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Why Don't Thoroughbred Fans Embrace Harness **Racing & Can Anything Be Done About It?** Part II

In Part I we interviewed some dedicated thoroughbred players, or those who only dabble in harness racing, and asked them why they don't play harness racing, or watch it more often. If you missed it, it's here. The answers were interesting and eye-opening. In Part II we'll analyze those answers and look at some of their suggestions.

I was visiting Keeneland several years ago and had dinner with Mike Maloney, the professional player interviewed in part I of this series. Mike and I got to talking about how racing might grow. He told a story about meeting several twenty-somethings at Keeneland who told him about their casino experiences in Indiana, a not-too-far drive from Lexington, where they would spend some weekends gambling. They enjoyed it; with free drinks, pay for play, entertainment and a rip-roaring good time.

Mike said to me something I thought was poignant: 'Horse racing cannot out casino a casino. We should never try to be like them, because we'll lose.'

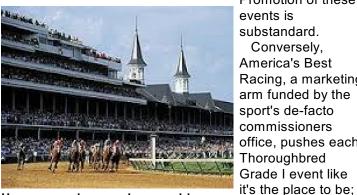
In this vein, when speaking about turning Thoroughbred players into harness bettors, I think the same applies. Harness cannot out-racing Thoroughbred racing by simply being more like them. Any changes need to be nuanced, and stay true to what harness racing is.

Let's tick off several common themes of last week's article and dig a little deeper into them.

"The Big Event"

Dan Needham from Thorotrends and Ed DeRosa from Brisnet talked about big events, "being immersed in the culture", and how much of a draw it is. I tend to agree. Harness racing has big events, too, but they seem to have nowhere near the pull of the big Thoroughbred events, and are few (e.g. The Jug, Hambo or Gold Cup and Saucer). Harness stakes "season" is not really a season at all. Races are not graded, so casual fans do not have any idea which are most important, or where they lie in the calendar. Half

the people in harness racing could not even tell you the dates, or which tracks are hosting the Pacing Triple Crown.



Promotion of these events is substandard. Conversely, America's Best Racing, a marketing arm funded by the sport's de-facto commissioners office, pushes each Thoroughbred Grade I event like

a place to tune in

and an event to bet.

Harness racing needs more big events like the Kentucky Derby

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Big events drive eyeballs. They introduce fans - new and old - to the horses who they may be watching down the line, perhaps at their local venue. Harness racing, probably through some sort of funded league office, needs to do better in this regard. It's an important part of the sales funnel.

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"Handicapping Literature, Data & Software"

Newer players like Mike Dorr, and seasoned veterans like Norm from the Knight Sky Racing Blog both mentioned the lack of availability of harness racing handicapping literature. Jerod Dinkin specifically wrote: "I don't recall coming across a single harness racing book of note. It's very possible they are out there (although I suspect not in great numbers), but I only read the Quinn, Quirin, Davidowitz, Beyer, Ainslie, Sartin, and Brohamer types and they weren't talking harness. As such, I don't know the first thing about handicapping harness."

Charlie Davis and Jeff Platt mentioned the lack of availability of data and racing software that can be used to gain an edge.

From Charlie Davis: "The main reason I don't play harness to a large extent is because I can't get past data into a database in a reasonably priced manner. I would pay a few thousand bucks to have a database of the past few years. but I can't even find that. If I want to do that for Thoroughbreds, I have many choices of software that does more than just provide a database. I'm not going to bet if I don't have a positive expectation, and I can't find out if I have a positive expectation without a database of historic information."

I don't think you or I know one serious bettor who has not read, or does not read what they can get their hands on when it comes to handicapping literature. When we do read of a new angle, or handicapping method we immediately want to try it and doggedly want to make it work, tweak it, or modify it. Sometimes the easiest way to do that is with a database of back data.

In harness racing these avenues are simply not there. Currently the narrative regarding that is 'we cannot create these products because there are not enough people wanting them'. But is it the chicken or the egg?

Perhaps some supply side economics is needed: Create these products and then sell them. Give potential players who want to learn the sport the tools needed to learn it, and let's see if they stick with it.

It's not like other businesses don't do this. Blackberry pays developers hundreds of thousands of dollars to build native apps for their platform, so they can sell their phones. Harness racing needs to invest, so it can sell the sport. It takes funding and a requisite leap of faith.

"Value and Sameness"

Seth Merrow and Jeff Platt spoke eloquently about the intricacies of handicapping Thoroughbreds with surface changes, breeding, stretch-outs, turnbacks and breeding. It's



Thoroughbred bettor Seth Merrow doesn't like the "sameness" of harness racing

Standardbred racing, as we all know, is "standard" at a mile. This makes the handicapping puzzle less complex, and for searchers of value on the tote board, much more difficult.

a big kettle of fish.

