

# BELLADONNA RACING LLC

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THE SUMMER TRADITION OF *Saratoga!*

## BELLADONNA AND THE 2025 FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA YEARLING SALE

*Where History is Made!*

The prestigious Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale is set to take place over two nights beginning on Monday, August 4th. The sale is perennially ranked #1 by percentage of Grade 1 winners sold. The catalog by design is small in numbers, averaging just over 200 yearlings each year. These young athletes are selected from over 2,000 nominations by the Fasig-Tipton inspection team based on each horse's strength of pedigree and physical conformation.

The first Saratoga Yearling Sale took place in 1918, at which time the great Man O' War was sold. Other notable graduates of the sale include Constitution, Flightline, Songbird, Bolt d'Oro, and Union Rags. The 2015 Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah was sent through the sales ring at the 2013 sale but failed to meet his reserve, so the breeder kept him and, as they say, the rest is history.

In 2024, the sale sold 154 horses for a gross of

\$82,160,000. The average price was \$533,506 with a median of \$425,000. A colt by leading sire Not This Time topped the sale with a hammer price of \$3,400,000, one of 12 yearlings that realized \$1,000,000 or more.

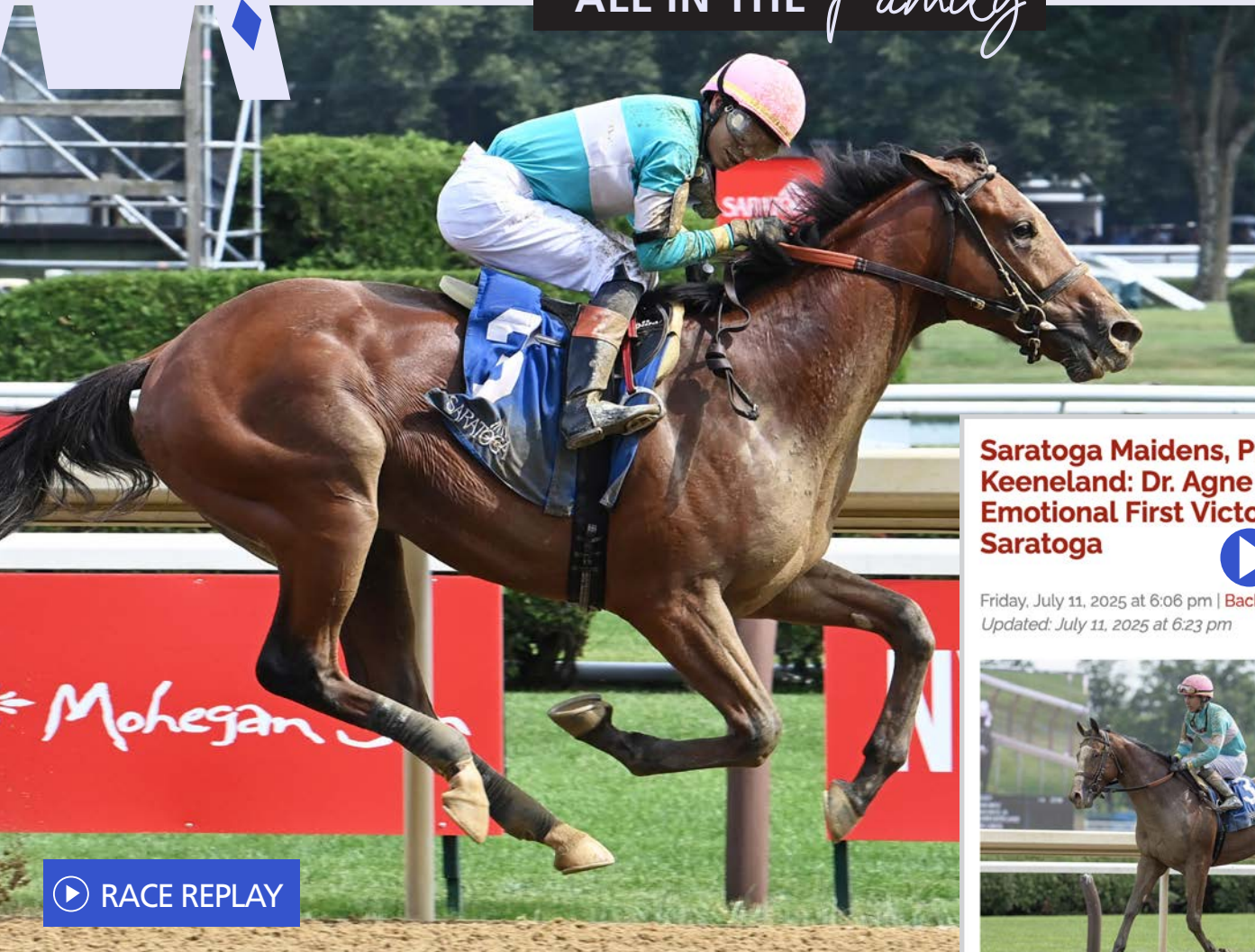
The 2025 Saratoga Select Yearling Sale will include offspring by some of the world's top stallions, such as Into Mischief (11), Gun Runner (14), Uncle Mo (14) and Constitution (6). First-crop stallion Flightline will be respected with 14 offspring in the catalog.

