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Betting public biggest casualty in Surick case secrecy

The public has been failed by the New Jersey Racing Commission's lack of transparency in the Nick Surick case.

by Brett Sturman



Dave Landry

Trainer Nick Surick.

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As most know by now, the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) issued a full suspension to the training license of Nick Surick on Dec. 20. At that point, 12 horses were scratched that day between two tracks including the Meadowlands, and 29 horses were scratched in total over the next two days. Then on Dec. 28 following a hearing, a ruling was made to reinstate the conditioners license immediately.

The question that most want to know is what specifically happened, but the even larger question should be why has what happened not been disclosed to the public? First, some background.

As part of the NJRC ruling to suspend Surick, they cite a "failure to cooperate with an ongoing investigation being conducted by the investigative staff of the New Jersey Racing Commission and for failure to appear for a hearing with the Board of Judges..." In the same ruling, the NJRC cites numerous New Jersey Administrative Codes (N.J.A.C.) that it deemed Surick to be in violation of, and most speak directly to the expectation that a licensed individual cooperate fully with any interested agency, or in this case the NJRC.

But the code that is most directly related to the basis for the investigation is N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.15. This relates strictly to "Out-of-competition testing (on non-race days and on race days pre-race) of racehorses for Erythropoietin (Epogen, EPO), DarbEPO, or other blood doping agents..."

If the NJRC was conducting an investigation into a horse that they believed Surick was in possession of and that contained EPO, then suspended him for what they claimed to be him not fully cooperating, and then less than one week

later Surick is reinstated by a court – all the while with no details of any sort offered by the NJRC – how is the public (particularly the betting public) supposed to have any confidence in participating in any race going forward that contains a Surick-trained horse?

In the course of the investigation by the NJRC, no details about the investigation were made public – and rightfully so. Nor should any allegations be made public if no charges had yet been brought forth.

However, all of that should change the moment the NJRC issued a full suspension of Surick's license and all of his horses entered at that time were scratched immediately. At that point, it becomes a public matter.

In theory, harness racing remains a sport that is driven by wagering from the public. Last year, over \$1.3 billion was wagered on harness racing in the U.S. alone. Providing the betting public with all relevant information to race participants should be paramount in ensuring transparency and integrity of the racing product.

Much of this seems as though it could have been prevented had the NJRC not acted with apparent haste in determining that Surick was not fully cooperating. The court's decision to not uphold the NJRC suspension, but rather to issue an immediate and full reinstatement strongly suggests that there was a certain due process that Surick wasn't afforded.

Had such a quick decision by the racing commission to

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suspend Surick not occurred, this would have never become a public issue. But once it did, it's hard to just move on with business as usual while pretending that the events never occurred.

In any other professional sport – least of not sports that have revenues directly tied to gambling like the way harness racing does – there is complete and total transparency with regards to its participants. If a player is suspended, there is no doubt left as to what the specific cause of the suspension was. If a player is reinstated, there is no doubt left as to what had changed between the time of suspension and time of reinstatement.

When the Surick suspension was first announced, no one knew anything. To this day, it's still not entirely clear as to the cause of the investigation, what was the urgency in suspending him and why was it so abruptly overturned.

The NJRC is a state government agency in charge of overseeing essentially everything related to racing in the

state, and in this instance one can only surmise based on what is known publicly that they acted in an inappropriate and ineffective way. They failed what would appear to be not only Surick, but also the owners who had horses scratched and the general racing public.

Even if another word about the matter is never spoken, there will remain a cloud of suspicion from the incident that follows Surick around. And unfortunately, it will only add fuel to those already skeptical of Surick's winning ways.

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The Math on Merriman

Breaking down the numbers of Aaron Merriman's record year that earned him USHWA's Driver of the Year award.

by Jay Wolf

You have to forgive driver Aaron Merriman if he wasn't real excited to see the ball drop on 2019. For the Cleveland native, this will be a year he never forgets – a North American leading 1,141 wins, he was named the "Driver of the Year" by the United States Harness Writers Association and his beloved Cleveland Browns posted a 7-8-1 record.

In March, Merriman passed the 10,000-career win mark. He won the \$200,000 Charlie Hill Memorial with Homicide Hunter in a world record equaling mile. On Ohio Super Night (Sept. 8), he scored his biggest two wins of the season – the \$275,000 Ohio Sires Stake Final with Only Take Cash and the \$250,000 Jim Ewart Memorial Final with Split The House. In December, Merriman became the first driver to record a 1,000-win season in multiple years.

To truly appreciate the other accomplishments of Merriman, you have to really dig into his numbers.

The 40-year-old Merriman guided a staggering 636 different horses to victory last season.

Merriman's winningest horse was the 5-year-old, Sass, with 16 wins. The Kadabra gelding is owned by Paul and Patricia O'Neil and trained by Jessica Roegner.

"(Sass) had a lot of hard trips and he seemed to like that a lot better. I thought I would make it easier on him, so I drove him bad a lot," said Merriman, laughing.

Second on the wins list was the Cantab Hall gelding, Wind

Of The North. Merriman drove the 8-year-old in all but one of his 33 season starts, compiling a 15-6-6 record for owner/trainer William Bercury.

"Great horse, world champion," said Merriman. "He's a Cadillac to drive. The (Bercury) are great people to drive for."

Another Bercury trainee, Barn Girl, rounded out Merriman's top three winners with 13 seasonal wins. While the Cash Hall mare was a terror on the track with a 13-4-0 record in just 18 starts, she could also be a terror to drive.

"She is not my favorite horse. She is little and mean," said Merriman.

Merriman drove winners for 219 different trainers.

The Merriman 'training title' was almost a triple dead heat going into December. When the year ended, he won 83 times for William Rhoades, 80 times for Brian Loney and 78 times for Jessica Roegner.

Farther down the list was Aaron's father, Lanny, with 10.

"Those (10) wins mean a little more," Aaron admitted.

Merriman raced at seven tracks and won races at six tracks in 2018 – Northfield Park (711 wins), The Meadows (263), Scioto Downs (69), Miami Valley Raceway (46), Dayton Raceway (43) and the Delaware County Fair (9). He finished fourth in his one and only start at another facility – Pocono Downs in the Earl Beal Memorial elimination.

"Instead of hustling back and forth to (other tracks), I kind of stayed put. There is good money in Ohio," said Merriman.

Merriman swept the early daily double nine times, a



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shocking feat because he is usually traveling between Washington, PA and Northfield, OH during the early Cleveland card.

"That is even more amazing, because I am not there that often (for the early races)," said Merriman, laughing.

Merriman won eight races on a Northfield Park card five times last season. He won 249 races in November and December.

Five of his 2018 wins came via disqualifications.

"I gained five wins (by DQs)? I usually give a few away each year," said Merriman. "I am glad a couple came back my way."

