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Dave Magee Calls It A Career

By Neil Millbert

CRETE, IL - On a cold Saturday night with light snow falling at Balmoral Park a Chicago sports icon said goodbye.

Dave Magee ended his driving career after spending 40-plus years in the sulky, virtually all of which were spent at tracks on the Chicago circuit.



Dave with family

And he will be remembered as one of the Chicago circuit's most respected athletes, a man who belongs on the same pedestal as the Cubs' Ernie Banks, the Blackhawks' Stan Mikita and the Bears' Walter Payton, players who began and ended their professional careers in the Windy City.

"I came from downtown Chicago to see Dave drive for one last time," said Brad Holland, who described himself as a "long-time racing fan."

"With the snow it took more than an hour for me to get here but I wasn't going to miss it. He's a classy, classy guy."

Magee drove in the first, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, 10th and 11th races on the 12-race card and two of his trips took him to the winner's circle.



Dave with drivers & trainers from Saturday's final race night

He put Bell Valley Bill on the lead in the second quarter of the sixth and they went on to a 1-length triumph in the \$3,500 race, which was a claiming handicap, and he guided Heavenly Knox to a come-from-behind 2-length conquest in the eighth, a \$4,700 conditioned pace.

He also had a second (when his horse was nosed out in the 10th race), a pair of thirds and a fourth before finishing last with Mykindaprincess in the last drive of his career.

Following the fifth race the track honored Magee in the winner's circle where he was joined by Kathy, his wife of 27 years; three sons; three daughters; three grandchildren;

and members of the driver colony.

"It's been an unbelievable ride," the 61-year-old Hall of Fame driver said when he was handed the microphone.

"When I started out I couldn't have imagined it turning out this way."

Choking up momentarily, he continued: "It's overwhelming."


He talked about his favorite horse who gave him the most memorable moment of his career. It wasn't Mr. Dalrae, the horse with whom he won the 1984 Canadian Pacing Championship and the U.S. Pacing Championship, and it wasn't Annielcrombie, his 1988 Breeders Crown winner.

"My favorite horse was Mi T Model and maybe the biggest thrill of my career was winning the Filly Orange and Blue with her in 1982," he reflected. "She was born in our backyard in Naperville, she was a little horse and she didn't have much natural ability. For awhile, I didn't think she'd make it to the races. But she had a heart that was bigger than she was and she won the Orange and Blue in the second start of her career."

Magee spoke of starting his new career as a steward at Hoosier Park when the Indiana track begins its 2015 meeting on March 27.

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**Cold Night,
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It was 5° F Thursday night at Woodbine, but the appropriately named New York bred *Nippy W Hanover* (American Ideal) won for the fourth time in her last six starts when capturing Thursday's \$41,200 Miss Vera Bars.

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"It's a totally new venture," Magee said. "I don't know what's ahead.

"I just know I'm going to be involved in the sport I love and I'm going to do my best."

Doing his best is second nature to Magee. No driver on the Chicago circuit ever did it better.

Magee won 11,870 races and the horses he drove amassed more than \$101 million in purse earnings. For 38 straight years he drove the winners of 100 races or more and for 36 of those years his purse earnings exceeded \$1 million.

In 1994 he led U.S. drivers in wins with 630 and he won the World Driving Championship in 1995.

He won driver titles at Balmoral, Maywood Park, Hawthorne Race Course (which no longer holds a harness meeting) and two now-defunct tracks, Sportsman's Park and East Moline Downs. At Maywood he was a 12-time champion.

Magee's last championship came last summer at the DuQuoin State Fair where he won six races during the three-day meeting.

His first drives were on the fair circuit in his native Wisconsin when he was in his late teens.

"I grew up in Pulaski, Wisconsin and I drove for the first time at the fair in Amherst," he said. "The next year I came to Illinois. I won my first qualifier at Aurora Park during the winter with Jet Set Smith and from there I went to East Moline (later renamed Quad City Downs) where I spent a couple years.

"My first drives in Chicago were at (now defunct) Washington Park."

Washington Park was destroyed by fire during a thoroughbred meeting in the winter of 1977 and its fall harness meeting was moved to Arlington Park.

Magee came for the Arlington meeting, and he remained at the Chicago tracks for the rest of his career, except for a brief stint at the Meadowlands in the mid-1980s.

