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Tacitus can finish Mott's rare Derby-Travers double

By David Grening

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – Albeit uniquely, trainer Bill Mott was able to cross winning the Kentucky Derby off his bucket list when his longshot Country House was elevated to first from second by the Churchill Downs stewards following the controversial disqualification of Maximum Security.

Saturday, Mott will try to cross winning the Travers off his bucket list when he sends out probable favorite Tacitus against 11 3-year-olds in the Grade 1, $1.25 million Runhappy Travers – Saratoga's marquee race, which is being run for the 150th time – and do something only two other horsemen have done.

Should Tacitus win, Mott would become just the third trainer to win the Kentucky Derby and Travers in the same year with different horses. In 1918, Henry McDaniel won the Derby with Exterminator and the Travers with Sun Briar. In 1925, William Duke won the Derby with Flying Ebony and the Travers with Dangerous.

"I've already done the Derby now I got to try and do the Travers," Mott said Thursday morning. "Now, we just got to do it a different way if we can."

Tacitus needs a different type of trip from post 6 in the Travers than he had in the Belmont Stakes, where he raced five wide and finished second to Sir Winston. He also needs a little bit better fortune than he had in the Jim Dandy, when he stumbled badly at the break and finished second to Tax.

"I think we're just looking for that breakout race and for him to have his day in the sun, so hopefully the Travers will be that day," Mott said earlier this week at the post-position draw. "I don't think anybody owes us anything. Nobody stumbled but him last time; nobody made him do it. He had the wide trip in the Belmont, but stuff happens, right? We'll hope things go better for him this time."

Mott is adding blinkers to Tacitus's equipment. He has trained very well in them, including a five-furlong workout in 1:00.69 last Saturday. Jose Ortiz was up for that work and said he thinks the blinkers make Tacitus better.

While Mott is seeking his first Travers victory, trainer Shug McGaughey is seeking his fourth. McGaughey sends out Code of Honor, who was moved from third to second in the Kentucky Derby and comes off a win in the Grade 3 Dwyer on July 6 by 3 1/4 lengths. McGaughey purposely skipped the Jim Dandy with Code of Honor to have a fresh horse for the Travers.

"He needs to be ridden right. He'll get ridden right," said McGaughey, who has John Velazquez aboard Code of Honor. "He's a one-run horse. You got to be patient with him, get him a trip. In the Derby, he was compromised a little between when [Maximum Security] came back over a little, but I think he flinched a little and it took away from his run a little bit."

Code of Honor is owned and bred by William S. Farish, as is Highest Honors, who breaks from post 3, one slot outside of Code of Honor. Highest Honors, trained by Chad Brown, has made only three starts and steps into the Travers off a 1 1/2-length win in the restricted Curlin Stakes here on July 26. Despite his limited experience, Highest Honors has Brown excited that he could win his first Travers.

"I've been planning for this race for a long time," Brown said. "I've always thought he wanted a mile and a quarter, and he couldn't possibly be training any better."

Jose Ortiz has ridden Highest Honors in all three of his starts, but is committed to ride Tacitus. Luis Saez, the regular rider of Maximum Security, will ride Highest Honors.

Brown also sends out Looking At Bikinis, who set the pace before fading to third when racing along a dead rail in the Curlin. He figures to be a forward presence on Saturday under six-time Travers-winning rider Javier Castellano.

The main speed of the Travers looks to be Tax, the winner of the Jim Dandy. Tax drew post 12, and his trainer, Danny Gargan, believes that will force jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. to come away from the gate running.

"There's a long run down the stretch. I don't think we'll have a problem getting over," Gargan said. "If we can get a half in 47, 48, it'll be perfect. If everyone gets scared and takes back, I'll slow it down."

Trainer Bob Baffert has won three Travers, including two of the last three with Arrogate and West Coast. He called an audible on Monday and decided to ship Mucho Gusto, the Haskell Invitational runner-up, from California for this race. Joe Talamo is here to ride.

Owendale, the Ohio Derby winner; Laughing Fox, fifth in the Preakness; and Everfast, second in the Preakness are all stone-cold closers who would benefit from some pace.

Owendale has been training steadily at Churchill Downs, from where he shipped to run well in his last three starts.

"His works have been phenomenal," said Cox, including an Aug. 10 workout. Cox said Owendale went five furlongs in 1:00.60 and out six furlongs in 1:13.40, but was not recorded by Churchill Downs clockers. "The bottom line with this horse is he's doing as good as he can do."

