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## Making the grade

*Graded stakes committee chair Mark Loewe details how the group came up with harness racing's first list and why some races made the cut and others did not.*

by **Dave Briggs**

Mark Loewe said he expected harness racing's inaugural graded stakes list would spark some controversy. After all, many people in the sport long ago made their own determinations about which stakes races mattered most. Naturally, the official graded stakes list, which was 18 months in the making, wasn't going to line up with everyone's belief system.

"We realize there's a lot of conversation that can be had over this," said Loewe, the chair of the graded stakes committee. "We could talk about it for 10 hours."

Though the list was only released publicly on Jan. 7, Loewe said he's been surprised about the lack of feedback, so far. That will likely change as people fully process which stakes were assigned a grade of 1, 2 or 3. Loewe said the sport is better for having the debate.

"[It is] controversial, maybe, and creates dialogue, but that's a good thing," Loewe said. "We don't have enough dialogue."



"I've had some good feedback, but I wouldn't say I've been overwhelmed one way or the other. I think as the year goes on, and if people are willing to and want to promote it properly, I think it can be beneficial. It will not be on program race lines just yet... It will be in sales catalogs, but you can easily have a racetrack publicize your race and put it in your header as 'the Grade 1 Hambletonian' or 'the Grade 1 North America Cup.' It's entirely up to the racetracks, but it's just another tool to market a race for them."



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As for which stakes made the cut as Grade 1s and which did not, the good news is the list is fluid and there will be a yearly review of the grade for all stakes.

“Races can go up, races can go down and we’ve got guidance to help us make those decisions,” Loewe said. “We expect committee members to use their expertise and knowledge. It doesn’t have to be 100 per cent based on what we see if the committee feels strongly enough that a race justifies being moved up or down.

“We really put a lot of time and effort into this to do what we thought was right. I actually went to the race secretary meetings twice to discuss it, and there were virtually no questions asked. An individual last year said, ‘Why would we want to do anything that the thoroughbreds are doing? Their business sucks and look at this...’ This year, that individual found a reason to leave the room when I discussed it again.”

### PURSES KEY TO GRADING

Loewe said the committee – himself, David Reid, Mike Klau, Mark McKelvie, Steve Jones, Rich Mattei, Seth Rosenfeld, Steve Stewart, Chris Antonacci, Darryl Kaplan, and Pete Szymanski – essentially started with “a blank palette” and decided the logical place to start was with purses, followed by the field quality of those races in last four or five years.

“We bandied about what is the proper purse to be a Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3,” Loewe said. “That took two-to-three months of zoom calls to discuss.”

In the end, the committee decided the purse thresholds would be as follows:

Male

Grade 1 – \$350,000 and up

Grade 2 – \$175,000 - \$349,999

Grade 3 – \$75,000 - \$174,499

Female

Grade 1 – \$250,000 and up

Grade 2 – \$125,000 - \$249,999

Grade 3 – \$75,000 - \$124,999

“At one point, we had a higher threshold for Grade 1 than what we ended up doing and we talked about potentially a lower threshold for a Grade 3 and we came to a medium,” Loewe said. “At one point it was \$100,000 for Grade 3, then we talked about how there were a number of historical races that unfortunately have lost a lot of cred and do we get to the point where we drop it to \$50,000? Well, then you’ve got this one at \$48,500... so there was a lot of dialogue just to figure out what’s an appropriate threshold for 1s, 2s and 3s.



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**Twisted Destiny**, P, 2, 1:51.0F 2 legs and final of PA Stallion Series.

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~ Mark Loewe

“Once we got that, then it was a matter of doing some data mining, basically, with the help of the USTA. I got charts from 2021 or 2020 through 2024 of every race that met the purse criteria. Then, we went through all of these races and started [assigning] a point value to each race based on the quality of the field.”

Loewe said the purse used was that of the race’s host nation. That means the purse of Canadian stakes races were considered on par with U.S. ones.

“A lot of people say, ‘Yeah, but [in Canada you are] only racing for 65 or 70 cents [in U.S. money],’” Loewe said. “But, in three years, it could be the other way.”

In fact, between 2011 and 2012 the Canadian dollar was worth more than the U.S. one.

Only open stakes were graded with a G. The committee also rated the sires stakes finals in each jurisdiction with an R1, R2 or R3. But, let’s save that discussion for another day.

### STAKES WITH DIVISIONS CANNOT BE GRADE 1

It’s important to note the committee decided that any stake that can be split into divisions cannot be classified as a Grade 1.

In **Friday’s HRU**, Brett Sturman criticized the William Haughton being listed as a Grade 2 stakes race.

“Unquestionably, and even more-so when compared to where other stakes in the division have been designated, the Haughton is a signature race for open pacers and should have G1 status,” Sturman wrote. “The list of winners in the stake is a who’s-who of the very best open pacers over the last 30 years and was further highlighted when it was the race of the year in 2022 when Bulldog Hanover broke the 1:46 time barrier.”

Loewe said the committee, “spoke for four months about the Haughton, but we also had to come to a basic understanding

that there has to be guidelines and there has to be rules that we follow. One of the biggest things that we had to discuss – and this was discussed for years – is that a race that splits into divisions, or that the conditions say it can be spilt into divisions, cannot be a Grade 1.

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As for races like the Little Brown Jug and Jugette that are contested in heats, the committee considered those heats eliminations, not divisions.

Meanwhile, the Matron Stakes are a good example of field quality being part of the grading system.

The Matrons for 2- and 3-year-old filly pacers and 2- and 3-year-old filly trotters are Grade 2 events.

The Matrons for 2- and 3-year-old open pacers and 3-year-old open trotters are Grade 3 events.

The 2-year-old open trot Matron did not earn a grade.

“There was some banter on Facebook that they didn’t even grade the Matron Stake for 2-year-old trotting colts,” Loewe said. “There’s a pretty simple explanation. In 2023, it did not fill. In 2024, it did not fill. Yes, we graded it in 2021 and 2022 and now it falls off the map when it goes two years without being run.”

Sturman also criticized the Six Pack being listed as a Grade 3. Loewe said, “The Six Pack was a six-horse field, six-horse field and five-horse field the last three years,” which impacted its ranking.

As for three Triple Crown races having a G2 standing – the Messenger, Cane and Yonkers Trot – Loewe said there was a lot of discussion about that on the committee.

“In 1955 they decided the Triple Crown,” Loewe said. “Does that mean in 2025 that we can’t say there’s a North American trifecta of races that most people today think are the Triple Crown?”

“In the end, we felt that we had guidance and rules and we had to follow them regardless of whether the race was a ‘Triple Crown’ race or not and where we landed on that is that they don’t fit the criteria, they don’t fit the guidance, the quality

of the fields aren’t there... We could get into discussions and nauseum about whether we should give a bias because it’s a half-mile track or this or that.”

There was also some chatter online about some of the Sun Stakes races being a Grade 1 – the Delmonica Hanover and the Lynch – while the Max Hempt and Beal are Grade 2s.

“A lot of that was predicated on purse level,” Loewe said. “The open paces and open trots go for \$300,000 and the threshold that we had decided was \$350,000 for Grade 1. Again, because we felt that the mares never had the opportunity to race for that kind of money and we did set it at \$250,000 threshold for the mares, that’s why Delmonica Hanover is a Grade 1 and the Beal is a Grade 2.

“Now, I did tell [Pennsylvanian Harness Horse Association president] Sam Beegle, ‘You can easily fix this.’ If you put in a Beal 1 consolation and a Beal 2 consolation. Maybe if the Beal 1 consolation went for \$175,000 and the Beal 2 consolation went for \$75,000 and you took that extra \$25,000 from each of those races and put it into the open Beal, then it would probably make it a lot easier for the committee to call it a Grade 1.

“[Racetracks] can make [purse] adjustments if it is important enough to them.”



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Loewe said graded stakes, “is important for breeders, for horsemen, for racetracks, for sales companies... They can point specifically to very important races that have a huge impact on the industry and that they are proud to sell horses that have won those races, stallions that have won major races, mares that have won major races. I think it’s important for everyone in the industry to be able to specifically point to something and say, ‘Look, we have 14 Grade 1s here.’”