"Back then the Meadowlands was the crown jewel," he remembered. "But I only stayed for a couple weeks. I was homesick. I realized I wanted to get back to Chicago. I came back and I've been here ever since."

Magee was asked if it was a difficult decision to step out of the sulky.

"I'd been thinking about it but the offer (from Hoosier Park) kind of came from out of the blue a couple of weeks ago," he answered.

"Kathy and I talked it over and decided not to take it," he said. "But then I had second thoughts and so did she. Last Sunday night we decided I should take the position if it was still open. I called the next day; the position was still open; and I made the commitment."

The interview in the paddock that put the finishing touches on the final night of Magee's driving career was about to end when trainer John Zawistowski came by with a horse.

"I wanted you to have another look at your last winner," Zawistowski said.

Magee was teary-eyed. He stroked Heavenly Knox's head and said: "Thank you."

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Driver's Championship New Zealander Dexter Dunn put the icing on the cake when he won the final race in the competition Sunday at Tabcorp Park Menangle in Australia. Dunn drove Global View to a win over Spanish driver Guillermo Adrover.

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Later in the card and in a race that was not part of the WDC, the USA's Tim Tetrick finished third in the Group 1 Cordina Chicken Farms Ladyship Mile with Laterron, who went off at 51-1.

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The closing race of the day (Group 2 Sky Racing Carnival Stakes) had Tim Tetrick, the post time favourite, in second place driving Shannonsablast and Jody Jamieson driving Mega Alexander with a 9th place finish.

Final 2015 standings:

- 1) Dexter Dunn (New Zealand) 200
- 2) Tony Le Beller (France) 146
- 3) Tim Tetrick (USA) 142**
- 4) Mika Forss (Finland) 139
- 5) Jody Jamieson (Canada) 132**
- 6) Knud Monster (Denmark) 122
- 7) Chris Alford (Australia) 119
- 7) Pierre Vercruysse (France) 119
- 9) Guillermo Adrover (Spain) 101
- 10) Vidar Hop (Norway) 100

Results for the full card are available @ the Australian Harness Racing website [here](#).

Art Major Colt Tops Sydney Sale

A colt by Art Major sold for \$130,000 Australian (\$101,536 US dollars) as the co-sales topper at yesterday's Australian Pacing Gold Sale in Sydney. The colt, out of the mare Kept For Pleasure, was bought by Jean Feiss. He shared equal billing with a filly by Rock N Roll Heaven, who also sold for \$130,000 Australian. That filly was bought by Pepper Tree Farm Breeding and Racing.

The average price for the yearlings sold at the sale was \$28,276 Australian.

Lupul Has A Calling As A Race Announcer

By Perry Lefko



Dawn Lupul could become the first full-time announcer in North American racing history

There has never been a full-time woman announcer in horse racing, but Dawn Lupul just might be the one to eventually break the barrier.

Lupul is currently in the midst of a five-week gig filling in at Woodbine for veteran standardbred announcer Ken Middleton, who is on vacation, and it comes at a time when the company is looking for a full-time thoroughbred announcer.

Dan Loiselle, who started out at the Ontario Jockey Club (now

Woodbine Entertainment Group) as the assistant standardbred racing secretary and backup announcer, has indicated he will be hanging up his microphone on May 31, having called more than 55,000 races. He was hired as the full-time thoroughbred announcer in July, 1986, replacing Daryl Wells, who was known as the voice of thoroughbred racing in Canada.

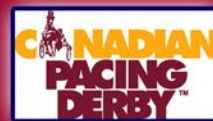
WEG has posted the opening for the thoroughbred job, and Lupul admits she originally had no interest in the job but is slowly shifting her thought process.

"It was not something I wanted to do. It's not something I felt I deserved to be able to do because there's been people calling races for 20 years who would kill for that job," she told Harness Racing Update. "It's a full-time gig, it's a prestigious track. You get to call some of the best horses and horse races in the world. Everything about it is a race-caller's dream - a wonderful facility, world-class - so what's my (background)? I've called maybe 25 harness cards and only 11 thoroughbred races - not cards, actual physical races - so who am I to say, 'Yeah, I should be the race-caller at Woodbine?' But people have been so supportive on Twitter and everything else. They're ready for a female to step in. It's time for a woman to do it, I'm not sure if it's going to me, but it's going to happen.

