

GUARANTEED \$1,000,000 PICK FOUR

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Saratoga 1 1/4 Miles (2:00) Travers-G1 140th Running of THE SHADWELL TRAVERS. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 For Three Year Olds. No nomination fee. \$10,000 to pass the entry box. All starters will receive a \$5,000 rebate. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among remaining finishers. 126 lbs. Any horse that competes in both the Jim Dandy and the Shadwell Travers will have their entry fee waived for the Shadwell Travers. Closed Saturday, August 15, 2009 with 21 Nominations.



A CLOSER LOOK
12th Saratoga

Post time: 5:46 ET

Wagers: Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Daily Double

Beyer par: NA

1 Hold Me Back

Own: WinStar Farm



15-1 White, Green And Black Emblem, White Cap
LEPAROUX JR (147 18 24 15 .12) 2009: (909 174 .19)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP07 \$400,000
Sire: Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat) \$125,000
Dam: Restraint (Unbridled's Song)
Br: Haras Santa Maria de Araras SA & WinStar Farm LLC (Ky)
Tr: Mott William I (60 10 9 9 .17) 2009 : (430 71 .17)

Table with columns: Life (7 3 1 0), D.Fst (1 0 0 0), 2009 (4 1 1 0), Wet(420) (1 0 0 0), L 126 (2008 3 2 0 0), Synth (4 3 1 0), 2008 (3 2 0 0), Turf(366) (1 0 0 0), Sar (0 0 0 0), Dst(286) (1 0 0 0), Values (\$508,874, \$453,600, \$55,274, \$0, \$6,000, \$0, \$481,274, \$21,600, \$0)

18July09-11Cnl gd 1 1/4 @ .463 1:114 1:373 2:031 VaDby-G2
2May09-11CD sly 1 1/4 @ .471 1:12 1:372 2:028 KyDerby-G1
11Apr09-9Kee fst 1 1/2 @ .49 1:131 1:371 1:491 BlueGras-G1
21Mar09-10TP fst 1 1/2 @ .474 1:122 1:371 1:493 LanesEnd-G2
29Nov08-7Aqu fst 1 1/2 @ .492 1:14 1:38 1:501 Remsen-G2
9Oct08-4Kee fst 1 1/2 @ .242 .49 1:131 1:44 Alw 51220n1x
14Sep08-2AP fst 1 1/2 @ .244 .493 1:141 1:45 Md Sp Wt 28k

88 6 78 63 83 65 53 2 Desormeaux K J L117 *1.60 78-18 BattleofHstings121hd StrightStory117 2/3 TkethePoints117 2/4 4wd 1/4, empty 9
75 5 52 63 52 89 122 0/3 Desormeaux K J L126 12.70 72-12 MinTntBird126 2/3 PionroffthNil126no MusktMn126hd Bumped, squeezed st 19
95 10 94 96 71 32 21 3/2 Desormeaux K J L123 *2.20 85-12 General Quarters123 1/2 HoldMeBack123 1/2 Massone123 1/2 6w early, willingly 11
99 1 118 1111 95 4 4 1 1 2 Desormeaux K J L121 9.10 93-11 Hold Me Back121 1/3 FlyingPrivate121 4 ProceedBee121 1/2 Bold 5w run 1/4 pl 12
77 4 65 75 42 5 11 5 1 4 Velazquez J R L116 5.60 70-19 OldFashioned116 7 1/2 AtomicRain116 2/3 AmericanDance116 3 1/2 4 wide journey 7
75 1 42 4 2hd 1 3/2 12 Desormeaux K J L120 *1.50 88-08 Hold Me Back120 2 Sneakin Thru118 1/2 Cliffy's Future118 5 4w b/d, driving 5
70 2 65 54 53 33 1nk Razo E Jr L118 5.90 82-15 Hold Me Back118nk II Terrazzo113 2/2 Falling Knife118nk Up late 9

