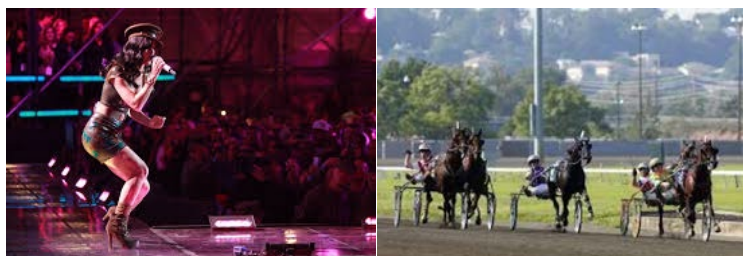


Critical Horse Shortage Has Meadowlands Owner Considering Drastic Changes In Racing Schedule Next Year

By Perry Lefko

The owner of the Meadowlands Racetrack is concerned about the immediate future of his operation due to a critical horse shortage and is considering making major changes in the racing schedule next year.

Jeff Gural told Harness Racing Update that the horse situation is so acute, he may resort to festivals instead of race cards in June next year to make money or drastically alter the stakes schedule in favor of overnights.



Could we be seeing more of this and less of this at the Big M in 2016?

This Sunday, the Meadowlands will host Life In Color, which is taking place in 130 cities in more than 50 countries celebrating the origin of color. It's essentially a huge paint party with music, but it may be a prelude of the type of entertainment Gural plans for his track next year if he can't attract more horses to make the racing attractive to the betting public.

"I don't have enough horses," Gural said. "When you look at this weekend, I think we have one 10-horse race out of 25. That's a killer for me. If the industry is not going to support me entering their horses, that's a real problem and, truthfully, it's not one I was anticipating.

"I think it's only going to get worse," he added, claiming the situation has been caused by a lack of industry leadership. "We should sit down and try to come up with a new schedule so that we could all survive. That's not likely to happen, so I guess I'm the odd man out and that's a real problem.

"If I had the horses, I'd be okay. We're doing much better with food and beverage sales. I've got to try to bring some more concerts. If I can get some more concerts, I'll just cancel the racing and have concerts on the weekends in June (next year). I'm not being facetious. It's not fair to me that I should have to race without having enough horses to race. It's not a problem for the (horsemen) if I have a concert – they can race at Pocono, or Chester or Yonkers – it's a problem for me if I don't have horses. If I have concerts, I don't see that as a problem.

"The other option is to cut way back on the stakes program and have more money for overnights that are a lot more competitive with Pennsylvania. But I think that would

hurt the breeders and I'm reluctant to do it.

"I have to hope that the concert on Sunday goes well. We have some people coming in this weekend to scout for concerts and we have to co-ordinate with the stadium. It's a complicated thing. My situation is only going to get worse, and unless the industry is willing to work together I'm in trouble – and my guess is the industry is not (willing to work together)."

Gural's comments come in the same week as a major announcement in Pennsylvania to invest \$1.6 million in the state's harness racing industry, which will boost purses and help the breeding industry. The money will be geared toward the 2015 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes finals and consolation races this year and newly-created races next year for three-year-old filly pacers and colts next season.

Gural looks at the situation in Ontario, where the industry has recovered somewhat after the province cancelled the lucrative Slots At Racetrack Program in April, 2014 after it annually produced hundreds of millions of dollars for the racetrack and the racetrack operators and the provincial government coffers. Many horsemen were forced out of the industry because of the move, which was ill-conceived. However, the Government adopted a new five-year, \$400

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million program last year to give the industry some stability. Additionally, the racetracks had to work together as part of the agreement instead of working in isolation, thereby eliminating some of the dog-eat-dog behavior.

Gural would love to see some of that co-operative attitude created in the U.S. – albeit it's a lot harder because of the variety of states and racing jurisdictions.

"Ontario is in much better shape because they work together," he said. "You see the results. They co-ordinate their race dates, they work together so they're seeing positive results, which is exactly what would happen if we did that, but it won't happen here because you have different states where (in Ontario) there's one basic governmental structure."

Gural has also been concerned about what will likely be a delay in his hope to have a casino at the Meadowlands. A couple of weeks ago, the Meadowlands and the Hard Rock company unveiled plans for a future casino. Before that can happen, New Jersey State lawmakers have to work on an amendment to allow casino gambling in the state beyond the city limits of Atlantic City.

"I really thought we'd get it this year," he said. "I just didn't realize how politics run in New Jersey and now I know, so I know what I have to do next year. I don't think lobbying helps at all. I think we have to put pressure on from the public. That's the only thing that can work. I also think Atlantic City will just go broke and at some point they'll just need us. But I could be wrong."

"I think I will be successful in getting a casino, but it may take a year or two," he said. "But long term I think we'll be fine. Not having the amendment on the ballot is a real disappointment because this probably would have been the best year for us to get it passed. Next year is a presidential election and it would be much harder to get our message out."

