

Friday, January 8, 2021

Settlemoir on Meadowlands seeding of Pick-5 pool, surging handle

The track is trying to build momentum coming off handle of \$4.5 million last Saturday.

by Brett Sturman

BETWEEN THE LINES



with **BRETT STURMAN**

Following last Saturday in which the Meadowlands handled over \$4.5 million, the East Rutherford, NJ oval seeks to continue its wave of momentum into the new weekend. The Meadowlands has guaranteed that its Saturday Pick-5 wager to open the card at \$100,000, but far more importantly, it has entered into agreement to seed the pool with a free \$25,000.

Building from a handle figure of \$3.7 million from two Saturdays ago, the Meadowlands benefitted in part from a perfect storm of circumstances last week that helped generate the \$4.5 million handle – which was higher than the handle on any card from all of 2020 save for Hambletonian Day. For starters, most harness tracks are dark right now and of the few that did run last Saturday, only Cal Expo had direct overlap for most of the card. With no tracks racing the prior day on New Year's Day except for Freehold, there was growing pent up demand. And, the fact that a fresh wave of stimulus funds went out in the U.S. at the onset of last weekend, I'm sure that didn't hurt things either.

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Hip No. 96 King Alphonso 2,1:52 (\$241,465)

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SENSATIONAL FIRST CROP

IN RANGE 2, 1:54.1s (\$411,003)

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PUB CRAWL (filly) 2, 1:53.4 (\$225,725)

Winner of Bluegrass, PASS, PA All Stars and Keystone Classic

ARNOLD N DICKY 2, 1:54h (\$152,468)

World Champion. Winner of PASS, PA Stallion Series, Keystone Classic and The Standardbred 2YO Trot at Delaware in a World Record time.

Ranked 6th for 2-Year-Old Trotting Total Earnings from only 61 foals. Yearlings averaged \$53,000 at the 2020 Standardbred Horse Sale ranking him 4th among trotting stallions.

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CANTAB HALL

2, 1:56.1, 3, 1:54 (\$1,442,303)

Self Possessed - Canland Hall by Garland Lobell

2 YEAR OLDS SWEEP THE BREEDERS CROWN IN 2020

ON A STREAK 2, 1:52.4s (\$739,867)

Breeders Crown and William Wellwood Memorial winner

LADY CHAOS (filly) 2, 1:53.1 (\$565,321)

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OLDEST FOALS ARE 2 YEAR OLDS IN 2021

Nuncio finished first or second in 26 of 27 starts at 2 and 3. His stateside wins included the Kentucky Futurity, Yonkers Trot, Bluegrass and Matron Stakes. He finished second in the Hambletonian Final, Stanley Dancer Memorial and 2YO Breeders Crown. His European tour was highlighted by an undefeated 11 for 11 season as a five year old with wins in the 2016 Elitlopp, Oslo Grand Prix, Swedish Breeders Crown and UET Trotting Masters Final.

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The biggest attraction though came in the form of a \$46,731 carryover into the Pick-5 wager from when it went unanswered the prior week. The track guaranteed \$150,000 into the Pick-5 that night and there was never a doubt that number wouldn't be reached. All told, over \$314,000 of new money was bet into the wager and it handle throughout the night was buoyed by the interest in the Pick-5.

Explaining how the concept of seeding Saturday's Pick-5 came to be, COO & GM of the Meadowlands, Jason Settlemoir said, "Jeff (Gural) called me on Monday and said why don't we seed the pool with \$25,000 and see if the SBOANJ will split it with us as a goodwill gesture and thank you to our customers for wagering over \$4.5 million last week on our product. I called (SBOANJ president) Mark (Ford) and got it worked out that we would split it – it's a team effort here moving forward. And at the end of the day, we're always looking to give back to the customers. We did the free past performances that we've got a deal worked out for and were able to put those online. We actually have another exciting project that we're working on with TrackMaster and there will be more details to come out about that soon."

Estimating from recent data, perhaps the seeded \$25,000 will attract between \$250,000 and \$300,000 in new Pick-5 money. In addition to the \$314,000 of new money last week on a \$47,000 carryover, Pompano Park has recently seen two separate carryovers of about \$20,000 each in their Pick-5, and each of those attracted roughly \$200,000 of new money.

The Meadowlands is likely to lose money solely in the Pick-5 sequence, but the thought is that getting more eyes on the product early in the card can potentially lead to gains in the bigger picture of the card. Settlemoir estimated that the Pick-5 would need to handle \$600,000 to break even on the \$25,000 used to seed the pool. He said, "We're all very cognizant that we're not going to get that in the Pick-5 pool. But if it helps for those five races and then people continue to stay tuned in and bet the product the rest of the night through race 15, then you might see something cyclical that drives handle throughout the card."

At this time, it seems like seeding the Pick-5 pool is a one-time event, though Settlemoir has an open mind. "Right now, I see it as a one-time trade-off," said Settlemoir. "Because you have to remember what it takes handle-wise to make that money back up and the purse account on our side and from our standpoint as well as the SBOANJ, we don't

WINTER MIXED *Sale*

Darlinonthebeach p,3,1:48.1 | \$1,068,648
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want to lose money. We'll have to see how it goes. If it goes gang-busters then we'll see if that's something we continue doing. And I remember back in the days when people used to do this all the time and then it kind of went away. We're in a good spot right now from a harness racing standpoint and that a lot of eyes are on the Meadowlands and we'll see how this works out."

Perhaps in part a goodwill gesture, there's also an obvious recognition that "free money" – either in the form of reduced takeout or carryovers or seeding a pool – leads to larger than usual handle. Racing with the wind at their back right now, seeding the pool is a way to keep strong handle up. In promoting free money however it can, the Meadowlands is replicating a formula that works.

Rhetorically speaking, Settlemoir said, "Who doesn't like free money? And when you're seeding the pool you're starting off with that free money."

Asked whether he senses a change at all from elsewhere in the industry regarding a more concerted effort to improve handle, Settlemoir said, "I do see a little bit of a shift from a couple of other racetracks. Gabe (Prewitt) does a great job down there at Pompano and we certainly understand it from the bettor's standpoint. And I think at the same time that these are the tracks that you're going to see flourish – the ones that give back to the customer through any of these methods, including lower takeout. The customer is there week in and week out and when they have an opportunity to wager into free money, that's important."

Going as Race 1 on Saturday, here is my \$0.20 Pick-5 ticket:
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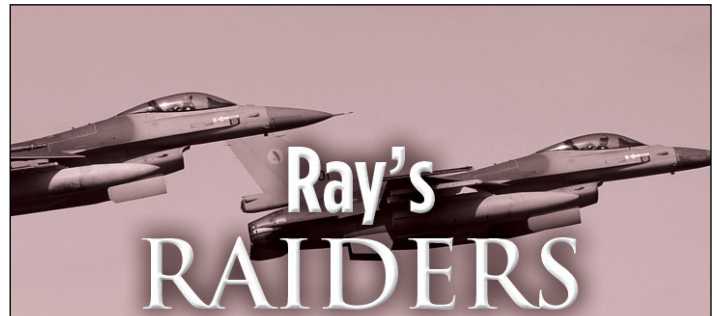
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Winter Mixed | Jan. 18 Meadowlands
*Highlights from the Ray Schnittker & Partners
Reduction Sale, Preferred Equine-Agent*



Hip 88 **CAPTAIN GROOVY** p,3,1:48 (\$112,754)
Fast Captaintreacherous stakes winner with a mark of 1:48/LQ :26. Second to No Lou Zing in the PASS last summer. Watch for updates before the sale.

Hip 92 **CIGARS AND PORT** p,2,1:54h (\$209,613)
This NYSS 2YO Colt Pace Champion (in track record time) was stakes-placed in 1:50 at 3 and is a chancy prospect moving forward.

Hip 98 **LAKE CHARLES** p,3,1:50.2f (\$162,925)
Stakes winner at both 2 and 3 has paced in 1:51 or faster in 9 of 11 2020 starts racing against top talent — Cattlewash, No Lou Zing, etc.

Hip 125 **WILD BILL** p,1:50.2f (\$149,725)
Stakes-winning Somebeachsomewhere veteran was second in his last start at Yonkers and shows impressive wins over all-sized tracks.



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First-Crop 3YOs in 2021 include:

◆ **FLAWLESS COUNTRY** (pictured)
PASS Champion (1:53.0, \$430,423)

◆ **DELAYED HANOVER**
Winner of Bluegrass Series (1:53.4, \$136,418)

◆ **TYPE A**
Winner of Matron Stakes (1:55.0, \$164,779)

◆ Six yearlings sold for
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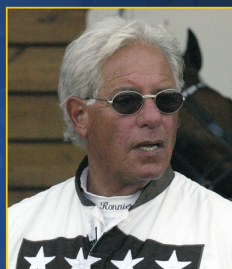
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with **RON GURFEIN**

Holiday generosity, or lack thereof, from owners to trainers

That and much, much more in this week's edition of harness racing's most popular advice column.

by **Ron Gurfein**

Tidbits: For all of my readers that are confused about the arguments for or against the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) that passed Congress and was signed into law last week let me enlighten you with some facts.

To begin with, the law doesn't go into effect until the summer of 2022 by which time there will be much discussion on where the funding will come from. It is my understanding that as of today the plan is for the tracks and owners to foot the bill which will be approximately \$30 per start. What do you get for the money? Hopefully a level playing field, and most definitely equal treatment of trainers and drivers throughout the industry. No more Indiana says no and New York says yes to an individual with questionable character. The right to race will fall to a uniform national decision and not to individual venues.

All drug rules will be on a national scale and not pertinent to individual states. There will no longer be questions on what you can race on in Pennsylvania or New York or Indiana and the withdrawal times will all be uniform.



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The Alagna ARMADA

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*Highlights from the Tony Alagna & Partners
Reduction Sale, Preferred Equine-Agent*



Hip 91 **CHIEF MATE** p,3,1:50f (\$226,619)
Captaintreacherous 4YO, racing vs. Tall Dark Stranger et. al., has won multiple stakes, paced in 1:48.2 and was 2nd by a head in the Adios.

Hip 58 **KARMA'S DELIGHT**
Magnificent Mare! Captaintreacherous sister to Darlinonthebeach and 2YO star Caviart Audrey. Her dam's 6 yearlings averaged \$220,000.

Hip 89 **CAPTAIN KIRK** p,3,1:48.3 (\$265,880)
Won NA Cup elim, defeted TDS in Geers and 2nd to Cattlewash in his world record 1:46.4. Earner of more than \$200,000 in 2020.

Hip 100 **PUT TO RIGHT** p,3,1:50.2 (\$150,196)
Selling in peak form — back-to-back winner in December at Meadowlands (1:50.2 on 12/26) and paced 1:48.3 in the Cane against TDS.



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The testing will all be at one laboratory not 50 as there are today.

I am not saying that this is a panacea, but we should put forth an effort to see if it works for us. Jim Gagliano the president and CEO of The Jockey Club is a very approachable guy and I am sure he would be more than willing to sit down with us and discuss the possibilities of a joint venture. It may even be less of a financial burden if we join.

But just to throw an opportunity like this in away because two of our leaders are opposed without a major study is ridiculous.

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I want to thank Rodney Foulds for his letter about the top colt Pemberton as an example of a 2-year-old held over to 3 that had a wonderful year. Bob McIntosh said at Hambletonian time that the Paul Walker trainee was the best but not eligible. True or not true, he was pretty close to correct. The colt went 8-for-10 and won the Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Super Final in 1:52. Let's hope this run continues this year in open competition.

Bill Bigler asks: It's the holiday season. Fill us in about what your owners were like when the holidays came around or just generosity in general?

Great question because it covers the gamut of possibilities.

For my first 20 years training, there was no such thing as generosity. You had to fight for every buck. With the exception of a handful of elite horse owners that lived in the area, the only owners wanting to race in Monticello were those that wanted to chase "Bungalow Bunnies." These were ladies whose husbands left them alone upstate during the week and visited on weekends because the commute to New York City was "too far" for them.

The rest were forced to send their stock there because it simply wasn't good enough for the Yonkers- Roosevelt circuit.

Things were so tough in those days that I actually had an owner that said no horses train on Sunday and would deduct the daily rate multiplied by the amount of Sundays in the month from my invoice. I asked him doesn't your horse have to eat and drink and live in a clean stall and get a little walk on Sunday? "That's not training," was the retort.

I did have some very nice owners in those days including Esther and Luca Balanzano, Dr. J of Hanover fame, who was about 17 years old at the time, and Sandy Goldfarb who was nothing short of a prince in those days. It was a difficult task to make a living, but it was sooooo much fun. It's not until

The Burke BRIGADE

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*Highlights from the Burke Racing & Partners
Reduction Sale, Preferred Equine-Agent*



Hip 119 **PYRO** p,4,1:49f (\$240,499)

Money-maker by Sweet Lou has won his last two at time of consignment at Harrah's-Philly, scoring in late December in 1:51.4-1:51.2.

Hip 62 **WAYSIDE** p,3,1:52.1f (\$51,493)

Somebeachsomewhere full sister to champion and millionaire Sandbetweenurtoes sells with a free 2021 breeding to Sweet Lou.

Hip 116 **GOES DOWN SMOOTH** 4,1:52.2f (\$302,730)

Muscle Hill stakes winner won last out on Dec. 24 at Phl — NW10000L5. In-to-go tonight at the Meadowlands. Loads of class and ability!

