

Race 1 News

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes



TERMINOLOGY

WIN: The horse you select must come in first.

PLACE: The horse you select must come in first or second.

SHOW: The horse you select must come in first, second, or third.

DAILY DOUBLE: A bet attempting to pick the winner of two consecutive races.

PICK THREE: A bet attempting to select the winners of three consecutive races.

PICK FOUR: A bet attempting to select the winners of four consecutive races.

PICK SIX: A bet attempting to select the winners of six consecutive races.

EXACTA: A bet attempting to select the first two finishers in exact order.

TRIFECTA: A bet attempting to select the first **THREE** finishers in exact order.

SUPERFACTA: A bet attempting to select the first **FOUR** finishers in exact order.

Cigars, Beer, and Mustard

by Steve Haskin

It was a two-avenue block walk to Flatlands Ave. in the Flatlands section of Brooklyn. You knew the schedule, so it was never a long wait for the Pioneer bus to arrive. The bus arrives pretty much on time. You walk on, pay the fare and are immediately engulfed by the smell of cigar smoke.

I have never taken a puff of a cigar, but the smell is intoxicating, bringing me back to my childhood and Ebbetts Fields and my Uncle Sam's cigars, and then later Yankee Stadium and then the old Madison Square Garden on 50th Street. Those were the special places of my youth where the smell of cigar smoke blended so perfectly with the smell of beer and mustard. Soon those three aromas would come together in the grandstand of Aqueduct Racetrack, which was only eight years

GIGGLE MONSTER

Third over half, loose cover to lane, came 3-4wide, urged, just fair into the fast mile. Nick returns. Post relief. Gotta use.

BET TOGETHER

Sped from gate, yielded to quarter moving fave, popped out last turn, swallowed up by pair he led up. Solid form. Class relief. Obvious contender too.

MITCH MCBLUEGRASS

Sped from gate, accelerated into far turn, gained a margin, called it off final eighth. Okay form, but in with some toughies.

REYS N A RUCKUS

Settled in for half, kicked out on rim, advanced to lane, urged, surged near wire, away. Facing some hard hitters here.

BUNKERHILL BILL

Out mid turn to get control, slowed 3rd panel with longshot 1st over, sped home on own, easy. Confidence booster. But he's also stepping up.

PICK 5 (16% Takeout) - 20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

50 Cent Wagers	Your Cost		
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 1	\$.20	2 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$6.40
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 2	\$.40	2 x 2 x 2 x 3 x 3	\$14.40
1 x 1 x 1 x 2 x 2	\$.80	2 x 2 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$21.60
1 x 1 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$1.60	1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5	\$24.00
1 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$3.20	2 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$32.40
1 x 1 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$5.40	3 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$48.60
		2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6	\$144.00

Race 2 News

old when I first inhabited it in 1967.

I was 12 years old when this spanking new colorful modern structure sprung to life a stone's throw from the Belt Parkway. I had no idea what it was as we drove past it back in 1959, only that it reminded me of a baseball stadium.

Now, here I was eight years later a young man of 20 waiting on the corner for the bus who would take me to paradise; to the magical world of Thoroughbred racing; a world that would in all essence save my life. Aqueduct, known as The Big A, was the racetrack of the future, as busses, cars, and even trains converged on the track, which was the only track to have its own subway station.

The bus ride was one of hope and bravado for the mostly grizzled occupants, their heads buried in the "Telly," known officially as The Morning Telegraph. You had to get a head start on your handicapping if

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CENALTA GLORY

Sat in the trip, cleared traffic into the lane, only fair once free. Rail. Luke returns. Figures to take window attention here.

LICKCREEK SPEEDWAY

Broke mid turn, took out, rimmed balance, bad cover final bend, flattened out late. Fast but not 100% reliable.

BERTHA VANATION

Moved up 3rd over, bad flow, backed up far turn, faded out from the chase. Nick's choice in here. Not the worst stab.

MY MUDDY BUDDY

Sent from gate, pressed by parked full longshot, attacked into lane, faded out final furlong. A little bit of post relief. And okay form too.

EXPLAINNOTCOMPLAIN

Moved on long train, moved 3wide midfar turn, remained wide, solid close. Another one who's been tossing hints. Can't rule out.

PLATINUM TIME

Parked half turn to pocket, benefited inside traffic to lane, urged, best of the rest. Stuck outside once again but does figures to fire out.

