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Who's No. 1? Yonkers Makes Its Case

By Bill Finley

The show they're getting ready to put on Saturday night at Yonkers Raceway figures to be a pretty impressive one. They've got 12 races worth a total of \$1,215,000, two huge stakes events and a roster of drivers that looks like a harness racing All-Star team. Yannick Gingras, Tim Tetrick, Daniel Dube, George Brennan, Jason Bartlett and Dave Miller will all be there, lured by the rich card topped by the \$301,000 Bluechip Matchmaker Final and the \$495,000 George Morton Levy Memorial Final.

Welcome to the new order of harness racing, where Yonkers is not only a major player again but can make a legitimate argument that it, more so than any other track, has become the center of the sport's universe. That may change when and if the Meadowlands gets rolling again, but Yonkers General Manager Bob Galterio doesn't think his track will ever again have to take a back seat to anyone.

"As far as I'm concerned, I think our racing is as good as their racing," Galterio said of the Yonkers-Meadowlands rivalry.

Yonkers hasn't won over everyone. Half-mile track racing isn't for everyone, big bettors



Bob Galterio has reasons to smile, Mark Hall/USTA photo

and tend to prefer the Meadowlands and Yonkers critics argue that the revival has everything to do with slots and little if anything to do with management or an effort to accentuate harness racing.

Galterio is hoping to change some minds.

"Our reputation and our stature in the harness racing industry is important to us," he said. "(Yonkers President) Tim (Rooney) is a big harness guy and he still breeds and races harness horses and he knows the history of the sport and he enjoys all aspects of the sport."

Galterio argues that Yonkers works hard to promote racing, pointing to the World Driving Championship and summer and fall racing festivals at the track.

"Those festivals costs us a lot of money," he said. "For the summer carnival, we brought in rides and had candy apples, popcorn and give things away. The only thing that is meant to do is to bring people out on the apron and let them watch harness racing. Tim still wants to bring back the International Trot. He wouldn't do that if he didn't have some interest in promoting racing and the reputation of this

place as a top harness track."

But Galterio willingly admits that slot machines have become the driving force at Yonkers.

"The realities of the situation are that, especially with OTB now gone, (racing) is a drain on revenue and it is not, obviously, the most important income generator that we have," he said. "At times it is difficult to get some of the staff to focus on racing."

His job is to make the racing picture brighter. It will never bring in the type of money that slots do, but he believes there are ways to make the product even better and attract more betting dollars. Yonkers has added video streaming to its website and worked out a deal with NYRA to get its races back on cable television in New York City.

"The biggest difference between us and the Meadowlands is the size of our pools," Galterio said. "We are trying to do some things to increase our pools. Because of circumstances, most of which are beyond their control, their pools (at the Meadowlands) are getting smaller. So even that is evening out now."

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The other barrier Yonkers needs to break down is people's aversion to half-mile-track racing. In an era when Roosevelt and Yonkers were clearly on top of the heap, no one seemed to mind the half-mile tracks. That changed with the accession of the Meadowlands, which ushered in a new era where mile-tracks seemed to become everyone's priority.

"Certainly the drivers have accepted the half-mile track because we've attracted our fair share of the best in the country," Galterio said. "Back in the sixties and seventies, no one ever said we're only going to race on the Syracuse Mile or at DuQuoin. You never heard that Del Miller worried whether his horse was going to get around the half mile or not. They trained them to go that way. These guys could do the same thing. They may say they are bred differently; they are bigger and stronger and can't get around the small turns. Maybe that is true. But I also think there's some truth to people saying it is easier to train on a mile track and people just got used to that. I think 75 percent of the problem is in people's minds and 25 percent is in the breeding of the horses.

"We're still not seeing great participation in our stakes program. We are making some changes in the conditions and the payments and I think that will help. But, no, because of the half-mile there hasn't been a whole lot of acceptance when it comes to our big races yet."

The Meadowlands appears to be on its way back, and Galterio said he's happy that it is.

"I am glad for the harness industry," he said. "I think it is important for everyone for the Meadowlands to be there."

He believes the two tracks can co-exist, each one important, though in different ways.

"I have always thought and I have always said that the harness universe is big enough for both of us," he said. "The fact that we are different size tracks, you have horses that can go on one and not the other, you've got trainers that like half-mile track, you have fans that like being close up to the action. Sure, it would be better for us if they were not there. I don't remember when we were struggling anyone holding benefits for us."

He says he's concerned that the Meadowlands will still have a tough time making a go of things without slots, but that's not his problem. He's got his own racetrack to run and there are headaches, like the upcoming competition from a slots parlor at Aqueduct and trying to lure the sport's biggest stars to races like the Yonkers Trot. But he's not complaining. It's nice to have the spotlight again.

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Does Harness Racing Need Medication?

By Dean Hoffman

Willie Koester, chairman of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI), sees Lasix as a major image problem, a "dirty secret" for horse racing.

"Suppose you showed the Everyday Joe watching TV exactly what goes on in racing?" he says. "Let's say just before the Kentucky Derby NBC camera crews showed all 20 Derby starters getting a needle stuck in them. They'd lose a third of their viewers because people watching TV would say, 'They're drugging horses!'"

Koester knows racing officials would explain that it's only Lasix.

"Isn't Lasix a drug?" Koester asks. "Sure it is. So you can say that every horse in the Kentucky Derby was drugged."

Koester is leading RCI on a mission to implement a ban on race day administration of Lasix. He knows it won't be easy and that the pushback from Thoroughbred trainers will be far worse than in the Standardbred industry.

The RCI proposal generated quick support in the racing industry. The Jockey Club signed on with its support. So did the Breeders' Cup. Harness Tracks of America's executive committee voted to support the ban and recommend to its full board. USTA president Phil Langley said he would appoint a committee to look into the issue.

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTTC), a leader in combating the abuse of drugs in racing in recent years, is planning a summer meeting on the issue of race day medication.

HTA president Paul Fontaine said that the organization's Executive Committee supported the RCI initiative without any dissension, so it's likely to be adopted by the full HTA board.

"The biggest hurdle to overcome will be horsemen," Fontaine said. "Management would like to take medication out of the equation so that it has no effect on betting and so that tracks can offer cleaner, safer and more efficient racing. Medication is regulated by racing commissions and it's no mystery that tracks don't want that role."

Ron Burke, harness racing's leading trainer, says, "You certainly can take away Lasix, but horses will race a lot less often. It will be hard for those horses racing every week to answer the call if they're stressed regularly without having Lasix. And we already have a shortage of horses."

Burke says some horses may need more rest when racing if Lasix is banned.

"**Buck I St Pat** (Jailhouse Jesse) is a good example," he says, referring to the sport's top older trotting mare that he trains. "She's bled at times, but I only need to get 15-20 starts a year out of her, so I can rest her and race her every two weeks."

Burke feels that banning Lasix would prompt some trainers to use illicit products as they did before Lasix was legalized. "Lasix has been a great equalizer," Burke says.

Unlike Burke, trainer Jimmy Takter says he'd have no problems doing without Lasix.

"They can live without Lasix in every other country," Takter said. "I've used Lasix on only a couple horses over the years and they seem to improve for a start or two, but I



Not a Lasix guy,
Jimmy Takter

think you can wear out your horse if you race it on Lasix over a long time.

"The horse that I had that seemed to get the most benefit from Lasix was **Mr. Feelgood** (Grinfromeartoe). But then he went Down Under and raced without Lasix and did great. I think if you give his lungs time to heal between races, he'd be fine."