He said there are at least five good reasons for adopting Graded Stakes:

- It elevates the importance of certain stakes races to those that are not immersed in the industry. “There are obviously people in the industry who know every race backwards and forwards and have in their mind what’s a 1, 2 and 3, but a lot of people in the industry aren’t as savvy,” Loewe said. “Also, there are a lot of people outside the industry, that if you start attaching a Grade 1 to the race, then they get it. That’s been thrown at them on the thoroughbred side forever.”
- It helps breeders promote stallions, mares and yearlings and make breeding decisions. “If I’m standing a stallion I can say, ‘Winner of four Grade 1 stakes,’” Loewe said.
- It will help tracks drive handle for big events. “[Thoroughbred tracks] tell me that the handle is up when they are showing

graded stakes and they promote graded stakes,” Loewe said. “It can be a marketing tool to promote pari-mutuel wagering.”

- It could help determine awards and honors. “If we have a list of 20-something horses – all of them top quality horses, but this one had seven Grade 1 wins and this one made a lot of money, but only had two Grade 1 stakes, that may impact how the committee votes on who should be in the Living Hall of Fame,” Loewe said.
- Europe is already grading North American races. “Sweden will grade our races to determine whether the horse can stand as a stallion in that country,” Loewe said. “Why should a foreign country be grading our races if we’re not doing it ourselves?”

To learn more, including other criteria for grading as well as statistics considered and the point system utilized by the committee, click [here](#).

For the complete list of Grade 1, 2 and 3 Stakes, click [here](#).

The complete schedule of both graded and restricted graded stakes will be announced at a later date.

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### Everybody's wild about Heather

*The third-generation horsewoman on both sides of her pedigree, even has Irish eyes smiling on her.*

by Murray Brown

Heather Wilder is numerous things: a great wife, mother, daughter of a great horse trainer, superb at social media, president of her USHWA Chapter, in my far from modest opinion the very best interviewer in the sport, a part-time yearling shopper and horse trainer, and in the last couple of years she has become the North American representative of the Vincent Delaney Memorial (VDM) weekend which is domiciled in Ireland and takes place there and in Wales, just a ferry ride away over the Irish Sea.

*That's quite a resume. Let's speak about each. You are married to Mike Wilder one of the best drivers not only at The Meadows but in all of North America.*

"Mike and I have been together for 26 years and married for 24. I was working in Ohio at Scioto Downs when I first met him. Mike was the leading driver at Lebanon Raceway and then won titles at Scioto Downs. It was love at first sight. I remained in Ohio for two years and worked at the USTA. When Mike received an

*" [My dad, Dan Altmeyer] is a great thinker, a great leader and certainly a great horse trainer. He just turned 70 and is regularly out there with us training. When we have a question, he is the person we go to... When he comes up with the answer, it will invariably be the right one. Both [my husband] Mike and myself tend to be impulsive, dad is anything but that. He is the true leader of our stable. "*

~ Heather Wilder

opportunity to drive for a well-known stable in Pennsylvania, we moved back to my hometown.

"In retrospect it wasn't easy for him. He was a young guy on top of the world at Lebanon where he also had family and many friends.

"Here, he was being put in with a group of veteran race drivers. He was young and raw. It took him some time, but his talent came to the fore. He became one of our leading drivers here, of course behind Dave Palone. Everybody here is always behind Dave Palone. Just think of this, Dave has been the leading

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***In regards to Mike, the last couple of years have presented a couple of major health issues for him.***

"Yes. Hopefully all of that is in our rearview mirror now. My sister Julie is a doctor. She suggested that Mike get a colonoscopy. Just routine, we thought. They found that he had stage 3 colon cancer. They had to remove 10 inches of his colon and over the last year he has undergone eight rounds of chemotherapy. It was very hard on all of us, but of course, especially on Mike.


"After the surgery, he was back at work daily despite going through the chemo and having to live with a port in his chest. Last summer he got into a terrible wreck at The Meadows where he was knocked unconscious. At the time, he still had the port in his chest as a conveyance for the chemo. In addition to the head injury, I was concerned about the port becoming dislodged and him bleeding out as it was connected to the main artery in his body. Thankfully, all he had was a concussion, which of course was more than enough. He just recently got a clear scan. The cancer is now in the past."


***You guys have two extraordinary daughters of whom you are deservedly quite proud.***

"Yes. Scarlett is a critical care nurse. She has also been and is still quite horsey. She is an accomplished and competitive barrel racer and is very good around horses. She also trains with us.

She has her own driving colors and has driven in qualifiers. She actually worked at the Fox Den consignment at Harrisburg this year, showing horses.

"Lauren just graduated from Penn State this past year and is in the midst of choosing which medical school she plans to attend."



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~ Heather Wilder

**Your dad, Dan Altmeyer, is one of the finest people and most accomplished horseman it has been my privilege to have known.**

“He is indeed a very special person. He is a great thinker, a great leader and certainly a great horse trainer. He just turned 70 and is regularly out there with us training. When we have a question, he is the person we go to. He might not have the answer immediately, but within a short

period of time he will have thought it out. When he comes up with the answer, it will invariably be the right one. Both Mike and myself tend to be impulsive, dad is anything but that. He is the true leader of our stable.”

**You have become a fixture on social media, primarily with your insightful interviews on Twos in Training here in HRU, but also, it seems, in most places, especially in your native Pennsylvania when major events are taking place.**

“There’s no denying I love it as I love every phase of the business in which I become involved. I suppose the starting point on just about all of it is that when asked to do something, just about anything, I can’t say no. I’m game to try just about anything. Once I become immersed, I usually like it all.

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“I’m also deeply involved with USHWA and am proud to be the Pennsylvania Chapter’s president. Our chapter has the most members [tied] of any in the entire organization.

“I find that USHWA sometimes has its critics. But of one thing I am certain. It is not only a very necessary organization, but its leadership is composed of some of the very finest people in all of harness racing. They are all givers - mostly of their time and talent with no remuneration or compensation. They give because they truly love our sport.”



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*In recent years you have become the American representative for the VDM weekend, more than just a weekend of racing, which has evolved into a festival of sorts. This year, the racing takes place at Tir Prince in Wales, but most of the events leading up to the racing take place in Ireland.*

“What a privilege that has been. If anybody says they love and know harness racing and haven’t been to the VDM, then they haven’t experienced one of the sport’s most important and enjoyable segments – emphasis on enjoyable!

“The race itself was established by the brothers Derek and James Delaney to honor the memory of their brother Vincent.

“At the beginning it was just the race itself. Since then, with each passing year, it has grown from an important horse race to a true festival of not only racing, but of Ireland, its wonderful people, its history and its great culture. I was first introduced to Ireland, the VDM and Derek Delaney through one of our family’s best friends and supporters Roger Huston. Roger had been there several times and kept telling me that Mike and I needed to go. We of course did. When Roger tells you something, it is usually worthwhile to listen.

“All of the Delaney family members are truly exceptional. If there are better and nicer people anywhere I have yet to meet them.

“One of my fondest memories of Ireland involved you. It took place the first year I was over there. We were on a fantastic carriage ride through downtown Dublin. There were several horse-drawn carriages each filled with horsepeople from all over the world.

“You and I were in the same carriage. You had brought along some Hanover Shoe Farms hats which you were occasionally distributing to folks on the road. Along came this little boy who desperately wanted one. But you had given them all away. You reached up on your head and handed him the one you were wearing. The look on that kid’s face was one of pure joy. He asked you to autograph it which of course you were glad to do.

“Another incident that year also involved you. The airlines had misplaced Roger’s and my luggage. We were without fresh clothes. Thankfully, you had brought along several Hanover new golf shirts which we wore for a couple of days and then kept as souvenirs.

“This year’s event promises to be bigger and better than all the preceding ones.

“Of course, we say that every year. Strangely enough though, every year it always is.”

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HRU is providing links to publicly-available fines and suspension lists for convenience.

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# ALL OVER ONTARIO

with **MATTHEW LOMON**

## From slapshots to sulkies, Todd Ratchford is a rising star

by Matthew Lomon

Todd Ratchford's journey from globetrotting professional hockey player to 2024 O'Brien Award finalist is a lesson in resolve, trust, and most importantly, what can happen when people believe in themselves.

"If you really want something, then just go do it," said the 28-year-old reinsman. "It doesn't matter what anyone says, or

whatever happens, or any circumstance like that. If you want it, just go get it."

The Caledonia, ON native set off to do just that when he left home at age 15 to pursue his childhood dream of lacing up the skates at the pro level.

Five years later, Ratchford's bold move paid off in spades.

"All I wanted to do was go play professional hockey," he said. "I had never been overseas or anything like that, but I went over there and did it all on my own. And I'm so thankful for it, because it did teach me a lot about myself through the experiences I had there."

After making stops in The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, and finally, the United Arab Emirates, Ratchford was ready to return home and swap slapshots for the sulky.

