

# New York-Breds at the Races: July 18 to 23

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## Bromansø Homebred Fillies Romp Back-to-Back Wednesday

Owners Chester and Mary Broman, trainer Mike Hushion and jockey Jose Ortiz found a delightful way to spend 35 minutes at Saratoga Wednesday: win back-to-back New York-bred races by daylight with homebred fillies. Each filly won by an astounding, identical 10 ¼ lengths.

After the Bromansø three-year-old **Girlaboutown** won Wednesday's fifth, a six-furlong \$73,000 New York-bred maiden special weight, in her second career start, the Bromansø mare accomplished three-year-old **Artemis Agrotera** won the sixth, a seven-furlong \$78,000 New York-bred allowance/optional \$40,000 claimer. Both winning fillies are trained by Hushion and both were ridden by Ortiz. For good measure, another Broman homebred filly, **Spinit to Winit**, finished second to Artemis Agrotera.

Not bad for a little more than a half-hour. "We had nothing to do with it," Broman laughed in the winner's circle after Artemis Agrotera showed no hangover from finishing eighth in her three-year-old debut in the Grade I Acorn Stakes at Belmont June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Hushion was relieved as much as happy as Artemis Agrotera returned to the form she had shown as a two-year-old, when she followed a debut New York-bred maiden victory with a length-and-a-quarter victory in the Grade 1 Frizette. She concluded her two-year-old season by finishing fifth in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Artemis Agrotera was expected to win Wednesday and she ran lights out. "She's a great filly," Ortiz said. "We think she's going to run like that every time. He (Hushion) did an amazing job with her."

The scratch of Champagne Ruby left a field of eight and the entry of Spinit to Winit and Artemus Agrotera was pounded down to 1-5 odds.

Breaking from the six post, Artemis Agrotera shot immediately to the lead as **She's Stones Sis** and **Hot Splash** tried to keep up through an opening quarter of :22.78. Artemus Agrotera created separation by blazing to the half in :45.22, and then drew off. She hit three-quarters in 1:09.11 and cruised home in a final time of 1:22.20. Spinit to Winit rallied into second. **Irish Sweepstakes** was third and **A Prettydixie** finished fourth.

Artemus Agrotera, a daughter of Roman Ruler out of Indy Glory by A.P. Indy, is now three-for-five in her career with earnings of more than \$460,000.

In the race before, Girlaboutown cruised to a virtual wire-to-wire win. Sent off the 2-1 second choice in a field of nine under Jose Ortiz, she was in hand late to hold off the 8-5 favorite, first-time starter **Versmilitude**. **Jilly Mac** finished third and **Quit Smokin** was fourth.

In her career debut at Belmont Park July 4<sup>th</sup>, Girlaboutown and her entry-mate **Star Grazing** went off at 2-5 odds. The Bromans also own Star Grazing, who is trained by Jimmy Jerkens.

“When the entry sheet came out, Jimmy asked me if I wanted to scratch her,” Broman said. “I said, ‘No, we’ll run both.’”

They ran one-two. Girlaboutown led late but couldn’t hold off her stablemate, who won by a length and a quarter. Even so, Girlaboutown beat third-place finisher Maryø in Utopia by more than six lengths.

Breaking from the two post Wednesday, Girlaboutown got away second, ironically to another Mike Hushion filly, first-time starter **Moonlight Fantasy**, but then quickly made the lead on the rail as Rosie Napravnik settled Versmilitude into second.

They remained one-two through a :22.56 opening quarter. Girlaboutown continued a quick pace by hitting the half in :44.59 as Versmilitude, who at one point had gotten within a length of Girlaboutown, struggled to keep up.

Girlaboutown is a daughter of A.P. Indy out of Carmandia by Wild Rush. She has already earned \$57,000 in her first two starts.

### Sandyø Slew Holds Off With Exultation for Grass Allowance Victory

Taking command with a three-wide sweep on the far turn, Team Clear Star Stableø four-year-old gelding **Sandy’s Slew** opened a two-length lead in mid-stretch, then held off fast-closing **With Exultation** for a three-quarter-length victory in \$78,000 New York-bred allowance/optional \$40,000 claimer at Saratoga Monday afternoon as the 6-5 favorite under Junior Alvarado. **Dreamsgonewild** finished third after Sandyø Slew covered the 5 ½ furlongs on the turf in 1:01.49.

Trained by Rick Schosberg, Sandyø Slew is a son of Limestone out of Charleston Springs by Capote who was bred by Robert Hahn. He was a game front-running second by three-quarters of a length as the 5-2 favorite in his previous start at Belmont.