Scott Peine, the respected young racing secretary from Indiana Downs, doesn't anticipate any problems coping with a ban on race day medication with one caveat.

"We can live with whatever the regulators do as long as there is uniformity in all states," he said. "When rules are different from state to state, it makes it difficult for everyone. There will be a lot less confusion and it will be easier on everyone if the rules are the same in each state."

Peine, who also works in Thoroughbred racing offices, says, "Some of the horsemen's groups are going crazy over this issue like they did when there was a move to control steroid use a few years ago. I really haven't heard anything recently about any problems with the rules implemented to control steroid use."

His thoughts were echoed by Jason Settlemoir, vice-president of Tioga Downs. "As long as this policy is good for the horse and good for our customers, I am all for it," says Settlemoir. "The rules and regulations, along with penalties, must be uniform from jurisdiction to jurisdiction."

"Horses in Europe and Australia are already racing without Lasix (and Bute), as they are already banned there," continues Settlemoir. "I believe this would be a step in the right direction in approaching the integrity problems our industry faces today. I also believe there should be a zero tolerance policy for those that violate rules and regulations."

Thomas A. Charters, president of the Hambletonian Society, has been active on the RMTTC board and says that zero tolerance doesn't mean anything today.

"With the high degree of detection, therapeutic drugs can be found far below their levels of effectiveness," he says.

The Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks are the only races in North America where the use of Lasix is prohibited.

"That policy started about 20 years ago when the conditions for the Hambletonian were being revamped," explains Charters. "That was because of Lasix's reputation for masking other drugs. The Hambletonian Society has revisited the Lasix issue periodically, and there has been some discussion of extending the Lasix ban to Breeders Crown events for 2- and 3-year-olds."

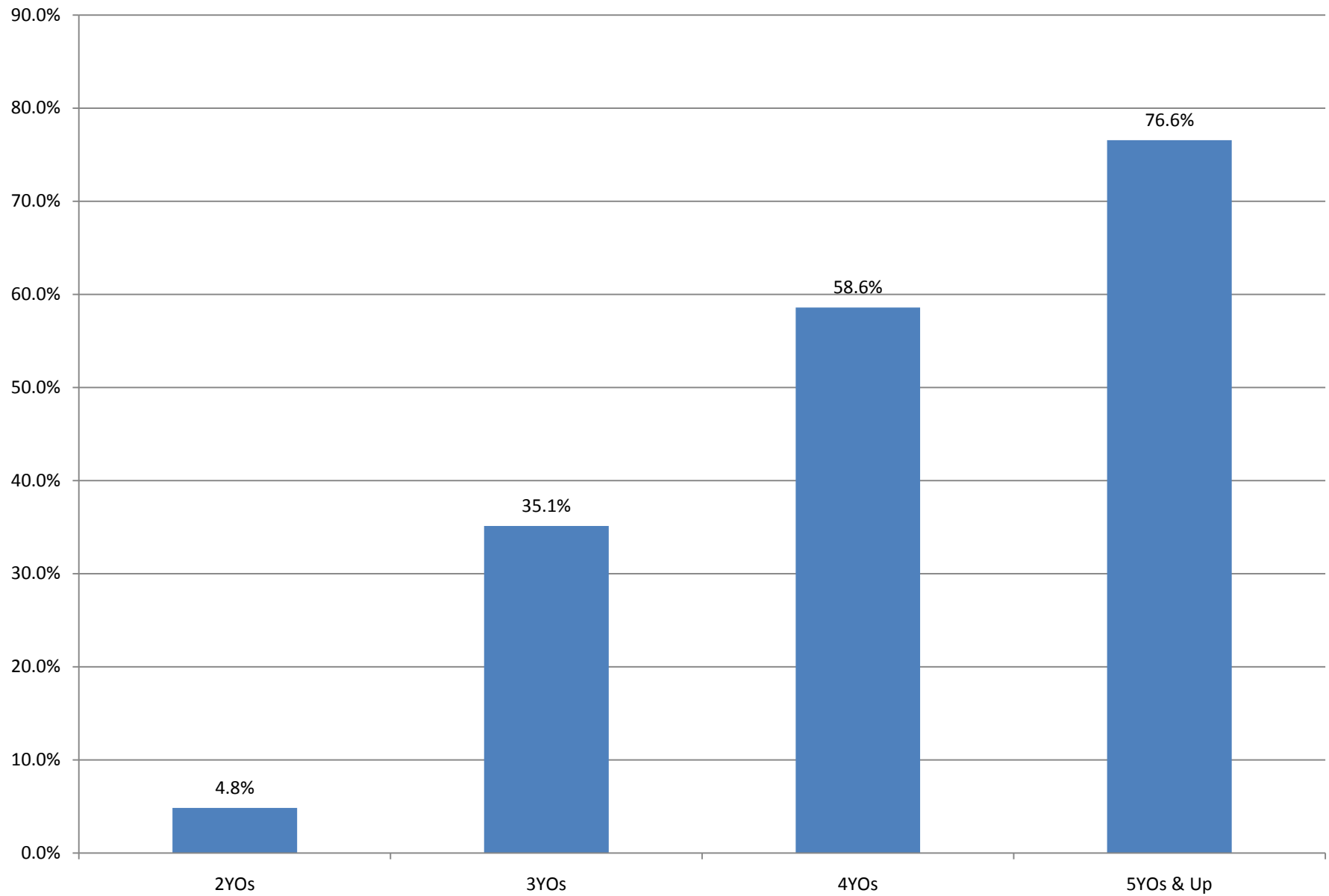
Charters says Thoroughbred racing organizations have contacted him to ask how the policy is implemented. The Hambletonian ban is easy to enforce, he says, because each year he reminds the New Jersey Racing Commission officials that veterinarians are not permitted to administer Lasix to starters in the Hambletonian or Oaks.

"The real question is what constitutes bleeding," says Charters. "It used to be visible blood in the nostrils. Maybe a horse with blood in its nostrils shouldn't be racing at all. Does any bleeding constitute a real danger to the horse?"

You can be sure that you'll hear more on this RCI initiative in the coming months.

