They called her Wonder Woman

(a biography of Kay Vaughan)

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If you've never been crazy about thoroughbreds it's because you've never been around where they are much and don't know any better. They're beautiful. There isn't anything so lovely and clean and full of spunk and honest and everything as some racehorses. On the big horse farms that are all around our town Beckersville there are tracks and the horses run in the early morning. More than a thousand times I've got out of bed before daylight and walked two or three miles to the tracks. Mother wouldn't of let me go but father always says, "Let him alone." So I got some bread out of the bread box and some butter and jam, gobbled it and lit out.

...It brings a lump up into my throat when a horse runs. I don't mean all horses but some. I can pick them nearly every time. It's in my blood like in the blood of racetrack[ers] and trainers. Even when they just go slop-jogging along with a little [rid]er on their backs I can tell a winner. If my throat hurts and it's hard for me to swallow, that's him. He'll run like Sam Hill when you let him out. If he don't win every time it'll be a wonder and because they've got him in a pocket behind another or he was pulled or got off bad at the post or something. If I wanted to be a gambler like Henry Rieback's father I could get rich. I know I could and Henry says so too. All I would have to do is to wait 'til that hurt comes when I see a horse and then bet every cent. That's what I would do if I wanted to be a gambler, but I don't.

- Sherwood Anderson (1928)

Acknowledgement

A friend, Al Stipe found two volumes that documented the career achievements of Kay Vaughan and immediately envisioned a biography that covered her entire life, centering about her accomplishments as a thoroughbred horse trainer. Although he received approval from Kay and her husband Fred, Al ultimately withdrew from the effort. That aborted project resulted in an effort to complete this volume. Gratitude is due Al for his initial enthusiasm for envisioning the impact of such a volume being made available to the public. To family and friends who contributed their memories of events and situations that occurred so long ago, we thank you.

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Prologue

In 1982 and 1983 an unassuming woman from outside the industry, none of whose family had ever been involved in horse racing, shocked the racing world with her accomplishments.

Kay's Outstanding Achievements in the Early 8os

With only 13 horses in training in 1982, 10 owned by her and her husband Fred and another in partnership, Kay saddled 8 stakes winners (6 in 1982 alone) and five more who placed in stakes – that's 11 of 13. One of the others had placed in stakes in 1981 and won allowance races in 1982. More would follow. The following is a list of these horses and the stakes in which they placed in this two-year period:

Mondolu	Fashion Handicap, 2nd Rhododendron Handicap, 3rd Prima Donna Handicap, 3rd Alki Handicap, 3rd Miss Yakima Stakes
Unparalleled	Washington Stallion Stakes (fillies), 3rd Mike Donohoe Memorial Stakes
Musical Tide	Thanksgiving Handicap, 3rd Gold Digger Handicap
Big Flyer	Gottstein Futurity, 3rd Big Apple Stakes
After Hours	El Camino Real, 3rd Longacres Juvenile Championship, 3rd Yakima Futurity
Red Baron Returns	Longacres Derby, Wenatchee Apple Blossom Stakes
Quick N' Lovely	Washington Stallion Stakes (fillies),
Speech Test	Tukwila Handicap, B. Marcus Priteca Handicap, 3rd Puget Sound Handicap
Fleet Joey	2nd Warren G. Magnus Handicap, 3rd B. Marcus Priteca Stakes
Terzarima	2nd Yakima Indian Nation Handicap
Short Socks	2nd Stripling Handicap
Royal Turn	2nd Apple Blossom Stakes, 3rd Ingenue Handicap
Reclusive Ascent	3rd Apple Blossom Stakes
Monolithic Spirit	3rd Mercer Girls Handicap (1981)

Each of these horses was a success story in its own right. But they are not the most significant part of this story. Other trainers had, or would subsequently have, opportunities with these very same horses, and they would not perform nearly as well. Better (in the sense of better bred and more expensive) horses ran in the same races as her less expensive horses, but not as well. In virtually all of these cases Kay contributed to the success of her horses by altering their running style from contending for the lead out the gate, to having them pulled back, forcibly at first, to teach them to relax, that it is more effective to bide your time and come from off the pace. She gradually put together a stable of horses that knew how to win – that was ready to explode onto the racing stage by the early eighties.

Because of all the individual outstanding claims and ultimate stakes winners, Kay's horses ran in higher class races than those of most leading trainers whose successes are measured in number of wins or trainers who train very expensive horses for the wealthy to have their pictures taken in the winners' circle of prestigious stake races. Yet, running her less expensive horses against the best in feature races, her overall win percentage of 21% for 1982 was the best of any Longacres trainer with 20 or more starts. Her small stable had 24 wins, 13 seconds, and 21 thirds.

Her notoriety attracted other owners and already by 1983 more of the races she entered were for clients than for her and her husband.

Chapter 1: Introduction

Kay's spectacular accomplishment of winning three $100,000 stakes races in a one-year period (one of these was the $50,000 added Gottstein Futurity that netted over $100,000), the amazing percentage of stakes quality horses in her small stable at that time, and her amazing win percentage in high class races over this same period is why this book had to be written – even if forty-some years late. But who was she really? Could she possibly have also been a good mother to her children and a wife in the traditional sense during this period? Sure, no one asked such questions of men who reached the top in their chosen field after being heralded for outstanding success. But whether appropriately or not, she was used to having those kinds of demeaning questions asked. They were, and continue to be, asked with regard to women, so okay, let's address those inappropriate questions. We will obtain those answers as well as exploring what motivated her success as a horse trainer in the first place, how she got started, and how did her approach differ from that of other trainers. News media articles that addressed her successes tended to confuse facts and condescend to appellations such as "mother of two", "wife of a Boeing employee," or the grandiose sobriquet, 'Wonder Woman'. So who was she – the actual woman?

In the early 1970s and 80s when horse racing was still a predominantly male endeavor in the northwest, although Kathy Walsh had led the training standing at Longacres, Kay became a highly gifted horse trainer whose horses won many stakes, Handicap races, allowance, and high price claiming races at the Longacres racetrack south of Seattle. For her many accomplishments she earned considerable well-deserved acclaim and major training awards. Self-motivated and self-taught, she managed the family stable and breeding operation. She handled 60-plus racing stable at one point later in her career and achieved her goals in thoroughbred horse racing while raising two children who became very well-educated and went on to enjoy success in their professional careers. This, in addition to enjoying a marriage that would last for more than sixty years.

Kay had first been Heralded as ‘Wonder Woman’ by a competing trainer as sarcasm after success with a horse or two that she had claimed from him. But the name stuck, appearing in many articles by Seattle sports columnists and was used by many of the horseracing fans. So naturally her husband Fred would himself refer to her as Wonder Woman years later when he documented her achievements in a couple of volumes intended as a record for their children who may have been too young to appreciate the extent of their mother’s success. In these volumes of win photos and newspaper clippings he referred to himself as Mr. Kay Vaughan, which seemed to him his proper role in context.

Today Kay and Fred are both long since retired. In the late eighties they auctioned off all the horses that they had not sold privately or had them claimed after entering them for realistic price tags. Kay retired a couple of years before Longacres racetrack was sold and Fred retired from the Boeing Aerospace company a few years later. They sold their ranch and moved to a Seattle suburb, taking their dog Buddy with them. They share a close relationship in which it is apparent that their minds and personalities augment each other. Kay is thoughtful and can be intense; Fred is often simultaneously serious while seeming light-hearted. They are both original thinkers who pursued their own paths with a commitment to excel. Their two children, Nola and Sean, are in their early fifties now, both successful professionals in their own right and parents of children of their own who are stepping out into the adult world.

Kay’s life is a rather fascinating and a romantic story, the stuff of good-feeling movies one might think. Both she and Fred grew up in small towns and left it all behind by their twenties. They respected their parents’ beliefs, remained on good terms with their extended families, and typically celebrated holidays together. Fred earned a degree in physics at the University of Washington and went to work in the Aerospace industry as an electronics research engineer. He did original research in parallel computing and programming methodology in which he had several patented inventions and published numerous technical papers. Since retirement he has pursued his interest in various branches of physics that have intrigued him since his university days. Like Kay, he also

grew up with a love of horses and became a student of thoroughbred pedigrees – he completed a sixteen-generation pedigree of their first racehorse, Paraselene. He and Kay were among the leading thoroughbred breeders in Washington for many years with regard to wins and money won. They served on the Washington Horse Breeders Association Summer Select Sale's Pedigree Committee several times.

Kay had insisted on becoming a horse trainer after a depressing year for their first two home-bred horses. She was certain she could do better. When given the opportunity she developed her own unique training approach, and her horses were winning races the very first year. But there was still a lot to learn. Kay ultimately would learn about claiming horses – largely because other trainers claimed her horses, thinking they could do better with them. Together Fred and Kay had researched compatibility of mares and stallions for breeding based on their pedigrees and racing performance constrained by cost considerations. So Kay was prepared for selecting horses to claim based on their pedigrees. She primarily claimed young horses whose pedigrees and morning workouts showed potential and that she thought were being raced with the wrong strategy. Horses with speed that died in the stretch were the ones she looked at. By teaching them to relax, she moved them up through the claiming ranks to allowance and stakes quality. So, after a home bred horse would be claimed, it was an opportunity to go on a shopping spree. She had a special ability at envisioning potential in a claiming horse and realizing that potential after training the horse for a very short time. These horses ultimately won allowance, and even stakes and Handicap races with substantial earnings to be garnered in this way. Sometimes she would only get to race a horse a time or two before trainers would recognize it had been a good claim and it would be claimed away from her. She did not mind being known as a 'claiming trainer'. It was a process that ultimately earned her the moniker Wonder Woman.

One of the Vaughans' more significant accomplishments was the home-bred Red Baron Returns which their son Sean had named. The horse was born with severely crooked hind legs which prompted the veterinarian at the stud farm where he was foaled to suggest he should be put down because "he can never amount to anything." As a

remarkable achievement the Kay-trained horse went on to an amazing upset. Red Baron Returns would ultimately win the $100,000 added Grade III Longacres Derby, going out at odds of over 50-to-1. He came from 26 lengths off the pace to win the race by two and a half lengths going away from the heavily favored Prairie Breaker. The Red Baron Returns was a bit like his trainer, a long shot to onlookers but whose inherent quality ultimately prevailed.

There were the big money wins – the one hundred-thousand-dollar races. But her achievements occurred daily. One day someone would claim one of her horses, then shortly she would claim a horse for a lesser claiming price. Inevitably, it would turn out to be a better runner than the one she had just lost to claiming. The new horse would climb the claiming ranks, frequently winning a stake race or being claimed at a higher price. *That* is what Wonder Woman did.

Chapter 2
Kay's Childhood and Youth

Kay's father Norman Leen was born in North Dakota; his parents had immigrated from Norway and ultimately traded their homestead for an orchard in Olinda, California. Kay's mother Edith nee Weir was born in Niagara Falls, New York; her parents had immigrated from Ireland and soon moved to Albany, California. They were married in 1936.

Kay's parents

Kay was born Carroll Agnes Leen on November 13, 1941 in Berkeley, California. She was the middle child of three. Her sister Gladys was 4 years older. Her brother Jack was 4 years younger. Growing up, her family lived in the little towns of northern California near Yreka located on I-5 near the Oregon border. Yreka had a population of about 2,500 in the 1940 census. The town is the county seat of Siskiyou County known for its history as a gold mining center.

Kay's sister Gladys and her

Her father Norman had been a rancher during the Depression. From her early years, she remembers life on a remote ranch near Seiad Valley on the Klamath River. Her father hauled hay over to Humboldt County, bringing back fence posts, and also broke mustangs to make a living; her mother Edie was a housewife. When Kay was 5, the family moved to the town of Montague, about 6 miles east of Yreka where she began school.

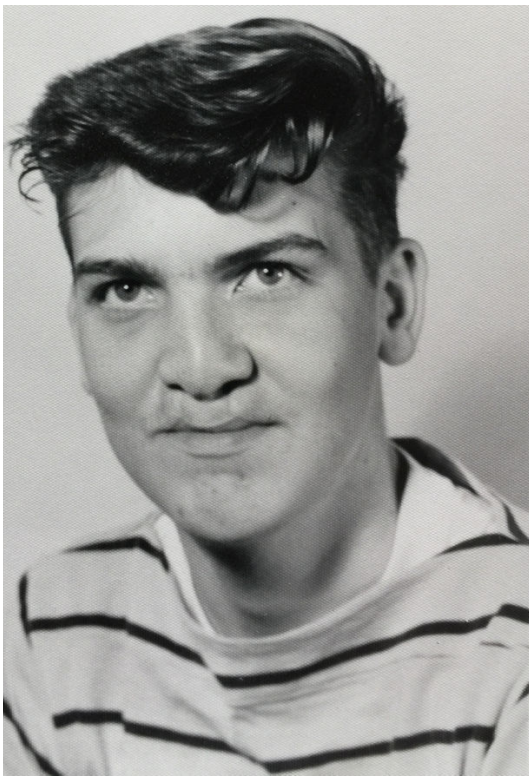
The little town of Montague nestled at the base of Mt. Gregory,
which Blocked the view of Mount Shasta

Her father became a partner in a tire shop, and in later years also owned two sawmills, a dry kiln, and a plaining mill. In 1955 one of the sawmills that was on the Klamath river was destroyed in a flood and the family lost that source of income. Her father then went into real estate. When Kay was a high school senior, the family moved to Klamath

River, a hamlet of about 30 people. Kay attended high school in Yreka, 21 miles away, and had to ride the school bus every day with the kids she had called “river rats”, except when she caught a ride with her dad on his way to work.

As a teenager she was not allowed to wear jewelry, or use makeup; dancing was not allowed, no movies, no TV, and the women were expected to have long hair. Despite social constraints and the setbacks in her father’s business, Kay felt her childhood and youth were happy years spent in a loving family. Her activities in high school included lots of athletics: basketball, volleyball, badminton, and speed ball. She also played clarinet in the school band and had fun marching at football games. She says she was more into athletics than studying while in school.

After graduating from Yreka High School in 1959 Kay moved to Albany, California to live at her grandfather’s which was close to her work at UCB (University of California at Berkeley) registrar’s office. She spent a year and a half in that job pulling and filing student records and hand-entering grades into student transcripts. Kay and her sister decided to move to Seattle where she got a job at a medical lab in downtown Seattle.



The future Mr. Kay Vaughan

She reestablished contact with Fred Vaughan who was studying physics at the University of Washington in Seattle at that time. Fred was born the same year as Kay; he grew up and went to school in Mount Vernon, Washington. He had a sister who is 3 years older and was friends with Kay’s sister. Fred and Kay were married a year or so later when Fred was a senior at the University; this was September 1962. Their marriage took place at Kay's parent's home in Klamath River.

After Fred's graduation from the UW, the newly married couple moved to Los Angeles where Fred took a job in systems research at North American Aviation. During their time in LA, Kay attended El Camino Junior College where she took classes in math, English, and swimming.

Kay at graduation from High School

Kay's grandfather and his second wife where Kay lived while working at UCB

Kay and her sister Gladys decided to come to Seattle

Kay and Fred in Seattle. Whoa!

September 22, 1963

Double exposure of Kay and Fred's wedding with Kay's sister Gladys as bridesmaid on the left and her brother Jack as best man in lower right

Meanwhile Fred continued graduate study at the University of Southern California. After a year in LA they returned to Seattle where Fred continued graduate study at the UW. They lived in student housing with Kay working as a bookkeeper at Troy Laundry, becoming the main bread winner at this time, but in 1965 Fred left school to work for the Aerospace division of The Boeing Company. His first assignment was on the Minuteman ICBM project, requiring Kay and Fred to spend several months in Great Falls Montana.

Fred, Kay's father Norman, and brother Jack

Shortly after their move back to Seattle, Kay's brother Jack was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, a cancer of the blood that is today called Hodgkin's lymphoma. At that time it was considered incurable. Jack died four years later at age 24. Kay had been close to her brother even though he was four years younger; he had been Fred's best man at their wedding. Kay says that although her brother was very tough and could be rowdy, she adored him; "He had a great sense of humor," she says. At intervals during the four years of his illness, Jack was treated at the Stanford University Hospital where he died despite the most advanced treatment available. Some of the

treatments that were experimental at the time have since become standard. Hodgkin's lymphoma has become a curable disease.

Jack and Linda

Kay's mom, Edie

On at least four occasions over those four years, including the time of initial discovery and when he finally succumbed, he was taken back to Palo Alto where Kay's entire family would re-unite around his bedside. Each time but the last Jack recovered to better health with the family disembarking only to be recalled again later. But between bouts Jack went back to work as a cowboy on his father-in-law's 30,000-acre ranch in northern California. A herd of horses (which had included Bridle Star, who would become the Vaughan's' foundation mare) foraged like wild horses throughout the range. Every year horses and cattle were roundup and there was a calf branding. Kay and

Fred participated in this interesting event one year on their vacation. Throughout the early years of their marriage, their vacations were most typically spent at the ranch where Kay's parents resided south of Doris, California south of Klamath Falls, Oregon during this period. In the photo below, they rode horseback, Kay on Tilly whose foal Spook they would later acquire. Fred was on Tonto – Jack's horse.

Kay and Fred on vacation in Northern California at Kay's parents' ranch

Within three months after Jack's death Fred was hospitalized with an ulcer. There had been the stress of Jack's illness, Fred's and Kay's purchasing of their ranch in Enumclaw, and the employment at Boeing dropping by 100,000 employees, including many of Fred's fellow workers. The mare they had just purchased, Star Caraudja who was in foal carrying Prince Caligula, arrived at the farm during Fred's hospitalization.

Chapter 3
Getting into Horses and Starting a Family

In the late-60s, the Vaughans bought two horses from Kay's brother Jack and his wife Linda, one was a thoroughbred and the other a riding horse. Although they had no background with thoroughbreds, Kay and Fred had owned and ridden horses when they were young and intended the two newly acquired horses to just be for pleasure riding. Jack, Linda, and Kay's mother transported the horses by trailer from Northern California to the Seattle area.

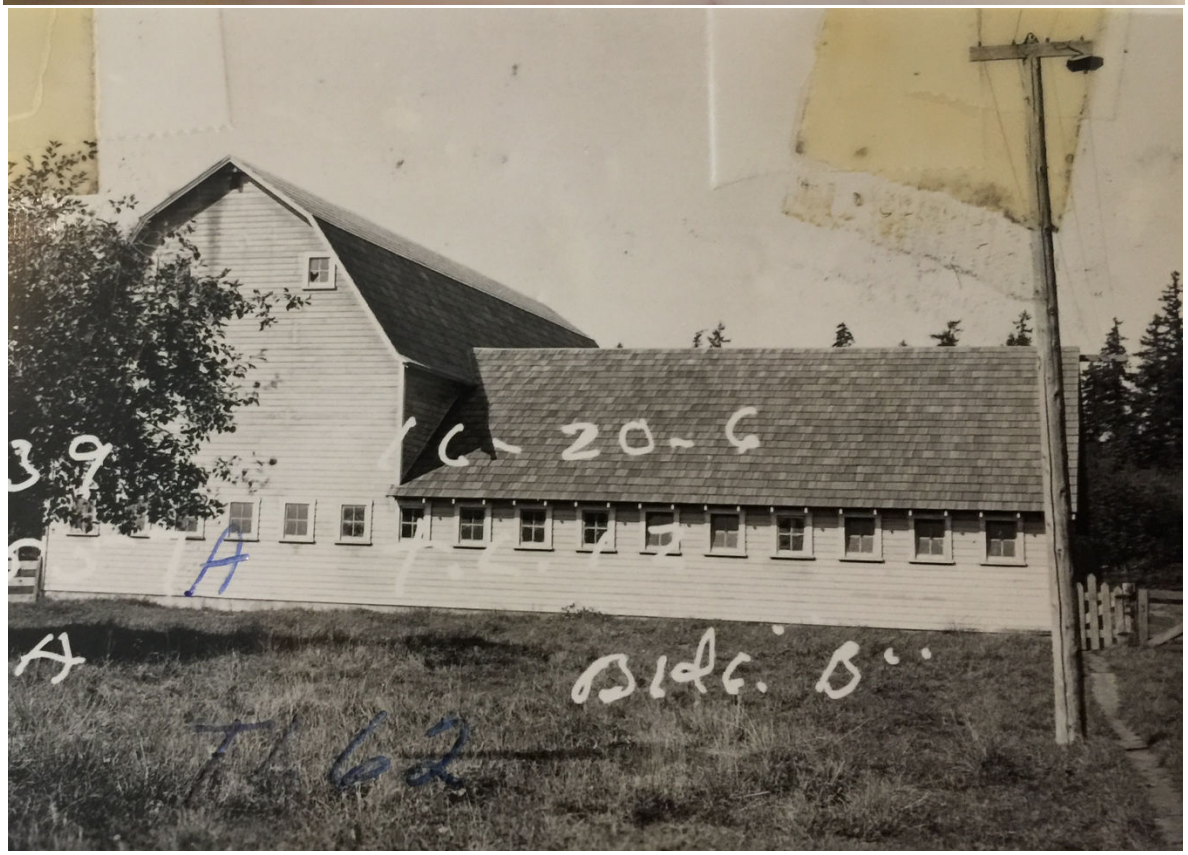
The thoroughbred was the two-year old filly named Bridle Star and the other horse was a half-thoroughbred filly they named Bridle Suite. Needing a place to keep the horses, they bought eight acres of wooded land near Redmond, Washington. In addition to the fir and alder forest that covered the acreage, the land itself was hilly, rocky, and unfenced. It extended back from the road to a power line easement with dirt access roads. There was a shed on the property where they could store hay and grain. The Vaughans drove out the twenty-five miles daily to clear forest, extend the fenced area, and feed the horses. They rode the horses up along the power lines that went on for miles. Eventually they cut enough trees to provide a bit more pasture. They hired neighbor kids to feed the horses on days when they were unable to make the trip.

Jack had planned to break Bridle Star before delivering the horses, but Jack's health, the fact that Bridle Star had wintered poorly on the 30,000 acres of sagebrush on Linda's father's ranch, and that she had incurred a broken hoof didn't allow that. So, she arrived from California 'green-broke', meaning you could get on her but that was about all. Fred finished breaking Bridle Star and rode her often even though she was prone to start bucking even when she was at a dead run. After some time of driving out to Redmond from Seattle regularly to enjoy their horses, the Vaughans decided they needed a place where they and the horses share the same residence. They found a 22-acre property with an old dairy barn and house three miles west of Enumclaw about, 40

miles southeast of Seattle. They moved themselves and their two horses to the farm on September 22, 1968 – their sixth anniversary. A little over a year later, in December 1969, Kay and Fred had their first child, a darling girl they named Nola Kay.

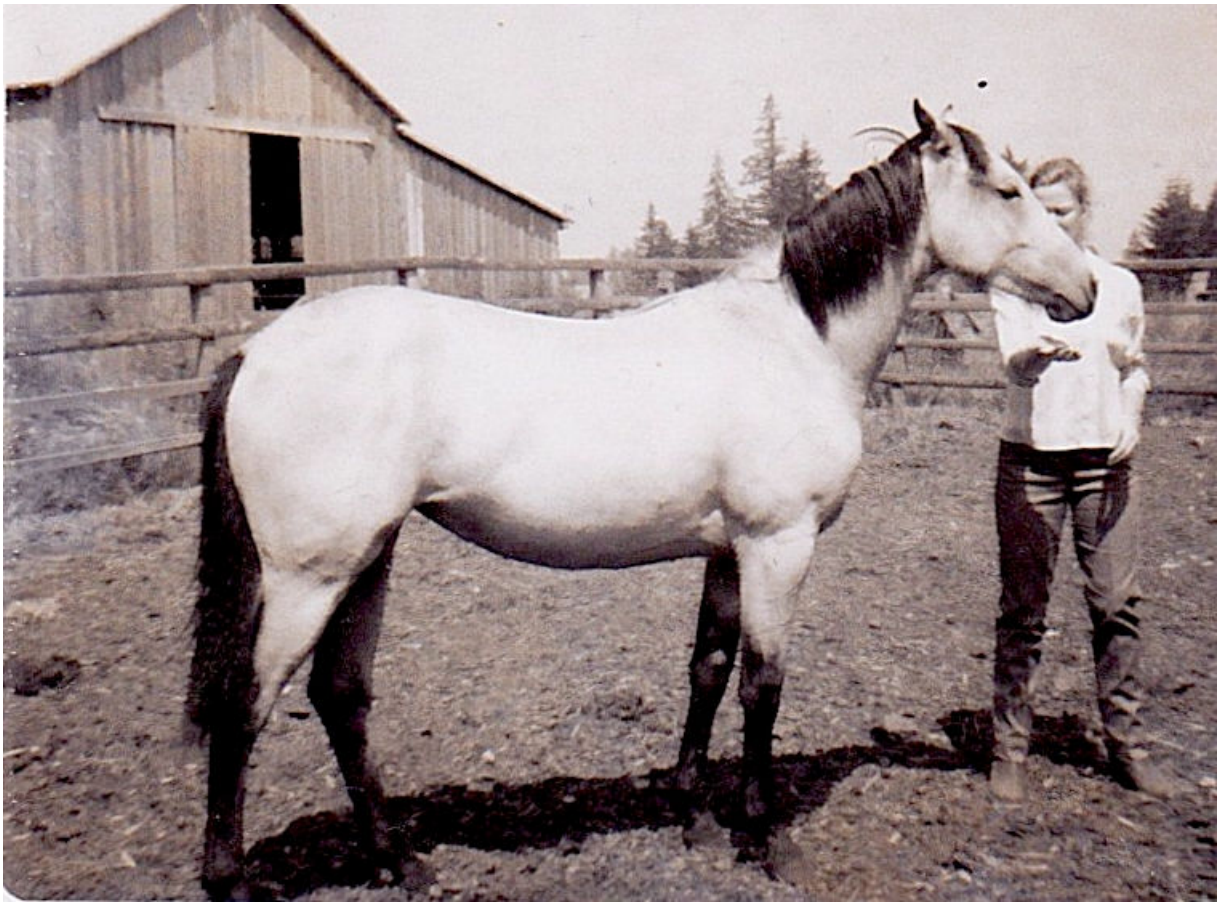
Kay on Bridle Suite

Fred on Bridle Star



The Vaughan farm house and ‘dairy’ barn west of Enuumclaw

The Vaughans acquired a third horse, also a thoroughbred mare, named Sugar Tree for $55.00. (They both acknowledge that a low price does not constitute a 'good deal' on a thoroughbred mare.) Neither Kay nor Fred knew anything about horse racing at that point. Fred researched the horses' pedigrees and found that Bridle Star had no successful racehorses on the distaff side for about four generations back. But for various reasons, perhaps including the impending arrival of their first offspring, Nola Kay which would be at Christmas time in 1969, they decided to breed Bridle Star and Sugar Tree to stallions standing at Dr. Nichol's farm near Redmond. In 1970 Bridle Star foaled a filly they named Paraselene – the bright ring around the moon, relating, they thought, to the names of her dam Bridle Star by Bridle Rings and her sire New Admiral by Crafty Admiral. Sugar Tree's foal was a filly they named Domino Theory – again for 'various reasons' based on names in Sugar Tree's pedigree, the sire Retrial, and then current political discussion. With two racehorse foals they became intrigued with the idea of racing them. Learning how to train their horses to race became Kay's dream.



Tilly's foal shown on page 14 (Spook) grew up; Kay injured her leg breaking her to ride.

Kay’s brother Jack and his wife Linda with two-day-old Nola

Fred with their dog Ebony, Kay with Nola

The usual suspects

During an interval of relatively good health Jack and Linda visited Kay and Fred in Enumclaw. This was at Christmas time in 1969, immediately after which Nola would be born. There was a house full of Kay's family there to celebrate Christmas. Nola was born two days after Christmas while Kay's entire family were still at the Vaughans. Kay's parents stayed for two weeks so Kay's mom could help with the new baby.

Fred's father Jim with Nola in front and her cousin Connie behind on Bridle Suite

Nola learns to ride Paraselene

Kay and Domino Theory

Nola's first word would be 'orse' and she grew up loving animals. As Nola grew and the new foals developed, Kay's dream of ultimately training horses to race persisted.

Kay, Nola, and Herman the German Shepard

In 1972 the Vaughans began to look for a trainer for their two young thoroughbreds, Paraselene and Domino Theory. They hired Frank Spindor first but were unhappy with his approach, then they hired Jay Mills to train them, but neither Fred nor Kay were satisfied with the horses' progress under the tutelage of either of these trainers. Also, training the thoroughbred horse ended up being quite a bit more complicated and expensive than Kay and Fred had anticipated. Fred was ready to quit with the racing idea; his bout with the severe ulcer problem the year before reduced his willingness for

additional stress and uncertainties. But Kay's dream had already metastasized; she wanted to try training the horses herself. Ultimately, she got Fred to agree.

Prince Caligula and his dam Star Caraudja

She learned that thoroughbreds are not marathon athletes like many humans. They must be trained using bursts of speed over short distances. A typical training pattern might consist of a one or two mile gallop every day, with a short-distance timed workout at a half or three-eighths of a mile every five days or so. A typical race may be five furlongs to a mile and a sixteenth; a furlong is one-eighth of a mile. If a horse is trained for some months and proves to be incapable of performing at competitive racing speed, it must be relegated to a future as a jumper or a pleasure riding horse and the training for racing would be discontinued. That was what she knew.

Nola with Sherbet, and Sheila

The mare Star Caraudja that had arrived while Fred was hospitalized had the foal she was carrying when they bought her, a light bay colt Prince Caligula by Prince Khal Ran. When Prince Caligula turned two and was to be sent to another farm to be broke, Kay asked the man who owned the vans that had previously hauled their mares, how a person gets to be a trainer. She knew that he, Art McCready, was also the official starter at Longacres racetrack. Prince Caligula was a bit rambunctious so Kay and Fred came up with the idea that when the van arrived, Kay should take the prerogative of handling and loading Prince Caligula without assistance so that Art would know that she could handle horses. Needless to say, he was impressed by her confidence with a feisty, ungelded, and unbroken colt being loaded into a van for the first time.

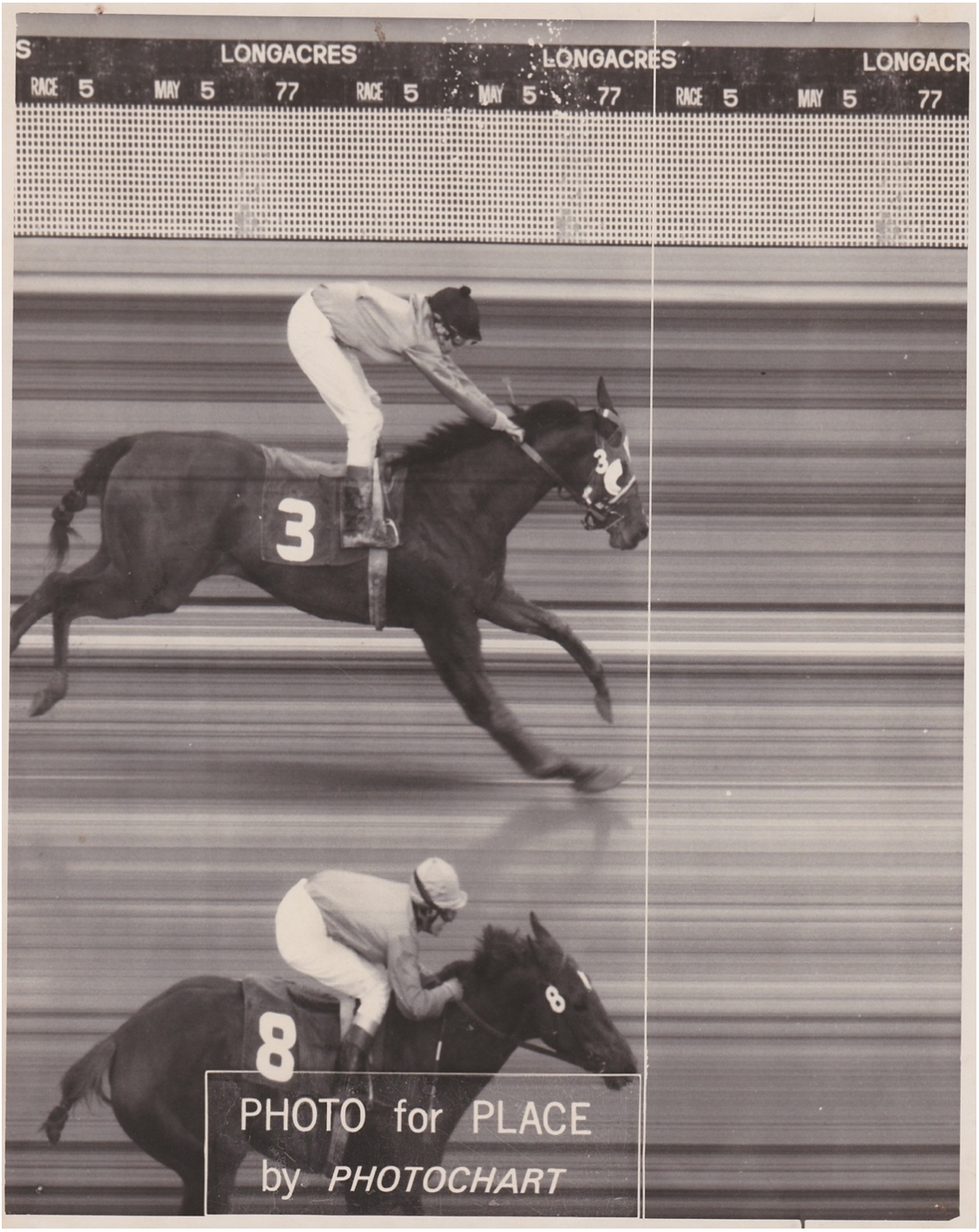
Art asked whether it was Fred who wanted to train horses to which Kay had replied, "No, **I** want to." Since Art McCready was responsible for all activities associated with the starting gate at Longacres racetrack, he had influence and told Kay that if she came on down to the track in the spring when it opened for training, he would help her arrange with the racing secretary for the three stalls she wanted.

Nola (center) and her cousins Connie and Ted are amazed at Sheila's twelve puppies

As the Vaughans race horse activities continued, Nola needed a baby sitter for the hours while Kay trained. And… during her first year as a trainer in 1973, she had become pregnant with her second child, Sean Jeffery. He was born in February 1974. The Vaughans had anticipated that the baby would be a girl that Kay planned to name Sally Marie. It turns out that they had a boy instead, so when Bridle Star had her second foal, a filly, shortly after Sean was born, Nola insisted on naming her Sally Marie. Sally Marie would win her first start as a two-year-old and ultimately ended up being a broodmare in her own right.

A racetrack is the origin of many hilarious anecdotes. One such occurred when Sally Marie, who Nola had named, ran in her first race. The Vaughans were still extremely inexperienced in racing, but they could read racing forms and they noticed that a couple of the horses entered in Sally's race had extreme speed with mostly 'black type' works on their racing form. So as the race unfolded, these two horses broke out on top going head and head with their jockeys already using their whips in the first quarter that was run in the amazing fraction of 20 4/5 seconds; the two horses tired and dropped back so

Sally Marie won easily. Only later did they learn that the two jockeys on the speed horses had bet a cheeseburger on who would be ahead after a quarter mile. (The Vaughans have lost that win photo, but in 1977 she placed (second, number 8) in a race when she was ridden by Kay's friend and exercise rider Alana Goff (bottom).



Sally Marie (8) in a dead heat photo for place with Alana Goff riding

Nola and one of Sheila's twelve puppies, Ainu

Nola and grandfather Jim Vaughan waiting for Sean to be born at the Auburn hospital

Meanwhile, of course, their family life was consuming more of their affections and efforts. With Sean arriving in mid-February just after Spring Training had begun at Longacres, there was a problem to be addressed. The solution they came up with was for Fred to ask for permission to work half time at his job at Boeing so that he could spend the mornings at Longacres caring for the horses and getting them out for their legging up exercises and then feeding and picking stalls before heading for home. Fred was working on the Airborne Command Post (a personal 747 airplane equipped for the president of the United States) project. The project was moved to Mukilteo which added additional from Enumclaw giving him over a 100 mile a day commute during the gas crisis of the early to mid-seventies. One time he ran out of gas in Renton on his way

home, with no gas station available that had gas. He had to call home to have Kay bring him some gas from their tank on the farm.

Kay and Sean, with Nola and Bridle Suite

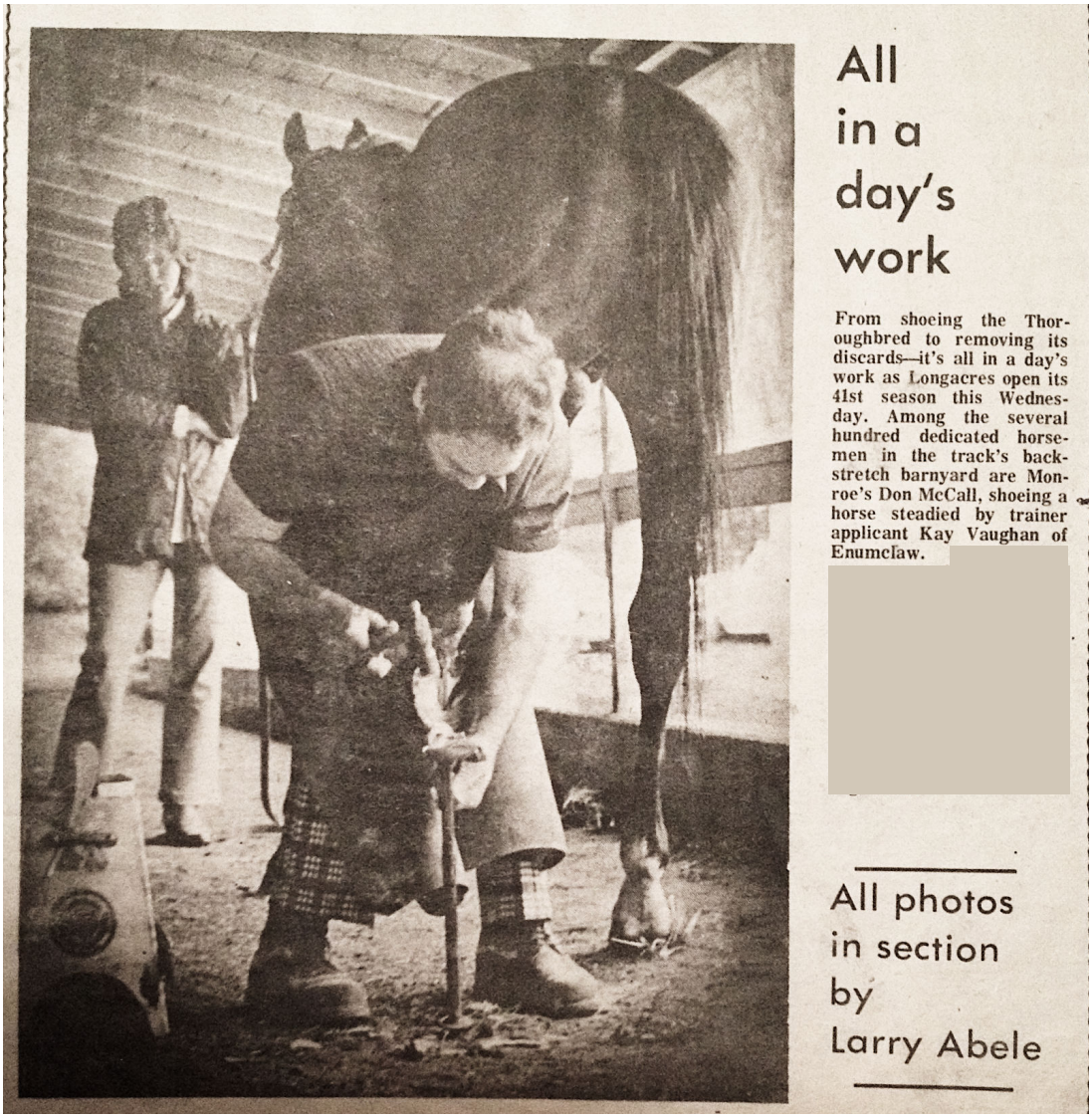
Twenty tons of alfalfa hay going into the Vaughan's barn

So, why, how, and when did Kay and Fred make the decision to go seriously into horse racing? And what were the main motivating factors? With a young family, and Fred's full-time job, they had their hands pretty full of the American dream already. But both Kay and Fred had competitive streaks that emerged as they learned more about the intricacies of horse racing. Fred says that Kay is a game player who likes developing strategies to win so it was a career to which she was suited. Plus, they wanted to earn back some of the expenses they had incurred during their first year, not yet aware of the unlikelihood of that eventuality, that 90% of racehorse owners lose money at it. They would soon be incurring more costs, buying hay in 20-ton quantities, there would be vet bills that one year exceeded $10,000, shoeing costs, exercise rider fees, breeding fees, grooms. But even as they became aware of the many negatives, they became even more committed with their time, energy, and resources.

Having read the book about how to train a Kentucky Derby winner by Hall of Fame trainer Preston Burch, Kay thought she knew pretty much what to do[1]. From the time

[1] Preston M. Burch, *Training Thoroughbred Horses*, The Blood Horse, Lexington KY, 1953, rev. 1967

the two thoroughbred fillies had been foaled, Kay insisted they should be raced. She was eager to challenge herself, but by rule she first had to find a licensed trainer to saddle the horses for races until she could get licensed as a trainer herself. She found the good natured Bert Goddard who agreed to let her to do all the actual training the way she wanted to even though he would be listed as the 'program' trainer who would face ridicule for any mistakes she made. It was no-doubt awkward for him, but he was a good sport and a good friend. So right at the beginning, Kay got a couple of lucky breaks. The first was getting Art McCready to warrant that she deserved stalls at Longacres racetrack. The second lucky break was getting Bert Goddard to stand-in as the ‘program trainer’ until she could get her license. She was on her way.



All in a day's work

From shoeing the Thoroughbred to removing its discards—it's all in a day's work as Longacres open its 41st season this Wednesday. Among the several hundred dedicated horsemen in the track's backstretch barnyard are Monroe's Don McCall, shoeing a horse steadied by trainer applicant Kay Vaughan of Enumclaw.

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One of Kay’s horses being shod in her shed row at Longacres

Meanwhile the children grew. Nola was frequently at the racetrack with Kay and one time when a farrier was at the barn putting shoes on one of the horses, he had said something to the effect of Nola being so cute that he wanted to take her home with him. Unbeknownst to Kay and Fred who was there that day, Nola was terrified that Larry Whitmire the shoer would actually take her home with him. Later, after the horse was shod Kay searched all over for Nola, finally finding her hiding in the hay so she wouldn't be kidnapped. Nola was very shy when she was little, unlike Sean who came out gangbusters. Despite their different styles, the two children were inseparable, Nola really liked having a little brother and looked out for him.

The rocking horse Sean remembered having enjoyed many years later

Chapter 4

The Vaughans Become Horse Breeders

From the beginning, breeding their horses and training them were interwoven activities for the Vaughans. Breeding decisions are generally made based on both pedigree and performance. The former involves world class racehorses appearing close up in the pedigree. Artificial insemination is not allowed; if it were, triple crown winners would no doubt be bred to every mare in America whose owners could afford the fee. But Cinderellas do win races – not often, but they do. They are the ultimate performance horses without much in the way of pedigree. Breeding based on performance refers to relying on racing ability close up in a horse's ancestry. The Vaughans clearly could not afford both pedigree and performance in a stallion. To breed to a stallion with an outstanding pedigree is much more expensive than to breed to a stallion with fewer big names in the pedigree, but whose racing performance was creditable. The Vaughans opted to breed their mares to the latter type of stallion, but there were always trade-offs involved. Fred in particular researched pedigrees and shared his learning with Kay. The stallions to which they bred their mares early on tended to cost them $400 or $500 in breeding fees payable with a live foal, this included Introductivo who ran fourth in the Kentucky Derby. In later years they used their own stallions, including Introductivo.

A horse's pregnancy lasts about 11 months and 5 days. After foaling, a mare often has an estrus cycle just nine days after giving birth and will be bred back to a stallion on this cycle if there have been no complications. This avoids later and later foaling dates each year. A foal's birthdate is effectively January 1st of the year it was foaled; that is the 'birthdate' to which qualifying conditions for races pertain, e.g., races for two-year-olds. There is an advantage for horses that were foaled early in the year. (This generalized phenomenon is well explained in the book *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell, where he discusses why great athletes and better students are typically born in the early months relative to such critical dates.) When breeding a mare that has a foal not yet weaned, the foal is left in the stall alone whinnying for its mother. The mare nurses her foal for 6 to 9 months after which it is weaned by being removed as far away as possible from its

dam. If a mare dies when foaling and the foal lives, a nurse mare is usually sought for the foal. Foals impose additional costs on the breeder for feeding, vet bills, breaking, and other expenses such as Jockey Club registration, eligibility fees for futurities, etc. The Breeders Cup series added an additional expense that hurts the small breeder.

Despite lesser pedigrees, the Vaughans foals grew into successful racehorses that were generally profitable. When one of their home-bred horses would get claimed, they would generally replace it in their racing stable by claiming a young horse with a better pedigree and racing potential. That required some research with which they both got involved.

Births of thoroughbred foals are reported to the Jockey Club which validates and records the name and parentage of all thoroughbreds and maintains the official records for all of North America for breeding and racing purposes. The Jockey Club registry is located in Lexington KY. An owner draws the markings of the foal on a form and submits three possible names for the foal on the registration form and includes a blood sample taken from the foal. The latter procedure was not yet in place when the Vaughans began, but its use is invaluable. For acceptance a name must be unique (not previously registered within a set number of years or the name of a famous thoroughbred) and not perceived by the Jockey Club as obscene. The Jockey Club officials pick one of the submitted names for the foal or possibly reject them all to ask for another submittal. Only foals from two thoroughbred parents that are already on record can be registered. The blood sample is submitted along with the registration form to validate the claimed parentage. Twin births, which are not uncommon, are sometimes reported as the mare having been ‘barren’ because the foals grow up to be smaller and tend not to be of racing quality.

One year Bridle Star was sent to be bred to the stallion Introductivo at the Medallion stud farm in Lacey, Washington but the stud manager Nancy LaFrance reported that Bridle Star had not come in heat before the middle of May, and all of the parties decided to ship her home rather than have a late foal. Then, months after she had returned

home, the Vaughans found that she was pregnant after all. A filly was foaled the following year and after having sent in her blood sample with the registration form, they were informed that the filly had not been sired by the designated stallion just as Nancy had informed them. After much consideration and an awareness that the Jockey Club would only allow one more attempt to establish parentage, the Vaughans figured out that Bridle Star could only have become pregnant on their own farm by a then 14-month-old thoroughbred colt who was named The Little Turk. The match was subsequently confirmed, and the filly was named Reclusive Ascent. After some back and forth – now about the name. Fred had thought the computer-related name Recursive Ascent would be appropriate and so that had been what they requested, but someone at the Jockey Club must have had a sense of humor. By any name, she was a star, her first win would come in September of 1982.

The Little Turk with Lacey Warrick up being ponied by Angelo Villa's youngest son. He won his first start April 30, 1980.

Nick, Kay's groom who helped on the farm one winter, particularly liked Reclusive Ascent. Gary Baze is in the saddle.

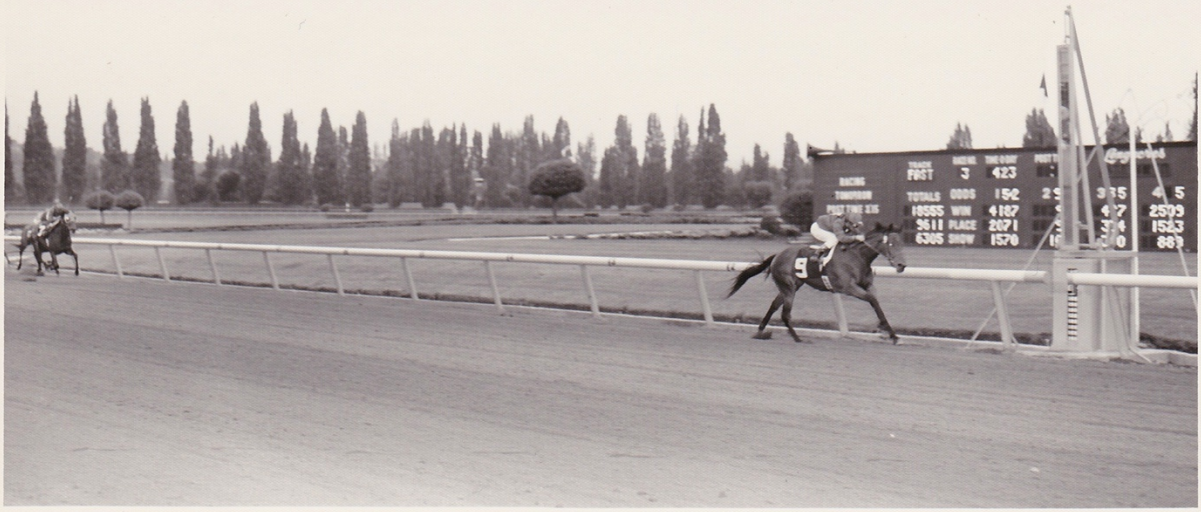
Most breeders in Washington geld their Washington bred colts. The Vaughan stable, did not follow this convention because Kay believed colts could take harder training than geldings. Also, however unlikely, if they turned out to be outstanding runners, they could be used as a stallion. Prince Caligula was their first home-bred colt and an outstanding runner for a few years when he was not suffering from leg injuries. Kay remembers that as a weanling, Caligula was almost like a playful pet; but half-ton pets are dangerous. The Vaughans had to walk through an unlighted pasture on the way to the barn at their farm, and the young Prince would come running up to play and be petted but it was a bit scary in the dark. In later years, they bred him to a few mares from which they obtained winners Transition Machine, Big Calig, and Senator Incitatus. A few years later in the early 80s, the Vaughans obtained the stallion Introductivo from Medallion Farm for their own and used him almost exclusively.

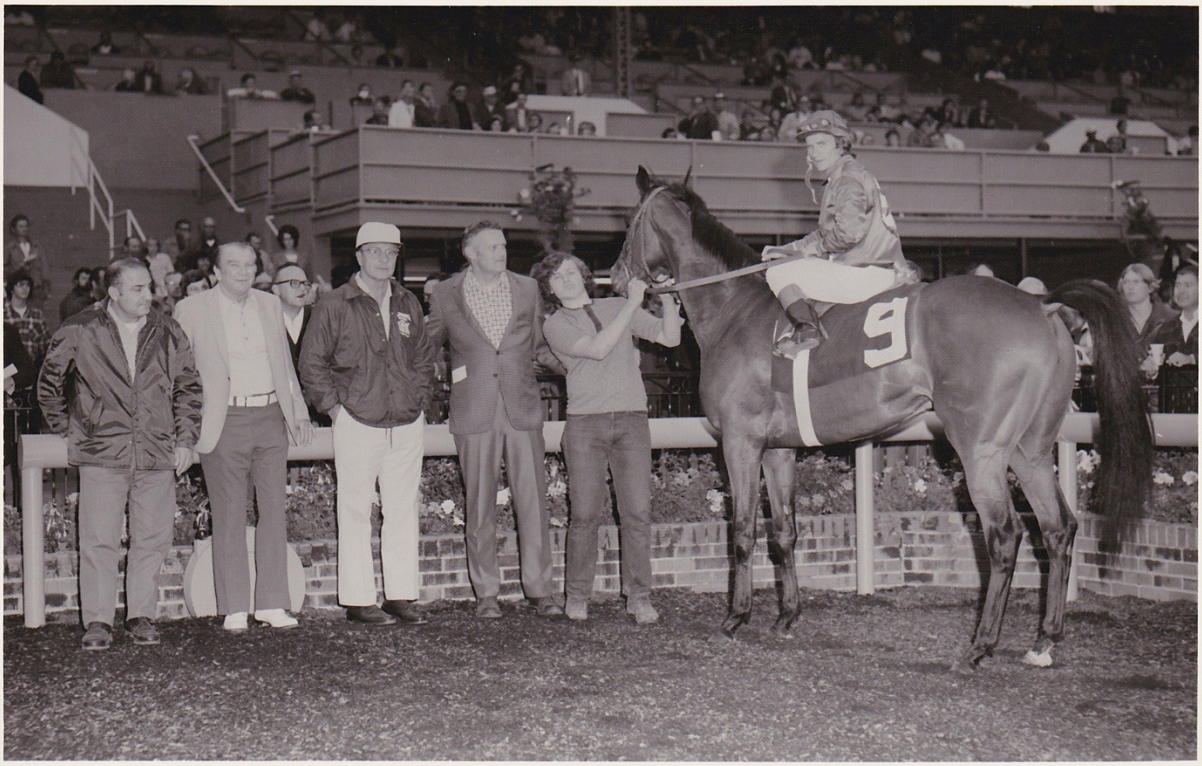
They gradually acquired a nice band of their own brood mares. Their most prolific brood mare over the years was Bridle Star who foaled Paraselene, Sally Marie, Tertzarima, Tense N Touchy, Reclusive Ascent, Transition Machine, and Jewel Bud. But all of the

Bridle Star (right), Sugar Tree (left), Spook behind, with Bridle Suite almost out of sight

mares contributed to the success of the stable. Years later, Bridle Star died on the farm at age 24 of an apparent heart attack. Another good broodmare was Stoney River who produced Monolithic Spirit, Synchronous, and Riparian Menhir. Bridle Star was the leader of the herd on the farm until Stoney River arrived. The lead horse always went ahead of the other horses in the group as a sort of toteming ritual. Bridle Star expected to go first through any gate and disapproved vigorously if another horse cut in front of her. Stoney River was a beautiful bay stakes winning mare and very high-strung. She challenged Bridle Star for the top spot when she arrived at the farm. One time when the two horses got into a kicking match that continued into a stall. Kay had to separate them. From that time on the two broodmares shared the top spot. The Stakes winning mare TV Return was added to the broodmare band she after she was claimed as well.

Stakes winner TV Return at Longacres prior to her retirement to the broodmare band





713 Longacres 8/30/73
Flying Jenifer-2nd
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STONEY RIVER

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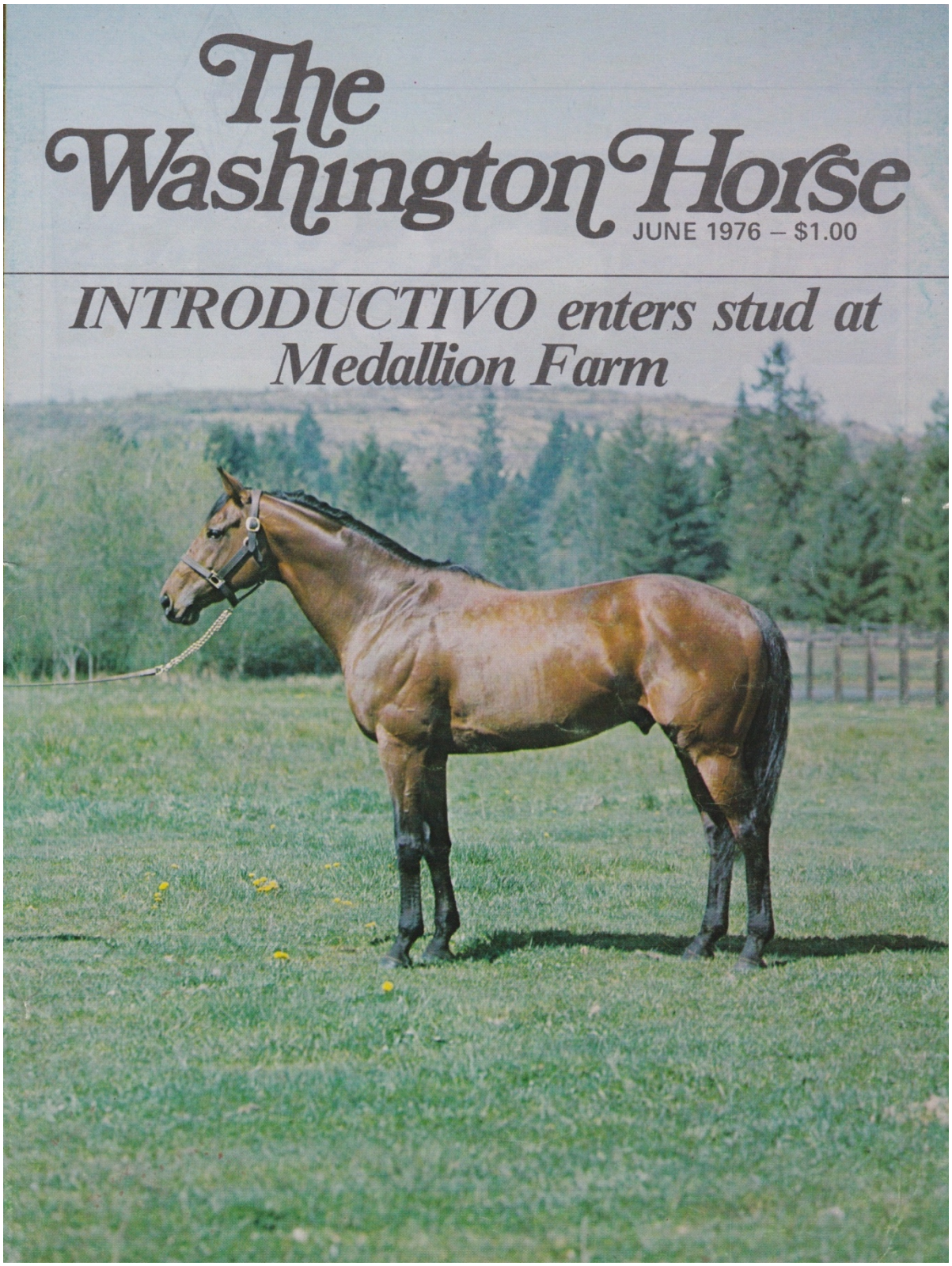
Richard Hollingsworth-up
Phil Raykovich-owner
Glen Williams-trainer

This was Stony River winning by 9 lengths as a two-year-old. She began the next year by winning the Seafair Queen stakes. Her trainer at the time was Glen Williams who would later become Racing Secretary; her groom was a young 'Bubba' who would later groom for Kay; grooming Red Baron Returns. Vaughans claimed Stony River at $2,500 to retire as a broodmare when her racing career had run its course.



Introductivo finished 4th in the Kentucky Derby; he would later stand at Vaughans' farm.

Chapter 5
Racehorse Training Preliminaries

The first task in training foals is to break them to be led by the halter and wean them. When they turn two, they must get broke to ride. This process involves 'sacking them out' to get them used to accepting the bridle and saddle without being frightened and then to carrying the weight of a person without fear or resistance. It does not involve riding bucking broncos until their will is broken; it is a gentle learning process.

The person the Vaughans hired to break their first two fillies was Howard Lambert, an ex-jockey who later became a trainer at Longacres. He came out to the farm and rode them in the pasture till they were ready to go to the track when it opened for training. Later Kay became friends with Alana Goff and employed her to break and exercise the horses. Still later Lacey Warrick took on those roles as well as assistant trainer. Unlike pleasure riding horses, racehorses aren't trained to respond to neck reining, rather they learn to change direction by being pulled by the rein in that direction.

After the horses are broke and brought to the track, the trainer must build up their strength, stamina, and speed. In 1973 Kay moved the three horses to the track for the next step in their training—the three-year-old fillies Paraselene and Domino Theory and the two-year-old colt Prince Caligula. Paraselene and Prince Caligula proved to be successful racehorses, but Domino Theory did not have much speed and was sold as a riding horse.

Kay was assigned 3 stalls in a 14-stall barn (number 13) her first year after Art McCready had introduced her to the Racing Secretary Steve O'Donnell. There was no cost to use the stalls, but trainers had to prepare and maintain them. The trainers were allocated the stalls at the racecourse for training two months before the start of the racing season. The stalls were often full of water when spring training began during a wet northwest winter and had to be filled with clay that was provided.

Kay made her own arrangements for feeding, caring for, and exercising the horses as well as providing hay and straw, buckets for oats and water, and all of the other equipment she needed. Kay would be there every morning early (although usually not as early as major trainers) as would her grooms (in later years) and exercise rider. Kay had a small tack room for equipment and supplies, and that doubled as her office and, when necessary, a nursery where Nola and Sean could sleep safely in a play pen on the occasions when she brought them to the track with her and she was busy with the horses. By 1983 Kay had all 14 stalls in the barn and by 1984 she was moved to the 'new barn' area with a 30-stall barn. She had moved up in the world.

Thoroughbred racehorse owners are licensed by the Thoroughbred Racing Association. Kay and Fred got their owners' licenses in 1972. Racehorse trainers in Washington State are licensed by the Washington Racing Commission (WRC) which governs the rules of racing in the state. She earned her trainers' license in August or September of 1973. Until that time, Bert Goddard acted as 'program trainer' of her horses on race day and had to be in the paddock to saddle Kay's horses for their races. (Bert was fine with Kay doing all her own actual training.) The licenses had to be renewed annually. The WRC also appoints the stewards who are the referees of racing and racing secretaries who decide what races are to be run, writes up the conditions of races to be run in a 'condition book', assign stalls to trainers, and generally are responsible for decisions that relate to assigning stall to horses and approval of trainers doing their jobs.

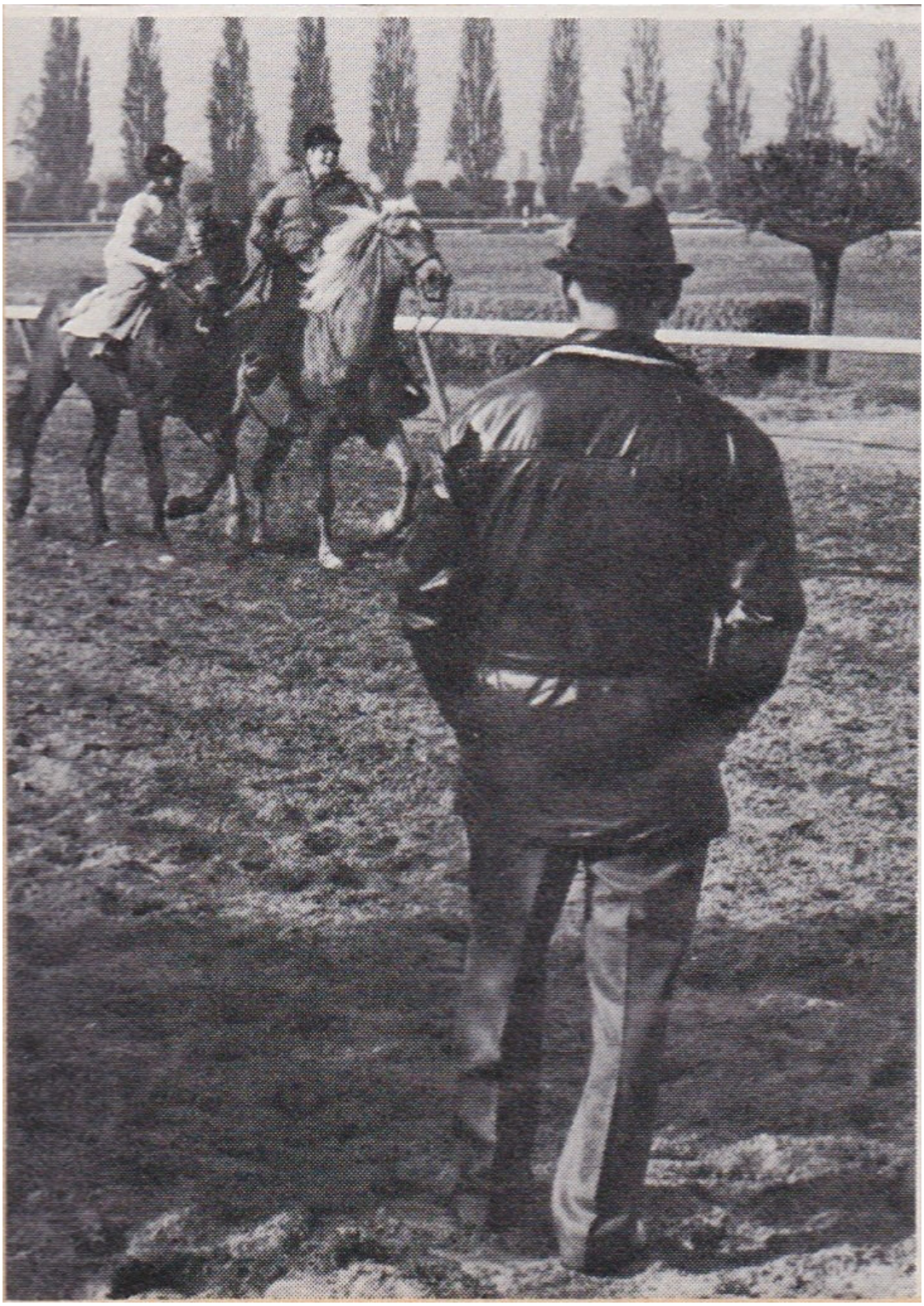
To enter a horse in a race, the trainer submitted the horse's name for a race announced in the condition book or as an 'extra'. There is a random drawing that decides which horses will run and what their post position will be in the starting gate. In the days when Kay was active, the 'draw' was conducted by the racing secretary or his assistant by putting the gate numbers in a jar and drawing out one number at a time and then randomly selecting a horse from those who have been entered for the race. If there were more than 12 horses entered in a race, a horse that didn't get drawn wouldn't get to run in that race. Up to four horses were put on a list of extras in case a horse was

scratched. If there were too many entries, the racing secretary might split the field into two races with the same conditions. Kay was almost always present at these drawings.

The proceedings in the Racing Secretary's office

After the 'racing card' had been drawn, the schedule of races would be printed and distributed to trainers. This was two days before the races would be run. Usually extra races were printed on the form to include with those in the condition book for the next day's entries. On a Thursday in late summer of 1973 during Kay's first year, the entries had been drawn and Steve O'Donnell was out by the secretary's office watching the horses being exercised. Kay had found him to be very friendly and helpful to her as a

newcomer, so she walked up to ask him about the extra races he had written for Sunday. He responded, "You don't have any Sunday horses."



Steve O'Donnell is watching horses be exercised. (Hazel Kunkle, a red-haired legend of the track and her palomino steed are ponying a horse and rider)

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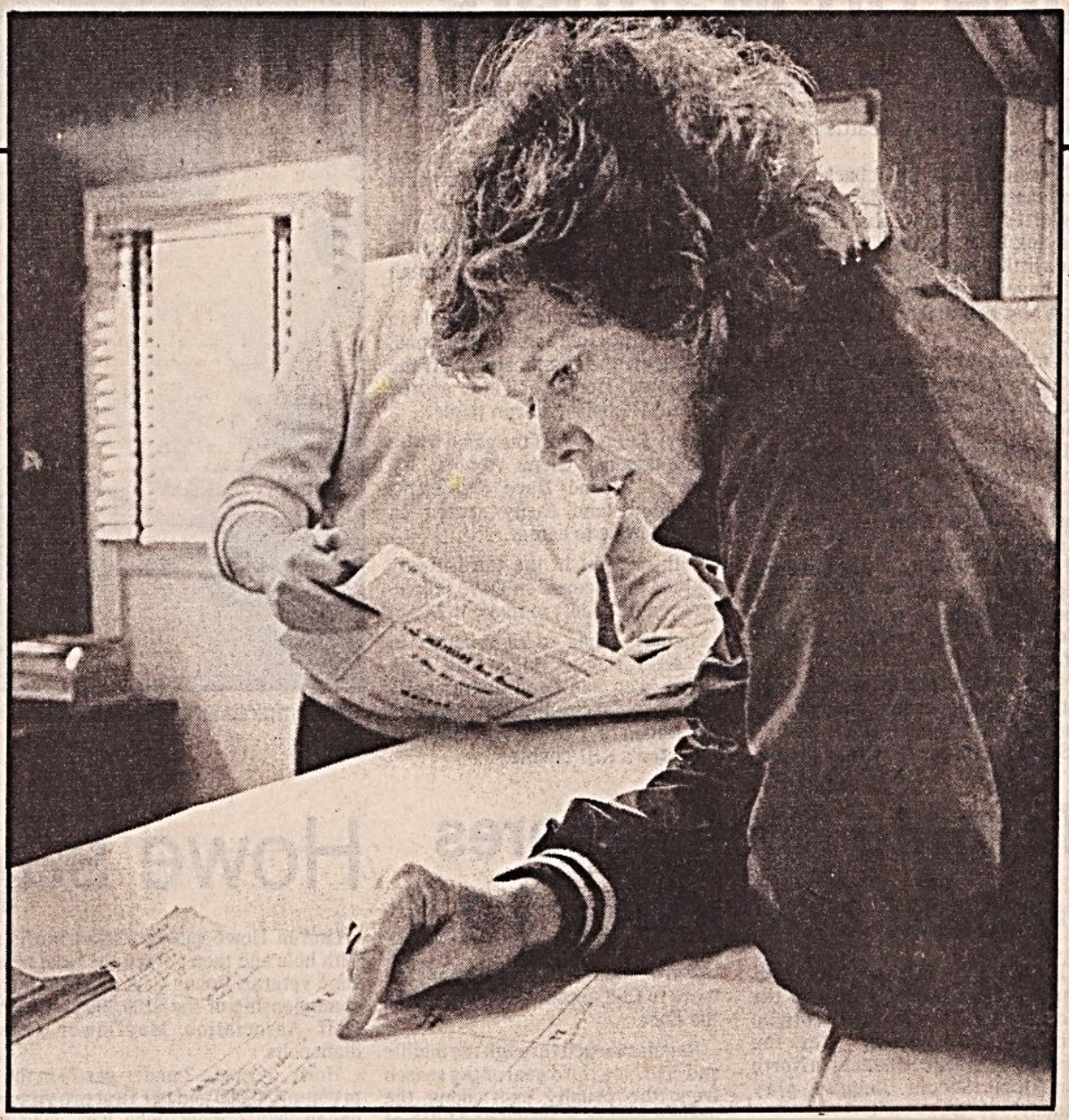

Kay Vaughan does her homework.

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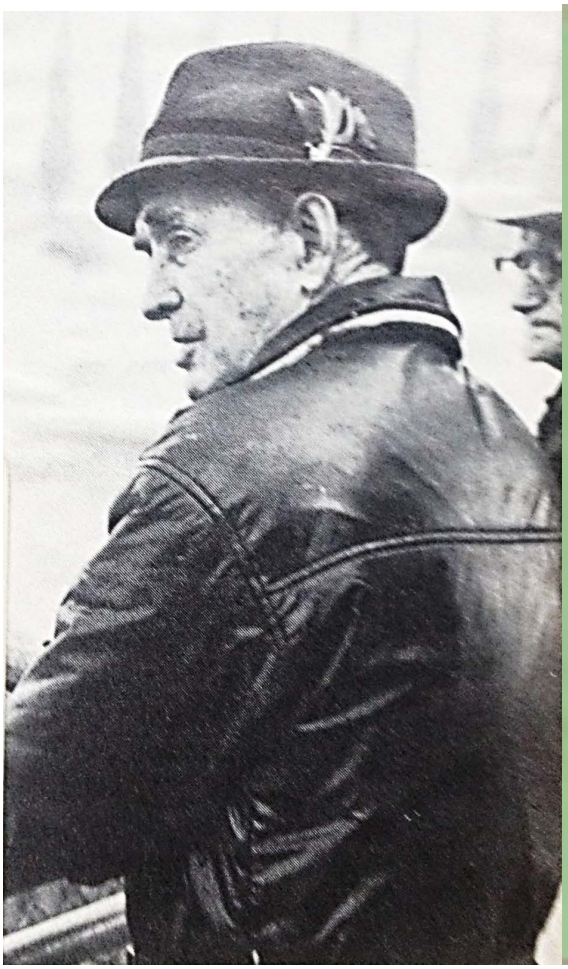
Kay countered that her two-year-old colt Prince Caligula was pretty good.