Bettors made him a strong choice in the field of 10 despite the outside nine post. With Exultation, who had the 10 post, went off at 8-1 odds under Irad Ortiz, Jr., and Dreamsgonewild was sent off at odds of 9-1 from the eight post under John Velazquez.

But it was the horse on the rail, 54-1 longshot **Dancer’s Rocket**, who got the early lead, pressed by 7-1 **Danceteria** in second two-wide. Alvarado got Sandyø Slew away in a perfect spot just outside the top two in third.

Dancerø Rocket ran the first quarter-mile in :21.87 and, as he headed into the far turn, Danceteria advanced two-wide and Sandyø Slew three-wide. Dreamsgonewild was fourth, right behind Sandyø Slew.

Sandyø Slew swept to the lead, hitting the half-mile in :44.37, and opened up by two lengths. With Exultation was flying late, but had to settle for second, 2 ½ lengths in front of Dreamsgonewild in third. Mr Rosenthal was fourth at odds of 5-1.

Sandyø Slew improved his grass record to two-for-six with two seconds and one third. He also has one win, two seconds and a third in nine dirt starts, good for combined earnings of just over \$200,000.

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Alan Brodskyø three-year-old colt **Cuantos**, who had tired from second to fifth in an encouraging debut, absolutely devastated eight rivals Monday at Saratoga, taking a six-furlong \$73,000 New York-bred maiden special weight by nearly five lengths under Rajiv Maragh in a sparkling final time of 1:09.95. Bettors werenø impressed with his debut, sending Cuantos off at 12-1 odds in the field of nine.

Cuantos got away second as **Dusk to Dawn**, the 3-1 second choice under Jose Ortiz, set a brisk pace, getting the opening quarter-mile in :22.09. Heading into the far turn, Maragh sent Cuantos up to challenge for the lead and he exploded, leaving the field behind him after a half-mile in :45.35.

Cuantos maintained a gaping lead to the wire. **Shimba**, the 9-5 favorite under Joel Rosario, finished second, 2 ¼ lengths ahead of 12-1 first-time starter **Broadway Bay**, who broke slowly and rallied from last. **Curious Cal** was a half-length behind Broadway Bay in fourth.

Mark Hennig trains Cuantos, a son of Read the Footnotes out of Bound On Bi by Bounding Basque who was bred by Gee Zee Stable.

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Benefitting from a fifth at 7-1 odds with blinkers added in her return, Chester and Mary Bromanø homebred, three-year-old filly **Under Scrutiny**, surged to the lead on the inside in deep stretch Monday and won a mile-and-a-sixteenth \$45,000 New York-bred maiden \$40,000 claimer by nearly two lengths in a final time of 1:43.94. Angel Arroyo rode the winner, who went off at 10-1 odds in the field of 12.

In a three-horse photo for second, 10-1 **Kevin's Steel** edged the 3-1 favorite, **Make Your Point**, and 4-1 **Fire Ship**.

Roger Ubillo trains Under Scrutiny, a daughter of Freud out of Unbridled who hadnø hit the board in four previous turf tries.

**Yacantmakethisup**, a 41-1 longshot under Wilmer Garcia, made the front early, pressured by Kevinø Steel through splits of :24.12, :49.33 and 1:13.95. Under Scrutiny rallied from 10<sup>th</sup> into fourth along the inside. Kevinø Steel, ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr., took over the lead when asked as Make Your Point, Under Scrutiny and Fire Ship rallied into contention.

Sticking on the inside of Kevinø Steel, Under Scrutiny proved the strongest of the closers to get her first win in nine starts. She has one second from four dirt races.

## Al Fried, Jr. Homebred Beautyinthepulpit Rallies Late to Win Allowance Sunday

Rallying from dead last in the field of eight under Manuel Franco, Albert Fried, Jr. homebred, six-year-old **Beautyinthepulpit**, took a mile-and-an-eighth \$78,000 New York-bred allowance/optional \$40,000 claimer by a length and a quarter over **Saturday Appeal** in a final time of 1:50.61 Sunday afternoon at Saratoga. **Goodtolook** finished third and **Sir Leslie** was fourth. Beautyinthepulpit was sent off at odds of 6-1, Saturday Appeal was 17-1, Goodtolook went off at 14-1 odds and Sir Leslie was the 3-1 second choice.

Bruce Brown trains Beautyinthepulpit, a son of Pulpit out of Stolen Beauty by Deputy Minister.

Beautyinthepulpit's last two starts were in open company at Belmont Park, resulting in fifth- and fourth-place finishes. Previously at Saratoga, he won one of two starts.

Goodtolook took the early lead while pressed by the slight 3-1 favorite **Fiona's Hero** through three-quarters of a mile in 1:11.26. Saturday Appeal was third and Beautyinthepulpit was still far back in seventh.

