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1 1/4 MILES. (2:00) 128th Running of THE TRAVERS. Purse \$750,000 (plus up to \$39,000 NYSBFOA). Grade I. 3-year-olds. By subscription of \$750 each, which should accompany the nomination. \$3,750 to enter and \$3,750 additional to start. \$450,000 to the owner of the winner, \$150,000 to second, \$82,500 to third, \$45,000 to fourth and \$22,500 to fifth. Weight, 126 lbs. In the event the Travers overfills, preference will be given by condition eligibility, beginning with Grade I stakes winners, Grade II stakes winners, Grade III stakes winners, listed stakes winners, stakes winners, restricted stakes winners and highest earnings. Starters to be named at the closing time of entries. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, August 9 with 19 nominations.



Blazing Sword

Own: Campbell Gilbert G



Dk. b or br g. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Sword Dance\* Ire (Nijinsky II)
Dam: Demetroula (Singular)
Br: Campbell Gilbert G (Fla)
Tr: O'Connell Kathleen (-) 97:(316 48 .15)

Lifetime Record : 13 6 4 1 \$405,010

Table with columns for year, wins, losses, starts, earnings, and track types (Turf, Wet, Dist).

BOULANGER G (-) 1997:(897 132 .15)

Main racing table for Blazing Sword section with columns for date, race, track, time, odds, and names.

WORKOUTS: Aug19 Sar 3f st :38 B 11/16 • Aug5 Crc 5f sly 1:012 H (d) 1/10 Jly28 Crc 1 fst 1:412 B 1/2 • Jly6 Crc 6f st 1:16 B 1/4 Jun15 Crc 1 fst 1:402 H 1/1 • Jun8 Crc 1 fst 1:43 H 1/4

Behrens

Own: Clifton William Jr & Rudlein Stable



B. c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Pleasant Colony (His Majesty)
Dam: Hot Novel (Mari's Book)
Br: Nor Joanne (Ky)
Tr: Bond Harold James(27 7 6 7 .26) 97:(128 31 .24)

Lifetime Record : 4 3 0 0 \$144,000

Table with columns for year, wins, losses, starts, earnings, and track types.

BAILEY J D (150 39 18 24 .26) 1997:(839 206 .25)

Main racing table for Behrens section.

WORKOUTS: Aug19 Sar tr.t 6f st 1:152 B 1/1 Aug11 Sar tr.t 6f st 1:16 B 1/1 • Jly29 Sar 6f st 1:131 B 1/5 Jly13 Sar tr.t 5f st 1:042 B 3/5 Jun30 Bel 5f st :583 H 2/35 Jun21 Bel 5f st 1:00 H 3/22

Twin Spires

Own: Lewis Beverly J & Robert B



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Storm Cat (Storm Bird)
Dam: My Ballerina (Sir Ivor)
Br: Newgate Stud Farm Inc (Ky)
Tr: Lukas D Wayne(45 6 12 6 .13) 97:(597 124 .21)

Lifetime Record : 13 4 1 0 \$108,380

Table with columns for year, wins, losses, starts, earnings, and track types.

BRAVO J (83 8 7 9 .10) 1997:(761 95 .12)

Main racing table for Twin Spires section.

WORKOUTS: Aug17 Sar tr.t 5f gd 1:03 B 3/20 Jly16 Bel 4f st :481 H 10/45 • Jly1 Bel 4f st :47 H 1/39 • Jun24 Bel 5f st :594 H 1/32 Jun16 Bel 5f st 1:001 H 6/32 Jun6 Bel 4f st :501 B 66/91

Deputy Commander

Own: Horizon St & Jarvis & Mandysland Fm



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Deputy Minister (Vice Regent)
Dam: Anka Germania\* Ire (Malinowski)
Br: Crystal Springs Farm & Moore Robert & Allred E C (Ky)
Tr: Dollase Wallace (-) 97:(117 32 .27)

Lifetime Record : 7 2 1 1 \$219,440

Table with columns for year, wins, losses, starts, earnings, and track types.

MCCARRON C J (-) 1997:(437 87 .20)

Main racing table for Deputy Commander section.

