



Saratoga Snacks sidelined

Saratoga Snacks, the New York-bred 2-year-old owned by former football coach Bill Parcells, will be sidelined the remainder of the year due a stress fracture in his right front pastern.

Trainer Gary Sciacca had planned to run Saratoga Snacks in Saturday's Bertram Bongard on New York Showcase Day, but the horse was injured in his most recent workout.

Sciacca sent the horse to New Jersey-based equine surgeon Patty Hogan, who inserted a screw into the pastern. Sciacca, who was expected to get the horse back Friday afternoon, said Saratoga Snacks would need 30 days of stall rest and 30 days of walking before resuming training next year.

Sciacca said that Parcells, who won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants, told him injuries "happen to your Lawrence Taylors. They don't happen to your bad ones."

Saratoga Snacks is a New York-bred son of Tale of the Cat who won a 6 1/2-furlong maiden race in his second start Saratoga.

"If missing New York Showcase Day is our only disappointment, we'll be okay," Sciacca said. "My big year was going to be his 3-year-old year anyway."