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Rapport scores win in Victory Ride Stakes at Saratoga Race Course on big day for trainer Bob Baffert

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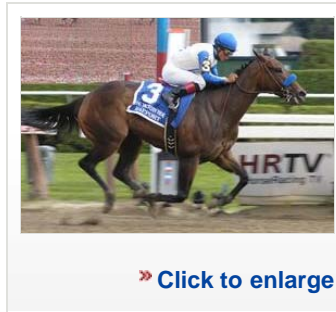
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SARATOGA SPRINGS — From shore to shore, it was a stellar Saturday for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert. It all began when his Rapport led wire-to-wire to post a win in the Grade III Victory Ride Stakes on the Travers undercard at Saratoga.



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"It was really nice to get a graded stakes win here on Travers Day," Baffert said. "Just winning on a big day like this, you feel like you won a Grade I."

Although he wasn't there to saddle the horses, he did pick up two Grade Is some hours later. Back at Del Mar in California, after darkness had already fallen at the Spa, his Richard's Kid scored a repeat win in the Pacific Classic. Later, El Brujo wired the field in the Pat O'Brien Stakes.

But Baffert certainly didn't seem unhappy to be at Saratoga — and Saratoga certainly loves Baffert. The white-haired trainer, inducted into the Hall of Fame just last summer, accepted congratulatory handshakes and slaps on the back from onlookers and good-naturedly joked around with security guards in the winner's circle.

He likes to share the love, too.

"I gave [the winner] out to a lot of the fans earlier, so that was good," he said.

Young Martin Garcia has become one of Baffert's go-to riders, partnering with the trainer for wins in the Santa Anita Handicap aboard Misremembered and the Preakness and Haskell aboard Lookin At Lucky.

The Victory Ride was the first victory at Saratoga for Garcia in just his second mount. He finished second with the other, Alienation for Baffert in the Grade II Adirondack.

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Garcia gave Rapport, a daughter of Songandaprayer, a heads-up ride over a track that was strongly favoring frontrunners. The filly broke running and didn't look back, whisking through early splits of :22.05 and :44.54. She hit the five furlong mark just over two lengths in front in :56.55 and didn't look back, widening her advantage down the lane. The filly hit the wire 3½ lengths in front, stopping the clock in 1:09.66 for the six furlongs.

"The point was to make her relax because she has a lot of speed," Garcia said.

"The main point was relaxing and then get it from there. She looked like the only speed in the race. She just kept going."

The win was the third in four starts this year for Rapport. Send off as the second choice, she returned \$6.90, \$4.90 and \$3.40. My Jen, who overtook Beyondallboundarys for the place, paid \$15.40 and \$6.90 while Beyondallboundarys paid \$3.

The top three were followed by Katy Now, Simply Spiteful, Worstcasescenario, and, in a dead heat for seventh, Sister Dawn and Touching Beauty.

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