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Surick case was a travesty, how to tell which young horses could be stars and who should write the chapters in an updated standardbred bible

The Guru kicks off 2019 with opinions on that and more.

by Ron Gurfein



Tidbits: Happy, healthy New Year to all.

In my career as a harness horse trainer I have had the privilege of racing for some of the greatest presiding judges. Vincent Bergamo in New York, Milt Taylor in Pennsylvania and Dick O'Donnell in New Jersey. Believe me none of the above would stand for the nonsense that has been going on in racing today. From the lost positives in Pennsylvania, the hanging judge scenario of Lou Pena in New York and now the Nick Surick arbitrary suspension in New Jersey I think we have had enough.

I am the last one to defend the Penas and the Suricks, both of whom have shoved their "expertise" down the throats of the industry, but there must be a rule of law. These are not cases that assess reasonable doubt. These are individuals that have rights and to infringe on those rights by concocting a scenario that really doesn't exist is pathetic.

I tried to get the Surick story in its entirety by contacting Joe Faraldo and Howard Taylor. Faraldo responded that by law he was unable to discuss the case, but was kind enough to explain the law that was involved in the situation. He did

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reveal to me an interesting thought on the Pena verdict: "It is absolutely the worst case of abuse of power that I have ever seen."

Taylor revealed the same position in regard to his ability to speak about the case, but told me enough that would help me but not jeopardize his attorney client privilege.

The following on the Surick suspension is pure speculation on my part, but with the knowledge of the quick reversal in the decision of the New Jersey Racing Commission to return him to good standing makes it rather obvious what occurred. Mr Surick did not respond either properly or in time to a request by the Commission for an out-of-competition test on one of his horses.

It is my understanding that the horse in question was not in his stable, but waiting to be shipped out west and he was babysitting it for a client. The commission, irate at this callousness, overreacted and immediately scratched all his horses and refused entry of the others. However, when the Surick attorneys entered the case they found that the commission obviously neglected to play by the rules set forth in the OOC guidelines. Thus, case dismissed.

The *Daily Racing Form* article suggested that with the scratching of 29 horses and the refusal to accept entry of the other 60 horses in his care there may be a case of financial loss involved. In my humble opinion I would surely advise against any action of reprisal. You dodged a bullet, don't push the envelope .

On a happier note, the Eagles are in the playoffs. For how long is another question. Does Nick Foles have another miracle up his sleeve?

Kentucky football had the best year in ages capping off an excellent season with an upset of Penn State in the Citrus Bowl. So sorry for all my lunchtime friends at Isabella's in Wilkes Barre – 90 per cent of them are Penn State alumni.

Joel Kravet asks: Now that the yearlings are 2 years old, when does a trainer sense or know which ones are the stars or the best? Whenever I read about a champ, the trainer usually comments "I knew right away he was great."

Most of the time the prognosticators are wrong. You have to have a lot of experience training to be right about a colt in January. Trotters are much easier to assess than pacers. Not only because their gait and balance is so important, but their desire to trot and not run truly separates the good from the bad. Most pacers look basically the same and rarely make breaks. Pedigree plays a big part in the thought process. If I sit behind a trotter with a less-than-fancy catalogue page I am less likely to get excited.

The high-ticket items, when they can make you feel they do it so easily are the ones you feel confident will be good colts. All three of my Hambletonian winners I knew in January would be stakes caliber horses come July if they didn't get sick or hurt. Everyone around Continentalvictory knew she would be a top filly. John Cashman Jr said to me in Springfield after she won the Review Futurity in less than stellar time that he was disappointed in her performance and he said, "I thought she would be great from the first time I saw her go the right way of the track," which was actually in November. "She disappointed me today, 1:59 at Springfield wasn't very good." What he didn't realize was she was a little high strung and with all the sights and sounds at the fair she was a handful when I warmed her up and Mike (Lachance) just tried to get her around the track without making a mistake, which he truly accomplished.

I tell young horseman all the time that it's not so difficult to tell the good from the bad when you sit behind them. When it comes stake time go a quarter mile with each yearling and don't look at your watch till you are through. Before you look, guess how fast you went. If you think you went the quarter in 40 seconds and actually went 50 you have an uphill climb and I would suggest not throwing a lot of stakes money away. However if you think you went 40 seconds and you actually went 34, send it in. Those are the



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I have a few secrets for pacers also. If the colt's front feet don't land in front of his nose at full stride or his hind feet don't land in the middle of his body about at his withers, or a bit less, than you have a long road ahead. It's not so difficult. Recently, I bought a little filly, and I mean little. Her name is Lucy's Pearl and she had an impeccable pedigree and every time I trained her she would do her work about 10 seconds faster than I thought she had. All of Sunshine Meadows made fun of her, but she was a really nice filly at two and three, winning almost \$400,000. Last year, I went one trip with Lindy Farms' good colt Kings County and proclaimed he was a man amongst boys. That was after a mile in 2:39 in late January. While writing this answer, I am thinking to myself I am making this sound too easy. It really isn't that hard, we will all be wrong at times. The importance is being right most of the time. Experience goes a LONG way.

Joseph Maw asks: With the changes in the sport over the last 25 years, if the USTA were to publish a new edition of the Care and Training of the Trotter and Pacer what chapters would you include that best fit the modern day sport/business and who would you choose to contribute to each chapter?

Basically I think the chapters would remain the same, however the content would be radically different. We are not dealing with the same animal that we trained in 1960. Our horses are finer, lighter and more athletic. For the most part, horses are going as much as 10 seconds faster than they were when the book was first published. That's 50 lengths. This is not due solely to equipment and racetrack surface, it is due to breeding a finer athlete.

You can throw the Stanley Dancer 2-year-old training schedule in the garbage unless you want to destroy a colt. Shoeing, expenses, grooming are all far advanced from that era. There were no fancy bikes. We all raced in a plain Houghton or a plain Jerald sulky. No quick hitch harness, no straight tracks, I could go on forever.

About 15 years ago, I was asked to participate in a new version but due to the lack of money the idea fell apart. It certainly would be a great project today.

Here are some suggested chapters and contributors:

Selecting the Yearling – Chuck Sylvester

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Thanks to all of you for the kind words and please keep the questions coming we need some fresh ideas for the New Year. Have a wonderful week.

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Hanover Shoe Farms sets all-time world equine breeding record

The farm's progeny earned more than \$31.5 million on the track in 2018 to surpass the previous record of \$31.4 million Hanover set in 2017.

by Hanover Shoe Farms

Hanover Shoe Farms, the southern Pennsylvania harness racing breeding operation which has led all of North American harness racing in seasonal money won by its graduates since recordkeeping began in 1949, has just broken its own mark for one-year earnings by those raised at the nursery. The \$31,451,117 total it posted in 2017 was eclipsed on Dec. 27 of 2018, with the final number for the year reaching \$31,589,496. That is an all equine breed record.

Dorsoduro Hanover, recently voted champion 3-year-old pacing male of the season, led the contributors to the record total with \$1,284,562, second-highest total of 2018, behind only McWicked. The 2017 Little Brown Jug winner Filibuster Hanover, making the difficult step up to the free-for-all ranks (and horses such as McWicked), still brought in winnings of \$661,601, the most money earned by any 4-year-old in 2018 North American racing.

