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# Imagine: Every 10 minutes The Big M goes crazy

*Thoughts on how speeding up the races could positively impact The Meadowlands' bottom line.*

by Dave Briggs



Dave Landry

**Less time between races could bring the crowds back to The Meadowlands.**



## WIRE TO WIRE

with **DAVE BRIGGS**

One quote stood out immediately to me from **Jeff Gural's recent conversation** with Debbie Little about the challenges of declining revenue at The Meadowlands. It was this one:

"Someone told me recently, he said, 'Jeff, think about it. Racing would be the equivalent of having a casino where the slot

machines work for two minutes and then you shut them down for 22 minutes, and then they work for two minutes and then you shut them down.' He said, 'You know, people find other forms of gambling is just more action and less of a skill.' So, if you're playing slot machines, you can press the buttons three or four times in a minute."

There's a lot of truth to what Gural says, but, instead of dragging out the races, what if The Meadowlands sped them up, sent them off every 10 minutes and guaranteed the customers every card would last no longer than 2½ hours – half the time it takes to complete them today?

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Shortening games has been wildly successful in Major League Baseball thanks to the adoption of the pitch clock. What if harness racing treated its paying customers and participants and staffers with the same respect?

I know, I know, The Meadowlands has tried decreasing post time drag and said it negatively impacted handle.

First, there is no evidence of a direct correlation between length of time between races and handle. It’s anecdotal at best with many other factors also at play in determining handle.

Second, The Meadowlands has never tried it long enough to really see if it could affect change, mostly because one track doing it – even the most important harness track in America – didn’t work. All tracks need to be onboard, which is tough when most don’t care about racing and have casinos to pay the bills.

Third, increasingly computer assisted wagering is in the mix. You’re telling me the computers need extra time to figure out a wager?

I have a deep respect for Gural and everyone at The Meadowlands. The track is essential to harness racing’s survival in North America. It is one of my favorite harness racing places. So, this is not pointed criticism, but, rather, a suggestion for how it might improve finances.

After all, in the same conversation with Little, Gural also bemoans – and not for the first time – spending \$100 million on a beautiful grandstand that draws fewer and fewer people with each passing year.

Never forget, the track receives the greatest percentage of revenue from bets made on-track on the live product in front of them. So, it behooves every track to try everything it can to draw people to come out. But it’s critical at The Meadowlands, which Gural rightly points out is one of the few without a casino.

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A beautiful, modern grandstand alone isn’t enough, as it turns out.

Yes, advancing customer age, the convenience of in-home options, the growing expense of an evening out and the increased busyness of life are all factors keeping more people away from the track. But, so too, is the length of the cards and the cavernous amounts of time between races. It’s a huge turnoff that screams at customers in the massive and utterly deceiving letters MTP that they come second to the almighty buck.

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Long ago, it was the promotional rage for all of us in the industry to spend some time taking friends and family not familiar with racing out for an evening at the track. Exposing the unfamiliar to this wonderful game is a noble goal, of course, but how can one even consider doing that today when a card lasts longer



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than an MLB double-header? Certainly not if one wants to keep their friends or maintain good relationships with family.

Listen, I realize harness racing as a gambling product is antiquated. I understand younger people don't get the pari-mutuel system – or don't want to take the time to get it. I understand online sports betting and online casinos are packed with virtually unlimited action.

But the regular person doesn't crave non-stop action, they're looking for a valuable investment of their time at a reasonable expense. We all know betting on horses doesn't have to be expensive. There is an extremely low cost to entry.

The pandemic and the growing scourge of social media are also driving people to seek human connections and unique experiences. Market racing as such. After all, we have something those other sports and casino games don't have – horses.

So, do everything one can to get people close to the horses and make it worth a trip to the track. Give them jog cart rides between races. Let a few a night sit in the starting car. Rebuild the front paddock from the old Meadowlands grandstand and allow people to see every horse before every race up close. Have a retired racehorse in a pen by the door greeting fans. Give paddock tours. Have contests to make people fractional owners of one horse for one night. Have the cheapest beer prices in town (still profitable, but cheaper than elsewhere). Don't stop trying to offer experiences people can't get at home. Fill the minutes between races like they do the stoppage of play at NBA games. Work toward establishing more harness racing prop bets to fill the time between races. Make it a blast to come to the track.

In short, treat your customers like they are the most important part of your operation and then maybe some more will come.

I understand there is an expense involved in all of that, but what does The Meadowlands have to lose as it waits to, hopefully, get a casino?

A shorter night would also surely be appreciated by your participant partners putting on the show. These people are all too often up before the sun and still up beyond the witching hour. They rarely get even a single day off. That isn't healthy or

sustainable. It certainly isn't attractive to younger people you hope to develop into future participants.

Instead, promise customers a race every 10 minutes, a card that lasts no longer than 2½ hours and many other great reasons to come out to see it in person. But only if the track is going to stick with that program long enough to gauge true results: at least an entire season.

Commit to it. Brand it. Live it.

Yes, it's a big change, but the customers will adjust with proper notice. Suggesting they can't – especially at the track most popular with bettors by a wide margin – is an insult.