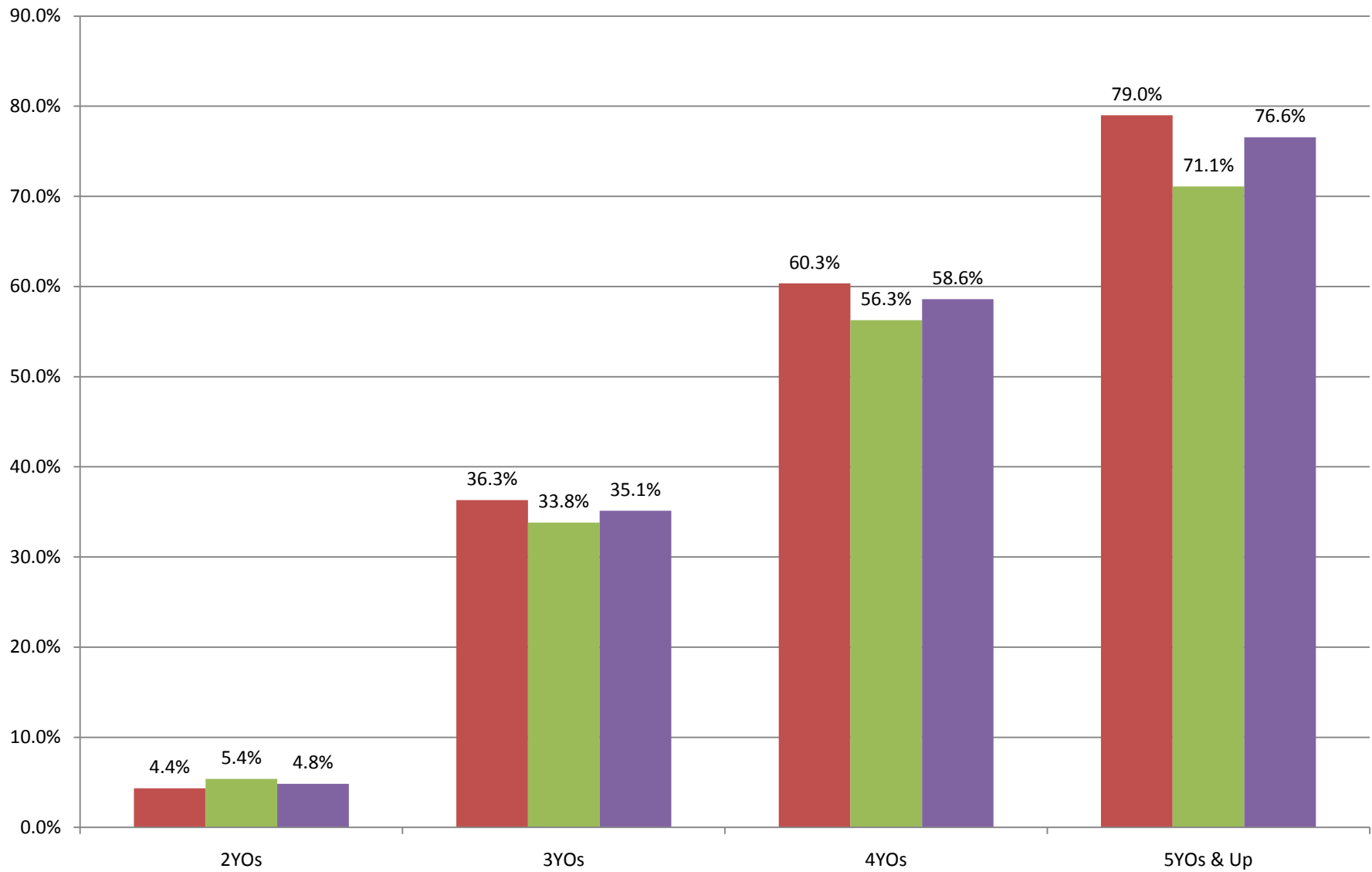
For a statistical look at Lasix usage in harness racing, see the tables on the following pages. All statistics are courtesy of the USTA and the Hambletonian Society and were compiled by the USTA's David Carr.

Percentage of Standardbred Horses on Lasix from 2008-2010



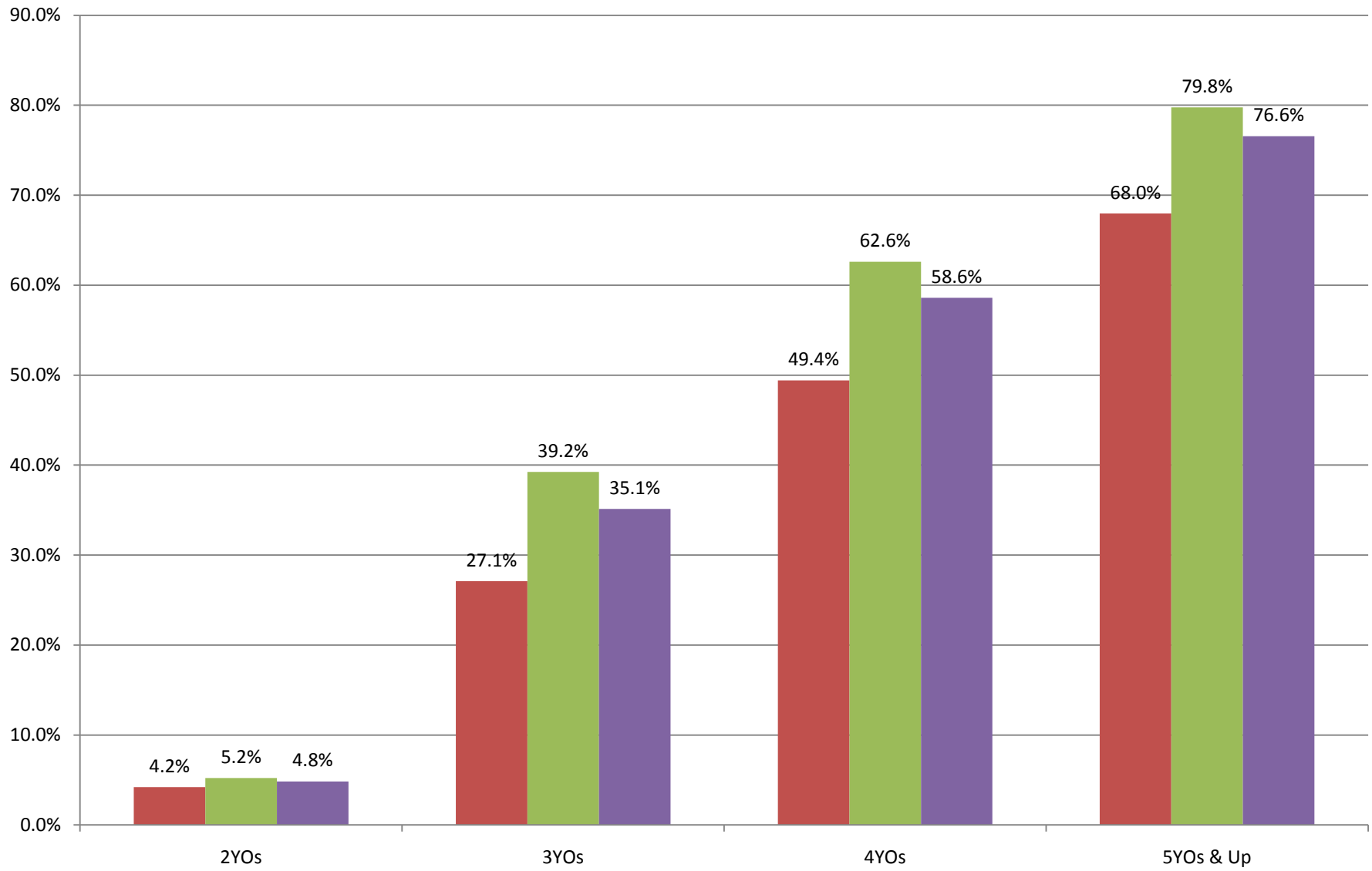
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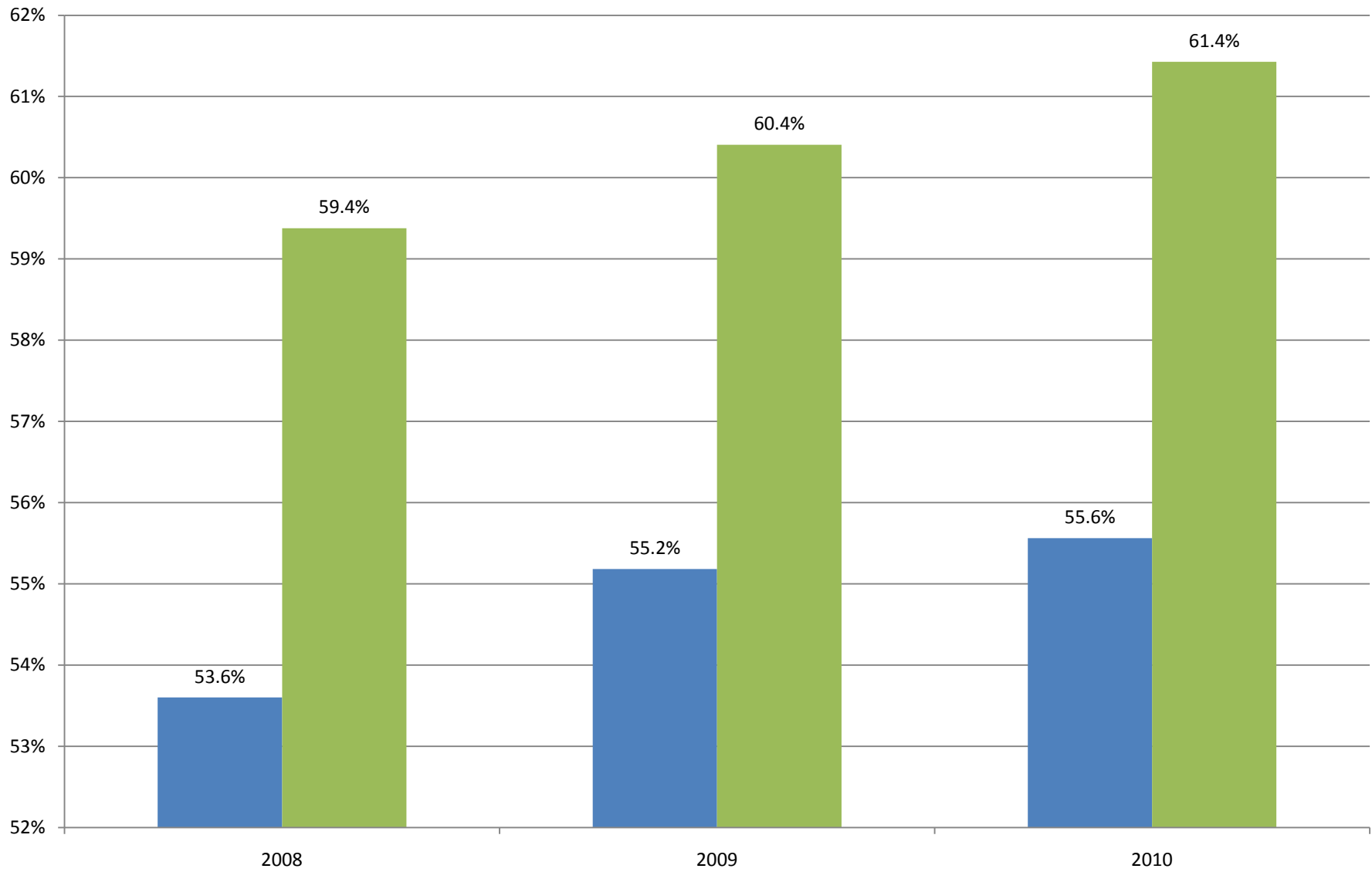
Percentage of Standardbred Horses on Lasix from 2008-2010

