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# Farewell to Freehold

Joining a capacity crowd for the final card at the historic New Jersey track.

by Debbie Little

Walter Wlodarczyk

Driver Johnathan Ahle and T's Raider II in the winner's circle after taking Freehold's Final Mile.

Saturday (Dec. 28) started out overcast in Central New Jersey, and the heavy rain made one think that Mother Nature herself was sad to witness the end of Freehold Raceway.

An umbrella may have been sometimes needed, but at least the temperature of 47 degrees at the start of the card was a little above the average high for the end of the year in the Tri-State Area.

It was apparent that the precipitation didn't stop many fans from paying their last respects at what some called a "funeral" for Freehold. For the first time in recent memory, a local police officer was stationed on Park Avenue to stop traffic so fans could cross the street to the track entrance from the parking lot.

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Walter Wlodarczyk

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**Rain didn't dampen the spirits of the fans watching the finish of the 8th race.**

possibility of cancelling was slightly more than 50/50 due to the condition of the track.

The early plan was to see how the first race went and then have a drivers' meeting, but since the footing improved, no formal discussion was deemed necessary.

The rain didn't dampen the spirits of the long-time fans or first timers alike, who were all there to witness Freehold's final bow.

This was the first time at Freehold for Walter Wlodarczyk, who grew up nearby in Sayreville, NJ. He was one of several award-winning photographers in attendance.

"I wanted to see the track once and document the races, even if just for myself," Wlodarczyk said. "As someone new to the sport and who also hadn't been [to Freehold], I tried to learn what I could and take photographs without being in the way. It's always a bit tricky, as it was when I went to Pompano and knew basically no one. But the photos always find a way to be helpful."

Like Wlodarczyk, USTA media relations manager Ken Weingartner was at Freehold just as a fan.

Weingartner attended his first harness race before he could walk, when his dad, Bruce, took him to the half-mile track in a stroller.

"I just wanted to be there," Weingartner said. "I have a lot of memories, especially with 'The Old Man.' And my wife had never been."

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**Announcer Larry Fox calling a race on the final day of racing at Freehold.**

No matter where you went on Closing Day, you were greeted by a line. They were more than 30 deep waiting to buy a program, while both the Sabrett hot dog cart and pari-mutuel tellers had crowds of their own. By far the busiest betting window of the day belonged to **93-year-old Duke Burke**. Apparently, there is no substitute for experience.

When it was announced in late September that Freehold would be closing its doors on Dec. 28, the first person to book reservations in the track's Renaissance Dining Room was John Polvinale, the founder of the Facebook group Harness Racing History (HRH).

With over 46,000 members, HRH has grown into one of harness racing's most popular sites where people share their memories, knowledge and enjoyment of the sport.



Walter Wlodarczyk  
**Driver John Calabrese celebrates with a toss of the whip after taking the top purse on the card.**

Polvinale had booked 60 seats in the dining room, but it quickly became clear that his calculations were off.

"Within a week [of posting about the gathering] I had about 125 folks [interested]," Polvinale said.

The HRH gathering, which included several prominent horsepeople from over the years at Freehold, including long-time driver colony king Cat Manzi, ended up taking place in the third floor Directors Room with pizza and bottles of water, thanks to a generous contribution made by the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey. HRH member Barry McPherson, a wiz with signs and photo collages, made something appropriate to thank the SBOANJ.

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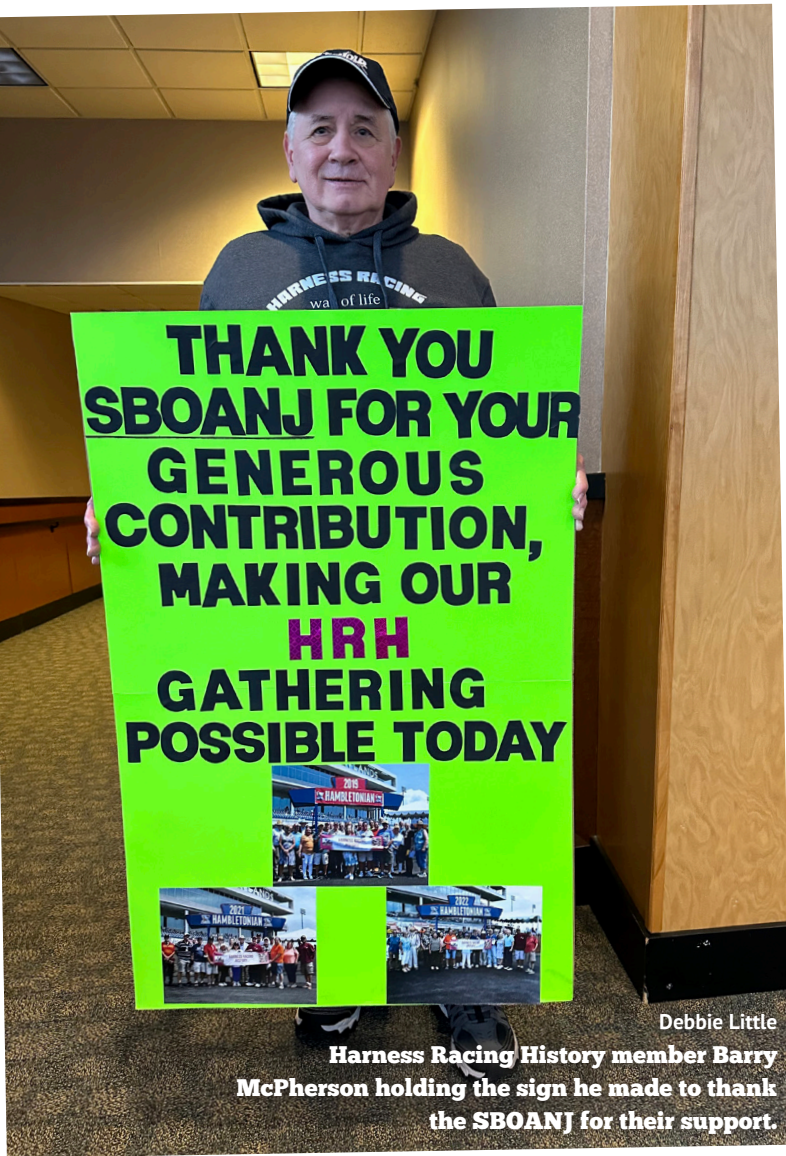
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Harness Racing History member Barry  
McPherson holding the sign he made to thank  
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The gathering was important to Polvinale not just because of the group's shared history at Freehold, but because most of the people in the group had never met in person before. They even had one member fly in from California.

"It's a great surprise to see all these people," said Polvinale of the attendance at the HRH gathering. "I hope they all come down to the winner's circle."

By the penultimate race on the card, the rain had temporarily subsided, so when HRH went out for their presentation, there was quite a crowd on the macadam.

Polvinale had said he felt his final number might be less because, at the last minute, sometimes people end up unable to attend. But for anyone who saw that group in the winner's circle, it appeared the final number was more than he thought as the track photographer practically backed up onto the infield to fit the entire group in, since many had to stand in the mud on the track.

Prior to the start of Freehold's Final Mile, track announcer Larry Fox implored the crowd to cheer as the field came down the

*“ You would think it was Hambo Day at Freehold. It's too bad they didn't try to promote it more before it was too late. It just seems like there were things they could have done to try to help it. ”*

~ Johnathan Ahle

stretch for the final time, but the fans did more than that, as they also raised their voices as the field passed in front of the stands approaching the half.

All day, in between the races, Fox had been sharing facts about the iconic track that he had painstakingly compiled. But after the field hit the wire for the final time, with an instrumental version of Auld Lang Syne playing in the background, Fox got a little choked up delivering **one final speech**.

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Walter Wlodarczyk  
**A horseperson carries a winning cooler that depicts the lifespan of Freehold Raceway.**

Several of Freehold’s current drivers joined winning reinsman Johnathan Ahle and T’s Raider II in the winner’s circle after The Final Mile was complete.

Winning that last race in front of that crowd was special for Ahle who also got his very first win at Freehold.

“I couldn’t believe it,” Ahle said of the size of the crowd. “You would think it was Hambo Day at Freehold.”

Ahle is now forever linked to Freehold as the answer to the trivia question: “Who won the last race contested at Freehold Raceway?”

“It’s too bad they didn’t try to promote it more before it was too late,” Ahle said. “It just seems like there were things they could have done to try to help it, but that’s beside the point.”

Maddy, a member of HRH, wrote a poem about Freehold that said in part:

*Freehold Raceway has History and Soul  
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# Mixed signals in annual reporting of industry economic indicators

*Harness racing handle, purses and race dates were all down in 2024, but were, essentially, on par with the last five years.*

by **Brett Sturman**

Reviewing wagering and purse statistics from the United States Trotting Association's (USTA) published set of economic indicators for 2024, numbers are down slightly but consistently across the board year-over-year when compared to 2023.

But what does that exactly mean, if anything? What are the causes? What can we predict about how those numbers may move going forward?

Total harness racing handle from 2024 was \$1.471 billion, down over 7 per cent from 2023's total of \$1.585 billion. Those numbers are somewhat of a function of fewer days in 2024 (down from 3,218 in 2023 to 3,149 in 2024), though handle dropped more than race days by an additional 5 per cent. Even the usually industry-reliable metric of purses was down slightly too, dipping below the \$500 million mark set in 2023 to a little below \$492 million in 2024.

If just strictly comparing year-over-year you could say the numbers aren't great, but looking at it in a broader context does show somewhat of a different perspective.

Shorter term, going back to 2019 – the last full year of racing before the pandemic-impacted year of 2020 and subsequent post-pandemic surge of metrics in 2021, the economic indicators are no worse than they were five years ago.

In 2019, total handle was \$1.425 billion. 2024's handle as cited above reflects a 3 per cent increase since that time. What has dropped by a noticeable amount since that time is the number of race days (3,424 in 2019 to 3,149 in 2024), which is probably the most concerning number. Though, in the paradox that is harness racing economics, even as race dates decline, purses go up. Total purses, which have averaged close to \$500 million over these past two years, remain well up from the 2019 figures of just shy of \$440 million.

As usual, the impact that racing at The Meadowlands has on the industry cannot be overstated. In figures provided by The Meadowlands to HRU, live handle plus export handle (not including non-comingled pools) was over \$264 million, which makes up 17.98 per cent of the entire industry's handle. This is remarkable, considering that at just 89 race dates for the year, The Meadowlands' number of dates is just 2.83 per cent of the total industry number yet. The last time I did a similar analysis was three years ago and at that time The Meadowlands reflected 17.25 per cent of the entire industry handle, so The Meadowlands continues to exceed in doing its part to buoy the total industry numbers.

Of course, harness racing doesn't operate in a vacuum and many of its challenges are shared with its thoroughbred industry counterpart, speaking to the state of overall racing as a whole.

In numbers released Friday (Jan. 3) from Equibase, thoroughbred handle was down 3.4 per cent between the recently concluded 2024 and prior year 2023. Just like harness racing, despite the decline in wagering and a decline in race days (down 2.4 per cent), paid purses ticked upwards ever so slightly. After seeing its highest handle post-pandemic in 2021 in 12 years, that industry's handle has now dropped for the fourth straight year. Harness racing, albeit working with wagering volumes

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at a tenth of what the thoroughbred industry handles, has seen more of an upward trend over that period despite the decline in 2024.

Analyzing handle is the most direct way to gauge bettor engagement, but it's not even close to measuring the health of the industry. That, you could argue, is between race days and purses and at some point, those two metrics won't any longer be able to move in opposite directions.

Contraction of the industry through declining race days will continue to move in that direction as tracks are continuing to close. In searching through race replays over the past 14 years in preparation for a recent column on Southwind Amazon, it's amazing to see the list of tracks that appeared in the race replay queue that are no longer here.

Balmoral, Maywood, Pompano, all tracks in Michigan, almost all tracks in Maine, a bunch of ones I totally forgot even weren't racing anymore from the Midwest – the list goes on and continues most recently with historic Freehold now added to that list just from one week ago. Even The Meadowlands, which continues to carry the industry with numbers as cited above, has declining race dates. The Big M's 89 race dates from last year are down close to 50 per cent from the number of race dates they add in the early 2000's per the NJRC's annual racing reports from those times.

For now, total purse numbers are holding their own, but my sense is that these numbers are driven from increased stakes purses and the problem there is that those purses benefit only a select few. You only have to open up any program from 10 years ago and you can see the purse reductions in overnight races at almost any track.

