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**Is Doomsday Here for
Michigan Harness Racing?**
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**For Failing to Address Surface Issues, Harrah's
Philly Race Dates Are Suspended**
By Bill Finley

The Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission suspended Harrah's Philadelphia's 2014 racing dates yesterday over the tracks' failure to address concerns with its racing surface.



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proposed plan to address race track surface issues on numerous occasions and having received no substantive information or documentation from Harrah's, the Commission hereby suspends Harrah's 2014 racing dates..."

The order also said that the "race-date suspension shall continue until such time as the Commission and/or its staff receives the requested information or documentation from Harrah's."

The 2014 meet at Harrah's is scheduled to begin March 14.

The racing surface at the suburban Philadelphia track has been a hot button issue for a number of years. Several drivers told HRU that they had repeatedly told Harrah's management that the track was unsafe, particularly on the first turn, and that management had failed to do anything about it.

"We've had trouble since this place opened with the racetrack," driver Ron Pierce said last November "You'll probably notice watching on TV that there have been a lot of horses making breaks and they've had several accidents on that first turn. It's simply because the track refuses to fix it. They don't want to put the money into it to fix it. There's no bottom to it. Down on the inside, it's like the horses are on a beach. They just punch through it and there's no bottom to it and there are holes there. They step in these holes and they

An order was sent by the Commission to Harrah's management saying that their dates have been suspended because "after having requested specific information from Harrah's Philadelphia regarding its

make the holes deeper and they just trip and fall. That's why there have been so many accidents here. Every veteran driver who races there will tell you the same thing, the track is very unsafe, has been very unsafe since we started racing here and the racetrack refuses to fix it."

Harrah's management did not respond to an email asking for comment.

The perception inside the harness racing industry is that Harrah's, a casino company, wants to do as little as possible to support racing and tries to keep costs to a minimum when it comes to the sport. A project to fix the racetrack would be costly.

Yesterday's move by the Harness Commission may only be a first step. The real threat to Harrah's is not suspending their racing dates but closing down their slots operation. According to Pennsylvania law, in order for the state's racino tracks to be able to operate its slots it must "have a written live racing agreement with a horsemen's organization representing a majority of owners and trainers at the racetrack where the licensed racing entity conducts live racing."

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pulled immediately since they currently have no racing dates for 2014, but a spokesperson for the Harness Commission, Samantha Krepps, said that decision rests with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. She also said that the track still has a racing license.

"There has been some miscommunication out there," said Samantha Krepps, who handles racing public relations matters for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. "People are saying that Harrah's license has been suspended. That simply is not true, The Harness Racing Commission has simply suspended their race dates for 2014 until they meet the



Ron Pierce has had his issues with the Chester track surface

commission's requests. Once those requests are made they can operate again."

It would appear that the suspension of the racing dates is a first step and that if Harrah's did not fix the track the Gaming Control Board would lower the ultimate hammer and shut down its casino. With that threat hanging over them, Harrah's likely will be forced to fix the racetrack.

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By Perry Lefko

A decision by the Michigan Gaming Control Board on January 21 to dramatically reduce the harness racing schedule at Northville Downs and Hazel Park Raceway in 2014 from a 10-month schedule totaling 70 dates to only two months and 20 dates has standardbred horsemen in the state concerned about their future.

Brett Boyd, president of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association and an owner/trainer of 20 horses, told Harness Racing Update that the decision by

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the Gaming Board has devastated horsemen, who are scheduled to begin the 2014 season January 31 at Northville Downs. That, however, could be threatened, although the MHA has appealed the Board's orders and is examining all legal avenues, including seeking an opinion from the Attorney General. There is also exploration of racing this summer at country fairs or another location in the state.



"We're hoping to get something good through the appeal process or through the courts, but nevertheless we're operating as well to create

other opportunities for horsemen to keep them viable in the interim," Boyd said. "We've encouraged our horsemen to reach out to their senators and state reps. We've had a lot of calls back from those folks. They are very concerned. We potentially could get some assistance from them.

