Manley Stanley Is standing tall

(Continued from Page One)

"I had blood work done, and had him scoped. Dr Schloeder pulled him through a difficult pneumonia that really affected him for about eight months.

"Last year coming out of his first win, he had a wall separation that closed the season for us. This meet Manley has pulled himself together, and we are enjoying our track time."

It turns out Manley Stanley also has a second career going as he accompanies Lisa to her job as a teacher.

"He goes to school with me. Yes, he's a teacher too! He teaches kids how to groom, wash, walk, lunge and hug a horse. It's called extreme elective day, a day where we teach students about something we love, instead of the everyday Math, English, science or history curriculum.

"So of course, I load up Manley, along with Poncho the donkey, Dazzle the goat, Roxy the potbelly pig, Max the 106 pound dog and other animal ambassadors... shipping them to where I teach on the edge of the tough part of town.

"These kids haven't ever touched a horse, but by the time they leave that one day many of them have a new passion for horses. You can see him on our Facebook Page called Camp Norwood Animals."

You can also see Manley Stanley in action here at Cal Expo on a weekly basis, the last two times ending up in a photo session with Capioso in the charmed circle.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

KING OF THE SWAMP

1st over from half, didn't gain much, mild traffic, urged. Really had no excuses. Luke returns.

CENALTA ECLIPSE

Parked quarter, released, chased to lane, urged to save show slot. Better post. Adds James. Must use.

NEVERMISSABEAT

Gapped early, rode rail whole trip, urged in the lane, even. Undercard slot maybe.

MATTADOR D

Left well, brushed back past quarter, yielded to winner far turn, stalled bit late. Third start back angle applies.

WESTERN FORTUNE

Cover past half, not a good flow, angled wide, urged. Steve's choice over 2 others. Contender too.

WINONEFORDOUG

Led at once, yielded near quarter, followed fave into lane, checked hard, hooked wheels, eliminated. Fires out here?

VOW TO WIN

Parked half, turn, back out into last bend, angled 3wide, failed to rally. Another tough post. Nick returns to the bike.



1st Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	N/A	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	VOW TO WIN	
Fastest time last race	CENALTA ECLIPSE	
Fastest win time this year		
Fastest win time last year	MATTADOR D	
Fastest last '1/4' last race	WESTERN FORTUNE	
Closed Strongly last race	N/A	
Big improvement last race	N/A	
Consistent early speed	N/A	
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A	
Favorable post position change from last race	CENALTA ECLIPSE	
Blocked or in trouble last race	KING OF THE SWAMP WINONEFORDOUG	
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CENALTA ECLIPSE	

PICK 5 (16% Takeout) - 50¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

50 Cent Wagers Your Cost	2 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2\$16.00
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$1 \times 1 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$	2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6\$360.00

Dr. Fager 1968 Part 2: Epic Battles With Damascus

by Steve Haskin

It was a time when handicaps were truly handicaps and not the feeble imitation into which they have mutated. A time when trainers accepted weights and weren't afraid to put their horses in a position to get beat. A time when great horses not only carried heavy burdens, but broke track records in spite of them. A time when trainers were as tough and tenacious as their horses, having come up working at the bush tracks during The Depression. A time when the majority of horses were homebreds owned by classy sportsmen and were born, raised, broken, and trained at home and not subjected to the sales ring.

By June of 1968, Dr. Fager had fully recovered from his severe bout with colic, and although he was forced to miss the Met Mile, a race in which he was born to run, John Nerud regrouped and pointed for the Suburban Handicap on the Fourth of July. Damascus, meanwhile, was given a freshening after his debacle in the Charles Strub Stakes, his third start since plunging right into his 4-year-old campaign at Santa Anita following a grueling 16-race campaign at 3. After four months off, trainer Frank Whitelev found a mile and 70-yard allowance race at Delaware Park on June 17, and the 1-10 Damascus won eased up by 3 3/4 lengths, missing the track record by only two-fifths of a second

Racing fans had been clamoring for a rematch between racing's two titans since the previous September when Damascus crushed Dr. Fager, as well as reigning Horse of the Year Buckpasser, in the Woodward Stakes to clinch 3-year-old and Horse of the Year honors.

The two future Hall of Famers had first faced each other in the one-mile Gotham

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

CENALTA DIAMOND

Led into turn, braked while untested to lane, sped home confidently, never an anxious moment. Facing more seasoned bunch.

LUCKY JEWEL

Came on live cover train near half, followed winner to lane, driven, 2nd best. Racing okay, favorable draw again.

CENALTA CALL GIRL

First over past half, uncovered balance, alongside fave, held well to end. A little tighter after her return?

SMASH

Settled in for soft trip, tipped out late final bend, urged, best of the rest. Enough class relief to merit must use status.

BETTOR LADY

Left 3wide, parked turn, yielded, squeezed back out late final bend, driven, best of the rest. Improved post. Smaller field. Luke's back too.

SURPRISINGLY SWEET

First out near half, long grind on rim, kept marching, urged, 3vying for place. Benefits from small field size again. Might just have her mojo workin'.