PICKET HANOVER

Left to pocket, chased balance, cleared, urged, away. Extra week off. Mooney returns. Moves outside. What's his plan.



TERMINOLOGY

BOXED IN: A horse that is racing on the rail (or fence) and is surrounded by other horses in front, outside and behind it. A horse that is boxed in is held up and unable to gain a clear passage.

BREAK: To start galloping and lose natural trotting or pacing rhythm. It usually occurs more with trotters than pacers.

BROODMARE: A female horse, generally retired from racing, used for breeding purposes.

CARD: Another term for a program of racing. For example, a person may refer to there being twelve races on the card, it simply means 12 races will be staged that particular day.

CATCH DRIVER: A driver which doesn't train his or her own horses, and is engaged by other trainers and owners to drive their horses.

CLAIMING RACE or CLAIMER: A race where any of the entrants may be claimed (purchased) for a specified amount.

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Race 3 News

you wanted to bet the Daily Double, of which there was only one, on the first and second races. Many racetrack goers would rush to their local newsstand the night before to pick up the Telly and get a real early jump on their handicapping. This was a time of 24-hour entries, and candy stores and newspaper shops that would get the Telly delivered every night.

Making the Double was a ritual for some people. When that last train pulled into the station before post time for the first race, people would come rushing off and making a mad dash to the windows. There is the story of this guy running off the train and getting to the windows seconds before the betting closed. He slapped down his money and frantically said to the mutual clerk, "Gimme anybody."

This was before OTB (Off-Track Betting) back when the Telly was 60 cents and the racetrack was the only place to wager, unless you

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CASEY N GRINEGAN
Reserved to far turn, tipped out mid bend, no rally into fast heat. Drops a notch, couple weeks off. Usable.

THATS HOW IT GOES
Settled early, chased balance, stalled out badly late. Also been on the bench a while. Longshot type.

SWEET ONE
Sent from gate, yielded to retakers, traffic to midstretch, tough to gauge. John returns. Probably leaving early.

LAKOTA LAW
Led early, yielded, tracked to lane, urged, solid close, away. Steps up now. Braxten returns. Also fires out?

HAGGINATTHEBEACH
Quarter moved to get control, never pressured, urged to open margin, easy late. Week off. Steps up too. Figures tough.

LLULI
Burst out near half, took pressure from winner last bend, held with solid late interest. Been racing well every week. Gimmick must.

BROOKLYN MOONSHINE
Left well, quarter moved back, yielded near half, snuck 2nd over behind winner 3/4s, driven, best of the rest. James choice tonight. Plan from outside?

FLASH ME BABY
Left, out before quarter to top, went for air last bend, couldn't deny heavy fave, caught for 2nd wire. Idle a few weeks. Nick's choice. Adds to speed equation?



CLASS: A horse which has raced adequately against better foes may find his way into the winner's circle, while a horse who has beaten inferior foes may find tougher horses not to its liking. A fairly reliable way of checking class is comparing the purses of the previous races and the present race.

COLORS: The special colorful jacket worn by drivers when in a race. Unlike Thoroughbred racing, drivers register their own colors and wear them every time they race.

COLT: A male 3 years of age or less.

CONDITIONED RACE: A race where eligibility is based on age, sex, money won, or races won. For example, "3-year-old fillies, non-winners of \$10,000 or 4 races."

COVER: A horse that races with another horse in front of him is said to race with cover, as the leading horse cuts the wind resistance.

CROSS FIRE: When a horse's hind foot strikes the opposite front foot or leg.

CAL EXPO PICK 3 RULES

1. Any scratch in the first leg of a Pick Three is now a refund.
2. A wager with a scratch in the second leg creates a consolation pool.
3. A wager with a scratch in the third leg creates another consolation pool.
4. A wager with scratches in the second and third leg creates another consolation pool.
5. A consolation pool is the sum of all wagers that include the scratch(es) for that leg or legs. The winning combination for the consolation pool is a wager with the winner or winners of the non-scratch leg(s).

Race 4 News

had a bookie. It was before exactas and quinellas and trifectas. You bet win, place, or show or you simply skipped the race and went on to the next one. The only way you could make money betting races with big favorites was hope the racing secretary did his job in weighting the horses. Handicaps were an important part of racing, as it was the only way to bring the horses closer together at the finish. If it wasn't for handicaps and racing secretaries having the freedom to assign outrageous weights, superstars like Kelso, Buckpasser, Damascus, and Dr. Fager would rarely have been beaten. As it is, they rarely were anyway. They truly were Saturday's heroes. Oh, yes, there was no Sunday racing.