“Yes.” As the gentleman he was, Steve apologized. “He does look like a ‘good one’. “

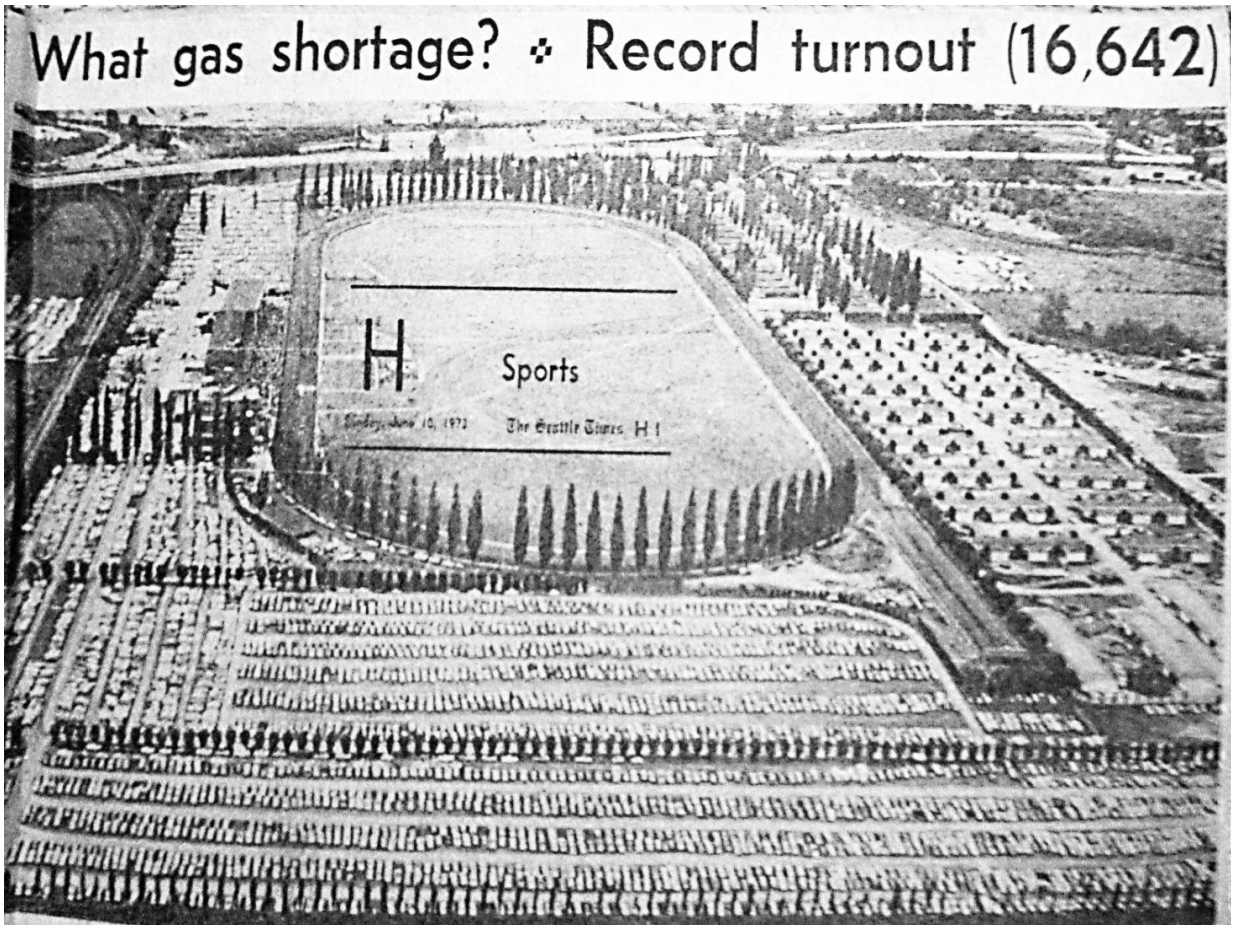
Another important aspect of learning how to find her way around at the track was figuring out how to negotiate for the services of a jockey to ride a particular horse in a particular race. Jockeys were generally represented by agents who negotiated with the trainers on behalf of their jockeys. It was almost like an open-air market where the agents spend time in the barn area in the mornings trying to get the best trainers with the best horses to pick their jockeys and, vice versa, with trainers tried to get the best jockeys. The daily Racing Form published lists of the number of wins each jockey and trainer had racked up so far in the season but neither agents nor trainers needed the lists. They 'knew' and they knew which jockey would suit a given horse.



Racing Secretary Steve O'Donnell

a Condition Book

Not only was 1973 a very significant year for Kay Vaughan as a beginner. It was a very big year for Longacres Racetrack. Opening day at the track set records.



Opening day at Longacres 1973

To receive the trainer's license, Kay had to pass a test demonstrating knowledge about horses, about the rules of the racetrack, the condition book, and other information. She learned all she needed from a pamphlet and passed the test easily. She said it was not too difficult. The hardest part about horse training for her, she said, was understanding the ailments and injuries that thoroughbred horses were subject to—the flu, the sore shins (which involve shear fractures), and the variety of other conditions a trainer has frequently to deal with such as bone chips in knees and ankles, cartilage damage and tendon problems.

The flu was quite common among racing horses and highly contagious, especially among two-year-olds. It came with a fever, runny nose, cough, and swollen lymph nodes. The prescribed treatment involved isolation and rest for a couple weeks, and

sometimes administration of antibiotics if the fever was too high or persisted beyond three or four days. Sore shins required at least a month of reduced training and use of frequent ointment or blister applications on the affected areas; the thickness of the cannon bone changes through this process, getting stronger. Another condition Kay had to learn to deal with was pulmonary hemorrhage when exertion causes a horse to bleed from the nostrils. It is treated by Lasix which reduces blood pressure.

One very distressing fact of life with thoroughbred horses was that occasionally a horse can be so ill or injured it must be 'put down'. Kay's only such incident at the track was when one of her horses seemed to have stepped in a hole and broke its shoulder during a workout and was unable to walk. A trailer was sent out to pick up the horse. The vet decided she would not walk again and had to be put down. There were also horses at the farm that had had to be put down, a badly crippled and an ageing mare, a weanling, a yearling, and foals dead at birth. A truck would come around from the dead-animal service that collected the carcass to take it away. Those were the really bad days.

The first thing every morning Kay checked her horses' general health, noticing whether a horse had gone 'off its feed', a sign that something was wrong. That could result from any of several causes, all of which required altering her training schedule for the horse. There was a saying at the racetrack: "If you don't wait, they'll make you wait." It was definitely true. The horse might be coming down with the flu, have been overworked, or getting colicky. Colic is a major problem with horses that requires keeping them walking so they don't roll and twist their bowels which then becomes a life-threatening problem. One always has to be attentive to obtaining good quality hay, oats, and straw to avoid this problem. One also has to notice whether a horse has developed soreness anywhere on its body, although typically the front legs are the most concern with their entire weight being supported on one leg at a time when they run. Locations of soreness of most concern were their knees, shins, ankles, pasterns, and hooves.

Once Kay had moved her horses into their stalls at the track, training began in earnest. She started every spring by 'legging them up', a first step in the process of getting them

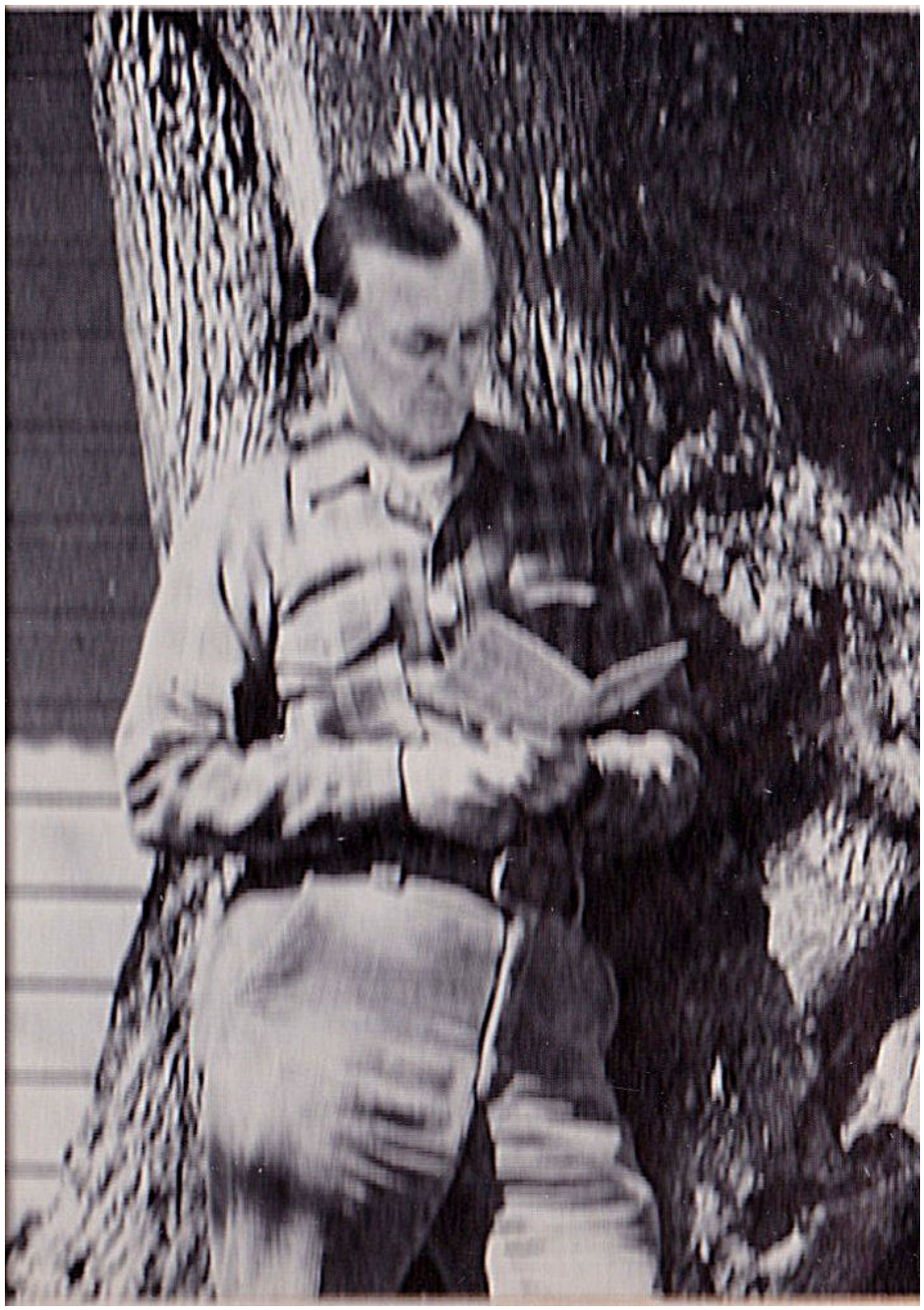
fit by building the horse's speed and distance capability in a gradual structured way. For a month she would gallop them a mile or two every day, demanding a one-mile gallop of two minutes and 25 to 30 seconds. She was careful not to get them going too fast or too far to begin with. Kay's horses' fitness mattered to her a lot. She speaks with disdain of trainers who entered their horses in races when they were sore or were not yet fit to race. She was a 'stickler', her own word, for the rigorous and frequent workouts to build up the horses' stamina and strength. This required meticulous care to the frequency, distance, and times of their workouts as well as record keeping on every horse's practice runs and incremental improvement in performance.

After a month of 'legging up' she would start working on increasing their speed in short bursts, a quarter mile in 24 or 25 seconds every 5 days, then 3/8 of a mile, then a half mile, and so on, until the horse got up to the distance that their first race would be run. Then she would work them at a fast pace a full race distance a week before a race. She expected them to work within a couple seconds of what would be demanded in the race. Her training was on a strict schedule. She worked her horses harder than other trainers did, and often they told her it wouldn't work, criticizing her efforts as bad for the horses. Kay was convinced they didn't work their horses hard enough. A fit horse is less likely to injure itself in a race; she believed she could improve the performance of their horses by more work. Early on Kay (and Fred with her) had agreed that 'good' horses require hard work to perform their best. Good horses can take it; lesser horses can't. But the only way to survive in the game is with good horses, so the approach was to work them hard to find out whether they could take it; if not, she would back off. As race days got closer, Kay would train them to break out of the starting gate with speed. Sometimes that required negotiations with Art McCready about whether the horse was ready or needed more practice at the gate. Art was not a pushover and it sometimes irritated her. If one of Kay's horses was entered in a race, it was ready to run. Betters learned that you could bet Kay's horses early in the meet; they were ready to win.

Over the winter after Kay had convinced Fred that she should become a trainer. She had studied Preston Burch's book *Training Thoroughbred Horses* and she was ready to

begin at the beginning of the new year in 1973. She learned a lot from the book, like how long to gallop the two-year old just starting out, and how to increase workouts in increments of a furlong for speed, first at a quarter mile, then at 3/8 and so on.

Now she was a trainer – now what? Book learning had to be augmented by experience over time.



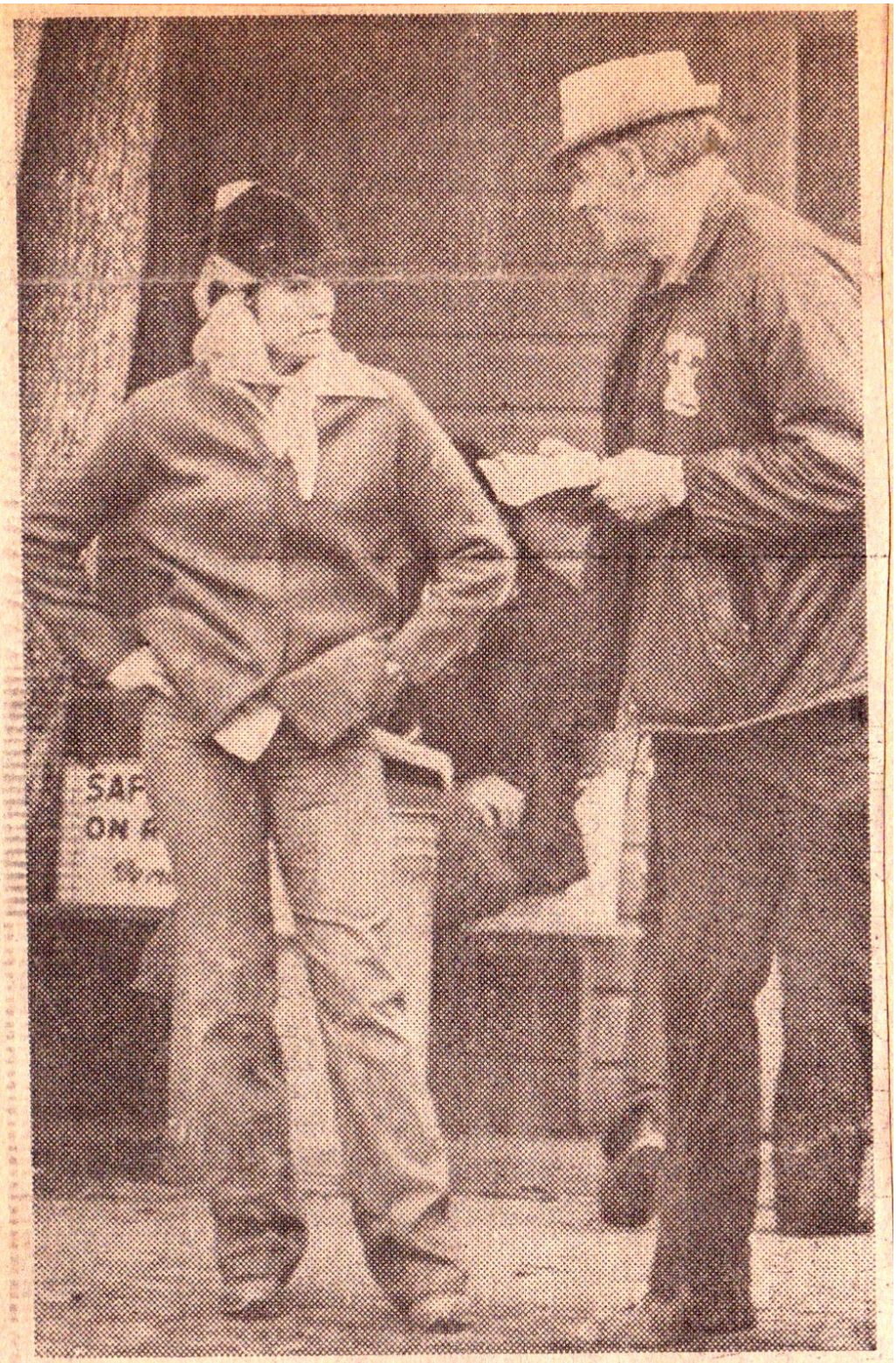
Steve O'Donnell reading his condition book

Chapter 6
Kay Becomes a Trainer

As a part of learning her way around at the track, she learned that things change when the time approaches for the track to open for racing. Trainers get edgy, injuries begin to mount, two-year-old prospects disappoint. The trainers no longer talk openly about their horses – if they ever do or did. They lie about their best prospects so other trainers will not be watching to claim them for their own stable. You don't tell someone you're sorry their horse ran poorly in a race or congratulate them on running well at a given claiming price; you act as though you were totally unaware of anything in their stable. And… you don't ever, **ever** walk down another trainer's shed row uninvited.

Kay's horses were getting fit to race, so she had to figure out how one negotiates for services of a jockey to ride a particular horse in a particular race. Jockeys are generally represented by agents who are tough negotiators on their behalf. The agents spent a lot of time in the barn area in the mornings while the training is going on trying to get the best trainers with the best horses to select their jockeys. Trainers try using the fact of their having a 'good' horse or of their having 'many' horses as enticements to get the best jockey they can on every one of their horses. A trainer might ask a jockey agent if he would have his jockey get on a horse for a workout in the morning to convince him that the horse can 'run a little'. It was all part of learning how the racetrack works.

The daily Racing Form published lists of the number of wins each jockey and trainer had racked up so far in the season – that was the data. But there is much more than data. The agents hang around the barn area all morning watching work outs, routing their jockeys to exercise a horse for a trainer to 'check it out'. They know whether a trainer has good prospects in his barn that they might want their jockeys to ride in the future so they might let a trainer have their best jockey on a lesser horse with a promise to ride a better horse later when it's ready to run. Trainers play with the same chips. A new trainer with new horses has no chips and gets 'turned around' at the last minute.



KATHY WALSH AND NICK PUHICH

Trainer and jockey agent discussed race

Probably the biggest challenge for Kay or any trainer is figuring out just how valuable a particular young unraced horse might happen to be. In what kind of race should it be entered. For example, should a horse be entered for its first start in a maiden claiming or a 'straight' maiden allowance race. If a claiming race, one has to address how much money one is willing to accept for the horse and whether the horse can earn any money if raced with that high of a claiming price. In Paraselene's only race the previous year on September 3, 1972 at Longacres, her previous trainer had entered her in a 'straight maiden' race, meaning the horses were entered with no claiming price; that fiasco was not all the trainer's fault. Fred and Kay did not want Paraselene to be put up for sale; so she finished only a neck in front of the last place horse, 24 lengths back of the winner. That served to motivate Kay to take over the training responsibilities, but it hadn't taught her the lesson it should have about the value of her horse. She felt that she knew the horse better than that trainer had, but now she had to prove it.

Finally… after training all spring, she finally had Paraselene ready to race. She had to have Bert Goddard make the entry for her, but on May 4th, 1973, Paraselene again ran in a straight maiden race, a race limited to Washington-bred three-year-old fillies that had never won a race – they were not for sale at any price. Paraselene ran third in that race. Foolishly she entered Paraselene in the Seafair Queen Stakes in her next start, where she learned another lesson of the track: 'Maidens don't win stake races.' She needed to learn the value of her horses if she ever expected to win a horse race.

Paraselene finally won her first race on August 1st with a $2,000 purse in a six and a half furlong $5,000 maiden claiming race. Kay had finally learned what Paraselene was worth. She probably should have been entered for a modest claim from the beginning and she might have improved. Kay learned over time that most horses have to run in claiming races if they are ever going to win a race. An appropriate level of claim was something she had to learn. Later she would start a horse out at a claim between $10,000 and $20,000 unless she knew it was worth less or considerably more. She learned to discern quality, claiming other horses with potential for later success. It would be the hallmark of her reputation and origin of her nickname – Wonder Woman.

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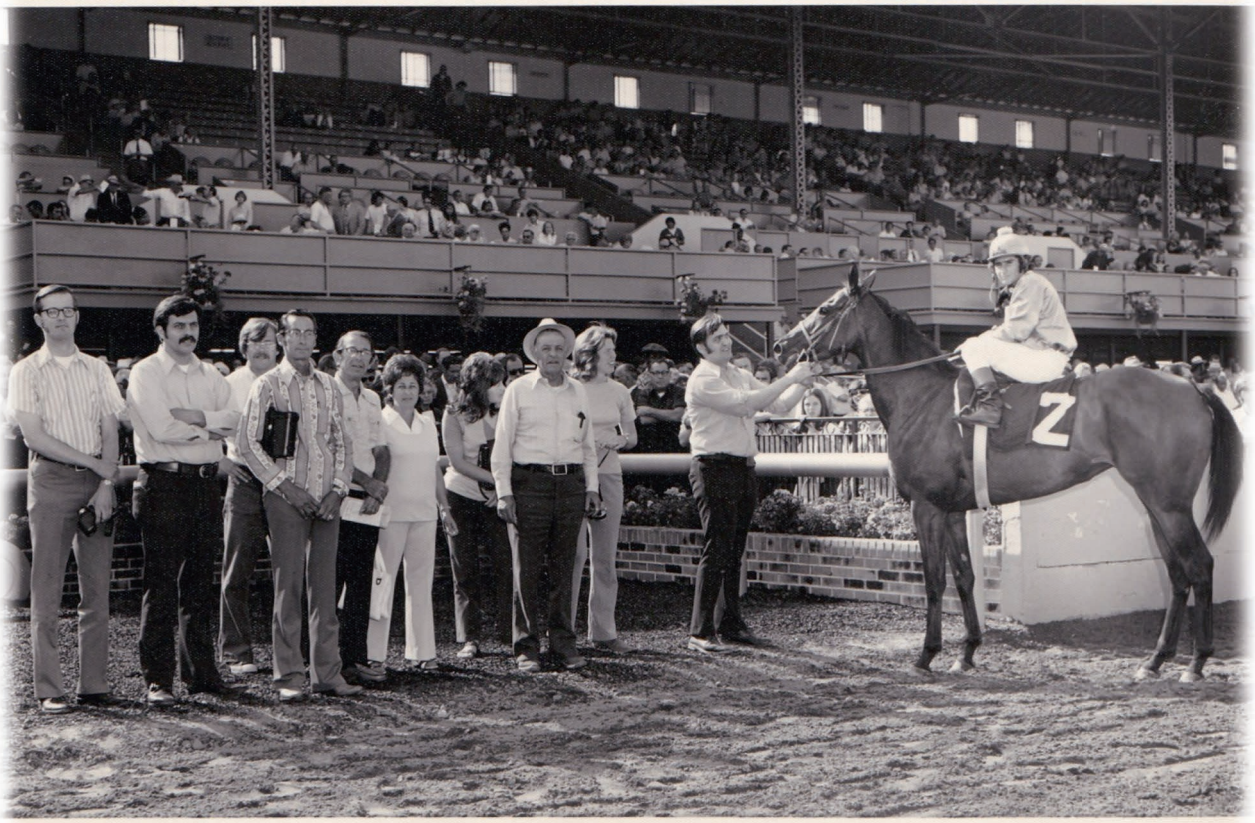
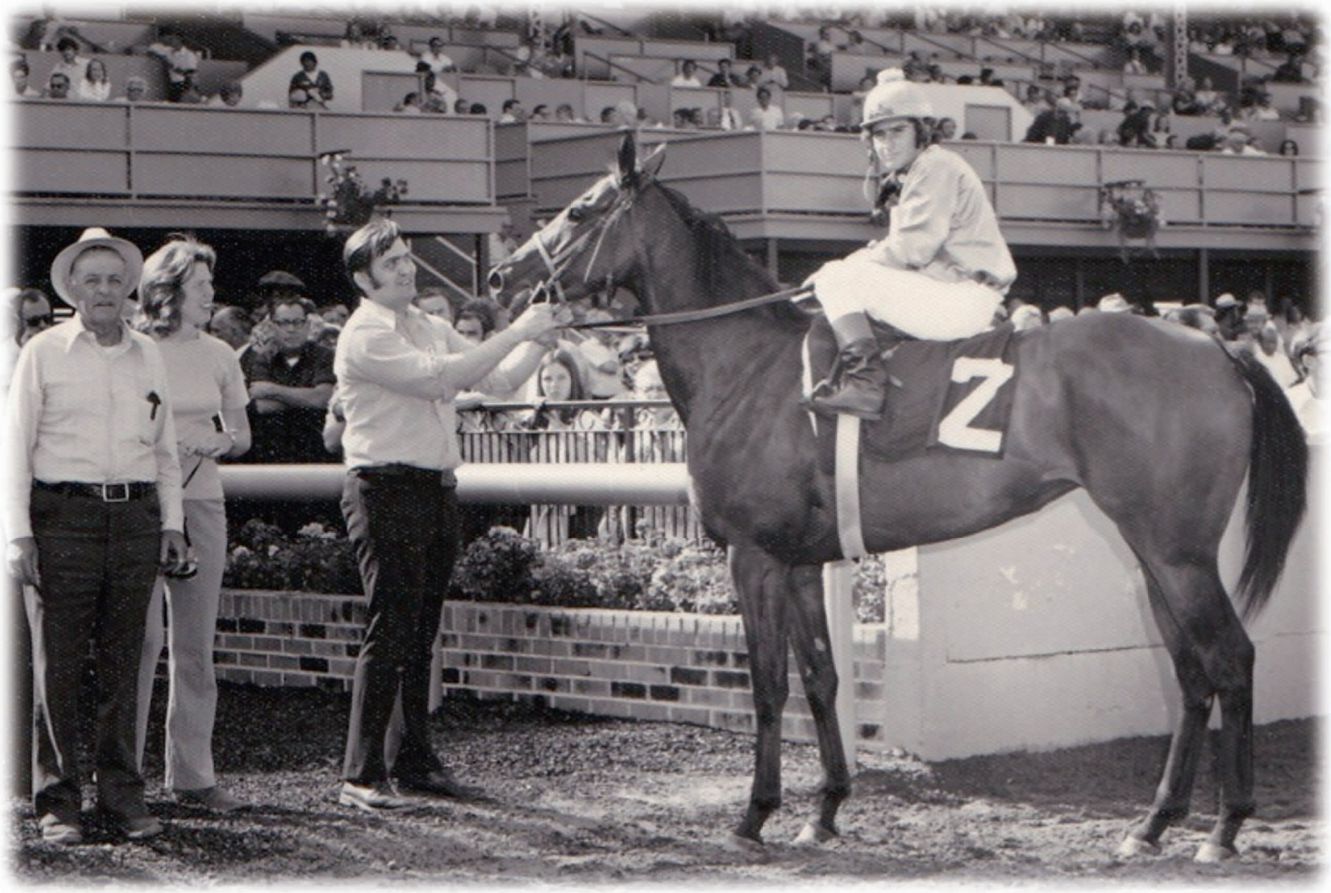


501 Longacres 8/1/73
Spent Ship-2nd
Kitty Coed-3rd

PARASELENE
6 1/2 fur. 1:17:1

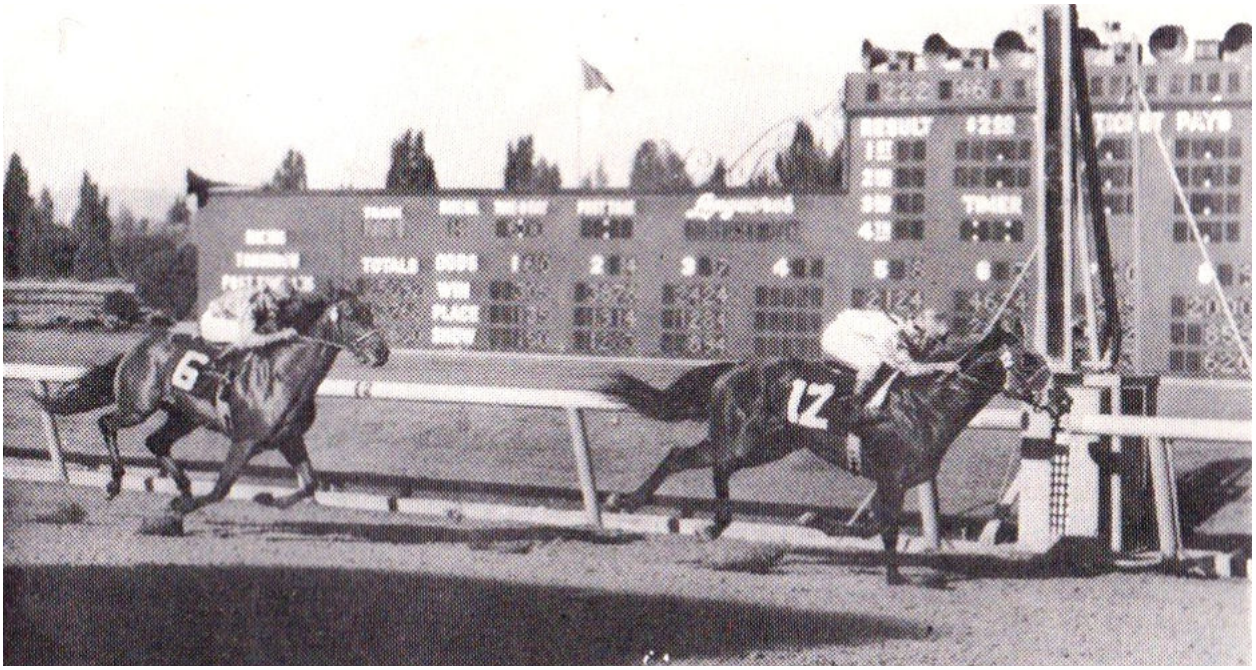
Sam Krasner-up
Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Vaughan-owner
B. W. Goddard-trainer



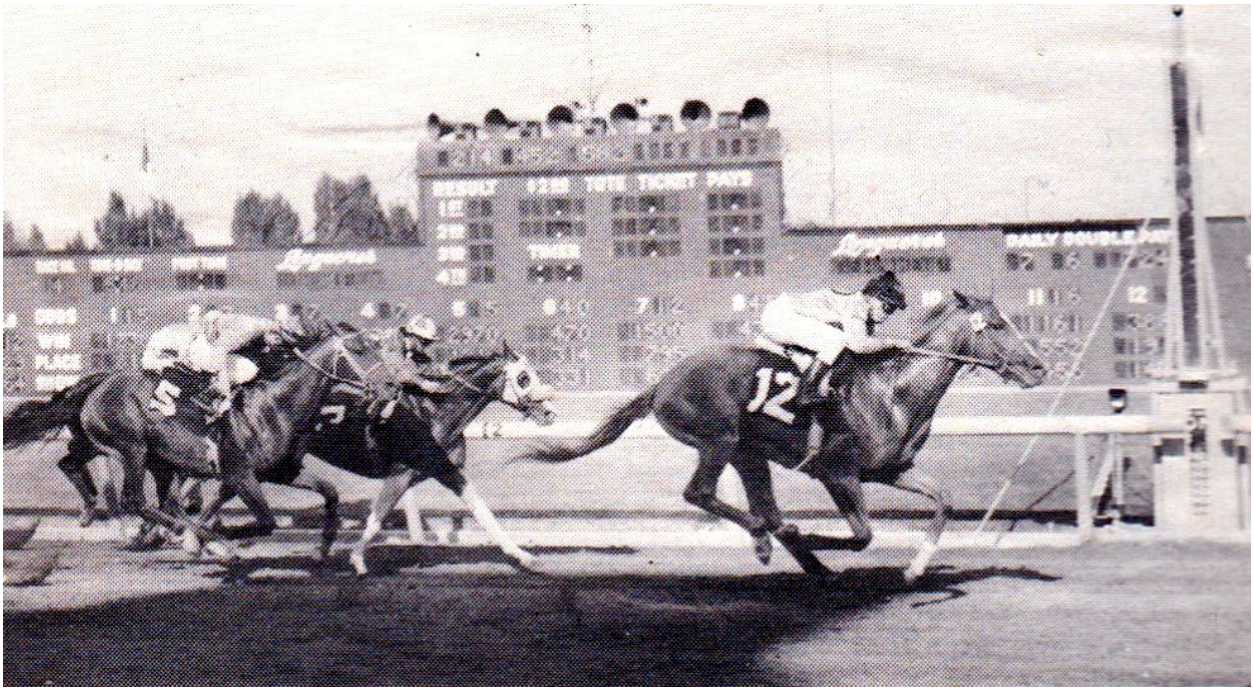
Bert Goddard was the 'program trainer', Kay the 'actual trainer', Fred acted as groom, and Sam Krasner was the Jockey when Paraselene won her first race in 1973.

Kay's 2-year-old colt Prince Caligula was a different story. He was fast. He had shown brilliance in his several starts in straight maiden company, but he either got a bad start stumbling to his nose out of the gate or blew the turn going almost out to the fence and dropping fifteen lengths back. In each of these cases he had put on a tremendous burst of speed down the stretch to end up in the money – but not win.

On September 5th he finally won by – eight lengths going away. Prince Caligula's winning time was the fasted of any two-year-old in North America at that distance of 6 ½ furlongs in 1973 – 1 minute 15 and 1/5 seconds. These wins were both credited to 'trainer' Bert Goddard who saddled the horses before their race but had not interfered with any of Kay's training decisions. After Prince Caligula's win, Kay was finally granted her trainer's license and henceforth it would be her name that appeared in the race records for whatever credit or blame.



In Prince Caligula's first start July 25th he was closing fast

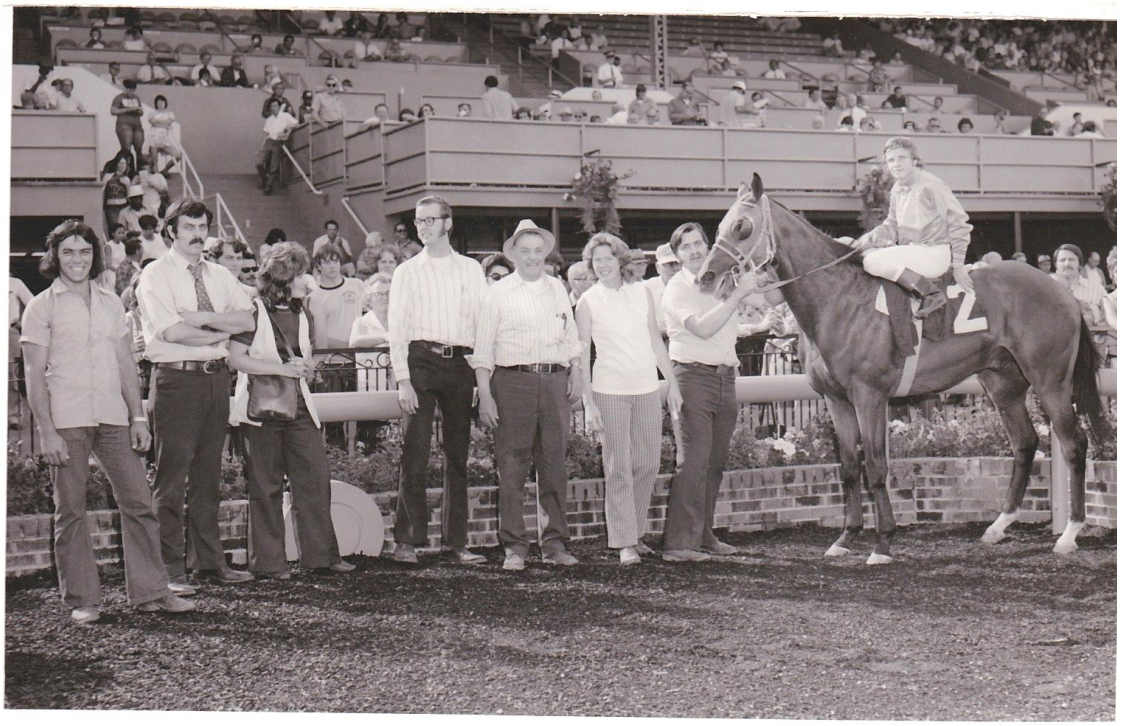


Prince Caligula's third start August 10th
He finished third but closing fast on the outside from 15 lengths back.

Not surprisingly his shins were sore after that win and running him back too quickly was not the best idea, but with a purse of $74,000. Ultimately Kay decided to enter the

$50,000 added Gottstein Futurity four days later on September 9th to experience a major disappointment when he failed to place. She had been turned around by the jockey agent the morning of the race who opted to ride a 35-to-1 longshot for a major trainer. Prince Caligula went out as the third favorite in the betting of a 14-horse field. Every horse that finished ahead of Prince Caligula had odds of 24-to-1 or greater.

September 5, 1973



763 Longacres 9/5/73
Rainbow Rider-2nd
Rail Bender-3rd

PRINCE CALIGULA
6 1/2 fur. 1:15:1

Hugh Wales-up
Mr. or Mrs. Russell F. Vaughan-owner
B. W. Goddard-trainer

763 THIRD RACE—Purse $2,500; maiden 2-year-olds. SIX AND ONE-HALF FURLONGS.

Index	Horse	Jockey	Wt.	P.P.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.	Odds'l
723	Prince Caligula	(Wales)	120	2	2-h	2-3	1-2	1-8	2.40
723	Rainbow Rider	(Doll)	120	7	3-2	3-3	3-5	2-3	1.75
723	Rail Bender	(Knowles)	120	9	1-1½	1-½	2-3	3-3½	3.45
663	Rimy's Judge	(Baze-5)	112	6	6-3	6-1	4-1½	4-3½	9.00
704	Much Mustard	(McAlister)	120	4	4-1½	5-1	5-½	5-½	7.90
714	Mr. Gallee	(Austin)	120	1	7-1½	7-3	7-3	6-2½	48.80
454	Tenerello	(Howg)	120	5	9	9	8-4	7-6½	78.50
	Ponder Star	(Hollingsworth)	120	3	5-2½	4-3½	6-3	8-½	31.40
	Gallain Number	(Bruce)	120	8	8-2	8-2	9	9	26.85

TRAINER—B. W. Gadderd. TIME—:21 4/5, :44 2/5, 1:08 4/5, 1:15 1/5. HANDLE —$34,159.

(2) Prince Caligula	$6.80	$3.00	$2.30	Winner: B, c, Prince Khal-Ran-Star
(7) Rainbow Rider		$3.10	$2.30	Garaudia. Went to post 3:51. Off 3:
(9) Rail Bender			$3.00	51. Mr.-Mrs. R. F. Vaughan.

PRINCE CALIGULA, always prominent, moved up to wear down RAIL BENDER around turn then drew off under steady hand urging. RAINBOW RIDER was hustled at start to be just off leaders, responded when roused in upper stretch but was no match for winner. RAIL BENDER sprinted to front at start, could not with-

NINTH RACE 6 1-2 FURLONGS. (1:13⅘). THIRTY-THIRD RUNNING OF THE JOE GOTTSTEIN FUTURITY. Purse, $40,000-added. 2-year-olds, Washington-bred. (Foals of 1971). Produce of mares served in 1970, mare and sire to be placed in nomination on or before December 31, 1970. Nominations $10 each. To remain eligible, $15 to be paid on or before December 31, 1971, and $20 on or before December 31, 1972. $600 to pass the entry box and $250 additional to start, with $40,000-added, of which $13,000 to first, $10,000 to second, $7,000 to third, $4,000 to fourth and $2,000 to fifth, with the remaining $4 000 to be distributed as follows: $1,700, $1,300, $600 and $400 to the nominators of the second, third, fourth and fifth horses, respectively. All nomination, eligibility, entry and starting fees to the winner. Weight, 121 lbs.

Lga
Sept. 9, 1973

Value of race, $74,000. Value to winner, $47,000; second, $10,000; third, $7,000; fourth, $4,000; fifth, $2,000.
Mutuel Pool, $112,920.

Last Raced	Horses	EqtAWt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
9- 3-73 7Lga3	Chief Kamiakin	2 121	9	10	12h	11½	41	1no	JArnold	Pettite-Patrick	28.55
8-18-73 5Lga3	Sonam G.	2 122	4	14	13½	12²	3½	2²	LBurgos	North Star Stable	25.55
8-25-73 9Lga3	Spirit Man	b2 121	1	11	8h	8h	6h	3¹	ACuthb'tson	P B Ballentine	f-24.15
8-25-73 9Lga4	Red Running Good	b2 118	8	9	14	14	7h	4½	GBaze	Hoppe-True Jr	25.85
8-25-73 9Lga6	Philanthropist	2 121	11	3	6½	5h	5¹	5¹	LKnowles	Solomon-Dasso	46.75
8-25-73 9Lga1	Patient Madam	2 118	12	1	2½	2³	1h	6½	HWales	Goodfellows Stable	34.80
9- 3-73 7Lga5	Ariel Prince	2 121	10	8	10h	13²½	115	7½	SAustin	Mr-Mrs M Totland	29.90
9- 5-73 3Lga1	Prince Caligula	2 121	13	7	7h	6½	9h	8h	TMcAlister	Mr-Mrs R F Vaughan	7.70
9- 3-73 7Lga2	Scarlet Native	2 121	6	5	5½	7¹	8²	9h	RHoll'worth	Mr-Mrs H Roberts	7.95
8-30-73 3Lga1	Stoney River	b2 118	5	13	11½	10h	10½	104	KDoll	P Raykovich	9.15
8-25-73 4Lga4	Shyfly	b2 121	2	4	3h	3½	12h	11h	RChristian	L A Lackie	f 25.15
8-18-73 5Lga1	Kittitas Prince	b2 122	3	12	9²	9h	13½	12½	LPierce	Mr-Mrs H B.Bernath	1.15
9- 1-73 3Lga3	T. V. Prince	2 121	14	6	4¹	4h	14	13½	RPeniche	Sunnydale Stable	f-24-15
8-15-73 8EP1	Refundable	b2 121	7	2	1h	1h	2²½	14	BFrazier	A D Lauder	4.55

f-Field. Coupled for wagering purposes.

Time, :21⅗, :44⅗, 1:10⅕, 1:16⅗. Track fast..

$2 Mutuel Prices

7—CHIEF KAMIAKIN	59.10	23.40	13.50
2—SONAM G.		27.50	12.40
12—SPIRIT MAN			7.70

Ch. g, by Rameses—Indian Style, by Cold Command. Trainer, J. Penney. Bred by Penney Farms-J. L. Moore (Wash.).

IN GATE 5:58. OFF AT 5:58 PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME. Start good. Won driving.

CHIEF KAMIAKIN, slow to reach his best stride, raced extremely wide around the turn, responded to strong lefthand pressure and outfinished SONAM G. in the closing strides. The latter lacked early foot, saved ground to improve his position, got through along the inside to wear down the leaders leaving the furlong marker and just missed. SPIRIT MAN saved ground while being outrun early, eased outside around the turn and finished fast. RED RUNNING GOOD raced in heavy traffic while making her bid and could not threaten the top ones. PATIENT MADAM engaged REFUNDABLE for the lead but had nothing left in the final furlong. PRINCE CALIGULA was never a factor. SCARLET NATIVE lacked a closing kick. SHYFLY stopped after showing brief early speed. KITTITAS PRINCE was sluggish early and gave way after three furlongs.

Subsequently Kay entered Prince Caligula in three successive two-year-old stake races at Longacres: on September 15th he ran 3rd in the Drumheller Memorial Handicap. On September 23rd he ran 3rd in the Juvenile Championship Handicap, and on October 1, he ran 3rd in the B. Marcus Priteca Handicap.

After Longacres, the Vaughans decided to ship Prince Caligula to the Playfair racetrack in Spokane to enter him in their $25,000 Futurity. Kay got into a disagreement with her private vet who unethically (she thinks) put him on the state vet's list for sore shins. He acted in his separate role as the official track vet. It meant that she could not enter him to run, even though she worked him, and he was taken off the vet's list the day of the entries. The stewards wouldn't allow him to run. Kay was beside herself with anger;

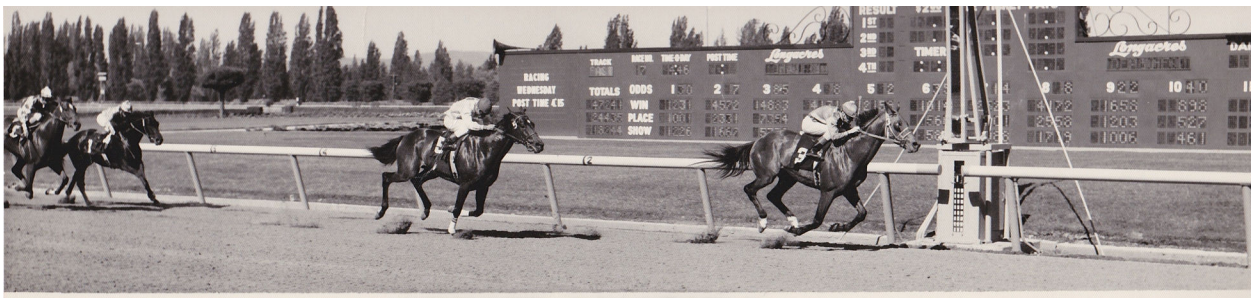
she was nearly six months pregnant and in no mood for such hassles. After that the Vaughans decided to send Prince Caligula to Bay Meadows in the San Francisco area with an established trainer. He ran poorly and came home with a hairline fracture in a rear pastern bone. A disastrous end to what had started out as a Cinderella beginning. People with experience at the track told the Vaughans that the 'bad luck' with Prince Caligula in the Longacres and Spokane futurities would only have happened to people who had not had experience at the track. Naiveté had kept Prince Caligula from being recognized for his true abilities. He had run the fastest 6 ½ furlong race by a two-year-old in 1973, a crop that included Secretariat who had run that distance.

The following spring of 1974 Prince Caligula developed a serious quarter crack that curtailed his training for over a month. But then in June good things started happening. He won races on June 16th, July 6th, July 14th, and a photo finish on July 26th, with jockey David Jones riding in all four of the wins. Then on August 25th he won in the Longacres Mile Consolation in faster time than the Mile race was run that same day.

A couple of significant developments occurred the day he won the mile consolation: an owner up from California for the Longacres Mile offered the Vaughans $30,000 for Prince Caligula after the race; they declined the offer. Later Kay detected what would become the beginning of a bowed tendon that would keep Prince Caligula out of commission for the remainder of the year. The next few years, 1975 to 1978, were lean years for the Vaughans with Prince Caligula on the shelf most of the time, but Kay's skills would continue to increase. In 1975 Kay trained a filly Lucky Lady Lynn that they had purchased at the yearling sale. She won impressively on June 28th and August 23rd. The owner is listed as the Equine Equilibrium, a name the Vaughans used for their stable for a time. After about a year they changed the name to Kay Vaughan Racing Stable, noting that their stable did not seem to be in 'equilibrium' or all that stable.

In 1976, the Vaughan-bred fillies out of Bridle Star did quite well. The 2-year-old Sally Marie out of Bridle Star won her first start. Paraselene won again that year as well. But Prince Caligula's lack of soundness was a disappointment.

1974



PRINCE CALIGULA

237 Longacres 6/16/74
SONAM G.....Second
RAINBOW RIDER.....Third

MERCER ISLAND CHAMBER PURSE
6 furlongs 1:09.2

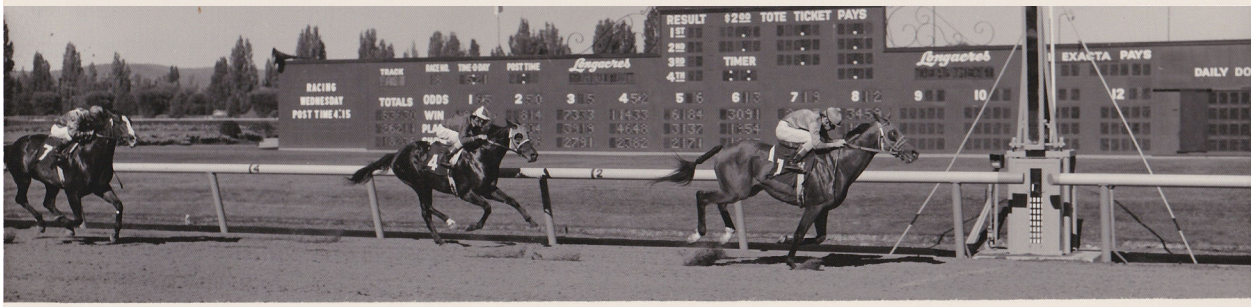
David Jones.....up
Kay Vaughn.....Trainer
Mr & Mrs Russell F. Vaughn.Owner

PRINCE CALIGULA

377 Longacres 7/6/74
SCREVEN.....Second
NOMADIC RULER.....Third

W.A.C. WOMEN'S PURSE
6½ furlongs 1:15.4

David Jones.....up
Kay Vaughn.....Trainer
Mr & Mrs Russell F. Vaughn.Owner

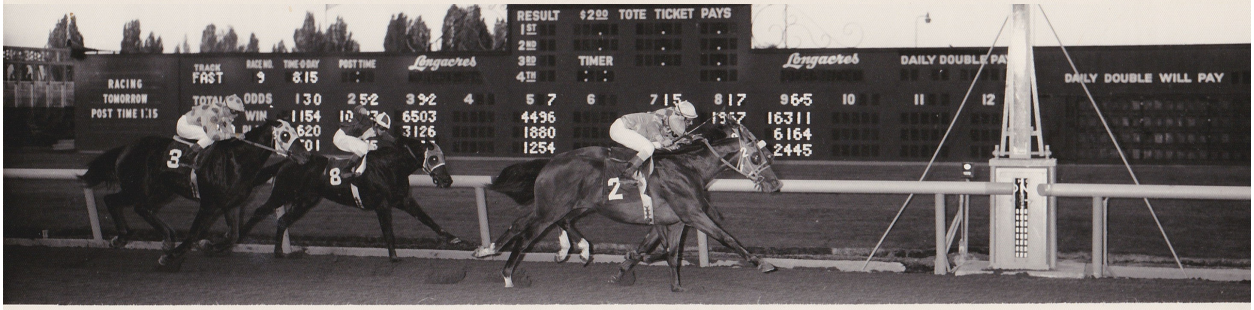


PRINCE CALIGULA

438 Longacres 7/14/74
CARNIVAL BOY.....Second
ONE YEAR LATE.....Third

6 furlongs 1:09.4

David Jones.....up
Kay Vaughn.....Trainer
Mr & Mrs Russell F. Vaughn...Owner



PRINCE CALIGULA

519 Longacres 7/26/74
DETRIMENTAL.....Second
CARNIVAL BOY.....Third

SUNDANCE PURSE
1 mile 1:36.1

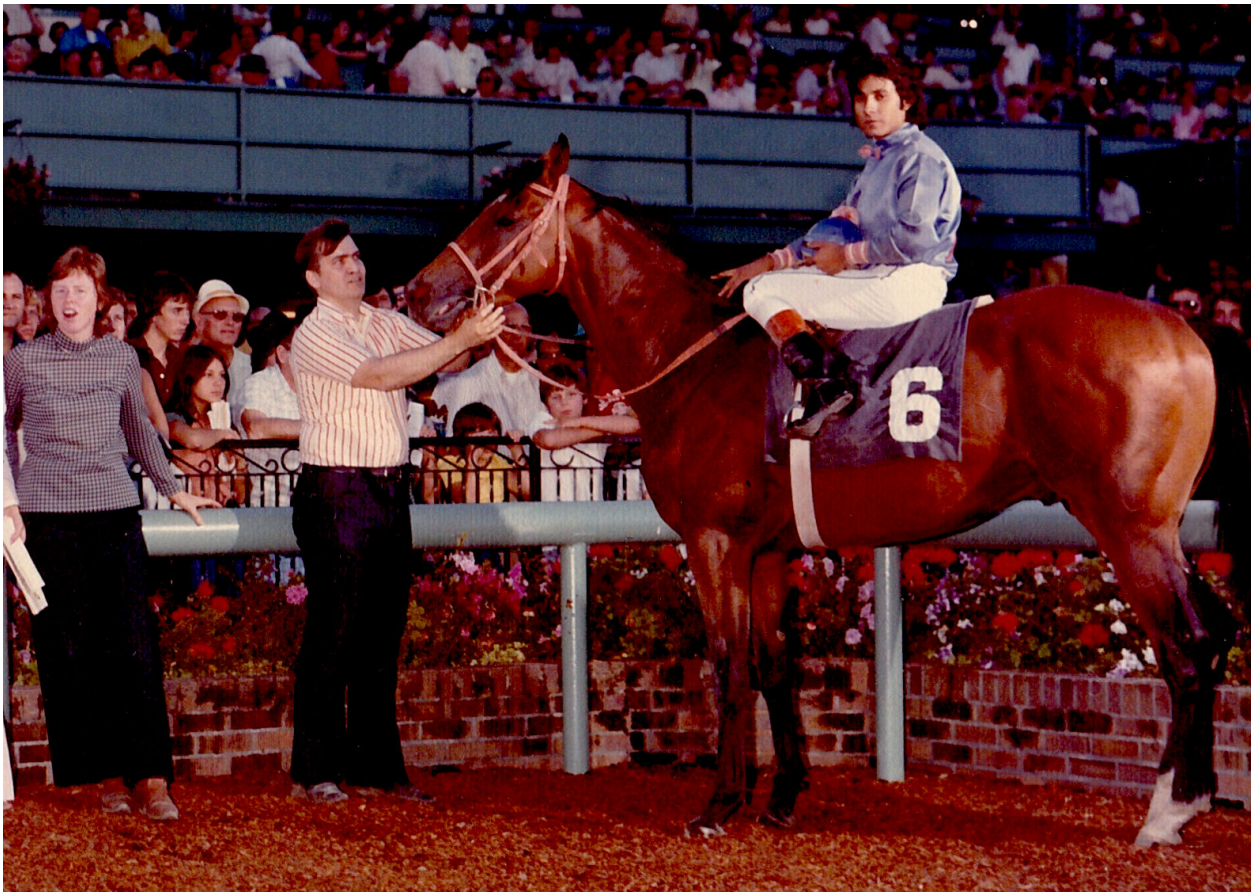
David Jones.....up
Kay Vaughn.....Trainer
Mr & Mrs Russell F. Vaughn....Owner

PRINCE CALIGULA

738 Longacres 8/25/74
MADE'S BOLD SON....Second
MINCEMEAT.....Third

LONGACRES MILE CONSOLATION
1 mile 1:35.3

Mr & Mrs Russell F. Vaughn....Owner
Kay Vaughn.....Trainer
John Ramirez.....up



Prince Caligula's Longacres Mile Consolation win August 25th, faster time than the Mile

In 1977 Prince Caligula was finally able to race again but with his legs wrapped. He won easily on June 12th and on August 13th after the hiatus caused by the bowed tendon. In 1978, he was still running and winning but now for claims. He won on July 21st and on August 27th but this time for Clint Roberts, after having claimed him for $16,000. Clint would become one of Kay's main rivals. It was a bitter pill to swallow.

1975

323 Longacres 6/28/75
MORA LAURA.....Second
PRINCESS DA.....Third

LUCKY LADY LYNNE
5½ furlongs 1:05.1

The Equine Equilibrium..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Wendell Travers.....up

723 Longacres 8/23/75
VELVET MISS.....Second
VAN LIZ.....Third

LUCKY LADY LYNNE
6 furlongs 1:14.3

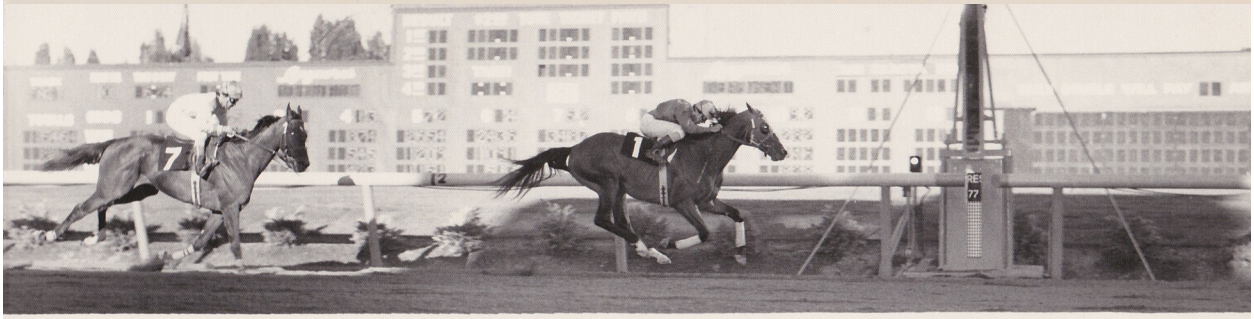
The Equine Equilibrium..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

1977

297 Longacres 6/12/77
SHAYNAMAN.....Second
KING'S CROSSING.....Third

PRINCE CALIGULA
6 furlongs 1:10

Mr & Mrs R.F.Vaughan..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Russell Baze.....up



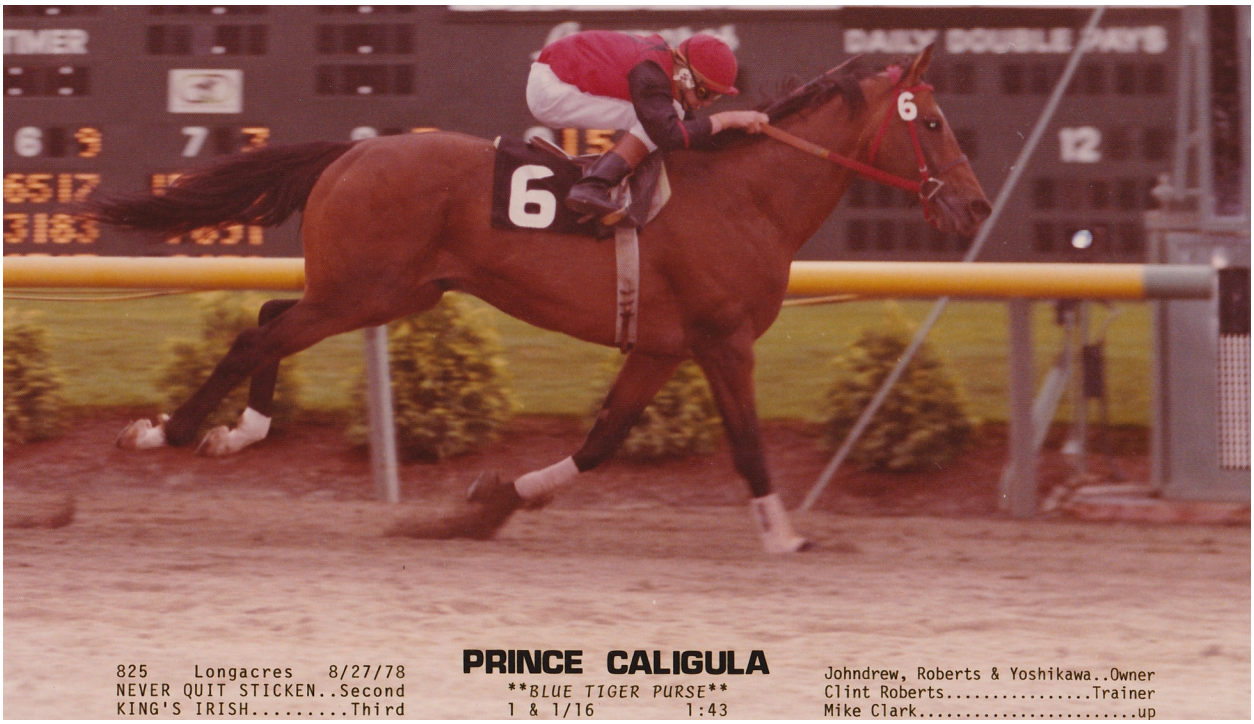
730 Longacres 8/13/77
MATT THE MIGHTY.....Second
SPOOKY CUP.....Third

PRINCE CALIGULA
1 & 1/16th 1:44.3

Mr & Mrs R.F.Vaughan..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Russell Baze.....up

1978

Prince Caligula was claimed by Clint Roberts in this race



Prince Caligula won for Clint that one time.

Vaughans claimed him back again in early May 1979 for $10,000. He continued winning, once again in their colors. After a good career, if nowhere near what it should have been, Prince Caligula was retired at the end of that season to stand stud at the Vaughan farm. The Vaughans later gave him to a groom who had really liked him.

1979

096 Longacres 5/13/79
ANTIQUARY.....Second
MORAINVILLE.....Third

PRINCE CALIGULA

6½ furlongs 1:17.1

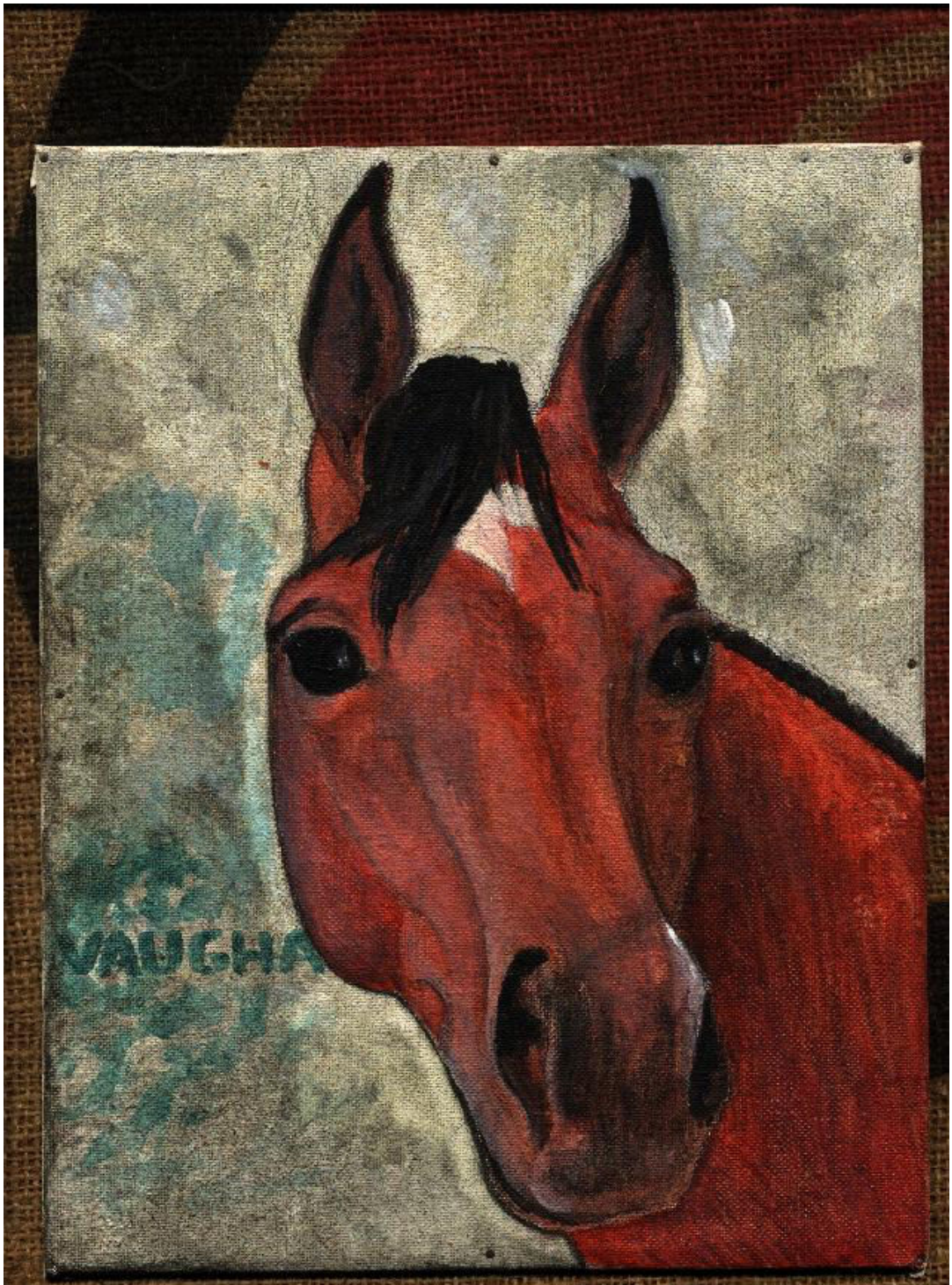
Mr & Mrs R. Vaughn...Owner
Kay Vaughn.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

In the early years Fred had acted as groom on race days holding the reins of the horse to be saddled by Kay in the paddock as he is in this photo with Prince Caligula in what may have been his last race. As a sign of his nervousness before races the Prince would attempt to bite Freds' wrists, quite often painfully succeeding.

Someone took these photos and gave them to Kay and Fred; they don't remember who.

First of the three photos: Kay giving the jockey a leg with Fred holding Prince Caligula

Prince Caligula breaks from the nine hole to win this race.
These are the only photos they have of this win.



Prince Caligula goes to Stud

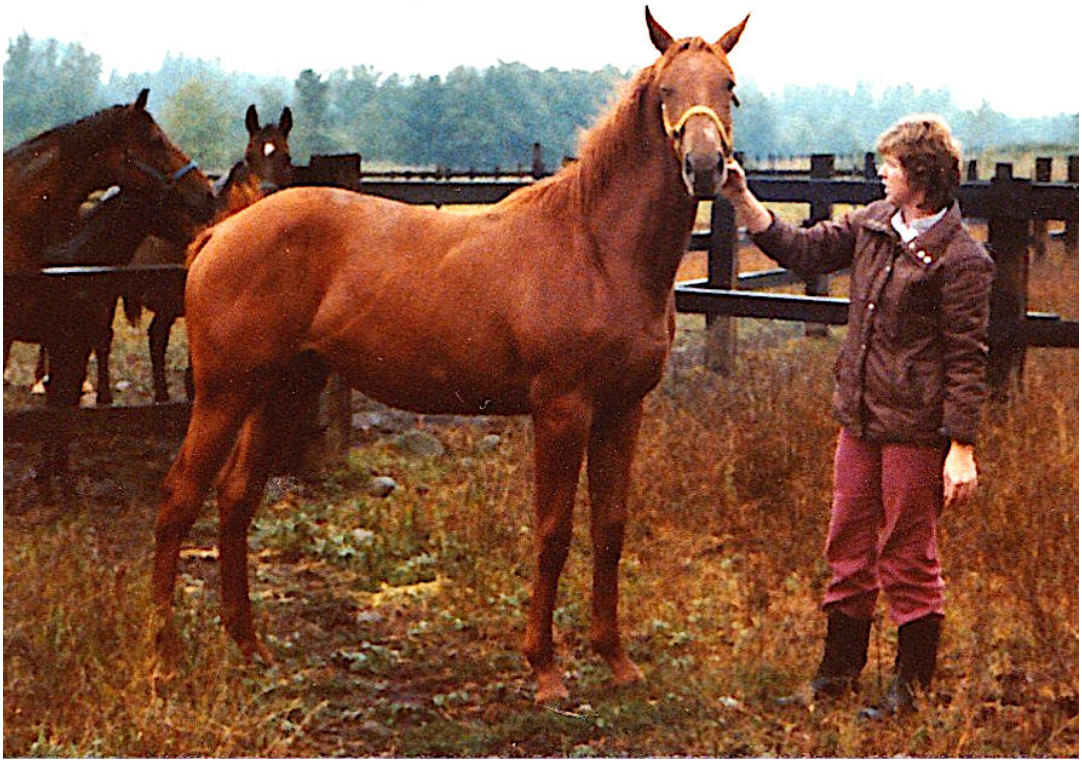
It seemed like the end of an era. It was at least the end of a phase of Kay's training experience. The Vaughans had learned many of the ups and downs of the roller coaster ride of horse racing that everyone in the business has known or will come to know.

But Kay was committed – one might almost say 'addicted'. Fred wasn't. Kay won.

Chapter 7
Dreams and Heartache

It goes without saying that there are major disappointments in this business. Prince Caligula's half-brother Phaeton's Phantom developed chips in his knees rendering him of little consequence and Prince Caligula's promising son Big Calig's knees were very severely chipped. The vet said, "It looks like a hand grenade went off in there." Both these promising colts had to be sent to Spokane where they won several races before being claimed. Kay had bought Cuidado Jan's full sister privately in what would seem to have been a rational decision, but she did not work out as a racehorse and was sold at a loss as a jumper where Kay was told that she excelled. That was some good news.

Prince Caligula's half-brother Phaeton's Phantom and his son Big Calig were shipped to Spokane where they won several races and were claimed.



Kay inspects Cidado Jan's full sister, Introduce Me, that the Vaughans had purchased. She did not take to the racetrack. In the background are broodmares Stoney River and Bridle Star

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Although Introduce Me was not a viable racehorse, she became an outstanding jumper.

The Vaughans would have many good horses over the years, but there is a qualitative difference between just good and one that gives you that special feeling like goose bumps described by Sherwood Anderson in his short story 'I Want to Know' quoted at the front of this volume about a Kentucky kid in love with that very special kind of thoroughbreds. It's a feeling common to race-trackers. When one of those special 'good' ones goes down, it is more than a disappointment. It's heartbreak.

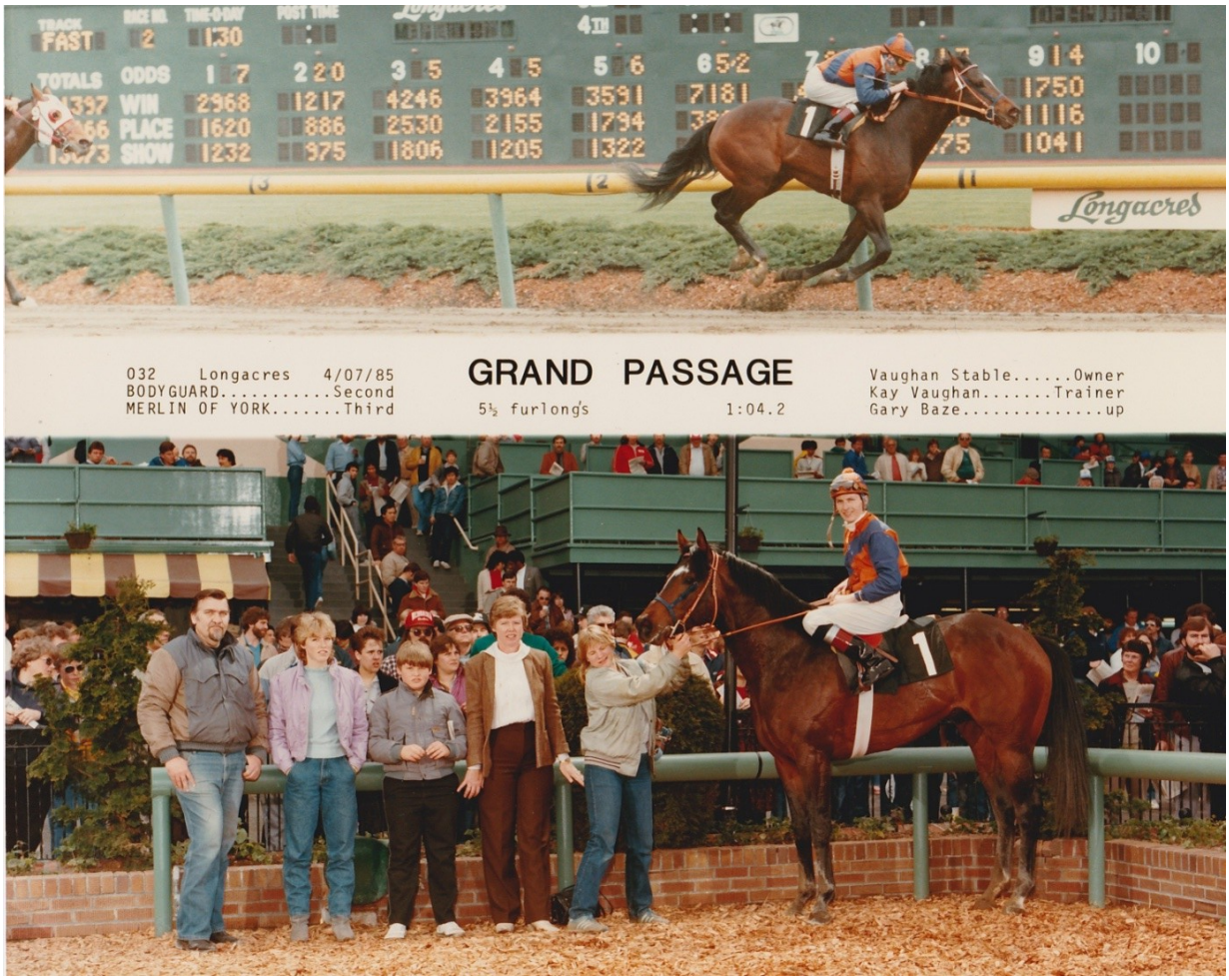
Here's a true story of a horse about which Kay and Fred and others felt that way: One day Fred sat in the guinea stand with trainers and backside workers waiting for Kay to return from the front side after having won a race with Ration of Rum – and yes, he was out of the mare Mai Tai. While Fred continued sitting there (probably reading a novel by Dick Francis) waiting for Kay to finish up after the race, he heard someone yell at him, so he looked up to see a laughing Brad Taylor as he returned to the gap on the back side, "You couldn't hide that one from me; I bet the farm!" Fred didn't know what Brad was talking about. Ration of Rum – although just then having won his first start as a three-year-old maiden was no major secret. But Brad was overjoyed and came on up to the guinea stand to emote to Fred. "Do you know how I knew about that?" he asked. Of course Fred didn't know. If he had known that Ration of Rum was a lead pipe cinch, he would have bet on him himself even though he was not a gambler.

Brad detailed how he had been at the starting gate some time back schooling his best horse, to get ready for his first start. (You need to know that Brad rode his own horses in the mornings.) "Well," he said, "I broke out of the gate with this other horse that was being schooled, both of us working to the wire" – a quarter mile work. Brad thought his good horse would distance the other horse, but instead the other horse destroyed his, beating him to the wire by many lengths. Brad followed the horse back to the barn area to see whose barn the horse returned to. It was to Kay's barn. So Brad was on alert waiting for a Kay Vaughan entry that looked like that horse. When he saw Ration of Rum coming out of Kay's barn to go up to the gap ready to go on over for a race, Brad followed and bet the proverbial farm. That was his story, but Fred told him the ***rest*** of the story.

“I’m sorry Brad,” he said. “That was not the horse you saw at the gate. Ration of Rum does not belong in his shadow.” Now Brad was interested, so since Grand Passage would not be running in claiming races any time soon, Fred decided to tell him a little about the horse that Fred, and maybe even Kay, consider to have been the best horse the Vaughans ever owned. He was by Son of a Buck (who was by Buck Passer) out of Speaking of Rose (who was by Advocator). Kay and Fred had gone to a thoroughbred yearling auction in Puyallup, Washington and as they were driving in, they had seen this horse over across the other side of the parking lot. They decided right then and there that they wanted that horse. After having parked they searched around the barns for where the horse was stabled and found him. He was gorgeous. They bought him, topping the sale with his purchase price of $7,500 – not that much but it had not been a well-promoted sale. (Howard Belvoir had been the underbidder.)

When Grand Passage was legged up and started working as a two-year-old, every work was the fastest of the day. Kay timed all her workouts, but the official clockers are responsible for the workout times that get reported in the racing form. Pretty soon his works started showing up in the form much slower that he had actually worked that day – the clockers were evidently planning to bet on him when he ran. Kay’s dreams had soared the year before; she had had Gary Stevens (who later starred in the movie Sea Biscuit and became nationally known for his riding skills) work Grand Passage in the mornings. Gary told Kay that he wanted to ride him in the futurity that year. But alas… he bowed a tendon and had gone back to the farm for the year. Now he was back again and full of promise. He did have trouble with the gate; he hated it. Kay had to send him over many times to get him approved so that he could start – more than she thought she should have had to. Kay even discussed his problems with Art McCready, but finally – a while yet after he broke from the gate with Brad’s horse – he was approved to start. He won his first start very impressively, winning easily and going out at 7-to-1 thanks to the clockers’ failure to record his works properly. Thus, Vaughans, and presumably Brad Taylor, and the clockers, had some hundred-dollar bills to hide away for a rainy day. But then the bowed tendon returned… as they do… and never

held together long enough to realize anywhere near his potential. They ultimately sold him privately.



