2 Shootist trainer Todd McKenna)



Get ready to rumble: Horses for courses

In a field deep in talent, rich in earnings, it will be hard to predict Saturday's Gold Cup

100th anniversary running of the Virginia Gold Cup timber stakes Purse: \$100,000

Distance: 4 miles, 23 fences **Conditions:** Open to 5-year-olds and up

He loves the Great Meadow racecourse, trainer Leslie Young says of French-bred Andi'amu. The white-faced bright bay sparkled over the testing track to win the 2019 Virginia Gold Cup wire-towire, and just missed - second - in the 2019 International Gold Cup (3 ½ miles over the same course.)

And, she notes, he was "one mistake away" from a second Virginia cup score when rider Tom Garner was lured off course by another Gold Cup runner in 2020. "He set up perfect for that race," Young says. "I'm thinking he would have been right there at the finish" but for pilot error.

Andi'amu was away from the races nearly 22 months in 2020 and 2021 for a leg injury and COVID, but he came back two weeks ago with a heartening and competitive second in the Middleburg Hunt Cup as a Gold Cup warmup. "I liked what we saw at Glenwood." Young says. stressing that older horses – Andi'amu is 12 – sometimes don't come back to form after a layoff, but that she feels confident in how he handled the down time.

Freddie Procter gets the call for

The old horseman's saw - "There are horses for courses" - has never been more appropriate to apply than to Saturday's 100th anniversary Virginia Gold Cup. Three previous Great Meadow timber winners line up in the 4-mile classic, with two formful rivals and a pair of locally connected favorites to cheer over the championship course.

Young and Ballybristol Farm owners adding Leipers Fork Steeplechase's Tom and Roxy Collins.

Shootist makes his first try over the solid sloped rails at • Great Meadow, but trainer Todd McKenna says his "warm-up run" at Grand National on April 23 was a legitimate practice. The dark bay son of Smart Strike wired the field in the 3 ½ mile allowance at the Butler, Maryland course, a comparable jumping test, says the trainer.

Harry Beswick has the ride for McKenna and owner Upland Partners.

First Friday carries the hopes of his locally connected team. Trained by Doug Fout of The Plains for the Four Virginia Gents syndicate and ridden by Virginia-based Irish pro Barry Foley, the 8-year-old son of Artie Schiller has never started at Great Meadow but comes at the classic on the upswing. First Friday was third behind Storm Team and Andi'amu in the April 23 Middleburg Hunt Cup and third in a competitive allowance timber at Pennsylvania Hunt Cup in November.

Trainer Leslie Young says she's thrilled to saddle two fa-

Irish-bred **Tomgarrow** along with stablemate Andi'amu in the featured Gold Cup. Tomgarrow won the last timber stake run over the Great Meadow timber – the Oct. 23 International Gold Cup, and returns with strong 2022 form, having wired the field in the April 16 My Lady's Manor timber stake.

Tomgarrow relishes the 4 miles, too, Young says, having finished just behind 2021 Virginia cup winner Schoodic with a huge late run.

Tom Garner has the ride.

Trainer Jack Fisher won't opine on whether **Storm Team** would • have won the 2020 Virginia Gold Cup or the October, 2021 International Gold Cup if his jockeys hadn't - impossibly - flubbed the course both times. "Who knows," is his famously flippant answer when asked about the painful memories. But what Fisher will allow is a small smile about Storm Team's 2022 form after a facile victory in the April 23 Middleburg Hunt Cup. Never headed, the 8-year-old son of Candy Ride was 9 lengths clear at the wire, and vorites in Saturday's feature, rider Graham Watters calls him "ready

to go" and ready for his return to Great Meadow after the easy effort.

Storm Team runs in the red and white silks of Fisher's wife, Sheila and partner Northwoods Stable. Watters has the mount.