Trotters Pacers Totals



Percentage of Standardbred Horses on Lasix from 2008-2010

■ % of Horses ■ % of Starts



Report: Lawmakers Looking To Crack Down on Drugs In Racing

According to a report issued yesterday by the Associated Press, Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-Ky) will introduce legislation that will ban race-day medication and make stiff penalties mandatory for any trainers caught using performance-enhancing drugs.



Senator Tom Udall

The AP reports that under the bill any person will receive three violations under the new laws the two politicians are proposing would be permanently banned. The bill is expected to be unveiled next week to take advantage of the publicity that surrounds the Kentucky Derby.

"The unfortunate reality is that not all is well with the sport of horse racing," Udall told the AP. "Too many racehorses are overmedicated and doped, and I believe the sport of kings is no

place for such a drug problem. That's why I plan to introduce legislation next week that would help bring integrity back to racing, while protecting the health and safety of the horses at the center of it all."

Gural: We Should Know Something Friday

Jeff Gural issued the following statement yesterday:

"As reported, I have a meeting with the State tomorrow at 9:00 AM to hopefully resolve the issue with the Thoroughbred horsemen as well as two or three other issues. As soon as that meeting ends, I will notify the USTA to let everyone know if the saga is finally over so that racing can resume (at the Meadowlands) as scheduled on May 7th

Gural's Newmark Sold

Maybe now Jeff Gural will have more time to devote to the Meadowlands, Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs. According to numerous reports, Newmark Knight Frank, the commercial real estate advisory firm run by Jeff Gural, has been acquired by BGC Partners Inc.

Indiana Racing To Retain Slots Money?

According to a report in the Louisville Courier-Journal, Indiana Republicans in that state's House and Senate have reached a deal on a two-year state budget deal that calls for no cuts in the percentage of slots revenue that goes toward purses for thoroughbred and harness purses.

According to the report, the Republican-backed budget deal calls will "Continue most of the \$60 million in slot machine revenue now dedicated to horse racing purses but transfers a small amount to anti-smoking programs and race track improvements at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

The House had proposed cutting the purse money significantly.

No Elims for Dexter Cup

By Ken Weingartner

Eight horses were entered for the \$160,850 Dexter Cup on May 7 at Freehold Raceway, meaning eliminations this weekend are unnecessary.

The Dexter Cup, for 3-year-old trotters, is the first major prep race on the road to August's \$1.5 million Hambletonian at the Meadowlands. Six of the Dexter entrants are eligible to the Hambletonian.

Trainer Ray Schnittker, who won last year's Dexter Cup with **Flex The Muscle** (Muscles Yankee) and has captured the event five times in his career, has three horses entered. All three are eligible to the Hambletonian, which Schnittker won in 2008 with **Deweycheatumhowe** (Muscles Yankee).

Leading the way is **Whitewater Rapids** (Credit Winner), who was a neck shy of defeating **Dejarmbro** (Credit Winner) in last year's New York Sire Stakes championship. He won two of 10 races and made \$102,694 for the campaign. **Winuendo** (Windsong's Legacy), who was second in last year's New Jersey Sire Stakes final at Freehold and third in the sire stakes final at the Meadowlands, and Harold Dancer Stakes runner-up **Musclelaneous** (Muscles Yankee) complete Schnittker's trio.

Other Hambletonian eligibles in the Dexter are Jim Meitinis' **Buzz Bomb** (Windsong's Legacy), Jimmy Takter's **Gordo Hall** (Tom Ridge), and Charlie Norris' **Ice Machine** (Muscles Yankee). Takter won the Dexter in 2009 with **Anders Bluestone** (Yankee Glide) and 2008 with **Holiday Credit** (Credit Winner), as well as in 1994 with **Mr Lavec** (Speedy Somolli).

Rounding out the field are Paul Jessop-trained **Justa Jersey Boy** (Yankee Glide) and **Richard Bilach's Marcus Bi** (Supergill).