"Dan Loiselle has been very supportive. I don't know where it's going to end up, but right now I'm very non-committal about it. I still have reservations thinking it's not my place to take a job like that."

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Given the fact that sports overall has embraced female announcers, it seems only a matter of time that horse racing will hire a full-time woman announcer instead of employing them on an occasional basis or backup role. Logically if it was to happen, Lupul would be the one to break the barrier because she's building up a portfolio should Woodbine or any other track approach her. She currently works for Woodbine as a host for its in-house thoroughbred program.

Many women have gravitated towards sports broadcasting, but race calling still remains the last bastion reserved for males. Lupul points out that horse racing is the only sport where men and women compete on a completely equal basis.

"There are no allowances for being a woman trainer or a woman jockey or a woman driver, and women are as good as men, so, yes, a female announcer would be much more readily accepted as opposed to football or baseball or hockey because those are men's sports in terms of men playing it," she says. "Horse racing is completely non-gender biased. Even some of our best racehorses have been females. So whether it's me or not (who becomes the first woman race-caller), time will tell.

"But to hire a woman solely because she's a woman, I don't support that at all, either. I think you hire a confident person, and if it happens to be a female that shouldn't be reason to hire her or not to hire her. It will provide extra publicity, it will get eyes on the product - all of that comes with it - but should it be the deciding factor? I still don't think so. I think if you're good at what you do, you deserve a chance."

Lupul grew up in Alberta exposed to standardbred racing because her father, a chemical engineer who is now retired, bought a farm just outside of Edmonton and bought some horses and became active in training, racing and breeding.

"It was something that was part of my life for as long as I can remember," she says.

Lupul began riding horses and moved towards training standardbreds when she bought a horse, B Decadent (Nuke Attack-Predicament) for \$3,500 towards the late '90s.

"He was just a cheap horse and he did well for me and I kept reinvesting the money and I made some good decisions along the way and things just really worked out," she says. "I built my business up from basically nothing and turned it into a business that was very good."

Her best experience came with Thesis Hanover (Artsplace-Trini Hanover), whom she claimed for \$35,000.

"He was a project," she recalls. "He had some serious things wrong in his feet, but I ended up winning the top-class with him at Northlands and I think I was the only woman trainer to do that. He did so well, but unfortunately (had to be put down) because of his longstanding issues. I had to make that call one day and it was a no-brainer because he fractured one of his ankles. Boy, that one still haunts me to this day. He was more of a person than a horse. He was very special. The second good one was

Cams Best Bet (As Promised-Cambests Lady). He was just a little horse. People wouldn't have even looked at him. I bought him as a yearling for \$5,000 and he made about \$400,000 by the time his career was done. He was all heart."

Lupul began her broadcasting career as the on-air handicapper for harness and standardbred racing at Northlands Park in 1995. She later became the network show host for Horse Racing Alberta. She moved to Ontario in 2008 when Alberta's horse racing was hit hard by a track closure. She had hoped to become an announcer in some capacity at Woodbine, but was given a jolt of reality when told that there were many people who want to talk about horse racing and get paid for it.

"That was my welcome to Toronto," she says. "It took a little while."

She came with a dozen horses and raced at the B tracks, finding things more difficult than she anticipated.

"That part of it was tough because I had a bunch of Alberta-breds that just weren't able to compete here," she says. "It's a little bit tougher out here in terms of horse stock. That part of it was challenging. There were some lean years, no doubt about it, but I lived to tell about it. That was one tough life. I never had an owner the whole time I did it. I did it the hard way. If you have a bad month it's all on you. If you have a fantastic month, life is good."

She worked briefly as a broadcaster for HPI in 2008, but was laid off three months later as part of format change.

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But in September, 2010 she came back in a seasonal position.

When Lupul came to Ontario, some prominent standardbred race-callers such as Frank Salive and Gary Guy encouraged her to try race-calling. Her opportunity came one night in the fall of 2009 when Guy was calling at several tracks and couldn't work at Grand River. He approached her about filling in and she did it.

"I was terrified and I remember going to the track and thinking I was going to be hopefully okay and knowing the very first race that I called was going to be on YouTube and that people were really going to pay attention," she says. "I put so much pressure on myself it was horrible. It's not like I totally screwed up, but it wasn't as good as I knew I could do it."