A fourth-generation horseman himself, the harness game is embedded in Ratchford's DNA. His father, also Todd Ratchford, is the son of Gus Ratchford, a renowned industry man who created Rabbit's Liniments – a popular emollient for the skin.

The younger Ratchford is also a second cousin of Hall of Fame driver Paul MacDonell through his mother's side of the family.

Following in his family's footsteps, Todd made his professional driving debut in 2023, recording 26 wins from 340 starts for \$304,617 in purse earnings.



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~ Todd Ratchford

That, however, was merely the appetizer for the young man, who relied on the formative experiences of his playing days to break through in a major way in 2024.

The dogged competitor finished his sophomore campaign with a 94-81-108 line across 854 starts (\$1,062,281 banked), shattering all previous career highs in the process.

“I wasn’t intimidated or scared of what people thought or what they would say or anything like that, I just went and I trusted myself,” he said. “I trusted the people around me putting me in the right situations. It’s about not being afraid of doing what you love and what you want to set out to do.”

The young reinsman’s outstanding efforts returned national recognition, as he was named a finalist for the 2024 O’Brien Future Star Award. The honor spotlights the brightest young stars Canadian harness racing has to offer.

Brady Sweet, a 22-year-old horseman from Springfield West, PEI, was also nominated in the category.

After receiving notice of his accomplishment one day before the results were made public, Todd thought best to hold onto the exciting news.

“I had to keep it a secret,” he said. “I didn’t tell anyone, not even my family because I wanted to have them read it online too.”

Although, that didn’t prevent the deserving horseman from appreciating the moment.

“It was a good feeling,” he said. “You have a solid year, and it’s nice to get the recognition for it.”

Over the course of his award-worthy campaign, Todd collected several standout tallies. The most noteworthy came with then 3-year-old trotting filly Winning Alliance in a New York Sires Stakes tilt at Vernon Downs on May 27.

As the regular reinsman for the daughter of Chapter Seven–Perfect Alliance, Todd pressed all the right buttons en route to a front-leading half-length score in 1.53.

The victory serves as his ‘welcome to the show’ moment.

“It really put in perspective what I was doing this season,” Todd said. “I have the picture at home, and I look at it, and I’m thinking ‘who I beat in that race was pretty cool.’ In the picture, there’s Ake

Svanstedt, he’s one of the top trainer/drivers, and then Dexter Dunn, he’s one of the top drivers in North America.

“To have that picture and have that race be my first big sires stakes win, that told me I might be on the right track with what I’m doing here.”

Not only did Todd make his mark as a first-rate horseman, but he did so while also being a supportive big brother.

Todd’s sister, Mary Ratchford, is the latest member of the Ratchford clan to join the family business.

A trainer by trade, Mary put together an impressive rookie season in which her charges produced 22 wins from 122 starts for nearly \$152,000.

As fate would dictate, Mary’s first ever win came with Todd in the racebike on Jan. 27 at Flamboro Downs.

The brother-sister duo teamed up with Ratchford family favorite Shay Seelster (owned by Todd) – the first horse he qualified after earning his driving license – to secure the landmark triumph.

As Todd said, the pair is each other’s biggest critic. But that drive to get the best out of each other is what drives their relationship as competitors.

“I think it’s the respect that we both have for each other,” he said. “Sure, we have our arguments just like every other family, but it’s very respect oriented. If she has an idea, I say, ‘Yeah, go for it. Try whatever you want.’ Or if I say, ‘I think this needs to be changed,’ then she follows through with it.

“It’s very understanding on both parts.”

For Todd, trading in his hockey jersey for driving colors was always part of the plan; doing so allowed him to live two boyhood dreams. But at the core of it all was a trust in himself and the roadmap that took him to parts both unknown and all too familiar.

Todd’s next landing spot, the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale on Saturday (Feb. 8) for the 36th O’Brien Awards, will perhaps be his most validating so far.

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## SUPERSTAR FEMALES OF HARNESS RACING

with VICTORIA M. HOWARD

# Katie Gangell-Beyer is still living the dream

by Victoria Howard

Katie Gangell-Beyer learned about horses “the good old-fashioned way,” from her parents and grandparents, before eventually going to work for some of the best trainers in the sport of harness racing.

Born and raised in Simcoe, ON, she and her husband, Troy Beyer, presently reside in Delaware where they operate a stable of 11 horses.

“My parents and grandparents laid a solid foundation for me from the beginning, even though it was not easy considering the caliber of horses they had,” Gangell-Beyer said. “They never owned any well-bred or expensive horses, although to a young girl who loved horses, each one was a champion.

“My family got the horses nobody wanted and needed rehabilitation. Grandfather decided to put in a horse swimming pool on our family farm which turned out to be very successful in fixing the horses ailments.

“My father was phenomenal in diagnosing lameness and my mother could fix almost any issue a horse had. I got a well-rounded education from my family who taught me if I listen to a horse, I would know what to do.”

Gangell-Beyer moved away from home to attend the university and got to work for some renowned trainers.

“In their own way each one helped educate me on standardbreds and taught me a lot, which I am eternally thankful for,” she said. “Once I moved stateside, I spent a summer working for trainer Chris Ryder. Then I went to work for the Ron Burke stable and worked for Bruce Saunders during the COVID era.

“My last employer was Mike Vanderkemp in Canada who not only taught me a lot, he also introduced me to my future husband Troy Beyer.

“At that time trainer Noel Daley would ship into Mike’s barn when Noel’s stake horses would compete in Ontario. One day Troy moved into our barn, and as they say, the rest is history.”

According to Gangell-Beyer ever since she could say the word horse she wanted to work with them.

“And I’m not sure if there was ever a time, I wanted to do anything else with my life,” she said. “I wasn’t sure if I could do it and actually earn a living, but I was determined to try. My dream was to own and operate my own stable, and now I am doing it with my husband Troy by my side. When people would ask how I was doing, I would say I was ‘living the dream,’ and in hindsight I was, and I still am.”

Recently, Gangell-Beyer and her husband purchased a house in Delaware, five minutes from Dovington Training Center in Felton, DE.

“We stable our 11 horses at Dovington; consisting of some of our own, as well as several horses we train for owners. We race primarily at Chester [Harrah’s Philadelphia] and The Meadowlands Racetrack, but it really depends on where our stock is eligible and would be competitive.

“[In 2025] we will race mostly at the Delaware tracks, as well as Pennsylvania, for we have two Delaware eligible bred babies and two Pennsylvania bred babies, as well as a Massachusetts eligible trotter sired by Six Pack [New Jersey].”

It was hard for Gangell-Beyer to name a favorite horse.

“Wow, there has been so many,” she said. “My first racehorse was a horse called Hurrah For Dave. My parents claimed him as a 4-year-old, and he will be turning 28 this coming March. I was 5 years old when they claimed him, and ‘Dave’ is still with me today. He has pretty much been with me throughout my entire life and there will never be another horse like him. Dave was always a fan favorite and everyone

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~ Katie Gangell-Beyer

who knows him, loves him. He is quite special and the first for many people, whether to ride, groom, or train.

“Currently my favorite horse is a trotter, Jet Zette, who was my first yearling. She [turned] 5 in January and is a nice racehorse and my best friend.”

Gangell-Beyer’s fastest trotter to date is Danish import Enzo Dk.

“Our owner discovered ‘Enzo’ at an Amish roadster sale last November in Indiana and asked Troy and I if we would try to bring him back,” Gangell-Beyer said. “We did, and Enzo won in 1:53.2 at Chester this past summer, taking a new lifetime mark. What a thrill that was considering at one point someone had given up on him.

“My fastest pacer is a pacer I had for Jamie Copley named Vegas Rocks. The owners didn’t race at Woodbine in the winter and wanted Vegas Rocks to be somewhere he could swim and race. At the time I had a pool available to me, so I trained Vegas all winter and he just got beat in 1:50 in frigid cold temperatures several times. He was such a cool horse, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to train such a nice horse.”

One of Gangell-Beyer’s horses, Hi Maintenancechic, is the dam of Big Chic Magnet.

“Hi Maintenancechic was the first horse I purchased as a racehorse,” she said. “She won several races before she broke her knee in her final career start. We rehabbed her and decided to breed her if she survived the harsh Canadian winter with two very arthritic knees. She had a true heart of a champion.

“I bred her to Big Jim, and she foaled Big Chic Magnet who went on to earn over \$200,000 for all his connections. Sadly, in October [2024] at the age of 16, Hi Maintenancechic passed away.”