Hip 105 **THE CANDYMAN CAN** p,3,1:50.4 (\$96,452)

Newly-turned 4Y0 was stakes placed and a late closer winner last year and recently paced in 1:51 at the Meadowlands. In-to-go Saturday.



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p,3, 1:47.2f (\$1,879,061) · Bettor's Delight - Heather's Western by Western Hanover

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PAULAS BET HANOVER (filly) p,2, 1:55.1s (\$128,445) 1-2-5 in 11 starts. 2nd in Matron, 3rd in She's A Great Lady and Breeders Crown elim.

DARBY HANOVER (filly) p,2, 1:52.4f (\$110,150) 5-2-2 in 10 starts. Winner of John Simpson Memorial div., Keystone Classic and The Stallion Series

LET'ER BUCK (filly) p,2, 1:53.4f (\$102,532) 3-1-1 in 11 starts. Winner of Liberty Bell and PASS

2021 Stud Fee: \$7,500



CAPTAIN TREACHEROUS

p,2, 1:49.2, 3, 1:47.1 (\$3,148,657) · Somebeachsomewhere - Wordly Treasure by Artsplace

IN 2020, RANKED #1 FOR 3YO PACING EARNINGS (\$5.7 MILLION) AND #2 FOR 2YO PACING EARNINGS (\$2.8 MILLION)

TOP FRESHMEN IN 2020

BLUE DIAMOND EYES
(filly) p,2, 1:51f (\$546,527)

NOTORIOUS PINK
(filly) p,2, 1:51.2s (\$276,081)

MARSALA HANOVER
(filly) p,2, 1:52f (\$275,006)

CHASE H HANOVER
p,2, 1:51f (\$225,797)

TOP SOPHOMORES IN 2020

PARTY GIRL HILL
(filly) p,3, 1:47.2 (\$880,345)

CATCH THE FIRE
p,3, 1:49.1s (\$698,201)

LYONS SENTINEL
(filly) p,3, 1:49.2f (\$1,236,361)

CAPTAIN BARBOSSA
p,3, 1:49.1h (\$465,188)

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STAY HUNGRY

p,2, 1:50.2, 3, 1:47.3 (\$1,303,709) · Somebeachsomewhere - My Little Dragon by Dragon Again

FIRST CROP SELLS IN 2021

2 Year Old Colt Pacer of the Year and Breeders Crown Champion at 2, Stay Hungry also captured the Messenger and Cane Pace Finals at 3 while earning over \$1.3 million. Trainer Tony Alagna called him, "The best-looking yearling I've ever seen." A son of super-sire Somebeachsomewhere out of the 2 million dollar winning mare My Little Dragon.

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you are making real money that the headaches begin. I would be remiss if I didn't mention my partner, the late Max Brewer, and Phil Tully, locals that forever were in my corner and were in support of my barn from the onset.

Once I graduated Monticello and moved my operation to the Meadowlands my owners were all people that had been in the game forever.

As far as generosity for the holidays is concerned, it really only came into play twice in my career and both times were way over the top. I will not mention the amount of the gifts, but to this writer they were shocking and amazing. The first came at a Christmas dinner at New York Prime (a top spot in Boca Raton) shortly after Baltic Striker had won the 3-year-old Breeders Crown at Pompano Park. A wonderful man and fellow Hall Of Famer Lou Guida and his lovely wife Rose invited my wife and I to dinner. Lou, had the waiter come to the table with a huge Lobster Terrine. Beneath the lid was an envelope with a check.

The other, not nearly as dramatic, came as a Christmas card from David Scharf, another wonderful guy, after the retirement of Self Possessed. He also gave huge bonuses to my second trainer and the colt's caretaker.

I have to say when it came to horses going to stud, my owners have gone overboard.

I think that the syndicate heads such as Frank "The Elder" Antonacci, George Segal, Alan Leavitt, and Frank Antonacci (Crown Stable) set a high bar for other owners to follow with the retirement of Victory Dream, Self Possessed, Mr Vic and Cantab Hall.

I have heard horror stories of mistreatment of trainers when it came to stallion shares. I consider myself a very lucky man to have had the pleasure of working for the above mentioned owners.

Howard Pearce asks: The eight highest priced yearlings of 2019 brought over \$5 million. Collectively, they earned less than \$100,000 (actually \$109,000 plus) Do you think it is unusual for this to happen and do you think they will be better 3-year-olds?

To begin with, when you buy a yearling it is not one and done like college basketball. The horse hopefully has many years of racing. That said, it is unusual, but take note that there was only one pacer in the group. When you pay a high price for a trotter one tends to be on the side of caution and give time to overcome soreness and immaturity.

With the top three, I saw flashes of what could be top horses. Ineffable was amazing in her debut as I pointed out at the time. Damien make a break in the only appearance I

witnessed and came back trotting and finished well. Maverick showed some talent but was the most disappointing of the three.

Damien's brother, the fabulous Propulsion, never began to look like a horse until he was 4 and then went on to win \$3 million.

It's easy to be a Monday morning quarterback. Let's see how the cards play out.

You asked how they were training. Answering that in January is totally out of the question because I am certain they all look fine now and you can never judge horses as these from training miles. There was no better training colt than Maverick last year. He was super impressive from day one and look how his year ended up. It's easy to tell if a trotter will race and that he will have decent speed. How fast he eventually goes and who he beats is something no training mile in the winter will determine.

Jerry Sinclair asks: I see you rate restaurants. How do you rate the beer tent at the DuQuoin State Fair?

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Don Neuwirth asks: Do you have any idea why some New Zealand horses improve when they come to the U.S. more than others?

It has nothing to do with New Zealand horses, it's true of any horses changing barns.

It's purely a matter of who trained before and who is training now. If the Down Under trainer was just okay and the American trainer a hot shot, the result will be positive and vice-versa. If the Down Under trainer was great and the American not that good, a bad result.

Paul Zipstein asks: Years ago I read Clair Wolverton's book in which he said harness horses were not getting faster but they had much better stamina. He cited Adios Butlers last eighth in 11.2 seconds as proof of this. Is this even remotely possible?

The Butler was a freak as were a few other old timers. But an eighth of a mile in 1:59.4 is way different than an eighth in a 1:46 mile. Not only is Mr. Wolverton wrong, but I think he is off on both counts. I think the old timers had more stamina, too. The new

standardbred is a totally different animal. Much finer, lighter body and lighter boned and by far more athletic.

When you take into consideration the appearance of an Adios Butler or the body of a Tarquinius they don't make that style anymore. Their hind ends were so big they needed special race bikes.

The standardbred of 2020 is a smaller, but much faster edition of the aforementioned animals and it is this writer's opinion that the trend will continue until we have an animal that can race maybe 10 times a year at best.

Thanks to all my readers for the kind words. Please keep the questions coming in. Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. Sorry about my initial From The Deck column going unpublished last Sunday. It was entirely my own fault. It will be in this Sunday. Better late than never. Have a wonderful week.

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Pemberton

(Wheeling N Dealin-Dayshifter-Muscle Mass)
3, 1:52.2 (\$363,684)

on his O'Brien Award Nomination for 2020

Pemberton won eight of 10 races and earned more than \$363,000 for his sophomore season. Four of his victories came in the Ontario Sires Stakes Gold events, including the season ending Gold Super Final.

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The challenges inherent with filling the Meadowlands' top class

by Debbie Little

For years, January at The Meadowlands meant open-caliber horses competing in the Presidential Series.

Older pacers – such as Cambest, Covert Action, Gallo Blue Chip and Red Bow Tie, to name a few – raced in that series sometimes as a prep for the George M Levy Series [renamed the MGM Borgata Pacing Series] at Yonkers in March.

But with the Presidential discontinued, what do horses of that caliber do now during the winter?

Many take a well-deserved break.

Ron Burke trainees Backstreet Shadow, Cattlewash, Dorsoduro Hanover, Filibuster Hanover and This Is The Plan are all still turned out.

"A lot of mine don't even do the Borgata race because the truth is, if you want to do that series – unless you're Foiled Again – it's hard to go through that series five weeks in a row and then expect them to be good for the rest of the year when Breeders Crowns and all the other races come up," said Burke. "There are not many horses that you can keep sharp



for nine months. They don't give any of those aged races away. Especially now, there are so many horses with high, high speed. Nobody's a throw out."

Through the years, Burke raced many horses in the Presidential Series, which in its final season in 2013, had two legs for \$40,000 each and a final worth \$103,500.

"I know my horses are good horses, but I'm aiming for the end of the year," said Burke. "I can't have them race in January and still be trying to win the Breeders Crown in October or November. I'm looking to extend my horse's careers until they're 8-, 9-, 10-years old. I'm not looking to burn them up at 4, 5 or 6."

For those top horses who are still in training, the Meadowlands' top race right now is the Preferred, which, unfortunately for the fans wanting to see these top horses week after week, doesn't always fill.

"I love to race and I wish I could race all 30 or more each week, but it just doesn't happen," said Jeff Cullipher, who trains both Ana Afreet N and Harambe Deo. "And I try to stay pretty loyal to the Meadowlands and race as much as I can there. I like the bigger track."

Since the mile oval returned to action for their Fall Meeting on Sept. 5, there have only been a total of six races



contested as either a Preferred, Preferred Handicap or Open - Preferred Handicap.

"It seems like it doesn't matter how much money I offer, it's still a struggle for me to fill the top end because it's so tough," said Meadowlands race secretary Scott Warren. "You can go to Yonkers – not that it's easier over there – but it's easier than having to go [1:]48 at the Meadowlands."

Last Saturday (Jan. 2), the Nifty Norman-trained Let It Ride N put on a stellar performance in the Open - Preferred Handicap, but this week the race won't go because only one horse dropped in the box.

As it turns out, a few of those participants, including Let It Ride N, are in an Open Handicap at Yonkers on Monday.

"If you're going to pay him into the Levy you better find out he can get around that track," said Norman.

What has made these top-level fall/winter Big M races interesting is that there has not been a repeat winner.

American History, Ana Afreet N, Harambe Deo, Highalator, Let It Ride N and Western Joe have all taken turns in the winner's circle and only two were the betting favorite.

Some of these horses also raced in Open or Preferred Handicaps in December at Dover Downs.

"I have plenty of horses, I just don't have plenty of horses at that level," said Dover's director of race and sports John Hensley.

Hensley explained that this is the bread and butter time for his local horsemen.

"So, if I don't fill an Open or I don't fill a Preferred it doesn't give me a lot of agita, quite honestly," he said. "I want those races same as every other racing office, same as every other racetrack. I think those races are necessary to keep the product at a level where you can keep that interest up in the export market. But equally, I want our local guys getting raced as much as possible, too. Maybe this would make me unique, I don't know, I'd almost err on using a local race over an Open or a Preferred at times on this racing product."

All tracks want to put on the best race possible, which includes a full field of competitive horses to insure a good handle, but unlike their neighboring tracks with slot-enriched purses, it's more important for The Meadowlands.

"We have the sports betting, but our money – a lot of it – depends on how much is bet on the actual races," said Warren. "You'll see Dover go with a six-horse field because at the end of the day, it's not going to make a difference what they bet on that race. A lot of times I have six in a race and it



would be nice to go with that six, but you try to put on as many 10-horse fields as possible because we do bet the money that we bet and it makes a difference."

Ana Afreet N has not raced since Dec. 20, but is aiming to be back for Borgata.

"We had a plan that we were going to go close to the end of the year with Ana Afreet and then call it quits for a month or so," said Cullipher. "So, it worked out. He was sharp all the way until the end and hopefully he comes back as sharp."

Norman will give some time off to Let It Ride N after his start at Yonkers on Monday, also planning to enter the Borgata.

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School is in session Sheena McElhiney's trainees

The conditioner of \$100,000 Potomac Pace winner Leonidas A is hoping for her best year yet in 2021.

by Chris Lomon

The former student has moved to the head of the class.

Sheena McElhiney's story could be a horse racing master class of sorts, a tale of a college graduate now earning high marks for her successes in the standardbred world.

Having just completed her third full season as a trainer, the New Jersey-based horsewoman has already made a name for herself in eastern U.S. racing circles, racking up wins and consistent numbers along the way.

Years removed from earning her teaching degree at Central Connecticut State University, her classroom, since 2018, is a farm she calls home in Montague, NJ, and the students – a mix of pacers and trotters – currently numbers 23 (along with two babies).

The biggest highlight of her young career came in November of 2020, courtesy of Leonidas A.

Driven by Austin Siegelman, the then 5-year-old Australian bred, who came to the U.S. in July after the pacer was purchased by Jesermal Stable (nom du course of Steve Finklestein), zipped past 1-5 Bettors Wish to claim top prize in the fifth edition of the \$100,000 Potomac Pace Invitational.

Sent off at 15-1, Leonidas A, known for his strong late kick, set a lifetime speed mark of 1:48 in taking his 13th victory on the campaign.

Not surprisingly, the well-traveled son of Mach Three, bred by Roger Bazley (Australia), is a favorite of McElhiney's.

"He's just an amazing horse in every way. I remind myself every day of how lucky I am to be part of his life. Hopefully, he has another big year in some big races we're looking at for him."

Fire N Diamonds, a now 10-year-old daughter of Up Front Brad (IA), isn't in her barn anymore, but the pacer with over 215 career starts is another horse McElhiney has great fondness for.

A low-level claimer, the hard-knocking mare had 38 career wins and just shy of \$190,000 in lifetime earnings at the end of 2020.

"She was one that I owned and kind of started out with. I love that horse. The little ones, the horses that grind it out at the lower levels, they are the ones that help you learn and hopefully go on to bigger and better things."

That McElhiney has gone on to bigger and better things isn't all that surprising.

