The Inside Track
Saratoga 2019

Your guide to the 2019 Saratoga Race Course season
2019 Saratoga Race Course Guide

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Ready or not, this year’s Saratoga meet is here

For several years now, the Saratoga meet has been evolving. I’m starting my 21st season publicly handicapping for The Recorder and 31st as a lover of the sport, so when thoroughbred racing comes upstate, no one is a happier camper than me. But, through the years it has become less of a tradition and more as a showcase for the New York Racing Association as a whole.

From 24 days of racing more than 25 years ago, to the current 40-day meet, the best racing in the country is showcased. From a starting date the end of July, to the earliest ever this year on July 11, the Spa seems to be recreating itself, year after year. I believe now that the reinvention of the “Summer Place to Be” has finally, maxed out with what it brings to the table.

What I mean by that is, racing at Saratoga has nothing more to prove on any level. I do believe that the current 40-day race meet will never be extended with improvements being done to Belmont Park starting this year. With the elimination on racing on Mondays — which I’ll miss dearly — starting the week after the fourth of July, everyone will be heading upstate until Labor Day for the foreseeable future. While NYRA thinks the elimination of the nine-race Monday card will do good in the long run, I differ with that point. Many people I know looked forward the normal nine-race card and loved the quaint smaller crowds after the weekend.

A trend I’ve seen since the reorganization of NYRA is to benefit more outside the live racing at the Spa. Former NYRA Chief Executive Officer Chris Kay made it a point to give a lot to the city of Saratoga Springs while racing is conducted here during the summer. The elimination of the

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Marley’s Freedom races to victory in the 2018 Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.
twilight racing on the first and last Friday of the meet was a perfect example of that. It was hoped by racing in the afternoon, more people would venture downtown after the daily nine. But a 3 p.m. start just two days of the 40 wasn’t good enough for Kay and the city fathers, and twilight racing at Saratoga disappeared.

Making this place a destination for all walks of life is good in theory. But it has gone way over board on almost every level. Prices have increased, what was once reasonable amount of money to spend a day has gotten very pricey. It became a vacation destination resort, forgetting that it still is a racetrack. While it’s great that improvements have been made to the facility, I believe that it has reached it’s max with the new building opening this year next to the clubhouse. Saratoga’s version of luxury box seating is now in action at the old, historic Spa.

So just maybe we can take a step back and say that Saratoga 2019 has reached all the heights that NYRA and CKay envisioned. Maybe we can just be happy with all the major improvements that have occurred the past 15 years or so. I’ve always longed for the days of a short, traditional meet like the past. It will never be that way again, but after all Saratoga only comes once a year, so I’ll take what it has to offer. But to really think that non-racing fans will come more than one week during the season is a bit of a stretch. Unless you have an unlimited bankroll.

Things could be worse also, we could be going through what California racing is with leadership who knows nothing about the game and leading West Coast racing into extinction. The gambling dollar in New York has a lot of ways to go nowadays with casinos on every block. Let’s face it, other than Saratoga, the sport is generated by the die-hard fans who follow it year around. But, what’s done is done and hopefully with good weather and top notch racing, the 2019 Saratoga thoroughbred will break new numbers this year. I sure NYRA will let us know that and the product on track will show us that.

So, here’s a salute to the earliest Saratoga meet ever. Forty racing days with hopefully little or no rain. Safe racing for the equine stars and not the black cloud of California racing sneaking its way here. I can only hope for the best under the current circumstances. But most of all, my key is making a little money along the way. Things change, life changes and guess I roll with the changes and conform.
Fans watch from the rail and grandstand at Saratoga Race Course.
I love to share my memories of Saratoga from the past 30-plus years I’ve attended the meet. It’s been a staple of my columns for this special Saratoga magazine to recall fun times and historic moments that I was there in person for at the historic Union Avenue track. For this year’s installment we look back at 1989 and the year of New York’s Easy Goer, and the last time a 3-year-old colt prepped in the Whitney Handicap for the Travers Stakes.

I believe that 30 years ago was the time when I really became an adult and left my young years as a partying teenager behind. With three years under my belt with a real full-time job and only a few months away meeting my love of my life and leaving the safe confines of 7 Kellogg St. in Fort Plain to go on my own, the Saratoga meet of 1989 was a memorable one.