Aaron Merriman was involved in four dead heats for win in 2018. Two occurred with Dave Palone and one each with Jason Merriman and Jason Thompson. Thompson is Aaron's brother-in-law.

"One of the dead heats was with my brother-in-law, so that was kinda cool," Aaron said.

The dead heats between Palone and Merriman are sure to establish a "Hollywood" Heyden world record between two winningest drivers – nearly 30,000 career wins.

Speaking of Palone and his 18,650 career wins. Does the 16-year younger Merriman see a chance to top the all-time wins list?

"No. I know this sounds crazy, I am literally a day-to-day guy," Merriman said. "Winning a thousand races is not something I shoot for."

What will Merriman do in 2019 as an encore?

The sky is the limit. Through the first two days of racing in 2019 he has nine wins, which is two ahead of his 2018 pace.

Aaron Merriman's 2018 season by the numbers

- **1,141** season wins
- **711** wins at Northfield Park
- won with **636** different horses
- recorded **495** wins in races with purses \$10,000+



Dave Landry

Merriman has put up incredible numbers in recent years.

- **.386** UDRS rating in 2018
- **413** wins ahead of second place Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.
- won **249** races in November and December
- won for **219** different trainers
- won **124** times in November
- **95** wins in race #6 of a card
- won **94.3** per cent of trainer William Bercury's 53 seasonal wins
- **72** per cent of his wins came with pacers
- **63** per cent of his wins came on a half-mile track
- won **11** races on July 30
- **10** wins for father Lanny Merriman
- swept the early daily double **9** times
- won eight races in a day at Northfield Park (he did it **5** times)
- recorded wins at **6** different tracks
- **Five** wins came via disqualification
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Visitors to The Deck increasing as young horses begin to make their marks

by Ron Gurfein

The weather was less than perfect but it didn't lessen the number of visitors to The Deck Saturday morning with a lovely bagel array sponsored by Stephanie and Myron Bell, as well as some goodies supplied by Murray Brown reappearing after a sojourn to Hanover for the week. Included in the new faces were Christine and Jimmy Takter, Bud and Kelley Hatfield as well as Sam Goldband, longtime partner of Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld. Two sons of famous fathers were surprise visitors — Robert Goldstein, son of famed harness racing publicist Joey Goldstein, was in attendance as well as Geoff Stein's son Joey.

A few of Freddy Grants charges were speeding as well as some from the Alagna crew, but most were going through the motions at a mild pace.

Fillies **Mouse Circus** (Sebastian K—Product Placement) and **Test Match** (Andover Hall—Widdershins) and the duo of **Sugar And Spice** (Captaintreacherous—Sweet Future) a sister to Sweet Lou owned by Seth Rosenfeld and **Windlass** (Artspeak—Foljambe) were speeding.

From the Peter Wrenn Stable a pair of pacing colts **BB Bugatti** (Rockin Image—UR It BB) and **Swiss Rocket** (Rockin Image—Antigua Hanover) went their miles looking great.

Pure Essence (Western Ideal—My Little Artist) and **Libspeak** (Artspeak—Docdor Libby), two fillies from the Alagna barn, looked slick gaited and quick.

From the Webster-Crogan barn came a good mixed pair **Wired Sweet** (Sweet Lou—Live Wire) and **Pick Me Upper** (Trixtion—Pick Me Up) — the former a filly, the latter a colt.

Paul Kelley's barn was in full swing this morning showing off a nice pair of trotting fillies, **Mambo** (Yankee Glide—Dance To Market) and **Flying Glider** (Cantab Hall—Highland Glider) finished a quick mile on the wire together as did two very good trotting colts **Amos Hart** (Trixtion—Zeta Jones) and **Windon Hanover** (Donato Hanover—Winbak Blondie, the full sister to Muscle Hill).

In one of the more eye catching performances of the morning **Sail By** (f, Captaintreacherous—Acquavella) a full sister to the great 2-year-old Captain Ahab came from last to first with a big move off the final turn to best **Enchanted Path** (Captaintreacherous—She's A Hot Mess).

Lindy Farm offered up a nice pair of trotting colts with **High West** (Cantab Hall—Define Royalty) besting **Unnamed**

(Ready Cash—Highscore Kemp) at the finish.

Ideal Perception (c, American Ideal—Southwind Siren) from Tony Alagna looked like the real deal besting **Force And Fury** (Captaintreacherous—My Little Dragon) and **Rollinthejoe** (Roll With Joe—Sweet Bonnie).

Peter Wrenn showed of an exceptional pacing colt in **Skipping Stone** (Pet Rock—Skinner Dip). **Power Play Goal** (Muscle Mass—Finesse Hanover), a colt from the Grant barn I seem to mention every week, is really talented and went solo this morning and doesn't need any company to perform.

From the Webster/Crogan Barn came a slick pair of pacers **Booty Call** (Somebeachsomewhere—Love Canal), a filly, and **Puzzling** (Somebeachsomewhere—Sudoku), a colt.

In one of the later sets in the Alagna barn, **Betterthanthebeach** (Somebeachsomewhere—My Little Delight), a nice strong gaited colt looked like a man amongst boys. **Confidence** (Father Patrick—Any Where With You), a rare trotting filly in the Alagna barn, was forced to train with the gorilla pacers and more than held her own. The sweet-gaited lass finished her mile right on the bit.

Next week I will start putting a watch on the trainers to better give you an idea of their progress.

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Ten breeding and siring tidbits for 2018

by Bob Heyden

1. Artsplace is about \$27 million behind from equaling Albatross on the all-time earnings list for broodmare credits (\$449 million to \$422 million).
 2. Somebeachsomewhere just completed his second successive \$20 million-plus season with a final 2018 tally of \$21.6 million.
 3. Ontario bred 2,541 mares in 2018, followed by Ohio with 2,510 and Indiana 2,392. New Jersey bred 434 mares.
- Somebeachsomewhere and Bettors Delight 1-2 in the standings less than \$1 million apart, bred the exact same amount of 2- and 3-year-olds in 2018: 235.

Father and son Somebeachsomewhere and Captaintreacherous had the exact same number of 2-year-old winners in 2018: 37.

4. The two highest-priced yearlings of 2018 were both trotting fillies:

- \$500,000 Fifty Cent Piece (Muscle Hill)
- \$415,000 Krickan (Trixton)

5. Captaintreacherous had 34 \$100,000 or better yearlings go under the hammer in 2018, his sire SBSW had 22.

6. McArdle with the HOY credit likely about to be added to his bio (McWicked) sold 24 yearlings in 2018 for a \$22,137 average. Ridicule Hanover was his lone six-figure credit – \$100,000.

7. More Muscles Yankee (age 23 last year) yearlings sold in 2018 than Muscle Massive (age 11 last year) – 16-14. Muscles Yankee is the only sire in the modern era to have three straight Hambletonian credits (2008-2010) and Muscle Massive sired the \$1 million Yonkers International winner in 2018 – Cruzado Del Noches.

