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When Noble Huntsman won his maiden special weight debut at the Saratoga meeting, it marked the latest success for owner/breeder Richard Greeley

## Rooftop View

### GREELEY FINDS NEW YORK BREEDING PROGRAM TO BE A GOOD FIT FOR HIS OPERATION

By TERESA GENARO

**F**OR RICHARD GREELEY, life at the racetrack began as it commonly does: His father and uncle took him to the races when he was growing up. They also owned horses. Their first horse was a Florida-bred mare named Social Pro (by Distinctive Pro). Racing primarily in Florida, she won the 1989 Shirley Jones Handicap (G3) and placed in four other graded stakes including once at Keeneland—in the Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes (G3).



From left, presenter Gary Sciacca, jockey Rajiv Maragh, Greeley, and Mitchell Friedman celebrate a 2014 Saratoga stakes win by Carameway

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# 2022 FALL & WINTER STAKES SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER

DATE	CLOSES	RACE	GRADE	PURSE	AGE	DISTANCE
Fri, Nov 4	Sat., Oct 22	Turnback the Alarm (Hdcp)	III	150,000	F&M 3&UP	1 1/8
Sat, Nov 5	Sat., Oct 22	Atlantic Beach		120,000	2YO	6 Furlongs (Turf)
Sat., Nov 5	Sat., Oct 22	Stewart Manor		120,000	F2YO	6 Furlongs (Turf)
Sun, Nov 6	Sat., Oct 22	Nashua	III	150,000	2YO	1 Mile
Sun, Nov 6	Sat., Oct 22	Tempted		150,000	F2YO	1 Mile
Sat, Nov 12	Sat., Oct 29	Artie Schiller		135,000	3&UP	1 Mile (Turf)
Sun, Nov 13	Sat., Oct 29	Winter Memories		135,000	F3YO	1 1/16 (Turf)
Sat, Nov 19	Sat., Nov 5	Gio Ponti		135,000	3YO	1 1/16 (Turf)
Sun, Nov 20	Sat., Nov 5	Forever Together		135,000	F&M 3&UP	1 1/16 (Turf)
Sun, Nov 20	Sat., Nov 5	Key Cents (NYB)		100,000	F2YO	6 Furlongs
Sun, Nov 20	Sat., Nov 5	Notebook (NYB)		100,000	2YO	6 Furlongs
Fri, Nov 25	Sat., Nov 12	Long Island	III	300,000	F&M 3&UP	1 3/8 (Turf)
Fri, Nov 25	Sat., Nov 12	Comely	III	175,000	F3YO	1 1/8
Fri, Nov 25	Sat., Nov 12	Aqueduct Turf Sprint Championship		150,000	3&UP	6 Furlongs (Turf)
Sat, Nov 26	Sat., Nov 12	Red Smith	II	300,000	3&UP	1 3/8 (Turf)
Sat, Nov 26	Sat., Nov 12	Fall Highweight (Hdcp)	III	175,000	3&UP	6 Furlongs
Sat, Nov 26	Sat., Nov 12	Central Park		120,000	2YO	1 Mile (Turf)
Sun, Nov 27	Sat., Nov 12	Discovery		150,000	3YO	1 1/8
Sun, Nov 27	Sat., Nov 12	Autumn Days		150,000	F&M 3&UP	6 Furlongs (Turf)
Sun, Nov 27	Sat., Nov 12	Tepin		120,000	F2YO	1 Mile (Turf)

