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Saratoga

1/4 MILES. (2:00) 129th Running of THE TRAVERS. Grade I. Purse \$750,000 (plus up to \$65,500 NYSBFOA.) 3-year-olds. By subscription of \$750 each, which should accompany the nomination, \$3,500 to enter and \$4,000 to start. The purse to be divided 60% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weight, 126 lbs. Starters to be named at the closing time of entries. In the event the Travers overfills, preference will be given by condition eligibility beginning with graded stakes winners, then stakes winners. Ties broken by gross lifetime earnings. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, August 15.



Coupled - Victory Gallop and Sheila's Flag

Grand Slam

Own: Baker & Mack & Mack



Dk. b or br c. 3 (May)
Sire: Gone West (Mr. Prospector)
Dam: Bright Candles (El Gran Senor)
Br: Overbrook Farm (Ky)
Tr: Lukas D Wayne(42 8 4 7 .19) 98:(399 72 .18)

Lifetime Record :		11	4	2	2	\$684,622
1998	6 1 1 2	\$326,822	Turf	0	0	0
1997	5 3 1 0	\$357,800	Wet	2	1	1
Sar	1 0 1 0	\$7,400	Dist	0	0	0

BAILEY J D (129 19 24 14 .15) 1998:(789 188 .24)

9Aug98-11Mth fst 1/8	:47	1:10 4	1:35 3	1:48 3	Haskell InvHG1	107	1	3	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	Bailey J D	L 118	5.80	93-13	Coronado's Quest 124 1/2	Victory Gillop 125 1/2	GrndSlm 118 1/2	Bid outside, weakened	6	
19Jly98-8Hol fst 1/8	:46	1:09 2	1:34 1	1:47	Swaps-G2	96	5	4	4 1/2	3 3/2	2 7	Bailey J D	LB 120	2.80	79-09	Old Trieste 118 1/2	Grand Slam 120 3/4	Old Topper 117 1/2	Stalked, second best	6	
6Jun98-9Bel fst 1/2	:48 3	1:13 2	2:04 2	2:29	Belmont-G1	88	11	2	2 1/2	3 1	7 1 1/2	Bailey J D	L 126	7.20	81-09	Victory Gallop 126 0	Real Quiet 126 6	Thomas Jo 126 1 1/2	Forced pace, tired	11	
24May98-8Bel fst 1/8	:46	1:10 4	1:36 1	1:49	Peter Pan-G2	100	1	3	3 1/2	2 1	1 1/2	Bailey J D	L 120	2.20	85-16	Grand Slam 120 2	Rubiyat 113 1	Parade Ground 120 4 1/2	Strong urging	7	
19Apr98-8Kee my 1 1/8	:23 2	:46 3	1:10 4	1:42 4	Lexington-G2	101	6	3	3 2	3 1/2	3 1/2	Bailey J D	L 123	*1.70	90-18	Classic Cat 114 1/2	Voyamerican 114 4	GrndSlm 123 1 1/2	Stalked, came up empty	8	
29Mar98-7SA gd 6 1/2 f	:22 1	:45 3	1:10 4	1:17	San Pedro 80k	59	6	1	2 1/2	3 1	6 6	Flores D R	LB 122	*1.40	69-17	Old Topper 119 3/4	Son's Corona 116 3	Search Me 115 2	Three deep, gave way	6	
8Nov97-6Hol fst 1 1/8	:22 3	:45 2	1:09 2	1:42	B C Juv-G1	—	8	4	4 1/2	6 4	8 1 1/2	Stevens G L	B 122	2.00	—	06	Favorite Trick 122 5 1/2	Dawson's Legacy 122 1/2	Nationalore 122 3/4		8

Had heels clipped 7-1/2; 4-wide 1/2; eased; returned cut left hind

18Oct97-7Bel wf 1 1/8 :22 2 :44 3 1:08 4 1:40 2 Champagne-G1

21Sep97-9Bel fst 1 :22 2 :45 3 1:10 2 1:35 3 Futurity-G1

15Aug97-7Sar fst 6 1/2 :22 1 :45 3 1:10 2 1:17 17 Alw 37000N2L

WORKOUTS: Aug 24 Sar tr.t 5f fst 1:06 3 B 16/16 Aug 18 Sar tr.t 4f fst :49 2 B 2/7 Aug 1 Sar tr.t 7f fst 1:29 B 1/1 Jly 14 SA 5f fst 1:01 H 13/25 Jly 6 Bel 6f fst 1:11 4 H 2/4 Jun 29 Bel 5f fst 1:01 B 4/28