8. Sportswriter remains one of the more underrated racehorses of our time. Note the \$100,000 average per start for his career. 14 8-2-1 \$1,566,460; \$111,890 per start.

9. Chapter Seven had three of the four freshmen/sophomore division winners in 2018, with his 2-year-olds both undefeated (Gimpanzee and Woodside Charm), and Hambletonian winner Atlanta on the 3-year-old side.

10. Swan For All – the sire of 2017 Horse of the Year Hannelore Hanover – only went to post 11 times in his career: 11 8-2-0 \$309,986.

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Brad Grant to receive January Davies Humanitarian Award

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

When horse owner Brad Grant heard the news last April about the accident that claimed the lives of 16 people aboard a bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team, he knew he wanted to help. Grant, whose own involvement in Canadian junior hockey stretches more than three decades, was uncertain what to do, but came upon the answer as he looked at a page of racing entries.

Earlier in the year, Grant had bought a pacer named Humboldt. Grant decided to donate the horse's earnings for the remainder of the month to the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League Assistance Program, which was created to raise funds for all people affected by the accident.

Humboldt, the horse, raised \$15,000 for the fund. Fellow Ontario-based horse owner Tom Rankin also contributed purse earnings to the program, pushing the figure to nearly \$25,000.

For his efforts, Grant has been named the 2018 recipient of the January Davies Humanitarian Award presented by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. The award was created in 2008 by U.S. Harness Writers Association member Callie Davies-Gooch in memory of her daughter to recognize contributions beyond harness racing.

"Brad is the epitome of what this award is about," Davies-Gooch said. "His work in the community, not only in this instance but in many others, is a great example of humanitarianism and he is a perfect choice for this award."

Grant, a resident of Milton, ON, said he was surprised by the recognition.

"I think there are a lot of good people that do a lot of good things, but I'm honored," Grant said. "I've known Callie all my life. To receive this in memory of her daughter is really quite an honor."

Grant, the leading owner on the Woodbine Entertainment circuit in 2018, is also on the volunteer board of the Milton District Hospital Foundation, which raises funds for facilities and equipment.

In addition, Grant has held several positions in the Ontario Hockey Association, including chairman. In 1986, he purchased the Milton Merchants junior hockey club and saved the team from folding. The Merchants won four division titles, three league championships, and a provincial crown before Grant sold the team in 2001. In November, Grant was inducted into the Milton Sports Hall of Fame for



Claus Andersen

Brad Grant.

his work with the program.

It was his connection to junior hockey that fueled his desire to help the people affected by the Humboldt tragedy.

"Hockey has been a big part of my life and I know many of the people out there in junior hockey," Grant said. "That's something people are never going to forget; it's a tragedy beyond tragedies. To be able to get something going and support those who are going to need help down the road, my wife and I are very big supporters of health care in our local community at the hospital, so it was a no-brainer for us to do something. In my mind it was the least we could do."

On the racetrack, Grant enjoyed a banner year. In February, his horses won three 2017 O'Brien Awards — Stay Hungry, Bettor's Up, and Sandbetweenurtoes. His highlight on the track came in August when he watched filly Atlanta win the Hambletonian, but he also owned multiple-stakes-winner Stay Hungry and six-figure-earners Babes Dig Me, Dr J Hanover, Easy Lover Hanover, Captain Trevor, B Yoyo, Witch Dali, Bettor's Up, Captain Ahab, and Missile Hill.

In December, Atlanta was named the Dan Patch Award-winner for best 3-year-old female trotter.

"There were a lot of highs this year," Grant said. "It's going to be hard to top, but I'd sure love to give it a try. We're hoping for good things for some of our 3-year-olds coming back and it looks like we have a nice crop of (2-year-olds). They're all going good, which at this time of year it's really hard to get excited, but they seem to know what they're supposed to do and their breeding says they should know what to do so we'll keep our fingers crossed."

"It's going to be hard to top last year, but just to be a part of it, that's the exciting part."

Ranger excited for North America Drivers Championship

The third annual event at Miami Valley Raceway kicks off this afternoon.

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Bruce Ranger, who returned to racing in October following a three-year absence, will see a lot of new – and younger – faces when he participates in the third annual \$25,000 North America Drivers Championship at Miami Valley Raceway. The 59-year-old Ranger is the elder statesman of the event, which features 30 drivers in a three-day competition that begins this afternoon.

Nineteen of the 30 drivers are age 40 or younger, including 2018 Driver of the Year Aaron Merriman and North America Drivers Championship defending champion Trace Tetrick.

The others in that group are: Simon Allard, Joe Bongiorno, Billy Davis Jr., Dexter Dunn, J. Bradley Harris, Travis Henry, Bob McClure, Frank Milby, Drew Monti, Anthony Napolitano, Jeff Nisonger, Dan Noble, Chris Page, Jeremy Smith, Tyler Smith, Josh Sutton and Jimmy Whittemore.

Ranger, who drove nearly exclusively at Pompano Park in the five years prior to his now-abandoned retirement, is unfamiliar with many of them.

“A lot of them, it will be all new to me,” Ranger said, adding with a laugh, “I think I’d have a better chance racing with their fathers, probably.

“I’m excited. It will be fun. Something different, for sure.”

Ranger has won 8,959 races in his career, which began in his native Maine in 1978. He enjoyed success in New England and the Delaware Valley before becoming the all-time leading driver at Pompano Park. He is in the Florida and New England halls of fame.

In 2015, Ranger decided it was time to retire from racing as the result of the wear-and-tear on his body. He returned to Maine with no thoughts of driving ever again. But last summer Ranger began driving the starting gate on the state’s fair circuit and soon found the competitive juices starting to flow.

“Nobody was more surprised than me,” Ranger said about his return to the sulky. “After about three weeks at the fairs, I started to get the itch to race again. It definitely wasn’t in my plans. It was really something. I can’t say it hasn’t been fun. It gets the adrenaline going again.”

Ranger has won 43 of 179 races since his return. His participation in the competition at Miami Valley will be his first action of 2019.



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Driver Bruce Ranger.

For the event, each driver has four randomly drawn horses and post positions on each of the first two programs. Following Monday afternoon’s results the top 10 in points will advance to Tuesday’s championship round and race head-to-head starting with a clean scoring slate over eight races on the card.

Thirty points are awarded to the winner of each contest race with 20-14-11-9-7-5-3-1 points earned for second through ninth place finishes.