WORKS: Aug 25 Sar 5f fst 1:00 2 B 8/34 Aug 16 Sar tr.t. 6f fst 1:13 B 1/1 Aug 9 Sar tr.t. 5f fst 1:01 1 H 3/8 Aug 2 Sar tr.t. 4f fst :49 1 B 17/59 Jly 12 Bel 1 5f gd 1:03 B(d) 4/8 Jly 5 Bel 1 7f gd 1:31 B(d) 1/1
TRAINER: 20ff45-180 (178 .16 \$1.36) Turf/Dir (140 .13 \$1.21) 31-60Days (455 .16 \$1.29) Dirt (437 .13 \$1.07) Routes (874 .17 \$1.57) GrdStk (170 .09 \$0.86) J/T 2008-09 SAR (19 .22 \$2.13) J/T 2008-09 (51 .24 \$1.64)

2 Charitable Man

Own: Mr and Mrs W K Warren Jr



6-1 Fuschia, Green Sash, Green Chevrons On
DOMINGUEZ R A (170 31 29 27 .18) 2009: (1078 278 .26)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP07 \$200,000
Sire: Lemon Drop Kid (Kingmambo) \$50,000
Dam: Charitableonation (Saint Ballado)
Br: Edward P Evans (Va)
Tr: McLaughlin Kiaran P (42 7 5 7 .17) 2009 : (400 81 .20)

Table with columns: Life (6 3 0 1), D.Fst (4 2 0 1), 2009 (4 1 0 1), Wet(423) (1 1 0 0), L 126 (2008 2 2 0 0), Synth (1 0 0 0), 2008 (2 2 0 0), Turf(346) (0 0 0 0), Sar (2 1 0 1), Dst(346) (0 0 0 0), Values (\$417,200, \$230,000, \$187,200, \$87,200, \$267,200, \$150,000, \$0, \$0)

1Aug09-10Sar fst 1 1/2 @ .472 1:112 1:352 1:474 JimDandy-G2
6Jun09-11Bel fst 1 1/2 @ .47 1:122 2:013 2:272 Belmont-G1
9May09-9Bel fst 1 1/2 @ .444 1:084 1:341 1:47 PeterPan-G2
11Apr09-9Kee fst 1 1/2 @ .49 1:131 1:371 1:491 BlueGras-G1
13Sep08-7Bel gd 7f @ .224 .464 1:112 1:241 Futurity-G2
10Aug08-2Sar fst 6/8f @ .22 .452 1:104 1:173 Md Sp Wt 62k

102 5 53 42 31 2 3 1 3 2 Garcia Alan L121 *1.35 91-14 Kensei121 1/2 Warrior's Reward117nk Charitable Man121 1/2 4wide, late gain 6
92 6 42 31 2 3 1 2 4 Garcia Alan L126 4.60 95-07 Summer Bird126 2/3 Dunkirk126nk Mine That Bird126 3/3 Steadied 1/8, tired 10
100 3 22 28 24 12 13 3/2 Garcia Alan L116 *1.70 100-10 ChritblMn116 3/2 ImprlCounc1116 1 1/2 BrvVctory116 3 Steady right hand whip 7
85 9 63 84 81 77 7 Garcia Alan L123 5.80 79-12 General Quarters123 1/2 Hold Me Back123 1/2 Massone123 1/2 7 wide early 11
93 7 2 6 2 4 1 1 2 1 Garcia Alan L120 *1.40 80-19 CharitableMan120 1 FlyingPegsus120 2/2 FriesnFire120 2 5wide, hand urging 7
96 4 1 1 2 1 2 1 6 1 1 Garcia Alan L119 f 3.60 88-15 Charitable Man119 1 1/2 Miami Hammer119 2 Precursor119 3/2 Kept to task 7