If it works at The Meadowlands to drive handle and revenue, other tracks likely will follow suit. It is a leader in our sport.

Long ago, Northfield Park had a popular slogan: Every 19 minutes the place goes crazy. They obviously had to abandon that one when 19 minutes between races became a dream of distant times.

But imagine if The Meadowlands stole that slogan and changed it to: Every 10 minutes The Big M goes crazy.

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# TALES FROM THE CURMUDGEON

with **MURRAY BROWN**

## Ben White changed the breed even if he doesn't think so

by **Murray Brown**

In my conversation with Ben White this past week, I told him that to some extent he had changed the breed. "What are you talking about, I've done no such thing" was his response. I said, "Well, you bred, raised and raced The Booger Lady, a mare from rather obscure beginnings to a revered place in harness racing history. She is the third dam of Somebeachsomewhere, a horse who some, including me, think to have been the greatest racehorse and sire that the pacing breed has ever known."

### How did this all come about?

"I was at the 1969 Tattersalls Sale where I encountered Earl Robbins. He told me that he was selling a filly by Adios Paul named Lil Miss Thompson. He said that she was a nice filly, but that she didn't have much of a pedigree. He was certain that she wasn't going to bring much, but that he thought that she was nice enough to become a decent race filly.

"He turned out to be right on all counts. She didn't have much of a pedigree and I bought her for all of a thousand dollars. She turned out to be a pretty decent filly. She took a record of p, 3, T1.59.1 which was pretty good for the time and earned \$16,770.

"I liked her enough to keep her as a broodmare and bred her to Albatross in his first season in the stud.

"Did I ever catch heat for that! Had I lost my mind? Why would I think of breeding this ill-bred filly to as great a horse as Albatross was? There were those who thought that both Johnny Simpson and I had gone nuts - me, for breeding her to Albatross and spending that \$5,000 stud fee and Simpson for accepting her to a great horse who was very much in demand.

"Her first foal was a lot better than average. His name was Jambooger. He ended up becoming a decent stakes colt. He earned \$361,647 and took a record of 1.57.3h. Both were pretty darn good for the time. Her next two foals were decent, they both took 2.00 records which was somewhat the goal in those days.

I then bred her to Steady Star and she had a filly that I named The Booger Lady. She was a very nice filly right from the very start. She never did anything wrong and won her first five starts as a 3-year-old.

"Bob Kaufman who owned Chandelle Farms had been after me to buy her. I finally sold half of her to him for \$37,500. We first bred her to Niatross and she had Flight Of Fire one of the many good colts in that super horse's first crop.

"Lou Guida had told me that if I bred her to Niatross, he would give me \$100,000 for the foal she was carrying. True to his word, he did just that. Flight Of Fire was a very nice colt and went on to become a fairly decent sire in Canada.

"When it came time to breed her again, Bob Kaufman wanted to breed her to Albatross, who at the time carried a tag of \$75,000. That was too rich for my blood, so Bob bought my remaining half interest for the same initial price of \$37,500.

"That was the end of my involvement, but Lil Miss Thompson's quality production was not done. She subsequently was bred to Cam Fella several times producing her best performer Cam Terrific p, 1.49.3 (\$592,594) and another one in Scary Fella (\$233,440). But it was with another Cam Fella filly, Where's Sarah, that The Booger Lady was to insure her place in harness racing history. Where's Sarah of course became the grandam of the great Somebeachsomewhere."

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***Does it surprise you that a mare coming from quite obscure bloodlines became responsible for not only the great Somebeachsomewhere, but also several other quality pacers?***

“Yes and no. It’s not often that this occurs. I suppose that more often than not our greatest horses come from our greatest and best-established families. The way I look at it is that the families have to begin somewhere and sometime. They all don’t trace to mares like Miss Bertha C and May Dodge tracing a hundred years or more in the past. Some of them are more current and have started more recently. I’m guessing that there is probably that kind of mare out there somewhere right now.”

***Speaking of pedigrees, let’s talk about those of the human species. You are the namesake grandson of the great Ben White who most historians would say belongs in any conversation of the greatest horse trainers ever. Your father, Gibson White, was an excellent horseman who owned the great world champion and Hambletonian winning filly Rosalind 1.56.3/4. What is it you remember most about your illustrious grandfather?***

“Not all that much about him himself. I was only 12 years old when he passed away. Sadly, the last couple of his years were plagued with dementia. It was weird. Some days he might show up at the stable and not even know who my dad was. Then the next day, he would be recounting stories of some of the great horses with which he had been associated – not only those, but also those which they raced against. He’d speak of their breeding and the equipment they wore – which was rarely very much – their quirks and plusses and just about everything about them.