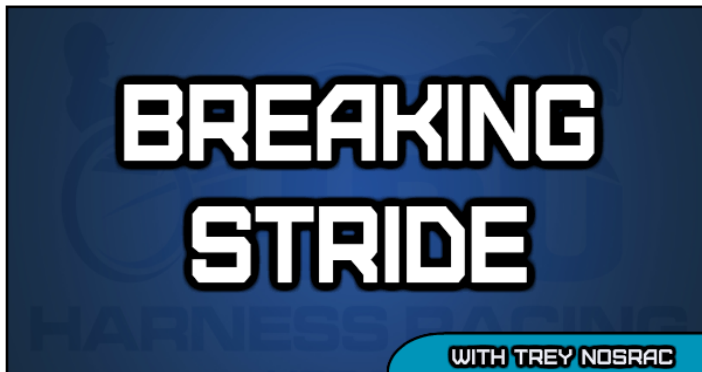
Although Ranger is unfamiliar personally with many of the drivers, he respects them and what they’ve accomplished.

“These guys work hard,” Ranger said. “Look at Aaron Merriman. He drives well over 4,000 times a year. I don’t even know how that’s possible. He’s got to be tough.”

Ranger plans to remain in New England to race, although he would consider driving in Ohio this winter if he could get opportunities.

“Florida was real good to me, but I’ve earned my wings,” Ranger said. “I just wasn’t happy there anymore. It just wasn’t working for me. I enjoy the cooler weather and the seasons. I didn’t realize how much I missed them until I got back north. I do some outdoors stuff, some biking and skiing. I grew up doing that.

“I’m not sure how it’s going to go. There’s a lot of racing in Ohio. I’m going to see how it feels this weekend. If it looks like I can get work maybe I’ll stay and race for a bit. It’s pretty quiet in New England at this time of year. We’ll see what happens. It’s going to be fun. I was out of the loop for a while. At this point in time, I’m rested and not all banged up and burned out. It’s exciting to go.”



Another Bet

The Real Life Ventures and Adventures of Trey and Batman

by Trey Nosrac

I was reading HRU on my phone when my friend from Silicon Valley slid into the front passenger seat of my Prius.

"Heavy reading?" He asked

"A sad story from a writer who sat in at a racing symposium – lots of ideas, no real action."

He snapped his seatbelt and nodded, "The step between idea and implementation can be a bridge too far."

I sighed. "It's depressing when someone says we can't do nothing. Hell, I do nothing every day."

He added, "And so effortlessly."

"Thanks, I am a professional."

"Change is hard. Plus, in your sport, there are not many people with the power to change it. By power, I mean money, influence, connections, and motivation."

I poked him on the shoulder and said, "You come from the Major Leagues of business and technology, suppose you slipped into the Bat Cave for a huge stash – what would you DO to move the needle in horse racing?"

As I drove, he looked out the side window as gusts of wind pushed fresh powdered snow into waves on a barren field. He asked, "Big plan or small plan?"

I shrugged and said, "Let's go big."

He thought for a few more miles and then started talking, "I'd start purchasing racetracks. Possibly set up a corporation and offer shares to technology investors."

"And then what?"

"Hold them short term, and then sell or lease."

"To whom?"

"To a big data firm with artificial intelligence and existing infrastructure. I see about five or six players in the mix, companies that might USE racing when gambling legislation



settles. A major tech company has the scale and the tools to find and cultivate horseracing gamblers. Algorithms, bots, and artificial intelligence are the future - and that includes online gambling. I would purchase as a spin-off, maybe an independent division with access to assets, employees, intellectual property, and the technology of the parent company."

I sighed dramatically. "Here we go, another trip to nerd land on the cyber express. Do you have any inside information?"

"Not much. Technology behemoths are very secretive about their plans, but all you need to do is look up patent applications, which I have, and you will find Microsoft and Google with patents pending on sports gambling."

"Do you see horse racing as an investment to flip or to hold until the big dogs come knocking?"

"Trey, don't think about today, don't think about tomorrow, think about three, four, five years out. Think about the Pandora's Box of legalized sports gambling. I read yesterday that Rhode Island was the eighth state to legislate sports gambling. New York and Arkansas are on deck."

I did some math in my head. "Ten out of 50, that's 20 per cent since the gambling law changed this past June."

He got to the point. "With gambling in every living room, the money is massive, the flow continuous, and the bets will flow through technology. Let me put it this way – can you see major tech companies NOT being interested in gambling revenue, NOT driving that business?"





“You think racing could fit?”

“Indirectly. These companies would not limit themselves to a small sport like harness racing, but pushing horse racing under the umbrella of sports gambling would appear to be a good position for investors to hold. Investors would not care that much about what the numbers are on horse racing today, the investment is on the future.”

“You would place a bet on the explosion of sports gambling?”

“I would place money on Larry and Sergey already considering online gambling as part of Other Bets.”

“Other Bets?”

He moved his hands as if he were holding an invisible basketball as he explained, “Google changed their corporate structure a few years ago. They formed Alphabet. They separated their financials between Google, which covers advertising, cloud computing, and hardware, and they created Other Bets.”

“Like horse racing?”

“Not to my knowledge. Other Bets is just the name of this new division. It is a bit mysterious, but Other Bets currently includes at least 11 different companies, like Waymo a self-driving car unit, and Verily a healthcare research concept. It is possible they already have an eye on gambling.” I shook my head and mimed a pistol shot to the temple.

He explained. “Think of it like this — Other Bets is as if a very powerful owner bought 11 very promising, very expensive yearlings at Lexington and Harrisburg to send to the best trainers. They know the costs for Other Bets will be high, and they are, over a billion dollars every three months to keep the Other Bets divisions running. They know that some of these will not make it to the races. However, like

high-end yearlings, if one of those Other Bets pays off, it pays off big time.”

I scratched my head, “You realize, you haven’t said a single thing about horses or races, about changing the game, about changing the product?”

He shrugged, “For the most part, harness racing is what it is, however, people from my world can change the perception, extend the market, and make improvements every day without needing permission.”

“You would perk it up to make the sale as appealing as possible?”

“Yes, and even if the future of sports gambling does not evolve as envisioned, investors still would hold some equity.”

“When could this turn from talking to action?”

“Investors could begin buying racetracks tomorrow.”

I pushed. “And when would the masters of the universe enter the picture?”

“Tech companies are strange, they are both patient and time specific. When they get the bit between their teeth they race very fast, very hard and have a lot of stamina. They crush the competition. If you have something they want or something they can use, like a sports gambling entity, you could be sitting pretty.”

I sighed, “This all seems very... sterile. Investing, flipping, buying, selling, just soulless business. It doesn’t feel like fun.

He smiled. “For fun, you should have picked a small plan.”

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Conditions for nominating yearlings will be published in the U.S.T.A. Stakes & Futurities Nomination Book. Specific conditions for the races for which these foals are eligible will be published in the U.S.T.A. Stakes Guide in the year of the races. The Hambletonian Society reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Breeders Crown program, without liability.

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For more information contact: The Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown at (609) 371-2211 or www.hambletonian.com

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Gingras nearing 7,000 wins after Big M four-bagger

So much for drawn-out suspense.

