

BELLADONNA RACING LLC

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GOING FOR THE GOLD!

BELLADONNA AT THE BELMONT

Several of our Belladonna Racing partners were on hand to witness trainer Cherie DeVaux and her Team win the 158th Belmont Stakes with Kentucky Derby winner Golden Tempo. It was an amazing weekend full of fun and fellowship.



We look forward to seeing partners back at Saratoga for the upcoming meet and the prestigious 2026 Yearling Sale!

(Details of the meet starting on page 2!)



**GOLDEN TEMPO
AND JOSE ORTIZ**



History Made: Only two female trainers have won the Belmont AND Golden Tempo is 1 of 19 to win both the KY Derby and Belmont Stakes.



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A SUMMER *Tradition*

Fun Facts About **SARATOGA SPRINGS AND SARATOGA RACECOURSE**

With the calendar turning to the month of July there are many things to be grateful and excited for, such as warm beach weather, backyard barbecues, family vacations, and summer fun. For the true Thoroughbred lover, however, what really gets us excited is that July signifies the opening of the Saratoga Racing season. Opening day this year is Friday, July 3rd with closing day scheduled for Monday, September 7th.

This allows us several weeks of premium racing at the historic venue and beautiful town.

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SCHEDULE**



Racing July 3-Sept. 7

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A SUMMER *Tradition* (CONT.)

The Belladonna Team hopes that you will be able to join us for at least part of the meet. We will kick off our inspections and evaluations for our Belladonna Racing IX and Andiamo II groups with the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearling Sale, a two-night event starting on Monday, August 10th.



In preparation for this year's Saratoga meet, we thought we would share some fun facts about Saratoga Springs and the racetrack that opened on August 3, 1863. *Enjoy.*

Morning Breakfast at the Track. Breakfast at the track is typically held every racing day (except Travers Day and Labor Day). Admission is **FREE** and is open to the public. You can enjoy your breakfast while watching the equine athletes go through their morning routine.

What is Saratoga, NY famous for? Saratoga Springs is known as "the Queen of the Spas." It has a rich heritage as a health resort and gambling center for much of the 19th and 20th centuries.

What is the nickname for Saratoga Springs, NY? The city's slogan is "Health, History, and Horses." Its nickname is The Spa City.

Why is it called Saratoga? Saratoga is a corruption of a Mohawk word. It was the name of Indian hunting grounds located along both sides of the Hudson River. According to the town's history, it derives from se-rach-ta-gue, meaning "the hillside country of the quiet river."

Key 2026 Race Days: August 8th the **Whitney S. (G1)**, August 22nd the **Alabama S. (G1)**, August 29th the **Travers S. (G1)** plus four other Grade 1 races, September 5th the **Spinaway S. (G1)**, and September 6th the **Hopeful S. (G1)**.

Where is a fun spot to go after the races? There are tons of restaurants and bars in downtown Saratoga. Caroline Street is a hot spot with the best Saratoga nightlife. The bars line both sides of the street, so it is never boring. If you are looking for a place to go next to the track, two spots to check out are Siro's, <https://sirossaratoga.com/> and The Horseshoe, <https://www.horseshoesaratoga.com/>, which have live music and a party each night.

Saratoga Springs is slightly over a three-hour car ride from Boston, Massachusetts, or New York City.

Discover Saratoga visit: <https://www.saratogaracetrack.com/about/history-saratoga-race-course/>

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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES



Cherie DeVaux ✓
@reredeaux

In the "What is my life" I have been named as one of Times 100 most influential people in sports

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Pure Magic
Kentucky Derby hero Golden Tempo
delivers again at Spa

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Woodford Reserve
Partners with
Kentucky Derby-
Winning Trainer
Cherie DeVaux on
Limited-Edition
Double Oaked
Single Barrel
Bourbon
Benefiting
Thoroughbred
Aftercare Alliance

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Q: How much money was
wagered on Thoroughbred
racing last year?

ANSWER ON PG 8

Trivia

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PARTNER *Spotlight*

JAMES NEAL

What attracted you to the sport of Thoroughbred Racing?