Her family has had a long connection with horses. She rode horses and was part of the show circuit in Florida, before she joined the standardbred ranks, including time spent as a groom. Her mother, Monique Cohen, is a trainer, and her stepfather, Matt Medeiros, also works with horses.

During her college days, McElhiney managed to squeeze in time to work with the horses and worked one summer at Lindy Farm.

After paddocking and grooming horses for nearly 20 years, she made the decision to go out on her own.

In 2018, her rookie campaign, she won 10 races, along with 34 top-three finishes, from 79 starts. One year later, she posted 23 victories and 105 top-three finishes from 345 starts.

McElhiney set a slew of lifetime-best numbers in 2020, including 41 wins and \$510,967 in purse earnings, both totals higher than her 2018 and 2019 outputs combined.

Although she hasn't had much time to think about her prosperous past year, she did take a few moments to recall some of the more memorable occasions, and a few of the tougher times from 2020.

"With COVID and everything associated with that, it was a really tough go for horsepeople. It made me a little bit nervous at a few points wondering when we'd get back to racing, and how we'd manage to get through the year if it stayed that way. But, luckily, everything started opening up just in time, I guess you could say.

"We headed over to Plainridge [Massachusetts], which is where it all started for me in 2018. We had a really great start over there at the beginning of last year. That was a good confidence boost for us. We were able to get to some other tracks, like Pocono and Yonkers. It ended up being a pretty good year for us. We got Leonidas, and it gave us a good end to the year."

For someone who “thinks about horses 24/7,” commitment to her craft – and upping her game – is a constant.

It's why a big part of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day were spent working.

“I spent January 1 at the barn,” said McElhiney, with a laugh. “There were no big parties or celebrations for me, knowing what was to come the next day. I fell asleep on the couch around 9:30 at night on December 31, and I was up at 7 the next morning. It wasn't a very early morning, but there was work to be done. And that's just fine with me.”

It's exactly how she views the start of her training her career.

Not that McElhiney anticipated such a strong beginning.

“I didn't think that in three years I'd have a horse like Leonidas. He's the best horse I've ever trained. And I didn't think after such a short period of time that I'd have a Breeders Crown horse [Leonidas] like that.”

Personal goals, both in the short term and long term, are a driving force for McElhiney.

Those objectives are tempered by an open mind and a dedication to elevating her horse racing education.

“I like to always improve what I do, and I feel that every day, I'm learning something new, things that can help me become better. In this business, you need to appreciate the fact that you can always learn new skills. With each horse, I always strive do better with them the next time. If they finished out of the money, I want to understand what could have been differently. If they were second, I'll ask myself, 'What can I do to get the win next time?' It's always trying to figure out to be a little bit better.”

Lessons that push McElhiney to be the most impactful teacher and trainer she can be.

“I guess you can compare some of the horses to children. This might sound silly, but the scheduling of everything with the horses is something a teacher would do with students. I would say what I learned in school – the scheduling aspect – is what has helped me immensely as a trainer. There is so much information that I input on the computer, setting up a weekly schedule for each horse, things like that.

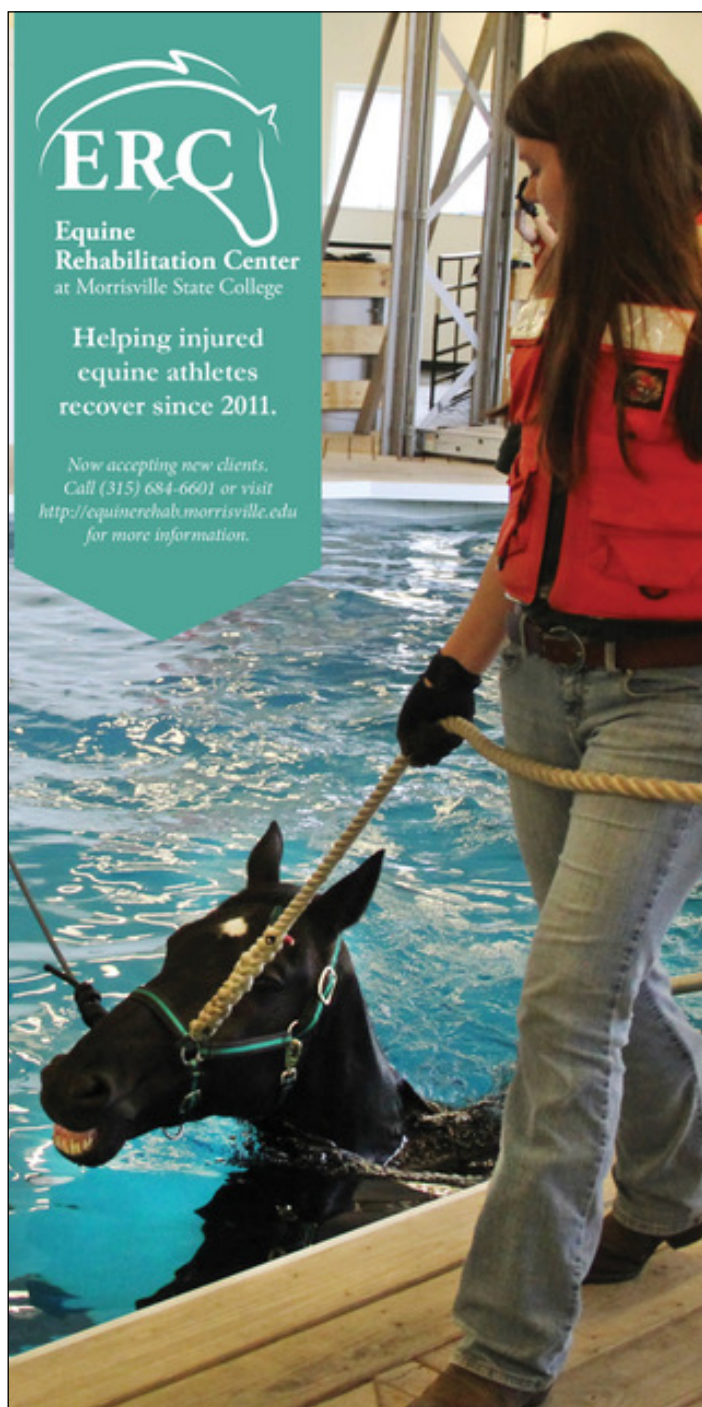
“The first year as a trainer was the hardest for me in terms of getting everything planned out. With any business, it takes some time to see what works best for you, in how you approach your role. Everyone runs their training schedule differently. It's about coming up with a tailored plan and sticking with that.”

It's been a winning blueprint for the proud mother of two young sons.

She's hopeful 2021 will prove to be her best year yet.

“I think that the thing I'm most proud of right now is where I've come since 2018, and having a horse like Leonidas. That's been a dream for me at this point. It's been really exciting so far, and I hope there's even bigger things to come.”

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EUROPEAN REPORT



with THOMAS HEDLUND

Face Time Bourbon seems unstoppable

by Thomas Hedlund

Six-year-old Ready Cash son Face Time Bourbon sits upon the throne in European harness racing and nothing seems to stop Sébastien Guarato's trotter in his path to a second Prix d'Amérique victory in Paris.

The \$135,000 Prix du Bourgogne over 1.3 miles was held at Vincennes on Sunday (Jan. 3) and Face Time Bourbon had to overcome a difficult post position behind the car. Nine horses are allowed behind the gate in the first line and Face Time Bourbon drew number nine, which is far from ideal, but in the hands of Björn Goop, the Face Time Bourbon found position in the front of the field.

Jean-Michel Bazire-trained Davidson du Pont was second choice in the race and midway through the race, it looked like two horses were going to battle for victory in Paris. Davidson du Pont led the race and Face Time Bourbon had to fight his toughest opponent from the outside. Davidson du Pont gave his best trying to defend himself against the outside horse, but he didn't have enough power to finish in the top three this time and he needs to progress some more if he will be considered a big threat in the Prix d'Amérique.

Face Time Bourbon is hard to beat, obviously, but this time the Guarato trainee had to give his all since Vivid Wise As and Delia du Pommereux both finished quickly in the stretch. A big nose separated Face Time Bourbon from the runner up and the bronze medalist and three weeks ahead of the big race, the reigning Prix d'Amérique champion is still the clear favorite.



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Eric Raffin was the leading driver in France in 2020 with 253 wins.

Raffin new champion driver in France

Eric Raffin won 253 races in France in 2020 and that made him the leading driver in the country. Jean-Michel Bazire has basically held the title "Sulky d'Or", The Golden Sulky, for many years in France, but 2020 meant that the king of harness racing in France at least had to descend from the throne when it comes to drivers. In fact, Bazire didn't even finish in the top three in France among the drivers. Matthieu Abrivard (179 victories) and Yoann Lebourgeois (156 victories) took the places behind Raffin in the league.

However, Bazire was superior among the trainers in France last season. His horses won the most races and earned the most money thanks to 207 wins (10 fewer than 2019) and \$8,031,021 in earnings. Runner up Sébastien Guarato earned \$5,636,035.

Laurent Claude Abrivard finished third on the list with \$5,009,303 in earnings.

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HRU FOAL OF THE WEEK

Dino and Heather Vasos photo

The first known 2021 foal sired by McWicked has arrived and it is a filly.

The foal, out of Bestfriendforever, was born on Thursday (Jan. 7) at 8:20 a.m.

Both mare and foal are reported to be doing well.

"This is a very nice filly," said Dino Vasos. "She is plain but beautiful. She is very alert and has good conformation."

McWicked, p, 2, 1:52f; 3, 1:47.3f; 1:46.2 (\$5,103,271), stood his first season in Ontario in 2020. He is a 2020 Canadian Racing Hall of Fame inductee and retired as the richest pacing stallion ever. His many accolades include being 2018 Horse of the Year in the U.S. and in Canada.

Bestfriendforever is a stakes-placed half-sister to Tipitina, p, 1:51.3f (\$434,795).

"We are breeding to McWicked again in 2021," said Vasos. "We would like to say thank you to Winbak Farm for standing a great stallion."

In 2020, McWicked served full books in Ontario and in Australia.

For more information on McWicked, please visit www.winbakfarm.com or contact Pat Woods, Winbak Farm of Ontario Manager, at 905.838.2145 or pat.woods@winbakfarm.com.

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USTA: What everyone should know about the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act

by Dan Leary / USTA director of marketing and communications

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2021.

While the holiday season normally is a quiet one for harness racing, that was not the case most recently. On the evening of Monday, Dec. 21, 2020, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) was passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives as part of a 5,539-page omnibus spending bill. President Trump signed the bill into law several days later.

Here's what every USTA member should know:

- HISA is scheduled to go into effect no later than July 1, 2022. The Federal Trade Commission will oversee a rule-making process that eventually will establish and approve the medication control and racetrack safety programs to be enforced by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (Authority). Letters have already gone out to thoroughbred stakeholders asking recipients to suggest nominees for the Authority's board of directors.
- The entity will be costly to the industry, but that price has yet to be determined. The new law stipulates that the Authority initially will be funded by loans taken out to fund its expenses, which will then be repaid by fees assessed to the state racing commissions. It is widely believed that a per-start surcharge will be implemented.
- The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) is identified within the new law as the medication control enforcement body that will be the foundation of the Authority.
- The new law does not specifically mention harness

racing, and, indeed, some proponents of the legislation frequently questioned why the USTA was opposing a measure that did not include standardbreds. However, the law contains an opt-in provision for each state racing commission to elect to have additional breeds covered by the law, and the financial implications for state racing commissions, as expressed clearly in a September press release from the Association of Racing Commissioners International ([full press release here](#)), are such that many commissions will have no choice except to bring standardbred and quarter horse racing into the federal fold.

- The new law effectively removes medication control from the state racing commissions. The commissions will continue to perform all other traditional functions, including licensing and general oversight. State racing licenses will still be required for participants, and it is likely that a national license also will be required for owners, trainers, etc.
- The new law specifies that all race day medication, including Lasix, is to be phased out and ultimately prohibited. It does allow for a Lasix study to be performed, but for any changes to be implemented, the entire nine-person board of directors must unanimously agree that the following conditions are met:

1. That the modification is warranted.
2. That the modification is in the best interests of horse racing.
3. That furosemide has no performance enhancing effect on individual horses.
4. That public confidence in the integrity and safety of horse racing would not be adversely affected by the modification.

Given that all four conditions are subjective, rather than objective, and that all nine handpicked board members, rather than a majority, must be in agreement in order for the policy to be changed, it's probably safe to say that Lasix will be off the table in any harness racing jurisdiction that opts into the Authority.

- In addition to medication control, use of the whip/crop also would be regulated by the Authority as it is considered a racetrack safety issue. Other matters under the racetrack safety umbrella likely will include track surface composition and conditioning, in addition to pre-race examination and testing.

There remains a long road ahead as the enactment of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act is contemplated. The USTA, under advisement from its attorneys, remains convinced that the new law is unconstitutional, and has grave concerns about its potential impact upon the harness racing industry. The Association continues to evaluate this issue and explore its options. Further developments will be reported as they occur.