Many members will be joining the Belladonna Racing inspection team for the sale. If you are thinking about also joining us, please let us know. We would love to show you around and share in the excitement that is guaranteed in Saratoga.

Sincerely, *The Belladonna Racing Team*

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ALL IN THE *Family*



▶ RACE REPLAY

## *Sentimental winner at Saratoga*

First-time starter DR. AGNE got our Saratoga meet off to a great start with an exciting win on opening weekend. Originally set to be run on the turf course, this race was moved to the main track where he finished 7 furlongs in 1:25.97. Although expected to prefer turf, his effort on the dirt earned him the honor of being named a "TDN Rising Star."

It was an emotional win for Cherie DeVaux, who played a vital role in nursing Dr. Agne's dam, champion Lady Eli, back to health. We encourage you to click on the stories linked on this page.

Dr. Agne broke sharply with the front-runners but quickly took back off the speed and was sixth along the inside. Hugging the rail around the turn, he began to rally coming past the quarter pole in third. He tipped to the outside of the leading pair and surged past them to gain the lead at the sixteenth pole and won convincingly.

**RACE RECORD: 1-1-0-0 \$55,000**

### Saratoga Maidens, Presented by Keeneland: Dr. Agne with an Emotional First Victory at Saratoga

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Dr. Agne returns after his 'TDN Rising Star' debut at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

### Lady Eli's Son Dr. Agne A Stellar 'Rising Star' At Saratoga

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Dr Agne | Sarah Andrew

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*What's* GOING ON



**RIGHT OR WRONG?**  
WITH NICK ZITO, KAYLIE SHAPIRO & CHERIE DEVAUX

A NYRA BETS PODCAST

Kaylie and Nick sit down with Grade 1-winning trainer and Breeders' Cup-winning trainer Cherie DeVaux who has some of the most exciting horses in training such as She Feels Pretty and Vahva. Cherie talks about her start in the industry, the influence of her mentor Chuck Simon, breaking out on her own, and the special story and connection with Lady Eli and her recent offspring Dr. Agne. You want to make sure to listen to hear about their thoughts on bringing young horses along and how Cherie approaches all aspects of training.



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Right Or Wrong w/ Nick Zito and Kaylie Shapiro | Ep. 7 | Interview with trainer Cherie DeVaux



Courtney V. Bearse

## One Big Beautiful Act Makes 100% Depreciation Permanent

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, passed by Congress July 3 and expected to be signed into law by President Trump, makes permanent 100% bonus depreciation, an important incentive for Thoroughbred breeders and owners, according to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

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*Trivia*  
Q: What is the highest Gross and Average recorded for the Saratoga Select Yearling Sale?