Like Mike Maloney noted

in our conversation, racing is not going to out casino a casino, and standardbred racing is not going to out Thoroughbred Thoroughbred racing either. Sameness is what it is, and you can't run away from it. But that doesn't mean one cannot add value to a tote board, or embrace the sameness angle as an advantage, not a detriment.

Value can be added to a field by increasing its contentiousness, like the Meadowlands is doing with their ABC classification system. For end of series events, like the Levy at Yonkers, trying new things like handicapping the start can be a means to an end to up tote board value and eliminate a post bias. Like Seth and I spoke about this week on his very good Capital OTB Television show, bets can be created that add value, like a V75. Seeded pools also create value.

In addition, where in Thoroughbred racing one might physically handicap by visiting a paddock and looking for a horse walking short, then following him to the post parade and watching him there, harness provides an inescapable interesting avenue that these players would love: Warm ups and score downs. The off-past performance betting advantage of those two elements makes going to the track not an experience where we need face painting for the kids to draw a crowd, but one where we as players can make money through a tremendous gambling edge.

Harness is a different game filled with 'sameness' yes, and it is a part of the core of this sport. It should not change, but it can be modified by embracing the elements of added value.

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"Pool Size"

Norm, Alan Mann and a couple other respondents mentioned the tote, and pool size. Their points were bang-on. A ten to one shot at three minutes to post who ends up at 5-2 is not compelling. Betting a \$20 exacta and knocking the payoff down to \$18 from \$30 is not either. Harness racing needs to worry about pool size and it needs to take it seriously.

The USTA, through the fine work of two players, Chris Schick of Cal-Expo and Seth Rosenfeld (a sharp gambler and breeder), have pushed the Strategic Wagering Initiative, where pools are guaranteed for various wagers. I would estimate this one change has helped harness racing handles the past two years more than any other. Harness needs to do more of it, they need to fund it and it needs to be promoted with verve.

"Respect for Gamblers Hard-Earned Money"

Norm from the Knight Sky Blog spoke about the control that trainers and drivers have in a race outcome. Norm wrote: "Handicappers say standardbred form is more stable. That may be true but that is often negated by questionable driving strategy. Some leave, some go first over, other drivers sit chilly when they shouldn't. With the thoroughbreds I think I can handicap and know exactly where my horse should be placed on the track (at least in the opening stages) and that's why I often comment on riding

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skills or the lack of. That's not always done consistently with harness drivers. Drivers control the game. That along with racing luck, getting shuffled back or trotters breaking stride and causing interference is not the kind of chance I want to take."

Thoroughbred racing outcomes are dependent on race shape and running styles. A sprint with four "early or 'E'" horses with 6 or 7 or 8 Quirin speed points allows one to handicap to it, and the result will be formful. "E" horses have to go hard, and rarely does the jockey have a choice on where he or she will be at the quarter pole.

In harness racing a driver can strangle a 3-2 shot to last, and not try a lick. He or she can sit in with a four to five shot to "school the horse to race off a helmet". These things are infuriating to customers and we can count on a thousand fingers how many people have left betting the sport of harness racing because of them.

As a trainer or driver of a favorite or well bet horse, it is incumbent upon you to try; to give that person slugging away at a \$14 an hour job who takes time out of his or her day to bet \$20 on you a fair shot.

Harness racing will never 'fix' being boxed, or breaking trotters, because much of that is a part of the sport and beyond anyone's control. But there are things that can be fixed that are in control. Being more respectful to customers' hard-earned money is one of them.

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"The Hodge Podge"

A few of the players said something obvious and it is something we all face in 2013 life: A lack of time to do what we need to do. On a Saturday afternoon there may be thirty thoroughbred tracks going off along with some harness tracks, too. It's very difficult for harness to get its product in front of willing bettors. Better scheduling of the events and timing of off times should be explored.

Seth Merrow quizzically asked "why do harness saddlecloths differ from Thoroughbred's and why can't they be the same?" Funnily enough I wrote this exact same thing



in an article years ago. I could never understand why a sport which is attracting near the same clientele would be so different. I received an email from Moira Fanning not long after the article telling me that "harness was first, and the Thoroughbreds were the ones who changed." I did not know that.

Shouldn't saddle cloth colors be the same in both breeds?

It does beg the question: Why not change as Seth asked? Harness racing probably should. It makes the simulcast experience easier for customers who are not looking at

harness racing. If you are trying to land a new market, the easiest way to turn them off is to confuse them.

Conclusion

Harness racing is harness racing. It is not Thoroughbred racing and never will be, nor should it be. However, trying to attract new bettors from a \$12B betting game who are already pre-qualified to be interested in you, or who have bet and watched the sport before, is an important market. Trying to gain some of that market share should certainly be a priority.

As well, many of the Thoroughbred patrons comments, concerns, and criticisms echo the ones from former harness players who've long left the sport for other games or vocations. Fixing a few of the above issues not only attacks a Thoroughbred market, it helps bring people back to harness racing.