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North American Horses (all ages) by Earnings

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Gait	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	TALL DARK STRANGER	3	H	P	13	\$11	1	0	\$1,302,681	1:47.0	M
2	GIMPANZEE	4	H	T	11	\$8	1	1	\$980,964	1:50.0	M
3	AMIGO VOLO	3	G	T	15	\$9	1	2	\$939,498	1:50.2	F
4	RAMONA HILL	3	M	T	10	\$6	1	1	\$915,615	1:50.1	M
5	PARTY GIRL HILL	3	M	P	16	\$15	0	1	\$880,345	1:47.2	M
6	VENERATE	2	H	T	10	\$5	0	3	\$772,914	1:51.4	M
7	ATLANTA	5	M	T	12	\$5	4	1	\$749,014	1:50.0	M
8	ON A STREAK	2	H	T	10	\$2	4	2	\$740,947	1:52.4	S
9	SORELLA	3	M	T	15	\$8	1	3	\$714,449	1:50.2	M
10	HYPNOTIC AM	3	M	T	13	\$5	5	2	\$698,178	1:51.1	M
11	BETTOR'S WISH	4	H	P	13	\$6	3	2	\$685,432	1:47.3	M
12	READY FOR MONI	3	H	T	11	\$5	1	1	\$616,970	1:51.1	S
13	CENTURY FARROH	4	H	P	16	\$4	4	4	\$610,849	1:49.0	S
14	MANCHEGO	5	M	T	13	\$6	2	2	\$599,451	1:49.3	F
15	FIRE START HANOVER	2	M	P	13	\$8	2	0	\$592,562	1:50.3	M
16	ANOKA HANOVER	2	M	T	14	\$10	1	1	\$587,758	1:52.3	M
17	SOUTHWIND GENDRY	2	G	P	13	\$10	0	1	\$583,069	1:50.0	F
18	LADY CHAOS	2	M	T	11	\$6	1	1	\$565,321	1:53.1	M
19	BLUE DIAMOND EYES	2	M	P	13	\$5	3	0	\$546,527	1:51.0	F
20	PERFECT STING	2	H	P	10	\$10	0	0	\$534,300	1:49.2	M

North American Horses (all ages) by Wins

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Gait	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	BIG PETES STYLE	8	G	P	36	\$18	6	7	\$56,353	1:53.0	F
2	SLIPPIN THE CLUTCH	3	H	P	21	\$16	0	2	\$61,911	1:51.4	M
3	PARTY GIRL HILL	3	M	P	16	\$15	0	1	\$880,345	1:47.2	M
4	MAJESTIC PLAYER A	6	G	T	23	\$15	3	2	\$240,820	1:51.1	S
5	MAJOR CUSTARD	3	G	P	16	\$15	0	1	\$180,453	1:52.1	F
6	BAD MS JOHNSON	3	M	P	30	\$15	5	3	\$84,326	1:53.3	F
7	DREAM DANCING	3	M	P	33	\$15	2	4	\$82,188	1:53.1	F
8	LADYLIKE	4	M	P	30	\$15	6	4	\$50,694	1:53.4	F
9	VILLAGE CHAMP	4	G	P	24	\$15	2	0	\$38,685	1:54.0	S
10	THINKINGOFOUBABE	3	M	P	27	\$15	4	3	\$31,454	1:55.2	F
11	BIG BOX HANOVER	3	G	T	27	\$14	3	5	\$102,658	1:55.0	H
12	JESSIEJESORJESSICA	4	M	T	33	\$14	7	1	\$84,891	1:54.0	F
13	DESIGNER SPECS	2	M	T	14	\$14	0	0	\$56,664	1:57.4	H
14	LAZY DAY HANOVER	2	M	P	19	\$14	1	1	\$43,968	1:59.4	H
15	SOS JUSTIFIED	8	G	P	40	\$14	5	5	\$42,090	1:54.3	F
16	FIRST GUNNER	3	G	T	19	\$14	3	0	\$36,996	2:01.4	H
17	INTENDED ROYALTY	9	G	P	23	\$14	3	3	\$11,555	1:54.2	H
18	WORLD OF SECRETS	5	G	P	34	\$13	2	5	\$107,748	1:49.3	H
19	VH PRINCESS BREA	5	M	P	28	\$13	0	4	\$92,416	1:50.4	F
20	MISTER MAGIC	5	G	T	26	\$13	2	1	\$75,208	1:52.0	S



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North American Horses (all ages) by Record

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Galt	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	CATTLEWASH	3	H	P	17	\$6	4	3	\$512,986	1:46.4	M
2	HURRIKANE EMPEROR	4	H	P	8	\$4	1	1	\$188,895	1:47.0	M
3	PAPI ROB HANOVER	3	H	P	4	\$1	2	1	\$173,205	1:47.1	F
4	AMERICAN HISTORY	5	H	P	15	\$5	1	0	\$90,197	1:47.1	M
5	TALL DARK STRANGER	3	H	P	13	\$11	1	0	\$1,302,681	1:47.1	M
6	WARRAWEE VITAL	3	H	P	14	\$7	4	0	\$207,107	1:47.1	M
7	LITTLE ROCKET MAN	4	G	P	12	\$6	2	0	\$88,150	1:47.2	S
8	DANCIN LOU	4	H	P	14	\$3	2	2	\$410,282	1:47.2	M
9	PARTY GIRL HILL	3	M	P	16	\$15	0	1	\$880,345	1:47.2	M
10	FORTIFY	3	H	P	14	\$4	3	3	\$297,296	1:47.3	S
11	BETTOR'S WISH	4	H	P	13	\$6	3	2	\$685,432	1:47.3	M
12	OUR MAJORDAN A	8	G	P	14	\$4	0	2	\$105,957	1:47.3	M
13	KISSIN IN THE SAND	5	M	P	12	\$8	1	0	\$491,984	1:47.4	M
14	LEONIDAS A	5	G	P	9	\$5	1	2	\$103,310	1:48.0	F
15	THE DEVILS OWN N	6	G	P	15	\$5	3	2	\$54,020	1:48.0	S
16	ALLYWAG HANOVER	3	H	P	13	\$5	3	2	\$222,005	1:48.0	M
17	ANGERS BAYAMA	4	G	P	12	\$4	2	1	\$48,375	1:48.0	M
18	BLLACK HOLE	4	G	P	12	\$4	4	2	\$92,310	1:48.0	M
19	CAPTAIN GROOVY	3	H	P	13	\$2	1	1	\$43,830	1:48.0	M
20	CRIMSON AND CHROME	4	G	P	19	\$5	1	2	\$38,164	1:48.0	M

North American Horses 2yo Pacers by Earnings

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Galt	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	FIRE START HANOVER	2	M	P	13	\$8	2	0	\$592,562	1:50.3	M
2	SOUTHWIND GENDRY	2	G	P	13	\$10	0	1	\$583,069	1:50.0	F
3	BLUE DIAMOND EYES	2	M	P	13	\$5	3	0	\$546,527	1:51.0	F
4	PERFECT STING	2	H	P	10	\$10	0	0	\$534,300	1:49.2	M
5	TEST OF FAITH	2	M	P	9	\$8	1	0	\$500,000	1:48.4	M
6	SUMMA CUM LAUDE	2	H	P	15	\$5	5	1	\$482,275	1:50.2	S
7	EXPLOIT	2	H	P	13	\$3	1	1	\$389,470	1:50.4	S
8	SCARLETT HANOVER	2	M	P	14	\$6	4	1	\$357,110	1:51.3	S
9	ALWAYS A MIKI	2	H	P	13	\$5	1	4	\$331,261	1:50.2	M
10	CHARLIE MAY	2	G	P	9	\$7	2	0	\$328,627	1:50.2	F
11	SOMETHINGBEAUTIFUL	2	M	P	11	\$8	1	0	\$312,000	1:51.4	S
12	CAVIART AUDREY	2	M	P	9	\$5	0	0	\$292,242	1:51.2	S
13	SUMMER TOUCH	2	M	P	7	\$6	1	0	\$285,550	1:51.4	H
14	NOTORIOUS PINK	2	M	P	13	\$5	5	1	\$276,081	1:51.2	S
15	MARSALA HANOVER	2	M	P	12	\$4	2	2	\$275,006	1:52.0	F
16	CONTINUALOU	2	M	P	13	\$4	2	0	\$262,955	1:50.2	F
17	JK GOING WEST	2	G	P	13	\$3	5	1	\$260,758	1:51.0	S
18	BAYFIELD BEACH	2	H	P	13	\$1	3	4	\$260,326	1:52.4	F
19	LAWLESS SHADOW	2	H	P	9	\$4	3	1	\$232,439	1:52.1	S
20	CHASE H HANOVER	2	G	P	10	\$4	5	0	\$225,797	1:51.0	F

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North American Horses 2yo Trotters by Earnings

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Gait	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	VENERATE	2	H	T	10	\$5	0	3	\$772,914	1:51.4	M
2	ON A STREAK	2	H	T	10	\$2	4	2	\$740,947	1:52.4	S
3	ANOKA HANOVER	2	M	T	14	\$10	1	1	\$587,758	1:52.3	M
4	LADY CHAOS	2	M	T	11	\$6	1	1	\$565,321	1:53.1	M
5	DONNA SOPRANO	2	M	T	7	\$5	1	0	\$435,820	1:53.3	S
6	FLAWLESS COUNTRY	2	M	T	9	\$5	4	0	\$430,423	1:53.0	M
7	IN RANGE	2	H	T	10	\$5	4	0	\$411,003	1:54.1	S
8	MACHO MARTINI	2	H	T	11	\$8	1	1	\$342,147	1:54.4	S
9	CAPTAIN COREY	2	H	T	7	\$5	1	0	\$331,638	1:53.3	F
10	ITERATION	2	M	T	10	\$5	1	2	\$315,009	1:53.3	M
11	INSTA GLAM	2	M	T	13	\$5	1	1	\$308,119	1:54.0	F
12	SOUTHWIND TYRION	2	H	T	7	\$5	1	1	\$280,797	1:51.1	M
13	DEE'S RED DELICIOUS	2	G	T	13	\$6	1	1	\$256,194	1:54.1	M
14	MAZZARATI	2	M	T	11	\$4	2	3	\$250,552	1:54.3	S
15	MERRY ANN	2	M	T	8	\$5	2	0	\$245,200	1:56.0	H
16	DARLENE HANOVER	2	M	T	8	\$4	1	0	\$239,942	1:53.4	M
17	SWIFT SWANDA	2	M	T	12	\$6	1	2	\$237,137	1:55.2	S
18	BEAUTIFUL GAME	2	M	T	12	\$2	6	2	\$230,930	1:54.1	M
19	BEE FOREVER	2	G	T	9	\$2	1	2	\$229,028	1:54.0	M
20	ZENITH STRIDE	2	H	T	11	\$2	2	0	\$226,168	1:53.2	M

North American Horses 3yo Pacers by Earnings

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Gait	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	TALL DARK STRANGER	3	H	P	13	\$11	1	0	\$1,302,681	1:47.1	M
2	PARTY GIRL HILL	3	M	P	16	\$15	0	1	\$880,345	1:47.2	M
3	NO LOU ZING	3	G	P	16	\$7	6	2	\$523,558	1:49.1	F
4	PEAKY SNEAKY	3	M	P	16	\$6	4	3	\$518,622	1:48.0	M
5	CATTLEWASH	3	H	P	17	\$6	4	3	\$512,986	1:46.4	M
6	TATTOO ARTIST	3	H	P	17	\$8	2	1	\$511,991	1:48.2	S
7	SANDBETWEENMYTOES	3	G	P	16	\$7	1	1	\$487,135	1:48.3	S
8	CATCH THE FIRE	3	H	P	17	\$4	1	6	\$439,654	1:49.1	S
9	LYONS SENTINEL	3	M	P	14	\$3	8	0	\$434,552	1:49.2	F
10	HEN PARTY	3	M	P	15	\$7	1	3	\$420,457	1:49.2	F
11	JK FIRST LADY	3	M	P	14	\$5	6	1	\$373,098	1:49.1	S
12	OCEAN ROCK	3	G	P	10	\$6	2	1	\$363,360	1:48.4	F
13	CAPTAIN BARBOSSA	3	G	P	19	\$1	6	2	\$337,700	1:49.1	H
14	ROCKNIFICENT	3	M	P	15	\$5	2	6	\$322,068	1:49.1	M
15	REFLECT WITH ME	3	M	P	10	\$6	1	1	\$305,514	1:48.2	S
16	SPLASH BROTHER	3	G	P	12	\$5	3	3	\$300,722	1:48.2	M
17	FORTIFY	3	H	P	14	\$4	3	3	\$297,296	1:47.3	S
18	BEAUMOND HANOVER	3	H	P	15	\$6	6	1	\$285,675	1:49.1	S
19	ELVER HANOVER	3	G	P	14	\$3	3	1	\$262,195	1:49.4	H
20	ODDS ON OSIRIS	3	G	P	9	\$4	2	1	\$253,780	1:49.3	S



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North American Horses 3yo Trotters by Earnings

