

2026 GUIDE

to Saratoga Race Course Trainers'

Saddle Towels



It's A

Tie!!

18th Edition

Welcome to the Spaaaaaaaaaah!

Those were the first words I spoke to greet fans to The Saratoga Race Course every day during my twenty-four year tenure as the track announcer. That daily salutation always made me smile. And I hope you smiled too.

People often ask what is the difference between Saratoga and other tracks. I respond: it is the only track I know where everybody is smiling all the time. And that can be hard to do if you aren't having a winning day at the windows.

With all due respect to Disney World..... I think that Saratoga is "the happiest place on Earth."

Smiling aside, there are many things that set Saratoga apart from other sports venues. Importantly, the "feel" is an up-close visceral experience. Horses wend their way through the crowds over the paths in the backyard to reach the paddock. They are almost close enough to touch. They are not pixelated images on a digital screen. They are live. Right there next to you. You see the ripples of the sinew and muscle. You can sense the competitive spirit gazing into their eyes as they pass just feet away from you. Smell the liniment, hear the snorts and whinnies and the deep breathing from massive Thoroughbred lungs. Each of the five senses is stimulated in a way that only this intimate setting can provide. It just ain't the same on TV. Not at all.

And then there is the awe-inspiring beauty of these creatures that cannot be appreciated from afar.

And horses are not the only athletes that rub shoulders with the crowd. The jockeys walk right through the fandom. Patrons and pros mixing it up as in no other professional sport. Grab a selfie, score an autograph. Happens hundreds of times a day. Nowhere but Saratoga.

Enjoy. And keep on smiling.

Tom Durkin



Cue the Curtain, Bring UP the Lights!

Saratoga shines again!!

Belmont at Saratoga is in the books! Kentucky Derby Winner **Golden Tome** crossed the wire for trainer and Saratoga native Cherie Devaux. DeVaux stepped into history as the second woman to win the August Belmont Trophy, and the first woman to train a winner of 2 of the 3 Triple Crown jewels.

This 18th Edition of this Guide helps early morning fans understand a little of what they see as horses train on the Oklahoma Training Track and the Saratoga oval. Last year 244 trainers entered races at the Spa, and over 30% found their way to the afternoon Winners Circle. The 2025 Winning Trainer title resulted in the 4th leading trainer title tie since 1992. Perennial top trainers Chad Brown and odd Pletcher each notched 32 wins. Between them they had over 250 horses compete here. See Page 4.

Their success began at 4:30 each morning as their grooms, exercise riders, and hotwalkers arrive to care for the horses and ready them for training. Fans lucky enough to be either at the Whitney Viewing Stand, by the backside Morning Line coffee stand, or having Breakfast on the Porch at this time can watch top thoroughbreds from all the major racing venues and their exercise riders go through their daily workouts. Those having coffee or breakfast at the main track with this Guide in hand also gain an insight of what's going on as Laura Simiele describes what's taking place.

Visitors to the Oklahoma training track are especially fortunate to see turf and steeplechase horses train. Only 5 US tracks offer turf training. This might be why many trainers stay here until late October. Many of the horses entered in the 2025 Breeders Cup trained here well into October.

The excitement of the afternoons where up to 12 horses in a race is balanced in the mornings by the tens of horses walking, jogging, galloping and breezing past each other under the watch of the "traffic cops" - the Outriders. If you are on the rail you can talk with the riders, see and feel the horse's breath, listen to the rhythm of passing hoofbeats, and spot them changing leads.

Sure beats feeding pigeons in the park!

While the curtain has dropped on The **Belmont at Saratoga**, the curtain will rise again on July 3rd for a 51 day meet race meet ending September 7th, with the anticipation of the 2026 stars of world class thoroughbred racing meeting once again. We hope you enjoy these special mornings and this Guide.

See you on the rail!