The Hanover success story is well-known in the sport: how in 1926 Lawrence Sheppard bought the 69-horse dispersal of A.B. Coxe and used the stock as a foundation to build the premier harness operation in the sport, with racehorses graduating to the breeding ranks, and a continuous, relentless search to acquire the top sires in the sport, along

with outstanding broodmares. Sheppard has been followed by John Simpson Sr., his son Jim, and Sheppard's grandson Russell Williams as visionary horsepeople/businesspeople who have continued Hanover's dominance while giving back much to the sport in leadership positions.

"The record-breaking 2018 racing year by Hanover Shoe Farm-bred racehorses shows our commitment to Mr. Sheppard's vision of being the premier standardbred farm," said Jim Simpson, Hanover's chairman. "I am proud to have been at the helm for 20 years, and to state that the new record tops all farms in the world breeding all types of racehorses. This accomplishment takes a dedicated staff, the best stallions and mares our commercial business can buy, and talented trainers, drivers and grooms working tirelessly. What drives this entire business are the owners who buy and race these horses. All of us at Hanover Shoe Farms give thanks for the owners willing to invest the money, time and effort to keep this business alive."

Giving no signs of slowing down despite "fronting its field" into an eighth decade now, Hanover has truly become synonymous with excellence in the harness racing industry, with the earnings record of 2018 just the latest proof in a list of accomplishments which continues on strongly, and shows no sign of "tiring."



How to get people to the track

In an age when getting people to the races is a major problem, Anthony MacDonald of TheStable.ca believes he has a solution.

by Anthony MacDonald / TheStable.ca

We all try to put away money for our kids' education, if we can. If you want to be a doctor, lawyer, nurse, teacher, or anything else in life, you need a formal education.

I recently read an article by Dean Hoffman in HRU ([full article here](#)) about how horsemen need to promote their own industry. I agree. I often preach about horsemen marketing themselves better. But is that really fair?

We are asking hard-working people to put in long hours to try to get by in this industry, and then put in more time and money to market it?

I like Mr. Hoffman's article and agree with much of it, but the reality is that horsemen for the most part aren't that good at marketing.

I mean, I could run a marathon, or wrestle a bear. But neither is what you might call "my strong suits." Just because you want to do something, doesn't necessarily mean you can



Claus Andersen

Anthony MacDonald of TheStable.ca warming up White Tiger before the 2018 Peter Haughton at the Meadowlands.

achieve it.

I do think the industry does need to market itself better. But that requires education to implement. Who will educate our horsepeople? Look around. I don't think there are an abundance of teachers.

Honestly speaking, our industry has employed so-called marketing experts for years. Where has that gotten us?

I've said it for four years, and now unequivocally proven that horse racing can attract new people to our industry from all walks of life. This power absolutely lies in the hands of the horsepeople, but they need help to achieve it.

Make no mistake, horsepeople aren't alone. The entire industry need to change the way it sees itself and markets itself.

In each jurisdiction, for the most part you'll find a failing racetrack. Sure, some are propped up, but they are not profitable on their own from wagering revenues. We have watched our clients leave year after year, with no replacements to speak of from the younger generations.

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interesting, but the entry points into it are complex and often not appealing to the very people we need to attract. This isn't new, we've known it for years. Look around the grandstands for our average fans age group.

We can't convince people to become fans of horse racing with the promise of Super Hi Five jackpots, and lower takeouts on the Win Fours. People in the general public don't care about those things.

What we need is a way to get people to the track. Much like a bar, you only need to get them there; they'll figure out what they want to drink once they are.

Affordable ownership is a promising way to attract them. (Let's not argue if it works; I think we've done more than enough to prove that it does).

But one or two fractional stables means nothing for the future of our sport, and that's why educating and helping our horsepeople with it is invaluable to the entire future and viability of this industry.

Our other problem:

Horsepeople try to convince potential clients that there is a formula to find a return on their investment (ROI) in racing. This is all we have had in the past to attract people, but for

the most part this is a fool's errand.

That also plays a part in why our owners are leaving. They've been lied to; albeit inadvertently in most cases. Like George Costanza said, "it's not a lie if you believe it, Jerry." Most trainers mean well and believe they can turn a profit. They're simply wrong.

It's incredibly difficult with the overhead we carry today.

To put it simply: it costs more today to race for less than we did in the past.

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I call on all racetracks, horsepeople and every stakeholder in this industry to use the failures of the past to help map the future.

What you just read isn't a paper written by a government panel on how it believes the industry can succeed in the future. What you have just read has been battle-tested and thoroughly proven in real life.

I tried not to mention my company's name too often in this article, because it's not any one stable that will pave the way for our industry's future. It isn't any one person or model. It is all of us working together, understanding that there is a way forward and collectively pursuing it. I simply proved it is possible. It's up to all of us to succeed together.

Through education, we will find an understanding, and a profound realization that by changing the way we promote our industry we change the way it's viewed and experienced by the people we have been looking for forever.

A New Year's resolution for the entire industry.

Happy New Year.

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Betting success is profit, nothing more

by Frank Cotolo

*(**Editor's note: Today marks the first of a new HRU column from veteran handicapper Frank Cotolo. The aim of the author is to not only help bettors make profitable selections, but also, over time, to give specific advice on major events and how to navigate betting at smaller tracks).*

Before I start writing about anything else, I will make a few statements about pari-mutuel bettors. First, they bet on too many races. Second, they buy into too many types of betting gimmicks. Third, they bet inconsistent amounts. Fourth, they misinterpret the meaning of "value." Fifth...

Wait.

Now that I begin to write about the subject of pari-mutuel bettors, I realize there are too many traits about them that unite their peculiar, misguided character than can be capsulated in this introduction to Bettors Banquet.

Let me, then, start by simply paraphrase some wise gambling lore: "When it comes to gambling, there are a million different ways to lose, yet only one way to win."

That refers to betting with a primary approach – attempting to make the largest profit available. I know you do not do that because it is against human nature, which is an element that weighs down every player.

Without knowing 99 per cent of you, I know at least 99 per cent of you have lost more money betting the harness races than you have won.

One way I know this is because you, like most bettors, do not keep a ledger of how much you played, won or lost. If you have no record of it all, you cannot prove you are a winner.

Another way I know this is because most bettors handicap

races in order of preference – you know, the top horse they "like" to win, their second choice (not so much to win) and third choice (not so much to win or place) and they do it regardless of the price offered. You play a horse to win because you like it to win and that is not always the best reason to make a bet.

Yet another way I know this is because most bettors play too many races, sometimes every race in an entire program, which includes races that they should never play if they were serious about making a profit. I know you don't pass races and if now and again you do, you do not pass enough of them.

Still another thing I know you do is hurt your chance of making profits because you spend too much money on exotics that do not reward you what you deserve if you win, as well as I know you buy too many combinations.

More? All right. I know you wrongly justify playing more exotics than are necessary in the campaign for profits.

