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SARATOGA'S TIME TO *Shine!*

IN SEARCH *for a* DIAMOND

The 2026 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearling sale will be the 105th renewal of this prestigious sale and it marks the kick-off of the 2026 major Thoroughbred Yearling sale season.

The sale will be held over two nights at the Humphrey S. Finney Sales Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, New York, beginning on Monday, August 10th at 6:30pm. There are 230 yearlings catalogued this year; the online catalogue may be viewed [HERE](#).

In the past year alone, this sale has produced six Grade 1 winners and 10 additional Graded winners. These are very impressive results when you consider the average size of the catalogue to be about 200 prospects in total. Horses such as SIERRA LEONE (G1), JOURNALISM (G1), SHRED THE GNAR (G1), and COMMANDMENT (G1) are just some of the sales graduates that have gone on to find racing glory for their connections.

The 2025 Saratoga Select Yearling sale saw a total of 161 prospects listed as sold for a sum of \$100,845,000 and an average of \$626,366.

The Belladonna selection team will be in full force scouting each prospect for our Belladonna IX and Andiamo II rosters.

Good Luck to Us!

THE SARATOGA SALE: AUGUST 10-11

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RACING BY THE *Numbers*

BEST THING ABOUT RACING: LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

BY PAUL MANGANARO



There are three major areas that really make racing special.

Number one, it all starts and ends with the majestic equine athlete. Their beauty, their power, their courage, and their ability to bring out every emotion known to man in a two-minute period are unparalleled.

The uncontrollable emotion of joy in the winner's circle from the connections of the winning horse is difficult to achieve in any other part of life. We see it all the time. People from the highest positions in industry, and even rulers of a country, they can barely speak after winning a race. I think the common answer when someone is asked by a reporter on TVG after they've won a race, "What are you feeling right now?" is "I don't have any words to describe it."

So, you can't get that excitement, in my opinion, anywhere else. You're definitely not getting it in the stock market or any other sport. That's because it's so difficult to get to that winner's circle, especially in the big races. So, it starts and ends with the majestic equine athlete and the love for them because of their beauty, power, and courage.

Number two, which I've been fortunate enough to experience since I was 14 years old, is the common bond that individuals share through the horse. The horse and the sport of Thoroughbred racing have a way of bringing people together regardless of their differences. Next time you're at a horse sale or a race, just look around and you will see people from many diverse ethnic, social, religious, and economic backgrounds. It is the horse and the sport that bring them together. Over the past five decades, and I can't believe I'm saying that because that's 50 years and I'm aging myself, I have shared many special moments and built memories with family members as a result of our involvement with racing.

I have also built many lifelong friendships. I met one of my dearest friends, John Williams, when I was around 15

years old in the late '70s.

At the time, John was the general manager of Spendthrift Farm and was young enough to still have some black hair. We remain close friends to this day. We have attended each other's weddings and have developed a close bond with each other's families. During the past decade, I have developed many new friendships through my involvement with our Belladonna Racing partnership that I started with David Ingordo. He is another close friend. We have introduced our great sport to others at a high level. Over this time, I have become very close with many of our partners and consider them friends first.



The sport of racing has given me the opportunity to meet so many successful and good people that I wouldn't have met if not for our shared love of racing.

Number three, racing is still the most exciting two minutes in sports. Do we need to improve in some areas, such as branding, accessibility and providing access to our sport? Yes, we do. But look at this year's Kentucky Derby. We had an all-time record with 24.4 million viewers tuning in for the race. It's the pageantry, the intriguing personalities of our owners, jockeys and trainers, and the many human interest storylines that are areas that attract attention to our sport. That's something we can and should highlight to broaden interest in racing. Everyone also loves to cheer for the underdog. We see it in sports all the time.

In my opinion, Thoroughbred racing is the only sport where we may find a small group of former high school classmates joining together to own a horse and then get the chance to compete against titans in the industry at the highest level. A large bankroll can improve your chances for success in this sport, but the dream of success at the highest level is available to everyone.

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CHANGE OF COURSE

Pays Off!

MOUNT VERNON DIGS THE DIRT



MOUNT VERNON was a game winner on his dirt debut at Horseshoe Indiana on July 7th, running a gusty race to outlast his stable mate and BDR VI runner CROMWELL. He covered the one mile in 1:38.9 over a fast main track.

MOUNT VERNON broke sharply with Adam Beschizza, and the pair put themselves into the race from the start. Relaxing, but staying in a forward position, MOUNT VERNON launched his bid from the outside of two other runners and pulled away from the competition down the stretch.

The only danger was Cromwell, who came along side in the late stages, but MOUNT VERNON dug back in to win a head bob in what was a very good effort off the brief layoff.

Cherie commented, "I was very happy to see MOUNT VERNON run to how he has been training and to do so on the dirt. I like to use Indiana as a place to get confidence in some of these colts and let them "win" so they know how it feels. I was happy to see that MV dug in when the older CROMWELL came to him and would not allow him to pass by. This is a good step forward. We will look to step him up a little and run at Ellis Park next out for the 1x condition and see how he moves forward."