And though not a formal "economic indicator" as tracked with handle, dates and purses, public sales results should be included also in analysis when looking at the state of the industry.

As purses at the higher ends remain healthy, it's no coincidence that sales results for high-end horses remain healthy too. The major sales this past year at Lexington and at Harrisburg continued to perform exceedingly well, especially with the highest quality yearlings. However, sales struggled more noticeably once in the middle market types. All of which seems to align with the dynamic of a coalescing of purses offered for the best horses against a declining set of race dates and purses elsewhere.

It remains to be seen where these numbers will head in the upcoming year.



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# The Elite Eight HRU Awards

*In the fourth annual edition of The HRU Awards, our contributors make their picks for the very best of the year in eight categories.*



Dave Landry

**Twin B Joe Fresh and Dexter Dunn were the consensus picks for Horse of the Year and Driver of the Year from HRU contributors.**

Harness Racing Update is proud to present the fourth edition of The HRU Awards. We asked our contributors to give their picks for the best of 2024 in eight categories. Keep in mind, we purposely left the interpretation for each category up to the contributors. Some chose to think nationally or globally, some chose to think more regionally, focusing on the area they cover or to which they are most familiar. Contributors that felt they could not provide an educated opinion for a question left it blank.

## 1. HORSE OF THE YEAR

**Murray Brown:** Twin B Joe Fresh. Should be unanimous. She stood out from beginning to end.

**Thomas Hedlund:** This category is unusually tough this year. I must admit that I haven't followed the races in America as much as I used to, so I have to go for a European horse. And now it all became clear, Horsy Dream of course. The French trotter pulverized some of the best horses in the world when he claimed the Elitloppet at Solvalla in May, and when it was time for the \$1,200,000 Åby World Grand Prix in August, Horsy Dream came back to Sweden and transformed an expected exciting race, to a walk in the park, driven by his trainer Pierre Belloche.

**Gordon Waterstone:** Twin B Joe Fresh. Simply sensational from start to finish; this was a no-brainer vote for HOY.

**Adam Hamilton:** Just Believe. Australia has never seen a year like it. In any normal year, Just Believe, Leap To Fame or Keayang Zahara would be a lock. But all three will battle it out when the votes are cast in coming weeks. I've gone Just Believe because four of his biggest wins came from just six starts when he left Australia and raced in New Zealand. As great as Leap To Fame was with 15 wins from just 16 starts, illness robbed him of a trip to NZ.

**Bob Heyden:** Twin B Joe Fresh. For the first time in 26 years, we're looking at the overwhelming favorite to go back-to-back as the sports standout performer. Moni Maker did it in 1998-99. Both built for the part.



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**Melissa Keith:** Southwind Amazon, for becoming the winningest horse in modern harness racing (139 career wins, the most recent at Northfield Park on Dec. 17). He also generated recent debate about what an owner and the sport owe an accomplished 14-year-old gelding on the brink of mandatory retirement.

**Jay Wolf:** Twin B Joe Fresh by open lengths.

**Neil Milbert:** Jiggy Jog S. Sadly, she was overtaken by injuries after winning all six of her races. She defeated male opponents with regularity and conquered representatives of five countries in winning the \$1 million 1¼-mile MGM Yonkers International Trot.

**Ray Cotolo:** On achievement, Twin B Joe Fresh is clearly the horse of 2024. One of the ironies to a mare like her is the races where she competed often never carried gravity, which to me is a testament to just how never-in-doubt she seemed as a winner if entered.

**Debbie Little:** Twin B Joe Fresh. After being runner-up in the voting three times before, Chris Ryder will finally get his Horse of the Year and it's more special because he's part owner.

Honorable mention to the incomparable Jiggy Jog S. If she didn't need to retire after only six starts, the race for HOY might have come down to the wire.

**Dave Briggs:** Twin B Joe Fresh.

## 2. PERSON(S) THAT MADE THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTION TO HARNESS RACING IN 2024

**Bob Heyden:** I took this literally, so it's Bruce Areman and William Pollock. It started with Andrew Harris and Abuckabett Hanover and snowballed in 2024. Maybe the most extreme example in harness racing history of putting your money where your mouth is.

**Neil Milbert:** Rather than citing an individual, I am casting my vote for the members of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, the standardbred owners and breeders in the state and the black trainers and drivers who come from Mississippi every summer to form the backbone of the county fair circuit that is the second biggest in the U.S. In the face of tremendous adversity, they are keeping racing alive in Illinois where Chicago racing has shrunken to a four-month winter meeting.

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**Melissa Keith:** Small bettors and small owners.

**Adam Hamilton:** Kevin Seymour. The Queenslander again delivered in so many ways. Whether it be the way he's shared his champion pacer Leap To Fame with the people, his enormous sponsorship of the sport, the way he's rallied to help protect the future of South Australian harness racing or his continued investment in the game as an owner and breeder.

**Thomas Hedlund:** All owners and breeders that continue to make sure that horses enter the tracks, worldwide.

**Dave Briggs:** Bruce Areman, William Pollock and Andrew Harris, with honorable mention to Greg Luther. Like Bob Heyden, I took this one literally.

### 3. TRAINER OF THE YEAR

**Melissa Keith:** I was surprised that Chris Ryder didn't make the Dan Patch Trainer of the Year ballot despite training Dan Patch/Breeders Crown champs Twin B Joe Fresh and Miki And Minnie. He was also elected to the Goshen Hall of Fame this year.

**Ray Cotolo:** I am always impressed with the Team Svanstedt outfit. Year in and year out, they come into the top classes and always excel while maintaining an exclusively stakes-season schedule.

**Murray Brown:** Noel Daley. Not a very large stable which stood out in terms of quality.

**Adam Hamilton:** Really hard to pin one down, but I'll go with Grant Dixon, the man behind Leap To Fame. Despite all the travel and work the champ, Dixon has topped the Australian training premiership again with 25 wins more than his nearest rival. Special mentions to the powerhouse Victorian team of Emma Stewart and Clayton Tonkin, the emerging force that is Jess Tubbs and Queensland's Chantal Turpin for a breakthrough season.

**Bob Heyden:** Chris Ryder. Not only did he have both the 2YOFP and OMP (and presumptive HOY) of 2024, he saw/believed in something nobody else did, Roll With Joe. The sire of Twin B Joe Fresh and the broodmare sire of Miki And Minnie. Nowhere else on the Breeders Crown program or year-end listing will you see his name.

**Neil Milbert:** Noel Daley. With Captain Albano and Sig Sauer in the forefront, Daley's stable continued to stay in the limelight in 2024.

**Jay Wolf:** Ron Burke. I know Ron did not win nationally, but I am thinking locally (Ohio). Burke trained four of the eight divisional champs in the Buckeye state.

**Thomas Hedlund:** Thierry Duvaldestin, Pierre Belloche, Daniel Wäjersten, Daniel Redén, Ron Burke, Åke Svanstedt. These are the names worth mentioning and my vote goes to Mr. Svanstedt.

**Gordon Waterstone:** Noel Daley. Most deserving after a career-best year in earnings approaching \$5 million, bolstered by his two Dan Patch division champs Captain Albano and Sig Sauer.

**Dave Briggs:** Noel Daley.

### 4. DRIVER OF THE YEAR

**Jay Wolf:** Dexter Dunn (nationally) and Jeremy Smith (regionally). Smith won the Miami Valley Gaming meet title and was near the top of the Eldorado Scioto Downs standings until two racing accidents sidelined him for much of the year.

**Melissa Keith:** On the track and off, James MacDonald was a class act, making the 2024 Dan Patch ballot for both the Driver of the Year and Good Guy Award.

**Neil Milbert:** Dexter Dunn. The victory by Jiggy Jog S in the Yonkers International highlighted another stellar year for the New Zealand transplant.

**Thomas Hedlund:** Magnus A. Djuse. There are no measuring instruments existing that can prove me right or wrong, but the kid is just a phenomenal driver, a young driver and I can't remember seeing any other reinsman as good as Magnus A. Djuse, ever.

**Bob Heyden:** Dexter Dunn for No. 5. He just posted the most efficient season ever and he's 35. Where oh where are we going from here?

**Gordon Waterstone:** Dexter Dunn. He was the driver of eight, EIGHT, Dan Patch divisional champions. Right now, it's Dexter's world and we are all honored to be in it.

**Adam Hamilton:** Has to be the 24-year-old Victorian James Herbertson. He'll win the national premiership by about 100 wins, which is astonishing. And "Herbie" has also been a regular player in big races for the first time this season, winning his first two pacing Group 1's. Special mentions to the ever-reliable Queenslanders Nathan Dawson and Pete McMullen, along with WA's Deni Roberts, who has gone to a new level. Remember Jett Turnbull, too. He's still not old enough to drive a car, but is 11th on the national title and seriously going places.

**Ray Cotolo:** Dexter Dunn returned from a slump in 2023 to put forth one of the most impressive driving seasons of recent memory. While he does get good horses to drive, he has an unrivaled tactical instinct both in the horses he chooses to drive and how he places them in races.





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**Murray Brown:** Dexter Dunn. If it were only driving eight of 12 Breeders Crown winners that would be enough. But there was more, much more.

**Dave Briggs:** Dexter Dunn. Honorable mention to James MacDonald for another outstanding year in Canada and for winning his first two Breeders Crowns.

## 5. OWNER(S) OF THE YEAR

**Neil Milbert:** Patricia Stable. Even though the stable numbers only 14 horses, two of them earned Dan Patch Awards.

**Gordon Waterstone:** Burke Racing/Weaver Brussemi LLC. What was impressive about this pairing is not only did it produce nearly 400 winners with more than \$5.6 million in earnings, but a lot of their success came with homebreds so you could also add Breeder of the Year.

**Ray Cotolo:** Bill Pollock and Bruce Areman are the exact kind of guys you want in this business. The amount of money they've poured into the dream of owning champions is commendable and makes rooting for their success a pleasure.

**Adam Hamilton:** For this audience, we'll give it to Mike "Aardie" Tenev. The success the Canadian has had with the likes of Aardies Express, Aardiebytheseaside and Aardie B Miki has been extraordinary.

**Murray Brown:** The group including Harvey Fried which owns the top Daley horses [Captain Albano and Sig Sauer].

**Thomas Hedlund:** Karin Walter-Mommert, the German woman who obviously loves harness racing... and her horses. The 305 trotters, scattered with 15 different trainers only in Sweden, proves that Walter-Mommert is an important owner in the sport. One hundred eighty-nine of her horses are 3 years or younger, so the future looks interesting for the German horsewoman.

**Bob Heyden:** Burke Racing/Weaver Brussemi. With a nod towards Mickey Burke who passed in 2024 and got this whole program started. They're 16 years into a collective dominance the sport never previously witnessed.

**Melissa Keith:** The connections of Hugh Heff, North America's winningest horse of 2024: owners Randy Getto, Susan McSween and Wayne Hardy, as well as trainer Dana Getto, all of Cape Breton, NS.

**Dave Briggs:** George Millar. Few people invest more. His absolute concern for the welfare of his horses is admirable.

## 6. RISING STAR (HUMAN)

**Thomas Hedlund:** I will mention two names. First a female trainer in Sweden called Maria Törnqvist. If I recall correctly, Maria worked some years in Åke Svanstedt's stable before he moved to America and she has made an extraordinary journey as a trainer in 2024. A fresh addition to an already strong army of talented trainers in Scandinavia. And then I might be late on this one, but I say Hunter Myers. He reached 1,000 wins in 2021, 2,000 last year and as I can tell, the progression is significant and he will most likely win over 600 races in 2025. I predict 708 wins this year. Keep that in mind.

**Jay Wolf:** Frank Fraas, the new Ohio Harness Horseman's Association executive director. He is what this sport needs, a person from 'outside' the industry with a marketing background.

**Murray Brown:** Brett Beckwith. A model of all the good things one looks for in a young person. A great combination of work ethic and talent.

**Melissa Keith:** Trainer/driver Damian MacLellan.

**Bob Heyden:** Brett Beckwith. Exemplary. I ask you, who sets examples for others at 21? He's as good at this age as anyone ever.

**Adam Hamilton:** As mentioned earlier, 17-year-old Bathurst driver Jett Turnbull could be anything. He's from one of Australia's most famous harness families and oozes talent.

**Ray Cotolo:** Cheyenne Christman has a bright future in racing if the sport can keep her. She's driven to do good work and is a receptive learner; basically, all of the necessary tools needed to make special things.

**Neil Milbert:** Brett Beckwith. Beckwith, who is in his early 20s, has given every indication that he will be one of the sport's most successful drivers for many, many years to come.