On Dec. 11, one of Gangell-Beyer’s trainees named Footloose Rita, was anything but footloose, no pun intended, throwing a hind shoe during the race and battling weather conditions of rain and mud, to cross the finish line first driven by her husband Troy.

When asked about her most exciting time in the sport and her plans for the future, a couple of things stood out for Gangell-Beyer.

“It is so thrilling to bring along the babies and watch them put it all together and eventually go on to qualify and race,” she said. “The other is taking a ‘project’ racehorse and figuring it out. Whether it’s one of our own or an owner’s, it’s so satisfying to see a horse’s full potential blossom. You can see how much happier the horse is to not struggle doing what they were bred to do.

“And future plans? We are going to settle down in Delaware. We would like to develop babies and hopefully, like every other horseman, get that ‘special’ one. Troy and I don’t necessarily need a big stable, but we want to keep improving the quality of our stable. I like to be hands-on, as does my husband, so we are taking one step at a time. We aren’t opposed to anything: as long as we have horses to train, we’re happy.”

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## Searching for innovators

by Trey Nosrac

Some people constantly concoct new business ideas in their minds, or they imagine methods to innovate and rejuvenate old businesses. An innovative mind just cannot let sleeping dogs lie. From stupid to sensational, from tiny tweaks to massive projects, ideas scroll through the mind of an innovator on an endless reel, and then, one day, an innovator will harness an idea and take it for a spin.

We have innovators in the harness horse racing universe. On that list are people who started the ever-growing fractional ownership businesses, online sales auctions, videocasts, and enhanced presentations of our races. This outstanding online publication was an innovation.

My harness racing proposals usually fall on deaf ears. Few readers felt an enclosed heated jog cart held promise, nor did a figure eight racetrack or a harness horse race that started with specific, staggered lanes for the first part of the race.

A few harness racing experiments of mine fizzled or were nonstarters. There was no market for selling my partially trained 2-year-old in late January instead of at a traditional auction in the fall. Marketing a well-bred mare recently in foal to a top sire using the internet was an expensive flop. Good or bad, unusual ideas are fun to try.

We need more innovators both on the micro and macro levels in our historic sport. Who are they? I have no idea, but the fates of Freehold, Pompano, and countless others should prod anyone with a hint of influence or an ounce of creativity to jump into the fray.

During the next few months, this column will propose a string of innovations waiting for an innovator ready to grab the reins. Some ideas will be foundational in scope, such as a new type of wager. Others will be ideas that can be attached peripherally to our sport, such as a podcast aired live during the first five races at a racetrack.

The ideas may seem ridiculous, but once upon a time, the mobile starting gate, the par-mutual tote machine, and watching and wagering from the palm of your hand were madness. All innovation takes is a glint of an idea and the gumption for an individual to try something unique or perceived as impossible.

The spark may appear anywhere, like driving deep in the rural countryside where the driver looks out the window and sees a

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decrepit farmhouse and deserted acreage with a simple “For Sale” sign tacked to a tree. Some people, thousands of people, will look out the window and think, “I’m in Nowheresville. Where is the closest gas station and a Subway?”

A dreamer, a doer, a rebel, an innovator, looks out the car’s window at that lonely, vacant farm and thinks, “Hey, what if I...?”

- Purchase this farmhouse and surrounding woods, finance it, or organize an investment group. Begin to remodel the residence and construct a large commercial storage building and a couple of classy horse barns. Next, add paddocks and fencing. Purchase

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traditional farm equipment and add chainsaws, stump grinders, a woodchipper, and a sturdy bulldozer to the list of must-haves.

- Then, lay out five miles of pathways winding through fields and woods. Clear paths about 15 feet wide and keep them clear.

You may suspect that I will suggest I plan on purchasing horses for the barns, then raising yearlings for the marketplace or racing them at the racetrack. You're mistaken. For reasons of liability, you do not buy horses. You rent stall space for horse owners and charge a fee for first-class upkeep of their horses.

What goes into the warehouse? Horse-drawn historical vehicles restored or in the process of restoration. What sort of horse-drawn vehicles? Here is a short list:

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- Jog cart
- Landau
- Phaeton
- Barouche
- Brougham
- Cabriolet

Gig  
Brake

You do not buy or build any of these vehicles; you store them, service them, or offer a place where people can work on restoring them. What people? Avid devotees of carriages and horse-drawn travel, a niche for wealthy enthusiasts that I just invented. The idea is to hire a family to live in the remodeled house and act as caretakers. They hire employees as needed to tend to the horses (plenty of retired harness racehorses), clear the paths, and beautify the grounds.

You advertise, innovate, design, monetize, theorize, and all other factors that come with any fledgling business. You have fun going into the innovative wilderness, a wonderful place.

Creating a Mecca for devotees of early horse-driven transportation may be a big flop. Who cares? An innovator's job is to test their thinking, work hard, believe, and hope. Win or lose, thumbs up or thumbs down, they are doing what they want. If things go south, they still have a plot of land and lovely buildings. They will think of something else: a private racetrack, an experimental farm like Leland Sanford created in Palo Alto, or a racetrack with an interactive 3d surround sound presentation. Rebuilding things and blazing new paths is what they do.

Innovators with the courage and drive to make significant changes are what our sport needs.

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Ohio

# Love of racing drives Jeremy Smith

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Jeremy Smith in 2024 won the first Grand Circuit race of his career, set career highs for purses and driver's rating, and captured the driving title at Miami Valley Raceway. Yet for all his accomplishments, he was left to wonder what might have been.

Smith was sidelined for a total of 21 weeks last year because of injuries suffered in two accidents. The first, in mid-June, came as Smith sat atop the driver standings at Eldorado Scioto Downs after already garnering the Miami Valley title, not to mention closing out 2023 as the leading driver at Hollywood Dayton Raceway.

He was on a roll, having won 384 of 1,951 races in the previous eight months, a victory rate of just less than 20 per cent. (Ironically, that stretch began after Smith returned from missing eight weeks in 2023 because of sports hernia surgery.) Among the triumphs was his win with Little Rocket Man in the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie at MGM Northfield Park on June 8, giving Smith his first Grand Circuit score.

Smith was out for five weeks before returning on July 19, and picked up where he left off, winning 34 races at a 21-per cent clip prior to being sidelined again in early August. This time, he was out for 16 weeks, until the end of November.

"I get on these rolls and just never get to keep rolling," said Smith, a native and resident of Washington Court House, OH, who will turn 45 on Monday. "I just wish I could have finished out the year. It was up and down like a rollercoaster the four months I was out, but after it was all said and done, I was just glad to be back."

Smith has opened this year by hitting the board in 13 of 23 drives, winning six, as he looks to defend his crown at Miami Valley. Last year, Smith won 181 races at Miami Valley, just two shy of equaling Brett Miller's 2019 record for victories at the five-eighths-mile oval.



Conrad Photo  
Driver Jeremy Smith.

"That was just awesome," Smith said. "I always kind of thought I could do this, be the leading driver, I just needed to be healthy and, of course, needed the right accounts. A lot of stuff has to line up for that to happen. It just seemed like everything kept falling in line."

Smith – who in addition to his Miami Valley title has three at Dayton (2018, 2022, 2023) and had one at Lebanon Raceway (2012) – finished last year with 298 wins, \$3.88 million in purses, and a .302 driver's rating. He ranked 31st in victories among all drivers in North America and 33rd in purses despite his extended absences.

The highlight of the season was Little Rocket Man's victory in the Battle of Lake Erie, at odds of 20-1, from post 6 at half-mile Northfield.

"I heard a lot of people say he didn't have a shot, but I thought he did," Smith said. "We didn't draw the best, and that on a half means a lot, but I thought if I could catch one break... and really, I didn't. I didn't get the best of trips by any means. I ended up third-over. The horse first-up didn't really advance the cover flow. But Little Rocket Man, when it came crunch time, out-dug the rest of them."

Little Rocket Man later won the Jim Ewart Memorial and Hoosier Park Pacing Derby, and was second in the Dayton Pacing Derby, all with Hall of Famer David Miller in the sulky.

"To have a horse like him and maybe win some of those races just would have been awesome," said Smith, who watched those victories while on the mend. "That would have been that little cherry on top of everything."

Smith, who has won 3,716 races and \$30 million in purses lifetime, will hope to find a few other cherries this season. But he won't get caught looking at numbers as he seeks to get on another roll in 2025.