When I started playing hockey in the NHL, we had a group of friends that loved horse racing and we bought a race horse and named it Eight Shooters. That's where it all started for me getting involved in TB racing.

How were you introduced to the Belladonna Racing Partnership?

I met Scott Runnels at a golf course in Nashville that we belong to named Troubadour. Doc and I became good friends, and he showed me around at the KY Derby a year or so ago. I talk with Scott a lot; he introduced me to David and when saw how good the Team is, I was ready to get back into racing. I was newly retired from hockey.

What Belladonna Racing Partnerships are you involved in?

VIII – this year's 2YOs

Do you have a favorite Belladonna horse?

If so, tell us why?

I don't have one yet

Do you have a favorite part of the Thoroughbred Racing game?

Race day? Sales? Other?

Race day for sure; and I love how tight-knit Belladonna is.

What features of the Belladonna Racing Partnerships do you like most?

The biggest point for me is that it is not a crazy huge partnership. Belladonna keeps its number of partners to a smaller amount, and I really enjoy meeting the other owners.

Tell us a little about your family and where you call home?

I have a 2YO daughter named Rivers, and I call Nashville home. I grew up in Whitby, Ontario, Canada and I'm the oldest of five - three brothers and a sister. I have a farm in Nashville, and my six horses, a zebra, and three Highland cows keep me busy.

What is your daytime job?

I played Hockey for 15 years in the NHL; I recently started a company called Creative Pay, a payment processing company. Creativepay.net

What hobbies or other activities do you enjoy when you have the time?

Riding my horses; I love deer and elk hunting; golfing.



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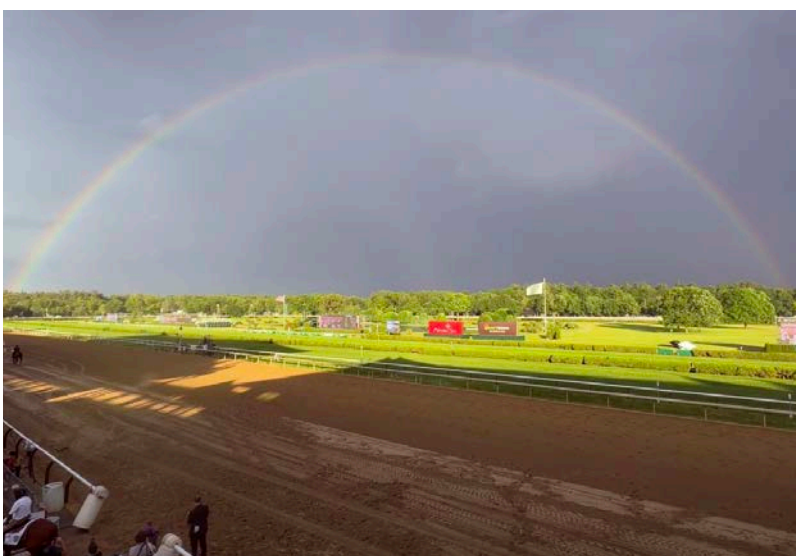
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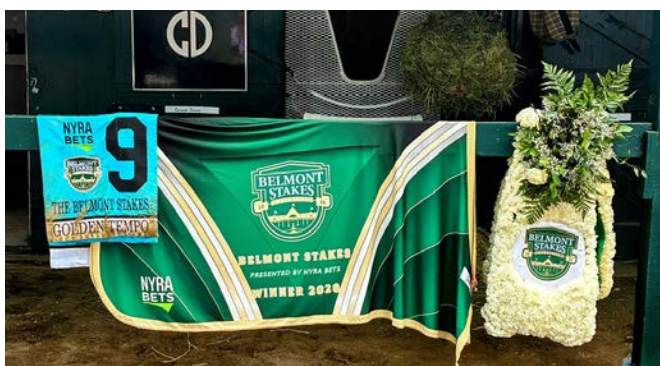
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A: Total U.S. handle in 2025 was approximately \$11.8 Billion.

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