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**AUGUST 4-5**  
Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale  
Saratoga Springs, NY

**AUGUST 10-11**  
Fasig-Tipton New York Bred Yearling Sale  
Saratoga Springs, NY



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TEAM MEMBER

Q&A

## MEET MARTIN A. PEDROZA, *the Rider*

### What made you decide to become a jockey?

My brother was a jockey and I liked being around the horses at the track. I was very small, so I decided to go to Jockey School in Panama City, Panama.

### When did you start riding races and how long did your career last?

I started race-riding in 1982 and rode until 2021.

### Who was your favorite horse to race-ride, and why?

**PRIVATE ZONE.** He was owned by a good friend of mine who was in a wheel



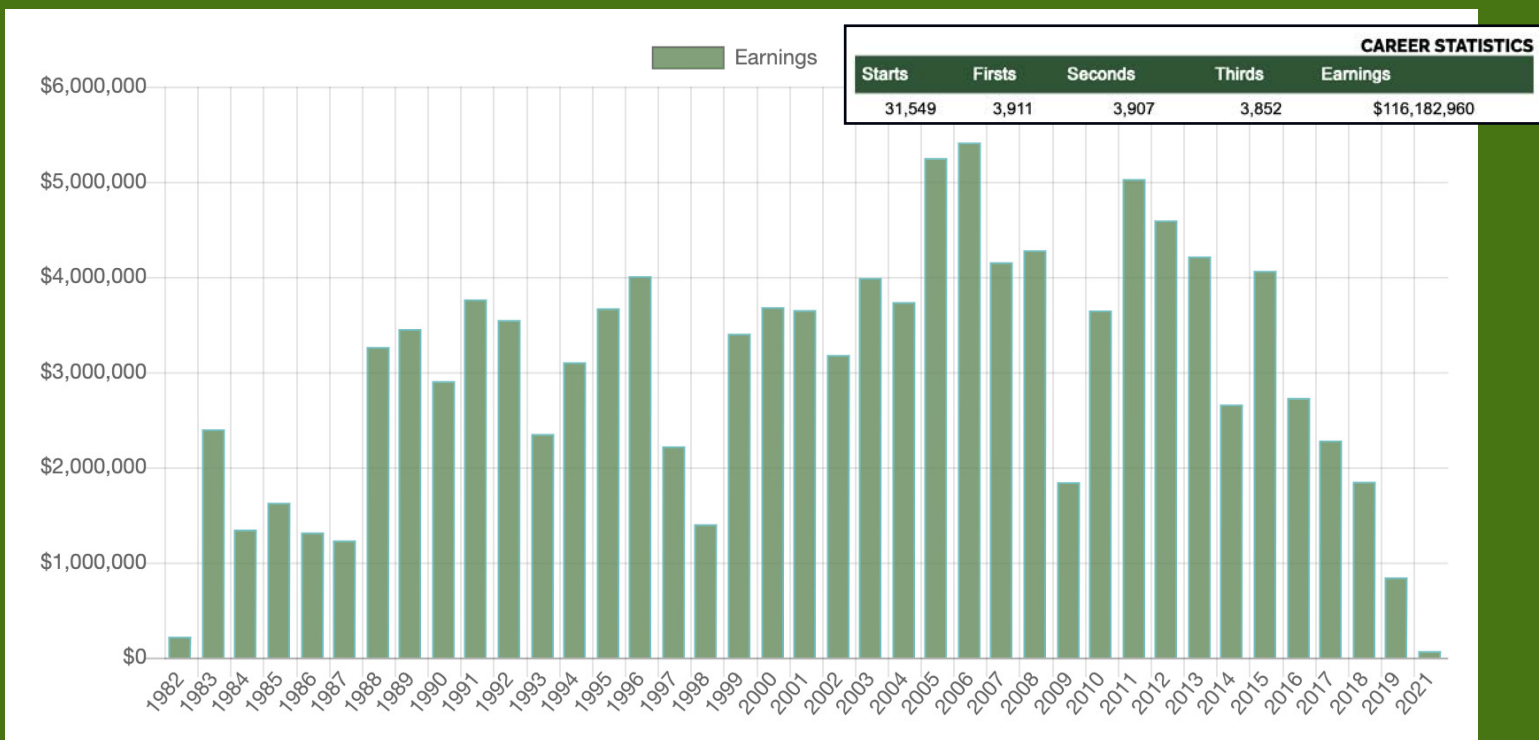
chair and it was very special to win races for him. We won Four Grade 1 races, including the Vosburgh (G1) twice, the Forego (G1), and Cigar Mile (G1).