He said if the Meadowlands does not get a casino in say 10 years and the horse shortage situation becomes worse, he will look to do something else with the plant.

"I would look to race thoroughbreds, quarter horses, cars, something," he said. "The place is too nice to just shut down. People like coming here. It's a cool place. I'll find a use for the place. I'm not all that worried about that, but I got into this because I love harness racing and not because I love aggravation."

"I'm in it for the duration, I'm not a quitter," he insisted. "But unless the breeding game changes, there won't be enough horses 10 years from now to race anywhere. When you see that the number of mares bred is half of what was bred 10 years ago that means that half of the people working in the industry today will be without jobs in 10 years. Whether Jeff Gural is alive or dead, that's a certainty because there aren't going to be enough horses."

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Obrigado Wins TVG as Mr Picolit is Last

The pride of Maine, Obrigado proved best in last night's \$50,000 TVG Trot at the Meadowlands, winning over Flanagan Memory. It was the biggest win yet in the career of Obrigado, who is by Boy Band and started racing in Maine, where he once won 21 straight.

Trained by Paul Kelley and driven by Mark MacDonald, Obrigado moved to the lead on the backstretch and dismissed a first-over bid by Master Of Law. In the stretch, he had no problem holding off the challengers to win comfortably in 1:51.3.

Making his U.S. debut, the 8-year-old Mr Picolit trailed throughout and was beaten by the proverbial country mile. The winner of the 2013 Copenhagen Cup, Mr Poicolit raced so poorly that it was easy to assume he suffered from some sort of problem during the race.




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Ambitious Schedule for Elitlopp Winner

Now training with the Nancy Johansson stable in New



Jersey, Elitlopp winner Magic Tonight is gearing up for what could be a lucrative U.S. campaign. Trainer Roger Walmann has confirmed that the son of Andover Hall will make his next start in the August 8 Cashman

Magic Tonight is Cashman bound

at the Meadowlands. Stablemate D'One, who is a mare, is also nominated to that race.

"We are going to try to race them in all the big races," Walmann said via e-mail. "After the Cashman we have the Crawford at Vernon and after that the Maple Leaf Trot. Then we will go down to Lexington. We want to try to race in the US because we think the horses are good enough and we hope they are good on big tracks, and I think the mile races are perfect. We look forward to racing them in the U.S."

Walmann added: "Örjan Kihlström will be there the most of the races, but maybe sometimes we will use U.S. drivers."

It will be a homecoming for Magic Tonight, who was based in the U.S. before being sold to European interests. Then trained by Noel Daley, he last raced in the U.S. on May 4, 2013, finishing eighth in the Meadowlands Maturity.

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Natural Herbie Returns to the Winner's Circle in Hoosier Park Feature

By Emily Gaskin

ANDERSON, IN (June 26, 2015) - Natural Herbie extended his win streak to two at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino as he captured the featured event of the evening, a \$21,000 Invitational Trot, on Friday, June 26. Natural Herbie responded to a bump in class to score in 1:55.1 over a sloppy rated track after scoring last week in a condition trot.

Opting for a trip off the pace, Natural Herbie was eased



Natural Herbie

Photo: Linscott Photography

off the gate from post six while Penn, driven by Darrell Wright, used his gate speed to grab the early lead. Penn dictated first half fractions of :27.3 and :58.3 before being joined on the outside by Lady Blitz and James Yoder.

While the top pair were matching strides approaching the final turn, Trace Tetrack had Martz Time well placed second over with Natural Herbie in tow. Penn continued to call

the shots through the third station in 1:27.2 but Lady Blitz was not going away.

Lady Blitz was able to wear down the tiring leader to secure the lead turning for home as the rest of the field was closing in. Yoder tipped Natural Herbie around tiring cover and the five-year-old gelding found another gear.

Using a :26.4 final quarter, Natural Herbie bested his stablemate by a neck to get the win. Lady Blitz was a game second while Penn held on for third place honors. Sent off as the bettors' choice, Natural Herbie returned \$4.80 to the window.

With the win, Natural Herbie notched his second victory from eight seasonal starts while bankrolling \$31,650 in 2015 for owner, trainer, driver Verlin Yoder. Sporting a career bankroll of \$781,491, Natural Herbie has hit the board in 41 of 53 lifetime outings.

Saturday's 14-race card also hosted six eliminations of the Indiana Sires Stakes for the Hoosier state's three-year-old pacers. With three divisions of three-year-old pacing colts, Freaky Feet Pete and Trace Tetrack delivered the fastest elimination of the evening with a 1:50.2 romp. Trained by Larry Rheinheimer, Freaky Feet Pete scored the second victory of his sophomore campaign and established a new lifetime best in the process.