WORKS: Aug 21 Sar 4f fst :47 2 B 1/24 Aug 13 Sar 4f fst :47 4 B 1/27 Jly 26 Sar 4f fst :49 1 B 19/42 Jly 19 Sar 5f fst :59 2 H 1/12 Jly 11 Bel 4f fst :48 2 B 8/62 Jun 27 Bel tr.t. 4f fst :48 2 B 5/32
TRAINER: 20ff45-180 (125 25 \$1.46) Dirt (621 .23 \$1.52) Routes (475 .22 \$1.73) GrdStk (139 .20 \$1.33) J/T 2008-09 SAR (3 .00 \$0.00) J/T 2008-09 (21 .38 \$1.79)

3 Warrior's Reward

Own: Miles Jr A Stevens



8-1 White, Blue And White Diagonal Quartered
BOREL C H (31 1 1 2 .03) 2009: (555 99 .18)

B. c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP07 \$180,000
Sire: Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado*IRE) \$40,000
Dam: For All You Do (Seeking the Gold)
Br: Jayeff B Stables (Ky)
Tr: Wilkes Ian R (11 1 4 2 .09) 2009 : (208 34 .16)

Table with columns: Life (7 2 3 1), D.Fst (6 1 3 1), 2009 (7 2 3 1), Wet(373) (1 1 0 0), L 126 (2008 0 M 0 0), Synth (0 0 0 0), 2008 (0 M 0 0), Turf(227) (0 0 0 0), Sar (1 0 1 0), Dst(237*) (0 0 0 0), Values (\$200,542, \$200,542, \$0, \$100,000, \$169,962, \$30,580, \$0, \$0)

1Aug09-10Sar fst 1 1/2 @ .472 1:112 1:352 1:474 JimDandy-G2
4Jly09-8Bel fst 1 1/2 @ .231 .453 1:091 1:402 Dwyer-G2
13Jun09-8CD fst 1 1/2 @ .242 .483 1:13 1:431 NrtDnc-G3
1May09-5CD gd 5f @ .214 .44 1:084 1:213 Alw 49995n1x
14Mar09-11Tam. fst 1 1/2 @ .24 .481 1:122 1:433 TampaDby-G3
19Feb09-8GP fst 1 1/2 @ .471 1:113 1:37 1:50 Alw 37000n1x
31Jan09-8GP fst 1 1/2 @ .241 .48 1:132 1:393 Md Sp Wt 35k

102 4 11 11 2hd 21 22 1/2 Borel C H L117 2.75 92-14 Kensei121 1/2 Warrior's Reward117nk Charitable Man121 1/2 Held well for 2nd 6
95 1 612 718 712 46 3 3 5 Borel C H L117 f *.80 91-10 Kensei117 3/2 Convocation117 2/2 WarriorsRwd117 2/2 Stumbled badly start 7
99 3 21 2 2 2 1hd 2hd Borel C H L117 f *.80 90-14 SuccssfulDn116hd WrriorsRwd117 3/2 Omniscint116 7 Led narrowly, denied 6
113 6 8 81 8 21 12 1/2 Borel C H L118 4.10 99-01 WrriorsRwd118 2/2 Munnings118 5 1/2 Rynldothwizr118 2/2 Inside run, driving 8
76 5 63 41 51 2 85 1 88 1/2 Montalvo C L116 5.90 89-05 MusktMn116nk JoinnthDnc116 2/2 Justdntcllmjr116 3/2 Well placed, no rally 10
90 2 63 62 52 2 2 24 1/2 Borel C H L122 10.80 83-22 Dunkirk120 4 1/2 Warrior's Reward122 1/2 Sincero120 2 4wide, no match 10
86 5 95 82 3 1hd 1hd 11 Borel C H L122 30.50 70-22 WrriorsRwd121 1/2 Allrightsresvud122 1/2 SinglMlt122 2 1/2 Rail trip, prevailed 12

