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## Bee A Magician is Back

By Bill Finley

She was sensational in 2013 and anything but in 2014. But it looks like Bee A Magician is back and poised for a huge 5-year-old campaign.

There was no other conclusion to come to after she beat males in last night's \$50,000 prep for the Cutler Memorial at the Meadowlands and did so from the 10 post. In one of the sharper efforts of her career, the daughter of Kadabra won by 1 ½ lengths over Elitlopp bound Wind Of The North. Her time was 1:51.3. Melady's Monet finished third, beaten 3 1/4 lengths.

"She is stronger this year, better than she was," winning trainer Nifty Norman said. "I think she's going to have a good year. She seems like she can handle what's in front of her."



**Bee A Magician looks like she's going to be a major player this year** (Lisa photo)

Bee A Magician won all 17 of her starts in 2013 and was named Horse of the Year. Her 4-year-old year was a different story as she won just four of 17 tries. Despite winning the Breeders Crown, Bee A Magician had, by all accounts, a disappointing year.

"It's sort of the proof that the 4-year-old year is a tough year," Norman said. "People don't seem to understand that. We see it all the time, a horse has big 3-year-old year and as 4-year-old they bounce. Not that she raced bad a 4 year old, but it was just tough."

Bee A Magician kicked off her 2015 with a win over males in Open company at Yonkers. But that didn't inspire much confidence among bettors, who sent her off at 12-1 last night. The odds had a lot to do with her post and the competition she faced. Though just a \$50,000 race, it included Hambletonian winner Market Share and two of the hottest older trotters in the sport in DW's NY Yank and Melady's Monet. The latter was the even-money favorite.

Norman admitted he was not expecting a win.

"I didn't expect to win the race at all," the trainer said.

"We were hoping for a good effort and then to point her for next week. Scotty (Zeron) did a good job recognizing that nothing really left and there wasn't a lot of pace. He put her in a good sport and everything worked out nice."

Zeron did a good job working out a trip for the mare. He hustled his mount to the front and didn't have to use her up too much to get to the lead in 27.4. DW's NY Yank, who broke at the start, overtook Bee A Magician to take the lead on the backstretch for Yannick Gingras. Zeron sat patiently, tipped out for the stretch drive and gunned his mare to the lead.

"What did she feel like? She felt like the horse of the year," Zeron said. "I didn't know what to expect. I never got a chance to sit behind her before. There's a reason she was the horse of the year. She does everything right."

Zeron picked up the drive when regular driver Brian Sears decided to stay at Yonkers for the night. Norman said he understood Sears' decision and the drive is still his.

"Brian had a full book over there and I wasn't going to pressure him to drive one horse out of the 10 hole," Norman said. "We discussed it and I told him it was fine if he didn't come. He'll come next week."

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The Cutler Memorial goes for \$175,000 and as long as she draws well Bee A Magician will likely be the favorite. Norman admits he didn't necessarily see this coming.

"She's been good and came back good," he said. "I'm probably a little surprised she's been as good as she is, but I'm very pleased about that. It's a long year, lots of things can go wrong. But this sure has been a great way to start."

This was Bee A Magician's 33<sup>rd</sup> win from 49 career starts.



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## Mission Brief Stays Flat, Wins Meadowlands Qualifier

*From Meadowlands Media Relations Department*

**EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ** – Saturday mornings with Myron, known to most as Meadowlands qualifiers, took place this morning under overcast skies with temperatures in the 60's.



**Possible Hambletonian favorite Mission Brief was on her game yesterday morning at the Meadowlands** (Chris Tully photo)

driver Andy Miller.

By And By Hanover, a Muscle Massive filly from Brown Velvet trained and driven by Ake Svanstedt completing the double for Gural's Little E, LLC, was a 1:59.2 winner in the second race holding sway over a pair of Antonacci trotters, Lindy On The Rocks and Moni from Heaven.

Race three was an easy win for Show Biz Hall, a Deweycheatumnhowe sophomore in 1:56.1 for Scott Zeron. Lightly raced at two with a 1:55 record at The Red Mile the

Opulent Yankee opened the day a winner in 1:54.2/27.2 as his owner (and track owner) Jeff Gural and wife Paula in attendance, joining with the usual collection of observers and horseplayers watching from the VIP suites. He tracked Handover Belle before shifting out a lane and going by with no encouragement from

colt sashayed home in 27.4 in hand to the delight of trainer Tony Alagna and his eponymous ownership group.

Mission Brief, who broke stride in her first 2015 qualifier, got back on track with a controlled 1:56.2/28.1 win, edging away on her own from Speak To Me for Yannick Gingras. The New Jersey Sires Stakes begin next Friday and would provide a comfortable starting point for the world record holding daughter of Muscle Hill should trainer Ron Burke and his partners Our Horse Cents Stable, J&T Silva and Weaver Brussemi choose that route.

Hambo eligible Guess Who's Back made a strong statement after the break with an effortless 1:53.3/27 win with Brian Sears aboard. Something of an enigma last season with flashes of brilliance compromised by equally frustrating inconsistency the Muscles Yankee colt looked rock solid in his second outing for trainer Nik Drennan and owners J. Davino, B. Shackman, TLP Stable and J&T Silva.

Race 7 was the first pacing event of the day and contained several Meadowlands Pace eligible. Lyons Levi Lewis led all the way and held off the late rushing Penji Hanover in 1:52/27 for Gingras with ASAP Hanover a solid third. Winter book Pace choice Artspeak while well back early behind a gapper, was absolutely airborne late. Ron Burke trains the Well Said colt for Joseph Lyons-Mound.