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Chad Brown and Todd Pletcher with **32 WINS**

CHAD BROWN WINNING HORSES 2025 MEET

9-1 Say Yes to Dreams	8-6 Griselda
8-29 Credit Worthy	8-2 Capitol Partner
8-29 Tax Implications	8-2 Omellaia
8-29 Dynamic Prciing	8-2 Sierra Leone
8-28 Kathymarissa	8-2 Peak Hype
8-27 Cultivate	7-26 Nonna Lynne
8-24 Alimara	7-26 Hedge the Risk
8-17 Wise Up	7-24 Collect the Data
8-17 Secured Lender	7-24 Chancer McPatrick
8-14 George Briggs	7-24 Right to Win
8-10 Worthy Charge	7-20 Weigh the Risks
8-9 Exact Estimate	7-20 Belouni
8-9 Limes Don't Lie	7-16 Mommy's Turn
8-8 Deep Learning	7-13 Scarlet's Halo
8-8 Salamis	7-12 Malarchuk
8-8 Favorable Scenario	7-12 Excellent Truth

TODD PLETCHER WINNING HORSES 2025 MEET

9-1 Only in America	8-7 Indy Rags
9-1 Ted Noffey	8-2 Ned Toffey
8-31 Antiquarian	7-31 Grazie
8-31 Lovely Christina	7-30 Snow Face Princess
8-31 Sunrise	7-27 Tapit's Legacy
8-30 Trust Fund	7-26 Tommy Jo
8-30 Tommy Jo	7-25 Time to Dream
8-30 Candy Town	7-24 Noble Confessor
8-29 Steer Clear	7-20 Makes Sense
8-29 Miss Picky	7-20 Eliminate
8-28 Final Score	7-19 Emphasis
8-27 Time to Dream	7-18 Leslie's Rose
8-17 Teleport	7-18 Classicist
8-17 Snow Face Princess	7-13 Adventurist
8-16 Assertiveness	7-13 Malus
8-14 Danzit	
8-10 Final Score	

32!

For the second time in two years, and the 4th time in 33 years there has been a tie for leading trainer at Saratoga racecourse. Perennial leaders **Chad Brown** and **Todd Pletcher** each made 32 trips to the Winners' Circle by the time the 2025 meet ended. Linda Rice, the trainer who tied for the title with Chad Brown 2023, was 3rd with 24.



Chad Brown was top earner (\$4,510M) and in addition to taking the G1 Diana for the 4th consecutive time (10th overall), he took home the Whitney Trophy for the first time with **Sierra Leone**. Brown won 60 times with 131 starters. **Sierra Leone** captured the fall Breeders Cup Classic.



Todd Pletcher captured 3 G1 wins - the Hopeful (**Ted Noffey**), the Jockey Club Gold Cup (**Antiquarian**) and the Spinaway (**Tommy Jo**). He was second in earnings (\$3,451M) with many of his 2 year olds breaking their Maiden. Hopeful winner **Ted Noffey** went on to capture the Breeders Cup Juvenile Mile.

The future continues to bode well for both these conditioners. There are others in the wings. Let's see what happens in 2026!!

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:

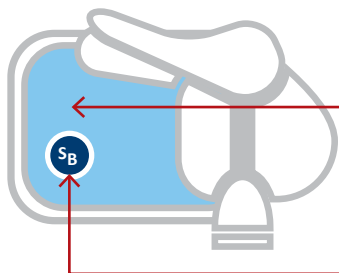
- BLACK & BROWN
- BLUE, TEAL, & PURPLE
- GREEN
- RED, ORANGE, & PINK
- WHITE & GREY
- YELLOW & GOLD

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.



Saratoga bid a fond farewell to the Belmont Stakes at Saratoga this June. The distance will return to the traditional 1 1/2 miles at the revitalized “Big Sandy”. Trainer Cherie DeVaux captured the 3rd jewel of the triple crown and the August Belmont trophy. No trainer was able to add their horse’s name to the 13 signs on the twin roads at the Oklahoma training track. History was made however by Cherie as she is the first woman to win both the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont. Fans on the rail in the mornings or in the stands in the afternoons fans will see th best of the best find their way to the starting gate for The Travers Stakes - the “4th Jewel of the Triple Crown” each year. Belmont or no Belmont, there is no place like the “Spoaaaaaaa”!