"My focus is just on doing good," Smith said. "I just want to win races and let the numbers go where they go. Otherwise, you start pushing. If I just do what I do, it's better. I'm just trying to put my horses in the best spot I can and get the best results I can. It doesn't matter if we're 90-1 or even money. I don't think any of the horses I drive can read the tote board. I'm trying with everything."

"I love racing. Whether it's a top trainer or a guy that has just one horse, it doesn't matter to me. I want to win for everybody. That's just how I've been my whole life. I'm a sore loser. I can take it and smile when we come off the track, but in my head, I'm a very sore loser. I'm always thinking about how I could have done better. It's always there. How could I do better. Sometimes, I even think that when we win."

Smith's appreciation of those in the sport runs deep.

"Everybody around in racing, they mean the world to me," he said. "Without them, I'm nobody. Without these trainers, grooms, owners, there is no Jeremy Smith. I always think about that. I appreciate it more than people will ever know."



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## Robert Geist to receive OHHA Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort Award

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association has awarded Robert Geist the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award for 2024.

Geist has been involved with harness racing for over 50 years. He was instrumental in starting The Signature Series in 2000 and served as the organization's president. He was a long-time board member of the Mercer County Agricultural Society and remains on the speed committee today.

Geist served on the OHHA board of directors for several years and has been a member of the Mercer County Harness Horsemen's Association (MCHHA) since its inception in 1971. MCHHA is also a multi-time recipient of the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award.

Geist resides in Celina with his wife, Kris. In 2024, they successfully campaigned the 2-year-old pacing gelding Jbmagic in the Buckeye Stallion Series and Ohio County Fair Stakes.

The award is named for Dick Brandt, Sr., who served as president of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association in 1984 and 1985. He was a past chairman of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Health and Retirement Fund and treasurer of P.A.C.E.R. (Political Action Committee for Equine Racing). He also served as a member of the United States Trotting Association's board of directors and treasurer.

The Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award is awarded to an individual, local horsemen's associations, and matinee clubs who have committed to county fair racing. The award is based on involvement with their local fair board, local matinees, community involvement, improvements to racing and barn areas, and assistance with racing programs during the fair week.

### Charlie May, Dunkin named Ohio's Co-Older Pacers of the Year

For the first time, a tie has co-named Charlie May and Dunkin' as the Ohio 2024 Older Pacer of the Year.

Owned and bred by Don Tiger, Charlie May hit the board in 13 of 20 starts last year. The 6-year-old gelding by McArdle won the \$85,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Veterans Championship,

upping his seasonal earnings to \$224,230. Charlie May claims a lifetime record of 30-22-10 in 83 starts with \$2,276,365 in the bank. Steve Carter conditions the pacer.

Charlie May received divisional honors in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Additionally, he was named Ohio Horse of the Year in 2021.

Dunkin' won the \$315,000 Dan Patch, lowering his lifetime mark to 1:49.1 on his way to being named Ohio's Co-Older Pacer of the Year. The 4-year-old Pet Rock gelding hit the board in 20 of 35 starts in 2024, winning nine and bankrolling \$419,228. Scott DiDomenico trains for owner Betty Clegg. Stonegate Standardbred Farms bred Dunkin'.

### Refined named Ohio Older Trotter of the Year

Refined continues to live up to her name, proving herself an elegant athlete on her way to being named the 2024 Ohio Older Trotter of the Year.

The 8-year-old daughter of Uncle Peter won the \$85,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Veterans Championship, lowering her lifetime mark to 1:51.2. In 2024 she earned \$209,674 under Virgil Morgan, Jr.'s conditioning.

Bred by Walnut Hall Stock Farm and owned by Joyce McClelland and Larry Wills, Refined has earned over \$1.2 million in her career. She claims a record of 46-31-15 in 138 career starts.

### Clever Cody named Ohio 3-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year

Clever Cody claims back-to-back divisional awards, now being named the 2024 Ohio 3-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year.

Owned by Clever Cody Stable and trained by Dr. Ian Moore, the son of The Panderosa won five of 18 starts this season, including the \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship. His seasonal earnings were \$346,510.

Clever Cody was named the Ohio 2-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year in 2023. He claims a record of 11-4-2 in 28 career starts, banking \$729,882 in lifetime earnings.

Marvin Raber bred the pacer.

Geist, Charlie May, Dunkin', Refined, and Clever Cody will be honored at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Annual Awards banquet on Jan. 18, 2025, at the Marriott Columbus Airport in Columbus, OH. Seats are sold out.

The 2024 Ohio Horse of the Year will be announced at the awards banquet.

*Ashley Dailey / Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association*



## 'Winter' gives foes the cold shoulder at Big M

After a sparkling 2025 debut that resulted in a fast-closing second-place finish to an ultra-impressive winner last week, all eyes were on **Winter Soldier** in the \$17,500 featured conditioned trot Friday night at The Meadowlands, and the Tony Alagna trainee delivered as the 1-9 favorite in 1:55.1.

"Last week, he was very good; it was my first start with him," said winning driver Anibal Borjas. "I was pretty nervous because he made a break three weeks before but I qualified him [on Dec. 28] and he was OK."

That runner-up effort to the standout Ron Burke import Queen Of America S was just the right prep for Winter Soldier.

Borjas gave chalk players a bit of a scare early, as he had Winter Soldier sitting seventh to the half, but Party At Seven provided a live tow for the public choice down the backstretch. Winter Soldier then moved three-wide past three-quarters before powering past his helpless foes hitting the wire an easy length in front of the pace-setting 6-1 second-choice Finite. Voss Blue Chip was third.

Winter Soldier, a 4-year-old son of Face Time Bourbon–Jumalay Mass who started only four times during 2024, has been a project for Alagna.

"We made the decision to shut him down mid-summer as he wasn't solid late in the mile," said Alagna. "He came back very strong, but had a mental block late in the mile and he wasn't usable or he would make a break.

"We added the trotting hobbles and let Anibal start driving since he has trained him at home. So far, so good, and, hopefully, we can recoup at 4 some of the money we had expected to make at 3."

After notching his sixth career win from 18 starts, Winter Soldier now has earnings of \$177,651 for owners Peter Alagna and Pryde Stables. He paid \$2.20 to win.

**A LITTLE MORE:** Mark Herschberger, who drove four winners on the night to lead the driver colony, was the key to some big payoffs. After he scored with 28-1 shot **Paige Perfect** in the ninth race, the Early 50-cent Pick-4 returned \$5,778.45 while the 20-cent Survivor Pick-7 came back \$6,331.08 for those with six correct selections... Herschberger, Jason Bartlett (three wins), Braxten Boyd (two) and Dave Miller (two) combined to win 11 of the 14 dashes on the card... Bartlett has nine victories over the last two programs... All-source handle totaled \$3,067,913.

*Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations*

## Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale announced for 2025

A new sale has been announced for 2025. The Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale (formerly known as the Hoosier Classic Yearling Sale) will take place Oct. 16 through Oct. 18 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, IN. Day 1 will feature the "Gold" Select Yearlings while Day 2 will see the "Silver" Select yearlings sell. Day 3 will be a mixed sale comprised of yearlings, weanlings, broodmares and broodmare prospects, racehorses and stallion shares.

Improvements planned for the 2025 Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale include:

- The auction being held in the spacious Corteva Coliseum, a 6,500-seat arena.
- The sale will now be open to all yearlings and not limited to Indiana sired yearlings.
- The catalog being available for download on the EquineLine app.
- Sliding scale commissions as well as a lower sale commission on stallion shares.
- Buyer's rebates.
- Consignors being paid 50 per cent of their proceeds at the conclusion of the sale and the remaining 50 per cent within 3 weeks.
- All yearlings to be personally inspected by Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky in late spring/early summer.

Other changes are in progress, including the development of our website. For additional information as it becomes available, please visit: [www.midweststandardbredhorsesale.com](http://www.midweststandardbredhorsesale.com).

Consignor letters and entry forms will be mailed on or about Feb. 1, 2025.

For further information or to enter a horse in the sale please contact sale manager Jamie Macomber at 740-974-5048 or [jmacomber@midweststandardbredhorsesale.com](mailto:jmacomber@midweststandardbredhorsesale.com).

*Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale*



## OHHA P.A.C.E.R. Stallion Auction to begin Monday

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) Stallion Auction to benefit P.A.C.E.R. (Political Action Committee for Equine Racing) will begin via online bidding through onGait.com on Monday (Jan. 13). The auction will conclude on Saturday (Jan. 18).

The services of 47 Ohio stallions, 28 pacers, and 19 trotters are being offered in the auction.

All bidding will take place through the OnGait.com website at <https://ongait.com/s/2025ohhauction>. There is no phone bidding this year.