Not to be outdone, In The Arsenal made his Meadowlands Pace case with an easy 1:53.2/26.3 breeze for Sears. Revenge Shark closed up to be second and

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National Seelster third. The winner is trained by Kelvin Harrison for White Birch Farms and In The Arsenal Racing.

Older horses were next and Great Vintage got up despite a very wide drift through a 26 flat last quarter to win over pacesetting Lyonssomewhere, the mile in 1:51. Gingras drove the old boy for Takter, et al.

Rockeyed Optomist was a comfortable third. A few of these four-year-olds are getting some work in anticipation of the upcoming Graduate Series opening leg at Tioga Downs on Memorial Day, May 25.

Sophomore filly pacer Better Said won for Tetrick, Toscano and Brittany Farms in 1:53.3 from just off the pace picking off Luck Be A Lindy through a 27 flat final panel.

Sassa Hanover was vicious in her second qualifier, riding a pocket through slow numbers then sprinting home a widening winner into 26.2 final quarter with Gingras driving for Burke, PanehellenicStable, Weaver Brussemi and Larry Karr. Hollyrock and Rock Her World followed her home.

We wrapped with Witch Dali holding sway over Sandbetweenurtoes and Beach Story in 1:53.2/27.3 with Tetrick aboard for Alagna Racing and Brad Grant.

Mac Nichol's Colt Wins Peter Pan, Belmont Stakes is Next

Madefromlucky, the horse co-owned by prominent standardbred owner Mac Nichol, won yesterday's Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont Park and will now be pointed to the final leg of the Triple Crown, the Belmont Stakes.

Nichol co-owns the horse with Cheyenne Stables LLC. Madefromlucky won yesterday's Grade II event by a length over Conquest Curlinate.

"The Belmont Stakes is something we'd talked about a while back," winning trainer Todd Pletcher said. "We felt

[Madefromlucky] would keep going and going and going. We wanted to find out where he fit and the Peter Pan has historically been a good prep for the Belmont. He earned his way in if he comes out of this well and trains accordingly."

Creatine Eighth in Swedish Debut

Creatine's European debut resulted in an eighth-place finish in a race yesterday at Umaker in Sweden. It was his first start since being turned over to trainer Robert Bergh, who also handled the driving duties. The race was won by Cool Keeper, a son of Broadway Hall.

The Creatine camp was hoping to earn an invitation to the Elitlopp, which won't be forthcoming after yesterday's race. But Creatine will have one more chance to make the Elite Race as he is scheduled to have another start before the big event.

"He has trained in a very good manner and I had high expectations for him today, but there were several issues before the race that distressed him," Bergh told ustrotting.com. "The race was postponed several times for different reasons and it was also first time ever that Creatine raced over a longer distance than the mile, but I still believe he is a horse for the Elitlopp. I will race him next week over the mile at Aby.

This [website](#) has all of yesterday's replays from Umaker. Creatine competed in the tenth race on the card.

Bongiorno Gets Stay

Trainer Bob Bongiorno has appealed his 30-day suspension handed down by the Pennsylvania Harness Commission. Bongiorno received the penalty after a horse of his failed a pre-race test blood-gas test at Chester. With the appeal, Bongiorno, who has said he is innocent, has been granted a stay.

Report: Jack Darling in Training Accident

According to a report on [standardbredcanda.ca](http://standardbredcanda.ca), trainer Jack Darling was involved in a training accident Friday at Classy Lane Training Centre. The horse Darling was training collided head on with another horse.

Darling suffered a concussion and a broken arm. He issued a statement in which he said he regrets that he was not wearing a helmet.

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**Madefromlucky will try to go from the Peter Pan to the Belmont Stakes for Mac Nichol (Coglianese Photo)**

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"The point I want to make here is that I was not wearing a helmet," he said. "I always wear one in the racebike but I thought it wasn't necessary to wear a helmet while jogging or training in the jog cart. I was wrong. I was very, very lucky in this case that I wasn't killed or that I didn't sustain a serious head injury. I will wear a helmet at all times now while on the track and I urge everyone else to do the same. An incident like mine can happen so fast. Do it for yourself and for the people who care about you."

#### Report: Brainard Banned at Yonkers

The website [www.drf.com](http://www.drf.com) is reporting that trainer Tracy Brainard has been banned at Yonkers. Brainard is currently second in the trainers standings at Yonkers, trailing only Ron Burke. The DRF is also reporting that she has been banned at Saratoga.

#### Cast No Shadow Sets Stakes Record

*Courtesy of Woodbine Entertainment*

Cast No Shadow turned in a 1:50.4 stakes record performance in the \$59,600 Princess championship, one of two series finals on Saturday night's harness racing card at Mohawk Racetrack.

Chris Christoforou drove the sophomore filly to victory over Moonlit Dance and the late-closing favourite, Maplelea, for trainer Nick Gallucci and owner Millard Adams of Carlisle, Ohio. The time of the mile was also a career-best for Cast No Shadow and Canadian season's record for the division.

Leaving from the outside post six, 50-1 longshot Twin B Honour (Trevor Henry) fired to the lead over Moonlit Dance (James MacDonald) and insider Cast No Shadow. Ride Away Shark (Jody Jamieson), meanwhile, had made a break in stride off the gate and even-money favourite Maplelea (Rick Zeron) was gapped at the start and settled away fifth before eventually launching her late attack.