“*My father [Gib] was an avid photographer. It was rare that he didn’t have a camera with him. Through him and his pictures I have amassed a pictorial history of racing through his lifetime. I post a picture from his collection every Sunday in Harness Racing History. I could live a long, long time before I’d ever run out of them. In all the hundreds of pictures I have of my grandfather, there is not even one where his whip is anywhere but over his shoulder.*”

~ Ben White

“Over a period of 16 years he trained five Hambletonian winners and drove four of them in winning the race. It began in 1927 with Iosola’s Worthy which was driven by Marvin Childs. He then drove and trained his next four winners: Mary Reynolds in 1933, Rosalind in 1936, The Ambassador in 1942, and his last one, the best horse which he had ever sat behind, the ill-fated Volo Song in 1943. There are numerous horsemen who would tell you that Volo Song, at least to that point in time, was the greatest trotter that ever lived.

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### ***Let’s speak about your dad and the greatest horse with which he was associated, Rosalind.***

“The story about Rosalind is best found in Marguerite Henry’s wonderful book *Born To Trot*, published in 1950 but still in print and available. It’s a must for any harness racing fan.

“It recounts her story as one of the greatest race fillies ever. A sub plot to the story is that dad was in the hospital trying to recover from tuberculosis while much of her race career was taking place.”

### ***How about Rosalind as a broodmare?***

“She was nowhere near as good in the breeding shed as she was on the racetrack. She had six foals, all of them fillies. The best of the group was a Dean Hanover filly named Deanna, who was a champion as a 2-year-old, but due to the many vagaries in this breeding business, was destined to never have a foal. After she died, dad had a post mortem done on her and they discovered that she didn’t have ovaries.

“Rosalind died while at Hanover Shoe Farms. She is buried in the cemetery opposite the main farm.

“If you think racing is tough, and it indeed is, then try breeding.”

### ***Let’s switch gears. You are a born and raised Kentucky hardboot. I know you are an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan. Are you pleased with the progress of this year’s team?***

“Yes indeed. They are a fun team to follow and watch. I was never that much of a John Calipari fan when he was at the helm. I thought that the results were disappointing, when one considers the tremendous amount of talent he had playing for him. Just look at his players in the NBA today. You could probably put together an All-Star Team of just UK players.

“Even though their present coach, Mark Pope, might not have been their first option, he has done a fantastic job in putting this squad together - probably better than the first choices would have done.

“Speaking of pedigree, he comes to the UK job with a great one. He played for and was the captain of the 1995-96 team



## **BEACH GLASS**

p, 2, 1:51.1s; 3, 1:47.2 (\$1,189,416)

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~ Ben White

that won the NCAA Championship. He is obviously very smart. I doubt that there is another coach anywhere who left medical school at Columbia University to pursue a coaching career.”

***You are about to turn 80. What is life like for you these days?***

“I would say it’s okay. It has been 17 years since I last trained. But I like to stay on top of the game. I begin each day by looking at the previous day’s race results on the USTA website. I sometimes visit with the horsemen at Southern Oaks and Spring Garden Ranch. I have some issues with my back which I try to help by walking two or three miles with my dog Gracie, who incidentally is not for sale, each morning.

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## THE VIEW FROM WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

with **MELISSA KEITH**

# A carefully paced return for No Control

by **Melissa Keith**

A familiar face made his return to Woodbine Mohawk Park on Saturday (Jan. 11), missing by a head in the preferred pace.

It was only the second start since Aug. 18, 2024 for No Control (p, 4, 1:47.3m; \$265,736). Now 5 years old, the gelded son of Control The Moment—Dani Hanover finished third in the Prix d'Été at Hippodrome 3R before an extended absence from the races.

"I wanted to give him a break, but not as long as the way it's turned out," said Tan Micallef, who co-owns No Control with Keira Liberte of Hagersville, ON, Ian Clarke of Guelph, ON, and James Clarke of Oakville, ON.

Micallef had trained the gelding on his own farm until recently, but remains very active in No Control's daily life and racing plans.

"I wanted to be done racing [for the season] by now, to be honest with you," Micallef told HRU on Thursday (Jan. 16).

Fate intervened last fall in his original schedule for the horse.

"I trained him in like [1]:58 at Mohawk, and then I brought him home, and he was sick the next day," he said.

A subsequent attempt to bring No Control back to the races ended with a minor injury.

"He had a pretty big qualifier [winning at Mohawk on Nov. 15, 2024]," said the trainer. "I had to give him a couple of weeks off, and then I qualified him again. I qualified him twice. He qualified

good, and then he got a bone bruise after the second qualifier."

Late last year, Micallef was able to get his horse back on track, winning a Dec. 27, 2024 Mohawk qualifier by two open lengths in 1:54.3.

"I wanted to maybe race some in November/December and then shut him down a bit, and then get him going for the summer stakes," said the veteran horseman, who also works as a paddock judge and farrier at the Campbellville, ON track. "It's just the way it turned out. He was so close, so I might as well race him a few times now. I'm not going to race him right through [the winter]."

No Control's abbreviated 4-year-old season did not lack quality performances.

"He won his Juravinski elimination [May 4 at Flamboro Downs], and then in the final, he was parked the whole mile," Micallef said. "He was 8-5 [beaten favorite], parked every step of the way, and got beat three lengths."

*"I'd like to have [No Control] for the long-haul type thing, not just to get the most out of him, you know? This guy is very simple. Very simple. Tyler Jones, after he won the [2023 Ontario-Sired Spring Series] final, said 'He's just a good horse.' And he is."*

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No Control (Jordan Stratton) winning a Graduate leg at The Meadowlands in June of 2024.