### Who were the biggest influences in your career?

Several people took me under their wing, including my family as well as the best rider in the world, Laffit Pincay Jr. I also give a lot of credit to Chris McCarron and Eddie Delahoussaye, as they helped me calm down and focus on riding. When I was young, I had a temper. Eddie D. gave me a lot of advice and I learned from it, and McCarron defended me when I would get in trouble.

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## PEDROZA CAREER EARNINGS BY YEAR



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## MARTIN A. PEDROZA (CONT.)

### Do you have a favorite racetrack?

Santa Anita...it's still Santa Anita. I started there when I was 17 years old. Hollywood Park, too. And Del Mar, of course. All those race tracks – they are part of my life. It was beautiful.

### You have been with Cherie for four+ years as a top exercise rider. Do you have a favorite horse in the barn?

**SHE FEELS PRETTY.** I only worked her one time but from Day 1 she showed a lot of potential; so easy. **VAHVA** is special, too; she became too tough for me to gallop.

### Talk about the difference in being an exercise rider and a professional jockey.

I could still race-ride, but I enjoy my life now. I'm working and I'm part of a Team instead of working by myself. Trust me, when the horses that I get on in the mornings run well, it makes me feel good! I think DR. AGNE could be very special. I'm a pretty good judge of which ones are going to be good.

I am very grateful to both David and Cherie and I'm loyal to them. It made me very happy to have a horse named in my honor.



Cherie DeVaux Racing is with belladonnaracing. · [Follow](#)

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@martinpedroza2929 was excited to welcome his name sake to Saratoga this morning. Here he is with 2 year old Pedroza.