Everyone at the racetrack knows the ups and downs. They are extreme. When a horse bows a tendon or is diagnosed with chips in its knees or other of the more extreme injuries that occur at the racetrack, dreams come tumbling down. Fred came to not wanting to be told about ‘that horse’ anymore as a matter of self-preservation. Kay had to worry those problems alone. When a horse bowed a tendon, she would take care of it by using a gel cast and other medication, but mostly wait for up to a year to proceed with training the horse. And when training began the next year, everything would look fine for a while, and dreams would re-awaken. But inevitably one day the injury would return, only worse this time. Fred did not entertain second-hand dreams of horses returning from injuries. Too often he was correct in not allowing a dream to return.

Kay had felt fortunate when she found her first good exercise rider, Alana Goff, who worked for multiple trainers at the track and came to ride Kay's horses after riding for one of the major trainers earlier in the morning. Alana was very reliable and made every effort to get to Kay's barn with sufficient time to get Kay's few horses exercised. On one occasion when she was exercising The Little Turk, he spooked at one of the infield worker's coats that had been hung over the rail. Alana went off and severely broke her ankle that had to have pins put in, but she was back riding again when it healed. Another of Kay's exercise riders had slapped Prince Caligula on the rump playfully as he was backtracking before his gallop, upon which Prince Caligula wheeled around to start his gallop and the rider went off with his foot still in the stirrup, being dragged. Luckily, one would have to guess, Prince Caligula stepped on the rider which pulled his foot out of the stirrup. The rider ended up with a hoof print on his stomach which he proudly showed Kay, but without major injury.

Later, in 1978 or 79, Kay hired a young girl of 18 named Lacey Warrick to be her own rider. Lacey was exceptionally skilled and eventually became Kay's assistant trainer. One time as Lacey was starting to work Monolithic Spirit a half mile, Kay noticed that the cinch (that holds the saddle on the horse had broken and was flopping around under the horse. Kay knew that as soon as they got into the turn that the saddle with Lacey in it would roll off. There was nothing to be done at that point but watch and hope for the best. Lacey went off without serious injury, but she was angry. Together she and Kay inspected the saddle to see what had gone wrong; they both always cared for the equipment to make sure it was in good repair. The metal tree had broken inside the saddle where it could not have been detected ahead of time. Forty years later Kay and Lacey discussed the 'good old days' over lunch. Lacey recalled never having been scared when she was riding and seemed surprised at that fact in retrospect. She said one of her friends she met when she was assistant trainer for Kay in California who also exercised in the mornings had been seriously injured and ended up paralyzed.

Lacey stayed until the end of the 1987 season when she married a man she met while being assistant trainer for Kay in Southern California. She then moved to Australia. Kay and Lacey still make contact occasionally since Lacey moved back to the States

around 1996. After Lacey, Kay employed several male riders but never developed the same trust and confidence in them that she had had in her female riders. She felt that male riders were not as good because they tended to be too macho to follow a female trainer's instructions as well as trying to overpower horses, creating conflicts that would not arise with female riders. Kay often found herself clenching her teeth in frustration.

Alana and Lacey, respectively exercising Prince Caligula

The earnings in Kay's early years were slim. From 1976 up to 1979, the Vaughans' purse earnings were just over $41,000. There was income from other sources to be sure, including training for another owner and having horses claimed, but the family and the racing business was still being heavily subsidized by Fred's Boeing salary.

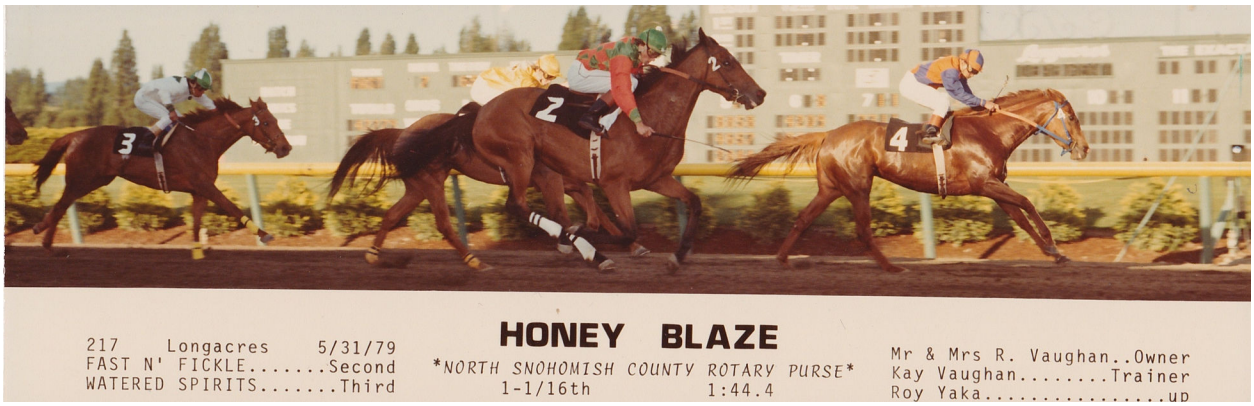
A positive aspect of these difficult years was that it taught Kay ins and outs of being a claiming trainer. She was able to claim much better horses than the ones she lost. There were two criteria involved in her claiming decisions. The first one was based on researching the horse's pedigree. If she noticed any young untried horse with world class competitors close up on the distaff side of its pedigree entered for a claiming price that she felt was too low, she would check the horse's conformation and soundness in the few minutes on the way to the paddock for saddling before the race. The claim had to be made 15 minutes prior to post time. By 1979 Kay had learned to discern an underappreciated horse, claim it, and then condition it up to win at a higher level. It was this skill that eventually earned her the moniker Wonder Woman from fellow trainer Bud Klockstad, from whom she claimed the stakes winning filly TV Return and then Honey Blaze. Claiming Honey Blaze was quite profitable; Kay paid $8,000 for her, made $13,000, and she was then claimed for $16,000. The phrase Wonder Woman began to stick with negative connotations that had originally been intended forgotten with Kay's ensuing success. Vaughans did not overlook residual value of broodmare prospects in claiming fillies with outstanding stakes quality in their pedigrees. Kay claimed the stakes winning mares Stoney River and TV Return who, although not contributing to racetrack earnings, became outstanding broodmares.

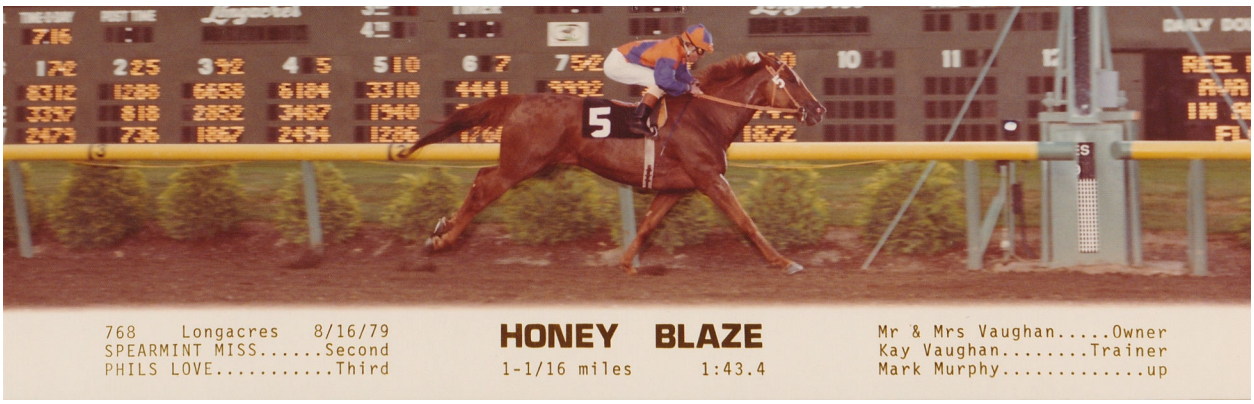
The other claiming criteria Kay used was the racing strategy employed by previous trainers. Many trainers tried racing horses into shape, meaning they would enter races with unfit horses with no hope of winning so they could drop their horses to lower claims where they could win. Other trainers always 'sent' their horses, meaning that they would have the horse run at top speed right out of the gate. Honey Blaze, Toss 'Em Twice, Mondo Lu, and Musical Tide were examples of horses whose trainers had repeatedly sent them to the front hoping they could hold on to win. If there was no other speed in a race, one could sometimes 'steal' the win. There is also the determination of what distance the horse's breeding and its conditioning might suggest. After claiming a front-running speed horse Kay would select a jockey she knew to be strong enough and insist that he pull the horse back to last out of the gate and wait to let the horse go until they were dead last and relaxed, and then make their move. She found that Dale Baze was particularly amenable and adept at performing that task. Some jockeys would not follow such orders and some horses cannot be held back in that way. Return Em was one of those horses. But the hallmark of Kay's stable was that they came from off the pace with powerful stretch runs.

Checking on a race-day muzzled horse

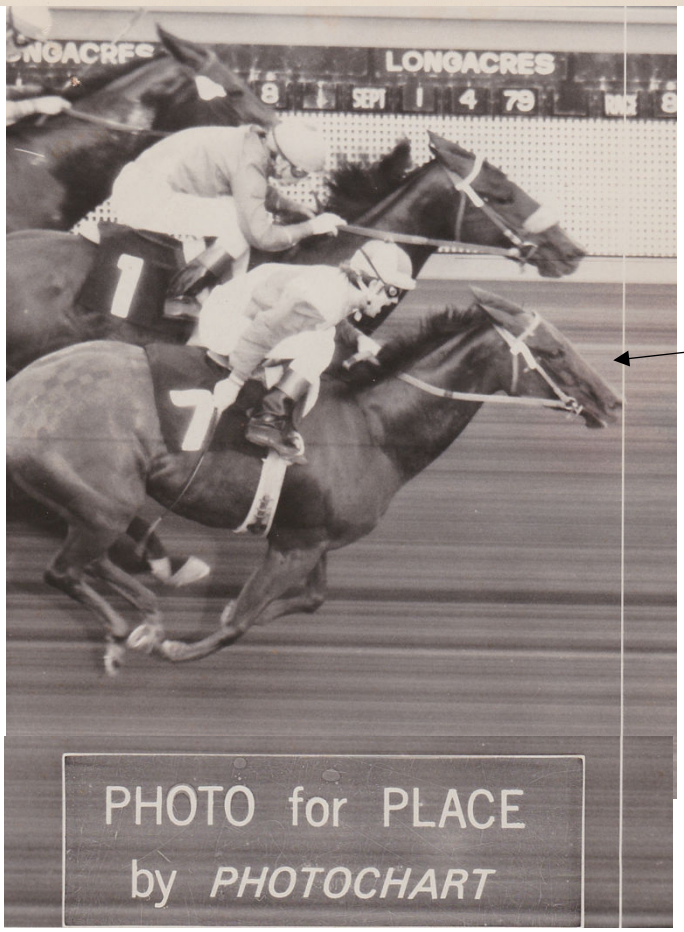
Claiming Honey Blaze from Bud Klokstad's stable that had initiated him sarcastically referring to her as 'Wonder Woman' was a boost economically and the start of better things to come. That the term was used in sarcasm is not in doubt. But later it became a recognized accolade and Honey Blaze and Cuidado Jan became the mainstay of Kay's emerging stable in 1979. The two-year-old Tense N Touchy had some promise; she had been born with a club foot that was always a hoof trimming and shoeing problem. She

had to be trained very carefully, but she was very fast. With promising yearlings on the farm, things were looking up for the Vaughan stable in barn 13for the coming year.





Cuidado Jan got her first win by a neck (shown in this photochart) on July 7th. (The win picture is not available – either given to one of her several owners or lost.)



Tense N Touchy had finished second in the fourth race on the same day that Cuidado Jan had won the eighth race.

Some of Kay's grooms liked combing the checkerboards on their horse's butt for race day.

Despite disappointments, Kay's dream of becoming a thoroughbred racehorse trainer had been realized. She loved it; the sights, the smells, all of it. At the Washington Horse Breeders Art Show in the summer of 1983 the Vaughans purchased Nancy Bognii' watercolor 'The Backstretch'. Besides depicting the feeling of the backstretch, barn 13 that was where Kay was stabled, is just out of sight at the left of the painting. The pony girl's outstretched arms express the feeling Kay knew so well. And the grey horse that is coming back from its exercise, must be the huge grey filly Forever Clever that Vaughans would come to own. The painting says it all.

Watercolor by Nancy Bognii © 1983 that captured the feeling of mornings on the backside

Kay's friend Marie Flesher visited the backstretch one day and described the scene: "We went into the barn area. It was just like in the old movies… old wooden stalls and a guy sitting on an upside-down bucket chewing on a straw. He said 'Kay, I saw your horse run the other day; it's doing great.' Many jockeys and trainers came up to talk and congratulate her. We watched horses being taken out of their stalls, being warmed up, and then taken to the starting gate. It was exciting to see them take off and run..."

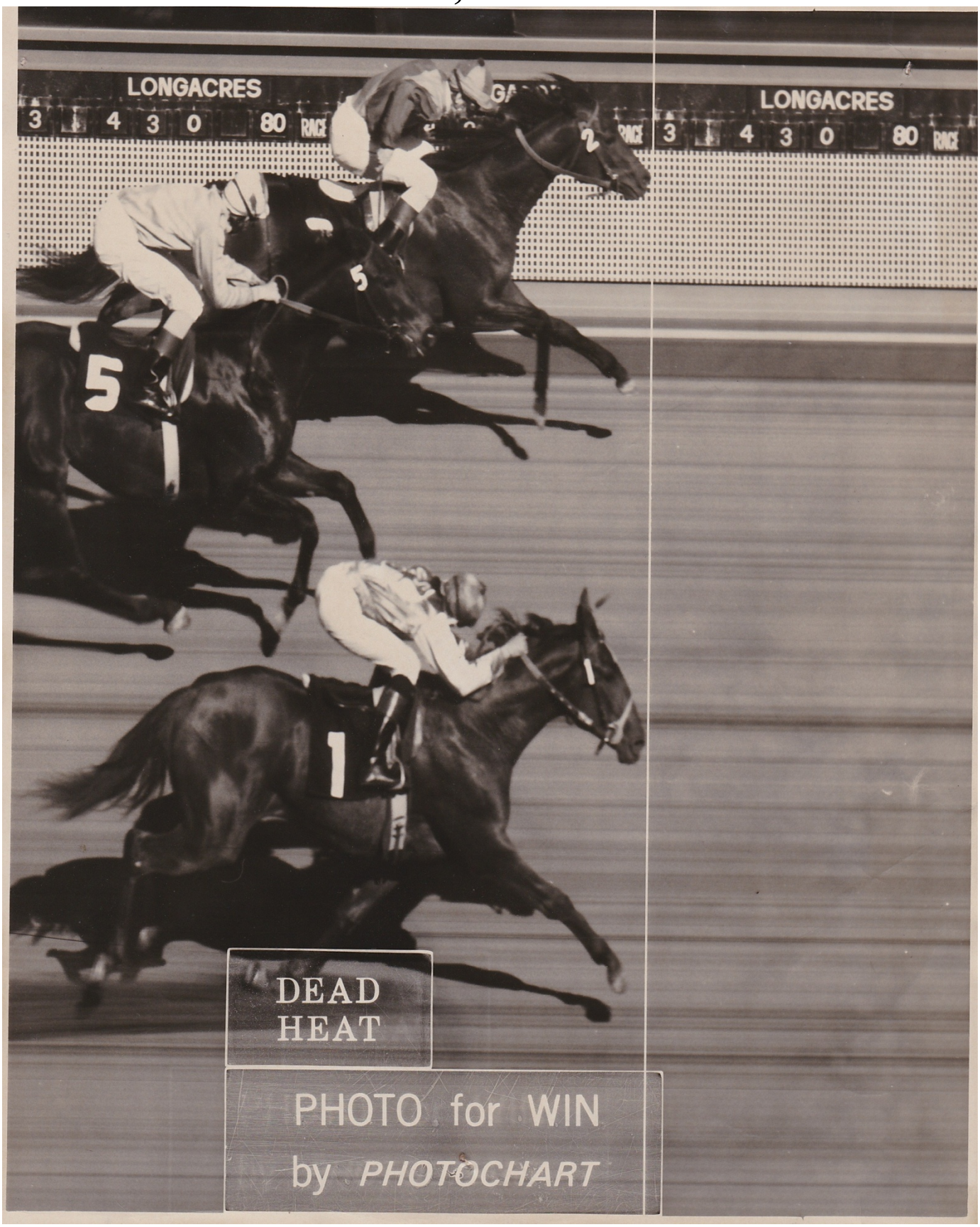
Chapter 8

Kay Is Building a Stable in 1980 and 1981.

With six horses in training now, Kay was on the cusp of much better things to come. She had three good three-year-olds: Cuidado Jan, Reveille And Taps, and Tense N Touchy. She also had the three promising two-year-old prospects, Everybody's Toy, Terzarima, and The Little Turk (who had already sired the weanling Reclusive Ascent but had yet to prove that he was good enough to merit being a sire). He went right to work on that.

April 30, 1980

The Little Turk won, but in a dead heat.



May 25, 1980

194 Longacres 5/25/80 **REVEILLE AND TAPS** Ted Stables.....Owner
QUITE A SPIRIT.....Second Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
PATIENT TIME.....Third 6½ furlongs 1:19.1 Jack Leonard.....up

THIRD RACE
Lga 5 1-2 FURLONGS. (1:02⅖). MAIDENS. Purse, $6,000. 2-year-old fillies, Wash.-bd
June 28, 1980 Weight, 118 lbs.
Value to winner, $3,300; second, $1,140; third, $870; fourth, $540; fifth, $150. Mutuel Pool, $94,242.

Last Raced	Horse	EqtAWt	PP	St	¼	⅜	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to
21Jun80 3Lga3	Kristi Anniti	2 118	4	2	2¹½	1½	1³	1³	SorensonD	Hilden-Stromberg	1
20Jun80 3Lga2	Star Aglow	2 118	8	4	3¹	4²	2h	2¹	FrazierB	Larkhaven Farm	[illegible]
20Jun80 3Lga3	Tertzarima	2 118	1	3	4²	3h	4³	3h	LeonardJ	Mr-Mrs R F Vaughan	16
13Jun80 3Lga5	Everybody's Toy	2 118	2	9	9	9	7³	4³½	BazeD	Medallion Farm	[illegible]
21Jun80 3Lga4	Quiet a Lady	2 118	6	6	6¹	6³	6⁴	5¹½	SimMC	Mr-Mrs D L Munger	[illegible]
10May80 3Lga4	Party Line	2 118	3	1	1h	2²	3¹½	6¹	BazeG	G-L Stables	[illegible]
	Luie Nell	2 118	9	5	5½	5²	5h	7¹	DollK	Mr-Mrs S L Stowe	50
21Jun80 3Lga7	Tidee Kay	2 118	5	8	8³	8½	8½	8¹	BrayR	B H L Stables	77
	Simple Motion	2 118	7	7	7⁶	7⁵	9	9	MezaRQ	Stark-Ellis	[illegible]

OFF AT 2:37 PDT. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, :22⅖, :46⅖, :59⅖, 1:06. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

4—KRISTI ANNITI	4.80	3.20	2.90
8—STAR AGLOW		3.80	3.10
1—TERTZARIMA			4.50

B. f, by Winds of Thought—Filly Will Fight, by Watch Your Step. Trainer, Neil Knapp. Bred by Dr. A Pyncarz (Wash.).

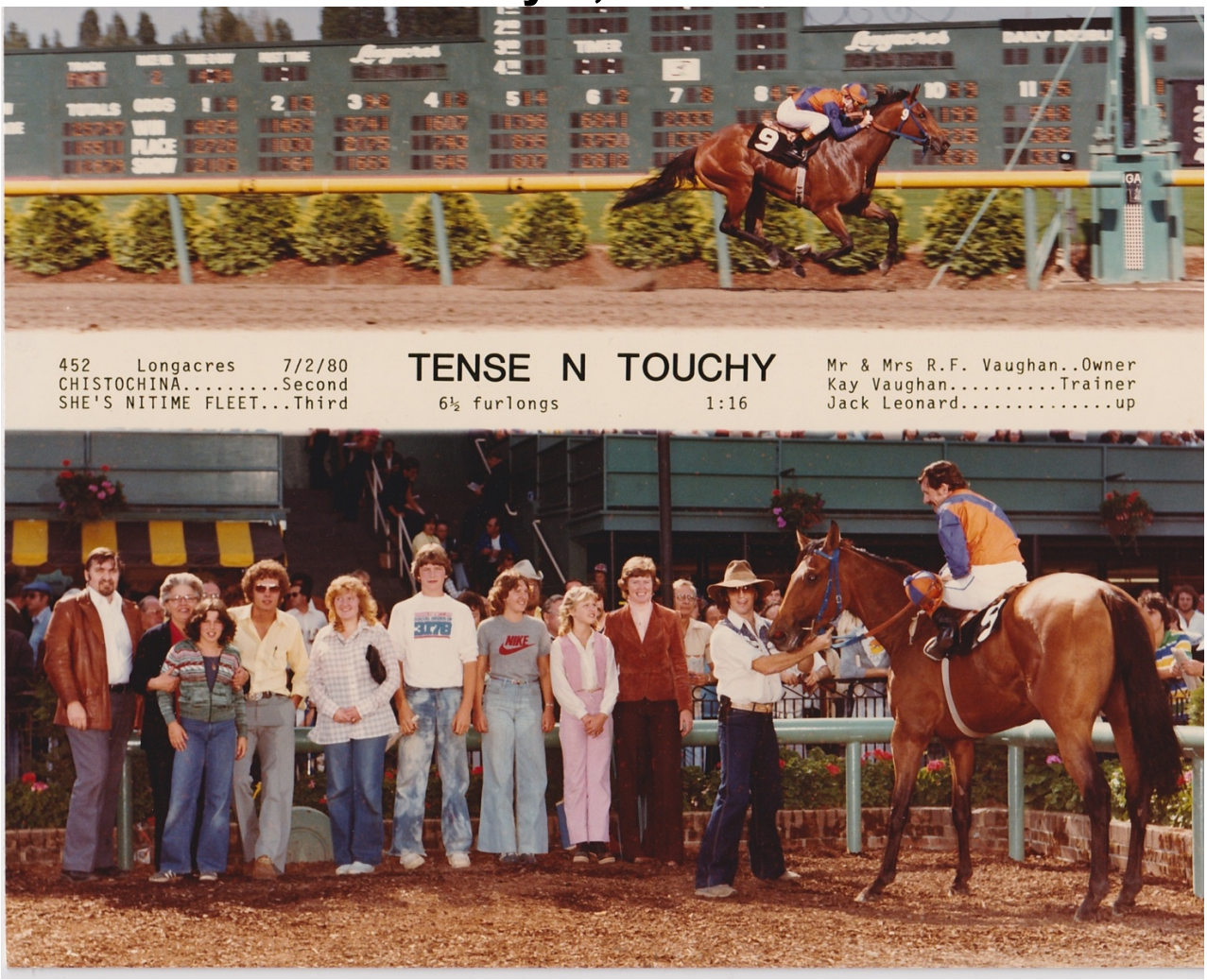
KRISTI ANNITI pressed the pace from the beginning, ran down PARTY LINE on the turn to take comma and gradually drew clear under steady urging. STAR AGLOW, well placed early, rallied along the outside but could not reach the winner. TERTZARIMA lacked a closing kick. EVERYBODY'S TOY closed with a rush along the outside in the final furlong. PARTY LINE sprinted clear early, but gave way readily when headed. SIMPLE MOTION was always outrun.

Scratched—She's a Tike.

Kay's to-year-old fillies are showing promise.

Already Kay had a two-year-old winner, and the three-year-old Reveille And Taps winning in straight maiden company. The two-year-old fillies Tertzarima and Everybody's Toy had both run in the money in straight maiden company on June 28. Another of Bridle Star's foals, the three-year-old filly Tense N Touchy won impressively on July 2, 1980. Tense N Touchy was a fast filly, but hampered by her club foot ever since foaling, required remedial hoof trimming and shoeing to keep her sound enough to train. So Kay did not run her as often or at as high of claiming prices as she might have otherwise. (When she later entered her for $10,000, she was claimed. Kay would turn that money around to claim Mondolu for $8,000.) With the already established quality of her three-year-old filly Cuidado Jan, Kay's stable had a bright future,

July 2, 1980



Fred's niece Connie, nephew Ted, and Nola are in this photo.

July 4, 1980

Everybody's Toy just misses.

THIRD RACE

Lga

July 4, 1980

5 1-2 FURLONGS. (1:02⅖). **MAIDENS.** Purse, $6,000. 2-year-old fillies. Weight, 118 lbs.

Value to winner, $3,300; second, $1,140; third, $870; fourth $540; fifth, $150. Mutuel Pool, $98,890.

Last Raced	Horse	Eqt	A	Wt	PP	St	¼	⅛	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
	She's a Tike	2		118	5	4	3²	3¹	3²	1h	GibsonV	J Mills	23.60
28Jun80 3Lga4	Everybody's Toy	2		118	8	7	6h	4n	5⁸	2½	BazeD	Medallion Farm	4.20
	Summer Hit	2		118	3	2	1h	1h	2³	3½	HowaR	Nance-Rakes-Powers	3.05
20Jun80 3Lga7	First Growth	b2		118	6	1	4¹	5⁴	4¹	4⁴	SpenceSJ	Liberty Street Stables	9.70
	Kama Kasette	2		118	4	3	2²½	2³	1h	5¹¹	JamesM	D Kern	1.75
12Jun80 3Lga3	Winzy's Girlie	b2		118	2	5	8	6²	6²	6¾	MezaRQ	M S Trask	5.45
	Beach Bird	2		118	1	6	5½	7²	7⁶	7¹⁰	DiazML	Canouse-Tichi-Miles	11.55
	Allazara	2		118	7	8	7½	8	8	8	BestF	Tumarach Stable	22.60

OFF AT 2:39 PDT. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, :22⅖, :46⅖, :59⅖, 1:06. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

5—SHE'S A TIKE	49.20	12.40	6.10
8—EVERYBODY'S TOY		5.60	3.50
3—SUMMER HIT			3.60

Ch. f, by Free Up—Blue Ryu, by Blue Man. Trainer, Jay Mills. Bred by Hidden Valley Thoroughbred (Wash.).

SHE'S A TIKE raced within striking distance early, eased out slightly to lodge her bid entering the stretch, attempted to duck in midway in the drive, responded when straightened away and proved narrowly best at the wire. EVERYBODY'S TOY lacked early foot, rallied wide into the stretch and closed with a rush to just miss. SUMMER HIT alternated for the early lead and held on gamely to the finish. FIRST GROWTH went evenly. KAMA KASETTE engaged SUMMER HIT from the outside early, dueled with that one into the stretch and weakened in the final furlong. WINZY'S GIRL was always outrun.

Scratched—Kelley's Lady, Party Line.

July 11, 1980

Terzarima wins.

523 Longacres 7/11/80
STAR AGLOW.....Second
FEEL FREE TO GO.....Third

TERTZARIMA

5½ furlongs 1:06.1

Mr & Mrs R.F. Vaughan..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Jack Leonard.....up

THIRD RACE
Lga
July 11, 1980

5 1-2 FURLONGS. (1:02⅗). MAIDENS. Purse, $6,000. 2-year-old fillies, [illegible]-bred. Weight, 118 lbs.

Value to winner $3,300; second, $1,140; third, $870; fourth, $540; fifth, $150. Mutuel Pool, $70,604.

Last Raced	Horse	EqtA	Wt	PP	St	¼	⅜	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
28Jun80 3Lga3	Terzarima	2	118	1	3	1h	1¹	12½	12¼	LeonardJ	Mr-Mrs R F Vaughan	8.60
28Jun80 3Lga2	Star Aglow	2	118	7	2	2h	2½	22	2nk	FrazierB	Larkhaven Farm	3.35
	Feel Free to Go	b2	118	2	4	31	34	33	31½	JamesM	S J Agnew	13.30
28Jun80 9Lga4	Lake City Queen	b2	113	6	6	63	66	41½	42½	PyferR5	H-L Carez	1.10
28Jun80 3Lga7	Luie Nell	2	118	4	7	5h	4h	55	51½	DoHK	Mr-Mrs S L Stowe	25.10
	Shooting Oma	2	118	3	5	76	74	73	64	HowgR	Double D Stables	6.40
	Mandys Joy	2	118	8	1	44	5h	6h	7nk	BazeG	M C Shelley	8.05
7Jun80 3Lga4	Sensitive Honey	2	120	5	6	8	8	8	8	MattW	J S Doodigian	23.35

OFF AT 4:58 PDT. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, :22⅗, :46⅗, :59⅗, 1:06⅕. Track sloppy.

$2 Mutuel Prices

1—TERTZARIMA	19.20	7.70	4.80
7—STAR AGLOW		4.50	3.50
2—FEEL FREE TO GO			5.10

B. f, by Introductivo—Bridle Star, by Birdle Rings. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. Bred by Mr.-Mrs. R. F. Vaughan (Wash.).

TERTZARIMA moved through along the inside to take command in the opening quarter, gradually drew clear on the turn, responded to steady urging and won going away. STAR AGLOW dueled for the lead from the beginning, but could not stay with the winner. FEEL FREE TO GO shared the early lead and continued gamely to the end. LAKE CITY QUEEN fell back early and could not threaten in the drive. SHOOTING OMA was never a factor. All horses raced with stickers.

Overweight—Sensitive Honey, 2 pounds.

And another of Introductivo's foals wins on August 16, 1980

785 Longacres 8/16/80
GOLD RUN LADY.....Second
SWEET LADY GREY.....Third

EVERYBODY'S TOY

KJR 59TH ANNIVERSARY PURSE
6 fur. 1:12

Medallion Farm.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Dale Baze.....up

FIFTH RACE
Lga
August 16, 1980

6 FURLONGS. (1:07⅕). MAIDENS. Purse. $6,000. 2-year-old fillies, Washington-bred. Weight, 118 lbs.

Value to winner, $3,300; second, $1,140; third, $870; fourth, $540; fifth, $150. Mutuel Pool, $106,809.

Last Raced	Horses	EqtA	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
8Aug80 4Lga4	Everybody's Toy	b2	118	1	10	10^{2}	$6\frac{1}{2}$	3^{2}	$1\frac{1}{2}$	BazeD	Medallion Farm	5.70
	Gold Run Lady	2	118	7	3	1^{h}	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1^{3}	2^{4}	MercadoVV	Gold Run Stable	6.25
8Aug80 4Lga5	Sweet Lady Grey	2	118	8	4	5^{3}	$4\frac{1}{2}$	4^{h}	$3\frac{1}{2}$	DavidsonJR	Roll'n Acres	20.70
	Quite a Tike	2	118	10	2	2^{2}	2^{4}	$2\frac{1}{2}$	4^{2}	WalesH	Mills-Thompson	4.60
9Apr80 4TuP5	In the Gate	2	118	3	8	8^{h}	9^{1}	7^{4}	5^{1}	SimMC	Triple AAA Ranch	3.65
24Jly 80 3Lga4	Nice Conversation	b2	113	9	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	3^{2}	5^{5}	6^{4}	MooreKD5	B-M Whitaker	22.40
26Jly 80 3Lga4	Luie Nell	2	118	4	9	$9\frac{1}{2}$	10^{h}	$8\frac{1}{2}$	7^{nk}	DollK	Mr-Mrs S L Stowe	9.00
8Aug80 4Lga7	Gokeet	2	118	5	6	$6\frac{1}{2}$	5^{h}	6^{h}	8^{h}	SorensonD	E W West	18.15
8Aug80 4Lga6	Simple Motion	2	118	2	11	11	7^{2}	9^{h}	$9\frac{1}{2}$	HowgR	Stark-Ellis	30.55
	White Moment	b2	118	6	7	7^{3}	11	10^{8}	10^{13}	JamesM	Arber-Shatzko	4.70
	Miss Deed	2	118	11	1	3^{1}	8^{1}	11	11	GibsonVA	L Farrell	14.15

OFF AT 3:35 PDT. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, $21\frac{4}{5}$, :45⅗, :57⅕, 1:12 . Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

1—EVERYBODY'S TOY	13.40	6.20	4.00
7—GOLD RUN LADY		8.30	5.90
8—SWEET LADY GREY			7.50

B. f, by Introductivo—Ber-Seemita, by Berseem. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. Bred by John-Nancy Ross (Wash.).

EVERYBODY'S TOY, slow to reach her best stride, swung outside entering the stretch, rallied boldly under left hand pressure and caught GOLD RUN LADY in the final fifty yards. GOLD RUN LADY outraced QUITE A TIME for the early lead, saved ground while gradually drawing clear and just failed to last. SWEET LADY GREY, never far back, rallied when called upon and finished with good speed. QUITE A TIKE engaged GOLD RUN LADY for the early lead and weakened. IN THE GATE ducked out soon after the start and was never a factor. WHITE MOMENT gave way early. MISS DEED dropped back steadily after an alert beginning.

Cuidado Jan wins in amazing time of 1:14 2/5 on August 27, 1980

CUIDADO JAN

859 Longacres 8/27/80
CAL'S LAST HOPE.....Second
PRUNE PICKER.....Third

WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL PURSE
6½ fur. 1:14.2

Jan & Associates.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Dale Baze.....up

NINTH RACE **Lga** **August 27, 1980**

6 1-2 FURLONGS. (1:13⅘). ALLOWANCES. Purse, $8,000. 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, which have not won $3,300 twice. 3-year-olds, 115 lbs.; older, 120 lbs. Non-winners of $2,900 in 1980 allowed 3 lbs.; non-winners in 1980, 6 lbs. (Maiden or claiming races not considered.)

Value to winner, $4,400; second, $1,520; thrid, $1,160; fourth, $720; fifth, $200. Mutuel Pool, $124,925.

Last Raced	Horses	EqtAWt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
21Aug80 9Lga5	Cuidado Jan	3 113	4	8	82	63	33	12	BazeD	Jan-Associates	4.65
8Jun80 9Lga7	Cal's Last Hope	5 115	8	1	13	15	14	25½	BestF	J W Johnson	3.55
20Aug80 9Lga2	Prune Picker	4 117	6	10	10	81½	63	32	BazeG	Shasta Stable	3.30
16Aug80 8Lga6	Shoot It Out	3 104	1	2	21	22	2h	4¾	MalgariniT5	Rim Rock Stable	10.30
30Jly 80 8Lga8	Secret Watch	5 120	2	3	3h	33	43	5½	FrazierBt	Jollie Four Stable	5.40
8Jun80 8Lga8	French Jewells	b3 115	3	9	63	4h	52	61½	HowgR	Lewis-Jenne-Schicht	23.30
13Aug80 6Lga2	Her Rival	b4 115	9	5	5h	73	72	7¾	EstradaJ5	D A Mowat	8.20
20Aug80 9Lga9	Kudu Flirts	6 120	10	6	95	98	9	84	MurphyMS	E C Stallings	20.60
2Aug80 9EP9	Sweet Skeet	b4 119	7	4	43	51½	82	9	BazeMB	Marcon Stable	12.75
7Aug80 9Lga4	Daimond Villa	b3 109	5	7	71	10	eased		DavidsonJR	Mr-Mrs D L Munger	18.25

†Seven pound apprentice allowance waived.

OFF AT 7:08 PDT. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, :21⅖, :43⅕, 1:08⅕, 1:14⅖. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

4—CUIDADO JAN	11.30	5.50	3.50
8—CAL'S LAST HOPE		6.10	3.70
6—PRUNE PICKER			3.00

B. f, by Introductivo—Janpernel, by Ben Lomond. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. Bred by John-Nancy Ross (Wash.).

CUIDADO JAN, slow to reach her best stride, saved ground while improving her position, continued her bid turning into the stretch and was up with a rush in the final sixteenth. CAL'S LAST HOPE sprinted clear at once, opened a commanding advantage on the turn and just failed to last. PRUNE PICKER gained her best stride too late. SHOOT IT OUT flattened out in the final furlong. SECRET WATCH had no apparent mishap. DIAMOND VILLA bore out on the turn and was eased in the drive.

Overweight—Cuidado Jan, 4 pounds; Prune Picker, 3; Sweet Skeet, 2; Cal's Last Hope, 1.

August 27, 1980

Cuidado Jan Speeds Past Cal's Last Hope at Longacres

LONGACRES RACE COURSE, Renton, Wash.—Closing boldly in the final furlong, Jan and Associates' Cuidado Jan was up in time to score a mild upset in Wednesday's $8,000 Washington State Labor Council Purse before 7,475 fans.

Ridden perfectly by Dale Baze, Cuidado Jan saved ground while advancing steadily around the turn, rallied turning into the stretch and caught Jay W. Johnson's Cal's Last Hope in the final sixteenth to score by two lengths. Cal's Last Hope held on to be second with a five length advantage on Shasta Stable's Prune Picker.

Cuidado Jan, a three-year-old bay daughter of Introductivo and Janpernel, covered the six and one half furlongs in 1:14⅖. The Kay Vaughan trained filly returned $11.30.

This was the fastest 6 ½ furlongs by a filly at Longacres.

August 27, 1980

Dale Baze steps into limelight with 4 wins

If the anti-trust laws applied to racing the Baze family would be in trouble again.

The most recent culprit to take the limelight is Dale Baze, who monopolized the Longacres card Wednesday afternoon with four wins. Dale started with Gokeet in the third, Blowing Star in the seventh, added Cuidado Jan in the ninth and took the nightcap on Sailor's Horizon in the 10th.

Dale's cousin, Gary, who leads the jockey standings with 80 wins for the season, was the only other jockey with a double, booting home Beaubongo in the fourth race and No More Enemy in the eighth.

Dale's trip aboard Cuidado Jan in the $8,000 featured ninth race might have been one of the quickest 6½-furlong rides of the meeting. Coming from off the pace to blow by front-running Cal's Last Hope, Cuidado Jan seared by the clocker in 1:14 2/5, as she pulled out two lengths in front of Cal's Last Hope.

A three-year old filly trained by Kay Vaughn, Cuidado Jan chalked up her first win of the year with the victory, as she upset the favorites in the 10-horse group of older fillies and mares.

The third choice of Wednesday's 7,475 fans, Cuidado Jan paid $11.30, $5.50 and $3.50.

Cal's Last Hope went out to set the blistering fractions of 1:08 1/5 for the first six panels, but didn't have enough steam to last until the wire. Frank Best was aboard the runner-up, who paid $6.10 and $3.70.

Prune Picker, the 3-1 favorite, finally found racing room in the stretch and moved up to take third under Gary Baze. Show tickets paid $3.

Earlier in the day, apprentice Kirk Moore suffered a fractured pelvis in an early morning training accident. Kirk was taking a three-year old filly, Ellet Lena, back to the stable when she tried to duck underneath the barn and flipped backwards, landing on him. The 19-year old rider is expected to remain in Valley General Hospital for 2-3 weeks, and will be sidelined for at least two months.

Another of the hazards of racetracking… but… "ducking underneath the barn"? Really?

September 5, 1980

Stable mates Terzarima and The Little Turk were coupled in this race with Terzarima leading throughout the race and holding off a fast-charging Little Turk for the win

Was Tertzarima aware of what had gone on between her mama and the Little Turk?

September 20, 1980

In this his next outing at a mile the Little Turk won handily.

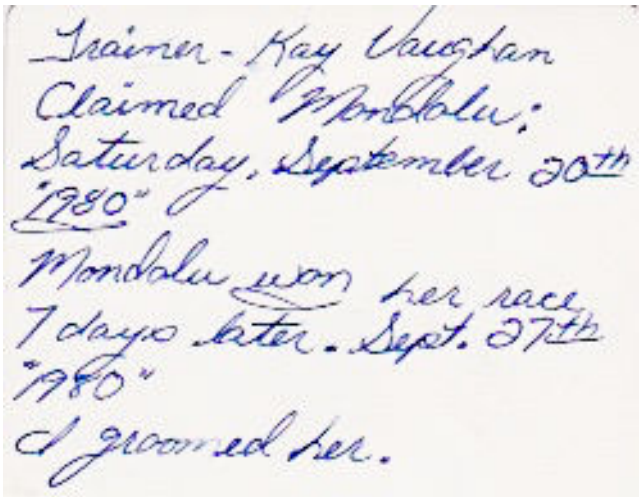
And then in his next outing in the Juvenile Championship Handicap, the Little Turk would place third.

September 20, 1980

In exchange for Tense N Touchy and with change left over Kay had claimed Mondolu for $8,000. Running her back a week later she won in the fast time of 1:09 1/5. Tense N Touchy would not win again for her new trainer.

The meet was over, but now Kay had the beginnings of a powerful stable to begin the next year and yearling filly prospects from the stakes winning mares she had claimed earlier.

Note on the back of this photo from a proud groom:



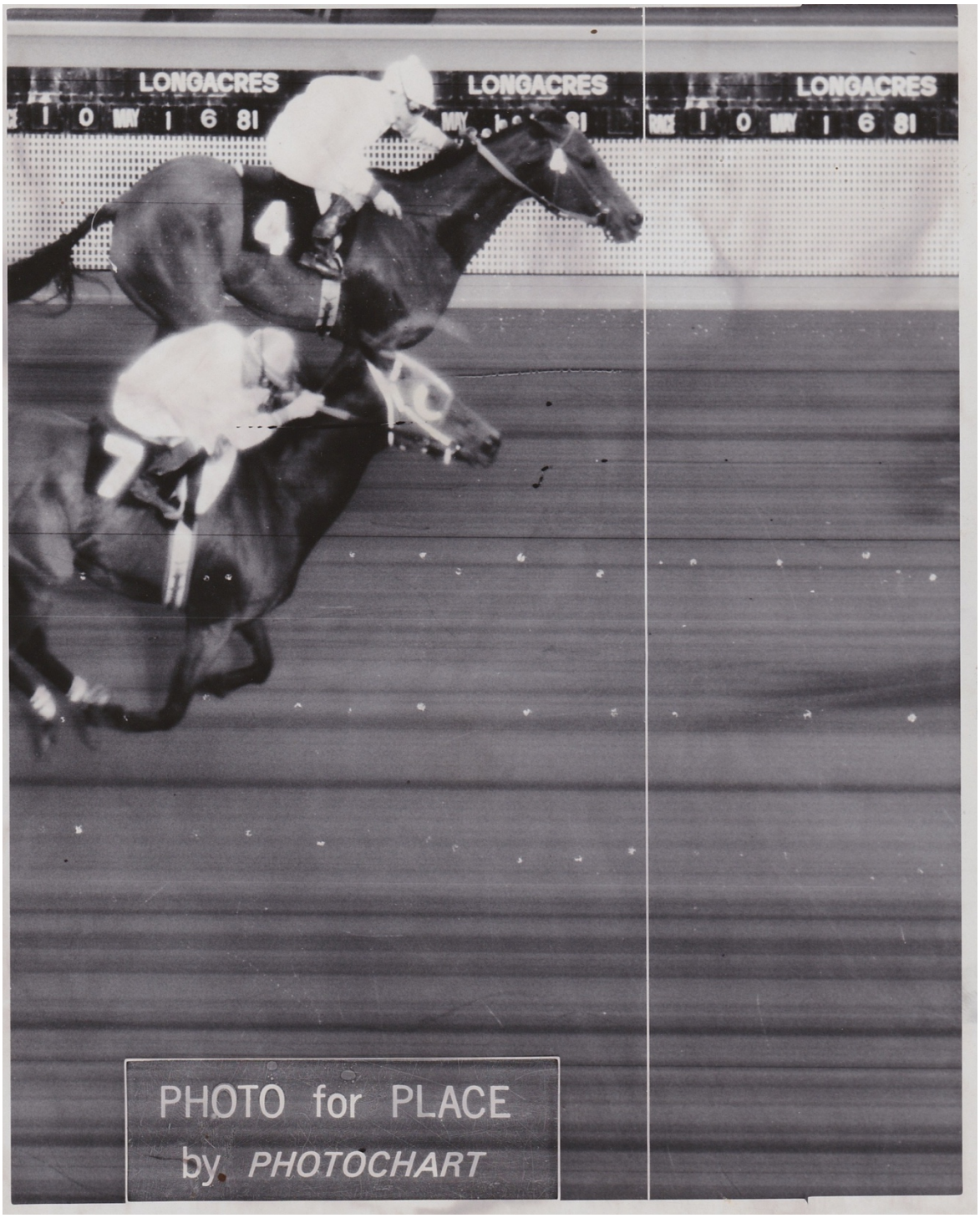
Trainer - Kay Vaughan
Claimed Mondolu:
Saturday, September 20th
"1980"
Mondolu won her race
7 days later. Sept. 27th
"1980"
I groomed her.

Mondolu in a workout with Lacy Warrick up

Kay's Races in 1981

May 1, 1981

Cuidado Jan places 2nd



Lacey Warrick works The Little Turk

Terzarima places second on May 6, 1981

EIGHTH RACE 6 FURLONGS. (1:07⅕). CLAIMING. Purse, $8,200. 3-year-old fillies, Washington-bred, which have never won three races. Weight, 118 lbs. Non-winners of two races, allowed 3 lbs. (Races for $16,000 or less not considered.) Claiming price, $20,000.

Lga

May 6, 1981

Value to winner, $4,510; second, $1,560; third, $1,190; fourth, $735; fifth, $205. Mutuel Pool, $102,322.

Last Raced	Horses	EqtAWt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
8May80 3Lga1	Babe's Joy	3 108	1	1	2¹½	1h	1¹½	1¾	GrissomTL7	Cargill-Guscott	5.95
21Sep80 8Lga7	Tertzarima	3 118	6	3	3¹½	3⁴	3¹½	2²½	LeonardJ	Mr-Mrs R F Vaughan	4.40
18Apr81 9YM5	Abby's Angle	3 115	5	4	4h	5³	4³	3h	JamesM	Romani-Dorough	6.10
29Apr81 9Lga8	Salty Sadie	3 117	3	2	1h	2¹	2²	4¹½	BrayR	Carpenter-Driggers	1.20
18Apr81 8YM9	Table Sweets	3 117	7	5	5³	4½	5¹	5¹½	BestF	Tamarack Stable	19.15
18Apr81 9YM8	Beach Bird	3 115	4	6	6²	6h	6h	6²½	SimMC	Canouse-Miles	27.20
20Dec80 5PM3	Running Test	3 120	2	8	7½	7²	7⁴	7²	PierceL	Hold-Em Stable	9.10
3Apr81 8PM4	Gokeet	3 115	8	7	8	8	8	8	WalesH	Medrs-Runyn-Wstmn	10.05

OFF AT 7:27 PDT. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, ::22⅕, :45⅘, :58⅘, 1:12⅕. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

1—BABE'S JOY	13.90	6.40	4.30
7—TERTZARIMA		4.60	3.30
6—ABBY'S ANGLE			3.40

Ch. f, by King of the Sea—Lost Stamp, by Philately. Trainer, Clint Roberts. Bred by Mrs. Brown Goodrich (Wash.).

BABE'S JOY broke alertly to dispute the pace from the inside, forged to the front going into the turn, responded gamely when settled for the drive and held TERTZARIMA safe in the final furlong. TERTZARIMA, well placed from the beginning, moved up three wide on the turn, continued along the far outside but could not get by the winner. ABBY'S ANGLE saved ground and finished willingly. SALTY SADIE shared the lead into the stretch and weakened under pressure. TABLE SWEETS raced wide on the stretch turn. GRANDPA'S POOKEY flipped in the gate and was ordered scratched with all wagers on her being refunded.

Scratched—Grandpa's Pookey. **Claiming Prices—All $20,000.**

Overweight—Running Test, 5 pounds; Salty Sadie, 2; Table Sweets, 2.

August 8, 1981
The Little Turk still prefers two turns.

August 15, 1981
Tertzarima

Monolithic Spirit out of Stoney River was sent out as an odds-on favorite on August 29, 1981; she won by six lengths.

MONOLITHIC SPIRIT

834 Longacres 8/29/81
DARK CIARA.....Second
SECRET DAWN.....Third

CONSOLIDATED FREIGHTWAYS EMPLOYEES PURSE
6 furlongs 1:11

Mr. & Mrs. Vaughan...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chris Loseth.....up

FOURTH RACE
Lga
August 29, 1981

6 FURLONGS. (1:07⅕). MAIDENS. Purse, $7,500. 2-year-old fillies, Wash.-bred. Weight, 118 lbs.

Value to winner, $4,125; second, $1,425; third, $1,080; fourth, $675; fifth, $185. Mutuel Pool, $91,783.

Last Raced	Horses	EqtA	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
1Aug81 3Lga2	Monolithic Spirit	2	118	10	2	1¹	1²	1⁴	1⁶	LosethC	Mr-Mrs R F Vaughan	1.00
22Aug81 4Lga2	Dark Ciara	2	118	6	9	8²½	5³	2¹	2nk	LeonardJ	Dr L E MaComber	9.60
22Aug81 4Lga5	Secret Dawn	2	118	5	12	11³	11¹²	7⁶	3h	GibsonVA	Tamarack Stable	42.80
15Aug81 3Lga4	Quadslast	b2	118	9	7	6²½	4h	5²	4¹½	SorensonD	Hi Yu Stable	5.25
15Aug81 3Lga5	Passing Flirt	2	118	4	11	10⁴	7½	6²	5²½	CooperB	E E Stallings	16.75
14Aug81 3Lga7	Barbarian	2	118	1	4	3¹½	3³	4²½	6h	WilburnJ	C Canouse	21.40
	Mean Little Took	2	118	12	3	2h	2½	3h	7¹⁰	JamesM	S Roffe	21.55
12Jun81 4Lga3	Titula	2	120	7	5	5h	8²	8⁴	8²½	BazeMB	Marshall-McLean	12.25
14Aug81 3Lga6	Princess Marsae	b2	118	8	1	4³	6²	9h	9¹½	HowgR	Demenge-McGowan	8.85
1Aug81 3Lga5	B. Sono	2	118	3	6	7h	9⁴	10³	10²½	MercadoVV	Overlake Farm	51.40
	Good Deal	2	120	2	8	9⁴	10h	11⁸	11⁶½	PierceL	Leach-Morse Farms	16.45
22Aug81 4Lga	Dancin Bonnie	2	118	11	10	12	12	12	12	ShepherdDR	Crcle G Racin Stable	71.10

OFF AT 3:02 PDT. START GOOD. WON EASILY. Time, :21⅖, :44⅘, :57⅗, 1:11. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

10—NONOLITHIC SPIRIT	4.00	3.40	3.00
6—DARK CIARA		6.40	5.00
5—SECRET DAWN			10.40

Dk. b. or br. f, by Barbaric Spirit—Stoney River, by Vitality. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. Bred by Mr.-Mrs. R. F. Vaughan (Wash.).

NONOLITHIC SPIRIT sprinted clear soon after the start, saved ground while setting the pace and drew off to win with complete authority. DARK CIARA, unhurried early, moved with a rush along the outside on the turn, continued willingly in the drive but could not menace the winner. SECRET DAWN, slow to reach his

August 29, 1981

Everybody's Toy narrowly misses winning a $25,000 added Handicap race.

In September Everybody's Toy continued to run well without winning again.

September 4, 1981

Reveille And Taps was a solid $20,000 to $25,000 horse that his owners were convinced should be better and so they would take him to a different trainer the next year, where in ten starts he would beat a total of three horses and be dropped to an $8,000 claiming price. Kay would get him at that price to train again, win in his next start a week later before he would be claimed again... but that was all in the future.

September 7, 1981

MONDOLU

957 Longacres 9/7/81
LADY SWEEP.....Second
RAGING SPIRIT.....Third

THE CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND PURSE
6½ furlongs 1:16.4

Mr. & Mrs. Vaughan....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

September 18, 1981

MONDOLU

1028 Longacres 9/18/81
TRUNDLE BUNDLE.....Second
SHOOT IT OUT.....Third

DIABETES WALK 'R RUN PURSE
6½ furlongs 1:15.3

Mr. & Mrs. Vaughan...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Larry Pierce.....up

Favor Mondolu in Lga Sprint; Pla Dash Lures Hawk's Venture

Mondolu Seeks 3rd Straight Lga Win

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ice, she again rallied from off the pace score by three-quarters of a length er Trundle Bundle and was clocked 1:15⅗ for the six and one-half furngs. The stretch running four-year-old at the top of her game and will likely ake her presence felt again Wednesday. Trundle Bundle, who finished second Mondolu last time out, is back for nother try and is expected to offer a old threat. The four-year-old daughter Night Time and Pink Blanket has been nner-up on three occasions this season, ut is still looking for her first win of e meeting. Prior to her last race, she as second to Easter Freedom for $32,000 laiming and second to Prune Picker in n allowance test.

Easter Freedom failed to beat a horse the Belle Roberts last time, but is ropping down to her level and should e a factor Wednesday. Prior to the Belle Roberts, she reeled off two straight wins. he defeated Dream Disturber by a nose n an allowance test and downed Trundle Bundle in a $32,000 claiming event.

Diamond Villa captured the Fashion Handicap earlier in the meeting, but has not raced in top form of late. She was unplaced in the Alki Handicap in her most recent effort. She too will likely benefit from the drop in class.

KAY VAUGHAN—Highly regarded conditioner will send Mondolu after her third straight triumph in Wednesday's sprint feature at Longacres.

Trundle Bundle, Diamond Villa In

LONGACRES RACE COURSE, Renton, Wash., Sept. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Vaughan's Mondolu will seek her third consecutive triumph as she heads a well matched field of 11 fillies and mares named to contest the $13,500 Western Day Purse at six furlongs here Wednesday afternoon.

Mondolu has been racing in extremely sharp form of late and is expected to rule a slight choice in the wide open betting race. The chestnut daughter of Zulu Tom will break from the number two post position under 117 pounds. Larry Pierce will handle the saddle chores.

Racing fans wearing a western style hat will be admitted free of charge to Longacres Wednesday afternoon. Patrons are reminded that post time for the first race is set for 2:00 p.m. with gates opening at 12:30.

Others expected to be contenders in Wednesday's feature include Azzola and Morse's Trundle Bundle, 104, Todd Stephens; Judi Stay and Ralph Becker's Easter Freedom, 120, Paul Nicolo; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Munger's Diamond Villa, 120, Troy Grissom.

Completing the field are Edwin W. West's Gillie Girl, 114, Dave Shepherd; Pasko and Schneider's Missa Bet, 111, Robert Howg; Norma Sanderson's Bidanote, 109, John Wilburn; Tom and Marcia Ruttinger's Sassy Slicker, 117, Basil Frazier; Blue Boy Ranch's Lady Sweep, 111, Kenneth Utecht; Martin and McLean's K. Tovfari, 120, John Ishihara; and Lewis, Jeene and Schlect's French Jewells, 114, Bryson Cooper.

Mondolu began her winning streak on September 7 when she rallied from off the pace to down Lady Sweep by a half length in a $32,000 claiming event. Coming back eleven days later for the same

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September 30, 1981

Mondolu 121 Ch. m, 1977, by Zulu Tom—II Mondo, by Promised Land.
Breeder. John Doebler (Wash.). 1981.12 3 1 0 $21,945
Owner, Mr.-Mrs. R. F. Vaughan. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. 1980.12 1 2 0 $5,915
LIFETIME (thru 1981) 38 5 4 0 $34,405

30Sep81	9Lga	6f	:214	:4511:101m	6	121	912	971	69	1no	PierceL2	Alw 85	Ⓕ Mondolu121	K.Tovfari 10
18Sep81	8Lga	6½f	:213	:4411:153ft	8¼	122	810	87½	76	13	PerceL10	32000 91	Ⓕ Mondolu122	TrundleBundle 10
7Sep81	7Lga	6½f	:214	:4511:164ft	16	117	663	53½	551	1½	BazeG7	32000 85	Ⓕ Mondolu 117	Lady Sweep 8
23Aug81	4Lga	1 1/16	:4711:1131:443ft		19	115	810	815	812	711	BazeD8	32000 65	Ⓕ EastrFrdm117	TrndleBndle 8
12Aug81	7Lga	6½f	:22	:45 1:162ft	6½	114	67	77½	56½	43½	NicoloP3	25000 83	Ⓕ T.m.'sDier114	Ms.Aurelius 8
26Jly 81	6Lga	1 1/16	:47	1:1221:46 ft	9½	116	1014	117	99¼	75	BazeD5	25000 64	Ⓕ DrmDisturbr112	FleetMaid 12
19Jly 81	6Lga	6½f	:214	:4431:161ft	41	116	117	1011	1011	42	BazeD7	25000 86	Ⓕ MissRaffalle114	FncyGuest 12
8Jly 81	8Lga	6f	:221	:4531:104ft	15	116	811	811	911	85	BazeD4	32000 77	Ⓕ LadySweep116	GoSueLynn 9

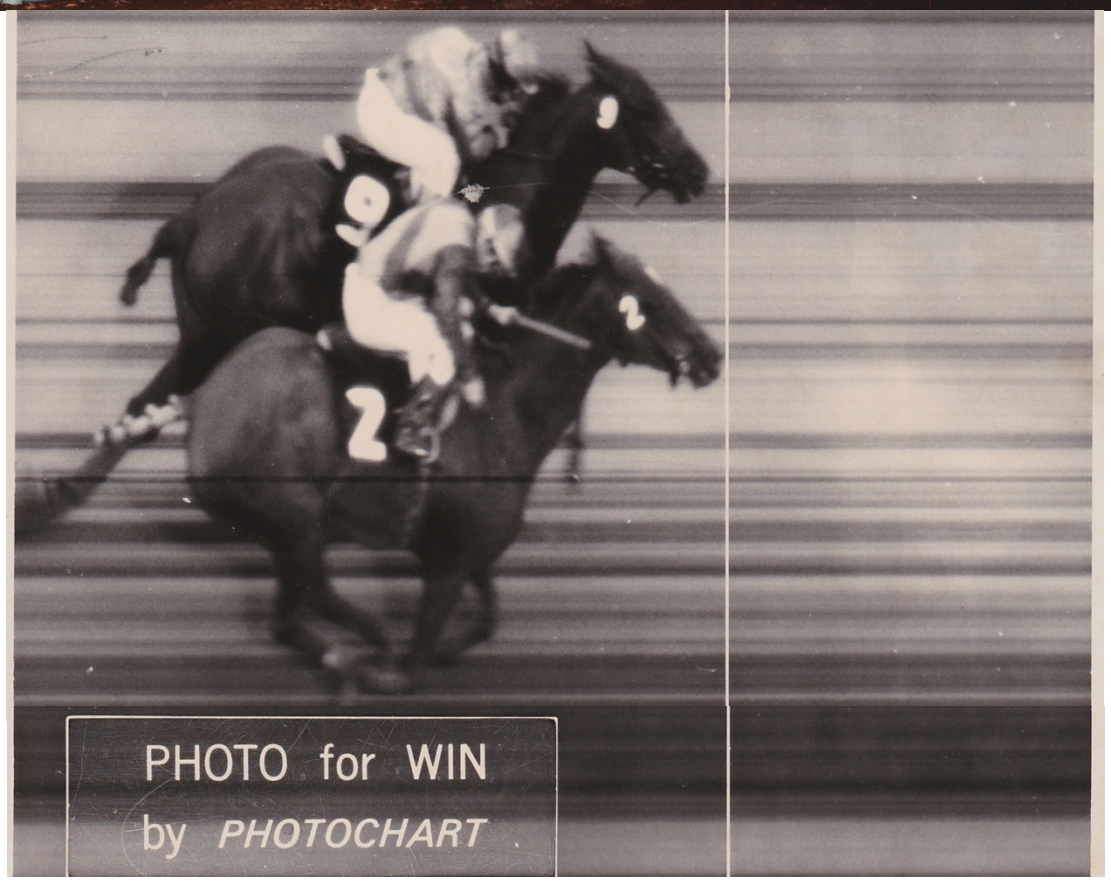
Her only start after we claimed her in 1980. She won it in 1:09⅕ for 6 furlongs.

MONDOLU

1109 Longacres 9/30/81
K. TOVFARI.....Second
SASSY SLICKER.....Third

WESTERN DAY PURSE
6 furlongs 1:10.1

Mr. & Mrs. Vaughan....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Larry Pierce.....up



October 3, 1981
Royal Turn out TV Return, another of the stakes winning mares Kay had claimed, wins handily.

The meet was over, but now Kay had the beginnings of a powerful stable to begin the next year and excellent yearling prospects auguring well for her future.

Chapter 9

Meanwhile Back at the Ranch

Kay's life as a trainer was a matter of public record. 'Meanwhile back at the ranch' as they say, another ecosystem persisted and evolved in reaction to, and resonance with, the publicly visible aspect. What had begun as a breeding decision evolved into a racing decision then became a training decision. Her becoming a trainer had been in support of the commitment to a horse racing stable owned by the Vaughans. Horse breeding became a lesser role with commitment to training. Their stable of horses had begun and continued to be an outgrowth of their breeding operation, augmented by retired mares from their racing operation. So the breeding and foaling functions on the farm were contemporaneous every spring, just when her training activities were getting into full swing. With the preliminaries of training at the track beginning in February and the racing meet at Longacres lasting on into November during some of these years, there wasn't much 'down time' on the farm between – just miserably wet northwest winters. It was what Fred would refer to as knee deep in mud six months of the year trying to manipulate horses back and forth between various paddocks and the barn.

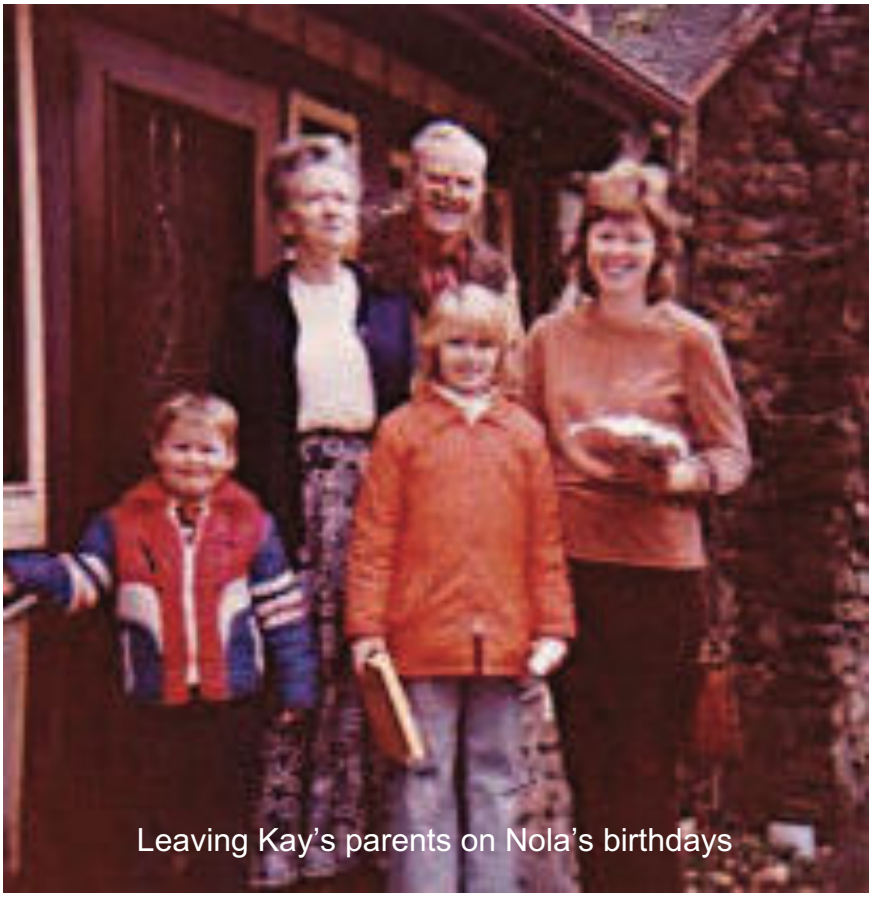
But at least the commute to and from the racetrack was over during the holidays. One holiday Nola remembers fondly is Halloween; it was fun Nola remembers because even though she was shy and did not like dressing up in a costume – she dreaded it in fact. Her parents wanted the kids to have the trick or treat experience and made costumes for them. Fred made a ghost costume out of a white sheet with holes cut out for the eyes and a skull painted on. Sean remembers wearing that ghost costume after Nola outgrew it. One year Nola went as a gypsy with big clip-on earrings. Sean remembers a headless horseman costume his father created with plastic gallon jugs for shoulders, a wire coat hanger holding a cowboy hat above the shoulders, covered by a big overcoat. Sean thinks he was in third grade.

Thanksgiving involved family gatherings with turkey that both Nola and Sean enjoyed.

Christmas with a tree and gifts

One year, there was a windstorm and a power outage just before the Christmas. It was bitterly cold with a wind from the east so that blew fireplace smoke into the house so it couldn't be used. The horses had to be kept in their stalls all day. Their water buckets froze solid overnight and with the pipes at the barn frozen, Fred and Nick (who wintered at the farm with the Vaughans that year) had to break the ice in them and bring the buckets to the house to fill and then haul them back out. The family and Nick ended up going to a motel in Auburn and spending Christmas in hotel rooms. That was also the Christmas that Nola and Sean went snooping and found their presents hidden in their parents' bedroom. Sean was crushed when his parents played a trick on him and withheld the archery set he had reason to expect. He was relieved when they finally gave him the expected gift. Family stuff.

Although the family was not religious, holidays were family celebrations. Christmas involved decorating the tree and exchanging presents. Nola's birthday was just two days after Christmas, and she remembers her parents always asking her what she wanted as gifts, making sure her birthday got celebrated as its own special day. Some years the family drove to northern California to spend the holiday with Kay's parents, and her birthday (two days after Christmas) was on the alternate years spent on the long drive home from California. Every other year was spent with the Vaughan grandparents on Camano Island.

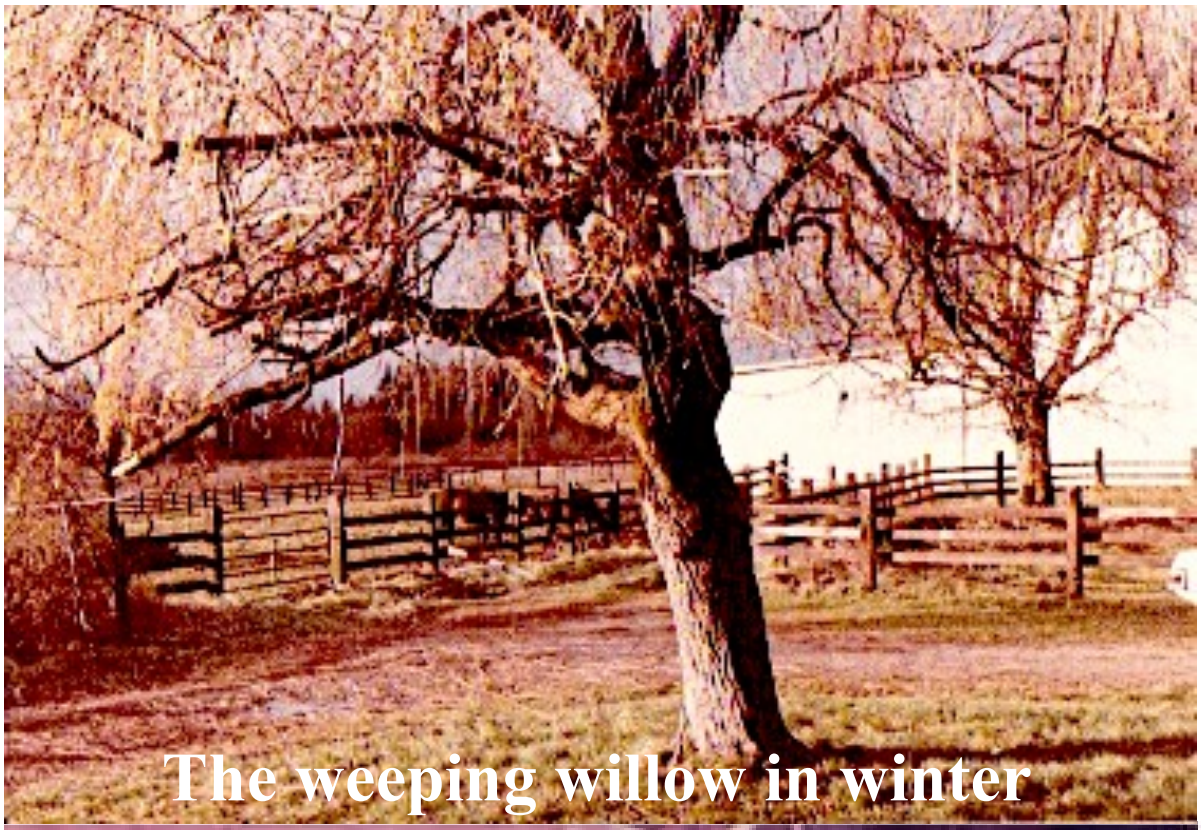


Leaving Kay's parents on Nola's birthdays

A gingerbread house at a Vaughan grandparent Christmas

The family did not usually celebrate New Year's Eve except one year when Kay decided she wanted to celebrate. She bought a bottle of champagne and ended up drinking the whole bottle herself. She did not make it to midnight.

After the brief respite training would start up again, becoming a much bigger deal every year. With the increasing number of horses left on the farm after Kay moved into the track with the racing stock, there was still quite a bit of work to be done on the farm in the morning before Fred could leave for his day job as an engineer at Boeing. For one thing it was foaling time and mares have evolved to foal only late at night when its safe for them and most inconvenient for anyone trying to assist. Assisting was one of Fred's jobs. Sometimes he would be drinking coffee and checking in at the barn every half hour till two or three in the morning before going to bed to wait for the foal to come on



The weeping willow in winter

Kay inspects a new foal

Mares pasturing

Red Baron Returns as a yearling

another night. Or foaling would occur at an early morning hour and taking care of the mare and foal would carry over until daybreak when Kay would get up to head for Renton to do her job. On some of these occasions Fred would call into work to report 'sick'; it was what he called 'preventive sick leave'. Once Kay called into his work after finishing up at the track and asked his coworker if she could talk to him. His coworker stammered at having to tell her that her husband had called in sick that morning.

But besides the foaling occasions, there was the daily morning feeding and then letting out groups of horses to different fields and locking gates after them. That is where their farm dog, Buddy fits in. Literature is teeming with dog stories, including Treve, one of very few books Fred had read as a kid. There are songs like Old Shep that Fred loves – in fact, Kay says that whenever Fred sings any song, the tune always turns into 'Old Shep'. And there are poems like the one Jimmy Stuart wrote and read about his dog Beau on the Johnny Carson show with both of them wiping tears from their cheeks. Many of these tales are true and most all of them favorable to dogs. This one is both.

Fred's parents hadn't liked dogs and like other animals used for food or work were of the lower kingdoms created by God for man's use. Fred had had a dog occasionally, but it had not been a very ideal situation for the dog. But he loved dogs and other animals including his horse, rabbits, and a chicken and has always been uncertain with regard to

what species belongs at the top of the pyramid of being. Kay's parents did not have as austere a view of dogs, so Kay more naturally grew up a lover of animals, including the horses which came to dominate their family's life as she became more and more involved.

Although Kay and Fred had had the little yippy terrier Ebony before they got into horses in a big way, dogs came to take on a larger role on their farm and family life. Before Kay insisted on training horses, a trainer they had engaged for their first foals of racing age had an Australian shepherd that they liked, and so they got a half Australian shepherd mix called Sheila that was a family favorite. Sheila was perhaps the best-behaved dog they ever had, but she had absolutely no inclination toward the horses. She seemed to realize that they were big, dangerous, and none of her business.

Somewhere in their busy lives Buddy came along. He was a stray dog that wandered onto the farm. He was young and chewed the water hoses which is anathema on a horse farm. Fred would fix a hose in one place and the next day it would be spraying them from another angle. It was exasperating, and Buddy – who they had initially assumed to belong to the neighbor behind their farm was being punished for bad behavior. If they had known the dog was a stray, he would probably have had harsher punishment. Then one day the neighbor stopped by for a chat – probably to negotiate the fence between them. Fred mentioned the dog to which he was informed that the neighbor knew nothing of a dog; they had no dog. But by then Buddy was an integral part of the family even though he had initially caused problems in the barn. He was a quick learner, and the hoses were never a problem again. But he remained an 'outside dog' for several years even in cold weather. He would find a place to spend his nights in the garage in a discarded overstuffed chair.

The Vaughan farm was not built to accommodate the number of horses, or number of incompatible categories of horses, that were stabled there. They had enlarged their barn, but the fencing for stallions, mares with foals, weanlings, and yearlings separated into colts and fillies, and horses resting or recuperating from the track required some considerable openings and closings of gates into the various fields allocated to each

category. In addition, during the summer months several of the fields did not have a separate accommodation of water. There was a field that was about four acres next to the barn where they pastured mares with foals during the day. In that field there was a bathtub for a watering trough that was kept filled. Most of the other categories of horses had to go through that field to get to a gate to their assigned pasture. Mares with foals were let out to that field last.

Every morning before going to work at Boeing in Kent, Fred would separately let out the horses to each category and let them go down to the water trough if they wanted more water before going out to their field. He would give each group a few minutes to drink and browse before rounding them up to head out to their field. It became a game for them, but a very annoying and time-consuming necessity for him. He'd have to walk up to the far end of the field where the water trough was located and then work the horses back toward their gate. Then he'd close the gate, often with a foot of mud in and around the gate, and head back to the barn for the next bunch.

One morning when he came out to drive a group of horses out of their pasture Buddy was down sitting by the bathtub waiting for a horse to finish drinking. Then as Fred came down to start working them toward their gate, Buddy ran out around the furthest horse and hurried it along, nipping at it so that it hurried and then he went after the next furthest, etc. Fred was amazed; here was a dog even his parents could love. From then on, that was the routine. Fred would let the horses out, then after a while go out to see whether they were ready to go on out to their field. He'd look down to the bathtub and if there were no more drinkers, he'd yell, "Get 'em out Buddy," and head down to the gate to close it after Buddy had them all out.