Wishing Stone Fulfills Expectations in Sweden

By Karsten Bonsdorf

Wishing Stone (Conway Hall), with the French top driver Jean Michel, went to post as the odds-on favorite in one of the four eliminations in the Kings Trophy at Aby in Gothenburg Thursday evening, and though he had to race from the second tier, last year's winner of the Kentucky Futurity did what he should.

Wishing Stone won by a length after he trotted the last half mile in 56.2 and thus qualified for the final, which will be raced on Thursday the 12th of May.

Jean Michel Bazire said: He's a great little horse, with a big heart. We got a good trip and down the stretch I was sure to win the race. We'll be back with a good chance in the final.

Wishing Stone, who took his second European victory, was timed in 1.58f (mile rate), which was the third fastest record in the four eliminations.

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Raja Mirchi driven by Lutfi Kolgjini was the fastest winner in 1.57.2f (mile rate), while **Kadett CD** with Robert Bergh was timed in 1.57.3f (mile rate). The slowest winner in the eliminations was **Utility Bus** with Örjan Kihlström, who won in 1.59.1f (mile rate). In this race **Hard Livin** (SJ's Vaciar) finished second after having been in command for most of the trip.

The draw for the final took place later in the evening and it's worth noting that 9 of the 12 trotters in the Kings Final are sired by stallions bred and raised in the United States.

The Kings Trophy Final – 1 5/16 mile. Winner's purse \$165,000

1. Utility Bus (Scarlet Knight)
2. Wishing Stone (Conway Hall)
3. Raja Mirchi (Viking Kronos)
4. Kadett C.D (Scarlet Knight)
5. Hard Livin (SJ's Caviar)
6. Formula One (Yankee Glide)
7. Classic Man (Classic Photo)
8. Windsong's Sisu (Windsong's Legacy)
9. Octopus (Yankee Glide)
10. Gigant Slugger (Gigant Neo)
11. Carlito Brigante (Gigant Neo)
12. Friction (Scarlet Knight)

In the The Queen's Trophy final the picture is quite the same as 9 of the 12 starters are sired by stallions bred and raised in the United States.

The Queens Trophy – 1 5/16 mile. Winner's purse \$165,000

1. Fortunes Dream (Cantab Hall)
2. Tamla Celeber (Cantab Hall)
3. Truly Devoted (Yankee Glide)
4. Popcorn Lavec (Enjoy Lavec)
5. Domino Sund (Muscles Yankee)
6. Somekindacatch (Yankee Glide)
7. Nice Kronos (Viking Kronos)
8. Caramia Knight (Scarlet Knight)
9. Andoverandout (Andover Hall)
10. Alexis Boko (Muscles Yankee)
11. Knowledge Face (Viking Kronos)
12. Cruise Speed (Scarlet Knight)



4-28 Aby, Gothenburg, Sweden – 5/8 mile track.
The Queens Trophy, elimination II – 4-year old mares - 1 5/16 mile - \$27,900

Tamla Celeber (m, 4, Cantab Hall – Amanda Celeber by Express Ride) \$42,600 Elitauktionen 2008, O-Courant (Sverige) AB, B- A & J Nilsson, Celeber Data Ek. Kons., D-Örjan Kihlström, T- Roger Wallmann. 2.00.1f (mile rate) - \$13,150. Lifetime record: 14: 12-1-1, 1.56F - \$501.433

The Queens Trophy, elimination III – 4-year old mares - 1 5/16 mile - \$27,900

Truly Devoted (m, 4 Yankee Glide – Devoted to Cause by Credit Winner) \$100,000 2008 LEX-SEL. O: Olle Levén, B-Brittany Farms, D-Erik Adielsson, T-Stig H. Johansson. 1.59f (mile rate) - \$13.150. Lifetime record: 16:7-4-0, 1.59F - \$103.500

The Queens Trophy, elimination IV – 4-year old mares - 1 5/16 mile - \$27,900

Fortunes Dream (m, 4, Cantab Hall – Fortuna Dream by American Winner) Private sale, O:Lennart Bäverholm, B: Reve Avec Moi/Dream with Me, D-& T Björn Goop. 2.00f (mile rate) - \$13,150. Lifetime record: 28:9-4-1, 1.55.2S - \$228.185

Open trot – mares, 1 mile - \$27,900

Muscles GT (m, 7, Muscles Yankee – Aino Lady by Dallas Lobell) Private sale, O-Björn Högseth, B-Terje Hofvedt & Gunn-Marit Uverud, D-Peter Ingves, T-Ake Svanstedt. 1.55.1f - \$13.150. Lifetime record: 50:13-5-7 – 1.55.1F - \$216.800

The Kings Trophy, elimination I – 4-year old trotters - 1 5/16 mile - \$27,900

Wishing Stone (h, 4, Conway Hall – Meadowbranch Magic by Valley Victory) \$63,000 2008 LEX SEL, O: Cowboyland Stable, Deo Volente Farm, TLP & Jerry Silva, B: Brittany Farms & Daisy Acres, D-Jean Michel Bazire, T-Fabrice Souloy. 1.58f (mile rate - \$13.150 Lifetime record: 28:11-6-3 – 1.51.2M - \$1.435.093.

Brian Elmore New GM at Hoosier

(edited press release)

Hoosier Park Racing & Casino announced today the appointment of Brian Elmore to the position of General Manager of Racing. Elmore, who will assume the new position beginning May 1, 2011, replaces Jeff Smith who will continue in his position as Managing Director of Racing for Hoosier Park's parent company, Centaur LLC.



Brian Elmore

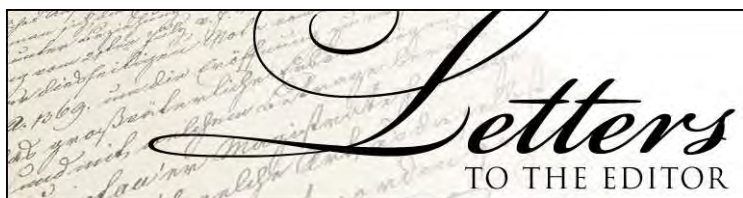
In his previous position as Director of Racing Operations, Elmore was instrumental in positioning Hoosier Park as a premier horse racing destination and Indiana's first fully integrated gaming and racing facility. Elmore brings with him more than thirty years of horse racing experience, of which fifteen were with Hoosier Park.

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"It is a privilege to have an opportunity to serve in this capacity at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino. Hoosier Park has a very talented staff of dedicated team members who excel in customer service and a loyal customer base that enjoy our facility," said Elmore "Our staff is not only dedicated to the needs of our guests but also those horsemen who come and participate in races conducted at Hoosier Park. I look forward to continuing our past successful traditions, exceeding guest expectations, and maintaining a commitment to seek improvements."

Prior to joining Hoosier Park and Centaur, Elmore served as General Manager of Ellis Park in Henderson, Kentucky and Bandera Downs in Bandera, Texas. Elmore has also served as a member of the Thoroughbred Racing Association and held multiple community board memberships throughout his career.

Centaur Chairman and CEO Rod Ratcliff stated, "Brian's knowledge and experience in the horse racing industry and with Hoosier Park should serve him well in his new position. We look forward to his future contributions to racing in the State of Indiana and to our Hoosier Park facility."



Allies to fight the common battle and then stab the other in the back at the first opportunity. Here we go again. The New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association is playing the role of Judas.