WORKS: Aug 23 Sar 5f sly 1:00 4 B 2/3 Aug 17 Sar 5f gd 1:00 1 B 1/12 Aug 11 Sar 4f fst :51 3 B 30/30 Jly 27 Sar 5f fst 1:01 4 B 13/24 Jly 24 Sar 4f fst :50 2 B 23/32 Jly 15 CD 4f fst :49 3 B 12/50
TRAINER: Dirt (275 .18 \$1.97) Routes (177 .13 \$1.58) GrdStk (29 .21 \$2.55) J/T 2008-09 SAR (5 .00 \$0.00) J/T 2008-09 (121 .19 \$2.44)

Hold Me Back

Much to prove racing on conventional dirt after finishing nowhere in both the Kentucky Derby and Remsen; certainly a lot more was expected in Louisville, where he was in all sorts of trouble when shocking-ly up close early; the Grade 2-stakes winning rider sides with Summer Bird; holds a 2-for-2 record from post position 1; will be able to save all the ground then swing wide for 1 late run; owner seek a repeat in the Travers after their Colonel John invaded from California to capture this event last season; others appeal more.

Charitable Man

Appeared to be an up-and-coming superstar after capturing his first 2 starts impressively including a sparkling Saratoga career debut romp last summer; landed behind similar rivals in his last 2 starts while attempting to turn the tables; clearly his Belmont Stakes effort did not give the impression he would prosper at classic distances; win rider sides with Our Edge; have mixed feelings.

Warrior's Reward

Is the horse jockey Calvin Borel opted to pilot over Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird this summer; the rider captured the 2007 Travers with Street Sense; defeated at odds on 2-back when stumbling badly at the start then bounced back nicely with a good 2nd to Kensei in the Jim Dandy over the Saratoga strip; his co-field-best Beyer speed figure occurred over a less than fast oval; natural speed but may be pressed by both Quality Road and Our Edge; leaning elsewhere.

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4 Quality Road

Own: Evans Edward P
 Yellow, Black Diamond Hoop, Black
VELAZQUEZ J R (152 17 20 19.11) 2009: (737 129.18)
 3Aug09-8Sar fst 6f :.222 .442 1:07¹ 1:13³ Amstrdam-G2
 Previously trained by Jerkens James A 2008: (220 43 38 25 0.20)
 28Mar09-10GP fst 1^{1/2} :.464 1:10³ 1:35¹ 1:47³ FlaDerby-G1
 28Feb09-9GP fst 1 :.234 .452 1:09² 1:35 FntnOYth-G2
 10Jan09-10GP fst 7f :.221 .451 1:09⁴ 1:22¹ Alw 37000n1x
 29Nov08-4Aq fst 6f :.23 .46 1:09⁴ 1:16 Md Sp Wt 43k
WORKS: Aug 24 Sar 5f my :59³ H 5/29 ● Aug 16 Sar 6f fst 1:13 B 1/5 ● Jly 29 Sar 5f fst :59¹ B 1/32 Jly 23 Bel 5f fst :59⁴ B 2/31 Jly 17 Bel 5f fst 1:01² B 8/17 Jly 11 Bel 4f fst :48 B 3/62
TRAINER: 20ff45-180 (230.19 \$1.64) Sprint/Route (200.21 \$1.65) WonLastStart (321.19 \$1.52) Dirt (870.21 \$1.71) Routes (1150.18 \$1.48) GrdStk (292.14 \$1.13)

B. c. 3 (Mar)	Life 5 4 1 0	\$722,830 113	D.Fst 5 4 1 0	\$722,830 113
Sire: Elusive Quality (Gone West) \$100,000	2009 4 3 1 0	\$697,030 113	Wet(403) 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Dam: Kobla (Strawberry Road* Aus)	L 126 2008 1 1 0 0	\$25,800 101	Synth 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Br: Edward P Evans (Va)	Sar 1 1 0 0	\$90,000 110	Turf(306) 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Tr: Pletcher Todd A (80 12 15 13 .15) 2009 :(.704 136 .19)			Dst(214) 0 0 0 0	\$0 -