Winning Trainers



2024 Dornoch
Danny Gargan



2025 Sovereignty
Bill Mott



2026 Golden Tempo
Cherie DeVaux

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KERI BRION

AP Smithwick, Jonathan Sheppard



ANTONIO ARRIAGA



KERI BRION

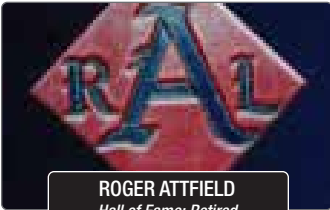
AP Smithwick, Jonathan Sheppard



ANTONIO ARRIAGA



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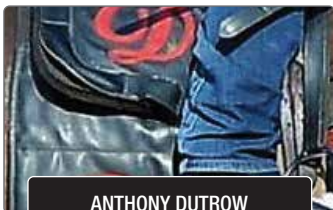
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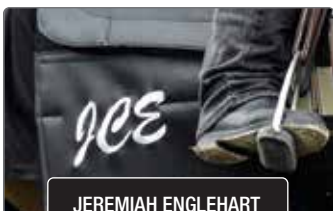
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RICK DUTROW



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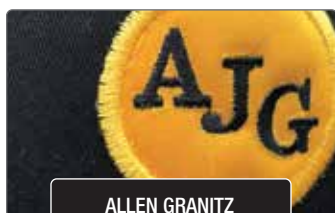
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MIKE MULLIN



ROBERT MEDINA



MICHELLE NEVIN



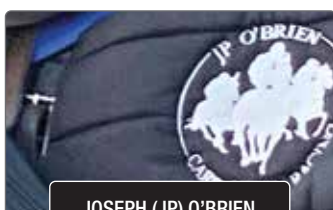
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MICHELLE NIHEI



RON MOQUETTE



JOSEPH (JP) O'BRIEN



Big Duke

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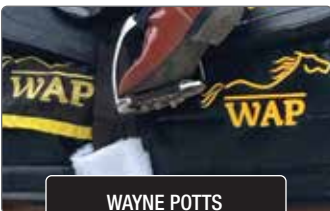
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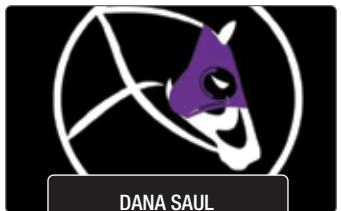
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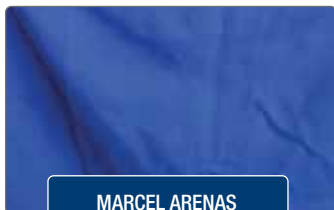
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10th – 9 wins (tie); Retired



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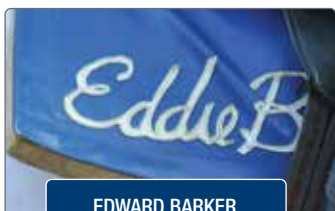
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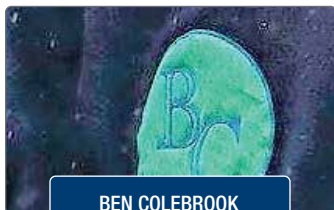


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CHAD BROWN
1st – 42 wins (tie);
Diana, Whitney