I know all this and more and you should, too, because there are so many possibilities for profit in a betting atmosphere that offers exactas, trifectas, superfectas, pentafectas, daily doubles, Pick 3s, Pick 4s, Pick 5s, Pick 6s and many of those that "roll" from race to race and so on. You gorge, I am sure, when you should pick and choose what bets to consume.

Bettors Banquet (BB) will devote itself to the sole purpose of profiting from pari-mutuel wagers on harness races by changing how you play, how much money you play and how often you play.

BB warns you that old habits die hard and you are going to murder them slowly and consciously.

You have to be open to making big changes in your approach to the game.

You have to let go of many things that provoke you to wager at all.

You have to let go of age-old handicapping and wagering tenets that should be tossed into a pyre and burned to cinders with your ego – if you are to increase your chances to have a successful betting campaign.

Here is the first law of making a profit, just to whet your appetite:

"It is not the number of bets you win (that measures success), it is the amounts of the bets you win (that measures

success).”

Success is profit, nothing more.

Here is another must for making a profit, just to whet your appetite more:

Making a profit at wagering on harness racing does not owe its potency to a “system” or a “method” that was subjectively concocted by using races that fit a premise. Profits from wagers are only produced when the player understands fundamental math. No degrees in the subject are necessary; every veteran and novice player that went to school should already know the level of math necessary; all that will be added is a respect for its consistency, power and the audacity to challenge it at the appropriate moments.

Bettors Banquet will offer one more piece of wisdom a player must rely upon in league with simple math and a goal for profits – this one being the most important of all wagering rules, no matter the game of risk involved:

“Make decisions, not selections.”

Take a breath, read from the top down again, print the wise quotes, frame them and also keep copies of them on your person at all times for reference, for reminders.

As you become more acquainted and comfortable with your motives, you will see an utter brilliance in this approach, one that transcends the game you have been playing.

You should then realize there is no going back to the heavy-handed means of handicapping and betting, a process that cost you money and health.

You will become one of the few – emphasis on few as in scarce, sparse and rare – harness players who profit from pari-mutuel wagering.

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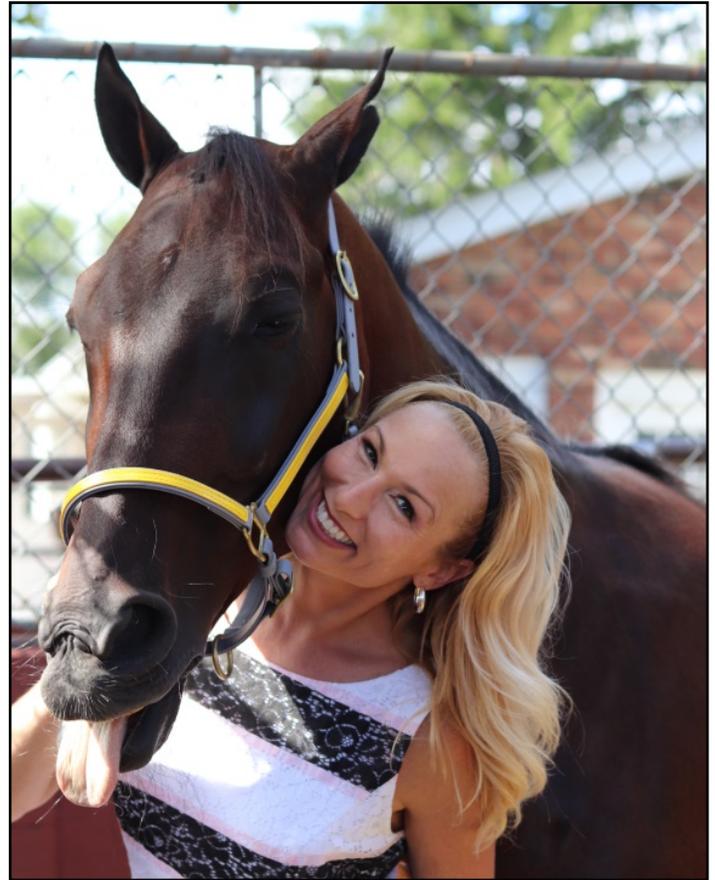
"Make no mistake about it, there is only one Heather Vitale," Wiles said. "Her colorful and lively persona always adds excitement to any event. We look forward to seeing Heather again at this year's Dan Patch Awards Dinner, on the Red Carpet, as we have for many years. She has been a great voice and face for harness racing in her region and for USHWA."

Vitale comes from a multi-generational harness family in Delaware. Her mother, Jo Ann Looney King, was the first woman to drive a winner at The Meadowlands, and is the co-owner of 2018's outstanding pacing mare Shartin N, trained by husband Jim King Jr.

Vitale is a graduate of Monmouth (NJ) University, with a focus on public relations/journalism, and she chose to follow that career path rather than working with the horses. Her show "Post Time" has aired on the CBS affiliate in the Delmarva region for some 20 years, and she also co-hosts the weekly show "Pennsylvania Harness Week," a position in which she has served for nearly a decade. She has worked for ESPN and for the Little Brown Jug network.

But a person of Vitale's ambition, flamboyance, and talent cannot, of course, be confined to any one country. Her journalistic travels have taken her not only to Canada, a logical extension because of the fluency of the U.S./Canada harness crossing, but also to Ireland and Australia, where she appeared as an on-air reporter during major stakes days. (And speaking of international recognizability, Vitale was also a driving force behind getting the richest harness horse world-wide, Foiled Again, into the famous "stable" of Breyer collectible horse models.)

She is a prolific user of social media since its inception, with many followers of her frequent postings on the various platforms. "I'm not a bettor," she says, "so I focus my stories on the horses and the people in the sport, trying to tell their interesting stories, and trying to appeal to people to come out to the track and watch the races. I want to expose the sport outside of the fans we already have." Her presentation is tirelessly upbeat and positive in the service of harness racing.



Jordan Paoletto

Heather Vitale and Foiled Again.

Perhaps the best summation of Heather Vitale was offered by Joe Thomson of Winbak Farms, who once told her, "The best business I could be in is to bottle your attitude and sell it." The Harness Writers Association has benefited a great deal from her attitude and her talents, and that's why she has been named USHWAN of the Year.

Heather Vitale (and her family in their connections to Shartin N) will be honored at USHWA's annual Dan Patch Awards Banquet, celebrating the best and brightest of harness racing in the past year. The banquet honoring the champions of 2018 will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando FL, the climax of a weekend that also finds USHWA holding its annual national meetings.

Tickets for the Dan Patch Awards Banquet are \$175, with a filet mignon dinner featured; "post times" on February 24 are cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets, and other Banquet-related information, can be obtained through Dinner Planning Committee Chair Judy Davis-Wilson, at zoe8874@aol.com or 302 359 3630.

Hotel reservations for those attending can be made through USHWA's website, www.ushwa.org; a link to the hotel's computer is on the front page of the website.