WORKOUTS: Aug20 Hol 5f st 1:001 B 3/15 Aug15 Hol 7f st 1:251 H 1/1 • Aug9 Hol 5f st :583 H 1/10 Aug1 Hol 4f st :481 H 6/26 • Jly15 Hol 5f st :594 H 1/19 Jly2 Hol 6f st 1:132 H 6/25

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A CLOSER LOOK

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Blazing Sword

Lots of folks were awaiting his comeback this summer, figuring he'd be a force in the 2nd-half of the 3yo season, and he looks to be on the move off a solid try in Okla. going just a 1/16 less; an intestinal problem kept him from the Triple Crown races, so his problems weren't muscular; was within 1 1/2 lengths of 2yo champ Boston Harbor last year and Pulpit in the Fountain of Youth and only off-the-board performances have come off the layoff; just 2 weeks since last start, but best efforts have come close together; regular rider Boulanger aboard; gritty gelding will give you a run for your money.

Behrens

Connections looking to save re-painting canoe in the infield as they won this race last year with Will's Way (in just his 6th start), now a handicap star - only change is Bailey is aboard this one; Bond told DRF Thursday that "On a scale of 1-to-10, Behrens bled about a four in the Jim Dandy. I don't think the sloppy track beat him that day. It was the circumstances that beat him," and thus, his works since then have been moderate and he goes first-time Lasix; defeated a decent bunch in the Dwyer, including then unbeaten Banker's Gold, but was only under 117 lbs.; will have honest pace up front and with the diuretic, should get back on his game, which is what it will take to put him in the picture.

Twin Spires

Willing to disregard turf effort down the Shore, and although he's run through a couple allowance conditions vs. short fields, the step to the Travers a high one to clear; was drilled earlier in the year at the graded level prior to the Triple Crown and his top Beyer of 93 is below the triple-digit numbers posted by the heavy hitters; for Lukas and Lewis' fans.

Deputy Commander

West Coaster has proven to be versatile on both dirt and turf, and his last 3 outs have been rock solid - 1,2 finishers on turf at CD have both won stakes, he cruised in the Affirmed, and earned best last-race Beyer in the Swaps behind Free House, while topping Wild Rush, who came back to win at Remington; McCarron the leading big-race rider this year with heads-up efforts in Belmont and Haskell aboard Touch Gold; blinkers taken off for East Coast unveiling; Thunder Gulch came from California to take down Travers in '95; should be on lead early with Affirmed Success; a serious threat with sensible early splits.



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**Affirmed Success**

Own: Fried Albert A Jr

**CHAVEZ J F** (103 12 18 18 .12) 1997:(936 177 .19)

3 Aug 97-8 Sar sly 1 1/8 :47 1:11 1:37 1:51 Jim Dandy-G2  
 13 Jun 97-6 Bel fst 1 3/8 :23 1:45 1:10 1:42 3+ Alw 40000N2x  
 20 Jun 97-4 Bel fst 7 1/8 :24 :45 1:09 1:22 3+ Alw 36000N1x  
 11 May 97-6 Aqu fst 6f :23 1:46 :57 1:09 3+ Md Sp Wt

WORKOUTS: Aug 18 Sar 4f fst :46 2 H 1/54 Aug 12 Sar 6f fst :11 H 1/2 Jly 29 Sar 4f fst :46 3 B 1/25 Jly 24 Sar 5f fst :1:00 1 H 3/40 Jly 9 Bel tr.t 5f fst :1:00 1 H 2/10 Jly 3 Bel tr.t 4f fst :50 B 9/16

B. g. 3 (Apr)  
 Sire: Affirmed (Exclusive Native)  
 Dam: Towering Success (Irish Tower)  
 Br: Fried Albert A Jr (Ky)  
 Tr: Schosberg Richard (21 3 2 1 .14) 97:(157 30 .19)

Lifetime Record:				4	3	0	1	\$91,700		
1997	4	3	0	1	\$91,700	Turf	0	0	0	0
1996	0	0	0	0		Wet	1	0	0	1
L 126 Sar	1	0	0	1	\$27,500	Dist	0	0	0	0

101	1	1	1	1 1/2	11	34	Chavez JF	L 114	4.80	77-25	Awesome Again	1163	Glitman	1141	Affirmed	Success	1143	Yielded late	9
105	4	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	11 1/2	11	Chavez JF	112	*45	87-14	Affirmed Success	1121	Falo	1141	Midnight Squall	119no		Hard drive	6
101	7	1	1	1 1/2	12	16	Chavez JF	114	*45	91-11	Affirmed Success	1146	Alrayyih	1194	Gun Fight	116no		Ridden out	7
100	7	9	3 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	13	Chavez JF	113	2.90	91-11	Affirmed Success	1133	Home On Th Ridg	1147	Dynmit	Flsh	1132 1/2	Drew away	10