Back in those days the three most popular sports in the country by far were baseball, boxing, and horse racing. College football was more popular than professional football, which did not begin to

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GLITTER N GINGER

Sat in whole trip, ended up in heavy stretch traffic, never clear. She could be tighter here. Braxten takes the drive.

PROM QUEEN

Sat in whole trip, angled into lane, fair on her own. How ready will she be in her debut?

CENALTA SUNRISE

Sat in behind speedy clip to stretch, cleared, urged, almost. Been giving solid signals of late. Gotta use her.

LE MONTRACHET

Sat in to far turn, took cover midbend, angled wide, some urging, just fair into fast panel. Mooney's choice. Another player.

MEAN SISTER OF LODI

Slow leaving, gapped, lost contact. Extra week off. But looks longshot again.

SPICE AND ICE

Rode cones whole trip, failed to make any menacing moves. Off a while. Unexciting form, but adds James here.

NUTS N HONEY

Been off a month and now get stuck outside. Gerry takes the drive. She might just need one.



DAM: The female parent, or mother, of a horse. Also a term occasionally used when you take a tough beat in a photo finish.

DEAD HEAT: A situation in which the judges cannot separate two or more horses when judging the outcome of a race.

DISTANCED: A horse that is out of touch with the rest of the field at any point of the race, usually more than 25 lengths behind the leader. This is often referred to as finished distanced.

DRIVER: The person holding a license or permit to drive harness horses. There are different types of licenses, which correspond to differing levels of experience.

EARLY/LATE CLOSER: A race requiring payments which start much closer to the actual race date than a stake "Early" and "Late" involve specified periods of time.

FILLY: A female 3 years of age or less.

PYLON RULE

(For Horses Racing Without Interference)

1. Going inside two (2) pylons and lapped-on at the finish: The offending horse will be disqualified and placed behind any lapped-on horses at the wire.
2. Going inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons: The offending horse will be disqualified and placed last.
3. If an unfair advantage is gained by going inside, over, or in-between one or more pylons in order to pass another competitor: The offending horse will be disqualified.

The steward's discretion applies to all placement.

Race 5 News

make an impact until "the greatest game ever played" between the New York Giants and Baltimore Colts in the 1958 championship game and then through the '60s with the Green Bay Packers' dynasty and the birth of the AFL and the NFL expansion team, the Dallas Cowboys. Professional basketball also did not begin to surge in popularity until the late '60s.

So, every Saturday, the Aqueduct grandstand was packed with 50,000-plus fans. On holidays like Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day, the crowds swelled to 60,000 and 70,000. Belmont Park was being rebuilt (starting in 1962) and The Big A was the only game in town.

The feature back then was always the seventh race, and you could begin to feel the anticipation grow by about the fifth race. You got one stakes and that was it. But, boy, were those stakes special. New

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WINONEFORDOUG

Shot to lead, yielded, out into lane, led late, nailed near wire, ouch. Post relief. Luke's choice. Obvious use.

COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS

Out first, gapped flow round last bend, tired into the stretch. Returns to level of last win. Favorable draw too.

BECKYS DREAMBOAT

Back after missing time. Obvious question is readiness.

GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL

Stuck afar early, at back balance, a needed tuner. Skipped a week. Drops here. Usually plays pretty tough.

MY FRISKIE BOY

Sat in whole trip, gapped a bit, failed to show any late interest. Class relief offers a glimmer of optimism.

USGENERAL WA MANN

3rd over half, not a good lead up, came wide late, no rally. Outside again. Segues from 3 claimers. Who knows?

BEAUS COWBOY

Left 3wide to top, yielded to quarter mover, chased balance, stalled out final eighth. Drops. James returns. Does he fire out?



FIRST-OVER: The first horse to make a move on the leader in a race, moving up on the outside. Those following the first over horse on the outside are second over, third over, etc.

FOAL: A newly born horse. Also describes the act of a mare giving birth.

FREE LEGGED: A pacer which races without wearing hobbles.

GELDING: A castrated male of any age.

HANDICAPPING: The first step in successfully picking a winner (or "handicapping") is becoming familiar with reading the racing program. Each program has a section explaining the information format used at that particular track. Probably the best place to start when handicapping Standardbreds is time. Since over 99 percent of all harness races are conducted at the one-mile distance, valid comparisons can be made among horses.