The action heated up after the :27.2 first quarter, as Moonlit Dance overtook Twin B Honour and then Cast No Shadow swept by. The new leader reached the half in :55.2.

Maplelea began to advance with three-eighths to go, picking off rivals, while Cast No Shadow continued to lead to three-quarters in 1:23.2.

With Maplelea moving within striking distance, just two lengths off the leader turning for home, Christoforou kept his filly on task and she paced strong to the wire for the one and three-quarter length victory. Moonlit Dance fought back to finish second over Maplelea.

"I wanted to be in control coming around the last turn because I wanted to get away from Rick's mare, Maplelea; she can sprint so fast," said Christoforou after the victory. "When I heard him coming he was about two or three lengths behind me on the turn and I just pulled the trigger there and hoped that I could hold on."

The daughter of Shadow Play has earned the bulk of her \$80,384 bankroll this season with six wins in eight starts. After a top-three finish in the Blossom Series Final, she

joined the Princess competition in the second leg on May 1 and was second in a three-horse finish with Maplelea, the winner, and Moonlit Dance, who had taken the top spot in the opener the week prior.

"She's a real nice filly," said Christoforou. "She has lots of go to her and she's very handy, and I think that's what makes her so good. I think she's got as much speed as the other ones, but just seems to be a little bit handier than the other two [Maplelea and Moonlit Dance] lately so I think that's what makes the difference. She is definitely a Gold [Ontario Sires Stakes] filly. After that, I don't know."

Cast No Shadow paid \$5.90 to win as the 9-5 second choice.

The Princess Series is for three-year-old pacing fillies that were non-winners \$100,000 in 2014.

In the co-featured \$60,000 final of The Diplomat Series for sophomore male pacers, J Js Delivery hauled down 4-5 favourite The Wayfaring Man off a pocket trip for a 1:50.1 career-best victory.

The gelded son of Jeremes Jet is trained by David Menary for owner/breeder Robert Hamather of Exeter, Ont.

Driver James MacDonald left from post six with J Js Delivery and fired off a :26.2 opening quarter. They had a three length lead over American Rock (Jody Jamieson) heading into the backstretch with Arque Hanover (Randy Waples) third at the pylons. Dialamara (Sylvain Filion) was parked out after sprinting off the gate from post eight and eventually backed into the four-hole.

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As second leg winner The Wayfaring Man (Jack Moiseyev) began to advance first up from fifth, Dialamara made a break in stride and caused interference to the rest of the field as the trailing horses moved outside of him. Meanwhile, The Wayfaring Man worked past J Js Delivery through a :54.3 half and continued to lead the field to three-quarters in 1:22.2.

However, J Js Delivery pulled the pocket down the stretch and overtook The Wayfaring Man with a :27.2 final frame to win by one length and lower the division's 2015 Canadian record. American Rock finished third while Good Friday Three (Chris Christoforou) closed off cover for fourth. Arque Hanover was fifth.

The Wayfaring Man, Good Friday Three and Arque Hanover are all eligible to the Pepsi North America Cup.

Sent postward as the 5-2 second choice, J Js Delivery paid \$7.90 to win.

"He's got a lot of quick speed and I just wanted to get him up close," said MacDonald of his racing strategy. "I thought if I could cut it he would be good or if I could find a good one to follow -- he's got quick speed off a helmet -- so I wanted have him involved early."

MacDonald has been nothing by impressed by J Js Delivery, who he has driven for back-to-back series wins -- the gelding won the opening round on April 25 and took the second leg off last week before tonight's final.

"He was so good in the opening leg," noted MacDonald.

"I had the nine-hole and there was a lot of speed. I didn't really want to leave and I changed my mind and in just two steps he was on the front. And then it opened up late, like I only had 100 yards to the wire, and he shot through there like a bullet."

J Js Delivery, now four-for-six this year, is just shy of the \$100,000 mark for career earnings.

This week's \$34,000 Preferred produced a 35-1 upset as Ron Adams' pacer Spinfiniti and driver Doug McNair got up in the final strides for the quarter-length victory. His career-best 1:49.1 mile was the fastest on Canadian soil this year.

The five-year-old son of No Spin Zone prevailed off a three-hole trip with a :26.4 closing kick. Pocket-sitter Evenin Of Pleasure (Sylvain Filion) came through along the pylons for second-place over State Treasurer (Chris Christoforou), who had crossed to command from post eight and turned back favourite Apprentice Hanover (Jody Jamieson) through fractions of :26.3, :54.3 and 1:21.3.

The victory was Spinfiniti's first at the Preferred level and sixth in 15 starts this year. Lifetime, he has won 15 races and \$155,640 in purses.

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3 P L Hellcat	Mach Three	Dupuis/J MacDonald
4 Bettorever	Bettor's Delight	Bamond/Callahan
5 All Bets Off	Bettor's Delight	Burke/Gingras
6 Big Boy Dreams	If I Can Dream	Allard/Filion
7 Boomboom Ballykeel	Mach Three	Moreau/Henry
8 Mattamerican	Allamerican Native	Parker/Jamieson

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Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Limelight Beach	Somebeachs'where	Burke/Gingras
2 Luck Be Withyou	Western Ideal	Cass/J MacDonald
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### The "What I Feel" Disease

by Dean Towers

Harness racing has a disease. It's inflicting hundreds of people inside the industry. It's a disease that holds the business back from needed reform, from making the right decisions based on statistics and data and science; from doing the right thing. It's an affliction that has never been treated and one where there is no cure.