Nora Rockwell and Jason Dillander were the fastest through three divisions in the three-year-old filly ranks as they scored a near gate to wire victory in 1:52. It was the second consecutive win for the Marlin Fry trainee and fifth seasonal victory from 12 starts.

Each of the winners from the six Indiana Sires Stakes eliminations tonight earned a spot in the second round of \$75,000 Indiana Sires Stakes finals slated for Friday, July 3 at Hoosier Park.

STAKES PREVIEWS

Saturday at Pocono Downs

3rd Race. \$25,000, Trot. Beal Elimination

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Aldebaran Eagle	Muscle Hill	Czernyson/Callahan
2 Walter White	Cantab Hall	Takter/B Miller
3 Habitat	Conway Hall	Burke/Morrill
4 Cruzado Dela Noche	Muscle Massive	Johansson/D Miller
5 Southwind Mozart	Muscle Hill	Svanstedt/Svanstedt
6 Boots N Chains	Yankee Glide	Butenschoen/A Miller

Jimmy Takter's Hambletonian aspirations took a hit last week when Canepa Hanover and French Laundry both broke stride in the Goodtimes at Mohawk. But Takter's stable is nothing but deep and he'll hit Pocono with another wave of 3-year-old trotting talent tonight, starting with Walter White. In an evenly matched group of six he'll have to fight off challenges from Habitat and Aldebaran Eagle, who is coming off a lifetime best race.

4th Race. \$20,000, Pace. Lynch Elimination

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Bettor Be Steppin	Bettor's Delight	Holloway/Callahan
2 Well Hello There	Well Said	Burke/Gingras
3 Rumor Mill	The Panderosa	King/Morrill
4 Wicked Little Minx	Rocknroll Hanover	Johansson/B Miller
5 Ginger Tree Alexis	Dragon Again	Cook/D Miller
6 Stacia Hanover	Western Ideal	Elliott/Zeron
7 Better Said	Well Said	Toscano/Tetrick

Not exactly the strongest group here. Bettor Be Steppin might be the most talented filly among this group but she'll have to bounce back after finishing fifth in the Fan Hanover elims and then missing the final when scratched sick. Wicked Little Minx is a New Jersey sire stakes winner but she was beaten at odds of 7-10 last out in an overnight at the Meadowlands.

5th Race. \$25,000, Trot. Beal Elimination

Post PN Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 2 Donatomite	Donato Hanover	S'hammer/S'hammer
2 3 Honor And Serve	Donato Hanover	Campbell/Tetrick
3 4 Guess Whos Back	Muscles Yankee	Drennan/Sears
4 1 Whom Shall I Fear	Cantab Hall	Takter/D Miller
5 1a Pinkman	Explosive Matter	Takter/Gingras
6 5 Centurion ATM	SJ's Caviar	Svanstedt/Svanstedt
7 6 Wicker Hanover	Explosive Matter	Daley/McCarthy

This is a deep field, especially for an elimination race. Once again, Takter is the headliner as he'll try to keep the momentum going with Dan Patch Award winner Pinkman, who is 3 for 3 this year, with all of his action coming in PASS races. He'll also try to get Whom Shall I Fear back on track. A full brother to Father Patrick and a \$475,000 yearling purchase, he started off the year with four straight wins but has been off the board in his last two starts.

6th Race. \$25,000, Pace. Hempt Elimination

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 K-Rock	Rock N Roll Heaven	Burke/Gingras
2 Pierce Hanover	Cam's Card Shark	Sucee/B Miller
3 Paparazzi Hanover	Well Said	Campbell/Callahan
4 In the Arsenal	American Ideal	Harrison/Sears
5 Rufo	Dragon Again	Burke/Kakaley
6 Artspeak	Western Ideal	Alagna/Zeron
7 Oneisalonelynumber	Bettor's Delight	Coleman/D Miller
8 Cardiac Fashion	Well Said	Garcia-Herrera/G Nap
9 Tomy Terror	Western Terror	Butenschoen/A Miller

Two of the top members of the 3-year-old male pacing division will square off here as In The Arsenal and Artspeak figure to vie for favoritism. Both were a tad disappointing in the North America Cup final, with In The Arsenal finishing fourth and Artspeak fifth. One or the other will likely win, but which one? With no one here showing much in the way of gate speed, it will be interesting to see how the race unfolds.

7th Race. \$30,000, Pace. Ben Franklin Elimination

Post PN Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 2 Vegas Vacation	Bettor's Delight	Coleman/Sears
2 3 Michael's Power	Camluck	Silva/Zeron
3 1 Big Boy Dreams	If I Can Dream	Allard/Tetrick
4 4 Big N Bad	Badlands Hanover	Sabot/Allard
5 5 Foiled Again	Dragon Again	Burke/Gingras
6 1a Domethatagain	Bettor's Delight	Allard/D Miller
7 6 Dapper Dude	The Panderosa	Harrison/McCarthy
8 7 Luck Be Withyou	Western Ideal	Oakes/G Napolitano
9 8 Captive Audience	Art Major	Berkeley/Morrill

Coming off a game win in the Battle Of Lake Erie, is Foiled Again back to his old self at age 11? That's the story here, but the race involves many wrinkles, including a meeting between 2012 Jug winner Michael's Power and 2013 Jug winner Vegas Vacation. Rene Allard will likely be heard from with the pair of Big Boy Dreams and Domethatagain.