CHRB Rule No. 1699

(b) A horse shall not interfere with or cause any other horse to lose stride, ground or position in a part of the race where the horse loses the opportunity to place where it might be reasonably expected to finish.

(c) A horse which interferes with another and thereby causes any other horse to lose stride, ground or position, when such other horse is not at fault and when such interference occurs in a part of the race where the horse interfered with loses the opportunity to place where it might, in the opinion of the Stewards, be reasonably expected to finish, may be disqualified and placed behind the horse so interfered with.

Race 6 News

York was the hub of racing and just about every equine star ran there.

My roots in racing were not very deep. I remember two guys on a bus one day talking about Swaps and Nashua. I was fascinated but paid little attention. Then in the sixth or seventh grade my teacher made reference to a horse named Tim Tam. Great name I thought, as we used to have crackers called Tam Tams. And then there was Carry Back, who was the talk of the town after winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. He seemed like an unbeatable force, coming from far back and charging to victory. I couldn't imagine why all horses didn't run that way. Seemed so logical to me. Then in 1963 our class had a raffle on the Kentucky Derby. Everyone wanted to draw No Robbery, because he was owned by the owner of the New York Mets. I drew a horse named Chateaugay that I couldn't even pronounce. I tried to sell him off but there were

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CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK
Sat in to far turn, tipped out, swung wide, driven, fair late rally. Nick's choice here. One of many in open event.
A AND C ARTIST
Rode cones to lane, heavy traffic, loose late, urged, fair. Enough post relief to toss him into your gimmicks.
ITS A GREAT WHITE
Out mid turn to secure pocket behind winner, chased to lane, driven, 2nd best. Okay form since returning. James stays.
PEDIGREE BLUE CHIP
Bided time to far turn, followed rival into the lane, no danger to top pair. Undercard again maybe.
IMMA TANK
Sent hard to midturn lead, braked to far turn, sped home but not quickly enough, nipped for 2nd. Hikes, Luke returns, shot.
HIHOS LITTLE REV
Sped from gate, back out past half, uncovered to lane, urged, edged for 3rd. back to winning level. Mooney's choice. Surely figures.
TWOMICKEYTRIP
Wide early before tucking, tracked balance, some urging, didn't gain. Gets another drop but moves outside. Your call.
CRUSIN FOR YOU
Left to midturn tuck, tipped out far turn, urged to narrow gap. Remains outside. John takes the drive.



HARNESS: The gear which is used to attach the sulky to a horse, to carry the hobbles and to enable the driver to steer the horse.

HOME STRETCH or STRETCH: The straight length of the track, nearest the spectators, where the finish line is situated. It is called this because it is the final part of the track a horse travels down during a race -- on its run 'home' (or run to the finish line).

HOBBLES/HOPPLES: The straps which connect the front and rear legs on the same side of a horse. Most pacers wear hobbles to help balance their stride and maintain a pacing gait. The length of hobbles is adjustable and a trainer registers the length that best suits his or her horse. There are also trotting hobbles that work through a pulley system to help trotters maintain their gait.

HORSE: A male 4 years of age or older.

THE WARM-UPS

The track is busy between races, with horses warming-up for later races. Standardbreds are a rugged breed and this activity enhances their performance. About two hours prior to racing, the trainer will "jog" the horse, the same way any athlete runs to loosen-up prior to competing. Generally, the horse is jogged by going the "wrong way" (clockwise) on the track, follow-

ing a traffic pattern that is standard on tracks all over North America. About an hour before his race, he's warmed-up again. Different trainers have different methods. Some go slowly, others ask for speed. Only experts can detect such things as lameness. Look, though, to see if his gait is fluid. If it is, chances are he's ready to do his best. As a rule, those working out between races **ONE** and **TWO** are in final prepa-

ration for the **FOURTH RACE**, those between **TWO** and **THREE** will be preparing for the **FIFTH RACE**, etc.

SADDLE PADS

Saddle pads at Cal Expo will indicate the horse's betting number and the race number in a smaller size, in upper right hand corner. In the adjacent example: **HORSE NUMBER 3** IN **THE SEVENTH RACE**.

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Race 7 News

no takers. And of course, there were the Sunday papers that seemed to have the name Kelso in the headline every week.