The year before was my first hand of handicapping the entire meet and keeping track of winners and wagering. My trips to Saratoga began to be more frequent and playing the races became more serious.

We’d just come off the most exciting Triple Crown runs since 1978. Even though there wasn’t a Triple Crown winner, Sunday Silence and Easy Goer put on a show running one-two in each of the three races. The Californian Sunday Silence scored in the first two legs at the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes and New York’s Easy Goer was much the best in the Belmont Stakes. But after the Triple Crown races, both colts when their separate ways until later in the fall at the Breeders’ Cup.

Being a true New York-based trainer, Easy Goer’s conditioner Shug McGaughey pointed his son of Alydar to Saratoga and a chance to win the Belmont Stakes/Travers double. But instead of prepping in the traditional Jim Dandy Stakes restricted for 3-year-olds, McGaughey went the unconventional way and opted to race versus older foes in the Whitney Stakes.

At the time, the Whitney wasn’t as big of a deal as it is now for the older handicap division. So, the familiar Phipps Stables colors of black silks and a cherry red cap ended up facing only five foes and at 1-5 odds to prove Easy Goer was New York’s top horse. I was in attendance for this race in which he handled the rest of the field with devastating ease.

So we moved forward to the Travers Stakes just a few weeks later and now he once again only faced 3-year-olds. Again, only six runners were entered and at odds of 1-5 Easy Goer again proved he was the best horse on the East Coast with a comfortable victory. He only finished worse than third one time in his

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Easy Goer, piloted by Pat Day, left, moves to an eight-length finish ahead of Sunday Silence, second left, to win the Belmont Stakes Saturday, June 10, 1989. Third left is third place finisher Le Vogageur at Belmont Park in New York.
career at NYRA tracks. Later that year in the Breeders’ Cup Classic at Gulfstream Park, he roared down the stretch out of darkness only to come up shy a neck to his old foe Sunday Silence. During his career, Easy Goer only managed one head-to-head victory against Sunday Silence. But during the spring and summer at NYRA tracks, Easy Goer was New York’s finest. Now, 30 years later, trainer McGaughey comes to Saratoga 2019 with another very talented 3-year-old.

Code of Honor broke his maiden here last summer and was most recently third across the wire — later placed second — in the Kentucky Derby. While he doesn’t quite have the resume of a Easy Goer, Code of Honor has showed flashes of brilliance in his short career. He was a sharp second in the Remsen Stakes at Aqueduct last fall going 1 1/8 miles. He won the Fountain of Youth Stakes with a sharp move up the rail at Gulfstream Park. In the Kentucky Derby, he made a similar move along the rail and looked like a winner but tired late.

I’m looking forward to possibly see him in the Travers this year or at least see him race during the meet. Thirty years after his stablemate, Easy Goer won it all here, it would be nice to see another McGaughey runner do the same thing.
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Special events highlight 40-day calendar at Saratoga Race Course

The New York Racing Association has announced a 40-day lineup of entertainment and special events for the 2019 season at Saratoga Race Course, which will begin with Opening Day, Thursday, July 11 and running through Monday, Sept. 2.

Gates open at 11 a.m. each day, including weekends, with the exception of Travers Day, Saturday, Aug. 24. Post time for the first race on Opening Day is 1 p.m.

The event schedule will feature a number of new happenings alongside returning traditions and perennial favorites. Coca-Cola will return as the official sponsor of the Saratoga Pavilion, the on-track venue where NYRA hosts 40 days of special events. The Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion is where fans will gather to enjoy the majority of event activities during the summer meet.

Weekends at the Spa will now feature a popular event series with the addition of Berkshire Bank Family Sundays. Previously held on Mondays, the weekly festival invites families and children to enjoy a wide array of free games, attractions and educational activities.

With the move to the weekend, Berkshire Bank Family Sundays is expected to draw more fans than ever before, supplemented by the nearby Berkshire Bank Family Zone, a smoke- and alcohol-free interactive play area for children. Additional features include a complimentary phone charging station, courtesy of Berkshire Bank, and a giant Adirondack-style chair designed for photo opportunities.

NYRA will continue its tradition of premium giveaways with four giveaway days: Sunday, July 14; Wednesday, Aug. 7; Wednesday, Aug. 21; and Sunday, Sept. 1.