To call Dolly Fisher's **Schoodic** a course specialist isn't a stretch - the bay, 12-year-old son of Tiznow keeps getting better and better, according to his Hall of Fame trainer and dozen-time Gold Cup winner (as rider as well as trainer) Jack Fisher. Schoodic ran off with the 2021 Virginia Gold Cup, 5-plus lengths clear of his rivals last May, and he'd previously won the 2019 International Gold Cup over the same course.

He finished third, behind Saturday rival Tomgarrow in the April 16 My Lady's Manor stake, but Fisher figures he'll improve off that effort, his first out since just beat in the Genesee Valley Hunt Cup last October.

Amateur rider Connor Hankin has the mount.

Irish-bred Flaming Sword was third in Schoodic's Virginia Gold Cup last May. He was a well-beaten fifth in the allowance at the April 16 My Lady's Manor meet.

Flaming Sword runs in the pink silks with red hearts of Joy Slater's Fat Chance Farm. McLane Hendriks rides for trainer Richard Valentine.

Find complete past performance records at equibase.com.













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Street paving continues along Main Street in front of Blue Salon.

Short-term pain for long-term gain in Marshall Streetscape Improvement Project

Main Street construction experienced delays but will be largely complete by October

By Colleen LaMay

FAUQUIER TIMES STAFF WRITER

Gayle DeLashmutt and her husband Tom were walking across Main Street to the Blue Salon in Marshall Thursday, June 9, when they stopped short. Ahead was a glistening ribbon of fresh asphalt. A construction worker in an orange vest motioned them forward but warned over the roar of machinery, "It's sticky."

The surface was slightly squishy but did not stick to their shoes. Gayle DeLashmutt was not one to complain about the ongoing project on Main Street. "I think it will be wonderful when it's finished, from what I hear," she said as she waited for her husband to get his haircut.

The Marshall Streetscape Improvement Project, a \$6.8 million effort to update and beautify a section of Marshall's Main Street, is set to be largely finished by October. It is the culmination of more than a decade of planning and includes the addition of new street trees and plants, lighting, and crosswalk and sidewalk improvements. It also involves burying power and communications lines that once crisscrossed overhead.

In the meantime, the orange barrels, construction crews, noise, dust, machinery and the smell of new asphalt have created challenges for some local merchants and their customers.

"Some businesses have really been affected, and not for the good," said Brian Lichorowic, co-owner of Johnny Monarch's food bus, surrounded for months by fencing, construction machinery and barricades that made the vintage



Brian Lichorowic, co-owner of Johnny Monarch's vintage food bus, will be very happy when the Marshall streetscape project is finished.

double-decker bus tough to access. "There's some people who are bitter, but what can you do? Tell them to put the dirt back in the hole?"

Despite the pain of construction, which started in August 2021, Lichorowic looks forward to a new and improved Main Street. "It's going to look great," Lichorowic said. "When it's all done, we'll be able to bring the town back to a gastronomic getaway."

At the Blue Salon, stylist Paula Miller said, "Our clients would find us even if we were in a mud pit." Customers book appointments in advance, and the salon has parking at the back if the front of the store is less accessible. "We have been lucky for sure." said Elizabeth Robertson, also a stylist.

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Paula Miller and Elizabeth Robertson are stylists at Blue Salon in Marshall.

Short-term pain for long-term gain in Marshall Streetscape Improvement Project

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The pair worked with construction noise in the background. Robertson said she jokes with her clients about the construction "ambience." On the plus side, the salon gained some walk-in clients when the new sidewalk in front of the salon was finished a week ago.

At the nearby Red Truck Bakery, General Manager Jen Broderick said she saw no impact from construction or parking restrictions. "Our customers have been really understanding," she said. "We've been busier than ever, and we're excited about how it's all coming together."

Rosanna Smith is the owner of Marshall Curated, which sells a mix of antiques, décor and furniture. She said that business was decent, and she was reluctant to blame construction and associated parking problems for slow days. "We have great days, and we have good days, and we have bad days," she said. That has always been true, she said.