I can't remember who bought it for me, but I had a game that I loved, despite its ridiculous simplicity, called "Kentucky Derby Racing Game." It consisted of a straight-away racetrack, a spinner, play money, and five tiny plastic color-coordinated horses named Citation, Whirlaway, Twenty Grand, Gallant Fox, and Seabiscuit. You spun the arrow and whichever name it landed on, you moved that horse up a space. It was totally mindless, but I loved playing it, despite Citation winning almost every time.

Unlike racing today, the vast majority of fans came to the track equipped with binoculars. There were no replays until the late '60s. It was through those binoculars that you recorded and preserved all images for posterity. Your memories of the afore-

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TWO BEAT

Looped, tucked into turn, sat 3rd behind top pair from quarter, tried a bid late far turn, no close. Luke's choice. Drops in for 3.

OUTLAW BLUE BY YOU

Saved all ground to the lane, stalled out final furlong. Another dropper in the mix.

WHO DAT LOVE

1st out well before half, never really covered, stalled into the lane. Post and class relief. Mooney's choice after week off.

A BAY BAY

Led from gate, pocket behind winner midturn, tracked rest of way, urged, best of the rest. Braxten's back. Shares?

ETHAN HANOVER

Came up on live cover train, angled into lane, didn't rally. Drops out of Goudreau final.

FLY AWAY

Left, settled in for easy run to 3/4s, kicked 3wide into lane, driven. In for 3 here. Steve's choice.

RED STAR TIGER

Parked half turn, yielded by quarter, chased to lane, urged, up near wire. Has some tactical issues.

LINCOLN

Settled in early, soft trip to lane, cleared along cones, some urging to save place. Gerry returns. Post woes.

ROCKNROLL JEWEL

Looped leaving, tucked mid-bend, easy run to the lane, some urging to save show. Has shown speed at times.

BEST DREAM SEEKER

Left with many, tracked balance, urged, no close into fast heat. Drops. Adds John.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

INQUIRY: Stewards may conduct an inquiry as a result of any incident which may have occurred during a race, to determine whether or not certain drivers and/or horses were responsible for the incident and whether they should receive due punishment.

INVITATIONAL: A race for the top horses in the area. Also known as an Open or Free-For-All.

LAME: The term used to describe a horse which is limping or has difficulty walking properly, similar to leg cramping, or a Charley-horse.

LEASING: As opposed to buying a harness horse, people have the option of leasing one. Just like some people lease a car instead of paying the money up-front, leasing a horse gives people use of a horse without large capital outlay. An agreement or contract must be drawn up between the two parties, and the lease must be registered with the relevant controlling body.

STARTER'S RULES

1728. Starter's Control. The starter shall have control over the horses from the formation of the parade until he gives the word 'go.' The starter shall report to the stewards any misconduct or violation on the part of the driver and may order any unmanageable or disabled horse declared (scratched) from the race with the concurrence of the stewards.

1729. Starting the race. The starter shall bring the horses to the starting gate as near one-quarter of a mile from the starting point as the track may permit, and shall endeavor to get all horses away in position and on gait. If a horse refuses to come to the gate, is unmanageable or liable to cause an accident or injury to any other horse or driver, it may be declared and all monies wagered on that horse shall be refunded.

1730. Recalls. The starter may sound a recall for only the following reasons: 1-A horse scored ahead of the gate; 2- There is interference prior to the word 'go' being given; 3-A horse has broken equipment; 4-A horse falls prior to the word 'go' being given. There shall be no recall after the word 'go' is given and any horse, regardless of his position or an accident, shall be deemed a starter from the time he entered into the starter's control unless dismissed.

Race 8 News

mentioned Kelso, Buckpasser, Damascus, and Dr. Fager and all your favorite steeds were of live horses right before your eyes, their glistening coats and distinctive silks a vibrant blur in the sunshine, the sound of their hooves pounding the track, and cool breezes blowing in your face, and, yes, the smell of cigars, beer, and mustard wafting through the grandstand. It was all live, all real, and all beautiful.

This is what awaited me as the Pioneer bus neared Aqueduct. It pulled into the parking lot and stopped to let everyone out at the far end of the grandstand by the top of the stretch. You entered, walked up to the top level and found your seat. It was still early, so the grandstand was still fairly empty and you had your choice of seats. First there was silence, then the slowly growing murmur of the crowd, and finally the silence was interrupted by the distinct high-pitched voice of track announcer

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DUANNES HORIZON

Left to tuck, first out near half, sped by the fave, caught by one she led up. Post relief. Jacob returns. Week off.