**Awesome Again**

Own: Stronach Frank H

**SMITH M E** (133 24 23 13 .18) 1997:(849 150 .18)

3 Aug 97-8 Sar sly 1 1/8 :47 1:11 1:37 1:51 Jim Dandy-G2  
 29 Jun 97-8 WO fst 1 1/8 :46 1:11 1:38 2:04 1 Qns Plate-G1C  
 5 Jun 97-5 Hol fst 1 1/8 :24 :48 1:12 1:42 3+ Md Sp Wt  
 25 May 97-6 Hol fst 7f :22 1:45 1:09 1:22 3+ Md Sp Wt

WORKOUTS: Aug 15 Sar 5f fst :1:02 B 12/41 Jly 29 Hol 5f fst :1:00 3 H 5/12 Jly 24 Hol 7f fst :1:24 1 H 1/3 Jly 17 Hol @ 6f fm :1:14 H 1/1 Jun 25 WO 5f gd :59 3 H 1/19 Jun 18 Hol 7f fst :1:32 H 5/5

B. c. 3 (Mar)  
 Sire: Deputy Minister (Vice Regent)  
 Dam: Primal Force (Blushing Groom\*Fr)  
 Br: Stronach Frank (Ont-C)  
 Tr: Hofmans David (1 0 0 0 .00) 97:(180 41 .23)

Lifetime Record:				4	3	0	1	\$431,100		
1997	4	3	0	1	\$431,100	Turf	0	0	0	0
1996	0	0	0	0		Wet	1	1	0	0
L 126 Sar	1	1	0	0	\$150,000	Dist	1	1	0	0

107	3	7	7 1/2	6 1/2	21	13	Smith M E	L 116	3.05	81-25	Awesome Again	1163	Glitman	1141	Affirmed	Success	1143	Drifted in, strong	9	
100	3	6	7 1/2	2nd	12	13 1/2	Smith M E	L 126	3.00e	84-18	Awesome Again	126 3/4	Cryptocloser	126hd	Sovereign Storm	1261		Driving clear	14	
97	1	2	2nd	1hd	12 1/2	16	McCarron C J	LB 115	*80	89-17	Awesome Again	115 5/8	Tripleprizd	122nk	Kukulcn	115 5/8		Inside, steady	8	
88	2	6	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	McCarron C J	LB 115	5.40	86-12	One Mn Army	116 1/2	Capit Gins	122 1/2	Awesome	Again	115 1/2	Saved ground	to lane	10

**Cryptocloser**

Own: Mack Earle I & Sorokolit William Jr

**ANTLEY C W** (121 13 19 10 .11) 1997:(412 56 .14)

27 Jly 97-9 FE fst 1 1/8 :48 1:12 1:37 1:56 Prnc Wales-G1C  
 29 Jun 97-8 WO fst 1 1/4 :46 1:11 1:38 2:04 1 Qns Plate-G1C  
 Lacked room far turn, steadied, rallied  
 8 Jun 97-8 WO fst 1 1/8 :47 1:12 1:38 2:04 1 Plate Trial-G2C  
 Lacked room stretch turn, drew off  
 16 May 97-6 WO fst 1 1/8 :24 :48 1:12 1:42 3+ Alw 24600N2x

Previously trained by Capuano Dale  
 19 Apr 97-10 Pim fst 1 1/8 :48 1:12 1:36 1:49 Fedrco Tesio-G3  
 29 Mar 97-10 Lrl fst 1 1/8 :47 1:11 1:36 1:49 Private Terms 56k  
 1 Mar 97-10 Lrl sly 1 1/8 :23 :46 1:11 1:44 Herat 55k  
 5 Feb 97-7 Lrl my 1 1/8 :24 :49 1:15 1:49 Alw 18240N2L  
 17 Jan 97-6 Aqu fst 170 :23 :48 1:13 1:44 Alw 35000N1x  
 2 Jan 97-8 Lrl fst 1 1/8 :47 1:13 1:39 1:53 Alw 17876N1x

WORKOUTS: Aug 17 Sar 5f gd :1:00 2 H 1/22 Aug 10 WO 5f fst :1:00 3 B 1/26 Jly 20 WO 5f fst :58 4 H 1/25 Jly 13 WO 5f fst :1:00 4 H 4/30 Jun 22 WO 5f gd :59 3 H 1/29 Jun 2 WO 5f fst :1:00 3 H 1/15

B. g. 3 (Mar)  
 Sire: Cryptoclearance (Fappiano)  
 Dam: Cuddle Up Closer (Vice Regent)  
 Br: Sorokolit William A (Ont-C)  
 Tr: Frostad Mark (—) 97:(147 42 .29)