She would go on to call several more cards at Grand River in the summer of 2010. (To hear Lupul calling a race at Woodbine click [here](#).)

She called some thoroughbred races at Fort Erie in 2011 "I did three races on one card, the first race was pretty good, the other two were very bad."

On Boxing Day in 2011, she called the entire 12-race harness card at Woodbine.

"By race eight my voice was so fried because it's a muscle like anything, but I got through it," she says.

Last December, she was parachuted into action for a thoroughbred card at Woodbine when Loiselle had to book off only a couple hours before the races began. It was the first time a woman called an entire thoroughbred race card.

"It wasn't bad. I can't complain," she says. "I had a lot of positive feedback. People were fantastic, so I got through it."

It is because of Middleton's support that she has been able to work as his replacement. Whether it's a harbinger as Loiselle's replacement, time will tell.

"The management at Woodbine is so fantastic," she says. "They've allowed me to continue even though I know there was resistance at first. There's going to be. Any time you do something as radical as hiring a female announcer there's going to be people that say, 'this is horrible, I'm not betting, I'm not listening.' Jamie Martin (Vice-President of Racing at Woodbine) is probably the one who has allowed me to have a little bit of a chance - an opportunity - to get better."

"It's very difficult. I have so much respect for the great race callers in both the thoroughbred and standardbred world. I think I've come a long way and I really enjoy it now."

Three Winter Series Finals Contested at The Meadowlands

By *Darin Zoccali*

A trio of Winter Series Finals that were a part of the Saturday card that had to be cancelled due to weather last week, went postward tonight at The Meadowlands. The Sonsam, Burning Point and Charles Singer Memorial Finals were the feature events on the 13-race program.

Rockeyed Optimist entered the \$59,000 Sonsam Final off a powerhouse performance that included a 25.4 final quarter. Tonight, he had to work a little bit harder to earn



Fans of all ages enjoyed Saturday night at the Meadowlands - 10 year old Sydney Fierro meets her favorite horse "Daddy Mac"
(Lisa Photo)

the victory, but earn the victory, he did. Sent off as the 4/5 favorite, Rockeyed Optimist was away in the back-half of the field through fractions of 27 and 55.2. It was at that point, that the 8/5 second-choice, Major Uptrend moved first over to challenge for the lead. Rockeyed Optimist set himself

up third over, just off the helmet of Rediscovery, through three-quarters of 1:23. Turning for home, Major Uptrend grabbed the lead and reached for the wire, but Rockeyed Optimist was lurking in the wings as he fanned out off cover and powered home to score in 1:50, equaling his lifetime mark. The win was the fourth from five starts in 2015 for trainer Steve Elliot. He was driven to victory by Brett Miller for owners Anthony Perretti, Berkner, A&B Stable and Battaglia. Miller was very impressed with his gelding.

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"He really impressed me (last week)," said Miller, referring to his monstrous final quarter. "He just powers home. Tonight I was a little worried in the first turn, we were pretty far back. But, he raced giant. He dug-in in the stretch. This is real horse."

On the trotting side, JL Cruze made it back to back series' wins with his wire to wire victory in the \$49,000 Charles Singer Memorial on Saturday night at The Meadowlands. Sent off as the 3/5 favorite, JL Cruze would dictate terms from the start, seating Opulent Yankee in the pocket through fractions of 27.4, 56.2 and 1:25.2. From there, the race was on and the top pair sprinted away from the field, but Opulent Yankee had all to do just to keep up, as JL Cruze ripped through a 26.4 final quarter, reaching for the wire in 1:52.1, a lifetime mark. Opulent Yankee never got closer than one length. Blocking The Way checked in third.

Trainer Eric Ell indicated that last week's weather cancellation helped his trotter. "I was able to get a good mile into him over a decent track at Harrington," said Ell. "The track at my place I couldn't train on because the weather has been so terrible."

A \$32,000 Harrisburg purchase, JL Cruze has exceeded his trainer's expectations. "No, I didn't expect he would be this good," added Ell. "We made a lot of changes when we got him and he just keeps getting better. He tries hard every week."

JL Cruze was driven by his usual pilot John Campbell for owners William Kenneth Wood, William Dittmar Jr and Stephen laquinta.