It's the 'what I feel' disease.

The 'what I feel' disease is extrapolating one's feelings about the sport onto everyone else. It's anecdotal. It's off the cuff. It comes with a point that is not argued with a web link, or some sort of story. It comes from the gut. It's not hard to spot. Perhaps the biggest and best 'what I feel disease' example is, "I love harness racing as it is and I can't understand anyone who doesn't like it." This is a tough one. We all love harness racing, but when other people don't, and they aren't paying the bills, we have to ask them why, not tell them why they're mistaken. This symptom of the disease also helps the sport stay with the status quo. This is a dangerous part of the affliction.

"No one cares about takeout" is one of the disease's big symptoms and is an easy way to uncover someone being under attack.

"When Roosevelt was drawing 20,000 people no one mentioned the takeout."

"People bet \$12,000 into a four horse superfecta in California yesterday, not worried about it being a bad takeout bet. They don't care, no one should or does."

"If I like a horse I don't care what the takeout is, I just bet. It's about picking winners."

"I spoke with ten people in the grandstand and they thought I was talking about Chinese food."

The bottom line is, and always has been, the price of a bet is a function of the gross amount bet. That's not feel, it's math. The University of Louisville found high takeout to be the number one detriment to handle growth for horse racing, with an elasticity of -2.3. According to University of Southern California economics professor Caroline Betts, only one study out of hundreds since 1979 says anything remotely different.

A survey set up by professional statistician Dan Needham of Thorotrends, asked over 1,000 horseplayers what the biggest factor in all of horse racing had on their own handle. The number one issue keeping them from betting more were high takeout rates. The vast majority of respondents played once a week or more.

It doesn't matter what I feel or what you feel. It doesn't matter if your friends don't talk about takeout, a poll of young people who play Warcraft all day say they don't care, if a high takeout bet somewhere has some betting volume, or anything else. The numbers and statistics and studies - dare I say common sense - says differently. Takeout matters a lot. Period.

One disease symptom I see often is that the suspect trainers at a racetrack do not hurt handle; that "I like betting them because they win a lot and I can cash on them"; that long ago so and so was a proven cheater and the tracks

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were full. Unfortunately these assertions are never accompanied by more than stories or "feel", but fortunately we do have some data.

A national survey of every day bettors by the Jockey Club occurred in 2013. Via the New York Times:

"The group released results of a poll it commissioned that showed drugs and integrity concerns loom larger to bettors than any other issue facing the sport. The poll found that when handicapping races at certain racetracks or in certain states, nearly four in five bettors - 79 percent - considered the possibility of illegal drug use.

"By a 9 to 1 margin, bettors said they bet less, not more, because they had to factor in the possibility of illegal drug use. In the study of 816 committed bettors and handicappers nationally, the strongest advocates for change were those who bet more than \$10,000 per month: 89 percent "strongly support" national uniform medication rules; 93 percent want those rules sooner."

Similarly a survey of 245 harness bettors only conducted by the Horseplayers Association of North America - those who play this sport each week - said "supertrainers" were the second most concerning issue when it comes to their play. They are wary and avoid tracks where these trainers ply their trade. (for those wondering, the most important issue they selected was takeout rates).

We might be able to use common sense to decipher that all on our own - clearly we don't prefer a poker game where someone is dealing from the bottom of the deck - but in harness racing, the 'what I feel' disease is very strong.

The 'what I feel disease' is generally allowed to fester and promulgate because there really is no one minding the store. In most sports, or businesses, these decisions are analyzed and then a decision is made. If a horsemen group someplace, somewhere says 'I feel having bands is a good idea for new business' they control some purse strings and go to it. If someone says 'I feel we need more young people so we should advertise at college bars, there is no head office saying "we tried that, it doesn't work and here are the results." Kicking, whipping, passing up the inside, penalties for positive tests; they are almost 100% of the time all about 'what I feel'.



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It's a big reason why other sports tend to be on the move. Whether it be the NFL with its myriad rules changes, the NHL with scheduling, the NBA partnerships with Fanduel, or push for legalized gambling, these sports study, survey, model and enact. They aren't ruminating, or thinking off the cuff, they aren't kicking the can down the road because they are hearing what too many "feel" and think it's more trouble than it's worth, they aren't "feeling" anything; these decisions are made with a business case.

The 'what I feel' disease in harness racing is real and it doesn't appear to be going anywhere. Most of the issues I have discussed with the business twenty years ago numerous times are the same, or similar issues that are being discussed today. Until we find a cure for the disease I think the merry-go-round will continue. There's no other way.

But then again, that's just the way I feel.

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### On Mitchell Skolnick's Let All Drugs Be Legal Idea (1)

Sad but true. Brilliant idea. Will they do it? Nope they'd rather see the entire industry fail, which it is doing and will continue to do so. The sport will get what it deserves.  
Stephen Farrell

### Skolnick (2)

This is disgraceful.  
Mark Moger

### Skolnick (3)

He must be smoking some of that Colorado grass.  
Jules Siegel

### Skolnick (4)

I read with interest the recent recommendation by Mitchell Skolnick regarding lifting the ban on all "performance enhancing" drugs in the harness racing business.

My reaction to his recommendation is a serious one.

For a long time I have believed that the human "War On Drugs" has been a waste of enormous resources and has accomplished nothing except to raise the cost of these drugs to the point where individuals will steal and kill or sell their bodies to obtain the money to get the "fix" that they need. Prohibition in the 1930s demonstrated clearly that the human species will always find a way to obtain the narcotic of choice, whether it is alcohol or another drug.