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Gait	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	AMIGO VOLO	3	G	T	15	\$9	1	2	\$939,498	1:50.2	F
2	RAMONA HILL	3	M	T	10	\$6	1	1	\$915,615	1:50.1	M
3	SORELLA	3	M	T	15	\$8	1	3	\$714,449	1:50.2	M
4	HYPNOTIC AM	3	M	T	13	\$5	5	2	\$698,178	1:51.1	M
5	READY FOR MONI	3	H	T	11	\$5	1	1	\$616,970	1:51.1	S
6	NEXT LEVEL STUFF	3	M	T	13	\$7	3	0	\$481,361	1:51.3	M
7	LOVE A GOOD STORY	3	M	T	13	\$6	2	1	\$458,541	1:51.2	M
8	PLAY TRIX ON ME	3	H	T	15	\$4	7	0	\$433,843	1:53.0	S
9	CHESTNUT HILL	3	H	T	17	\$3	3	4	\$394,739	1:53.1	M
10	CRUCIAL	3	M	T	19	\$5	2	2	\$392,959	1:52.4	F
11	BACK OF THE NECK	3	H	T	11	\$3	4	1	\$382,182	1:51.3	M
12	GUINEVERE HALL	3	M	T	13	\$8	2	0	\$356,972	1:52.3	M
13	ACTION UNCLE	3	H	T	10	\$9	1	0	\$351,960	1:52.4	H
14	IT'S ACADEMIC	3	H	T	14	\$7	5	1	\$322,092	1:50.3	M
15	EL IDEAL	3	H	T	10	\$2	4	1	\$313,048	Q 1:52.4	M
16	HOBBS	3	G	T	10	\$5	2	0	\$303,915	1:53.3	S
17	SISTER SLEDGE	3	M	T	15	\$5	3	0	\$287,502	1:51.2	M
18	PEMBERTON	3	G	T	10	\$8	0	1	\$273,349	1:52.2	S
19	MAY BABY	3	M	T	13	\$7	3	0	\$271,125	1:52.2	S
20	AB'SATTITUDEXPRESS	3	M	T	13	\$5	1	2	\$251,516	1:51.4	M

North American Horses Older Pacers by Earnings

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Gait	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	BETTOR'S WISH	4	H	P	13	\$6	3	2	\$685,432	1:47.3	M
2	CENTURY FARROH	4	H	P	16	\$4	4	4	\$610,849	1:49.0	S
3	KISSIN IN THE SAND	5	M	P	12	\$8	1	0	\$491,984	1:47.4	M
4	SHARTIN N	7	M	P	12	\$5	5	1	\$444,099	1:48.1	F
5	BACKSTREET SHADOW	5	G	P	21	\$7	2	2	\$433,016	1:48.1	F
6	DANCIN LOU	4	H	P	14	\$3	2	2	\$410,282	1:47.2	M
7	THIS IS THE PLAN	5	G	P	17	\$4	3	1	\$335,922	1:49.1	F
8	DORSODURO HANOVER	5	G	P	15	\$2	1	3	\$303,451	1:48.4	S
9	MAJOR OCCASION A	6	M	P	19	\$5	4	2	\$230,643	1:48.1	M
10	SO MUCH MORE	4	M	P	30	\$12	5	5	\$226,906	1:49.3	S
11	SINTRA	7	G	P	22	\$9	4	2	\$199,412	1:49.2	S
12	WARRAWEE UBEAUT	4	M	P	14	\$2	1	2	\$197,328	1:49.2	F
13	HURRIKANE EMPEROR	4	H	P	8	\$4	1	1	\$188,895	1:47.0	M
14	WORKIN ONA MYSTERY	4	H	P	10	\$3	3	1	\$187,015	1:48.3	F
15	SECTIONLINE BIGRY	5	G	P	19	\$8	3	1	\$181,000	1:48.1	S
16	FILIBUSTER HANOVER	6	G	P	15	\$2	2	1	\$177,349	1:48.1	F
17	STARS ALIGN A	7	H	P	23	\$10	3	1	\$169,305	1:48.1	F
18	BRASSY HANOVER	4	G	P	15	\$6	3	4	\$168,750	1:48.1	S
19	POINTS NORTH	5	G	P	34	\$8	5	6	\$159,552	1:49.3	S
20	SOHO BURNING LOVE A	6	M	P	19	\$5	6	2	\$158,133	1:48.1	M



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North American Horses Older Trotters by Earnings

Ranking	Name	Age	Sex	Gait	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Record	Size
1	GIMPANZEE	4	H	T	11	\$8	1	1	\$980,964	1:50.0	M
2	ATLANTA	5	M	T	12	\$5	4	1	\$749,014	1:50.0	M
3	MANCHEGO	5	M	T	13	\$6	2	2	\$599,451	1:49.3	F
4	LINDY THE GREAT	6	H	T	16	\$1	4	3	\$390,074	1:52.1	M
5	PLUNGE BLUE CHIP	5	M	T	10	\$4	3	2	\$344,017	1:51.3	H
6	CRYSTAL FASHION	5	G	T	13	\$1	2	3	\$295,472	1:51.4	F
7	MAJESTIC PLAYER A	6	G	T	23	\$15	3	2	\$240,820	1:51.1	S
8	HEY LIVVY	5	M	T	23	\$9	3	2	\$213,855	1:51.1	S
9	WHEN DOVESCRY	4	M	T	9	\$2	2	2	\$186,568	1:50.0	M
10	P L JILL	7	M	T	25	\$9	6	2	\$180,347	1:52.0	S
11	PERLUCKY	5	G	T	23	\$10	5	4	\$141,430	1:52.4	F
12	REIGN OF HONOR	4	G	T	17	\$4	5	3	\$139,404	1:52.3	M
13	MELADY'S MONET	11	G	T	19	\$6	5	1	\$128,780	1:53.3	H
14	GUARDIAN ANGEL AS	6	H	T	8	\$2	1	0	\$127,313	1:50.1	M
15	STORMY KROMER	6	G	T	21	\$9	3	2	\$124,390	1:51.4	F
16	PURE CHANCE	4	M	T	16	\$3	4	0	\$123,067	1:52.3	F
17	WARRIOR ONE	4	G	T	22	\$9	4	3	\$118,034	1:51.4	M
18	PERFETTO	5	G	T	25	\$7	3	3	\$115,547	1:52.3	S
19	GRANDMA HEIDI	4	M	T	29	\$6	8	5	\$113,804	1:51.0	M
20	NOWS THE MOMENT	5	G	T	25	\$6	8	0	\$110,700	1:51.3	M

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Last 10 race cards | Stats as of 2021-01-07 | Sorted by win percentage

ALL NORTH AMERICAN TRACKS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - All Tracks

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Michael Merton	36	14	39%	2	3	19	53%
Walter Hennessey	70	25	36%	16	9	50	71%
George Dennis	13	4	31%	0	2	6	46%
Kenneth Arseneault	23	7	30%	2	5	14	61%
Austin Siegelman	50	14	28%	9	4	27	54%
Gregory Merton	43	12	28%	8	3	23	53%
Jacob Cutting	36	10	28%	6	7	23	64%
Trace Tetrick	41	11	27%	1	9	21	51%
Daniel Dube	42	11	26%	2	4	17	40%
Nick Roland	39	10	26%	2	5	17	44%

Who's Hot - All Tracks

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Kelly Hoerd	8	5	63%	0	0	5	63%
Candace Brandstatter	10	6	60%	2	0	8	80%
Marcus Marashian	5	3	60%	1	0	4	80%
Ervin Miller	5	3	60%	0	1	4	80%
Scott George	7	4	57%	0	1	5	71%
Andrew Adamczyk	7	4	57%	1	1	6	86%
Joseph Macdonald	6	3	50%	0	0	3	50%
Scott Betts	15	7	47%	3	0	10	67%
Victor Kirby	11	5	45%	2	0	7	64%
Johnny Yoder	9	4	44%	3	0	7	78%

Who's Not - All Tracks

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Brandon Bates	33	0	0%	7	3	10	30%
Chris Presley	32	0	0%	0	7	7	22%
Patrick Lachance	23	0	0%	1	1	2	9%
Jason Bartlett	22	0	0%	0	1	1	5%
Fernand Paquet Jr	19	0	0%	2	5	7	37%
Shane Taggart	18	0	0%	2	4	6	33%
Anthony Succarotte	17	0	0%	1	3	4	24%
Mark Macdonald	17	0	0%	0	2	2	12%
Myles Heffernan	17	0	0%	1	2	3	18%
Mark Bradley	15	0	0%	3	0	3	20%

Who's Not - All Tracks

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Gaston Lareau	17	0	0%	1	4	5	29%
James Mc Donald	16	0	0%	2	2	4	25%
Paul Blumenfeld	16	0	0%	1	2	3	19%
Shaun Vallee	15	0	0%	2	1	3	20%
Daniel Gill	15	0	0%	5	1	6	40%
Robert Corbin	14	0	0%	3	2	5	36%
Erik Jaack Jr	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
Patrick Melloy Jr	13	0	0%	3	3	6	46%
Jason Hughes	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
James Dunn	13	0	0%	1	2	3	23%

CAL-EXPO - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Cal-Expo

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jacob Cutting	105	33	31%	20	12	65	62%
James Kennedy	69	17	25%	13	5	35	51%
James Lackey	34	6	18%	0	8	14	41%
Nick Roland	106	17	16%	12	19	48	45%
Luke Plano	111	16	14%	20	20	56	50%
Lemoyne Svendsen	104	9	9%	17	10	36	35%
Doug Chappell	77	6	8%	11	10	27	35%
Cordarius Stewart	53	4	8%	1	5	10	19%
Phillip Knox	39	3	8%	4	5	12	31%
Edward Long	12	1	8%	2	0	3	25%

Who's Hot - Cal-Expo

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
James Lackey	7	4	57%	0	1	5	71%
Jacob Cutting	32	14	44%	3	6	23	72%
Earl Kennedy	13	5	38%	2	1	8	62%
Jennifer Sabot	8	2	25%	0	2	4	50%
Nathalie Tremblay	37	9	24%	6	3	18	49%
Robert Johnson	30	5	17%	2	3	10	33%
James Kennedy	12	2	17%	3	1	6	50%
Luke Plano	32	5	16%	4	7	16	50%
Richard Bertrand	78	12	15%	5	8	25	32%
Kathleen Plested	53	8	15%	7	6	21	40%

Who's Not - Cal-Expo

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Anthony Succarotte	44	0	0%	3	5	8	18%
Tim Clevenger	24	0	0%	2	0	2	8%
Gerald Longo	29	1	3%	3	0	4	14%
Blaine Chappell	56	2	4%	2	5	9	16%
John Chappell	55	2	4%	4	9	15	27%
Kevin Anderson	27	1	4%	2	2	5	19%
Doug Chappell	77	6	8%	11	10	27	35%
Cordarius Stewart	53	4	8%	1	5	10	19%
Phillip Knox	39	3	8%	4	5	12	31%
Edward Long	12	1	8%	2	0	3	25%

Who's Not - Cal-Expo

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Ariel Alvarez	32	0	0%	4	1	5	16%
Edward Smith	19	0	0%	1	1	2	11%
Carl Sibiga	9	0	0%	2	2	4	44%
Albert Sleva Jr	7	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Darren Poloway	7	0	0%	2	0	2	29%
Tim Clevenger	34	1	3%	2	2	5	15%
Robert Corbin	41	2	5%	4	6	12	29%
John Chappell	20	1	5%	2	6	9	45%
Jessie Pacheco	65	4	6%	5	8	17	26%
Marco Rios	32	2	6%	2	1	5	16%

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DAYTON - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Dayton

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Kyle Ater	12	3	25%	1	2	6	50%
Joshua Sutton	106	24	23%	9	10	43	41%
Chris Page	35	8	23%	9	3	20	57%
Joseph Putnam	17	3	18%	2	2	7	41%
Tyler Smith	112	19	17%	17	12	48	43%
Trace Tetrick	86	13	15%	16	13	42	49%
Brett Miller	132	19	14%	20	19	58	44%
Cameron Mccown	59	8	14%	1	8	17	29%
Jason Brewer	46	5	11%	8	6	19	41%
Austin Hanners	19	2	11%	1	1	4	21%

Who's Hot - Dayton

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Adam Short	5	4	80%	0	0	4	80%
James Eaton	6	3	50%	1	0	4	67%
Justin Belanger	6	3	50%	0	0	3	50%
Scott George	9	4	44%	1	0	5	56%
Arthur Gregory Jr	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Mark Rowe	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Todd Luther	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Ronald Burke	18	7	39%	5	0	12	67%
Jennifer Redmond	7	2	29%	0	1	3	43%
Michael Medors	7	2	29%	0	2	4	57%

Who's Not - Dayton

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Taylor Lough	15	0	0%	1	2	3	20%
Patrick Melloy Jr	11	0	0%	2	3	5	45%
Lewayne Miller	11	0	0%	2	1	3	27%
Chris Presley	61	2	3%	3	10	15	25%
Shawn Barker li	69	3	4%	9	7	19	28%
Kayne Kauffman	16	1	6%	3	5	9	56%
Trevor Smith	98	7	7%	11	7	25	26%
Jeremy Smith	67	5	7%	6	7	18	27%
John De Long	44	3	7%	4	3	10	23%
Brandon Bates	53	5	9%	6	3	14	26%

Who's Not - Dayton

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Robert Phillips	24	0	0%	2	3	5	21%
Patrick Melloy Jr	18	0	0%	3	9	12	67%
Philippe Belanger	14	0	0%	1	1	2	14%
David Lough	11	0	0%	1	2	3	27%
Robert Cook	11	0	0%	1	0	1	9%
Walter Haynes Jr	11	0	0%	0	2	2	18%
Sherif Cunmulaj	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Perry Smith	10	0	0%	2	1	3	30%
K Glispie	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Mike Polhamus	9	0	0%	1	0	1	11%

DOVER DOWNS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Dover Downs

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
George Dennis	13	4	31%	0	2	6	46%
Tim Tetrick	104	26	25%	21	14	61	59%
Bret Brittingham	10	2	20%	1	3	6	60%
Montrell Teague	68	12	18%	5	9	26	38%
Michael Cole	66	11	17%	7	10	28	42%
Dexter Dunn	43	7	16%	6	4	17	40%
Patrick Berry	88	12	14%	7	11	30	34%
Jonathan Roberts	22	3	14%	0	3	6	27%
Arthur Stafford Jr	86	11	13%	8	16	35	41%
Victor Kirby	57	7	12%	6	7	20	35%