It was a dangerous job; the horses didn't like the procedure much and Buddy had to learn which horses would try to trample him and which ones would kick at him. He figured them all out; he'd nip at the noses of the ones that wanted to chase him. He'd run from the side at the ones that tried to kick him and then he'd leap past their rear end, grabbing the tail on the way by with the horse kicking at him and missing. With extreme skill he trained them to comply with the new rules.

But he was a dog after all and every six months or so he would go on what Fred called a ‘French weekend’ when some bitch was in heat within a mile or so radius of the farm. Even on these occasions when he was gone all day and night, he would show up on time to do his job first thing in the morning; he never missed... well, almost never.

It was in one of the extremely cold spells in February after horse trainers had been allowed to bring in their horses to Longacres in Renton. Fred was working at the Kent facility. Buddy hadn’t shown up to help for a few days, aggravating Fred’s morning considerably. Kay and Fred decided they should check whether the animal control people had picked him up and taken him down to the shelter right across Orilla Road from the building that Fred happened to be working in at the time.

Fred made a point of going over there to find out whether they had picked Buddy up. They showed him the dogs kenneled there; he did not see Buddy. He asked at the front desk about their schedule for euthanizing dogs and whether they had a record of dogs they had picked up. She handed him their log and he looked through it for the days Buddy had been missing. There was a report of a dog matching Buddy’s description picked up about a mile from their farm. But as ‘disposition’ it read, “Escaped”. Escaped? Are you kidding? Animal control vehicles are made of steel with separate compartments on each side. A dog could not escape if he had been put in one of those. So, Fred went up to the lady in charge and asked what that particular description meant.

She seemed to think he was reading-challenged or something because she looked at him like he was stupid. “It means he escaped,” she said.

“How does a dog escape from a steel container on one of those trucks,” he asked.

“I don’t know,” she responded uninterested in his dilemma. “Maybe he got loose when they took him out of the truck.”

Fred looked out the window at the chain link fence surrounding the facility and asked, “How would he escape from that fence?”

“Maybe they didn’t close the gate.”

So... there’s snow on the ground and the temperature’s down near zero and Buddy is roaming around the Kent valley. One hears of dogs finding their way home against incredible odds, but 25 miles across freeways? It seemed like a long shot.

Kay and Fred discussed their options. Fred’s mornings were pretty hectic what with mares foaling at night and Buddy not there to help in the morning to get the horses out, so they decided that every day or so Kay would stop by the animal control facility on her way home from the track to check whether they had picked up Buddy yet. But... the Vaughans had never licensed Buddy; it seemed a bit citified for horse farmers from Enumclaw with a stray dog. Anyway, the rules were that if your dog is not licensed and you pick it up at the facility you must pay a fine in addition to purchasing a license to get the dog out of detention. So... Fred told Kay, “If you find Buddy there, just tell them that you’d like to rescue that dog. Don’t tell them that he’s ours.”

One day Kay stopped by the facility and had a look at all the dogs and there was Buddy. Needless to say, Buddy was thrilled to see a familiar face. So Kay went to the office and told the lady that she would like to rescue one of the dogs. She identified which dog, and the lady said, “You’ll have to wait for two days before you can pick him up.”

Whereupon Kay said, “I would like to take him home now.”

The lady responded, “Well, what if it was your dog, wouldn’t you want us to wait so you could pick up your dog.”

Kay playing her role as Kay Vaughan replied, “I think he **is** my dog...”

Uh oh! The lady was so irate that she stormed off to get another person to process Kay’s fine and licensing fee.

Buddy got into the familiar crew cab pickup heading for home and all the way home he moaned, howled, and wailed to Kay about what an awful time he’d had. When Fred got home later, he continued explaining to him just how awful life can be. Kay complained

about Fred's dumb idea to avoid the penalty. Buddy became a house dog from then on along with the rest of the family, ultimately retiring with the Vaughans and acclimating to city life.

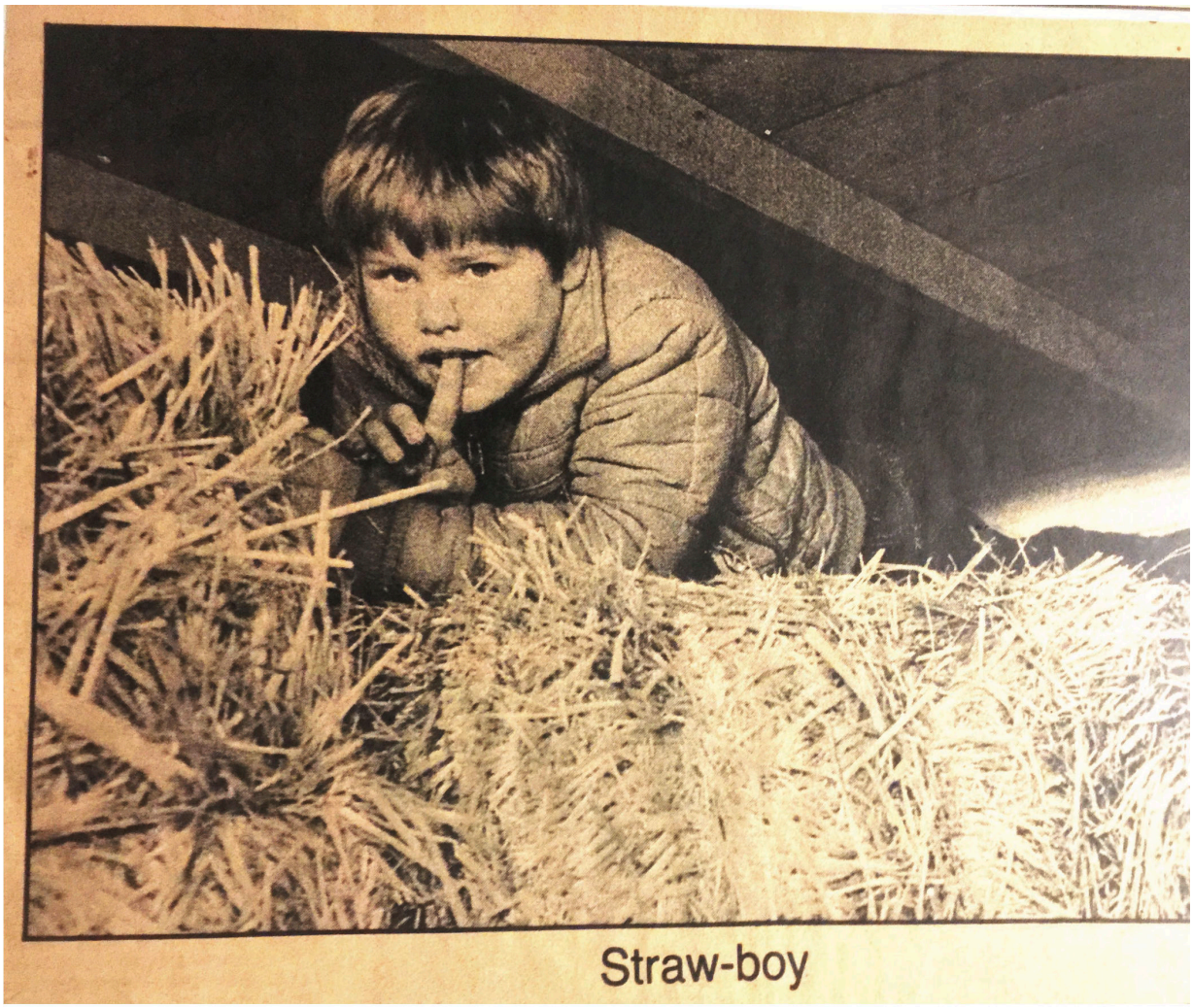
Mornings were only part of the impact on Fred's life. During these early years Fred would go to the track after work – Renton being a lot closer to Kent than it was to Enumclaw. He would pick their stalls, feed them their grain and hay, give them fresh water. If one seemed sick, he would take its temperature and then be on his way.

On days after Nola was in school, Kay took Sean to the babysitter in Renton. If she had to go to a training farm after her activities at Longacres, she would tell Fred to pick him up on his way home. Fred had (okay, has) a tendency to get abstracted in thought, so sometimes he would get home and walk into the kitchen looking forward to supper just to hear Kay ask, "Where's Sean?" Without another word Fred would turn around, walk back out to the car and head back to Renton. On other occasions Fred found himself

Sean on Bambi, Nola on Kiawanda 119

Nola caring for her half-Arab riding horse, Kiawanda, Sean helps, and Shawna looks on.

entering the clover leaf between highway 167 and highway 18 and awaken to the fact that he had agreed to get Sean and blown it again! So he would just proceed through another of the leaves of the clover and head back to Renton.



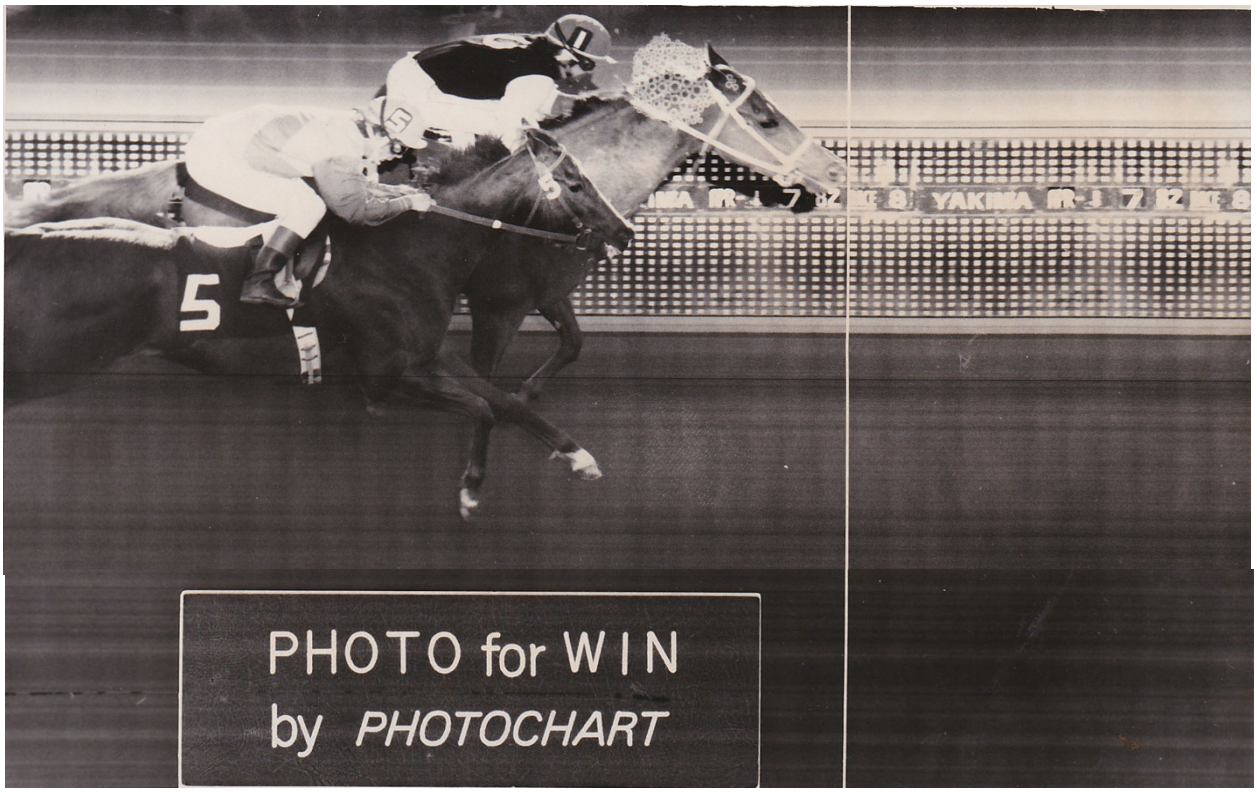
Sean in the hay in barn 13

When Nola reached the age of twelve, the two kids stayed home alone sometimes on race days if they had behaved themselves on earlier occasions. Significantly Nola and Sean liked each other despite spats and sibling rivalries, which could sometimes be intense. They were growing up and these kids did not ask for a horse for Christmas! They had horses of their own to ride and later would ride the racehorses when they were on the farm just for fun. The ones they liked to ride the best were Introduce Me, Fuzzette, and Zulu Darling.

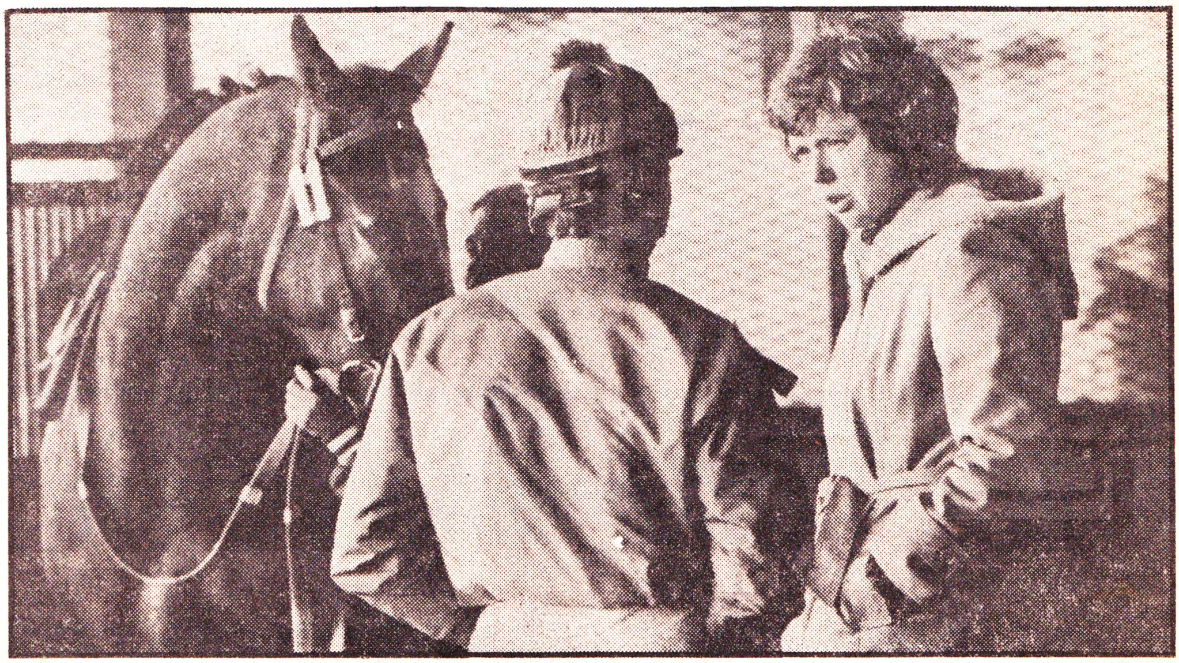
Chapter 10

The Award-Winning Year of 1982

Kay shipped Royal Turn over to the Yakima racetrack to run in the Apple Blossom Stake race in April of 1982 for two reasons: to make sure she was fit and ready for the Seafair Queen stakes opening weekend in Seattle (which didn't pan out) and to get 'black type' in her, and her dam TV Returns', pedigrees for future breeding purposes. Kay was disappointed in not winning the race, but Royal Turn did place second earning some black type. She was closing on the winner at the end, a good indicator of her fitness. But it's always a hassle shipping horses.



When Longacres opened, Kay's horses were always ready and fit to run; they hit the ground running so to speak. She had become known as a trainer who had her horses ready to win when the meet first opened. Other trainers' horses might get beat early in the meet and they would drop them down a notch at a time until they finally got fit and then they could raise them up the claiming ladder until they got where they belonged.



Staff photo by Michael O'Leary

Owner-trainer Kay Vaughan talks with jockey Gary Baze before Wednesday's featured race

Royal Turn had not been the Vaughans' top choice for the opening day feature. But that was before a week ago last Saturday.

That's when Vaughan-stabled Monolithic Spirit, who was being taken to Yakima Meadows with Royal Turn, suffered a right rear ankle injury en route to the Central Washington track.

"We were hoping to beat Belle of Rainier all winter with

See **LONGACRES**, Page **3C**

Since Monolithic Spirit had placed in the Mercer Girls Handicap in 1981 as a two-year-old, Kay's aspiration was to run her in the Seafair Queen Stakes for fillies on opening day. This was the race her mother (dam, if you will) had won, who had broken her maiden by 9 lengths as a two-year-old (see page 43). Despite training up admirably, alas, as so often happens in this game, she had been injured before the race.

Royal Turn had come on strong and although a disappointing second in the Apple Blossom Stakes in Yakima a week earlier, she would be Kay's entry to the opening day feature. Sensing Kay's imminent success, the press was all over Kay's entry in the stake race. A reporter was assigned to follow her around all day asking questions, writing down her answers, etc. Royal Turn was very high strung and on this occasion was jumping in the gate when they closed it, trapping her nose between the metal frames. She stumbled out of the gate when they opened it; she was bleeding from the

injury and did not finish in the money. The press made an issue of her failure. Kay felt that the press had been unfair. But all Kay's other horses were ready to run.

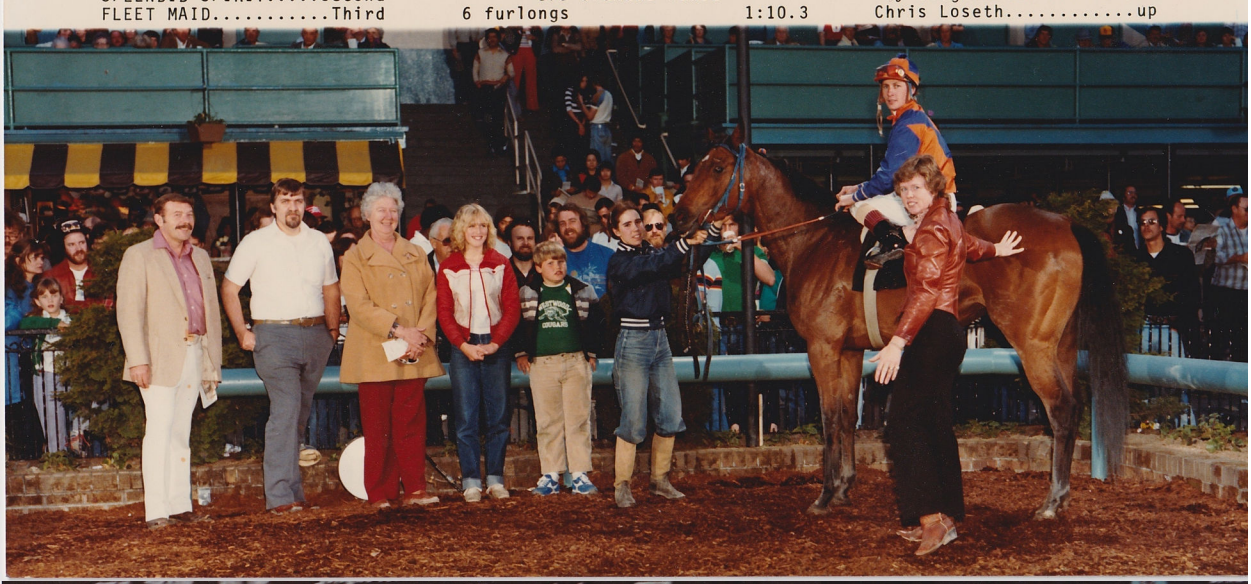
Terzarima and Mondolu both won on May 5th, the first of many two-a-day-Kay back-to-back win situations. The entire family got into the win photo 'thing'.

TERTZARIMA

057 Longacres 5/5/82
SPLENDID SPIRIT.....Second
FLEET MAID.....Third

EVE OPENERS PURSE
6 furlongs 1:10.3

Mr/Mrs Vaughan.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chris Loseth.....up



MONDOLU

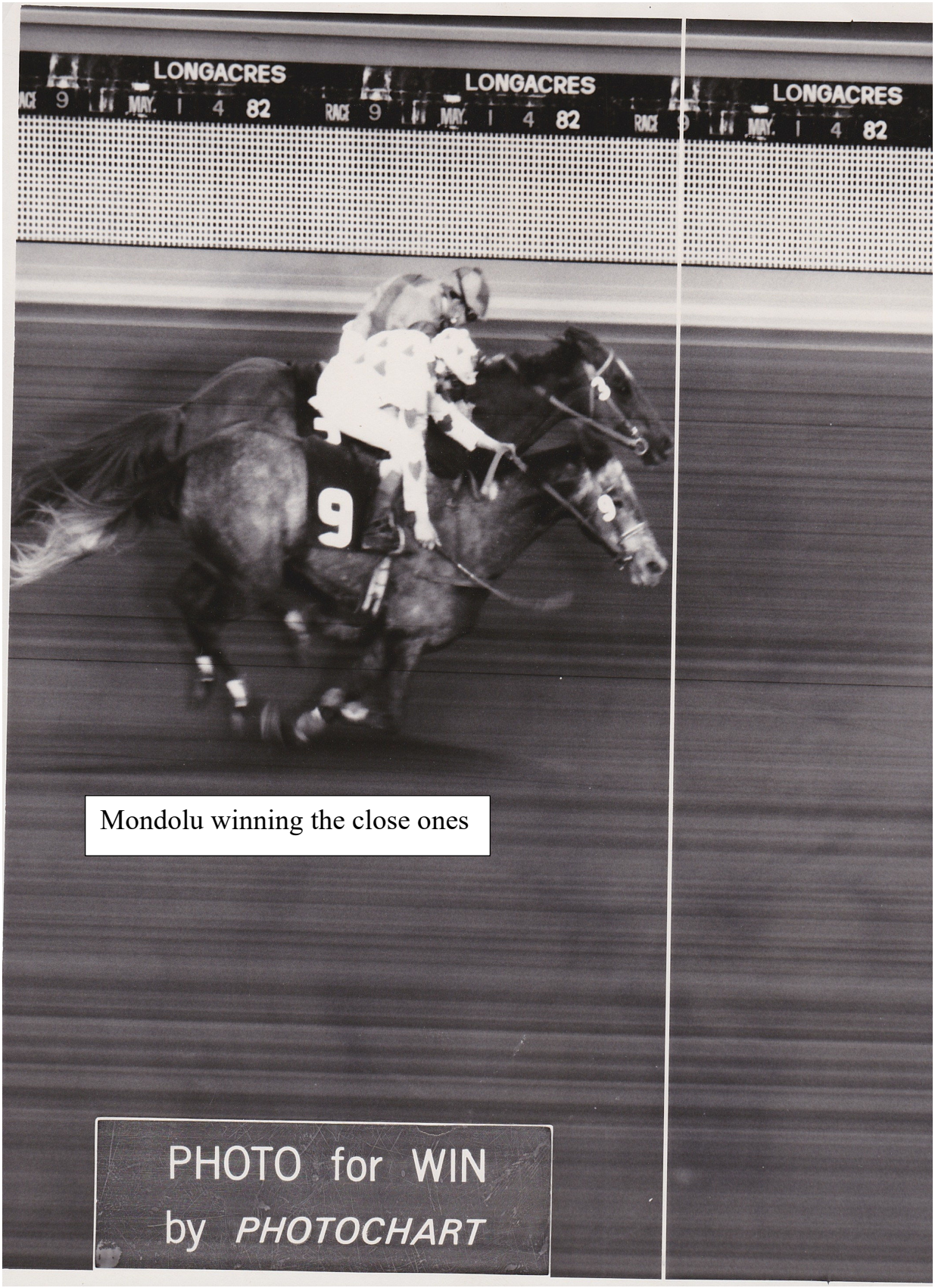
059 Longacres 5/5/82
GOLD RUN LADY.....Second
BLEW'S LITTLE SIS....Third

THE LOMBARD POPLARS PURSE
6 fur. 1:09.3

Mr/Mrs Vaughan.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chris Loseth.....up

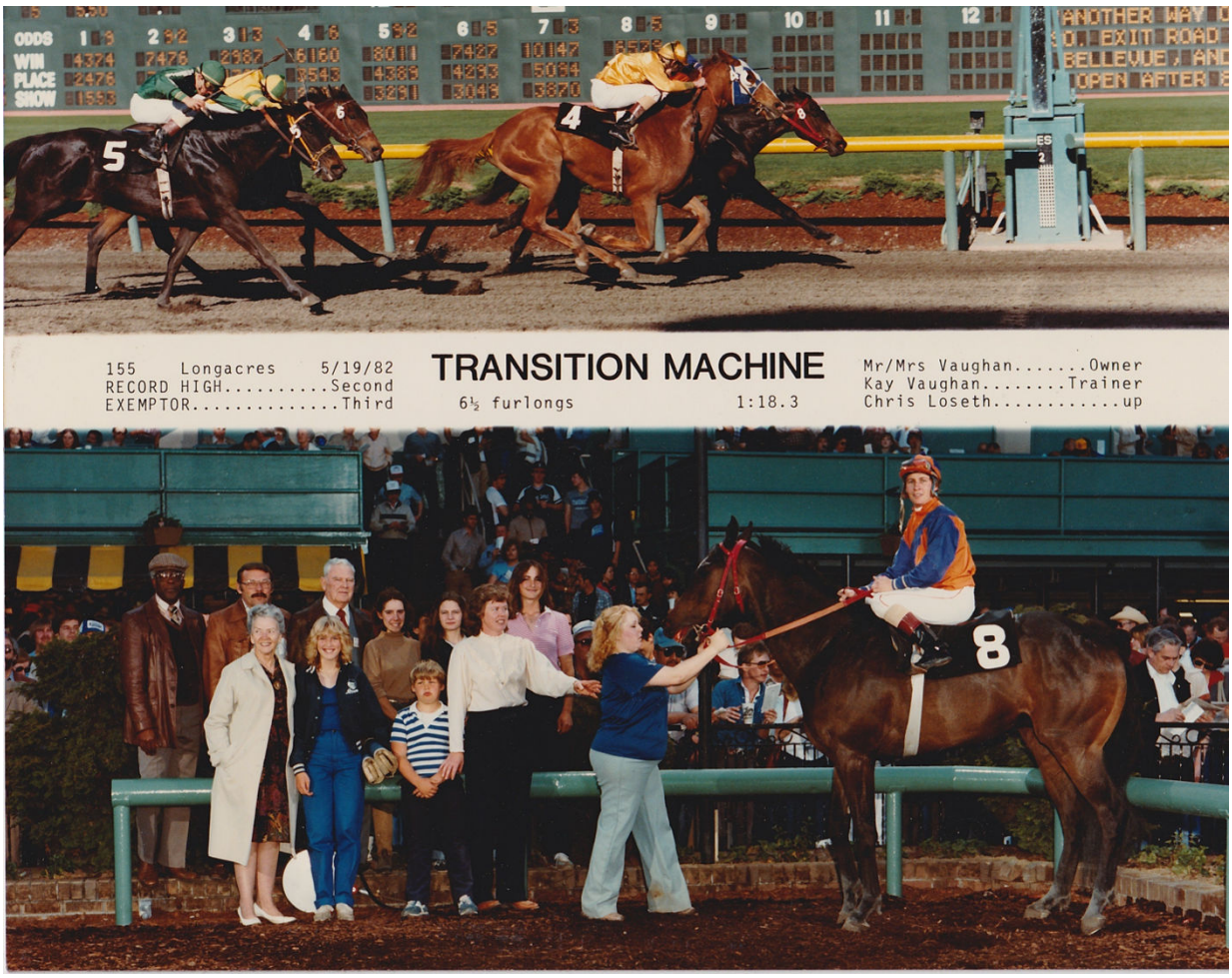
The very next day Royal Turn vindicated in the Seafair Queen stakes by blowing away an excellent field of fillies in allowance company. Then Transition Machine (another of Bridle Star's offspring) broke his maiden for a $16,000 tag.

Just two days later Mondolu won again in allowance company, again winning by the closest of noses, this time against Clint Robert's horse. The photo chart on the next page illustrates just how close it was to a dead heat. But a win is a win – this isn't horseshoes.

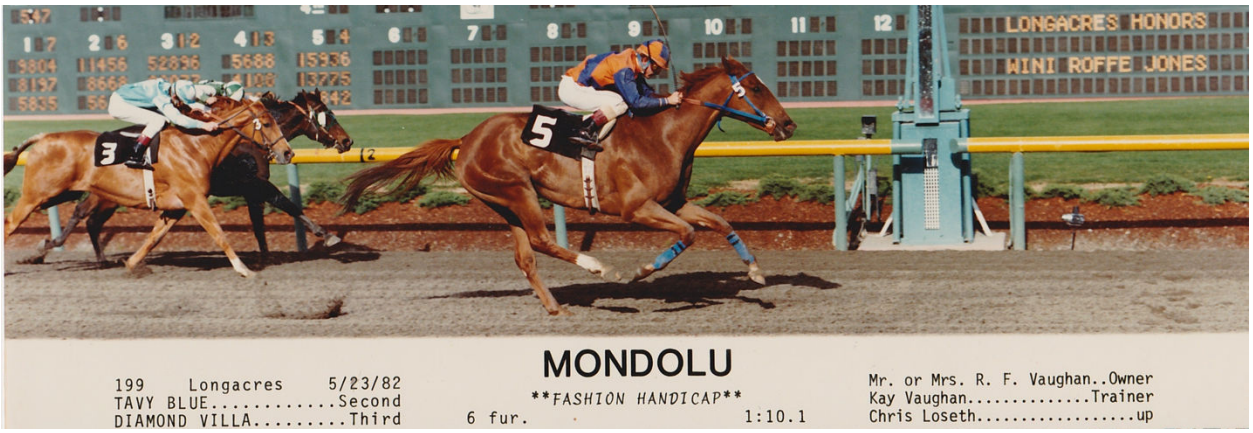


Mondolu winning the close ones

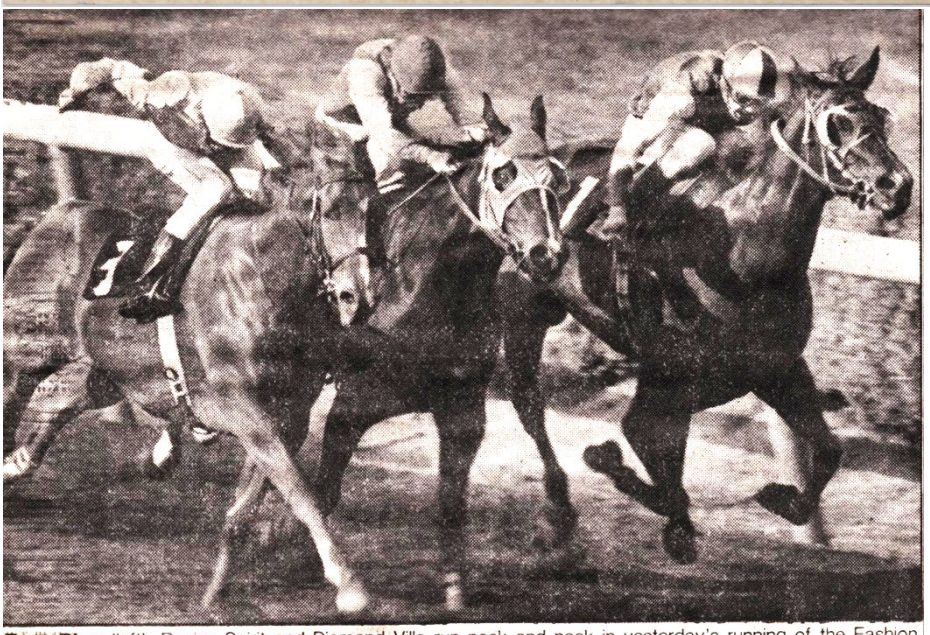
Less than a week later transition Machine won again by a head over Record High again for a $16,000 claiming price for which he was purchased by Clint Roberts. He wouldn't win again for a year and then for a claiming price of $4,000 – to be discussed later. Kay's parents came to the track this day and got in the win picture with the family.



Later that week Mondolu would win the Fashion Handicap against the heavily favored Tavy Blue, Kay's first win in a stake race.



The Fashion Handicap



Tavy Blue (left), Raging Spirit and Diamond Villa run neck and neck in yesterday's running of the Fashion Handicap at Longacres — but Mondolu upstaged all three, sneaking around the outside for a two-length win.

The Post Intelligence published the photo at left of the fillies coming down to the wire, Tavy Blue on the outside, Diamond Villa on the rail. Mondolu was nowhere to be seen in this photo because she came flashing by them like they were standing still on the far outside to win by a couple lengths. See the win photo on the previous page.

Mondolu's opponent was an overwhelming favorite, going out at odds of 0.5 to one.

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Tavy Blue Tops Lga's Fashion; Playfair Features Soph Dash

Favor Tavy Blue Sunday at Renton

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daughter of Barbaric Spirit also captured the Everett Handicap here last year. She also made her seasonal debut in the six furlong allowance race captured by Flamme. She finished ninth in that effort, but should benefit from having a race under her belt and should show improvement Sunday.

Racing coupled with Diamond Villa is Raging Spirit, who finished second to Dynamo Doll in a $40,000 claimer in her first start of the season. In her next start, she clipped heels and fell in the upper stretch in an allowance event.

LEADING TRAINERS

LONGACRES
(Through May 20)

Trainer	Sts.	1st	2nd	3rd
Chambers, Mike	39	13	8	9
Kenney, Martin	27	7	4	6
Vaughan, Kay	13	6	0	0
Munger, Don	17	6	4	0
Walsh, Kathy	21	6	3	4
Walsh, Ed	28	6	2	0
Baze, Carl	26	5	4	5
Roberts, Clint	35	5	7	7
Baze, Taressa	8	4	0	0
Pierce, R. G.	13	4	2	1

LARRY PIERCE — Longacres' winningest stakes rider will be aboard the favored Tavy Blue in the Fashion Handicap.

Odds-on Choice Over Five Foes

LONGACRES RACE COURSE, Renton, Wash. — Lea, Lea and Gisvold's Tavy Blue, who was voted the top three-year-old of the meeting here last year, will rule as the heavy choice in Sunday's 34th running of the $20,000-added Fashion Handicap at six furlongs.

Tavy Blue will be the starting high-weight under 120 pounds. The chestnut daughter of Blue Serenade and Miss Peone made her seasonal debut recently finishing second by a half length to Flamme in a six furlong allowance test. Last year, she reeled off six consecutive stakes triumphs before going unplaced in the Sacajawea Handicap. The Mike Chambers-trained miss captured the Seafair Queen, Ingenue, Ms. Stakes, Betsy Ross, Mike Donohoe and the Prima Donna Handicap. Off her brilliant record, Tavy Blue was voted the top three-year-old of the meeting and tied with Happy Homemaker for the top older filly or mare in post season honors. Larry Pierce will have the call on Tavy Blue Sunday.

Ready to challenge the probable choice Sunday are Al Brashem's Lovely Wine, 117, Vince Gibson; Paul Martin and Cassie McLean's K. Toyfari, 115, John Ishihara; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Vaughan's Mondolu, 116, Chris Loseth, and the Mr. and Mrs. Don Munger-trained entry of Diamond Villa, 111, Jody Davidson and Raging Spirit, 113, Paul Nicolo.

If all six fillies and mares go post-

Sunday May 23, 1982
Mondolu wins the Fashion Handicap

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, MONDAY, MAY 24, 1982

Sports

SECTION B

Fashion winner bides time before upsetting Tavy Blue

by Bob Schwarzmann
Times staff reporter

RENTON — Mondolu squirted a lot of snap back into Longacres' sagging fillies-and-mares division yesterday.

The former plater, a $10,000 acquisition two seasons ago via the claiming ranks, upended Tavy Blue on her stately rear in the $22,500 Fashion Handicap for the more mature Washington-bred females.

And the 14,241 fans were left feeling they needed to attend a refresher course on handicapping. They made Tavy Blue the heavy, 1-2 betting choice while letting Mondolu get away at 4-1.

The field for the 6-furlong Fashion was small. Only six raced; only nine were nominated. The presence of Tavy Blue, now with career earnings over $133,000, and Flamme in the backstretch has been chasing the division's eligibles into allowance races. (Flamme, the only horse to beat Mondolu this year, skipped the Fashion because of a cough and temperature.)

The owners of Mondolu, Diamond Villa, Raging Spirit, Lovely Wine and K. Tovfari probably figured they had a chance to win the race when they entered, but the suspicion prevailed that they expected to settle for second money of $4,000 rather than the $13,500 due the winner.

Fred Vaughn of Enumclaw. Kay is the trainer, when she is not home tending two pre-teen children. Fred, when he is not working at The Boeing Co., helps out both at the track and at home. In her lifetime, Mondolu has gone postward 34 times. That has produced 8 firsts, 4 seconds, 1 third and $57,805.

Vaughn said Mondolu probably will have to stay at the stakes level now because she has run herself out of allowance conditions. Mondolu finished third to Flamme April 4 in a handicap at Yakima Meadows and then picked off a pair of allowances here.

Vaughn said her instructions to Loseth were to come from behind, explaining that she prefers all of her horses to use that style. That developed, she said, after a runner she had early in her career constantly went to the front, tired herself and faded when the run for the money came. "I didn't like that," Vaughn said with a smile.

"The pace was pretty quick," Loseth said of Raging Spirit's early fractions."I decided to just lay back and let more horses settle in behind them.

"By the time we hit the eighth pole, I knew we had it. Before the race, I really didn't think we could beat Tavy Blue. But in this game, you never know."

Diamond Villa ran as an entry with Raging Spirit. Both are owned and trained by Don Munger. Diamond Villa won the Fashion last year, and Lovely Wine was second. Lovely Wine salvaged fourth this time.

199 NINTH RACE — 6 furlongs. 34th running of the Fashion Handicap. Fillies and mares, three-year-olds and upward bred in the Washington. Race value $22,550.

Index	Horse	Jockey	Wt.	P.P.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.	Odds
(129)	Mondolu	(Loseth)	116	6	6	6	4-1	1-2	4.00
098	Tavy Blue	(Pierce)	120	4	3-½	3-1½	2-½	2-no	.50
098	Diamond Villa	(Davidson)	111	2	4-3	4-1½	3-2½	3-1½	7.20
098	Lovely Wine	(Gibson)	117	1	5-2½	5-1	5-1	4-3½	6.00
098	K. Tovfarl	(Ishihara)	115	5	2-h	2-h	6	5-5	13.10
129	Raging Spirit	(Nicolo)	113	3	1-2½	1-1½	1-h	6	7.20

OFF — 5:46. START — Good, won driving. TIME — :22, :45 2/5, :58, 1:10 1/5.
HANDLE — $185,805.

(5) — MONDOLU	10.00	2.80	2.30
(3) — TAVY BLUE		2.60	2.10
(1) — DIAMOND VILLA			2.30

WINNER — CH M by Zulu Tom-II Mondo, by Promised Land. TRAINER — Kay Vaughan, bred by John Doebler (Wash). OWNER — Mr & Mrs R F Vaughan.

MONDOLU, outrun early, rallied extremely wide on the stretch turn, responded readily when straightened away for the drive, caught TAVY BLUE in the final furlong. TAVY BLUE raced close up early, ran down Raging Spirit from the outside in the upper stretch but could not match strides with the winner. DIAMOND VILLA offered her bid along the inside during the stretch run and finished fast.

Post Intelligencer Report by Lenny Anderson

actually it was $8,000

By Lenny Anderson
P-I Reporter

Tavy Blue won six stakes races last year, Diamond Villa was the defending title-holder, but at the finish, Mondolu, who had never won a previous added-money race, styled a surprisingly easy two-length victory in the six-furlong $22,500 Fashion Handicap yesterday at Longacres.

The second favorite at 4-1 with the crowd of 14,241 — who engulfed the autotraks with a 10-race handle of $1,730,637 — Mondolu ran last through the turn, began moving near the top of the lane and ignited an explosive charge to take command at the 1/16 pole and roll home in 1:10⅕.

Tavy Blue's backers, who bet her down to 1-to-2, may have had their misgivings after watching favorites beaten through most of the card, but she and Larry Pierce were starting their familiar move near the head of the stretch. Ms. Blue's closing kick just wasn't strong enough to hold off the brisk charge of Mondolu, ridden by Chris Loseth, trained by Kay Vaughan and owned by Kay and her husband, R.F. (Fred) Vaughan.

The powerful winning rush came as little surprise to the individuals involved. The winning trainer — who enjoyed a big weekend, with another of her runners, Royal Turn, finishing third in Saturday's Ingenue Stakes, won by Belle of Rainier — noted afterwards Mondolu had posted five wins in allowance and high claiming ranks and "she was as fast as any horse in the race."

Loseth "knew we had it" at the eighth pole. Pierce knew Mondolu "would be coming at the end."

With the onetime $10,000 claimer drawing out at the finish, the real battle in the closing phase of the race was for place money. Tavy Blue just held off Diamond Villa, with Jody Davidson aboard, in a photo.

For Mrs. Vaughan, a busy conditioner who also has the responsibility of caring for two youngsters aged 12 and 8, this was the first stakes victory in nine years in the business. She is working on her most successful meeting, as the Fashion victory increased her total for the year to seven, good for a tie for third in the trainer standings.

After claiming Mondolu three years ago, she changed the speedy distaffer's style from a frontrunner to a closer because "she had so much speed that if she saved a little, I thought she could win." The judgment proved accurate. Yesterday's triumph was No. 8 in 34 career starts.

Mrs. Vaughan got off to a good start in racing by acquiring Prince Caligula, a consistent winner, in her second year as a trainer. She now has a dozen stalls and has now made thoroughbreds a profitable line of work. She became a trainer with a simple question, directed to Art McCready, then assistant starter: "How do you get to be a trainer?"

Pre-race doubts

McCready — now official starter — told the newcomer he would help in whatever way he could, and Mrs. Vaughan was on her way on the long road to training success.

Mondolu takes the Fashion Handicap

The Fashion Handicap shaped up as a Flamme-Tavy Blue matchup, both distaff sprinters taking aim at their seventh local stakes win. Flamme, however, missed some training with a minor illness and didn't enter. That left Tavy Blue as a 1-to-2 favorite in a small field of six.

Raging Spirit took the lead with K. Tovfari and Tavy Blue in hot pursuit. Diamond Villa and Lovely Wine, the 1-2 finishers in last year's Fashion, stalked the early speed and waited for signs that the speed was backing up. Running last, and in no particular hurry, was Mondolu.

Tavy Blue caught Raging Spirit in the upper part of the stretch and, while those two battled for the lead, Mondolu began her move, a wide, sweeping trip around the turn. Mondolu caught Tavy Blue inside the eighth pole and drew off to win by two lengths. Tavy Blue edged Diamond Villa by a nose for runnerup honors.

It was the sixth win in seven starts for Mondolu who was claimed for $10,000 by Kay Vaughan. She won the last three starts of her '81 campaign and, after a mediocre '82 debut at Yakima, won her third in a row this season at Longacres.

"I thought this was the best chance I've ever had to win a stakes race," an obviously pleased Vaughan said after the race. "Mondolu had run as fast as all these horses, and faster than most. When I claimed Mondolu, she had always gone to the front. She had so much speed. When I started training her, I just told the jock to take her back and save some of that speed. I like to have my horses come from off the pace, but not from as far back as some I've had, like Everybody's Toy."

Vaughan, enjoying her best year ever as a conditioner, can now look back and laugh at the early impressions of friends and family when she took up the profession. "They thought I was crazy," she laughed.

Mondolu's recent form was not lost on the public, who sent her off as the second choice to Tavy Blue, and she returned her supporters $10.00, $2.80 and $2.30. Tavy Blue paid $2.60 and $2.10, while Diamond Villa was worth $2.30 to show. The winning time was 1:10 1/5.

"The pace wasn't that tough, but we may have been a little too close," Larry Pierce said of Tavy Blue's trip. "That could have been a factor in the end because she never had a chance to relax during the race. We just didn't have that punch at the end. We simply got out-run."

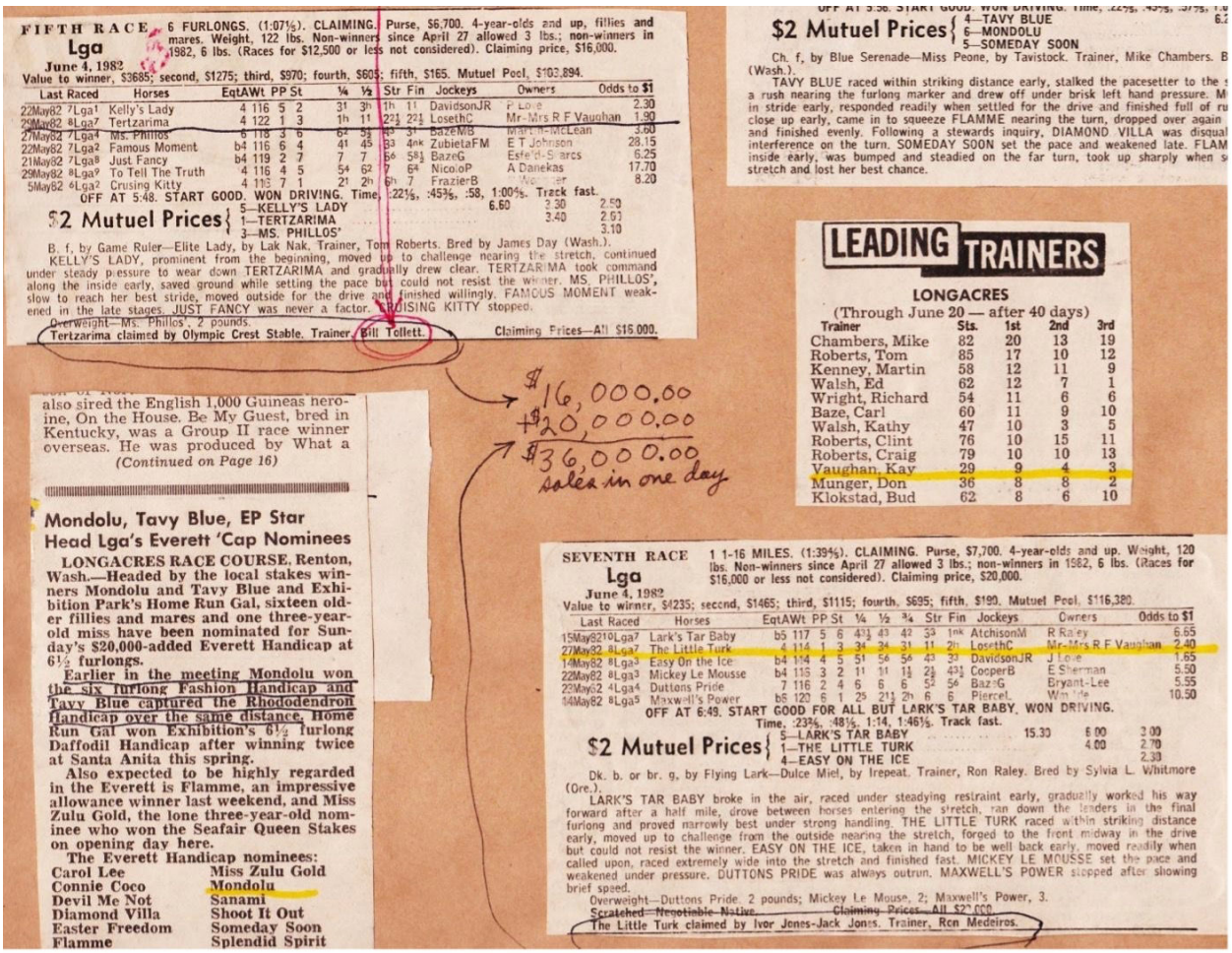
A happy Chris Loseth described Mondolu's winning effort, noting, "We started to make our move at the top of the turn and she likes to run wide, but I really didn't think we'd have to go that wide. By the time we reached the eighth pole, I knew we had it. Before the race, I really didn't think we could beat Tavy Blue, but in this game you never know."

Notice that Mondolu would come from last place to pass the leaders at the end. It wasn't the original Mondolu strategy; it was the Kay Vaughan strategy – relax in last place and run them down in the stretch.

Making Money Without Even Winning

Kay had lost Transition Machine to claiming for $16,000 to Clint Roberts, her archrival who had claimed Prince Caligula from her a few years earlier. But with Mondolu's major success the claiming wars began: On June 4th, two of the staples of Kay's stable were claimed: Terzarima out of the fourth race and The Little Turk out of the 7th. Kay had claimed Mondolu out of Bill Tollett's stable so it was not too surprising that he would try to get even. Both horses had finished second in their races, so in one day Kay was given $39,000 with which to play this claiming game.

Kay had claimed Musical Tide for $16,000 on May 26th; Kay ran her back at $40,000 finishing second on the 5th of June and again the 2nd of July and won an allowance race on July 9th. The 5th of June Kay claimed Royal Secret for $10,000, ran him back the 9th for $12,500, won the race adding $2,420 and he was claimed from her out of that race.



FIFTH RACE 6 FURLONGS. (1:07⅕). CLAIMING. Purse, $6,700. 4-year-olds and up, fillies and mares. Weight, 122 lbs. Non-winners since April 27 allowed 3 lbs.; non-winners in 1982, 6 lbs. (Races for $12,500 or less not considered). Claiming price, $16,000.
Lga
June 4, 1982
Value to winner, $3685; second, $1275; third, $970; fourth, $605; fifth, $165. Mutuel Pool, $103,894.

Last Raced	Horses	EqtAWt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
22May82 7Lga1	Kelly's Lady	4 116	5	2	3¹	3h	1h	1l	DavidsonJR	P Love	2.30
29May82 8Lga7	Tertzarima	4 122	1	3	1h	1l	2¹½	2¹½	LosethC	Mr-Mrs R F Vaughan	1.90
27May82 7Lga4	Ms. Phillos	6 118	3	6	6²	5½	4h	3¹	BazeMB	Martin-McLean	3.60
22May82 7Lga2	Famous Moment	b4 116	6	4	4¹	4¹	3h	4nk	ZubietaFM	E T Johnson	28.15
21May82 7Lga8	Just Fancy	b4 119	2	7	7	7	6o	5¹½	BazeG	Esfeld-Sparcs	6.25
29May82 8Lga9	To Tell The Truth	4 116	4	5	5¹	6²	7	6²	NicolaP	A Daniekas	17.70
5May82 6Lga2	Crusing Kitty	4 116	7	1	2¹	2h	6h	7	FrazierB	Kessler	8.20

OFF AT 5:48. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, :22⅕, :45⅗, :58, 1:00⅘. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices { 5—KELLY'S LADY 6.60 3.30 2.50; 1—TERTZARIMA 3.40 2.60; 3—MS. PHILLOS' 3.10

B. f, by Game Ruler—Elite Lady, by Lak Nak. Trainer, Tom Roberts. Bred by James Day (Wash.).
KELLY'S LADY, prominent from the beginning, moved up to challenge nearing the stretch, continued under steady pressure to wear down TERTZARIMA and gradually drew clear. TERTZARIMA took command along the inside early, saved ground while setting the pace but could not resist the winner. MS. PHILLOS', slow to reach her best stride, moved outside for the drive and finished willingly. FAMOUS MOMENT weakened in the late stages. JUST FANCY was never a factor. CRUSING KITTY stopped.
Overweight—Ms. Phillos', 2 pounds.
Tertzarima claimed by Olympic Crest Stable. Trainer, Bill Tollett. Claiming Prices—All $16,000.

$2 Mutuel Prices { 4—TAVY BLUE; 6—MONDOLU; 5—SOMEDAY SOON

Ch. f, by Blue Serenade—Miss Peone, by Tavistock. Trainer, Mike Chambers. B (Wash.).
TAVY BLUE raced within striking distance early, stalked the pacesetter to the s a rush nearing the furlong marker and drew off under brisk left hand pressure. M in stride early, responded readily when settled for the drive and finished full of ru close up early, came in to squeeze FLAMME nearing the turn, dropped over again and finished evenly. Following a stewards inquiry, DIAMOND VILLA was disqual interference on the turn. SOMEDAY SOON set the pace and weakened late. FLAM inside early, was bumped and steadied on the far turn, took up sharply when s stretch and lost her best chance.

LEADING TRAINERS

LONGACRES
(Through June 20 — after 40 days)

Trainer	Sts.	1st	2nd	3rd
Chambers, Mike	82	20	13	19
Roberts, Tom	85	17	10	12
Kenney, Martin	58	12	11	9
Walsh, Ed	62	12	7	1
Wright, Richard	54	11	6	6
Baze, Carl	60	11	9	10
Walsh, Kathy	47	10	3	5
Roberts, Clint	76	10	15	11
Roberts, Craig	79	10	10	13
Vaughan, Kay	29	9	4	3
Munger, Don	36	8	8	2
Klokstad, Bud	62	8	6	10

also sired the English 1,000 Guineas heroine, On the House. Be My Guest, bred in Kentucky, was a Group II race winner overseas. He was produced by What a
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Mondolu, Tavy Blue, EP Star Head Lga's Everett 'Cap Nominees

LONGACRES RACE COURSE, Renton, Wash.—Headed by the local stakes winners Mondolu and Tavy Blue and Exhibition Park's Home Run Gal, sixteen older fillies and mares and one three-year-old miss have been nominated for Sunday's $20,000-added Everett Handicap at 6½ furlongs.

Earlier in the meeting Mondolu won the six furlong Fashion Handicap and Tavy Blue captured the Rhododendron Handicap over the same distance. Home Run Gal won Exhibition's 6½ furlong Daffodil Handicap after winning twice at Santa Anita this spring.

Also expected to be highly regarded in the Everett is Flamme, an impressive allowance winner last weekend, and Miss Zulu Gold, the lone three-year-old nominee who won the Seafair Queen Stakes on opening day here.

The Everett Handicap nominees:

Carol Lee	Miss Zulu Gold
Connie Coco	Mondolu
Devil Me Not	Sanami
Diamond Villa	Shoot It Out
Easter Freedom	Someday Soon
Flamme	Splendid Spirit

$16,000.00
+$20,000.00
$36,000.00
sales in one day

SEVENTH RACE 1 1-16 MILES. (1:39⅘). CLAIMING. Purse, $7,700. 4-year-olds and up. Weight, 120 lbs. Non-winners since April 27 allowed 3 lbs.; non-winners in 1982, 6 lbs. (Races for $16,000 or less not considered). Claiming price, $20,000.
Lga
June 4, 1982
Value to winner, $4235; second, $1465; third, $1115; fourth, $695; fifth, $190. Mutuel Pool, $116,380.

Last Raced	Horses	EqtAWt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
15May82 10Lga7	Lark's Tar Baby	b5 117	5	6	4¹½	4³	4²	3³	1nk	AtchisonM	R Raley	6.65
27May82 8Lga7	The Little Turk	4 114	1	3	3¹	3¹	3¹	1l	2h	LosethC	Mr-Mrs R F Vaughan	2.40
14May82 8Lga3	Easy On the Ice	b4 114	4	5	5¹	5⁶	5⁶	4³	3³	DavidsonJR	J Love	1.65
22May82 8Lga3	Mickey Le Mousse	b4 115	3	2	1¹	1¹	1½	2½	4³½	CooperB	E Sherman	5.50
23May82 4Lga4	Duttons Pride	7 116	2	4	6	6	6	5²	5⁶	BazeG	Bryant-Lee	5.55
14May82 8Lga5	Maxwell's Power	b5 120	6	1	2⁵	2¹½	2h	6	6	PiercelL	Winslide	10.50

OFF AT 6:49. START GOOD FOR ALL BUT LARK'S TAR BABY. WON DRIVING.
Time, :23⅘, :48⅕, 1:14, 1:46⅕. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices { 5—LARK'S TAR BABY 15.30 6.00 3.00; 1—THE LITTLE TURK 4.00 2.70; 4—EASY ON THE ICE 2.30

Dk. b. or br. g, by Flying Lark—Dulce Miel, by Irepeat. Trainer, Ron Raley. Bred by Sylvia L. Whitmore (Ore.).
LARK'S TAR BABY broke in the air, raced under steadying restraint early, gradually worked his way forward after a half mile, drove between horses entering the stretch, ran down the leaders in the final furlong and proved narrowly best under strong handling. THE LITTLE TURK raced within striking distance early, moved up to challenge from the outside nearing the stretch, forged to the front midway in the drive but could not resist the winner. EASY ON THE ICE, taken in hand to be well back early, moved readily when called upon, raced extremely wide into the stretch and finished fast. MICKEY LE MOUSSE set the pace and weakened under pressure. DUTTONS PRIDE was always outrun. MAXWELL'S POWER stopped after showing brief speed.
Overweight—Duttons Pride, 2 pounds; Mickey Le Mouse, 2; Maxwell's Power, 3.
Scratched—Negotiable Native. Claiming Prices—All $20,000.
The Little Turk claimed by Ivor Jones-Jack Jones. Trainer, Ron Medeiros.

304 Longacres 6/9/82
ST. ANTHONY SAINT...Second
TABARD.....Third

ROYAL SECRET

6 furlongs 1:12.1

Mr/Mrs R.F. Vaughan..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Paul Nicolo.....up

Then Monolithic Spirit won easily in allowance company. She was out of the broodmare Stoney River that Kay had claimed and then had bred to Don Munger's stallion Barbaric Spirit.

368 Longacres 6/17/82
VITA LARK.....Second
IN IGLOO.....Third

MONOLITHIC SPIRIT

SAFEWAY EMPLOYEES PURSE

6 fur. 1:11

Mr/Mrs R.F. Vaughan..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chris Loseth.....up

With the claiming money from homebreds, Kay claimed Musical Tide out of a maiden claiming race for $16,000. Kay raised her up to a $40,000 claiming price with winners and she ran second twice in a row. Then she won this allowance race going away.

MUSICAL TIDE

529 Longacres 7/9/82
LADY BLUE.....Second
IN INGLOO.....Third

BENEFIT GUILD PURSE
6 fur. 1:09.4

Mr & Mrs R.F. Vaughan..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Stevens.....up

More Press Coverage

Musical Tide wins at 'Acres

P-I News Services

Favored Musical Tide ran to an easy 4½-length win in yesterday's featured $6,600 Benefit Guild Purse at Longacres Race Track.

The three-year-old filly, owned and trained by Kay Vaughan, covered six furlongs in 1:09⅘ to score a decisive victory over Lady Blue and In Igloo in a race for Washington-bred fillies.

Sent off as the 3-to-2 choice, Musical Tide returned $5.10, $3.90 and $3.10. Lady Blue paid $7.30 and $4.80, while In Igloo paid $4.90 to show.

Yesterday's attendance was 8,480, and the mutuel handle was $1,072,845.

Musical Tide did not run as a two-year-old and just began her racing career in May. She was claimed by Vaughan the day she broke her maiden against $16,000 company. In two starts since then, she ran second on both occasions against fields of $40,000 claimers. Yesterday, she got the lead after a quarter-mile and opened up a two-length lead after a fast half-mile in :44⅘. She drew out in the stretch to win and was never threatened.

Gary Stevens was the winning jockey aboard Musical Tide as he scored his 43rd win of the season, second only to Gary Baze.

Jockey Mike Baze recorded a double, as did trainer Tom Roberts, who moved into a tie for the training lead.

The 14th of July was a two-a-day-Kay winning day. Short Socks won a two-year-old straight maiden race the same day that Kay would win the Washington Stallion Stakes with Unparalleled. Short Socks would soon place in the Stripling Stakes before disaster occurred when he was favored to win the colts half of the Washington Stallion Stakes.

Musical Tide's racing form for her next start on July 22nd, which she would win.

9th Lga 1 1-16 MILES. (1:39⅘). ALLOWANCES. Purse, $7,800. 3-year-old fillies which have never won two races. Weight, 120 lbs. Non-winners in 1982 allowed 3 lbs. (Maiden or claiming races not considered.)

Musical Tide 120 Dk. b. or br. f, 1979, by Windy Tide—Tudor Me Buda, by Tudor Grey. Breeder, Beeson-McLaughlin (Wash.). 1982. 6 2 2 0 $9,580 1981. 0 M 0 0 ———

Owner, Mr.-Mrs. R. F. Vaughan. Trainer, Kay Vaughan.

9Jly 82	9Lga	6f	:21³	:44⁴1:09⁴	ft	3-2	▲118	2h	12	13	14½	StvnG²	Aw6600	87	Ⓕ	MusicalTide118	LadyBlue 7
2Jly 82	9Lga	6½f	:22	:44⁴1:16⁴	ft	6	114	3½	2h	11	2⁵	StvensG³	40000	80	Ⓕ	SheerSatin114	MuscalTide 7
5Jun82	10Lga	6f	:21²	:44⁴1:11³	ft	12	114	3nk	1h	11	21½	StevnsG⁴	40000	76		Desert Dew 120	Musical Tide 8
26May82	3Lga	6½f	:22²	:46³1:18³	ft	2½	▲118	13	11	13	14½	VsH¹¹	cM16000	76	Ⓕ	MusiclTide118	StrmySndls 12
15May82	6Lga	6f	:22	:46 1:11⁴	ft	3¾	118	52½	31	6⁹½	8⁹	SpencrSJ⁸	Mdn	68	Ⓕ	CatMove118	JustSpllbound 12
2May82	3Lga	6f	:21²	:44²1:10¹	ft	22	115	2½	2½	5⁹	6⁹¼	SpencrSJ⁹	Mdn	76		GillgnsPrchs120	SplnddKnght 12

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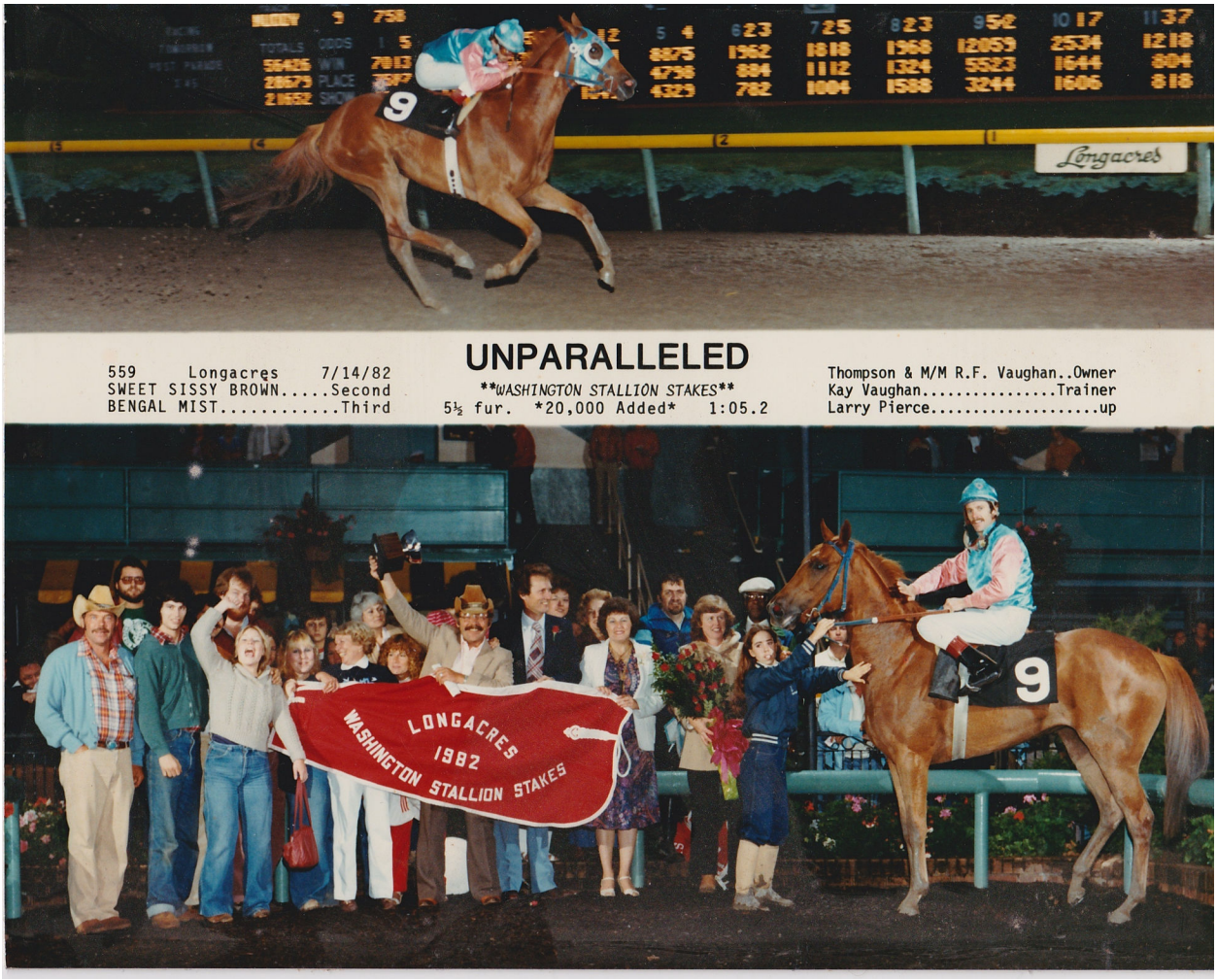


The Vaughans ownership partner Wally Thompson and family were beside themselves; they eventually learned to act as though they had done this before – because they had. A filly Wally purchased at the summer sale would win this same stake race in 1983 with Kay as trainer.

Kay had claimed Unparalleled on her first start less than a week earlier and entered her right back in the filly division of the Washington Stallion Stakes, which she won easily. Kay was beginning to be noticed by the press for which the moniker Wonder Woman was gaining ground. Having claimed the stakes winner Mondolu for $8,000 and now Unparalleled for $10,000. It was becoming impressive. The press was beginning to take notice and the term Wonder Woman was no longer bandied about as sarcasm or derision. It had become a term of endearment. There were TV interviews now and reporters wanting photos of Kay and whoever was her currently most famous claim.

July 14, 1982

Unparalleled wins the Washington Stallion Stakes

NINTH RACE
Lga
July 14, 1982

5 1-2 FURLONGS. (1:02⅗). THE WASHINGTON STALLION STAKES, (Filly Division). Purse, $20,000-added. 2-year-olds, progeny of stallions standing in the State of Washington in 1979 that have been duly nominated. Stallions to be nomianted at a fee of $100 each by February 15, 1979. Eligible two-year-olds to be nominated by their respective owners by July 4, 1982, with fee of $50 each. $250 to pass the entry box and $250 additional to start. With $20,000-added to all nomination, entry and starting fees, the following purse division will be in effect. 10 per cent to the nominators fund; balance to the race purse. The nominators purse wil lbe spilt as follows: 1st—60 per cent; 2nd—20 per cent; 3rd—12 per cent; and 4th—8 per cent. The race purse shall be divided as follows: 1st—60 per cent; 2nd—20 per cent; 3rd—10 per cent; 4th—7 per cent; and 5th—3 per cent. Weight, 118 lbs. Closed July 4 with 16 nominations.
Value of race, $34,650. Value to winner, $18,711; second, $6,237; third, $3,118.50; fourth, $2,182.95; fifth, $935.55. $3,465 goes to the nominators of the top four finishers. Mutuel handle, $106,757.

Last Raced	Horse	EqtAWt	PP	St	¼	⅜	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
1Jly 82 ^{3}Lga^{1}	Unparalleled	b2 120	9	6	4½	1h	13	15	PierceL	Thmpn-Mr-Mrs Vghn	2.90
3Jly 82 ^{4}Lga^{3}	Sweet Sissy Brown	2 118	10	7	6^{1}	3½	2^{2}½	2h	BazeG	Mr-Mrs D Karsten	17.70
8Jly 82 ^{3}Lga^{1}	Bengal Mist	2 118	11	1	10^{1}½	10^{3}	7^{2}	3^{1}	SorensonD	Lberty Street Stable	37.90
4Jun82 ^{3}Lga^{3}	Tangle Tiger	2 118	8	11	11	11	10^{5}	4½	ValdiviesoHA	C M McLaughlin	23.05
2Jly 82 ^{3}Lga^{1}	Lissome	2 118	1	4	5½	5^{1}	4^{2}	5½	LosethC	Swftsur Stb-Srkwsky	5.75
2Jly 82 ^{3}Lga^{2}	C. U. Run	b2 118	7	9	9^{4}	9^{3}	9h	6¹½	MooreKD	Adams-Basye-Penti	25.05
26Jun82 ^{3}Lga^{7}	Flo Control	b2 118	2	10	8h	8h	6h	7nk	LeonardJ	J-S Brubaker	21.15
18Jun82 ^{3}Lga^{1}	Rosy Deer	2 118	4	3	2^{1}	2h	3^{3}	8²½	StevensG	Dodd-Russell	12.60
28Jun82 ^{9}EP^{8}	Judy Mustard	2 118	5	8	7^{1}	7^{1}	11	9no	BellevilleR	J B Farms	23.15
3Jly 82 ^{4}Lga^{1}	Blue Thumper	2 118	5	2	3h	6^{1}	8h	10¹½	BestF	J-H Sherry	4.30
26Jun82 ^{3}Lga	Paul's Sweetheart	2 118	3	5	1h	4^{3}	5h	11	KnowlesL	E Faist	2.50

OFF AT 7:56. START GOOD. WON EASILY. Time, :22⅗, :46⅗, :59, 1:05⅗. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

9—UNPARALLELED	7.80	5.00	4.50
10—SWEET SISSY BROWN		12.20	7.10
11—BENGAL MIST			12.20

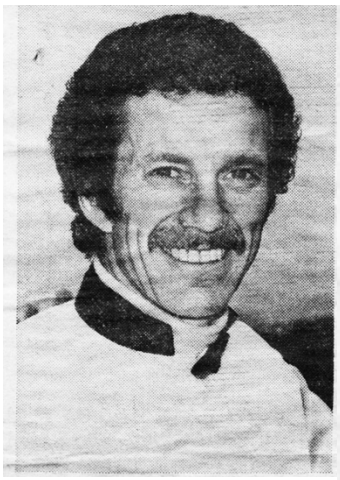
Ch. f, by Drum Fire—Mobil Device, by Mobilium. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. Bred by Lawrence Brulotte Ranches Inc. (Wash.).

UNPARALLELED pressed the pace from the outside, forged to the front nearing the stretch, drew well clear while racing wide and won with complete authority. SWEET SISSY BROWN raced within striking distance early, rallied under strong handling and finished fast. BENGAL MIST gained her best stride too late. TANGLE TIGER rallied belatedly and was going well at the end. LISSOME saved ground to the stretch but lacked the needed closing kick. BLUE THUMPER was hard hustled early and gave way. PAUL'S SWEETHEART disputed the pace to the stretch and stopped.

Overweight—Unparalleled, 2 pounds. **Scratched—Misbehaving Miss.**

Unparalleled and Kay Vaughan were both prime time.

Kay's prowess at claiming horses and moving them up in class was getting a lot of attention in the press now and her success at training allowance and stakes horses was being noticed. She was being interviewed and was a guest on TV talk shows where she was asked things like what kind of horse do you like. Kay's response, "Fast ones."



Larry Pierce – Longacres top stakes jockey who piloted Unparalleled to victory in the filly division of the Washington Stallion Stakes on Wednesday.

Unparalleled Rewards Owners With Stallion Stakes Triumph

LONGACRES RACE COURSE, Renton, Wash. — W. S. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Vaughan's Unparalleled, who was claimed out of her previous start for $10,000, made a quick return on her owner's investment by racing to an easy victory in Wednesday's 32nd running of the filly division of the $34,650 Washington Stallion Stakes.

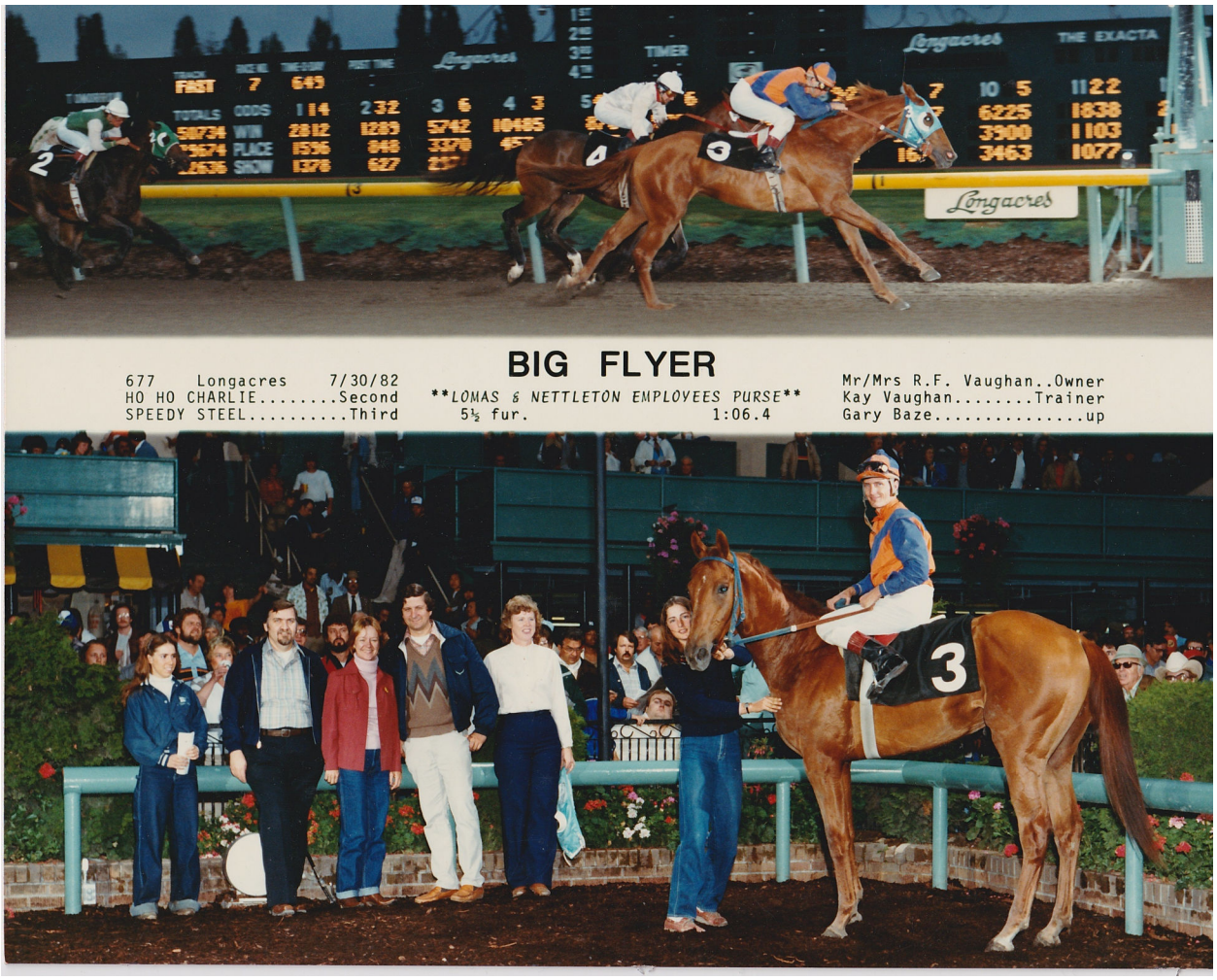
Under the urging of Larry Pierce, Unparalleled took the lead nearing the stretch and drew away to win by five lengths. Mr. and Mrs. Don Karsten's Sweet Sissy Brown finished strongly to be second by a head over Liberty Street Stable's Bengal Mist. It was another length back to C. M. McLaughlin's Tangle Tiger in the field of 11 Washington-bred juvenile fillies.