Where I draw the line with people is the point at which the individual is old enough to make decisions regarding how to treat your body. In today's society, that age appears to be accepted is 18 years old. You can fight and die for your country at that age.

So I would recommend that we focus the human "War On Drugs" on traffickers who sell drugs of any kind (including alcohol) to children under 18 years of age. If you are caught doing so and you are convicted at trial, you are sentenced to a minimum of twenty years in prison. Anyone over 18 years of age can get a prescription for whatever (now inexpensive) drug he or she wants to use to destroy his or her future.

Now to horses: Horses do not have an opposing thumb, so they cannot steal cash from someone's wallet or apply for a credit card to purchase drugs. They cannot drive into neighborhoods to purchase the drug of their choice. They

are like our children and should be treated that way, because they depend upon us completely from being in harm's way.

Here is where I differ a bit from Mr. Skolnick's recommendation. First, I would lift the ban on any medications or "performance enhancing drugs" that help the horse feel better, extend his or her racing life or race faster, as long as there is no short term or long term negative impact for the horse. There are a number of medications that would fit this classification, such as Lasix, Gastrogard, Clenbuterol, etc. Allow the owner, trainer and vet to treat the horse medically the same way they would treat their children to improve their medical health. I would say that the famous "milkshake" that has been banned is actually good for the horse, because he or she will feel better. If every trainer has access to the milkshake, it is a level playing field.

Second, I would focus the testing upon any medications or performance enhancing drugs that actually harm the horse or reduce his or her racing life. Two that immediately come to mind are EPO and Cobalt.

If we focus upon serious debilitating issues for the horse, we are fulfilling our obligations as caregivers for animals who completely depend upon us. Let's pick the really damaging drugs that harm the horses and ban both the owners and trainers who use these drugs for a long time (five years) on a nation-wide basis. Owners and trainers who really care about horses should be pushing for a national commission that can enforce medication rules at every track.

Sincerely,  
Ronald J. Mario

### Skolnick (5)

This suggestion is the beginning of the end of the business/sport. Time is think about developing my farm.  
Jim Feeley

### Skolnick (6)

Has Mitchell lost his mind? How about 0 drugs. That's the way to go.  
Peter Blood

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## Where's The "Race" in Racino?

I live near a racino and was amazed to hear their ad to get people to come to the their establishment. All kinds of card games, food, restaurants but guess what..no racing! Really? I had to go check it out. They do have racing but you would never know it unless you checked it out. So watch out racing because unless we are careful, the racino interests are going to eliminate racing. You had better watch it. I thought it was ridiculous until I heard this ad and since then I have heard a few ads for racinos that also have racing that seem to forget about racing. It is very worrying.  
Shari Hazlett

## Actually, Brandywine Was...

Great article about the lost tracks of the Delaware Valley. I used to frequent Liberty Bell and Brandywine during the early 80's. My favorite was Brandywine. I loved the chimes that signaled the minutes to post, and the race calls of Roy Shudt and Gene Hart (of Philadelphia Flyer fame) were classic. One clarification, though. Brandywine Raceway was located where the Brandywine Town Center now sits. The Brandywine Hunt housing development may have been the former home of the barn area, but the grandstand and racetrack were definitely located in the middle of the shopping center. When you drove in from Concord Pike on what is now Brandywine Parkway, where the road curves left is where the backstretch began. I've added the approximate location of the track and grandstand to the image taken from Google Maps.



Bill Harkins

## A Brandywine Memory

I am writing in response to your article on "Disappearing Act: Revisiting the Sites of Brandywine" in the May 8 edition. In 1966 I was training a mare at the old Bay State Raceway in Foxborough, Ma. At that time it was a 1/2 mile track (converted several years later to a 5/8). She was a fast mare for her class but had difficulty negotiating turns. My partners and I agreed she could do well on a bigger track. I had previously made a connection with Wilbert Rathbone and Johnny Marks in Delaware so I made a phone call and they said bring her down.

I took her down there and trained her real good on Brandywine's 5/8 oval. When we entered her on the first Saturday night in September I called my girlfriend(Deborah)

in Boston and told her to come down and if the mare wins we will drive to Virginia and get married by a Justice of the Peace. At that time you could do it all in one day, license, blood test, etc. Come that Saturday night in front of a packed grandstand the mare was in the 2nd half of the double. Herve Filion wins the 1st race. We have the double going. Johnny Marks was driving our mare, whose name was Karen Mc, and she leaves out of there, gets in to the 3 hole, pulls at the 3/8ths, takes the lead and wins by 3 lengths. The next day Deborah and I got married in Alexandria, Virginia. Needless to say Brandywine Raceway will always be special to me.  
Irving Bluestein

## BUFFALOREPORT

**8, BR, \$25,000, P, NIATROSS SERIES INVITATIONAL, 29.0, 58.0, 1:27.2, 1:56.1, FT**  
**1-Jettison (g, 6, Jereme's Jet--Pizzacato, by Albatross), \$55,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Curtis Edholm & Ultra Racing Stable. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-Darren Taneyhill. D-Kevin Cummings, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 105-18-21-14, \$168,339**