I enjoyed talking with my friends in Thoroughbred racing and I thank them for taking time out of their day to help. We all share a common bond: A love for the horse, a love for the majesty of the sport, and a love for the unique, sometimes infuriating, but never boring game of handicapping. I sincerely hope you enjoyed reading their answers as much as I did.



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Who Says Harness Racing Doesn't Have Good Handicapping Data?

By David Siegel



A recent Harness Racing Update (HRU) column addressed some of the differences between thoroughbred and harness racing as it pertained to handicapping and fan interest. One of the differences mentioned was that of data availability. Since HRU is dedicated to the promotion of our great sport, I thought I would appoint myself industry guru on harness data and do my best to inform HRU readers about the wealth of data that is available, as there is much more available than

one might think.

Let me begin by telling you that I am a USTA Director and am the President of TrackMaster. TrackMaster serves the handicapping needs of both the Standardbred and Thoroughbred markets. In addition, TrackMaster is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Equibase, the thoroughbred's official database for racing information. TrackMaster then is an industry-owned company so we have a vested interest in balancing the needs of the industry against our motivation for making money.

I also own Standardbreds that I race and two retired ones that I religiously ride. I also drive in a few hundred races every year.

So, with all of that on the table, I think I am pretty well qualified to speak on this topic. One of the USTA's primary missions is the collection of breeding and racing data. I will limit my comments here to the racing side of things. The



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TrackMaster also does sell detailed electronic charts going back two decades for those that really want to get into heavy computer usage looking for patterns and profits. In addition, to the seven variety of "program pages" we offer, two varieties offered by the Daily Racing Form, and of course hard-copies available at the tracks and OTB's, TrackMaster has versions of upcoming race cards in a variety of electronic data formats, the newest being of an xml structure, which is what most 2013 programmer demand. There are a number of software programs that have been written to digest this data, and a decent number of customers that have built proprietary software to aid them in their wagering efforts. Some of these programs just utilize the "raw" (conventional) data, and others leverage TrackMaster's value added data including speed, class, pace and power ratings. A ton of driver, trainer, driver with trainer, sire and dam data is also included in these data files for savvy users to program to as they see fit.

While some of the data referred to above is free, even the paid for mounds of data is less costly than its thoroughbred counterparts. For those that really want to crunch lots of data, an unlimited subscription to the basic program data file is \$39.95 per month. This comes out sometimes to as low as 10 cents per race card.

The USTA also offers the Pathway System of data which allows users to find particular historic running lines for horses, trainers and drivers.While not aimed at the large volume data cruncher, it serves its market for occasional data gathering well and is easily linked to through USTA entries and results.

So while the harness market is about 25% of the size of the thoroughbred market based on breeding statistics, about 15% of the size based on handle, it has a fair bit of data available to those seriously interested in the numerical side of the game. Perhaps TrackMaster and the USTA needs to do a better job in making our fans aware of this data, but the data is out there for the asking in a variety of formats and flavors, and a good chunk of it is free for the taking.



Allard Booted at Gural Tracks

By Bill Finley

Trainer Rene Allard has been banned from the Meadowlands, Vernon Downs and Tioga Downs, the three tracks owned by Jeff Gural.



The story was first reported by Harnessracing.com.

Gural declined to give a reason for banning Allard but did confirm in an email that the trainer is no longer eligible to race at his tracks. Allard said he had no idea why Gural has banned him.

Rene Allard is out at the Meadowlands

"So far, I don't know anything," he said. "I've got to meet with

them. I am going to make an appointment to speak to them. They told me until I come in and talk to them I can't enter anything. I hope everything will be ok. We'll see."

When asked if Allard may be reinstated after meeting with Meadowlands officials Gural replied" "doubtful."

Allard is second in North America in both earnings and wins, trailing Ron Burke in both categories. He has 174 wins on the year and \$1,688,426 in earnings.

At the Meadowlands, he is fourth in the standings with 18 winners from 130 starters.

After Throat Surgery, Googoo Goes to the Sidelines

By Bill Finley

Though the throat surgery performed on Googoo Gaagaa earlier this week was deemed to be successful a complication has sidelined the 4-year-old for now.

Googoo Gaagaa underwent surgery to repair an entrapped epiglottis, a flap-like structure in the throat that prevents food and liquid from getting into the lung. When the epiglottis is in the wrong position it cuts off air to the horse. Veterinarians told trainer and owner Richard Hans that they are concerned that, despite the surgery, there is a growth in the area of the epiglottis that could cause it to again become entrapped and that this could be an ongoing issue for the horse.

Googoo Gaagaa will be reevaluated on June 2, at which time Hans may have a clearer answer about the horses future. In the meantime, he will not start in the May 26 Maxie Lee at Chester and no plans have been made concerning future starts.