BEN COLEBROOK



CAIRO CARAMORI



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JIMMY CARRERA



BRAD COX
8th – 12 wins (tie);
H.Allen Jerkins



MIGUEL CLEMENT
4th – 18 wins;
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8th – 12 wins (tie);
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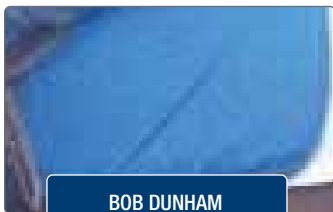
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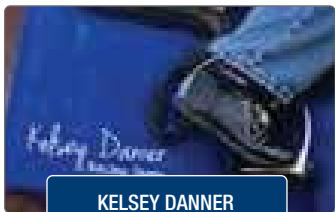
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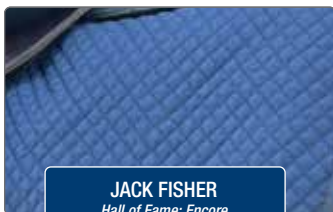
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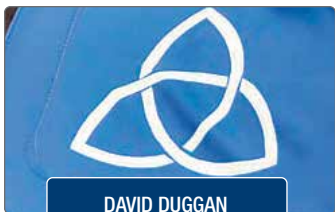
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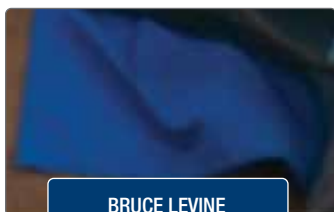
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RUDY RODRIGUEZ
7th – 10 wins (tie)



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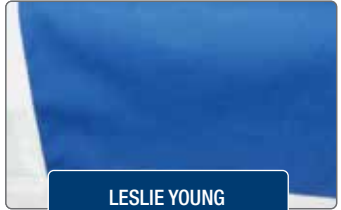
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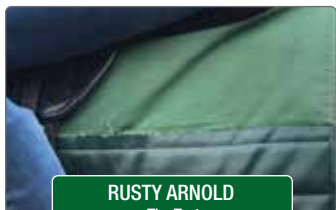


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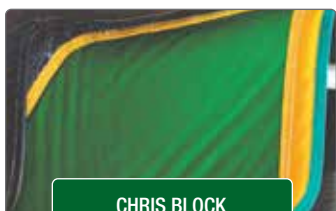
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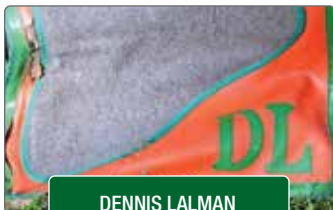
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ARCH KINGSLEY



PAUL MCENTEE



DENNIS LALMAN



JANE MCMAHON



JAMES LAWRENCE



RILEY MOTT
Saratoga Derby



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5th – 16 wins; Hall of Fame, Travers



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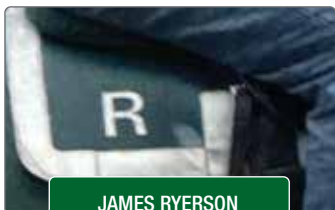
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	Name	Wins
1	Chad Brown	32 (tie)
2	Todd Pletcher	32 (tie)
3	Linda Rice	24
4	Miguel Clement	18
4	Bill Mott	16
5	Steve Asmussen	15
6	Michael Maker	14
6	Mark Casse	12 (tie)
6	Brad Cox	12 (tie)
6	Joe Sharp	12 (tie)
7	George Weaver	11
8	Saffie Joseph	9 (tie)
8	Thomas Amoss	9 (tie)
9	Ken McPeck	8
10	Mike Trombetta	6

2025 SARATOGA LEADING TRAINERS (BY PURSE)

	Name	Purse
1	Chad Brown	\$4,509,878
2	Todd Pletcher	\$3,450,915
3	Bill Mott	\$2,873,576
4	Miguel Clement	\$2,231,013
5	Mark Casse	\$1,839,750
6	Brad Cox	\$1,629,295
7	Linda Rice	\$1,496,210
8	Steve Asmussen	\$1,450,038

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PHIL BAUER
9th – 6 wins (tie)



EDUARDO CARAMORI



JUAN BERNARDINI



MARK CASSE
8th – 12 wins (tie); Alabama



JUAN BERNARDINI



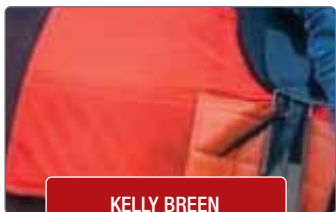
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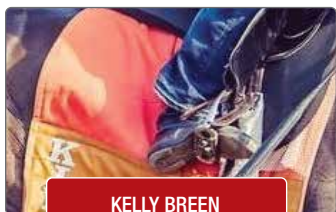
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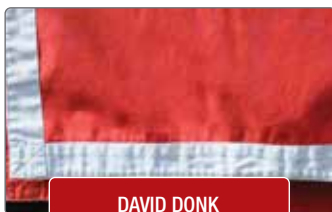
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MELVIN WINNEY