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## HOOSIER PARKREPORT

**11, HoP, \$21,000, T, Invitational PP'S drawn by groups (4-8)/remainder assigned, 26.4, 55.4, 1:24.3, 1:52.0, FT**  
**1-Allie Labrook (m, 5, Here Comes Herbie--Allie Jane, by Schimtar), \$55,000 2011 HOOSIER O-Sawgrass Farms LLC. B-Aaron Dale Stutzman. T-Dan Shetler. D-Dan Shetler, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 27-17-4-3, \$155,487**

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## MEADOWLANDSREPORT

**2, M, \$27,500, P, Open Handicap, 26.2, 54.2, 1:21.2, 1:48.1, FT**  
**1-Doctor Butch (h, 5, Art Major--Classical Yankee, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$55,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Kenneth E Jacobs. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Linda Toscano. D-Tim Tetrick, \$13,750, Lifetime Record: 81-23-16-15, \$910,667**

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**6, M, \$50,000, T, TVG Open Arthur J. Cutler Memorial Prep, 27.4, 55.4, 1:24.3, 1:51.3, FT**  
**1-Bee A Magician (m, 5, Kadabra--Beehive, by Balanced Image), \$90,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Melvin Hartman, CA & Herb A Liverman & David H Mc Duffee. B-White Birch Farm. T-R. Nifty Norman. D-Scott Zeron, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 49-33-7-3, \$2,781,270**



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**2-Wind Of The North** (g, 5, Cantab Hall--Talk To The Wind, by Pine Chip), \$5,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Daryl Scott Bier & Joann Dombeck. B-Quantum Farms Corp. T-Daryl Bier. D-David Miller, \$12,500

**3-Melady's Monet** (g, 6, Revenue S--Keystone Melady, by Keystone Smothers) O-Melady Enterprises LLC. B-Luca & Ester Balenzano. T-Kevin Mc Dermott. D-John Campbell, \$6,000  
Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 1, 1H - Finish Order: Appomattox, Lindy's Tru Grit, Market Share, Dw's Ny Yank, Master Of Law, Opening Night, Expressive Action  
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**10, M, \$20,000, P**, Claiming Price \$10,000 Highest Earners From 5/2, 26.3, 55.0, 1:23.4, 1:52.0, FT

**1-Northern Prize (g, 6, Jereme's Jet--Princesse Noire, by Abercrombie)** O-Pasquale Rizzo. B-Dr John Doug McKnight, CA. T-James Borke. D-Brett Miller, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 102-8-12-15, \$108,905  
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## MOHAWKREPORT

**2, Moh, \$59,600, P**, PRINCESS - FINAL - 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES. NON WINNERS \$100,000 IN 2014. 27.2, 55.2, 1:23.2, 1:50.4

**1-Cast No Shadow (b,f,3 - Shadow Play - Hypnotize - Artiscape)** O-Millard D Adams B-Winbak Farms T-Nick Gallucci D-Chris Christoforou \$29,800 Lifetime Record: 12-6-1-3 \$80,384

**2-Moonlit Dance** (b,f,3 - Art Major-Gone Dancing - Presidential Ball) O-David Goodrow B-David Goodrow Stables T- Tony O'Sullivan D-James MacDonald

**3-Maplelea** (b,f,3 - Sportswriter-Maple Lady-Run The Table) O-Andrew A Moore B-Concord Stud Farm T-Andrew Moore D-Richard Zeron  
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**6, Moh, \$60,000, P**, THE DIPLOMAT - FINAL - 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. NON WINNERS \$100,000 IN 2014. 26.2, 54.3, 1:22.2, 1:50.1

**1-J Js Delivery (b,g,3 - Jeremes Jet-Table For Seven - Artsplace)** O/B-Robert L Hamather T-David Menary D-James MacDonald \$30,000 Lifetime Record: 15-6-3-2 \$98,686

**2-The Wayfaring Man** (b,c,3 - Dragon Again-Armbró Wichita - Western Hanover) O-Bruno Comegna B-Degree Farm, Midland Acres T-Nicky Comegna D-Jack Moiseyev

**3-American Rock** (b,c,3 - Rocknroll Hanover-Mrs American Pie-Artsplace) O-Bradley J Grant B-Perretti Famrs T-Benjamin Wallace D-Jody Jamieson  
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**10, Moh, \$34,000, P**, PREFERRED. 26.3, 54.3, 1:21.3, 1:49.1

**1-Spinfiniti (br,h,5 - No Spin Zone-Hurricane Jenna - Jennas Beach Boy)** O-Ronald Adams B-Virginia Louthan T-Ronald Adams D-Douglas McNair \$17,000 Lifetime Record: 42-15-5-3 \$155,640  
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## ROSECROFTREPORT

**1, RcR, \$25,400, T**, MARYLAND SIRE STAKES 4 & 5 YEAR OLD OPEN \*\*\*\*\*NON-BETTING RACE\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*POST TIME 6:15\*\*\*, M, 28.1, 58.3, 1:28.2, 1:57.1, FT  
**1-Perfect Tententen (g, 5, Straight Up Lindy--Dundee Lane, by Lindy Lane)** O-Sylvanus B King Jr. B-Meadow Creek Stables LLC. T-Syl King Jr. D-Anthony Morgan, \$12,700, Lifetime Record: 55-14-9-7, \$288,404  
Replay unavailable

## SCIOTO DOWNSREPORT

**5, ScD, \$20,000, P**, OPEN II POST POSITIONS DRAWN, 26.4, 54.3, 1:23.1, 1:50.4, FT

**1-Classic Rock Nroll (g, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Classic Wish, by Armbró Emerson)**, \$180,000 2008 SHS-HBG O-Frank J Bellino. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ryan Angus. D-Dan Noble, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 125-22-23-16, \$811,556  
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**7, ScD, \$25,000, P**, OPEN I POST POSITIONS DRAWN, 26.3, 54.2, 1:22.0, 1:50.1, FT