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Dates Changed For Empire Breeders Classics

The following information is in response to the many inquiries from those with horses eligible to the \$500,000 Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) three year old colt and filly trots.

The EBC will remain at Vernon Downs with a slight adjustment to the dates.

The eliminations for these races will be moved two days later than originally scheduled and will be raced at Vernon on Sunday, June 2 with the finals the following Sunday, June 9. The June 2 card will be an afternoon post of 1:15pm and the June 9 finals will be a night card with first post at 6:45pm.

All other details, including the draw schedule, are still being considered and will be made available shortly.

Further information will be released to the media and available on the Vernon website or by calling the race office at (315) 829-6825.

Please be advised that all details herein are contingent upon no further complications with the guarantine, currently set to end on June 1.

Updates Available on NYSS Schedule

The Harness Horse Breeders of NYS would like to notify everyone that the revised 2013 New York Sire Stakes/Excelsior schedule has been approved by the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund.

The schedules can be found at www.nysirestakes.com and also on www.hhbnys.com.

We appreciate your patience while the schedules were being revised to accommodate all eligible NY-Bred horses.

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Race 10. \$100,000 Pace. Meadowlands Maturity

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 A Rocknroll Dance	Rocknroll Hanover	Mulinix/Campbell
2 Bolt The Duer	Ponder	Foley/MacDonald
3 Mel Mara	Lis Mara	Alagna/Pierce
4 Hurrikane Kingcole	Cam's Card Shark	J. McDermott/Dube
5 Dynamic Youth	Bettor's Delight	Lambert/Callahan
6 Ideal Champ	Western Ideal	Holloway/D. Miller
7 Domethatagain	Bettor's Delight	E. Miller/Tetrick
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Race 7, B-2/B-1 F&M Pace

MAJOR LOOK was indeed much better last out on the drop and finally hinted back at that 3-year-old form from when she beat American Jewel over this track. Will try to use the major post edge tonight for all she can. I had a sneaky feeling BULLET POINT would show up ready last week and she did for Blake Macintosh. 22/1 price is now gone but still needs to be considered while making second start over the track. SUMMERTIME LEA was incredible last out at Philly when making her first start since September. This is an even tougher spot for the 3-year-old filly, but she just doesn't lose. ABROKENART HANOVER steps way up but was able to score in 1:50:1 last out despite being used through blazing fractions; dangerous form. MARTY PARTY is more than capable on her best.

Race 8, C-2 Trot

DOUBLE UP HANOVER finds himself back to the bottom C-2 level and he's too good not to beat these. This one finally gets away from the 1:53-type trotters where he really never disgraced himself and overall has been pretty reliable with staying flat. TSMLIL ORPHAN ANDY is another dropping and was sucked along to a 1:54:1 clocking in his most recent. Has generally faced better than this throughout much of the year. RINGSIDE LAURYN got sharp here a couple months ago; seeks to regain form while plunging back down. B L CLASS ACT is capable with one well timed run; it worked on 3/29.

Race 9, C-1/B-2 Trot

ANOTHER AMARETTO finished in between a pair of FFA trotters (Hot Shot Blue Chip, Cedar Dove) in his recent qualifier last week and that 1:54 morning mile looks awfully good in this spot. The obvious problem is that he's yet to stay flat in any race this entire but if right he can vanquish these. Lachance will help. HELIOS continues to fire and is guaranteed to be heard from at some point; obvious short priced contender against slightly tougher field.

WALLTOCOUSINS exits a lifetime best mile for Irvine and has jogged in both recent races here at the Meadowlands. Loses Yannick as expected to the Burke trained PEGASUS BLUE CHIP; should be leaving for Campbell. SUPERSTAR HANOVER makes her second start back for Takter.

Race 10, N/W 2 Trot

ALSTON HALL qualified most recently in that 1:54:2 mile by Shared Past (Race 6) and should be included as a price play for Lind and Tetrick. In capable hands; hunch play more than anything I suppose. WYGANT LADY set the pace and managed to hold for 2nd when last seen in a very fast mile. That was a seven second improvement from her tries at Freehold and the only possible knock is the loss of Miller. VARIETY GIRL didn't have the easiest go of it last week and now makes her third start back. I'm not sold on SUZELLE HANOVER at anticipated short price.