**Dave Briggs:** Brett Beckwith.

## 7. RACE OF THE YEAR

**Adam Hamilton:** The Sydney Inter Dominion final at Menangle on Dec. 14. To see Don Hugo and Minstrel go at it from the 700 meters, with so many different moments you felt one had the other beaten, was something else. Don Hugo prevailed, but Minstrel made the race and they smashed the track record by a full second.

**Melissa Keith:** Msfrannie and Marie-Claude Auger upsetting at 36-1 at Rideau Carleton on Sept. 5, the last win for owner/



trainer Sam Sergi, who passed away Oct. 29. His other horse in the race, Hatikvah, finished second at 11-1.

**Bob Heyden:** The Yonkers International Trot won by Jiggy Jog S. No one from any country was fouling this up. Her thorough and complete domination with 'Here I come, everybody out of the way' authority brought back cherished memories of Fresh Yankee, Delmonica Hanover, and Une De Mai.

**Thomas Hedlund:** Two races. Elitloppet final and Sundsvall Open Trot. Horsy Dream, as earlier mentioned, raced at another level that day at Solvalla and the same must be said about Francesco Zet in late August in Sundsvall. Francesco Zet's first over world record-slam over 2,140 meters was just something we rarely see.

**Murray Brown:** The Hambletonian. The visual picture of those horses and drivers competing in a virtual hurricane will last forever.

**Jay Wolf:** Louprint winning the Breeders Crown freshman colt pace. Left from post 9, was wide into the first turn and was the best in a three-horse photo at the wire.

**Ray Cotolo:** I don't know when we'll ever see a race like this year's Kentucky Futurity again. Not only was it one of the greatest trotting races of record, but Sig Sauer's performance to win in that race likely will not be matched for many years.

**Gordon Waterstone:** Karl winning the Hambletonian in a driving rainstorm, allowing Yannick Gingras to let loose all of his emotions after finally capturing the trotting classic and soaking, pun intended, it all in with his family.

**Debbie Little:** The Gold Cup and Saucer for what happened during the race and after. Thank you Jordan Stratton.

## 8. WHAT CONCERNS YOU THE MOST ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE SPORT OR GIVES YOU THE GREATEST OPTIMISM?

**Ray Cotolo:** I am unsure of how the sport will fare if people are priced out in these betting pools with takeouts effectively higher as a result of CAWs. We already have to do better about giving new people reasons to care about this sport and one way inside of the hypercompetitive attention economy can be to lower takeout, which would increase returns and potentially churn while giving people a better chance to see why this is, at its heart, the greatest gambling product the world has ever known.

**Murray Brown:** Fewer and fewer people coming to the races, even the most important ones, especially younger folk. We have no breeding ground for youth.

**Adam Hamilton:** Concern: It's a tad boring, but so important. Aussie harness is driven by wagering and it continues to trend down on harness racing. Unless we can arrest that, sustaining prize money will and thus keeping the game mainstream and attractive will be impossible.

Optimism: The sheer talent, both equine and human, in the game. It's as exciting as it has ever been. The single most exciting aspect is unbeaten 3-year-old trotting filly Keayang Zahara (14 wins, seven at Group 1). She is world class and, if she stays sound and keeps progressing, she will take on the world, maybe in an Elitloppet or Yonkers International.

**Bob Heyden:** Biggest concern is the continued disdain the sport shows to its existing customers; "We don't have to do anything for them, they're coming back regardless."

Optimism would be with the talented young crop of drivers under 30 out there. A far cry from two decades ago when veterans more or less completely ruled the roost.

**Jay Wolf:** Stakes scheduling concerns me the most. We have fewer and fewer horses, so I would hope tracks wouldn't schedule stakes and sire stakes on top of each other. The exact same thing I said last year.

Next year's class of sophomore colt pacers – Louprint, Fallout, Sippinonsearoc, Swingtown, Captain Optimistic – gives me optimism.



**Neil Milbert:** The closing of racetracks. Exhibit A, the iconic Freehold Raceway, and the shrinking of racing opportunities across the country. Although Churchill Downs, Inc. pretends to be the leader in American racing it actually is the most destructive force as attested by its decision to cease racing at world-renowned Arlington International Racecourse and sell the beautiful thoroughbred track with the stipulation that there be no pari-mutuel racing or casino gambling in order to wipe out competition for a nearby casino that it co-owns, a decision that has done irreparable damage to both thoroughbred and harness racing in Illinois.

**Melissa Keith:** Concerns: The “brain drain” affecting the sport, i.e., losing veteran racetrack personnel with no one capable of taking their place; losing more racetracks.

**Thomas Hedlund:** I think I said this last year... but I'm truly concerned about the general attitude towards the tools we all need in this business, the horses. There are no excuses when horses are treated badly. I get it, money is a foundation, by several aspects in this sport, but when greed and mercenary play too big of a part in people's minds, then it's a risk that our horses have to pay a high price. All issues regarding this subject makes me more than concerned. Hope? Optimism? Not so much to be honest. The fact that Sweden (my country) will increase the purses (we all hope) is obviously good news, but at the same time, our neighbors in the Nordic European countries try to survive in several respects. France stands strong, but the foundation has begun to shake a little bit even there and when looking at the sport from space, it seems like the U.S. keeps going pretty well with high prices at the sales and good purses in several states. The greatest optimism nevertheless has to be the sport's development in Finland for the coming years. Propulsion stands stud in Finland and I won't be surprised if Finnish trotters will enter the very big stages over the next 4-5 years.

**Dave Briggs:** Post-time drag is a huge threat to the sport's sustainability. It is an extremely limited short-term gain precipitating the demise of a sport that needs to develop fans that become participants. In an age when attention spans and even baseball games are shorter than ever, harness racing is going the wrong direction with cards that last 5+ hours. Few people want to stick around that long and it's also increasing already extremely-long work days for the horsepeople. It's no way to grow the sport.



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## TALES FROM THE CURMUDGEON

with MURRAY BROWN

# Neal Shapiro has had a successful life horsing around

by Murray Brown

There are not many in this sport who have risen to the heights of international competition reached by Neal Shapiro. No, not in harness racing where his career would be considered by most to have certainly been somewhat successful. But at the apex of sport in the Olympic Games of 1972 in Munich, Germany.

Shapiro began his career in horsemanship with show jumpers. In the interim, he spent 30 years pursuing a career in harness racing. He has now come full circle where he now has a farm in central New Jersey where he trains upwards of a stable of 40 head of show horses, some of which he hopes will become the champions of tomorrow, and teaches them and those who will ride them both in competition and for recreation.

*You are now on the verge of your 80th birthday. How did this remarkable and multi-faceted career of yours come about? Which came first the show horses or the harness horses?*

"I certainly wasn't born into either. But the jumpers came well before the harness horses. I was first exposed to riding horses when I was 7 or 8. We lived in Brookville on the North Shore of Long Island. It was and still is, although to a much lesser degree, horse country. There were a number of riding stables in the immediate area and the world-renowned Roosevelt Raceway wasn't much more than a 10-minute ride away.

"It began with a series of ponies that I rode.

"I really loved horses, being around them and working with them. It gradually progressed to the point when I was about 12 years old that I began to ride competitively. I guess I had a knack for it and continued to make progress. In 1964 I tried out for and was considered for the United States Equestrian Team that was to compete in the Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo.

"In 1972 I was a member of the U.S. team that won a team silver medal and an individual bronze one in the somewhat infamous 1972 Olympics in Munich."

*Let's talk about those ill-fated Olympics when 11 Israeli athletes and coaches, as well as a police officer from West Germany, were killed by the Palestinian militant organization Black September.*

"There isn't all that much specifically that I remember about those days, specifically the day of bloodshed.

"Initially it wasn't all that much different than most other days at the Olympic Village. We began to notice a large police and military presence there. It gradually evolved to the point where it consumed the village, Munich, Germany and I guess all of the world. We found out about the kidnapping of the Israeli athletes and the massacre that was about to ensue.

"You might remember that Mark Spitz was the star of those Olympic games. He, like I, is Jewish. Most of his events had already taken place and he was quickly spirited out of Munich. I was asked if I wanted to leave. I responded to the effect of 'Are you crazy? I've worked my ass off all my life to get here. There's no way I'd even think of leaving until the competition is over.' Our team ended up winning a silver medal, finishing second to the favored Germans. I also won an individual bronze medal. Of course, it was one of the greatest and most meaningful experiences of my life. Unfortunately, it was probably marginalized by the horrible tragedy that took place."

*“ I've been fortunate enough to have had many good horses through the years – enough to keep our ship afloat. The best trotter I ever had was Bon Vivant who fulfilled a lifetime wish to have a Hambletonian horse. He didn't win, but he earned money in the race... My best pacer was Bomb Rickles. Bon Vivant was my Hambo horse, in the same way Bomb Rickles was my Little Brown Jug pacer. ”*

~ Neal Shapiro

## ***How about the transition to harness racing? How did that come about?***

“I guess I had already been somewhat involved. My dad had a close friend who loved harness racing. They ended up buying a filly together. She didn’t turn out to be much of a racehorse. We bred her and raised three foals out of her right at our Long Island place. We raised them alongside our small herd of show horses. They didn’t turn out to be very good either. But the last one was racing at Monticello one day. It had the 8-hole and didn’t have a chance of even hitting the board, let alone winning. Wouldn’t you know it miraculously won the race. I suppose that was the turning point for me. This harness racing might be alright, I thought to myself. I began going to nearby Roosevelt Raceway. Maurice Pusey who was to become a dear friend persuaded me to jog one for him. That same day I also went a training mile with that same horse. This was fun. I really liked it. At about the same time the show horse business was undergoing some changes that really didn’t appeal to me. I thought to myself. I’m okay with jumping horses. Why can’t I do the same with harness horses? Indeed, why not? With the help and encouragement of my dad I went into it whole hog. My dad was one of the greatest characters to ever inhabit this planet. Someone in Hollywood missed the boat by not doing a movie about him.”

## ***Tell us a little about your father.***

“[Donald Shapiro] was a true character of the kind movies are written about. He grew up in North Dakota where he was a boxer going by the name of Doc O’Day. That name Doc was to follow him all of his life. Among other things he was a deputy sheriff in New Mexico, he owned a restaurant in North Dakota, he was a shipyard rigger, and a carnival worker throughout the Midwest. He eventually made his way east where he settled in Long Island and established his primary business in owning and servicing vending machines, but he also had other interests including several restaurants. When I became involved in harness racing he established the 24-hour Monte Carlo Diner, just outside the gates of Roosevelt Raceway. He said that he was too busy working throughout his life but was living vicariously through the various areas in which I became involved.”

## ***Besides horses what were those areas?***

“I’ve always been one who needed to stay busy doing something. I’ve been a believer that when I wasn’t occupied, I was just wasting time that could be used to good advantage.

“For recreation I enjoy playing the organ. I don’t know how good I am at it, but once at a horse show in the D.C. Armory their organist had a once in a lifetime wish fulfilled by being allowed to team the Budweiser Clydesdales. She asked me to sub for her. Wearing my riding outfit and jodhpurs I did so for 15 minutes or so. I was told that I did a decent job of it.

“I did a lot of traveling. I thought it would be neat if I learned to fly. I began taking flying lessons at nearby Republic Airport. I got my license and bought a twin engine Cessna which took me whenever and wherever I had to go. I actually became decent enough at it where I was invited to the Eastern Airlines training school for future pilots.

“I also began shoeing my own horses. I won’t presume that I became a proficient farrier, but I think I became adequate at it.”

## ***Let’s talk about your harness career.***

“I was involved professionally for about 30 years. I can’t say that I reached the heights that I achieved in jumping competition, but I think I did reasonably well. I made many great friends, among them Maurice Pusey, Real ‘Coco’ Cormier, Normand Dauplaise and Soren Nordin. I actually became quite close with ‘Papa’ Nordin. We would play tennis several times a week. He would use me occasionally to catch drive one of his horses when the opportunity existed. Once his son Jan wasn’t able to be there to drive Sandy Bowl in the American National and he put me down to drive. Wouldn’t you know, we won the race.

“I’ve been fortunate enough to have had many good horses through the years – enough to keep our ship afloat. The best trotter I ever had was Bon Vivant who fulfilled a lifetime wish to have a Hambletonian horse. He didn’t win, but he earned money in the race. He made over \$400,000 which was an awful lot back then and we sold him to Sweden for a lot more than that. My best pacer was Bomb Rickles. Bon Vivant was my Hambo horse, in the same way Bomb Rickles was my Little Brown Jug pacer. He earned over \$800,000 for us. We sold him to George Henderson in Canada. After Mr. Henderson passed away, he was sold to Western Canada where he became a decent sire.”