8th Race. \$25,000, Pace. Hempt Elimination

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Betting Exchange	Bettor's Delight	Fanning/D Miller
2 Dragon Eddy	Dragon Again	Butenschoen/Callahan
3 Rock N' Roll World	Rocknroll Hanover	Silva/Sears
4 Blood Brother	Somebeachs'where	Takter/Gingras
5 Wiggle It Jiggleit	Mr Wiggles	Francis/Teague
6 National Seelster	Bettor's Delight	Ryder/A Miller
7 Americanprimetime	American Ideal	Dane/Tetrick
8 Sicily	Art Major	Burke/Kakaley
9 Mcardles Lightning	McArdle	Elliott/Zeron

Ok, so Wiggle It Jiggleit isn't perfect. Many were surprised when he suffered his first career defeat last week in the final of the North America Cup, but he's still a very good horse and shouldn't have any problem with this field. Anyone out there willing to book him at his morning line price of 5-2? Third in the NA Cup, Betting Exchange is winless on the year but never puts in a bad effort.

9th Race. \$30,000, Pace. Ben Franklin Elimination

Post PN Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 2 Bigtown Hero	American Ideal	Allard/Allard
2 3 Smooth Criminal	Blue Burner	Sabot/Sears
3 4 Cammikey	Somebeachs'where	W Zendt/B Zendt
4 1 Clear Vision	Western Hanover	Burke/B Miller
5 5 Mach It So	Mach Three	Bamond/Tetrick
6 1a Bettor's Edge	Bettor's Delight	Burke/Kakaley
7 6 Dynamic Youth	Bettor's Delight	Lambert/McCarthy
8 7 Dancin Yankee	Yankee Cruiser	Green/Morrill
9 8 State Treasurer	Real Desire	Moore/D Miller

State Treasurer draws the nine after drawing posts 7, 7 and 8 in his last three starts. Still, he's won three of his last four and is coming off a win in the Mohawk Gold Cup.

Dave Miller takes over for Canadian pilot Chris Christoforou. The Burke entry of Clear Vision and Bettor's Edge will get bet but the pair is a combined 1 for 19 this year. Bigtown Hero is on a roll, winning three straight for the Allard brothers.

10th Race. \$25,000, Pace. Hempt Elimination

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Badiou Hanover	Well Said	J Miller/A Miller
2 Allbeef N Nobull	McArdle	Gelrod/B Miller
3 Yankee Bounty	Yankee Cruiser	Burke/Gingras
4 Wakizashi Hanover	Dragon Again	Looney-King/Tetrick
5 A Bettor Hat	Bettor's Delight	Garcia-Herrera/Morrill
6 Lyons Levi Lewis	Well Said	Burke/Kakaley
7 Lost For Words	Well Said	Brown/D Miller
8 Jo Pa's Well Said	Well Said	Campbell/Campbell

How good is Wakizashi Hanover and what on earth is a Wakizashi? Those are among the questions the Pocono faithful will be asking tonight. The North America Cup winner draws into a weak elim and should rule the night. Lost For Words is red hot, but steps up after dominating in PASS action.

11th Race. \$20,000, Pace. Lynch Elimination

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 JK She'salady	Art Major	Johansson/Tetrick
2 Cover Model	Dragon Again	Lewis/Callahan
3 Ideal Nuggets	Western Ideal	Lohmeyer/G Nap
4 Sassa Hanover	Rock N Roll Heaven	Burke/Gingras
5 Single Me	Bettor's Delight	Croghan/B Miller
6 The Show Returns	Rocknroll Hanover	Ryder/Campbell
7 A Plus	American Ideal	Alagna/Zeron
8 Safe From Terror	Western Terror	Burke/Kakaley

All eyes will be on 2014 Horse of the Year JK She'salady, who has lost two straight after winning her first 13 career starts. Were the last two a fluke or a sign that she didn't make the transition from 2 to 3 that well? Trainer Johansson did say prior to the Fan Hanover that her filly had been battling an illness. Sassa Hanover is a quality filly, but she, too, wasn't at her best in the Fan Hanover when fourth.