2nd Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	CENALTA DIAMOND
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	CENALTA CALL GIRL
Fastest time last race	LUCKY JEWEL
Fastest win time this year	CENALTA DIAMOND
Fastest win time last year	SMASH
Fastest last '1/4' last race	CENALTA DIAMOND CENALTA CALL GIRL
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	CENALTA DIAMOND (W) BETTOR LADY (B) SURPRISINGLY SWEET (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	BETTOR LADY
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CENALTA DIAMOND

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Stakes, with Dr. Fager edging out Damascus after a furious stretch battle and Bill Shoemaker on Damascus getting outridden by Manny Ycaza on the Doctor. They managed to avoid each other until their showdown in the Woodward, as Nerud had decided early on to bypass the Triple Crown and major mile and a quarter races, biding his time and picking his spots until the tempestuous Dr. Fager had a chance to mature and harness some of that blazing speed.

Whiteley, known as The Fox of Laurel, was as shrewd as they came; perhaps one of the few trainers who could rival Nerud in that department. Neither ever left a stone unturned and it was nearly impossible to get an edge on them. Both came up the hard way and had to scrape and claw for everything they got. You might beat them, but you could never out-train them.

Following the Woodward gang-up, a frustrated Nerud approached New York Racing Association chairman James Cox Brady and said, "You tell them I'll put up \$50,000 and the Association will put up \$50,000; winner-take-all, Dr. Fager against Damascus. They (Damascus' connections) put up nothing." But Brady quickly nixed the idea.

What racing fans would see in 1968 was a new-look Dr. Fager, with his long wild mane and forelock and having grown over the winter into an intimidating powerhouse. Following the Californian Stakes, Nerud decided to equip the Doc with a figure-8 bridle in the hope it would make him easier to control and more responsive.

Although Dr. Fager and Damascus were nearly the same height, Dr. Fager gave the appearance of being much larger, holding his head high, and with that long, loose mane blowing in the breeze. He just seemed to dwarf other horses simply by the way he carried himself.

It was now mid-June and the battle lines were drawn. Damascus and Dr. Fager were on a collision course that would bring

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

CENALTA DRAGSTER

Rode cones whole trip, behind last turn gapper, fair once free. A likely longshot even from the pole.

PAY DIRT

Rode cones, suffered last turn traffic behind gapper, cleared late, fair wire. Pretty good spot for him here. Gimmick must.

PRIDEOFTHESIERRAS

Reserved to far turn, tipped out, surged 3wide on rim, closed well, easy 2nd best. Looks strong on paper. Expect a cheap price.

MESSIN IT UP

Back after missed time. Adds Richard. Probably going to need one or two.

I WILL SCORE

Sped to lead entering turn, yielded to winner, shut off 2hole past quarter, faded out final turn. James returns. But another longshot.



3rd Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	PAY DIRT	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	PAY DIRT	
Fastest time last race	PRIDEOFTHESIERRAS	
Fastest win time this year	PAY DIRT	
Fastest win time last year		
Fastest last '1/4' last race	PRIDEOFTHESIERRAS	
Closed Strongly last race	N/A	
Big improvement last race	N/A	
Consistent early speed	I WILL SCORE	
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A	
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A	
Blocked or in trouble last race	CENALTA DRAGSTER PAY DIRT PRIDEOFTHESIERRAS	
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	PAY DIRT	

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).

them face to face on the Fourth of July, with In Reality thrown into the mix. In Reality, who had futilely chased Dr. Fager and Damascus throughout 1967, had taken advantage of Damascus' vacation and Dr. Fager's bout with colic and emerged as the temporary big dog in town, with victories in the John B. Campbell Handicap, Carter Handicap, and Met Mile. With all three heading to the Suburban, there were sure to be fireworks at The Big A.

If In Reality was going to finally have any chance of knocking off the dynamic duo, this would be it, as both Damascus and Dr. Fager had strikes against them going into the race and still would have to give In Reality good chunks of weight. Dr. Fager had to go straight into the Suburban coming off his serious colic attack, which left him gravely ill and forced him to miss the Met Mile.

Damascus, the iron horse who thrived on competition and needed a steady diet of racing to get himself fit, had been given four months off after the Strub and had only that one easy allowance victory at Delaware Park 17 days before the Suburban. He was not as finely tuned as Frank Whiteley would have liked, but the Suburban had always been his target and there was no turning back now. This was a horse who had raced 19 times in an 11month period, 18 of them stakes, and actually kept getting better throughout his 3-year-old campaign. So, of the three big horses, only In Reality was coming into the race dead-fit and in top form.

Damascus was assigned highweight of 133 pounds in the Suburban, with Dr. Fager at 132, and In Reality in with 125. NYRA racing secretary Tommy Trotter said he had never weighted two horses that high in a race. It wasn't every day you saw a horse carrying 125 pounds and getting seven and eight pounds from two other horses.