Dice Dancer

Own: Hobeau Farm



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Ogygian (Damascus)
Dam: Bonzo's Baby (Gate Dancer)
Br: Alice Ann Farm (Fla)
Tr: Jerkens H Allen(21 3 2 3 .14) 98:(176 36 .20)

Lifetime Record :		17	4	4	3	\$342,412
1998	8 2 2 2	\$255,295	Turf	0	0	0
1997	9 2 2 1	\$87,117	Wet	3	1	1
Sar	1 1 0 0	\$24,600	Dist	0	0	0

SAMYN J L (53 9 0 10 .17) 1998:(298 32 .11)

1Aug98-4Sar fst 7f	:22 2	:45 2	1:09 4	1:22 1	3 4	Alw 41000N3X	107	6	3	4 1/2	4 1/2	1 1	1 1/2	Samyn J L	L 111	*.80	94-12	Dice Dancer 111 1/2	Kashatreyia 116 6	Mr Bert 113 0	4w move, ridden out	7
18Jly98-6Bel fst 6 1/2 f	:22 1	:45 1	1:09 1	1:51 3	4	Alw 41000N3X	107	2	3	3 4	3 1	2nd 2 1/2	3 1/2	Smith M E	L 114	*.95	95-13	Smokin Mel 119 1/2	Dice Dancer 114 10	Oro Bandito 121 1	3 wide, gamely	6
6Jun98-7Bel fst 7f	:22	:45 2	1:09 4	1:22 2		Riva Ridge-G2	95	6	1	6 6	5 3 1/2	4 4	4 1/2	Samyn J L	L 123 f	3.50	83-11	Coronado's Quest 123 3/4	Mellow Roll 113 1	Fishing Tmmny 120 2 3/4	Five wide, flattened	7
24May98-8Bel fst 1/8	:46	1:10 4	1:36 1	1:49		Peter Pan-G2	88	2	2	2 1/2	1 1	2 1/2	4 1/2	Samyn J L	L 120 f	*1.50	77-16	Grand Slam 120 2	Rubiyat 113 1	Parade Ground 120 4 1/2	Weakened final eighth	7
2May98-9Aqu wf 1	:23	:46	1:10	1:34 2		Withers-G2	114	7	3	2 1/2	1 1/2	1 1	1 2	Chavez J F	L 123 f	2.15	97-17	Dice Dancer 123 2	Rubiyat 123 1/2	Limit Out 123 2 1/2	Strong urging	7
11Apr98-10Aqu fst 1/8	:46 4	1:10 2	1:34 3	1:47 2		Wood Mem-G2	112	4	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 2	2 2 1/2	Samyn J L	L 123 f	9.10	96-12	Coronado's Quest 123 2 1/2	Dic Dncr 123 5	Prd Ground 123 1 1/2	Stumbled brk, gamely	11
14Mar98-5GP fst 7f	:22 1	:44 4	1:09 4	1:22 4		Swale-G3	100	2	8	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	3 2	Samyn J L	L 113 f	20.60	84-18	Favorite Trick 122 1 1/2	Good And Tough 114 1/2	Dice Dancer 113 2 1/2	Good try	9
7Mar98-8GP fst 6f	:21 3	:44 2	:57	1:10 1		Alw 33000N2X	85	4	6	5 3 1/2	5 4	5 3	3 1/2	Samyn J L	L 117 f	1.30	89-14	Flashing Tammany 120 1	Don't call me a cowboy 117 1/2	Dice Dancer 117 2		6

Steadied turn, brushed stretch, rallied. Previously trained by Hough Stanley M

29Nov97-11CD fst 1 1/8 :23 2 :47 1:12 1:42 4 1:43 4 KyJockey Club-G3

11Nov97-9Aqu wf 1 :22 3 :45 2 1:10 1 1:37 17 Nashua-G3

WORKOUTS: Aug 25 Sar 3f fst :36 2 B 7/8 Aug 21 Sar 1 fst 1:42 H 1/1 Jly 29 Sar 4f fst :49 2 B 18/37 Jly 16 Bel tr.t 4f fst :50 1 B 11/18 Jly 11 Bel tr.t 3f fst :34 2 H 7/11 Jly 7 Bel tr.t 3f fst :36 H 2/8