Driver Yannick Gingras is not inching but streaking his way toward the 7,000-win plateau for his career. After scoring four times on the Friday Meadowlands card, the 39-year-old Quebec native now has 6,996 lifetime victories.

Right after being named the track's Driver of the Week for winning a half-dozen times last weekend (Dec. 27-29), Gingras was off and running in the first race after a late driver change, picking up 2-1 public choice Tech Titan and scoring in 1:55 on the front end in a low-range conditioned trot.

Pappy Go Go would come next in 1:52.4 in a high-class conditioned trot, although things didn't look all that good down the backside.

The Andrew Harris trainee lost ground after vacating the rail before the half in race seven and did not look like he would come close to delivering on his 6-5 promise.

But Gingras knew what he had, tweeting: "He runs in pretty good, so they have him rigged for that. But once he hit the backstretch he was then pretty rough and running out. Once we hit the last turn, he straightened up and was fine."

Texican gave Gingras his third of the night as the 3-5 favorite in the ninth race mid-range conditioned trot after following perfect second-over cover, just getting past a stubborn Possessed Fashion as they hit the wire in 1:54.

Bizet scored for the fourth time in his last six starts in the 12th race trot for non-winners of three races as Gingras racked up win No. 4. The result was a never-in-doubt rated speed score in 1:54.3 as the 4-5 public choice.

THE 'PLAINRIDGE PHENOM' DOUBLES: Mitch Cushing had quite a year in 2018, and so far in 2019, things are continuing to click for the 20-year-old driver.

Cushing, who finished second in the dash-win standings and first in win percentage (among those with at least 15 victories) at Plainridge Park last year, had a big impact on the Big M Friday program, winning twice on the card, helping to key a big payout in the track's 50-Cent Pick-5 wager.

Blitz Victory was the first winner of the night for Cushing in the third race low-range conditioned trot in 1:55.4, making his fans smile at odds of 12-1 after following live cover. The winning Trifecta combination of 1-9-5 – with the second- and third-place finishers each going off at odds of 50-1 – came back \$17,370.80.

The young pilot came back in the next race to score at 6-1 with Western Redhot in 1:54.2 in a \$7,500 claiming pace. The Cushing effect on the Pick-5 was profound. The popular wager, which has been relocated to races one through five, returned \$3,258.30 after \$64,727 in action was taken. The other three legs of the bet were won by 'hirable' horses who went off at 2-1, 6-1 and 5-2, respectively.

A LITTLE MORE: There were four winning favorites on the card and Gingras drove them all... The 50-Cent Pick-4 was its

usual popular self, as a meet-high \$106,836 was pushed through the windows. There were plenty who cashed in, as the winning combination of 8-6,7,8-9-9 returned \$95.20 despite only one winning favorite during the sequence... All-source handle on the 13-race card totaled \$2,830,776, good for second best at the meeting. The per race average of \$217,752 was a meet high.

– *Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations*

Yonkers offers stakes, series nomination forms

Yonkers Raceway has made available all of its 2019 stakes and series nomination forms for events not serviced by the Hambletonian Society.

The events include:

- Blue Chip Matchmaker and George Morton Levy Memorial Pacing Series as well as the Petticoat and Sagamore Hill Pacing Series (all closing Feb. 15).

- Yonkers Raceway/Standardbred Owners Association of New York Bonus Trotting Series (closing March 15).

- Lawrence B. Sheppard Pace (closing April 15).

Forms are available in the nightly racing program, online at: www.empirecitycasino.com/racing/nomination-blanks/ and, as deadlines get closer, through selected harness publications/websites.

For more information, please contact the race office at (914) 457-2627.

– *Frank Drucker / Yonkers publicity director*

Safe Harbor Sanctuary announces expansion of After the Track program

Safe Harbor Sanctuary, a 501(c)3, GFAS-Accredited equine and livestock rescue organization based near Nashville, TN, has announced the expansion of its After the Track program for retiring racehorses.

More than two dozen off-the-track standardbreds have been placed in new homes through Safe Harbor. Many of these were pulled from kill pen brokers, while others were seized by law enforcement in cruelty and neglect cases. The landscape of "horse rescue" has changed since the organization's founding five years ago, and the need for aftercare programs for retiring racehorses has become more prominent. In 2019, the organization hopes to expand its After the Track program by working directly with the racing community.

"We want to be an alternative for owners and trainers who are ready to retire their horses from racing. We applaud the USTA for programs like Full Circle. Relatedly, our adoption contract is a lifetime safety net. As such, we hope to break the Amish/auction/kill pen cycle, and instead prepare horses in our program for second careers as family, pleasure, or

show horses,” said director Elizabeth Howe. “There is always a fear when placing a horse in what you hope is a good home. Our adoption team screens applicants, checks references, and does follow-up to try to eliminate these fears and ensure ‘forever homes.’

“We usually have a waiting list of approved adopters looking for the epitome of a standardbred with aftercare training – all the basic ground training, been there, done that attitude, safe for the family's 10-year-old to ride around the house and mom to take on a trail ride on Saturday. Our trainers are experienced working with both trotters and pacers to prepare them for a secure future.”

Safe Harbor is a foster-farm based rescue with resources to care for approximately 35 horses at any given time. Intakes are based on available space in the program. Some caretakers serve as farms for downtime, where horses can be turned out and enjoy being horses. When they are ready to be restarted toward second careers, they move to the organization's training center to be evaluated and put into regular work. Safe Harbor horses have been adopted to casual weekend riders and serious competitors, and have done everything from Sunday afternoon pleasure driving to working cattle to 3-day eventing.

Regular post-adoption check-ins are required under the adoption contract. Reference checks are completed on every applicant. Horses adopted through Safe Harbor are welcomed back into the program at any time, for any reason.

For additional information about Safe Harbor's After the Track program or to enroll a horse, email contact@safeharborsanctuary.org or call 615-997-0697.

– *Safe Harbor Sanctuary*

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RE: How to get people to the track [\(full story here\)](#)

First, shorten time between races. People today want more action. Second, tracks must go postward on time. It is crazy you say post time 5 minutes and 9 minutes later the race has not gone off. Some tracks it will say zero minutes to post and the horse are just coming on the track. They think the count clock helps, not if they would race at post time. Stop the stalling except for equipment repair. Most young people are used to faster action for their money so the slow time between races hurts because return on dollar is not always great. Race secretaries must make more competitive races,

less horse at below even money.

– *Paul M. Rounds / Brattleboro, VT*

More thoughts on How to get people to the track

Education within the industry itself is of prime importance. Scientific research has shown that whipping a hard-working horse is more detrimental than it is beneficial. Let's start with that. Either the elimination of whipping altogether or much stricter adherence to the rules must be employed.