On the Monday before the race, Trotter received a call from Whiteley, informing him that Damascus definitely would be

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

MY HEARTS CONQUEST

Led briefly, pocket behind pace slowing winner to str, some traffic, tough to gauge. Broke past wire. Looks good on paper. MAJOR JESSE

Far back from outer post, never able to get into it. Better post. James returns. Minor class relief. What's not to like?

HES A NAVAJO

At back to far turn, grabbed cover from winner, solid rally. Back inside. A major threat for all the marbles.

LILBITOFMAMA

Sent from gate, yielded past quarter, checked hard when leader stalled, okay once finally free. Gimmick player but probably underneath.

ITSGOODTOBEKING

Rushed to catch up to gate, away 3wide, parked past quarter, braked, attacked, called it off. Steve's back. Post relief. Might fire out.

HF CARD

Left, broke, broke again past quarter, lost contact. Talented but rather iffy of late. Not at a low price.



4th Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	HF CARD		
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	HF CARD		
Fastest time last race	MY HEARTS CONQUEST		
Fastest win time this year	MY HEARTS CONQUEST ITSGOODTOBEKING		
Fastest win time last year	MAJOR JESSE		
Fastest last '1/4' last race	HES A NAVAJO		
Closed Strongly last race	HES A NAVAJO Lilbitofmama		
Big improvement last race	N/A		
Consistent early speed	N/A		
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A		
Favorable post position change from last race	MAJOR JESSE HES A NAVAJO		
Blocked or in trouble last race	MY HEARTS CONQUEST MAJOR JESSE ITSGOODTOBEKING		
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MY HEARTS CONQUEST MAJOR JESSE HES A NAVAJO		

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.

coming, but he wouldn't be coming alone. Accompanying him would be Hedevar, Damascus' stablemate and former world record holder who was the main culprit in killing off Dr. Fager in the Woodward Stakes. Hedevar was no slouch and was fast enough to push Dr. Fager a long way and force him to run the three-quarters in a brutal 1:09 1/5. To Nerud, it was starting to look as if Dr. Fager would never get a chance to go one-on-one with his arch rival. But Nerud had used the same tactics with Gallant Man in the 1957 Belmont Stakes when he ran Bold Nero as a rabbit against Preakness winner Bold Ruler in the six-horse field and Gallant Man set a new track record.

Whiteley didn't care about one-on-one showdowns. His objective was winning the Suburban, just as it had been in the Woodward. Everyone knew that Dr. Fager was virtually unbeatable on an uncontested lead, especially trying to beat him with a come-from-behind horse Damascus. Not only did Dr. Fager possess extraordinary speed, he was impossible to crack if you looked him in the eye. In Reality had attempted a sneak attack down the backstretch of the 1967 New Hampshire Sweepstakes, trying to catch the giant sleeping. But when he came charging up inside Dr. Fager, the Doc attempted to savage him. However, for all those who are under the belief that Dr. Fager was a need-the-lead type he did prove on several occasions he could sit behind horses in one-turn races. And he also took back in the two-turn Californian. But there always came a time during the race when his rider couldn't hold him any longer and was forced to let him go.

On the morning of the Suburban Handicap, I took the Pioneer bus to Aqueduct and made my way into the grandstand to find my usual seat around the eighth pole. That's usually where the main action was.

Just about the same time, in the racing secretary's office, a mini-drama was being played out that would have a major impact on the race. Nerud spotted Whiteley going

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

SHESAMYSTERYTOME

3rd over into last bend, kicked 3-4wide, solid rally into quick quarter. Week off. Looks like one of many.

SPARKIN YOUR FIRE

Parked turn, released, tracked to lane, stalled. Back inside. Last pair been disappointing. Prior pair were decent. Stab? GETTER OUEEN FLUSH

Tipped out near half, lost cover, kept marching balance, urged to survive. sharp but steps up to top level.

BLUE NOTE

Led from gate, brushed back past quarter, attacked by winner into lane, tried to fight back. Luke's choice. She'll play too.

DELIGHTFULLY WILD

Out into far turn, unable to keep up with 1st over winner, urged, kept grinding to narrow gap. Right trip puts her into the hunt.

BOOZER BRUISER

1st over into last bend, advanced uncovered to lane, driven, tough again. Price will drop now. And she has a tougher post too.

CAPITOL HILL

Left well, pocket mid turn, tracked to midstr, cleared, urged to hold. Mooney's choice. What's she do when the gate springs?



5th Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	BOOZER BRUISER
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	BOOZER BRUISER
Fastest time last race	GETTER QUEEN FLUSH
Fastest win time this year	GETTER QUEEN FLUSH
Fastest win time last year	CAPITOL HILL
Fastest last '1/4' last race	SHESAMYSTERYTOME
Closed Strongly last race	DELIGHTFULLY WILD
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	SHESAMYSTERYTOME CAPITOL HILL
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	BLUE NOTE (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	SHESAMYSTERYTOME DELIGHTFULLY WILD
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	SHESAMYSTERYTOME

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.

into Tommy Trotter's office. As Whiteley was walking out, Nerud overheard a jockey's agent say that Hedevar had just been scratched. When Whiteley looked over at Nerud and didn't deny it he knew it was true. Nerud promptly stood up and said to whoever was listening, "Well, the race is over."