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2025 LEADING JOCKEYS – BY WINS

	Name	Wins
1	Irada Ortiz Jr	52
2	Flavien Pratt	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 Alverado	22
8	Ricardo Santanna Jr.	19
9	Joel Rosario	16
10	Javier Castellano	15



Irada Ortiz



Flavien Pratt

2025 LEADING JOCKEYS – BY EARNINGS

	Name	Purse
1	Flavien Pratt	\$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
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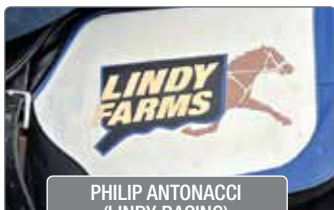
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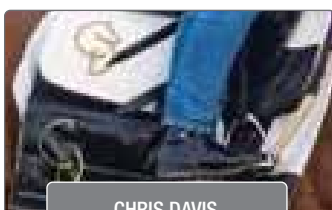
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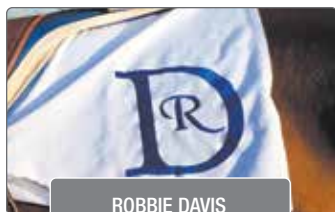
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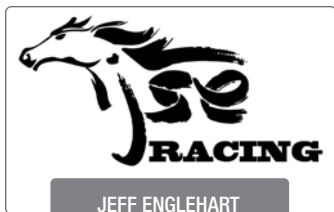
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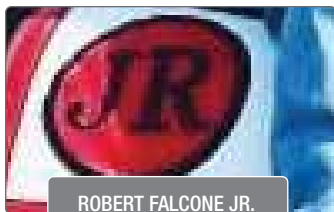
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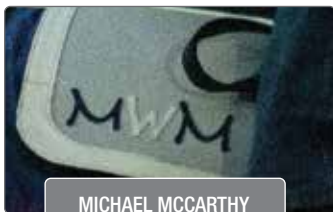
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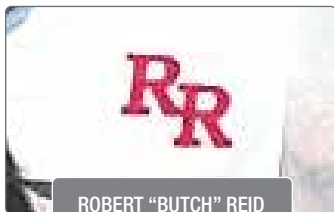
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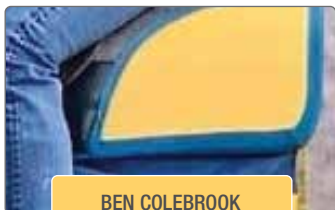
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WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A *Workout*

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 such as Triple Crown Winners **Golden Tome** and **Napoleon Solo**.