Fans can save $2 on grandstand admission to Saratoga Race Course for Opening Weekend and Closing Week with a voucher available at participating Stewart's Shops and Saratoga Downtown Business Association locations. The voucher is valid for use July 11 to 13 and Aug. 28 to Sept. 2 (excluding Sept. 1) through Ticketmaster.com. Limit one transaction per person.

The 2019 Saratoga summer meet will include the following events and happenings:

• OPENING DAY/SEASON PASS HOLDER GIVEAWAY: Thursday, July 11
  The 2019 summer meet will kick-off with the traditional Grade 3, $150,000 Schuylerville for 2-year-old fillies. All season pass and season ticket holders in attendance will receive an exclusive giveaway: a white cooling towel featuring the red Saratoga logo. Available while supplies last on a first-come, first-served basis.

• TASTE NY: WINE & SPIRITS: Every Thursday beginning July 11
  Taste NY: Wine & Spirits will allow fans the opportunity to sample varietals of wine and spirits from numerous New York State wineries and distilleries. Live music will accompany the tasting each Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion. Guests will enjoy five samples for $5. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

• LOW ROLLER CHALLENGE: Every Thursday and Sunday beginning July 11 & 14
  Thursdays and Sundays will include the Low Roller Challenge which allows aspiring handicappers the opportunity to experience the thrill of tournament play for $40, with $30 going towards live bankroll and $10 to the prize pool. Registration begins at 11 a.m. near the Fourstardave Sports Bar.

• DON JULIO THURSDAYS: Every Thursday beginning July 11
  Fans are invited to sample drinks featuring Don Julio tequila each Thursday of the season from 3 to 5 p.m. outside the entrance to The Stretch.

• MARIANO RIVERA DAY: Friday, July 12
  NYRA will host National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee and legendary New York Yankees pitcher Mariano Rivera at Saratoga as part of Opening Weekend festivities. The visit comes one week before Rivera heads to Cooperstown where he will be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame as the first unanimous selection in history. NYRA will honor Rivera with a special ceremony in the Winner’s Circle in recognition of the all-time Major League Baseball saves leader. Secure your spot today for this historic event at NYRA.com/Rivera.

• TASTE NY: CRAFT BEER & CIDER: Every Friday beginning July 12
  Taste NY: Craft Beer & Cider will allow guests the opportunity to sample numerous craft beers and ciders produced exclusively
No Races on Mondays

Mondays or Tuesdays

Schedule current at time of printing ~ subject to change without notice.

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2019 July, August & September Saratoga Race Course Pull-Out Calendar
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**FACILITIES PROVIDED**

| Attendance Capacity               | 70,000 (Designed) |
| Park Area (Added)                 | 25,000 (Estimated) |
| Total Seating Capacity            | 18,000            |
| Closed Circuit TV Monitors (Public)| 1,000+ |
| Concession Stands                 | 1,000+ |
| Toilets (Public)                  | 23               |
| Elevators                         | 5                |
| Escalators                        | 6                |
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by New York State breweries and cideries. Live music will accompany the tasting each Friday from noon to 5 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion. Guests will enjoy five samples for $5. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

• SARATOGA COUNTY EOC FOOD DRIVE: Saturday, July 13
NYRA will welcome the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) to Saratoga for its annual food and essential goods drive. Fans who donate at least three non-perishable items at the Community Outreach Booth will receive a free 2018 Saratoga baseball cap, while supplies last, and will be entered to win tickets to the 150th running of the Grade 1, $1.25 million Runhappy Travers and other great prizes.

• FASHION SATURDAYS: Every Saturday beginning July 13
Designed to showcase the tradition of style in thoroughbred racing, the weekly event will feature women’s and men’s fashion apparel from local retailers such as The Pink Paddock, Miss Scarlett Boutique and The National, as well as a selection of home décor and jewelry items. The event will be held each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion.

• WOODFORD RESERVE BOURBON SATURDAYS: Every Saturday beginning July 13
Fans will be invited to enjoy specialty drinks and selections from Woodford Reserve at the Jim Dandy Bar each Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.

• KETEL ONE SATURDAYS: Every Saturday beginning July 14
Fans are invited to sample the new Ketel One Botanicals from 3 to 5 p.m. each Saturday outside the entrance to The Stretch.