Lifetime Record:				18	4	5	2	\$332,279		
1997	10	3	4	2	\$316,961	Turf	0	0	0	0
1996	8	1	1	0	\$15,318	Wet	3	1	0	1
L 126 Sar	0	0	0	0		Dist	2	1	1	0

100	3	3	2 1/2	4 1/2	11	12 1/2	Martinez W	L 126	*50	89-15	Cryptocloser	126 2/4	C. C. On Ice	126 3/4	Rabbit In A Hat	126no		Driving	7	
95	4	9	9 5/8	6 2/4	35	2 1/2	Martinez W	L 126	*125	80-18	Awesome Again	126 3/4	Cryptocloser	126hd	Sovereign Storm	1261			14	
97	1	6	5 1/2	4 3/4	2hd	15 1/2	Martinez W	L 126	2.95	87-19	Cryptocloser	126 5/8	Air Cool	126 1/2	Love View	1261			9	
88	3	3	3 1/2	2hd	21	2nk	Antley C W	L 117	*70	77-30	Brittania Stndrd	118nk	Cryptocloser	117 4/8	We'll Fool	Em All	118 3/8	Solid effort	7	
92	5	7	8 1/4	7 1/4	57	4 1/2	Martinez SB	L 115	26.40	86-15	Concerto	122 1/2	Bleu Madura	115 3/4	Dr. Best	117 1/2		Mild rally	8	
90	7	5	5 3/4	4 1/2	3 1/2		Martinez SB	L 115	9.00	87-13	Dr. Best	115 1/2	Fearless	Play	115 3/4	Cryptocloser	115 1/2	Fanned wide	1/4	8
84	7	8	8 3/4	6 3/4	45	3 1/2	Martinez SB	L 115	24.40	85-19	In C C's	Honor	115 1/4	Fearless	Play	115 1/4	Cryptocloser	115 1/2	Rallied	10
71	2	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	12 1/2	1 1/2	Martinez SB	L 117	*90e	66-38	Cryptocloser	117 3/8	Low Halo	117 3/8	Mr. Broyn	117 1/2		Held sway	8	
76	5	3	4 1/2	4 1/2	1hd	2 1/2	Martinez SB	L 114	2.15	72-32	Baden's Flash	120 1/2	Cryptocloser	114 1/2	Blaky	107 1/2		Bid, couldn't	last 5	
75	3	5	5 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2		Martinez SB	L 115	3.70	71-30	In C C's	Honor	115 1/2	Cryptocloser	115 5/8	Paint By Numbers	115 1/2	Willingly	6	

**Affairwithpeaches**

Own: Kleemann Sandi L

**MIGLIORE R** (106 17 9 11 .16) 1997:(877 165 .19)

12 Aug 97-7 Del fst 6f :22 1:46 :58 1:02 3+ Alw 29400N4L  
 12 Feb 97-3 GP fst 1 1/8 :24 :48 1:12 1:43 Alw 32000N2x  
 18 Jan 97-10 GP fst 1 1/8 :23 :47 1:11 1:42 Holy Bull-G3  
 2 Jan 97-5 Crs fm 1 1/8 :48 1:11 1:34 1:46 Trop Pk Dby-G3  
 1 Dec 96-8 Aqu sly 1 1/8 :48 1:13 1:39 1:53 Remsen-G2  
 15 Nov 96-8 Med fst 1 :24 :47 1:12 1:38 Princeton 40k  
 30 Oct 96-6 Aqu fst 7f :23 :46 1:12 1:25 1 Md Sp Wt  
 Checked early, wide, prevailed  
 17 Oct 96-6 Bel gd 1 :23 :46 1:12 1:37 Md Sp Wt  
 6 Oct 96-2 Bel fst 1 :22 :45 1:09 1:36 Md Sp Wt  
 18 Sep 96-7 Med sly 1 :23 :48 1:13 1:38 Md Sp Wt

WORKOUTS: Aug 18 Sar 5f fst :1:02 4 H 35/50 Aug 7 Del 3f fst :39 B 10/14 Jly 31 Del 7f fst :1:31 B 1/2 Jly 22 Del 6f my :1:17 2 Bg 1/1 Jly 17 Del 5f fst :1:02 3 B 2/6 Jly 11 Del 5f fst :1:01 4 H 2/12