Endorsed, a son of 2002 Travers winner Medaglia d'Oro, ran a creditable second in the 1 1/8-mile Curlin, stretching out from a six-furlong allowance win in June, his first start of the year.

Scars Are Cool enters the Travers off a maiden win going 1 1/8 miles here on July 21. On Thursday morning, he blew out three furlongs in 36.13 seconds over the Oklahoma training track.

Chess Chief was the runner-up in the West Virginia Derby at odds of 35-1 for Dallas Stewart. He picks up the services of Mike Smith.

The Travers goes as race 11 on 13-race card that begins at 11:35 a.m. and includes six other graded stakes. The Travers will air on FOX during a one-hour broadcast starting at 5 p.m. Eastern.

Mitole looks to rebound

By Mike Welsch

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – Although Saturday's Forego Stakes at Saratoga is rich in tradition and carries Grade 1 status and a generous $600,000 purse, the race had only four confirmed starters less than 24 hours before entry time and just six entrants when drawn on Wednesday. The two principal reasons for the somewhat surprising lack of interest in the seven-furlong Forego are named Mitole and Promises Fulfilled.

Mitole and Promises Fulfilled will square off for the third time this season in the Forego, with Mitole having come out on top in both previous meetings, in the Churchill Downs and Metropolitan Handicap, both Grade 1 events. For Mitole, those victories completed a seven-race winning streak, which came to an end with a third-place finish as the odds-on favorite in the Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap here four weeks ago.

Mitole defeated a loaded field when stretching out to a mile for the first time in the Metropolitan on June 8 at Belmont Park, hold-ing on determinedly to defeat McKinzie and Thunder Snow. He did not have the best of racing luck in the Vanderbilt, hitting the gate at the break before rushing up to engage in an early speed duel with Strike Power while running in the deeper going on the rail. He was beaten 7 1/2 lengths in a race won in track-record time by Imperial Hint.

"He met a horse who ran a great race, and I don't think he was in the right spot on the day," said Asmussen, referring to the inner part of the racetrack. "That's just the way it worked out. The important thing is we came out of the race in great shape and we get to try again Saturday."

Promises Fulfilled finished third, beaten four lengths by Mitole, at Churchill Downs, and fourth, 4 1/4 lengths behind that nemesis, in the Metropolitan. Both times he stumbled at the break.

A son of Shackleford trained by Dale Romans, Promises Fulfilled became a Grade 1 winner by capturing the seven-furlong H. Allen Jerkens here in wire-to-wire fashion a year ago. He followed that effort with a victory in the Grade 2 Phoenix at Keeneland before finishing a tiring fourth after setting the pace in the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Promises Fulfilled tuned up for the Forego with an easy 4 1/2-length triumph in the Grade 2 John Nerud Stakes last month at Belmont.

Promises Fulfilled is expected to set the pace once again after breaking from the rail Saturday, with Mitole likely to be breathing down his neck from post 3.

"Drawing the rail wasn't my first choice, but he's fast and if he breaks he'll be clear," said Dale Romans, who trains Promises Fulfilled. "We haven't beaten Mitole yet, but our horse is as good as he's ever been and we'll keep trying. One thing in our favor is that our horse has run and won everywhere – he doesn't need to take his track with him. Some horses just dislike Saratoga and won't run over this track. We know that's not the case with him."

Air Strike ships in from Del Mar off a fourth-place finish behind winner Cistron after being crowded at the start and forced to race wide into the stretch while making his Grade 1 debut in the Bing Crosby. A 4-year-old son of Street Sense, Air Strike had rallied to defeat Cistron by a head to upset the Grade 2 Triple Bend two months earlier at Santa Anita.

Firenze Fire has been a bit of a disappointment in his last two starts, finishing fifth in the Metropolitan Handicap and a distant fourth in the Vanderbilt following an easy 4 3/4-length triumph in the six-furlong Runhappy in May at Belmont. Like Air Strike, he could be the beneficiary if the two favorites get involved in an early pace duel.

Killybegs Captain and Bon Raison, who was a supplemental nominee, were the two late additions to the Forego lineup.