• 28th ANNUAL HAT CONTEST PRESENTED BY MOET & CHANDON AND HAT SATIONA! BY DEI: Sunday, July 14
Fans will compete for great prizes in the 28th annual Hat Contest which features three categories: Kreative Kids, Fashionably Saratoga and Uniquely Saratoga. Registration begins at noon under the grandstand with the contests taking place after the second, third and fourth races.

• BERKSHIRE BANK FAMILY SUNDAYS: Every Sunday beginning July 14
Berkshire Bank Family Sundays will feature a wide variety of free family-friendly activities, games, attractions and educational activities each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion.

• MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY: Wednesday, July 24
Saratoga Race Course will pay tribute to active military members and veterans in appreciation of their sacrifice and service to our nation. The Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion

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will feature exhibits and activities throughout the day. All veterans and active duty military will receive free Grandstand admission with military ID. Veterans from World War II to those currently serving will be recognized prior to several of the day’s races, including a special ceremony in the Winner’s Circle following the third race.

• PERMANENTLY DISABLED JOCKEYS’ FUND AWARENESS DAY: Saturday, July 27
Saratoga Race Course will unite with racetracks across the country with autograph signings and photo opportunities as part of the Permanently Disabled Jockeys’ Fund (PDJF) Day Across America.

• PAINT AND SIP AT SARATOGA: Sunday, July 28
Fans are invited to create their own masterpieces during a Saratoga-themed Paint and Sip event in the Paddock Tent. Tickets are available by calling the NYRA Box Office at (844) NYRA-TIX.  

• TASTE NY: FOOD DAY: Wednesday, July 31
Taste NY: Food Day will welcome fans to enjoy a lively on-track market of numerous food vendors featuring products made exclusively in New York State, including crackers, granola, preserves, gelato, olive oil and dessert cakes. The market will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion.

• WHITNEY WEEKEND AND THE FASIG-TIPTON FESTIVAL OF RACING, FEATURING THE TURF TRIPLE SERIES: Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Aug. 4
The Fasig-Tipton Festival of Racing will be headlined by one of the meet’s marquee races: the Grade 1, $1 million Whitney on Saturday, Aug. 3 in addition to the Grade 1, $500,000 Longines Test. The popular weekend will feature a new addition this summer: the debut of the Turf Triple series. The three-race series will showcase the best turf runners in the country and offer $5.25 million in purse money. The middle jewel of the Turf Tiara, the series restricted to 3-year-old fillies, will kick off Whitney weekend on Friday, Aug. 2 with the inaugural $750,000 Saratoga Oaks. The middle leg of the Turf Trinity, the series restricted to 3-year-old males designed to emulate the American dirt classics, will bookend Whitney weekend with the inaugural $1 million Saratoga Derby on Sunday, Aug. 4.

• JOCKEY LEGENDS DAY PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON: Sunday, Aug. 4
Some of the greatest riders in the history of thoroughbred racing will gather at Saratoga Race Course for the sixth annual Jockey Legends Day. The day’s activities will feature special appearances by some of the Spa’s most accomplished riders and autograph signings with a suggested donation to benefit the Permanently Disabled Jockeys’ Fund.

• SARA-“YOGA” PRESENTED BY MOET & CHANDON: Sunday, Aug. 4; Aug. 18
Fans are invited to enjoy a morning of yoga at Saratoga. The event includes a one-hour practice at the Top of the Stretch, followed by a light brunch in the Miller Lite Party Tent. Tickets are available by calling the NYRA Box Office at (844) NYRA-TIX.

• FIRST RESPONDERS DAY: Wednesday, Aug. 7
Saratoga Race Course will honor police officers, firefighters, EMTs and paramedics during First Responders Day. The Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion will feature interactive exhibits and activities throughout the day, in addition to fire engines and police cars on display. All first responders will receive free Grandstand admission with proper ID.