"Our horsemen are prepared to race and we're doing everything we can to get live standardbred racing in Michigan as soon as possible. We still feel the Gaming Board did not do what was in the best interest of the business and it's certainly unfair to pull the carpet right out from under our horsemen that anticipated we were going to be racing 13 consecutive weekends at Northville Downs starting January 31. The irony is the order came out on a

Tuesday and we were supposed to have qualifiers at Northville Downs the very next day. There has been a great deal of shock."

Northville intends to commence their harness schedule Fridays and Saturdays from March 7th through April 5th. Hazel Park plans to run its meet on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays beginning April 12. The tracks would then switch over to thoroughbred racing.

Boyd said the MHA has received expressions of interest from tracks in Ohio and as far away as California to bring horses there to race if the schedule does not begin on time in Michigan.

"We hope to get word back on the appeal in less than 10 days," Boyd said. "Depending on that appeal we'll decide how we're going to handle our legal battle moving forward."

Boyd said the issue is a "power play" by the tracks, which are asking the harness horsemen to pay entry fees to race. Boyd said the harness horsemen receive 20% of simulcasting pool purse fees - the tracks receive 60% and the thoroughbred horsemen receive the other 20% - and don't believe they should pay entry fees. Northville Downs and Hazel Park Raceway represent 90% of the simulcast revenues for the harness horsemen's purses.

"The fact that the two largest tracks are moving to thoroughbreds because the (thoroughbred horsemen) are willing to pay exorbitant entry fees is definitely a power



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play to squeeze out the harness horsemen and we already fear that their next move will be to legislatively eliminate the simulcast purse pools," Boyd said. "We're prepared to react to that. We have a phenomenal relationship with the Legislature. Ironically, the Michigan racing industry has probably never been in worse financial shape, but we've probably never had a better relationship with the Legislature.



The thoroughbreds are set to take over at Michigan's Hazel Park

They're there to help us and we look forward to utilizing the Legislature to try to salvage the business and try to propel the business.

"We are fortunate that we do have some racing opportunities in Ontario and Ohio. I think a lot of our horsemen are looking at opportunities outside of Michigan at this point. At this point we're waiting for the dust to settle. A lot of individual horsemen are making decisions for the interim to race out of the state until things settle down."

Boyd said some horsemen have also entered horses in a sale in Delaware, Ohio to salvage some money if they can't race in Michigan.

"If you take a 10-month schedule and now there's the fear it could become a two-month schedule, obviously our horsemen are petrified," Boyd said. "We anticipated pretty decent purse levels at both Northville and Hazel - slight increases over the purse level a year ago - so our horsemen were looking pretty optimistically at those opportunities. Now that it appears that those 70 days of racing has been reduced to 20. There's definitely panic in the industry. We've asked our horsemen to be patient in the next couple of days as we wait on an appeal and continue to search on other alternatives, but there's a great deal of panic just because eliminating eight months of racing is unfathomable when you consider the Gaming Board's objective is to look out for the entire industry.

"Obviously in this case they failed to do so. As of two weeks ago we were confident we were going to be racing at Northville with a nice purse structure. It is a complete shock in regards to the Northville decision. The Gaming Board made us aware there could potentially be a split meet at Hazel Park and quite honestly we were prepared for that. We were confident that Northville Downs was going to be a standardbred meet and that one came flying out of left field."

He said the Gaming Board may have buckled under the threat of legal action from the tracks.

"It's just a very unfortunate situation for horsemen that haven't raced since New Year's Eve," he said.

Boyd said the thoroughbred horsemen will pay \$400 for each entry fee to the tracks, totaling \$1.8 million. The only active thoroughbred track in Michigan is Mount Pleasant Meadows.

Boyd said the tracks approached the harness horsemen about their willingness to pay entry fees and were

vehemently rejected. He said the harness horsemen collectively lost well over \$1 million in 2013, and for the tracks to shore up their bottom lines on the backs of the horsemen is not a reasonable solution. He added the MHA Board of Directors offered Northville Downs \$100,000 in non-simulcast purse pool funds if it agreed to maintain the original 26-day schedule, but the offer was ignored.