## ***What is your life like these days?***

“I would say pretty darn good. I sensed some negative changes in harness racing. More and more racetracks were closing. We were losing more and more of the owners who I would call ‘sportsmen.’ People who were in it almost entirely for the love of the horse and the competition, rather than those who were in it strictly for the dollars and cents business aspects. I decided to return to my first love, show horses and jumpers.

“More than anything else, I would describe myself now as a teacher - one of both horses and horse people.

“My wife Elisa and I own and run a farm here in central New Jersey. We have 40 stalls which are always full. I look forward to each day. I keep busy. That is what I love doing.”

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# HRU's 10 most-read stories of 2024

Presenting the 10 HRU stories that had the most readers in the year that passed.

by Dave Briggs

Before we get to our most read stories of 2024, all of us at Harness Racing Update (HRU) wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025.

Thank you to all our advertisers, readers and contributors for their continued support. We're deeply proud to have one of the best contributor lineups in horse racing. So, it was satisfying to see eight different writers from our deep bench on the list of the 10 most-read stories of 2024

This week marks nine years since the new management took over HRU in January of 2016. Since that time, we have gained a little over 2,600 HRU subscribers.

In 2024, HRU's average click and open rates continue to greatly exceed industry standards.

In 2024, our average open rate was on par with 2023, exceeding 52 per cent, which is 21 per cent higher than the industry average. Our click-to-open rate is 12 per cent higher than the industry average.

HRU continued to post steady growth in other areas, as well. In 2018, we launched our popular broadcast division with 2-year-olds in Training and sales coverage. In 2024, our YouTube subscribers nearly reached 2,560, up some 320 subscribers from the end of 2023.

Our social media numbers on Facebook and Twitter are up, too.

All that means HRU is showing growth in virtually every category.

**Now, to the stories and, first, an important note: These are the stories that simply had the most views. They are not the "best" stories or our picks for the top 10. Rather, they represent the stories you, the readers, most viewed.**

We think it's a nice mix of articles that are serious, celebratory, positive and negative.

The 10 most read HRU stories of 2024 were:

**10. The unbearable lightness of being a harness driver, Part 1**  
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**5. "People can't afford to go work with the horses"**  
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**4. Michigan horse racing faces troubling future as Northville Downs has had its final race**  
by Dave Briggs – Feb. 4

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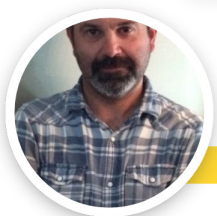
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## GRASSROOTS PERSPECTIVE

with **CHRIS LOMON**

# Anne Schick takes a frame-by-frame approach to life

by **Chris Lomon**

Life behind the lens is picture-perfect for Anne Schick.

She is part of every race at Cal-Expo, camera in hand, laser-focused on her job as the racetrack photographer.

Sun, rain, wind or whatever Mother Nature happens to have in store, Schick, daughter of longtime horse racing participant Chris Schick, is there to capture the action at the finish line and in the winner's circle.

"It can be tough for me when it is a close finish," Anne said. "When it is windy and rainy, it isn't the most enjoyable time

to take photos, but I'm sure the drivers and horse people feel the same way."

In her second year as the Sacramento oval's photographer, Anne, who took on the role in November 2023, is balancing a busy life between the racetrack and in the classroom.

While it isn't always easy, the 17-year-old junior has managed to excel in both standardbred racing and scholastic endeavors.

The Cal-Expo role has been an ideal fit, a winning exacta of a personal passion and a familiarity with standardbred racing.

"When I was younger, I was always into art, photos in particular," she said. "I have always had an appreciation and enjoyment of photography. I was around horse racing a lot because of my dad, who has been in the business for over 30 years. I grew up around that environment."

After the previous photographer retired late last year, Anne threw her camera into the ring, so to speak, and landed the job.

Now, just over a year later, she has seen, with her own eyes, how her work has evolved.

Getting acclimated to having racehorses as your primary subject was, pun intended, a completely different animal for Anne.

"It is so different from taking a still photo," she said. "I was able to get the hang of it pretty quickly, thank God, but it is nice to look back and see how my work has progressed since last meet."



Taking photos at the wire might seem cut and dry, but depending on the weather, and the type of finish – a head bob or open-length score – it isn't always easy to get the shot she is after.

"I love doing this and as long as I get the photo I want, it doesn't matter what is happening around me," Anne said.

The same even-keel approach is applied to her winner's circle photos.

"Some of the horses can get a little animated when you are trying to get the picture, but you always end up getting the ones you want," she said.

One of her favorite subjects is Pridecrest, a veteran trotter who has amassed 259 career starts and close to \$600,000 in career earnings.

This April, the brown gelding, a son of Angus Hall—Spilled Milk, won three-straight races at Cal-Expo.

"My dad owns the horse and for me, it feels like I grew up watching him race," she said. "I have just always felt a connection to this horse."

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of her job is knowing the connections of the winning horse are always happy to see her.

"They are, for sure," she said. "You get to see a lot of big smiles."

A typical race night will see Anne arrive an hour or so before the first race.

Along with giving her equipment one final check, she will also spend time chatting with horsepeople.

"There are a lot of people I like to talk to at the track, so it's always nice to catch up with them," Anne said. "I have been lucky to make a lot of friends through my job. It's always nice to see everyone."

"In a way, I feel like I am continuing my father's legacy and his impact on the horse racing industry. Although I'm not training, driving or taking care of the horses, I do feel like I am contributing to the sport, and it makes me happy to be a part of something that he has enjoyed for most of his life."

Anne is also grateful for the lessons learned from running a business.

"I'm still in high school and it's not what you categorize as a typical job," she said. "I am managing my own business and it's great to get that experience and feel like you are a little bit ahead in life."

When she shares her unique gig with fellow students, plenty of questions quickly follow.

Anne is happy to answer them all.

"Everyone thinks it's so interesting when I tell them I am a horse photographer," she said. "Usually, the first question is, 'What is that?' They are always fascinated by it."

While she isn't certain how long she will be at Cal-Expo or what her full-time career will be, Anne is content to take a frame-by-frame approach to things.

*"I love doing this job. It is a great job for when I am in high school. The best part is that I believe it will set me up for future plans, managing things I want to and ultimately figuring out what it is like to run my own business and be an entrepreneur."*

~ Anne Schick

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"Although I don't know what I will end up doing, this has been something that has helped me in so many ways."

Perfecting the art of time management being one of them.

"Balancing this with school – I do have a very rigorous schedule – and answering people asking for photos in a timely manner is something I am proud of. I am glad that the photos are at a standard I expect from myself and that everything has worked out the way I hoped it would."

"So far, it's gone very smoothly."

Anne doesn't anticipate that changing in the foreseeable future.

There is a chance, a good one, that she will increase her portfolio at Cal-Expo.

Beyond the finish line and winner's circle photos, Anne has garnered interest in taking other horse-related photos for local horsepeople.

"I have had people contact me about some different opportunities," she said. "I haven't done anything outside of the racetrack yet, but I would definitely be open to it in the future."

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## AMONG OURSELVES

with FRANK COLTOLO

# Lucky Ralph and a delighted destiny at Freehold Raceway

by Frank Coltole

“It’s a game of inches,” my dad said.

He first used the philosophic phrase watching New York Mets baseball games. As time passed, he applied it to every humankind challenge. He was smitten by betting thoroughbreds after his fortuitous initial success. We returned to Belmont but his score in one race is to this day something I have not heard about anywhere.

That event in horse racing’s game of inches occurred in the last race on what would be our final trip to Belmont Racetrack. Ralph bet \$2 to win on a 9-2 shot. At the wire the finishing order was distinct. The win the place and the show horse numbers lighted the board. Ralph’s 9-2 shot finished third. I urged we make an early exit to the crowded parking lot.

“Wait,” Ralph said, “what’s that flashing on the screen?”

He meant the tote board. It was flashing an INQUIRY on the race. I explained.

“They can change the order of finish?” he said.

“Yes. But your horse finished third. The inquiry is on the win and place horses. There’s no chance the first two will be disqualified and your horse gets placed first.”

“Let’s wait and see. You never know the result of anything until it’s over. It’s a game of inches.”

He would not accept my dissent. I strolled back and forth. Ralph did not take his eyes off of the tote board until he coughed up a phlegm-filled laugh. I looked at the tote board awestricken. All three numbers were wiped from it and replaced with a new order where Ralph’s horse was first and the other two brought down in status. A double disqualification! Ralph won though his 9-2 shot finished third.

He handed me his ticket and said, “Look.”

“Five dollars to win?” I said. “Your biggest bet yet and you win [\$27.50] finishing third? Will wonders ever cease?”

A week later he called me up and said, “When are we going to the track again?”

It was time to test my dad’s luck on a gritty half-mile harness track, Freehold Raceway. The change offered a new type of pari-mutuel experience for Ralph. America’s oldest daytime harness racetrack presented an intimate atmosphere by contrast to Belmont’s monument enclosure. And it was a shorter drive from Brooklyn.

A hot afternoon baked the Datsun I drove (the car did not have air conditioning). We settled for the hot air rushing through the windows as I pushed the speed limit. Ralph did not complain. He relaxed in the passenger seat and all I could do is smile. I looked at that ride as the resonance of my victory over my dad’s bleak notions about pari-mutuel wagering. I was happy and surprised it brought him happiness. I thought my personal rewards ended there. I was wrong.

Dad wanted to sit in the enclosed track-level seats because they were air-conditioned. I agreed but I could not sit still. I served the coffee and ran the bets. Dad’s harness wagers were not blessed with the luck he experienced at Belmont but he did not seem to care. I cared about my bets. I lost each one through all but two races I passed. Then came the final race.

“Who’s better?” Ralph asked. “Fontayn Lucyann or Phil-leon Hurvay?”

“They print the drivers’ names last to first, dad.”

He shrugged.

“Let’s play some triples,” I said. “It’s where you have to pick the first three finishers in order. We can be partners.”

I was hoping to tap into Lucky Ralph’s random selections using a ticket that included my choices handicapped with classic spins.

Ralph was all for it. Triples cost \$3 a combo in the ‘70s but were only available in two races. They offered some hefty payoffs. We bought a \$9 ticket and I urged dad that we view our Triple race on the apron close to the finish line. He agreed. I made the bet and we watched the field line up on the gate.

“Look dad. There’s Fontayn Lucyann.”

My eyes were pinned on the field the first time around and in the stretch our Triple took shape. I shouted. Then Ralph shouted. Our win horse won and our place horse placed and by a nose our show horse completed a winning Triple. I was suddenly lifted from the ground and squeezed. I saw my dad’s face up close. It was stretched by a wide smile.

As soon as the result was final, we went to a cashier window and I let him cash the ticket. It was worth hundreds of dollars to share. But I was exalted by the only hug I could recall my dad ever giving me.

Ralph was defunct in 1980. Freehold Raceway was defunct in 2024. And like the Buffalo Bill poem they resonate how death presides over mortal glory.

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## Party planning

by Trey Nosrac

Another New Year's Eve is in the books. As the clock ticked toward midnight, the entertainment menu for harness racing fans and gamblers was thin gruel. New Year's Eve is quirky, and we feel forced to have a great time. Forced good times are rarely good. On the other hand, we do not want to be fun sponges and sit at home reading War and Peace in front of a crackling fire – so we party on, which often ends badly. A consistent culprit in resulting mayhem on the night of paper hats is excessive liquor intake by laypeople. There are a few examples from my memory bank.

The Bring Your Exotic Beverage party at Ronnie Lafarge's condominium, where imported Sticky Rice Moonshine did not mix well with crab dip, or Roger Benton's New Year's Eve yachting party on the Bay of Biscayne in Miami, which resulted in seasickness and projectile vomiting. Then there was a lovely dinner with semi-friends when we discovered during Crème Brûlée that our new friends were firm members of the opposite political persuasion, and midnight was four hours away. Of course, no one in attendance will forget the Twister game at the family reunion New Year's party in St. Petersburg, which resulted in a fistfight and subsequent lawsuit.

The two best New Year's Eves were in 2000 and 2020. Remember when the calendar flipped to triple zeros, and we all thought the computers would shut down and the world would end? It was a letdown when no chaos ensued, but the entire night was exciting. Twenty years later, in 2020, COVID-19 was in the air, another exciting time when the possible extinction of humans spiced up New Year's Eve.