**1-Mykindachip (g, 6, Art's Chip--Figmental, by Precious Bunny)** O-Carl L Atley. B-John R Miller. T-Danny Dubeansky. D-Jason Brewer, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 92-26-14-13, \$426,547  
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## POCONO DOWNSREPORT

**1, PcD, \$32,000, P**, Pennsylvania All-Stars 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings 1st Division of 3, 27.0, 54.3, 1:22.0, 1:50.2, FT

**1-Wakizashi Hanover (g, 3, Dragon Again--Western Gesture, by Western Hanover)**, \$23,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Tri County Stable, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Joann Looney-King. D-Jim Morrill Jr, \$16,000, Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-0, \$127,089

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**2-Yankee Bounty** (g, 3, Yankee Cruiser--Bootleg Yankee, by Allamerican Native), \$21,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Yankee Bounty Partnership & Frank E Chick. B-Charles E Keller III. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$8,000

**3-Cardiac Fashion** (g, 3, Well Said--Where The Heart Is, by Abercrombie) O-J M F Racing LLC. B-Fashion Farms LLC. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr, \$3,840  
Calls: 1H, 3, 1H, 2, 1Q - Finish Order: My Hero Ron, Affluenza, Dragon Eddy, Rich Wisdom  
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**3, PcD, \$32,000, P**, Pennsylvania All-Stars 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings 2nd Division of 3, 26.4, 55.3, 1:23.2, 1:51.0, FT

**1-Blood Brother (g, 3, Somebeachsomewhere--Blood Diamond, by Western Ideal)** O-Diamond Creek Racing & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC & Exquisite Farms. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Jim Morrill Jr, \$16,000, Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, \$96,760



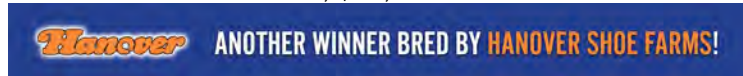
**2-Rufo (c, 3, Dragon Again--My Little Artist, by Real Artist),** \$77,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver BrusceMI LLC & Matthew Don Kakaley. B-White Birch Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$8,000

**3-Colorful Speech (g, 3, Well Said--Watercolor Hanover, by Art Major),** \$50,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Old Block Stables Inc & Kenneth H Klein. B-Old Block Stables Inc & Kenneth H Klein. T-Joseph Caraluzzi. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr, \$3,840

Calls: 5, 6T, 3, Q, NK - Finish Order: Joe Hill, Techtor Hanover, Mcjagersonthemove  
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**5, PcD, \$32,000, P,** Pennsylvania All-Stars 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings 3rd Division of 3, 26.3, 55.2, 1:23.1, 1:50.2, FT

**1-Rise Up Now (g, 3, Somebeachsomewhere - Northwestern, by Western Hanover),** \$40,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Strollin Stable & King Mcnamara & William J Robinson & Country Club Acres Inc. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Brian Brown. D-Simon Allard, \$16,000, Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-0, \$38,304



**2-Allbeef N Nobull (c, 3, McArdle--She Likes It All, by The Big Dog),** \$5,000 2013 WALKER O-Donald J Emond. B-Perretti Farms. T-Monte Gelrod. D-Jim Morrill Jr, \$8,000

**3-Tomy Terror (g, 3, Western Terror--Mib Hanover, by Tyler B),** \$50,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-William C Wiswell & Jean A Goehlen & Eugene W Schick & Vip Internet Stable LLC. B-Vae LLC. T-John Butenschoen. D-Mike Simons, \$3,840

Calls: 2T, 1H, 1H, 1, NS - Finish Order: Cooperstown, Well Well Well, Kolt Power  
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**10, PcD, \$22,000, P,** NW \$21,500 in Last 5 Starts AE: NW 9 Ext. PM Races or \$90,000 Lifetime, 25.4, 54.1, 1:21.3, 1:49.3, FT

**1-Somesizesomestyle (h, 4, Somebeachsomewhere - Honey Bunny, by Precious Bunny),** \$50,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Bradley J Grant, CA. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Larry Remmen. D-Jim Morrill Jr, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 40-8-6-4, \$352,785

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## YONKERSREPORT

**1, YR, \$21,500, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.2, 1:52.3, FT

**1-Rock On Moe (g, 7, Rocknroll Hanover--Armbro Maureen, by Cam Fella),** \$82,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-Jlrl LLC. B-Emerald Highlands Farm. T-Frank Caleca. D-Daniel Dube, \$10,750, Lifetime Record: 119-27-21-20, \$398,688

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**2, YR, \$25,000, P,** 4 YEAR OLD OPEN, 27.1, 57.0, 1:24.4, 1:52.1, FT

**1-The Lunch Pail (g, 4, Yankee Cruiser--Noble Marty, by Nobleland Sam),** \$44,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Michael A Ouriel. B-Schare D Adams. T-Jeffrey Smith. D-Jordan Stratton, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 43-10-7-9, \$183,514

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**3, YR, \$25,000, T,** NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.1, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:55.0, FT

**1-Zooming (g, 7, Classic Photo--Merit Lane, by Lindy Lane),** \$15,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-Stephen E Oldford & Oldford Farms LLC & Tyler L Buter. B-Brittany Farms. T-Amber Buter. D-Tyler Buter, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 130-38-20-18, \$630,411