Ell confirmed the Shiaway St Pat trotting series, a more difficult late closer series based on its conditions was next for his prized trotter. That series begins on Friday, March 13th.

The mares went to the post in the \$50,600 Burning Point Final in a highly-competitive and select field. Empress Deo was looking for a series sweep and was sent off as the 3/2 betting choice. The Ron Burke entry of Southwind Serenity and Dontellruss were the 8/5 second choice, while Worldly Beauty winner Witch Dali was sent off at 3-1.

Southwind Serenity established the early pace, gliding through fractions of 27.2 and 56-seconds. Heading to the half-mile pole, her stable-mate Dontellruss committed first over, but made little headway, forcing Empress Deo three-wide in the middle of the far turn. In the meantime, Somenicebeach and Ron Pierce were riding a perfect pocket trip behind the lone speed through three-quarters of 1:23.4. In the stretch, Empress Deo was finding just even pace while Somenicebeach was ripping out of the pocket and pacing right past Southwind Serenity nearing the wire. Witch Dali was left with too much ground to make up and had to settle for the runner-up spot while Empress Deo could manage only to be third tonight.

Trainer Mark Capone gave credit to his mare who "overcame a rough foot bruise, but has kept racing well despite that, noting that she has earned some time off after this win." He also praised his driver Ron Pierce, citing "Ronnie has put her in a great spot all series and tonight it

worked out great."

Somenicebeach earned her third victory of the season for Susan Oakes, pacing the mile in a lifetime best 1:51.1.

The Buddy Gilmour series began with a pair of \$17,500 divisions for three year old pacers on Saturday night at The Meadowlands as well. The first division featured National Seelster, unbeaten in both lifetime starts entering the Gilmour. Sent off as the 1/5 favorite, National Seelster sat third early in the mile, while Fast Movin Train established fractions of 27.2, 56.3 and 1:24.4. The field began to string out at the five-eighths pole and that is when National Seelster made his move for the lead. He engaged Fast Movin Train into the stretch and was able to grind that foe down to score in 1:52.

National Seelster was driven by Andy Miller for Chris Ryder and is owned by Robert Mondillo and Oompa's Farm Inc.

The star of the entire Meadowlands program may have been the winner of the second division of The Buddy Gilmour Series, Wiggle It Jiggle It. Entering his fourth lifetime start with an unblemished record, Wiggle It Jiggle It quickly asserted his supremacy, establishing the lead at once from post position eight. The gelding would coast through fractions of 27.3, 56.3 and 1:24.3 before turning for home with an ever-expanding lead. Under no urging whatsoever, with his pilot Montrell Teague visibly looking around for competition mid-stretch and effectively slowing his horse down nearing the wire, Wiggle It Jiggle It paced home in 26.4 to win emphatically in 1:51.2.

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In a pre-race interview Montrell Teague noted the connections have high hopes for the son of Mr. Wiggles.

"We'll race him in the Gilmour series and then shut him down until May," said Teague. "He's staked so we'll look to some races in New Jersey and focus on The Meadowlands Pace and a couple of other big ones."

Without question, Wiggle It Jiggleit is the most exciting early season prospect of 2015. The Meadowlands Pace eligible gelding is trained by Clyde Francis for George Teague Jr. Inc.

Both Jackpot Super Hi-5 wagers carried over. The fifth-race carryover into the Friday, March 6th program is \$41,316.79, while the last race carryover has swelled to \$148,525.71. Post time for the Friday card is 7:15 P.M.

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Tweeting Can Only Accomplish So Much

In regard to the story on driver tweets and harness racing's newfound emphasis on social media, I can tell you that our two daughters, in their twenties, and our several nieces, ranging in age from 12 to 16, are ravenous users of social media, primarily tumblr and Instagram, some Twitter, and zero Facebook (for the elderly). Rest assured, they have zero discretionary income for either betting or horse ownership.

This is our industry's target demographic for promotion?

To those who disagree, I fully understand we need to create new fans and bettors, and I also understand, as a big user of social media myself, that not everyone engaged is a GenXer or teenager. But I do feel strongly that those who follow tracks and drivers are "already" in the harness racing fold, either as fans, bettors or owners. I'm doubting that Yannick Gingras could count a factory worker in Elkhart, Indiana among his followers. A caretaker from Millstone, NJ or a TwinSpires Meadowlands bettor? Sure.