• FABULOUS FILLIES DAY: Thursday, Aug. 8
Saratoga Race Course will celebrate women and their contributions to the thoroughbred industry while raising funds to support The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Saratoga will also honor local breast cancer survivors in partnership with To Life! In addition, this year’s event will feature some of the world’s best professional female athletes who will be participating in the Aurora Games, the inaugural all-women’s sports and entertainment festival at the Times Union Center in Albany, NY, on Aug. 20-25. The day will also feature the return of the Best in Pink fashion contest for women and men, sponsored by vineyard vines. A highlight of the day will be the Sizzling Hot Pink Saratoga Hat Luncheon. This year’s luncheon will honor Barbara Jo Rubin.

• SARATOGA CHALLENGES: Friday, Aug. 9 and Saturday, Aug. 10
The pair of live money challenges will occur as two separate one-day contests. The Saratoga Challenge on Friday will be awarding cash prizes, as well as an entry to the 2020 Belmont Stakes Challenge and three entries to the 2020 National Handicappers Championship. The Fourstardave Challenge on Saturday will be awarding cash prizes, as well as an entry to the 2020 Belmont Stakes Challenge and five entries to the 2020 National Handicappers Championship. Both challenges will consist of wagering exclusively on Saratoga races through the following pools only: Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta, Quinella and Daily Double. Friday is a $1,000 minimum buy-in; Saturday is a $2,000 minimum buy-in. For more information about the Saratoga Challenges, visit NYRA.com/Challenge.

• ADIRONDACKS DAY: Wednesday, Aug. 14
Saratoga Race Course will highlight the majestic Adirondacks region, including the home of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics, Lake Placid. The day-long event at the Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion will feature activities, exhibits and entertainment which showcase the great attractions of the Adirondacks in upstate New York.

• LUSTGARTEN FOUNDATION DAY: Sunday, Aug. 18
Saratoga will honor the legacy of trainer Dominic Galluscio with a day to benefit The Lustgarten Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to advance scientific and medical research related to pancreatic cancer.

• NEW YORK SPORTS DAY: Wednesday, Aug. 21
Fans will have the opportunity to learn about the many teams and leagues with a home field advantage in the Capital Region during New York Sports Day at Saratoga. Participating teams and colleges include the Tri-City ValleyCats, Adirondack Thunder, University at Albany and Siena Athletics. The Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion will feature exhibits and activities from local sports teams from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• STEWART’S ICE CREAM EATING CONTEST: Wednesday, Aug. 21
Racing fans will compete in the ultimate in chilly contests at the Stewart’s Ice Cream Eating Contest. Contestants will be divided into three age groups - kids, teens and adults - as they battle to see who can eat a pint of ice cream the fastest. The competition will take place in the Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion.

• NEW YORK SHOWCASE DAY: Friday, Aug. 23
Travers weekend will kick off with New York Showcase Day, featuring six stakes races exclusively for New York-breds, including the $250,000 Albany for 3-year-olds, $200,000 Funny Cide for budding New York-bred stars and the $150,000 West Point Stakes presented by Trustco.

• TRAVERS DAY: Saturday, Aug. 24
The 150th running of the Grade 1, $1.25 million Runhappy Travers will be the centerpiece of a supercharged Travers Day. Joining the Mid-Summer Derby for 3-year-olds will be five other Grade 1 stakes: the $850,000 Sword Dancer Invitational at 1 ½ miles on the turf, the $500,000 Ketel One Ballerina for fillies Please see EVENTS, Page 17
and mare sprinters, the $600,000 Forego at seven furlongs, the $500,000 H. Allen Jerkens Memorial presented by Runhappy for 3-year-olds at seven furlongs, and the $700,000 Personal Ensign presented by Lia Infiniti for fillies and mares going 1 1/8 miles. Rounding out the blockbuster card is the Grade 2, $400,000 Woodford Reserve Ballston Spa for turf fillies and mares.

- **ITALIAN & IRISH AMERICAN DAY: Wednesday, Aug. 28**
  The day-long celebration of Italian and Irish heritage will feature traditional music, dance, food, entertainment and games at the Coca-Cola Saratoga Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **FAN APPRECIATION WEEK: Wednesday, Aug. 28 - Monday, Sept. 2**
  NYRA will thank its fans with a series of special events, activities and offers during closing week of the 2019 season.