As she spoke, Hayden Schrader, superintendent for Shirley Contracting Company, the construction contractor for the project, walked in the open door of her store. "I just wanted to give you a heads-up on what's happening," he told Smith as they both walked into the wind-blown dust and the smell of fresh asphalt outside.

Schrader, carrying half a dozen empty water bottles to throw in the trash, said the construction that Smith could see across the street would be

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BRIAN LICHOROWIC

Co-owner, Johnny Monarch's

in front of and beside her corner lot this week. Workers planned to replace curbs and gutters and lay brickwork, among other details.

"We want to inconvenience you as little as possible," Schrader told Smith, who had a lot of questions.

She was concerned about where her customers would park and how they would enter her shop. "I'm cautiously optimistic that it won't affect our sales, but I do anticipate a decrease in traffic while they're right in front," Smith said.

Smith also wanted to know the fate of her mailbox, which was in the path of construction. The mailbox would be moved out of harm's way, in a bucket filled with sand, until workers finished, Schrader said.

Many shop owners and managers said they were pleased that Shirley representatives or county officials let them know in advance when construction would be in front of their businesses.

"I'll usually poke my head in and just alert



Hayden Schrader, superintendent of Shirley Contracting Company

whoever's in the building, whether it's the owner or the employees, and say, 'Hey, we're looking to do this in the next couple of days. You can let your customers know," Schrader said. He also lets county officials know so they can inform businesses, too.

Multiple subcontractors are on the job, sometimes 20 a day and sometimes 50, depending on the work being done.

In addition to the streetscape work, crews were working the week of June 6, to create a duct bank, a protected pathway for the buried electrical and data cables that had crisscrossed the street.

Smith was grateful for Schrader's heads-up but was concerned that people staying away during construction might need prodding to return to a new and beautiful Marshall Main Street. "When this is all done, we'll have to work so much harder on the marketing campaign to bring people back," Smith said.

The project began in August 2021, and initially was to be completed by July. However, moving the lines underground caused delays, as did supply-chain issues and winter weather. The new finish date is the end of the year, although most of the work should be done by October, said Marshall District Supervisor Mary Leigh McDaniel

A few new businesses, including a coffee shop, have moved in since the construction began, Mc-Daniel said. "That tells me that these are businesspeople who can see that once we get through this little painful part, Marshall Main Street is going to be a vibrant, economically sound, area, and I

am very excited about it." Reach Colleen LaMay at clamay@fauquier.com



Rosanna Smith is the owner of Marshall Curated antiques, décor and gifts.

LIBERTY BOYS BASKETBALL WINS OPENER

Joe Minor and Alijah Jackson each scored 13 points as the Liberty High boys basketball team defeated visiting Manassas Park 51-18 in Monday's season opener. The Eagles led 10-2 after one quarter, 26-14 at the break and 44-16 after three

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Kettle Run receiver Jordan Tapscott (left) unleashes 31-yard pass to Trey Western (right) for the go-ahead touchdown with 3:03 left in last Saturday's Class 4 Region C championship game. Kettle Run (13-0) went ahead 35-28 and held on for 35-34 victory in Leesburg.

COUGARS PULL OUT THRILLING 35-34 WIN IN REGION TITLE GAME; STATE SEMIS NEXT

Tapscott's 31-yard TD pass to Western lifts Kettle Run over Loudoun County

By Peter Brewington and Matthew Proctor
Fauquier Times Staff Writers

Trey Western saw the football floating to him, outlined against the bright blue sky at Sonny Pearson Stadium in Leesburg and knew a glorious moment was in store for him and his team.

Running free behind the Loudoun County defense, the Kettle Run senior was on the receiving end of one of the biggest touchdowns in Cougars' football history, hauling in a 31-yard option pass from Jordan Tapscott that provided the winning points in Kettle Run's thrilling 35-34 road win over Loudoun County in Saturday's Class 4 Region C championship game.