As the crowd of more than 54,000 began to settle in, the familiar voice of track announcer Fred Capossela could be heard over the loudspeaker: "Ladies and gentlemen, in the seventh race, number 1A Hedevar...has...been...scratched." That sent a buzz rippling through the grandstand.

Hedevar, it was reported, had taken a few bad steps following a six-furlong workout, and Whiteley didn't want to take any chances running him.

The fans had what they wanted: Damascus vs. Dr. Fager; titan against titan one on one. Charles Hatton wrote in the Morning Telegraph and Daily Racing Form, "Then, Hedevar took a couple of bad steps, and trainer Frank Whiteley took the hasenpfeffer out of Nerud's cabbage." In other words, the rabbit was gone. Damascus was on his own. Whiteley's only hope was that a sharp In Reality would be able to put enough pressure on the Doc early. The only other two starters, Bold Hour and Amerigo Lady, had no speed.

What made Dr. Fager and Damascus such compelling rivals was that they were nothing alike. Dr. Fager, although a kindly, sensitive gentleman in his stall, was an untamed brute on the racetrack; a wild thing confined in a world of restraint. As mentioned in Part 1, with that long mane blowing in the breeze, he resembled a wild mustang dashing across the plains with reckless abandon, and like the leader of the pack, his place was on the lead, and he dared any other horse to take it away from him. That is why he tried to savage his childhood buddy, In Reality, at Rockingham Park. It is interesting to note that only three horses ever finished in

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

COWBOY MATHIS

Rode cones, suffered last turn traffic, cleared, closed fast.
Inside post for a change.
Obvious use.

FIRE ON THE WATER

Sped to top, yielded quarter, tracked to lane, cleared, easy 2nd best. Also gets post relief along with a class hike.

LAISSEZMOIPICOLER

Far back, failed to get into it. William returns. Yet another with beneficial post switch.

LINCOLN

3rd over half, followed winner, gapped flow last bend, stalled. Switches inside here. Adds Steve. One of many.

BARBOSA

Parked half turn, some last turn traffic, cleared, urged. He might just fire out again.

CHIEF SARATOGA

Left well, yielded to winner before quarter, stalked, urged, almost, easy 2nd best. Outside, steps back up. Longshot.

REAL BUZZ

2nd over half, wide around stalled cover into lane, solid finish, next best. Okay form. Poor post. Still a midpriced consideration.



6th Race Computer Analysis

oth Race Computer Analysis			
Highest Win %	LAISSEZMOIPICOLER LINCOLN		
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	CHIEF SARATOGA		
Fastest time last race	COWBOY MATHIS		
Fastest win time this year	LAISSEZMOIPICOLER		
Fastest win time last year	COWBOY MATHIS		
Fastest last '1/4' last race	REAL BUZZ		
Closed Strongly last race	REAL BUZZ		
Big improvement last race	N/A		
Consistent early speed	N/A		
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A		
Favorable post position change from last race	FIRE ON THE WATER Laissezmoipicoler		
Blocked or in trouble last race	COWBOY MATHIS REAL BUZZ		
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	COWBOY MATHIS LAISSEZMOIPICOLER REAL BUZZ		

THE 50¢ CAL EXPO PICK 6

Winning tickets with six correct selections will share in 75% of the daily net pool, and 100% of the carryover. Ticket holders with five correct selections share in 25% of the daily net pool.

If there are no tickets with six winners, all ticket holders with the greatest number of winners share in 25% of the daily net pool, with the remainder of the net pool carried over to the next racing day.

There is a mandatory payout of the entire net pool on the last night of the race meet. (.50 cent minimum)

front of Dr. Fager, and two of them are in the Hall of Fame and the other was a champion.

Damascus, on the other hand, liked to come from well off the pace, and needed constant urging to keep his mind on the task at hand. Most of his defeats came when he simply was allowed to get too lazy and would refuse to leave his opponents. He needed constant reminding. But once he did and turned on the afterburners, he would explode, turning in the most devastating move on the far turn I have ever seen, even after 50 years. Unlike Dr. Fager, who ran with his head high, Damascus would get down low and was amazingly quick and agile, pouncing on his foes like a cat its prey. His jockeys just had to keep persevering with him once he caught the leaders. When he was able to keep up his head of steam he would annihilate his opponents, as he did in the Woodward, American Derby, Travers, and other races. You just couldn't relax on him.

The rivalry grew so intense that if social media had existed back then, there would have been an all-out, no holes barred war of words between the two factions. The great cartoonist for the Morning Telegraph/Daily Racing Form, Pierre Bellocq, known as Peb, drew a sketch for the paper showing a shipwreck, with the only two survivors in the ocean clinging onto debri, and one says to the other, "You're crazy, I still say Damascus was better than Dr. Fager."