Killybegs Captain is winless since capturing the Pelican Stakes in February at Tampa Bay Downs. Bon Raison, a former claimer, steps up into Grade 1 company off a last-to-first victory in the restricted Tale of the Cat Stakes here 15 days ago.

Looking At Bikinis' odds will be right

Saratoga crests Saturday when it hosts seven of the nine North American graded stakes on the day, with the Runhappy Travers taking a starring role. The stakes come consecutively, races 5 through 11, six of them Grade 1s, and are loaded with stars.

Mitole seeks a rebound from his first 2019 loss when he meets Promises Fulfilled in the Grade 1 Forego. I'm not enthralled with either at their respective price.

Shancelot drew the rail as the 1-2 favorite in the Grade 1 Allen Jerkens and the proper response to that is – a shrug. This could be the fastest horse on the continent.

I lean Elate over Midnight Bisou in the Personal Ensign but suspect she's favored.

My strongest Sword Dancer opinion is that Annals of Time will be overbet. This long-distance grass fixture likely comes down to racing luck.

TRAVERS STAKES

Respect to the shortest Travers prices, Tacitus and Code of Honor, both of whom have legitimate claims.

There's little doubt Tacitus, his losses due to track bias and trip, was the best horse in the Jim Dandy and the Belmont, his last two starts. I don't doubt he's set to deliver a representative performance (though Bill Mott has strangely icy numbers with this blinkers-on move).

Code of Honor finished in front of Tacitus in the Kentucky Derby and simply ran the better race. His most recent workout impressed, and you can't fault his Dwyer over a one-turn Belmont mile. Maybe Code of Honor can run as well going 1 1/4 miles – maybe. He's a short, slight fellow whose dam was a sprinter.

Mucho Gusto sucked along to finish second in the Haskell after Maximum Security flicked away his challenge. Mucho Gusto's stablemate Game Winner was supposed to be Bob Baffert's Travers horse before getting sick.

I still really, really wonder if the established top of the 3-year-old class is more than substandard and am approaching the Travers with that in mind.

I disliked Looking At Bikinis in the Curlin Stakes as the 6-5 favorite, so it might seem counterintuitive to like him in this much deeper spot after a tame third-place finish. But Looking At Bikinis's Curlin was better than it looks. The rail on that Saratoga card was quicksand, and after being kept off it

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into the first turn, Looking At Bikinis wound up on the fence most of the second part of the race, badly compromising him.

Saturday, Looking At Bikinis at worst is pressing a moderate pace and at best is controlling a slow one. His flashy debut might've been slop-enhanced, but his comeback run this year, like his Curlin, was stronger than it looks on paper. He might just not be good enough but gets a double dose of stamina from sire and female family and is worth a bet at double-digit odds.

BALLERINA STAKES

Come Dancing is a pretty massive specimen, with a powerful barrel and relatively short legs – she's the opposite of an agile, handy type, and that makes her inside draw in the Ballerina especially tricky. Come Dancing's best races have come when she establishes a clear lead going a moderate tempo or with clean outside-pressing journeys; she's getting neither of those as the 4-5 morning-line favorite. It's also fair to wonder if her admittedly high-level peak earlier this season will prove replicable, especially over a track where she didn't excel last season.

I wanted to side with Mia Mischief, who, I believe, was merely prepping for this in her subpar Honorable Miss. But Separationofpowers beat Mia Mischief last season in the Test and can get the better of her again Saturday. Trainer Chad Brown already knows Separationofpowers handles the Saratoga main track and apparently kept her at Belmont to maintain a steady, encouraging training rhythm for one of the two major goals of her season. Mia Mischief gets first run on the dueling pair of Come Dancing and Minit to Stardom, but Separationofpowers gets the final word.

Ballston Spa Stakes

The 2018 Ballston Spa turned into a parade, Quidura leading Hawksmoor around the Saratoga course, and though she was rank early, the horse finishing fastest from the back was Indian Blessing. Her First Lady third last fall behind A Raving Beauty and Dona Bruja, both of whom are better than

SARATOGA BALLERINA

3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, seven furlongs
Approximate post: 2:23 p.m. Eastern; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.;
Forecast: Sunny, 75º

PP	HORSE	LAST 3 BEYERS			ODDS
1	Special Relativity	86	85	76	12-1
2	Come Dancing	97	103	114	6-5
3	Pacific Gale	88	88	94	20-1
4	Separationofpowers	100	89	84	9-5
5	Mia Mischief	89	85	99	5-1
6	Minit to Stardom	94	84	80	8-1
7	Dawn the Destroyer	88	88	86	15-1