Staying home on New Year's Eve can be a bit of a drag. Our options for remaining on the couch for New Year's Eve are limited. The 300 channels offer an incredibly skimpy menu of offerings on television, including a few unimportant football games, where two colleges we have never heard of battle for the "Fruit Bowl," and reruns of old movies that

we have all but memorized. Spending hour after hour in front of the screen viewing unfamiliar musical acts and listening to talking heads wearing extravagant makeup and clothing. And finally, the ball drops.

While New Year's Eve of 2024 is fresh in my mind, allow a suggestion for 2025 – a single harness race to be livestreamed nationally. Why not create a fun attempt to fill the entertainment void and introduce new citizens to our sport? For planning purposes, let's use the anacronym NYEGHH Day (New Year's Eve Great Harness Horse Day). I do not want to overthink this, but here are a few building blocks for such a show:

- Start the show at about 10:30 so the audience will have 90 minutes of tease before the race begins.
- NYEGHH Day will be a free live entertainment option that can be streamed commercial-free.
- Every 10 minutes will be a three-minute segment where we meet one of the racehorses, the trainer, the groom, or the owner. The host/interviewer will discuss offbeat topics such as how the horse was named or how these people came into the horse's orbit.
- Hosts can decide whether this is a sanctioned race or an unofficial invitational.
- One possibility is inviting select horses of equal ability who have not earned a dime racing in their career. This single race will receive a stipend based on the finish, making this race an unofficial event and a charitable contribution.
- Keep the single harness race show light and peppy.
- Drop in a musical act who cover songs such as: A Horse With No Name (America), Wild Horses (The Rolling Stones), White Horse (Taylor Swift), Beer for My Horses (Toby Keith), and Riders on the Storm (The Doors).

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- Make the single harness race a fun event, nothing serious, and easily accessible for newbies to the sport. One never knows when we will recruit a new voice in our choir.
- Possibly include a couple of short segments where visitors can receive a few dollops of information on the upcoming race, such as the distance and gait.
- Always have a countdown clock somewhere on the screen.
- Attractive hosts of both sexes explain the basics of the sport during a stop-action, 3-D video of an actual race.
- Take some quick video call-ins where the caller tells where they are from and what drove them to this show.
- Invite influencers who may want attention and can direct traffic to the show.
- Keep ratcheting up drama for the race that will leave the starting gate at exactly 11:58 and finish at midnight.
- Then, at midnight, near the finish line, show a joyful little group celebrating and awaiting the return of ALL the

competing horses and connections to the winner's circle. Add funny hats and confetti to create a fun little equine gathering with champagne bottles popping.

A NYEGHH Day show of this ilk would be fun to present, participate in, and watch. The competition for attention is weak in the final hours of each year, so a live-streamed harness race, the racing people, and the surrounding threads of a horse race could be a unique, promising new niche. I would watch this presentation and recommend it to acquaintances.

Best of all, I will not be on a boat or close to crab dip.

Happy New Year,

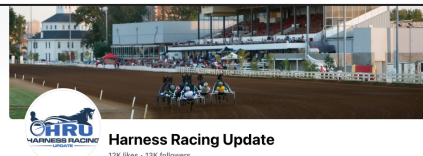
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## Poliseno aims to keep rolling in 2025

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Cody Poliseno set career highs for wins and purses in 2024 and got this year off in a special way – as the leading driver in North America. At least for several hours.

The 30-year-old Poliseno captured the first race of the 2025 harness racing season Wednesday (Jan. 1) when he guided Zipper Sweater to victory at odds of 35-1 at Bally's Dover. The 7-year-old female pacer is owned and trained by Poliseno's father, Carlo.

"It was a great experience; a good way to start off the year with a bang, especially with a horse that my father trains," Poliseno said. "That made it even more sweet.

"I was the leading driver for a couple races, and my pop was leading trainer for a race too. It was a heck of a way to start the year, that's for sure. You can't beat that."

Poliseno finished Wednesday with two wins in six drives. Tim Tetrick and Allan Davis ended the night with three wins apiece at Dover.

Last year, Poliseno set career bests with 53 victories and \$848,059 in purses. In 2023, he won 45 times and had \$805,235 in purses on his way to receiving the James T. Case, Jr. Horizon Award at the Delaware Standardbred Owners Association's awards banquet for a star on the rise on the Delaware circuit.

"I'm super appreciative for all the opportunities I got last year," said Cody, who began driving regularly in 2022. "I just keep grinding, stay focused and show up every day. I'm excited for the year coming up."

Among the highlights last year for Cody was winning a Virginia Breeders Fund Stakes final with 3-year-old male trotter Pretty Two and hitting the board with 2-year-old female trotter Kat's Fancy (second) and 3-year-old male pacer LL Julio (third) in Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund finals.

"Purse wise, [the Virginia final] was the biggest race I won," Cody said. "LL Julio is one of my favorite horses, so that might have been my best highlight. He's got a great personality. He's a cool horse. He's like a big old dog, like a pet. He'll follow you around, I can ride him, I can do whatever I want with him."

Cody notched 31 of his 53 wins last year at Harrington Raceway, where he finished 10th in the driver standings. He had 18 at Dover and four at Shenandoah Downs.

"Things are starting to slow down a little more out there for me," he said. "That's what you try to do, you try to take it all

slow, even though racing is a fast-paced thing. I feel like my decision-making has gotten better, just trying to do smart things, like when to sit and when to pull. When you first start driving, you get a little excited and make some moves when you shouldn't make moves. The more starts I'm getting, the more experience, the better I feel I've been getting."

Cody spends a lot of time watching race replays, studying the program, and absorbing advice from his peers.

"I watch every replay, probably 10 times," the Delaware resident said. "You can watch yourself one time, then run it back and watch all the other people in the race. That's how I've been trying to get better. You've got the big guys at Dover, and they're always nice and give me tips. It's good to have the veterans out there give you some pointers.

"The other good thing about getting experience out there [on the track], you start learning all the other horses rather than just your horse. You learn what all the other horses in the races are doing. That's definitely a benefit."

Looking ahead, Cody's main goal is to simply keep improving. He might travel a little more this season, possibly to compete at Harrah's Philadelphia or Ocean Downs.

"Maybe I can pick up some more accounts, maybe visit a couple more tracks," he said. "I just want to stay focused, get some more drives, some more wins. I just want to keep the train rolling."

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## Kent Oakes voted Cam Fella Award winner

Standardbred Canada is pleased to declare that the late former Standardbred Canada chair, longtime director and prominent harness racing industry participant Kent Oakes has been posthumously chosen as the distinguished recipient of the 2024 Cam Fella Award.

The Cam Fella Award, named in tribute to the legendary standardbred horse Cam Fella, is presented to individuals who exhibit exceptional and recent contributions to the Canadian harness racing sector. This honor reflects Oakes' profound impact on standardbred horse racing and unwavering commitment to the sport's values and traditions.

Oakes of North Wiltshire, PEI, dedicated his entire career and livelihood to harnessing the racing industry. As an employee of the Province of Prince Edward Island, Oakes partnered with the provincial, regional and national harness racing industries for more than 30 years, cementing his legacy in the PEI harness racing industry. Over that time, Oakes served on the board of the Atlantic Harness Racing Development Council, Atlantic Breeders Crown Host Committee, Council of Atlantic Premiers Task Force on Harness Racing, PEI Harness Racing Industry Association, Atlantic Classic Sale, Harness Racing PEI, PEI Matinee Tracks Association, and the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame nominating and election committees. Oakes also served as the chief executive officer of the Prince Edward Island Lotteries Commission while acting on an interim basis as the director of racing at the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission and racing manager at Red Shores Racetrack and Casino at Charlottetown Driving Park and Red Shores Summerside Raceway. Oakes was also the provincial government representative on the planning and construction committee, responsible for redeveloping Charlottetown Driving Park.

Beyond his official engagements, Oakes was a successful breeder in the Maritimes and had bred a number of stakes-winning horses with his brother Wayne, most notably 2004 Governor's Plate winner Igoddago.

Kent Oakes passed away on June 28, 2024, at the age of 64.

The Cam Fella Award will be presented during the 36th O'Brien Awards Black Tie Gala on Saturday (Feb. 8, 2025), at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowdale in Mississauga, ON.

*Standardbred Canada*

## Meadowlands announces 2025 stakes information, adds Dexter Cup

The Meadowlands is pleased to announce that the 2025 stakes season will offer over \$18 million in purses to the connections of competing horses in both Grand Circuit and New Jersey restricted stakes from late April through November.

At the top of the list are the track's signature Meadowlands Pace, the focal point of a night with over \$2.5 million in total stakes purses scheduled Saturday (July 12) and the 100th edition of America's Trotting Classic, the \$1 million Hambletonian final and its nearly \$2 million worth of supporting stakes on Saturday (Aug. 2).

The time-honored trotting stake the Dexter Cup has been added to The Meadowlands Grand Circuit stakes roster and will be contested in a new format, dropping the eliminations and being split into divisions if necessary. The Dexter Cup, along with its filly counterpart the Lady Suffolk will kick off the sophomore trotting season on Saturday (May 3).

The Arthur Cutler Memorial Free For All Trot will retain its customary position kicking off the Grand Circuit stakes season for older horses on Saturday (May 17).

The "Championship Meet" hits full stride on Saturday (June 28) when the Dave Brower Memorial, Perfect Sting, Crawford Farms and Six Pack stakes for older horses set the table for six great weeks of Grand Circuit racing.

The Graduate Series for 4-year-old pacers and trotters returns with the first \$75,000 USD leg at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Saturday (May 31) followed by two June legs at The Meadowlands leading into the \$250,000 finals on Pace elimination night, July 5.

The Hambletonian Maturity offers 4-year-old trotters a chance to race for over \$400,000 on Pace night July 12.

Older trotting mares will have five \$40,000 Miss Versatility leg starts leading into the \$100,000 final on Jug Day in Delaware, OH.

The Kindergarten series for freshmen has been reworked for 2025. The founding purpose of the Kindergarten was to provide races for developing 2-year-olds, but over time the purse for the finals had become so rich as to attract the top stakes winning freshmen, defeating the intended purpose. This season, the Kindergarten finals will be raced for a purse of \$125,000



guaranteed, no more, no less. The purse for each of the five legs will increase to \$25,000.

The curtain falls on Grand Circuit stakes season when the \$1MM FanDuel Championships will again be paired with the \$1.6 million Freshman Fall Final Four on a blockbuster Nov. 15 program.

The NJSS season begins on May 3 with the 3-year-old pacers, (sophomore trotters will start two weeks later this season) competing in two \$30,000 legs with \$240,000 finals. Beginning in mid-July, the NJSS 2-year-olds have three legs with the purses set at \$25,000 and \$240,000 for those finals.

The NJ Standardbred Development Fund races, formerly raced at Freehold, have been integrated into the schedule throughout the season, insuring no loss of racing opportunities to those horses.

The New Jersey Classic Series for 2- and 3-year-olds is back with the same format of eliminations and finals with consolations. Trotting finals are at \$250,000 with the pacers at \$150,000.

The purse for W.R. Haughton FFA Pace has been reduced to match the McKee Memorial at \$275,000 and the payments have dropped to the same level as the McKee for the 2025 season.

The Meadowlands recognizes and appreciates the contribution of its stakes sponsors, who help to make this ambitious undertaking possible and welcomes the support of any and all who may desire information on becoming a Meadowlands stakes sponsor.

Stakes payments begin on Feb. 15 and all pertinent information is available on [The Meadowlands website](#). Questions should be directed to 607-972-5500.

All purses are estimates unless otherwise stated and all dates are subject to NJRC approval.

*Nick Salvi / The Meadowlands*

## Ronnie Wrenn to receive the Winner's Circle Award

Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., one of the Buckeye state's best reinsmen, has been selected as the Winner's Circle Award recipient for his outstanding 2024 season by the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association.

Wrenn, the 38-year-old native of Michigan, found himself as the top UDRS driver at MGM Northfield Park (0.407) and Hollywood Gaming at The Meadows (0.384).

He had 592 wins and \$7.4 million in purse earnings in 2024.

The highlight of his 2024 campaign was his victory in the \$700,000 Breeders Crown final with the 2-year-old pacer, Louprint. The win was Wrenn's first in the lucrative series.

Wrenn also scored wins in the \$400,000 Kentucky Sire Stakes final (Louprint), \$252,000 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes final (Papi's Rocket), \$100,000 #Senditin Invitational (Seafire) and \$100,000 Charna President's Pace (Act Fast).