Am I an old-timer? Yes. An old-timer who launched one of the world's first websites back in 1994, so I pretty much understand the internet and its reach and dynamics better than any of my peers in harness racing. But take it from me, other than creating terribly short, no-play odds ("Trainer has him ready...best bet of the night")--and God forbid should any chicanery be involved, potentially moving large sums of money across a pool--driver and racetrack tweets are mostly a wasted effort at creating new fans or owners.

And, by the way, #TheDress is gold and white. ;) Greg Schuler

A Casino at the Meadowlands? Don't Hold Your Breath

Not in the foreseeable future. New Jersey harness racing has been pinning its hopes on a Meadowlands casino based on the continuous degradation of gambling in Atlantic City. After all, the politicians have to finally realize that the competition from the neighboring states who can offer everything Atlantic City does means casino dominance will never return. Don't they?

But as we have seen for decades, Atlantic City politics rules the roost, As long as somebody comes up with a half-baked, er, clever idea to right the ship, there will be no casinos added in northern New Jersey that will impact Atlantic City revenue. Before you try the common sense idea of revenue sharing between a Meadowlands casino and Atlantic City, it's been suggested and rejected -- too logical.

With the latest Revel casino debacle, many thought that this has to be the last attempt and they will finally acknowledge a Meadowlands casino has to happen. But as the first President Bush said, "Not gonna do it." (per Dana Carvey on SNL). There is a brand new idea that will bring Atlantic City back to its number one stature.

On Wednesday, February 18, the Atlantic City Council approved an expansion of the Steel Pier to accommodate a previously approved 205-foot-tall observation wheel with enclosed, climate-controlled cars and a zip line ride. In addition, they approved a plan for restaurants, entertainment and recreational facilities, a rebuilt Boardwalk and an elevated walkway in the Northeast Inlet neighborhood.

Will it work? Seems to be working in Las Vegas which has become more of a party town than a gambling town. But even if it fails, it would be years before they acknowledge failure and even more years before New Jersey politicians will allow a racino in New Jersey. Gil Winston

Dean Towers Gets It

Dean Towers's lucid, logical, and incisive deconstruction of what truly ails harness racing, at it's very core -- HUGE TAKEOUTS -- marks him as the most informative and reasoned observer in the harness business.

1. As James Carville once famously said when asked about why his candidate, Bill Clinton, was going to win the Presidential election : "It's the economy, stupid."

With serious bettors, who make up the bulk of the racing handle in the U.S.A., it has always been: "It's About The Money, Stupid."

Unsustainable takeouts have doomed the sport.

There's still plenty of time to revive it, if state legislatures, racetracks, and horseman can agree on two things:

- 1) Casinos and Racinos are not the long term answer
- 2) Lower take outs make for BIGGER Handles...period.

No amount of marketing dollars can overcome arithmetically unsustainable take outs.

Dean Romano

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Kudos To Dean Towers

Why is harness racing a failing game? It's because the takeout is far higher than it is on virtually every other gambling game there is. If my gas station sells gas for \$3.25 a gallon and everyone else sells it for \$2.25, who's going to buy my gas? Harness and thoroughbred racing could get away with this when they were a monopoly but now they are just one of many gambling games out there, and by far the worst value.

Dean Towers understands this, I understand this. Why is it that no one in any position to make a change in harness racing seems to understand that its product is grotesquely overpriced and that's why so little money is bet on the sport?

Failing businesses make changes, hoping they'll find something that will click with their customers. Harness racing still wants to think it is 1964.

T.J. Kingman

Meadowlands Report

2, M, \$49,000, T, CHARLES SINGER MEMORIAL - FINAL 3 & 4 Year Olds N/W 3 Extended PM Races or \$40,000 Lifetime (F&M N/W 4 or \$50,000 Life) Up to & Including 12/1/2014 Winners Over \$100,000 Life Ineligible, M, 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.2, 1:52.1, FT

1-JI Cruze (g, 4, Crazy--Topcat Hall, by Conway Hall), \$30,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Wm Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Iauinta. B-Joanne M Morrison, CA & Glengate Farms, CA. T-Eric Ell. D-John Campbell, \$24,010, Lifetime Record: 23-9-5-4, \$85,097