## DECEMBER

DATE	CLOSES	RACE	GRADE	PURSE	AGE	DISTANCE
Sat., Dec 3	Sat., Nov 19	Cigar Mile (Hdcp)	I	750,000	3&UP	1 Mile
Sat., Dec 3	Sat., Nov 19	Remsen	II	250,000	2YO	1 1/8
Sat., Dec 3	Sat., Nov 19	Demoiselle	II	250,000	F2YO	1 1/8
Sat., Dec 3	Sat., Nov 19	Go For Wand (Hdcp)	III	200,000	F&M 3&UP	1 Mile
Sun., Dec 4	Sat., Nov 19	New York Stallion Series		125,000	3&UP	7 Furlongs
		Thunder Rumble Division (Restricted)				
Sun., Dec 4	Sat., Nov 19	New York Stallion Series		125,000	F&M 3&UP	7 Furlongs
		Staten Island Division (Restricted)				
Sat., Dec 10	Sat., Nov 26	Garland of Roses		120,000	F&M 3&UP	6 Furlongs
Sat., Dec 17	Sat., Dec 3	New York Stallion Series		500,000	2YO	7 Furlongs
		Great White Way Division				
Sat., Dec 17	Sat., Dec 3	New York Stallion Series		500,000	F2YO	7 Furlongs
		Fifth Avenue Division				
Sat., Dec 17	Sat., Dec 3	Alex M. Robb (NYB)		100,000	3&UP	1 Mile
Sat., Dec 17	Sat., Dec 3	Bay Ridge (NYB)		100,000	F&M 3&UP	1 Mile
Fri., Dec 30	Sat., Dec 17	Gravesend		135,000	3&UP	6 Furlongs
Sat., Dec 31	Sat., Dec 17	Queens County		150,000	3&UP	1 1/8

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Indian Ocean (02, Stormy Atlantic), Briar Hill Farm	\$1,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Zeena's Rush, \$5,779)	\$8,559	*267	6	0.75	1.18
2	Dr. Rockett (99, Regal Classic)	Died, 2018	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Casper Joe, \$3,273)	\$5,143	14	0	0.50	0.62
3	Silk Broker (96, Pentelicus)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Big Stock Winner, \$1,608)	\$1,608	34	3	0.63	0.46

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

Owning a mare with black-type, especially with a first venture into ownership, is generally not a common occurrence. Neither is what happened next.

When Social Pro was sold, the Greeleys took their portion of the proceeds and invested in another Thoroughbred, purchasing a 25% share in a horse named Devil His Due.

Easy game.

“Looking back,” said Greeley, “we didn’t realize how difficult it was to win even a small stakes race, a listed race. Then we had a horse in the Kentucky Derby (G1) with our second horse. It was insane. There are generations of breeders that have never had a horse in the Derby, and there we were.”

In addition to setting a high bar for their future horses, multiple grade 1 winner Devil His Due also brought Greeley in contact with Allen Jerkens, the horse’s trainer. Greeley and Jerkens remained friends until the latter’s death in 2015.

Greeley grew up in Rumsey, N.J., and after graduating from high school, he went into his family’s roofing business; starting his own business after his father and uncle retired.

“I graduated from high school on Wednesday, and I was on the roof on Friday,” he said. “I’ve been on the roof ever since. After they packed it in, I went out on my own.”

He established Safeway Contracting in 1996. His wife Cara is the company’s president; his son RJ, the project manager. Greeley himself is the general manager of the company, which primarily does roofing for schools, hospitals, and other large-scale projects. Now 58, Greeley will turn the company over to his son when he retires.

About 15 years ago Greeley followed his father’s footsteps into horse own-



Richard Greeley’s father owned a share of multiple grade 1 winner Devil His Due



Noble Huntsman as a foal in 2020 with his dam My Cara Mia at Sue and Gary Lundy’s Cedar Ridge Farm in Pine Plains, N.Y.

ership, purchasing a Grand Slam filly named Adorable You. He owned her throughout her 22-race career in which she won one race and earned \$38,866.

Not exactly the rarefied air of Devil His Due.

An avid reader of BloodHorse and its pedigree information, Greeley noticed

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# 2022 LEADING SIRES IN NEW YORK