Wrenn will receive his award at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association banquet on Saturday (Jan. 18) at the Marriott Columbus Airport.

*Jay Wolf / Ohio Chapter of the USHWA*

## Dave Miller picks up where he left off at Big M

Veteran Hall of Fame driver Dave Miller was the leading pilot at The Meadowlands during 2024 with 106 wins, and he got his 2025 season – which will be his last racing full time at the mile oval – off to a rousing start Friday night by winning three times on the program, one of which came in the \$18,000 featured conditioned event for trotters with **Queen Of America S**.

"It's going really well," said the 60-year-old Miller of his evening after taking three of the first five dashes. "I just kind of told the judges I would be here this weekend and see what happens. I got some live ones."

The most live was Queen Of America S, a Swedish import who was superb in her first betting start on American soil.

"I was really impressed with her," said Miller. "They kind of gave me the heads up to race her off of a helmet. She raced super. She's getting her stomach scoped [today]. They think maybe she might have a problem, but she seemed pretty good to me."

Queen Of America S picked up live cover from 4-1 third choice Lucky Mum N, a Yonkers shipper in search of her sixth win in her last seven starts, as the field made its way to the five-eighths. Miller tipped his horse off that live tow as they straightened up at the head of the stretch and moved to the lead easily before holding on for a safe three-quarters-of-a-length win in 1:54.2. Winter Soldier was a fast-closing second as the 5-2 second choice making his first pari-mutuel start since Nov. 15. Kovu As was third.

Miller had some minor concerns before the race, as the "Queen" was hot during the warmup.

"She took off with me in front of the grandstand," said Miller. "But I got her over to the outrider there and she settled right down. She was fine in the race."

Sent to the gate as the even-money public choice, Queen Of America S, a 5-year-old daughter of Father Patrick—Red Rose America, returned \$4 after winning for the fourth time from 16 lifetime starts. The Ron Burke trainee now has earnings of \$55,254.

Known as “The Buckeye” and “Purple Jesus,” Miller, the second-most prolific money-earning driver in history with \$291 million, confirmed what he had said in 2024. He’s heading back to his native Ohio to be closer to family.

“I’m ready to go,” he said. “This will be my last season here [at The Meadowlands]. I’m going to [race] at Scioto, Miami Valley and Dayton.”

**A LITTLE MORE:** Big M TV’s Jessica Otten gave her followers a blast of New Year’s cash after giving out the Early 50-cent Pick-4 that returned \$361.95... Brett Beckwith and Joe Bongiorno were next after Miller as each piloted a pair of winners. Bongiorno schooled both of his winners to tie Burke atop the trainer leaderboard with two victories apiece... The 20-cent Pick-6 came back \$8,843.46 for one shrewd player who had the only winning ticket. Winners’ odds for the sequence were 1-2, 6-5, 5-2, 4-5, 36-1 and 14-1... All-source handle on the 14-race card totaled \$2,751,818.

*Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations*

## The Raceway announces 2024 award winners and purse increase

As The Raceway at Western Fair District shifts to its four-day-a-week racing schedule in the new year, the track has announced that purses will be increased by 10 per cent in all classes beginning with the Friday (Jan. 10) program.

The track’s top performers of 2024 have also been announced and will be honored at the annual Awards Night on Saturday (Feb. 22).

Pacing mare Ladies From Hell has been named top Older Pacing Mare. The daughter of Cams Card Shark enjoyed a brilliant 10-year-old season with 11 wins and more than \$60,000 in earnings for owners Michael and Shae Sumner of London.

Sauble Lila, with 13 wins at The Raceway, and It Takes Two with 10 wins were named as 3-Year-Old Pacing Filly and Older Pacing Horse of the year, respectively.

Cassidy Schneider will take home her third consecutive Trainer of the Year title on the strength of a 47-win season which saw her stable earn just shy of \$300,000. Her father Colonel

Schneider, Jr. was the leading owner for the second straight year with 34 winners for earnings of \$196,000.

Garrett Rooney captured his first driving title in London, steering home 156 winners with purse earnings of more than \$906,000.

The annual Awards Night celebration will once again take place at the Top Of The Fair restaurant. Tickets will go on sale soon and horsepeople can stay tuned to the track’s website and social media channels for full details as they are announced.

Nominations are now being accepted for Caretaker of the Year. To nominate someone for the award, you are asked to email your submission and reasons why to [gblanchard@westernfairdistrict.com](mailto:gblanchard@westernfairdistrict.com), [sdoyle@westernfairdistrict.com](mailto:sdoyle@westernfairdistrict.com) or [aotoole@westernfairdistrict.com](mailto:aotoole@westernfairdistrict.com). Text messages or online messages will not be accepted.

To be eligible, a person must race primarily at The Raceway and have worked in a caretaker capacity for a minimum of three years. A voting committee will select the winner, based on nominations, which will be announced the night of the award ceremony along with other selected categories including overall Horse of the Year.

The horse awards are based on the highest earnings with a minimum of six starts at The Raceway during the calendar year while the claiming awards are based on the number of claiming wins at The Raceway during the same period. The complete list of this year’s winners, including categories that will be announced the night of the event, are listed below:

- 3YO Colt Trotter – Chip Happened
- 3YO Filly Trotter – Summer Crush
- Older Horse Trotter – The Great Reset
- Older Mare Trotter – Lass Shot
- 3YO Colt Pacer – Hazee Coast
- 3YO Filly Pacer – Sauble Lila
- Older Horse Pacer – It Takes Two
- Older Mare Pacer – Ladies From Hell
- Claiming Trotter – Champagne Bettina
- Claiming Pacer – Favaro Seelster
- Rookie Performer – Wayne Stone
- Leading Driver – Garrett Rooney
- Leading Trainer – Cassidy Schneider
- Leading Owner – Colonel Schneider Jr.
- Caretaker – TBA
- Horsewoman – TBA
- Overall Horse of the Year – TBA

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# RESULTS & REPLAYS



## PURSE CRITERIA FOR INCLUDED RACES

**Non-stakes races with a purse of \$15K+ | Stakes races with a purse of \$10K+**

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## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

### HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**1, Mea, \$19,200, Pace, \*\*F&M OPEN HANDICAP\*\* P.P. 1,5 ASSIGNED, 2-4 DRAWN, 27.2, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:54.2, GD**

**1-Kat (m, 8, He's Watching--Atlantic Seelster, by Jereme's Jet) \$9,600, \$36,000 2018 LONDON, Lifetime Record: 149-23-23-28, \$386,892**  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

**2-Marloe Hanover (m, 8, Captaintreacherous--Mesmerize Bluechip, by Sportswriter) \$4,800, \$47,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 180-47-37-28, \$1,267,648**  
O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Odds On Racing. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Dave Palone.

**3-Premier Sweetalker (m, 6, Artspeak--Premier Mirage, by The Panderosa) \$2,304, Lifetime Record: 55-13-5-9, \$131,777**  
O-Rags To Riches Of Pa LLC. B-Premier & Associates Farm. T-Mark Goldberg. D-Justin Walters.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 2, H - Finish Order: Better Double Flip, Hello Yes Hi

### MEADOWLANDS *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**4, M, \$16,000, Trot, 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M 3) Extended PM Races or \$20,000 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M \$30,000) Life (Maidens Drawn Inside), 28.4, 58.0, 1:26.4, 1:55.4, FT**

**1-Pisces Rising (g, 4, Father Patrick--Mazda Hanover, by Andover Hall) \$7,360, \$77,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 20-3-5-5, \$55,413**  
O-Andray Farm & David J Miller. B-Kenneth A Jackson & Robert M Brady & Lisa C Jackson & Rebecca L Brady. T-John Butenschoen. D-Brett Beckwith.

### *Another Lexington Selected Grad Winner!* **LEXINGTON** *Selected Yearling Sale*

**2-Chuck (g, 4, Met's Hall--Abby, by Master Glide) \$3,360, Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$12,360**  
O-Robert G Slowey Jr. B-Robert G Slowey Jr. T-Michelle Warner. D-Justin Irvine.

**3-Chasing Crystals (g, 4, Six Pack--Crystalline, by Chapter Seven) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 24-2-3-2, \$73,300**  
O-Raymond W J Campbell Jr. B-Raymond W J Campbell Jr. T-Karen Garland. D-Steve Smith.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: T, Q, 4H, 6, 4 - Finish Order: Bo Silas, Modigliani S, Jaydens Pride, Striking Tactful, Dash Of Mojo, Te Quiero Lindy, All Too Well

**5, M, \$18,000, Trot, 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M 5) Extended PM Races or \$50,000 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M \$60,000) Life, 28.3, 57.2, 1:26.3, 1:54.2, FT**

**1-Queen Of America S (m, 5, Father Patrick--Red Rose America, by Varenne) \$8,280, Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-2, \$54,534**  
O-Panamera Racing, DE. B-Panamera Racing, DE & Jens Glud Hansen, DE. T-Ron Burke. D-David Miller.

**2-Winter Soldier (h, 4, Face Time Bourbon--Jumalay Mass, by Muscle Mass) \$3,780, \$140,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 17-5-4-4, \$168,901**  
O-Peter D Alagna & Pryde Stables Inc, CA. B-Order By Stable Ab, SD. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.

## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**3-Kovu As** (g, 5, Lionhunter--Belongtogether As, by Striking Sahbra) \$1,620, Lifetime Record: 29-6-9-7, \$95,035  
O-Acl Stuteri Ab. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 6Q, 5T, 3Q, 1, T - Finish Order: Lucky Mum N, Voss Blue Chip, The Thing Is, Party At Seven, Bright Expectation, Niccolo, Capicola

**10, M, \$15,000, Pace**, Fillies & Mares Claiming Handicap \$20,000 - \$25,000 Post Positions Drawn According to Base Price, 27.4, 56.2, 1:26.1, 1:53.4, FT

**1-Charming Vixen (m, 5, Sportswriter--Village Jovial, by The Panderosa)** \$7,050, \$20,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 71-14-9-11, \$150,464  
O-Godinez Racing Stable LLC & Jhonatan Garcia Guia. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jose Godinez. D-Joseph Chindano Jr.



**Another WINBAK FARM Winner!**



**Another SPORTSWRITER Winner!**



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**2-Premier Desirey** (m, 8, Real Desire--Premier Mirage, by The Panderosa) \$3,300, Lifetime Record: 19-7-3-2, \$30,164  
O-Harold Herrera. B-Premier & Associates Farm. T-Harold Herrera. D-David Miller.

**3-Ideal Skies** (m, 4, American Ideal--No Clouds Bluechip, by Roll With Joe) \$1,200, \$32,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 35-8-7-7, \$121,112  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Barbara J Berger & Richard J & Farrell F Carney. T-Ron Burke. D-Justin Irvine.