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Pocono Downs Report

Sunday's Results:

10, PcD, \$25,000, Pace, Mares Preferred, 27.0, 56.0, 1:23.2, 1:51.1, FT

Camille (m, 5, Camluck--Art Of Design, by Artsplace) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & M1 Stable LLC & Jack B Piatt III. B-Larry J Pollard, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 61-24-5-10, \$849,309

Harrah's Philadelphia

Wednesday's Results:

1, Phl, \$20,000, Pace, The Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.1, 56.3, 1:24.2, 1:52.3, FT

Mattwestern (f, 3, Western Terror--Mattonement, by Matt's Scooter), \$10,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Goldfinger Enterprises. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 20-11-3-1, \$78,359

3, PhI, \$20,000, Pace, The Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.2, 56.4, 1:24.3, 1:53.2, FT
Spotlight On (f, 3, Western Terror--Southwind Laurel, by Matt's Scooter), \$47,000 2011 LEX-SELO-William C Wiswell & Jean A Goehlen & Vip Internet Stable LLC.
B-Goldfinger Enterprises. T-John Butenschoen. D-Andy Miller, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-0, \$35,490

5, PhI, \$20,000, Pace, The Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.0, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:53.0, FT American Ginger (f, 3, Allamerican Native--Ask Alice, by The Panderosa), \$3,000 2011 SHS-HBG O/T-Joann Looney-King. B-Robert L Newman. D-Tim Tetrick, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 14-6-1-4, \$42,005 **9, PhI, \$20,000, Pace**, The Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.4, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:53.1, SY

Icommandmyspirit (f, 3, Dragon Again--Artists Flower, by Real Artist) O/B-Cheryl L Costello. T-Ross Croghan. D-Tim Tetrick, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-0, \$27,262

11, PhI, \$30,000, Pace, Fillies & Mares Winners Over \$25,000 Lifetime Handicap Post Positions Assigned, 26.3, 55.0, 1:22.3, 1:50.3, FT

1-Anndrovette (m, 6, Riverboat King--Easy Miss, by Big Towner) O-Bamond Racing LLC & Joseph Davino. B-Golden Touch Stable. T-Pj Fraley. D-Tim Tetrick, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 74-32-10-11, \$2,189,337

2-Rocklamation (m, 5, Rocknroll Hanover--Art Sale, by Artsplace), \$50,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Stable 45 & Our Horse Cents Stables. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$7,500
3-Monochromatic (m, 8, Dream Away--Miss Ty, by Big Towner) O-North State Street Stable. B-Charlene M Crissman. T-Dylan Davis. D-Andy Miller, \$3,600
Calls: 2, 1T, H, HD, 1Q - Finish Order: Romantic Moment, Eighthunrdolarbill, Freedom Crossing, Fast And Fiesty, Drop The Ball

12, PhI, \$20,000, Pace, Fillies & Mares NW \$17,500 in Last 5 Starts 4 Yr. Olds & Older Last Start for a purse of greater than \$23,000 ineligible AE: NW 9 Ext. PM Races or \$90,000 Lifetime, 26.3, 55.3, 1:23.0, 1:51.3, FT

Virgin Mary (m, 5, Village Jolt--Sistermarymargaret, by Dragon's Lair), \$4,000 2009 LEX-SEL O/B-Howard A Taylor. T-Tom Shay. D-Andy Miller, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 79-13-12-15, \$300,057

13, **PhI**, **\$20,000**, **Pace**, The Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.2, 57.2, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT

Dragon Ruffles (f, 3, Dragon Again--Ruffles Galore, by Albatross) O/B-White Birch Farm. T-Nikolas Drennan. D-Tim Tetrick, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$27,830

Thursday's Results:

1, Phl, \$61,868, Pace, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.3, 57.0, 1:24.1, 1:52.1, FT

Live Entertainment (f, 3, Real Artist--West Side Glory, by Western Ideal) O-Christina Takter & John D Fielding, CA. B-Christina Takter. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Yannick Gingras, \$30,934, Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-1, \$143,341

2-Champagne Tonight (f, 3, Western Terror--Lake Shore Drive, by Real Desire), \$8,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Umholtz Racing Stable Inc & Ngaire E Umholtz & Kennedy Sports Corp. B-The Ok Corral. T-Clair Umholtz. D-Brett Miller, \$15,467

3-All Perfect (f, 3, Allamerican Native--Perfectly Pampered, by Cam's Card Shark)O-Rock And Roll Stable Inc. B-Tom Crouch. T-Rick Dane Jr. D-David Miller, \$7,424 Calls: 1T, 1H, 1H, 1Q, T -Finish Order: Carols Desire, Donna Lee, R Marie Hanover, Benearthebeach To view replay click <u>here</u> **4, PhI, \$20,000, Trot**, NW \$17,500 in Last 5 Starts 4 Yr. Olds & Older Last Start for a purse of greater than \$23,000 ineligble AE: NW 9 Ext. PM Races or \$90,000 Lifetime, 28.0, 57.4, 1:25.2, 1:54.3, FT

Luvyabutleave (m, 8, S J's Photo--Lady Ballerina, by Dancer's Victory), \$11,000 2006 SHS-HBG O-Carrie L Weishaar & Sarah C Swart. B-Phillip R Hunt. T-Gary Cameron II. D-Montrell Teague, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 117-24-12-14, \$259,654 To view replay click here

Harrah's Philadelphia (Race 1): R Marie Hanover (Mike Wilder) went off stride right off the gate, and post time favorite Champagne Tonight (Brett Miller) eased into the lead from her outside post followed by Live Entertainment (Yannick Gingras) and Carols Desire (Tim Tetrick). No post position changes until the field passed the 1/2 (:57.0) where Carols Desire moved to the outside and looked like she was going to pick up some ground, but still was in 3rd as they passed the 3/4 (1:24.1). Going into the final stretch, Live Entertainment swung wide to win race 1 (1:52.1) and took a new lifetime mark, with Champagne managing to hold on for 2nd, followed by All Perfect (David Miller) in tonight's 1st division.