GETTER QUEEN FLUSH

Parked past quarter, attacked last bend, stalled out final furlong. Finally back inside. Price thought.

MORGANGETSHERWAY

Moved out near half, led up into contention, stalled a bit into fast mile. Week off. Drops and better post.

GORDY AGAIN

Bobbled, rushed to be off gate 2, 2nd over half, gapped late in the bend, tired. Gerry's choice.

PLACE AT THE BEACH

1st out near half, advanced to striking position, called it off deep in the drive. Gets Dean. Usable.

ALONG CAME JANE

Left well, soft trip to lane, cleared, angled urged, best of the rest. Luke returns to steer.

LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT

Led from gate, quarter moved back, released past half, stalked, away easily. Hikes. Nick's choice.

RELENTLESS DANCER

Rode cones, shuffled to last, angled midstretch, finished fair considering last panel. Drops, moves outside. Gonna need some luck.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

MAIDEN: A horse which has not yet won a race.

MARE: A female 4 years of age or more.

PARI-MUTUEL RACE: A race in which wagering is allowed, held at a track licensed by a state's racing commission. Pari-mutuel races are held at licensed pari-mutuel racetracks or fairs.

PARKED: A horse racing on the outside, with at least one horse between it and the inside rail. A horse on the outside of two horses is said to be **THREE WIDE**.

PHOTO FINISH: When two horses cross the finish too closely to identify a winner, officials call for a photograph of the race, taken exactly at the finish line, to help them determine who was ahead.

POCKET: A horse in the pocket is sitting in perfect position behind the leader, also known as the **two-hole** or the **pocket**.

Pick Four (16%) - \$40,000 Guaranteed Pool

To win the **Pick Four**, you must select the winners of the four (4) races designated as the pick four races. Otherwise, pursuant to (CHRB 1976.9): **If no ticket correctly selects all four winners, 10% of the net pool will be paid to the winner(s) correctly selecting the most winners, 90% of the net pool will CARRYOVER to the next Pick Four Pool.**

Race 9 News

of Fred Capossela welcoming the crowd and announcing the scratches.

And then came those familiar words from "Cappy" we all waited for, "The crowd gets close to the rail, and that means one thing...it is now post time."

As most are aware from my previous columns, Damascus, with his spectacular move, pouncing on his prey in cat-like fashion, was God-like to me, replacing all my boyhood heroes from baseball and hockey. He had been instrumental in opening this new wondrous world up to me. And Dr. Fager was his arch rival who ran with reckless abandon like some wild mustang with fire in his eyes. He was the enemy and I feared him. I will never forget the sound of Cappy's voice announcing to the crowd on July 4th, 1968 in that familiar cadence, "Ladies and gentleman, your attention please, in the seventh race (the long-awaited showdown between Damascus

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BETTOR LADY

Left, yielded, 3hole trip behind top pair to lane, urged to save show spot. Braxten's choice here.

CAPITOL HILL

Moved out near half, not a good flow, came wide, flattened into blazing mile. Noteworthy class relief.

LA DIVA DE ROSA

Moved from back 3rd over into far turn, not a good flow, angled wide, urged, solid close. Hikes, better post.

SHOCK N AWE

Sat in whole trip, urged, no rally in the fast heat. Another dropper from top class. Danger.

SING ALONG

Left on delay, parked past quarter, yielded to quarter moving fave, chased to lane, driven, mild traffic late. Adds Jacob.

HI FIDELITY

Sped to top, pocket behind winner quarter, tracked, some urging, ez 2nd best. Same class but much tougher company.

ROYAL MISTRESS

Led early, yielded, stalked top pair balance, came wide into lane, stalled bit deep in drive. Another dropper to consider.

BRIANS MAGIC GIRL

Rode cones whole trip, urged, didn't keep up late stages. Drops but tactically challenged.

SURPRISINGLY SWEET

Pushed from gate, yielded, snuck out late last bend, urged to get the popular score. Stuck outside against much tougher.

MISSPANDEROSAJONES

1st over from half, never covered, still a decent try into strong winner. Dean's choice. Plan from 10?



POST POSITION: Generally, the closer a horse starts to the inside rail or barrier of the track (especially on smaller tracks), the better is its chance of winning. At the start, horses must either "leave" (start quickly) to get a good position or else find a place on the rail to avoid racing on the outside of other horses. When racing on the outside the horse is said to be "parked out", and loses ground on every turn. A horse on the inside has a better chance to get to the rail or quickly get a good position.

