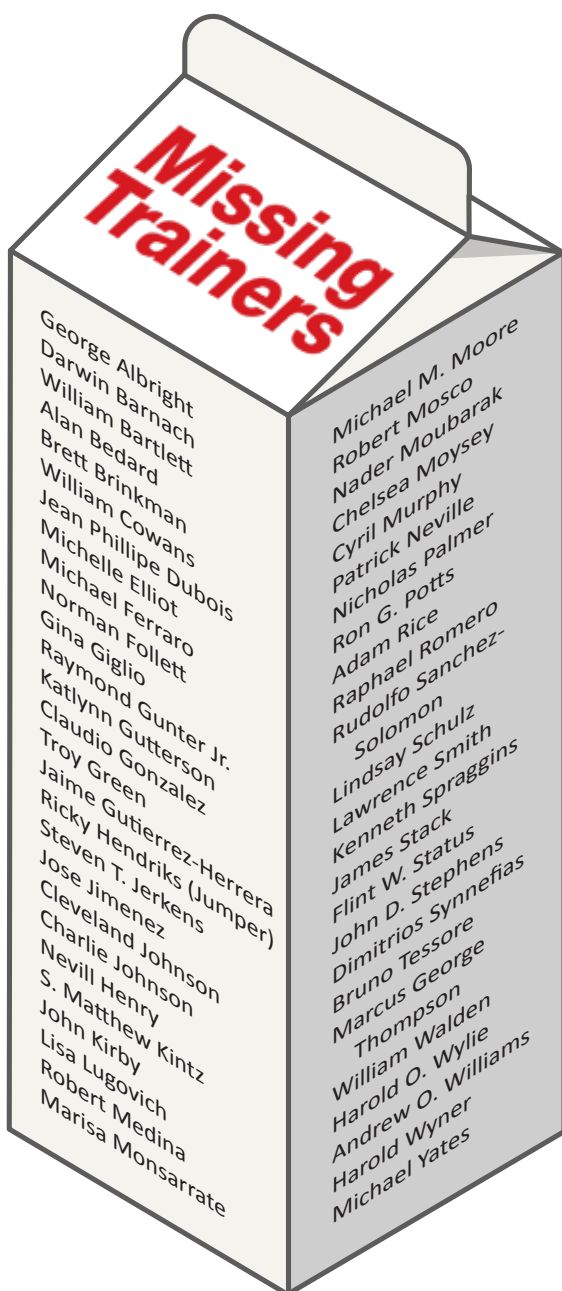
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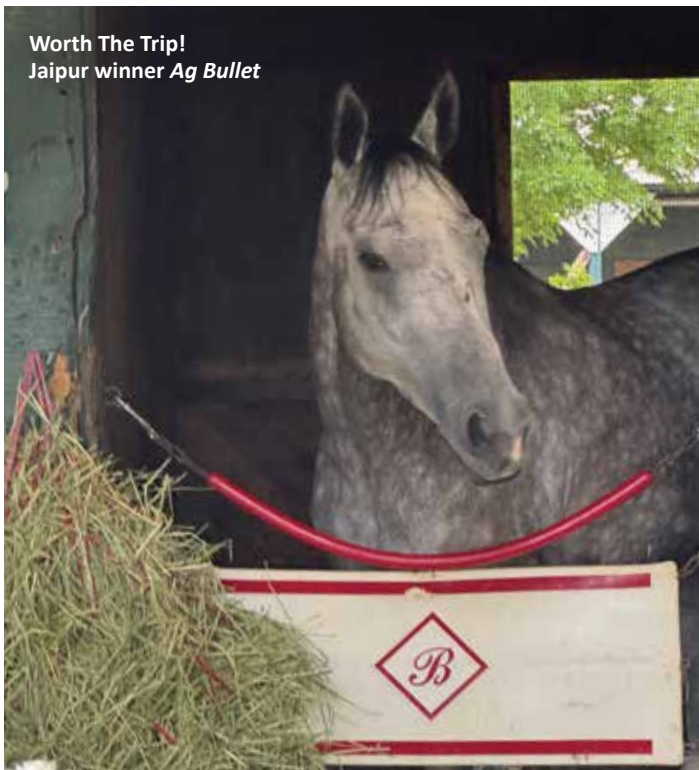


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Passion

All Horsemen have it to one degree or another. For some it is the reason for their careers. Pat Meadow had an extra heaping helping of that passion.

A Harvard astrophysicist and internal medicine doctor, Pat never let go of her passion for the horse that started when at 6 she got a pony from her dad. At 14 she went to horse camp and the passion grew.

At 29 that passion led to enter as an apprentice jockey at Suffolk Downs. 49 years ago. That ride led to being a



respected trainer, owner and breeder running her own small stable.

She stayed with it, a few wins, among many starts. But she was there every day taking care of things herself, enjoying the saddle still breezing when she was 75.

Passion.

Pat's boots are now backwards in the saddle, and her tack and saddle may have gone somewhere, but the memory of Pat Meadow at Oklahoma racecourse will linger a while longer on the Oklahoma training track. A testament to passion and the satisfaction that it brings.

Gallop on Granny....

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