"We've had reduced days year after year after year," Boyd said. "We want our tracks to be viable and we were very willing to listen and take some reduction of dates to help the tracks on the expense side and they basically said 'you have to pay starting fees or we're going to race thoroughbreds.' We said we're not willing to pay starting fees, especially at \$400 a horse. It's completely insane. On 100 horses a night, it represents \$40,000 in incremental revenue for the track.

"I think the most dangerous thing is this could serve as a cancer to tax not just Michigan. It could go everywhere. Next thing you know you could have tracks around the country saying we're not going to race unless you guys pay us \$100 or \$200 a race. It's not right. It's wrong.

"And we found it very interesting that the Gaming Board did not react to that. Quite honestly, we were not prepared to pay the entry fees because we don't think it's legal. In this situation we feel the law is strongly in our favor, but the Gaming Board ruled otherwise."

Boyd, who is a breeder, owner and trainer, is looking to

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Moni Maker and Nadia Lobell set for Hoosier Park

Thursday, January 23, 2014 - by Jay Hochstetler, for The Red Mile

Lexington, KY --- The Red Mile and Hoosier Park will present the 2014 edition of the Moni Maker and Nadia Lobell Stakes on Oct. 31 at Hoosier Park.

Both stakes have an estimated purse of \$175,000.

The nine highest 2014 money earners entered will qualify for the race with the remaining entrants receiving a full refund of all payments. With only the top nine qualified money



earners allowed to start, all horses will be on the gate.

This will be the first time for the stakes to be raced at Hoosier Park after the Nadia Lobell and the Moni Maker were held at the Meadowlands in 2013.

Both stakes saw the stars of the sport compete last season in thrilling performances. The Moni Maker was the final 2013 performance for the undefeated Bee A Magician as she capped off her phenomenal season. With a purse of \$253,000, the Moni Maker exceed the estimated purse of \$175,000.

In the Nadia Lobell, the fastest pacing filly of all time, Shebestingin, captured her 12th victory over top fillies like Charisma Hanover and UF Dragon Queen for the \$167,000 purse.

The Red Mile will handle all payments starting in March for both stakes

Ohio Racing Commission Says Miami Valley Must Hire Mutuel Clerks (*edited press release from Ohio Racing Commission*)

At the monthly meeting of the Ohio State Racing Commission earlier today, a resolution authorizing live racing dates for 2014 at Miami Valley Gaming and Racing was granted conditional approval. Racing begins there on February 7.

The resolution (2014-1) contains nine conditions. Eight relate to commission concerns the racetrack has addressed or is in the process of fixing.

Two relate to pari-mutuel wagering: Miami Valley must have a minimum of five stationary mutuel clerks, five walk-around mutuel clerks and 13 self-service machines in the grandstand during live racing programs.

In an area designated as the simulcast room, the racetrack is required to have one walk-around clerk and 12 self-service machines available to customers.

Other conditions included a deadline of Feb. 5 to complete the installation of a tote board to display wagering

information, camera towers and a secure fence around the paddock. Miami Valley must also complete other upgrades to the paddock and replace a fence separating the racing surface and the grandstand apron.

Each of two racetracks already operating VLTs, Thistledown and Scioto Downs, announced at the meeting that agreements with horsemen on the percentage of terminal revenue that will accrue to horsemen has been reached. Neither agreement has been signed by parties to it. No revenue percentage was announced.

Ohio law mandates the distribution of between nine and 11 per cent of VLT proceeds to horsemen. Mr. Schmitz said two racetracks that opened VLTs in December, Miami Valley and Northfield Park, now have six months from each opening date to reach similar agreements with horsemen.

Horsemen will be direct beneficiaries of two commission actions at the session. It approved the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund and Ohio Standardbred Development Fund programs for 2014. Both programs benefit the state's agricultural interests and stimulate the breeding of horses here.

Each is expected to distribute in excess of \$4.3 million this year. The thoroughbred program benefits breeders and horse owners. The standardbred fund spends its money on stakes races only while an effort in its early stages to develop breeders' awards is underway.

