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Saratoga 1 1/4 Miles (1:59 1/2) Travers-G1 THE RUNHAPPY TRAVERS. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 For Three Year Olds. By subscription of \$1,000 each which should accompany the nomination; \$7,500 to pass the entry box and an additional \$7,500 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$15,000 (along with the entry and starting fees) may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse for the Runhappy Travers shall be divided as follows: \$535,000 to the owner of the winner, \$185,000 to second, \$100,000 to third, \$65,000 to fourth, \$40,000 to fifth, \$30,000 to sixth, \$25,000 to seventh and \$20,000 to eighth. The Runhappy Travers has been selected as one of the races in the Kentucky Derby Championship Series. The winner of the Runhappy Travers will be awarded 100 points, the second place finisher 40 points, the third place finisher 20 points and the fourth place finisher 10 points. Weight 126 lbs. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, July 25, 2020 with 18 Nominations.



Post time: 6:15 ET Wagers: Exacta, Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double

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1 First Line

Own: Noda Brothers LLC
30-1 White, Royal Blue 'Nb', White Sleeves
COHEN D (34 4 4 5 .12) 2020: (417 55 .13)

Ch. g (12.05.19) 3 (May)
Sire: First Samurai (Giant's Causeway) \$15,000
Dam: Street Line (Street Cry) \$re
Br: Sather Family LLC (Ky)
Tr: Noda Orlando (14 5 2 2 .36) 2020 :(.64 14 .22)

Table with columns: Life, 4, 1, 1, 1, \$64,960, 85, D.Fst, 3, 1, 1, 0, \$57,280, 85. Includes rows for 2020, 2019, and Sar.

Table with columns: TimeformUS Pace: Early 104 Late 60. Rows for 29July20-4Sar fst 1 1/4, 6Jun20-3Bel gd 6f, 28Feb20-5Aqu fst 6f, 11Jan20-3Aqu fst 1.

Table with columns: Life, 120 f, 120 f, 120 f, 120 f. Rows for Ortiz J L, Davis D, Rodriguez L A, Gutierrez R.

WORKS: ●Jly 19 Sar tr.t 5f fst 1:00 3/4 B 1/5 Jly 12 Bel 5f fst 1:02 3/4 B 15/18 ●Jly 4 Bel tr.t 3f gd :36 3/4 B 1/30 May 31 Bel tr.t 5f fst 1:02 B 2/14 May 24 CD 6f sly 1:16 1/2 B 1/2
TRAINER: 20H45-180 (18.22 \$2.18) WonLastStart (23.22 \$4.14) Dirt (114.21 \$2.91) Routes (47.23 \$3.23) GrdStk (1.00 \$0.00)
CLOSER LOOK Connections have always had high hopes for this gelding and he will get his shot after finally coming through with the maiden win 10 days ago in start number four; stretched out effectively over this track in that maiden win and he was game to prevail there after a long battle with lightly-raced runnerup Hometown; taking a big step up in class for the Travers but is doing so for a trainer who has been sending out nothing but love horses lately.

2 Country Grammer

Own: Pompa Jr Paul P
6-1 White, Green Circle, Red 'P', Red
ORTIZ I JR (115 27 19 17 23) 2020: (766 194 .25)

B. c. 3 (May) OBSAPR19 \$450,000
Sire: Tonalist (Tapit) \$15,000
Dam: Arabian Song (Forestry)
Br: Scott Pierce & Debbie Pierce (Ky)
Tr: Brown Chad C (52 9 11 13 .17) 2020 :(.337 81 .24)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 2, 0, 1, \$117,320, 96, D.Fst, 4, 2, 0, 1, \$112,820, 96. Includes rows for 2020, 2019, and Sar.

Table with columns: TimeformUS Pace: Early 81 Late 106. Rows for 16Jly20-9Sar fst 1 1/4, 4Jun20-8Bel fst 1 1/4, 29Feb20-4GP fst 1 1/4, 11Nov19-8Aqu fst 1 1/4, 5Oct19-11Bel fm 1.

Table with columns: Life, 120, 122, 118, 119, 119. Rows for Ortiz I Jr, Castellano J J, Castellano J J, Ortiz I Jr, Saez L.

WORKS: Aug 1 Sar 4f fst :47 3/4 B 6/50 Jly 10 Sar 4f fst :47 3/4 B 5/20 Jly 3 Sar tr.t 4f fst :49 3/4 B 17/50 Jun 26 Sar tr.t 4f fst :49 3/4 B 15/42 ●Jun 19 Sar tr.t 4f fst :48 3/4 B 1/26
TRAINER: WonLastStart (268.30 \$1.81) Dirt (421.26 \$1.42) Routes (862.27 \$1.63) GrdStk (266.25 \$1.76)
CLOSER LOOK Improving Tonalist colt broke his maiden over this distance first time on dirt, then made his next start in the Fountain of Youth, where he came wide from the back to gain some ground without threat; took his time after that and returned with an underrated effort in Tap It to Win's dominant allowance win on June, before stretching back out and gamely scoring in the Peter Pan over this track; did enjoy an excellent trip and ride last time but he showed improved tactical speed there and is eligible to step forward again.