Gr/ro c. 3 (Feb)  
 Sire: Black Tie Affair\* Ire (Miswaki)  
 Dam: Peach of It (Navajo)  
 Br: Milan Joselito (Ky)  
 Tr: Marino Phil (3 0 0 0 .00) 97:(279 19 .07)

Lifetime Record:				14	2	2	1	\$70,920		
1997	4	0	0	0	\$3,520	Turf	2	0	0	0
1996	10	2	2	1	\$67,400	Wet	4	0	1	0
L 126 Sar	3	0	0	1	\$4,760	Dist	0	0	0	0

69	3	7	7 3/4	7 1/4	7 1/2		Colton R E	L 113 fb	20.80	78-16	Sand And Stars	114 1/2	Tricky	Mister	114 1/2	Ukulele	Ike	116 1/2	Trailed	7
41	4	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	Bravo J	L 117 b	23.40	58-21	Tansit	117nk	Open Forum	117 1/2	Accelerator	117 1/2		No factor	5	
79	5	8	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/4	7 1/2	Sibille R	L 115 b	81.00	77-18	Arthur L.	122nk	Acceptable	114 1/2	Captin Bodgit	119nk	Crowded,	bumped	start	9
79	4	7	8 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	Bravo J	L 117 b	27.80	83-12	Arthur L.	119no	Unite's	Big Red	117 1/2	Keep It	Strait	117 4/2	Lacked rally	12
80	7	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	Samyn J L	L 112 b	29.50	66-24	The Silver	Move	114 1/2	Jules	122 1/2	Accelerator	122hd	Chkd turn, no	bid	8
81	5	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	2hd	1no	Migliore R	L 117 b	3.90	84-24	Affairwithpeaches	117no	Gray	Zipper	120 1/2	Strategic	Defense	115 1/2	Driving	6
73	3	10	8 1/2	5 3/4	3 1/2	1no	Migliore R	L 118 b	6.10	82-15	Affairwithpeaches	118no	Able	Red	118 1/2	Joliet	Jake	118nk		11
65	2	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	Migliore R	L 117 b	3.25	70-22	Extra Boost	117 1/2	Steak	Scam	117hd	Matchless	117 1/2		Flattened out	12
80	4	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Maple E	L 116 b	36.75	76-12	My Gallant	One	116 1/2	Affairwithpeaches	116 1/2	Real	Star	116 1/2	Held place	13
61	3	5	4 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Rydowski S R	118 b	1.70	81-15	Quick	Mneuver	118 1/2	Affairwithpeaches	118 1/2	Quiet	Musket	118 1/2	Second best	7

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**Affirmed Success**

A success indeed, with a triple-digit Beyer earned in each start while moving from 6fs to a one-turn route at Belmont to the 2-turn Jim Dandy, and the off track that day could have been a factor; getting the trip on the front end is the biggest question, especially while making only his 5th career start, but he has been kept sharp with a bullet half-mile Monday and is going 2nd-time Lasix; Chavez was aboard Will's Way last year; adds 12 lbs. and fact Awesome Again blew by him in the Dandy going an 1/8 shorter makes him vulnerable in deep stretch and he'd be a surprise to wire the field; could last for a piece.

**Awesome Again**

Hofmans has done a spectacular job with yet another 3yo (he trains Belmont and Haskell winner Touch Gold), getting this one to win the Queen's Plate in just his 3rd career start, and he looked magnificent blowing the doors off his Jim Dandy foes here in the slop; long-winded colt bred for this trip and an off-track, so he should be able to handle any weather scenario; looms large here with win over the track and a Gr. 1 win at this classic distance, both with sweeping moves and drawing away from the competition late; the one to fear.

**Cryptocloser**

Has come into his own this spring and summer in the great white north, rattling off bullet work after bullet work and goes here off a win in the Prince of Wales, 2nd leg of the Canadian Triple Crown; was no match for Awesome Again in the Queen's Plate as the favorite, but did have trouble that day in 14-horse field and should get clear sailing with only 8 in the Travers' lineup; Frostad sounded convincing when he told DRF, "If there is a realistic pace and no traffic, he's good enough to get the job done"; sire was 2nd here in '88 behind Java Gold in the slop; has similar running style as Awesome Again and is out to turn the tables—the All Canadian exacta not a bad wager.

**Affairwithpeaches**

Hard to see this one having much chance here, with just one dull 6f start at Delaware under his belt since the Gulfstream meet; had little impact vs. graded stakes foes this winter in Fla.; lone work over the track hardly inspiring; a win here puts him the same historical perspective as Jim Dandy and Upset.

— Evan Hammonds