Paul's Sweetheart, a slight choice in the betting, gave way after battling for the early lead and finished eleventh.

Unparalleled, who carried 120 pounds over the five and one-half furlongs in 1:05⅖, earned $18,711 while remaining unbeaten in two lifetime starts. Trained by Kay Vaughan, the chestnut daughter of Drum Fire and Mobile Device scored her maiden victory by eleven lengths.

"We were sitting good as we turned for home," commented Pierce after the race. "And then I asked her to run. She responded well enough for us to win. When she made the lead, I took her to the outside where the track seems a little bit shallower. The only problem we had was that she stayed on her left lead, and that caused her to get out."

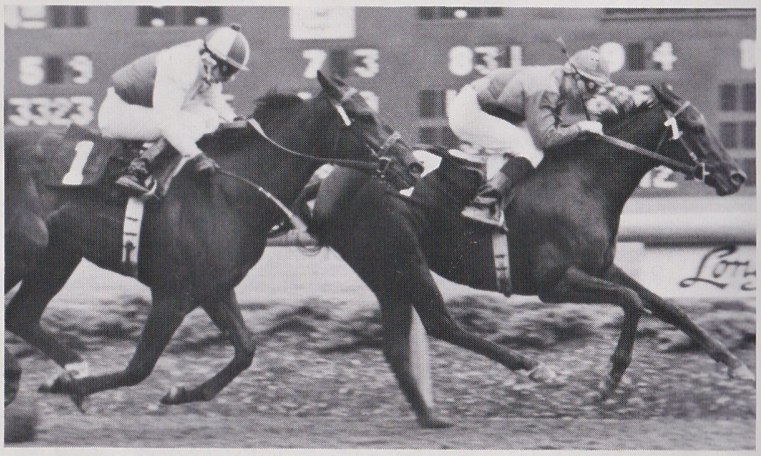
Musical Tide kept winning in allowance company and Kay was not done shopping. Big Flyer had run 10 time before finally winning at a claim of $12,500 out of which Kay claimed him. Kay ran him back nine days later with winners for a claim of $25,000, but now he came from far back to win going away. In his next start she entered him in the Stripling Stakes in which Kay's horse Short Socks ran second. Big flyer ran 5th.



Another two-year-old, Short Socks (Lacey Warrick up) was becoming a star.

11th of August

SHORT SOCKS
Winner and runner-up to Dave's Reality in the Stripling Stakes at Longacres



The worst thing that could happen was also in 1982.

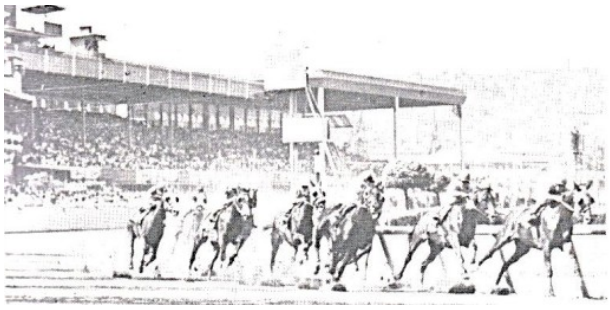
Short Socks was heavily favored to win the Washington Horse Breeders Sales Stakes the 21st of August. But something happened on the way to the bank as they say. It was something awful! As the horses entered in the race were being lead over to the front side each being ponied across the infield in single file, the procession was halted to wait for the tractors to go by the exit to the paddock for saddling. When a driver slams on his brakes in heavy traffic, there is a multicar accident. That happened to the horses being handed off from the pony girls to the grooms in this case. The horse in front of Short Socks backed up and kicked Julie in the face. Julie Nethercott was one of Kay's all-time favorite grooms. Words cannot describe how terrible the injury. Lacey got down to tip Julie's head back so she could breathe. An ambulance rushed out into the infield. Short Socks was the least of anyone's concern and was running loose in the infield. He was caught and brought to the paddock where Kay saddled him for the race and then ran over to the infield where the EMPs were working with Julie preparing to take her to the hospital. Needless to say, Short Socks did not run up to form, finishing 6th in the 13-horse field and Kay doesn't think he was ever again as good as he had been.

After the race the Vaughans went directly to the hospital. The situation was not good. It would be many operations later before Julie could return to normal life.

Julie appears in photos on pages 127, 131, 135, 139, 140,143, 144, 146, and 165.

To say that horseracing is dangerous is an understatement. The horse that kicked Julie was known to be somewhat of a rogue, but any animal that weighs 1,200 pounds is dangerous. Those who spend their lives working with horses suffer injuries – almost without exception. Kay and Fred have both been injured, but luckily not so terribly.

But Kay had a barn full of horses needing to be fed and trained, owners expectations to deal with, other grooms, all of whom grieved and in need of direction. The show had to go on but with some detours up to the Valley General Hospital between activities.



Longacres Report

Kay Vaughan has built a stable of stakes stars via the claiming box

by **Chuck Niemi**

Horse racing is a sport of dreams. That's why nothing will ever destroy the romance of it all. Unfortunately, however, some dreams turn out to be nightmares. With that in mind, it's nice to report on a dream that provoked the charm of a fairy tale.

It wasn't that long ago — about ten years — that Kay Vaughan called Art McCready (Longacres' official starter) and asked him how she could become a horse trainer. Art responded to the effect, 'Come on out this spring and we'll teach you.'

Now, in 1982, the circle is complete. Vaughan is currently enjoying her finest season in the business, and people are knocking on her door.

"I think most of my family and friends thought I was crazy when I wanted to become a trainer," she recalled earlier this season after watching Mondolu win the Fashion Handicap.

Here's how it started. Kay and her husband, Fred, bought a thoroughbred mare, Bridle Star, as a riding horse. They had some land in Redmond at the time and, if nothing else, horseback riding seemed like a pleasant enough pastime. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Enumclaw and considered having the mare bred. Bridle Star, meet New Admiral. The result of the mating was a couple of potential runners. After a call to Don Munger for advice, Kay and Fred sent their juvenile to Frank Spindor for training.

"We didn't know anything about the business," Kay recalls with a laugh. "I mean nothing."

Well, the juveniles weren't much either. Plus, they got sick. And they got sore shins. Back to the farm they went.

In the meantime, another of Vaughan's mares (Star Caraudja) foaled Prince Caligula.

"All winter long," Vaughan said, "I felt like I could train these horses. That's when I decided to call Art."

Prince Caligula turned out to be a runner. In fact, in his two-year-old season, he ran the fastest six and one-half furlongs by a local juvenile with a 1:15 1/5 clocking (1:08 4/5 on the way). He went on to win four races as a three-year-old, including the Longacres Mile consolation. The successful foundation was set.

But, there was also a lot to learn about the business.

"Yes, the job did turn out to be tougher than I thought," Kay acknowledged. "There are a lot of problems you've just got to go through in order to learn how to handle them. And, you do learn a lot. I've tried to pick up as many things as I can by listening to other people. The biggest problem is learning how to keep your horses sound and, when you've got a problem, recognize how to solve it."

As this is written, Vaughan has started 58 horses at the meeting and has 14 winners. Her winning percentage of .241 is the best on the grounds.

"Success is something that has to build up," Vaughan noted. "It just doesn't happen overnight. When horses start running as well as mine have, it's the result of a long

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buildup. I always felt that if you had good horses, and could correct your mistakes, you'd be successful in this business. We started to have some success in the last few years, so that gave me confidence that it would continue this year."

The leading trainers — in number of wins — at the current meeting are Tom Roberts and Mike Chambers. Both work with full 30-horse barns and have started nearly three times as many horses as Vaughan.

"Part of it is that I just don't have that many horses right now," Vaughan said. "Plus, I have a lot of two-year-olds, and my three-year-old fillies are all about in the same class so it's tough finding different races for them.

"In the next few years," she continued, "I could envision having 20 or 25 horses in training here. We have some young ones coming up. We have two yearlings and two weanlings now in Enumclaw, plus I usually buy a horse or two at the winter sale. That's how I got Cuidado Jan and The Little Turk."

Vaughan currently has 13 horses in training and owns ten of them outright, plus a half share in another.

While Vaughan is constantly on the lookout for future broodmare prospects, she has created a stir recently with some outstanding claims. The "best" claim to date would undoubtedly be Mondolu whom she got for $10,000. As noted earlier, Mondolu won the Fashion Handicap and posted six wins in seven starts during the end of the 1981 season and the early days of 1982. Vaughan also claimed an heretofore unraced filly named Unparalleled for $10,000 (she won by 11 lengths that day) who went on to win the filly division of the Washington Stallion Stakes. Musical Tide was another recent claim and now she is an allowance winner. She took the juvenile Big Flyer and he promptly won for $ 25,000 claiming tag. She has also bought Royal Secret (who was in turn claimed from her) and Arlinglo.

Those are the 1982 success stories. There were others earlier. Like Honey Blaze who was claimed for $8,000, made $13,000 and in turn was claimed for $16,000. Or Stoney River, a former stakes winner who was claimed for $2,500 and is now the dam of the promising runner, Monolithic Spirit.

"Claimer of the Meet" is an award normally voted to a runner, but don't bet against it going to Vaughan.

"Mondolu was really pretty easy," Kay said in explaining her rationale for placing the claim. "She had two sisters (Mondo Lea and Balimondo) who were stakes-placed, so it was worth the claim for broodmare purposes alone. She had shown good speed and I just felt she could do a lot better than she had been doing."

Vaughan keeps a close eye on consistency when she is considering a claim.

"Mondolu had always gone to the front," she began. "She had so much speed. When I got her, I told the jock to take her back, save some of that speed. Big Flyer was another example of consistency. I raced against him with Short Socks and he always impressed me with his consistency, and I liked the fact he always made a run at the end."

Vaughan also makes a study of a horse's pedigree. The family background, as everyone knows, is highly significant. Her husband, a Boeing computer scientist, is a great bonus in this regard as he is now programming their computer at home to study pedigrees.

"I also like young horses," she ways, "because they normally have fewer problems. Older horses have more serious problems, like chips on the knee, bowed tendons, suspensory problems, ankle problems. If one leg gets sore, you can just about bet the other one isn't far behind. With two-year-olds, it's basically shin problems. It isn't that serious. It's just a question of waiting for them to heal."

Leg problems, in turn, have added to Vaughan's philosophy of training.

"I check my horses' legs every single day," she said. "If there's anything at all wrong, we take care of it right away. That's the most important thing I've learned. Do that and you'll have a lot less problems."

Kay is one of a small number of successful women trainers at Longacres. The business remains a male-dominated domain. She was asked for an opinion why.

"I don't think the job is any tougher for a woman," she began, "but you've got to really like it. You've got to be here every day. I don't really know why it is, but the hours are long and you do have to spend a lot of time here."

Vaughan's typical schedule finds her on the backstretch by 8:00 a.m. and she will stay until noon. Then it's home to Enumclaw in the early afternoon and back to the track later in the afternoon to watch her horses run. She will leave again about two hours after her last horse has run.

The Vaughan's home in Enumclaw is located on a 22-acre track and, with six or seven horses there to care for, it makes a long day. Also at home are the Vaughan's children — Nola, age 12, and Sean, 8.

"They enjoy coming to the races," Kay smiles, "but they don't like coming down here (backstretch) every day. Nola's old enough to help take care of things at home, so that helps."

Vaughan employs two full-time grooms as well as a full-time exercise rider (Lacey Warrick) who virtually is an assistant trainer. "I've been lucky to have super help," Vaughan is quick to point out. "That really helps a lot. It's so relaxing to know they'll handle the routine jobs, and I can worry about the bigger things."

When Vaughan had Prince Caligula in his glory days, she couldn't find a jock to ride him in the Mile Consolation. "I only had a few horses and the best jockeys were committed to the bigger outfits," she remembers. "I used a rider (John Ramirez) who had come up to ride the Mile. He had never been on the horse before, but he did a super job."

Vaughan no longer has problems getting riders. Gary Baze, Chris Loseth and Larry Pierce — to name a few of the best — will be found on Vaughan's horses. "I've been real fortunate to have real good jockeys," she says. "That's one thing about this business, if you've got good horses, you have no problems getting good riders."

Horse racing is a business and Vaughan has become hardened to the fact that she, too, will lose horses via the claiming box. That wasn't always easy to accept.

"They all have different personalities," she says. "If they win, you get even more fond of them. But, there are other horses who are just nice to be around. Royal Secret was one. I really liked him. He was nothing special, but he was consistent. I liked him an awful lot. Losing horses

was really hard on me at first. Claiming them is so much fun, but losing them is tough. It's hardest of all to lose the ones you've raised — the ones you've had since they were babies."

Vaughan says it's hard to set goals in the business. "Mostly, I just take it a year at a time," she says. "You sit around during the winter and dream about the stakes you'd like to win. You plan your stock for the coming year, and make every effort to get better broodmares."

Somehow, it seems appropriate that Vaughan recently purchased Prince Caligula back for the sum of $1,500. He's the one that really got the dream off the ground. Now he's home again.

And Bridle Star? Well, the one-time "saddle horse" didn't do badly either. She foaled Sally Marie, Tense n Touchy, Tertzarima and Transition Machine.

It's a long way from a Sunday gallop in Redmond.

Kay prepares Washington-bred Short Socks, runner-up in the Stripling Stakes, for his morning routine.

Unparalleled and company pose in the winners circle after the Washington Stallion Stakes. Kay claimed the filly for $10,000 in her first race and went on to saddle her for the win in the Stallion Stakes for new owner W. F. Thompson.

Kay with Big Flyer and Unparalleled

Red Baron Returns, half-brother to Royal Turn out of the stakes winning mare TV Return won easily. He was the colt who the resident vet at the stud farm had recommended the Vaughans and their then partner David O'Harrow should have put down because his hind end was so crooked at birth. But he grew out of it – almost. He still ran with a sort of rocking horse motion, but he was full of run. After his races when the Jockeys could finally pull him up to head back to be unsaddled, he invariably ran past the finish line and by the stands before they could pull him up to be unsaddled.

He would be Kay's hundred-thousand-dollar race winner in 1983 – winning the Derby at astronomical odds.

September 5, 1982

Kay trained the winner of the Gottstein Futurity with a net purse of over $100,000.

It was a big Deal.

Kay Vaughan holds the roses.

Mrs. Joseph Gottstein is at center in the lavender dress.

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Lga Renews Gottstein Futurity; Junior Miss Handicap at Pla

Thurman appears to have as good a chance of winning as anybody and better than most.

Even if Thurman doesn't win Sunday, Wright has already had a successful season, and if Thurman should give Wright his second win in a $100 grander, he would surely be in line for the training feat of the meeting award.

HOOFBEATS . . . . Danny Sorenson will ship his tack to California after riding out the week locally. Sorenson will journey to Exhibition Park Saturday to handle Belle of Rainier who will be the starting highweight under 127 pounds in the $20,000-added Senorita Handicap at one mile and one-sixteenth. The hard-running roan filly was an easy winner of the Sacajawea Handicap last Sunday. . . . . Trainer Craig Roberts reports that the good colt Dave's Reality has been returned to Longacres. Dave's Reality had been shipped to Del Mar where he was being pointed for the Del Mar Futurity. He reportedly did not train well enough over that oval and it was decided to return him to Longacres.

Longacres Presents Gottstein Futurity

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score in the WHBA Sales Stakes last time out. The bay son of Gummo donned blinkers for the first time, circled the field on the stretch turn and was up in the final furlong to score his initial stakes triumph. The Craig Roberts trainee scored his maiden victory by five lengths in his first career start.

Thurman is another who was impressive in winning his last start. After finishing second in a pair of maiden events on the California fair circuit, the bay son of Tentam and Kathie Jo outraced Country Born and others by five lengths over a slow race track.

Country Born has only started twice in his career, but must be respected off his record. The altered bay son of Native Born and Runnun Tell finished second to Thurman over a slow track in his first start. Coming back a week later, he raced to a six length triumph over a good field of maidens with a clocking of 1:11⅗. The time takes on added significance when it is noted that Duke of Roni was clocked in 1:13 in winning the WHBA Sales Stakes later that same afternoon.

JERRE PAXTON — Leading member of the Washington racing fraternity will have his Northwest Farms silks carried by Time Of Sale in the Gottstein Futurity on Sunday.

Lissome has been stakes placed twice this season. The dark bay or brown daughter of Drum Fire and Pamlisa's Delight was second to Duke of Roni in the WHBA Sales Stakes last time out and was third to Aunt Iva in the Broderick Memorial. The stretch running filly scored her maiden victory in a $25,000 claiming event earlier this season.

Time of Sale, Duke of Roni, Thurman Clash

LONGACRES RACE COURSE, Renton, Wash. — Northwest Farms' undefeated Time Of Sale, one of three fillies in the race, heads a high competitive field of 12 two-year-old Washington-breds named for Sunday's 32nd running of the $50,000-added Joe Gottstein Futurity at six and one-half furlongs.

Time Of Sale, who drew the number seven spot in the gate, shipped in from Del Mar where she captured the one mile Sorrento Stakes under Bill Shoemaker in her last start. Prior to that, the dark bay or brown daughter of Drum Fire and Run Tara Run scored her initial career victory in a $35,000 maiden claiming event at the seaside oval. Trainer C. R. Knight, who captured the 1978 Gottstein with Knights Choice, has engaged Terry Lipham to handle the Northwest Farm colorbearer Sunday.

Other contenders include Stanley Thurman's Thurman, with Gary Stevens set to do the riding; Loto Can Inc.'s Country Born, Robert Howg; Paskey Dedomenico's Duke of Roni, Chris Loseth; and Swiftsure Stable and Sarkowsky's Lissome, Heriberto Valdivieso.

Completing the starting line-up are Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Vaughan's Big Flyer, Gary Baze; Silver Stallion Stable's Phil E. B. Jon, Tom Dahquist; Wanapum Stable's Theonia First, Kirk Moore; W. L. Hopper's Colonel Jerry, Frank Best; Cindy & The Boys' Lava Blast, Jerry Pruitt; James S. Day's Jumpin Jimmy, Mike Baze and Paskey Dedomenico's Nuncio, Jody Davidson. The latter will race coupled in the wagering with Duke Of Roni.

If all twelve horses go postward in the Gottstein, the winner will receive $58,798 from a gross purse of $103,155. All starters will carry 121 pounds except fillies who will carry 118 pounds.

Duke of Roni comes off an impressive

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Expert opinion of who might win the $50,000 Added Gottstein Futurity did not include Big Flyer. He was not among those considered to have a chance at winning.

N. W. Corner

By DICK CARTNEY

LONGACRES RACE COURSE, Renton, Wash.—Dick Wright is on a roll. The former rider is having his best year since hanging up his tack to take out his trainer's license in the fall of 1975. He is currently fourth in the trainer standings with 28 trips to the winner's circle this season. More importantly, he experienced the thrill of a lifetime recently when he sent Flying Judgement out to dead-heat with Cassaleria in the $122,500 Longacres Derby. Wright is looking to score his second triumph in a $100,000 race Sunday when he will saddle Thurman for the 32nd running of the Joe Gottstein, which honors the memory of the man who founded Longacres and was instrumental in giving the Washington thoroughbred industry a solid foundation. The Gottstein is the richest race of the season for juvenile runners.

Thurman, who was purchased out of last summer's W.H.B.A. yearling sale, is expected to be one of the contenders Sunday along with Duke of Roni, Country Born and the good filly Time Of Sale, who is unbeaten in two starts at Del Mar. Thurman drew the number six post for Sunday's test.

"I was very pleased with the post position," commented Wright shortly after the draw. "I have most of the other speed horses outside of me. I expect Thurman to leave there running. But if some of the others want the lead bad enough they can have it. While Thurman has good early speed, he doesn't have to be on the lead."

Thurman began his racing career in California where he finished second in a pair of maiden events before being shipped to Longacres and Wright's barn. The bay son of Tentam wasted little time in hitting the winner's circle as he raced to an impressive five length tally over a good field which included Country Boy. Racing over a drying out track rated "slow", Thurman raced just off the pace, then forged to the front in the stretch and drew off in the final furlong to win easily.

He was entered back in the Washington Horse Breeders Sales Stakes and was the pre-race favorite for that event but did not go postward because of a minor ailment which has since been resolved. Wright was asked if missing that race would affect Thurman's chances in the Futurity.

"It definitely hurt some not being able to run in that race," said Wright. "But, he has trained very well since then and I'm confident he will be ready Sunday. I'm not worried about him not being fit."

When asked if the track condition was of any concern, Wright replied, "I don't think so. He showed he could handle an off track when he ran here the first time. The rider told me he handled it fine and was running easily at the end of the race."

With $103,155 on the line of which $59,798 will go to the winner, Sunday's six and one-half furlong fixture will be a hotly contested issue. Off his best race,

Racing forms of Futurity contenders

9th Lga

6 1-2 FURLONGS. (1:13⅘). 33RD RUNNING OF THE JOE GOTTSTEIN FUTURITY. Purse, $50,000-added. 2-year-olds, Wash.-bred. (Foals of 1980.) Produce mares served in 1979; mare and sire to be placed in nomination on or before December 31, 1979. Nominations $10 each. To remain eligible, $15 to be paid on or before December 31, 1980 and $20 on or before December 31, 1981. $900 to pass the entry box and $650 additional to start. With $50,000-added to all nomination, entry and starting fees to the the following purse division will be in effect. 5 per cent to the nominator's fund; balance to the race purse. Weight, 121 lbs.

COUPLED—Duke of Roni and Nuncio

Big Flyer 121 Ch. g, 1980, by Flying Lark—Fran's Double, by Gallant Host. Breeder, Edward Walsh-Ray Johnson (Wa.). 1982. 10 2 2 1 $8,290

Owner, Mr.-Mrs. R. F. Vaughan. Trainer, Kay Vaughan.

11Aug82	9Lga	6f	:21³	:44⁴	1:10 ft	8¾	e119	10¹⁴	9¹²	7¹¹	5¹¹	StevnsG¹	HcpS 75	Dave'sReality121	ShortSocks 10
30Jly 82	7Lga	5½f	:22²	:46⁴	1:06⁴ft	6½	120	9⁷½	7⁷½	3²	1½	BazeG³	25000 78	Big Flyer 120	Ho Ho Charlie 12
21Jly 82	4Lga	5½f	:22³	:46³	1:06 ft	7-5	▲120	7⁵¾	4⁴½	3nk	1¹²	HgR⁵	cM12500 82	Big Flyer 120	C. W. Moss 12
14Jly 82	4Lga	5½f	:22¹	:46¹	1:04⁴ft	4¼	120	5²¾	4²	4⁵½	4⁸½	HwgR⁹	M20000 79	ShorScks120	RunningNorth 12
25Jun82	3Lga	5½f	:22¹	:46	1:06¹ft	3¾	120	7⁵¼	5⁷	4⁸½	3¹¼	HowgR⁷	M20000 80	Nuncio 121	Harbor Captain 12
18Jun82	4Lga	5f	:22⁴	:47¹	1:00 ft	22	120	5⁷	5⁴	4⁴¼	2⁵	HwgR¹⁰	M25000 75	Merri Nonie 120	Big Flyer 10
11Jun82	3Lga	5f	:23	:47³	1:01 ft	10	120	1h	2¹	2¹½	4³½	HowgR⁵	M20000 71	Crash Cache 120	Diligence 7
4Jun82	4Lga	5f	:23¹	:47⁴	1:00⁴ft	9	120	3¹	3²	3²½	5²¾	HowgR¹	M25000 73	Benji's Birri 120	Nuncio 7
15May82	5Lga	5f	:22⁴	:47	1:00 ft	7	120	4³	4³	7¹⁴	7¹¹	HowgR⁶	Mdn 69	Dynamo Doc 120	Bold Treaty 7
17Apr82	6PM	4½f	:23³	:49¹	:54⁴gd	8¼	116	6	1h	2¹	2²½	ZubtaFM⁷	Mdn 85	Unscramble 116	Big Flyer 8

Sept 3 Lga 4f ft :49h Aug 27 Lga 5f ft 1:02h Aug 21 Lga 5f ft 1:01⅕h

Phil E. B. Jon 121 Dk. b. or br. c, 1980, by Titular II—Ladner Princess, by The Patient. Breeder, Mr.-Mrs. Paul Steinman (Wash.). 1982. 2 1 1 0 $3,245

Owner, Silver Stallion Stable. Trainer, Claude Gibson.

19Aug82	7Lga	6f	:22	:46³	1:12⁴ft	7½	120	7⁶	6³¾	5⁴	2½	PierceL⁴	20000 71	HoHoCharlie120	PhilE.B.Jon 10
4Aug82	4Lga	5½f	:22⁴	:46³	1:05³ft	6¾	120	1¹	1h	1¹	1¹½	GibVA⁵	M12500 84	Phil E.B. Jon 120	Shot a Bid 9

Aug 12 Lga 5f ft 1:01⅘hc July 29 Lga 5f ft 1:02⅖h July 19 Lga 6f ft 1:15hc

Duke of Roni 121 B. c, 1980, by Gummo—Pro Tab, by Al Hattab. Breeder, Grousemont Farm (Wash.). 1982. 4 2 0 0 $20,065

Owner, Paskey Dedomenico. Trainer, Craig Roberts.

21Aug82	9Lga	6f	:22	:46	1:13 ft	5½	e116	10⁸¼	9⁸	6⁴½	1²⁰	LosethC⁷	AlwS 71	Duke of Roni 116	Lissome 13
11Aug82	9Lga	6f	:21³	:44⁴	1:10 ft	15	120	8¹⁰	10¹³	10¹²	6¹²	PierceL³	HcpS 74	Dave'sReality121	ShortSocks 10
28Jly 82	8Lga	5½f	:22²	:45³	1:04²ft	2¼	▲120	4³	8⁹	8⁹¼	5¹²	PiercL⁷	Aw6600 78	Dave's Reality 120	Sneak Spy 11
26Jun82	4Lga	5½f	:22²	:46	1:05 sy	2¾	e121	2h	1h	1³	1⁵½	PierceL⁴	Mdn 87	Duke of Roni 121	Tubafor 9

Sept 3 Lga 4f ft :47⅘h Aug 18 Lga 4f ft :48hcg Aug 6 Lga 4f ft :48⅗b

Theonia First 118 B. f, 1980, by Theologist—Jolly Isis, by Aurelius II. Br., Lawrence Brulotte Ranches, Inc (Wash.). 1982. 2 1 1 0 $4,145

Owner, Wanapum Stable. Trainer, Bob McMeans.

28Aug82	3Lga	6f	:21⁴	:45	1:11¹ft	7-5	▲118	3³	2²	1³	1nk	MooreKD¹	Mdn 80	Ⓕ ThoniaFrst118	UnitdFeatre 7
21Aug82	3Lga	6f	:22	:46	1:11³ft	17	118	3²	2¹	2¹½	2⁴	MooreKD⁴	Mdn 74	Ⓕ Dactariat118	TheoniaFirst 10

Sept 3 Lga 3f ft :35⅘h Aug 19 Lga 3f ft :37⅘h Aug 13 Lga 5f m 1:03⅕h

Colonel Jerry 121 Ch. g, 1980, by Big Stir—Feathers Sue, by Feathers. Breeder, Mr.-Mrs. G. E. Morrison (Wash.). 1982. 1 M 1 0 $815

Owner, W. L. Hopper. Trainer, LaDonna Damron.

25Aug82	4Lga	6f	:22¹	:46	1:11²ft	7¾	120	4⁶½	5⁷	4¹	2²	PrittJ⁹	M16000 77	RedBronRtrns120	ColonlJrry 10

Aug 22 Lga 3f ft :36hcg Aug 16 Lga 5f ft 1:03h Aug 6 Lga 5f ft 1:00⅗h

Thurman 121 B. c, 1980, by Tentam—Kathie Jo, by Raja Baba. Breeder, Diane C. Kern (Wash.). 1982. 4 1 2 0 $6,948

Owner, Stanley Thurman. Trainer, Richard Wright.

14Aug82	4Lga	5½f	:22¹	:46²	1:06¹sl	2½	▲120	2½	2¹	2h	1⁵	StevensG⁷	Mdn 81	Thurman 120	Country Born 11
16Jly 82	3Sol	5½f	:22	:44³	1:03²ft	1-2	▲118	2¹½	2¹½	2¹½	2¹½	LamnceC⁴	Mdn 93	Artequos118	Thurman 8
8Jly 82	3Pln	5½f	:22¹	:45⁴	1:04¹ft	3¾	118	1½	1h	1¹	2nk	WnldWM⁶	Mdn 91	McKinleyPark	Thurman 10
23Jun82	8GG	5½f	:22¹	:45⁴	1:05⁴ft	39	112	4¾	4nk	4³½	6⁹	WnlndM⁸	AlwS 73	It'sABr	JohnnyRb 8

Sept 1 Lga 5f ft 1:01⅘h Aug 27 Lga 3f ft :37⅗h Aug 10 Lga 4f ft :48⅗hc

Time Of Sale 118 Dk. b. or br. f, 1980, by Drum Fire—Run Tara Run, by Run for Nurse. Breeder, Northwest Farms (Wash.). 1982. 2 2 0 0 $38,350

Owner, Northwest Farms. Trainer, Chay R. Knight.

16Aug82	8Dmr	1	:46	1:11	1:38²ft	16	113	5²¼	4²¾	5²¾	1½	ShmkrW⁸	AlwS 76	Ⓕ TimeOfSale	SharliBrown 8
30Jly 82	6Dmr	6f	:22¹	:45⁴	1:11⁴ft	22	110⁵	3¹½	2²½	2²½	1½	CptnN³	M35000 79	Ⓕ TimeOfSale	Blanquit 12

Sept 2 Lga 4f ft :48⅘b Aug 25 Dmr 5f ft :59⅖h Aug 9 Dmr 5f ft 1:00⅘h

Country Born 121 B. g, 1980, by Native Born—Runnun Tell, by Tell. Breeder, L & M Farms, Inc (Wash.). 1982. 2 1 1 0 $4,145

Owner, Loto Can, Inc. Trainer, Gary Vickery.

21Aug82	4Lga	6f	:22¹	:46	1:11³ft	8-5	▲120	1h	1h	1²	1⁶	HowgR⁹	Mdn 78	CountryBorn120	ShotABid 11
14Aug82	4Lga	5½f	:22¹	:46²	1:06¹sl	3½	120	1½	1¹	1h	2⁵	HowgR¹⁰	Mdn 76	Thurman 120	Country Born 11

SEPT 1 LGA 5F FT :59⅕H Aug 11 Lga 5f ft 1:00⅖h Aug 5 Lga 5f ft 1:00⅖hg

Nuncio 121 B. c, 1980, by Barrydown—Sienna Swan, by Cold Command. Breeder, West Valley Farm (Wash.). 1982. 7 2 1 0 $7,0

Owner, Paskey Dedomenico. Trainer, Craig Roberts.

21Aug82	9Lga	6f	:22	:46	11:13 ft	5½	e116	1h	3¹½	3³	9⁶¾	DvdsnJR⁹	AlwS 64	Duke of Roni 116	Lissome
6Aug82	7Lga	5½f	:22²	:46	21:05	2ft	4¾	120	1h	1²	1⁴	1⁹½	PierceL¹	20000 85	Nuncio 120	Ho Ho Charlie
30Jly 82	7Lga	5½f	:22²	:46	41:06	4ft	5¾	120	3²½	4⁵½	5⁵	6⁴½	PerceL¹⁰	25000 73	Big Flyer 120	Ho Ho Charlie
25Jun82	3Lga	5½f	:22¹	:46	1:06	1ft	4¾	121	2¹	4⁵	3⁶½	1¾	PiercL⁴	M20000 81	Nuncio 121	Harbor Captain
18Jun82	4Lga	5f	:22⁴	:47	11:00	ft	3¼	121	2¹	4⁴	2⁴	4⁶¾	PiercL⁶	M25000 73	Merri Nonie 120	Big Flyer
4Jun82	4Lga	5f	:23¹	:47	41:00	4ft	8¼	120	1h	1½	1h	2nk	PiercL⁵	M25000 76	Benji's Birri 120	Nuncio
29May82	3Lga	5f	:22³	:47	1:00	ft	17	120	3¹½	7⁶½	7¹⁰	7¹⁰	PierceL⁴	Mdn 70	Ourteshun 120	I Gav In

Sept 3 Lga 4f ft :50⅗b Aug 18 Lga 4f ft :50h July 25 Lga 4f ft :48⅗b

Lissome 118 Dk. b. or br. f, 1980, by Drum Fire—Pamlisa's Delight, by Drone. Breeder, Northwest Farms (Wash.). 1982. 4 1 1 1 $11,2

Owner, Swiftsure Stable-H. Sarkowsky. Trainer, Marion L. Smith.

21Aug82	9Lga	6f	:22	:46	11:13 ft	20	113	9⁶¼	11⁸¼	5⁴¼	2²	VdvsoHA²	AlwS 69	Duke of Roni 116	Lissome
7Aug82	9Lga	6f	:21⁴	:45	31:11	4ft	51	118	7⁴½	5³½	3³	3¹¾	VldvsHA³	HcpS 75	ⓕAunt Iva 118	Hot N Bold
14Jly 82	9Lga	5½f	:22³	:46	31:05	2ft	5¾	118	5¹¾	5³¾	4⁸½	5⁶½	LosethC¹	SpwS 78	ⓕUnprlld120	SwetSissyBrwn
2Jly 82	3Lga	5½f	:22¹	:46	41:06	4gd	2½	118	4³½	3¹½	1¹½	1¾	LsthC⁵	M25000 78	ⓕLissome 118	C. U. Run

Sept 1 Lga 5f ft :59⅘h Aug 17 Lga 4f ft :49h Aug 3 Lga 4f ft :48⅕h

Lava Blast 121 Dk. b. or br. c, 1980, by Noholme Way—Little Gyro, by Mr. Mustai Breeder, Mr.-Mrs. Guy C. Roberts (Wash.). 1982. 4 1 0 2 $4,8

Owner, Cindy & The Boys. Trainer, Ed Walsh.

28Aug82	8Lga	6f	:21⁴	:45	11:10	3ft	11	120	3⁴	3⁴½	4⁵¼	3¹¹	PruttJ²	Aw6600 72	Sailalong 120	Dynamo Doc
21Aug82	9Lga	6f	:22	:46	11:13 ft		12	116	4¾	1h	1h	5⁵½	PruittJ¹⁰	AlwS 65	Duke of Roni 116	Lissome
7Aug82	4Lga	5½f	:22²	:46	21:05	4ft	8¼	120	1¹	1¹½	1³	1²½	PruittJ³	Mdn 83	Lava Blast 120	Prime Fire
31Jly 82	4Lga	5½f	:22¹	:46	11:05	3ft	37	120	4¹½	3¹	2³	2⁵½	†PruittJ⁶	Mdn 78	Spy Man 120	Drink A Toast

†Disqualified and placed third.

Sept 3 Lga 3f ft :36h Aug 18 Lga 4f ft :50hc July 27 Lga 4f ft :48⅖hc

Jumpin Jimmy 121 B. g, 1980, by Game Ruler—Miss Minnehaha, by Mr. Deep Well. Breeder, James S. Day (Wash.). 1982. 6 2 0 0 $4,9

Owner, James S. Day. Trianer, James S. Day.

25Aug82	7Lga	6f	:21³	:45	11:12 ft		8½	120	5¹¹	5⁹¼	5⁴¼	1¹½	VdvsHA³	12500 76	JumpnJmmy120	DandyYanke
19Aug82	4Lga	6f	:22¹	:46	41:13 ft		8¼	120	8⁸	5⁶½	2³	1nº	VdvHA¹	M8000 71	JumpnJimmy120	CorrectDoll
4Aug82	4Lga	5½f	:22⁴	:46	31:05	3ft	10	120	7⁵¼	5³¾	6¹¹	6⁹¾	VvHA⁹	M12500 74	Phil E.B. Jon 120	Shot a Bid
21Jly 82	4Lga	5½f	:22³	:46	31:06	ft	15	120	12¹³	11¹³	7⁸½	6⁷¾	CperB⁸	M12500 73	Big Flyer 120	C. W. Moss
8Jly 82	4Lga	5½f	:23¹	:47	21:07	ft	3¼	120	7³	9¹¹	8¹⁴	7⁸¼	HwgR⁴	M12500 69	Speedy Steel 120	Deblynton
30Jun82	4Lga	5½f	:22²	:46	31:06	3sy	12	120	6⁵¾	5¹¹	5¹²	4⁶½	DdJR¹⁰	M16000 72	Rusty Sea 120	Irish Paddy

Aug 15 Lga 3f sl :37⅗hg June 24 Lga 4f ft :49⅖bc June 19 Lga 4f ft :49⅖bcg

The Odds and Ends of the 1982 Gottstein Futurity

NINTH RACE 5:15 P.M.

6 1-16 FURLONGS. Joe Gottstein Futurity. Purse $50,000-added. 2-year-olds, Wash.-bred.

7	Time Of Sale	Lipham	118	3-1
8	Country Born	Howg	121	7-2
3	Duke of Roni	Loseth	121	4-1
6	Thurman	G.Stevens	121	9-2
4	Theonia First	Moore	118	10-1
10	Lissome	Valdivieso	118	12-1
11	Lava Blast	Pruitt	121	15-1
9	Nuncio	Davidson	121	4-1
1	Big Flyer	G.Baze	121	15-1
2	Phil E. B. Jon	Pierce	121	20-1
12	Jumpin Jimmy	M.Baze	121	30-1
5	Colonel Jerry	Best	121	30-1

COUPLED—Duke of Roni and Nuncio

Big Flyer became recognized and with him, Kay Vaughan

Joe Gottstein's wife (Morrie Alhadeff's mother-in-law in lavender dress) in the photo

The ride by Gary Baze (at left)

Big Flyer – the race results

NINTH RACE
Lga
Sept. 5, 1982

6 1-2 FURLONGS. (1:13⅘). 33RD RUNNING OF THE JOE GOTTSTEIN FUTURITY. Purse, $50,000-added. 2-year-olds, Wash.-bred. (Foals of 1980.) Produce mares served in 1979; mare and sire to be placed in nomination on or before December 31, 1979. Nominations $10 each. To remain eligible, $15 to be paid on or before December 31, 1980 and $20 on or before December 31, 1981. $900 to pass the entry box and $650 additional to start. With $50,000-added to all nomination, entry and starting fees to the the following purse division will be in effect. 5 per cent to the nominator's fund; balance to the race purse. Weight, 121 lbs. Value of race, $103,155. Value to winner, $58,798.35; second, $19,599.45; third, $9,799.72; fourth, $6,859.81; fifth, $2,939.92. $5,157.75 goes to the nominators of the top five finishers. Mutuel Pool, $177,761.

Last Raced	Horses	EqtAWt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
11Aug82 ^{9}Lga^{5}	Big Flyer	b2 121	1	12	11^{2}	9^{h}	7^{3}	$1\frac{1}{2}$	BazeG	Mr-Mrs R F Vaughan	16.00
15Aug82 ^{8}Dmr^{1}	Time of Sale	2 118	7	5	4^{h}	4^{1}	4^{1}	2no	LiphamT	Northwest Farms	2.75
14Aug82 ^{4}Lga^{1}	Thurman	b2 121	6	3	2^{1}	1^{h}	1^{2}	3^{2}	StevensG	S Thurman	3.05
21Aug82 ^{9}Lga^{2}	Lissome	2 118	10	10	8^{2}	8^{4}	6^{2}	$4\frac{1}{2}$	ValdiviesoHA	Swftsr Stbl-Srkwski	17.65
28Aug82 ^{3}Lga^{1}	Theonia First	2 118	4	7	10^{4}	$10\frac{1}{2}$	3^{h}	$5\frac{1}{2}$	MooreKD	Wanapum Stable	18.85
19Aug82 ^{7}Lga^{2}	Phil E. B. Jon	2 121	2	6	5^{2}	6^{1}	$5\frac{1}{2}$	6^{nk}	PierceL	Silver Stallion Stable	27.10
21Aug82 ^{9}Lga^{1}	Duke of Roni	b2 121	3	8	7^{1}	$7\frac{1}{2}$	8^{1}	7^{2}	LosethC	P Dedomenico	a-4.90
28Aug82 ^{8}Lga^{3}	Lava Blast	2 121	11	2	1^{h}	$2^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	2^{2}	8no	PruittJ	Cindy-The Boys	28.85
25Aug82 ^{4}Lga^{2}	Colonel Jerry	2 121	5	9	9^{h}	11^{2}	$10^{2}\frac{1}{2}$	9^{h}	BestF	W L Hooper	46.00
25Aug82 ^{7}Lga^{1}	Jumpin Jimmy	b2 121	12	11	12	12	11^{2}	$10^{3}\frac{1}{2}$	BazeMB	J S Day	28.80
21Aug82 ^{9}Lga^{9}	Nuncio	b2 121	9	1	6^{3}	$5\frac{1}{2}$	12	11no	DavidsonJR	P Dedomenico	a-4.90
21Aug82 ^{4}Lga^{1}	Country Born	2 121	8	4	3^{h}	3^{1}	9^{h}	12	HowgR	Loto Can Inc	3.40

a-Coupled—Duke of Roni and Nuncio.

OFF AT 5:57. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, :22, :45, 1:11⅗, 1:18⅕. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

2—BIG FLYER	34.00	12.20	6.00
7—TIME OF SALE		5.10	2.90
6—THURMAN			3.70

Ch. g, by Flying Lark—Fran's Double, by Gallant Host. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. Bred by Ed Walsh-Ray Johnson (Wash.).

BIG FLYER saved ground while being outrun early, gradually improved his position from the inside on the turn, angled out in the upper stretch for racing room, responded to brisk left hand pressure when clear and was up with a rush in the final strides. TIME OF SALE was hard hustled along the inside early, eased out slightly midway on the turn, rallied in the middle of the track and finished fast to just miss. THURMAN dueled with LAVA BLAST early, shook off that rival entering the stretch and held on gamely in the drive. LISSOME lacked early foot, rallied along the outside turning into the stretch and closed strongly. DUKE OF RONI was never a factor. LAVA BLAST dueled for the early lead and stopped. COUNTRY BORN raced near the pace early but gave way after a half mile.

Gary Baze pilots Big Flyer down the stretch to win Gottstein Futurity

Big Flyer in Futurity

LONGACRES PHOTO

Trainer Kay Vaughan gives jockey Gary Baze a warm and grateful reception after he guided her Big Flyer to a half-length victory in the Gottstein Futurity race at Longacres track yesterday. It was a hat trick of sorts for Vaughn, who has also trained 'Acres winners like Mondolu and Unparalleled.

Kay Vaughan hugging Gary Baze, Lacey Warrick looking on gleefully

By Lenny Anderson
P-I Reporter

Kay Vaughan's Longacres magic struck again. First, she dipped into the claiming ranks to acquire Mondolu, who jumped up to win the Ingenue Stakes last May. From the same humble ranks she obtained Unparalleled, who surfaced July 14 as the winner of the Washington Stallion Stakes.

Yesterday, it was Big Flyer's turn. Six weeks ago, Ms. Vaughan claimed the long-striding chestnut gelding for $12,500. Yesterday, he came charging down the lane to win the 6½-furlong, $103,155 Gottstein Futurity by half a length in 1:18⅕, enriching the coffers of the owners — she and husband R. F. Vaughan — by $58,795.

Bypassed at 16-1 by the 13,313 witnesses, who laid $1,671,925 on the mutuel clerks during the afternoon, Big Flyer and Gary Baze traveled next-to-last in the 12-horse field along the backstretch, began moving in the turn, and wrested command in the deep stretch. Time Of Sale, the 5-2 favorite with Terry Lidpham aboard, ran second, and Thurman, ridden by Gary Stevens and backed at 3-1, third.

She said she "hadn't made any radical changes" in the training of Big Flyer since she claimed him and maintained luck played a big part in the astonishing success. She has not only won big in added-money competition, but has a personal career-high of 16 victories — compared with her previous single-season high of nine — to rank 11th at the track.

She originally had planned to enter Unparalleled in the Gottstein, too, but first she discovered the horse was ineligible, not having been nominated, and then Unparalleled came up sore.

As matters turned out, one entry was enough.

Country Born, also a 3-1 second wagering choice, beat one horse.

How does Ms. Vaughan work her wizardry, transforming claiming horses into stakes winners — mirrors, voodoo, or what?

Only brief lead

"I've been lucky, really," the modest, winning-touch Enumclaw resident after yesterday's triumph. She had a run against Big Flyer earlier in the season and liked him, but hardly enough to prophesy that here was a future Futurity winner. Few others believed it, either, until the long-limbed stretch-runner blew by Time Of Sale in the final yardage.

Thurman and Lava Blast set the pace until the head of the stretch. Time Of Sale, who had won both his previous career starts in Del Mar racing, briefly made the lead but was unable to stave off Big Flyer's determined rush.

"He just ran super down the lane," Baze said of the winning drive.

For the track's leading reinsman, this was stakes victory No. 50, nine off the pace of the leader, Larry Pierce. Baze described the trip as setting just as he had hoped: "We just sat back about ten lengths behind the leaders. We started to move through the far turn, got to the top of the stretch and angled out to have a clear run. He ran all of them down.

Lipham, maintaining Time Of Sale "was much the best horse," blamed the defeat on a traffic mishap in the early going: "We got wiped out at the start. Thurman came over on us and we lost the race right there. We got pushed inside and she would rather have been on the outside of horses."

Recycled bucks

Despite the big payday, Ms. Vaughan has no elaborate plans. A good part of the money, she said, will be plowed back into the racing operation in the form of new equipment and the like.

September 9, 1982, press accounts

Sunday's Gottstein provided the fans with a shocking upset as Big Flyer, a chestnut gelding who was claimed for $12,500 earlier in the meeting, came from far back to score a half length decision over Northwest Farms' Time Of Sale.

The Seattle Times Sports Section

by Bob Schwartzmann

$12,500 claimer wins 'Acres Futurity

by Bob Schwarzmann
Times staff reporter

RENTON — Kay Vaughn is on a roll that just won't quit.

Big Flyer won yesterday's $103,155 Joe Gottstein Futurity at Longacres, pulling out at the wire for a half-length upset in a field of 12 Washington-bred 2-year-olds.

The amazing part is that Vaughn, the owner-trainer of the chestnut gelding, claimed it July 21 for $12,500. He earned $58,798 from the Futurity.

Additionally, Vaughn's Mondolu captured the Fashion Handicap in May, and her Unparalleled sped off with the filly division of the Washington Stallion Stake July 14. She claimed that pair, too.

"I'm lucky," Vaughn gave as the reason for her spectacular success at this meeting. Never before had she made much of an impression on the trainer standings. Now she is No. 11 overall and No. 3 overall in percentage of wins. She has 16 victories after 95 days of racing; her best previously was nine in a single season.

Big Flyer, with Gary Baze riding, made it around the 6½ furlongs over a drying-out strip in 1 minute, 18⅕ seconds for a parimutuel payoff of $34, $12.20 and $6. Time Of Sale, the betting favorite of the 13,313 fans with Terry Lipham up, paid $5.10 and $2.90. Thurman, second pick in the wa-

DOO-DAH DATA

TODAY: Longacres, 10 races featuring $50,000-added Seattle Handicap for older thoroughbreds at 1⅛ miles, first post parade 1:15 p.m.

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY: No racing.

THURSDAY: 10 races, first post parade 2:45 p.m.

home third at $3.70.

Big Flyer was sired by Flying Lark. Another Flying Lark offspring, Flying Judgement, came home in a dead heat for first with Cassaleria Aug. 15 in the Longacres Derby. (Vaughn does not own or train Flying Judgement.)

Vaughn and her husband, Russell, reside on a farm in Enumclaw. He is employed by the Boeing Co.

Vaughn said she will put some, but not all, of the Futurity money Big Flyer won back into the family horse operation. "I've got a lot to do with the $58,000," she said. "... New barn, new fences."

Big Flyer has done a lot of racing. In 11 starts this year, he has three firsts, two seconds and a third for $67,088. Since running in the orange and blue silks of the Vaughns, Big Flyer has two firsts and a fifth. He was off the board when Dave's Reality, a New Jersey-bred, captured the Stripling Stakes.

In the Futurity, Thurman and Lava Blast battled to set the early fractions while Baze held Big Flyer far back. Then, in a calvary charge down the stretch, Big Flyer got up in the final strides. Time Of Sale nosed out Thurman for place.

Vaughn said she believed she had a shot at the Futurity's first money because most of the "really good 2-year-olds weren't eligible, and he had beat most of the others."

Baze somewhat echoed those sentiments.

"This might not have been a great field," the winning jockey said. "But I don't want to take anything away from my horse. He ran a very big race."

Lipham said Time Of Sale, which came to Longacres undefeated after winning twice at Del Mar, lost the race at the start.

"We got wiped out," the jockey said. "Thurman came over on us, and we lost the race right there. We got pushed inside, and she rather would have been on the outside of horses."

Time Of Sale poked her head to the front of the pack briefly in the stretch drive. "I thought she was the winner," Lipham said. "But when that other horse went by her she had nothing left ... She was much the best horse."

Big Flyer runs down Gottstein field

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Big Flyer, a horse who took eight tries before beating maidens, scored a stunning upset victory Sunday in the $103,155 Joe Gottstein Futurity for 2-year olds at Longacres Race Track.

A 16-to-1 shot at post time, Big Flyer, with Gary Baze aboard, ran down almost the entire 12-horse field in the stretch to score by a half-length over favored Time of Sale in a time of 1:18 1-5 for six and one-half furlongs. Thurman ran third, Lissome was fourth and heavily-backed Country Born was 12th and last.

The winner returned $34.00, $12.20 and $6.00, while Time of Sale paid $5.10 and $2.90. Thurman, the second betting choice, returned $3.70 to show.

Attendance Sunday was 13,313, and the mutuel handle totaled $1,671,925.

Big Flyer was claimed for $12,500 on July 21 by owner-trainer Kay Vaughan. Big Flyer won that day, and he won again in his next start beating $25,000 claimers. He ran fifth in the Stripling Stakes in his last out before the Futurity.

Vaughan has enjoyed incredible success in her career by claiming horses. Big Flyer becomes the third horse she has claimed who has gone on to win a stake. Mondolu and Unparalleled, both claimed for $10,000, also performed that trick.

"I'm just lucky," Vaughan said with a big smile. "I claimed this horse for $12,500 because I felt he was worth it. Actually, I felt he was worth more. I dreamed of winning this race for a long time. This Futurity was softer than most because a lot of the best two-year-olds weren't eligible. I thought Big Flyer had a good shot."

Baze, the winning rider, who scored his 50th career stakes win at Longacres, told Vaughan in the winner's circle, "I guess this colt was worth what you paid for him."

Indeed he was. The win was worth $58,798 and increased his lifetime earnings to $67,088. It was his third win in 11 lifetime starts.

Big Flyer broke last in the 12-horse field and still was 10th when the field turned for home as Thurman and Time of Sale ran 1-2. Time of Sale took a slim lead while Big Flyer worked his way through horses. Baze caught the leaders with less than 50 yards to the wire and prevailed by a half-length.

"This might not have been a great field, but I don't want to take anything away from my horse," Baze said. "He ran a very big race. It set up like I hoped it would. The speed backed up in the late going. I was hoping the horse would make his one big move, and I hoped it would be enough. He just ran super down the lane."

Big Flyer is a son of Flying Lark, who also produced last year's Juvenile Championship winner, Flying Judgement. The latter was claimed early in his two-year-old season as well.

Big Flyer was not such an expensive acquisition as the Vaughans put up a relatively modest $12,500 to secure him via the claim box here in July. And as an added stroke of luck Kay Vaughan had to outshake two other trainers before being able to lead Big Flyer back to her stable.

Before running his lifetime earnings to $67,088, $61,768 of which has gone into the Vaughan's account, with his Futurity score, Big Flyer picked up a win in a $25,000 claiming event and ran fifth behind Dave's Reality in the six furlong Stripling Stakes. That performance did not stop Vaughan from bringing Big Flyer back in the Futurity, though and her hunch proved correct as evidenced by the big paycheck.

Longacres Notebook

By PHIL FITTERER

LONGACRES RACE COURSE, Renton, Wash.—Although Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Vaughan's Big Flyer walked off with the first place check of $58,798.35 in last Sunday's Joe Gottstein Futurity, the important test did little to establish which of maybe more than a dozen candidates is the best juvenile on the grounds. To be sure Big Flyer joined the list of leading contenders with his upset Gottstein score but the fact that so many top two-year-olds were not eligible for this year's Futurity denies him top billing as the current head of his class.

However there will be more than ample opportunity for Big Flyer to lay claim to the juvenile throne starting with the mile Tukwila Handicap on Sunday, September 19. After that eight furlong test comes the $35,000-added Longacres Lads Stakes on Sunday, October 10 and then the $50,000-added Juvenile Championship on October 24, the last Sunday of the meeting.

Big Flyer is eligible for the Longacres Lads Stakes which should gross over $80,000 for its inaugural 1 1-16 mile running. If Big Flyer had not been eligible trainer Kay Vaughan would have been faced with the decision of whether to supplement the son of Flying Lark for a $5,000 fee at the time of entry.

995 Longacres 9/12/82
CARI BE QUICK.....Second
MR. T.S.....Third

REVEILLE AND TAPS

PENINSULA CORVETTE & COMPANY PURSE
6½ fur. 1:18.1

Mr/Mrs R.F. Vaughan..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Kirk Moore.....up

There is a long story behind this race that Reveille And Taps won for Kay: Kay had trained Reveille And Taps for his owners when he consistently won for 20- and 25-thousand-dollar claims. But for one reason or another the owners were not satisfied and obtained a different trainer after 1981. Over the next year he ran ten time, beating only three horses total in all these races. He was dropping down in class at every start. Finally he was entered for an $8,000 claim at which point Kay claimed him. She worked him like she had used to work him for a couple of weeks and then entered him for a $10,000 claim. He won in the mud going away (above). She entered him back four days later for $12,500 and the Roberts claimed him.

He did not win again until they had dropped him down to $4,000.

Reveille and Taps — B. h. 5, by Sensitive Music—Bayonet, by Battle Joined

Own.—Gage D — **114** — Br.—Erickson V (Wash) — Tr.—Roberts Tom — $6,500

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Lifetime												42	3	5	8		$28,765
30Oct82-3BM	6f	:22³	:46	1:11³sl	21	114	10 9¾	12 14	12 14	12 11	Davidson J R³	10000	71	InstntCommnd,DstyJons,BronzStr			12
17Oct82-6Lga	6f	:21³	:44²	1:09²sy	6¾	113	6 13	7 12	7 12	6 9½	Davidson J R⁵	16000	79	Skippr'sInfrno,BnIAM,Hwk'sVrtur			7
16Sep82-8Lga	6f	:21²	:44³	1:10 ft	10	113	7 9¼	6 9½	6 10	6 5	Moore K D⁸	c12500	81	Zumi Lou, Royal Idea, All ForTom			12
12Sep82-5Lga	6½f	:22²	:46	1:18¹sy	15	113	4 7	3 1	2 1	1 1½	Moore K D³	10000	78	ReveilleandTps,CriBeQuick,Mr.T.S.			7
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1Aug82-6Lga	6½f	:21⁴	:44³	1:16³ft	59	120	11 12	12 15	12 15	12 16	Baze M B²	16000	70	Wahtahshee, Michael S.,Sherwynd			12
11Jly82-6Lga	6½f	:21⁴	:45	1:16 ft	34	119	10 8	11 8	9 16	9 12	Baze M B⁶	16000	77	CoolSatin,MilitantEagle,IdhoHick			12
26Jun82-7Lga	1 1/16	:46⁴	1:11	1:43¹sy	19	116	10 19	11 21	11 26	11 25	Baze G⁹	25000	58	LrksTopDl,WtchMyAct,DringDrrn			11

Oct 12 Lga 5f gd 1:02³ h Sep 28 Lga 5f sl 1:04³ h

Red Baron Returns won again, but more significantly, Julie Nethercott, now wearing glasses, and her mother are both in the win photo – a very welcome sight.

Reclusive Ascent would win her second start, going a mile. Bridle Star's clandestine liason with The Little Turk was paying off.

In 1982 the track remained open until the middle of October. Don Sturrock who owned After Hours switched trainers to Kay after a disappointing summer with his other trainer. He horse ran well for her.

Musical Tide continued her winning ways.

Kay continued to make excellent claims, this time Toss'M Twice who would become a durable 16- to 20-thousand-dollar horse. Vaughans both heard a fan in the stands yelling, "That 'effing' Kay Vaughan!" as Toss'M Twice was pulled back to last, but he became silent as she stormed down the stretch to win the race.

Monolithic Spirit won again

Toss'M Twice caught on to the Kay Vaughan off-the-pace approach right off and would continue winning.

The Steve O'Donnell Award for the Outstanding Training Achievement was awarded to none other than yours truly, Kay Vaughan.

Staff photos by DUANE HAMAMURA

Owner-trainer Kay Vaughan is 1982 winner of Steve O'Donnell Memorial Award, denoting 'competence and dignity' on and off the track

It was certainly well-deserved.

KAY VAUGHAN
1982 STEVE O'DONNELL INSPIRATION AWARD WINNER

Owner-trainer Kay Vaughan is the 1982 recipient of the coveted Steve O'Donnell Memorial Award given annually to the trainer who best represented the sport of Thoroughbred racing with competence and dignity, both on and off the track. The award is named in honor of former Longacres Racing Secretary Steve O'Donnell, now deceased.

Vaughan led all Lga trainers in winning percentage (22.4%) in 1982 and produced such stakes champions this year as *Mondolu* (Fashion Handicap), Unparalleled (Washington Stallion Stakes) and *Big Flyer* (Gottstein Futurity). In a racing rarity, all three of Vaughan's 1982 stakes-winners were acquired through the claiming box. Vaughan's runners were also stakes-placed on five other occasions this season.

Kay and her husband, Fred, reside in Enumclaw and the successful couple owns the vast majority of the racing stock that bears their colors.

The award was presented by Steve O'Donnell's daughter

The Steve O’Donnell Award trophy

Longacres Winners for 1982

Tom Roberts

Leading Trainer – number of wins

Outstanding Training Achievement

Kay Vaughan

Fred and Kay Vaughan

Leading Owners – in money won

Gary Baze

Leading Jockey – in number of wins

After Hours placed third in the Juvenile Handicap at Longacres, Kay took him to Yakima where he ran third in the Yakima Futurity. He was then sent with Mike Chambers to Bay Meadows where five days later on October 13th he won the El Camino Real Stakes.

Dozen Vie in $112,300 El Camino Real

Dave's Reality, 'Surgeon Rivals At Bay Meadows

By DALE OMENSON

BAY MEADOWS, San Mateo, Calif.—A full field of a dozen 2-year-olds will meet here Saturday in the $112,300 El Camino Real Stakes at 1 1/16 miles.

Dave's Reality, a three-time stakes winner at Longacres this year, and Consulting Surgeon, winner of the San Mateo Stakes here Oct. 26, are expected to vie for favoritism in the Grade II event.

Here is the field from the rail out: Don Sturrock's After Hours, 112 pounds, to be ridden by Danny Sorenson; Donald Higgins' Tropic Lightning, 112, Jane Driggers; David and Jane Heerensperger's Dave's Reality, 120, Paul Nicolo; Harris Farm and Marley's Twilight Career, 112, Randy Schacht; John Pavich's Steve Dancer, 112, Tom Chapman; Bell Bloodstock Company's Envoy's Pride, 112, Russell Baze; Stanley M. Thurman's Thurman, 112, Chris Loseth; James A. Egide's McKinley Park, 115, Jeff Mills; James Atwell's King's Legacy, 112, Francisco Mena; Caston Jr. and Ruback's Shamtastic, 112, Dave Pettinger; Two Ton Tony Farm and McRae's Best Kumu, 112, Chris Lamance, and Dr. and Mrs. Frank DiFiore's Consulting Surgeon, 117, Steve Archuleta.

Dave's Reality, voted the 2-year-old colt or gelding of the meeting at Longacres this year, appears to have a decided advantage over his foes—especially with Consulting Sur-

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After Hours won the $100,000 Added El Camino Real Stakes at odds of 20-to-1

After just breaking his maiden and third place finishes in the Juvenile Championship at Longacres and the Yakima Futurity, After Hours had headed for California with Mike Chambers.

8th BayMeadows

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After Hours — Dk. b. or br. g. 2, by Royal Knight—Patient Fuzzy, by The Patient
Br.—Raley R E (Wash) 1982 7 1 0 3 $13,384
Own.—Sturrock D — 112 — Tr.—Chambers Mike
Lifetime 7 1 0 3 $13,384

31Oct82-9YM	1 1/16	:46¹	1:11	1:43	ft	7	123	10¹¹	10⁸¹	4⁵	3¹½	Baze G⁴	Y M Fut	96	Table Sean, SatusWay, AfterHours	10
24Oct82-9Lga	1 1/16	:47	1:11⁴	1:51³	m	4	118	14²⁴	13¹⁵	5⁴½	3⁸	Baze G⁴	Juv Champ	67	Yuma Queen, Tubafor, AfterHours	14
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Tropic Lightning — B. g. 2, by Ruken—Hy Jan, by Limelight
Br.—Higgins Dr D G (Cal) 1982 7 1 1 1 $17,735
Own.—Higgins D — 112 — Tr.—Lewis Richard J
Lifetime 7 1 1 1 $17,735

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4Sep82-11Sac	1	:46²	1:10⁴	1:35⁴	ft	6½	116	3²	2²	1½	2½	DrggrsJ⁷	St Fr Jv Chp	98	BronO'Dblin, TrpcLightning, Bm'sRscl	7
6Aug82-11SR	5½f	:22	:44⁴	1:03¹	ft	4½	122	7⁶½	7⁷½	6⁴	5⁶½	Driggers J²	Redwood	87	Artquos, BronO'Dublin, McKinlyPrk	10
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30Jun82-7Pln	5½f	:22³	:46¹	1:04⁴	ft	17	118	10¹²	9¹⁴	6⁶½	3⁴	Burkes T⁸	ⓧMdn	84	FleetWvr, Artquos, TropicLightning	10

Nov 3 BM 3f ft :36¹ hg Oct 27 BM 7f ft 1:25 h Oct 11 BM 7f ft 1:30¹ h Sep 30 BM 3f ft :36² hg

Dave's Reality × — Dk. b. or br. g. 2, by In Reality—Pleasant Girl, by Knightly Manner
Br.—Bright View Farm Inc (NJ) 1982 6 5 0 0 $87,159
Own.—Heeremsperger Mr-Mrs D — 120 — Tr.—Roberts Craig
Lifetime 6 5 0 0 $87,159

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3Jly82-5Lga	5½f	:22²	:46⁴	1:07	sl	*7-5	120	3⁴⁴	3⁴½	2³	1½	Nicolo P¹⁰	Aw6000	77	Dave's Reality, Sailalong, Chirp	10

After Hours had been 24 lengths back in the Longacres Juvenile Championship before finishing third.

November 13, 1982

The $100,000 Added El Camino Real Stakes After Hours race results

EIGHTH RACE
BayMeadows
NOVEMBER 13, 1982

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Value of race $112,300, value to winner $67,300, second $18,000, third $13,000, fourth $8,000, fifth $3,500, sixth $2,500. Mutuel pool $327,729.

Last Raced	Horse	Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
31Oct82 ^{9}YM^{3}	After Hours		2	112	1	12	12	12	7^{4}	2^{3}	$1\frac{3}{4}$	Sorenson D	20.30
4Nov82 ^{8}BM^{2}	Twilight Career		2	112	4	2	$4^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	$4^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1^{3}	2^{7}	Schacht R	4.20
26Oct82 ^{8}BM^{4}	Envoy's Pride		2	114	6	11	11^{5}	$9\frac{1}{2}$	6^{hd}	$5^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	$3^{2}\frac{1}{2}$	Bäze R A	8.30
4Nov82 ^{8}BM^{4}	Tropic Lightning	b	2	112	2	10	$8^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	5^{hd}	5^{3}	4^{1}	4^{1}	Driggers J	57.00
4Nov82 ^{8}BM^{3}	Thurman	b	2	113	7	4	2^{2}	1^{hd}	2^{hd}	$3\frac{1}{2}$	5^{3}	Loseth C	28.00
30Oct82 ^{8}SA^{8}	Dave's Reality		2	120	3	3	1^{hd}	2^{2}	$3\frac{1}{2}$	6^{2}	6^{hd}	Nicolo P	1.60
4Nov82 ^{8}BM^{1}	McKinley Park		2	115	8	1	3^{3}	3^{4}	$4\frac{1}{2}$	7^{2}	7^{2}	Mills J W	6.40
4Nov82 ^{8}BM^{6}	Shamtastic	b	2	112	10	9	10^{1}	11^{3}	$9^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	8^{3}	8^{5}	Pettinger D	76.30
26Oct82 ^{8}BM^{1}	Consulting Surgeon		2	117	12	5	7^{hd}	8^{2}	8^{hd}	9^{5}	9^{5}	Archuleta S	4.30
4Nov82 ^{8}BM^{7}	King's Legacy		2	112	9	8	$9^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	10^{1}	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$10^{1}\frac{1}{2}$	10^{hd}	Mena F	42.00
16Oct82 ^{1}BM^{1}	Steve Dancer	b	2	113	5	7	6^{2}	7^{2}	12	11^{3}	11^{5}	Chapman T M	38.90
24Oct82 ^{4}BM^{1}	Best Kumu		2	112	11	6	5^{hd}	6^{hd}	10^{2}	12	12	Lamance C	30.10

OFF AT 3:59. Start good. Won driving. Time, :22⅘, :46⅘, 1:12⅘, 1:40, 1:46⅘ Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices:

1-AFTER HOURS	42.60	13.80	6.80
4-TWILIGHT CAREER		5.60	4.60
6-ENVOY'S PRIDE			5.40

Dk. b. or br. g, by Royal Knight—Patient Fuzzy, by The Patient. Trainer Chambers Mike. Bred by Raley R E (Wash).

AFTER HOURS, unhurried while far back early, rallied outside on the second turn, remained well out into the stretch, rallied steadily under strong right-handed pressure, came inside TWILIGHT CAREER in the deep stretch and was along in time. TWILIGHT CAREER, reserved off the early leaders, moved strongly outside horses on the second turn to gain command, drew clear into the stretch, drifted out through the final furlong and could not hold the winner. ENVOY'S PRIDE, reserved early, moved inside for the stretch run but could not offer the needed response. TROPIC LIGHTNING, reserved early, steadied on the second turn, came out slightly into the stretch for room but lacked the needed response. THURMAN dueled for the lead for six furlongs and had little left. DAVE'S REALITY sent up quickly to duel for command, remained a factor for six furlongs and weakened. MCKINELY PARK, just off the early leaders, steadied briefly on the second turn, came far out for room into the stretch and had no response. CONSULTING SURGEON, far wide on the first turn, remained out throughout and could not menace. STEVE DANCER lugged out into the first turn and was outrun. BEST KUMU had brief speed.

Owners— 1, Sturrock D; 2, Harris Fms Inc & Marley; 3, Bell Bloodstock Co; 4, Higgins D; 5, Thurman S M; 6, Heerensperger Mr-Mrs D; 7, Egide J A; 8, Caston Jr & Ruback; 9, Di Fiore Dr-Mrs F; 10, Atwell J; 11, Pavich J; 12, Two Ton Tony Farm & McCray.

Overweight: Envoy's Pride 2 pounds; Thurman 1; Steve Dancer 1.

After Hours came from eighteen lengths off the pace and in last place five lengths behind the trailer as in his previous races.

Washington-bred After Hours Captures Gr.II $100,000-added El Camino Real Stakes

fter Hours, shown here winning the $100,000-added Gr. II El Camino Real Stakes, had stakes-placed twice in 'ashington before heading south to earn graded stakes credentials.

Don Sturrock's After Hours, a juvenile son of the deceased Royal Knight—Patient Fuzzy, by The Patient, came from dead last in a field of twelve to capture the El Camino Real Stakes, November 13th, at Bay Meadows — a race carrying the prestigious Gr.II rating as complied under the auspices of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.

"This is not only my biggest victory, but the first time I've owned a stakes winner by myself," the enthusiastic Sturrock said to local reporters following the race. "I've had some stakes horses in the past up north, but always in partnership."

Sturrock had his horses conditioned by Kay Vaughan at Longacres and shipped After Hours to Mike Chambers at Bay Meadows. The gelding broke his maiden against Washington-bred $20,000 claimers on October 1 at Longacres before losing by a neck to Tubafor in an allowance race and then running third to Yuma Queen in the Juvenile Championship and third to Table Sean in the Yakima Futurity.

After Hours went through the W.H.B.A. Winter Sale last year, only to return to breeder Ron Raley as a "no sale." Sturrock, a Tacoma sheet metal contractor, purchased him privately after the sale for $20,000.

The sophomore was ridden by Danny Sorenson and was nearly twenty (20) lengths off the pace going down the backstretch, with Longacres horses Dave's Reality and Thurman going head and head on the front end. After Hours caught second favorite Twilight Career on the inside in the deep stretch.

"I was really surprised with the victory," jockey Danny Sorenson said following his winning ride. "Everything went in our favor. We were well back during the early going, but I wasn't worried because the track was so dead. When I made my move I started to follow (Russell) Baze, but there was no room out around the turn and then I came inside that other horse in the stretch to win."

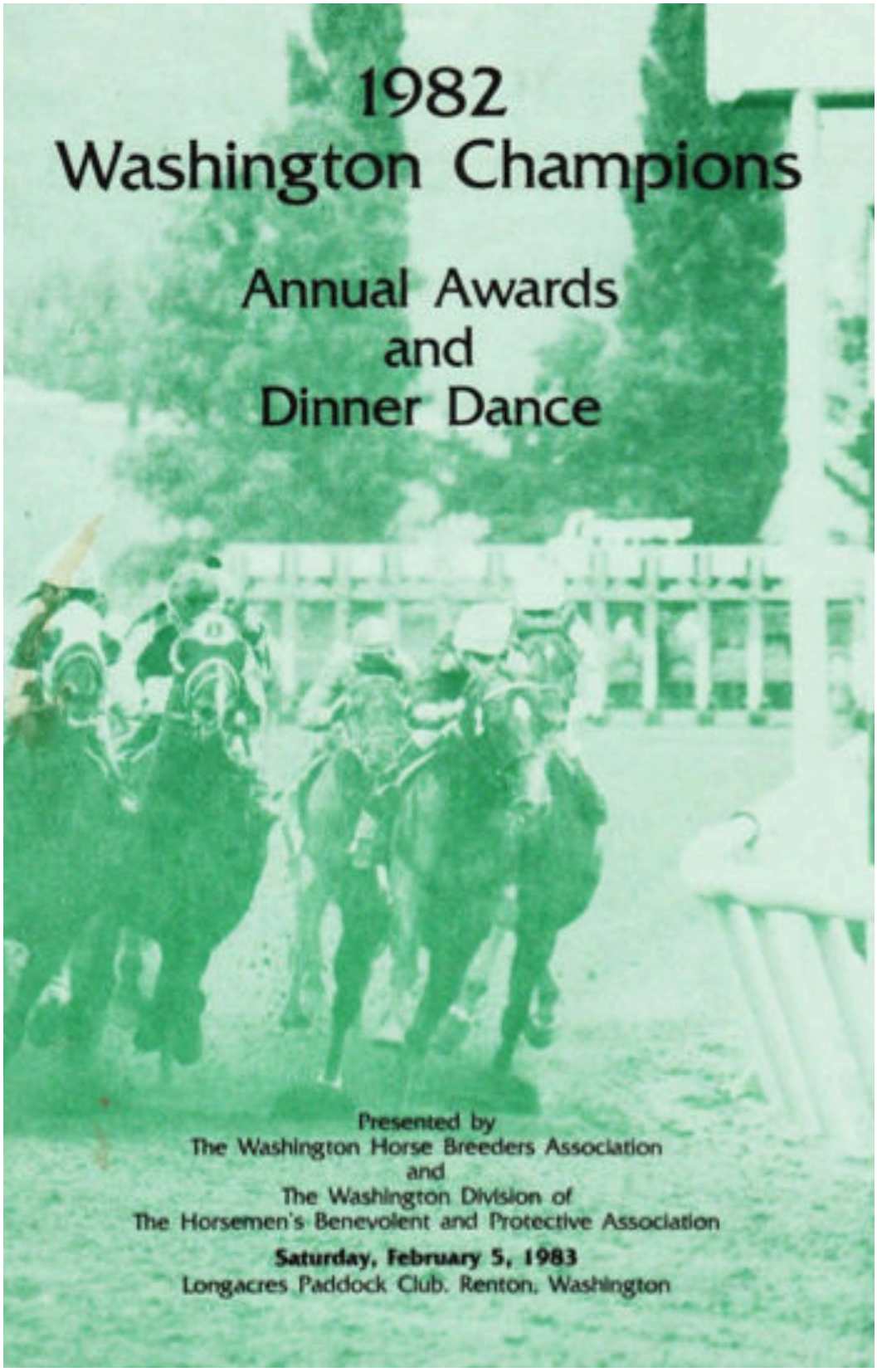
Sturrock, who had campaigned Zula Zorn and Secret Watch, among others with partners at Longacres, gave After Hours to Kay Vaughan earlier this year. Plans for the juvenile are to remain at Bay Meadows with Chambers and prep him for the Bay Meadows Derby February 5. ■

Joe DiMaggio was in the winner's circle with jockey Danny Sorenson for the El Camino Real ceremonies and drew a big hand from the crowd.