With In Reality in the best form of his career, the improving George Widenerowned colt Bold Hour also in peak form, having won the Grey Lag Handicap, and the hard-knocking Rokeby Stable mare Amerigo Lady, the Suburban looked to be a race for the ages.

Dr. Fager was sent off as the 4-5 favorite, with Damascus 7-5. Damascus was always quick out of the gate, and, as usual, he broke on top from the rail before being taken back by jockey Manny Ycaza. Dr. Fager, under Braulio Baeza, shot to the lead as expected. Baeza gave a peek

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

SOUL DIVA

Sent under urging, yielded to winner mid turn, tracked balance, faded out final furlong. Mooney returns. Undercard thoughts.

NUTMEGS DESIRE

Parked half turn, back first over half, rimmed balance, many vying for place slot. Much better post and Steve returns. Player.

AWESUM WORLD

Sent to top, soon in 3hole, rode cones to lane, urged to hold runnerup. Sits and trips out again? Slice maybe.

HĬGH BET HANÓVER

Moved inside traffic past half, mild trouble, cleared, stalled. Drops in for 3k. Luke returns.

LITTLE EMMA

2nd over half, good lead up trip, came wide into lane, driven. Right trip puts her in the gimmick mix.

FOX VALLEY RUBY

Left, yielded, tracked to far turn, followed winner out near 3/4s, urged. Extra week off. Fires out?

MOON IS ON FIRE

3rd over from half, angled into lane, urged, fair. Negative post switch hurts.

MAJESTIC LASS

Gapped at back, failed to get into it. In a tough spot again. LOVERS HOLIDAY

Rode cones to lane, cleared traffic, some urging, fair bow for Longo barn. Drew outside once again.

ALWAYSALITTLEMORE

Reserved to far turn, followed cover round the bend, driven, no rally. Williams choice. Not impossible despite post.



7th Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	NUTMEGS DESIRE	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	ALWAYSALITTLEMORE	
Fastest time last race	FOX VALLEY RUBY ALWAYSALITTLEMORE	
Fastest win time this year	NUTMEGS DESIRE	
Fastest win time last year	SOUL DIVA Fox valley ruby	
Fastest last '1/4' last race	ALWAYSALITTLEMORE	
Closed Strongly last race	N/A	
Big improvement last race	N/A	
Consistent early speed	SOUL DIVA	
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A	
Favorable post position change from last race	NUTMEGS DESIRE	
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A	
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	NUTMEGS DESIRE ALWAYSALITTLEMORE	

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 starer's control unless dismissed.

over his left shoulder to make sure he was clear of Damascus before easing over to the rail.

With no one like a Hedevar or Great Power to get his blood boiling, Dr. Fager rated kindly and cruised to a clear lead going into the clubhouse turn. He quickly opened up by two lengths and took complete control of the race. In Reality, who was supposed to put pressure on The Doc, had broken on his wrong lead and apparently took a bad step, causing an injury that would lead to his retirement. He raced in fourth during the early going, about four lengths back, before retreating to finish last.

With Dr. Fager loose on a slow, uncontested lead, Damascus was now on a solo mission, and Ycaza had no choice but to put the colt into the fray early and test Dr. Fager, who had managed to get away with an opening quarter in :24 and half in :48 2/5, which was trotting horse time for the Doc. Most people had to believe the race was over at that point.

Ycaza took Damascus off the rail and started pushing hard to get him to close the gap on Dr. Fager. Although taken completely out of his game plan, Damascus was able to use his quickness and rapid-fire acceleration to collar Dr. Fager as they headed down the backstretch. The battle everyone had wanted to see for so long was on. Damascus pulled to within a neck of Dr. Fager, but that was as close as the Doc would let him get. He loved a challenge; that's when those nostrils would flare and the daggers would shoot from his eyes.

The pair battled through the third quarter in a spectacular :22 3/5, and that's with over 130 pounds on their back. With his initial attack thwarted, Ycaza backed off slightly and let Damascus regroup. This was not his game, and Ycaza had to make sure he saved something for the end, especially with Damascus not being fully cranked up, coming off one easy allowance score in five months. Once he

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BUZZ LIGHT

Moved out last turn, angled wide, urged to save place slot. Adds Terry. Better post.

CRASH AND BURN

Left on delay, parked full attacking winner, held fair considering. Also moves inside. Gimmick player.

HE GRINS AGAIN

Out past quarter, followed parked full foe, kicked 3wide, 3vying for 2nd. Fair form. One of many.

FORGIVEUSOURZINS

Away to midturn tuck, 3rd over far turn, good lead up, some urging, away. Nick's choice. Inside post switch too.

WESTERN DEVIL

Left well, pocket tripped behind winner, chased to lane, 3 vying for 2nd slot. Has speed. May leave.

MYSTERY DRAGON

Tried to leave, took back mid turn, 1st over well before half, covered, not a great flow, came wide, urged. Extra week off. James choice.

HARRY FREDRICK

Left, moved out near half, gapped flow far turn, no late moves. Tactical issues with poor post.

WEST FOR GOLD

Rode cones the trip, cleared traffic, urged. Tries Luke. Plan from outside?