Morning line odds

Pick: Separationofpowers

SARATOGA BALLSTON SPA

3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, 1 1/16 miles turf
Approximate post: 3:35 p.m. Eastern; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.;
Forecast: Sunny, 75º

PP	HORSE	LAST 3 BEYERS			ODDS
1	Hogans Holiday	78	90	80	20-1
2	Fifty Five	86	86	92	5-1
3	Secret Message	95	95	90	
4	Significant Form	87	92	60	6-1
5	Indian Blessing	NA			8-1
6	Conquest Hardcandy	89	82	83	15-1
7	Scottish Jig	87	90	NA	10-1
8	Starship Jubilee	93	94	95	7-2
9	Mascha	85	NA		9-2

Morning-line odds

Pick: Indian Blessing

SARATOGA TRAVERS STAKES

3-year-olds, 1 1/4 miles
Approximate post: 5:44 p.m. Eastern; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.;
Forecast: Sunny, 75º

PP	HORSE	LAST 3 BEYERS			ODDS
1	Owendale	99	96	98	6-1
2	Code of Honor	97	97	91	4-1
3	Highest Honors	94	88	90	10-1
4	Laughing Fox	91	93	92	30-1
5	Everfast	85	92	96	30-1
6	Tacitus	97	94	96	5-2
7	Mucho Gusto	100	95	90	6-1
8	Chess Chief	90	87	84	30-1
9	Looking at Bikinis	85	95	92	10-1
10	Scars Are Cool	92	80	77	30-1
11	Endorsed	93	92	77	15-1
12	Tax	98	92	80	6-1

Morning-line odds

Pick: Looking at Bikinis

anything in this Ballston Spa, was an even better performance, and Indian Blessing likely was over the top coming back just two weeks later at Belmont. Her European form into this race looks about the same as last year's while the Ballston Spa competition looks considerably softer.

SARATOGA ANALYSIS BY MIKE BEER

BEST BET: RACE 9, ELATE

FIRST RACE

PENALTY was off the layoff when outfinished by Lemonist in February and he returned with a good effort for 2nd in a strong allowance at Churchill in his next start, before coming up here to close down a talented rival on Halladay after a good trip last time; likely needs to improve again to defeat the strong Klaravich entry from Chad Brown's barn but the price should be fair. **FRONTIER MARKET** settled second-best in five of his first six career starts while short prices right along but he found himself at the end of last year to post back to back strong wins at Belmont; ran to that same level off the layoff last time when outfinished by stablemate Emaraaty after working out a perfect trip and he is going to be tough right back with a similar effort. **UNLEVERAGED** missed nearly 17 months following his career debut and he returned no worse for wear to win both starts in the spring; can't get a price on his as part of a three-horse entry.

SECOND RACE

TAP IT TO WIN debuted sprinting on turf at Woodbine and flashed easy speed in that spot before settling for second-best behind a rival who returned to finish 2nd in stakes company with a 71 Beyer; bred for dirt being a Tapit out of a mare who was a three-time stakes winner on the main track in her career. **ATOKA** was a big price while debuting over a tough distance earlier in the meet but he outran his odds while flashing good speed and gamely holding a lead down to the stripes, before getting nailed on the wire; cuts back to six with Lasix on. **O'TROUBLE** the first runner from his new sire In Trouble, who was a talented 2yo a few years ago while winning his first two career starts, including the Grade 2 Futurity with a 94 Beyer; solid works on the way in for a trainer who is capable with his young horses.

THIRD RACE

FIRST WAVE has settled for second-best in each of his first two starts while running well both times, most recently as the favorite sprinting on turf; bred to stretch out as a War Front from a dam who was a two-time turf route winner in her career and a half-sister to multiple Grade 1 winner General Quarters. **OCEAN FIRE** made a promising debut while having to settle for 3rd behind an impressive filly from the Chad Brown barn; caught yielding ground in her next start then tried turf last time to no avail. **CHARREADA** was defeated as the favorite in both turf starts last year but has improved a bit so far following the layoff and just missed last time while favored once again; running out of chances quickly.