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**4, YR, \$25,000, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$25,600 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.1, 1:52.1, FT

**1-Bj's Guy (g, 6, Towner's Big Guy--B J's Sunrise, by No Nukes),** \$23,000 2010 HOOSIER O-Blindswitch Racing Stable & David J Sebolsky & Stanley J Yoskowitz. B-Genesis Trotters. T-Jose Godinez. D-Eric Carlson, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 135-32-19-24, \$487,517

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**5, YR, \$31,000, P**, WINNERS OVER \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-3 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 4-8 DRAWN, 27.2, 56.3, 1:24.1, 1:52.2, FT  
**1-Outrageous Art (h, 8, Artsplace--Righteous Renee, by Western Ideal)**, \$50,000 2008 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Yannick Gingras & Joseph Di Scala Jr. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$15,500, Lifetime Record: 130-40-13-8, \$461,756



**2-Life Up Front (h, 9, Life Sign--Liamatters, by Matt's Scooter)**, \$9,500 2007 NJ-CL O-Durazzano Stable LLC. B-Raymond L Martin. T-Agostino Abbatiello. D-Tyler Buter, \$7,750  
**3-Source Of Pride (h, 5, American Ideal--Trim Hanover, by Camluck)**, \$280,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Howard A Taylor. B-Brittany Farms. T-Tracy Brainard. D-Jason Bartlett, \$3,720  
Calls: 1H, 1T, 1T, 2, T - Finish Order: Bettor Reason N, Uncle Goodfellow, Smooth Criminal, Somethinginthewind, Warrawee Needy  
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**6, YR, \$42,000, P**, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-3 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 4-7 DRAWN POST POSITION 8 ASSIGNED, 27.0, 56.1, 1:24.4, 1:53.0, 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, \$21,000, Lifetime Record: 72-32-11-2, \$1,827,661  
**2-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-Mark Macdonald, \$10,500  
**3-The Real One (g, 5, Mach Three--Elle Blue Chip, by Bettor's Delight)** O-Helene Fillion, CA. B-R Berthiaume Inc, CA. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance, \$5,040  
Calls: NS, 1H, 1, 1H, NS  
Finish Order: Duel In The Sun, Big N Bad, Mc Dynamite, Heez Orl Black N, Fat Mans Alley  
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**7, YR, \$28,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$32,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.3, 1:53.0, FT  
**1-Statesman N (g, 8, Christian Cullen--Club Sport, by Sokys Atom)** O-Our Horse Cents Stables & J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Rossie L Smith. B-B A Spurdle, NZ. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 98-25-22-13, \$463,807  
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**8, YR, \$42,000, T**, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-6 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 7&8 ASSIGNED, 27.4, 56.3, 1:25.2, 1:54.1, FT  
**1-Luminosity (g, 5, Cash Hall--Brighten My Way, by Conway Hall)** O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Antonia H Poklembo. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$21,000, Lifetime Record: 77-21-14-12, \$184,771

**2-Obrigado (g, 5, Boy Band--Malimony, by Malabar Man)** O-Paul Kelley Racing Stable & Linwood M Higgins & William B Weaver III & Stable 45. B-Michael D Andrew. T-Paul Kelley. D-Mark Macdonald, \$10,500  
**3-Il Mago (h, 6, Kadabra--Northern Style, by Earl)** O-J L Sadowsky LLC. B-Chris Alexander, CA. T-Robert Bresnahan. D-Daniel Dube, \$5,040  
Calls: NS, 2, 1, 1, 1Q - Finish Order: Dewycolorintheline, A Cool Million, Fort Valley As, Modest Prince, Awsome Valley  
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**9, YR, \$28,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$32,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.1, 56.1, 1:23.4, 1:52.1, FT  
**1-In Commando (g, 6, Camluck--Lingerie, by Abercrombie)** O-Vip Internet Stable LLC. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Mark Macdonald, \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 85-19-15-17, \$412,836  
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**10, YR, \$25,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:51.1, FT  
**1-Moonliteonthebeach (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere - Sweet Paprika, by Artiscape)**, \$90,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Andray-Lindwood. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 32-8-5-4, \$118,022  
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**11, YR, \$31,000, T**, PREFERRED HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 28.2, 58.3, 1:27.0, 1:55.2, FT  
**1-Tweet Me (m, 4, Andover Hall--Wishful Me, by Yankee Glide)**, \$60,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Bridget T Mcneese. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Chris Marino. D-Tyler Buter, \$15,500, Lifetime Record: 33-8-6-4, \$213,953

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**2-Crazy About Pat (g, 5, Crazed--Dibrizzi, by Malabar Man)** O-Patricia Stable. B-Harvey F Fried & Patricia Stable. T-Paul Kelley. D-Mark Macdonald, \$7,750  
**3-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-Jason Bartlett, \$3,720  
Calls: 3H, 4Q, H, Q, 2T - Finish Order: New York Muscle, Fox Valley Veto, Rossini, Lucky Colby, Therapeutic  
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**12, YR, \$25,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.3, 56.4, 1:25.0, 1:52.4, FT  
**1-Sky Is The Limit (g, 5, Western Ideal--Savannah Sky, by Artiscape)**, \$90,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Darius P Oshidar. B-Mathias Meininger & Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Anita Vallee. D-Brian Sears, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 76-13-17-6, \$195,477  
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