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12th Race. \$25,000, Trot. Beal Elimination

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Shoot The Thrill	Explosive Matter	Simpson/Tetrick
2 Crazy Wow	Crazed	Burke/Gingras
3 Code Bon	Muscle Hill	Svanstedt/Svanstedt
4 Divisionist	Andover Hall	Norris/Norris
5 Billy Flynn	Cantab Hall	Lind/Morrill
6 Uncle Lasse	Donato Hanover	Takter/B Miller

This will be an interesting class test for Crazy Wow, who has looked great of late against New York bred. He could have his hands full here as the race includes the beautifully bred-Takter trainer Uncle Lasse and Billy Flynn, who was second behind Pinkman in his 3-year-old debut. Uncle Lasse, a full brother to Shake It Cerry, is also stepping up after there straight PASS wins.

13th Race. \$20,000, Pace. Lynch Elimination

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Alexa Said	Well Said	Loy/Napolitano
2 Southwind Roulette	Somebeachs'where	Burke/Kakaley
3 Divine Caroline	Rock N Roll Heaven	Holloway/D Miller
4 Momas Got A Gun	Somebeachs'where	Morgan/B Miller
5 Happiness	Rocknroll Hanover	Burke/Gingras
6 Deli Beach	Somebeachs'where	Bittle/Campbell
7 Special Package	Western Terror	Fanning/A Miller

Probably the weakest stakes elim of the night, but a wide open betting affair as no one sticks out here. Happiness is listed as the morning line favorite despite finishing ninth in the Fan Hanover. Southwind Roulette is next in the line but is 0 for 3 on the year. Both are trained by Ron Burke.

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The Characters I Met At Yonkers

By Joel Kravet

I got my introduction to Standardbreds in the early 1960s as a railbird---nothing more, nothing less. Just a young wise guy scanning the program at Yonkers, trying to pick a winner, and cursing my luck when my horse finished fifth.

It was a real education. It got a little expensive at times, but I enjoyed my education at the track more than I did in the classroom. I had some buddies---boys from da Bronx----who were my partners-in-crime at the track. We knew just enough to think we knew it all.

In those days, all the regulars at Yonkers would hang out in the same place night after night. You had your spot and you only left to place bets, grab food, or use the restroom. My buddies and I found a home on the stairway landing in the grandstand. The same motley crew could be found there every night. Each guy had his assigned position as per the unwritten ritual. We hated it on weekends when new fly- by-nights meandered into "our spots" before we could claim them, We always made them feel like intruders



Men who probably went to Yonkers in its heyday

These were Damon Runyon-type men and they made the ambiance special. There was Nick the bus driver. The fact that his bus route went to the track put Nick in the poor house. Every five or six weeks, he would disappear for a month. He'd switch his route so he could save a bit and pay some bills.

One day I loaned Nick \$80. Naturally, he said he'd pay me back in a month. I asked him twice. Nick said, "I didn't forget you."

I never forgot Nick because he never paid me. That was a good lesson learned. I chalked it up to tuition.

One Yonkers regular was just known as "The Fixer" because he thought every race was fixed. We never knew his real name. He might've been a bookkeeper because his program was marked in advance with red and blue numbers signifying his mystic calculations.

He was quiet and secretive about his selections before each race, but when his horses lost, he erupted into cries of "It's fixed! It's fixed!" Any race that didn't go according to his calculations was fixed. Of course, on the rare occasion when he cashed a ticket, he thought the race was honest.

I was happy to listen to his nightly serenade. For him it was therapeutic. I figured his rants saved him a lot of money on a psychologist. When he lost, he let loose with his "fixed" tirade, then turned the page and went to the next race.

Racing was so popular that all the newspapers carried selections. The tip sheets were sold for a buck or two at the entrance to the tracks. They were each printed in different colors: orange, emerald green yellow, etc. The wise guys regulars looked down on these as the lazy man's handicapping system. They needed to rely on the "experts," as if the people publishing tip sheets were always right. No regular at the track would be caught dead carrying one of these sheets, but as the regulars were leaving the tracks after the races, they would stoop to pick them up to see what they missed. Go figure

Then there was Louis, the raspy voiced railbird. He yelled at the drivers nine times a night because the track only had nine races. All his choices were automatically eliminated from our wagering plans. I never heard Louis say he won a race---after the finish, he just always crumbled his tickets and threw them down, muttering "But God is good."

At one point he started moaning about his daughter getting married and wondering how he was gonna pay for it. About six months later, Louis started pulling winners out of his hat. His horses were wining from post 8, winning with terrible drivers, and winning because the odds-on favorites broke. The guy who couldn't win a bet suddenly couldn't lose one.

When his horses hit, Louis would run down to the rail as the winner went back to the paddock, thanking the same drivers he'd cursed from day one.

Finally the Saturday of his daughter's wedding arrived. The only way I knew that was because Louis wasn't at Yonkers. Otherwise, he never missed a night.

Later Louis went back to his old knack of picking losers. As the years went by, we no longer saw Louis, but the sun sure shined on Louis when it counted.

As Louis said, "God is good."

Joel Kravet is a Manhattan businessman who started as a bettor and later became a groom, owner, and breeder.