Who's Hot - Dover Downs

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Clyde Francis	7	3	43%	0	0	3	43%
Shane Long	10	4	40%	0	0	4	40%
Arthur Stafford Jr	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Greg Haverstick	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Joshua Green	15	5	33%	1	1	7	47%
Victor Kirby	15	5	33%	3	0	8	53%
Eric Foster	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%
Brenda Teague	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%
Joseph Columbo	59	15	25%	5	9	29	49%
Leslie Givens	8	2	25%	1	0	3	38%

Who's Not - Dover Downs

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Sean Bier	11	0	0%	4	0	4	36%
Roger Plante Jr	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Ross Wolfenden	42	2	5%	1	4	7	17%
Barton Dalious	15	1	7%	2	1	4	27%
Anthony Morgan	85	7	8%	16	6	29	34%
Russell Foster	64	5	8%	8	7	20	31%
Andrew Mccarthy	12	1	8%	4	1	6	50%
Allan Davis	100	10	10%	16	19	45	45%
Jason Thompson	10	1	10%	1	1	3	30%
James Porter	10	1	10%	0	1	2	20%

Who's Not - Dover Downs

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Martin Davis	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
Paul Davis Jr	11	0	0%	1	2	3	27%
Ryan Bailey	9	0	0%	2	2	4	44%
Richard Ringle	8	0	0%	0	4	4	50%
Jeffery Clark	7	0	0%	1	1	2	29%
Gary Ewing	7	0	0%	2	0	2	29%
Ronald Millman	7	0	0%	1	0	1	14%
Brenda Bramble	7	0	0%	1	2	3	43%
Robert Shahan	7	0	0%	0	3	3	43%
Alton Lynch Jr	6	0	0%	0	1	1	17%

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FREEHOLD - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Freehold

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Daniel Dube	31	9	29%	1	3	13	42%
Austin Siegelman	100	24	24%	14	15	53	53%
James Marohn Jr	84	19	23%	13	12	44	52%
James Marshall III	48	7	15%	6	4	17	35%
Eric Abbatiello	96	13	14%	13	16	42	44%
Luke Hanners	88	11	13%	8	10	29	33%
George Brennan	23	3	13%	6	4	13	57%
Joseph Bongiorno	17	2	12%	5	1	8	47%
Jack Pelling	49	5	10%	4	5	14	29%
Stephen Smith	75	7	9%	14	9	30	40%

Who's Hot - Freehold

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Tom Shay	9	3	33%	2	2	7	78%
Randolph Taft	9	3	33%	0	0	3	33%
Julie Miller	9	3	33%	2	1	6	67%
Robert Bongiorno	9	3	33%	2	1	6	67%
John Bavosi	6	2	33%	0	1	3	50%
William Mackenzie	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%
David Wiskow	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%
John Wyatt	11	3	27%	0	1	4	36%
Donald Maiorano	8	2	25%	0	1	3	38%
Williams Hernandez	8	2	25%	3	0	5	63%

Who's Not - Freehold

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
William Mann	13	0	0%	3	3	6	46%
Chase Vandervort	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Patrick Lachance	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Leon Bailey	16	1	6%	4	0	5	31%
Tyler Miller	55	4	7%	8	9	21	38%
Stephen Smith	75	7	9%	14	9	30	40%
Vincent Ginsburg	56	5	9%	4	6	15	27%
Jack Pelling	49	5	10%	4	5	14	29%
Joseph Bongiorno	17	2	12%	5	1	8	47%
Luke Hanners	88	11	13%	8	10	29	33%

Who's Not - Freehold

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Ann Depietro	16	0	0%	0	3	3	19%
Laurie Molnar	16	0	0%	2	2	4	25%
Karen Garland	10	0	0%	3	1	4	40%
William Mann	10	0	0%	3	2	5	50%
Ray Baynes	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Thomas Lail	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%
Don Niccum	7	0	0%	1	1	2	29%
Dennis Watson	7	0	0%	0	2	2	29%
Edward Sager	6	0	0%	0	2	2	33%
Mark Infante	6	0	0%	0	0	0	0%

MEADOWLANDS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - The Meadowlands

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Joseph Bongiorno	19	4	21%	1	3	8	42%
Dexter Dunn	126	24	19%	17	11	52	41%
David Miller	94	16	17%	16	13	45	48%
Todd McCarthy	110	15	14%	12	9	36	33%
George Napolitano Jr	77	11	14%	4	10	25	32%
Andy Miller	46	6	13%	2	3	11	24%
Yannick Gingras	109	13	12%	18	18	49	45%
Simon Allard	42	5	12%	2	3	10	24%
Andrew McCarthy	102	10	10%	21	14	45	44%
Corey Callahan	70	6	9%	6	9	21	30%

Who's Hot - The Meadowlands

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Christopher Ryder	5	3	60%	0	1	4	80%
Stacy Chiodo	6	3	50%	0	1	4	67%
Julie Miller	6	3	50%	0	2	5	83%
Joseph Pavia Jr	5	2	40%	2	0	4	80%
Todd Buter	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Raymond Vizzi	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Scott Blackler	9	3	33%	1	0	4	44%
Nancy Takter	9	3	33%	1	0	4	44%
Israel Estrada	9	3	33%	0	1	4	44%
Richard Norman	24	7	29%	5	3	15	63%

Who's Not - The Meadowlands

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jason Bartlett	22	0	0%	0	1	1	5%
Eric Abbatiello	13	0	0%	0	1	1	8%
Vincent Ginsburg	12	0	0%	0	3	3	25%
Stephen Smith	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Mark Macdonald	58	3	5%	2	6	11	19%
Marcus Miller	51	3	6%	1	3	7	14%
Anthony Napolitano	49	3	6%	5	4	12	24%
Billy Dobson	17	1	6%	1	3	5	29%
Alek Chartrand	15	1	7%	2	1	4	27%
Scott Zeron	71	6	8%	10	6	22	31%

Who's Not - The Meadowlands

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Justin Sodano	15	0	0%	3	4	7	47%
Michael Posner	14	0	0%	1	1	2	14%
Steven Brabrook	14	0	0%	1	2	3	21%
Amanda Kelley	13	0	0%	3	3	6	46%
Mark Ford	12	0	0%	2	1	3	25%
Gary Levine	12	0	0%	0	2	2	17%
Marissa Chadbourne	11	0	0%	0	1	1	9%
Allie Reynolds	10	0	0%	4	2	6	60%
Monica Krist	10	0	0%	1	3	4	40%
Scott Di Domenico	10	0	0%	1	3	4	40%

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THE MEADOWS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - The Meadows

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	36	10	28%	8	4	22	61%
Tony Hall	122	23	19%	16	15	54	44%
Dan Rawlings	120	19	16%	20	16	55	46%
David Palone	113	17	15%	21	13	51	45%
Bryce Brocklehurst	24	3	13%	3	3	9	38%
Aaron Merriman	82	10	12%	11	12	33	40%
Brady Brown	104	11	11%	7	14	32	31%
James Dodson	10	1	10%	0	1	2	20%
Brian Zendt	56	5	9%	2	5	12	21%
Christopher Shaw	98	8	8%	12	7	27	28%

Who's Hot - The Meadows

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Wm Buxton	5	3	60%	0	0	3	60%
Nathan Bresnahan	6	2	33%	0	0	2	33%
Brady Jensen	19	6	32%	1	5	12	63%
Scott Betts	32	9	28%	4	2	15	47%
Paul Kennedy	11	3	27%	1	1	5	45%
Ronald Burke	68	17	25%	12	7	36	53%
Richard Gillock	12	3	25%	0	2	5	42%
John Sullivan	17	4	24%	2	5	11	65%
Brandon Presto	25	5	20%	4	1	10	40%
Marcus Marashian	15	3	20%	5	0	8	53%

Who's Not - The Meadows

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jeremy Indof	46	1	2%	2	0	3	7%
Wilbur Yoder	30	1	3%	4	4	9	30%
James Pantaleano	80	3	4%	9	9	21	26%
Ridge Warren	73	5	7%	6	4	15	21%
Daniel Charlino	41	3	7%	3	6	12	29%
Christopher Shaw	98	8	8%	12	7	27	28%
Brian Zendt	56	5	9%	2	5	12	21%
James Dodson	10	1	10%	0	1	2	20%
Brady Brown	104	11	11%	7	14	32	31%
Aaron Merriman	82	10	12%	11	12	33	40%

Who's Not - The Meadows

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Wilbur Yoder	15	0	0%	4	1	5	33%
Peter Stratton	13	0	0%	2	1	3	23%
Roger Hammer	12	0	0%	0	2	2	17%
Dana Kahrig	12	0	0%	2	1	3	25%
Justin Pirillo	12	0	0%	1	2	3	25%
David Zito	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Daniel Walski	10	0	0%	1	3	4	40%
Neil Balcerak	10	0	0%	2	0	2	20%
Laurie Patistas	9	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Scot Davidson	9	0	0%	0	0	0	0%



MONTICELLO - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Monticello

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Gregory Merton	85	25	29%	14	11	50	59%
Michael Merton	72	19	26%	9	8	36	50%
Andrew Monti	15	3	20%	2	2	7	47%
Bruce Aldrich Jr	93	18	19%	11	12	41	44%
Michael Miller	14	2	14%	2	1	5	36%
Justin Huckabone	14	2	14%	0	4	6	43%
James Devaux	79	10	13%	12	16	38	48%
Jim Taggart Jr	96	11	11%	21	13	45	47%
Cory Stratton	88	10	11%	12	11	33	38%
Renaldo Morales Ili	64	7	11%	6	8	21	33%

Who's Hot - Monticello

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Candace Brandstatter	18	9	50%	2	0	11	61%
Robert Harmon	10	5	50%	2	1	8	80%
Arthur Green	11	5	45%	0	3	8	73%
Jody Weidman	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Andrew Adamczyk	14	5	36%	5	2	12	86%
Ashley Eldred	11	4	36%	2	0	6	55%
Laura Perino	20	7	35%	3	5	15	75%
Gregory Decker	9	3	33%	0	0	3	33%
Mark Ford	6	2	33%	3	0	5	83%
Jose Godinez	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%

Who's Not - Monticello

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Shane Taggart	29	0	0%	5	5	10	34%
Jay Randall	12	0	0%	3	1	4	33%
McGwire Sowers	85	4	5%	4	11	19	22%
John De Simone Jr	17	1	6%	1	3	5	29%
Kyle Dibenedetto	52	5	10%	5	5	15	29%
Jim Taggart Jr	96	11	11%	21	13	45	47%
Cory Stratton	88	10	11%	12	11	33	38%
Renaldo Morales Ili	64	7	11%	6	8	21	33%
James Devaux	79	10	13%	12	16	38	48%
Michael Miller	14	2	14%	2	1	5	36%

Who's Not - Monticello

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Shane Taggart	14	0	0%	2	3	5	36%
Anthony Regina	10	0	0%	2	2	4	40%
Dennis Laterza	9	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Joseph Moeykens	8	0	0%	0	1	1	13%
Mike Doherty	7	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Frank Yanoti	6	0	0%	1	1	2	33%
Todd Buter	6	0	0%	0	3	3	50%
William Parker Jr	6	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Wendy Chellis	6	0	0%	1	0	1	17%
James Clouser	6	0	0%	1	1	2	33%

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NORTHFIELD PARK - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Northfield Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Aaron Merriman	119	26	22%	29	14	69	58%
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	23	4	17%	2	2	8	35%
Ryan Stahl	123	18	15%	11	11	40	33%
Chris Page	41	6	15%	7	6	19	46%
Donald Irvine Jr	33	5	15%	4	3	12	36%
Kurt Sugg	92	12	13%	13	12	37	40%
Greg Grismore	117	14	12%	21	11	46	39%
Samuel Schillaci	25	3	12%	2	4	9	36%
Jason Thompson	66	7	11%	8	11	26	39%
Christopher Lems	136	14	10%	19	14	47	35%

Who's Hot - Northfield Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Spencer Kahrig	6	3	50%	1	0	4	67%
Ethan Sisco	5	2	40%	1	0	3	60%
Johnny Yoder	8	3	38%	2	1	6	75%
Mervin Schmucker	8	3	38%	2	0	5	63%
C Loney	17	6	35%	1	3	10	59%
Don Ray	7	2	29%	1	0	3	43%
Ronald Van Wagoner	7	2	29%	3	1	6	86%
Jessica Roegner	26	7	27%	5	4	16	62%
Crist Hershberger	11	3	27%	0	0	3	27%
Ronald Burke	27	7	26%	6	3	16	59%

Who's Not - Northfield Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Hunter Myers	15	0	0%	3	2	5	33%
Thomas Tharps Jr	32	1	3%	0	1	2	6%
Justin Irvine	25	1	4%	2	0	3	12%
Keith Kash Jr	77	5	6%	11	16	32	42%
Patrick Beeler	15	1	7%	0	1	2	13%
David Lake	88	7	8%	5	12	24	27%
Christopher Lems	136	14	10%	19	14	47	35%
Samuel Widger	70	7	10%	7	13	27	39%
Luke Ebersole	48	5	10%	2	6	13	27%
Nick Clegg	20	2	10%	1	3	6	30%