Bold Eagle back as a winner

by Thomas Hedlund

Sébastien Guarato-trained Bold Eagle (Ready Cash) showed his fans that the last Sunday in January may be an exciting one after all thanks to a victory on Dec. 30 in the \$135,000 Prix de Bourgogne at Vincennes. The last Sunday in January is the day of the famed Prix d'Amérique, an event Bold Eagle won both in 2016 and 2017.

Driver Franck Nivard was eager to get a good start with Bold Eagle in the Prix de Bourgogne and from post position 7 behind the gate, Nivard hit the gas early and Bold Eagle sprinted to the front before turning over the lead to 2018 Prix d'Amérique champ Ready Express.

Björn Goop and Ready Express kept the pace down dramatically and the B-race developed to a sprint race with the last quarter going really fast. Bold Eagle got room to attack when Cash Gamble in second over made a break in the last turn, a decisive point for the outcome of the race. With "the old" Bold Eagle back at Vincennes on this day, when Nivard asked for the extra gear, the son of Ready Cash exploded and disarmed Ready Express just before the wire.

Uza Josselyn followed strongly as third and she is now qualified for the Prix d'Amérique.

The two first placed horses in Prix d'Amérique in 2018 thus showed great shape, which of course boosts the temperature ahead of the great race in Paris.

Unfortunately, one of the most interesting horses aiming for the Prix d'Amérique, American-bred Propulsion (Muscle Hill) was defeated by On Track Piraten at Romme racetrack in Sweden on Saturday afternoon and it was announced that Daniel Redén's trotter was confirmed sick in his barn on Sunday morning. The fever that followed hung on through the beginning of this week and Redén is currently unsure if Propulsion will be ready for Paris this winter.

[Bold Eagle replay](#)



Gerard Forni

Bold Eagle (Franck Nivard) won the \$135,000 Prix de Bourgogne on Dec. 30 (shown) and is now preparing to try to win his third Prix d'Amérique.

Ohlsson, Bazire and di Nardo best in Europe

Ulf Ohlsson, Sweden, Jean-Michel Bazire, France and Antonio di Nardo, Italy. They are the names of the most successful drivers in Europe in 2018.

Ohlsson, the hardest working driver in the northern European countries, had 340 victories, meaning he was outstanding among the drivers in Sweden.

Bazire's career is nothing else but unique. The champion of France is just not an extraordinary driver, he also manages a big barn with several top trotters and especially this winter meeting in Paris, Bazire has shown excellent skills in both driving and training. He had 269 driving victories in 2018, which was enough to earn the title in France.

In Italy, a new name showed up at the top spot. Antonio di Nardo recorded 262 wins and pushed down Enrico Bellei from the throne.

Europe's winningest drivers of 2018:

- Austria:** Gerhard Mayr - 65
- Belgium:** Rik Depuyt - 48
- Denmark:** Rene Kjaer - 133
- Finland:** Mika Forss - 232
- France:** Jean-Michel Bazire - 269
- Germany:** Michael Nimczyk - 206
- Italy:** Antonio di Nardo - 262
- The Netherlands:** Rick Ebbing - 91
- Norway:** Eirik Höitomt - 217
- Spain:** Juan Antonio Riera Rossello - 64
- Switzerland:** Marc-André Bovay - 32
- Sweden:** Ulf Ohlsson - 340

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Meadowlands Survival Challenge starts tonight

Contestants have until 6:45pm tonight (Jan. 4) to register and make their selections in the Meadowlands Winter Meet Survival Challenge powered by 123Racing.

The grand prize is \$1,000 and 2019 World Harness Handicapping Championship (WHHC) spot

The second-place prize is \$500 and 2019 WHHC spot

The third-place prize is \$250 and 2019 WHHC spot

Most winners prize is \$250

Trackmaster will provide Platinum Past Performances for each night of the contest.

The game covers the Meadowlands' Winter Meet and concludes on March 30, 2019.

The winner is determined by the highest total bankroll at the end of the Challenge based on a \$2 "across the board" wager (win, place and show) on selections for three designated races each program.

However, to continue in the game, entrants have to "survive" by finishing in-the-money (first through third) with at least one of their selections each day. Failing to do so or not making selections knocks the player out of the game. To aid in the player's survival a "lucky horseshoe" is given. The lucky horseshoe is a "free pass" given to all Challenge participants that allows the player to survive if he does not make selections for a race card or all three of his selections fail to hit the board.

The free contest is open to legal residents of the United States and Canada 18 years and older, and all selections must be made through the format provided on the Survival Challenge website page. No selections will be accepted by phone, fax, email or any other means. Trackmaster Platinum Past performances for the three designated races will be provided through the game board.

To login or to register as a first time player, visit www.survival-challenge.com.

– Rachel Ryan / Meadowlands media relations

Woodbine Mohawk Park draw reminder

Woodbine Mohawk Park would like to remind all horsepeople of the draw schedule for the start of live racing in January.

The first card of the 2019 racing season at Mohawk Park will take place this Saturday (Jan. 5).

A qualifying session at Mohawk Park is scheduled for Monday (Jan. 7) at 4 p.m. The entry box for qualifiers closes this morning (Jan. 4) at 10:30 a.m.

Live racing will be held every Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 7:10 p.m. Here is the full draw schedule for Mohawk Park:

Enter Monday for Thursday

Enter Tuesday for Friday

Enter Wednesday for Saturday

Enter Thursday for Monday

Entry box closes each morning at 10:30 a.m.

– Mark McKelvie / WEG communications

The Raceway's 2018 award winners announced

Veteran trotter Spicey Victor and pacing mare Casino Classic will headline the winners of The Raceway at Western Fair District's 2018 awards. Spicey Victor captured both Aged Male Trotter and Claiming Trotter of the Year while Casino Classic picks up her second Raceway Award – she will be honoured as top Older Pacing Mare after capturing Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year last year.

Officials with The Raceway have announced the majority of the track's 2018 award winners to be honoured during the Western Fair's annual awards night, which will take place this year on Saturday, Feb. 23.

The Raceway's top performers for 2018 will be honored in a variety of categories. Awards for the three-year-olds and older horses are based on the top money earners who made at least six starts at The Raceway during 2018. The top claimer awards are based on total number of claiming wins at The Raceway in the same calendar year.

Trainer Patrick Shepherd will take home his first Raceway Trainer of the Year award while Scott Coulter will be honoured with his first Top Driver award.

The Owner of the Year award, sponsored by Standardbred

Canada, goes to the owner who finished in the top 10 for money winnings and had the highest number of starters during the season.

The popular Caretaker of the Year award will be handed out once again. To qualify, caretakers must be nominated by Friday, Feb. 1. To nominate someone, send an email outlining their contributions to one of the following:

gblanchard@westernfairdistrict.com,
sdoyle@westernfairdistrict.com,
ggangle@westernfairdistrict.com, or
aotoole@westernfairdistrict.com.

The Raceway will announce its Horse of the Year the night of the event. The Dave Wall Outstanding Service Award, Caretaker of the Year and Ruth Herbert Horsewoman of the Year awards will also be announced at the event.