My first suggestion to the NJTHA is to stop threatening to pull all thoroughbred signals from the Meadowlands; that is unless you wish to be subject to anti-trust violations. What we are seeing here is an attempt to extort from the Meadowlands as the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC) did to Rosecroft Raceway which forced them into bankruptcy. Yes, you have the right to pull Monmouth's signal from any Meadowlands operated facility as the harness horsemen have the right to pull their signal from any Monmouth Park operated facility but under current law it is clear how the purses are to be divided. Secondly, tell me which out of state thoroughbred track is going to want to keep their signal out of the nation's number one simulcasting center long term and deny themselves the purse money that would be coming their way? And let's face it, pulling Monmouth's signal out of the Meadowlands will be suicidal for Monmouth as well. As for the NJTHA's threat they were not given the chance to bid for the contract, let me summarize. If not an emergency situation a RFP would have been issued for the Meadowlands and it would have included a line requiring the facility be used to conduct a standardbred meet of at least 141 days, the same terms (replacing the breed) of the RFP for Monmouth. I tend to doubt the NJTHA would have been bidding on such a RFP.

Let's face it, it is all about the New Jersey thoroughbred

industry now feeling secure about itself, trying to screw the standardbred industry in New Jersey as the thoroughbred industry attempted to do in Minnesota (when they attempted to get a racino at Canterbury Downs but not Running Aces), as they attempted to do in Iowa (also attempting to screw the quarter horse industry when they were fighting to get all breeds back into Prairie Meadows until they were offered more racing dates) and as was done in Maryland (by the MJC to Rosecroft).

We play nice in the sand box when necessary and once the runners feel confident, out come the knives to stab in the back of the other breeds. This is one of the reasons why I can and never will understand Standardbred Canada's willingness to promote thoroughbred racing on their website and Trot Magazine. The Leopard never changes colors. The problem is the days of long race meets are over. Granted, I am not a follower of thoroughbred racing, but name one thoroughbred racetrack which runs long race meets without a racino that has survived? The only one I am aware of is NYRA and they have only avoided bankruptcy twice with the state bailing them out. The future of racing, of all breeds, is smaller boutique meets. The NJTHA has to recognize 141 days of inferior racing is going to be greeted with a yawn on track, and a yawn off track. The standardbred industry in New Jersey has reluctantly recognized this and is cutting their harness meets down to 75-80 days and that is without a subsidy. The problem is New Jersey bred thoroughbreds are inferior to many other state bred thoroughbreds and they know without having a 141 day meet, they can't financially make it. They only agreed to a shorter meet last year because they received subsidies not only from the casinos, but ironically the standardbred industry. The NJ Breds were able to be financially profitable only because they were running for money which they are not worth; after all how much demand is there for fields of \$5,000 claimers?. Well, the time has come where they are going to have to run on their own merit which means purses significantly lower from last year. So their choice is to cut racing days so their simulcasting revenue gets divided over fewer days (like the Meadowlands is doing) and/or improve their racing stock (as the Meadowlands learned inferior stock leads to lower handles).

But the NJTHA does have another option if they wish to continue to do business as usual, they can talk to their racing brethren at Atlantic City Race Course and lease their facility. Yes, their facilities leave much to be desired, but if they race during a period where fewer tracks are operating and being most wagering is being done off-track anyway, the lack of fan-friendly facilities should not matter.

No doubt some type of accommodation (pay-off to the thoroughbred interests will be made), but when are we going to learn that we need to treat thoroughbred interests as a necessary evil and prepare for the eventually shafting they will attempt to deliver?

--Allan Schott

STAKES PREVIEWS

Bare Necessity Tops Woodbine Stakes

By Greg Gangle

Bare Necessity (Apaches Fame) will likely be the talk of the tote board in the \$60,000 Ontario Spring Open Final on Friday night at Woodbine.

The 3-year-old homebred son of Apaches Fame remains undefeated in five career starts for trainer Eric Adams and owner Millar Farms.

In his most recent start, the \$20,000 Ontario Spring Open elimination, Bare Necessity scored a comfortable, gate-to-wire score in 1:54.3, but what was most impressive was his :26.3 final quarter.

"He's always been a nice horse," owner George Millar said. "In fact, after his elimination win, we noticed his white cell count was elevated so we had to treat him. He should be ready for the final."

Bare Necessity went unraced as a two-year-old, but Millar agrees that it bodes well for the colt's future.

"When Eric [Adams] broke him, we had to take chips out, so we turned him out immediately and brought him back in around January of last year," said Millar. "He was ready to qualify after winning a schooling race at Georgian Downs in 1:59 but following the win, we noticed he was a little sore, so we gave him time to heal."

Since his return to the track, Bare Necessity captured two overnight events at Georgian Downs before scoring three straight victories at Woodbine, with all his victories coming on the front-end for driver Sylvain Filion.

"I think as he moves up in class, he will start to race out of a hole," Millar stated. "Sometimes in the lower-end classes, it's best to race on or near the front. As the competition gets tougher, it's an easier options to race off-the-pace. He's a nice size horse who doesn't mind racing from behind."

Millar also noted the future plans of his young star who has \$34,000 in career earnings.

"He's eligible to this series and the Ontario Sires Stakes this summer," he said. "I'm not sure if he'll be a Gold horse but he'll be a nice Grassroots contender if nothing else. I'm certainly okay with racing for \$24,000 in the Grassroots this summer."

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Wdb, 4-29, Race 5. Ontario Spring Open--Final. Pace. \$60,000

Post-Horse	Trainer	Driver
1 Road Untraveled	Cecile	MacDonnell
2 Luck And Kiss	Pereira	D. McNair
3 Bare Necessity	Adams	Filion
4 Billy White Sell	Laarman	S. Zeron
5 P L Earl	Brooks	Brewer
6 Drain Daddy	Brethour	R. Zeron
7 Playin Time	Brealey	Christoforou
8 Pisti	Pentland	MacDonald
9 Legends Luck	Alexander	Waples
10 Lifeoftheoldboy	Herlihy	Jamieson
AE Windsong Hermes	Johnson	Jamieson

YR, 4-30, Race 6. Bluechip Matchmaker Series-Final. Pace. \$301,000

Post-PN-Horse	Trainer	Driver
1 1 Ginger And Fred	Burke	Gingras
2 2 Save My Shark	Alagna	Pantaleano
3 3 Hula's Z Tam	Lachance	Lachance
4 4 Tomorrowpan	Coleman	Dube
5 1A Breakhart Pass	Burke	Tetrick
6 5 All Spirit	Ford	Brennan
7 6 Giveittoemstraight	Pena	Bartlett
8 7 Symphony In Motion	Harder	D. Miller

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YR, 4-30, Race 8, George Morton Levy Pace Consolation. Pace. Purse \$100,000

Post-PN-Horse	Trainer	Driver
1 3 Legal Litigator	Coleman	Dube
2 1 Lucky Bettor	Burke	D. Miller
3 4 Forensic Z Tam	Lachance	Lachance
4 5 Go Go Solano	Borke	Bartlett
5 6 Mr Massimo	Lambert	Brennan
6 1A Atochia	Burke	Gingras
7 2 Lahaye	Ford	Goodell
8 2A River Shark	Ford	Tetrick

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YR, 4-30, Race 9, George Morton Levy Final. Pace. Purse \$495,000