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2022 Earnings	Foals	BT SWS	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Central Banker (10, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	123/63	6/9	3/6	(Morning Matcha, \$385,000)	\$4,359,392	300	10	1.38	1.18
2	War Dancer (10, War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$7,500	86/36	2/2	1/2	(Dancing Buck, \$270,120)	\$2,690,293	158	3	1.02	1.14
3	Big Brown (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	86/36	2/3	1/2	(Somelikeithotbrown, \$470,180)	\$1,966,206	*870	29	1.03	1.39
4	Freud (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$5,000	81/26	2/3	2/2	(Dakota Gold, \$190,000)	\$1,739,595	*1409	59	1.43	1.20
5	Mission Impazible (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	\$2,500	69/34	0/0	0/0	(Colormepazzi, \$132,305)	\$1,651,173	292	7	1.01	1.18
6	Bustin Stones (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$2,500	52/27	2/2	1/2	(Bustin Bay, \$138,320)	\$1,351,652	280	13	1.30	1.22
7	Bellamy Road (02, Concerto)	Pnsd	70/24	0/0	0/0	(Road to Remember, \$115,828)	\$1,163,853	*744	32	1.09	1.21
8	Union Jackson (12, Curlin), Sequel Stallions New York	\$2,500	35/18	2/2	1/2	(Unique Unions, \$122,850)	\$947,017	62	2	0.83	1.03
9	Frost Giant (03, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2022	38/19	1/1	1/1	(Smithwick's Spice, \$169,822)	\$943,729	*467	16	1.10	1.10
10	Slumber (GB) (08, Cacique), Rockridge Stud	\$7,500	12/7	1/1	0/1	(Sy Dog, \$387,400)	\$920,259	22	2	2.14	0.77
11	Micromanage (10, Medaglia d'Oro)	Pnsd	33/18	0/0	0/0	(One Time Willard, \$94,000)	\$782,765	82	0	0.74	1.19
12	Giant Surprise (09, Giant's Causeway)	Pnsd	31/12	1/2	1/1	(Galaxina, \$216,250)	\$746,870	136	4	1.18	1.19
13	Majestic City (09, City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$2,500	43/19	0/0	0/0	(Dee Bo, \$77,400)	\$720,866	102	1	0.65	0.99
14	Teufflesberg (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Private	24/11	0/0	0/0	(Smiling Teuffles, \$124,680)	\$568,112	183	4	1.10	1.04
15	Courageous Cat (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$2,500	32/13	0/0	0/0	(Driftwood, \$85,160)	\$549,307	234	8	0.86	1.03

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

that Grand Slam had consistently rated high among sires and broodmare sires. So while he had not bought Adorable You with an idea toward breeding, he suggested to his trainer Mitch Friedman that they try to recoup some of the money they had spent by breeding her.

Adorable You went to Lawyer Ron and produced a chestnut filly in 2010 that Greeley named after his wife. The first horse that Greeley bred, Carameway won the 2014 Saratoga Dew Stakes at Saratoga Race Course and placed in four other stakes races. She earned \$472,827.

Easy game.

"We had a lot of fun with her," said Greeley, in something of an understatement, adding that he owned the exacta in that Saratoga Dew, running second with a filly he had purchased at auction for \$32,000. By the Irish-bred North Light, Dreaming of Cara earned \$265,150 in 41 lifetime starts.

Two years after giving birth to Carameway, Adorable You foaled a Colonel John filly. Sticking to the formula that worked, Greeley named her My Cara Mia. She earned just shy of \$260,000.

Greeley kept her, too, when she was retired from racing. Thus was born Greeley's broodmare band.

While Adorable You didn't produce any standouts after Carameway and My Cara Mia, both have foaled win-



Sue Lundy greets Noble Huntsman at the barn

ners. Carameway's 2019 Arrogate filly, Caragate, is a stakes-placed earner of \$221,500, having recently finished fourth in the Empire Distaff Stakes at the Belmont at the Big A meet. My Cara Mia's 2-year-old colt by Noble Mission, named Noble Huntsman, has one win in five starts for \$80,600 in earnings.

Greeley kept Dreaming of Cara, too, and she has produced winners for him: English Breeze (by English Channel) won \$110,793 and was twice stakes-placed while Cara's Dreamer, by The Factor, earned just under \$260,000,

also placing twice in stakes races.

All of Greeley's homebreds are bred in New York, at Sue and Gary Lundy's Cedar Ridge Farm in Pine Plains, about 100 miles south of Saratoga Springs.

"What a fantastic job they do," he said. "We had a couple of births that could have gone either way, and they pulled the foals and the mares through for me. I'm so impressed with what they do, and we've never lost or a baby or a mama. God bless them."

Sue Lundy notes that Greeley is very involved.