MACHABYEBABY

Sent hard, fought off parked full attacker to lane, some urging, strong. Probably firing out again.



8th Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	FORGIVEUSOURZINS	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	MYSTERY DRAGON	
Fastest time last race	MACHABYEBABY	
Fastest win time this year	MACHABYEBABY	
Fastest win time last year	MACHABYEBABY	
Fastest last '1/4' last race	FORGIVEUSOURZINS	
Closed Strongly last race	BUZZ LIGHT FORGIVEUSOURZINS	
Big improvement last race	N/A	
Consistent early speed	N/A	
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MACHABYEBABY (W)	
Favorable post position change from last race	BUZZ LIGHT Crash and Burn	
Blocked or in trouble last race	MYSTERY DRAGON	
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MACHABYEBABY	

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**.

and Damascus were able to catch their breath, Ycaza began pushing hard once again, trying to crack Dr. Fager, which, without Hedevar, was a study in futility. No horse had ever been capable of accomplishing that alone.

Dr. Fager, with his head held high, seemed to dwarf Damascus, even though the two were about the same height. Damascus was now straight as a string as he mounted his second attack. The Doc knew he was in for a fight, and dug in once again. As hard as Ycaza pushed he couldn't get by the tenacious Dr. Fager.

Around the far turn, Dr. Fager began inching away, putting a good half-length between him and Damascus. But, amazingly, Damascus wasn't through. He gave it one final desperate try, pulling back alongside Dr. Fager for the third time, and actually might have gotten his nose in front nearing the quarter pole after a testing quarter in :23 3/5.

As they came out of the turn locked together, the crowd let out a deafening roar. Dr. Fager refused to yield. If you were trying to capture this moment on canvas you'd surely have smoke blowing out of Dr. Fager's nostrils. Turning for home, a weary Damascus had no more to give. As fresh as he was and having to play Dr. Fager's game, he began to retreat under the impost following a brutal mile in 1:34 3/5. Dr. Fager, who was built to carry weight, bounded clear, opening up by two lengths at the eighth pole.

The improving Bold Hour, carrying only 116 pounds, had been eveing the battle several lengths back and moved in for the kill, hoping to pick up the pieces. He collared Damascus, from whom he was getting 17 pounds, and set his sights on Dr. Fager. But Baeza was sitting chilly on the Doc, whose long mane was still blowing wildly in the breeze.

Baeza seemed unfazed by Bold Hour's feeble attempt to close the gap. He merely hand rode Dr. Fager to the wire, main-

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK Broke into far turn, lost contact. Gerry returns. Longshot despite post.

ONE AND ONLY

Sent with many, back out on rim middle last turn, kept grinding, solid late burst. Hardhitting veteran. Must use.

ALLMYXSLIVENTEXAS

Left well, brushed back near quarter, released, brushed again into lead far turn, stormed home on own, strong. Confidence builder?

FF BIGSHOW

Led into turn, yielded, inherited pocket entering lane, urged, caught for 2nd. Nick's choice. Another hiker.

JUMP THE SHARK

Rode cones whole trip, 3hole far turn, urged to narrow gap. Luke's back. Needs some racina luck.

RAGINS FLIGHT

Sent under urging, looped, parked turn, yielded to winner's retake, chased balance, stalled but late. Third start back angle.

IM AN ATHLETE

Out past half, back to rail far turn, no chance into fastest quarter of the mile. Full field, his plan?

BETTORS PROMISE

Left with many, brushed back near quarter, shook off attacker into lane, driven, away. Sharp but much tougher assignment.

GORGEOUS FOR REAL

Parked eighth plus, out again past half, never covered, urged, just fair. Has speed. So do others. User at right price.



9th Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	BETTOR'S PROMISE
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	I'M AN ATHLETE
Fastest time last race	BETTOR'S PROMISE
Fastest win time this year	JUMP THE SHARK
Fastest win time last year	I'M AN ATHLETE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	I'M AN ATHLETE
Closed Strongly last race	ONE AND ONLY
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	ONE AND ONLY BETTOR'S PROMISE GORGEOUS FOR REAL
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	I'M AN ATHLETE (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	GORGEOUS FOR REAL
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	I'M AN ATHLETE

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 guarter of the breaking horse at the finish.

taining his two-length advantage. Even with the sluggish opening half and carrying 132 pounds, Dr. Fager still was able to equal Gun Bow's track record of 1:59 3/5.

Despite his gut-wrenching attempts to crack Dr. Fager, Damascus, who wound up third in the Suburban, came back only nine days later in the 1 1/4-mile Amory Haskell Handicap at Monmouth and finished third again behind Bold Hour under 131 pounds after stumbling badly at the start. As difficult as it might seem to believe, these two races actually were just what Damascus needed to get him tight and razor-sharp. He returned only a week later in the Brooklyn Handicap for his rematch with Dr. Fager. When I went to the paddock to look at Damascus, I knew this would be a different story. Not only did he have Hedevar back, he bounced around the paddock on his toes with his neck arched and muscles bulging from his shoulders and hindquarters. He was ready to tackle Dr. Fager, who was carrying a staggering 135 pounds to 130 for Damascus.