Post-PN-Horse	Trainer	Driver
1 1 This Is Wyatt	Green	Goodell
2 2 Southern Allie	Burke	D. Miller
3 3 Blatantly Good	Kesmodel	Bartlett
4 4 Gallant Yankee	Ford	Tetrick
5 5 Real Nice	Banca	Brennan
6 2A Foiled Again	Burke	Gingras
7 1A Foreign Officer	Alagna	Pantaleano
8 6 Giddy Up Lucky	Kesmodel	Dube

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NFLD, Race 8, The Courageous Lady. Pace. Purse \$50,750

Post-Horse	Trainer	Driver
1 Nelly Hanover	Potter	Charlino
2 Some Girls Do	Burke	Palone
3 Sand Starla	Loy	Grismore
4 Nutmegs Yankee	Brown	Stahl
5 Hi Maintenancechic	Gangell	Merriman
6 OK Dynasty	Young	MacDonald
7 Pink Magic	Collins	Wilder

NFLD, Race 11, The Courageous Lady. Pace. Purse \$50,750

Post-Horse	Trainer	Driver
1 Real Joy	Watson	Carlson
2 Southwest	Moyer	Seekman
3 I Kill Time	Schadt	Sugg
4 Stash The Cash	Long	Merriman
5 Cinder Angelina	Carter	MacDonald
6 Musette Mindale	Parker	Wilder
7 Latin Lyric	Brown	Grismore

three-quarters in 1:25.2.

Turning for home, Lady Kelleigh Anne began to tire as the backfield was closing in. Look Cheap was shown clear racetrack and was gaining ground on the outside. Worth Remembering began gaining on her rivals along the rail and Anthony MacDonald had to stick-handle his charge in between pacers in late stretch to score the win in 1:54.2. Look Cheap finished second over Patsys Luck.

Worth Remembering captured her second victory from five career tries as her earnings lifted to \$36,825.

Robert and Donna Burgess of Cedar Valley, Ontario own the three-year-old daughter of Ken Warkentin who paid \$80.60 for the win. For the video replay click [here](#) Greg Gangle

Pocono Downs Report

Tuesday's Results

12, PcD, \$21,000, Pace, 4 Year Olds Claiming \$30,000, 26.4, 56.0, 1:23.1, 1:51.1, FT

Standing Tough (g, 4, Stand Forever--No Friends Ever, by Big Towner), \$4,700 2008 OH-SEL. O-Milton J Lee-man. B-Robert S Gray. T-Tony Alagna. D-Tim Tetrick, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 37-5-10-6, \$87,909.

Hoosier Park Report

Wednesday's Results

6, HoP, \$15,000, Trot, IS 34 "THE RALPH & DOROTHY ROSE" (LEG 1), 28.2, 58.4, 1:29.0, 1:59.0, FT

Dojea Delight (g, 5, Danish Delight--Rockabye Lady, by Cumin), \$55,000 2007 IND-SEL.O-Tracy L Wilfong. B-Genesis Trotters. T-Jeff Brewer. D-Jason Dillander, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 39-6-3-2, \$36,183. [video](#)

7, HoP, \$21,000, Pace, OPEN (ISP), 26.4, 54.3, 1:23.2, 1:53.0, FT

Four Starz Trace (g, 4, Western Hanover--Four Starzzzz Hope, by Cam's Card Shark), \$32,000 2008 SHS-HBG. O-Sawgrass Farms LLC. B-F S Starzzzz Stables Inc & Alan K Cohen. T-Joe Seekman. D-Travis Seekman, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 38-7-7-6, \$303,119. [video](#)

Woodbine Report

Thursday's Results

5, Wdb, \$60,000, Pace, Ontario Spring Filly-Final, \$60,000, 28.2, 57, 1:25.2, 1:54.2, FT

Worth Remembering (f, 3, Ken Warkentin-Kawartha An Worthy) O-Robert W & Donna G Burgess. B- Robert W. Burgess & Donna Burge. T-Carmine Auciello. D-A. MacDonald, \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$36,825.

With Anthony MacDonald in the bike, Worth Remembering celebrated her largest payday of her career in the \$60,000 Ontario Spring Filly Final. Not only did she go off at odds of 35-1, but the trotting-bred filly captured the pacing event for trainer Carmen Auciello.



Worth Remembering, photo courtesy of WEG

It was a cavalry charge going into the first turn with Seascape Hanover (Sylvain Filion), Machs Delicacy (Mike Saftic), A and Gs Creek (Jody Jamieson) and Lady Kelleigh Anne all looking for position.

Lady Kelleigh Anne would finally cross over and take command after a :28.2 opening quarter. Sitting in the pocket was Seascape Hanover ahead of Machs Delicacy and A and Gs Creek.

Lady Kelleigh Anne continued to lead past the half in :57 and into the final turn. Post time favourite, Look Cheap (Mark MacDonald) moved to the outside from fifth position and was able to flush the cover of A and Gs Creek with Patsys Luck (Paul MacDonell) third over.

Worth Remembering was using a ground saving trip but was still seventh as Lady Kelleigh Anne took her rivals past



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8, HoP, \$24,000, Trot, INVITATIONAL (ISP) PP 1-3
DRAWN; PP 4-9 & 10 DRAWN, 27.4, 58.0, 1:27.2, 1:57.2, FT

Lord Of Andover (g, 5, Andover Hall--Queen Of Angels, by Valley Victory), \$52,000 2007 SHS-HBG
O-Brent M Davis. B-Michael D Andrew. T-Ed Rider.
D-Dave Magee, \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 41-11-6-7, \$102,979. [video](#)

10, HoP, \$15,000, Trot, IS 34 "THE RALPH & DOROTHY ROSE" (LEG 1), 29.1, 59.3, 1:29.0, 1:59.1, FT

Abc Indy (g, 3, Abc Garland--Flos Frilly, by Lambeth's Flair). O-Tanah Merah Farms LLC. B-Hilda G Heydt.
T-Richard Macomber. D-Sam Widger, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 19-4-8-3, \$28,595. [video](#)

Thursday's Results

5, HoP, \$15,000, Pace, IS 32 "THE TUBBY TRIMBLE" (LEG 1), 28.0, 58.3, 1:29.1, 1:57.3, FT

Chase's Legacy (c, 3, Dontgetinmyway--Chased Pleasures, by Jate Lobell) O-John E McGill. B-Cornerstone Investors LLC. T-Doug Rideout. D-Doug Rideout, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 15-3-0-5, \$38,118 [video](#)

8, HoP, \$15,000, Pace, IS 32 "THE TUBBY TRIMBLE" (LEG 1), 28.0, 59.1, 1:28.4, 1:57.2, FT

No Bu (g, 3, Kilowatt--Fox Valley Leota, by Incredible Finale). O/B-Eash Racing Stable Inc. T-Don Eash. D-Don Eash, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$12,815 [video](#)

10, HoP, \$15,000, Pace, IS 32 "THE TUBBY TRIMBLE" (LEG 1), 28.1, 58.4, 1:28.2, 1:56.3, FT

1-Electric Shooter (c, 3, Kilowatt--Oui Oui, by In The Pocket). O-Double Ee Meadows. B-Louis Schmucker. T-Mervin Schmucker. D-Dave Magee, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 18-2-3-3, \$24,350 [video](#)

The Meadows Report

Wednesday's Results

1, Mea, \$22,500, Trot, *PREFERRED*, M, 27.4, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:54.4, FT

Sir Caviar (g, 5, Sj's Caviar--Sierra Flower K, by Sierra Kosmos). O-William Wilbur & Leslie Dunn Zendt. B-Gary L Reynolds. T-Leslie Zendt. D-Brian Zendt, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 42-16-6-6, \$206,116. [video](#)

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4, Mea, \$25,400, Trot, L.C. **THE TOM'S OK LADY TROT** - FINAL 3YO FILLIES NW 2 EXT PM RACES OR \$25,000 LIFE UP TO AND INCLUDING 2/01/11. W/O \$40,000 LIFE AS OF 2/01/11 NE (PA SIRE), 28.2, 58.1, 1:26.3, 1:56.0, FT

1-Love U Overandover (f, 3, Andover Hall--Love You Most, by Yankee Glide), \$25,000 2009 SHS-HBG.
O-Peninsula Farm Inc. B-Peninsula Farm Inc & George E Hobbs. T-John Duer. D-Dave Palone, \$12,700, Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$37,250

2-A Fair Chance (f, 3, Malabar Millennium--Umaybe, by Inquirer). O-Jon W Erdner & George L Romanoff. B-Hatfield Stables. T-Gregory Wright. D-Eric Ledford, \$6,350.

