

Tom Durkin Replay Center at Saratoga Race Course Honors Renowned Announcer



New York Racing Association CEO and President Chris Kay (right) is joined by legendary race announcer Tom Durkin (left) to officially unveil the new Tom Durkin Replay Center on opening day of the 2015 summer meet at Saratoga Race Course on Friday, July 24. The Tom Durkin Replay Center, located within the newly renovated and refurbished lower Carousel, allows guests the opportunity to view and hear 24 classic calls by former NYRA announcer Tom Durkin, who retired in 2014 following a 24-year career as the voice of NYRA.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. ó The New York Racing Association, Inc. today unveiled a new attraction for the 2015 meet at Saratoga Race Course honoring one of the most renowned announcers in the history of the racing industry.

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“Tom is one of the greatest race callers in history and we are fortunate to have had him with us in New York for so many years. It is truly fitting to honor Tom’s legacy here at Saratoga, a place that he loves and where he is truly beloved,” said New York Racing Association CEO and President Chris Kay. “We encourage racing fans to visit the Tom Durkin Replay Center during the meet to relive and revisit some of Tom’s greatest calls over the past quarter-century.”

“This is one of the greatest thrills of my very lucky life in horse racing,” said Durkin. “To be literally attached to Saratoga Race Course is – well, incredible.”

Some of the memorable calls from Durkin featured on the new attraction include the historic run of filly Rachel Alexandra in the 2009 Woodward and his final call from the announcer’s booth at Saratoga celebrating the “splashtastic” victory of Condo Commando in the 2014 Spinaway.

The Tom Durkin Replay Center will be open to the public daily throughout the 2015 meet beginning on Opening Day, Friday, July 24 through Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

For more information about Saratoga Race Course, call (518) 584-6200 or log onto www.nyra.com.