Hedevar was now healthy again and this time he showed up for his search and destroy mission. The hassenpfeffer was back on the menu.

Nerud didn't bat an eye over Dr. Fager picking up three pounds. He understood the concept of handicap racing. He was more concerned about Hedevar than the weight. Nerud had toyed with idea of just having Dr. Fager try to outrun Hedevar from the start. The colt had shown the ability to rate kinder as 4-year-old, but that was when he was running freely by himself. What would happen with Hedevar blasting out of there? A rank Dr. Fager lugging 135 pounds was the last thing Nerud wanted.

Hedevar, as expected shot to a clear lead, as Baeza took a stranglehold on Dr. Fager. Tommy Lee, aboard Hedevar, broke from the outside, and when he looked over to his left to eye his target, much to his surprise, Dr. Fager was

Individual Recan **Last Race Footnotes**

PERFECT PITCH

Took out past half, some traffic behind bad flow last bend, faded out late stages. Rail, small shot.

MOONSHINENMONKEYS

Took out half, steadied into far turn, cleared, only fair. Better post. And Nick hops aboard.

LA DIVA DE ROSA

Far back to last turn, tipped out, failed to rally. Drops, moves inside, Gerry returns.

HI FIDELITY

Parked quarter, braked. attacked by winner far turn, stalled late. Also gets post relief tonight. Fires out?

DICKIES MOTEL

Left with many, 2nd over from half, mild traffic into str, not loaded. Extra time off since.

MISS BANJOLINA

Tipped out into far turn, didn't advance on the rim, stalled. Tries Tony tonight.

TOTALLY RACY

Led into turn, yielded, squeezed out behind winner late far turn, rushed up alongtired bit side, late. Improvement noted.



10th Race Computer Analysis

Total Hadd Comp	utci Allaiyolo
Highest Win %	MOONSHINENMONKEYS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	LA DIVA DE ROSA
Fastest time last race	LA DIVA DE ROSA
Fastest win time this year	LA DIVA DE ROSA
Fastest win time last year	MISS BANJOLINA
Fastest last '1/4' last race	MISS BANJOLINA
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	HI FIDELITY
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	LA DIVA DE ROSA
Blocked or in trouble last race	PERFECT PITCH MOONSHINENMONKEYS DICKIES MOTEL MISS BANJOLINA
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	LA DIVA DE ROSA

HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

10 Cent Wagers Your C	Cost	1 with 234 with 2345 with 23456 with 234567	\$16.20
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12 with 123 with 1234 with 12345 with 123456	\$6.40	1 with 2345 with 23456 with 234567 with 2345678	\$51.20
1 with 234 with 234 with 5678910	\$7.20	1234 with 12345 with 123456 with 1234567 with 12345678	\$204.80
1 with 23 with 234 with 2345 with 2345678910	\$9.60	123456 with 123456 with 123456 with 123456 with 12345678	\$288.00

nowhere to be seen, as Baeza kept pulling back on the throttle. Before Lee knew what was happening, he had opened a three-length lead. But Dr. Fager was not a happy camper. His head was up and he was fighting Baeza, and when Dr. Fager fought you it was only a matter of time before you caved.

Ycaza, meanwhile, had Damascus well back in the pack where he liked to be. Hedevar was on a kamikaze mission, with or without Dr. Fager, and he still blazed the opening half in :45 4/5, with Dr. Fager a length and a half back. That's 2 3/5 seconds, or 13 lengths, faster than Dr Fager had run in the Suburban. And this time he was carrying 135 pounds.

By the time they passed the five-eighths pole, Baeza no longer had any say in the matter and he was forced to let Dr. Fager go. He blew right on by Hedevar and quickly opened a four-length lead.

But the Doc was out of control, his threequarters in a blistering 1:09 2/5, while Damascus, as he was in the Woodward, was in full gear and cutting into Dr. Fager's lead with every stride. The cat was back in his comfort zone and ready to strike, as he did in the Woodward and so many other races.

It was obvious this time it was Damascus who had the advantage. With one of his typical explosive moves, he collared Dr. Fager at the quarter pole and began to draw clear, but the Doc wouldn't give up, despite the pace and staggering weight. Baeza even resorted to the whip, something Dr. Fager detested, and he threw his tail up in defiance.

He fought hard through the stretch, but Damascus was always in control, winning by 2 1/2 lengths. His time of 1:59 1/5 broke Dr. Fager's short-lived track record, and, amazingly, still stands a half century later. All Dr. Fager had done was run back-to-back mile and a quarters in 1:59 3/5 carrying 132 and 135 pounds in a span of 16 days.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

MR RIGHTNOW

Away well, tripped out behind \parallel top trio, failed to rally. James choice. Rail again. Slice maybe. GENUINE DESIRE

Brushed out near half, sped up far turn, angled into lane, overhauled. Midpriced stab.