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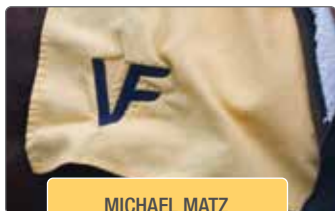
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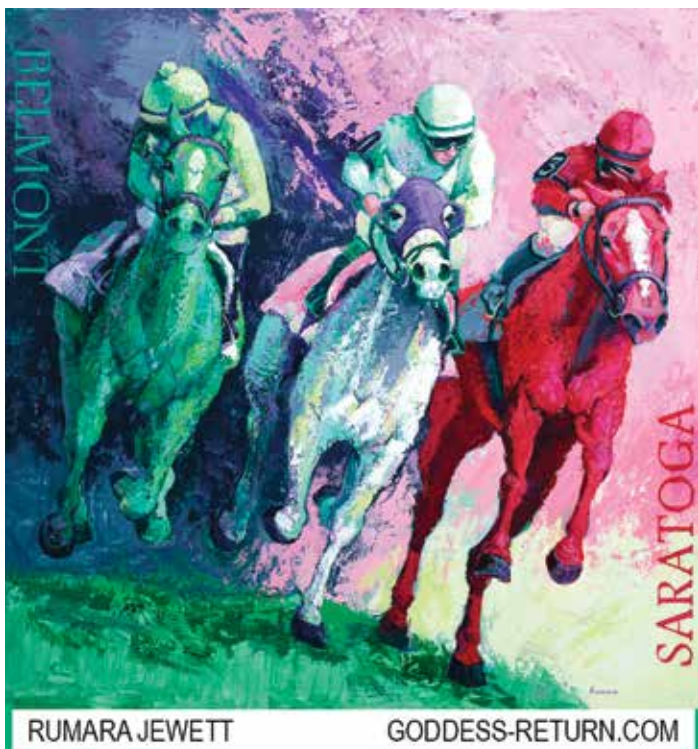
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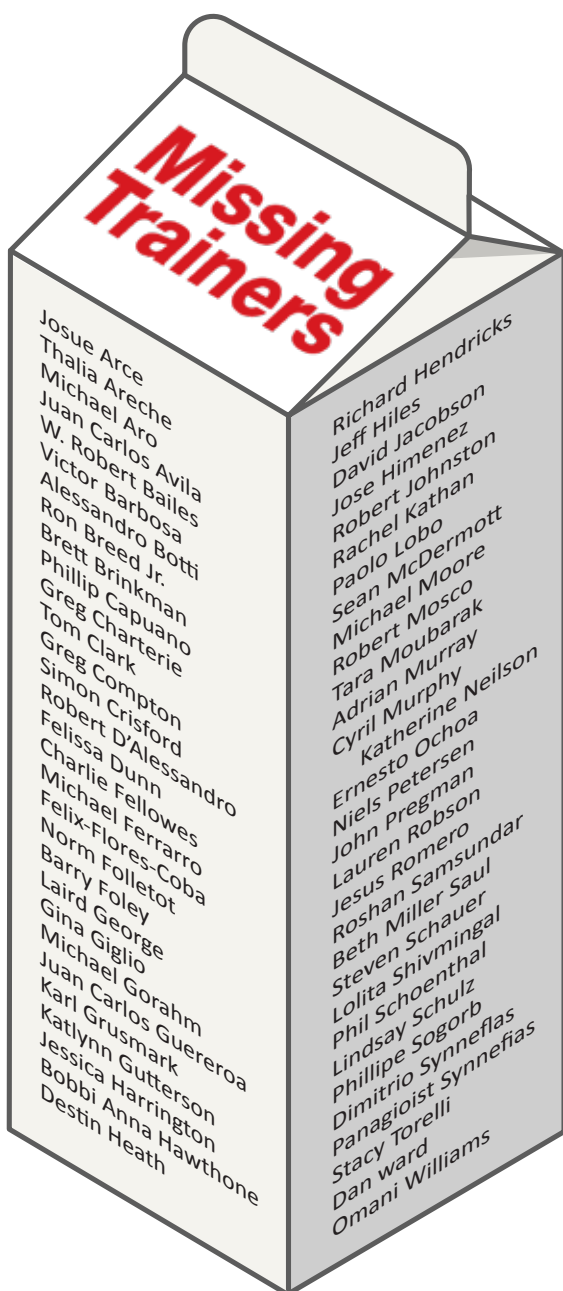
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Lippy's Last Lap

The Belmont at Saratoga Festival bid farewell to Saratoga Springs on June 7th after its three-year stay. Saratoga Racecourse horsemen and women also said goodbye that day to the racing association's longest tenured employee, **Mike Liptak**. Mike, aka "Lippy", retired after working for 35 years at the Saratoga Race Course. Lippy retired as the turf course maintenance supervisor, and was key to keeping the three Saratoga turf courses in excellent condition. Mike replaced



and tamped turf course divots for the final time on June 7th after the **Soaring Softly G3** stakes race. Turf racing's white bearded friend oversaw all aspects of turf racing surfaces at Saratoga from fixing divots to setting up hedges for the historic steeplechase races. Mike was a member of the full time Saratoga Racecourse maintenance staff that take care of the entire 380 acre physical property year round. He'll be missed, but Saratogians will still smile when they cross paths with him from time to time.

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