The evening will include dinner and dancing. Tickets go on sale beginning Friday, Jan. 11 with the deadline to purchase on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Anyone interested in attending should note that tickets for this year's event will not be sold at the door so are urged to purchase before the deadline. They will be available in both the race office and marketing department. For more information, call 519-438-7203 (Ext. 299).

A list of the 2018 Raceway Award winners appears below.

Older Pacing Horse – Artistic Pick
Older Pacing Mare – Casino Classic
Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt – Maximus Power
Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly – Together We Run
Older Trotting Horse – Spicy Victor
Older Trotting Mare – Espoir Go
Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt – P C Glideline
Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly – Miller Time
Claiming Pacer – So Long Sugar
Claiming Trotter – Spicy Victor
Driver – Scott Coulter
Trainer – Patrick Shepherd
Owner – Rebecca Williamson

– *The Raceway at The Western Fair District*

Michael Merton, Bob Lounsbury nab titles at Monticello Raceway

It was a very good year for Michael Merton. The 47-year-old Monticello native earned his first ever leading dash winner title at his hometown track, Monticello Raceway, in 2018 with 267 wins. Former Monticello Raceway dash winner Bruce Aldrich Jr. finished 2nd with 235 wins, followed

by the young Austin Siegelman with 228 trips to the winner circle. The Monticello native was reared in the backstretch of Monticello Raceway as a youngster and is no stranger to the Catskill Mountain oval. Merton hit the road hard this summer as he also won the leading dash driver at Tioga Downs with 82 wins. Between Monticello Raceway and Tioga Downs, Merton amassed over \$1,440,971 in purses and 349 wins. Merton's combined season tally of 382 ranks him 16th in the nation for wins

Bob Lounsbury earning his fourth overall leading trainer title at Monticello Raceway with 93 wins. Gary Messenger was second with 80 wins. Bob Lounsbury also won the leading training award in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The Bob Lounsbury Stable earned over \$305,797 in 330 starts, an average of \$926 per start for the 2018 season at Monticello Raceway.

– *Shawn Wiles / Monticello Raceway*

Registration deadline reminder for Indiana Standardbred Breeders

The Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Program would like to remind breeders and foal owners to check their horses' registration statuses with the program to avoid late fees.

For foals to be classified as Indiana-sired and –bred, they must be registered within 30 days of the foaling date to avoid any late fees. However, foals can be submitted with a late fee of \$200 no later than Dec.31 of their weanling year.

Registration can be done online using the [Commission's website](#).

Breeders must remember that just because the mare is registered with the program, the process is only half-way complete – all foals born in Indiana must be registered as well. Indiana-sired and –bred foals are exclusively eligible for lucrative programs such as the Indiana-Sired Fair Circuit and the ISA Elite Series, as well as events held at Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing and Casino in Anderson, such as the Indiana Sire Stakes, Mini Series, Indiana Sired Overnights and the Indiana Sired Late Closers. Indiana-sired and –bred horses are the only standardbreds eligible to earn the valuable Breeder's Awards for the foal's breeder.

Stallion owners looking to be part of the strong breeding program with 2019 foals should have had their registration postmarked by Oct. 1, 2018, in order to avoid a late fee. However, stallion registrations are still being accepted after

Oct. 1, only with a \$400 late fee if the stallion is a returning Indiana stallion. The only exception is for new stallions, in which case the Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Program will waive the late fee.

In order for a foal to be classified as Indiana Sired, the stallion must be registered with the Indiana Standardbred Advisory Board the year the foal was conceived. Registration can be done online on the Commission [website](#).

If you have questions as to whether your foal is registered with the program, please call the office and speak with Joysie: (317) 234-0400. You can also access an always up-to-date list on the Indiana Horse Racing Commission's website: <https://www.in.gov/hrc/2441.htm>

– Megan Arszman / Indiana Horse Racing Commission

Minnesota Racing Commission seeks accredited judge

The Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) is accepting proposals for the contractual position of harness racing judge for Running Aces' live harness racing meet May 18 through Sept. 14, 2019. The approximate term of service would be May 1 through Sept. 30.

Join an experienced board of judges in a racing jurisdiction dedicated to integrity, protection of the racehorse, and to provide the racing public with an exemplary racing product. Five-day work week, with three nights of live racing per week.

Contact Patty Sifferle at the MRC at (651) 925-3956 or Patricia.M.Sifferle@state.mn.us to request a copy of the required submission package, which includes MRC requirements and instructions for submission.

Priority consideration will be given to proposals received by **Feb. 15**.

– Joe Scurto / Minnesota Racing Commission

Northfield Park schedules 221 race dates in 2019

Northfield Park, Ohio's premier racetrack in pari-mutuel handle, both on-track and export, is offering live harness racing four nights a week to start the 2019 racing year. January through June racing is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. The exceptions to this schedule are the additions of Friday, Jan. 4 and Sunday, May 26. There is no live racing on Memorial Day Monday.

Beginning in July, Northfield replaces Tuesday with Friday evenings and continues with a Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday schedule through September. The exception to this schedule is the addition of Sunday, Sept. 1 due to no

racing on Labor Day Monday.

In October, Northfield drops Fridays and adds both Sunday and Tuesday racing and will race five nights a week until the end of the year. Thursday (Dec. 26) will replace Christmas Eve Tuesday, while Friday (Dec. 27) will replace racing on Christmas Wednesday.

Northfield Park's marquee racing events are as follows: \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie Saturday, June 8; \$175,000 Cleveland Trotting Classic Saturday, June 29; \$400,000 Carl Milstein Memorial and \$50,000 Myron Charna President's Pace Saturday, August 10; and \$125,000 Courageous Lady Saturday, October 12.

Northfield's Flying Turns will play host to eight \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Championships on Sunday, Sept. 1 for the \$2.4 million Ohio Super Night.

The \$125,000 (est.) Summit County Fair Stakes, featuring many of Ohio's top freshman and sophomore trotters and pacers, will be held on Friday, July 26.

Each of the 221 live racing nights carries a first race post time of 6 p.m. Northfield Park is open daily from noon until after midnight for simulcasting action from tracks across North America and Australia.

– Ayers Ratliff / Northfield Park

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DOVER DOWNS report

Tuesday's Results:

9, DD, \$15,000, Trot, WINNERS OVER \$9,500 (DE \$11,400) LAST 6 STARTS, M, 27.3, 56.1, 1:26.1, 1:56.0, FT

1-Honor And Serve (h, 7, Donato Hanover--Honorable Daughter, by Malabar Man) \$7,500, \$75,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 62-14-6-8, \$440,120
O-Howard A Taylor & Thomas A Lazzaro & Dylan P Davis. B-Valley High Stable. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan.

2-Lovely Lynnly (m, 5, Credit Winner--Fitness Girl, by Muscles Yankee) \$3,750, \$60,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 20-7-2-2, \$62,820
O-Bay Pond Racing Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jake Leamon. D-Tim Tetrick.

3-Item Eyes (g, 5, Conway Hall--Lakin Beau Bakin, by Credit Winner) \$2,160, Lifetime Record: 70-8-13-13, \$91,062
O-Lorie S Davis & Paul Ray Davis Jr. B-Michael R Woodward. T-Paul Davis Jr. D-Ross Wolfenden.