Coronado's Quest

Own: Janney Stuart S III & Stonerside Fm



Ch. c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Forty Niner (Mr. Prospector)
Dam: Laughing Look (Damascus)
Br: Janney Stuart S III (Ky)
Tr: McGaughey Claude III(26 5 3 2 .19) 98:(201 45 .22)

Lifetime Record :		13	9	2	0	\$1,460,790
1998	7 4 2 0	\$1,154,550	Turf	0	0	0
1997	6 5 0 0	\$306,240	Wet	1	1	0
Sar	3 2 0 0	\$54,600	Dist	0	0	0

9Aug98-11Mth fst 1/8	:47	1:10 4	1:35 3	1:48 3	Haskell InvHG1	110	4	2	2 1/2	2nd 1 1/2	1 1/2	Smith M E	L 124	*.70	95-13	Coronado's Quest 124 1/2	Victory Gillop 125 1/2	GrndSlm 118 1/2	Drifted late, driving	6
12Jly98-8Bel fst 1 1/8	:22 4	:45 2	1:09 3	1:42 2	Dwyer-G2	101	3	2	1hd 1hd	14	15	Smith M E	L 124	*.45	87-17	Coronado's Quest 124 5	In's Thunder 112 3	Sctmndu 122 5	Drew away, handily	5
6Jun98-7Bel fst 7f	:22	:45 2	1:09 4	1:22 2	Riva Ridge-G2	111	2	6	2 1	2 1/2	1 3 1/2	Smith M E	L 123	*.40	90-11	Coronado's Quest 123 3/4	Mellow Roll 113 1	Fishing Tmmny 120 2 3/4	Kept to task	7
11Apr98-10Aqu fst 1/8	:46 4	1:10 2	1:34 3	1:47 2	Wood Mem-G2	116	2	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 2 1/2	Davis R G	L 123	*1.10	99-12	Coronado's Quest 123 3/4	Dice Dancer 123 5	Prd Ground 123 1 1/2	Vigorous hand ride	11
14Mar98-12GP fst 1/8	:46	1:10	1:35 4	1:49 1	Fla Derby-G1	96	6	2	2 2	1hd 2 1/2	5 1/2	Davis R G	L 122	2.00	83-15	Lil's Lad 122 0	Cape Town 122 2 3/4	Halory Hunter 122 2 1/2	Bid far turn, gave way	6
21Feb98-10GP fst 1 1/8	:23	:46 1	1:10 3	1:42 3	FtnOfYouth-G2	109	3	2	2 3	2 1/2	2 1/2	Smith M E	L 119	1.40	92-17	Lil's Lad 122 1/2	Coronado's Quest 119 3/4	Hlory Huntr 112 8	Bid, not good enough	4
31Jan98-10GP fst 7f	:22 1	:44 4	1:09 2	1:22 2	Hutcheson-G2	106	2	4	4 2	4 3	3 2 1/2	Smith M E	L 122	*.80	88-17	Time Limit 119 1/2	Coronado's Quest 122 4 1/2	Zippy Zeal 114 8		5

Eased back turn, rallied outside, gamely

30Nov97-8Aqu fst 1/8 :50 1:14 1:39 2 1:52 1 Remsen-G2

11Nov97-9Aqu wf 1 :22 3 :45 2 1:10 1 1:37 17 Nashua-G3

26Oct97-9Aqu gd 6 1/2 :22 :44 4 1:08 1 1:41 17 Cowdin-G2

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Archers Bay

Own: Bristow I & Melnyk E



B. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Silver Deputy (Deputy Minister)
Dam: Adorned (Val de l'Orne*Fr)
Br: Windfields Farm (Ont-C)
Tr: Pletcher Todd A(56 14 8 9 .25) 98:(343 67 .20)

Lifetime Record :		8	4	1	2	\$484,440
1998	5 2 1 1	\$444,050	Turf	0	0	0
1997	3 2 0 1	\$40,390	Wet	3	1	0
Sar	1 0 0 0		Dist	2	2	0