2-Opulent Yankee (g, 4, Muscles Yankee--Opulent Bluestone, by Conway Hall), \$4,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Little E LLC & Arthur S Geiger & Jason M Settlemoir & David M Stolz. B-Little E LLC. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller, \$12,005

3-Blocking The Way (g, 4, Yankee Glide--Duchess Of Lindy, by Mr Lavec), \$65,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Nick Surick Stable LLC & Harvey A Eisman & Bert J Hochsprung. B-Vae LLC. T-Julie Miller. D-Yannick Gingras, \$5,762

Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1Q, 2, 1 - Finish Order: Detroit Rapper, Two Hip Dip, Propulsion, Walk The Walk
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4, M, \$20,000, P, Claiming Price \$12,500 Highest Money Earners From 2/14/2015, M, 27.1, 55.1, 1:24.0, 1:52.0, FT

1-Explodent (g, 6, Mach Three--Wall Of Art, by Art Major) O-Mike C Watson. B-W Springtime Racing Stb & Shannon C Brott. T-Mike Watson. D-Ron Pierce, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 93-22-13-12, \$168,736

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6, M, \$59,000, P, SONSAM - FINAL Stallions & Geldings N/W 3 Extended PM Races or \$50,000 Lifetime Up to & Including 12/1/2014 Winners Over \$125,000 Lifetime Ineligible, M, 27.0, 55.2, 1:23.0, 1:50.0, FT

1-Rockeyed Optimist (g, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Art Amour, by Artsplace), \$10,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Anthony Perretti & Virginia C Berkner & A And B Stable & Joseph D Battaglia. B-Perretti Farms. T-Steve Elliott. D-Brett Miller, \$28,320, Lifetime Record: 23-9-3-3, \$102,045

2-Major Uptrend (g, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Tricky Tooshie, by Rumpus Hanover), \$177,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Howard A Taylor. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$14,160

3-Bettorever (g, 4, Bettor's Delight--Forever Cam, by Western Hanover), \$80,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Walnut Hall Stock Farm. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Corey Callahan, \$6,796

Calls: 7, 5T, 3T, 2Q, T - Finish Order: Rediscovery, Jk Patriot, Khan Blue Chip, Company Man, What I Believe, Kid Pk

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11, M, \$50,600, P, BURNING POINT - FINAL 3 & 4 Year Old Fillies & Mares N/W 3 Extended PM Races or \$75,000 Lifetime Up to & Including 12/1/2014 Winners Over \$150,000 Lifetime Ineligible, M, 27.2, 56.0, 1:23.4, 1:51.1, FT

1-Somenicebeach (m, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Up Front Gal, by Dragon Again) O-Susan M Oakes. B-James G Bagnell, CA & Glendon W Smith, CA. T-Mark Capone. D-Ron Pierce, \$25,047, Lifetime Record: 25-8-7-2, \$91,900

2-Witch Dali (m, 4, Dali--Whitesand Gem, by Blissfull Hall) O-Alagna Racing LLC & Bradley J Grant, CA. B-Gaetan M Hebert, CA & Aaron D Waxman, CA. T-Tony Alagna. D-David Miller, \$12,523

3-Empress Deo (m, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Little Miss K, by Artsplace), \$27,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc. B-Mjg Racing Stables Inc. T-Wayne Givens. D-Brett Miller, \$6,011

Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Hello My Dream, Donttellruss, Southwind Serenity

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12, M, \$17,500, P, WILLIAM "BUDDY" GILMOUR - 1ST LEG 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings N/W 2 Extended PM Races or \$30,000 Lifetime Up to & Including 12/1/2014 Winners Over \$75,000 Lifetime Ineligible, M, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.3, 1:51.2, FT

1-Wiggle It Jiggleit (g, 3, Mr Wiggles--Mozzi Hanover, by Jenna's Beach Boy) O-George Teague Jr Inc.. B-James L Bernstein & Theresa A Bantle & Eric R Felter & Vincent J Tancredi. T-Clyde Francis. D-Montrell Teague, \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$18,800