Replay - Calls: 5, 2T, Q, 2, T - Finish Order: Perseverance, Special Miss, Common Parlance, Tymal Signature, Max's Beast, Majestic Mistress

11, DD, \$15,000, Trot, WINNERS OVER \$9,500 (DE \$11,400) LAST 6 STARTS, 27.1, 55.4, 1:25.2, 1:54.3, FT

1-Majestic Marvel (g, 5, Majestic Son--C H Meadow Miss, by Cr Renegade) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 44-14-5-6, \$97,437
O-Green Racing Inc. B-Ronald W Corbett, CA. T-Josh Green. D-Tim Tetrick.

2-Bands Houdini (g, 5, Band's Gold Chip--Patient Dream, by Town Escort) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 60-9-12-16, \$140,893
O-Crissman Inc. B-Steven J Searle & Flacco Family Farms LLC. T-Tim Crissman. D-Anthony Morgan.

3-Perfect Stick (m, 5, Big Stick Lindy--Ackbro Ms Perfect, by Credit Winner) \$1,800, \$33,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 55-10-6-6, \$116,432
O-Yinson O Quezada. B-Pond- A- Acres & Timothy Schmucker & Allan Schmucker Jr. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Dexter Dunn.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 1H, 2, 2, H - Finish Order: Royal Becca J, Bluebird Rambo, Celebrity Pegasus, Tough Mac, Therapeutic, Optimist Blue Chip

Wednesday's Results:

11, DD, \$17,000, Pace, FILLIES AND MARES SELECT FOR WINNERS OVER \$9,500 LAST 6 STARTS, 27.0, 56.0, 1:23.3, 1:51.4, FT

1-Clarebear (m, 6, World Of Rocknroll--Late Nite Arrival, by Hawaiian Cowboy) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 89-14-12-9, \$207,858
O-Rushcreek Stables. B-Louis E & Andrew J & John J Carlo. T-Sheldon Powell. D-Anthony Morgan.

2-Empress Deo (m, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Little Miss K, by Artsplace) \$5,100, \$27,000 2012 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 127-31-31-14, \$562,807
O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc. B-Mjg Racing Stables Inc. T-Wayne Givens. D-Allan Davis.

3-Ms Mac N Cheese (m, 7, Badlands Hanover--Mr Deli's Filly, by Artescape) \$2,040, \$10,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 120-30-27-18, \$608,213
O-Bay Pond Racing Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-Josh Green. D-Victor Kirby.

Replay - Calls: 3, 2T, 2T, 1T, H - Finish Order: Valuable Art, Sweetnfamous, Mischief Maker N, Blacknsweet Adda A, Jag Out, Artrageous

Thursday's Results:

8, DD, \$16,000, Pace, SELECT FOR WINNERS OVER \$9,500 LAST 6 STARTS, 27.1, 55.2, 1:23.3, 1:51.1, FT

1-Bags To Riches (h, 5, Roddy's Bags Again--Paint The Sky Blue, by Real Artist) \$9,600, Lifetime Record: 45-17-5-4, \$321,377
O-Only Money Inc. B-Only Money Inc. T-Wayne Givens. D-Victor Kirby.

2-Q's Cruise (g, 5, Yankee Cruiser--Modern Hanover, by Western Hanover) \$4,800, \$20,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 41-12-7-8, \$212,944
O-Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick.

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3-Major Uptrend (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Tricky Tooshie, by Rumpus Hanover) \$1,920, \$177,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 130-43-23-13, \$539,253
O-Crissman Inc & Niss Allen Inc. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Tim Crissman. D-Anthony Morgan.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 1H, 1T, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Slick Tony, Penzance Hanover, Dialamara, Hug The Wind N, Good Living

9, DD, \$19,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$25,000 - \$30,000 - \$35,000 POST POSITIONS DRAWN BY PRICE, 26.3, 55.1, 1:23.3, 1:52.3, FT

1-Ok Fantastic (g, 9, Mach Three--Fanciful, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$11,400, \$85,000 2011 FOREST, Lifetime Record: 182-15-33-29, \$420,538
O-William L Sartin. B-Oak Knoll Stables, CA. T-Joseph Hundertpfund Jr. D-Corey Callahan.

2-King Harvest (g, 9, Nuclear Breeze--Ultimate Test, by Artsplace) \$5,700, Lifetime Record: 180-38-30-13, \$304,872
O-Joseph J Wehausen. B-John R & Michael S Tronco. T-Brian Malone. D-Anthony Morgan.

3-Stone Fire Hanover (g, 6, Dragon Again--Skateboard, by Artsplace) \$2,736, Lifetime Record: 112-13-16-17, \$143,249
O-Kathleen B Brewer. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Kathleen Brewer. D-Art Stafford Jr.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 1H, 1Q, Q, NK - Finish Order: Kokanee Seelster, Prince Of Pops N, Pembroke Wildcat, Downthehighway, Imkeepnthisguy, Sawbuck Hanover

10, DD, \$25,000, Pace, OPEN, 26.3, 55.0, 1:22.3, 1:50.1, FT

1-Higalator (h, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Higher And Higher, by Western Terror) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 47-22-8-2, \$288,218
O-Jenny A Bier & Joann Dombeck & Midsize Construction Inc. B-Daryl Scott Bier & Charles A Dombeck. T-Jenny Bier. D-Montrell Teague.

2-Sicily (g, 7, Art Major--Capri Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$7,500, \$75,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 109-23-18-18, \$482,554
O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc & Reginald A Hazzard II. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Wayne Givens. D-Victor Kirby.

3-Little Ben (g, 8, Jerome's Jet--Honey's Bud Lite, by Park Place) \$3,600, Lifetime Record: 132-34-13-21, \$435,397
O-Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Luc R Ouellette, CA & McMaster Stables Inc, CA. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick.

Replay - Calls: Q, 1H, 1, Q, H - Finish Order: Blazing Bobby Sox, Control Tower, Robbie Burns N, Daiymir, Rock N' Roll Jet

MEADOWLANDS report

Saturday's Results:

2, M, \$15,000, Pace, 3 & 4 Year Olds N/W 6 Extended PM Races or \$110,000 Lifetime (N/W 4 Extended PM Races Drawn Inside), 27.1, 55.0, 1:23.1, 1:50.4, FT

1-Somebaddude (h, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--New Album, by Western Terror) \$7,500, \$185,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 31-6-9-2, \$99,860
O-Ronald C Michelon & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Erv Miller. D-Andy Miller.

Hanover ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

2-Larry Karr (g, 4, A Rocknroll Dance--Emily Car, by Art Major) \$3,750, \$35,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 27-9-3-4, \$63,496
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Frank D Baldachino. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Rock N Blue (g, 5, Rock N Roll Heaven--Lady Indigo, by Falcon Seelster) \$1,800, \$12,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 55-7-6-6, \$108,337
O-John R Cummins. B-Stephen Perrine Dey & David J Hayes. T-Travis Alexander. D-Austin Siegelman.