Race 7, N/W \$5,000 L5 Pace

COLOSSAL just missed by a head two back in what was a key race for the level and wasn't bad last week despite being the beaten favorite. He has the post edge on all main rivals and driver Marohn is arguably the best of this colony. MAMBO ITALIANO closed in :26:3 last week in his first start for Hynes and now drops. This one was right there a few races back in consecutive 1:49:4 miles; only concern is that he's in for less than the \$15K claim from just two weeks ago. ANDWIN HANOVER exits a speed try and gets a change from usual driver Scicluna to Pantaleno; that might attract some attention. GRATIAS DEO was moving well late from an impossible spot last week and now goes third start off the claim. AMERICHI seeks to improve for Burke.

Race 8, N/W \$13,500 L5 Pace

MADIBA MAGIC N impressed last week in his North American debut when he almost scored at 26/1 for trainer Ford. Down Under import went a 1:50:3 mile right off the bat and he doesn't catch the hardest field here relative to the condition; will take a lot more support tonight. ROCK STAR comes off a vet scratch last week but he's been battling it out of late with much tougher foes; only three races removed from that sharp 1:50:2 win. DEALT A WINNER is the lone 3-year-old in this field and is attempting to right the ship after a tough start to his season; qualified recently in a fast time against an emerging sophomore. THORN IN YOUR SIDE returns for Auciello after a seven month absence and he was pretty good here last year; likely to need a race but I'd keep an eye on him. TWINCREEKS JESSE is another that's coming off a long layoff but is dangerous on the big drop if ready.

Race 9, N/W \$5,000 L5 Pace

PRINCE PALANI might be a lot better than those recent lines show and seems fast enough to beat these if he can keep it all together. He wasn't awful in an April race here that produced Art History and crushed foes just last week at Vernon; playable connections too.

BETTOR NOT MISS was one of the few starters from this barn that failed to deliver of late but he didn't have an easy go of it last week either. PAPPY'S PAL is another

Saratoga invader - this one for Rohr - who was racing at slightly higher levels there than #6. UF FAST FEELIN almost lucked into a win two back and picks up MacDonnell tonight; isn't out of the question against this field. KINGOFTHEJUNGLE drops but lands the worst post and hasn't yet adapted to being an older horse.

Race 10, Claiming \$10,000 Pace

BREAK DANCER lit the board last week at 75/1 in his first since February and now is rewarded with the rail and a driver change; can definitely win right back albeit at a much shorter price. TRIPLE MAJOR is always close but hasn't yet won and the price will be short; needs to overcome the outside. HEZ A BUCKEYE looks to be best of late when he closes from off the pace and he should be driven that way tonight; one of the few horses that Russo hasn't been able to win with recently. NORTHERN PRIZE is a contender on the drop out of the Caramore final.

The Plays:

\$8 ticket (\$0.50 base): 2-5 / 2-5 / 2 / 1-5-6-9

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HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA REPORT

8, Phi, \$22,000, P, Fillies & Mares NW \$20,000 in Last 5 Starts AE: NW 9 Ext. PM Races or \$90,000 Lifetime, 27.1, 55.0, 1:22.3, 1:51.2, FT

1-Certified Ideal (m, 5, Western Ideal--Areba's Last, by Cam's Card Shark) O-Randall B Bendis & Michael E Novosel Jr & Thomas J Pollack & James P Walton. B-Arthur Rudolph & Rudolph Stables Inc & Bernard G Owen. T-Randy Bendis. D-David Miller, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 77-23-18-5, \$355,897



PREFERRED EQUINE
Mixed Sale Graduate

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11, Phi, \$30,000, P, Fillies & Mares Open, 26.3, 54.4, 1:22.4, 1:51.2, FT

1-Katie Said (m, 4, Well Said--Katie's Lucky Lady, by Cam Fella), \$67,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Black Horse Racing. B-Arlene L & Jules J Siegel. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Brett Miller, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 28-12-2-2, \$243,568

2-Ooh Bad Shark (m, 7, Cam's Card Shark--Ooh Bad Girl, by Badlands Hanover) O-Donna M Fedorak & William M Wiggins. B-Donna M Fedorak & William M Wiggins. T-William Wiggins. D-Allan Davis, \$7,500

3-Request For Parole (m, 5, Badlands Hanover--Give Me Life, by Life Sign), \$82,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$3,600

Calls: 6T, 5, 3, T, HD - Finish Order: Inittowinafortune, Gianna's Delight, Coffee Addict, Rockaround Sue, Gallie Bythe Beach

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HOOSIER PARK REPORT

2, HoP, \$24,000, P, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings - Leg 2 (final and cons goes Fri 7/3, cons II goes Tues 7/7) (purse reflects \$18,500 from SBDF), 26.3, 54.3, 1:22.2, 1:50.2, SY