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Woodbine Report

7, Wdb, \$34,000, P, PREFERRED. 26.4, 55.1, 1:23.3, 1:51.1

1-Nickle Bag (b,g,5 - Rocknroll Hanover-Buckle Bunni-Four Starzzz Shark) O-Linda J Loyens, Harry P Loyens B-Nicholas Malcolm T-Shawn Robinson D-Sylvain Fillion \$17,000 Lifetime Record: 86-17-21-12 \$375,040
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Yonkers Report

5, YR, \$21,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.2, 56.4, 1:25.3, 1:54.0, FT

1-Rock To Glory (g, 7, Rocknroll Hanover--Faded Glory, by Laag), \$25,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-Blindswitch Racing Stable & David J Sebolsky & Stanley J Yoskowitz & Santo R Farina. B-Emerald Highlands Farm & W James Sprow III. T-Jose Godinez. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 118-28-19-15, \$622,069
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6, YR, \$35,000, P, OPEN, 28.4, 57.3, 1:26.1, 1:53.4, FT

1-Michael's Power (g, 6, Camluck--Michelle's Jackpot, by Artsplace) O-Jeffrey S Snyder. B-Jeffrey S Snyder. T-Mark Silva. D-Daniel Dube, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 64-29-8-2, \$1,710,661

2-Dapper Dude (h, 6, The Panderosa--Dress To Suggest, by Camluck) O-Richard Poillucci. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-Kelvin Harrison. D-Brian Sears, \$8,750

3-Sapphire City (g, 7, Metropolitan--Spectre Almahurst, by Justin Passing), \$27,000 2009 BRDS-SEL O-Centaur Stable & Jordon M Sklut. B-John P Hurtgen. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Eric Carlson, \$4,200

Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Machs Beach Boy, Mcerlean, Take It Back Terry, Doctor Butch, Flem N Em N

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7, YR, \$35,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 28.2, 58.4, 1:27.2, 1:56.0, FT

1-Not Afraid (g, 6, SJ's Caviar--Beverly Crusher, by Balanced Image) O-Christina Takter & John D Fielding, CA & Goran N Anderberg, SD. B-Steve D Organ, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Daniel Dube, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 81-23-17-11, \$535,944

2-Super Manning (g, 7, Diamond Goal--Judy's Gold Digger, by Muscles Yankee) O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-Joseph Pennacchio. T-Julie Miller. D-Matt Kakaley, \$8,750

3-Backstreet Hanover (m, 7, Andover Hall--Bye Bye Kerry, by S J's Photo), \$45,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-David R Hamm. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Chris Marino.

D-Tyler Buter, \$4,200

Calls: 6Q, 3, NS, H, 1H - Finish Order: Awsome Valley, Murmur Hanover, Dancehall Mistress, My Love Bi, Andie Sophia

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8, YR, \$26,000, P, WINNERS OVER \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.3, 58.1, 1:26.0, 1:54.0, FT

1-Warrawee Needy (h, 6, E Dee's Cam--Great Memories, by Apaches Fame), \$20,000 2010 CAN-YS O-Mark S Ford & David E Shea, CA & Carl R Jamieson, CA. B-Warrawee Farm, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Mark Macdonald, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 70-26-12-5, \$1,188,652

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9, YR, \$21,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.1, 56.0, 1:24.3, 1:53.1, FT

1-Ru Ready To Rock (h, 7, Rocknroll Hanover--Ru Girl, by Big Rube), \$80,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Blindswitch Racing Stable & Anthony Nicometo. B-Stephen P Dey III. T-Jose Godinez. D-Eric Carlson, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 114-24-21-11, \$353,902

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10, YR, \$21,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.3, 58.2, 1:26.1, 1:54.4, FT

1-Flipper J (g, 7, Art Major--Dolphins Can Talk, by Camluck), \$110,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Black Horse Breeding. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 124-23-16-22, \$559,542

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11, YR, \$21,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.1, 58.2, 1:27.4, 1:56.1, FT

1-Lorenzo Dream (g, 8, Taurus Dream--Langala Dream, by Credit Winner) O-Vincent J Lorenzo. B-Reve Avec Moi Dreamwithme, CA. T-Julie Miller. D-Brian Sears, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 134-44-23-27, \$782,752

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12, YR, \$21,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT

1-P H Supercam (g, 8, Million Dollar Cam--Callwood Ivy, by Run The Table) O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Dr R James Shive, CA. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 159-41-23-32, \$905,791

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