5, Phl, \$61,868, Pace, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.0, 56.2, 1:23.4, 1:52.1, FT

1-Somwherovrarainbow (f, 3, Somebeachsomewhere -- Rainbow Blue, by Artiscape) O-George Teague Jr Inc. & K & R Racing LLC & Theodore Gewertz. B-K & R Racing LLC & Teague Inc. T-George Teague Jr. D-Montrell Teague, \$30,934, Lifetime Record: 13-8-2-2, \$562,699 2-Offintothesunset (f, 3, Western Terror--Angel's Share, by Die Laughing), \$25,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc & Radio Racing Stable. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Linda Toscano. D-Tim Tetrick, \$15,467 3-Wherethegirlsare (f, 3, Somebeachsomewhere--Cabrini Hanover, by Western Ideal) O-David S Willmot, CA & Clay Harland Horner, CA & John D Fielding, CA. B-Robert M Anderson, CA & David S Willmot, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Ron Pierce, \$7,424 Calls: 4H, H, 1Q, H, H - Finish Order: Parlee Beach, Dragon's Tale, Uf Dragon's Queen, Rescue Team

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Harrah's Philadelphia (Race 5): A three way battle from behind the gate saw Parlee Beach (Yannick Gingras) take the lead going into the first turn, a break by Uf Dragon's Queen (David Miller) allowed the 2012 2 year old division PASS champion Somwherovrarainbow (Montrell Teague) move into the 2 hole and caused some traffic for the rest of the field. The two leaders put some distance behind them and just before the 1/2 (:56.2) Somwherovrarainbow moved to the outside and took a comfortable lead half way down the backstretch. Shortly before the 3/4 pole Offintothesunset (Tim Tetrick) made a wide move from 4th, was racing side by side with the leader by the 3/4 pole (1:23.4) but still finished behind the post time favorite (1:52.1) who is now an 8 time winner in 13 starts. **9, Phl, \$61,868, Pace**, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.2, 56.4, 1:24.3, 1:52.2, FT

1-Nikki Beach (f, 3, Somebeachsomewhere--Western Wisdom, by Western Hanover), \$90,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Brittany Farms. B-Perretti Farms. T-Tony Alagna. D-Ron Pierce, \$30,934, Lifetime Record: 12-6-2-1, \$292,233 2-Mistresstothestars (f, 3, Dragon Again--Sportsmistress, by Sportsmaster), \$25,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Frank D Baldachino & The Panhellenic Stb Corp. B-Concord Stud Farm LLC & Birnam Wood Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$15,467

3-Woman Of Terror (f, 3, Western Terror--Woman Rebels, by Art Major), \$25,000 2011 LEX-SELO-Steve M Elliott. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-Steve Elliott. D-Tim Tetrick, \$7,424

Calls: 2T, 1T, 1H, T, 1H-Finish Order: Exotic Beach, Whetstone Hanover, Somstreetsomwhere, Real Leggy To view replay click <u>here</u>

Harrah's Philadelphia (Race 9): Mistresstothestars (Yannick Gingras) took a smooth lead off the gate, the battle for 2nd finally went to Somestreetsomewhere (David Miller) as they passed the 1/4 pole (:27.2) followed by Nikki Beach (Ron Pierce) in 3rd. Coming out of the turn Nikki Beach swung out wide from the three hole taking an easy lead before the mid-point of the stretch. Somestreetsomewhere started putting some pressure on the leader going into the last turn but coming out of the turn lost her focus falling back in the field, Nikki Beach took the win (1:52.2), followed by Mistresstothestars and Woman Of Terror (Tim Tetrick).