Both breeds benefit from the disbursement of casino funds paid to the commission and it approved the disbursement of \$2.06 million received during the period between October and December. Each has received in excess of \$2.19 million from the total amount paid in taxes (\$11.52 million) to the commission.



An advertisement for Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. The background shows a horse and jockey racing. Text includes 'BOBBY WEISS LATE CLOSING SERIES NOMINATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 15, 2014', 'TIME TO SHINE.', 'MOHEGAN SUN AT POCONODOWNS', and 'CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE NOMINATION FORM'. There are also smaller text elements: 'WIN POOL', 'PLACE POOL', and 'SHOW POOL'.

the UPDATE'S Q & A



Dr. Scott Palmer, a renowned veterinarian from New Jersey, was appointed last week by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to be the state's Equine Medical Director. Palmer brings more than three decades of distinguished service to the position in all types of medical care for horses and will be charged with overseeing the health and welfare of all equines, Thoroughbred and Standardbred, at the state's racetracks. Palmer was selected from an international pool of

candidates by a blue-ribbon committee of veterinarians and other industry professionals. Palmer sat down last week with the TDN to field a series of questions.

(Story reprinted courtesy of the Thoroughbred Daily News)

Q) You've just been named the Equine Medical Director for the State of New York. Tell us what that means?

A) The New York State Equine Medical Director is a joint appointment as an adjunct professor at Cornell University in the department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Services and Chief Veterinarian for the New York State Gaming Commission.

Q) Last week, the owner of The Meadowlands, Jeff Gural, announced he was banning two trainers for the use of cCobalt. The RMTC told us that this was a problem in Thoroughbreds as well. Do you agree?

A) I have no doubt that some trainers are treating their horses with Cobalt in order to gain what they perceive to be a "blood doping-like" effect to seek an edge over their competitors. At this point we do not know how widespread this practice may be. Cobalt, like Magnesium or Iron is an element that is normally found in the blood of both humans and horses. There is very little information available regarding the administration of Cobalt to horses. We do know that Cobalt enhances performance by increasing the number of red blood cells in the body. We also know that Cobalt, when given in high doses, has significant toxic side effects in humans. I believe that we still have much to learn about the health risks of treating horses with Cobalt and at what level it should be regulated. I applaud Jeff Gural for taking the lead in this effort. New York is currently taking steps to work with other racing jurisdictions to determine normal blood levels of Cobalt, to document the prevalence of its use in racehorses, and to arrive at an appropriate regulatory threshold.

Q) Does catching people using drugs like Cobalt and others require the kind of aggressive out-of-competition testing program like Gural has instituted at the Meadowlands and might that be something to be considered in New York as well?

A) Yes. New York already has a Thoroughbred out-of-competition testing program that is used to test for blood-doping agents such as EPO and its derivatives. The goal of this program is to deter and detect the use of certain proteins or compounds that cause a prolonged performance-enhancing effect, even though the actual levels of the substance disappear rapidly from the blood or urine, making detection by routine race-day sampling difficult or impossible.

Q) One of the ways Gural has been successful is to require anyone looking to take out a license to agree to OOCT, along with other integrity-based standards. Is that the sort of thing that might be considered in New York?

A) This regulatory tool is also being considered for use in New York. However, this regulatory approach is essentially an exercise of the rights of a private property owner and must be applied with appropriate consideration for due process rights of the licensees.

Q) What do you see as your typical day-to-day duties?

A) My days are quite busy and varied. I have four areas of responsibility: they include responsibility for the health care of racehorses and supervision of regulatory veterinarians at all 11 New York racetracks, supervision of the NYS Diagnostic and Testing Laboratory as well as advising the Gaming Commission on matters of health and safety at the New York racetracks, providing recommendations to the Gaming Commission in the process of rulemaking and adjudication of regulatory matters pertaining to equine medical issues, creating educational programs for New York horse trainers and veterinarians, and coordinating and directing research into sports medicine topics that will lead to innovative means to reduce injuries and enhance equine health and safety. This job requires me to visit all of the New York racetracks.