"It was a perfect throw. He (Tapscott) could definitely play quarterback if he had to. 100%. It was right in the breadbasket," said Western.

The play, which looks like a reverse and is designed to take advantage of a defense's urge to tackle the dangerous Tapscott, had been in Cougars' arsenal for about three weeks and had not been run in a game.

"I was a little nervous when they called it, but I came out, I got the ball, and I saw that he was wide open. And I threw it as far as I could," said Tapscott, who had taken a pitch from quarterback Abram Chumley.

Although Andrew Curry's vital extra point kick made it 35-28 with 3:03 left, the win wasn't secured without some more drama as the Captains answered with a TD with 1:05 left, then went for a two-point conversion.

Kettle Run defenders Connor Adair, Peyton Mehaffey, Jack Pechin and Sam Rodgers tackled



One more win will make Kettle Run the first Fauquier County team to make a VHSL football championship game.

Captains' elusive quarterback Zach Hensch short of the line.

"That's instant classic, man," said coach Charlie Porterfield, whose region champion Cougars (13-0) will make the third state semifinal appearance in school history Saturday when they travel to face E.C. Glass (Lynchburg) (12-1) at 5 p.m. The state final is Dec. 10 at Liberty University.

"Once they scored, I was like, 'Dang, it's really coming down to a two-point conversion.' They win by one, or we win by one," said Mehaffey.

Loudoun County coach Matt Reidenbaugh said his team captains talked about going for two even before the drive. "The theme of this team was 'no regrets.' We hadn't been stopping Kettle Run the entire second half, so we figured we'd rather take the lead and try to

NEXT GAME: Saturday at E.C. Glass (Lynchburg) in Class 4 state semifinals at City Stadium in Lynchburg at 5 p.m. Winner plays Warwick (12-1) at Dinwiddie (13-0) winner in state championship Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m.

stop them for one minute," Reidenbaugh said.

The win will surely go down as one of the greatest performances in Kettle Run sports history, right up there with the Cougars' two boys soccer state championships in 2017 and 2015.

In the end, Kettle Run won its third region title in school history thanks to three touchdown runs by Chumley, some power running by Colton Quaker (19 carries, 117 yards), and the all-world speed and playmaking of Tapscott, who coaches made sure touched the ball extensively on the Cougars' final two TD drives. Tapscott caught nine passes for 135 yards and a TD and threw the game-winning TD.

Chumley ran 11 times for 52 yards and three TDs and completed 11 of 15 for 158 yards and a TD.

"Coming from my freshman year when we went 1-9 to now, it's just emotional," said Tapscott. "I've always dreamed of winning a regional championship, and time goes by fast, I'm here now."

On a sunny 63-degree afternoon the undefeated champions of the Northwestern and Dulles Districts went toe-to-toe. There were very few penalties, no turnovers, just a ferocious test of two talented teams locked in a virtual stalemate.

Kettle Run scored first, taking a 7-0 lead on a 62-yard drive that culminated in a 26-yard catchand-run TD from Chumley to Tapscott with 4:19 left in the first quarter. Tapscott caught a swing pass and beat defenders to the end zone using his acceleration, speed and savvy.

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Abram Chumley ran for three TDs and completed 11 of 15 passes for 158 yards and a TD.

PHOTO BY ERIK **ERWIN**

Cougars are two wins from state title

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"I made one miss, and I saw one coming and I stiff-armed him," Tapscott said. "And once I saw that, all that green grass I just took off running and dove for the end zone pylon."

Loudoun County (12-1) scored the next two TDs, both in the second quarter, as Hensch hit Fitzpatrick for a 15-yard TD on a screen pass and Hensch scored on a 2-yard run for a 14-7 lead after Luke Morrison's ex-

Kettle Run tied it at 14-14 by driving 68 yards as Chumley fought off tacklers to score on a 6-yard run with 55 seconds left in the half.

Taking the opening second half kickoff, Loudoun County took a 21-14 lead by scoring on an 80-yard drive as Jason Murray scored on a 4-yard TD run up the middle. The key play in the drive was Joseph Fitzpatrick's 57-yard reception up the left sideline.