Bidding is an open-ended format. If there is an active bid within the last 90 seconds of an auction, bidding will be extended for 90 seconds until bidding activity stops for a full 90 seconds. If the bidding activity stops for 90 seconds, the auction for that individual stallion will close.

Full auction rules are available at onGait.com.

Any owners still wishing to offer their stallion to the P.A.C.E.R. Auction can contact the OHHA office at 614-221-3650.

P.A.C.E.R. helps the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association to support legislative quests for expanding gaming and other issues that could positively impact Ohio harness racing.

*Ashley Dailey / Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association*

## New Pop-Up added at Mohawk Park

The Woodbine Mohawk Park race office has added a new Pop-Up Series to the condition sheet for next Friday (Jan. 17).

The details for the new Pop-Up, which will include two preliminary legs and an increased purse final, are listed below.

Pace – 4-year-olds and younger, non-winners of \$20,000 or not-averaging \$1,500 per start in 2024 (minimum 10 starts). No allowances.

Leg 1: Friday (Jan. 17) – \$12,000

Leg 2: Friday (Jan. 24) – \$12,000

Final: Friday (Jan. 31) – \$20,000

The entry box for next Friday's card closes Tuesday morning (Jan. 14) at 10:30 a.m.

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## Other important economic indicators point to troubling trends

I found [Brett Sturman's column on economic indicators](#) to be both interesting and educational. It made me think about some additional harness racing USA metrics:

- It looks like harness racing horseplayers lost over \$300 million in 2024.
- Harness racing owners absorbed about \$150 million in operating losses; saw the fair market value of their excising horses decline by about \$100 million; and invested about \$100 million of new capital in yearlings.
- Had purses kept up with inflation since 2019, they would have been about \$50 million higher than the \$492 million actually recorded for 2024.
- It sure doesn't look like we have adequate purse money available in 2024 to support the approximately 15,000 active standardbred racehorses.
- Brett pointed out that high-end yearling sales have gone well to the stakes purses. But we clearly have too many overnight horses for the current business model to support.

Something has to change.

*Joseph E Smith / Vero Beach, FL*

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## PURSE CRITERIA FOR INCLUDED RACES

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

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## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

### MEADOWLANDS *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**5, M, \$17,500, Trot**, 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M 5) Extended PM Races or \$50,000 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M \$60,000) Life, 28.1, 57.4, 1:27.1, 1:55.1, FT

**1-Winter Soldier (h, 4, Face Time Bourbon--Jumalay Mass, by Muscle Mass)** \$8,225, \$140,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 18-6-4-4, \$177,126  
O-Peter D Alagna & Pryde Stables Inc, CA. B-Order By Stable Ab, SD. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.

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

**2-Finite (g, 4, Resolve--Awesome Chrissy, by Majestic Son)** \$3,850, \$100,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 30-3-3-4, \$107,149  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Phillip Collura. B-William L Jones & Steve H Stewart. T-Ron Burke. D-David Miller.

**3-Voss Blue Chip (g, 4, E L Titan--Angelita Hanover, by Donato Hanover)** \$1,575, \$40,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 25-5-4-4, \$102,000  
O-Paul V Kautz. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Cameron Capone. D-Braxten Boyd.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 6H, 6Q, 2H, T, 1 - Finish Order: Kelly's Greatest, Bright Expectation, Caviart Irish Luck, Party At Seven, Uncle Sarge, Tarpon Springs S, Six Inch Heels

### WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**2, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 29.0, 1:00.0, 1:30.3, 1:58.1

**1-Tiny But Mighty (b,m,4 - Artspeak-Milliondollar Babe-Million Dollar Cam)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 40-2-6-4, \$38,056  
-Gino Cicero B-Gino Cicero T-Gino Cicero D-Scott Younng

**2-Betterredder (b,f,3 - Betterthancheddar-Bad At Redhot-Badlands Hanover)**  
O-Stephen Upson B-Stephen Upson T-Phillippe Hudon D-Phillippe Hudon

**3-Play Pal (b,f,3 - Shadow Play-Thisthattheother-Dream Away)**  
O-David Carson B-Winbak Farm T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**3, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: N/A \$1,675 PER START IN 2024-25. AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000, 27.4, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:55.0

**1-Betternotmachme (b,m,5 - Betterthancheddar-Jackie And Doreen-Mach Three)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 67-21-15-10, \$129,165  
O-Wayne Mac Rae, Howmac Farms Ltd B-Howmac Farms Ltd, Wayne Mac Raetg T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

**2-Flight Crew N (b,m,9 - Panspacificflight-Fakes Dream-Fake Left)**  
O-M T Stables Ontario Inc B-N B Cleaver, L K Strong T-Paul Thoma Court D-Billy Davis

## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

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

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**4, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$14,750 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW 6 RACES OR \$100,000 LIFETIME, 27.2, 57.2, 1:24.3, 1:53.1**

**1-Blue Pacific (b,m,4 - Sweet Lou-Miss Jones-Bettors Delight)** \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 24-6-4-4, \$356,837

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



### PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-Lyons Bettorday** (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Albany Hanover-Somebeachsomewhere)

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

**3-Fox Valley Tessa** (b,m,4 - Time To Roll-Shes Da Bomb-Art Major)

O-Husted Racing Llc, John Schwarz Jr, Wilson & Scott Rigg B-Fox Valley Standardbreds T-Amy Husted D-Kyle Husted

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**5, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$63,750 (OS \$87,250) LIFETIME, 27.4, 57.2, 1:27.0, 1:55.4**

**1-Grit N Grace (b,m,4 - Im The Pied Piper-Dragonart-Art Official)** \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 17-8-6-1, \$67,965

O-Lorraine Rey B-Lorraine Rey T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Bob McClure

**2-Onlythegooddiyoung** (b,m,5 - Betterthancheddar-Private Joke-Western Ideal)

O-Doug Hie B-Wade Peconi T-Doug Hie D-Phillippe Hudon

**3-Allsmokeandmirrors** (b,m,4 - Betterthancheddar-Duchess Dolly-Shadow Play)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Jeffrey Wellwood T-Carmen Auciello D-Billy Davis

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**6, Wbs, \$17,000, Trot, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) RACE OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 29.2, 1:01.2, 1:33.1, 2:03.0**

**1-Gaelic Piper (b,g,4 - Alarm Detector-Gaelic Princess-Deweycheatumhowe)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 39-2-10-7, \$51,406

O-Jordan & Debra McGrail, Bethany Craig B-Joseph Currie T-Chantal Mitchell D-Douglas Mcnair



### Another ALARM DETECTOR Winner!



**2-Mr Jazz Man** (b,g,3 - Father Patrick-Jazzy Fashion-Donato Hanover)

O-Julie Walker, Murray Bradshaw, Sebastien Leblanc B-Fashion Farms Llc T-Julie Walker D-Jean Bernard Renaud

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

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

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**7, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 29.0, 59.1, 1:28.4, 1:57.1**

**1-The Burketonranger (b,g,4 - Hes Watching-Shellysilvermoon-Mach Three)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 22-2-4-1, \$25,102

O-Joe & Nicola Carnovale B-Todd James T-William Budd D-Jonathan Drury

**2-Hasselhoff** (b,g,3 - Captain Crunch-Miki Beach-Always B Miki)

O-Leanne Davidson, David Walls, James Grant B-Enviro Stables Ltd T-Darryl Laver D-Tyler Borth

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

O-Rick Rier B-Winbak Farm T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**8, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$20,000 (OS \$32,250) LIFETIME, 28.3, 59.3, 1:29.0, 1:58.4**

**1-Looks Like Amuscle (b,g,4 - Looklikeeachpndale-Ex Hanover-Cantab Hall)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 28-3-2-1, \$36,016

O-Elizabeth Fair B-Determination T-Alan Fair D-Trevor Henry

**2-Wheelin My Bentley (b,g,4 - Wheeling N Dealin-Lavecs Easter Gem-Majestic Son)**

O-Tyler & William Borth B-Julia Pogue T-Katie Macneil D-Tyler Borth

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

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

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**9, Wbs, \$28,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$28,750 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW \$125,000 IN 2024-25, 27.3, 57.0, 1:24.3, 1:52.4**

**1-Dabarndawgswatchin (b,m,7 - Hes Watching-Addison Bay-Camluck)** \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 114+26-26-18, \$765,660

O-Julia Ferguson, Lloyd Stone B-Julie Ferguson, Lloyd Stone T-David Menary D-Trevor Henry