- **CLOSING DAY: Monday, Sept. 2**
  The 2019 meet will come to a close with the traditional final feature race, the 115th running of the Grade 1, $350,000 Runhappy Hopeful for 2-year-olds, which affords racing fans a preview of potential standouts in next year’s Triple Crown series and Travers.
2019 giveaway items unveiled

SARATOGA SPRINGS — The New York Racing Association has announced its lineup of four premium giveaways for the 2019 meet at Saratoga Race Course.

All giveaways are free with paid admission, while supplies last. Additionally, NYRA will offer an exclusive giveaway for season pass and season ticket holders who are in attendance on Opening Day, Thursday, July 11: A white cooling towel featuring the red Saratoga logo, available while supplies last.

The 2019 Saratoga Race Course premium giveaway schedule is as follows:

**SARATOGA PICNIC COOLER: Sunday, July 14**
The first giveaway of the 2019 season will provide fans with an easy and convenient way to tote their food and beverage spread: a collapsible, red picnic cooler featuring the Saratoga logo emblazoned in white, presented by NYRA Bets. In addition to the Saratoga picnic cooler giveaway, the day’s festivities will include the 28th annual Hat Contest, presented by Moet & Chandon and Hat Sational By DEI.

**SARATOGA BASEBALL CAP: Wednesday, Aug. 7**
Guests will take home the second giveaway of the 2019 meet: the Saratoga baseball cap, presented by Saratoga Casino Hotel. This season’s edition of the annual giveaway item features the Saratoga logo against the backdrop of a red, black and gray camouflage print. The giveaway corresponds with First Responders Day at Saratoga, during which all first responders will receive free Grandstand admission with proper ID.

**SARATOGA BEACH TOWEL: Wednesday, Aug. 21**
The season’s third premium giveaway — a Saratoga beach towel, presented by Upstate Ford Dealers — will kick off the countdown to the 150th running of the Grade 1, $1.25 million Runhappy Travers. The circular beach towel is a colorful rendering of a thoroughbred and jockey charging down the main track with the iconic Saratoga grandstand in the background.

**SARATOGA ZIP-UP HOODIE SWEATSHIRT: Sunday, Sept. 1**
Fans will celebrate closing weekend of the 2019 Saratoga meet with the final giveaway of the season - a Saratoga sweatshirt, presented by Lia Infiniti. The gray hooded, zip-up sweatshirt is adorned with the red Saratoga logo.

Season pass and season ticket holders are guaranteed a Saratoga premium giveaway on the day of the giveaway so long as they are present at Saratoga Race Course and redeem the giveaway by the designated time.

Season admission passes may be purchased online at NYRA.com/Saratoga and in-person at nearly 150 Stewart’s Shops locations throughout the Capital Region. A season pass provides fans with admission to all 40 days of world-class thoroughbred racing at Saratoga Race Course. The cost for a 2019 Grandstand season pass is $50. A Clubhouse season pass is $75. Season passes do not include reserved seating.
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For The Recorder

Here’s a list of winners at Saratoga in 2018, all these runners have raced the past six months.

Nitrous — Broke maiden here last year wire to wire, second in graded stake at a price last time out at Belmont.

Come Dancing — Recently had winning streak broke when stretching out in stakes action downstate, tough older mare on dirt.

Alberobello — Recently failed as the odds-on favorite in stakes race at Monmouth, win was sharp here last year.

Bankit — 3-year-old New York-bred looks to be entered in stakes on dirt.

Promises Fulfilled — Stakes winning sprinter from this looks to rebound off of failed mile attempt at 17-1 last time out, better going shorter.

Channel Maker — Bill Mott turf trainee is a in and out contender when going long on the weeds, demand a price with him.

Tenfold — Broke through two starts back in winning the Pimlico Special, regressed last time step up in the Stephen Foster at Churchill Downs finishing 9th.

Focus Group — Has disappointed in his last two starts in marathon races in graded stakes company, the John’s Call Stakes later in the meet might fit him well.

Jaded Lady — Statebred 3-year-old seeking second career victory, but has come up short since maiden breaker here last summer.

Raging Bull — Closed well stretching out to a marathon distance for loaded Chad Brown barn, interesting what distance he races next time out.

Exulting — Came into his own last year here in off the turf events switched to dirt, class relief could do the trick here.

Casa Creed — Broke maiden here in off the turf race last year, stakes winner on turf since then.

Mucho — Much-touted 2-year-old from last year hasn’t panned out yet as a three year old, maybe return to the Spa could wake him up?