MUSICIAN

Parked long eighth plus, braked to half, gassed 3rd panel, sped home, confidently. First inside post in a month a big plus.

SHEZ A SWIFT

Away under urging, to top, yielded to winner mid turn, chased balance, driven. Adds Nick. Small shot here.

DARK PRINCE

Left with a few, yielded, tracked, tired. William returns. But a longshot.

HES DONE IT ALL

Away well, shuffled, snuck out 3/4s, some urging, fair. Extra time off following return.

LUCKY IVAN

First over into far turn, sped by leader, flattened final yards. Drops back down. Usable with these.



11th Race Computer Analysis

Trui nace Computer Analysis			
Highest Win %	DARK PRINCE		
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	DARK PRINCE		
Fastest time last race	MUSICIAN		
Fastest win time this year	MUSICIAN		
Fastest win time last year	SHEZ A SWIFT		
Fastest last '1/4' last race	HE'S DONE IT ALL		
Closed Strongly last race	N/A		
Big improvement last race	N/A		
Consistent early speed	MUSICIAN		
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MUSICIAN (W)		
Favorable post position change from last race	MUSICIAN		
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A		
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MUSICIAN		

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 racway" (clockwise) on the track, follow- races ONE and TWO are in final prepa- SEVENTH RACE.

ing a traffic pattern that is standard on tracks all over North America. About an hour before his race, he's warmed- ping for the FIFTH RACE, etc. up again. Different trainers have different methods. Some go slowly, others ask for speed. Only experts can Saddle pads at Cal Expo will indicate

ration for the FOURTH RACE, those between TWO and THREE will be prep-

SADDLE PADS

ing, the trainer will "jog" the horse, the detect such things as lameness. Look, the horse's betting number and the same way any athlete runs to loosenthough, to see if his gait is fluid. If it is, race number in a smaller size, in upper up prior to competing. Generally, the chances are he's ready to do his best. right hand corner. In the adjacent horse is jogged by going the "wrong As a rule, those working out between example: HORSE NUMBER 3 IN THE



And for Damascus, who seemed to be held together with fibers of steel, this was his third major stakes in 16 days, carrying 130 pounds or more in all of them, culminating with a track record.

Sadly, this would be the final time Dr. Fager and Damascus would face each other. Nerud had other worlds to conquer for Dr. Fager, and the paths he and Damascus took never would cross again.

Although Damascus and Dr. Fager provided so many thrills in their career, both being elected to the Hall of Fame, it was that summer of 1968 in the Suburban and Brooklyn that they tested each other's greatness. They showed in the Suburban that historic battles need not be limited to stretch runs. When two courageous heavyweight fighters pummel each other for 10 rounds, with neither backing down, it doesn't detract from the epic nature of the event if one knocks out the other in the last round.

Yes, both colts set track records in those two races, while carrying staggering weights, but it was their gut-wrenching confrontation down the backstretch and around the far turn in the Suburban that still brings chills to all those who were privileged to witness it.

Although the outspoken Nerud and the reserved Whiteley were opposite in personality and training methods, and rarely competed against each other, they will be forever linked by the intense and often controversial rivalry between Dr. Fager and Damascus. Both trainers were perceived to be bitter antagonists, due in part to Whiteley's use of a rabbit against Dr. Fager. But both later admitted they had tremendous respect for each other.

th horses would go on to further glory in 1968, but for Dr. Fager, the "freak" show was only beginning. Damascus was gone from his life and he was now about to take on a new foe – the record books. They woudn't stand a chance.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

SANTANNA SAM

Left, quarter moved, released half, tracked to lane, some urging, even. William chose. Rail again. Longshot.

ART GENTA

Parked half turn, released, burst out into lane, held tough, caught wire. Better post. But layoff must be noted.

HOLLA AT UR BOY

Parked turn, yielded, angled out with cover late last bend, traffic deep in str. Moves inside. Adds Nick.

HELLO SEVENS

Far back, failed to get into it. Another getting post relief. Slice of it maybe.

MINT TO CRUISE

Moved from back, excess cover last bend, followed 3wide, closed well, best of the rest. Luke returns. Better draw. Obvious threat.

MIGHTY FINE HIHO

Out past half, surged to top, some stretch urging, wow. Mooney's choice. Obvious gimmick must.

LIL ORPHAN ELMER

Looped leaving, tucked, first over into far turn, no gain on rim, some urging, easily best of the rest. Extra week off. Gerry's back. Post woes tho.

WALKER MEISTER

Out past quarter, carried wide, moved up on train, wide again late last bend, held fair considering. Has options. Can leave or come off the pace.



12th Race Computer Analysis

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Highest Win %	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	WALKER MEISTER
Fastest time last race	ART GENTA
Fastest win time this year	WALKER MEISTER
Fastest win time last year	MINT TO CRUISE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	MINT TO CRUISE
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MINT TO CRUISE (B) LIL ORPHAN ELMER (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	HOLLA AT UR BOY Walker Meister
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MINT TO CRUISE Walker Meister

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