QUALIFIER: A race in which a horse must go a mile below an established time standard to prove itself capable of competing in pari-mutuel races.

SCRATCHING: A horse that is withdrawn (or scratched) from a race before the start.

SIRE: The male parent, or father, of a horse.

HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

10 Cent Wagers

	Your Cost		
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1 with 23 with 234 with 2345 with 6	\$3.20	1 with 2345 with 2345 with 2345 with 234567810.....	\$28.80
1 with 234 with 234 with 234 with 567.....	\$3.60	1 with 234 with 2345 with 23456 with 2345678910.....	\$32.40
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and Dr. Fager in the Suburban Handicap), No. 1A, Hedevar (Damascus' p a c e s e t t e r) has...been...scratched." The buzz in the grandstand that followed can still be heard in my mind today.

I usually sat somewhere in midstretch, yet close enough to dash down to the paddock to see the horses. But by then there was a mass of humanity on the apron, and you had to weave your way through the crowd early enough to get a spot relatively close to the paddock. By the 1970's I was already working at The Telly and now spent my days in the clubhouse for a few extra bucks.

The Pioneer bus ride back home was a totally different scene, as most of the occupants spent the whole trip rehashing their tales of woe and triumph, mostly complaining to no one in particular, but everyone as a whole, about the ones that got away, about the nose defeats, about the

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SWAGASAURUSREX
Saved all ground to the lane, some traffic, tough to gauge late interest. Always dangerous. Rail big asset.

BETTOR IN THE BANK
Reserved for a half, took cover to 3/4s, burst 3wide, exploded, some urging, easily. Adds Dean. Major player again.

BUZZ LIGHT
Out before half, covered up, surged 3wide into lane, solid rally. Post relief. Should be rallying fast.

SIR MAMMO
Out near quarter to top, repelled attack thru fast fractions, had little left last panel. Okay form. Small shot.

MISTER HAT
Away well, 3hole trip behind top pair, urged in lane, mild traffic near wire. His plan here?

COZ AND EFFECT
Stretched hard to clear, middle half breather, sped home but couldn't contain pocket rocket. Very sharp. Obvious use.

DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS
Rode cones to the lane, shook out, urged, up near wire. Braxten returns. Tougher spot now.

BOBBY DAZZLER
Vancouver invader off a month plus, readiness is the obvious question. Mooney hops aboard.

BLUE STAR MAVERICK
Left 3wide to mid turn lead, breather to half, stormed home under urging, strong. Steve's choice. Week off. Plan?



SIRE STAKE: Stake races designed to promote Standardbred breeding and racing within a state. Different states have different rules regulating eligibility to that state's sire stakes program. Rules include: a horse must be the offspring of a stallion standing in the state or a mare living in that state, owned by a resident of that state, or the horse was born in that state.

STAKE RACE: A race where owners make a series of payments, starting well in advance, to keep a horse eligible. If an owner misses a payment to a stakes race, the horse becomes ineligible.

STARTER: The person responsible for starting a harness race. The starter controls the start of the race from the back of the mobile starting car.

SULKY: Also known as the cart or race-bike, the sulky is attached to the harness and carries the driver and which the horse pulls.

C.H.R.B. BREAKING RULES

- 1722. Breaking.** Should any horse break from its gait in either trotting or pacing, the driver shall:
- (a) Where clearance exists, take such horse to the outside.
 - (b) Attempt to pull the horse to its gait.
 - (c) Lose ground.
- 1723. Lapped-on Break.** The driver of a horse which has broken from its gait who has complied with the breaking rule shall not be set back unless a contending horse on his gait is lapped on the hind quarter of the breaking horse at the finish.

Race 11

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bad rides by that "bum" Cordero or Baeza or Ycaza or Belmonte or Rotz. The only thing that was the same as the ride going to the track was the cigar smoke.

One of the most exciting days of the year was opening day at Aqueduct in March, a day that was widely anticipated all winter. What spectacular horses and amazing feats would we witness this year? It was the harbinger of spring, the beginning of a new chapter, not only in racing, but of your life. Working on Wall Street, a familiar sight on opening day were the partners of your firm leaving work early to head for the track, many of whom owned horses. I managed to attend most of the opening days, which usually were sunny, with the colorful tulips spread around the paddock. Horses vacationing in the North all winter or running at Bowie in Maryland or returning from Hialeah all converged on the Big A. All was again right with the world.