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FOURTH RACE

TIGHT TEN was a work in progress as a 2yo while managing to show some potential, especially in his first two starts sprinting. Put in a strong finish first time out despite racing greenly and he cost himself in the Saratoga Special when lugging in continuously in the stretch while challenging Call Paul on the lead; turns back and returns to his available condition off the layoff with potential to improve rapidly. **PERFORMER** was heavily-backed for his debut late last year before finishing gamely for 3rd and he took a big step forward off the layoff to win with an 87 Beyer under strong handling; horse he closed down in that maiden win returned to earn an 89 Beyer up here when finishing 2nd again in his next start. **PAYNE** didn't run his race last time in a disappointing effort but he had made three strong starts prior to that and is a threat to be too good for these horses if he can rebound; got very unlucky in each of his first two starts off the layoff to remain eligible to this condition.

FIFTH RACE

MITOLE brought a seven-race winning streak into the Vanderbilt last time and he emerged from that race with an excuse after being forced to duel a fast pace on a dead rail; draws outside his main pace rival this time and may simply be too good for this field based in his Grade 1 wins two and three starts back. **FIRENZE FIRE** crushed the Runhappy three back with a big 106 Beyer and he has been against the track in each of his last two starts - wide against a gold rail on Belmont Stakes Day in the Met Mile and trying to close up the dead rail last time; dangerous with his good race and may catch the right setup if MITOLE gets hooked up with the fleet **PROMISES FULFILLED** early. PROMISES FULFILLED hasn't seemed to be in his best form so far this year, though he did get a three-wide trip in the Met Mile when electing not to use his early speed, and he did earn a new top figure last time when getting a soft trip on the lead vs. an overmatched field; should be sending from the rail and can give Mitole a hard time with his best race.

SIXTH RACE

MIA MISCHIEF disappointed last time as the favorite when conceding the early lead but she likely had this race circled and is dangerous if bouncing back with her top effort; ran that race three back to become a Grade 1 winner at Churchill and she also ran better than it may appear two back when dueling down the razor-sharp 3yo Covfefe in listed company; handles this distance and has speed to put into play with needing the early lead. **COME DANCING** signaled that she was ready to join the top of this division when giving Marley's Freedom a fight in the Go For Wand, and she left no doubt when blowing out to a 114 Beyer win over this distance in her next start; cuts back after proving to be no match for division leader Midnight Bisou last time. **DAWN THE DESTROYER** finally started to live up to her potential following throat surgery last November and posted a pair of impressive wins, before getting a bit of a tough trip in the Fritchie at Laurel; hasn't managed to maintain that form since but worth noting that she was up against it races that were taken wire to wire in each of her last three starts; threat at a price if she can catch any kind of a setup this time.

SEVENTH RACE

SHANCELOT takes on another challenge in the Grade 1 H. Allen Jerkens as he tries seven furlongs from the rail; still hard to go against based on his first three starts, most notably that last one when thoroughly dominating the local prep for this with a huge 121 figure; don't see the speed that can keep up with him early. **BORRACHO** has come to hand quickly since cutting back to sprint and he followed up his game 3rd in the fast-paced Woody Stephens with a dominant win over older horses last time over course and distance; keeps improving will be a price. **MIND CONTROL** is already a Grade 1 winner over this track and trip via his Hopeful win as a 2yo and he came back to win another graded stake over seven furlongs this year in the Bay Shore; underrated colt had a bit of a trip in the Woody Stephens and he got very unlucky last time when unable to find room to run until it was too late.

EIGHTH RACE

SIGNIFICANT FORM has never really put everything together despite flashing plenty of talent right from the start, though distance has likely had more to do with that than anything else. found the longer distances too far last year after making an impressive return to the races over this trip, and she has come back sprinting this year with some success, though it doesn't seem that she wants 5.5 furlongs based on that last one when wired on a slow pace; willing to give her the chance to show that she belongs at this level between 8 and 8.5 furlongs. **SECRET MESSAGE** looked very good winning her first two starts this year from just off the pace and she wound up in the wrong spot over behind stopping leaders when trying to close into that fast pace last time in the Diana; fits much better here and may be the one to beat. **STARSHIP JUBILEE** has a couple of graded stakes wins to her credit already and she is versatile in terms of running style and distance; exits a couple of solid runnerup efforts at Woodbine and can factor here if managing to bring her form to NY.