3-Filly Bay (f, 3, Chip Chip Hooray--Accompaniment, by Balanced Image), \$8,000 2009 LEX-SEL. O-Moira P Fahy. B-Donald Ray Breeze & Patrick T Sibling. T-William Fahy. D-Randy Tharps, \$3,048

Calls: 6, 4H, 1, 1, 1Q

Finish Order: Cutie Pie, What Millie Says, Lady's Night, Im A Centerfold, Tomridge Baby Doll, Sephora De Vie.

To see the video replay of this race click [here](#)

Love U Overandover unleashed a wicked first-over move that carried her to victory in 1:56 in the \$25,400 championship of the Tom's OK Lady Trot for 3-year-old fillies. The win gave Love U Overandover a series sweep and the fastest mile this year by a sophomore filly trotter on a five-eighths-mile track.

Love U Overandover was sitting fourth down the backside when Dave Palone moved her off the pylons and asked her for trot. She erased a 4-1/2-length deficit in a heartbeat and went on to defeat A Fair Chance by 1-1/4 lengths. Early leader Filly Bay saved show.

"She's just such a sweetheart to drive I didn't care which way she did it," Palone said. "When two or three of them left, I thought I would keep her out of trouble and let her trot along until I had to move her. I like the way she just loves to pass horses. She's quick and willing — she has all the assets."

John Duer, who trains the homebred daughter of Andover Hall-Love You Most for Peninsula Farm, said he allowed her to mature at 2 rather than race. That decision paid off, as she has developed into a versatile performer poised for upcoming Pennsylvania Sires Stakes.

"She's green, and she's actually better following horses. She just ended up on the front the last few times," Duer said. "She's carrying the load for the stable now because the rest of my horses aren't racing yet. We'll give her a little time off before the sires stakes."

Evan Pattak

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Harrah's at Chester Report

Thursday's Results

6, Chst, \$21,000, Pace, Fillies & Mares NW \$18,000 in Last 5 Starts 4 Yr. Olds & Older Last Starts for a purse of greater than \$25,000 ineligible, 26.3, 56.1, 1:23.1, 1:52.3, SY

Mcflirty (m, 5, Mcardle--Face The Table, by Run The Table). O-Trish M Foulk. B-Bonnie M Benson & Eve T Hughes. T-Trish Foulk. D-Tim Tetrick, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 47-20-7-3, \$148,660

9, Chst, \$25,000, Pace, Fillies & Mares NW \$25,500 in Last 5 Starts AE:NW 7 Ext. PM Races Life, 26.3, 55.0, 1:23.1, 1:51.4, GD

Royal Cee Cee N (m, 5, Christian Cullen--Royal Van, by Sokys Atom). O-Mark A Harder. B-P K Brand, NZ. T-Mark Harder. D-Brian Sears, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 16-7-3-2, \$97,037

AUSTRALIA



Australian Winners By North American-Based Sires

4-24 Goulburn. Frank and Edna Day Memorial Goulburn Cup. Pacers, 2,240 meters--\$25,000

Washakie NZ (g, 7, Badlands Hanover-Shosoni Sunrise). O-Sytka Pty Ltd, G Monaco, R L W Severn. B-Big Stone Lodge Ltd. T & D-L.A. McCarthy. 1:55.9 (mile rate)--\$16,875

ITALY



Italian Winners By North American-Based Sires

4-25 San Siro, Milan – 5/8 mile track
Premio Veneto – 3 year old trotters – 1 5/16 mile- \$64,000
Owen Cr (h, 3, Cantab Hall – Boemia Cr by Lemon Dra)
\$20,300 Asta Selezionata Anact 2009, O-Scuderia Brianza, B-Az. Agr. Della Cimarosa, D-T: Pitero Gubellini. 1.58.2f (mile rate) - \$27,000
Lifetime: 11: 3-4-2, \$52,875 – 1.58.2f

4-25 San Siro, Milan – 5/8 mile track
Premio Emilia – 3 year old fillies – 1 5/16 mile - \$64,000
Ok America (f, 3 Andover Hall – Zagabria Dei by Victory Dream) B & O: Guida Italia SRL, D-Antonio Greppi. T-Jerry Riordan. 1.59.4f (mile rate) - \$27,000
Lifetime: 7: 4-1-2, \$53,625 – 1.59.4f

Bob "Hollywood" Heyden's Levy Notes

24th Edition of the George Morton Levy
Ron Burke is going for a tie with Bill Robinson for most training wins in the Levy with four

Robinson:

1990 My Guru
1993 Silver Almahurst
1994 Silver Spring
1995 Riyadh

Burke:

2007 Maltese Artist
2009 and 2010 Foiled Again

1981 Edition won by the "REDMAN"-Carmine Abbatiello-with Newt Lobell. Though a perennial leader at Yonkers and a master of the half mile track, Carmine NEVER did win a Triple Crown race (Today, 4 of the 6 Triple Crown events are contested on the HALF-MILER) in his career that topped the \$50 million mark and ended with a Hall Of Fame induction.

1985 On The Road Again won off by himself in the Levy-putting away his chief nemesis for the year George S. He was voted the Older Pacer Of The Year. Although there had been some talk that year of a possible match race with Nihilator. It never happened. On the day that Nihilator (8/3/85) set the world race record of 1:49.3, quietly, On The Road Again also set his lifetime mark-both at the Meadowlands, within the hour! 1:51.4.

1986 Falcon Seelster took the Levy in 1:55.2 equaling the stakes record. Remember the year prior he had obliterated the world half mile track standard with a 1:51 flat effort on Jug Day-even though he was not a Jug eligible himself. His career came to an end shortly after the Levy though-his unsuccessful match race with Forrest Skipper would turn out to be his final career effort.

1987 Dignatarian wins the Levy; Earl Cruise trained. Many forget that he was third in the Meadowlands Pace just two years earlier in the then 1:50.3 world record effort by Nihilator.

1988 Dragons Lair-4 Years after winning the first ever Breeders Crown in world record time for a freshman, he's back and beating the Free-For-Allers as a 6 Year Old.

1989 Jaguar Spur captured the 12th edition of the Levy. He completed the rare Haughton (1988)/Levy double. Jaguar Spur was the first pacer ever to win over \$500K at 2, at 3 AND again at age 4!

QUIZ: Who is the ONLY driver to win the Levy final back to back? Buddy Gilmour-1984 Caramore-1985 On The Road Again