Q) Other jurisdictions have long had an EMD. Why do you think NY is deciding to do so now?

A) Last year Governor Cuomo made sweeping changes of the New York horseracing industry that included appointment of a Task Force on Equine Health and Safety. One of the recommendations of that Task Force was to hire an Equine Medical Director.

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A) Can we ask you to name a top 10 list of things to be solved?

- A) 10. Communicate the commitment of New York racing to equine welfare-centered reform efforts to our constituents and the general public;
9. Encourage transparency and open communication within the trainer/owner/veterinarian relationship;
8. Improve the keeping and reporting of medical records to enhance the ability of trainers and veterinarians to make informed health care decisions for our racehorses;
7. Create an infectious disease control template for New York Racetracks;
6. Upgrade and standardize the SOPs of State regulatory veterinarians;
5. Create a fair, timely and effective protocol for processing racing violations;
4. Create a required continuing education program for trainers;
3. Achieve accreditation of the New York State Equine Diagnostic and Testing Lab;
2. Adopt Uniform Medication Rules, Laboratory Accreditation and a penalty structure that appropriately addresses the difference between therapeutic overages and treatment with prohibited substances as well as sanctions repeat offenders;
1. Undertake a strategic review of existing state regulatory processes and identify best practices and procedures to support integrity, safety and equine welfare in New York Harness and Thoroughbred racing programs.

Q) The TDN, as well as other publications, has detailed what seems to be a pervasive and growing number of legal medications administered to racehorses, with horses routinely getting a half-dozen injections before and after each race. Do you think that a reliance on an abundance of legal medication is something that needs to be addressed?

A) The culture of permissive medication in racing is a major concern. The Task Force addressed this issue last year and recommended emergency rule changes by the Racing and Wagering Board to limit the amount of medication administered to horses in the days leading up to the race. However, the actual number of medications administered to horses prior to a race is not really the correct lens through which to view this problem. The more appropriate lens or question is how do we define the appropriate use of medication in horse racing? The AAEP Guidelines for Equine Practitioners in a pari-mutuel environment published in 2009 addressed this issue in the following manner:

'The appropriate use of medication in a racehorse is based upon a thorough veterinary examination of the horse, leading to a diagnosis based on that examination, and administration of ethical treatments, followed by an evaluation of the success of that therapy prior to racing.'

Being "in to go" is not a diagnosis and the question of "is this horse fit to race" should not be answered at 30 to 38 miles per hour in the company of other horses and riders or

drivers.

Q) Do you support transparency in the testing process? It seems a bit of a black box right now.

A) I am not so sure that transparency in the sense that the public be informed of the analytical details of the testing process of any particular laboratory is appropriate. However, a degree of transparency (or clarity) in the process is important to emphasize the stringent efforts made to ensure integrity of racing by laboratory testing. Independent accreditation of the New York testing laboratory is the most critical part of this process. I believe that the New York fans need to know that the NY lab is performing state-of-the-art testing procedures and uses a strict chain of custody protocol to obtain and process the samples. A good overview of the testing process is available on the website of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium for those who may be interested in learning more about the testing process for horseracing.