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NINTH RACE

ELATE couldn't get to **MIDNIGHT BISOU** earlier this year going shorter when just getting warmed up following a long layoff but she has upped her game since more distance was put in front of her and the nine-furlong trip up here may be more to her advantage than her main rival's; looked like her old self when dominating the Delaware Handicap for the second straight year last time. MIDNIGHT BISOU is 5 for 5 this year and the clear leader of this division after defeating ELATE twice and Oaklawn and picking up a pair of Grade 1 wins in the Apple Blossom and the Phipps; distance of this race may play more to ELATE's advantage but she has run over this trip in the past without winning. **WOW CAT** was no match for GOLDEN AWARD last time in the Shuvee but that was just her first start back and she can take a step forward with that race behind her; improved after a couple of races last year and ended the year with a strong runnerup effort in the Breeders' Cup, where she outfinished MIDNIGHT BISOU for 2nd.

TENTH RACE

ANNALS OF TIME may not be one to take a short price on as he tries this distance for the first time but fact that he is finally putting races together is a very good sign for this ultra-talented 6yo, who is already a Grade 1 winner; understand the connections wanting to strike while he is holding form and think he is as talented as anyone in this field - though the distance could be the equalizer. **SADLER'S JOY** was off the layoff last time when stuck on the rail for the entire trip in a race that was dominated up close; excuses are easy to make for him with his late-running style but his good race makes him very tough; expecting an improved effort if he can work out the right trip. **CHANNEL MAKER** conceded the early lead to eventual winner CHANNEL CAT last time and then couldn't catch that rival after moving wide around the final turn; prior Grade 1 winner over this trip may not be so conservative this time and is a major player in here with his best race.

ELEVENTH RACE

OWENDALE found himself suddenly in the Lexington this spring when making a strong early move to take that race over and never looking back, and he followed that race up with a solid closing effort in the Preakness after being forced around wide; wasn't facing the best of this division last time but he overcame a slow pace there with a new top figure and he deserves his chance back in with the best 3yos in the Travers; good post to save some early ground before looking to work out a trip late. **TACITUS** won a pair of Derby preps upon starting back as a 3yo but things have not gone as well for him in the biggest races as he emerged unlucky in both the Derby and the Belmont while showing himself to be one of the best colts in this crop; bad luck followed him into the Jim Dandy last time, where he was likely best once again; adds blinkers looking to finally break through. **CODE OF HONOR** has distance the question to answer here after running an excellent race in the Derby off a perfect trip and ride from Velazquez, with the 10 furlongs perhaps being the only thing that held him back; prep in the Dwyer was impressive and he may now be set to take the step forward.

TWELFTH RACE

GHOST GIANT got unlucky off the layoff three back when blocked in traffic at a crucial point and he has come back to run well in his two subsequent starts without winning; one more chance over a distance he handles. **FLED** couldn't get a turf race to go early in his career but he finally made it over to the green two back and came through with an impressive win from just off the pace; backed that race up strongly last time while up in class and now steps up again while in form. **OUTRAGEOUS BET** is a closer dependent upon pace and racing luck but his good race is going to give him a look in here and he ran well last time when catching a little traffic in the stretch behind a front-running winner; likely to be a price once again.

THIRTEENTH RACE

KEEPME IN THEGAME made a promising debut at Keeneland when putting in a game finish from off the pace behind an impressive winner, and she came right back to bump into another quality filly in her next start at Belmont; well-bred filly has forward to go and can keep coming forward through racing. **MAGIC STAR** a $500k purchase with plenty of pedigree being out of Grade 1 winner Meadow Breeze and by top stallion Scat Daddy; has more of a dirt pedigree on the bottom but Chad has a way of winning with these horses and this isn't the strongest maiden field in the world. **HIDDEN FACTS** used her tactical speed to finished 2nd in three straight starts late last year as a 2yo, before going the wrong way prior to the layoff; starts back in a race where she appears to be the main speed and is dangerous with any development from two to three.

SARATOGA LATE PICK 5

Mike Beer's A-B-C's

A: Primary Contender(s)
B: Reasonable Contender(s)
C: Marginal Contender(s)

Race 7:	**Race 8:**	**Race 9:**	**Race 10:**	**Race 11:**
A: 1	A: 3, 4	A: 4	A: 7	A: 1, 6
B: 4, 6, 8	B: 5, 8, 9	B: 1	B: 8, 9	B: 2, 7
C: 5, 9				C: 3, 9 11