3 Uncle Chuck

Own: Pegram & Watson & Weitman
5-2 Red, Gold Ball, Red 'Mp', Gold Stripes
SAEZ L (59 8 14 5 .14) 2020: (817 159 .19)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP18 \$250,000
Sire: Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) \$125,000
Dam: Forest Music (Unbridled's Song)
Br: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky)
Tr: Baffert Bob (4 1 1 0 .25) 2020 :(.186 56 .31)

Table with columns: Life, 2, 2, 0, 0, \$120,000, 95, D.Fst, 2, 2, 0, 0, \$120,000, 95. Includes rows for 2020, 2019, and Sar.

Table with columns: TimeformUS Pace: Early 105 Late 118. Rows for 4Jly20-6LRC fst 1 1/4, 12Jun20-2SA fst 1.

Table with columns: Life, 122, 120. Rows for Saez L, Smith M E.

WORKS: ●Aug 1 Dmr 5f fst 1:00 1/2 H 1/71 ●Jly 26 Dmr 6f fst 1:12 1/2 H 1/7 ●Jly 20 Dmr 6f fst 1:13 1/2 H 1/4 Jly 13 Dmr 4f fst :47 3/4 B 3/57 Jun 28 SA 6f fst 1:12 1/2 H 3/6
TRAINER: 31-60Days (139.24 \$1.22) WonLastStart (124.23 \$0.97) Dirt (442.29 \$1.57) Routes (229.25 \$1.79) GrdStk (147.23 \$1.24)
CLOSER LOOK Hulking son of Uncle Mo arrives with a 2 for 2 mark from California and there is almost no chance that Baffert has gotten close to the bottom of him yet; he has looked good in both starts and just galloped past that field last time, before denying the talented Thousand Words, who returned to win the Shared Belief last week with a 104 Beyer; dangerous.

4 Max Player

Own: Hall George E and SportBLX Thoro
6-1 Neon Pink, Two Orange Hoops, Orange
ROSARIO J (94 24 11 15 .26) 2020: (587 114 .19)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Honor Code (A.P. Indy) \$30,000
Dam: Fools in Love (Not For Love)
Br: K & G Stables (Ky)
Tr: Rice Linda (34 7 4 5 .21) 2020 :(.251 43 .17)

Table with columns: Life, 4, 2, 1, 1, \$273,500, 92, D.Fst, 3, 1, 1, 1, \$246,500, 92. Includes rows for 2020, 2019, and Sar.

Table with columns: TimeformUS Pace: Early 62 Late 107. Rows for 20Jun20-10Bel fst 1 1/4, 1Feb20-8Aqu fst 1 1/4, 17Dec19-3Prx sly 5 1/2, 12Nov19-5Prx fst 1.

Table with columns: Life, 126 b, 118 b, 119 b, 119. Rows for Rosario J, Davis D, Rodriguez A R, Rodriguez A R.

WORKS: ●Aug 3 Bel tr.t 5f fst 1:01 1/2 B 1/15 Jly 27 Bel tr.t 6f fst 1:14 1/2 B 1/2 Jly 20 Bel tr.t 5f fst 1:02 1/2 B 3/11 Jly 14 Bel tr.t 5f fst 1:02 1/2 B 3/4 Jly 5 Bel tr.t 4f fst :49 B 26/104
TRAINER: 31-60Days (275.23 \$1.53) Dirt (692.22 \$1.44) GrdStk (21.14 \$1.80)
CLOSER LOOK Grade 3 Withers winner in his NY debut, this underrated 3yo missed time after that and went right into the Belmont off the layoff last time, where he put in a good run from the back to finish 3r behind Tiz the Law; kees improving and is eligible to do so again over a distance that does not appear to be beyond his scope; interesting at a price.

5 Shivree

Own: Brei Fred J
30-1 Purple, Gold Dots, Purple And Gold Cap
ALVARADO J (61 5 11 9 .08) 2020: (336 55 .16)



Ch. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Awesome of Course (Awesome Again) \$4,000
Dam: Garter Belt (Anasheed)
Br: Jacks or Better Farm Inc (Fla)
Tr: Nicks Ralph E (-) 2020 : (159 29 .18)

Table with columns: Life, 12, 3, 2, \$345,505, 93, D.Fst, 11, 3, 3, 2, \$344,755, 93. Includes race results for 2020 and 2019.

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WORKS: Aug 1 Sar 5f fst:1:03 1/2 B 2/24 Jly 25 GP 4f fst:48 B 75/95 Jly 4 GP 5f fst:1:01 3/4 B 5/26 Jun 28 GP 5f fst:1:00 2/3 B 4/15 Jun 21 GP 4f fst:50 B 60/82
TRAINER: Dirt (331.19 \$1.84) Routes (140.19 \$2.19) GrdStk (12.00 \$0.00)

CLOSER LOOK Best effort to date came when prevailing for 2nd behind Tiz the Law in the Grade 1 Florida Derby, though he never was a threat to win that race, and he was nowhere after contesting the pace in the Blue Grass most recently; seems the likely pacesetter here but this Travers is unlikely to be run at a moderate tempo; looks like a longshot trying for his first win beyond seven furlongs.