Who's Not - Northfield Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Thomas Hall	14	0	0%	3	1	4	29%
Lonnie Graber	11	0	0%	1	0	1	9%
Gregory Bateson	9	0	0%	2	1	3	33%
Arthur Mc Ilmurray	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%
Steven Harris	8	0	0%	0	2	2	25%
Billy Farmer	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%
Gerald Sarama	8	0	0%	0	1	1	13%
John Wengerd	7	0	0%	1	1	2	29%
James Horvath Jr	7	0	0%	3	0	3	43%
Allen Tomlinson	7	0	0%	0	0	0	0%

POMPANO PARK - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Pompano Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Walter Hennessey	82	28	34%	20	9	57	70%
Joseph Sanzeri	15	3	20%	0	0	3	20%
Thomas Jackson	19	3	16%	1	0	4	21%
Kevin Wallis	51	7	14%	10	9	26	51%
Michael Simons	61	8	13%	6	9	23	38%
Richard Plano	52	7	13%	5	8	20	38%
Braxten Boyd	16	2	13%	2	3	7	44%
Bryce Fenn	17	2	12%	1	2	5	29%
David Ingraham	47	5	11%	3	7	15	32%
Denny Bucceri	20	2	10%	2	1	5	25%

Who's Hot - Pompano Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Melanie Wrenn	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Braxten Boyd	5	2	40%	1	0	3	60%
Melissa Beckwith	33	12	36%	4	3	19	58%
Jake Huff	13	4	31%	2	0	6	46%
Normand Dessureault	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%
Chester Poole Jr	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%
Tony Dinges	15	4	27%	2	2	8	53%
William Popfinger	8	2	25%	0	1	3	38%
Jason Merriman	15	3	20%	2	0	5	33%
Joseph Sanzeri	15	3	20%	0	0	3	20%

Who's Not - Pompano Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Fernand Paquet Jr	24	0	0%	3	5	8	33%
Michael Micallef	12	0	0%	1	0	1	8%
Jack Killeen	11	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Corey Braden	24	1	4%	2	4	7	29%
Kenneth Holliday	20	1	5%	2	3	6	30%
Andrew Santeramo	18	1	6%	4	2	7	39%
Andy Shetler	30	2	7%	5	4	11	37%
Richard Macomber Jr	28	2	7%	4	5	11	39%
John Macdonald	46	4	9%	5	9	18	39%
Joseph Chindano Jr	43	4	9%	8	2	14	33%

Who's Not - Pompano Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Gaston Lareau	17	0	0%	1	4	5	29%
James Dunn	15	0	0%	1	3	4	27%
Paul Holzman	14	0	0%	2	0	2	14%
John Mungillo	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
Jennifer Sansone	11	0	0%	3	1	4	36%
Margaret Audley	11	0	0%	0	1	1	9%
Casandra Uppal	10	0	0%	1	2	3	30%
Stacey McLenaghan	10	0	0%	2	1	3	30%
Bryce Fenn	9	0	0%	1	0	1	11%
Lawrence Cooper	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%



Tattersalls supplement closes today

Today (Jan. 8) is the deadline for supplemental entries to the Tattersalls Winter Mixed Sale, to be held Monday, Jan. 18 at the Meadowlands. Entries will be accepted through the end of business hours by submitting horses online at tattersallsredmile.com or by calling (914) 773-7777.

Both the main sale catalog and updated past performances booklet may be viewed on the Tattersalls website, along with a significant amount of pertinent sale information, as below.

For those planning to attend in person, the usual COVID-19 safety guidelines will be in place at the Meadowlands. Before arriving, each sale attendee should download, print, and complete the COVID-19 questionnaire and bring that form with them to the sale. It can be found on the home page at tattersallsredmile.com.

For those unable to attend, the sale will be live streamed on the Tattersalls website and also streamed with live online bidding at Proxibid.com.

Buyers who plan to bid using the Proxibid platform will need to create an online account with Proxibid, and have a credit application on file with the sales company beforehand. Again, complete information is on the Tattersalls website.

The sale, which gets underway at noon in the race paddock, is highlighted as usual by quality racehorses, including 13 newly-turned 4-year-olds that won stakes races last year at 3.

There are also "Magnificent Mares" and a large selection of stallion shares, plus 12 stallion breedings that will be sold with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting Standardbred aftercare.

More than 20 sale horses are in-to-go today and tomorrow at the Meadowlands and elsewhere. Updated past performances that include weekend racing will be posted on the website Monday.

— **Tattersalls Sales Co.**

Boomboom Ballykeel retires

One of Ontario's homebred racing stars is moving on to stallion duty.

Boomboom Ballykeel has been retired from racing and has relocated to Jamie MacKinley's Double J Farm in PEI where he will stand his first commercial season at stud in 2021.

Boomboom Ballykeel retired at the end of 2020 as a 9-year-old with career earnings of \$976,487 and a mark of 1:49.3. The Mach Three stallion is probably best remembered for his 1:50.4 two length victory in the 2013 edition of the Metro Stakes. Other memorable victories included Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Gold and Grassroots wins, a Canadian Breeders elimination win, and preferred victories at Mohawk, London and Flamboro. He also raced against many of North America's top colts in the Milstein, Confederation Cup and the Prix D Ete.

Throughout his aged career Boomboom Ballykeel competed with many of the nation's top pacers and even defeated the great Foiled Again in a WFR Invitation pace at London, stopping the London teletimer in 1:53.2.

The stallion's best half-mile time record was a 2017 mile over Flamboro in 1:51.2, which was a track record for older stallions at that time.

Ballykeel Racing owner Cam McKnight said he kept Boomboom racing hoping to crack the \$1million dollar mark, but said the COVID-19 shutdowns were making that goal tough to reach.

"He was still racing good, but with another shutdown it seemed like the right time to give him a shot in the breeding shed. Jamie MacKinley (PEI's Double J Farms) contacted me three or four years ago, but at that time he was still racing at the Preferred levels, so I put him off. Now the timing seems right."

Boomboom Ballykeel retires as the third richest Mach Three stallion of all time behind only Somebeachsomewhere and Century Farroh. He also recorded 44 lifetime wins during his racing career.

McKnight said he thanks all the top rate caretakers Boomboom had throughout his racing career, but had a special shout out for trainer Richard Moreau and driver Sylvain Filion.

McKnight recalled the first time Boomboom ever went behind the gate and won his baby qualifier in 2:00.4 with McKnight himself steering.

"I had listed Sylvain but he took another colt. After Boomboom flew by everyone in the stretch Sylvain pulled up beside me and said, 'That colt is fast.' I reminded him I had listed him, and then said, 'I guess the best way to get you on

him is to give him to Richard to train,' so I did. It turned out to be a pretty good decision.

"Boomboom gave my family and friends some amazing memories. Hopefully his offspring can provide future owners with their own amazing memories."

Boomboom Ballykeel will stand at McKinley's Double J Farms and his 2021 introductory fee will be \$1,200 + HST.

— *Cam McKnight*

U.S. harness racing economic indicators for 2020

With the suspension of racing for about three months during 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, total wagering at all U.S. harness tracks for the year was down by 18.39 per cent from \$1,424,886,558 in 2019 to \$1,162,848,201, a decrease of \$263,038,357.

In addition, the amount of purses distributed was down significantly by 30.82 per cent. In 2020, horsepeople earned a total of \$304,059,115 a decrease of \$135,486,904 from the \$439,546,019 in 2019 purses.

The 2,358 race days in 2020 was 1,066 less than the 3,424 race days in 2019, a 31.13 per cent decrease.

Despite all of the lost race days, the per race wagering average increased by 10.5 per cent from \$5,008 in 2019 to \$5,534 in 2020.

To better understand the negative impact that the COVID-19 pandemic and the lengthy suspension of racing during 2020 had on the numbers, the economic indicators are broken down into three categories.

1. The year-to-year economic indicators for 2020 compared to 2019.
2. The "Before COVID" economic indicators before the shutdowns caused by the pandemic comparing Jan. 1 to March 22, 2020 to the same timeframe in 2019.
3. The "After COVID" economic indicators after tracks resumed racing following the shutdowns comparing June 1 to Dec. 31, 2020 to the same timeframe in 2019.

Following are the comparative economic indicators for U.S. harness racing from 2019 to 2020.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS ON U.S. RACES

YEAR-TO-YEAR COMPARISON
Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2020

	2020	2019	% Change
Total Wagered	\$1,162,848,201	\$1,424,886,558	-18.39%
Per Race avg.	\$45,140	\$39,991	+12.87%
Per Betting Interest	\$5,534	\$5,008	+10.50%
Purses	\$304,059,115	\$439,546,019	-30.82%
Race Days	2,358	3,424	-31.13%

BEFORE COVID-19
Jan. 1 – March 22, 2020

	2020	2019	% Change
Total Wagered	\$299,074,258	\$315,189,172	-5.11%
Per Race avg.	\$52,756	\$56,976	-7.41%
Per Betting Interest	\$6,594	\$6,975	-5.46%
Purses	\$53,949,205	\$52,804,155	+2.17%
Race Days	474	455	+4.18%

AFTER COVID-19
June 1 – Dec. 31, 2020

	2020	2019	% Change
Total Wagered	\$844,385,389	\$796,464,289	+6.02%
Per Race avg.	\$42,414	\$35,097	+20.85%
Per Betting Interest	\$5,173	\$4,414	+17.20%
Purses	\$248,668,418	\$306,707,985	-18.92%
Race Days	1,866	2,339	-20.22%

"Obviously, it was a very difficult year for everyone in harness racing, especially for our horsemen, racetracks and everyone whose employment depends on our industry," said USTA executive vice president and CEO Mike Tanner. "All of them should be commended for their efforts and compliance with the required health and safety measures that allowed us to return to racing. And we'd like to thank all of our loyal harness racing fans for their continued support through tough times."

Please note: The information above includes U.S. and Canadian common and separate pool wagers on races contested in the U.S.

— **USTA Communications Department**

Pat Matters sets Dover Downs track record

Pat Matters shattered the track record for older trotting mares Tuesday (Jan. 5) at Dover Downs with a 1:51.2 effort that broke the record previously set by Buck I St. Pat of 1:53 in 2008.

Pat Matters left alertly and took the field through a quick

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:26.2 opening quarter.

Warrior One was parked to the quarter and motored up before the half seizing the lead from Pat Matters. The half was trotted in 55 seconds.

At the 5/8ths, Andrew McCarthy boldly pulled the pocket as Warrior One began to labor, angling off the rail to take the lead.

Jack Vernon challenged the leader to the three quarters which was trotted in 1:23.

At the top of the stretch, Jack Vernon and the 7-5 race favorite Scirocco Rob closed stoutly but could not make up any ground on Pat Matters.

Pat Matters, the lone mare in the race, reached down for more trot and won by a half-length. The daughter of Explosive Matter is owned by Patricia Stables. The red hot Nifty Norman is her trainer.

—Alex Kraszewski / Dover Downs

Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association to host virtual awards

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) will not hold its annual awards banquet and membership meeting, but will instead present a virtual awards show on the OHHA YouTube channel on Jan.16 at 7 p.m.

The awards show will feature Ohio's top equine athletes of 2020. Other Ohio award winners honored will be the Terry Holton Youth Award, Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award, Ohio Outstanding Groom Award and the Special -Service to Harness Racing Award. In addition, the United States Harness Writers Association – Ohio Chapter annual awards will also be presented as will the Ohio State Racing Commission's Kaltenbach Awards.

"Unfortunately, due to pandemic infection numbers and health mandates on social gatherings, the OHHA Board decided the best course of action would be to honor the 2020 award winners with a virtual banquet," said OHHA executive director Renée Mancino.

The stallion auction to benefit P.A.C.E.R. (Political Action Committee for Equine Racing) will take place online and will include phone bidding on the final day. Bidding for the services of 22 stallions will go live on Jan. 9. To view the preliminary list of stallions, visit <https://hoofbid.com/OHHA>.

—Frank Fraas / OHHA

Tioga and Vernon Downs 2021 stakes information

The \$1 million(e) Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) stakes for 3-year-old New York sired trotters and pacers will be raced without eliminations in 2021. This format was implemented for the 2020 EBC trotting races and the 2020 EBC colt pace went straight to the final with 10 declarations.

In 2021, should 10 or fewer declare for any of the EBCs, the stake will go as a single division for the total purse. If eleven or more declare the stake shall be raced in divisions with the purse split equally and the entry fee reduced accordingly.

The EBC colt and filly trots are scheduled for Vernon Downs on Friday, June 18 and the pacers will race at Tioga Downs on Sunday, Aug. 29.

The 2021 \$650,000(e) Dr. Harry M. Zweig Memorial will be raced at Vernon on Sunday, Aug. 28 using the "Main events/consolation" format as it has been for the past several years.

The W.N. Reynolds stakes for 2-year-olds will return to Tioga for 2021 and all divisions are scheduled for Friday, September 3.

Vernon and Tioga Downs are set to begin the 2021 live racing season at the customary starting dates for the pair of Upstate New York venues.

Vernon starts first on Saturday, April 17 while Tioga gets underway on Saturday, May 1.

Contact racing operations manager Brett Risi at brisi@tiogadowns.com or (607) 699-7688 for answers.

—Nick Salvi / Tioga and Vernon

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SOA of NY donates to Goshen Historic Track

On Dec. 5, the Board of Directors of the Standardbred Owners Association of New York (representing competing horsemen at Yonkers Raceway) resolved to donate the sum of \$5,000 to the Goshen Historic Track located in Goshen, NY. The contribution, which was mailed today, was in recognition of not only the important place the venue holds in our industry, but also in appreciation for the oval's significant role in assisting racing participants in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

During a truly dark spring for pari-mutuel harness racing in New York State, a bright shining light was provided through the kindness of the Goshen Historic Track trustees. First, through the trustees, SOA of NY director Ray Schnittker was able to utilize the facility to accommodate an initial number of qualifiers. These races not only prepared horses for their anticipated return to live racing, but also provided necessary charted lines for the horses, as the USTA sanctioned the events for this purpose.