L123 *.75 106-06 QualityRod1232¹ CptCndymnCn123⁴ CptInChrok117¹ Stumbled brk, 5wide 6
 L122 1.20 100-11 QualityRoad122¹ Dunkirk122⁶ Theregoesjojo122² Edged away 7
 L114 5.50 93-15 QualityRod144¹ Theregoesjojo116⁴ Beethoven122¹ Jostled st, drew away 10
 L122 *.70 91-10 Theregoesjojo120³ QualityRoad122^{nk} Obliging1227¹ Step slow start 12
 L120 3.55 97-12 QualityRod120³ ToulouseLutrec120⁵ Hedch120⁶ Set pace 2p, hand urged 13

5 Our Edge

Own: LaPenta Robert V
 Maroon, Gold Epaulets, Maroon Cap
GARCIA ALAN (134 29 12 19.22) 2009: (695 120.17)
 19Jly09-8Del fst 1^{1/2} :.233 .474 1:12³ 1:43³ Barbaro-G3
 20Jun09-9Mth sly 1^{1/2} :.242 .491 1:13¹ 1:43² CornadoQst70k
 18May09-5Del fst 1 :.24 .48 1:12⁴ 1:38¹ Md Sp Wt 39k
 29Mar09-3GP fst 1 :.241 .463 1:11¹ 1:37¹ 3^{1/2} Md Sp Wt 35k
 28Feb09-1GP fst 6f :.213 .441 .56⁴ 1:10² Md Sp Wt 35k
WORKS: ● Aug 22 Sar tr.t. 5f fst :59² H 1/8 ● Aug 16 Sar tr.t. 4f fst :46³ H 1/33 Aug 9 Sar tr.t. 4f fst :50¹ B 2/231 Aug 2 Sar tr.t. 4f fst :50¹ B 35/59 Jly 12 Sar tr.t. 4f gd :47 H 1/3
TRAINER: 31-60Days (224.18 \$1.36) WonLastStart (110.34 \$2.59) Dirt (618.19 \$1.54) Routes (383.19 \$1.72) GrdStk (85.08 \$1.96)

B. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP7 \$130,000	Life 5 3 1 0	\$162,500 100	D.Fst 4 2 1 0	\$120,500 100
Sire: The Cliff's Edge (Gulch) \$7,500	2009 5 3 1 0	\$162,500 100	Wet(280) 1 1 0 0	\$42,000 91
Dam: Cash the Flash (Star de Naskra)	L 126 2008 0 0 0 0	\$0 -	Synth 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Br: Terrapin Stables Inc Phillip Cohen & Marcia Cohen (Fla)	Sar 0 0 0 0	\$0 -	Turf(186) 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Tr: Zito Nicholas P (42 6 3 6 .14) 2009 :(.289 49 .17)			Dst(248*) 0 0 0 0	\$0 -

L118 3.40 89-17 OurEdge118⁷ It Happened Again116¹ Denver116² Clearly best driving 11
 L119 2.30 89-22 OurEdge119nd Gone Astray119⁵ Endymion119² Near rail, held game 6
 L122 *1.00 87-13 OurEdge122⁹ WisePoint122³ Strikwhilshot122^{no} Drew off when asked 10
 L115 2.40 81-23 Seven Halo's124³ OurEdge115¹ Sneak Peek117¹ Jostled st, outgamed 8
 L122 9.80 76-12 Snapshot122³ Juliano122nd All the Bases122³ Tired 9
 J/T 2008-09 SAR(6.00 \$0.00) J/T 2008-09(22.14 \$4.39)