**2-So Much More (b,m,9 - Big Jim-Ladysai-Real Artist)**

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

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

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**10, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$37,500) LIFETIME, 27.4, 56.4, 1:26.4, 1:56.1**

**1-Rose Colordglasses (b,m,4 - Freaky Feet Pete-Run On Luck-Northern Luck)** \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, \$35,960

O-Leonard Rosene B-Daniel Schwartz T-Blair Burgess D-James Macdonald

**2-Chasin Rainbows (b,m,4 - Spinfiniti-Hammers Rainbow-Mister Big)**

O-Lorraine Rey, Vince Sotheran B-Lorraine Rey T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Bob McClure

**3-Absolution (b,m,4 - Mcwicked-Bet Ya-Jeremes Jet)**

O-Joanne Colville, Nancy Macnevin B-Joanne Colville, Nancy Macnevin T-Jack Moiseyev D-Phillippe Hudon

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

### HAWTHORNE RACECOURSE *report*

#### Saturday's Results:

**9, Haw, \$15,000, Trot, Jingle Bell Series - Final, 29.2, 59.2, 1:29.1, 1:58.2, FT**

**1-Lous Amazon (m, 4, Lou's Legacy--Off White, by Armbr Variable)** \$8,400, Lifetime Record: 36-11-6-5, \$90,802

O-Flacco Family Farms LLC. B-Flacco Family Farms LLC. T-Steven Searle. D-Casey Leonard.

**2-Omaha Storm Chaser (m, 5, Stormin Normand--Miss Blues, by Conative)** \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 60-8-20-8, \$55,735

O-Wilda M Mc Danel. B-Wilda M Mc Danel. T-Justin Anfinson. D-Kyle Wilfong.

**3-Fashion Baby (m, 6, Crescent Fashion--Meadowbranch Lulu, by Explosive Matter)** \$1,800, \$4,500 2020 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 106-6-7-28, \$85,071

O-Mr Kennedy L Lindsey. B-Fashion Hill Farm. T-Mr. Kennedy Lindsey. D-Cordarius Stewart.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2, 1Q, 1T, 1T, H - Finish Order: Scorecard Lil Red, Helpful Nonna, Ally Baba, Hope's Star, Aunt Percilla, Illini Diva, Affection, Rockefeller Lindy

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# RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

## MEADOWLANDS *report*

### Saturday's Results:

**1, M, \$17,500, Pace**, Horses & Geldings - 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L2 or NJSO 5) Extended PM Races or \$50,000 (N/W L2 or NJSO \$60,000) Life, 27.4, 55.3, 1:23.4, 1:51.3, FT

**1-Remember The Alamo (h, 4, Captaintreacherous--Ameraway, by American Ideal)** \$8,050, \$300,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 21-5-2-5, \$157,327  
O-Riverview Racing LLC & Marvin And Lynn Katz, CA & Remember The Alamo Racing. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Tony Alagna. D-Jordan Stratton.

## ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



**2-Jk Together Again (g, 4, Jk Endofanera--J K Pure Pearl, by Bettor's Delight)** \$3,675, Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$33,780  
O-3 Brothers Stables & Camelot Stable Inc. B-3 Brothers Stables & Camelot Stable Inc. T-Linda Toscano. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Pyrenees Hanover (g, 4, American Ideal--Paris Hanover, by Camluck)** \$1,575, \$75,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 30-3-4-7, \$53,645  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Fac Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-David Miller.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1, 1Q, 1, 1T, 2Q - Finish Order: Lyons Treacherous, Trumpster Blues, Steven's Saloon, D A Mcdreamy, Zeppole Hanover, Who Said I Can't, Walts Natty Datty, Taranaki

**6, M, \$17,500, Pace**, N/W \$12,500 (NJSO or N/W L2 \$14,000) Last 4 Starts AE: TM Rating 87 (N/W L2 87.5/2L4 88) or Less as of 1/7 AE: N/W 8 (N/W L2 9) Extended PM Races Life Optional Claiming \$40,000, 27.4, 55.1, 1:22.4, 1:50.3, FT

**1-Maxim Hanover (h, 4, Captaintreacherous--Mean Leen, by Well Said)** \$8,050, \$115,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 20-7-5-4, \$235,987  
O-Royal Wire Products Inc. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Robert Cleary. D-Justin Irvine.

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**2-Brutallyhandsome A (g, 7, Art Major--Life Inthefastlane, by Life Sign)** \$3,675, Lifetime Record: 86-14-17-10, \$191,102  
O-Vip Internet Stable LLC & Stratton Stable Inc. B-John James & C Yeomans, AS. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

**3-Heza Charttopper A (g, 5, Captaintreacherous--Queen Of Pop, by Art Major)** \$1,575, Lifetime Record: 21-6-5-3, \$94,653  
O-Chad J Kowal. B-Lauriston Bloodstock, AS. T-Scott Blackler. D-Jason Bartlett.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 3H, 3H, 2T, T, H - Finish Order: Teddy Disco A, Italian Lad N, Lunar, Sporty M Three, All Alone, Beach Vibes, Be Dazzled Lou A

**7, M, \$17,500, Trot**, N/W \$12,500 in Last 4 Starts AE: TM Rating 86.5 or Less as of 1/7, 28.1, 55.4, 1:24.0, 1:53.4, FT

**1-You Got It (h, 5, Chapter Seven--Tweet Me, by Andover Hall)** \$8,050, \$100,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 64-10-11-13, \$200,674  
O-Vincent P Ferriero Jr & Jeffrey Glenn Hess & Pint Size Racing LLC. B-John R Cummins. T-Joe Pavia Jr. D-Braxten Boyd.

## Another Lexington Selected Grad Winner!

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**2-Dribbling Bi (g, 6, Cantab Hall--Dream Child, by Muscle Hill)** \$3,675, \$85,000 2020 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 107-18-19-15, \$250,137  
O-Windermere Stable LLC. B-M Biasuzzi Stable Inc. T-Darran Cassar. D-Tyler Miller.

**3-Warrawee Yang (h, 5, Trixton--Endless Flirt, by Andover Hall)** \$1,575, \$28,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 56-18-5-7, \$241,531  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Warrawee Farm, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-David Miller.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1, HD, 1Q, 1, H - Finish Order: Irish Coffee, Mon Amour, Sevenshadesofgrey, Reckless Reviver, Distant Drums, Duly Resolved, Abruzzo

**9, M, \$17,500, Pace**, N/W \$12,500 (NJSO or N/W L2 \$14,000) Last 4 Starts AE: TM Rating 87 (N/W L2 87.5/2L4 88) or Less as of 1/7 AE: N/W 8 (N/W L2 9) Extended PM Races Life Optional Claiming \$40,000, 27.1, 55.3, 1:24.0, 1:51.2, FT

**1-Primary Colors (h, 7, Jk Endofanera--Color's A Virgin, by Always A Virgin)** \$8,050, Lifetime Record: 96-24-12-15, \$315,540  
O-Jeff Fought Racing & Brian K Carsey. B-Emerald Highlands Farm. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

**2-Stellar Yankee (g, 7, Always B Miki--Somethinginawater, by Somebeachsomewhere)** \$3,675, \$80,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 153-25-17-22, \$344,474  
O-Howard S Jacobs. B-Charles E Keller III & Charles E Keller IV & E Daniel & Brett Douglas Bittle. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

**3-Bondi Lockdown A** (h, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Without Guile, by Art Major) \$1,575, Lifetime Record: 58-17-13-7, \$352,149  
O-Luke A McCarthy. B-C P & M J Reinehr, AS. T-Aaron Lambert. D-Austin Siegelman.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 4, 4T, 2H, NS, 2Q - Finish Order: Missed The Truth A, Moment Is Here, Captain Crusader A, Interest Free A, Hez Allthe Rage N, Western Era, J M Mandamin

**10, M, \$24,000, Pace**, N/W \$20,000 in Last 4 Starts AE: N/W 9 Extended PM Races Life Drawn Inside, 27.2, 55.1, 1:23.0, 1:50.2, FT

**1-Brue Hanover (g, 5, Stay Hungry--Blind Ambition, by Art Major)** \$11,280, \$42,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 66-19-9-11, \$293,861  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-David Miller.