After the USTA's approval, the kindness shown by the Historic Track's personnel and the necessary approval of the track's president Steve Jones, allowed for weeks of qualifiers to be held. The SOA of NY cultivated volunteers to collect fees and helped defray the costs associated with the effort in order to provide a starter, racing office personnel, a USTA qualified presiding judge, along with associates and a

paddock judge. A teletimer was installed and a company was secured to monitor its proper function on a regular basis, as was a track re-measuring protocol completed. Additionally, the USTA provided an online entry portal and both an ambulance service and disinfecting company were hired.

— *SOA of New York*

2021 Ohio Stallion Directory now available online

The 2021 Ohio Standardbred Stallion Directory and Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Membership Directory is now available electronically at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association website, www.OHHA.com.

The directory includes pedigree pages for 54 stallions currently standing in Ohio, 27 pacers and 27 trotters.

In addition to the pedigree pages, the directory includes a list of 84 all stallions standing in Ohio, 2020 earning statistics for stallions and broodmares, and a listing of OHHA members.

The directory is scheduled to be mailed on Jan. 14 to all current OHHA members and associates. Hard copies are available as part of an OHHA Associate membership. For more information on being a member of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, call 614-221-3650.

— *Frank Fraas / OHHA*

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RACE RESULTS - SUNDAY

MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY *report*

Sunday's Results:

1, MVR, \$15,750, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.1, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:52.4, FT

1-Secret Threat (h, 9, Palone Ranger--Laxmy, by Real Artist) \$7,875, Lifetime Record: 144-35-23-27, \$341,913

O-Justin Lloyd & Scott Tyler George. B-Larry E & Kim L Owen. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrick.

2-Never Say Never N (h, 8, Bettor's Delight--Maid In Splendor, by Christian Cullen) \$3,937, Lifetime Record: 102-26-13-14, \$329,635

O-Rick & Geoffrey W Howles. B-Breckon Farms LTD, NZ. T-Payton Ode. D-Josh Sutton.

3-Hal N Sammy (g, 6, Yankee Cruiser--Fannie De Vie, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$1,890, \$12,000 2016 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 103-11-16-18, \$128,193

O-Gregory C Gardner. B-Joie De Vie Farm LLC. T-Brandon Piguet. D-Tyler Smith.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1H, 1, T, 1H, 1T - Finish Order: Manny, Union Station, Bunkndunk, Rising To The Top, Elite Awards, Rose Run Uriah

12, MVR, \$15,750, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 28.0, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:53.1, FT

1-Voracity (g, 8, Sportswriter--Lu Lu Q, by McArdle) \$7,875, \$47,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 139-23-20-16, \$629,515

O-Brian & Ira Wallach Racing. B-Save H Stewart. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrick.



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2-Cyclone Kiwi N (g, 11, Jereme's Jet--Another Kiwi, by Clever Innocence) \$3,937, Lifetime Record: 134-46-20-14, \$491,204

O-Adam B Short. B-A S Donaldson, NZ. T-Adam Short. D-Sam Widger.

3-Southern Flight (g, 7, Panspacificflight--Southwind Diana, by Artsplace) \$1,890, \$15,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 135-20-14-22, \$252,685

O-Brian Witt. B-Jacob L Miller. T-Larry Finn. D-Josh Sutton.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 7, 3T, 1, HD, 1H - Finish Order: Modern Rock As, Venom, It'sgoodtobedaking, Revelry, So So Delightful, Fox Valley Hustler, Castle Flight



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RACE RESULTS - TUESDAY

DOVER DOWNS *report*

Tuesday's Results:

12, DD, \$20,000, Trot, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS ASSIGNED, 26.2, 55.0, 1:23.0, 1:51.2, FT

1-Pat Matters (m, 6, Explosive Matter--Dibrizzi, by Malabar Man) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 47-16-9-2, \$356,282

O-Patricia Stable. B-Patricia Stable. T-R. Nifty Norman. D-Andrew McCarthy.

2-Jack Vernon (g, 8, Muscle Hill--Vernon Blue Chip, by Sir Taurus) \$5,000, \$50,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 110-30-20-12, \$454,803

O-Howard A Taylor & Michael Casalino Jr. B-Al J Libfeld, CA. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan.

3-Scirocco Rob (g, 6, Explosive Matter--Fun At Parties, by Lindy Lane) \$2,400, \$20,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 73-24-13-7, \$493,029

O-Lewis W Whitaker Jr & Kathleen A Whitaker. B-Russell C Williams. T-Mark Silva. D-Tim Tetrack.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1H, 1T, 1T, H - Finish Order: Eye Ofa Tiger As, Warrior One, Armagedon Seelster, Bluebird Jesse, All Champy

MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY *report*

Tuesday's Results:

11, MVR, \$20,000, Trot, OPEN HCP N/W \$10,000 (MARES \$12,000) LAST 4 DREW INSIDE, 28.3, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:56.1, FT

1-Workintonbroadway (g, 5, Broadway Hall--Working Girl, by Ken Warkentin) \$10,000, \$20,000 2017 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 59-16-13-11, \$179,562

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Way To Win Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

2-Annas Lucky Star (m, 7, Cassis--Queen Jamie, by Can't Be Jimmie) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 82-40-15-5, \$427,882

O-Danny S Graham. B-Danny S Graham. T-Nelson Willis. D-Brett Miller.

3-Swan Chase (g, 7, Swan For All--Precisionist, by Muscles Yankee) \$2,400, \$15,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 80-29-8-13, \$538,267

O-John E Barnard. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. T-Luis Quevedo. D-Trace Tetrack.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: NS, 1, 1, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Glidinthruparadise, Voyage To Paris, Pass The Vape, Bank Guard

RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY

DOVER DOWNS *report*

Wednesday's Results:

10, DD, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES/MARES SELECT WINNERS OVER \$8,000 (DE \$9,600) LAST 5 STARTS OR WINNERS OVER \$100,000 LIFETIME 4 YEAR OLDS DRAW INSIDE, 27.1, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:52.2, FT

1-My Last Bet (m, 5, Delmarvalous--Betting Machine, by Bettor's Delight) \$9,600, Lifetime Record: 68-14-13-7, \$173,712

O-George Teague Jr Inc.. B-George Teague Jr Inc.. T-Clyde Francis. D-Montrell Teague.

2-Edge Of Eternity (m, 5, A Rocknroll Dance--Margin Blue Chip, by Artsplace) \$4,800, \$55,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 55-12-13-6, \$159,019

O-David R Hamm. B-Gabe K Prewitt & James R Mc Laughlin. T-Chuck Crissman Jr. D-Andrew McCarthy.

3-Scuola Hanover (m, 6, A Rocknroll Dance--So Artsi, by Artsplace) \$2,304, \$12,000 2016 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 75-21-8-11, \$356,751

O-Arthur C & Andrew J Stafford & Thomas L Ireland. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Andrew Stafford. D-Art Stafford Jr.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1, 1H, 1, 2, 2H - Finish Order: Feeling Sweet, Rockn Philly, Psychic Blue Chip, Ms Caila J Fra, Anytime N

11, DD, \$22,000, Pace, FILLIES AND MARES OPEN / PREFERRED HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1 - 5 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 6 - 8 DRAWN, 27.3, 55.2, 1:23.3, 1:51.3, FT

1-Soho Burning Love A (m, 7, Auckland Reactor N--Soho Bordeaux, by Western Terror) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 63-18-17-7, \$354,868

O-Richard Poillucci & Jo Ann Looney-King. B-R J Watson, WA. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrack.

2-Bettors Heart N (m, 8, Bettor's Delight--Valiant Heart N, by Sokys Atom) \$5,500, Lifetime Record: 46-12-8-4, \$224,809

O-Enzed Racing Stable Inc. B-Peter D Bagrie, NZ. T-R. Nifty Norman. D-Dexter Dunn.

3-Machnhope (m, 6, Mach Three--Hope For Life, by Fit For Life) \$2,640, Lifetime Record: 94-26-15-10, \$339,919

O-Deo Volente Farms LLC & Thomas J Pontone & L. A. Express Stable LLC & Noel M Daley. B-Cmr Farms, CA. T-Noel Daley. D-Andrew McCarthy.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 6T, 7Q, 4, 2H, HD - Finish Order: Shes Pukka N, Imprincessgemma A, Feelin Red Hot, Sunny Dee, My Kiwi Lady N

RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY

DOVER DOWNS *report*

Thursday's Results:

9, DD, \$15,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$25,000 - \$30,000 - \$35,000 POST POSITIONS DRAWN BY PRICE, 27.0, 55.3, 1:23.0, 1:51.2, FT

1-Always Flashing A (g, 8, Always A Virgin--Love You Cyprus, by Union Guy) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 83-13-15-11, \$88,214

O-Curtin Anz Stables. B-R Florentzou, AS. T-Tyler Davis. D-Anthony Morgan.

2-Banderbear (g, 7, Big Bad John--Wildfire Princess, by Towner's Big Guy) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 93-18-11-15, \$172,355

O-Joshua L Green. B-Carl T Howard. T-Josh Green. D-Dexter Dunn.

3-Major Key (g, 7, Art Major--Capri Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$2,160, \$50,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 135-19-16-17, \$168,637

O-William L Martin. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Joseph Hundertpfund Jr. D-Allan Davis.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, Q, HD - Finish Order: Seventh Secret, Trente Deo, Iwontdothatagain, Da Magician, Just N Ace, Monty's Play

10, DD, \$16,000, Pace, WINNERS OVER SELECT FOR WINNERS OVER \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR WINNERS OVER \$100,000 LIFETIME, 26.1, 54.0, 1:22.0, 1:50.3, FT

1-U S Captain (h, 5, Captaintreacherous--American Jewel, by American Ideal) \$8,000, \$180,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 48-12-8-5, \$285,907

O-Forrest L Bartlett. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Kevin Lare. D-Pat Berry.

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2-Q's Cruise (g, 7, Yankee Cruiser--Modern Hanover, by Western Hanover) \$4,800, \$20,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 98-27-16-16, \$484,720

O-Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick.

3-Robbie Burns N (g, 10, Live Or Die--Kurahaupocharm, by Christian Cullen) \$2,304, Lifetime Record: 106-21-15-18, \$258,927

O-Nanticoke Racing Inc & Joshua Davis & Matthew J Parker & Chad D Herr. B-Old Ridge Services No 4 LTD, NZ. T-Joshua Parker. D-Art Stafford Jr.

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11, DD, \$15,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$25,000 - \$30,000 - \$35,000 POST POSITIONS DRAWN BY PRICE, 27.3, 56.2, 1:23.3, 1:50.3, FT

1-Jj Flynn (g, 8, Western Ideal--Allamerican Cognac, by Real Desire) \$7,500, \$35,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 139-36-20-13, \$552,642

O-Brendan Allan Davis. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Tyler Davis. D-Allan Davis.

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2-Stark Hanover (g, 6, Dragon Again--Summer Thriller, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$3,750, \$40,000 2016 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 88-11-18-9, \$155,353

O-Rodney M Long. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Chuck Crissman Jr. D-Montrell Teague.

3-Keystone Tenacious (g, 6, So Surreal--Take My Pulse, by Rustler Hanover) \$2,160, \$42,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 57-11-9-12, \$274,819

O-Andrew R Glassmeyer. B-Estate Of George F Hempt Trust. T-A Bobby Glassmeyer. D-Jonathan Roberts.

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12, DD, \$20,000, Pace, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1 - 5 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 6 - 7 DRAWN, 28.1, 56.1, 1:24.1, 1:51.2, FT

1-Itsrockandroll A (g, 6, A Rocknroll Dance--Miss Worthy Whitby, by Bettor's Delight) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 50-12-15-11, \$221,014

O-Michael Casalino Jr & Dylan P Davis. B-E Dewar, AS. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan.

2-Goldberg (h, 5, Mr Wiggles--Chausettes Blanche, by Christian Cullen) \$6,000, Lifetime Record: 44-14-10-11, \$275,786

O-Mst Racing Inc. B-Montrell S Teague. T-Brenda Teague. D-Montrell Teague.

3-Rollwithpapajoe (g, 5, Roll With Joe--Crazy On You, by Always A Virgin) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 36-11-2-7, \$255,607

O-Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC & Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos. B-Bill K Lambos & Barbara Bongiorno & Dionisios Liberatos. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Anthony Morgan.

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13, DD, \$15,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$25,000 - \$30,000 - \$35,000 POST POSITIONS DRAWN BY PRICE, 26.4, 55.1, 1:23.0, 1:51.2, FT

1-Shady's Shark Bait (g, 5, Shadyshark Hanover--Miss Grady White, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 62-10-8-4, \$76,849
O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc. B-Tko Racing Stable LLC. T-Wayne Givens. D-Montrell Teague.

2-Dancinat Midland (g, 6, A Rocknroll Dance--Pan Hanover, by Artsplace) \$4,500, \$25,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 77-7-11-18, \$117,042
O-Arty Foster Jr. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Arty Foster Jr. D-Russell Foster.

3-Cole On The Beach (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Talkative, by Well Said) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 58-9-8-9, \$84,510
O-J Craparotta & P Berry Racing LLC. B-George T Golemes & Ronald C Michelin. T-Traci Berry. D-Pat Berry.

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