RECORD: 3-1-0-0 \$19,200

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THE DOCTOR IS IN!

DR. AGNE SCORES ON THE COLONIAL TURF



DR. AGNE earned his second win of his short career on July 6, taking a one-mile turf allowance at Colonial Downs by a neck. Final time was 1:35.8 over firm going.

The 2-1 favorite was placed forwardly through the opening stages in the hands of jockey Jareth Loveberry while saving ground from behind the leaders. He then tipped out three wide into the lane, went to the pacesetter inside the final furlong, and edged away at the wire.

After winning on debut at Saratoga last summer, Dr. Agne posted three consecutive fourth-place finishes against stakes company (two graded), and was an even sixth in Churchill allowance company last out on June 5. Dr. Agne was equipped with blinkers for this contest.

RECORD: 6-2-0-0, \$140,524

[▶ RACE REPLAY](#)

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UNDERSTANDING THE YEARLING CATALOG PAGE

1 Hip No. **4**

2 Consigned by Lane's End, Agent **Gray or Roan Colt**

3 Barn 1 **15**

4 **Gray or Roan Colt**
May 7, 2015

5 Violence { Medaglia d'Oro { El Prado (IRE)
Violent Beauty { Cappuccino Bay
Queen's Triomphe { Cure the Blues { Gone West
(1999) { Prematurely Gray { Storming Beauty
{ Stop the Music
{ Quick Cure
{ Relaunch
{ Raawiye

6 By **VIOLENCE** (2010), black type winner of 3 races in 4 starts, \$623,000, CashCall Futurity [G1], Nashua S. [G2], 2nd Fountain of Youth S. [G2]. Son of Medaglia d'Oro [G1], \$5,754,720, sire of 85 black type winners, including Rachel Alexandra (13 wins, \$3,506,730, horse of the year, champion, Preakness S [G1], etc.). His first foals are yearlings of 2016.

7 1st dam
QUEEN'S TRIOMPHE, by Cure the Blues. 6 wins, \$162,193, Montauk H.-R (AQU, \$49,725), 2nd Ladies H. [G3] (AQU, \$22,420). Dam of 8 foals of racing age, including a 2-year-old of 2016, seven to race, 4 winners, including--
Lunar Rover (c. by Malibu Moon). 3 wins, 3 to 5, 2016, \$128,508 in N.A./U.S. Total: \$131,416.

8 2nd dam
PREMATURELY GRAY, by Relaunch. Winner at 3, \$24,600. Dam of 7 foals, 6 winners, including--
EASY TEE (f. by Lil E. Tee). 9 wins, \$220,903, Florence Henderson S.-R (IND, \$30,000), Frances Slocum S.-R (HOO, \$27,000) twice, 2nd Merrillville S.-R (HOO, \$20,000), etc. Producer.
LIL E ROSE (f. by Lil E. Tee). 9 wins, 3 to 5, \$175,742, West Mesa H. (ALB, \$27,000). Producer.
BLUESBREAKER (c. by A. P Jet). 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$172,145, Damon Runyon S.-R (AQU, \$49,560). Sire.
QUEEN'S TRIOMPHE (f. by Cure the Blues). Black type winner, above. Decoding the Gray. 19 wins, 2 to 8, \$216,360.

9 3rd dam
RAAWIYEH, by Raja Baba. Placed at 2 in England; 2 wins, \$45,390 in N.A./U.S. Sister to Svarga. Dam of 11 foals to race, all winners, including--
Eastern Lily. 3 wins, \$69,779, 2nd Queen S. Dam of **Sound of Guns**. Betweinyouandme. 9 wins to 5, \$192,706. Dam of **Early Response** (8 wins, \$200,628, 2nd Ontario County S.-R), **Kachina Lady** (in Panama). Pammer. 2 wins at 3, \$12,389. Dam of **Big Crescendo** (4 wins, \$29,948).

10 4th dam
UNFURLED, by Hoist the Flag. Winner at 2, \$5,390. Half-sister to **WAGEKO** (\$55,291), **Lanyon**. Dam of 10 foals, 9 winners, including--
SHAADI. 5 wins in England and Ireland, St. James's Palace S. [G1], Irish Two Thousand Guineas [G1], etc. Total: \$482,514. Sire.
PLEASURE CAY. 9 wins, 2 to 4, \$380,599, Bed o' Roses H.-G3, etc.
Svarga. 5 wins, \$114,916, 2nd Leonia S., etc. Dam of **Mystical Path**, etc. G'dam of **COTTAGE GARDEN** (\$326,167), **CZARINA** (\$142,825). Unbiased. Winner at 3 in England, 3rd Fern Hill S. Producer. Granddam of **Aquila Oculus** (7 wins, 107,892 euro in Ireland, Total: \$100,810). Monoprint. 2 wins at 3, \$40,150. Dam of **BRUSH OVER**, **Brushed On** [G3] (\$424,514), etc. G'dam of **SIR GREELEY** [G3] (\$594,251), **SUM-ACHA'HOT** (11 wins, \$273,980), **MADRILENA** (5 wins, \$220,925).