Lisa Photo

When he took No Control to The Meadowlands himself for a June 14 Graduate Series leg, Micallef said he was surprised to see his horse was a longshot. He said he remembered telling the gelding's driver, Jordan Stratton, that the odds did not reflect reality.

"I said, 'Jordan, this guy shouldn't be 30-1 in the Graduate!'" Micallef said. "He proved it when he went out and won."

No Control brought high expectations into his 3-year-old season at Mohawk, but was unable to overcome an injury that year. His last sophomore start produced a show finish in a July 22, 2023 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold leg at Mohawk.

"Like I said, you don't know what you're going to get coming back when you take a chip out," Micallef told HRU. "When he finished second by a nose to Stockade Seelster as a 3-year-old [July 1, 2023 at Mohawk in another OSS Gold event], he showed he's a nice horse, but he wasn't a hundred per cent there either. After the [June 3] Somebeachsomewhere, that's where he kind of got hurt. I was hopefully going to go to the North America Cup, [but] he was standing off in the right hind, and I said, 'I've got to take that chip out.'"

Fortunately, No Control returned from his past injuries each time, and now sports a record of nine wins from 26 career starts. Last year, the former \$9,000 Harrisburg yearling even led trainer Micallef to his best season by earnings since 2012. No Control made \$178,351 for the one-horse stable.

"He's handy to leave, he can sit, and he'll pop in the stretch," Micallef said. "He gives you everything he's got. He's an honest horse."

Now in his 60s, the Moffat, ON horseman has scaled back on his own farm, closing his training track and bringing No Control five minutes up the road to the Robert Fellows Stable in Rockwood, ON. "Kyle and Rob [Fellows] have got a better track and I've only got one horse, so I just took him up there," he said. "They have a good group of people there, too. They all chip in here and there, get all the work done."

Micallef said he visits No Control daily at the Fellows' training center.

"I just give them a hand, like I'll do a few stalls, jog a couple of horses for them, so it's a longer day now than when I had the one horse here!" Micallef said. "When I get there, Yolanda [Fellows] usually puts them outside for two or three hours. She'll put him and Logan Park [6, 1:49.2m; \$1,527,589] out there together, side by side. I bring him in around 10:30 or so, so he's still outside, but not as much as he was at home."

Micallef added that he is scaling back somewhat in his racing involvement, yet he has a soft spot in his heart for the horses in his life. He owns a pair of retired standardbreds, Alice B, "she was well-bred. I bought her from Roger Mayotte" and Kaos Agent, "he was a Gold horse too. I bred him myself."

"I've driven six hours to home a horse," said Micallef, referring to placing retired racehorses in appropriate settings after their careers have ended. "Kaos Agent [p, 6, 1:51.4s; \$219,118], he kind of put me out there a little bit. He was my first good horse, and my dad's favorite horse too. I had to keep him."



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~ Tan Micallef

The Presidential Ball–Rhythm Almahurst gelding is now 21 years old.

As for No Control, Micallef said the 5-year-old pacer will remain at Mohawk for a few more starts, then take a short break before returning to Grand Circuit competition.

Last year, No Control was only staked to 4-year-old races, in a season when the top 4-year-olds fared well against older rivals.

“I look back now, and some of these other [4-year-old] horses were staked to everything... they were against older horses as well,” said his trainer. “Coach Stefanos, Seven Colors, El Rey, they were one-two-three in the Breeders Crown, and he beat those horses.”

Although still deciding No Control’s 2025 plans, Micallef told HRU he planned to focus on Mohawk and another track where his horse exceeded expectations.

“There are some races at The Meadowlands, the William Haughton and the Sam McKee [Memorials],” Micallef said. “He seemed to like The Meadowlands, just the style of racing there and the track. I think there are three races down there I’m going to pay him into, and the [Canadian] Pacing Derby.”

It’s a controlled campaign for a lightly-raced gelding, but Micallef said that’s exactly how he wants to race No Control.

“I’d like to have this horse for the long-haul type thing, not just to get the most out of him, you know?” he asked rhetorically. “This guy is very simple. Very simple. Tyler Jones, after he won the [2023 Ontario-Sired Spring Series] final, said ‘He’s just a good horse.’ And he is.”

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## HOLLYWOOD'S HITS

with **BOB HEYDEN**

# Can we give some love to the Hambletonian runners-up?

by **Bob Heyden**

There have been 44 of them in New Jersey, and we even have to count Probe in the dead heat year of 1989 as a runner-up since he got second money.

1981 – Howard Beissinger's Super Juan was the very first to finish second in a New Jersey Hambletonian when he was edged out by Shiaway St Pat, 12 years after Beissinger himself debuted with Triple Crown Winner Lindy's Pride (1969).

1982 – Jazz Kosmos was second best to Speed Bowl as they came to the wire together. It would be a full decade before Mickey McNichol could get it done with Alf Palema in 1992.