11, Phl, \$30,000, Trot, Winners over \$25,000 Lifetime Handicap Post 1-5 Assigned Post 6-7 Draw, 27.4, 58.0, 1:25.4, 1:53.3, FT

1-Uncle Peter (h, 4, Cantab Hall--Victory Treasure, by Enjoy Lavec), \$60,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Christina Takter & Brixton Medical Ab, SD & John And Jim Fielding, CA & Goran C Falk. B-Johanna M Beaver & Michael L Carter & Mary A Mc Loughlin & Sigmund Wolkomir. T-Jimmy Takter. D-David Miller, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 22-9-7-1, \$695,154

2-And Heez Perfect (g, 7, Andover Hall--Perfect Patty, by Perfect Spiral) O/B-Mitchell K Walker. T-Robert Baggitt Jr. D-Tim Tetrick, \$7,500

3-He's Spooky (h, 6, Cantab Hall--Yankee Topaz, by Lindy Lane), \$110,000 2008 SHS-HBG O-Rojan Stables & L. A. Express Stable LLC & Allen H Kaplan & Howard A Taylor. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Michael Hall. D-Eric Carlson, \$3,600

Calls: 3H, 2, T, NS, 1H - Finish Order: Waiting On A Woman, Likeabatoutahell, Major Herbie, Broadway Rocks To view replay click <u>here</u>



13, PhI, \$61,868, Pace, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Fillies, 27.3, 56.1, 1:23.4, 1:51.4, FT

Charisma Hanover (f, 3, Dragon Again--Caught The Bouquet, by Jate Lobell), \$15,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$30,934, Lifetime Record: 12-7-2-0, \$134,336 **2-Sweet Lady Jane** (f, 3, Somebeachsomewhere--Sweet Future, by Falcons Future) O/B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Larry Remmen. D-John Campbell, \$15,467 **3-Handsoffmycupcake** (f, 3, Christian Cullen--Love You Forty, by Artsplace), \$20,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Jfe Enterprise LLC. B-Winbak Farm. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Daniel Dube, \$7,424 Calls: 1Q, 1T, 1H, T, 1Q - Finish Order: Miss Madi M, Mattie Terror Girl, Real Comfort, Want Answers

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Harrah's Philadelphia (Race 13): In the final division of the night, Real Comfort (Stacy Chiodo) and Want Answers dropped immediately to the back of the field and while Handsoffmycupcake (Daniel Dube) took the early lead, Charisma Hanover (Yannick Gingras) relieved her of that lead at the start of the first turn. No leading post position changes until Miss Madi M finally made a move from the 3 hole just before the 3/4 pole (1:23.4) and part way through the final aturn looked to be challenging for the lead. It was Another case of too little too late as Miss Madi M dropped back to 4th in the field behind a winning Charisma Hanover (1:51.4), Sweet Lady Jane (John Campbell) and the 2012 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes champion Handsoffmycupcake.



Wednesday's Results:

1, Mea, \$20,000, Trot, ****PA SIRE STALLION SERIES**** 3 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT 1ST OF 5 DIVISIONS, 28.4, 58.3, 1:28.1, 1:58.1, FT Mystical Touch (f, 3, Andover Hall--Mystical Topaz, by Donerail), \$25,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Acadia Farms Inc. B-James L Avritt Sr. T-Alfred Manke III. D-Aaron Merriman, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$27,256

3, Mea, \$20,000, Trot, ****PA SIRE STALLION SERIES**** 3 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT 2ND OF 5 DIVISIONS, 29.1, 59.1, 1:28.4, 1:58.0, FT Gliding To Glory (f, 3, Glidemaster--Balance The Paige, by Balanced Image) O-Todd D & Bart M Brice. B-Trot A Lot Canada Inc, CA. T-Rich Gillock. D-Richard Stillings, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-2, \$33,914

4, Mea, \$20,000, Trot, ****PA SIRE STALLION SERIES**** 3 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT 3RD OF 5 DIVISIONS, 29.0, 59.1, 1:28.0, 1:58.0, FT Lindyofalifetime (f, 3, Cantab Hall--Enjoy Candy, by Enjoy Lavec), \$35,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Dunn Stable. B-K R Breeding LLC. T-Walter Dunn. D-Richard Stillings, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 16-7-2-1, \$31,860

6, Mea, \$20,000, Trot, ****PA SIRE STALLION SERIES**** 3 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT 4TH OF 5 DIVISIONS, 28.2, 58.4, 1:28.3, 1:57.4, FT

Omnipotent (f, 3, Donato Hanover--All Knowing, by Muscles Yankee), \$30,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Edward W Andrews. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Scott Andrews. D-Eric Ledford, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-4, \$27,050

8, Mea, \$20,000, Trot, ****PA SIRE STALLION SERIES**** 3 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT 5TH OF 5 DIVISIONS, 29.4, 1:00.0, 1:29.2, 1:58.3, FT

Mckenzie's Star (f, 3, Donato Hanover--Ultimate Star, by Muscles Yankee) O/B-Four J's Stable LLC & Steve M Elliott. T-Steve Elliott. D-Mike Wilder, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$25,300



Monday's Results:

7, YR, \$20,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 28.4, 59.0, 1:28.0, 1:57.2, FT

Silk Pajamas (f, 3, Bettor's Delight--Silksndiamonds, by Falcon Seelster), \$56,000 2011 SHS-HBG

O-Conrad E Zurich & Edwin J Gold & Purple Haze Stables LLC. B-Flintlock Farm Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-1, \$100,834