6 Summer Bird

Own: Kalarikkal K and Vilasini D Jayaraman
 3-1 Royal Blue, Red Ball, White T, Red Cap
DESORMEAUX K J (105 18 19 11.17) 2009: (640 127.20)
 2Aug09-13Mth sly 1^{1/2} :.462 1:09⁴ 1:34¹ 1:47¹ HsklInv-G1
 6Jun09-11Bel fst 1^{1/2} :.47 1:12² 2:01³ 2:27² Belmont-G1
 2May09-11CD sly 1^{1/4} :.471 1:12 1:37² 2:02³ KyDerby-G1
 11Apr09-10P fst 1^{1/2} :.46 1:11 1:36³ 1:49 ArkDerby-G2
 19Mar09-8OP fst 1^{1/2} :.232 .473 1:13¹ 1:44³ Md Sp Wt 35k
 1Mar09-10OP fst 6f :.221 .464 .59² 1:11² Md Sp Wt 34k
WORKS: Aug 22 Sar 5f my 1:00⁴ B 7/9 Aug 15 Sar 5f fst 1:01⁴ B 10/21 Jly 26 Mth 5f my 1:01⁴ B 2/5 Jly 19 Mth 6f fst 1:13⁴ B 1/1 ● Jly 12 Mth 5f my 1:01⁴ B 1/4 Jly 6 Mth 5f fst 1:04² B 8/11
TRAINER: 20ff45-180 (15.07 \$0.99) Dirt (142.16 \$2.61) Routes (69.14 \$2.95) GrdStk (8.12 \$3.22)

Ch. c. 3 (Apr)	Life 6 2 1 1	\$973,040 106	D.Fst 4 2 0 1	\$723,040 100
Sire: Birdstone (Grindstone) \$10,000	2009 6 2 1 1	\$973,040 106	Wet(314) 2 0 1 0	\$250,000 106
Dam: Hong Kong Squall (Summer Squall)	L 126 2008 0 0 0 0	\$0 -	Synth 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Br: Dr K K Jayaraman & Dr V Devi Jayaraman (Ky)	Sar 0 0 0 0	\$0 -	Turf(193) 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Tr: Ice Tim A (-) 2009 :(.123 22 .18)			Dst(294*) 1 0 0 0	\$0 86

L122 b 4.30 99-10 RachelAlexandr117⁶ SummerBird122¹ Munnings118³ Rail trip, second best 7
 L126 b 11.90 102-07 SummerBird126³ Dunkirk126^{nk} Mine That Bird126³ Trouble early, wide 10
 L126 43.60 80-12 MineThtBird126⁶ PioneeroftheNtl126^{no} MusktMn126nd Good 7 wide run 19
 L119 26.10 95-09 PapaClem118³ OldFshioned122³ SummerBird119² Off slow, 5w1/4, gaining 10
 L121 3.80 89-19 SummerBird121² Luv Gov121² Carnival Ride121⁴ 5w bid 1/4, drove clear 8
 L121 18.60 85-17 NemoLndng121³ CllsicClng121nd Brgm121^{nk} 6w1/4, gaining midtrack 11
 J/T 2008-09(2.50 \$12.90)

7 Kensei

Own: Stonestreet Stables Gulf Coast Farms
 Gold, Burgundy Triangular Panel
PRADO E S (112 16 9 17.14) 2009: (686 87.13)
 1Aug09-10Sar fst 1^{1/2} :.472 1:11² 1:35² 1:47⁴ JimDandy-G2
 4Jly09-8Bel fst 1^{1/2} :.231 .453 1:09¹ 1:40² Dwyer-G2
 6Jun09-8Bel fst 7f :.221 .45 1:08⁴ 1:20³ WStphn-G2
 25Apr09-10CD fst 7^{1/2} :.213 .441 1:09³ 1:30¹ DbyTrial-G3
 2Apr09-9OP sly 6f :.221 .461 .59 1:12 OC 62k/n1x-N
 13Sep08-7Bel gd 7f :.224 .464 1:11² 1:24¹ Futurity-G2
 8Aug08-7Sar fst 6f :.214 .451 .57² 1:10³ Md Sp Wt 62k
WORKS: Aug 24 Sar 4f my :50 B 30/43 Aug 17 Sar tr.t. 5f fst 1:01⁴ H 10/19 Aug 10 Sar tr.t. 4f fst :51 B 22/30 Jly 27 Sar tr.t. 4f fst :48³ H 3/31 Jly 20 Sar tr.t. 6f fst 1:14² B 4/6 Jly 13 Sar tr.t. 4f fst :51 B 31/43
TRAINER: WonLastStart (929.20 \$1.40) Dirt (3498.24 \$1.62) Routes (1587.20 \$1.52) GrdStk (214.15 \$1.42)