1983 – Joie De Vie gets John Campbell home in his Hambletonian debut from post 12 in the elim, and then was fourth in a dead heat good for second money overall. That mattered big time as Joie De Vie tipped past \$1 million at years end, becoming the first trotter to do so in a single year.

1984 – Delvin G Hanover was second best overall after paying \$126.20 in his elim.

1985 – Torway paid \$76.40 early but had to settle for second overall money for Beissinger again. Torway was a Speedy Crown colt and fittingly Beissinger won the 1971 Hambletonian with him.

1986 – Royal Prestige in a Norway versus Sweden battle to the wire. Ulf Thoresen over Berndt Lindstedt.

1987 – Napoletano was second to Mack Lobell for Bill O'Donnell and Tommy Haughton. The Super Bowl colt was one of six runners-up sired by that 1972 Triple Crown winner.

1988 – Firm Tribute was good for second money despite a 13-post draw early.

1989 – Park Avenue Joe and Probe in a dead heat with two first time winners Ron Waples and Bill Fahy. The feel-good finish did not carry over to the Breeders Crown however when they both missed checks sixth and eighth, respectively.

1990 – Embassy Lobell finished second to Harmonious, with Campbell and Lachance 1-2. That same driving duo, in reverse, would end the decade 1-2 with Self Possessed and Angus Hall.

1991 – M B Felty second best for Sonny Patterson and Ron Gurfein. "The Guru" was three years from his first of three Hambletonians.

1992 – King Conch, a Per Eriksson trainee, was second to his stablemate Alf Palema.

1993 – Pine Chip was the first New Jersey Hambletonian runner-up named Trotter of the Year. An honor he earned again at 4. He then sired back-to-back Hambletonian winners in 2001 and 2002 with Scarlet Knight and Chip Chip Hooray.

1994 – Mr Lavec was second to Victory Dream. The runner-up check was Jimmy Takter's first ever in the classic after racing Sir Taurus in 1987 and Classic Air in 1989 without cashing.

1995 – Abundance was the bridesmaid to Tagliabue in the topsy turvy year where 1-9 favorite CR KAY Suzie broke stride. He was a son of 1988 winner Armbrø Goal.

1996 – Lindy Lane beat all males, just not Continental victory. Sire Valley Victory went 1-2.

1997 – Take Chances was second to stablemate Malabar Man the first of two times Jimmy Takter would go 1-2 in our biggest event (2014 Trixton and Nuncio).

1998 – David Raymond's second place effort was as close as Cat Manzi got. Chuck Sylvester was all over it this year finishing 1-2 in both elims and the final.

1999 – Angus Hall was not up to Self Possessed's world record of 1:51.3 but was clear of the rest.

2000 – Credit Winner, second to Yankee Paco, was the swan song in a brilliant 18-year Hambletonian run for Per Eriksson.

2001 – Pegasus Spur was second in Bill O'Donnell's own Hambletonian finale. Oddly that colt never won a race in New Jersey for Team Stillings.

2002 – Like A Prayer was second just like dad, Lindy Lane, was in 1996.

2003 – Sugar Trader was second for Luc Ouellette to uncle Mike Lachance and Amigo Hall.

2004 – Cantab Hall, the defending Trotter of the Year at age 2, was second to Windsong's Legacy.

2005 – Classic Photo was favored for Erv Miller but couldn't stall the other son of S Js Photo, Vivid Photo.

2006 – Chocolatier was an impressive runner-up to eventual Triple Crown winner Glidemaster despite starting from the 10 post.

2007 – Adrian Chip and Robert Bergh made a good decision to come in from Sweden and gather in the \$375,000 second place check. Andover Hall sired not only the top pair but the Oaks winner, Danae, too, from his first sophomore crop.

2008 – Crazy gets 26-year-old Tim Tetrick his first on-the-board finish for 24-year-old trainer Frank Antonacci, Jr.

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2009 – Explosive Matter couldn't dent Muscle Hill in his track record 1:50.1, from Cantab Hall's first crop.

2010 – Favored Lucky Chucky, a \$10,000 yearling, was powerless when the Muscle Massive express went by, but he was still named Trotter of the Year.

2011 – Whiskey Tax might be the most anonymous Hambletonian runner-up. He was 39-1 and a stablemate to that year's HOY San Pail. Randy Waples drove the Jeff Gural Little E-bred.

2012 – Guccio missed a neck with Jimmy Takter in the bike. The significance? Brian Sears and Yannick Gingras watching from the drivers' room.

2013 – Smilin Eli was second for Tim Tetrick and trainer Dave Smith. Tetrick won with Market Share in 2012 and was the first driver, joined by Bob McClure in 2024, to follow up his Hambletonian victory with a second in his very next Hambletonian assignment.

2014 – Nuncio was the first pairing of Campbell/Takter in Hambletonian history.

2015 – Mission Brief was favored over Pinkman but couldn't go by. Classic female/male matchup.

2016 – Southwind Frank completed a nose-apart Muscle Hill exacta.

2017 – The only DQ year. Devious Man was the third Credit Winner runner-up, just like he was in 2000.

2018 – Mets Hall is the second straight Team Andy/Julie Miller Hambletonian second place finisher.