1-Freaky Feet Pete (c, 3, Rockin Image--Skyway Lori, by Pilgrims Punch) O-Mary Jo & Marty R Rheinheimer. B-Larry Rheinheimer. T-Larry Rheinheimer. D-Trace Tetrick, \$11,400, Lifetime Record: 13-11-1-0, \$302,100 To watch the race replay click [here](#)

3, HoP, \$20,000, P, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings - Leg 2 (final and cons goes Fri 7/3, cons II goes Tues 7/7) (purse reflects \$15,000 from SBDF), 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.0, 1:51.0, SY

1-Rockin Ron (g, 3, Real Desire--Im All A Roan, by Sportsmaster) O-Ronald L Phillips & Louis H Leinberger & Jesse Ferge. B-Ronald L Phillips & John A Carver & Louis H Leinberger. T-Jon Anderson. D-Rick Plano, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 18-8-1-3, \$80,050 To watch the race replay click [here](#)

4, HoP, \$20,000, P, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings - Leg 2 (final and cons goes Fri 7/3, cons II goes Tues 7/7) (purse reflects \$15,000 from SBDF), 27.1, 55.3, 1:24.3, 1:52.1, SY

1-American Virgin (g, 3, Always A Virgin--Flyfly Judith, by Presidential Ball), \$4,500 2013 HOOSIER O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Ohio State Ati. T-Ron Burke. D-Ricky Macomber Jr, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 21-4-6-2, \$67,161 To watch the race replay click [here](#)

10, HoP, \$21,000, T, Invitational PP'S drawn by groups (6-7), remainder assigned, 27.3, 58.3, 1:27.2, 1:55.1, SY

1-Natural Herbie (g, 5, Here Comes Herbie--Ljanearl, by Earl), \$4,700 2011 IN-PREM O-Verlin D Yoder. B-John A Schmucker. T-Verlin Yoder. D-Verlin Yoder, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 54-26-9-6, \$781,491 To watch the race replay click [here](#)

11, HoP, \$20,000, P, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 3 Year Old Fillies - Leg 2 (final and cons goes Fri 7/3, cons II goes Tues 7/7) (purse reflects \$15,000 from SBDF), 27.4, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:53.3, SY

1-Feetonthedashboard (f, 3, Panspacificflight -Incredible Dodger, by Incredible Finale) O-David C & Karen A Arrenholz & Dtm Stable. B-David C & Karen A Arrenholz. T-Joel Smith. D-Dale Hiteman, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 17-10-3-2, \$153,710 To watch the race replay click [here](#)

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12, HoP, \$20,000, P, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 3 Year Old Fillies - Leg 2 (final and cons goes Fri 7/3, cons II goes Tues 7/7) (purse reflects \$15,500 from SBDF), 26.3, 55.3, 1:24.2, 1:52.0, SY

1-Nora Rockwell (f, 3, Palone Ranger--Norma Rockwell, by V P Finance), \$3,500 2013 HOOSIER O-Marlin Dean Fry. B-Glen M Hershberger & Marlin Dean Fry. T-Marlin Fry. D-Jason Dillander, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 26-9-8-3, \$103,572
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13, HoP, \$20,000, P, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 3 Year Old Fillies - Leg 2 (final and cons goes Fri 7/3, cons II goes Tues 7/7) (purse reflects \$15,000 from SBDF), 27.4, 57.3, 1:25.2, 1:53.2, SY

1-Blues Queen (f, 3, United Ace--Slotto Queen, by Real Artist) O-Stanley W Miller. B-Stanley W Miller. T-Stanley Miller. D-John De Long, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-6, \$104,376
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MEADOWLANDSREPORT

1, M, \$12,500, P, 2 Year Old Colts & Geldings N/W 1 Extended PM Race, M, 29.1, 58.0, 1:27.0, 1:54.1, FT
1-Ideal Rocky (c, 2, Rocknroll Hanover--Eternity's Delight, by Bettor's Delight), \$47,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-William C Wiswell & Jean A Goehlen & Eugene W Schick. B-Fashion Farms LLC. T-John Butenschoen. D-Corey Callahan, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 0-0-0-0, \$0
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6, M, \$50,000, T, TVG Free For All, M, 26.3, 55.3, 1:25.1, 1:51.3, FT

1-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, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 49-30-11-2, \$396,164

2-Flanagan Memory (h, 5, Kadabra--Classy Stacy, by Yankee Glide) O-Liette Flanagan, CA & Rene Dion, CA. B-Michel Flanagan, CA. T-Rene Dion. D-Tim Tetrack, \$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: NS, 1Q, H, 1H, 1T - Finish Order: Master Of Law, Dw's Ny Yank, Mr Picolit S

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MOHAWKREPORT

2, Moh, \$18,000, P, TOWN PRO - 1ST LEG - 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES. NON-WINNERS \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF MARCH 31, 2015. 26.3, 56.2, 1:24, 1:51.3