B. c. 3 (May) BARMAY08 \$300,000	Life 7 4 1 1	\$528,628 106	D.Fst 5 3 1 1	\$503,928 106
Sire: Mr. Greeley (Gone West) \$75,000	2009 5 3 1 1	\$488,928 106	Wet(363) 2 1 0 0	\$24,700 82
Dam: Private Feeling (Belong to Me)	L 126 2008 2 1 0 0	\$39,700 82	Synth 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Br: Gulf Coast Farms LLC (Ky)	Sar 2 2 0 0	\$337,200 106	Turf(316) 0 0 0 0	\$0 -
Tr: Asmussen Steven M (37 6 4 4 .16) 2009 :(.1895 425 .22)			Dst(264) 0 0 0 0	\$0 -

L121 2.75 94-14 Kensei121² WarriorsReward117^{nk} ChritleMn121¹ Pressed, drew off late 6
 L117 6.70 97-10 Kensei117³ Convocation117² Warrior's Reward117² Well placed inside 7
 L117 30.00 95-06 Munnings117⁵ Everyday Heroes123nd Kensei117² Steadied, blocked turn 8
 L117 12.10 84-18 Hull117⁴ Kensei117¹ Checklist117¹ Bid 4w, held place 8
 L118 *1.30 83-15 Kensei118³ HollywoodHit122¹ KatolakCowboy118² Stalked, edged away 8
 L120 7.50 75-19 Charitable Man120¹ Flying Pegasus120² Friesan Fire120³ Bid weakened 7
 L119 7.50 90-11 Kensei119¹ Speed Limit119¹ Royal Vindication119⁵ Kept busy to wire 8
 J/T 2008-09 SAR(10.20 \$2.51) J/T 2008-09(28.36 \$3.60)

Quality Road

Florida Derby winner returned to the races impressively off more than a 4-month break to capture a Grade 2 at Saratoga sprinting; no doubt about his quickness also displaying 2-turn ability when holding off Belmont Stakes runnerup Dunkirk at Gulfstream Park; the trainer-jockey combo captured the 2005 Travers with Flower Alley; asking a lot to travel this far off 1 sprint prep however his natural ability and talent may be enough to overcome today's distance test; projects to be right on the lead or track Warrior's Reward and/or Our Edge; logical contender.

Our Edge

Major class test; Grade 3 stakes winner defeated 2 next-out winners in latest romp; is clearly coming into his own and keeps the win rider who seemingly had other options here; Birdstone captured the 2004 Travers for his trainer; the 4th-place finisher of last took the Pleasant Colony stakes at Saratoga next time out; drew outside the main speed; has been 1st at the 1st call in 4 straight starts; know him early but siding with others.

Summer Bird

Was surprisingly much closer to the pace in the Haskell following his Belmont Stakes rallying victory; handled a wet race track well in latest after his 6th-place finish in the Kentucky Derby; sire captured the 2004 Travers; the added distance today following the Haskell runnerup vs. perhaps the best filly of all time Rachel Alexandra should help his cause; has been a new horse since blinkers and rider Desormeaux have been added; plenty of speed here to set up his late blast; the pick.

Kensei

Stablemate Rachel Alexandra gets all the attention but this guy's performance in the Jim Dandy suggests he would like some respect as well; rider guided Birdstone to a 2004 Travers triumph; Horse for the Course is now 2-for-2 at Saratoga capturing his career debut here last summer; hasn't done much wrong in this year while the 2004 Travers winning rider Prado is 2-for-2 on this colt; should receive a super trip setup outside of all the early speed; the main rival.

-Art Gropper

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