9Aug98-8Sar fst 1/8	:46 4	1:12 1	1:36 3	1:50	Jim Dandy-G2	94	1	5	5 10	5 4 1/2	6 4 3/4	6 5 3/4	Desormeaux K J	116	2.00	80-22	Fvortr Trick 119 0	Dputy Dmond 114 1/2	Rff's Mjsty 114 1 1/2	Hustled, no response	7	
19Jly98-8FE fst 1 1/8	:45 4	1:10	1:36 1	1:55 1	PrincWales-G1C	106	6	5	6 11	6 5 1/2	1hd 1 1/2	Landry R C	126	*.75	99-17	Archers Bay 126 1 1/2	Nite Dreamer 126 6 1/2	One Way Love 126 3 3/4		6		
21Jun98-8WO fst 1/4	:45 3	1:10 2	1:36 4	2:02 1	Qns Plate-G1C	106	7	5	5 10	4 2 1/2	1hd 1 1/2	Desormeaux K J	126	3.95	94-22	Archers Bay 126 4 1/2	Brite Adam 126 4 1/2	Kinkennie 126 0		13		
3Jun98-3WO fst 1/8	:47 1	1:12 1	1:37 3	1:50 3	Plate Trial-G1C	84	2	3	4 3	4 1 1/2	2 4	2 8 3/4	Landry R C	126	3.25	80-28	Brite Adam 126 8 1/2	Archers Bay 126 2 3/4	Zap Happy 126 1 1/2	Stalked, mild bid	6	
10May98-6Aqu sly 7f	:22 4	:46 3	1:12 1	1:24 1	3 4	Alw 32010N2X	78	3	2	4 1/2	3 3 1/2	3 5	3 8	Gryder A T	113	4.20	75-21	Olympic Cat 123 5	Alrayyih 119 3	Archers Bay 113 6	Stumbled break, tired	4
14Dec97-7Aqu fst 1 1/8	:22 3	:47	1:13 4	1:47	Alw 33000N1X	85	6	4	3 3 1/2	3 2	1 1 1/2	Gryder A T	116	*1.40	70-33	Archers Bay 116 3	Watch The Bird 121 1/2	Maneuvered 114 4		11		
16Nov97-4Aqu my 7f	:22 4	:45 4	1:11 1	1:24	Mid Sp Wt	82	4	1	4 1/2	2 1/2	1 2	19 1/2	Velazquez J R	119	*.65	87-18	Archers Bay 119 2 1/2	Rubiyat 119 3	Mojave Wind 119 2	Ridden out	5	
2Nov97-2Aqu sly 6f	:22	:45 3	:57 3	1:09 4	Mid Sp Wt	78	6	3	4 5	3 2 1/2	2 1 1/2	3 3 1/2	Velazquez J R	119	11.80	86-11	Halo Flash 119 3 1/2	King's Ace 119 0	Archers Bay 119 3 1/2	Rallied wide	7	

WORKOUTS: Aug 23 Sar 5f fst 1:03 3 B 6/38 Aug 3 Sar tr.t 5f fst 1:03 1 B 5/14 Jly 13 Bel 5f fst :59 3 H 2/18 Jly 6 Bel 5f fst 1:02 2 B 32/39 Jun 17 WO 5f fst :59 4 H 2/14

A CLOSER LOOK

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Grand Slam

For a horse who suffered such a gruesome injury in his last start at 2, he's had a pretty good year; multiple Grade 1 winner as a juvenile finally exceeded his best 2yo speed figure earlier this month in the Buick Haskell; however, the 2 runners who finished ahead of him at Monmouth each return here; Lukas has won the Travers with Corporate Report ('91) and

Deputy Diamond

Own: Centennial Farms



B. c. 3 (Jan)
Sire: Deputy Minister (Vice Regent)
Dam: Rose Diamond (Diamond Shoal*GB)
Br: Hare Forest Farm & Ainslie Farm (Ky)
Tr: Schulhofer Flint S(21 2 6 4 .10) 98:(110 19 .17)

Lifetime Record :		10	3	3	0	\$134,290	
1998	6 2 1 0	\$99,470	Turf	1	0	0	\$320
1997	4 1 2 0	\$34,820	Wet	0	0	0	
Sar	2 0 1 0	\$51,020	Dist	0	0	0	

SANTOS J A (101 8 18 17 .08) 1998:(556 58 .10)