**3-Celcius** (m, 4, Lazarus N--Freeze Out, by American Ideal) \$1,200, Lifetime Record: 43-5-5-6, \$78,530  
O-William W Shults. B-Best Bet Stables LLC. T-Per Engblom. D-Johnathan Ahle.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 8T, 7, 3T, 1, T - Finish Order: Bug Juice, Lazin On The Beach, Sunburnt, Blue Gamber, Firstup, Pasta Momma

## WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK report

### Friday's Results:

**2, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$66,500 (OS \$85,000) LIFETIME, 28.1, 57.0, 1:25.1, 1:54.2

**1-Mikki Sixx (b,m,4 - Always B Miki-Thecrowdiswatching-Sportswriter)** \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 12-9-1-0, \$98,980  
O-Frank Brundle, Ryan Bender B-Joseph Davino, Anthony Perretti Farm Llc, Brad Shackman T-Gregg Mcnair D-James Macdonald

**2-Oh A Legend** (b,m,4 - Bit Of A Legend N-O Narutac Rockette-Rocknroll Hanover)  
O-Bernie Klacer, Christopher Bush B-Midland Acres Inc T-Christopher Bush D-Tyler Borth

**3-Onlythegooddiyoung** (b,m,5 - Betterthancheddar-Private Joke-Western Ideal)  
O-Doug Hie B-Wade Peconi T-Doug Hie D-Phillippe Hudon

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**3, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER NW 2 RACES OR \$18,250 (ON SIRE \$28,500) LIFETIME, 28.2, 58.1, 1:27.4, 1:57.3

**1-Love On Me (b,m,4 - Stag Party-Odds On Abba-Always B Miki)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 30-5-2-9, \$42,748  
O-David & Ben Holliday B-Odds On Racing T-David Holliday D-Travis Cullen

**2-Whiskey Blue Chip** (b,f,3 - Stag Party-Sunnynseventyfive-Somebeachsomewhere)  
O-William Mcclure B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-William Mcclure D-Mario Baillargeon

**3-Job Hunter** (b,m,4 - Huntsville-Do Your Job-Western Terror)  
O-Jeffrey Hunt B-Lindwood Farm, Thomas Fanning T-Patrick Hunt D-Jeffrey Hunt

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## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**4, Wbs, \$17,000, Trot, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) RACE OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 30.2, 1:00.2, 1:29.4, 2:00.3**

**1-Neverlose Felix (b,g,3 - International Moni-Nanticoke Hanover-Glidemaster)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,860

O-Thestable Neverlose Felix B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Dominic Gladu D-James Macdonald

**ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS**



**INTERNATIONAL MONI WINNER**



**2-Muscle Branch (b,f,3 - Muscle Hill-Meadowbranch Jill-Cantab Hall)**

O-Glengate Farms, Bax Stable B-Spring Haven Farm T-Matthew Bax D-Todd Ratchford

**3-Gaming Queen (b,m,4 - The Bank-Video Queen-Classic Photo)**

O-Hutt Racing Stable, Blake Macintosh, Mortgage Boys Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Blake Macintosh D-Tyler Borth

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**5, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCE, 29.1, 58.0, 1:26.4, 1:57.0**

**1-Topville Checkmein (b,m,4 - Check Six-Topville Cadillac-Rockin Image)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$13,759

O-Bryn Campbell B-Merle Yoder T-Doug Hie D-James Macdonald

**2-Tiny But Mighty (b,m,4 - Artspeak-Milliondollar Babe-Million Dollar Cam)**

O-Gino Cicero B-Gino Cicero T-Gini Cucero D-Scott Young

**3-Liquor Is Quicker (b,m,4 - Panther Hanover-Northern Vixen-Badlands Hanover)**

O-James Dean B-James Dean T-James Dean D-Trevor Henry

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**6, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$11,950 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: STARTERS FOR A PURSE \$9,000 OR LESS LAST START. AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000, 28.0, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:53.3**

**1-Western Wish (b,m,7 - Betterthancheddar-Giannas Ideal-Western Ideal)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 129-26-18-23, \$547,259

O-Aaron Waxman, Santo & Nunzio Vena B-Blaine Thibeau T-Carmen Auciello D-James Macdonald

**2-Betternotmachme (b,m,5 - Betterthancheddar-Jackie And Doreen-Mach Three)**

O-Wayne Mac Rae, Howmac Farms Ltd B-Howmac Farms Ltd, Wayne Mac Rae T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

**3-Premier Delight (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Icey Breeze-Western Terror)**

O-Jeffrey & Patrick Hunt, Miguel Freitas B-Louis Liebenau, Big Als Stables Inc T-Jeffrey Hunt D-Jeffrey Hunt

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**7, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$16,750 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$70,000. AE: NW 6 RACES LIFETIME. AE: N/A \$2,660 P/S IN 2024, 27.1, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:52.4**

**1-So Much More (b,m,9 - Big Jim-Ladysai-Real Artist)** \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 185-76-39-20, \$1,721,827

O-Don & Kenneth Beatson, Cole England B-Doug Mac Phee T-Don Beatson D-James Macdonald

**2-Blue Pacific (b,m,4 - Sweet Lou-Miss Jones-Bettors Delight)**

O-Seelster Farms Inc B-Fair Winds Farm Inc T-David Menary D-Bob McClure

**3-Glenboro (br,m,5 - All Bets Off-Feelin Flush-As Promised)**

O-Travis Cullen B-Travis Cullen T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**8, Wbs, \$21,000, Trot, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 (FM 4) RACES OR \$70,750 (OS \$85,000) LIFETIME, 28.1, 57.4, 1:26.4, 1:57.1**

**1-Oh Brother (b,g,4 - Greenshoe-Oh My Darlin-Glidemaster)** \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 20-3-6-3, \$56,426

O-Richard Berthiaume B-Windsong Stable T-Marie Helene Dupont D-Trevor Henry

### GREENSHOE WINNER



**2-Steamer (b,g,4 - Resolve-My Juliette-Yankee Glide)**

O-Scott & Vivienne Dawney, Stephen Byron B-Glengate Farms T-Stephen Byron D-Bob McClure

**3-Devastate (b,h,4 - Chapter Seven-Susy-Father Patrick)**

O-Frank Lamacchia, Tony Miceli, Deanmar Sons Stable, Peter Miskolczi B-Diamond Creek Farm Llc T-Mark Etsell D-Mario Baillargeon

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**9, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$38,500) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS NW \$6,800 LAST 5 STARTS, 28.4, 57.2, 1:26.3, 1:56.3**

**1-Sunshine Magic (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Sun Shines Bright-Somebeachsomewhere)** \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 22-5-2-4, \$37,147

O-Jeffrey Hunt B-Brittany Farms Llc T-Patrick Hunt D-Jeffrey Hunt

### Another BRITTANY FARMS Bred Winner!

**2-Cocco Puff Power (b,m,4 - Captain Crunch-The Joy Luck Club-Camluck)**

O-Richard Gutnick, Thomas Pontone, Joseph Lozito Jr, Gary Cocco B-Beechwood Acres, Mark Horner T-Meg Crone D-James Macdonald

**3-Stag Royal (b,m,4 - Stag Party-Royal Dew-Royal Mattjesty)**

O-Kenneth Skinner B-Winbak Farm T-Kenneth Skinner D-Jonathan Drury

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**10, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$20,000 (OS \$30,750) LIFETIME. AE: N/A \$1,005 P/S IN 2024, 28.4, 58.4, 1:27.4, 1:59.1**

**1-Green Monster (br,g,3 - Green Manalishi S-Bax Of Life-Windsongs Legacy)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$32,800

O-Home Stretch Holdings Inc B-Home Stretch Holdings Inc T-Jeffy Duford D-Phillippe Hudon



### Another GREEN MANALISHI Winner!



**2-Quickerthantheye (b,g,5 - Kadabra-Emillina-Emile Angus)**

O-Robert Budd, Melanie Pfeffer B-Robert Budd T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Bob McClure

**3-Royal Beluga (b,g,4 - Tactical Landing-Tactical Caviar-Sjs Caviar)**

O-Harbor Racing Stable Llc, Mark Etsell B-Sherri Meirs, W B Henderson T-Mark Estell D-Mark Etsell

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**11, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$19,250 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000, 29.1, 59.0, 1:26.3, 1:55.2**

**1-Lyons Bettorday (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Albany Hanover-Somebeachsomewhere)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 57-10-15-9, \$462,019

O-Threelyonsracing B-Big Als Stables Inc T-Anthony Beaton D-James Macdonald

**2-Shoot The Whiskey (br,m,6 - Shadow Play-Arm In Arm-American Ideal)**

O-Paul Sanders, J J J Stables, Travis Cullen B-Larry Hanson T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

**3-Violets Rainbow (b,m,8 - Art Official-Angels N Demons-Artiscape)**

O-Ian Fromowitz B-Stephen Sexton T-Isaac Waxman D-Jonathan Drury

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# RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

## HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS *report*

### Saturday's Results:

**1, Mea, \$19,200, Trot, \*\*OPEN HANDICAP\*\* P.P. 1-4 DRAWN, 5 ASSIGNED, 28.0, 57.2, 1:26.2, 1:55.0, FT**

**1-Celebrity Bambino (h, 5, Muscle Hill--Celebrity Ruth, by Archangel) \$9,600, \$120,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 34-13-5-5, \$897,509**

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Knox Services Inc & Phillip Collura. B-White Birch Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

## *Another Lexington Selected Grad Winner!* **LEXINGTON** *Selected Yearling Sale*

**2-HI Revadon (g, 9, Andover Hall--D Liteful Hanover, by Revenue S) \$4,800, \$35,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 103-27-18-17, \$541,052**

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Yannick Gingras & Frank A Canzone. B-Steve Jones. T-Ron Burke. D-Aaron Merriman.

**3-Emerald's Legacy (g, 6, Father Patrick--Devilish Emerald, by Broadway Hall) \$2,304, Lifetime Record: 63-21-15-8, \$302,320**

O-Timothy G Betts & Nicholas A Catalano & Keith J Pippi & Shanamphilankilou Inc. B-Shanamphilankilou Inc. T-Scott Betts. D-Dave Palone.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2H, H, 1H, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Warrawee Whisper, Good Feeln To Know

## MEADOWLANDS *report*

### Saturday's Results:

**1, M, \$16,000, Pace, Horses & Geldings - 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2 3) Extended PM Races Life AE: N/W \$2,845 (NJSO \$3,781) in Last 4 Starts (Maidens Drawn Inside), M, 26.2, 54.2, 1:23.2, 1:52.2, FT**

*Preliminary Results: Meadowlands had not made results official via USTA at publication time*

**1-Steven's Saloon (g, 4, Always B Miki--Lasting Love, by Shark Gesture) \$7,520, Lifetime Record: 25-4-5-7, \$57,449**

O-John Cancelliere. B-John Cancelliere. T-Thomas Cancelliere. D-Johnathan Ahle.

**2-Ayr Corleon Gb (g, 5, Hasty Hall--Sold Out, by Western Ideal) \$3,520, Lifetime Record: 19-10-3-1, \$35,792**

O-Robert A Barry, IR. B-Ryan Oneil, SC. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Lazarus Star (g, 4, Lazarus N--High Fashion Model, by Western Terror) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 26-1-5-8, \$48,225**

O-All Star Racing Inc.. B-All Star Racing Inc.. T-Mark Silva. D-Braxten Boyd.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 12Q, 8Q, 5, 3T, NK - Finish Order: Notorious Hanover, Quantum, Classic Frank, Bookem Danno, Ready To Shine, Captain Marvel, Always B Gibby

**5, M, \$18,000, Pace, Horses & Geldings - 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W 2 Races since 10/1/24 5) Extended PM Races or \$50,000 (NJSO \$60,000) Life, M, 28.2, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:52.1, FT**

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**1-Maxim Hanover (h, 4, Captaintreacheraus--Mean Leen, by Well Said) \$6,210, \$115,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 18-5-5-4, \$221,727**

O-Royal Wire Products Inc. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Robert Cleary. D-Tyler Buter.

## ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS

**1-Remember The Alamo (h, 4, Captaintreacheraus--Ameraway, by American Ideal) \$6,210, \$300,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 19-3-2-5, \$143,067**

O-Riverview Racing LLC & Marvin And Lynn Katz, CA & Remember The Alamo Racing. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Tony Alagna. D-Jordan Stratton.

**3-Build The Wall (g, 4, Huntsville--Traceuse Hanover, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,620, Lifetime Record: 14-10-2-1, \$59,658**

O-Fusco Strong LLC & Peter Fusco Racing LLC. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Maria Reid. D-Vincent Ginsburg.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1, 1Q, 1Q, 1T, HD - Finish Order: Trumpster Blues, Vandiemmen Bluechip, Cupid Shuffle, Principle Interest, Taranaki, Captain Bazinga, Magnifico Hanover

## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

**6, M, \$17,000, Pace**, Claiming Handicap \$25,000 - \$30,000 Post Positions Drawn According to Base Price, M, 27.4, 55.2, 1:23.1, 1:51.1, FT

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**1-Diamondbeach (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Bettor's Chance, by Bettor's Delight)** \$7,820, \$50,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 147-21-18-10, \$388,216  
O-Ricky A Bucci. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Jason Bartlett.

## ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



**2-Revolver N (g, 11, Auckland Reactor N--Penny Lane, by Vance Hanover)** \$4,463, Lifetime Record: 114-14-14-15, \$196,719  
O-Blazer One Racing. B-Norwegian Wood Breeding LTD, NZ. T-Michael Shults. D-Brett Beckwith.

**3-Dance Partner (g, 6, A Rocknroll Dance--Time N Again, by Jate Lobell)** \$1,913, \$23,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 56-10-8-4, \$90,652  
O-Alma lafelice & Vincent A Ali Jr. B-Steve H Stewart & Birch Hollow Farms. T-Bill Mac Kenzie. D-Jordan Stratton.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 3T, 1, 1, 1H, 5T - Finish Order: Alta Blues A, Lyons Liberty, Caliber, Odds On Liquidity, Metaman, Literl Lad Hanover, Hunt For Cash

**8, M, \$25,000, Pace**, Fillies & Mares N/W \$12,500 in Last 4 Starts AE: TM Rating 86.5 or Less as of 12/30 AE: N/W \$20,000 in L4 Starts or TMR 90.5 or Less Drawn Outside, M, 27.4, 55.3, 1:23.4, 1:51.3, FT

*Preliminary Results: Meadowlands had not made results official via USTA at publication time*

**1-Beach Cowgirl (m, 5, Captaintreacherous--Stonebridge Sundae, by Camluck)** \$12,250, \$60,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 42-12-8-3, \$485,155  
O-Joseph Di Scala Jr & Zippett Racing Stable & Scarlett Stables LLC. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Jason Bartlett.