Replay - Calls: 1, 1Q, 1T, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Odds On Lauderdale, Annihilation, Rock Lights, Major Authority, Key Advisor

7, M, \$15,000, Pace, N/W \$15,000 in Last 5 Starts (N/W 2 Last 3 Allowed \$3,700) AE: N/W 6 Extended PM Races or \$135,000 Lifetime, 27.2, 55.0, 1:22.2, 1:50.0, FT

1-Starznheaven (h, 7, Rock N Roll Heaven--Dancinwiththestarz, by Four Starzzz Shark) \$7,500, \$40,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 144-37-20-20, \$327,542
O-Marc J Reynolds & Scott A Dillon & Bradford A Veilleux. B-W Springtime Racing Stb & Shannon C Brott. T-Jimmy Nickerson. D-Anthony Napolitano.

2-Dragon Time (g, 4, Bettor's Delight--Little Miss Dragon, by Dragon Again) \$3,750, \$50,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 30-7-5-5, \$114,654
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Phillip Collura & M1 Stable LLC. B-Av & Son Bloodstock LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Tact Tate N (g, 8, McArdle--Tact Lizzie, by Christian Cullen) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 50-15-5-6, \$269,622
O-Brian Nixon. B-Mrs B R Dynes, NZ. T-Ross Croghan. D-Dexter Dunn.

Replay - Calls: 2H, 4, 3Q, 1Q, NK - Finish Order: Aslan, Dreamfair Mesa, Rock The Nite, Catcha Lefty A, My Mind Is Madeup, Nascar Seelster, All Down The Line

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NORTHFIELD *report*

Tuesday's Results:

7, Nfld, \$19,000, Trot, GUARANTEED \$10,000 PICK 4 STARTS HERE OPEN HANDICAP (POST POSITION 8 ASSIGNED), 27.3, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:55.0, FT

1-Grana Padanno (g, 7, Andover Hall--Her Culese, by Muscles Yankee) \$9,500, \$60,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 138-25-23-21, \$330,083
O-Lasalle Racing Group LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Edward Zubkoff Jr. D-Brett Miller.

Hanover ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

2-Gale Force Hanover (g, 10, Muscles Yankee--Giant Motion, by Giant Victory) \$4,750, \$17,000 2010 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 93-30-11-7, \$173,788
O-Martin D Yoder. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jeff Hochstetler. D-Jason Thompson.

3-Pay The Winner (g, 11, Credit Winner--Prize Chip, by Pine Chip) \$2,280, \$37,000 2009 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 290-56-54-34, \$685,368
O-Howard E Berke & Matthew K Bencic & Samuel J Schillaci. B-Little E LLC. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

Replay - Calls: 9H, 4, 1T, HD, 3Q - Finish Order: Barn Sis, Natural Forces, Crosbys Clam Bake, Buddy Hally, Buzzen Garland

10, Nfld, \$15,500, Trot, OPEN II HANDICAP (POST POSITION 8 ASSIGNED), 28.0, 56.4, 1:26.2, 1:55.4, FT

1-Penn (g, 9, Master Glide--Photo Queen, by S J's Photo) \$7,750, \$4,000 2011 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 128-47-18-20, \$434,963
O-Barkley Counts. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Thomas Litt. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

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2-Keystone Bodacious (g, 7, Muscle Massive--Balanced Action, by Balanced Image) \$3,875, \$85,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 94-7-25-15, \$201,508
O-Kevin W Wallis. B-Estate Of George F Hempt Trust. T-Brad Irvine. D-Don Irvine Jr.

3-Swan On The Bank (g, 6, Swan For All--Banker's Princess, by Malabar Man) \$1,860, \$4,700 2014 IN-PREM, Lifetime Record: 57-13-5-10, \$59,226
O-Mario Cilitti & Kevin L Ehrhardt. B-Mahlon E Lambright. T-Jordan Hope. D-Aaron Merriman.

Replay - Calls: 2, 1H, 1, 2, 2T - Finish Order: Insomniac, Headsaregonna Turn, Swan Leader, Tamarind, Bb Tinkerbelle, Top Dollar

13, Nfld, \$19,000, Pace, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL OPEN, 27.0, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:52.3, FT

1-Anoche (g, 6, Another Mile--Cher Bono, by Pro Bono Best) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 95-37-18-14, \$223,778
O-D L Balcom. B-D L Balcom. T-Al Tomlinson. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-War-n-munn (h, 6, Stonebridge Regal--Stonebridge Venus, by Western Hanover) \$4,750, Lifetime Record: 85-18-13-13, \$253,757
O-Kevin W Wallis. B-Angie M Stiller, CA. T-Brad Irvine. D-Don Irvine Jr.

3-Supreme Mach N (g, 10, Mach Three--Lauriston Supreme, by Badlands Hanover) \$2,280, Lifetime Record: 167-31-32-27, \$347,219
O-Jodi L Schillaci & Samuel Bova & Wrenn Jr. Racing LLC. B-M J Stratford, NZ. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

Replay - Calls: 3H, 1H, 1, 1, T - Finish Order: Straightoutaconsin, A Real Miracle, Copper Coast A, Heisenberg Z Tam, Deseronto, Juxlivin My Dream

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Monday's Results:

3, Mea, \$28,000, Pace, *HOLIDAY CLAIMING SERIES*** F&M CLAIM \$20,000 - FINAL **NO CLAIMING**, 27.2, 57.2, 1:25.2, 1:53.4, SY**

1-Ellasen (m, 5, Big Bad John--So Very Nice, by Camluck) \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 48-11-9-6, \$155,248
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Tonya R Keckler. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone.

2-My Kind Of Dance (m, 5, Skydancer Hanover--Twenty-one Below, by Sportsmaster) \$7,000, Lifetime Record: 68-8-11-11, \$123,800
O-Adrian S Adam. B-Adrian S Adam. T-Sarah Andrews. D-Jim Pantaleano.

3-Always A Z Tam (m, 5, Always A Virgin--Julia's Z Tam, by Electric Yankee) \$3,360, Lifetime Record: 63-12-10-7, \$167,340
O-Brian K Carsey & John E Mcgill & Adam Friedland. B-Z Tam Stables LLC. T-Sarah Andrews. D-Brady Brown.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 2, 1T - Finish Order: Maching Me Zilly, Race With Grace, Mimosa Party, Hurricane Calleigh, Caviart Scarlett, Strawb's Chippie N

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5, Mea, \$17,700, Pace, *HOLIDAY CLAIMING SERIES*** H&G CLAIM \$10,000 - FINAL **NO CLAIMING**;** 27.1, 57.1, 1:24.4, 1:54.2, SY

1-Stonehouse Adam (g, 12, Intrepid Seelster--Shirleys Last Pie, by Armbr Emerson) \$8,850, Lifetime Record: 195-38-34-22, \$442,055
O-Scott Tyler George. B-McCarthy Family Farms LTD, CA. T-Tyler George. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-T's Electric (g, 10, Village Jolt--Quip Hanover, by No Nukes) \$4,425, Lifetime Record: 152-26-40-18, \$256,090
O-Richard Anthony Briskey. B-Theresa R & Hunter L Hastings. T-Kevin Johnson. D-Dave Palone.