6 Tiz the Law

Own: Sackatoga Stable
1-1 Maroon And Silver Diamonds, Silver
FRANCO M (103 9 9 14 .09) 2020: (547 91 .17)



B. c. 3 (Mar) SARAUG18 \$110,000
Sire: Constitution (Tapit) \$40,000
Dam: Tizfiz (Tiznow)
Br: Twin Creeks Farm (NY)
Tr: Tagg Barclay (5 0 2 0 .00) 2020 : (40 7 .17)

Table with columns: Life, 6, 5, 0, 1, \$1,480,300, 100, D.Fst, 5, 5, 0, 0, \$1,451,200, 100. Includes race results for 2020 and 2019.

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WORKS: Aug 1 Sar 5f fst:59 3/4 B 2/24 Jly 25 Sar 5f fst:1:00 2/3 B 2/16 Jly 18 Sar 5f fst:59 3/4 B 1/20 Jly 8 Bel 5f fst:1:01 B 2/8 Jly 1 Bel 4f fst:50 B 28/41
TRAINER: 31-60Days (58.14 \$1.09) WonLastStart (20.25 \$1.55) Dirt (55.16 \$0.86) Routes (118.13 \$0.92) GrdStk (33.15 \$0.78)

CLOSER LOOK Current leader of the 3yo division has suffered but one defeat to date, that over a wet track in his two-turn debut as a 2yo, and he comes into the Travers as the horse to beat having won all three starts as a 3yo; he owns the top two figures in the field, is already a three-time Grade 1 winner, has tactical speed from an outside draw, and is simply the horse to beat.

7 Caracaro

Own: Global Thoroughbred and Top Racetrack
10-1 Yellow, Red Ball, Yellow '12, Red
CASTELLANO J J (69 10 10 12 .14) 2020: (386 58 .15)



B. c. 3 (Apr) KEENOV17 \$95,000
Sire: Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) \$125,000
Dam: Peace Time (War Front)
Br: SF Bloodstock LLC (Ky)
Tr: Delgado Gustavo (2 0 1 0 .00) 2020 : (94 16 .17)

Table with columns: Life, 3, 1, 2, 0, \$53,800, 96, D.Fst, 3, 1, 2, 0, \$53,800, 96. Includes race results for 2020 and 2019.

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WORKS: Aug 5 Sar 4f gd:51 3/4 B 14/14 Aug 1 Sar 6f fst:1:15 1/4 B 1/1 Jly 12 Sar 3f mly:38 B 2/3 Jly 2 GPW 5f fst:1:01 B 2/3 Jun 25 GPW 6f fst:1:13 B 1/1
TRAINER: 2OffOver180 (1.00 \$0.00) Dirt (177.23 \$1.88) Routes (105.16 \$1.11) GrdStk (11.00 \$0.00)

CLOSER LOOK Lightly-raced Uncle Mo colt has only three starts behind him as he takes on the toughest assignment of his career, but he was pressed into the Peter Pan off the layoff last time and acquitted himself well to just miss to Country Grammar; race wide and made the first run in that spot, while the winner was getting through on the rail, and just missed at the end in an excellent effort considering all the obstacles in front of him; looks to be a talented 3yo but he is going to have to take another big step forward vs. this field.

8 South Bend

Own: Barber Gary Wachtel Stable Deutsche
15-1 Royal Blue And White Diagonal Quarters
ORTIZ J L (115 23 20 15 .20) 2020: (516 93 .18)



B. c. 3 (Feb) OBSMAR19 \$70,000
Sire: Algorithms (Bernardini) \$5,000
Dam: Sandra's Rose (Old Trieste)
Br: Highclere Inc (Ky)
Tr: Mott William I (37 4 9 6 .11) 2020 : (303 49 .16)

Table with columns: Life, 11, 3, 2, 2, \$325,114, 94, D.Fst, 5, 3, 1, 0, \$276,404, 94. Includes race results for 2020 and 2019.

Table with columns: Date, Race, Fst, Time, Odds, Name, TimeformUS Pace, Early, Late.

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WORKS: Aug 2 Sar tr.f 5f fst:1:00 3/4 B 1/12 Jly 27 Sar tr.f 4f fst:49 B 5/31 Jly 11 CD 4f fst:49 3/4 B 47/93 Jun 20 CD 5f fst:1:00 2/3 B 12/51 Jun 13 CD 5f fst:1:04 1/4 B 48/48
TRAINER: 1stW/Tm (33.21 \$1.51) 31-60Days (289.18 \$1.33) Dirt (397.20 \$2.04) Routes (573.17 \$1.81) GrdStk (135.14 \$2.28)

CLOSER LOOK Won the first three starts of his career and has lost eight straight since while splitting his time between turf and dirt; thought he ran fine when rallying for 2nd in the Ohio Derby last time, though that field does not compare to this one; switches to Mott and will have to take a big step forward to contend.

-Mike Beer