"He knows a lot about racing, and he makes sure that he has good people taking care of his horses," Lundy said. "He follows their recommendations, and he's had a lot of good luck doing it that way. He's great, and he's really into his horses."

Greeley was referred to the Lundys by Hidden Brook Farm, and he has kept all of his mares there since he began breeding. Currently boarding at the farm are Carameway, in foal to Catholic Boy; Dreaming of Cara, in foal to Speightster; and My Cara Mia, in foal to War Dancer. They will likely be joined in 2023 by Cara's Dreamer, who was injured in a race at Belmont Park in June when another horse clipped her heels, injuring her tendon. Though Greeley contemplated selling her, he is inclined to keep her and breed her.

"She had surgery at Ruffian (Equine

Hospital, next to Belmont Park), and we just hoped she wouldn't founder," said Friedman. "She came out of everything OK and is down at Hidden Brook Farm in Kentucky."

Greeley admits that he has a hard time parting with horses, especially when they're named after his wife. He resists putting them in claiming races.

"It's brutal," he said. "I'd keep them all. I'm always thinking about buying a farm, but it's not worth it if you don't have at least 20 mares."

"Oof," he sighed, when asked how many horses he owns. "Don't tell my wife."

He's got close to a dozen in training with Friedman; the three broodmares at Cedar Ridge; and a handful of weanlings and yearlings. He'd have more if it made logistical and financial sense.

"I love it," he said. "I've got to have 10,000 pictures at my house. Pictures of all of them the day they were born, their first steps. In this game, you have to be competitive and have a couple of bucks. If I had the money Mike Repole does, I'd do exactly what he's doing."

Greeley also provides post-racing opportunities for his horses. Through former New York Racing Association chief veterinarian Celeste Kunz, Friedman became aware of A New Day Equine Haven in Mechanicsville, Va., a facility owned by Megan Keesee. She lets down horses from the track, retrains them, and adopts them out; she also gives riding lessons on them to both children and adults and offers a therapeutic riding program.

Over the years Friedman has donated nearly two dozen horses to the program, including several of Greeley's. Shipping there in late October was Cara's Prince, a 2-year-old purchased by Greeley earlier this year, retiring sound having gone winless in six starts.

"Instead of risking him getting hurt or just failing at racing," said Keesee, "that stall can be used for another horse that might be more successful at racing, and



Carameway as a foal in 2020, with her dam Adorable You

Cara's Prince can be successful doing something else."

Among Keesee's Greeley alums is Wicked Huntsman, who is traveling the United States on the Grand Prix show circuit; one of the several horses donated to Keesee, who lives in Minetta, Va., does endurance trail riding. Keesee keeps Friedman and Greeley up-to-date on their former runners.

"Mitch gets pictures of the kids riding our horses, giving them baths," Greeley said.

Greeley is effusive in his praise for the many people who work with his horses: Randy Bradshaw, who breaks them in Florida; Sergio de Sousa of Hidden Brook Farm and Richard Saba of High Point Bloodstock, who work with him on matings; and Friedman, who has trained Greeley's horses from the start.

"He's a very underrated trainer," Greeley said. "He has horses in his barn that have won over \$200,000 in allowance races. Chasing Cara is a win away from \$300,000. Caragate's won \$200,000. He knows how to place horses."

Greeley has occasionally sold horses he has bred, but they didn't bring much

at auction, and his long relationship with Friedman is an incentive to keep and race them.

"Mitch knows the families," he said, "and I think it's a little bit of an edge when he trained their mothers and grandmothers."

"He's got such a passion for the game," said Friedman. "He loves every corner of it, and he loves to talk about it. He's such an easy guy to work for, and it's so exciting when they win after you had the mother and that mother's mother. Seeing him excited makes me even happier."

While Greeley's family doesn't quite share his passion for horse racing, his two children recently went to the races with him when they had a horse in a stakes race, and both Victoria, 27, and RJ, 26, enjoyed the day.

"They hadn't been to the races in a while, and they were very, very excited," he said.

While his children missed a late weekend trip in August, Greeley welcomed another family member.

"I had," he said, "the real Cara mia with me." **BH**



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