November 26, 1982

Musical Tide won the Thanksgiving Handicap at Portland Meadows.

Nominated for several year-end honors, Kay and Fred were invited to the Washington Horse Breeders Association Annual Awards Banquet, Dinner, and Dance.



Awards Banquet pamphlet

Washington Outstanding Trainer Award

KAY VAUGHAN

Special Recognition in the Field of Training the Thoroughbred

Honored as Trainer-of-the-Meet following the Longacres season, Enumclaw's Kay Vaughan enjoyed a 1982 season which ranks right with the best any Washington trainer ever had. Kay won four stakes races in 1982, and each victory was accomplished with a horse acquired via the claiming box.

The roots to that remarkable string go back to 1981 when Kay claimed Mondolu which captured the 1982 Fashion Handicap. The other now famous claims were Unparalleled, winner of the filly division of the Washington Stallion Stakes in the first start she made after Vaughan claimed her, Musical Tide, an allowance winner at Longacres and champion of the Thanksgiving Handicap at Yakima Meadows, and Big Flyer, the $12,500 claim which paid dividends when he captured the $103,155 Gottstein Futurity.

In addition Kay campaigned five other stakes competitors in 1982.

Besides being named Trainer-of-the-Meet, Kay also received Longacres awards for Top Training Achievement (Big Flyer winning the Gottstein), and the Steve O'Donnell Memorial Award for representing the industry with competence and dignity both on and off the racetrack.

Kay and her husband R.F. (Fred) Vaughan were also the leading owners at the 1982 Longacres meeting, amassing total earnings of $195,499.70, and Kay's winning percentage of 20.7% was the best of any trainer with 20 or more victories at Longacres.

Nola and Sean knew how unusual their mother was and remember how proud they were in 1982 when Kay won the Steve O'Donnell Inspiration award. It came with a beautiful glass horse's head that still has a place of honor in the family home.

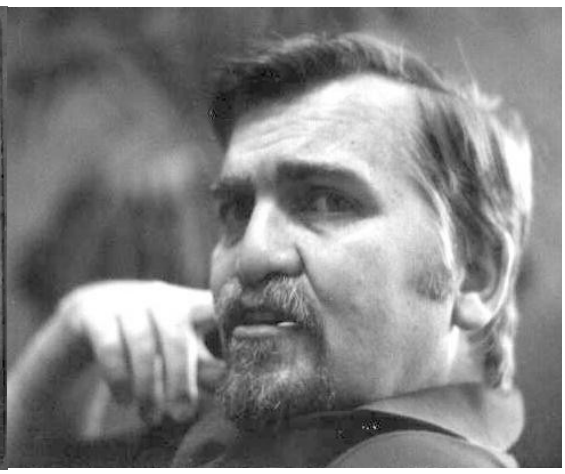
Kay had also taken the Top Training Achievement award that year and the Washington State Outstanding Trainer Award. The latter was presented at the annual Washington Horse Breeders Banquet at which Washington champion horses are named. After Hours won the Two-Year-Old of the Year award with Big Flyer second in the balloting. Other of the horses Kay trained that were in the running for championship awards in their categories were Mondolu and Unparalleled.

Chapter 11

A Long Overdue Vacation

Summer vacations became a thing of the distant past once the Vaughans had become 'racetrackers'. The children took vacations during summer months, spending a couple of weeks with each set of grandparents but virtually none with Mom and Dad. The winters in the northwest are not amenable to fun vacations and with barns full of horses someone (or more likely some ones) had to stay home to care for the horses. Although the summer of 1982 had been a lot of fun in one sense, it had been exhausting. Kay was tired and already experiencing health issues that would continue getting worse until eventually she would have surgery. With some economic security for the first time in a while after the 1982 meet, Vaughans spent money to build a new barn complete with a basketball court and totally remodeled the old one, all despite the cautions of Luke 12:18. Those projects were finished by the end of the year adding to exhaustion.

So… desperately needing a vacation, Kay got an agreement with Lacey Warrick, her assistant that she would spend the few weeks on the Vaughan farm to take care of the horses. She probably needed a vacation too, but she generously agreed. So Kay lined up several of the family priorities that included Cancun, Mexico, with side trips to the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza, St. Croix on the Caribbean, and Disney World. It was set up for three weeks over Christmas and the New Year. With three one-week vastly separated destinations, the time they spent in airports and crowded into seats on



Kay needed a vacation… and… so did Mr. Kay Vaughan.

airplanes got a bit tiresome. But it was a different kind of tiresome at least and the destinations between the travels were great.

Oranges provided the challenge of peeling them in airport lounges, the pleasure of eating them (also in airport lounges), and the knowledge that the vitamin C would prevent scurvy. (Okay, that was a joke.)

The entire family was anxious to be going anywhere that was warm and dry, with no mud and no schedules even if it involved having to peel oranges in airports.

Peeling oranges in an airport

Glad to be here – anywhere, at last

Cancun, Mexico

Nola had motion sickness when they landed in Mexico and again later on their bus trip to Chichen Itza. That was a bit unpleasant.

The motel grounds, the Caribbean, and buildings were nice but the new resort facilities had not yet figured out that American tourists are more than a foot taller than the indigenous Mayan peoples and, therefore, beds in resort motels needed to be commensurably longer. The food all tasted the same and not what the Vaughans were used to as Mexican food or would try very hard to enjoy. After a week of this food Fred swallowed a half dozen oysters on the half shell as soon as he got to the airport in New Orleans.

The entire family got into the swimming in the pool and the warm waves of the Caribbean.

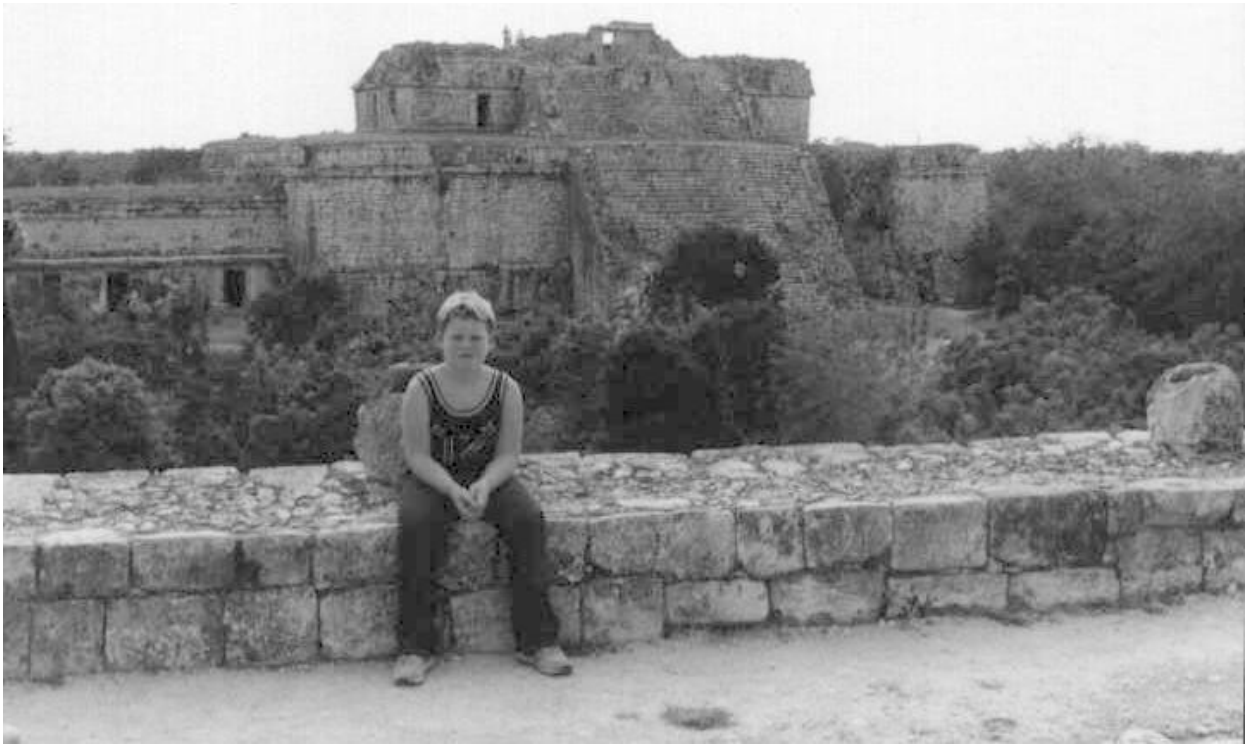
They took a boat cruise to an island some distance off the mainland where the family had lunch and did more swimming.

After a bus trip to Chichen Itza and a walk through the jungle, there were the ruins, just as the Mayans had left them when the Europeans came and destroyed a civilization – at least as well as they could be reconstituted by the Harvard teams of restorers. The big pyramid with the tiny steps was a scary challenge the whole family would decide to accept.

Chichen Itza in the Yucatan of Mexico

These are the stairs one must climb.

Kay and the two kids going up the pyramid



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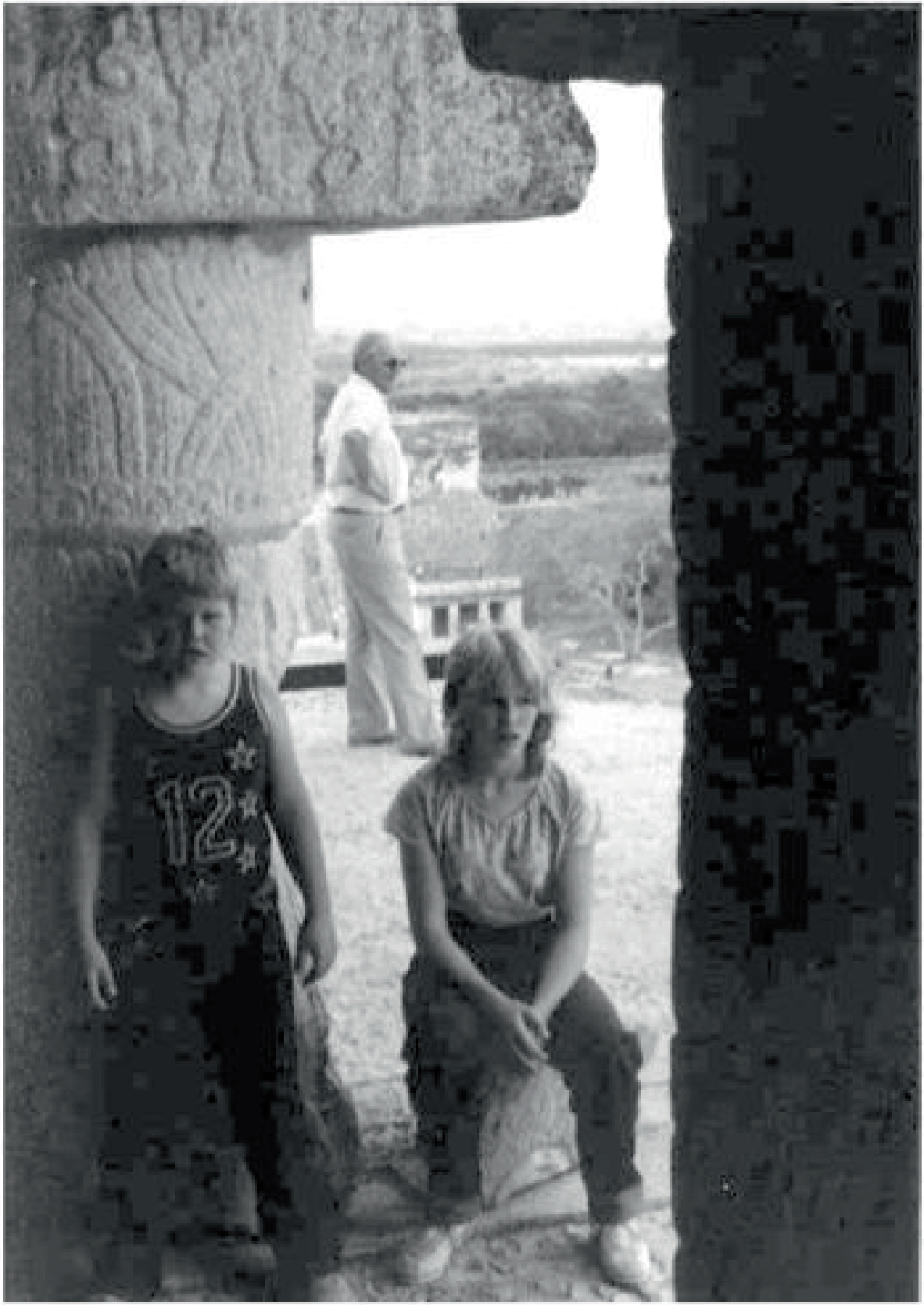
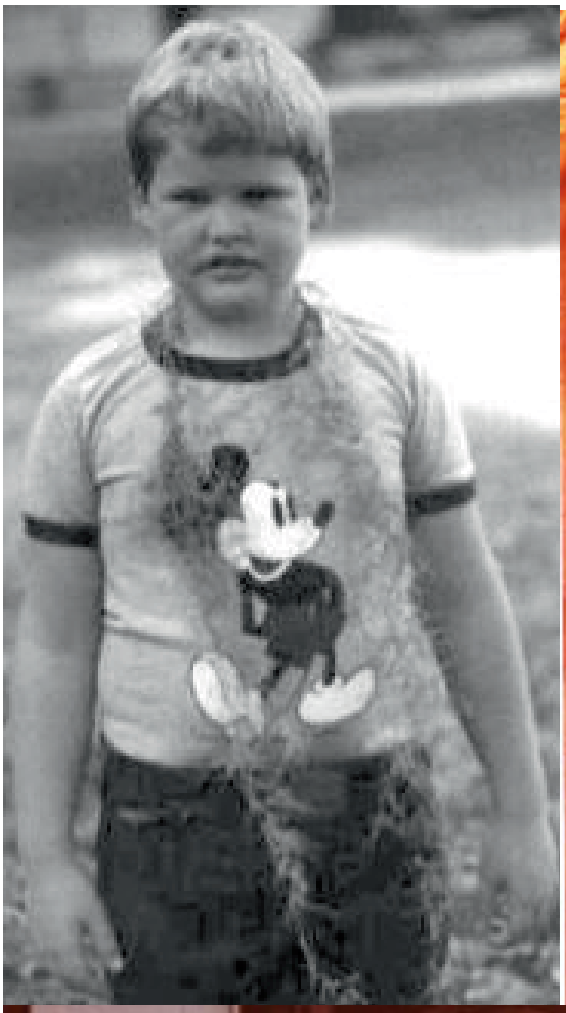


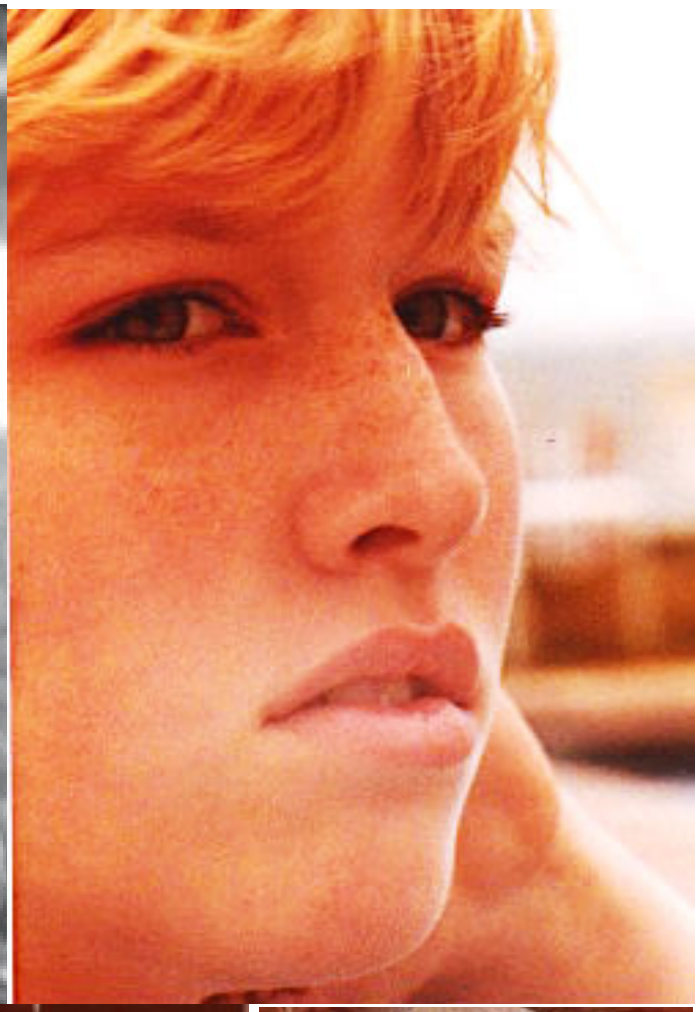
At the Top of the pyramid

Unfortunately… what goes up must come down.

The little Mayan girl who begged for empty pop bottles.

Then The Vaughans would fly to New Orleans on their way to Orlando, Florida where they would visit a thoroughbred farm in Ocala, and then proceed to Disney World and Sea World before proceeding on to St. Croix.





The Hotel in St. Croix

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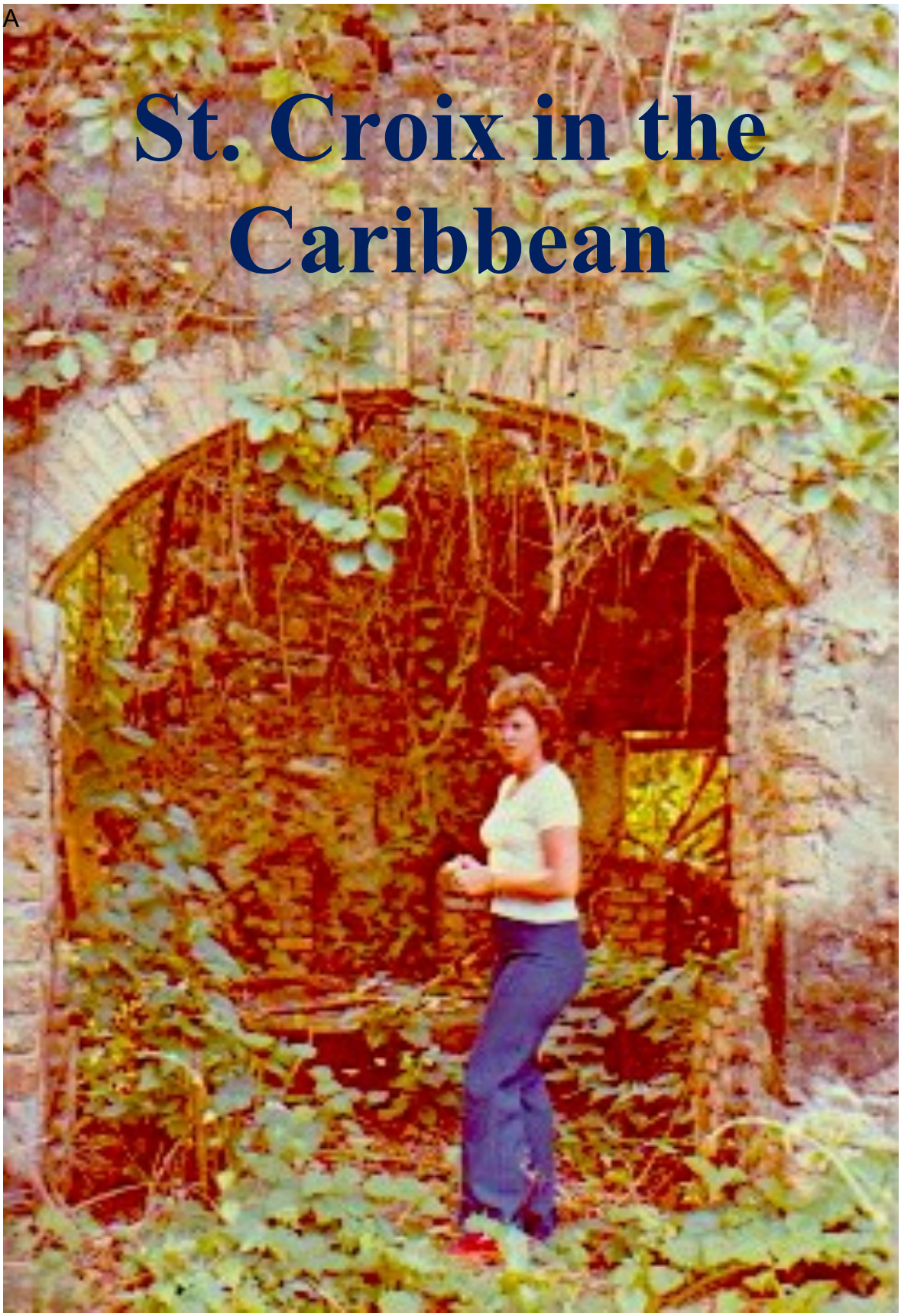
St. Croix in the Caribbean



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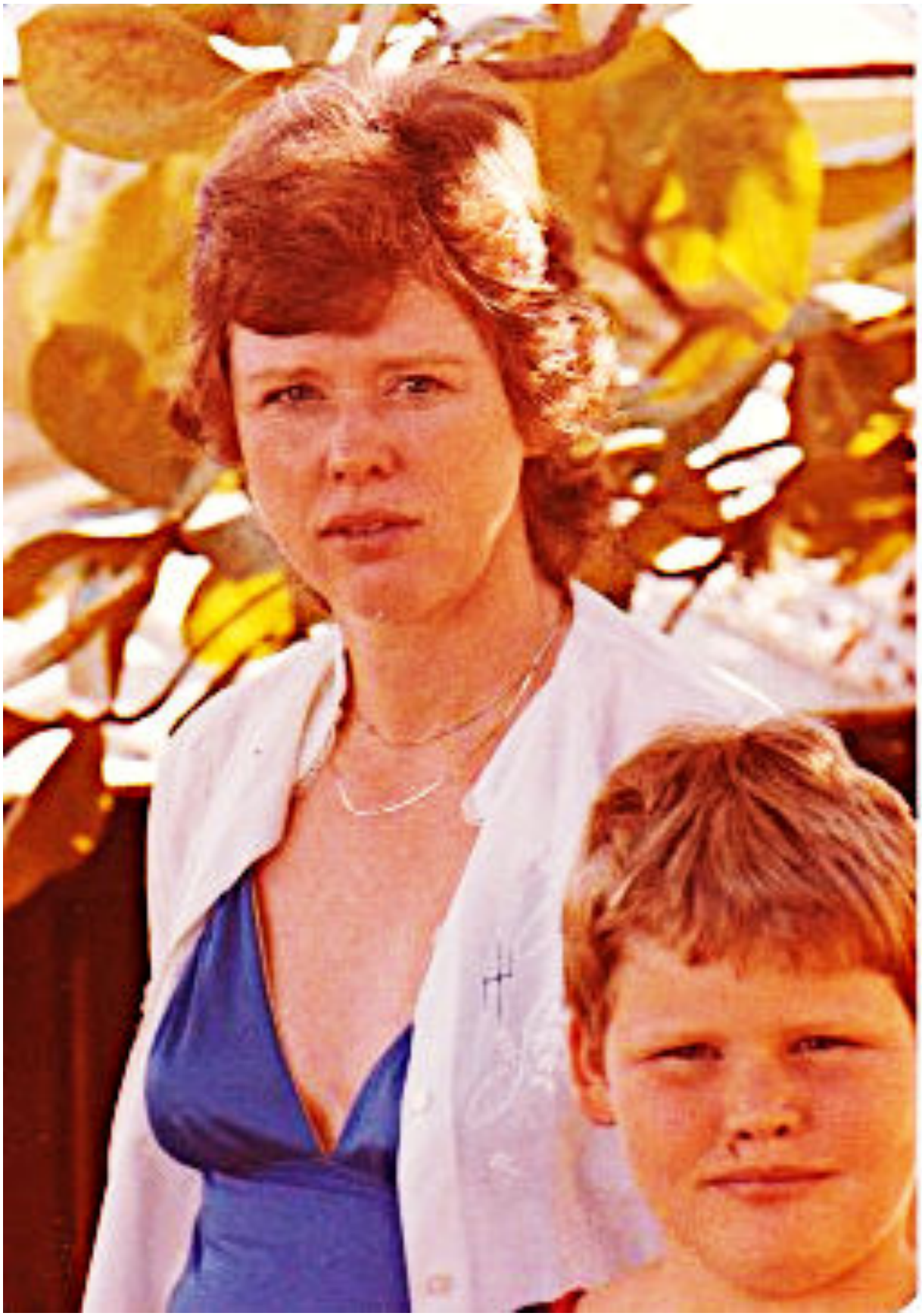

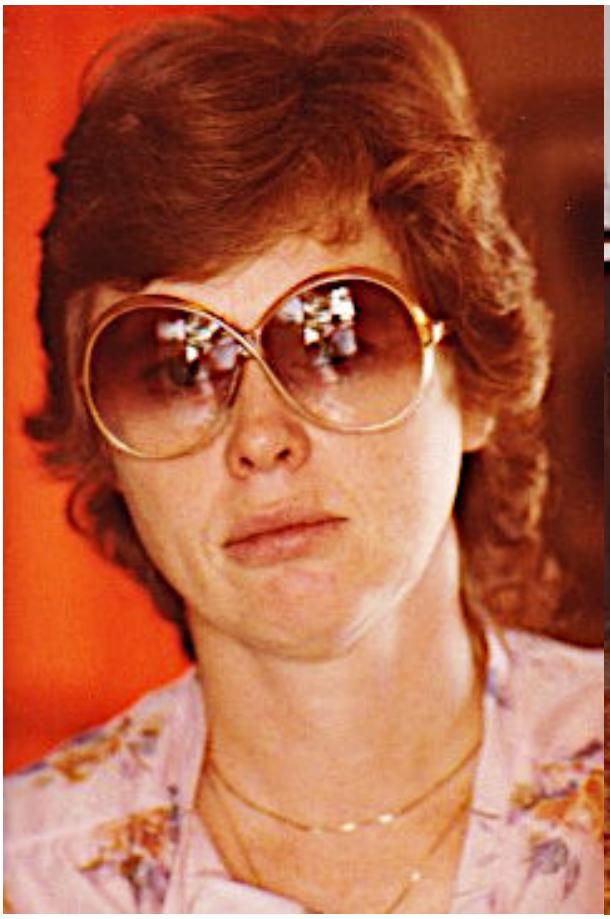

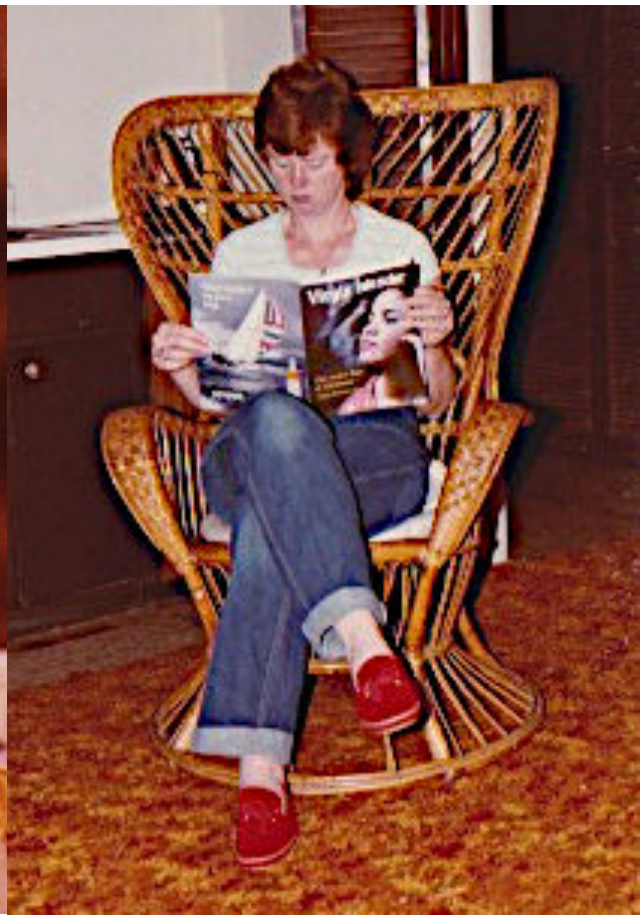

Kay going snorkeling in St. Croix

resident gecko

So finally the Vaughan family had some relaxation with no horse to attend, stalls to clean, cooking for family, or concerns about what was happening at the Boeing Company – just family time, just relaxation – at last.

Vacation was over and now the long trip home

To say it had been a welcome respite would be an understatement.

Chapter 12

The New Reality of an Ever-Present Press

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BATTER UP!
HERE'S THE PITCH!
THERE THEY GO!

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Kindness of Glen Williams

Dear Mrs. Vaughan:

For the past 27 years I have been writing a syndicated Thoroughbred racing column, "There They Go" which is published in 60-plus weekly papers in the State of Washington.

Your success as a claimer and trainer at Longacres in 1982 is outstanding and with your help and permission I would like to write a column about you for my papers. I am planning to be at Longacres the morning of Thursday, April 7th.

If it is convenient I would like to meet you on the 7th at 10:00 A. M. in Glen Williams' office for a taped interview. The interview would take about 20 minutes.

If this will suit your training plans, I will be most appreciative. You can reach me at my home at 282-7942 any day after 12 noon. I would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Cordially yours,

Ben Mitchell

Ben Mitchell
Longacres Columnist

This would be the first year in which Kay would enter more outside owners' horses for races than horses owned by her and her husband.

Yakima Stakes

Red Baron Returns wins the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Stakes on April 2nd.

Reclusive Ascent ran 3rd in Apple Blossom stakes on April 16th.

Big Flyer finished 3rd in the Big Apple stakes on April 24th.

April 29, 1983

May 4
Reclusive Ascent finishes 2nd in her race earlier.

authority. RECLUSIVE ASCENT, outrun to the stretch, moved out for the drive and closed with a rush. SWEET LITTLE LYNN, slow to reach her best stride, eased outside entering the stretch and finished willingly.

Unparalleled finishes 2nd in feature race.

Unparalleled finished with a rush on the odds-on favorite Barkerville Belle who had been ‘Horse of the Meet’ in 1982.

May 7, 1983
Monolithic Spirit wins the feature.

Nick is proud of Reclusive Ascent. Gary Baze is in the saddle.

May 18, 1983
Reclusive Ascent

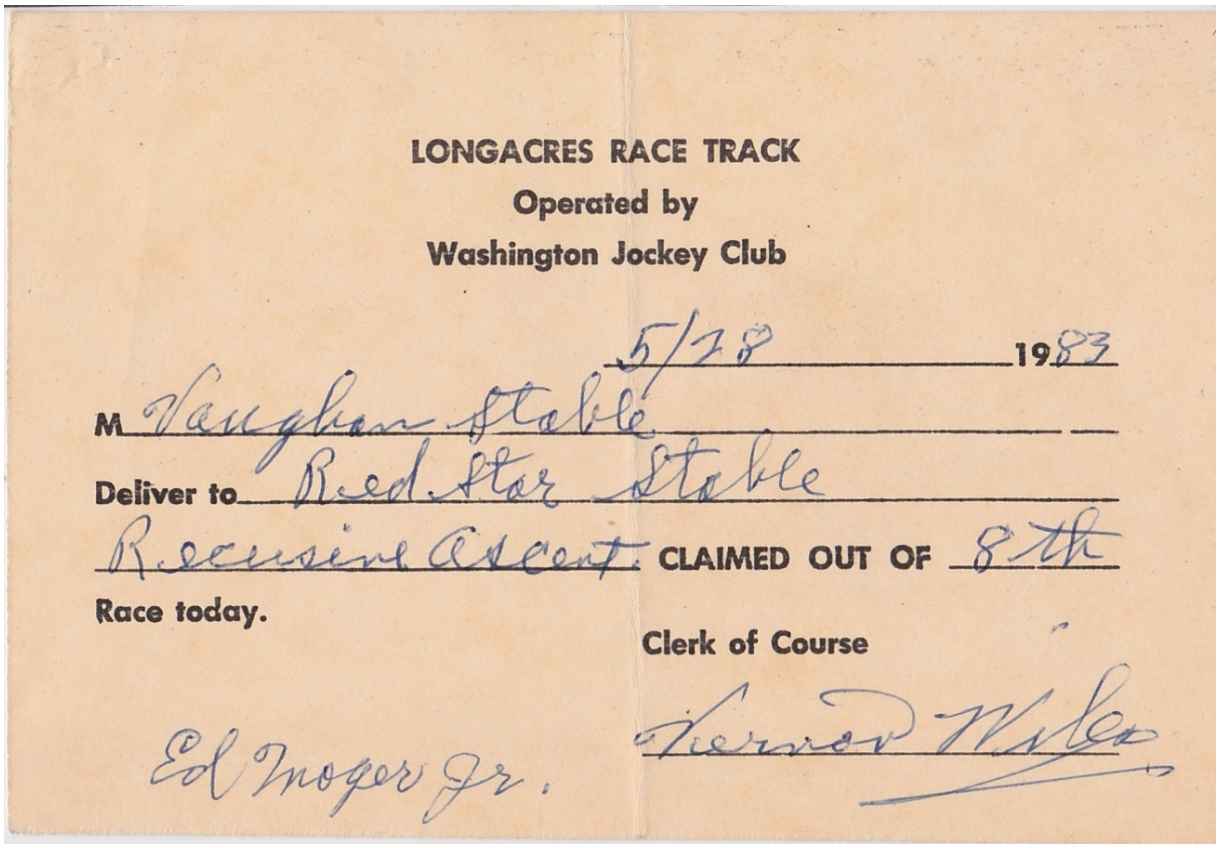
Short Socks is ponied on the way to the post before a race.

May 27, 1983
Short Socks

Reclusive Ascent is ponied for a race by Lacey using Nola's half-Arab riding horse, Kiawanda.

May 28, 1983
Reclusive Ascent

Kay loses another of Bridle Star's foals via claiming – this time for $25,000.



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M Vaughan Stable

Deliver to Red Star Stable

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Clerk of Course

Ed Moger Jr.

Vernon Wiles

May 30, 1983
Unparalleled

Local Enumclaw Press Coverage

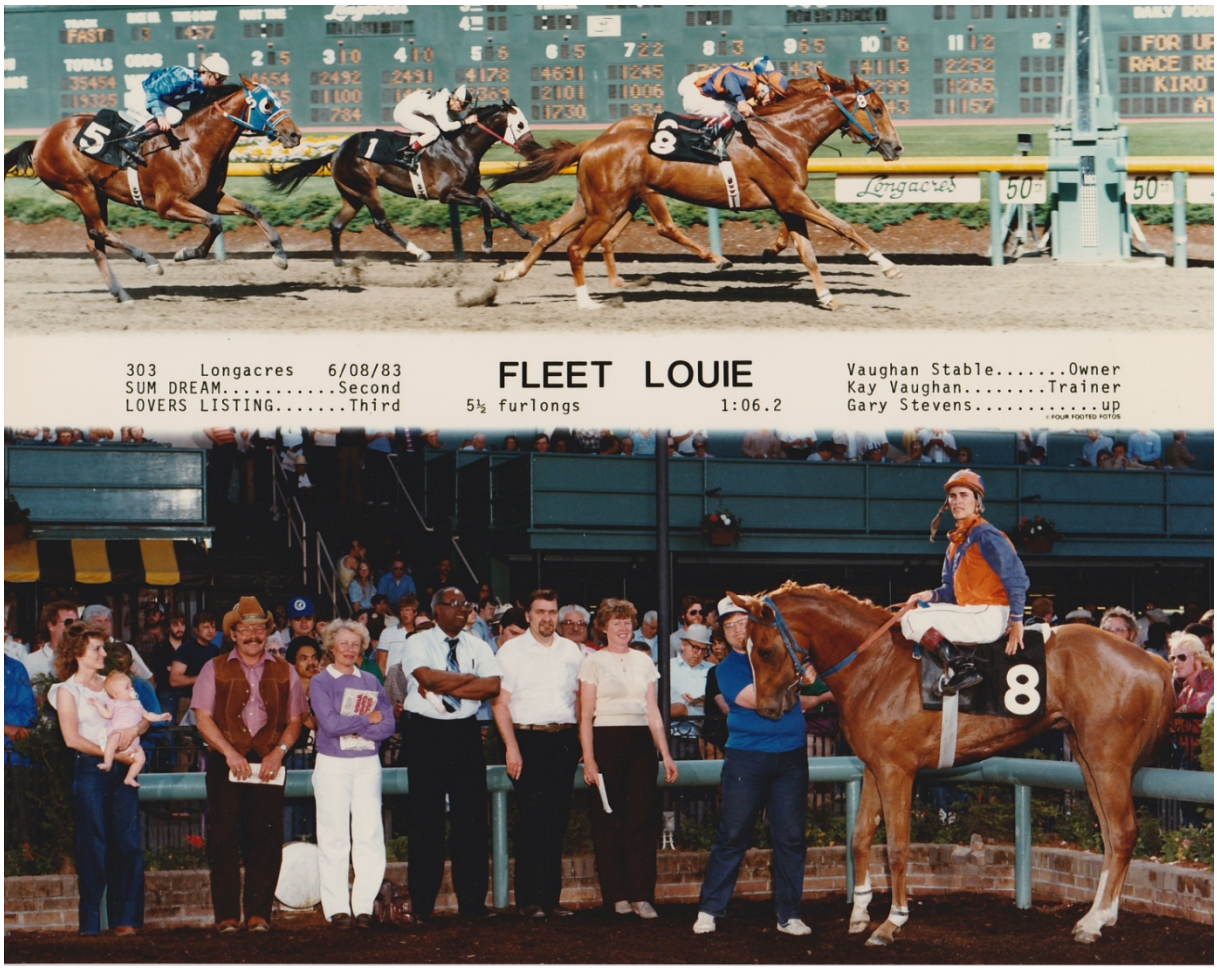
Horse Racing

By Les Stehr

We wanted to know how good Stienman and Kochevar's Phil E B Jon is and he gave us a big clue last week. They stepped him up to allowance company and he won again easily. He beat a couple of horses that had won stake races as two-year-olds. Stienman and Kochevar are on "Cloud 9" (who wouldn't be?) and the rest of us are wondering what the next chapter will bring. Horse racing is exciting.

Can you believe Kay Vaughan got three wins last week. It would appear that her "trainer of the year" award last year wasn't an accident. She got a win with Reclusive Ascent, a three-year-old filly, in a $25,000 claiming race - a win with Short Socks, another three-year-old, in a $32,000 claimer, and a win with Unparalled, a three-year-old filly she claimed last year for $10,000, in a $40,000 claimer. Wouldn't you agree Kay's got some darn nice three-year olds? She also got a third with Fleet Louie, a two-year-old trying to break his maiden in a $25,000 claimer.

June 8, 1983
Fleet Louie



Toss'M Twice wins on the same day.

June 17, 1983
Big Daddy Bucks - $2,100

Buncel wins in a later race the same day.

The claiming game

- A claiming race, little understood by the nonracing public, is an ingenious horse-racing concept.
- First, a claiming race is an equalizer. It forces horses of similar abilities to compete against one another. Secondly, it is a means of buying and selling.
- Glen Williams, Longacres' racing secretary, writes claiming races ranging from $4,000 to $60,000. There is the crux. Every horse entered in a $4,000 claimer can be purchased for that price by any eligible buyer. The sale becomes binding once the starting gates open. Obviously, an owner of a steed with an estimated value of $60,000 is not going to risk his animal in a $4,000 contest.
- Claiming can be risky. Horses just claimed have broken legs and been destroyed. The persons submitting the claims ended up owning expensive dead horses. Of course, a live thoroughbred could cost even more. There is no telling how many ailments a claimer may be experiencing.

The 'claiming game' is what made a 'name' for Kay Vaughan because of how she excelled at it. That 'name' is, of course,

Wonder Woman.

Vaughans have made claimers pay

Kay Vaughan, after her performance of last year, is recognized and honored as the best of Longacres' claiming trainers. She and husband Fred, a Boeing Co. computer programmer, make up Vaughan Stable. Mondolu won the 1982 Fashion Handicap. Unparalleled followed in the Washington Stallion Stakes. Big Flyer completed the amazing triple with an upset victory in the rich Joe Gottstein Futurity. Vaughan claimed Mondolu and Unparalleled for $10,000 each. Big Flyer cost $12,500.

Big Flyer's Futurity winnings were $58,798.

Kay was voted "trainer of the meet" for 1982, and Vaughan Stable earned more than $195,000 in purses to be the top money-winning owners.

Unparalleled and Big Flyer still are racing. Mondolu, now a Vaughan broodmare, is at the Penney Farm near Naches being bred to Regal Bearing.

Mondolu completed her competition with $75,385 in purses. As 2-year-olds, Big Flyer pulled in $67,089 and Unparalleled $21,021.

Just 10 years ago, Vaughan had a couple of stalls and did all the work herself. She had limited knowledge of training and constantly asked for help. She carried her own ice from the backstretch cafeteria to soothe aching equine muscles. She rubbed and wrapped legs. She mucked stalls. Today, she has six employees and a public stable. She supervises horses at Longacres, at the training track near Auburn and on the Vaughans' 220-acre farm near Enumclaw. They own six broodmares, one stallion, and 17 racers.

Kay and Fred Vaughan do not come from racing backgrounds. She grew up on a cattle-dominated farm in Northern California. His home was in Skagit County, just outside Mount Vernon. They became race-trackers almost by accident.

"We got involved because, my husband and I, got a couple of horses to ride," Kay said. "One of them was a thoroughbred. So, we decided to have her bred. Of course, we thought we ought to have a thoroughbred stallion. But we didn't know anything about racing at that time. I think I had been to the races once in my life.

"That was almost 16 years ago. We had eight acres out in Redmond. We had that for a year, and it was really inconvenient. We were living in Seattle, and there was nothing on the Redmond property except land. So, we started looking for something with a house on it, a barn and stuff. That is when we moved to Enumclaw."

In the next few years, Kay ran into a number of helpful backstretchers, including Art McCready (now the Longacres starter), Joe Creegan, Frank Spindor and Jay Mills. There were others. Kay said any time she needed assistance the people were eager to offer hands, backs and brains.

By this time, the Vaughans were into thoroughbred breeding, and Kay was ready to do her own training.

"Anybody will help you if you ask the questions," Kay said of her inaugural summer as a conditioner. "Bert Goddard saddled for me that year. He was really nice. He never bugged me. He let me do what I wanted."

One of Vaughan's broodmares was involved in a racing oddity May 18. Bridle Star was the dam of horses which won consecutive races — Reclusive Ascent in the seventh and Transition Machine in the eighth.

"She turned out to be an awfully nice mare," Kay said of Bridle Star. "She's 19 now."

Kay made her first claim the first year she was a trainer. "It was Prince Chez," she recalled. "I claimed him mostly — well, he had about 15 seconds; he hadn't won yet. He was a 3-year-old.

"I took him because he was so consistent. He was always second, third or fourth. The day we claimed him — we got him for $2,500 — he won."

That was a hint of things to come. "I lost him the next year," Kay said of a profitable circumstance. "Clint Roberts claimed him for $6,250."

Kay and Fred research which horses they will tag.

"We look through The Racing Form to see if the horse has been running good," Kay said. "If it is a filly, we will study the breeding; see how much she would be worth as a broodmare, if she couldn't race any more after we claimed her. If it is a colt or gelding, I think I go mostly on their performance. I will look them up, their pedigrees, to see if there is any possibility they will improve."

Vaughan said that on occasion it is possible to snag a good filly because its owners have not done the needed homework to determine how well the horse is bred. "You can sell them if you have to," she said. "With colts and geldings, you've got to have one that is running."

The Vaughan children, Nola, 13, and Sean, 9, are not race-trackers. Kay said they might visit Longacres a couple of times a week, but not on school nights. She arranges her crowded schedule so she can be with them and her husband as much as possible.

There are more pressures building on Vaughan. She has become a public trainer and has five separate clients. She could have more.

"It helps having outside horses when it comes time to pay the bills," Vaughan said, laughing. She handles seven.

"I try to get horses that will fit into my way of training," she said. "They have to have some potential as far as running goes and be fairly well bred. If they don't look like they can stand up to the way I like to train my horses, I don't take them."

Kay said that her clients already own their horses when they come to her, but she has claimed for other people. She said she is confident of her ability to pick out the right horses, but: "There's always the possibility you are going to get one that has had a bad knee or something. That's always kind of scary.

"I'd really rather just claim for myself, because I don't feel so bad if it's for me."

At the start, Fred's Boeing salary provided the capital for the Vaughan racing program. Now they are showing a profit.

It has not been a steady upward curve for the Vaughan fortunes.

"I had one year where two horses broke their knees," Kay said. "With five horses, that is

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quite a bit."

Kay offers no cinch formula for operating a sucessful racing stable. But she admits she had some incentive.

"There were about three bad years," Vaughan said. "We decided we either had to sell the horses to make a profit at the end of the year or else they had to run to make a profit.

"I think that is when they started running better, when I knew I had to make a profit."

Staff photo by Jeff Larsen

Ex-claimers Big Flyer and Unparalleled put a smile on trainer Kay Vaughan's face by winning races last year.

Interesting Counter Perspectives on Claiming Racehorses

IN MANY cases, the person who loses the horse doesn't want to.

"Vendettas? You bet," Meeking says. "You get into those quite often. I can quote you a good one at Hollywood Park a few years ago. Bobby Frankel (one of the nation's leading trainers) got a guy mad; his name was Tommy Heard. He was just in a furor and decided to wipe Frankel out. He claimed everything Frankel ran. Not one of those horses ever lit the board. He blew away at least a half-million, and Bobby sold every stiff in his barn.

"The best way to lose money is to get in one of those claiming wars. You've gotta claim so much garbage to get one of the good ones. This is not a good angry man's business."

Bluffing is an art. Trainers will run a horse for less money than they think it's worth and attempt to steal an easy victory. The "bluff" horse might wear bandages on healthy front legs, or be the subject of unkind rumors spread by the stable.

"There are a lot of horses I knew were worth much more than I ran them for," Roberts admits. "A lot of times your stomach is turning while you're hoping they don't put the red (claiming) tag on him. I had a horse once named Hustlin' Lil that had a chipped ankle. Later she was working (in the morning) like a million bucks.

"I ran her in a $4,000 race and she won. I ran her for $6,250 and she won. She won at 10, 16, 20 and 25 (all thousands). I ran her eight times and she won seven. If I'd lost her for $4,000 that first day, I'd have puked."

Meeking says, "People like Bobby Frankel would just defy you to claim a horse. If he claimed it for $40,000, he might run it for $10,000 a month later. He would *horrify* you. You'd think the horse had a broken leg. The ones you claimed were foul. The ones you didn't were fine."

Staking a claim

"I'm not interested in claiming $10,000 or $12,000 horses, that type of thing, because it just doesn't make any sense," CRoberts says between races in the Turf Club. "Overall, they are the down side of this business, and in most cases, you can't really improve a horse that's proven himself to be cheap ...

"I try to be as analytical as I can with the horses. Some of those (claiming) horses are just faceless as far as personality or form or anything else is concerned. They more or less just fill holes and really aren't very fulfilling any other way."

CRoberts contends claiming rules make life strenuous for a horse.

"For 30 days, you have to run for 25 percent higher (claiming prices) or go into an allowance race, so right away you're getting an awfully tough test," he says. "If he gets his ears battered around the next couple of times, then there's a lot taken out of him. When horses are defeated because they're overmatched, quite often they'll go back to the level you claimed them for and not even do well there."

One of the owners CRoberts works for, Irving Levine of Bellevue, is active in buying higher-priced claimers. Levine has latched on to moneymakers such as Sailalong and Be A Bend.

But CRoberts adds a reminder.

"Very few bargains are formulated out of the claiming ranks," he says. "I think you hear about all the good ones, but everybody's fairly silent about the bad ones."

July 2, 1983
Red Baron Returns

Lacey ponies Unparalleled before a race.

July 2, 1983
Unparalleled

July 8, 1983
Ipse's Imp wins in a downpour.

July 9, 1983
Quick ’N Lovely

July 9, 1983
Paul’s Girl wins.

July 9, 1983
Unparalleled

Northwest Track Review - July 12, 1983

LIVE HORSES

EXTRA EXCLUSIVE-3 yr old was well prepared for his last (7-10) with two solid works. He closed well despite a negative running style bias in that one. He is eligible for NW2 conditions, placement there would enhance his chances. (Kubota)

PASSING THOUGHT-3 yr old has been overmatched in his last two, a notch drop coupled with a return to his best distance (route) would put him in a good spot to run for the money. He comes from a stable that is going well. (Norton)

RECLUSIVE ASCENT-3 yr old Filly is on a pattern (route to sprint). Three trips to the winners circle during this meet stamp her as a fierce competitor. (Moger)

SALTY 'N BOLD-3 yr old lost his chance when wiped out at

TRAINER PROFILES

KAY VAUGHAN-The last two weeks have been most productive for this quality conditioner. During that period she has saddled 6 winners from a total of 15 starters, with 2 others in the money. Her stable is in top shape, the prospects for the near future appear to be bright. From the jockey angle, J.W. Mills is the man of the hour. He handled 14 of her 15 starters during the last two weeks and was up on 5 of her 6 winners. Gary Stevens was aboard the other. The Gary Baze connection (5 wins from 25 starts through July 1st) is on hold. The way Mills has been producing, Baze may be out in the cold for some time. She believes in working her stock often and in rapid times. If any of her horses have been off for more than a week without at least one work, we consider it to be a risky play. Her record with claims last year was outstanding. She has not been as deadly this year (PAUL'S GIRL and BUNCEL have won off claims), but anything she picks up at the box will get our attention, TERTZARIMA is a recent case in point (claimed 7-8).

The Washington Stallion Stakes July 13, 1983

Quick'N Lovely

July 14, 1983
Red Baron Returns wins a feature race.

Kay Among Claiming Trainers

Kay Vaughan is an exception to many of the rules of claiming. She is no more a typical claiming trainer than John McEnroe is a typical tennis player.

Vaughan makes a profit from her claimers. Incredibly, she transforms several of those beasts into stakes winners. She avoids the bluffing aspects of the game.

A national study in 1981 revealed that one in 125 trainers wins at least 20 percent of the time. Vaughan won 20.7 percent of her races last year; she has won 19.1 percent this year.

What's her secret?

"I try to find a horse I think I can improve on," Vaughan says while sitting on a hay bale in her backstretch barn. "I try to be selective. I don't want a horse that's not consistent. I'd rather not have them at all. Cheap horses take just as much time and you worry about them more ...

"I think I work my horses a little harder, a bit more often."

Her ideas were validated last year as Unparalleled, Mondolu and Big Flyer each won stakes races after she claimed them. Vaughan Stable earned $195,500 in purses last year.

Those feats have produced high expectations.

"One disadvantage is that some people think I can improve a horse a whole lot, make it better than it really is," she says. "You can't take any horse and do that. It's like they think, 'If we give it to Kay, maybe it will win or be a lot nicer horse.' "

Vaughan, a serious student of breeding, has claimed seven horses this year at Longacres. Two of them — Buncel and Nuncio — were for George Sedlock of Bellevue.

She picked up Buncel in a $12,500 maiden claiming race June 2, jumped the 2-year-old filly into a $20,000 maiden claiming race 15 days later and won. Nuncio, claimed for $20,000 June 2, won at that class again July 17.

July 17, 1983
Nuncio

July 21, 1983
Big Daddy Bucks - $2,475

July 22, 1983
Musical Tide wins another feature race

MUSICAL TIDE

629 Longacres 7/22/83
CANADIAN SHADOW.....Second
SAIL ON RONI.....Third

WOMEN'S OLYMPIC MARATHON TRIALS ASSN. PURSE
6½ fur. 1:16

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J. W. Mills.....up

Kay Vaughan

Winning way with thoroughbreds has put her among Longacres' best

(Editor's note — This is the second in a series of features that will be published daily this week to commemorate Longacres' 50th anniversary week, which begins Monday, Aug. 1.)

☐ **Sunday results, B3**

By SANDY RINGER
Sports Writer

Kay Vaughan is like any "coach" — all she asks is that her "athletes" try to put forth their best foot . . . er, hoof.

Vaughan's team is composed of true thoroughbreds. She is Longacres' top female trainer, third in the standings overall. Obviously, she knows how to get the most out of her horses.

The ones that give the most tend to become the favorites — not necessarily on the tote board, but in Vaughan's heart.

"Some of them have sweeter, nicer personalities than others," she says, "and the ones that run good, you can't help but like. The ones that don't run good, you get so you don't like them quite so much.

"Even if they try, you like them. The ones that have ability and don't get out there and try, you don't like them very well. If they're not trying, it just makes you really disgusted, especially if they've got ability."

Most of Vaughan's horses have plenty of ability. But, the 41-year-old Enumclaw former homemaker and rancher admits, the trainer makes a difference.

"You have to figure out the training schedule for a horse on how much training they can take and how much they can get, whether it's too much or too little," she says. "And you have to be able to know what to do if they get sore and know how long to wait for them to get well."

Vaughan knows. Consequently, business is booming.

Last year, she trained about 15 horses, all but three owned by her husband, Ken, and herself. This season, occupancy in her stables has doubled, thanks mostly to outside interest. She's training nearly 30 race horses — only half of them family owned. Her track record has brought other owners to her stables.

A decade after shedding her Enumclaw homemaking duties for a life at Longacres, Kay Vaughan has arrived — by anyone's standards, even her own.

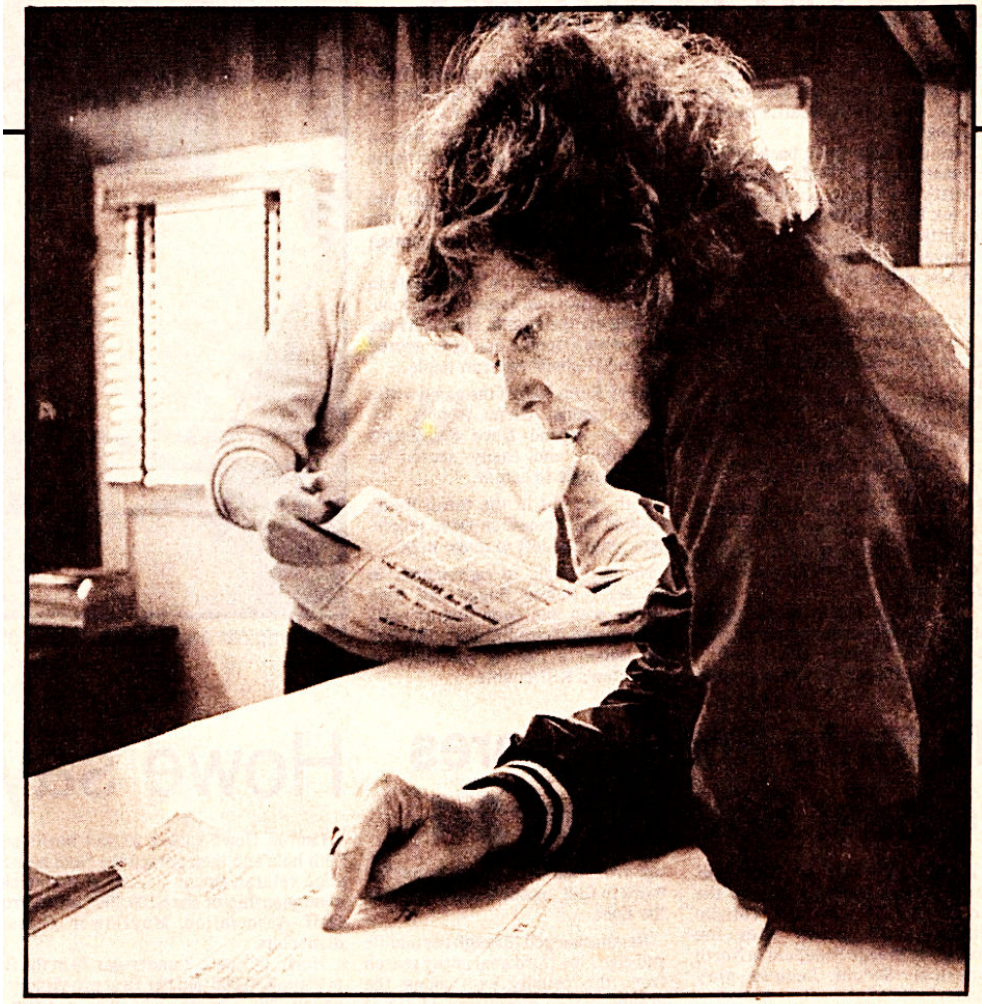
The mark of a good trainer, she says "has more to do with how your horses run in a race. I don't think it has anything to do with how many horses you have or how many horses you train for other people."

Vaughan's horses generally run quite well. In 102 starts, she has 20 wins. Her winning percentage of better than 20 is the best among trainers in the top 10.

Last year, she finished with the best winning percentage (20.6) and was 10th in the final standings — with half as many horses, mind you. She was honored with the 1982 Steve O'Donnell Memorial Award, given annually to the trainer who best represents the sport of thoroughbred racing with competence and dignity, both on and off the track.

Vaughan isn't the only woman trainer at Longacres (the women are outnumbered about 12-to-1), just the most successful one of late. She follows in the footsteps of Kathy Walsh, who was the track's leading trainer for four seasons, most recently in 1978.

"Longacres has always been kind of a haven for females," says Mark Kaufman, director of publicity. "Female trainers have gotten going here a lot easier. I think it's because



Kay Vaughan does her homework.(above), congratulates jockey Jeff Mills (bottom left)

Staff photos by DUANE HAMAMURA

we don't travel the circuit. Life isn't as difficult here. The demands of the business are much stronger on other circuits where you have to travel."

But there are demands, still. On race days, Vaughan is at the track by 7 a.m. and often not home until 9 or 10 p.m. During the season, her two children, ages 13 and 9, see more of her at the track than at home.

Vaughan's track beginnings were innocent enough. Her brother gave her and her husband a thoroughbred mare. They had her bred, to a thoroughbred, then bought another mare soon to foal Prince Caligula, which ultimately became a stakes winner as a 2-year-old.

Vaughan's transition from owner to owner-trainer seemed to come naturally.

"Our first year having race horses was sort of a disaster," she says. "We didn't know, of course, how 2-year-olds are. They probably weren't any worse than anyone else's. I was down here (the Longacres barn area) quite a bit and I decided I could do as well as they (other trainers) did at learning how to train, so that's how I got started. And it seemed like something I'd like to do."

Training, Vaughan claims, takes both experience and instinct.

"I think it's a combination," she says. "You learn a lot from just doing it, but you have to also learn by your mistakes and you have to have a little bit of a feel for how things are going."

Although there are more women trainers at Longacres now than when she began, Vaughan says she didn't have to make any extra effort to "prove" herself when she started.

"I didn't feel like I had to any more than anybody else would have just starting out," she says. "It doesn't make any difference . . . I had an advantage over a lot of people who want to train because we had our own horses. I didn't have to rely on someone else giving me horses to train."

Her love affair with the race track grew immediately.

"I like the excitment of the races and I like the excitment of seeing how good you can make a horse," Vaughan says. "I just like being down here. It's just exciting. There's a lot of ups and and awful lot of downs. You have to be able to take those. You have to have a certain personality to handle being an owner of race horses and training them."

She obviously has the personality and plans to continue her career for quite awhile.

"My husband [who is also a computer scientist at Boeing] says we'll be down here when we're old living in a tack room," Vaughan says. "That's the nice thing about this business, you can be here as long as you want."

There's no being put out to pasture.

"You've got to do that yourself," she says.

August 6, 1983
Short Socks wins a feature race.

Long time friends Lynn and Carla Michaelis are in this photo.

August 14, 1983

Kay won the $100,000 Grade III Longacres Derby with Red Baron Returns who went out at 53-to-1.

Red Baron Returns with groom 'Bubba' and Lacey Ponying

Before the Derby, Bubba was happy already,

but Jeff Mills wasn't too sure.

Red Baron Returns

Being Ponied by Lacey Warrick before the Derby

Kay Vaughan
Apprehensive Before Running the Derby

Red Baron Returns

ups his earning with the winner's share.

The Red Baron was 26 lengths off the pace after a quarter mile.

Red Baron Returns' victorious return as he Is escorted to the Winner's Circle

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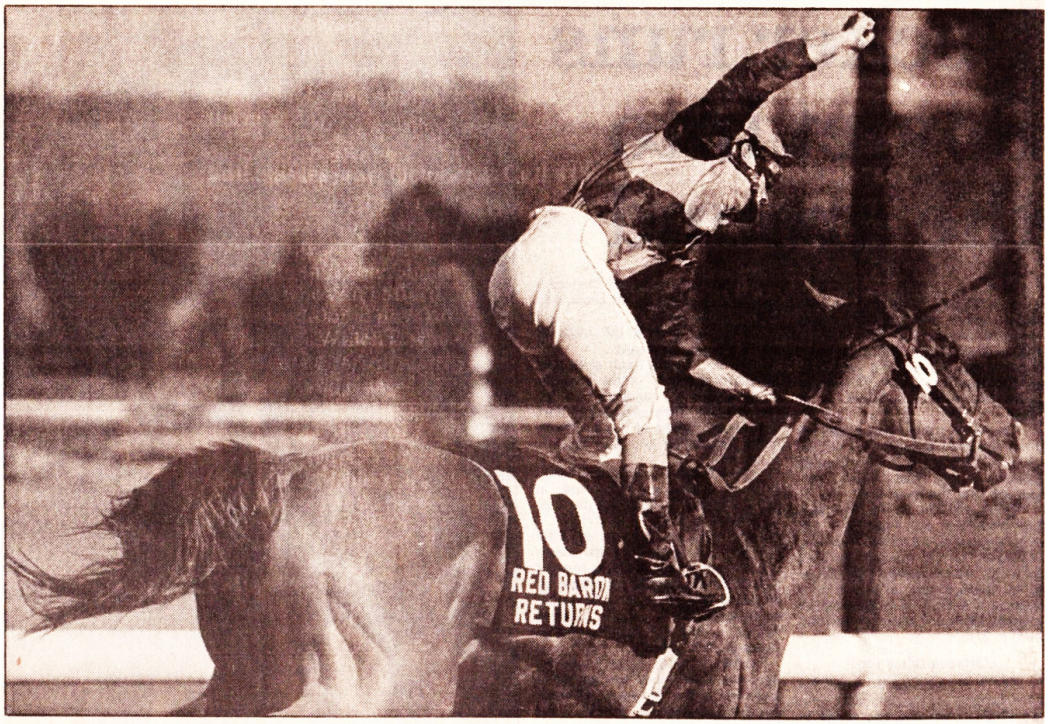

Jeff Mills exults as he crosses the finish line aboard Red Baron Returns, a 50-1 longshot who represented the biggest betting upset in the 46-year history of the Longacres Derby. The Baron beat heavy favorite Prairie Breaker, who finished second.

August 14, 1983

Let Celebrations Begin.

Red Baron Returns Heads Back to the Barn

August 14, 1983

Red Baron Returns

Longacres Derby Race Results

46th Longacres Derby

NINTH RACE
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Aug. 14, 1983

1 3-16 MILES. (1:54). 46TH RUNNING OF THE LONGACRES DERBY. Purse, $100,000-added. 3-year-olds. By subscription of $150, which shall accompany the nomination, $500 to pass the entry box, $1,000 additional to start with $100,000-added, of which $20,000 to second, $15,000 to third, $10,000 to fourth and $3,000 to fifth. All nominations, entry and starting fees to the winner. High weights preferred. Closed Friday, July 15 with 44 nominations.

Value of race, $120,600. Value to winner, $72,600; second, $20,000; third, $15,000; fourth, $10.000; fifth, $3,000. Mutuel Pool, $270,302.

Last Raced	Horses	Eqt	A	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
10Aug83 ^{8}Lga^{5}	Red Baron Returns	3		113	9	8	8^{1}½	8^{1}½	8^{h}	5^{3}½	1^{2}½	MillsJW	Vaughan Stable	53.10
31Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{1}	Prairie Breaker	3		124	2	6	4½	6^{4}	5^{2}	3^{h}	2^{4}	StevensG	Pietila-Estat ofWPtila	.75
31Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{2}	Mythically	3		118	3	2	3^{1}	3^{1}½	3^{3}	1^{1}	3^{nk}	NicoloP	Mr-Mrs P J Whiting	3.95
7Aug83 ^{9}Pla^{4}	Allowance	3		106	1	3	5^{h}	5½	7^{4}	7^{1}	4^{1}½	MitchellGV	Osborne Farms	45.45
31Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{5}	Saber Ben	3		109	6	7	7^{2}½	7^{4}	6^{h}	8^{2}	5^{2}	FrazierB	Poor Four Stable	57.75
24Jly 83 ^{8}Hol^{6}	Lifaregal	3		117	5	5	6^{5}	4^{1}	4^{h}	4^{h}	6^{nk}	PedrozaMA	Selvin-Siegel-Wellmn	7.40
10Aug83 ^{8}Lga^{1}	Country Born	b3		111	4	1	2^{1}½	2^{3}	2^{1}½	6^{2}	7^{1}	JamesM	Loto Can, Inc	15.35
30Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{5}	Heather Ala Roni	3		112	8	4	1½	1^{1}½	1^{1}	2^{h}	8^{2}½	TaketaJ	H Dedomenico	47.85
3Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{2}	Dynamo Doc	b3		115	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	SorensonD	RmrckStabl-E Bldsck	4.95

OFF AT 6:08. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, :22⅘, :46⅗, 1:11, 1:37⅗, 1:47⅗. **Track fast.**

$2 Mutuel Prices

10—RED BARON RETURNS	108.20	20.60	6.00
3—PRAIRIE BREAKER		3.40	2.50
4—MYTHICALLY			2.90

Ch. c, by Mateor—T. V. Return, by Flying Lark. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. Bred by O'Harrow-Vaughan (Wash.). RED BARON RETURNS, permitted to settle in stride early, gradually worked his way forward on the final turn, drove between horses in the upper stretch to run down the leaders with a rush and won going away. PRAIRIE BREAKER raced within striking distance early, was sent up along the outside going into the far turn, raced wide into the stretch and closed strongly in the final furlong. MYTHICALLY was forwardly placed from the beginning, ran down the leaders to take command briefly in the upper stretch but lacked the needed closing kick. ALLOWANCE saved ground while being outrun early, responded when settled for the drive and finished willingly. LIFAREGAL raced within striking distance early, but could not sustain his bid in the drive. COUNTRY BORN prompted the pace for six furlongs and gave way. HEATHER ALA RONI went to the front at once, saved ground while setting the pace and gave way in the drive. DYNAMO DOC was always outrun. **JUNCTION ROAD FLIPPED IN THE GATE AND WAS ORDERED SCRATCHED WITH ALL WAGERS ON HIM BEING REFUNDED.**

Overweight—Country Born, 1 pound; Heather Ala Roni, 2; Red Baron Returns, 3; Saber Ben, 1.
Scratched—Junction Road.

August 15, 1983
Seattle Press Releases on
Red Baron Returns' Derby Upset:

No fooling: 53-1 shot wins Derby

R. Baron Returns charges from the rear to pull upset

☐ Sunday results, B3

By MARK MOSCHETTI
Sports Writer

Life is full of second chances.

With one spectacular stretch run in Sunday's 46th Longacres Derby, Red Baron Returns paid back trainer Kay Vaughan for several of them.

Vaughan's horse, sent off with jockey Jeff Mills and 53-1 odds, roared out of traffic as the far turn became the home stretch and outsprinted 3-5 race time favorite Prairie Breaker to score a two and one-half length victory in the Pacific Northwest's top event for three-year olds.

Red Baron Returns got an early start on his second chances — and they kept coming his way as late as Sunday morning.

"Well, to be perfectly honest with you, I thought we were running for fourth money," Mills acknowledged. "We had talked of even scratching this horse as early as this morning.

Had Vaughan not thought of giving him some second chances herself, Red Baron Returns might have been racing at that Great Track in the Sky.

"When the horse was born, we thought about putting him to sleep," Vaughan said, citing a physical problem. "But we decided to give him a few weeks and this year, he filled out and his hind end got thinner."

Still, Red Baron Returns had been far from spectacular this season. He won the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Stakes in April at Yakima Meadows, but earlier last week, was beaten soundly by allowance horses.

That, however, led to another second chance.

Vaughan had entered the horse in a claiming race on last Friday's card. The race eventually was called off, but even before that, she had a change of heart. Upon seeing what had been a small Derby field, Vaughan pulled Red Baron Returns from the claimer and signed him up for the Derby.

"There were only six [Derby entires] until 8:55 a.m.," she said. (Entries closed at 9 a.m.) "I thought we could at least get fourth and that was $10,000, or maybe even third."

But for most of the nine-horse race (Junction Road flipped in the starting gate and was scratched, though no serious injuries were incurred), Red Baron Returns was next-to-last.

Country Born, with Mike James in the irons, set the early pace before giving way to Heather Ala Roni. A late entry, Heather Ala Roni was the only filly in the race, but until the final turn, that didn't seem to matter. Jockey Jerry Taketa had his mount in front by as many as one and one-half lengths before giving way to Mythically.

Red Baron Returns charges for the finish line in Sunday's Longacres Derby

> **'To be perfectly honest with you, I thought we were running for fourth money. We had talked of even scratching this horse as early as this morning . . . I wish I could explain it, but I can't. He just felt today like he could run forever.'**
>
> **Jockey Jeff Mills**

All the while, the 15,584 in attendance were waiting for the move of Gary Stevens aboard Prairie Breaker. That move came as the horses finished the last turn and for just an instant, those who had bet $63,997 on Prairie Breaker to win sensed yet another come-from-behind payoff.

But there, from between horses, came Red Baron Returns. He and Prairie Breaker were even for just a few more strides, then Mills pulled away.

"I began to move the horse at the far turn and I couldn't believe how much horse I had underneath me," Mills said. "He was just flying at the top of the stretch and when I went between Mythically and Prairie Breaker, I knew we were going to be the winner."

In the 46 years of the Derby, the victory by Red Baron Returns was the biggest upset and came on the heels of last year's dead heat between Cassaleria and Flying Judgement. His winning payoff Sunday was worth $108.20, 20.60 and 6.00 and his share of the $120,600 purse was $72,600. Prairie Breaker, high-weighted at 124, returned $3.40 and 2.50 and third-place Mythically, the second favorite at 4-1, paid $2.90.

That Red Baron Returns' chances of winning looked bleak for most of the race didn't bother either Mills or Vaughan.

"The horses up front set a good, honest pace, and we were sure hoping for that," Mills said. Vaughan pointed out, "We looked at the charts and we could tell we would have to be last or next-to-last."

Vaughan figured she had no reason to be worried.

"The only thing about my colt is he never quits running," she remarked proudly. "I thought that way, if we sit back and wait, we can pass the tired horses."

That, according to Mills, is exactly what happened.

"We were running and the other horses were just stopping," he explained. "I was a little concerned that Prairie Breaker might come back on me, but he didn't have enough."

For the fleeting moment in which he led, Stevens thought he and Prairie Breaker were going to find the winner's circle once again.

"When I had him up that close, I just let him go on his own . . . at least he would have less ground to make up," Stevens reasoned. "He was real relaxed down the backside and in the turn. I felt through the turn I had a lot of horse. When I got the lead there, I thought I had it won," he admitted. "But the other horse just was running too fast."

Red Baron Returns, who carried three pounds over his allotted 110, won in 1:57 3/5, well off the Derby record of 1:54 set by Regalberto in 1981. That, however, seemed of no concern Mills.

"I wish I could explain it, but I can't," he said. "He just felt today like he could run forever."

Vaughan's 53-1 shot wins Derby

whistles past Prairie Breaker

by Bob Schwarzmann
Times staff reporter

RENTON — The Kay Vaughan Story gets better and better, chapter by chapter.

In her latest exploit, the miracle worker won the $120,600 Longacres Derby yesterday with a horse that had been condemned to death as a baby.

Red Baron Returns, a 53-1 shot that had been entered Friday in a $40,000 claiming race, split the two favorites, Prairie Breaker and Mythically, at the top of the stretch and won the season's top race for 3-year-olds pulling away.

"And even if I run fourth, I get $10,000," the owner-trainer of the chestnut colt had said at the time of the switch. Instead, for winning, she got $72,600. Allowance, a 45½-1 outsider from the same $40,000 claimer, got the fourth money.

Vaughan has been in the thoroughbred business about a decade. The early seed money was the salary her husband, Fred. They almost gave it up, but then she started to send a few winners postward.

In 1982, Vaughan was named trainer of the year after three horses she had claimed won stake races, including the upset by Big Flyer in the Joe Gottstein Futurity.

The amazing Derby upset, the biggest in the 46-year history of the race, is even more impressive when it is realized Red Baron Returns had 2½ lengths on Prairie Breaker and was pulling away.

"He will run by anything if he gets close enough," Vaughan said of the chestnut named by her 9-year-old son, an avid comic-strip reader.

Red Baron Returns, who also was bred by the Vaughan Racing Stable, toured the 1 3-16 miles in 1

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minute 57⅗ seconds. His parimutuel returns were $108.20, $20.60, $6. The highest previous winning ticket in the Derby was the $67.40 returned by Guidelight in 1935.

Prairie Breaker, the 3-5 choice of the 15,584 fans because he had won four added-money tests at this meeting, paid $3.40 and $2.50. Mythically rewarded his backers with $2.90 to show.