Kettle Run went 70 yards on its first possession of the third quarter as Chumley scored on an 8-yard run on third down. He pump-faked, then tucked and ran through a hole up the middle, making it 21-21 with 3:35 left in the quarter after Curry's kick.

"I just saw that the slant was going to be covered. So, it's a quick play, you got to make a quick decision. I took it and ran it," Chumley said.

In a game of potent offenses, Kettle Run made the one stop it needed on Loudoun County's next possession and forced a punt. Taking over at their own 11 after a penalty, the Cougars went 89 yards to take a 28-21 lead.

The drive used four huge receptions by Tapscott accounting for 58 yards. Quaker ran five times for 20 yards, and Chumley finished it off with a 9-yard power surge up the middle as the Cougars regained the lead at 28-21 with 8:42 left.

The Captains answered with an 80-yard drive to tie it at 28-28 as Hensch ran through a hole in the left side for a 4-yard TD with 5:44 left in the fourth.

Kettle Run's game-winning drive began at its own 31. Quaker's 18yard run up the middle brought the Cougars to Captains' 31, where the Cougars again called on Tapscott,

'I was a little nervous'

Cougars' defense sniffs out play, makes crucial stop

> **By Peter Brewington** FAUQUIER TIMES STAFF WRITER

Kettle Run coach Charlie Porterfield said Loudoun County's decision to go for a two-point conversion with 1:05 left to decide the region champion was an eyeopener.

"When they called the timeout, it luckily gave us a little bit of time," said Porterfield, who felt pretty sure the Captains would try to run with speedy quarterback Nate Hensch.

Star linebacker Peyton Mehaffey came off the field and theorized the same thing. Hensch was stopped short.

"They're going to run their QB and just lead everybody up the middle. And that's exactly what they did and we just played it right," he said. "I was in the backfield, I stopped, I grabbed his ankle, and then we had (Connor) Adair come in."

Mehaffey said there was anxiety. "I was a little nervous coming off the field, but, I mean we just had to step up and that's big time players make big time plays and that's what we all did."

Linebacker Colton Quaker also had a hand in the tackle. "I saw the ball going away from me, so I pursued. And then I came and set the edge which forced the quarterback to (cut inside), which allowed our players to come and then just tackle it," he said.

"I thought I could make a play," said Hensch, a cat-quick runner who scored two TDs on similar short runs and threw a 25-yard TD pass to Joseph Fitzpatrick as the Captains closed to 35-34.

"The play was called 'QB power"" said Loudoun County coach Matt Reidenbaugh. "We kick it out and then he runs underneath. We've run it all year. We love to do that down there."

this time to throw it.

"From the time Jordan's been a freshman here, he's been like, I can play quarterback," said Porterfield. So we were like, all right, at some point we'll let you throw a touchdown. Well, just so happened to be in the regional championship game.

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PHOTO BY DERRICK JERRY

Kettle Run (13-0) won its third region championship in school history, joining great Cougar teams in 2011 and 2012. Next up is Saturday's Class 4 state semifinal at E.C. Glass (12-1) at 5 p.m., played at City Stadium in Lynchburg.

'I got faith in Trey'

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"As soon as we handed the reverse, and the corner ran off of Trey, I was like, we got it. And he threw it exactly how we needed to throw it. Little bit of touch, didn't have to rifle it in there."

The play had worked, fooling the Captains, but the pass still had to be caught as the entire Kettle Run sideline and the 500 or so fans that packed the visiting stands and lined a chain link fence held their breath for Western to haul it in.

"We're confident, we're doing everything right, and I think we're just ready for next week."

-TREY WESTERN ON THE STATE **SEMIFINALS**

"I knew the corner was going to bite on Tap on the reverse," said Western. "When the ball is in the air, I was just waiting and waiting and waiting and just brought it in basically."