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CANTAB HALL	PA	PA	\$2,093,703.00	71	\$29,488.77
MUSCLE HILL	NJ	NJ	\$1,851,457.00	81	\$22,857.49
CR COMMANDO	DE	DE	\$271,985.00	12	\$22,665.42
DONATO HANOVER	PA	PA	\$2,462,566.00	115	\$21,413.62
TRAINFORTHEFUTURE	OH	OH	\$334,895.00	17	\$19,699.71
CURRENT CAST	ME	ME	\$191,766.00	10	\$19,176.60
ANDOVER HALL	PA	PA	\$1,032,937.00	54	\$19,128.46
CONWAY HALL	NY	NY	\$1,456,014.00	78	\$18,666.85
EXPLOSIVE MATTER	PA	PA	\$1,535,091.00	96	\$15,990.53
PIZZAZZED	IL	IL	\$341,658.00	23	\$14,854.70
MAJESTIC SON	ON	ON	\$323,773.00	22	\$14,716.95
MUSCLE MASS	ON	ON	\$1,359,807.00	94	\$14,466.03
CASH HALL	NY	NY	\$863,606.00	60	\$14,393.43
VALLEY VICTOR	IN	KY	\$358,963.00	25	\$14,358.52
BROADWAY HALL	PA	PA	\$932,808.00	65	\$14,350.89
EARL OF STORMONT	IN	IN	\$348,651.00	26	\$13,409.65
MASTER LAVEC	DE	OH	\$146,356.00	11	\$13,305.09
MUSCLES YANKEE	PA	NJ	\$898,050.00	74	\$12,135.81
SOUTHWIND BREEZE	IL	IL	\$224,431.00	19	\$11,812.16
RC ROYALTY	NY	NY	\$264,041.00	27	\$9,779.30
DEWEYCHEATUMNHOWE	NY	ON	\$807,053.00	86	\$9,384.34
JUSTICE HALL	ON	IN	\$431,655.00	46	\$9,383.80
SWAN FOR ALL	IN	IN	\$787,568.00	87	\$9,052.51
TOM RIDGE	PA	PA	\$189,104.00	23	\$8,221.91
KADABRA	ON	ON	\$967,993.00	118	\$8,203.33
CORNARO DASOLO	ON	ON	\$98,243.00	12	\$8,186.92
FULL COUNT	OH	OH	\$148,314.00	19	\$7,806.00
SOS LUNAR ECLIPSE	MN	MN	\$130,540.00	17	\$7,678.82
MASTER GLIDE	KY	KY	\$188,709.00	25	\$7,548.36

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SIRE	Location	Eligible	Total Earnings	Foals	Average Earnings
PONDER	PA	KY	\$382,927.00	16	\$23,932.94
SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE	PA	PA	\$2,813,037.00	118	\$23,839.30
RODDY'S BAGS AGAIN	DE	DE	\$260,199.00	11	\$23,654.45
ART MAJOR	NY	NY	\$2,371,227.00	106	\$22,370.07
AMERICAN IDEAL	NY	NY	\$1,883,190.00	92	\$20,469.46
WELL SAID	PA	PA	\$1,966,857.00	102	\$19,282.91
WESTERN IDEAL	PA	NJ	\$1,388,210.00	72	\$19,280.69
FEELIN FRISKIE	OH	OH	\$647,410.00	35	\$18,497.43
CAMBEST	KY	KY	\$189,445.00	11	\$17,222.27
SHADOW PLAY	ON	ON	\$1,693,760.00	109	\$15,539.08
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	PA	NY	\$1,816,836.00	123	\$14,771.02
BIG GREEN MACHINE	IL	IL	\$142,866.00	10	\$14,286.60
MCARDLE	OH	PA	\$697,624.00	49	\$14,237.22
FOUR STARZZZ SHARK	PA	PA	\$731,254.00	52	\$14,062.58
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GAMBLERS DREAM	IN	DE	\$196,219.00	16	\$12,263.69
ARTZINA	DE	DE	\$161,507.00	14	\$11,536.21
MACH THREE	ON	ON	\$1,059,960.00	94	\$11,276.17
ALWAYS A VIRGIN	IN	IN	\$1,218,096.00	111	\$10,973.84
DALI	IN	ON	\$148,778.00	14	\$10,627.00
JENNA'S BEACH BOY	IN	KY	\$166,199.00	17	\$9,776.41
ARTISCAPE	NY	NY	\$283,884.00	33	\$8,602.55
YANKEE SKYSCAPER	IL	IL	\$582,340.00	70	\$8,319.14
NEUTRALIZE	ME	ME	\$123,472.00	15	\$8,231.47
WESTERN PARADISE	NS	NS	\$223,791.00	28	\$7,992.54
DAVE PANLONE	OH	OH	\$111,682.00	14	\$7,977.29
ART OFFICIAL	OH	PA	\$656,283.00	84	\$7,812.89
ALLAMERICAN NATIVE	ON	PA	\$444,844.00	60	\$7,414.07
YANKEE CRUISER	PA	PA	\$340,368.00	47	\$7,241.87
ROCKNROLL HANOVER	PA	NJ	\$1,042,203.00	149	\$6,994.65