## Jockey Martin Pedroza

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## *Around* THE TRACK



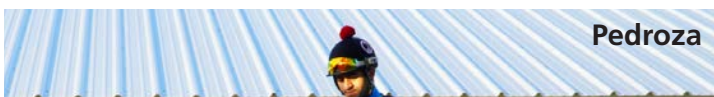
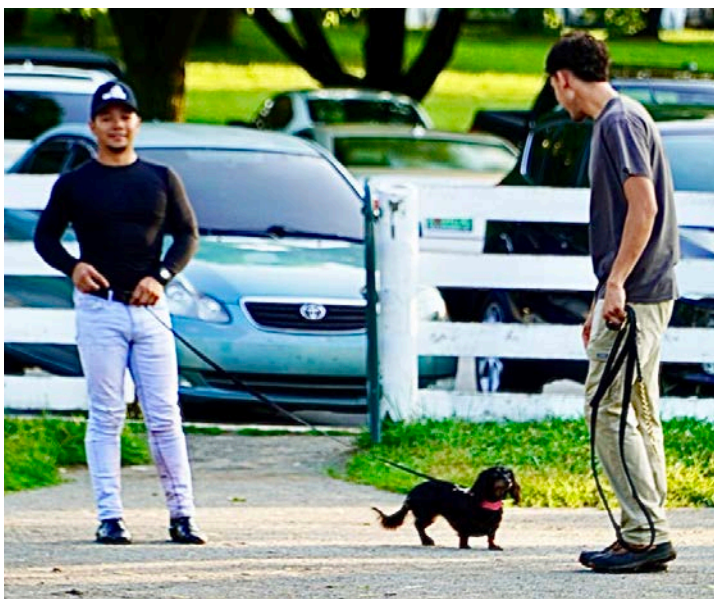
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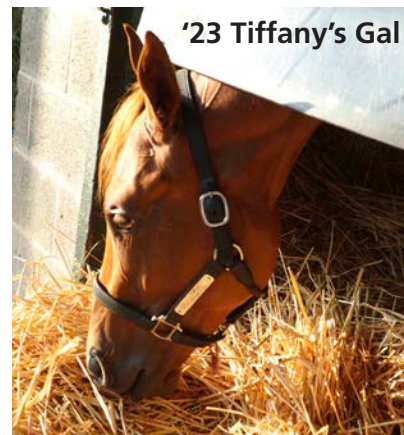
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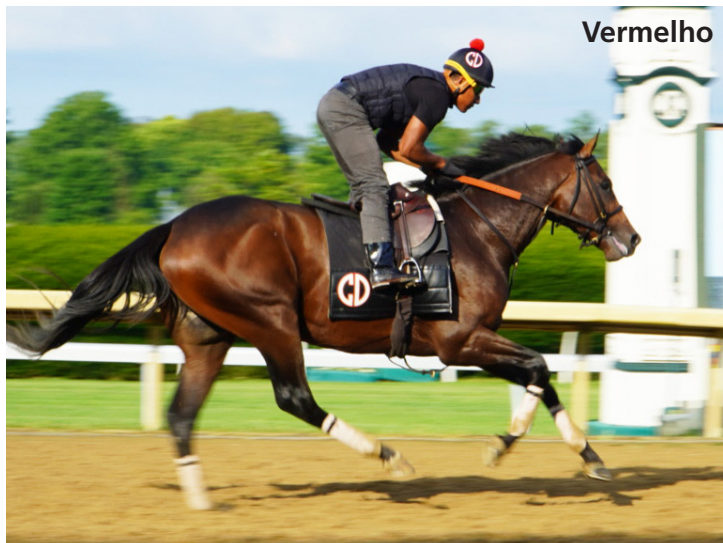


'23 Tiffany's Gal

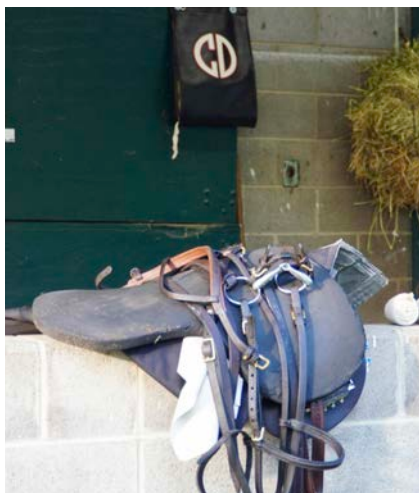
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Vermelho



Vahva

Mount Vernon





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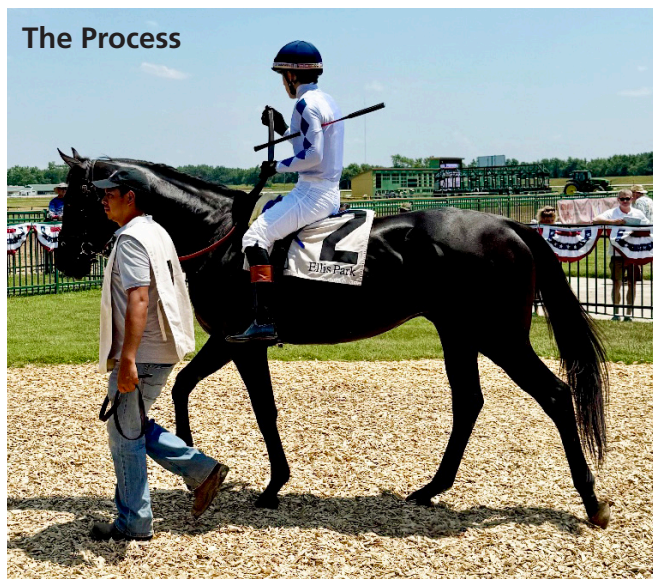
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The Process



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