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**2-For Once Inmy Life** (g, 5, Downbytheseaside--Flyme To The Moon, by Bettor's Delight) \$5,280, Lifetime Record: 43-8-7-9, \$346,140  
O-Winters Racing Stable. B-Joe Sbrocco. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

**3-Chase H Hanover** (g, 7, Captaintreacherous--Calgary Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$2,160, \$30,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 99-29-17-15, \$1,061,336  
O-El Dorado Stables & Robert M Weinstein. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Cory Stratton. D-Braxten Boyd.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1T, 1H, 1Q, 2, T - Finish Order: Sport Secret, Flash Move, Hammering Hank, Vici, Oakwood Paddy Jr, Spirit Of Stlouis N, Art Scaping

**11, M, \$16,000, Pace**, Claiming Handicap \$25,000 - \$30,000 Post Positions Drawn According to Base Price, 28.0, 57.0, 1:24.4, 1:52.1, FT

**1-Cellmate (g, 5, Huntsville--Twin B Bikini, by Bettor's Delight)** \$7,360, \$25,000 2021 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 58-14-10-7, \$115,561  
O-George A & Rose Bonomo. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Jason Bartlett.

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**2-Hunt For Cash** (g, 6, Huntsville--L Dees Val, by Dream Away) \$4,200, Lifetime Record: 73-16-13-7, \$190,655  
O-Anthony N Ventriglio. B-Dumain Haven Farm LLC. T-Edwin Quevedo. D-Johnathan Ahle.

**3-Last Goodbye** (g, 4, Betting Line--Picked By An Angel, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$1,440, Lifetime Record: 40-4-4-4, \$48,385  
O-Jablonsky Held Stable & Gary Wagner & Joe Pavia Jr Stable Inc. B-Steven M Held & Gary Wagner. T-Joe Pavia Jr. D-Tyler Buter.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: HD, 1H, H, 1, NK - Finish Order: Alta Blues A, Dance Partner, Revolver N, Imstaynalive, Up The Creek, Prince Of Tides, San Domino A

## WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK report

### Saturday's Results:

**1, Wbs, \$21,000, Trot**, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 (FM 4) RACES OR \$51,750 (OS \$85,000) LIFETIME, 28.2, 57.3, 1:26.3, 1:56.1

**1-R Peaky Blinders (br,h,4 - Kadabra-Keep The Spirit-Revenue S)** \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 25-4-1-0, \$77,967  
O-Thomas & Elizabeth Rankin B-Thomas & Elizabeth Rankin T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Scott Young

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

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

**3-Perfect Angel** (b,m,4 - Trixton-Perfect Delight-Kadabra)

O-Anthony Timmins B-James Avritt T-Anthony Beaton D-James Macdonald

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## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

**2, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 OR \$15,750 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: N/A \$2,325 PER START IN 2024. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000, 28.0, 56.1, 1:25.2, 1:54.2

**1-Shoot The Whiskey (br,m,6 - Shadow Play-Arm In Arm-American Ideal)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 111-30-17-12, \$371,687

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

**2-Hes Express** (b,m,5 - Huntsville-Taiya Hanover-Rock N Roll Heaven)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Crawford Farms Llc T-Carmen Auciello D-Brett Macdonald

**3-Ladyterra** (b,m,5 - Sweet Lou-Queen To Me-Bettors Delight)

O-Karen Carroll B-Willow Oak Ranch T-Zachary Carroll D-Tyler Borth

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**3, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace**, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$38,500 LIFETIME, 28.1, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:53.1

**1-Beach Cruiser (blk,g,4 - Yankee Cruiser-Beach Work-Somebeachsomewhere)** \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 23-5-4-2, \$49,312

O-Gary Ford, Janet Kinney B-Mervin Wengerd T-Paul Mackenzie D-James Macdonald

**2-Lookinlikeamillion** (br,g,4 - Armbro Baylor-Untold Millions-Dealer Takes All)

O-Tara & Dr Valerie & George & Garrett Isman B-Darryl & Sherri Mason T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Bob McClure

**3-Hollywood Deo** (b,g,4 - Captaintreacherous-Miss L A-Bettors Delight)

O-Frank Chiaravallotti, Colonel Schneider Jr B-Deo Volente Farms Llc, Inc Cool Cat Racing T-Robert Young D-Scott Young

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**5, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace**, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 OR \$10,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$44,000 OR N/A \$1,675 P/S IN 2024-25 (MIN 15 STARTS), 26.3, 55.3, 1:24.2, 1:52.4

**1-Major Fernco N (b,g,9 - Art Major-Snipers Lair-Changeover)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 129-24-12-16, \$209,965

O-M T Stables Ontario Inc B-B W Ferns, M J Swain T-Paul Thomas Court D-Billy Davis

**2-Sometime Somewhere** (b,g,8 - Somebeachsomewhere-Say Anything-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-A Bianco Holdings Limited B-Kerry Feuker Weed T-Brett Lester D-Brett Macdonald

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

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

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**6, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace**, NW \$16,250 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$70,000. AE: NW \$80,000 IN 2024-25. AE: STARTERS FOR PURSE OF \$10,000 OR LESS LAST 2 STARTS, 27.4, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:51.3

**1-Saulsbrook Victor (b,g,7 - Source Of Pride-Atlanta Girl-Real Artist)** \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 110-28-25-11, \$618,705

O-Brett Macdonald, Brent MacLennan B-William Allan Mcneil, Louis Willinger T-Ronald Macdonald D-Brett Macdonald

**2-Hp Lis Shadow** (br,g,6 - Shadow Play-Lisbella-Camluck)

O-Ray Lasky, 2156604 Alberta Inc B-Claude Hamel T-Garry Merner D-James Macdonald

**3-The Light Speed** (b,g,7 - Moon Beam-Jayma-Camluck)

O-Michel Nolette B-Michel Nolette T-Guy Gagnon D-Guy Gagnon

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**7, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace**, NW 3 RACES OR \$87,250 (OS \$106,750) LIFETIME, 27.1, 56.1, 1:23.2, 1:52.3

**1-R J Ringo (b,g,6 - State Treasurer-Smilesandchuckles-Badlands Hanover)** \$10,500, Lifetime Record: \$66,040

O-Ruth Moore, James Hastie B-Ruth Moore, James Hastie T-Ondrej Gois D-Ondrej Gois

**2-Jmr Speak Away** (b,g,4 - Artspeak-Moms Bella-Quik Pulse Mindale)

O-Jmr Racing Inc, Harold Wilson B-Winbak Farm T-Boyd Wilson D-Billy Davis

**3-Southwind Infusion** (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Southwind Inertia-Captaintreacherous)

O-Gino Toscani B-Southwind Farms Llc T-Ashley Lendvoy D-Bradley Haris

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## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

8, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER NW \$15,000 (ON SIRED \$22,000) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YR OLDS NOT AVERAGING \$1,200 PER START IN 2024-25, 28.2, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:54.3

1-**Blazing Cruiser** (b,g,3 - Sweet Lou-Pleasant Roll-Roll With Joe) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$21,250

O-Sarah Imrie, Elaine Stock B-Winbak Farm T-Rodney Hughes D-Todd Ratchford



### Another WINBAK FARM Winner!



2-**Betterdealmein** (br,g,3 - Bettors Delight-Empress Deo-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-Wayne Mac Rae, Daniel Ross B-Jesse Gebhardt T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

3-**Spindoctor Hanover** (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Sympathy Hanover-Cams Card Shark)

O-David Mercer, Wayne Mcgean B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Joseph Macisaac D-Tyler Borth

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9, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace, PREFERRED, 27.2, 55.2, 1:23.1, 1:51.0

1-**Pacino Hanover** (b,h,5 - American Ideal-Perfect Touch-Camluck) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 54-13-11-8, \$113,748

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

### ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-**No Control** (br,g,5 - Control The Moment-Dani Hanover-Art Major)

O-Tan Micallef, Keira Liberte, Ian & James Clarke B-Ben Mudry, Kenneth Frieder, Bradley Maxwell T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-James Macdonald

3-**Jack Panic** (b,g,6 - Sportswriter-R We There Yet-Mach Three)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Brian Paquet T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

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11, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$17,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: NW \$54,750 IN 2024-25 (MIN 15 STARTS), 27.1, 55.2, 1:23.3, 1:52.1

1-**Code Cracker** (b,g,6 - Sweet Lou-Atsallrite Hanover-Rocknroll Hanover) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 119-17-24-16, \$309,030

O-A1stable B-Burke Racing Stable Llc, Weaver Brusceci Llc, Michelle Yanek, Phillip Collura T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-**Myultimate Snowy A** (b,h,6 - Sweet Lou-The Crystal Star-Badlands Hanover)

O-Jesse Dragojevic, Don Beanland, Scott Enman B-D J & J M Howe T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-James Macdonald

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

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

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