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PANCHANTEDIKIROOM

Sat in behind top trio to the stretch, urged, failed to rally. Undercard thoughts from the rail.

LODI EAT MY DUST

1st out past quarter, loose cover from half, kept grinding, held fair. Gets into good spot and post relief noted.

HIHO JULIO

2nd over past half, came 3wide into lane, urged, almost. Solid form, but against softer company.

JOLTIN JOE

Well back early, on rim past half, failed to keep up late stages. Third start back and post relief too.

BUDGIE SMUGGLER

Looped, parked half turn, took back, behind last turn gapper but no rally once free. Gets enough class relief to take a flyer.

DANCE TO THE WIRE

1st out near half, uncovered to the lane, stalled bit final eighth. Adds Braxten. Post seems primary concern.

PADDY MURPHY

Parked eighth plus, took middle half breather, attacked into lane, driven, best of the rest. Luke's choice. Outside but has speed to overcome it.



TIME TRIAL: An attempt to have a horse beat its own best time in a non-competitive event. A time trial is not a race. Galloping horses hitched to sulkeys, called prompters, are used to push a horse to its best effort.

TOTE BOARD: An electronic board, usually in the infield of a track, which posts the odds, amount of money bet, results of a race and the wagering pay-offs.

WEANLING: A baby horse, up to its first birthday.

YEARLING: Any horse between its first and second birthday; all harness horses share the birthday of January 1st.

FAST TRACK: The optimum condition for a dirt track, dry, fast and even.

GOOD TRACK: Condition between fast and slow, generally a bit wet.

SLOPPY TRACK: A track that is wet on surface with firm bottom.

SLOW TRACK: A track with some moisture in it that is not fast, between good and heavy.

MUDDY TRACK: Deep condition of racetrack after being soaked with water.

HEAVY TRACK: Condition of track when wet similar to muddy but slower.

Race 12 News

The track was like being around family. Yes, you had your favorite superstars, but also your favorite allowance horses and claimers. You knew them all. I remember falling in love with a gorgeous jet-black colt named Shakazu, owned by Cragwood Stable, because he was right there in front of me in the flesh and his beauty captivated me.

Yes, these are days long gone. The world has changed, and surely racing has changed. The Telly is gone, binoculars are gone, rushing to make the Double is gone, the concept of superstars carrying staggering weights is gone, the great 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds are gone, opening day at Aqueduct is gone, the crowded grandstands are gone, and, yes, the Pioneer bus is gone. But half a century later I can still smell those cigars and the beer and mustard. Horse racing still envelops my life. Well, at least it is trying to.

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VELOCITY LAYLA
Parked eighth plus, yielded to retakers, tracked, urged, just fair late. Moves to the rail. Can't hurt.

WIZZEL STIX
Out before half, surged into lead 5/8s, kept marching, urged to save place. also gets post relief and John's figuring her out.

KISS ON THE LIPS
Left to tuck, tipped out on rim, gapped out far turn, called it off. Down at this level you can't rule her out.

OUTLAWINTRIGUEDBYU
Out well before half, covered up, not a good flow, came wide, just fair. Has had excuses. Thought.

NO GUARANTEES
2nd over near half, gapped the flow far turn, faded into the lane. Class relief and Mooney returns.

PRINCESS DECLINE
2ndover well before half, not a good flow, came wide, rallied well late. Third start back angle. Gimmick must.

LILAC LAUREY
Sat in whole trip, easy run to lane, no late moves. Back outside. That's a problem.

MARILYN
Parked eighth plus, yielded quarter, traffic into the lane, cleared, only fair once free. James choice. Drops again. Can't rule out despite 8 hole.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

The New Year Claiming Effect One angle to watch out for at the end of the year, and at the beginning of the next year is what happens with 3 and 4 year olds who are racing in claimers. When racing against older horses, 3 year olds are given a 50% allowance, and 4 year olds are given a 25% allowance. Here's what this means. Say you own a 3 year old, and you think the horse is worth, say \$30,000. That's what you are willing to lose him for. So you put him in for a \$30,000 claiming tag and he's racing against older horses. What is the claiming price on these older horses? \$20,000. In other words, your horse (who you value at 30 grand) is racing against older horses who's owners value them at 20 grand. It's an advantage. Now January 1 comes along, and your horse now has a 25% allowance, not 50%. If the same situation applies, and you still think he's worth 30K, then you will have to race him against older horses who are valued at \$25,000, versus \$20,000 when he was 3.

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