"I got faith in Trey. He's a clutch receiver," said Chumley of the play.

No Fauquier County football team has ever made a VHSL state final

By Peter Brewington FAUQUIER TIMES STAFF WRITER

No Fauquier County high school has ever won a VHSL football state title or made the championship game.

Kettle Run will try to end that streak. The Cougars are the first team from Fauquier County to win a region football title and make the state semifinals since Liberty in 2014. The Eagles lost to Salem 34-17 that year and also made the state

semis in 2011, 2001 and 1998.

Kettle Run won Class 3 region titles in 2011 and 2012, losing both times to James Monroe in the state semis. James Monroe beat Kettle Run 37-30 in triple overtime in 2012 and 14-7 in 2011, both memorable battles at Fredericksburg's Maury Stadium.

Fauquier High has made the state semifinals four times, losing in 1989, 1988. 1987 and 1971.

Kettle Run is also the first local team to play in a region title game since Liberty in 2017. The Eagles lost to Sherando 33-21 in the region title game that year.



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Top dollar sale: \$1,060,510 in Scott District

Cedar Run District

Amanda Sue Hoff to Sterling Farms LLC, 39.7678 acres on Liberty Road, Bealeton. \$450,000

NVR Inc. to Diana Efthemes, 0.5739 acre at 2746 Travers Place, Warrenton. \$945,605

NVR Inc. to William David Scott-Duns, 0.6200 acre at 2755 Travers Place, Warrenton. \$863,590 David Kyle Shideler to Tiana L. Tran, 1.0055 acres at 3306 Daffan Drive, Catlett. \$448,000

Sean W. Stewart Estate by Executor to Philip Michael Sfreddo, o.8940 acre at 11319 Bristersburg Road, Catlett. **\$240,000**

Ethel Dale Fitzhugh as Executor to Christal Chapman, 0.8200 acre at 5149 Casanova Road and 0.53535 acre on Casanova Road nr. Warrenton. \$375,000

Lee District

Jeanne L. Allen to Seth Taylor, 4.2142 acres at 7266 Covington's Corner Road nr. Bealeton.

\$575,000

Marian J. Allen to Philip Dorn, 2.6729 acres at 7276 Covington's Corner Road, Bealeton.

\$655,000

\$320,666.67

Paul E. Cupka by Spl. Commr. to Luis M. Anlas Jr., 5.3135 acres at 7341 O'Keefe Road, Bealeton. \$749,500

Center District

Alberto DeScalzo III to Bashan Eugene Lawrence, 338 Hidden Creek Lane, Warrenton. \$714,900 Terence R. McClain to Zachary G. Rainey, 7347 Foxboro Lane, Warrenton. \$271,000 Brian D. Sears Successor Tr. to Daniel Sears III, 0.7067 acre at 6476 Lancaster Drive Warrenton.

Scott District

David Allen James to Richard J. Segal, 0.7237 acre at 4439 Spring Run Road nr. Warrenton. \$905,000

Kathleen Husoskey to Adam Gardiner, 7232 Early's Road nr. Warrenton. \$630,000

NVR Inc. to Eric Palmer, 0.7282 acre at 9855 Thoroughbred Road, New Baltimore/Warrenton.

NVR Inc. to Christopher Joseph Heasly, 0.8553 acre at 8745 Saddlebred Place, New Baltimore/ Warrenton. \$1,060,510

Kinderdown Farm Investment Properties LLC to Coal Scale Properties LLC, 50% interest in 19,183 sq. ft. at 6377 Stuart Street, The Plains. \$250,000

Marshall District

Rachele E. Fanta to Allen Hui, 2.7832 acres at 7443 Keith Road NW of Warrenton. \$210,000 Michael R. Borghi to Mallory Elizabeth Gray, 8618 Ashby Court, Marshall. **\$220,000** Helen E. Marmoll as Executor to Jefferson Holdings LLC, 4168 Winchester Road, Marshall. \$300,000