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Race 8, F&M NW \$4,300 L5 Pace

MIA SEELSTER makes her second start at the reduced basement level and that was a solid enough first over try last week to just miss in a 1:53 mile. This one won over the track last year in 1:51, Baillargeon gets the return call for Keyes as a deserving short priced contender. OCEANVIEW BINDI makes her second start off the layoff and is capable of beating this group on any given night; took lots of action in her return last out. BURLESQUE goes from Moreau to Johnson and that change should warrant keeping an eye on. BEE FULLOF STEINAM left last out into a :26:1 opening quarter; can't ignore the barn. GRACIE MONTANA just hasn't had it of late.

Race 9, Blizzard Pace

MURRAYFIELD had a rough go of it last week in her Blizzard division and it really was a great try despite coming up a neck short at seventy cents on the dollar. All other recent rallies have been sharp, connections are going well and I mark her as the one to beat. Redeems herself. LYONSAURA sprung the mild upset last week with a wire to wire win in her first start for Corey Johnson. That barn has been first or second in 11 of 21 starts on the year and is the obvious one to run down. You can't fault AN ANGEL SHES NOT for her win last week, but it did come two full seconds slower than the other division. SB BETTYS IDEAL broke last week upon arrival from Balmoral but recovered well; more could be coming now from the Robinson trainee. ZIP CAR makes her second start back but paced her back half last week in a minute; that's not going to cut it.

Race 10, F&M NW \$8,100 L5 Pace

EAT ME UP drops right back down the ladder after a try where she wasn't terrible against far superior rivals. When last seen at this level two back, this one was used through a :25 and change opening quarter before being pressured throughout; looks to be more than sharp enough to beat these. NOARTOGRAPHSPLEASE goes for a very playable barn while invading and this one hasn't missed the board in ages; she's been first or second in 20 of 30 starts going back to last year. BAROCKEY isn't the same mare we saw here last year and now lands the worst of it at the post draw. WARRAWEE LIMELIGHT might be an early pace factor once again but hasn't been able to show the stamina.

DOCS HOPE rates favoritism on the morning line but Hudon is low percentage driver and the barn has been ice cold.

Race 11, F&M NW 2 Pace

CRUEL GIRL almost got to Murrayfield (Race 9) two starts back and then showed speed last out; interesting. Might come from off the pace now and a live flow would help; square price coming. I don't think MACH IT PAR is outclassed but it is her first start since November while landing post 10; she could be picking them off late. LUTETIA SEMALU was used early last week and if you toss that try from two back this one is a clear short priced threat. REVIVAL ROCK might attract some play off that 1:50 win when last seen at the Red Mile in October; but the return qualifier suggests this one might not yet be A-1 ready. MAKE SOME MEMORIES finally graduated from the NW 1 level for McIntosh; her last three decisions have all been decided by a nose.

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Track	Race	Purse	
Yonkers	6 th , F&M Open	\$33,000	pps
Yonkers	8 th , Open	\$33,000	pps
Woodbine	5 th , Blizzard	\$15,000	pps
Woodbine	9 th , Blizzard	\$15,000	pps

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Thursday's Results

8, DD, \$30,000, P, Open Preferred Handicap Post Positions 1 & 2 Assigned Post Positions 3 thru 7 Drawn, 26.3, 53.4, 1:21.4, 1:49.3, FT

1-Special Forces (h, 5, Real Desire--Special Magic, by Camluck), \$30,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Country Club Acres Inc & William J Robinson & Mike H Mallett. B-Brittany Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Corey Callahan, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 33-14-3-2, \$159,871