Red Baron Returns, by Mateor out of T.V. Return, was born with a crooked back. Vaughan said the attending veterinarian recommended the horse be "put to sleep," but she sought other opinions. Those vets said wait a few months.

"This year he filled out and got a lot better looking," Vaughan said of her young thoroughbred. "He never has been ... He's ugly, actually.

"But he's beautiful today."

In an 18-race career, Red Baron Returns has six firsts, a second and three thirds. His total earnings are $93,695. His only stake victory prior to the Derby was in the $3,500-added Wenatchee Apple Blossom Handicap last April at Yakima Meadows.

The Derby started late when Junction Road, 7-1 at the time, flipped in the starting gate. He was scratched by Dr. Robert Ford, the vet for the Washington Horse Racing Commission.

Heather Ala Roni, the only filly in the nine-horse field, set the early fractions. Mythically took a brief turn on the lead at the top of the stretch. Prairie Breaker held back

Vaughan's 53-1 shot (cont.)

about five or six lengths most of the way, swung wide on the turn and overtook Mythically. There is where Red Baron Returns, next to last virtually the entire trip, made his spectacular move.

Red Baron Returns, with Jeff Mills aboard, carried 113 pounds, three over his assigned impost. Prairie Breaker was the high weight at 124, and Mythically was next at 118.

The fees for the Derby were $150 to nominate, $500 to enter, and $1,000 to start. Vaughan said she gave serious thoughts to that $1,000 payment and almost pulled Red Baron Returns out at that point.

For jockey Mills, this was his first win in a hundred grander. "I had won a couple of $50,000 races before," he said. This is Mills' first season at Longacres after campaigning mostly in Northern California. Vaughan went to him as her main stable rider in mid-June.

"He broke well," Mills said of Red Baron Return's departure from the gate. "I wanted to take him back and let him relax.

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Not everyone was happy with Red Baron Returns' Derby Upset. Clearly someone was upset.

Prairie bust

Only horse with any real class stunned in a mediocre Derby

RENTON — That familiar nudge came at its appointed time.

Prairie Breaker had a quarter mile to go. The long-distance run had become a sprint and Prairie Breaker is to the equine quarter mile what Edwin Moses is to the human hurdles.

The horses hit the quarter pole in yesterday's Longacres Derby and jockey Gary Stevens opened Prairie Breaker's throttle.

On any other Sunday that nudge would be the signal for the betting public to head for the cashier's window. Prairie Breaker is the Carl Lewis of this Longacres meeting. Stevens gives him a tap with his whip and Breaker breaks down the competition. It had been happening here in every 3-year-old stakes race this summer. It was happening again.

A total of $63,997 said Breaker would make that move. The horse has become Puget Sound's most popular athlete, a winner in a city that has endured a season's worth of hardships with the Sounders and the Mariners. A 3-5 favorite, Breaker found a place in the hearts as well as the wallets of the local sports fans. Yesterday, he had them on their feet again.

STEVE KELLEY
Times staff columnist

"He was running his race. He was pretty much doing the same as he'd done before," Stevens said of Breaker. "I was just sitting on him and sitting on him all the way around. When we came to the quarter pole, I asked him to run and he did. He moved right past the other horses."

The scene has become Seattle's summer stock. Breaker has the script so well rehearsed. The Horatio Alger of this racing season, the little-known gelding from Southwest Washington would make his break and the competition would buckle.

Yesterday the script got a major re-write. It went from light comedy to dark tragedy. The sure thing got stung. It was Leon Spinks upsetting Muhammad Ali. It was Miss Budweiser losing the Columbia Cup. Red Baron Returns, a nag by any other name, played David to Breaker's Goliath. The 53-1 shot, Red Baron Returns broke the horse players' hardened hearts and the Longacres bank with a stretch run that came out of a Seattle Slew highlight film.

"As he was coming at me I saw his (jockey J.W. Mills) blue sleeves and I knew it was Red Baron Returns," Stevens said. "I thought, 'Oh God, how could that be?' I couldn't believe it. I was in

Steve Kelley's indignant rant continues on the next page.

Stevens said. "The first time my horse went into the gate perfectly. Then Junction Road started flipping and that got my horse riled up. I had to try to keep him quiet. He was on his toes. Water was just rolling off him. He really didn't like it."

Instead of breaking with his usual cool in the 1 3/16-mile race, Prairie Breaker dashed like a sprinter out of the blocks. The energy he spent coming out of the gate probably cost Puget Sound gamblers almost $64,000.

Breaker's problems didn't end there.

"Martin Pedroza (Lifaregal's jockey) pinched me in the first turn. He cut me off," said Stevens. "He wouldn't give me any room and that meant I had to go around him. There's nothing wrong with that I guess. It's just race riding, but I didn't like it. As far as I'm concerned, Pedroza is a (bleep) and a common (bleep), but I guess you can't write that."

Stevens sounded as frustrated as Longacres' management must have felt. As derbies go, yesterday's posed no threat to the hallowed grounds at Churchill Downs, Pimlico or Belmont Park. In fact, yesterday's field would have been at home at Yakima Downs, Playfair, Portland Meadows or any other second-rate track. If yesterday's derby was supposed be part of the celebration of Longacres' 50th anniversary, the party was a bust.

Yesterday the nation's best 3-year-olds were elsewhere, resting in states where the stakes have more prestige and the drug laws aren't so restrictive.

Play Fellow, Slew O' Gold and Deputed Testamony were recovering from Saturday's Travers Stakes. Marfa and Desert Wine were searching for a track that doesn't think the diuretic lasix is the worst drug to hit the market since LSD.

The Longacres Derby was to racing what K-Mart is to department stores. It was bargain-basement racing. Fifteen thousand racing buffs took a look at the field and dropped their money on the race's only touch of class.

Yesterday everything seemed to go according to plan. Stevens pushed the button and Breaker moved as if he was on cruise control. On any other Sunday his stretch run would have been enough. But on this Sunday, a nag decided to play Nashua. Red Baron Returns was king for a day.

"This is still the best horse I've ever ridden. He's special," Stevens said. "I'm not going to let one race ruin my season. I'm having a great year and so is the horse. One race doesn't screw that up."

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***The Blood Horse* account of**

Baron Of The Northwest 3-Year-Olds

By Kate Barton

ON the Friday entries were taken for the $100,000-added Longacres Derby (gr. III), only graded event for 3-year-olds in the Northwest, trainer Kay Vaughan entered her homebred Red Baron Returns in a $40,000 claiming race. Action in the racing office was slow, and five minutes before entries closed, there were only six horses named to the Longacres Derby, which for a variety of reasons failed to live up to the quality promised from the list of 44 nominees which had included Desert Wine, Marfa, Barberstown, and Pax Nobiscum.

When Vaughan saw the short field and realized that her $40,000 claiming race might not fill, she entered Red Baron Returns in the stakes. Unplaced in allowance company in his last prior start, Red Baron Returns ran by favored Prairie Breaker to post a 2½-length victory in the 46th Longacres Derby. Sent away at odds of 53-1, he paid $108.20, $20.60, and $6.00, nearly doubling the previous record payoff for the race, $67.40, returned by Guidelight in 1935.

Prairie Breaker, which under 124 pounds gave the winner 11 pounds in the 1 3/16-mile race, was second, four lengths ahead of Mythically. Allowance, another outsider at 45-1, was a neck behind in fourth place. Trainer Vaughan, who owns and bred the horse in partnership with her husband, Fred, admittedly was as startled as the other spectators among the 15,584 on hand at the Seattle track.

"I still can't believe it," she said. "The only thing I can say about my colt is that he never quits running. They always have trouble pulling him up on the backside. I nominated him for this race because whenever I'd run him 1 1/16 miles it seemed fairly easy for him, and I thought if I sat in the back of the field I could possibly pass some tired horses and pick up fourth-place money."

Instead, Red Baron Returns earned $72,600 from the Longacres Derby's $120,600 purse. At $10,000, even fourth-place money would have increased the chestnut's earnings nearly 50 per cent. He came into the race with $21,695 gleaned in 17 starts. He had one minor stakes win over five furlongs to his credit, a three-length score in the $3,500-added Wenatchee Apple Blossom Handicap this spring at Yakima Meadows (smallest of Washington's three race tracks). His prior wins at the current Longacres meeting came in $25,000 and $32,000 claiming company, and Vaughan never had entered him in a Longacres stakes until the Derby.

JOCKEY Jeff Mills kept the unassuming contender well back, sitting eighth in the nine-horse field until the final turn, when he began to gradually thread him between horses.

Heather Ala Roni, the only filly in the race, and Country Born, which had defeated Red Baron Returns the Wednesday before, went out together to set the pace. Heather Ala Roni hung onto the lead until the top of the stretch, but by the three-eighths marker, Prairie Breaker, with Gary Stevens up, was battling for control with second-choice Mythically.

Prairie Breaker momentarily took the lead nearing the eighth pole, and everyone expected the son of Sir Paulus to deliver his customary stretch explosion. Red Baron Returns however, split Mythically and Prairie Breaker and went on to win in 1:57 3/5, well below the stakes record of 1:54 set in 1981 by Regalberto.

"The horses up front set up a good, honest pace, which is what we were hoping for," said Mills. "I began to move him at the far turn, and I couldn't believe how much more horse I had underneath me.

"I wish I could explain it, but I can't. He just felt today like he could have run forever. The horse didn't really belong in the race, but we gave it our best shot, and it worked out better than I ever believed."

Unbelievable happenings have translated to reality in the past for Vaughan, however, and if a 50-1 shot was to win this year's Longacres Derby, Red Baron Returns was the logical candidate. Voted last year's trainer of the meeting and currently third in the overall standings at Longacres, Vaughan has become known for her extraordinary success at turning claiming runners into stakes winners. Last year, three runners she had haltered won stakes, including Big Flyer, winner of the Gottstein Futurity, the track's richest juvenile race.

Vaughan began training only in the early 1970s, and she and her husband have a small farm in Enumclaw, where they breed and raise most of the horses she trains. Fred, a computer scientist at the Boeing Company, is active in bloodstock and pedigree research.

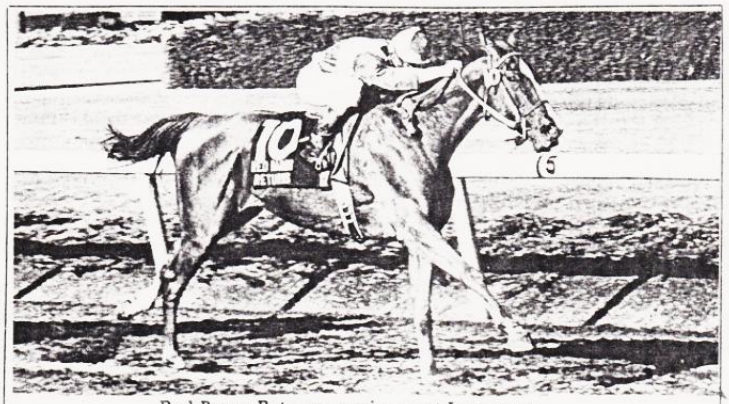
Bred in partnership by David O'Harrow and the Vaughans and now owned solely by the Vaughans, Red Baron Returns was sired by Mateor and is the third foal from T. V. Return, a stakes-winning daughter of Flying Lark which was claimed by the couple for $10,000 in the mid-1970s.

"At that time, it was a record claim for a filly or mare at Longacres," Kay recalled.

The acquisition soon increased in value, T. V. Return's full sisters—Duttons Pride and Lark's Best—gaining headlines after the mare was claimed.

"He was crooked behind when he was born," Kay said of Red Baron Returns. "The vet at the farm recommended we have him put to sleep, but we talked to some other vets and they told us to wait. We even asked if we could delay paying the stud fee until we could see if he would straighten up."

The $2,500 stud fee for Mateor eventually was paid, and Red Baron Returns became the second stakes winner for the son of Bold Bidder standing at T90 Ranch in Centralia, Wash.



Longacres Photo

Red Baron Returns, a winner at Longacres.

The Blood Horse account of Red Baron Returns continues.

STAKES WINNERS

(Continued from page 5803)

RED BARON RETURNS

LONGACRES DERBY (gr. III), Longacres, Aug. 14, $100,000 added, 3-year-olds, 9½ furlongs, 1:57⅗, track fast.

RED BARON RETURNS, 113, ch. c, Mateor—T. V. Return, by Flying Lark .....(Vaughan Stable) $72,600
PRAIRIE BREAKER, 124, b. g, Sir Paulus—Addie O. Lea, by Orazio.....(Marvin Pietila and Estate of Waino Pietila) $20,000
MYTHICALLY, 118, b. c, Run of Luck—Never Vain, by Prince Tenderfoot .....(Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Whiting) $15,000

Margins—2½, 4, neck. Others—Allowance 106 ($10,000), Saber Ben 109 ($3,000), Lifaregal (Fr) 117, Country Born 111, Heather Ala Roni 112, Dynamo Doc 115. Winning jockey, J. W. Mills.

RED BARON RETURNS, ch. c, 1980

MATEOR, b, 1971	Bold Bidder, 1962 33s, SW, $478,021 411 f, 42 SW, 2.86 AEI	Bold Ruler, 1954 33s, SW, $764,204 355 f, 82 SW, 7.73 AEI	Nasrullah
			Miss Disco
		High Bid, 1956 30s, SW, $151,122 7 f, 2 SW, 14.58 AEI	To Market
			Stepping Stone
	Frimanaha, 1957 91s, SW, $163,226 8 f, 1 SW, 2.43 AEI	Crafty Admiral, 1948 39s, SW, $499,200 360 f, 26 SW, 1.77 AEI	Fighting Fox
			Admiral's Lady
		Adjournment, 1949 9s, SW, $4,903 4 f, 2 SW, 6.60 AEI	Court Martial
			Blank Day
T. V. RETURN, ch, 1972	Flying Lark, 1965 32s, SW, $45,020 265 f, 25 SW, 0.83 AEI	T. V. Lark, 1957 72s, SW, $902,194 366 f, 53 SW, 2.88 AEI	Indian Hemp
			Miss Larksfly
		Flying Ship, 1946 29s, wnr, $13,125 9 f, 1 SW, 1.65 AEI	War Admiral
			Bird Flower
	Our Return, 1966 17s, wnr, $4,535 8 f, 3 SW, 1.52 AEI	Imbros, 1950 36s, SW, $340,550 270 f, 15 SW, 1.65 AEI	Polynesian
			Fire Falls
		Hayfilius, 1958 4s, unpl 6 f, 4 wnrs, 0.51 AEI	Hafiz
			Dolly Zac

Breeders, David O'Harrow and Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Vaughan (Wash.); owner, Vaughan Stable; trainer, Kay Vaughan.

RED BARON RETURNS' RACING AND (STAKES) RECORD

Year	*Age*	*Starts*	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*Earnings*
1982	2	7	2	0	2	$6,510
1983	3	11	4(2)	1	1	$87,785
	Totals	18	6(2)	1	3	$94,295

Hip #59 at Kenington, August 27
HOLMES FORTUNE
Young half-sister to stakes winner in foal to ROMEO.
Thomas A. Rankin, Agent for Brooklyn Stable

Longacres Derby (gr. III) winner Red Baron Returns is one of five stakes winners in 1982 and 1983 to represent Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Vaughan. Each of the others—Mondolu, Big Flyer, Musical Tide, and Unparalleled—scored their added-money victories at either Longacres or Yakima Meadows. Unparalleled races for the partnership of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan and W. S. Thompson; the other four campaign in the name of the Vaughan Stable. All of the stakes winners are trained by Kay Vaughan.

Red Baron Returns, which won two of seven starts as a juvenile last year, gained his first added-money triumph on April 2 in the $3,500-added Wenatchee Apple Blossom Stakes at Yakima Meadows. Favored in the Longacres Derby was Prairie Breaker, which had triumphed in the Bellevue Stakes and Spokane Handicap at Longacres in his two most recent starts.

Prairie Breaker carried high weight of 124 pounds, conceding from six to 18 pounds to his rivals. Red Baron Returns, which carried 113, emerged as the victor by 2½ lengths over Prairie Breaker. Mythically finished third, four lengths farther back. The winning time was 2⅘ seconds slower than the track record.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan bred Red Baron Returns in partnership with David O'Harrow. Dam of the Longacres Derby winner is the Flying Lark mare T. V. Return, a Northwest campaigner which won six of her 26 career starts. Among her triumphs was a victory in the Mt. St. Helens Handicap at Portland Meadows.

Red Baron Returns is one of two stakes winners sired by Mateor, a 12-year-old son of Bold Bidder. The other is Hot n Bold, which won the $20,000-added Green River Valley Stakes at Longacres last year.

Mateor raced three seasons each in France and North America. He won five of his 22 starts in France and placed in non-pattern stakes at two and three. In North America, Mateor won two of 21 starts, his victories coming in allowance events at Santa Anita and Bay Meadows. He also finished third behind Zanthe and Riot in Paris in the San Bernardino Handicap (gr. IIT) at Santa Anita in 1976. Mateor is owned by a syndicate and stands at Dan Agnew's T90 Ranch near Tenino, Wash.

Sire: **Mateor**, b, 71. Raced 6 yrs in France and North America, 43 sts, 7 wins, $373,760.
Through 1982: Sired 2 crops, 42 foals, 28 strs (67%), 13 wnrs (31%), 8 2yo wnrs (19%), 1 sw (2%), 0.45 Average-Earnings Index, 1.03 Comparable Index, 31 sale yrlgs, avg $11,523, 0.3 Times National Average.
In 1983: 19 2yos, 1 2yo str, 1 2yo wnr, 1 sw.

1st dam: **T.V. RETURN**, ch, 72. Raced 2 yrs, 26 sts, 6 wins, $14,330. Won Mt. St. Helens H; 2nd O.S. West Memorial; 3rd Janet Wineberg S. Dam of 3 foals, 3 strs, 3 wnrs, 1 sw, Average-Earnings Index 0.79.
77 Return 'em, ch f, by Annihilate 'em. Raced 2 yrs, 24 sts, 1 win, $7,255. ($13,500 Washington sale yearling).
78 Slipped.
79 **Royal Turn**, ch f, by Royal Knight. Raced 3 yrs, 13 sts, 2 wins, $15,155. 2nd Yakima Debutante S (1st div.); 3rd Ingenue H.
80 **RED BARON RETURNS**, ch c, by Mateor. Won Longacres Derby (gr. III), Wenatchee Apple Blossom S.

Broodmare Sire: **FLYING LARK**, ch, 65-81. In North America only, sire of 23 dams of 44 foals, 29 strs (66%), 16 wnrs (36%), 7 2yo wnrs (16%), 2 sw (5%), 0.58 Average-Earnings Index, 0.67 Comparable Index.

2nd dam: Our Return, ch, 66. Raced 2 yrs, 17 sts, 3 wins, $4,535. Dam of 7 other foals, 6 strs, 5 wnrs, 2 sw, Average-Earnings Index 1.52.
DUTTON'S PRICE, ch c, 75, by Flying Lark. Raced 7 yrs, 93 sts, 17 wins, $113,707. Won Juvenile Championship S, Oregon-Bred Derby (R), Washington Horse Breeders Sales S (R), Mt. Hood S (R); 2nd Dan Castle H; 3rd Tacoma H.
LARK'S BEST, ch f, 78, by Flying Lark. Raced 4 yrs, 30 sts, 5 wins, $61,278. Won Broderick Memorial S (R); 2nd Ingenue S, Oregon Stallion S (R); 3rd Seafair Queen S (R).
Majestic Lark, ch c, 73, by Flying Lark. Raced 6 yrs, 85 sts, 8 wins, $28,786. 2nd Oregon Futurity.
Honest Return, ch f, 77, by Flying Lark. Raced 2 yrs, 27 sts, 3 wins, $15,754. 2nd Thanksgiving H (Yakima Meadows), Janet Wineberg S (R).
Lark's Return, ch c, 76, by Flying Lark. Raced 4 yrs, 48 sts, 3 wins, $6,394.
Unplaced: Exclusive Lark, ch f, 80, by Flying Lark.
Unraced: Always Lark, ch c, 81, by Flying Lark.

Thoroughbred Record account of Red Baron Returns

WASHINGTON

Shooting Them Down

Red Baron Returns, a 53-to-1 shot, scored an upset victory in the Longacres Derby.

by Dick Todd

RED BARON RETURNS, an unlikely entrant in the 1 3/16-mile, $120,600 Longacres Derby Handicap, having finished unplaced in an allowance race just four days earlier, drove inside of favored Prairie Breaker at the head of the stretch and drew out down the lane for an upset victory in the Northwest's richest contest for three-year-olds. A stunned crowd of 15,584 watched in shock as the 53-to-1 shot outfinished home town favorite and 3-to-1 betting choice Prairie Breaker under ideal weather and track conditions. Jockey Jeff Mills and his winning mount, a gelded homebred owned by Vaughan Stable and trained by Kay Vaughan, returned to the winner's circle amid mixed fan reaction.

Last year's Derby, elevated to Grade III status for the first time, offered a thrilling dead heat between the talented California invader, Cassaleria, and the local leader, Flying Judgement. This year, the formidable presence of Prairie Breaker (winner in eight of 11 previous starts) and alternate stakes opportunities kept the notable California nominees from venturing north for the race.

Prairie Breaker, a hard-running gelding owned by Marvin Pietila and the estate of his late father Waino, was the starting highweight at 124 pounds, six more than third-place finisher Mythically. The latter, a Northern California-raced son of Run of Luck, had familiarized himself with Longacres and Prairie Breaker in the nine-furlong Spokane Handicap two weeks before.

Lifaregal (Fr), a son of President (Fr), was third in the weights at 117. Having run, albeit unsuccessfully, in the best of Southern California stakes company, the grandson of Lyphard was viewed as a possibility. Fourth choice in the wagering in the field of nine, Lifaregal was in a contending position at the eighth pole, but faltered late, winding up a well-beaten sixth.

Red Baron Returns, by the Bold Bidder stallion Mateor out of the minor stakes winner T. V. Returns, by Flying Lark, was entered in the Longacres Derby ostensibly for third or fourth money. Trainer Kay Vaughan, who, with her husband Fred, bred and own the Derby winner, commented after the race, "We were hoping to pass tired horses and get a piece of it. Fourth money ($10,000) looked good."

A bit taken aback at having won all the marbles with a horse that "probably should be running for $32,000 to $40,000," Vaughan acknowledged that the full impact of the win would take several days to settle in.

An upset win of this magnitude is not, however, an uncommon occurrence for the Vaughans at Longacres. They were in a similar position following the 1982 running of the $50,000-added Joe Gottstein Futurity, having won the race with Big Flyer, a son of Flying Lark whom they had claimed a short time before. First money in the Futurity ($58,798) contributed to a meeting total of $195,500 for the Vaughans, best among all owners at Longacres last year.

Longacres photo

RED BARON RETURNS—defeated Prairie Breaker to win his first graded stakes.

In the Derby, Mills took Red Baron Returns well off the pace set by the stakes-winning filly Heather Ala Roni. Pushed into a quick first quarter of :22 4/5 by Country Born, the daughter of Theologist led the way for a mile, getting fractions of :46 3/5, 1:11, and 1:37 3/5 over a deepish track before yielding the lead to Mythically. The latter, carrying regular rider Paul Nicolo, had a clear lead at the eighth pole, but was soon joined by Prairie Breaker and Red Baron Returns.

Closer to the pace than he had been in six previous stakes races at Longacres this season, Prairie Breaker was forced to run four wide on the lead just inside the eighth pole, only to lose it to Mills and Red Baron Returns.

The winning rider and horse, as much as 14 1/2 lengths off the pace in the early going, were collectively flying on the stretch turn and found running room just to the inside of Prairie Breaker. The 11 pounds difference in weight contributed to Red Baron Returns's 2 1/2-length margin of victory over Prairie Breaker. Mythically was four lengths back in third.

The final time of 1:57 3/5 was faster than that clocked by Cassaleria and Flying Judgement last year, but slower than the stakes and track record of 1:54 set by Regalberto in the 1981 Derby.

The Derby was the first $100,000-race victory for Jeff Mills, who is spending his first summer at Longacres. Asked to explain how his mount, a stakes winner by virtue of winning the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Stakes at Yakima Meadows going five furlongs in April, could perform as he did, Mills responded, "I wish I could explain it, but I can't. He just felt today like he could have run forever. The horse didn't really belong in the race, but we gave it our best shot, and it worked out better than I ever believed. He was just flying at the top of the stretch and when I went between Mythically and Prairie Breaker, I knew we were going to be the winner."

Jockey Gary Stevens conceded that a problem at the starting gate, in which scheduled starter Junction Road flipped, necessitating his withdrawal from the race and the unloading of all nine starters, might have worked against his mount, Prairie Breaker.

"When we reloaded in the gate he was really shook up, and I think it bothered him a bunch. The water was running off of him. . . . He broke a little sharper than he has in the past and it took me a half-mile to get him to relax."

Prairie Breaker, a rough horse to be around, especially in the saddling paddock, yet a willing performer once on the track, "never stopped trying or running. The winner was just too much," said Stevens.

Longacres, certainly one of the most attractive race tracks in the United States, is celebrating its 50th year of operation. Located just south of Seattle, Washington, Longacres operates in an area presently plagued by a slow economy. Average attendance figures show gains over last year, while the handle is running slightly below last year's marks.

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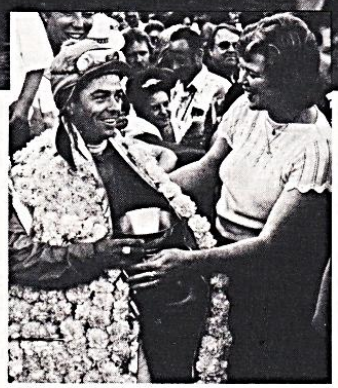
The 46th Longacres Derby
Account in *The Washington Horse*



The 1983 Longacres Derby

NINTH RACE Lga Aug. 14, 1983

1 3-16 MILES. (1:54). 46TH RUNNING OF THE LONGACRES DERBY. Purse, $100,000-added. 3-year-olds. By subscription of $150, which shall accompany the nomination, $500 to pass the entry box, $1,000 additional to start with $100,000-added, of which $20,000 to second, $15,000 to third, $10,000 to fourth and $3,000 to fifth. All nominations, entry and starting fees to the winner. High weights preferred. Closed Friday, July 15 with 44 nominations.

Value of race, $120,600. Value to winner, $72,600; second, $20,000; third, $15,000; fourth, $10,000; fifth, $3,000. Mutuel Pool, $270,302.

Last Raced	Horses	Eqt	A	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockeys	Owners	Odds to $1
10Aug83 ^{8}Lga^{5}	Red Baron Returns	3	113	9	8	8½	8½	8h	5¾	1¾	1¾	MillsJW	Vaughan Stable	53.10
31Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{1}	Prairie Breaker	3	124	2	6	4½	6¹	5¹	3h	2¹	StevensG	Pietila-Estat ofWPtila	.75
31Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{2}	Mythically	3	118	3	2	3¹	3½	3¹	1¹	3nk	NicoloP	Mr-Mrs P J Whiting	3.95
7Aug83 ^{9}Pla^{4}	Allowance	3	106	1	3	5h	5¹	7¹	7¹	4½	MitchellGV	Osborne Farms	45.45
31Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{5}	Saber Ben	3	109	6	7	7½	7¹	6h	8¹	5²	FrazierB	Poor Four Stable	57.75
24Jly 83 ^{8}Hol^{4}	Lifaregal	3	117	5	5	6¹	4¹	4h	4h	6nk	PedrozaMA	Selvin-Siegel-Wellmn	7.40
10Aug83 ^{8}Lga^{1}	Country Born	b3	111	4	1	2½	2¹	2½	6²	7¹	JamesM	Loto Can, Inc	15.35
30Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{5}	Heather Ala Roni	3	112	8	4	1¹	1½	1¹	2h	8½	TaketaJ	H Dedomenico	47.85
3Jly 83 ^{9}Lga^{2}	Dynamo Doc	b3	115	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	SorensonD	RmrckStabl-E Bldsck	4.95

OFF AT 6:08. START GOOD. WON DRIVING. Time, :22⅘, :46⅘, 1:11, 1:37⅘, 1:47⅘. Track fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices

10—RED BARON RETURNS	108.20	20.60	6.00
3—PRAIRIE BREAKER		3.40	2.50
4—MYTHICALLY			2.90

Ch. c, by Mateor—T. V. Return, by Flying Lark. Trainer, Kay Vaughan. Bred by O'Harrow-Vaughan (Wash.).

RED BARON RETURNS, permitted to settle in stride early, gradually worked his way forward on the final turn, drove between horses in the upper stretch to run down the leaders with a rush and won going away. PRAIRIE BREAKER raced within striking distance early, was sent up along the outside going into the far turn, raced wide into the stretch and closed strongly in the final furlong. MYTHICALLY was forwardly placed from the beginning, ran down the leaders to take command briefly in the upper stretch but lacked the needed closing kick. ALLOWANCE saved ground while being outrun early, responded when settled for the drive and finished willingly. LIFAREGAL raced within striking distance early, but could not sustain his bid in the drive. COUNTRY BORN prompted the pace for six furlongs and gave way. HEATHER ALA RONI went to the front at once, saved ground while setting the pace and gave way in the drive. DYNAMO DOC was always outrun. JUNCTION ROAD FLIPPED IN THE GATE AND WAS ORDERED SCRATCHED WITH ALL WAGERS ON HIM BEING REFUNDED.

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Mateor
- Bold Bidder
  - Bold Ruler, by *Nasrullah
  - High Bid, by To Market
- Frimanaha
  - Crafty Admiral, by Fighting Fox
  - *Adjournment, by *Court Martial

T.V. Return
- Flying Lark
  - T.V. Lark, by *Indian Hemp
  - Flying Ship, by War Admiral
- Our Return
  - Imbros, by Polynesian
  - Hayfilius, by *Hafiz

Race Record

Year	Age	Strts	1sts	2nds	3rds	Earned
1982	2	7	2	0	2	$6,510
1983	3	13	4	1	1	88,685
Totals		**20**	**6**	**1**	**3**	**$95,195**

only thing I can say about my colt is that he never quits running. They always have trouble pulling him up on the backside. I nominated him for this race because whenever I'd run him a mile and one-sixteenth it seemed fairly easy for him, and I thought if I sat in the back of the field I could possibly pass some tired horses and pick up fourth-place money."

Instead, Red Baron Returns picked up $72,600 from the Derby's $120,600 purse. At $10,000 even fourth-place money would have increased the chestnut's earnings by nearly fifty percent, as going into the race he had eeked out $21,695 in 17 starts. His sole stakes credential was a three-length win in the $3,500-added Wenatchee Apple Blossom Handicap over five furlongs at Yakima Meadows. His wins at the current Longacres session were against $25,000 and $32,000 claiming runners, and he had never entered a stake here until the Derby.

"I figured I had to get him running good before I put him in stakes company," said Vaughan. "You've got to build their heart up."

On that afternoon, Red Baron Returns, for whatever reasons, had his heart in the right place.

Jockey Jeff Mills kept the unassuming son of Mateor—T.V. Return well back in the field, sitting eighth

in the nine horse group until the final turn, when he gradually began to thread him between horses.

Heather Ala Roni, the only filly in the race, and Country Born, the horse that had soundly defeated Red Baron Returns the Wednesday before, went out together to set the pace. Heather Ala Roni lasted until the top of the stretch, but by the three-eighths marker Prairie Breaker, with Gary Stevens up, was battling for control with the public's second choice Mythically. Prairie Breaker momentarily took the lead nearing the eighth pole, and everyone expected the son of Sir Paulus to deliver his customary stretch explosion. But Red Baron Returns split Mythically and Prairie Breaker and went on to win in 1:57 3/5, well off the stakes record of 1:54 set in 1981 by Regalberto.

"The horses up front set up a good honest pace, which is what we were hoping for," said Mills. "I began to move him at the far turn, and I couldn't believe how much more horse I had underneath me. He was just flying at the top of the stretch, and when I went between Mythically and Prairie Breaker I knew we were going to be the winner. I wish I could explain it, but I can't. He just felt today like he could have run forever. The horse didn't really belong in the race, but we gave it our best shot, and it worked out better than I ever believed."

The unbelievable elements of the Red Baron Returns saga are compounded by the fact that the colt was almost put to sleep when he was born. If Kay and her husband Fred's breeding farm in Enumclaw had not been a small, family attended operation, the horse may never have survived.

"He was crooked in the hind end when he was born," Kay explained. "The vet at the farm recommended we have him put to sleep, but we talked to some other vets and they told us to wait. We even asked if we could delay paying the stud fee until we could see if he would straighten up."

The $2,500 stud fee for Mateor was eventually paid, however, and Red Baron Returns became the second stakes winner for the son of Bold Bidder who stands at T90 Ranch. The sophomore was also the first stakes winner for T.V. Return, a full sister to $100,000 stakes winner Duttons Pride that the Vaughans claimed for $10,000 in the mid 70s.

Although jockey Gary Stevens was startled and disappointed by the outcome of the Derby, he was also realistic: "I really have no excuses," he said. "When I got to the lead I thought I had it won, but the winner was just too much. Prairie Breaker never stopped trying or running. Red Baron Returns just beat us today." At odds of less than even money, Prairie Breaker returned $3.40 and $2.50.

Stevens did feel that Prairie Breaker may have been bothered when the field had to be reloaded due to a late scratch at the starting gate. Junction Road, a Canadian runner who was one of the top choices to upset Prairie Breaker at post time, suddenly flipped in the gate and was scratched by the track veterinarian.

"When we reloaded he was really shook up, and I think it bothered him a bunch," explained the jockey. "The water was running off of him, but he is usually a hot horse, and I wasn't overly concerned." Owned and bred by Marvin Pietila, Prairie Breaker picked up $20,000 for second place, boosting his career earnings to over $100,000.

Third place Mythically, who had finished second to Prairie Breaker in their last meeting in the Bellevue Handicap, earned $15,000, and was worth $2.90 for a show ticket.

Gottstein to Jason's Drummer

While the sophomore and older handicap stars chase their biggest prizes in August, the two-year-olds come into the spotlight in early September, and a field of fourteen packed the starting gate for the richest ever running of the Gottstein Futurity on September 4th.

The race which honors Longacres' founder Joe Gottstein was worth $132,050 for its 43rd running, and Jason's Drummer, the winner of this year's record pot, received a check for $75,623.

The triumph ended a string of hard luck for the talented son of Drum Fire who had been plagued by a series of mis-adventures throughout his young career.

After breaking his maiden in the fastest time for five furlongs at the meeting, the Eugene Stallings-trained protege had to delay his training schedule when he hurt his head in a starting gate mishap, an accident which left him with a fear of the white metal structure. In order to calm the youngster's misgivings he must now be loaded into the gate with a blindfold, a precaution which did not prevent him from breaking his throat latch in his start prior to the Futurity, when he finished second to Firey Star in the Stripling Stakes, beaten less than a head after lugging in throughout the stretch.

Even though his past performances had a trouble line in two out of only three races, he still received the support of the public for the six furlong Futurity, and at post time was a 5-2 favorite.

With top Northern California rider Russell Baze in the irons, Jason's Drummer trailed behind the pace setting Firey Star and Sharper One until the turn for home and had taken control at the top of the stretch. After stopping the clock in 1:16 4/5 over the fast track, he had put a four-length cushion between himself and runnerup Colonel Stevens, who was another two and one-half lengths in front of Sneaky Bill.

"He didn't act up trying to get into the gate today, and I think that really helped him, said Russell. "He moved up on the leaders on his own, and around the turn I never really cut him loose until the final stretch. Once I asked him he really started to run, and by the eighth pole it was all over. I knew he could be beaten, because he can do so many funny things, but he did everything real easy and proved to all of us he was the best today."

For members of the Washington breeding industry, winning the Futurity is always a dream that begins with each new foal born.

"It's incredible that out of all the horses born each year, I should end up with the Futurity winner," admitted Don Marr, who bought Jason's Drummer from breeder Larry Dick. The dark brown colt is out of the mare Fleetascha, and inspite of his strong pedigree was not a candidate for the W.H.B.A. Summer Sale because of a physical flaw. One of his fore-legs has an extra vein that resulted from a minor birth defect.

Vaughan still winning with obscure rides

By Lenny Anderson
P-I Reporter

"They call her Wonder Woman," Stan Thurman, the newly enfranchised proprietor of Prairie Breaker, observed the other forenoon, translating backstretch nomenclature for trainer-owner Kay Vaughan. "If it had happened once, I'd say it was an accident, but it keeps happening."

It was in May 1982 that Mrs. Vaughan first let fellow professionals and the investing public know of her gift with horseflesh of humble heritage when Mondolu — a steed she had acquired from the claiming ranks — won the Ingenue Stakes. Two months later, Unparalleled rose from similar origins to success in the Washington Stallion Stakes, further enlarging the fame of Mrs. Vaughan and her husband, Fred, a Boeing computer scientist and Phi Beta Racing Form scholar whose scrutiny of the squint print provides the cutting edge for racing strategy. A little more than a year ago, Big Flyer, whom Kay had claimed earlier in the summer for $12,000, produced a 16-1 strike as the winner of the $103,000 Gottstein Futurity.

Proving she hadn't mislaid her uncommon touch with modest chargers, Kay scored the megawin of her 10-year career three weeks ago last month as Red Baron Returns, a 53-1 wagering turndown, upended Prairie Breaker and other aristocracy of the 3-year-old set in the $120,600 Longacres Derby.

In addition, at the bread-and-butter level of day-in, day-out racing, the wonder-working horseperson is enjoying her most successful season. As these words are processed, she ranks third in the trainer standings with 31 wins in 171 starts, trailing only the father-son team and perennial leaders, Clint and Tom Roberts.

LONGACRES NOTEBOOK

Kay Vaughan is known as Wonder Woman because of her ability to win big races with unheralded horses.

Her decision to enter preceded a sudden run on the racing office by like-minded handlers of other local horses previously nominated for the track's major treasure for sophomores. Nine chargers, not a half-dozen, would pass muster for the Derby two days later. The Vaughans' piece of it, rather than the $10,000 fourth-place money originally envisioned, was $72,600.

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Reservations needed now

During the course of the What Summer? of '83, she teamed with jockey Jeff Mills to form a winning combination. Searching for a regular reinsman earlier in the meeting, Mrs. Vaughn spotted Mills. Having transferred here from Northern California with the 'Acres meeting already under way, he was available. The first day the duo was in action, he rode three winners, two for Mrs. Vaughan.

"I was really lucky he came along," she recounted. "I'd seen him win two races two days in a row. I put him on all my horses. He was easy to get as a rider at first. Now I have to line him up ahead of time."

Where the care and handling of racehorses now occupies the greater part of Kay's waking hours six days a week, the impact moments of the summer can be pinpointed to the minute. The time was 9:55 a.m. Aug. 12, two days before the Derby, the setting the Longacres' backstretch.

"They were closing entries for the Derby in five minutes, and only six horses had been entered," she said the other morning, recalling the pivotal moments of the meeting for the Vaughan coalition and Red Baron Returns, whom she originally planned to enter in a $40,000 Derby Day claiming race.

"I thought, 'Well, my horse can go all day. With six horses in the race, he could get part of it.' "

Nearing her goal

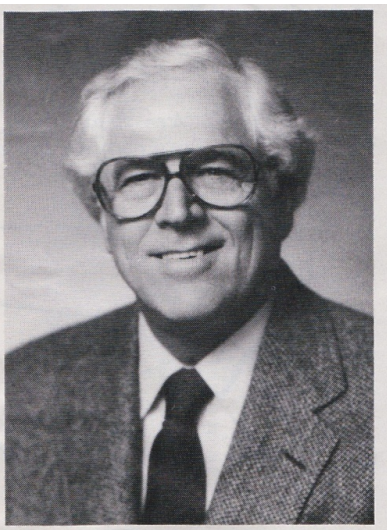
As a result, the target she set 10 years ago when she converted from the owner of two units of racing stock to owner-trainer is falling into range.

"I hoped," she remembers of her early years in racing, "that some day I could have enough horses so I could make a living at it. I think I'm close now."

The Vaughans own a 22½-acre ranch near Enumclaw, a property that had an original equine population of two riding horses. She currently trains 30 thoroughbreds, 10 of them hers. Besides the Derby winner, the string includes some promising 2-year-olds being pointed for the Lads' Stakes and the Juvenile Championship. When the curtain rings down on the Tukwila round, she plans her first California invasion with a group of about eight horses. The string will include Red Baron Returns, steadily growing more prepossessing as he matures. Earlier in life, Baron had a pot-belly, his owner and handler recalls, but now "he's filled out and gotten muscled up."

Time was even those who knew the runner best showed a Dangerfield lack of respect. The Vaughans' two daughters were unable to be present Derby weekend, so upon their return home, their mother informed them of Baron's incredible coup in the big race. The reaction was one of amazement:

"What in the world did you have *him* in *there* for?"



STAN THURMAN

ONCE OVAL LIGHTLY — After the B.C. Derby Sept. 18 at Exhibition Park and Longacres' Washington Championship Oct. 16, Thurman plans to send Prairie Breaker to Bay Meadows for a 1⅛-mile grass-course race . . . Exhibition Park trainer **Emmon McLaughlin** inflated to a sizzling 8-for-18 his 1983 'Acres winning record when Arctic Police, Police Inspector's brother ridden by **Gary Stevens,** won Sunday's eighth race . . . **Al Benton's** Belle of Rainier was eased in a weekend race in Northern California . . . With Big Cougar already the winner of the first 1⅛-mile first leg of Playfair's Budweiser Series, Benton is now taking aim on the $25,000 bonus collectible if his horse wins the remaining two, at 1⅝ and two miles.

Stan's Horse (Thurman) had also been a favorite in the futurity in the 1982 Gottstein Futurity won by Big Flyer.

Here is a local Enumclaw statement

— Horse Racing —

by Les Stehr

As I told you before, I have become a Kay Vaughan believer. Last year she claimed Big Flyer for $10,000 and won the Joe Gottstein Futurity which was worth $60-$70,000. Sunday the horse ran last in a $16,000 claimer.

This year she takes Red Baron Returns who was beat in a $20,000 claiming race, enters him in the Longacres Derby, which cost her $1650, hoping he would get 3rd or 4th and wins it. With the breeders award and Washington bonus I would guess the win will pay them close to $100,000. I told Kay (my wife) to put $2 to win on the three biggest long shots as I had a hunch Prairie Breaker the 3 to 5 favorite, was going to get beat. She bet Red Baron to place which paid $20, but a win bet paid $108.20, the largest pay ever for the Longacres Derby.

That was the only win of the week, but we got three big seconds. Ruby Porter and Doug dropped Grab the Gold down to a $10,000 claiming level and the horse must have liked it as he ran a big race coming in second. Looks like they might do o.k. with that horse.

And … Kay's job continues.

August 18, 1983
Tertzarima wins for her new owners.

August 19, 1983
Musical Tide wins another feature.

August 20, 1983
Justaface

August 25, 1983
Big Daddy Bucks

August 28, 1983
Justaface wins again – a feature in the rain.

Lacey Warrick shows Short Socks to model bandages as a commercial.

August 31, 1983
Short Socks wins another 9th race feature.

September 1, 1983
Country Dreamer

September 10, 1983
Speech Test

September 18, 1983
Speech Test wins the Tukwila Handicap.

Speech Test Celebration

September 22, 1983
Note of Hope

September 30, 1983
Correl Lady

October 10, 1983
Tertzarima

October 15, 1983
Fleet Joey

October 20, 1983
Heaven At Home

October 22, 1983
Khaliki Maka

October 22, 1983
Nuncio

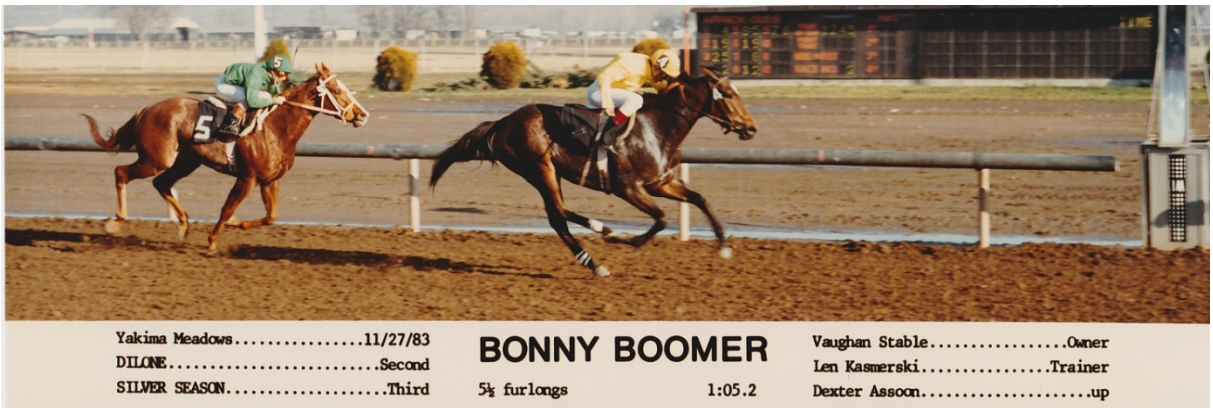
October 23, 1983
Tertzarima

Terzarima closes out the meet.

Kay had 39 wins including three stakes wins at the Longacres meet in 1983. The Vaughans were again the leading owners at the meet again even though not owning the majority of the horses Kay trained. At the end of the meet Fred took a leave of absence from the Boeing Company.

Kay sent a couple of her horses to Yakima with Len Kasmerski

October 27, 1983
Bonny Boomer

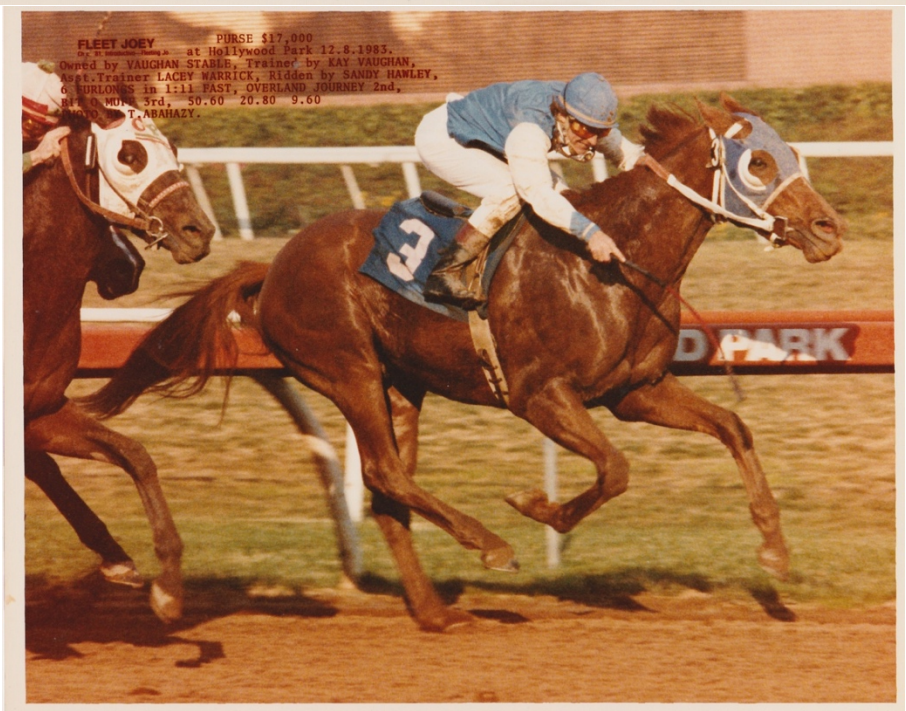


December 3, 1983
Khaliki Maka

Kay sent a couple of her better horses with Lacey Warrick to Southern California.

December 3, 1983
Fleet Joey

December 8, 1983
Fleet Joey



HOLLYPARK RESULTS

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8646 **SECOND RACE.** 6 furlongs, 2-year-olds, claiming $50,000, purse $17,000:

8619	Fleet Joey	Hawley	114	3	9	9-4	7-3	4½	1nk	24.30
8555	Overland Journey	McGurn	114	1	8	8-2	5-1	3½	2½	10.50
8548	Bit O Muff	Delahoussaye	115	8	2	3-2	2½	1hd	3¾	2.50
...	Prime Plus One	Sibille	116	7	4	5-2	4½	5-1	4-2	7.20
8548	Bold Batter Up	Valenzuela	116	5	7	6hd	8-1	6-2	5hd	3.40
8592	Doctor Foote	Pincay	117	2	10	10	9-2	7-1	6hd	14.20
8571	Aficionado	Delgadillo	114	6	5	2hd	1hd	2½	7-3	4.70
8521	Whiskawilly	Meza	114	9	3	7-1	10	8½	8-2	64.90
7190	Dashing Blade	Pedroza	114	10	1	4hd	6½	9-1	9-3	38.30
8548	Real Gold Dust	McCarron	114	4	6	1hd	3-1	10	10	6.00

Time — .22 .45 2/5, .58 2/5, 1.11. Clear track. Fast. Start good won driving.

$2 MUTUELS PAID

FLEET JOEY	50.60	20.80	9.60
OVERLAND JOURNEY		10.80	5.80
BIT O MUFF			3.60

Winner — Ch C 81 Introductivo-Fleeting Joey, Tr. Kay Vaughan. Mutuel Pool $253,088. Daily Double Pool $249,584.

FLEET JOEY, outrun for a half-mile, found room to rally on the rail and was up in the closing yards. OVERLAND JOURNEY, slow to find best stride early, rallied between horses entering the stretch, vied for the lead in the final furlong but missed. BIT O MUFF forced the early pace, responded to get the lead in the upper stretch but could not quite last.

No Scratches.

$2 DAILY DOUBLE, 6-Tumble Ahead & 3-Fleet Joey, Pd. $336.60

December 9, 1983
Red Baron Returns wins with an $18,000 purse.

Chapter 13

Addicted to Winning

1984 began with wins early as usual. Ownership by Vaughan stable no longer characterized Kay's Clientele as she was now training for several other major stables.

MONOLITHIC SPIRIT

007 Longacres 4/5/84
CATCH THE ROSE.....Second
NITES'N BYE.....Third

SONS OF NORWAY PURSE
6 fur. 1:10.4

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

SHORT SOCKS

026 Longacres 4/7/84
FIGHT FIERCELY.....Second
CAT ISLE DON.....Third

6 furlongs 1:10.2

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

A win for Jill Herensberger's Champaign Ladies stable

Kay was assigned one of the large 'new barns' with 30 stalls in 1984. With these added stalls and horses she accrued many wins. We will illustrate each winner as it crosses the finish line but not show so many celebrants except in unique situations. And the commentary of the press will largely be ignored. We've heard it all.

088 Longacres 4/18/84
SALTY 'N BOLD.....Second
HIGHLAND GOLD.....Third

BIG DADDY BUCKS

6 furlongs 1:10.2

SL-40 Ranch, F. Dable
& S. Buroker.....Owner
Kay Vaughan....Trainer
Doug Schrick.....up

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118 Longacres 4/22/84
ZULU WHIZ.....Second
MARY'S FRIDAY.....Third

FLEET JOEY

6 furlongs 1:11

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J.W. Mills.....up

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086 Longacres 4/18/84
CAPTAIN'S KUZIN.....Second
BRISA MIA.....Third

KHALIKI MAKA

1 mile 1:40

Vaughan Stable....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Stevens.....up

©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

131 Longacres 4/27/84
ELIZABETH MIRANDA...Second
BURNT ICE.....Third

WING SWEET

6 furlongs 1:12.1

Vaughan Stable &
SL-40 Ranch.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Stevens.....up

281 Longacres 5/18/84
COUNTESS TWO.....Second
BARRY BLU.....Third

MAGENTA DREAMS

1-1/16 1:47.2

Vaughan Stable...Owner
Kay Vaughan....Trainer
John M. Sellers.....up

284 Longacres 5/18/84
NOSEY JAYNE.....Second
PIRATE ANNIE.....Third

SCOTCH PIPES

REDMOND JUNIOR HIGH PURSE
5 fur. :59

Kincardine Stable..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

319 Longacres 5/23/84
LITERAKI.....Second
HANDY THEO.....Third

OUNCE FOR OUNCE

TILT THE BALANCE PURSE
6 fur. 1:09.4

Champagne Ladies.Owner
Kay Vaughan....Trainer
Dale Baze.....up

UNPARALLELED

329 Longacres 5/24/84
SWEET CONNIE BAY....Second
FLO CONTROL.....Third

NORTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY ROTARY PURSE
6 fur. 1:10.2

Walter Thompson Stables,Inc.
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J.W. Mills.....up

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FLEET LOUIE

395 Longacres 6/02/84
BIG TIME ROSE.....Second
ALASKAN.....Third

PACE SETTERS PURSE
6 fur. 1:10.4

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Dale Baze.....up

©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

RIPARIAN MENHIR

404 Longacres 6/03/84
YESLER MILL.....Second
HOT RAGEOUS.....Third

LOBERG OLDSMOBILE PURSE
6 fur. 1:10.2

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J.W. Mills.....up

FLEET JOEY

408 Longacres 6/03/84
FIREY STAR.....Second
NORTHSTREAM ONE.....Third

MONTESANO BOOSTER CLUB PURSE
6½ fur. 1:15.4

Vaughan Stable....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J.W. Mills.....up

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HEAVEN AT HOME

443 Longacres 6/09/84
SEA JUDI RUN.....Second
REBECCA'S FLIGHT.....Third

INSTRUMENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA PURSE
6½ fur. 1:18

SL-40 Ranch.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
John M. Sellers.....up

©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

TOSS'M TWICE

454 Longacres 6/10/84
C.U. RUN.....Second
NOHOLME MISS.....Third

LONGACRES COLLEGE GRADUATES PURSE
6 fur. 1:11.1

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

SPEECH TEST

479 Longacres 6/14/84
FLEET JOEY.....Second
ZULU WHIZ.....Third

ALPHA KAPPA PSI PURSE
6½ fur. 1:15.2

SL-40 Ranch.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Stevens.....up

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Cher with Morgantar

552 Longacres 6/24/84
OLD HARP.....Second
YESLER MILL.....Third

MORGANTAR

6½ furlongs 1:16.4

Golden Apple Stable.Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J.W. Mills.....up

©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

Vaughan will try to move up among 'Acres trainers

Racing will resume today at Longacres after a Monday and Tuesday respite, and in the day's $9,000 featured ninth race, Kay Vaughan will try to continue her assault on the Longacres trainer standings as she saddles her three-year-old colt, Fleet Joey.

A consistent allowance sophomore, Fleet Joey finished fourth in his last start at 6½ furlongs, but was making a late move down the stretch and should welcome the opportunity to run an extra three-sixteenths of a mile in Wednesday's eight-furlong test. Gary Baze will be aboard the runner as he breaks from the five slot in the starting gate.

Morgantar, another Vaughan-trained interest, will also challenge, as he breaks from the third slot in the starting gate under J. W. Mills.

The field also includes the improving claiming runner Jordan Jack, who was the winner of his last start at the $32,000 claiming level, and will face $40,000 claiming runners for the first time in this event.

In post position order, the complete lineup includes: Jordan Jack (Mike James, 120); Island Mystic (Kirk Moore, 114); Morgantar (J. W. Mills, 117); Literaki (Gary Stevens, 114); Fleet Joey (Gary Baze, 120); Touch Time (Vince Barnese, 114); and Northstream One (Dale Baze, 111).

Kay Vaughan

Gates open at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday for the weekday program, with the first race at 4:00 p.m.

FIRST PACKAGE

589 Longacres 6/29/84
DANI D.....Second
FLYING BLOOMERS.....Third

DELTA SIGMA THETA PURSE
6 fur. 1:10.1

SL-40 Ranch & Vaughan
Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J.W. Mills.....up

COUNTRY DREAMER

612 Longacres 7/04/84
CHERYL ANN.....Second
FREEALITY.....Third

6 furlongs 1:10.2

Allrich Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J.W. Mills.....up

OUNCE FOR OUNCE

648 Longacres 7/07/84
ZULU WHIZ.....Second
TOUCH TIME.....Third

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES PURSE
6½ fur. 1:16.3

Champagne Ladies....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Dale Baze.....up

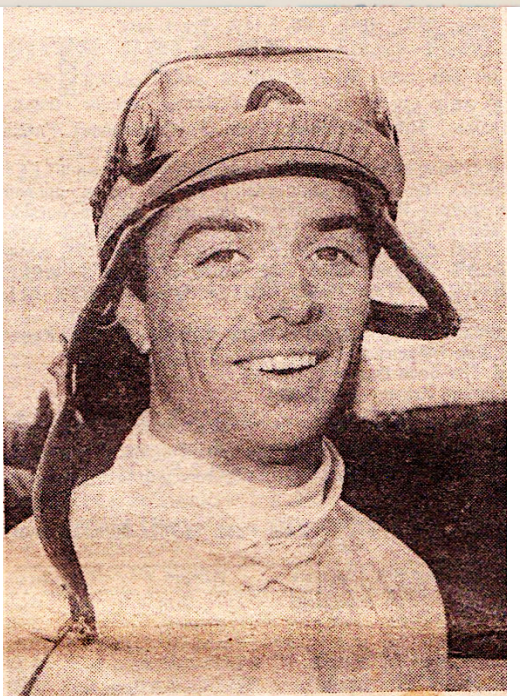
WITH SPIRIT

668 Longacres 7/11/84
RUEFUL'S ROUNDER....Second
MISSISSIPPI ROLL.....Third

JOE HIRSCH CLASSIC
6½ fur. 1:16.4

Champagne Ladies...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J.W. Mills.....up

This photo of Kay was on the cover of the Racing Form the 13th of July in reference to Forever Clever running in the feature race. Forever Clever won that race however the photo has been lost. It was the second win for Kay on that day, following the win of Heaven At Home' win in the seventh race.



Jeff Mills was the jockey who rode Forever Clever this day.

Notice also that Reclusive Ascent wins in the Vaughan colors again once more. She was claimed back for less than $16,000 after having lost her for $25,000.

FIRST PACKAGE

756 Longacres 7/22/84
SOME FORM.....Second
ADORN.....Third

VANCOUVER IS. THORO'BRED HORSE SOCIETY PURSE
6 fur. 1:10.2

SL-40 Ranch & Vaughan
Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

FIRST PACKAGE

839 Longacres 8/03/84
SOME FORM.....Second
SHEER SATIN.....Third

TOWN CLUB PURSE
6½ fur. 1:15.1

SL-40 Ranch & Vaughan
Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

848 Longacres 8/04/84
FLO CONTROL.....Second
I'LL TAKE IT SAM.....Third

CEDARLY

THE NAVY DAY PURSE
1-1/16 1:43.4

SL-40 Ranch & Vaughan
Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Scott Stevens.....up

864 Longacres 8/08/84
LONG GONE MATE.....Second
JOE'S POWER.....Third

MIDNIGHT MATEOR

6 furlongs 1:13

Irish Bride Racing
Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Mike James.....up

897 Longacres 8/11/85
DELPHI DOLLY.....Second
HEAVENS ANGEL.....Third

SCOTCH PIPES

RENTON WESTERN AIRE FAIRE DAYS PURSE
6½ fur. 1:16.4

Kincardine Stable...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Russell Baze.....up

912 Longacres 8/15/84
MISS B'S WAY.....Second
FOXY SAMMY.....Third

MAGENTA DREAMS

1-1/16 1:46

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
John M. Sellers.....up

TAR'N CREOSOTE

946 Longacres 8/18/84
SUPREME AUTHORITY....Second
D. J. LOU.....Third

FEDERAL WAY CLASS OF 1964
6 fur. 1:09.4

Ocho Amigos Stable...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Stevens.....up
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IPSE'S IMP

975 Longacres 8/23/84
LOVING THOUGHT.....Second
TAKU PRINCESS.....Third

GENERAL ELECTRIC ELFIN PURSE
1-1/16 1:45.2

Walter Thompson Stables,
Inc.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Stevens.....up
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MAGENTA DREAMS

983 Longacres 8/24/84
KATAMBERA.....Second
MISS B'S WAY.....Third

ECZEL CORPORATION PURSE
1-1/16 1:45.1

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
John M. Sellers.....up
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SENATOR'S BID

1073 Longacres 9/06/84
PAPAGO PARK.....Second
SPINK COUNTY.....Third

6½ furlongs 1:20.2

D & D Racing Stable.Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Mike James.....up
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EBONY WINDS

1097 Longacres 9/08/84
TUDOR RAMMER.....Second
GORDON'S PRIDE.....Third

CREATIVE TRAVEL PURSE
6½ fur. 1:15

SL-40 Ranch & Vaughan
Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Joe Steiner.....up

CEDARLY

1158 Longacres 9/16/84
CRISKIN'N MERI.....Second
FIRST PACKAGE.....Third

ELKS DAY PURSE
1 mile 1:36.3

SL-40 Ranch & Vaughan
Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Scott Stevens.....up

FLEET JOEY

1169 Longacres 9/19/84
FIRING POINT.....Second
DRUM BOOGIE.....Third

SILKY STEEL PURSE
6 fur. 1:08.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Mike James.....up

CORREL LADY

1226 Longacres 9/27/84
JUST AIR TIME.....Second
KATAMBERA.....Third

1-1/16 1:44.4

McMurry Farms.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
John M. Sellers.....up

1228 Longacres 9/27/84
LITTLE INCOME.....Second
SECOND COVER.....Third

RECLUSIVE ASCENT

6½ furlongs 1:18

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Stevens.....up

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1260 Longacres 9/30/84
SALTY 'N BOLD.....Second
HIGH PORT.....Third

PET'S BEST

GIG HARBOR EAGLES PURSE
1-1/16 1:42.1

SL-40 Ranch & Vaughan
Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Mike James.....up

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1267 Longacres 10/03/84
MISS SILVER STREAK...Second
HELEN'S IMAGE.....Third

BONNY BOOMER

RHODES & FULLAWAY PURSE
6½ fur. 1:18

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
John M. Sellers.....up

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B. Marcus Priteca Handicap, October 6

Speech Test wins; Fleet Joey ran third.

First Package wins another feature.

Closing out the Meet at Longacres

RECLUSIVE ASCENT

1319 Longacres 10/10/84
JAN'S PROSPECT.....Second
LITTLE INCOME.....Third

TUKWILA-SEA-TAC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PURSE
6½ fur. 1:18.1

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Stevens.....up

SYMBOL OF CLASS

1321 Longacres 10/12/84
ABUCKAROSE.....Second
HUSTLER'S CHILD.....Third

1-1/16 1:46.2

Walter Thompson
Stables, Inc.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Scott Stevens.....up

CORREL LADY

1325 Longacres 10/12/84
KAY DIANA.....Second
INDIAN'S CHEER.....Third

1-1/16 1:46.3

McMurry Farms.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
John M. Sellers.....up

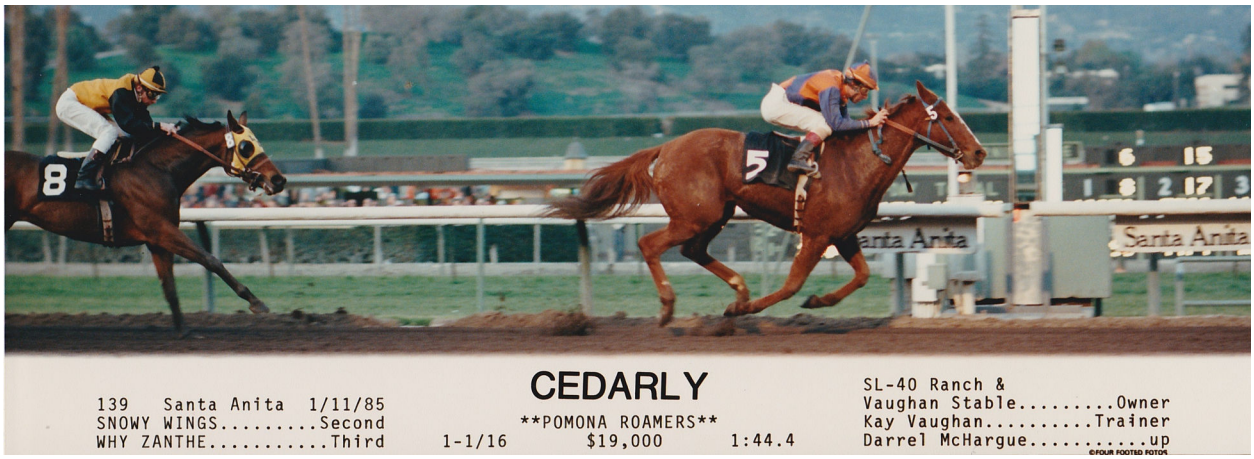
Kay won 50 races, second leading trainer in number of wins at the Meet at Longacres in 1984 and would send horses to other tracks where they would win additional races.

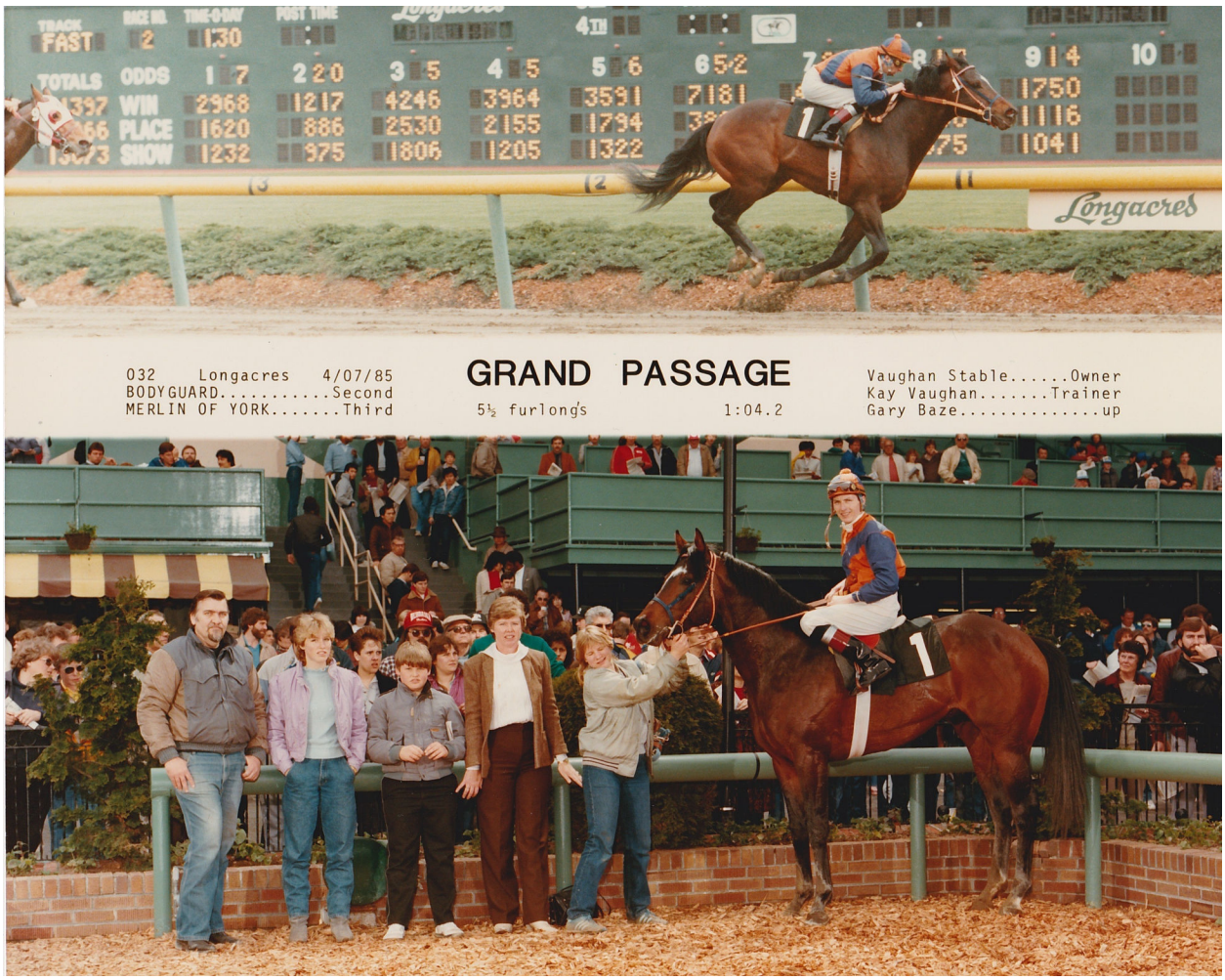
Second leading trainer in number of wins, she and her husband were again leading owners at the 1984 Longacres meet. It was time for some R & R at the ranch in Enumclaw.

Chapter 14

And More Winning

1985 begins at Santa Anita Racetrack where Lacey Warrick as Kay's assistant trainer won a high claiming race with Cedarly.





Both Kay and Fred believe that Grand Passage may have been the most talented racehorse they ever owned. Sherwood Anderson would have characterized this sense of quality as their having the 'fan tods' – the goose bump type feeling of "Wow! this is something." As happens too often injuries reduce greatness to the boring 'everyday'. It was a bowed tendon that was the major disappointment in this case.

038 Longacres 4/07/85
SHE'S FIT.....Second
END GUN.....Third

SCOTCH PIPES

6 furlongs 1:10

Kincardine Stable...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

088 Longacres 4/17/85
SERENDIB.....Second
CHEEP.....Third

TOSS'M TWICE

6 furlongs 1:11.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Hoogie Drexler.....up

419 Longacres 6/06/85
MONOLITHIC SPIRIT...Second
JAZZAMATAZ.....Third

MUSICAL TIDE

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY PURSE
6½ fur. 1:17.2

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Joe Steiner.....up

Fashion Handicap, April 21, 1985

FIRST PACKAGE

119 Longacres 4/21/85
TAX ATTORNEY.....Second
MISS EBONY.....Third

FASHION HANDICAP
5½ fur. *$20,000 added* 1:04

SL-40 Ranch &
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

HEART BID

133 Longacres 4/26/85
FANNY FLAG.....Second
MERAK.....Third

6 furlongs 1:10.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

RATION OF RUM

150 Longacres 4/27/85
LARK'S FINALE.....Second
STRAIGHT ADHEM.....Third

SAFEWAY AZZOLA PURSE
6 fur. 1:11.2

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

Claiming ranks produce another winner for Vaughan

by Bob Schwarzmann
Times staff reporter

RENTON — Kay Vaughan, the miracle worker from Enumclaw, is at it again.

The veteran trainer struggled in the early years while learning her trade. She had only the occasional success during those times, and the established conditioners liked to say she was doing everything wrong.

Kay studied and claimed horses. Her efforts were modest because finances were limited to what Fred Vaughan, Kay's husband, earned as a computer expert at Boeing.

Kay started putting it together in a big way in 1982. She sent Unparalleled out in a division of the Washington Stallion Stakes. It was a win. Later that summer Vaughan stunned the entire training fraternity by capturing the rich Joe Gottstein Futurity with Big Flyer.

It was surprising enough that Vaughan had won two stakes. But the icing was that Unparalleled and Big Flyer both were thoroughbreds she had acquired out of the claiming ranks.

So, in yesterday's $25,850 Fashion Handicap for Washington-bred fillies and mares, Vaughan sent First Package to the post. That was a chestnut she claimed last June 24 for $20,000.

First Package, carrying Gary Baze to his record-breaking 64th stakes win at Longacres, pulled away from the bulky 14-horse field down the stretch to post a 2½-length victory. Her time for the 5½ furlongs was 1 minute 4 seconds, just one fifth of a second off the stake record.

Overall, Vaughan has won seven stakes at Longacres. Five of them were with horses she had claimed.

First Package is owned by Vaughan in partnership with Emmett and Dorthy Peterson. The Bothell husband and wife race their horses under the nom de course of SL-40 Ranch.

In 50 career starts, First Package, a 6-year-old mare, has 9 wins, 12 seconds and 6 thirds. The $16,850 she pulled from the Fashion boosted her total earnings to $102,578.

First Package, which ran as an entry with the Vaughan-owned Musical Tide, went off as the 3-1 favorite of the 12,206 fans. Baze took her to the outside, and she was pulling away in the late stretch.

The winner's mutuel returns were $8.60, $4.90, $3.50. Tax Attorney, which set most of the pace with Lisa Perrine in the saddle, paid $14.80, $9.10. Miss Ebony, the second choice with Frank Best aboard, showed at $3.60. Mike Baze, Gary's brother, got Prima Exit up for fourth.

First Package had the difficult task of breaking from the No. 13 stall in a short race. Vaughan said the only thing she liked about that situation was that her thoroughbred did not have to wait long for the gates to open. The starting gate is loaded sequentially, from inside out.

First Package has done most of her 1985 racing at Santa Anita, where she failed to win. In her first Longacres outing, eight days before the Fashion, she was the runner-up to Miss Ebony in an allowance.

"She didn't break good," Vaughan said of the allowance defeat, also at 5½ furlongs. The daughter of Native Born-Sailing Jenny was a quick starter yesterday.

Baze, who pulled away from a 63-all tie with Larry Pierce in stakes wins, said he tries not to concentrate on such matters. "But it's hard not to be aware of it," he said.

As for the race itself, Gary acknowledged he is a fan of First Package. "She really must have been the best out there," he said.

Perrine said Tax Attorney ran the type of race she wanted. "I had to push her quite a bit to get her into position," the jockey said. "I thought I could win it at the top of the lane."

Best said Miss Ebony had to fight some traffic problems. "I think that's what cost us the race," he said.

Vaughan said she will keep First Package at Longacres until the sprint races are exhausted and then turn out the thoroughbred for some rest. The owner-trainer said her horse is not comfortable at distances beyond 6½ furlongs. "A mile barely," she said.