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LEXINGTON  
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**2-Coachellabound N (m, 7, Sweet Lou--We Love To Party, by Fake Left)** \$6,000, Lifetime Record: 73-21-13-10, \$477,880  
O-Flatland Racing. B-Woodlands Stud Nz Inc, NZ. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Steve Smith.

**3-Lloyd's Loves (m, 5, Rusty's All In--Southwind Wichita, by Bettor's Delight)** \$2,750, Lifetime Record: 73-28-13-5, \$340,601  
O-David A Dobbmann. B-Pamela E Wagner. T-Edwin Quevedo. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 3T, 4H, 1Q, 1, HD - Finish Order: Tony's Mom, Bee Okay A, Vibrance, Blood Moon A, High Fashion Star, Elegant A

**9, M, \$18,000, Trot**, N/W \$12,500 in Last 4 Starts AE: TM Rating 86.5 or Less as of 12/30, M, 28.3, 57.0, 1:25.4, 1:53.4, FT

*Preliminary Results: Meadowlands had not made results official via USTA at publication time*

**1-Southwind Coors (g, 5, Walner--Southwind Cabaret, by Muscle Hill)** \$8,280, \$65,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 46-10-10-3, \$321,517  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Southwind Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Jason Bartlett.

## WINNER-BY-WORLD-CHAMPION-WALNER

## Another Lexington Selected Grad Winner!

LEXINGTON  
Selected Yearling Sale



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Yearling Sale Graduate

**2-You Got It (h, 5, Chapter Seven--Tweet Me, by Andover Hall)** \$3,780, \$100,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 62-9-10-13, \$188,844  
O-Vincent P Ferriero Jr & Jeffrey Glenn Hess & Pint Size Racing LLC. B-John R Cummins. T-Joe Pavia Jr. D-Jordan Stratton.

**3-Tachyon (g, 6, Muscle Hill--Ava Marion, by Cantab Hall)** \$1,620, \$190,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 95-17-12-9, \$328,142  
O-Flatland Racing. B-Little E LLC. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Justin Irvine.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: NS, 1H, 2, 4H, 4H - Finish Order: Bontoni Degato S, Hustlenomics, Purple Lord, Abruzzo, Lava Field, Irish Coffee, Hat Trick Marleau



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# RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

10, M, \$18,000, Pace, N/W \$12,500 in Last 4 Starts AE: N/W \$2,250 P/S in '23/24 (Minimum 15 Starts) AE: N/W 8 Extended PM Races Life, M, 27.4, 55.2, 1:23.0, 1:50.1, FT

*Preliminary Results: Meadowlands had not made results official via USTA at publication time*

**1-Sport Secret (h, 6, Sportswriter--My Secret Belle, by Mach Three)** \$8,280, \$51,000 2020 ONT-SEL, Lifetime Record: 80-21-19-13, \$404,058  
O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Joseph P Hudon Jr, CA. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Jason Bartlett.

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**2-Bondi Lockdown A** (h, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Without Guile, by Art Major) \$3,780, Lifetime Record: 56-17-12-6, \$346,794  
O-Luke A McCarthy. B-C P & M J Reinehr, AS. T-Aaron Lambert. D-Austin Siegelman.

**3-Mad Max Hanover** (g, 6, Always B Miki--Mayhem Seelster, by Mach Three) \$1,620, \$50,000 2020 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 66-14-15-4, \$790,703  
O-Marvin J Rounick. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jake Leamon. D-Vincent Ginsburg.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2Q, 2Q, 2, HD, 2T - Finish Order: Stay Grounded, All Alone, Brutallyhandsome A, Rockin The Aces, Italian Lad N, Phoenix Of Fluzzy, Renaissance Deo

## WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK report

### Saturday's Results:

**1, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$13,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.1, 56.3, 1:26.3, 1:57.0**

**1-Betterdealmein (br,g,3 - Bettors Delight-Empress Deo-Rocknroll Hanover)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-3, \$18,077  
O-Wayne Mac Rae, Daniel Ross B-Jesse Gebhardt T-Jodie Cullen D-Phillippe Hudon

**2-The Burketonranger** (b,g,4 - Hes Watching-Shellysilvermoon-Mach Three)  
O-Joe Carnovale, Nicola Carnovale B-Todd James T-William Budd D-Jonathan Drury

**3-Spindoctor Hanover** (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Sympathy Hanover-Cams Card Shark)  
O-David Mercer, Wayne Mcgean B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Joseph Macisaac D-Tyler Borth

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**2, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,250 (OS \$46,250) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS NOT AVERAGING \$1,085 PER START IN 2024, 27.2, 56.0, 1:24.4, 1:53.3**

**1-T H Boomtown (b,g,4 - Captain Crunch-Ally Elizabeth-American Ideal)** \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 21-10-3-3, \$49,786  
O-Dr Don Ling, Wayne Macdougall B-Glenn Bechtel T-Tyler Moore D-Tyler Moore

**2-Jmr Speak Away** (b,g,4 - Artspeak-Moms Bella-Quik Pulse Mindale)  
O-Jmr Racing Inc, Harold Wilson B-Winbak Farm T-Boyd Wilson D-Travis Cullen

**3-Zebs Krafty** (b,g,4 - Betterthancheddar-Zebs Katrina-Bo Knows Jate)  
O-Grant Kyte B-Lawrence Zebedee T-Chris Rogers D-Travis Cullen

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**3, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS: NW 1 RACE OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.2, 59.0, 1:28.0, 1:57.4**

**1-Blazing Cruiser (b,g,3 - Sweet Lou-Pleasant Roll-Roll With Joe)** \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$12,250  
O-Sarah Imrie, Elaine Stock B-Winbak Farm T-Rodney Hughes D-Todd Ratchford



Another **WINBAK FARM** Winner!



**2-Willie B** (b,c,3 - Bettors Delight-Smokin N Grinin-Grinfromeartear)  
O-Lisa Lefort, David Mercer B-Winbak Farm T-Anthony Beaton D-Jonathan Drury



# RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

**3-Uwaitillgofirst** (b,g,3 - Shadow Play-New Writer-Sportswriter)

O-Rick Rier B-Winbak Farm T-Gregg Mcnair D-Billy Davis

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**5, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace**, NW \$4,550 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$10,950 LAST 10 STARTS, 26.4, 55.4, 1:25.1, 1:54.0

**1-Saulsbrook Ian** (br,g,5 - **Betterthancheddar-Atlanta Girl-Real Artist**) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 55-18-6-2, \$130,291

O-Red Oak Stables B-William Allan Mcneil, Louis Willinger T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Travis Henry

**2-Kolby Two Step** (b,g,6 - Betterthancheddar-Dancing Heart-Art Colony)

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Winbak Farm T-David Menary D-Trevor Henry

**3-Rockabilly Rebel N** (b,g,8 - A Rocknroll Dance-Judy Jetson-Jeremes Jet)

O-Bradley Grant, Ecurie Csl B-D L Vanderweg, G S Chmiel, P K Vanderweg T-Gregg Mcnair D-Billy Davis

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**6, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace**, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,250 (OS \$46,250) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS NOT AVERAGING \$1,085 PER START IN 2024, 28.0, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:54.3

**1-R J Ringo** (b,g,6 - **State Treasurer-Smilesandchuckles-Badlands Hanover**) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 21-7-3-1, \$55,540

O-Ruth Moore, James Hastie B-Ruth Moore, James Hastie T-Ondre Gois D-Ondres Gois

**2-Gigitygigitygity** (b,g,4 - Sportswriter-Ive Got Stamina-Sunfire Blue Chip)

O-R A W Equine Inc, S&r Racing Stable Inc B-R A W Equine Inc T-Rene Dion D-Tyler Borth

**3-Voltage Blue Chip** (b,g,4 - American Ideal-Elektra King-Rockin Image)

O-Evans Nation, Engblom Stable Llc B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-Gregg Mcnair D-Dilly Davis

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**7, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace**, NW \$17,250 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$70,000. AE: STARTERS FOR PURSE OF \$15,000 OR LESS LAST 3 STARTS. AE: MARES, 27.1, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:52.3

**1-Whichwaytothebeach** (b,g,7 - **Somebeachsomewhere-Swinging Beauty-Art Major**) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 100-25-16-12, \$961,493

O-Gino Toscani B-Steiner Stock Farm T-Garry Merner D-Travis Henry

**2-Southside Eddy** (br,h,6 - Betterthancheddar-Ainsleynoelle-Jeremes Jet)

O-Aaron Waxman, Brian Livingstone B-Saulsbrook Stables Inc, Rebecca Hamilton T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

**3-Wheels On Fire** (b,g,10 - Somebeachsomewhere-Ab Fab-Western Ideal)

O-Bradley Grant B-W J Donovan T-Gregg Mcnair D-Billy Davis

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**8, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace**, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$86,250 (OS \$96,500) LIFETIME, 28.0, 57.1, 1:25.0, 1:54.0

**1-Bet The Bb** (br,g,4 - **All Bets Off-Sayitall Bb-Tell All**) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 46-13-6-7, \$127,125

O-Travis Cullen B-Travis Cullen T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

**2-Bethebeach Yankee** (br,h,4 - Betting Line-A Beach Cowgirl-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Gino Toscani B-Yankeeland Partners Llp T-Ashley Lendvoy D-Trevor Henry

**3-Sergeant Slaughter** (b,g,5 - Big Jim-Minettas Moonbeam-Lusty Leader)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Krista Thomas T-Carmen Auciello D-Brett Macdonald

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**9, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace**, PREFERRED. HANDICAP. PP 1-7 DRAWN & PP 8-9 DRAWN, 27.4, 56.2, 1:24.1, 1:52.3

**1-Poseidon Seelster** (b,g,8 - **Sunshine Beach-Porsche Seelster-Artistic Fella**) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 122-20-19-28, \$773,890

O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Donald Lindsey D-Tyler Moore

**2-Pacino Hanover** (b,h,5 - American Ideal-Perfect Touch-Camluck)

O-Paul Sanders, Ronald & Travis Cullen B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

**3-Whatchulookin At** (b,g,5 - Hes Watching-Oriane Blue Chip-Art Major)

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Gregg Mcnair, Jim Newton, Bloomingwood Farms Ltd, Paul Kidd T-David Menary D-Trevor Henry

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**10, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER NW \$21,000 LIFETIME, 28.3, 58.0, 1:27.3, 1:57.2**

**1-Purely Wicked (b,g,4 - Mcwicked-Putmeintogo-Mach Three)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 10-2-4-0, \$36,100

O-Robin Morley B-Robin Morley T-Victoria Macinni D-Jonathan Drury



### Another MCWICKED Winner!



**2-Steelwheel Hanover** (b,h,4 - All Bets Off-Scarlets Western-Western Hanover)

O-Roderick Gillis B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Stephen Charlton D-Brett Macdonald

**3-Poet Laureate** (b,g,4 - Heston Blue Chip-Eloquently Stated-Well Said)

O-Howard & Judith Taylor B-Howard & Judith Taylor T-Chantal Mitchell D-Tyler Borth

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**11, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, NW \$9,700 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: NW \$65,000 IN 2024 (MIN 15 STARTS), 27.3, 56.1, 1:24.4, 1:54.1**

**1-Hungry Man (b,h,5 - Stay Hungry-Big Mcdeal-Mcardle)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 66-13-6-7, \$252,119

O-Bradley Grant B-Steve Jones T-Gregg Mcnair D-Billy Davis

### STAY HUNGRY WINNER



**2-Legion Seelster** (br,g,9 - Sunshine Beach-Legacy-Art Major)

O-Gordon Mc Donald, Christopher Boland B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Victor Puddy D-Tyler Borth

**3-Dupree Hanover** (b,h,5 - Stay Hungry-Dimming Of The Day-Western Ideal)

O-Bradley Grant, Jablonsky Held Stable, Alagna Racing Llc B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Gregg Mcnair D-Scott Young

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