Separationofpowers — Grade I winner here last year going seven furlongs, another who hasn’t regained her form from last season.

Bon Raison — Former low level claimer got good after win and claim here, best in mid level sprint races.

Therapist — Statebred turf runner returned running this year, faced tougher open company so far this year and needs to drop back into statebred runners.

Lady Montdore — Ran a hole in the wind last summer on the weeds, expect seeing stakes company again during the meet.

World of Trouble — Made his turf debut here in stakes company, one of the best sprinters either turf or dirt in the country.

Potomac — Won by nine lengths in low levelclaimer here last summer, fits well at this level.

Ticonderoga — One of my favorite Chad Brown turf runners has yet to regain the form he showed here last summer, hopefully catching him at a price.

Veterans Beach — Disappointed big time recently in New York-bred stallion stakes series, winner first out turf sprinting

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here last summer.

Network Effect — Was thought to be a major contender in the 3-year-old ranks this season, hasn’t been seen yet this year for Chad Brown.

Feedback — Was thought to be a major contender in the 3-year-old filly ranks this season, hasn’t been seen since earlier in the year for Chad Brown.

Call Paul — One of the best 3-year-old male sprinters in the division, maybe the Amsterdam Stakes the next start for him?

Fog of War — Chad Brown turf runner may point to the Hall of Fame Stakes for 3-year-olds.

You’re to Blame — Turned into a nice marathon dirt runner since switching to the Todd Pletcher barn last year.

Shesasuperfreak — Had one of the most impressive victories of the meet last year by more than 10 lengths at 12-1.

Pink Sands — Rallied from far back with blinkers on to win last start at Monmouth versus stakes foes for Shug McGaughey.

Leaveemathethegate — This New York-bred scored at a price here over the turf course last summer, been in open company lately.

Endorsed — Sharp maiden breaker first time out at 8-1 for McLaughlin and Godolphin, returned just two weeks ago with solid effort.

Code of Honor — Sharp first time out for McGaughey at 6-1, placed second in Kentucky Derby with sneaky good effort, Travers on the map for him.

Rushing Fall — Typical Chad Brown filly on the weeds, just wins every start.

Timber Ghost — Lightly raced Stronach runner broke maiden here impressively last summer, look in starter handicap races.

Newspaperofrecord — Was thought to be the next coming of Lady Eli last year as a 2-year-old, hasn’t regained that form yet this year.

Admission Office — Failed as the lukewarm favorite last time out in Churchill Downs turf stakes from tough outside post and rough start, holding form since trainer change.

Concrete Rose — Came from the clouds to break maiden turf sprinting here last summer, watch in 3-year-old filly races on the weeds.

Sea Foam — Won the Albany Stakes here last year going a route of ground, recently won for Christophe Clement on Belmont Stakes day undercard.

Forty Under — Broke maiden here on the weeds at 20-1, has yet to return to that winning form as a 3-year-old.

Red Knight — This New York-bred has done well versus open company turf marathon runners, maybe the John’s Call or Sword Dancer for this one.

Catholic Boy — Won his return to the races at Pimlico on the weeds Preakness day, winner of the Travers last season and can go on any surface.

Carlino — Allowance-type router from the Mark Hennig barn.

Opry — Sharp effort winning 2yr.old turf stake here last summer for Todd Pletcher, recently returned to the races.

Dogtag — One of many Chad Brown turf runners, this filly will be pointed to 3-year-old races on the weeds.

Signalman — Broke maiden going seven panels here last year, has disappointed as a 3-year-old.

Yoshida — Another who showed brilliance at the Spa in 2018 and has yet to show a winning effort in 2019.

Complexity — A dirt racer who hasn’t panned out for Chad Brown as a 3-year-old.

Princess Carolina — Broke her maiden here nicely at a price last summer for Kentucky-based connections.
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## Wagering and Attendance Records

**One-day attendance:** 72,745 on August 11, 2007

**One-day handle:** $11,472,451, August 29, 2015 (Travers Day)

**Track Attendance:** 1,065,625 in 2015

**Average daily attendance:** 29,147 in 2003

**Meeting handle (includes downstate):** $157,647,699 in 2015
# 2018 Saratoga Statistics

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