3-Fairytale Prince (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Enchanted Beauty, by Western Ideal) \$2,124, \$120,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 141-24-16-19, \$147,231
O-Barry Franklin. B-White Birch Farm. T-Robert Barnard. D-Mike Wilder.

Replay - Calls: 4H, 2H, 1, H, 1H - Finish Order: Catherine'sdiamond, Lima Raider, Dealin Dan, Thiswaytothehighway, Doctor Rj, Louie's So Bossy

6, Mea, \$28,700, Pace, *HOLIDAY CLAIMING SERIES*** H&G CLAIM \$20,000 - FINAL **NO CLAIMING**;** 27.4, 57.3, 1:25.0, 1:54.2, SY

1-Lyons King (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Boldnbrash Hanover, by The Panderosa) \$14,350, \$50,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 45-11-6-8, \$78,236
O-Spring Valley Ranch & Michelle R Linnert. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Brandon Presto. D-Yannick Gingras.

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2-Poacher N (g, 12, Bettor's Delight--The Holmes Legend, by Holmes Hanover) \$7,175, Lifetime Record: 165-25-28-19, \$306,010
O-Larry G Parlin & Brandon J Presto. B-K N Spicer, NZ. T-Brandon Presto. D-Jim Pantaleano.

3-Believeinthspirit (g, 8, Art Major--Spirit Of The West, by Western Hanover) \$3,444, \$50,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 144-21-14-17, \$263,146
O-Growth Opportunities LLC. B-Stonegate Stdbred Fms Inc. T-Peter Stratton. D-Brett Miller.

Replay - Calls: 9, 9, 3H, 3H, HD - Finish Order: Silverhill Blaze, One Bad Night, Beginner's Luck, Reggie Raider, Class Six, Marvalous Artist

9, Mea, \$28,000, Trot, *HOLIDAY CLAIMING SERIES*** \$20,000 CLAIM - FINAL **NO CLAIMING**;** 28.3, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:56.2, SY

1-I C Caviar (g, 8, Malabar Millennium--Lady Caviar, by Sj's Caviar) \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 142-25-19-18, \$250,911
O-Michael S Marocco. B-Pine Creek Stables LLC. T-John Sullivan. D-Dan Rawlings.

2-Pembroke Morgan (g, 5, Cr Power Glide--Pembroke Glitz, by Dream Vacation) \$7,000, Lifetime Record: 61-13-14-10, \$155,841
O-Randall B Bendis. B-William L Varney. T-Randy Bendis. D-Mike Wilder.

3-Teddy Brosevelt (g, 4, Guccio--Princess Royalty, by Credit Winner) \$3,360, \$45,000 2016 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 32-9-4-3, \$76,056
O-Rags To Riches Of Pa LLC. B-Cornerstone Stock Farm. T-Tyler Stillings. D-Brett Miller.

Replay - Calls: 4H, 5, 1, 3, 2T - Finish Order: Royal Surprise, Nothing But Muscle, Kiwi Pres, Invested In Lindy, Mac Deeno, Campbellini

11, Mea, \$17,100, Trot, *HOLIDAY CLAIMING SERIES*** \$10,000 CLAIM - FINAL **NO CLAIMING**;** 29.0, 58.4, 1:27.4, 1:58.3, SY

1-Er Kevin (g, 7, Elegant Man--Karen's Karma, by Muscles Yankee) \$8,550, Lifetime Record: 144-26-14-18, \$158,237
O-Todd R Keith. B-Eash Racing Stable Inc. T-Todd Keith. D-Dan Charlino.

2-Mutinyonthebounty (g, 10, Mutineer--Self Secure, by Self Possessed) \$4,275, Lifetime Record: 121-22-18-12, \$175,303
O-Kara L Kahrig & Cache Is King LLC. B-Two Creeks Farm, CA. T-Spencer Kahrig. D-Mike Wilder.

3-Boy Meets Girl K (h, 9, Star Challenge--Pleasure's Maiden, by Super Pleasure) \$2,052, Lifetime Record: 170-25-24-32, \$376,499
O-Kris Hite. B-Robert J Key. T-Kris Hite. D-Jim Pantaleano.

Replay - Calls: H, 3, 3H, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Photo Mass, Fantasy Rocket, Aladin Du Dollar, J-s Jesses Girl, Parnell, Country Prophet

12, Mea, \$17,700, Pace, *HOLIDAY CLAIMING SERIES*** F&M CLAIM \$10,000 - FINAL **NO CLAIMING**;** 27.3, 57.1, 1:25.3, 1:55.3, SY

1-Lady Dudette (m, 4, Bettor's Delight--Luxury Goods, by Western Hanover) \$8,850, \$55,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 43-9-10-4, \$63,075
O-Richard W & Betty J Gubanish & Mark Alan Goldberg. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Mark Goldberg. D-Brady Brown.

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2-Bianca Midnight (m, 8, Western Terror--Warsaw, by I Am A Fool) \$4,425, \$7,500 2012 FOREST, Lifetime Record: 130-17-19-13, \$164,079
O-Keith J Pippi & Robyn Kennedy. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-Paul Kennedy. D-Jim Pantaleano.

3-Western Liberty (m, 5, Western Terror--Lady Liberty, by Matt's Scooter) \$2,124, Lifetime Record: 68-8-12-10, \$94,706
O-Dirk Simpson Stable Inc. B-Thomas B Cave. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Chris Shaw.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 1H, 1, H, 3T - Finish Order: Cc's Munchkin, Love Love Me Do, Deprived, Spoxys Girl, Snappy Dresser, Bad Medicine

RACE RESULTS

Wednesday's Results:

8, Mea, \$20,000, Trot, **PREFERRED HANDICAP** P.P.1 ASSIGNED; 2-7 DRAWN, 28.4, 58.0, 1:27.0, 1:56.4, GD

1-Parkhill Lancelot (g, 7, Muscle Mass--Harlequin Seelster, by Duke Of York) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 124-27-21-18, \$308,627

O-Mel Rose Stable. B-Parkhill Stud Farm, CA & Betty Bax, CA & Kenneth J Andrews, CA. T-John Ryan Melsheimer. D-Jim Pantaleano.

2-Media Buzz (g, 5, Explosive Matter--Lady Bar, by Malabar Man) \$5,000, \$12,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 72-15-10-6, \$179,200

O-Alvira L & Dennis G Fassett & Steven B Bush. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Steven Bush. D-Dan Rawlings.

3-Jeffery P (g, 4, Full Count--Betty Jean, by S J's Photo) \$2,400, \$14,000 2016 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 25-10-6-1, \$74,353

O-Renna R Wollam & Jacob M Detweiler & Dennis J Osterholt & Ashley N Fusco. B-Robert G Slowey & Anthony V Minute & Dennis J Osterholt.

T-Miles Wollam. D-Bryce Brocklehurst.

Replay - Calls: 4H, 4H, 4, 2, T - Finish Order: Iron Mine Johnny, Call To Post, P L Icabod, Tsm Photo Bugger



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