Goodtolook put away Fiona's Hero, but then was confronted by Saturday Appeal. **Cousin Michael**, sent off at odds of 7-2, rallied on the inside while Beautyinthepulpit charged into contention on the outside.

Saturday Appeal struck the lead after the mile in 1:37.08, but couldn't hold off Beautyinthepulpit, who surged clear late for his sixth dirt victory in 16 dirt starts with a pair of thirds and total earnings of just under \$250,000.

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In Sunday's opener, a 5 1/2-furlong \$73,000 New York-bred maiden special weight for two-year-olds, Irad Ortiz, Jr. guided Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence's colt **Tax Package**, one of six first-time starters in the field of eight, to a length-and-a-half victory in a final time of 1:05.87 at odds of 7-2. **Thank You**, who was adding blinkers for his second career start and went off at 6-1 odds, nosed out the 9-5 favorite, firster **Thirst for Glory**, for second. Front-running **Navy Blue**, who was also adding blinkers, finished a distant fourth.

Chad Brown trains Tax Package, a son of Pioneer of the Nile out of D's Country by D's Wildcat who was bred by Grapestock LLC and George Reeb.

Navy Blue sprung to the lead immediately from the two post and, despite setting a reasonable pace a quarter in :23.37 opened a five-length lead on **Cosmo Storm**. Heading into the far turn, Thank You, who had rallied along the rail from sixth, Tax Package and Thirst for Glory advanced together. At the head of the stretch, Navy Blue, Thank You, Tax Package and Thirst for Glory were stacked four-wide across the track.

Navy Blue tired, but Thank You and Tax Package continued strongly, with Tax Package finally edging clear.

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In Sunday's finale, a \$45,000 New York-bred maiden \$40,000 claimer on the grass, RA Hill Stable's three-year-old gelding **Hard Rumor** overcame the 11 post in the field of 12 to win under Joel Rosario by three-quarters of a length at 8-1 odds, covering the mile and a sixteenth in

1:42.96. **Rontos New York** was second at 12-1 odds, a neck in front of 16-1 **Island Therapy**. **Hushhushmushmush**, the 9-5 favorite, was another half-length back in fourth.

George Weaver trains Hard Rumor, a son of Hard Spun out of Quiet Rumor by Alleged who was bred by Lawrence Goichman. Hard Rumor was making his third start on turf and his fifth start overall.

While 7-1 **Wake Up and Go** and Hushhushmushmush scrimmaged for the early lead, Hard Rumor, who broke absolutely last, advanced into eighth. He continued his progress into sixth and surged around the far turn to take the lead. He then held off the closers to break his maiden.

### Sol the Freud Comes Again to Gamely Win an Allowance Race Saturday

Passed in mid-stretch by **Handy Stan**, ZRJ Stable's front-running **Sol the Freud** came again under John Velazquez to gamely win a six-furlong \$75,000 New York-bred allowance at Saratoga Saturday afternoon by three-quarters of a length. David Cannizzo trains Sol the Freud, a three-year-old colt by Freud out of Frankly Fran by DøAccord who was bred by Tony Grey and Tass Thoroughbred Partners.

A year ago, Sol the Freud began his career at Saratoga, winning his debut by more than three lengths before finishing third by a length in a \$98,000 state-bred stakes. He was then fourth and second in two additional stakes before finishing second twice in allowance company, the last on January 20th.

Cannizzo freshened Sol the Freud, and he then raced twice on grass, finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in an allowance race and fifth in the \$100,000 New York Stallion Stakes before returning to dirt Saturday.

Leaving from the rail in the field of eight, he went off at 5-1 odds. Handy Stan and Irad Ortiz, Jr. went off as the second choice at odds of 5-2. The 8-5 favorite was **Groupthink**, ridden by Javier Castellano. Groupthink was making his first start since winning a maiden special weight in early December by a head at 4-5 odds with blinkers added. Groupthink began his career last year at Saratoga by finishing second by 3 ¼ lengths as the 7-5 favorite to none other than Sol the Freud.

Groupthink broke in front but was taken back as Velazquez hustled Sol the Freud to the lead through a :22.46 first quarter. Handy Stan chased in second and closed Sol the Freud's lead from two lengths to a neck after they hit the half-mile in a demanding :45.58.

Handy Stan poked a head in front in mid-stretch, but Sol the Freud responded immediately and quickly regained the lead, winning in a sharp 1:10.01. Handy Stan was a clear second, four lengths in front of Groupthink. **Ogermeister** finished fourth at odds of 9-2.

Sol the Freud improved his dirt record to two-for-seven with three seconds, one third and more than \$160,000 in total earnings.