2019 – Greenshoe was the overwhelming favorite from the first full crop of Father Patrick. He fell a buck short to Forbidden Trade.

2020 – Ready For Moni was second best and trained by Nancy Takter just a couple of years removed from dad's retirement (12/6/18).

2021 – Spy Booth the first maiden to be first or second in the Hambletonian.

2022 – Joviality S completed the Chapter Seven male-female siring exacta, with Sears a buck and a half shy of his fourth Hambletonian. Marcus Melander got a big chunk again but just not his first whole enchilada.

2023 – Oh Well loomed and looked a winner until the rail-skimming Tactical Approach broke up the party.

2024 – Highland Kismet did some of his best work right here challenging the last three-eighths going by but just not able to stall Karl in the sudden downpour.

## This week's fines and suspensions

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

Readers are reminded that because a person's name appears on the list does not necessarily mean they are guilty of an offense. Many times, cases are not finalized and many of the accused are still entitled to due process.

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Dave Landry  
**Robert Jenkins, Jr., William Burgess, and Jeffrey Kelly were the leading owners at Hanover Raceway (shown here) in 2024.**

# Leading owners at Ontario tracks, Part 1

by Matthew Lomon



## ALL OVER ONTARIO

with **MATTHEW LOMON**

In a year of standout standardbred performances orchestrated by pacers, trotters, drivers and trainers, there was also no shortage of ownership successes throughout Ontario's grassroots circuit.

Whether they are familiar names, new to the scene, or others in between, owners who topped the charts all had remarkable triumphs on the racetrack.

For the next three weeks, All Over Ontario will herald those who owned it, literally, in 2024.

First off the gate are the clubhouse leaders from **Hanover Raceway** (Robert Jenkins, Jr., William Burgess, and Jeffrey Kelly), **Dresden Raceway** (Cameron McQueen), and **Georgian Downs** (A1Stable).

The three ownership groups will be among the 24 honored in a special presentation alongside the best and brightest in Canadian harness racing at the 36th annual O'Brien Awards on Feb. 8.

Each awardee will receive a custom plaque and a complimentary ticket to the ceremony, as part of the Owner Recognition Program.

The full list of leading owners from the two dozen harness racing venues around Canada was unveiled on Jan. 3.

Our celebration officially gets underway with Hanover's top trio.

Made up of long-time friends and racing partners Robert Jenkins, Jr., and Bill Burgess, as well as Jenkins' nephew Jeff Kelly, the close-knit bunch paced all ownership groups at the half-mile oval with six wins from 24 starts.

Overall, their runners compiled a 6-4-5 line for \$19,210 across the southwestern Ontario track's short but sweet 2024 meet.

As Jenkins noted, Hanover helped provide the stroke of luck his team had desperately been searching for.

"To be honest, we really haven't had a lot of luck, but we did have a lot of fun going on a little roll at Hanover's past meet," said Jenkins. "We are a great team because we are just three guys that love the business and love the animal. We also all know we are not going to get rich with the caliber of horses we own at the present time.

"Like everyone, we hope to have a good one someday, but until then, we will just love what we have."

One horse that deserves lots of love for their efforts is 7-year-old pacer Century Havana.

The bay mare accounted for over half of her owner's six Hanover tallies and landed on the podium in each of her six starts (4-1-1).



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~ Cameron McQueen

Jenkins, who trains Century Havana, also spent numerous tilts calling the shots from the race bike. However, the Cambridge, ON-based horseman is by no means willing to take credit for his capricious charge’s success.

That, he says, belongs to driver J Harris and her groom, and Jenkins’ better half, Kim Decker.

“I handed over the lines to J because I got frustrated with her,” Jenkins said with a laugh. “She would train like a superstar and go race the complete opposite. So, instead of her getting to me, I put J on her and he has done a great job.

“She can be pretty moody, but she and Kim have become pretty tight. She has grown on me too, and I have a soft spot for her now.”

As for Hanover the venue, Jenkins praised the staff, from the race office to the paddock, and horse people, for serving as a beacon of grassroots racing.

And they make a mighty fine hamburger, too.

“Hanover is a reminder of how the grandstands used to be full years ago,” said Jenkins. “It is a small community which seems to really embrace its harness racing, in turn, making it a great place to be.”

Grassroots racing also holds a special meaning for Dresden Raceway’s leading owner, Cameron McQueen.

The multi-talented trainer/owner set the tone with seven wins through 17 starts, banking \$19,700 along the way. McQueen’s own also added seven second place finishes to compile a 7-7-0 record at Dresden.

“It’s a good feeling; I love grassroots racing,” said McQueen. “I love the Sundays where you actually go to the track and there’s a crowd. It’s enjoyable.

“I like racing for other people there too – obviously I want to win for myself – but I like going to those small grassroots tracks where there’s fans in the seats, and their handle might not be the greatest, but the people are showing up and it’s great to see.”

