

# BELLADONNA RACING LLC

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SUMMER AT THE *Spra*

## WHAT MAKES SARATOGA *Special?*



The Saratoga race meet is recognized as one of the premier race meets in the world. The 2023 Saratoga racing season kicks off July 13th and is highlighted by the Runhappy Travers S. (G1) on Aug. 26th before the meet wraps up on Sept. 4th.

The town of Saratoga Springs is situated in beautiful upstate New York and to complement its top-class racing, this charming town is also known for its many fine restaurants, family friendly events, and a vibrant night life. It is host to one of the best Thoroughbred sales held in America each year, the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale. This prestigious sale of selected yearlings once again ranked #1 among North American yearling sales by percentage of Grade 1 winners sold and percentage of graded stakes winners sold in 2022.

We sat down with Belladonna Racing Co-Founder Paul Manganaro to get a little better insight on the must-see things to do while in Saratoga, as well as his thoughts on the Saratoga Yearling Sales.

**Q: How many years have you been attending the races at Saratoga?**

**A:** My earliest memory of my first visit to Saratoga was while I was in high school. We went on a family vacation and stayed in beautiful Lake George, New York, which is about 30 minutes from Saratoga. It was in the early 1980s.

**Q: What do you like about being in Saratoga during the summer?**

**A:** What isn't there to like about being in Saratoga during the summer? From the historic racetrack and finest racing in the country, to the reinvigorating fresh air and action-filled center of town, there is something for all ages.

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### Q: Where are a few of the best places to dine in Saratoga?

A: I personally enjoy Solevo's, located at 55 Phila Street in Saratoga. It is known for their quality Italian cuisine. If I am in the mood for some fine Southern cuisine, then Hattie's at 45 Phila Street is the place. It has some of the best fried chicken I have ever tasted. And if you have a sweet tooth, then Kilwins in the center of town is a must. You will put on three pounds just walking by the place.

### Q: What activities are in Saratoga, or nearby, that would be worth taking in if one was not going to the track each day?

A: There is plenty to do for the entire family in Saratoga. I enjoy renting a boat on a non-race day and spending the day on Saratoga Lake, or jumping in the car for the short ride to Lake George. There also is the Saratoga Performing Arts Center located in the Saratoga State Park which has a variety of concerts during the summer. White-water rafting and horseback riding are also available in several nearby locations. Of course, nothing beats a good day at the races with family and friends, followed by a nice dinner and walk in the center of town.

### Q: If we asked you for your top two "must do" or "must see" things while in Saratoga, what would you say?

A: Spend time at the track and enjoy all the entertainment and excitement it has to offer; and take a day trip to Lake George.

### Q: Turning our focus to the business side of Saratoga, what are the dates of the 2023 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling sales?

A: The Saratoga Select Yearling sale will be held on August 7th and 8th. The Select sale will be followed by the New York-bred sale on August 13th and 14th. Belladonna made its first purchase last year during the Select sale for our Belladonna Racing V group with the purchase of the now 2-year-old, Norwich.

### Q: Give us an idea of what makes the Selected Sale so special?

A: It is a very selective sale of only about 200+ yearlings that have risen to the cream of the crop early in their yearling year. Last year, the average was nearly \$470,000. The competition amongst buyers is strong, and the sellers are not concerned to keep their horses if the money isn't quite there. All the right players in our business are in town, and the atmosphere is electric.

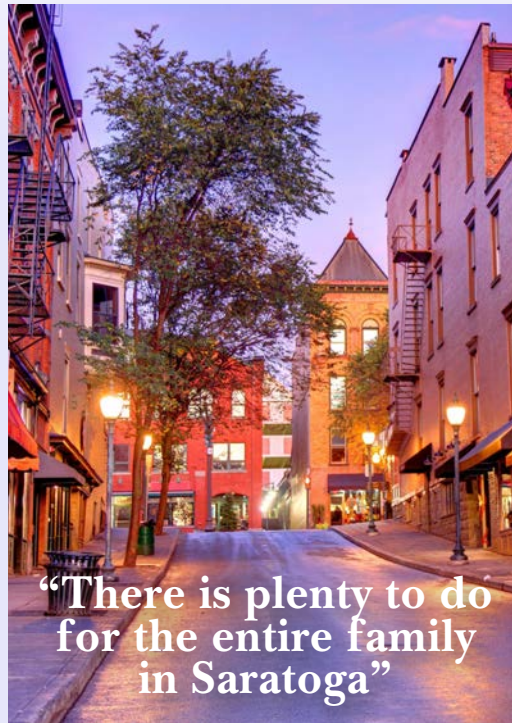
### Q: When was the first Fasig-Tipton sale held in Saratoga?