Then there is the boot to the hocks. It is simply not necessary and definitely not good for those thinly-protected joint bones that can so very easily be damaged with this sort of “encouragement.”

Next up, Lasix, a drug that is abused beyond belief. It has been banned on race day in other countries and in some events in the U.S.

Then, of course, the illegal drugs that still rear their ugly heads along with the trainers that still try to outsmart the authorities and their fellow industry mates.

Last, but not least, is the problem of what happens to these young racehorses after their careers are over. Some are placed with responsible owners and live in good homes. Not enough of them end up that lucky. Far too many get sold to the buggy community, which is not the quaint, good life that the trainers and owners would like to have you believe. Far too often, these horses are overworked, not fed and watered properly, not dewormed and vaccinated as they should be, etc. In other words – abused! Very often, they end up broken down wrecks in auctions where the kill buyers frequent and purchase for shipping to the slaughter houses. Or they hold them ransom for rescues – some legit, some not – to plead with the public on social media for donations to save these poor, broken down souls that were once standing in the winner's circle or producing beautiful babies to be sold at yearling auctions.

Yes, as Anthony states, education is very important for our industry. Too bad far too many are so close-minded to the problems that are killing it. Perception is so important and these days, with social media at everyone's fingertips, our industry is not as secretive as it once was. It's not so easy to cover up and ignore the indiscretions of some, the horrible stories of horses being abused and dumped into kill pens. Some millionaires, some youngsters, some older broodmares, some breeding stallions, some just your run-of-the-mill working racehorse that made money for some people along the way, but didn't warrant a good home in retirement. Kinda makes you wonder why it continues to go on.

– *Lynne Magee / Wingham, ON*

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RACE RESULTS

HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in Harness Racing Update: U.S. and Canadian races with a purse of 15K and over, plus stakes races 10K and over.



MEADOWLANDS report

Friday's Results:

7, M, \$17,500, Trot, N/W \$15,000 in Last 5 Starts AE: N/W 6 Extended PM Races or \$125,000 Lifetime AE: N/W \$275,000 in 2017/18 Drawn Outside, 27.3, 55.1, 1:24.0, 1:52.4, FT

1-Pappy Go Go (g, 5, Tad The Stud--Paging Willy, by Pegasus Spur) \$8,750, \$4,000 2015 NSPE, Lifetime Record: 53-26-4-6, \$121,480

O-Michael Goldberg Racing LLC. B-William E Andrew, CA. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras.

2-Two Am (g, 5, Muscle Massive--Slightly Tipsy, by Conway Hall) \$4,375, \$30,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 45-19-7-5, \$318,516

O-Gene Oldford Farms LLC & Lynette M Buter & William J & Carol D Fuhs. B-Andray Farm. T-Todd Buter. D-Tyler Buter.

3-Buen Camino (g, 7, Cash Hall--Baby Bella, by Raffaello Ambrosio) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 64-12-15-13, \$650,001

O-Purple Haze Stables LLC. B-Ernest H Martinez II & Wcb Racing Stable. T-Trond Smedshammer. D-Trond Smedshammer.

Replay - Calls: 2H, 5H, 2T, 2, H - Finish Order: Sylvesteraamericait, Karets, Dynamic Edge, Rock Of Cashel, Tober, Osvaldo Blue Chip

8, M, \$17,500, Pace, Fillies & Mares N/W \$15,000 in Last 5 Starts AE: N/W \$20,000 Last 5 Starts Drawn Outside, 27.4, 56.3, 1:23.4, 1:51.2, FT

1-Delightfulmemphis (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Memphis Melody, by Badlands Hanover) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 53-15-20-5, \$279,823

O-Enzed Racing Stable Inc. B-Platinum Breeding Limited, NZ & E R Collins, NZ. T-R. Nifty Norman. D-Dexter Dunn.

2-Itty Bitty (m, 5, Always A Virgin--Banani, by Warrior For Peace) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 69-16-11-10, \$198,377

O-Evan A Katz & J Robert Darrow & A Harris Racing LLC. B-Rosebud Bloodstockfarm. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Penpal (m, 6, American Ideal--Copywriter, by Artsplace) \$2,100, \$65,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 74-13-13-11, \$462,421

O-Patrick D Lachance & M & M Harness Racing LLC. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Pat Lachance. D-Corey Callahan.

Replay - Calls: 7T, 4H, 3, 3, HD - Finish Order: Believe In Me, Fancy Creek Jolene, Kay's Delight, D Gs Elsa, Cuts Like A Knife, Stylish Beachwhere, Kak's Shark Attack

Saturday's Results: Meadowlands had not made any of the results from last night final via USTA at publication time

MIAMI VALLEY report

Friday's Results:

12, MVR, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES N/W \$8000 IN LAST 4 STARTS, 26.3, 54.2, 1:23.3, 1:53.3, SL

1-Rock Me Baby (m, 6, Rock N Roll Heaven--Lover Of Art, by Artsplace) \$8,000, \$37,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 69-19-9-6, \$312,953

O-Carl T Howard & Carl L Atley & Milton J Leeman & Kara S Witt. B-Brittany Farms LLC & Brian P Monieson Revtrust. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brett Miller.

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2-Avila Beach (m, 7, Hi Ho Silverheel's--Bj's Beach Fire, by Beach Towel) \$4,000, Lifetime Record: 115-23-20-9, \$177,112

O-Black And White Stable & Sara Merea Haynes. B-Wayne E & Rodney W Knittel. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-Jeremy Smith.

3-Big Bad Jane (m, 5, Big Bad John--Flower Cart, by Abercrombie) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 47-14-6-4, \$193,464

O-Sandra S Burnett. B-Sam O Noble III & Sandra S Burnett. T-Dan Noble. D-Dan Noble.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 7H, 5T, 1, 3H, 3Q - Finish Order: Always About Farah, Lease Ness Monster, Endeavors Star, Sweetshadyshark, State Street Liz, Mcstravist, Rockin Racer

RACE RESULTS

Saturday's Results:

2, MVR, \$15,000, Trot, N/W 7 (MARES 8) PM RACES AT EXT. MEETS AE: N/W \$60,000 LIFETIME, 28.4, 58.3, 1:28.0, 1:56.4, FT

1-Northern Skyway (g, 4, Guccio--Northern Miss Hall, by Like A Prayer) \$7,500, \$37,000 2016 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 40-10-5-4, \$96,328
O-William H Mc Elvain Jr. B-Northern Lane Farm. T-Michael Hitchcock. D-Bruce Ranger.

2-Mushana (g, 5, Muscle Massive--Keystone Shana, by Andover Hall) \$3,750, \$10,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 21-6-2-1, \$41,430
O-Jason J Brewer. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jeff Brewer. D-Jason Brewer.