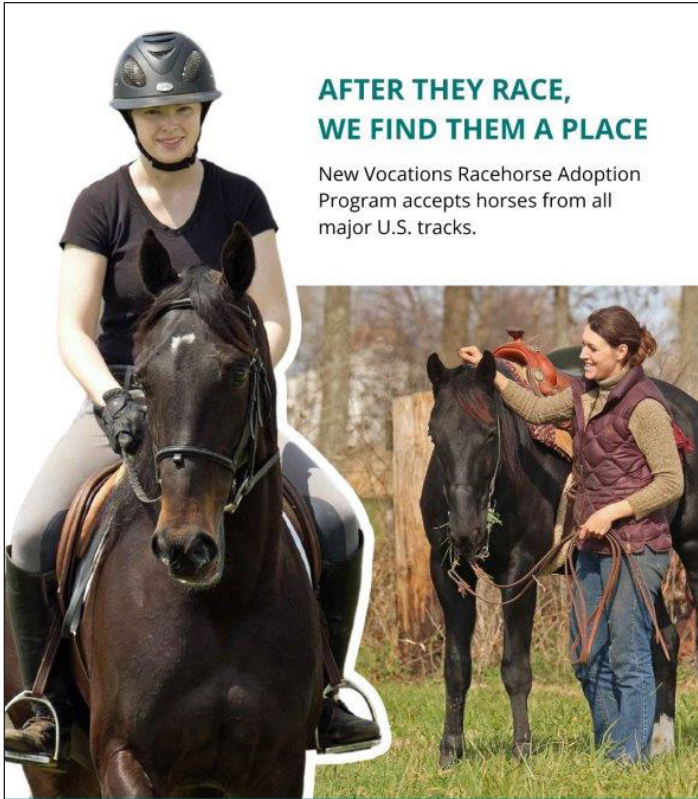
Unlike the Hanover triad, the London, ON-based horseman relied on five different horses to reach the top of the leaderboard.

The quintet included Blossom Onthebeach (two wins), Something Royal (two), Trident Seelster, Mister Rebbily A, and Vicious Aloicious (claimed for \$9,500 following a 2¾-length score on May 26).

The ensemble also benefited from the steady presence of Dresden’s leading driver in 2024, Garrett Rooney, who regularly piloted for McQueen.

“He’s obviously the top guy there, so when you know you get to bring a good horse and you’re going to get the top driver there, it makes it a little easier every Sunday going to the track,” said McQueen.

Dresden was indeed a generous site for McQueen, who experienced multiple milestones at the half-mile track, including reaching the \$1 million career earnings plateau with Blossom Onthebeach on June 16.



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*~ Robert Jenkins, Jr.*

Less than one month later, 8-year-old pacer Journalistic cashed in with an exhilarating score in the Ken Houston Memorial – a one-mile pace in honor of the former NHLer who was a Dresden regular. McQueen’s extraordinary run at the raceway was capped off with a four-win day on July 21.

Overall, the ascending horseman set new career highs across the board in 2024, netting 108 wins and \$457,481 across 526 starts.

While support from those like Rooney and the people who work tirelessly in his barn no doubt played a prominent role in what was his most prosperous season to date, so too, did the folks at Dresden.

“The fans are awesome at Dresden,” said McQueen. “The staff were accommodating with adding the Lasix program this year. It made it easier knowing there was a place to put your horses when you ship in. The fans are great, because some of the fans there were owners of mine as well, so it was nice to win for them.

“Every race I won there, there were 20 people in the winner’s circle. There might not be 20 people at any other racetrack during the year, but we had 20 people in the winner’s circle every time we won. After the races you can go have a beverage, too. It was a great community to race in. Everyone helps each other out.”

Rounding out the inaugural edition of this three-week series is Georgian Downs’ leading owner, A1Stable.

Operated by one of Canada’s top drivers in Travis Cullen, who surpassed \$20 million in lifetime driving earnings last season, A1Stable collected eight wins, six seconds, and two thirds.

Val Victorian, a 5-year-old pacer by Real Desire–Town Feather, shined in her only appearance at Georgian in 2024, recording a one-length decision with Cullen at the helm in a \$9,500 contest for fillies and mares on June 2.

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## A puzzling question

by Trey Nosrac

The galaxy of things that I do not understand is vast. For example:

- Cryptocurrency.
- Why can I not remember one of my sixty-three passwords?
- Why do I constantly lose the sheet of paper with my sixty-three passwords?
- Why don't the passwords work when I find the paper?
- Quantum Physics.
- Why are single shoes in the middle of a freeway?
- Why does my dog sleep in my car for hours yet wake up three blocks from my house?
- Bluetooth connections.
- Why do I have an infatuation with harness horse racing?
- Why do earbuds not stay in my ears for more than nine seconds?
- Why do people behind me aggressively honk one nanosecond after the light turns green?

Allow one more puzzler. You may have an answer. Somewhere in the answer might be a clue that will help our sport grow. Why don't the star horses and signature horse races excite me?

Writing about harness racing has been part of my scribbling for two decades. Volumes about the sport have been printed and posted with my fingerprints all over the crime. Occasionally, I receive a ballot asking my opinion on Horse of the Year, Breeder

of the Year, Stallion of the Year, Broodmare of the Year, 2-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year, etc.