9Aug98-8Sar	fst	1 1/8	.464	1:12	1:36 3/4	1:50	Jim Dandy-G2
28Jun98-3Bel	fst	1 1/8	.233	.472	1:11	1:42 3/4	Alw 4000N2X
7Jun98-5Bel	fst	7f	.222	.454	1:10 3/4	1:23 1/4	Alw 3700N1X
7Mar98-5GP	fm	1 1/8	.23	.472	1:12	1:41 3/4	Alw 3200N2L
14Feb98-9GP	fst	1 1/8	.233	.474	1:12 3/4	1:44	Alw 3100N2L
10Jan98-5GP	fst	1 1/8	.241	.484	1:13 1/4	1:45 1/4	Alw 2800N1X
29Nov97-4Aqu	fst	1	.224	.463	1:11 1/4	1:38	Alw 3300N1X
19Oct97-3Bel	fst	7f	.223	.462	1:12	1:24 1/4	Md Sp Wt
21Sep97-4Bel	fst	7f	.231	.463	1:12	1:24	Md Sp Wt
31Aug97-5Sar	fst	7f	.23	.464	1:12 1/4	1:25 1/4	Md Sp Wt

Broke outward, greenly, wide trip

WORKOUTS: ●Aug22 Sar 5f fst :59 1/1 H 1/31 Aug17 Sar 4f fst :48 3/4 B 9/25 Aug7 Sar 3f fst :36 2/3 B 7/7 Aug2 Sar 5f fst :1:00 1/1 H 4/34 ●Jly28 Sar 3f fst :36 B 1/7 Jly21 Bel 4f fst :51 B 23/28

Raffie's Majesty

Own: Barrios & Lester & Prieger



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Cormorant (His Majesty)
Dam: Raffierte*Ire (Surumu*Ger)
Br: Henry H Prieger & Digby Barrios (NY)
Tr: Bond Harold James(26 4 4 .15) 98:(174 41 .24)

Lifetime Record :		7	2	1	1	\$166,500	
1998	7 2 1 1	\$166,500	Turf	1	0	0	\$2,400
1997	0 M 0 0		Wet	0	0	0	
Sar	1 0 0 1	\$27,500	Dist	0	0	0	

CHAVEZ J F (123 15 12 20 .12) 1998:(916 167 .18)

9Aug98-8Sar	fst	1 1/8	.464	1:12	1:36 3/4	1:50	Jim Dandy-G2
1Jly98-8Bel	fm	1 1/8	.481	1:124	1:37 3/4	1:49 3/4	Alw 4000N2X
6Jun98-9Bel	fst	1 1/2	.483	1:132	2:024	2:29	Belmont-G1
9May98-6Spt	fst	1 1/8	.463	1:112	1:372	1:511	Ill Derby-G2
4Apr98-10Hia	fst	1 1/8	.462	1:11	1:362	1:493	Flamingo-G3
27Feb98-7Aqu	fst	1 1/8	.232	.472	1:123	1:451	Alw 3300N1X
7Feb98-1GP	fst	1 1/8	.483	1:132	1:381	1:52	Md Sp Wt

WORKOUTS: Aug24 Sar tr. 5f fst :1:02 3/4 B 4/16 ●Aug17 Sar tr. 5f fst :1:02 1/1 B 1/17 Aug4 Sar tr. 5f fst :1:02 1/1 B 2/17 Jly29 Sar tr. 5f fst :1:02 1/1 B 2/11 ●Jly23 Sar tr. 5f fst :1:02 B 1/8 Jly15 Sar tr. 5f fst :1:02 4/4 B 1/2

Victory Gallop

Own: Prestonwood Farm



B. c. 3 (May)
Sire: Cryptoclearance (Fappiano)
Dam: Victorious Lil (Vice Regent)
Br: Tall Oaks Farm (Ont-C)
Tr: Walden W Elliott(25 1 6 4 .04) 98:(306 49 .16)

Lifetime Record :		11	6	4	0	\$1,669,880	
1998	6 3 3 0	\$1,545,000	Turf	0	0	0	
1997	5 3 1 0	\$124,880	Wet	1	0	1	\$20,000
Sar	0 0 0 0		Dist	2	0	2	\$370,000

SOLIS A (-) 1998:(697 101 .14)