3-Santini (g, 5, Kadabra--Vallaire, by Andover Hall) \$1,800, \$40,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 61-6-15-6, \$120,290
O-Oldford Racing LLC. B-David H Anderson, CA. T-Terry Deters. D-Randy Tharps.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 3H, 1T, H, 2, 4 - Finish Order: Queens On Fire, Showboat, Nohillforaclimber, Trak, Garnet

6, MVR, \$17,500, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.0, 55.2, 1:22.2, 1:50.1, FT

1-Coal Hanover (g, 7, Dragon Again--Calgary Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$8,750, \$50,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 116-24-18-9, \$245,782
O-Amy R Loney. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Dan Noble. D-Dan Noble.

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2-Swappportunity (g, 7, Mach Three--Swap Blue Chip, by Art Major) \$4,375, \$35,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 74-21-15-10, \$171,412
O-Adam B Short. B-Edward B Smith, CA & G Arthur Slack, CA & Georgette Guillemette Inc, CA. T-Adam Short. D-Josh Sutton.

3-Shagwiththedragon (g, 5, Dragon Again--Lady Terror, by Western Terror) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 46-10-4-7, \$69,306
O-Frederick M Linz. B-Glenview Livestock LTD, CA. T-Michael Arnold. D-Trace Tetrick.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 2, 3 - Finish Order: Full On Rocknroll, Evergreen Elite, Primo Giovanni, Neat, Winna Winna, Hash-tag Swag

9, MVR, \$15,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 26.3, 56.0, 1:24.2, 1:52.4, FT

1-Fan Of Terror (g, 7, Western Terror--Fans Bikini, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 97-25-16-10, \$202,553
O-At The Wire Stables. B-Goldfinger Enterprises. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrick.



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2-Armabluechipboy N (g, 7, Santanna Blue Chip--Millwood Bette, by Badlands Hanover) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 82-10-9-9, \$91,962
O-Matthew L Newsome & Mitchell Standardbreds Inc.. B-T J Armstrong, NZ. T-Zach Tackett. D-Jeremy Smith.

3-Whiskey Friskie (g, 6, Feelin Friskie--Be My Lucky Star, by Camluck) \$1,800, \$16,000 2014 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 118-13-23-17, \$220,219
O-Gregory C Gardner. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Brandon Piquet. D-Brett Miller.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 4, 1, 2, 5, 5 - Finish Order: Billabong Beach, He's A Lock, Sweet Colt Of Mine, American Dreamer, Dateline Hanover, Heaven Rocks, Vintage Grand

10, MVR, \$17,500, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:53.1, FT

1-Stonebridge Rocks (r, 5, Rocknroll Hanover--Stonebridge Sassy, by Camluck) \$8,750, \$9,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 79-13-13-11, \$131,112
O-Cherryl R Street & Donald M Guard. B-Angie M Stiller, CA. T-Max Stockman. D-Tyler Smith.

2-Sammy The Bull N (g, 10, Bettor's Delight--I'm On Myway, by Holmes Hanover) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 170-16-19-35, \$229,547
O-Matthew L Newsome & Mitchell Standardbreds Inc.. B-Mrs I B Holland, NZ. T-Zach Tackett. D-Josh Sutton.

3-Get Around Town (g, 9, Jerome's Jet--Bunny Town, by Precious Bunny) \$2,100, \$17,000 2011 FOREST, Lifetime Record: 240-29-41-29, \$343,638
O-Larrywaderacingofohiolc. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Kayne Kauffman. D-Kayne Kauffman.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1Q, 1H, 1, T - Finish Order: Indiana Cam, Ahdoughnolum, Delco Papa Bear, Vance Bayama, Northern Virgin, Winning Is Sweet

11, MVR, \$16,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS N/W \$8000 IN LAST 4 STARTS, 27.0, 55.3, 1:24.1, 1:51.2, FT

1-Savage Seelster (g, 9, Camluck--Slick Gaited, by Artsplace) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 146-35-24-21, \$318,849
O-Robert D Bellamy & Chris C. Bulak. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Jeff Brewer. D-Jason Brewer.

2-Play The Field (g, 7, Bettor's Delight--A Votre Pante, by Artsplace) \$4,000, Lifetime Record: 130-18-20-20, \$223,584
O-Mary M Megerle. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Doc's Farm. T-Kayne Kauffman. D-Kayne Kauffman.

3-Escape The News (g, 10, Artiscape--Ideal News, by Western Ideal) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 209-43-35-35, \$932,281
O-Larrywaderacingofohiolc. B-Brittany Farms LLC & Val D'Or Farms. T-Kayne Kauffman. D-Dan Noble.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1, 1Q, 3, 6T - Finish Order: Whataboy, Caviart Midnight, Tyd Theglyde, Fox Valley Reggie, Fox Valley Rebel, Dont Say Goodby, Lucky Lime

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12, MVR, \$25,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN HCP PP'S 1-2 DRAWN; NO.9 ASSIGNED, 26.0, 53.3, 1:21.4, 1:51.1, FT

1-Granite (g, 6, Real Desire--Precious Stone, by Western Ideal) \$12,500, \$20,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 91-21-16-12, \$369,910
O-The Panhellenic Stb Corp. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Ken Rucker. D-Jeremy Smith.

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2-Whatchyastarinat (g, 7, Up Front Brad--Im Warning U, by As Promised) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 88-21-21-22, \$135,417
O-Wolfswinkel Pacers Inc. B-Henry J Wolfswinkel. T-Dan Ater. D-Kyle Ater.

3-My Buddy Ninkster (g, 7, Dali--Sporty Ellie, by Sportsmaster) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 167-34-28-24, \$445,240
O-John G Krasnican Jr & Mary E Krasnican. B-Mary E Krasnican. T-Robert Phillips. D-Todd Warren.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 2H, 2H, 3, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: My Hero Ron, Vinovio, Night Pro, Migrate Blue Chip, Lucky Mctrucky, Freaky Feet Pete, Fourboltmane

NORTHFIELD report

Saturday's Results:

2, Nfld, \$17,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP (POST POSITION 7 ASSIGNED), 26.3, 55.1, 1:23.3, 1:53.0, FT

1-Tiger's Sue (m, 6, A Stud Named Sue--Lady Tiger, by Tinselator) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 134-29-26-23, \$234,959
O-Frank Multari & George D Merton Jr. B-William J Webb. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Kurt Sugg.

2-Cocktail Time (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Panevolence, by Artsplace) \$4,250, \$50,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 80-16-19-14, \$237,022
O-Victor R Finocchiaro. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Jordan Hope. D-Chris Lems.

3-White Metro (m, 7, Metropolitan--Bye Bye Peachy Pie, by Threefold) \$2,040, \$2,500 2013 IN-PREM, Lifetime Record: 123-26-13-19, \$332,776
O-Thomas J Pollack. B-Dan E Ater & Larry A Gates & Don E Huddleston. T-John Oliverio. D-Mike Wilder.