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Making just his second career start, Sarah Leigh's homebred three-year-old colt **Thurgood** overcame the outside 11 post to win a mile-and-a-sixteenth \$73,000 New York-bred maiden special weight on the grass Saturday with an explosive late kick. Under patient handling by Julien Leparoux, Thurgood overtook **Boston Strong** in mid-stretch on the way to a three-length victory as the 3-1 favorite, winning in a final time of 1:42.41. **Slew's Brew**, a 35-1 longshot on the rail ridden by Dylan Davis, nosed 7-2 Boston Strong to finish second. **Forever Utopia** was fourth at 5-1 odds.

Christophe Clement trains Thurgood, a son of Giant's Causeway out of Shared Dreams (GB) by Seeking the Gold. In his debut on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Belmont Park, he finished second by 6 ¼ lengths.

**Vischer Ferry**, sent off at 5-1 odds under Alex Solis, committed to the lead in a big way, quickly opening a five-length lead on his 10 rivals by zipping through the first quarter in :22.78. Luis Saez settled Boston Strong, who had broken well from the nine post, in fifth on the outside. Thurgood got away 10<sup>th</sup>, then settled in ninth as Vischer Ferry continued with a clear lead through a half mile in :46.63.

Vischer Ferry extended his lead to seven lengths at one point by running three-quarters in 1:10.76, before Saez skillfully weaved Boston Strong to the inside and then back outside to move into second.

Boston Strong looked like he'd fly by Vischer Ferry in early stretch, but Vischer Ferry fought on stubbornly before conceding. Thurgood was seventh in mid-stretch chasing that pair before unleashing a powerful rush to win handily. Slew's Brew got up for second over Boston Strong.

Thurgood has already earned \$57,000 in two starts.

### Homebred Firster Graeme Crackers Wins Her Debut at Saratoga

Ralph Evans' homebred first-time starter **Graeme Crackers** wore down front-running **In Spite of Mama** then held off **The Lewis Dinner** to win a \$73,000 New York-bred maiden special weight for two-year-old fillies Friday on opening day at Saratoga, covering the 5 ½ furlongs in 1:05.42.

Jose Ortiz rode Graeme Crackers, who went off at 9-2 odds in the field of seven and gave Ortiz his third victory of the day in Friday's sixth race. Rick Violette trains the gray daughter of Macho Uno out of Graeme Central by Graeme Hall. In Spite of Mama was the 5-2 second choice and The Lewis Dinner went off at odds of 14-1.

**Saluda** dumped jockey Shaun Bridgmohan at the start.

Javier Castellano hustled In Spite of Mama to the lead from the six post, as did Ortiz on Graeme Crackers from the seven.

In Spite of Mama took a narrow lead on Graeme Crackers through a :22.97 first quarter, as **Serious Happiness** chased them in third. **Full Tap**, the 2-1 favored firster, advanced into fourth.

Graeme Crackers went after In Spite of Mama on the far turn as Full Tap rallied on the inside through a gigantic opening.

Graeme Crackers put away In Spite of Mama in early stretch after a half-mile in :46.53 as The Lewis Dinner gained ground quickly into second.

Graeme Crackers dug in and held off the challenger to win her debut gamely. The Lewis Dinner was second, three lengths clear of Full Tap in third. In Spite of Mama finished fourth.

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As sharp as could be despite not racing since late November, Norman Stables' three-year-old filly **Jet Majesty** gamely held off **Chasing Paradise** to win a mile-and-a-sixteenth \$73,000 New York-bred grass maiden race by three-quarters of a length, giving trainer Wesley Ward and jockey Frank Dettori their second winner on Friday. It was the first day Dettori ever rode at Saratoga.

Jet Majesty, who had been fifth and third in two starts last year, went off the 9-5 favorite from the eight post in the field of 11. Chasing Paradise, who was ridden by Junior Alvarado, was 9-2 from the 10 post.

Dettori gunned Jet Majesty to the lead and controlled the pace, strolling through three-quarters of a mile in 1:14.01. **Read It and Weep**, a 21-1 shot, chased in second before tiring.

Chasing Paradise, who was three-wide on the first turn in fifth, went after the frontrunner three-wide around the far turn.

Chasing Paradise may have gotten a head in front of Jet Majesty Jet, but Jet Majesty came again to win in 1:42.67. Chasing Paradise was a clear second, 2 ¼ lengths in front of 9-1 **Piccolo Flats** in third. **Maura's Pass** got fourth at 4-1.

Jet Majesty is a daughter of Raffie's Majesty out of Jet's Tradition by A.P. Jet who was bred by Cloyce Clark, Jr.