0119 **NINTH RACE — The 37th running of the $20,000-added Fashion Handicap. Fillies and mares three-year-olds and up Washington bred. 5 1/2 furlongs.**

Index	Horse	Jockey	Wt.	P.P.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.	Odds
0069	First Package (G. Baze)		117	13	6-h	3-1	2-3	1-2½	3.30
0069	Tax Attorney (Perrine)		118	3	2-h	1-1½	1-h	2-¾	19.10
(0069)	Miss Ebony (Best)		120	6	10-½	9-3	4-5	3-2½	3.50
0000	Prima Exit (M. Baze)		118	5	12-h	11	5-1½	4-h	7.30
0069	Delaware Delight (Estrada)		115	8	3-½	2-½	3-h	5-½	5.60
0000	Soft Chablis (Tohill)		111	11	11-3	10-h	7-h	6-1½	9.80
0000	Musical Tide (Mills)		117	9	14	13-5	10-2	7-½	3.30
0000	Petty Point (S. Stevens)		116	14	7-1	6-1½	8-½	8-nk	33.80
0000	Splendacious (Long)		115	1	1=-½	14	9-1	9-1	9.80
0000	Swappn Miz Angel (Drxlr)		116	12	4-1	4-h	6-2	10-2½	21.55
0069	Crafty Court (Pruitt)		114	7	8-2	7-h	12-5	11-½	26.30
			114	2	5-h	8-h	11-½	12-4½	10.00
			117	10	9-h	12-3	14	13-no	49.65
			115	4	1-h	5-1½	13-h	14	8.60

WINNER — Ch M by Native Born-Sailing Jenny, by Prince Blessed. **OWNER** — SL-40 Ranch and Vaughan Stable. **TRAINER** — Kay Vaughan, bred by Philip E. Bloom (Wa.). **SCRATCHED** — Jungle Bunny Joy.

FIRST PACKAGE raced within striking distance early, moved up steadily along the outside, responded readily to wear down TAX ATTORNEY in the drive and won going away. TAX ATTORNEY rushed up along the inside to battle for the lead, drew clear on the turn and held on gamely in the final furlong. MISS EBONY lacked early foot, gradually worked her way forward through heavy traffic, rallied along the inside during the stretch run and was going well at the end.

n driving. **TIME** — *22; :45 1/5; :57 4/5; 1:04.

.....	8.60	4.90	3.50
.....		14.80	9.10
.....			3.60

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177 Longacres 5/02/85
HEATHER'N ERIN.....Second
BUGSY LU.....Third

HEART BID

6 furlongs 1:10

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

A Win for Westerlunds

261 Longacres 5/15/85
PREVARICATOR.....Second
GO BUCK.....Third

ALERT JUDGE

6 furlongs 1:13

M/M L. Westerlund...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

417 Longacres 6/06/85
SECONDHAND ROSEE....Second
SHEER SATIN.....Third

UNPARALLELED

TACOMA REAC EAGLES PURSE

6 fur. 1:12.2

SL-40 Ranch &
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Hoogie Drexler.....up

Another win for First Package

and the SL-40/Vaughan partnership

479 Longacres 6/14/85
TIMELESS PLEASURE...Second
LISSOME.....Third

FIRST PACKAGE

WASH. STATE TRIAL LAWYERS ASS'N PURSE
6 fur. 1:11.1

SL-40 Ranch &
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Joe Steiner.....up

494 Longacres 6/16/85
STEELIT.....Second
LADY BLUE.....Third

TOSS'M TWICE

6 fur. 1:10.4

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Hoogie Drexler.....up

FLEET JOEY

597 Longacres 6/30/85
BARBARIC GEORGE.....Second
PRO PASSER.....Third

EASTSIDE SINGLES PURSE
6 fur. 1:10.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Joe Steiner.....up

TOSS'M TWICE

617 Longacres 7/04/85
PRETTY AS PICTURE...Second
WHO DEALT.....Third

U.S. AIR FORCE PURSE
6½ fur. 1:17.2

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

FLEET JOEY

768 Longacres 7/25/85
BIG SWATHER.....Second
BREITAG.....Third

NORTHWEST COSMETIC ASSOCIATION PURSE
1-1/16 1:43.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Vicky Aragon.....up

PREPPE

857 Longacres 8/07/85
BUGSY LU.....Second
RED ZONE.....Third

THE JESTERS PURSE
6 fur. 1:10.3

Jerry & Bobbi McCauley...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Vicky Aragon.....up

JULIANNE MAC

882 Longacres 8/10/85
CHEER FOR ME.....Second
MUG SHOT.....Third

TACOMA BOAT MANAGEMENT PURSE
6 fur. 1:12.1

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

JULIANNE MAC

925 Longacres 8/16/85
QUEEN MAB.....Second
BIDDER TO WIN.....Third

6 furlongs 1:10.2

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Lisa Perrine.....up

SPEECH TEST

946 Longacres 8/18/85
SNEAKY BILL.....Second
SHUTTLE TRIP.....Third

THE LUCKS COMPANY PURSE
1-1/16 1:43.2

SL-40 Ranch.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Scott Stevens.....up

WITH SPIRIT

979 Longacres 8/23/85
LARK'S MUSIC.....Second
BOB'S FLYING.....Third

SOUTHCENTER PURSE
6½ fur. 1:15.2

Champagne Ladies....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Vicky Aragon.....up

SCOTCH PIPES

984 Longacres 8/24/85
SUPER TEA.....Second
ZULU STREAK.....Third

NUWES PURSE
6½ fur. 1:16.3

Kincardine Stable...Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chris Loseth.....up

FLEET JOEY

1088 Longacres 9/8/85
OUR LEGEND.....Second
BANNERS PIC.....Third

ALPHA XI DELTA PURSE
1-1/16 1:48.3

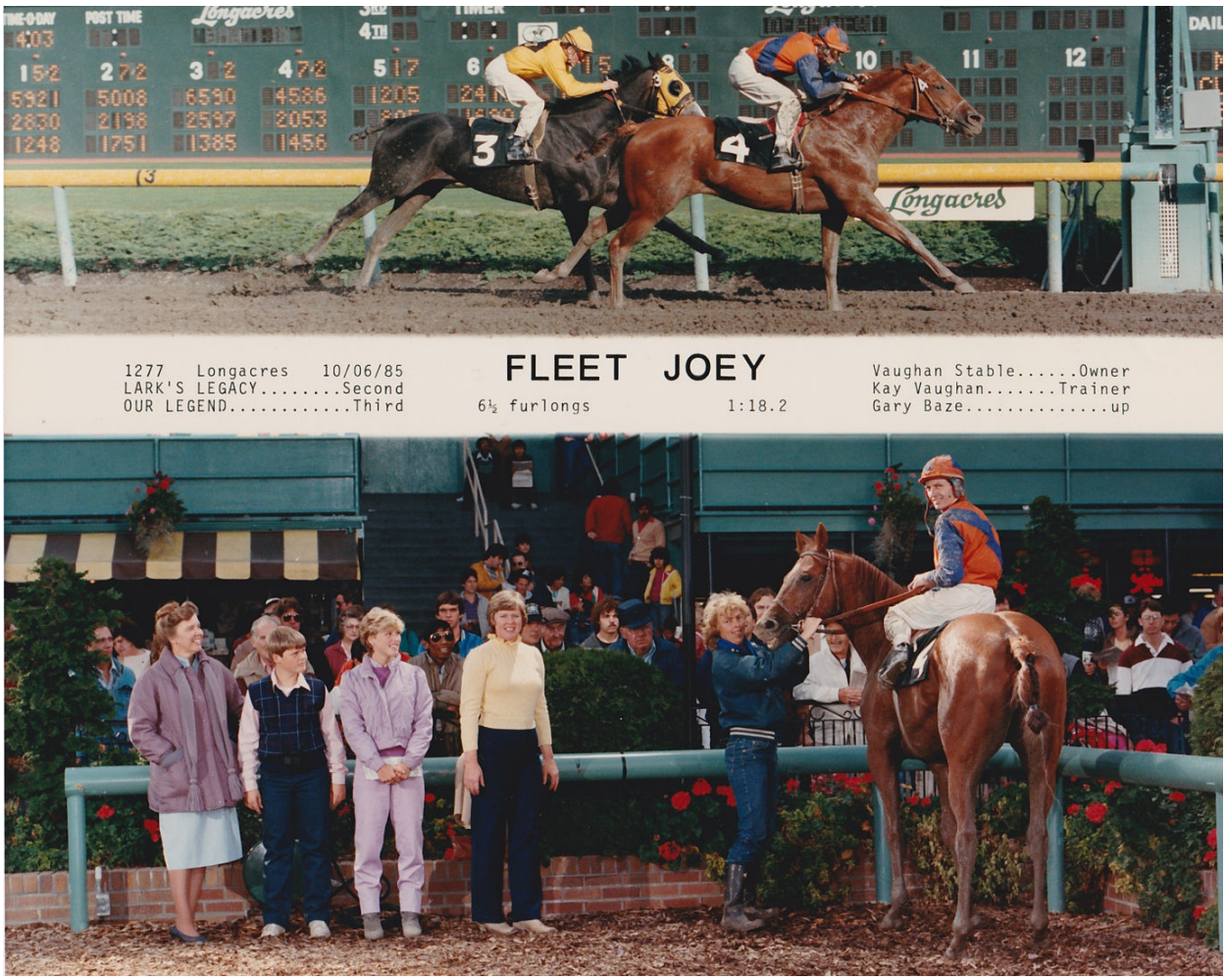
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Scott Stevens.....up

MOON RUN

1141 Longacres 9/18/85
APRIL SKIES.....Second
LADY DOUTRICH.....Third

6 furlongs 1:12.4

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Vicky Aragon.....up



Kay's sister Gladys is in the photo with Sean and Nola

Another Longacres meet is over.

073 Portland Meadows 11/07/85
#4 POLLINAIR.....Second
#3 DONUT'S PLAYMATE....Third

FINGER OF FATE

MAIDEN
6 furlongs 1:12.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan/R.Lloyd.....Trainer
Jody Davidson.....Up

038 Portland Meadows 10/27/85
#7 CONSENT DECREE.....Second
#3 WHISPER MORN.....Third

MUG SHOT

6 furlongs 1:13.1

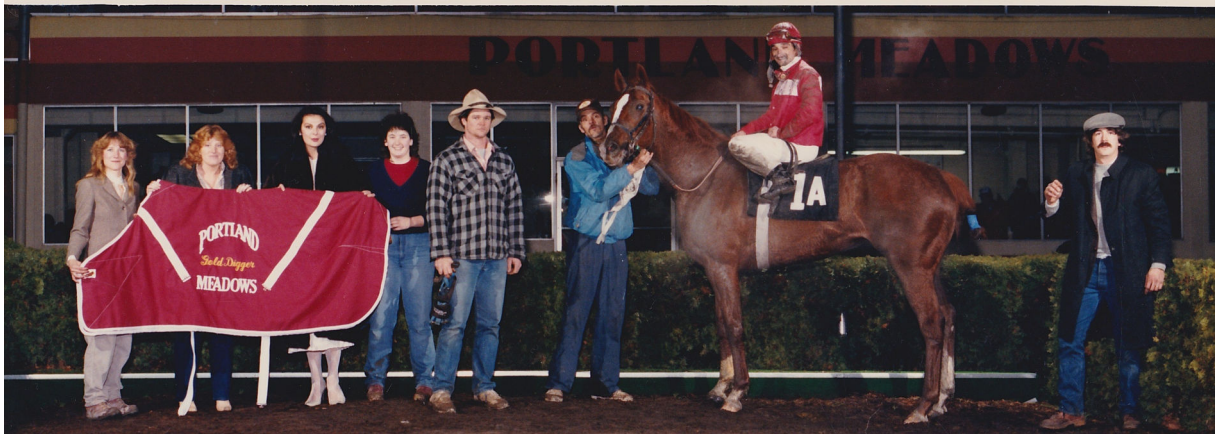
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan/R. Lloyd....Trainer
Jody Davidson.....Up

199 Portland Meadows 12/07/85
#6 MARGA'S CHAMP.....Second
#7 SEABREEZE WHISPER...Third

FIRST PACKAGE

GOLD DIGGER HANDICAP
6 furlongs 1:12.0

Vaughan Stable/SL-40 Ranch..Owner
K. Vaughan/R. Lloyd.....Trainer
Frank Gonsalves.....Up

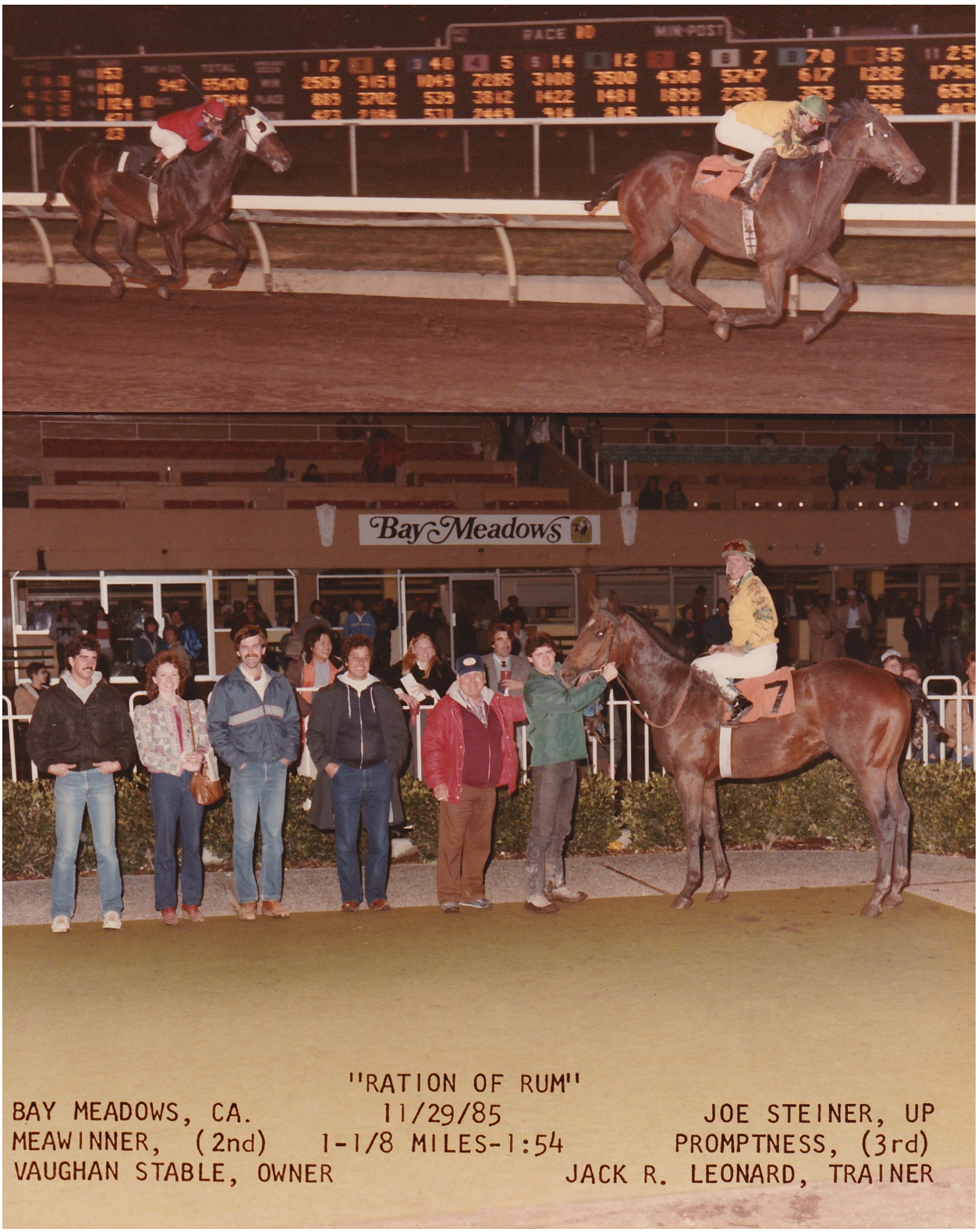


First Package was sent to Portland specifically to win the Gold Digger Handicap. (In this photo Gary Stevens is on First Package but he didn't ride her in the Gold Digger Handicap. Marianne is the groom.

Fleet Joey was sent to Bay Meadows with Jack Leonard.

He was on the rail winning by a nose.

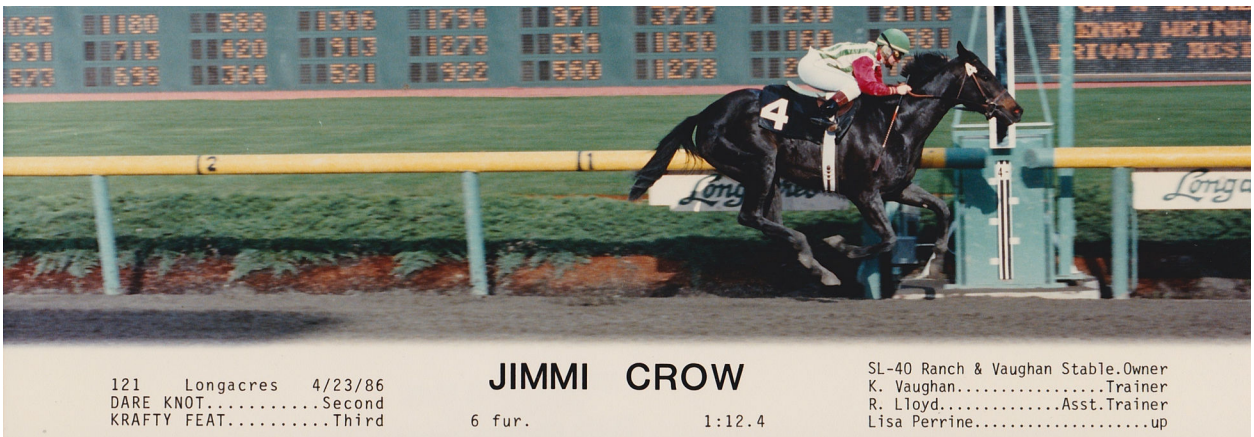
Ration of Rum (out of Mai Tai) also won.



Chapter 15

Kay Continues Her Winning Ways

1986 begins with a win at Portland Meadows in February where Rick Lloyd was Kay's assistant trainer. That was before all Kay's horses had been brought into the Longacres racetrack.



251 Longacres 5/11/86
NATURAL BLONDE.....Second
TABLE'S GOLD.....Third

MUSICAL MORAIG

6 fur. 1:09.4

Kincardine Stable....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
R. Lloyd.....Asst.Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

278 Longacres 5/15/86
MELLOW MUSIC.....Second
GOODNIGHT NURSE.....Third

MUG SHOT

WASH. MUNICIPAL TREASURERES ASSOCIATION PURSE
6 fur. 1:17.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
R. Lloyd.....Asst.Trainer
Hugh Wales.....up

308 Longacres 5/18/86
MS. SATUS WAY.....Second
WAY TO DEAL.....Third

ROYAL TOUCH

ALPHA CHI OMEGA PURSE
6 fur. 1:11.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
R. Lloyd.....Asst.Trainer
Frank Best.....up

MUG SHOT

387 Longacres 5/31/86
MELLOW MUSIC.....Second
JAN'S PROSPECT.....Third

SPENCER LAKE TAVERN PURSE
6 fur. 1:11.4

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
R. Lloyd.....Asst.Trainer
Hugh Wales.....up

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MUSICAL MORAIG

389 Longacres 5/31/86
MONDO TIME.....Second
SOFT FIRE.....Third

KITSAP FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DAY PURSE
6½ fur. 1:18.2

Kincardine Stable...Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
R. Lloyd.....Asst.Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

MUSICAL MORAIG

469 Longacres 6/12/86
TROOPER ONE.....Second
HOUSTON HUSSIE.....Third

101 CLUB PURSE
6 fur. 1:09.3

Kincardine Stable....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
R. Lloyd.....Asst.Trainer
Gary Baze.....up

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WITH SPIRIT

477 Longacres 6/13/86
K.L.'S PAPA.....Second
BIG SWATHER.....Third

NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTERS
OF SEATTLE PURSE
6½ fur. 1:15.1

Champagne Ladies.....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
R. Lloyd.....Asst.Trainer
Frank Best.....up

©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

617 Longacres 7/03/86
AZURE WINDS.....Second
MISS ROYALTIVO.....Third

UNPARALLELED

6 fur. 1:10

SL-40 Ranch &
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
Frank Best.....up
©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

926 Longacres 8/15/86
FIREY STAR.....Second
MY LYON.....Third

WITH SPIRIT

6½ fur. 1:15.3

Champagne Ladies.....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
R. Lloyd.....Asst.Trainer
Chris Loseth.....up
©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

1016 Longacres 8/29/86
ELLEN MARY.....Second
BARRY'S PRINCESS.....Third

UNPARALLELED

6½ fur. 1:17.1

SL-40 Ranch &
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
K. Vaughan.....Trainer
Chris Loseth.....up
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1231 Longacres 9/28/86
REAL FUSSER.....Second
BEHOLD HIM.....Third

AT MY BEST

6 fur. 1:14.1

SL-40 Ranch &
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Bryson Cooper.....up
©FOUR FOOTED FOTOS

1414 Longacres 10/29/86
PAPA'S LUCKY GAL.....Second
ANNA MURR.....Third

ZULU DARLING

6½ fur. 1:18.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chad Hoverson.....up

1450 Longacres 11/02/86
K.L.'S PAPA.....Second
BARBARIC GEORGE.....Third

FLEET JOEY

6½ fur. 1:18.2

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chad Hoverson.....up

404 Portland Meadows 01/30/87
#5 QUEEN'S PRAISE.....Second
© #11 HIGH SEA BANDIT.....Third

C'EST TEMPS

MAIDEN
6 furlongs 1:13.0

SL-40 & Vaughan Stable....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Bill Southwick.....Up

The 1987 Longacres Meet Starts
(With a two-a-day-Kay)

Another outstanding offspring of the stakes mare Stoney River by the local star, Trooper Seven who won the Longacres Mile.

Synchronous wins again in allowance company.

Kay's mother, father, uncle Bill and aunt Joanne are in this photo.

MUSICAL MORAIG

229 *Longacres* 5/1/87
SHOOTING PITCH.....Second
MARLU'S FIRST.....Third

****THE SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN PURSE****
6 fur. 1:10.2

Kincardine Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chad Hoverson.....up

FORTUNE'S EMPRESS

261 *Longacres* 5/7/87
LUCKY RIALTO.....Second
SLEEKY.....Third

6 furlongs 1:12.1

Allrich Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chris Loseth.....up

JIMMI CROW

315 *Longacres* 5/14/87
RATCHET SPRING.....Second
PAULS CUTIE.....Third

****L. E. O. GROUP PURSE****
6 fur. 1:13.3

SL-40 Ranch &
Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Lisa Perrine.....up

Rhododendron Handicap, May 5
Musical Moraig

MUSICAL MORAIG

349 Longacres 5/17/87
POPCORN PATTI.....Second
MARLU'S FIRST.....Third

RHODODENDRON HANDICAP
25,000 added
6 fur. 1:10

Kincardine Stable..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chad Hoverson.....up

MUSICAL MORAIG

349 Longacres 5/17/87
POPCORN PATTI.....Second
MARLU'S FIRST.....Third

RHODODENDRON HANDICAP
25,000 added
6 fur. 1:10

Kincardine Stable..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Chad Hoverson.....up

In addition to Mrs. Brennan and entourage, Kay's father, Nola, and Sean are in photo.

In this race, the horse that finished ahead of Senator Incitatus had lost his rider and thus did not have a finish of record..

On the next page, notice that on the 20th, the odds on Synchronous were 2-to-5 and on the 27th, her odds were 6-to-5. Thus, the fans were virtually certain she would win.

SYNCHRONOUS

726 *Longacres* 7/11/87
DE HAVILLAND.....Second
CHIP OF DREAMS.....Third

EVERGREEN SAFETY COUNCIL PURSE
6 furlongs 1:09.2

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Vicky Aragon.....up

SYNCHRONOUS

1009 *Longacres* 8/20/87
PAPETITE.....Second
DYNAGLASS.....Third

BELLEVUE LIONS CLUB PURSE
6 fur. 1:10

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Vicky Aragon.....up

SYNCHRONOUS

1059 *Longacres* 8/27/87
SUPER FIT.....Second
CLASSY FARM GIRL.....Third

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY PURSE
6½ fur. 1:16.1

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Vicky Aragon.....up

1988

186 *Longacres* 4/24/88
SHOOTING PITCH.....Second
FOXY ISLAND.....Third

MUSICAL MORAIG

6 furlongs 1:10.2

Kincardine Stable..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Jose Corrales.....up

191 *Longacres* 4/27/88
CLUE FINDER.....Second
QUIBERON.....Third

RIPLEY'S AMAZEMENT

6 furlongs 1:12.1

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
David Lidberg.....up

CROMLIX

341 *Longacres* 5/18/88
IRENE.....Second
RAINBOW WRITER.....Third

****HIGHLINE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PURSE****
1 & 1/16th 1:46.4

Kincardine Stable..Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
J. W. Mills.....up

ZULU DARLING

430x *Longacres* 5/28/88
THRONGS PRINCESS....Second
TELL HER YES.....Third

****SEATTLE JAYCEES PURSE****
1 & 1/16th 1:47.3

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Mark Walker.....up

JEWEL BUD

491 *Longacres* 6/08/88
GRADUATION TIME.....Second
FRIENDLY CHEWER.....Third

****FINANCIAL TRANSACTION SERVICES PURSE****
6 fur. 1:13.4

Vaughan Stable.....Owner
Kay Vaughan.....Trainer
Mark Walker.....up

This was early July. The meet was a long way from over, but there are no more of the win photos available. Many were given to the purchasers of the racehorses sold at the Vaughan's auction in the fall. But at the end of the meet this year Kay retired and the Vaughans sold the last of their racing and breeding stock. So… that as they say was ***that***.

Chapter 16

Whatever Happened to Wonder Woman ?

As early as 1982 health issues had begun to plague Kay. Occasionally she was not in a win photo, the trek across the infield and saddling could be exhausting especially when

she had several horses running on the same day as on May 18th, 1984, when she had three entries for the day, winning with Magenta Dreams and Scotch Pipes, but absent in the winner's circle. Again, a few days later when First Package won, she was absent from the photo. By 1986 Kay was experiencing more severe gynecological issues. She had episodes of severe bleeding and was diagnosed with having had a reaction to a dye in the blue jeans she wore. As a result she became anemic and struggled with fatigue and loss of energy. She would eventually have surgery in 1987.

Kay's retirement came just before the anticipated closing of Longacres racetrack. The Vaughans had been selling horses for a couple of years ahead before that eventuality. In 1988 the Vaughans quit the horse business altogether. They had already been down-sizing, having sold many of their more valuable horses privately and had others claimed at good prices. For the rest, including their broodmares and young horses, they held a dispersal sale, selling all their remaining horses. Kay sold walkers, the pickup, horse trailer, and the other equipment privately. In 1990 the boom fell, and the Alhadeffs announced what the horsemen had anticipated, the sale of the Longacres property to the Boeing Company; two years later, the racetrack closed after 59 years of operation.

They Vaughans continued to live on the farm until their children were out of high school. Kay took up skiing at Crystal Mountain with her kids. When Nola graduated from high school, the family vacationed on the East Coast, spending time in Washington DC, visiting Monticello, Gettysburg, Somerville, and New York City. When Sean graduated from the university, the family vacationed in England. They sold the property and moved to their current home in Federal Way in 1995. In 1997 Fred retired from Boeing – this time for good.

Kay reconnected with Marie Flesher and Carla Michaelis, friends from the early 1970s. Marie recalls she was skiing one day and heard Kay's voice behind her. She asked her what she was doing up on the mountain. Kay told her that she had retired and decided to take up skiing. All the years Kay was training horses, Marie was skiing, and their children had grown up. Marie's weekly ski group started picking Kay up in

Enumclaw ..on Tuesdays. It only took Kay about a year to start skiing all the runs at Crystal Mountain. Marie said, “When she makes her mind up, nothing is going to stop her.”

Sean and Kay

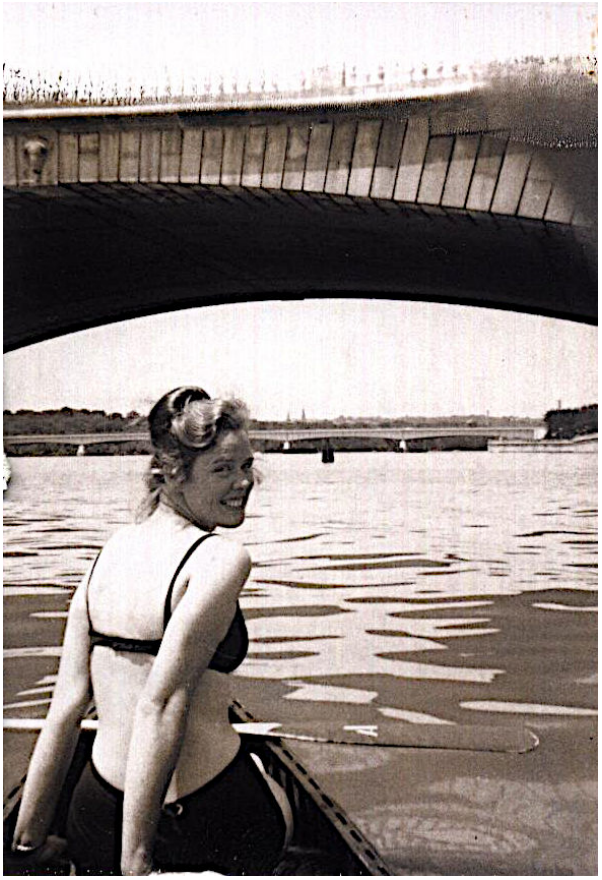
Pat Goldsberry, Marie Flesher, Val Budnic, Pat Johnson, Kay Vaughan

In front, Randy (Cricket) Flesher and Pat Goldsberry’s friend.

It was as if Kay had gone down the rabbit hole to wonderland and had come back out twenty some years later. During the early years of the Vaughans' marriage they had dreamed of traveling – more than just three months in Great Falls, Montana, where they did Glacier and Yellowstone. They wanted to see historic sights on the east coast of the United States and Europe. Kay had gone with Fred on some of his other trips for work, spending a week in New England and several weeks in Washington DC shortly after the assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King when the major cities of the US (including WDC) were literally on fire. Fred was consulting on the Apollo moon lander project at L' Enfant Plaza near the mall. Boeing had set Fred up on the thirteenth floor (which Vaughans learned was called the fourteenth, evidently for superstitious reasons) of the Watergate Hotel of much later notoriety.

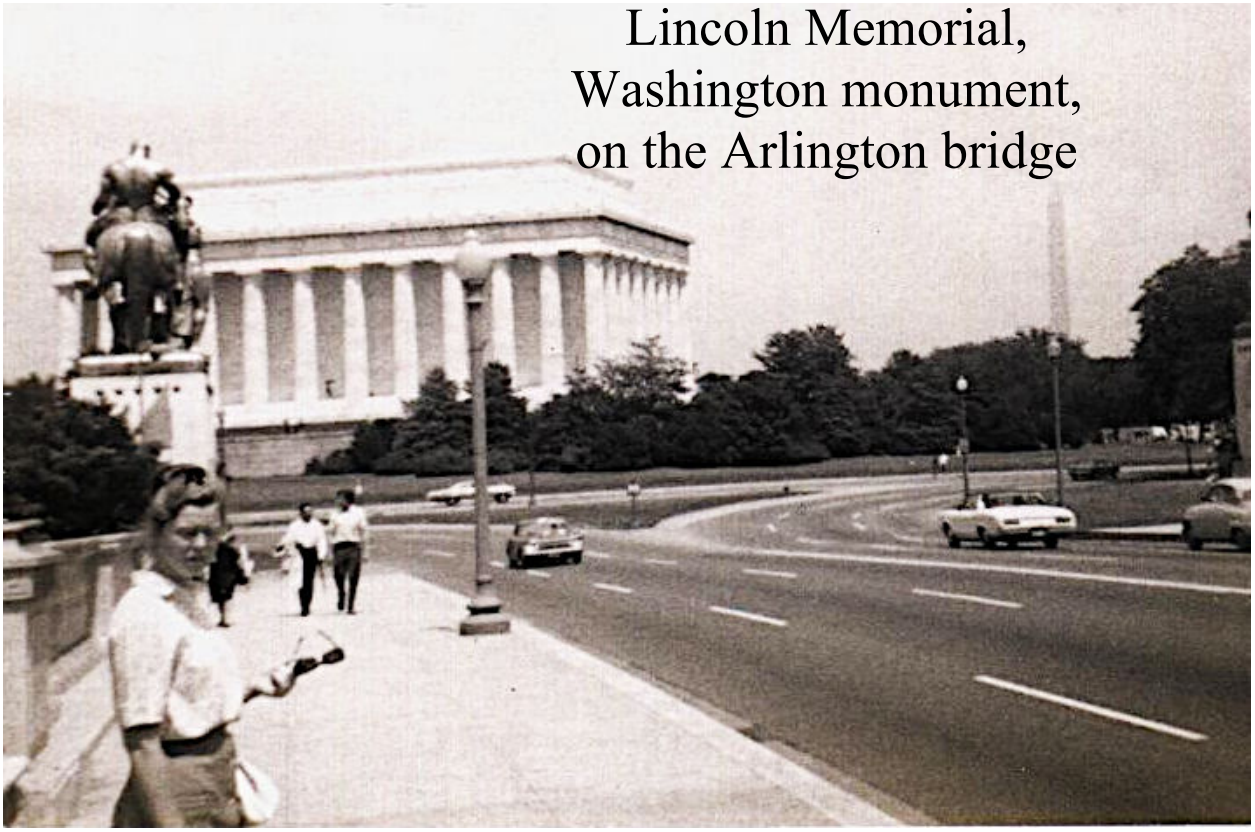
Kay in the late sixties with a backdrop of the Watergate hotel where they stayed

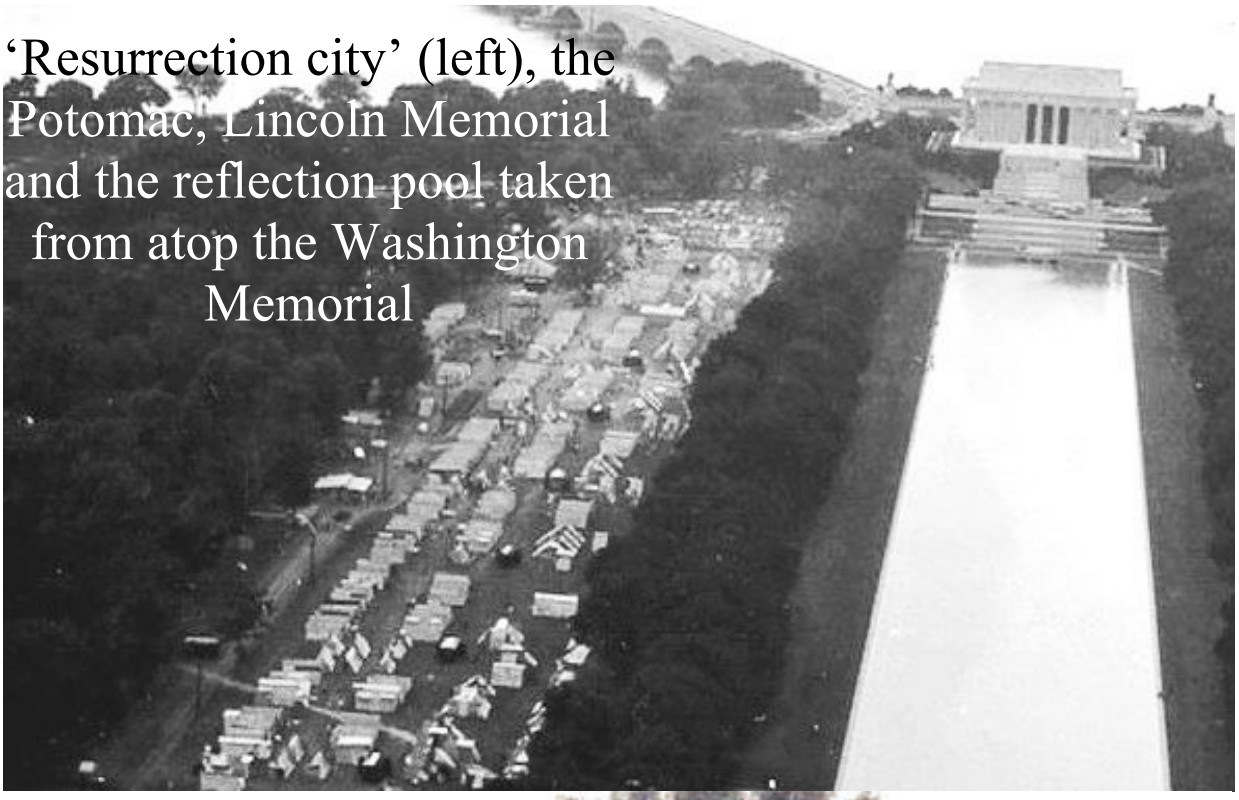
One evening while watching TV in their room Kay exclaimed, "There I am, right over there." She had been on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial listening to Rev. Abernathy as he spoke. Off to the left of the reflection pool was Resurrection City.



Canoeing on the Potomac
in the late sixties

Lincoln Memorial,
Washington monument,
on the Arlington bridge





‘Resurrection city’ (left), the Potomac, Lincoln Memorial and the reflection pool taken from atop the Washington Memorial

Going back all these years later was great – this time with her children.

Washington DC, Monticello, Gettysburg, New York, and all points East

Sean with Jefferson memorial in the background

The Smithsonian Art Museum and Museum of Natural History appealed to the whole family more than the Aerospace Museum.

The paintings appealed differently to various members of the family.

At the tomb of the unknown soldier at Arlington Cemetery

The Capital, Chincoteague, Monticello, and Gettysburg

The gift from the French on Ellis island

Climbing up to the crown of the Statue of Liberty and lost in the Big Apple

Fred had had an assignment in Washington DC, so Fred arranged to take vacation after his committed involvement. So the entire family spent three weeks exploring museums, memorials, and political facilities. Then they drove to Monticello, visiting the island of Chincoteague, Virginia's resort Island where they looked for the Chincoteague ponies. Then they spent some days at Gettysburg before heading north to the Big Apple.

Later, Kay's friend Marie decided to take up roller blading as an activity to keep in shape in the summer months when there was no skiing. Kay joined and became very good at it in no time at all. Marie and the other ladies would skate down paths and sidewalks. "But, not Kay," Marie would recount. "She would find the steepest hills and go straight down. It scared the others, but not Kay, nothing scared her."

Although busy Kay and Fred had tried to take a real interest in Nola's high school academic, athletic, and personal popularity achievements, but it was easier in Sean's later high school years without their heavy involvement with the track. Politically active, athletic (playing basketball and track, where she was an alternate on the relay team that went to the state championships), she graduated in the top ten of her class. Nola worked with Kay at the track after graduation in 1988.

Nola believes both her parents excelled in their fields. Growing up in the 1970s and 80s Nola says there was still some lingering sexism, and she felt there could have been different expectations for her and her brother. But there weren't. The expectation for both was that you worked hard and excelled. She's grateful to her parents for that.

Sean was popular in school and because of his athletic abilities, and many of his friends were athletes – jocks one could say. On one occasion Sean was walking down the hall and saw his friends shoving a nerdy kid up against the lockers and generally bullying him. Sean asked, "What's this about?" One of his friends responded, "He doesn't believe in God!" Sean said, "Neither do I." His friends then let the kid go, but they could not believe that Sean did not believe in God. Because of their religious background, Kay and Fred had decided that religious beliefs should be a personal matter that each

Nola, the ‘Prom Princess’

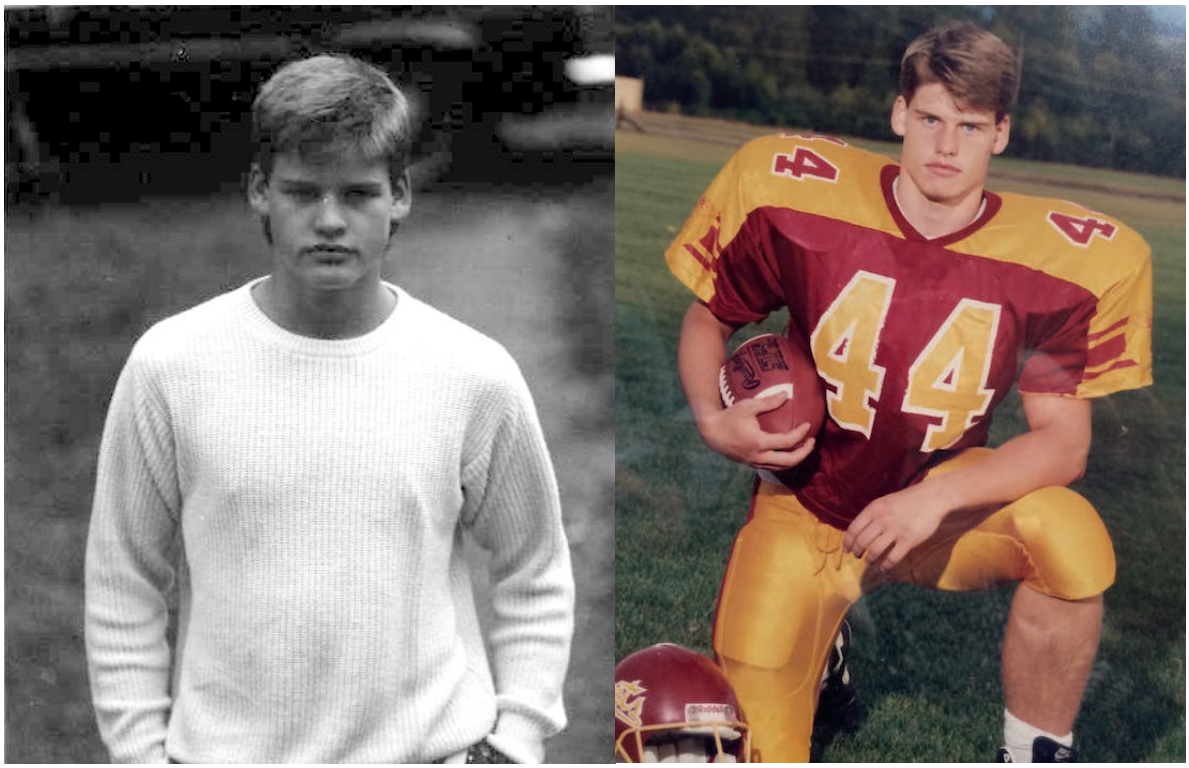
and ASB Treasurer

person should decide for themselves, so they purposely did not indoctrinate their children of any persuasion other than the golden rule of being good people. So the children grew up knowing virtually nothing of biblical teaching except what their grandparents were able to inculcate. But they were taught the difference between right and wrong. They also grew up knowing that after their senior year in high school they were going on to get a degree at a university – preferably the University of Washington. Sean was a star in football, playing fullback, tight end, linebacker, and punt and kickoff returner. After a game his arms would be black and blue from crashing through the line, blocking for a teammate, and tackling the other team. In a memorable game, Mike Chambers' son (also named Sean) played quarterback for Tahoma high school, a rival of Enumclaw. The two Seans were the stars for their respective teams. Enumclaw won the game and went on to State. (Sadly, Sean Chambers died in a car crash a few years later.) In the playoffs Sean played against Corey Dillon (ultimately NFL MVP), Enumclaw lost in the last minutes 29 to 27. Sean was team captain; he caught five passes, intercepted a pass, and scored one of their hard-earned touchdowns. He was voted to the all-league and all-league academic teams. He also played basketball on championship teams.

Sean says he was curious about religion and occasionally interested in how other kids' families practiced their faith, like when the neighbors next door prayed before dinner or when his friends participated in church youth groups. In hindsight he believes he married his first wife at least in part because she came from a fundamentalist religious background although he never attended her church. He was interested in the family aspects of the faith and its practice. Zen Buddhism appealed to him because it was secular in the sense of having no theology, but it has a spiritual realm that he enjoys.

Nola attended the University of Washington, her dad's alma mater and the only school to which she applied. In September 1988, the family drove her to Seattle with her belongings and helped her move into the dorm. Because home was only an hour away, Nola often visited Enumclaw on the weekends, or her parents and brother visited her. One year she stayed at home and commuted to the university.

Sean, the Junior High President,



Sean became ASB vice president, and president of the Honors Society. He was All League in football, and even as a freshman he played junior varsity basketball

Both Nola and Sean excelled academically and ‘politically’ in high school as well as athletically. Nola had also held ASB office as Treasurer.

Nola and Sean at their grandfather’s wedding a few years after their grandmother died

In 1996 Fred was working on the Boeing Aerospace contract to implement the cabin management computing system for the Boeing 777 airplane and got the opportunity to locate in England for alternate six-week stints of coordinating with GE Marconi located in Portsmouth on the south shore of England – the home of Charles Dickens. Kay was now free to travel with Fred. Boeing had rented a house at the hamlet of Rowland’s Castle for the employees assigned at Portsmouth – Kay became one of the gang.

During the two six-week tours of duty (including an additional three weeks of vacation in the UK) they put thousands of miles on rental cars. They would drive up to a hundred miles each evening for supper and tried to never take the same road twice. They did Ireland on Easter weekend with a horribly stormy sea, all the Irish homebound folks were puking and lying on the floor as waves splashed up over the fourteenth deck of the Stena line ferry. They went to where Kay's family had originated and looked through the Weir's bicycle shop on Baggot Street on all of their three visits to Ireland. And each time went to BallyVaughan up over the Burren. They also 'did' Scotland a couple of times. Fred's father and new wife came over during their vacation for a few weeks and toured castles and went to Ireland again attending one of their church meetings with meeting people who had remembered Kay's relatives. Kay took offense at one of the faithful disdaining her 'worldliness' and nonparticipation in the rituals when it was, after all, Kay's ancestors who had wooed the woman to the 'Truth' as she 'knew' it.

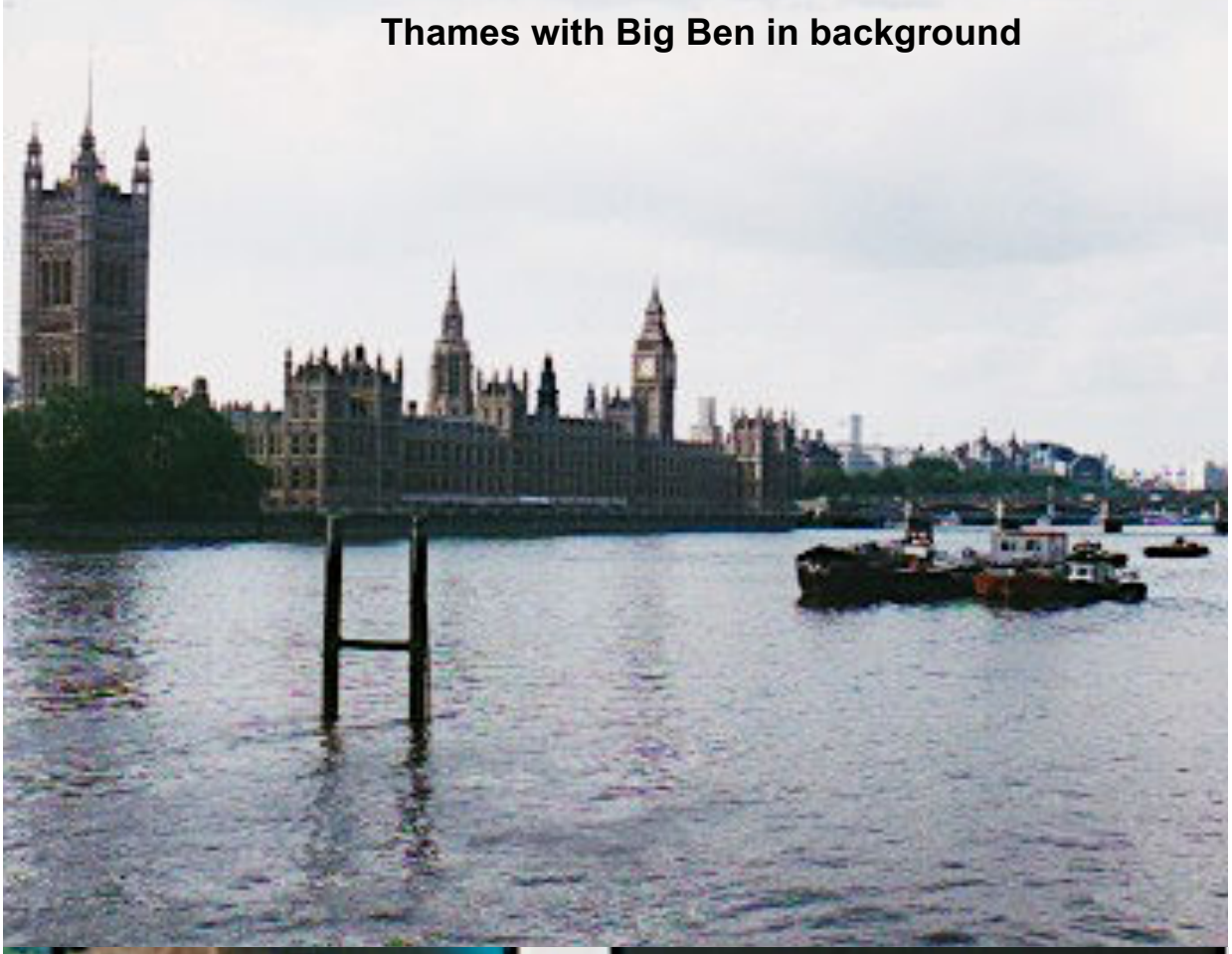
Sign to BallyVaughan, Ireland and Fred's dad at the roman castle in South Hampton

Of course Kay set them up for the ship ride to hell in going from South Hampton to Cherbourg and hence on further south into France to the medieval castle Mont Saint Michel where Fred embarrassed himself and America generally over the price of an omelet that Steve what's-his-name said was to die for.

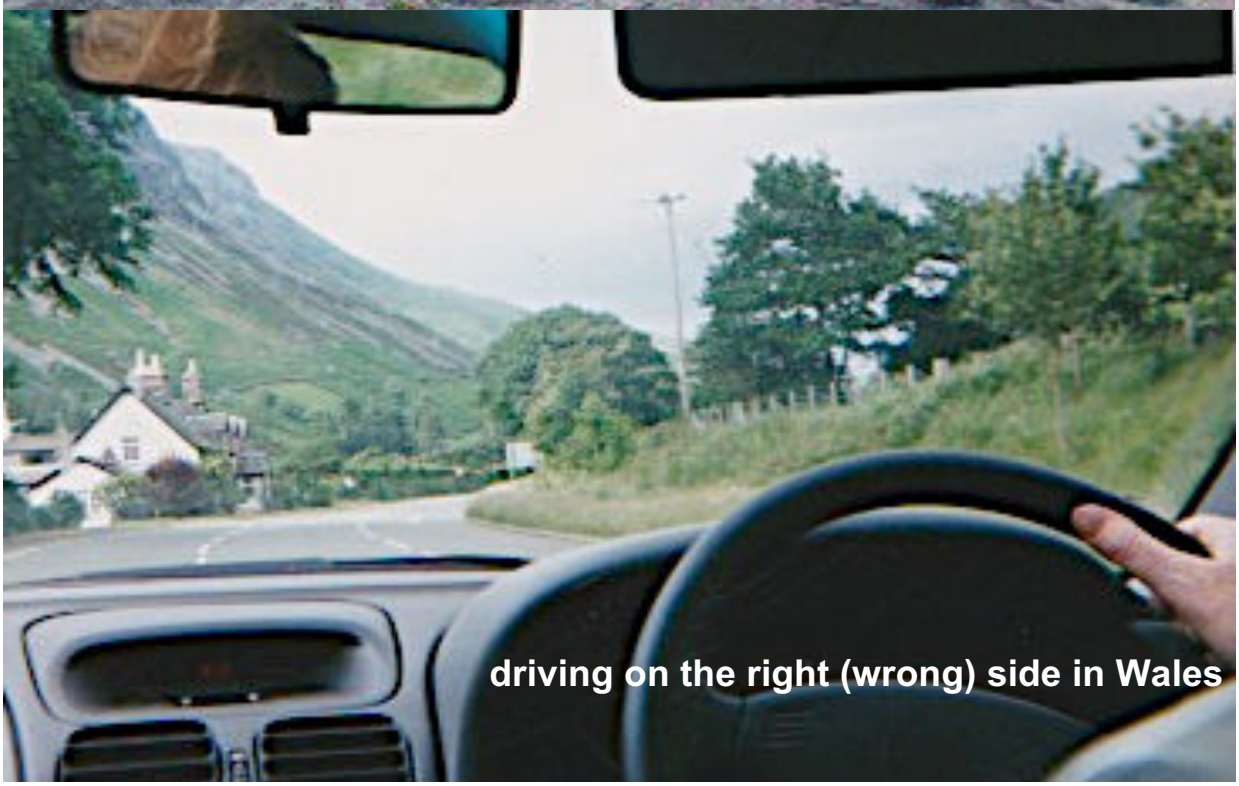
After Sean's first year at the university and with Nola's husband Clay having graduated from the U, the Vaughans had all of them come over for vacation.

Nola, Clay, and Kay on a quaint little street on the campus of Cambridge University

Sean did intermittent trips, one to Denmark to visit the foreign exchange student who had come to Enumclaw the previous year. He stayed with her family for a few days. Then he went on down to Paris where he met Clay, Nola, Kay, and Fred at the airport. They had been totally lost when he found them. He acted as a somewhat unwilling translator and interpreter because of his having taken several years of French in high school which didn't seem to have given him many qualifications other than translating a nun's comment to Kay as they sat eating baguettes on a bench by a convent, which was, "Don't feed the *** pigeons!" In other excitement, Kay got her wallet stolen and Sean had to do some communicating with the motel manager about who to call and how.



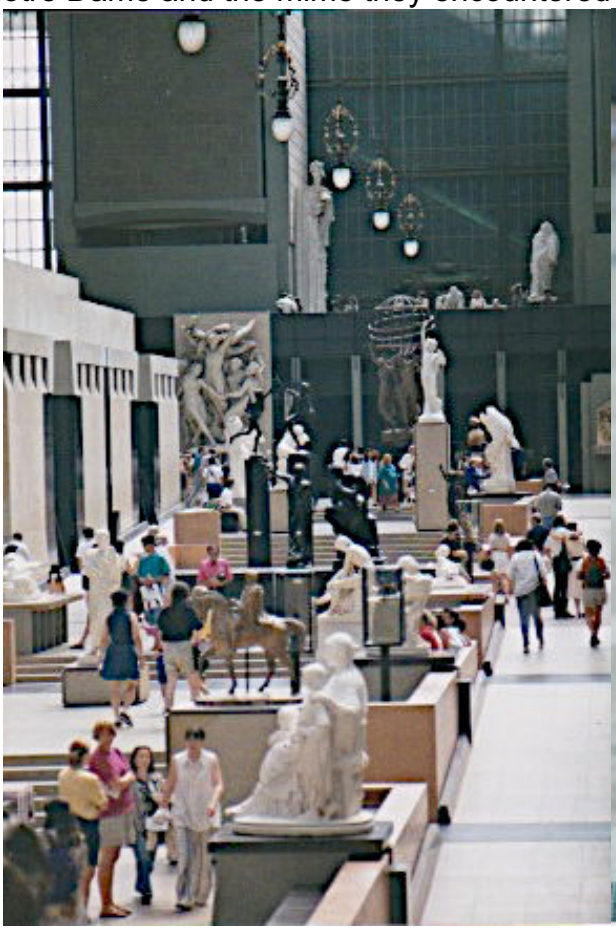
Thames with Big Ben in background



driving on the right (wrong) side in Wales

Nola, Sean, and Kay on the grounds at Versailles in France

Notre Dame and the mime they encountered there who mimicked Fred chewing gum



Musee d'Orsay

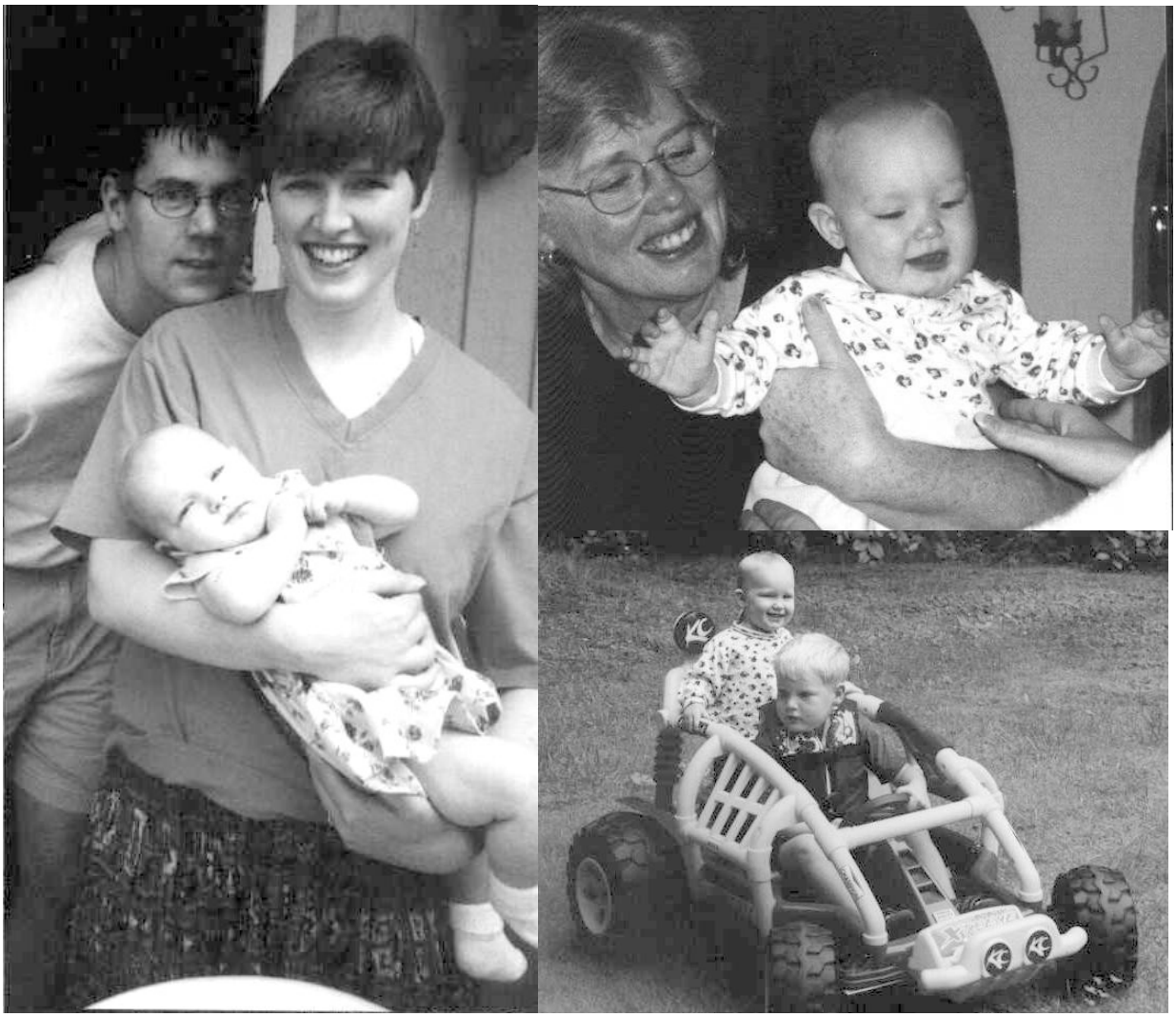
Sean and Kay as tourists

Nola went an extra three years to get a pharmacy degree and married Clay Rasmussen who also became a pharmacist. They would have a daughter, Sierra Rose. In one of her university classes, a genetics class, Nola had renewed friendship with Clay also from Enumclaw. They began dating. Clay too received a pharmacy degree after first obtaining a degree in psychology, so the two have many things in common. They married in September 1993.

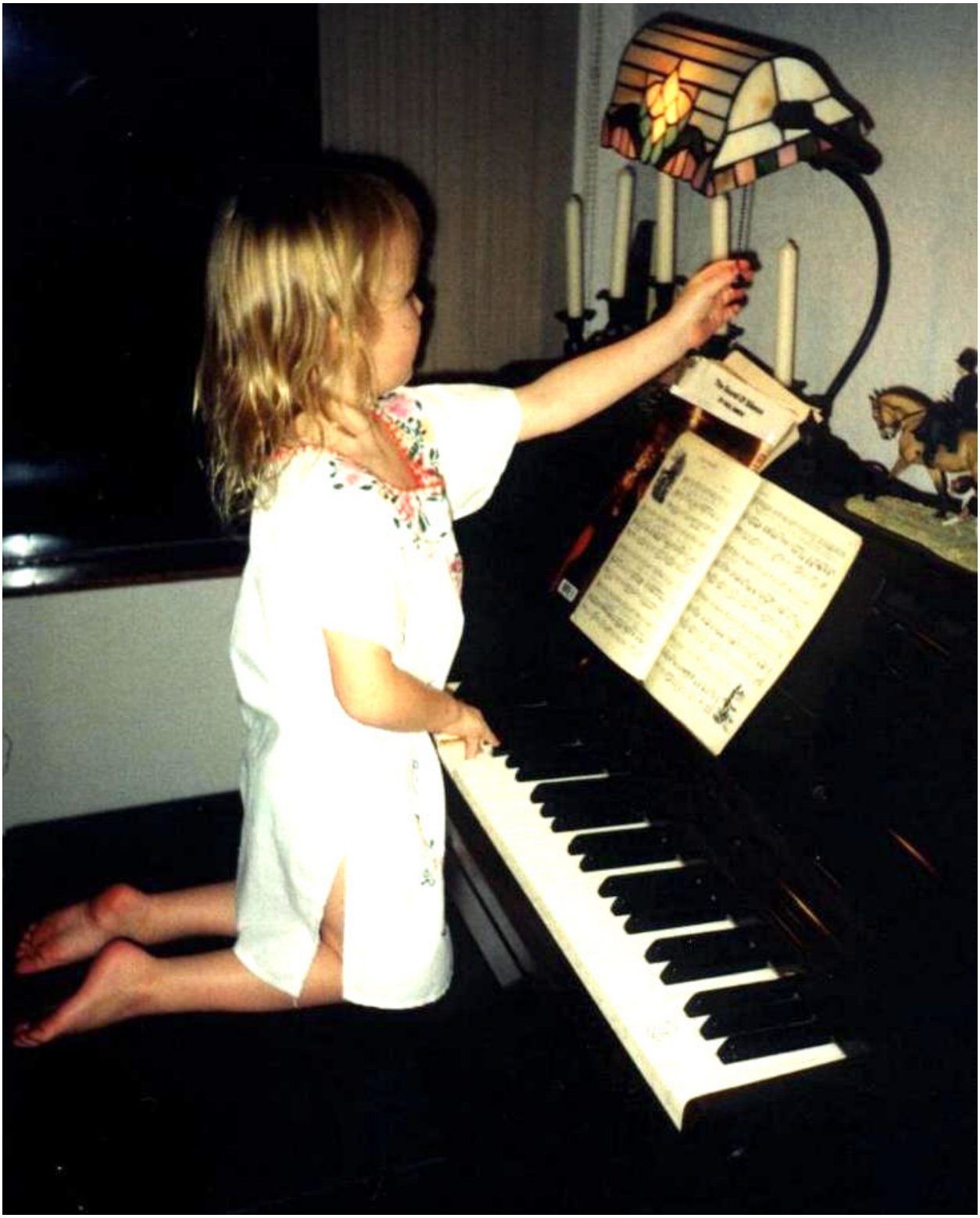
Sean married while at the university, became Chief Engineer of a Dot-Com company working full time, taking a full load of engineering classes at the university, and was a loving father to a delightful son, Carrick Jaxon all at the same time. Sean received his degree in computer engineering and has had responsible jobs in industry and the university, currently employed by Red Hat, a division of IBM in architectural aspects of computing. Sean's son Carrick pursued a music career; he is accomplished at playing several instruments and received an associate degree in soundtrack technology. He likes physical activity and works in construction as a day job.

Carrick catches sun fish from the dock at Sean's Aunt Darlene's place on Loon Lake

Throughout her later years at the university, Nola held internships at Seattle Children's Hospital and other institutions, and upon graduating with her pharmacy degree in 1994, was offered a job with one of her former-internships. In 1998 Nola and Clay had their first and only child, Sierra Rose, and they moved back to Enumclaw where the grandmothers were able to babysit for them. Sierra started preschool in Enumclaw, but Nola and Clay decided they didn't really want to live in their home town anymore. They had been visiting an aunt (Fred's sister) in Loon Lake in eastern Washington that year, and one day driving around saw a house they liked that was for sale and decided to make an offer on it. The offer was accepted, and Nola and Clay moved to Deer Lake (in the town of Loon Lake) north of Spokane. They moved without jobs but were not too concerned because there was a shortage of pharmacists at the time.



Nola, Clay, and Sierra Rose, Grandma Kay with Sierra, Carrick driving Miss Sierra



Sierra followed the family footsteps to the University of Washington like her grandfather her mother and father, and Uncle Sean. Kay had also taken math and German classes at the UW. Sierra is pursuing advanced degrees in her chosen field of the Classics.

In the years after they quit the racing life and after their kids had left home, Kay and Fred enjoyed real vacations traveling together. But horses never quite left Kay's blood. She tells the story of a trip to England in 1996 when driving in the Yorkshire countryside. They saw a runaway racehorse suddenly galloping through the field toward and across the road in front of them. Kay immediately recognized a serious problem by the type of saddle and that there was no rider mounted, so she jumped out of the car, ran toward the horse and caught it. She was able to calm it down by the time someone from the stable came running up in pursuit. He was enormously grateful to Kay for catching the

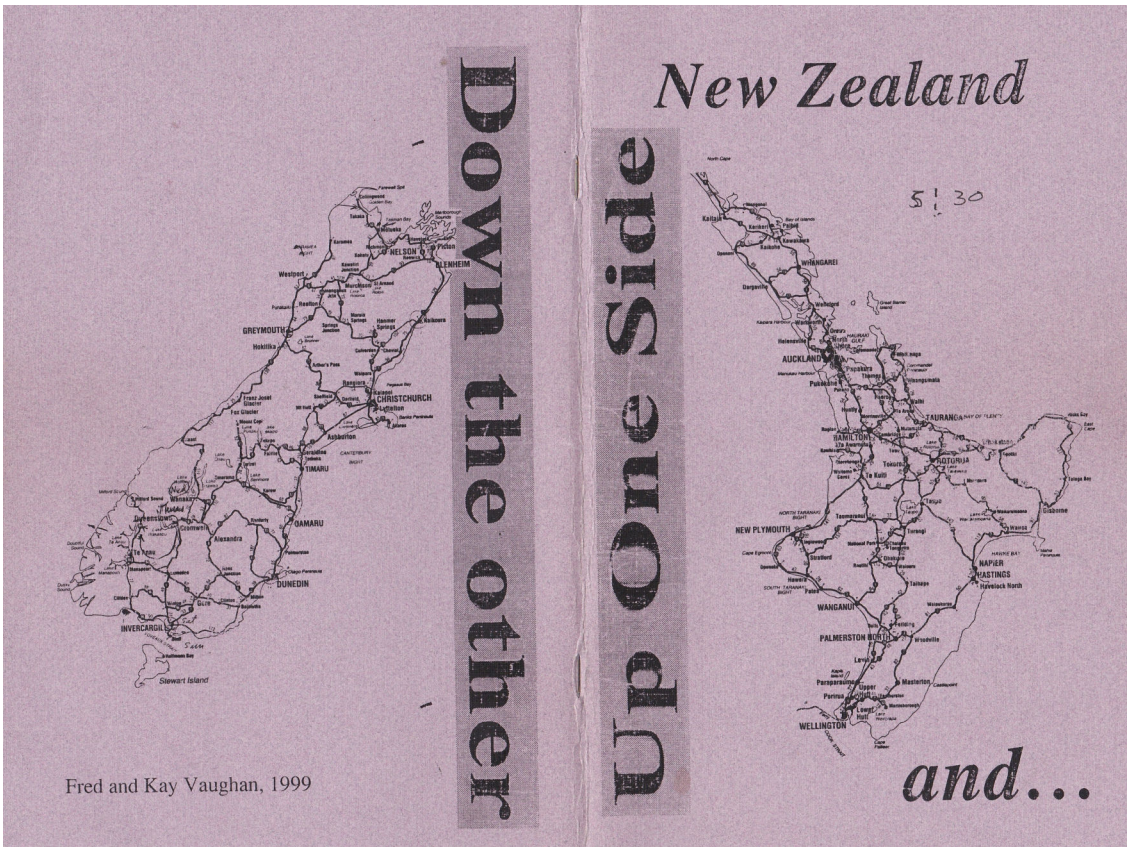
horse. They chatted for a bit; Kay hoping for an invitation to the man's stable. She was disappointed when no invitation came, she got back into the car and they drove on.

For a number of years Kay spent time as a day trader from her home, investing in tech stocks until the dot com crash in 2000. The Vaughans kept the stock that survived the crash and didn't get hurt on the rest. Kay still manages their stock and retirement funds.

Buddy retired and moved with Kay and Fred to Federal Way in 1996.

Sierra and Nola celebrating something or other

After Buddy died Kay and Fred went ten years with raccoons as their only pets.



One of the entries in the New Zealand diary

Kay preparing for a swim on a south sea island

Doing the ‘hole in the rock’ at the Bay of Islands in New Zealand

Kay in 2010 at her niece Kayleen's ranch in Texas

In 1997 after Fred retired from Boeing, they scheduled a trip to New Zealand where they rented a car and drove the full extent of both islands. During the month they were there, they visited their friends, the David Roscos at Wellington. Every day Kay would write an entry in a diary of their trip and Fred would draw a sketch pertinent to their activity for the day and when they returned, they self-published a few copies. They enjoyed New Zealand so much that they did it again… and again. This time by taking a cruise from the US to New Zealand with all the south sea points between

Somewhere along the line Kay and Marie and a new friend Pat Johnson decided they should play bridge. Ira Quint was giving lessons at the Federal Way Community Center and after her friends quit (presumably for biking that Kay didn't get into) she convinced Fred to go to the center with her. Ira would hand out his tip sheets: "What's Your IQ in Bridge?" and lecture on the content of the sheet for a few minutes and then he would say, "Now, let's play a little bridge." It was 'duplicate' bridge. Ira suggested some might want to play competitively. Duh! Kay and Fred would both achieve 'Life Masters'.

On Fred's first day they happened to sit down at a table with Kay (it was still Kay back then before she changed it to Kat to reduce confusion) Webster and Doug. Fred introduced himself and when they didn't quite get it, he said, "Well, it could have been worse, it could have been Ralph." At that point he was unaware that Doug was not her husband and that Kat's husband's name was Ralph. Kay proceeded to introduce Fred to Ralph. They all got along and after a week or so, they were welcomed into Kat's click. After they became regulars at Kat's table and Dian (Williams) and Marianne (Lanning), who were now also their friends and whose wedding the Vaughans would subsequently be invited to attend, objected. "So," Dian exclaimed, "***They*** are your 'new best friends' now." Thus went the banter of friends. They became part of what the gang called the 'Bande de Sette' in reference to the seven friends (that included Robin Dowd) who had decided to rent casas in Italy to spend an entire month together.

But first, Kat and Ralph and Fred and Kay would spend a few days in London addressing jet lag and seeing what London had to offer before having to begin every sentence with, "Lei parla inglese?"

London 2012

The ‘Eye’ is in background to the left of the Thames, Big Ben on the right.

Up in the Eye: Eng-u-lund Swings like a pen-du-lum doo!

The British Museum

Kat seems to think the guy sitting next to her is sooo cute.

Italy 2012

casa across the valley from Orvieto
where the seven stayed

flora at the casa

Kay and friends relaxing at the casa

The cathedral at Orvieto

The Bande de Sette on a mission

Supper at home

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VINI E OLI

Pisa: Yes, it leans.

Venice

Dinner on the patio
at Villa Virginia

Scenes from Santa Maria di Castellabate

BUS
CitySightseeing Roma

Sean joined the gang at Rome

A last night in Rome, Italy

The sun sets on our
Italian adventure

Fiftieth wedding anniversary

Kay and Suzie Nadeau awaiting the next session of team games in bridge at the Vancouver, WA tournament

Parties with friends and relaxation at Deer Lake

Vacations at Nola's in the summer and at Caribbean resorts with Sean and friends during the northwest cold months

Kay survived the pandemic playing bridge online with her friend Margo Tucci.

So… off they go into the sunset with a dog
rescued from a racetrack – all refugees.

Epilogue: An Old Race Tracker's Dream

So we went to bed earlier than usual (not early mind you) and slept well. I woke up early thinking about the damned quark forces and figured out what I had been doing wrong. I lay there for a while before deciding whether to get up to verify that the problem was solved, but Kay remonstrated that it was too early to get up, so I petted our greyhound Lesa at the foot of our bed and laid back down listening to Kay's pleasant little snores. And you know how sometimes you'll be laying there not thinking that you have slept at all but realize that what you just dreamed up was not a product of your waking mind? Yeah. Well Kay was evidently finally ready to get up, so I came to, now thinking about what had to have been a dream I had just had:

Kay had taken up horse training again and she was restarting Prince Caligula's racing career. I was wondering how this was going to work after all these years – his having been foaled fifty years earlier. Kay had found a famous former jockey who wanted to gallop Caligula for her in the morning. So I watched as Caligula galloped by the gap at the half mile pole and noticed that the gallop was getting a bit fast by the three eighths pole and when they hit the stretch it was a flat out work at full racing speed. I knew this isn't wise for an old horse just going into training. They continued on around the far turn and the rider is just able to pull Caligula up before getting back to where we are at the half mile pole. But Caligula whirls around and takes off as fast as he can run the wrong way of the track. The rider can't stop him. I'm worried that they'll smash into the paddock area or grandstand out of the turn, but they make it, down the wrong way of the stretch still at high speed and into the turn at the quarter pole careening out toward the fence. The rider flies off but hangs onto the reins as he is flipped along. I've been running from the gap toward that turn ever since I saw them take off the other way. I get to where they are both now standing, both winded. I grab Caligula and head back to the gap. There is a woman trainer in a wheelchair sitting by the gap and Caligula walks over to her and puts his head in her lap for petting.

So Dr. Freud, what the hell does that mean?