Replay - Calls: 5T, 4H, 2H, Q, 3 - Finish Order: Nutmegs Yankee, Zoe Ellasen, My Tweed Heart, Spanish Dream

THE MEADOWS report

Friday's Results:

8, Mea, \$18,000, Trot, **F&M PREFERRED HANDICAP** P.P.1-3 DRAWN; 4-6 DRAWN, 28.1, 57.1, 1:26.1, 1:55.2, FT

1-Lass A Rope (m, 4, Encore Encore--American Lassie, by American Mike) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 30-12-4-2, \$172,614
O-Robert J Key. B-Robert J Key. T-Rich Gillock. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-Glidingthruparadise (m, 6, Yankee Glide--Chowda, by SJ's Caviar) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 81-20-15-14, \$262,043
O-Brookside Stables. B-Dunn Stable. T-Edward Zubkoff Jr. D-Brian Zendt.

3-Bessie (m, 8, Equinox Bi--Cantab's Chorine, by Cantab Hall) \$2,160, \$3,000 2012 BHS, Lifetime Record: 181-44-28-23, \$429,036
O-Paula J Clapper & Umholtz Racing Stable Inc & Kennedy Sports Corp. B-M Biasuzzi Stable Inc. T-Ricky Clapper. D-Jim Pantaleano.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, NS - Finish Order: My Cherry Pie, Maewegonow, Dirty Secret

WOODBINE MOHAWK report

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$63,000 LIFETIME, 28, 57, 1:25.3, 1:55.1

1-Thrillonthebeach (b,m,4 - Somebeachsomewhere-Tutu Hanover-Western Ideal) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 28-6-1-9, \$78,832
O-Howard & Joshua Kaufman B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Terrance Langille D-Paul MacDonell



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2-Quite A Sight (b,m,4 - Camluck-Breathtacular-No Pan Intended)

O-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, Mardon Stables B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc T-Robert McIntosh D-Trevor Henry

3-Ms Cheesman (b,m,4 - Betterthancheddar-Lilli Maid-Christian Cullen)

O-Bay Pond Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Blake MacIntosh D-Travis Cullen

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2, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, NW 3 (FM 5) RACES OR \$50,000 (FM \$60,000) LIFETIME, 29.1, 58.3, 1:27.2, 1:57.3

1-Hey Livvy (b,m,4 - Donato Hanover-Nevis Bi-Self Possessed) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-1, \$74,733

O-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc B-M Biasuzzi Stable Inc T-Jeffrey Gillis D-Trevor Henry

2-Quadrangle (b,g,5 - Muscle Hill-Pilgrims Queen-Broadway Hall)

O-Charalambos Christoforou, Banjo Farms B-Charalambos Christoforou, Banjo Farms T-Per Henriksen D-Chris Christoforou

3-Embolden (b,h,4 - Muscle Hill-Say What-Andover Hall)

O-Benoit Baillargeon, Santo Vena B-Southwind Farms Llc T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Mario Baillargeon

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3, Wbs, \$30,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED, 29.1, 58.1, 1:26.4, 1:55.2

1-Kendall Seelster (b,m,4 - Shadow Play-Kiddie Cocktail-Bettors Delight) \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 35-14-8-3, \$752,450

O-1187422 Ontario Inc B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Rod Boyd D-Sylvain Filion

2-Request For Parole (b,m,9 - Badlands Hanover-Give Me Life-Life Sign)

O-Ashleigh & Ed Hensley B-Winbak Farm T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

3-P L Hurricane (b,m,8 - Jeremes Jet-Taylorlane Action-Village Jiffy)

O-David Brown B-Onlineharnessowner Com 17 T-David Brown D-Richard Zeron

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4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, NW \$10,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$20,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000, 28.1, 56.1, 1:25.4, 1:56

1-Cinnabar Dragon (br,h,5 - Dragon Again-Fortune Tina-Camluck) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 84-9-12-18, \$152,928

O-Robert Key B-Robert Key T-Rod Boyd D-Phillippe Hudon

2-Fine Diamond (b,h,6 - Rock N Roll Heaven-Yellow Diamond-Western Terror)

O-Ecurie CSL, GAAR Racing Stables B-Steve Jones, Fair Winds Farm T-Richard Moreau D-Bob McClure

3-Velocity Driven (b,g,8 - Arts Chip-U Drive Me Crazy-Camluck)

O-Des Tackoor, Martin Van Beek, Don Lee, Tony Valentini B-Velocity Standardbreds T-Robert Don Fellows D-Chris Christoforou

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6, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$15,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$110,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$35,000, 28.3, 58, 1:26.3, 1:55

1-Just Her Luck (br,m,4 - Sportswriter-Just Luck-Camluck) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 38-6-5-6, \$156,086

O-1187422 Ontario Inc B-1187422 Ontario Inc T-Carmen Auciello D-Chris Christoforou

2-Jan (b,m,4 - Rock N Roll Heaven-Armbró Savannah-Matts Scooter)

O-Wilma & James Mackenzie B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-James Dean D-Randall Waples

3-This Dragon Rocks (b,m,5 - Dragon Again-Rockumentary-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-Corey Johnson, Link Stb, Michael Goldberg B-Perretti Farms T-Corey Johnson D-Jody Jamieson

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8, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, NW \$16,500 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW 3 RACES IN 2018. AE: NW \$120,000 LIFETIME, 28.1, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:53.1

1-Sintra (b,g,6 - Mach Three-Dancin Barefoot-Rocknroll Hanover) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 50-19-7-5, \$1,018,436

O-Brad Gray, Michael Guerriero, Menary Racing Inc B-Louie Camara T-David Menary D-Jody Jamieson

2-Mongolian Hero N (b,h,6 - Mach Three-Motu Living Doll-Live Or Die)

O-Pollack Racing LLC, Osullivan Racing Inc B-Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Ind T-Tony O'Sullivan D-Paul MacDonell

3-Brave World (br,g,5 - Royal Mattjesty-Fit N Bad-Badlands Hanover)

O-Wheelhouse Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Richard Moreau D-Trevor Henry

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9, Wbs, \$34,000, Pace, PREFERRED, 28.3, 58.2, 1:26.1, 1:54

1-Easy Lover Hanover (b,g,6 - Somebeachsomewhere-Easy Go Go-Pro Bono Best) \$17,000, Lifetime Record: 85-35-14-8, \$827,449

O-Bradley Grant B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Benjamin Wallace D-Jody Jamieson



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2-Physicallyinclined (b,h,7 - Mach Three-Artisticlyinclined-Artsplace)

O-Robert Watson, Armando Cappuccitti, Mike Bartram, Auciello Stables B-Big Als Stables INC T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

3-Nirvana Seelster (b,g,8 - Camluck-No Strikes Against-Western Hanover)

O-Bruce Davy B-Seelster Farms Inc T-William Budd D-Trevor Henry

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