A: The Saratoga Racetrack opened on August 3, 1863, and Fasig-Tipton held its first Thoroughbred yearling sale in 1917. Many of the

sales horses were shipped by railroad from Kentucky during this time.

### Q: What are some of the more famous names of horses sold at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling sales in the past?

A: The Saratoga yearling sale is known for its quality; the selection process takes pedigree and conformation into consideration, and each potential sales horse is rigorously evaluated by the Fasig-Tipton selection Team. Some of the more famous horses offered at the sale are Kentucky Derby winners Kauai King (1966), Go for Gin (1994), and American Pharoah (2015). Interestingly, American Pharoah was offered at the 2013 Saratoga sale but went unsold because he did not meet his reserve.







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## PARTNERSHIP ONLINE *Reviews*

### SPECIAL BELLADONNA RACING FEATURE!

In our continuing efforts to ensure that we are providing all of our co-owners with the best form of timely communication and industry-related features, we introduce you to the Pilot Edition of a video special feature conducted with David Ingordo as he talks about each of the horses in the Belladonna IV and V groups.



The objective of this new informative addition is to enhance the overall experience for our members. The plan is to have monthly updates on your horses and occasional special industry features that hopefully you will find fun and insightful.

Please **CLICK** and enjoy these two kick-off features, and let us know what you think.

### BELLADONNA IV

### BELLADONNA V





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THE PROCESS-WITH *David*

## THE X-RAY FILES: *with* DAVID INGORDO

by Jessica Martini – TDN June 21, 2023

*The TDN sat down with bloodstock agent David Ingordo for this second offering in a series presented in cooperation with the Consignors and Breeders Association (CBA). Through conversations with buyers and sellers, the series looks to contribute to the discussion on radiograph findings and their impact on racetrack success.*

Bloodstock agent David Ingordo, whose resume includes such superstars as Zenyatta and Flightline, has a stockpile of experience and a team of trusted veterinarians to work with when he travels the sales grounds looking for his next future champion. For Ingordo the all-important vet work is just one part of the puzzle and utilizing it properly helps him to determine when he's getting a bargain and when it's time to walk away.

"The radiographs are one of many tools that we use once we are deciding if we are going to buy a horse or not," Ingordo said. "Obviously, we inspect them on physical, and then we look at the pedigrees and then we decide if they make the short list. If they make the short list and they jump through a couple other hoops--do they fit whatever trainer or owner I'm working with--then we make that decision to move forward and turn the vetting in to the vet we use."

Ingordo has developed trusting relationships with vets like Dr. Keith Latson, Dr. Nathan Chaney and Dr. Jeff Berk.

"They are all really practical veterinarians," Ingordo said. "They understand what these horses are going to do. One of the strengths, I feel, with our vets looking at radiographs and interpreting what they



tell us is we tend to be forgiving from a practical standpoint. You have to remember, it's a very subjective game. I try to use people that I find their observation and subjectivity is in line with mine and the clientele that I represent and what our goals are.

At the end of the day, the vet report represents a risk-reward quotient for Ingordo and his clients.

"The X-rays are just part of the puzzle," he explained. "You have to know how that piece fits when you are buying a horse. If people want a perfectly clean horse, that's fine, that's their prerogative. They're going to pay for that because, if it's a good-looking horse with pedigree and clean X-rays, they top the sales a lot of time. That doesn't mean it's a bad thing, but if you are willing to be a little more forgiving, which we try to be, and you have experience with certain issues--Dr. Latson was great. He would say, 'David, on the racetrack, I've seen this issue 100 times.' And my question would be, 'How many times was it limiting in the horse's soundness or their performance?' And he would say, 'Never.' 'Great. I'm in. I'll buy that one.' Or he would say, 'This is one we saw a lot of unsoundness with.' I would ask what is my percentile? He said, '60-40 to be unsound and then once we do the surgery, you have a worse chance of it recurring.' Ok. That's not for me. That's what I need to know."

Knowing what he can and cannot accept on a vet report has often allowed Ingordo to buy horses at a bargain price.

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## RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

### YEARLING SALE SEASON ARRIVES

The North American yearling sales season gets underway this month at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington with a one-day yearling session on July 11th. The previous day will offer a one-day session of selected horses of racing age (nominations for the HRA session remain open until sale time).