1-Imagine Dragon (br,f,3 - Dragon Again-Town Pro Miss - The Panderosa) O-Lindy Farms Of Conn B-White Birch Farm T-Frank Antonacci D-Richard Zeron \$9,000 Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0 \$35,868

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9, Moh, \$18,000, P, TOWN PRO - 1ST LEG - 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES. NON-WINNERS \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF MARCH 31, 2015. 27.1, 55.3, 1:24.1, 1:52.1

1-Lindys Old Lady (b,f,3 - Rocknroll Hanover-Lindys Bandita-Bettors Delight) O/B-Lindy Farms Of Conn T-Frank Antonacci D-Richard Zeron \$9,000 Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0 \$33,200

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SCIOTO DOWNSREPORT

5, ScD, \$25,000, T, OPEN POST POSITIONS 1 - 3 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 4 - 9 DRAWN, 27.4, 56.4, 1:24.2, 1:52.4, SY

1-Boffin (g, 5, Donato Hanover--Trance Anthem, by Tagliabue), \$20,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Angela B Coombs. B-Russell C Williams. T-Tyler Tinch. D-Randy Tharps, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 66-25-5-4, \$267,592

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7, ScD, \$25,000, P, FILLIES AND MARES OPEN POST POSITIONS 1 - 3 & 10 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 4 - 8 DRAWN POST POSITION 9 ASSIGNED, 27.0, 55.4, 1:23.4, 1:52.0, SY

1-Buckeye Thea (m, 5, Dave Panlone--Gianna Girl, by Cambest) O-Richard P Paltani. B-Richard P Paltani. T-Save Carter. D-Josh Sutton, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 81-17-8-17, \$133,037

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YONKERSREPORT

6, YR, \$42,000, P, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 27.0, 57.0, 1:25.1, 1:53.0, FT 1-Cinamony (m, 4, Art Official--Armbro Cinnamon, by Western Ideal), \$3,500 2012 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$21,000, Lifetime Record: 41-12-9-6, \$256,314

2-Venus Delight (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Venus Killeen, by Run The Table), \$13,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Estate Of George F Hempt Trust. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,500

3-Hot List (m, 7, McArdle--Only Gossip, by The Panderosa) O-Dominick J Rosato. B-Christopher J Ryder. T-Arnold Marks. D-Brian Sears, \$5,040

Calls: 1, 1H, 1T, 2, 1Q - Finish Order: Jonsie Jones, For The Ladies N, Sir Jillian Z Tam, Scandalicious, Alhambra
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8, YR, \$21,500, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.0, 57.0, 1:24.3, 1:52.4, FT

1-Oldie Time Hockey (g, 5, Art Major--Sunshine State, by Dragon Again), \$25,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-David B Van Wart. B-Daniel M Miller & Dino V Lo Castro. T-Tom Fanning. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,750, Lifetime Record: 50-11-9-3, \$213,147

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9, YR, \$21,500, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.2, 55.4, 1:23.4, 1:52.0, FT

1-Heez Orl Black N (g, 7, In The Pocket--Cracker Kate, by Holmes Hanover) O-Shaun F Vallee & D P V Racing Stable. B-C N & W E Radford, NZ & Mrs D E Richardson, NZ. T-Anita Vallee. D-Brian Sears, \$10,750, Lifetime Record: 88-20-14-8, \$265,795

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10, YR, \$21,500, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.0, 57.2, 1:25.3, 1:53.1, FT

1-Set Me Up (m, 6, Shark Gesture--Moccasin Flight, by Run The Table) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Gregory G Drew, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$10,750, Lifetime Record: 74-19-10-10, \$234,755

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11, YR, \$21,500, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 28.0, 58.1, 1:27.2, 1:56.0, FT

1-Skates N Plates (h, 4, Revenue S--Pleasure Skate, by Super Pleasure) O-Robert J Key. B-Robert J Key. T-Paul Kelley. D-Mark Macdonald, \$10,750, Lifetime Record: 51-8-7-6, \$212,638

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12, YR, \$25,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$28,250 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.4, 56.3, 1:25.1, 1:53.4, FT

1-Caribbean Rose N (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Shanbry Rose, by Holmes Hanover) O-Windermere Stable LLC. B-D E & Mrs G Bell, NZ. T-Darran Cassar. D-Jason Bartlett, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 49-15-10-3, \$118,251

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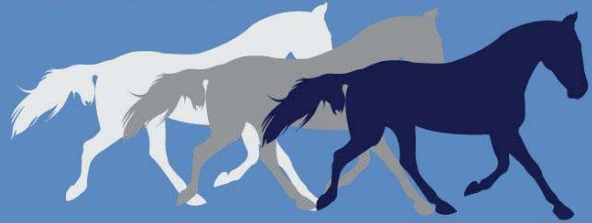
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