11 Breeders' Cup nominated.
KTDF.

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- 1** The number identifying the horse, appearing on its hip.
- 2** The horse's pedigree, traced three generations. At each generation the sire appears on the top and the dam on the bottom.
- 3** The horse's birth date.
- 4** A synopsis of the sire's racing record and his notable progeny.
- 5** A synopsis of the first dam's racing record and her notable progeny.
- 6** The maternal grandmother.
- 7** A synopsis of the racing record of the second dam's most prominent offspring. Each indentation represents one generation.
- 8** The maternal great-grandmother.
- 9** Bold capital letters for a horse's name indicate the horse is a stakes winner. If its name appears in bold lowercase letters, the horse is stakes-placed.
- 10** Indicates the stakes race is graded and which grade.
- 11** Many states have special racing opportunities restricted to horses bred in their state. This will indicate if the horse is eligible for such a program.
- 12** A listing of upcoming stakes races to which the horse has been nominated.
- 13** The horse's name. If unnamed, the horse is described by sex and color.
- 14** The name of the consignor (the farm or individual selling the horse).
- 15** The barn number where the consignor is located.

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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES



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We had ourselves a wonderful time celebrating being named one of @time magazine top 100 sports figures. It's special sharing space with so many driven and inspiring figures. #timemagazine #nyc



A buyer inspects a yearling

TOBA to Host Pedigree, Conformation Clinic

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) will host its Pedigree and Conformation Clinic on October 19, 2026, at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington, Kentucky. The one-day educational program is designed to provide Thoroughbred owners, breeders, and racing enthusiasts with in-depth knowledge of pedigree analysis, conformation evaluation, bloodstock selection, and the public auction process.

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Reins of Hope Charity Raises More Than \$50,000

The Reins of Hope 2026 online charity auction concluded on July 21 after an extraordinary outpouring of generosity from the horse racing community, raising more than \$50,000 to benefit those affected by the June barn fire in Saratoga.

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Aug. 10 - 11
Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale
Saratoga Springs, NY.

Aug. 16 - 17
Fasig-Tipton New York Bred Yearling Sale
Saratoga Springs, NY.

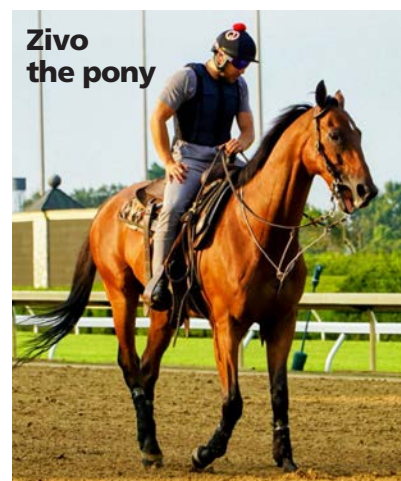
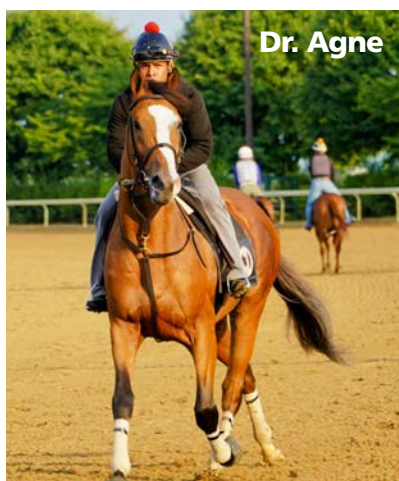
Sept. 14 - 26
Keeneland September Yearling Sale
Lexington, KY



**Reagan, Cherie, and hip-hop artist/
Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Flavor Flav.**

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Around THE TRACK



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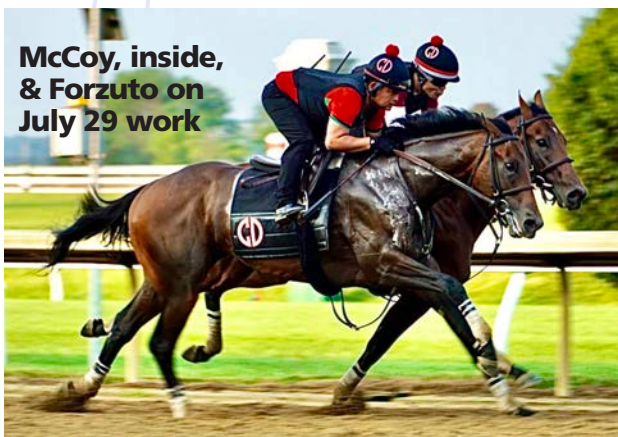


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& Forzuto on
July 29 work



Vermelho



Iconoclast



Legalize



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