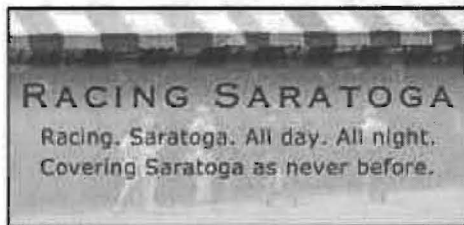




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Tates Creek (center) fights off Voodoo Dancer (left), Snow Dance and Babe in a wild edition of the Diana.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Tate's Creek – Diana 2002

Jerry Bailey bobblehead day was July 28, 2002. The day before, however, Bailey got a much more important bob of the head at Saratoga when he put Tate's Creek's nose on the line first in the Diana Handicap.

The Bobby Frankel-trainee had dueled down the stretch with Voodoo Dancer and the pair finished a length in front of Snow Dance and Babae, also noses apart. That was the last time the Diana was run as a Grade II, and the strength of the 2002 field no doubt had a hearing on its upgraded status. Voodoo Dancer had won the Grade I Garden City at Belmont Park the season before as a 3-year-old (and would return to Saratoga to win the Diana in 2003). Tate's Creek would win her Grade I in May 2003 in Hollywood Park's Gamely Handicap.

Tate's Creek was retired after an eighth-place finish in the 2003 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Santa Anita. She then returned home to bucolic Juddmonte Farm, where she was born and raised. Located on the southside of Lexington, Ky., Prince Khalid Abdullah's Kentucky nursery houses one of the world's finest band of broodmares. Among the stellar group that graces the property are Tate's Creek's dam, Viviana, and her year younger half-sister, Sightseek. The lat-



ter should be remembered by Spa fans as the winner of the 2003 Go For Wand Handicap, one of her seven Grade I wins.

Tate's Creek has taken to her career as a broodmare with all the class she showed on the racetrack. Her first foal, a yearling of 2006, is by Juddmonte's 2004 Belmont Stakes winner Empire Maker. Her second foal, a colt by 2000 Breeders' Cup Mile champion War Chant, was born this past spring. Tate's Creek didn't have far to go to find her third mate, just across the road to nearby Overbrook Farm, and she is in foal to Storm Cat.

– Matt O'Neil