8, YR, \$20,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 28.4, 58.2, 1:26.4, 1:55.0, FT

Spend It All (f, 3, Tell All--Dream Card, by Dream Away), \$5,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Brooke A Givens & Steven Head. B-Robert B Burgess, CA & Karin B Olsson Burgess, CA. T-Les Givens. D-Jordan Stratton, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-0, \$40,970

9, YR, \$25,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 29.0, 59.0, 1:27.4, 1:56.3, FT

Always Love Me (m, 4, Western Terror--Chrome Hearts, by Grinfromeartoear), \$5,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Darran F Cassar & William P Rochetti Jr & David Lewis Linker. B-Perfect World Enterprises. T-Darran Cassar. D-George Brennan, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 36-6-9-5, \$102,878 **10, YR, \$21,000, Pace**, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 26.3, 55.1, 1:24.2, 1:54.0, FT

Hemer's Card Shark (g, 6, Cam's Card Shark - -Yeahyou'reright, by Artsplace) O-Joseph W Cosentino. B-John Krall. T-Dennis J Laterza. D-Matt Kakaley, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 71-13-9-8, \$109,308

11, YR, \$23,000, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$40,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.0, 56.0, 1:24.4, 1:53.3, FT

Boxcar (g, 4, Fox Valley Barzgar--Queen Of Mean, by In The Pocket) O-Maria A Bellino. B-Paul D Liles. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-George Brennan, \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 42-17-9-6, \$113,395

12, YR, \$20,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF \$8,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$40,000 IN 2013 NOT ELIGIBLE., 27.3, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:54.0, FT Four Starz Trace (g, 6, Western Hanover--Four Starzzzz Hope, by Cam's Card Shark), \$32,000 2008 SHS-HBG O-L T F Racing Stable & Ivan S Llopez. B-F S Starzzzz Stables Inc & Alan K Cohen. T-Ivan Llopez. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 102-18-19-15,

Tuesday's Results:

\$531,842

10, YR, \$20,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 27.2, 56.1, 1:24.2, 1:53.1, FT **Mach It So (g, 3, Mach Three--Beach Dancer, by Beach Towel)** O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Enviro Stables LTD. T-Pj Fraley. D-Brian Sears, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$51,960

11, YR, \$25,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.3, 1:53.3, FT Lastingart Hanover (g, 4, Real Artist--Lt's Magic, by Magical Mike), \$10,000 2010 NJ-CL O-David B Van Wart & Thomas G Kayhart & Vip Internet Stable LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Tom Fanning. D-Brian Sears, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 36-6-8-6, \$94,414

Thursday's Results:

6, YR, \$21,000, Trot, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 29.1, 59.3, 1:28.2, 1:57.0, FT Sarkozy (g, 7, Credit Winner--Excuse My French, by Donerail), \$20,000 2007 SHS-HBG O-Chad Lennon & William M Adamczyk. B-Phillip R Hunt. T-William Adamczyk. D-Brian Sears, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 104-18-20-20, \$279,004 To view replay click here 8, YR, \$20,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$8,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$40,000 IN 2013 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3&4 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF 8 P-M RACES. WINNERS OVER \$150,000 LIFETIME NOT ELIGIBLE., M, 28.0, 57.3, 1:27.1, 1:57.1, FT Mystical Escapade (m, 4, Valley Victor--Armbro Orbital, by Speedy Crown) O-Empowered Racing. B-Fox Valley Standardbreds & Nathan Patterson. T-Heidi Rohr. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 31-7-7-5, \$106,147 To view replay click here

10, YR, \$24,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$12,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$60,000 IN 2013 NOT ELIGIBLE., M, 27.2, 56.2, 1:25.2, 1:54.1, FT Can't Stop Me Now (m, 4, Western Ideal--Ain't No Stopn Me, by Big Towner) O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-Roll The Dice Stable. T-Jack Franklin. D-Matt Kakaley, \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 42-10-6-5, \$95,404 To view replay click here

11, YR, \$20,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$8,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$40,000 IN 2013 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3&4 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF 8 P-M RACES. WINNERS OVER \$150,000 LIFETIME NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.3, 58.3, 1:27.3, 1:57.0, FT Noble Warrawee (g, 4, Angus Hall--Warrawee Fourleaf, by King Conch), \$57,000 2010 CAN-YS O-Adrian A Weeks. B-Warrawee Farm, CA. T-Michael Latham. D-Daniel Dube, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 40-8-4-5, \$99,629

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12, YR, \$20,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$8,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$40,000 IN 2013 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000, 27.0, 56.2, 1:25.0, 1:54.1, FT
Mojarra Hanover (m, 6, Cam's Card Shark--Mystical Art, by Artsplace), \$10,000 2008 NJ-CL O-Edward J Bloom.
B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Chris Scicluna. D-Mark Macdonald, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 95-13-16-13, \$222,146

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