9Aug98-11Mth	fst	1 1/8	.47	1:104	1:35 3/4	1:48 3/4	Haskell InvHG1
Rallied inside turn, checked behind winner late							
6Jun98-9Bel	fst	1 1/2	.483	1:132	2:024	2:29	Belmont-G1
16May98-10Pim	fst	1 1/8	.462	1:11	1:354	1:543	Preakness-G1
2May98-8CD	fst	1 1/4	.453	1:103	1:35 3/4	2:021	Ky Derby-G1
11Apr98-9OP	fst	1 1/8	.46	1:104	1:372	1:494	Ark Derby-G2
Waited 1/4, angled out, brushed foe 3/16, willingly three wide							
21Mar98-9OP	fst	1 1/8	.231	.473	1:131	1:443	Rebel-G3
3-wd bid, lost whip 3/16, came in, bumped foe 1/8, brushed late, game							
1Nov97-10Lrl	slly	1 1/8	.49	1:141	1:40	1:53 3/4	Laurel Fty-G3
11Oct97-9Cnl	fst	1	.22	.444	1:101	1:364	Chenery100k
1Sep97-9Cnl	fst	7f	.222	.451	1:09 3/4	1:22 3/4	New Kent54k
Bumped start, 4-wide bid, strong handling							
2Aug97-1Lrl	fst	7f	.232	.481	1:141	1:264	Md Sp Wt

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Sheila's Flag

Own: Prestonwood Farm



B. g. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Personal Flag (Private Account)
Dam: Sheila Shine (Full Pocket)
Br: Prestonwood Farm Inc. (Ky)
Tr: Walden W Elliott(25 1 6 4 .04) 98:(306 49 .16)

Lifetime Record :		8	2	1	3	\$83,960	
1998	5 2 0 2	\$71,710	Turf	0	0	0	
1997	3 M 1 1	\$12,250	Wet	0	0	0	
Sar	0 0 0 0		Dist	0	0	0	

18Jly98-9Pha	fst	6f	.22	.443	.564	1:09 3/4	LongCloverH50k
26Jun98-7CD	fst	7 1/2 f	.22	.442	1:09 3/4	1:291 3/4	Alw 4776N1X
6Jun98-7CD	fst	1	.23	.46	1:121	1:384	Alw 5160N2L
23May98-5CD	gd	1	.222	.452	1:111	1:371 3/4	Md Sp Wt
26Apr98-3CD	fst	6f	.212	.45	.571	1:094 3/4	Md Sp Wt
23Oct97-3Kee	fst	6f	.213	.451	.573	1:104	Md Sp Wt
9Oct97-2Kee	fst	6f	.214	.452	.572	1:094	Md Sp Wt
17Aug97-2Mth	fst	5 1/2 f	.221	.454	.58	1:042	Md Sp Wt

WORKOUTS: Aug20 Mth 5f fst :1:02 2/4 B 8/17 Aug13 Mth 5f fst :1:02 2/4 B 10/12 Jly8 CD 4f my :50 2/4 B 23/37 Jun20 CD 4f fst :48 4/4 B 8/47

Deputy Diamond

Combination of 3-month break and blinkers off agreed with him; improving runner made a favorable impression in first stakes attempt; Scotty on the Jim Dandy: "He still thinks he won the race. He has gained so much confidence and has been doing well since"; nonetheless, will side with classier foes.

Raffie's Majesty

Bond has been prominent in the previous 2 runnings of the Travers, winning in '96 with Will's Way (Chavez up) and losing by a nose last year with Behrens; Bond estimates this guy needs to move forward 3 lengths to compete with Coronado's Quest and Victory Gallop; for a horse who broke through the gate prior to the start and lost ground on the turns, his Jim Dandy showing wasn't bad; upgrade if track is wet; Bond contends the distance is "just perfect"; Travers isn't an easy spot for a horse to end a losing streak; lightly raced and has room to develop; among the better options for those who refuse to use horses at odds of 2-1 or lower.

Victory Gallop

Must respect his consistency (2nd or better in 10 straight); the Triple Crown knocks out a lot of horses, but not this guy; seemed to be taking the worst of it in the Buick Haskell, as Monmouth often is kind to speed horses such as Coronado's Quest; connections are putting him in spots where he can make his case for the 3yo championship; been tough in Grade 1 company at this distance and farther; Walden noted his colt had to try and close on Coronado's Quest from the inside; "I think the Travers sets up to be a much more favorable situation for us," Walden said; because of injury to Stevens, Solis gets the mount back; expecting a typically strong stretch run; likely to fill one of the exacta slots, as usual.

Sheila's Flag

"What's up, Doc?"; likely to play rabbit role; weather and scratches will determine if this one starts, according to Walden; low Beyers; hasn't hit board in stakes company; hard to see his function extending beyond that of a pace irritant to Coronado's Quest or others on/near the lead; the faster and more contested the pace, the better for entrymate Victory Gallop.

-Mart Koivastik

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