Fasig has cataloged 370 selected yearlings, and the sale begins at 10 am ET with the highly anticipated "New Sire Showcase."

"Sellers have shown increased interest in July this year, resulting in a catalog that is 23% larger than last

year's," said Fasig-Tipton president and CEO Boyd Browning Jr. "We will kick the sale off with the Freshman Sire Showcase—offering a flashy group of individuals by this year's first-crop yearling sires—before transitioning into the more proven sire-populated segment of the catalog. There is a healthy mix of first-crop sires and leading general sires, which should draw good interest."

Statistics from The BloodHorse Marketwatch show July is the top-ranked major North American yearling sale by percentage of stakes winners, stakes horses, and 2-year-old winners.



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### Trivia Question

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Q: How many total Grade 1 races are scheduled in America for 2023?

## UPCOMING SALES DATES

FT July Select Horses of Racing Age  
July 10

FT July Sale of Select Yearlings  
July 11

FT Saratoga Yearling Sale  
August 7-8

FT New York Bred Yearling Sale  
August 13-14



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## Around THE TRACK



The Process



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returning in the rain



Seaport Lane



'21 Egyptian Storm, outside of Auraculous



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A: There are 97 Grade 1 races written for 2023, down from 101 G1s in 2022.

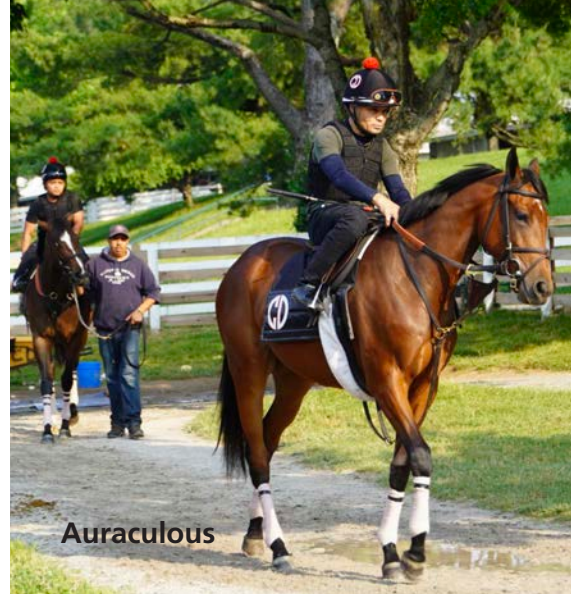


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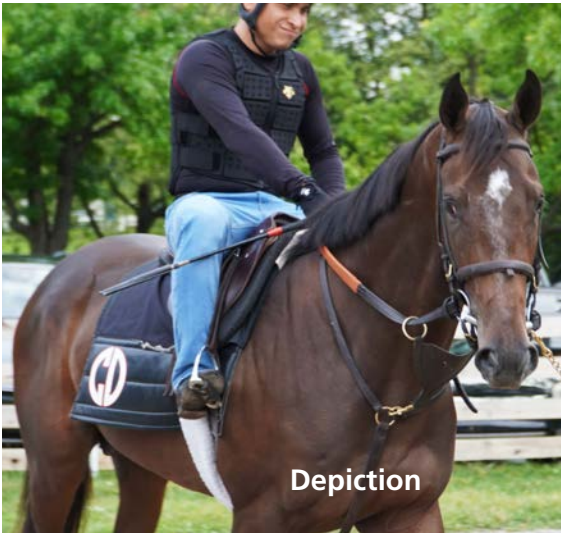
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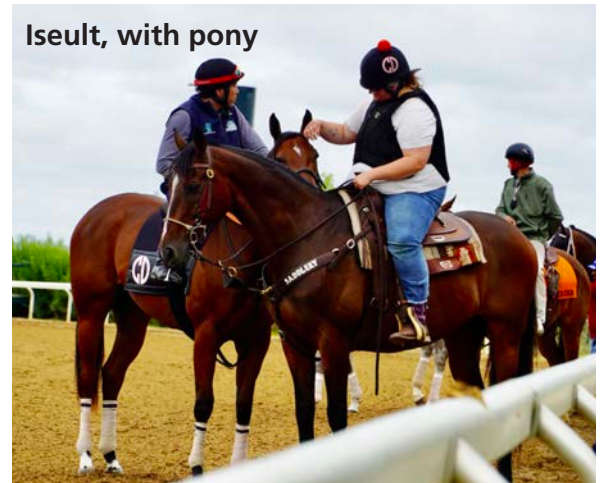
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Bout Time



Iseult, outside



Iseult, with pony