2-Rock On Moe (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Armbro Maureen, by Cam Fella), \$82,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-Jrl LLC. B-Emerald Highlands Farm. T-Rosemary Smutz. D-George Dennis, \$7,500

3-Nova Artist (h, 7, Real Artist--Avon Lady, by Elegant Osborne), \$35,000 2008 SHS-HBG O-Howard Edward & Kathleen Davis. B-Arlene L & Jules J Siegel. T-Eddie Davis. D-Allan Davis, \$3,600



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10, DD, \$27,500, P, DELAWARE Special, 27.4, 56.0, 1:23.0, 1:51.0, FT

Sunshine Superman (g, 7, Rocknroll Hanover--Carolina Sunshine, by Cambest) O-Alton E Lynch Jr. B-Docs Farm Inc & Shari Watchman. T-A Toby Lynch Jr. D-A Toby Lynch Jr, \$13,750, Lifetime Record: 122-21-20-12, \$303,913

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Meadowlands Report

Wednesday's Results

6, M, \$46,500, T, SUPER BOWL - FINAL 3 & 4 Year Olds NW 2 Extended PM Races or \$30,000 Lifetime Up to & Including 12/15/2013, 28.4, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:55.1, FT
1-Time To Quit (g, 4, Chocolatier--Lovable Truth, by Conway Hall), \$2,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Al J Libfeld, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$23,250, Lifetime Record: 18-7-1-2, \$54,580
2-Clementine Dream (m, 4, Infinitif--Catch Fortuna, by

Speedy Crown), \$27,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Racing Team Of America & Brian R Paquet, CA. B-Reve Avec Moi Dreamwithme, CA. T-Mark Harder. D-Scott Zeron, \$11,625
3-Sixteen Mikes (g, 4, American Mike--Sweetsixteenkarets, by Revenue S) O-Robert J Key. B-Robert J Key. T-Gail Wrubel. D-Tyler Buter, \$5,580
Calls: 2H, 1H, 2Q, 1T, 1T
Finish Order: Ray Hall, Donatella Hanover, Cocotier, J Cs Jake, Cajole Hanover, Corleone Hall, Home Turf

The Meadows Report

Tuesday's Results

8, Mea, \$22,500, P, **F&M NOT LISTED/PREFERRED HANDICAP P.P.1-6 DRAWN; 7,8 & 9 ASSIGNED, M, 28.1, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:56.3, SL**

Montenegro (m, 6, Camluck--Cyber Wave, by Fighting Major), \$17,000 2009 WALKER O-Randall B Bendis & Thomas J Pollack. B-Dr Kenneth M Rucker MD. T-Randy Bendis. D-Tony Hall, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 108-22-16-14, \$402,164

Wednesday's Results

7, Mea, \$24,800, T, *W/O \$10,000 LIFE/PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1-6 & 10 DRAWN; 7 ASSIGNED; 8-9 DRAWN, 29.3, 1:00.2, 1:29.3, 1:57.3, GD

Run And Tell Pap (g, 7, High Falls--Adele's Jade, by Noble Jade), \$1,300 2008 ILLINI O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & M1 Stable LLC. B-Mary Lea Jeffers. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$12,400, Lifetime Record: 109-42-14-8, \$442,921

Thursday's Results

9, Mea, \$20,000, T, *F&M W/O \$10,000/PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1-4 DRAWN; 5-7 DRAWN; 8 ASSIGNED, 29.0, 59.2, 1:28.2, 1:58.1, SL

Daylon Miracle (m, 5, Pegasus Spur--Daylon Marvel, by Super Pleasure) O-William T Bercury. B-David O Lemon, CA. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 44-13-7-6, \$250,393

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Woodbine Report

Monday's Results

2, Wdb. \$34,000, Trot. Preferred. 28.1, 57.4, 1:27, 1:55.2 FT

Catch The Dream (g,6 - Cash Hall-Anything But Love-Conway Hall) O-Daniel W Macisaac. B-Jesmeral Stable. T-Bruce MacDonald. D-Randy Waples, \$17,000. Lifetime Record: 81-21-13-11, \$255,116