I often don't recognize the horses on the ballot. Along these lines, if you ask me to name the top 10 money-winning harness racehorses from last year, I might be able to name two. That is so weird and somewhat inexplicable. It is like a baseball writer or a rabid baseball fan unfamiliar with Aaron Judge, Shohei Ohtani, or Mike Trout.

A possible partial answer for my lack of knowledge of top equine performers is that my young horse spent the summer racing in a state racing program. Therefore, I focused on a specific category of horses of the same age, sex, and gait that we compete against. In this case, I will soon have every one of three hundred competing 2-year-old trotting fillies committed to memory and know what each horse is doing at every level, from sires stakes to fair racing. I will pay serious attention whenever a competitor is going behind the gate.

Of course, self-interest and having skin in the game will always focus minds, but that answer is not satisfactory. Many of us are highly attuned to our home team and players in a baseball or football season. However, our interest in our home baseball or football team does not preclude us from having knowledge or interest in the national scene.

To some of us, "Big" races are just another race. "Big" race is a relative term. If you race on the fair level, a big race is the state fair championship. No magic fills our souls in national races where unknown horses are blazing miles at ridiculous speeds. Speed and earnings do not fascinate us. Why do we care whether Master Of The Universe, Temple Of Doom, or Blasphemy wins the million-dollar race? Why do we care which horse is the fastest in the land? We never run into or race against these national horses as competitors, so they may as well be racing on the moon.

In other sports, we seem to be able to find something to push our interest buttons. I always cheer for Northwestern College. Why? Thirty years ago, a buddy of mine played for the Northwestern Wildcats. The team wears simple blue and white uniforms, and I believe (perhaps delusionally) that the players at Northwestern are more student-athletes and fewer mercenaries. So, I adopt this college team every year, which is ridiculous.



*The mantra has long been, “The horses in the top races are our stars, and we should hook our fortunes to them.” I say neigh. The elusive buttons that prompt engagement in the human mind rely on more than that.*

It is human nature to find a reason NOT to remain neutral while watching a sporting event between two teams or two athletes. And these days, we can easily wager to reinforce our often-illogical choices. In a horse race, a bet is usually the only thing that pushes our brain off neutral. That ability to wager is an advantage horse racing once had, which is losing steam.

The contradiction and the crux of the matter for some of us is that our passion for harness horse racing seems to have a blind spot about getting jazzed up for famous horses that race around for a few fleeting seasons. It is not just the horses; the power of significant race events like the Hambletonian or

Yonkers Trot does not entice most of us. If you staked me to the rack and held a flame to my feet, I could not even NAME five big races (there seem to be dozens).

There are too many categories in horse racing competing for my limited attention. When you factor in two ages in stakes racing, the number of viable harness racing states, two gaits, two sexes, two nations, numerous levels of programs, and then toss in some European racing – do the math, it’s something like 2x6x2x2x3x2. That makes for a LOT of big races and a LOT of top horses that pretty much look alike. For my squirrel-like attention span, one sex, gait, age, state, and racehorse are less taxing and more engaging.

The mantra has long been, “The horses in the top races are our stars, and we should hook our fortunes to them.” I say neigh. The elusive buttons that prompt engagement in the human mind rely on more than that.

However, now I need to find one of my missing passwords to open my Pathways account and look up the names of the top money earners from last season and the essential harness races of various sexes, gaits, ages, and places that fail to engage me. Then, I will drive out to visit my 2-year-old trotter in training, which highly engages me.

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## Getitoffyourchest joins Winbak Farm of Maryland

Winbak Farm of Maryland is proud to announce the addition of Getitoffyourchest, p, 2, 1:56.3h; 3, 1:54.3h; 1:49.2f (\$216,565), to the 2025 stallion lineup.

“Getitoffyourchest has a great temperament, is fast to learn and good-gaited with great conformation,” said David Banks, owner. “He showed great gate speed with multiple first quarters in 25 seconds and was consistent throughout his career with 1:49 and 1:50 miles.”

The 19-time winning son of Tell All set his lifetime mark at Pocono Downs.

“Getitoffyourchest impressively set his lifetime record, pulling out of the 9-hole, three wide and coming home for the win in 1:49.2 at Pocono Downs,” said Banks.

Getitoffyourchest is the sire of Ragtime Red, p, 2, 1:52f -24 (\$129,637). Ragtime Red won eight races including Maryland Race Fund Stakes, four Maryland Sire Stakes legs and two finals.

“Getitoffyourchest is the sire of Ragtime Red, who won the Maryland Sire Stakes final for 2-year-old fillies,” said Banks. “Her eight-win streak was completed when she won the final in 1:52 at Rosecroft, which made her the fastest 2-year-old pacing filly in the history of the program and tied her with Falcon’s Icon, who paced in 1:52 back in 1998, as the fastest 2-year-old in the track’s history.”

Getitoffyourchest will stand for \$2,500. Any questions about booking should be directed to Winbak Farm of Maryland by calling 410-885-3059 or emailing [stallions@winbakfarm.com](mailto:stallions@winbakfarm.com). Visit [www.winbakfarm.com](http://www.winbakfarm.com) for more information and easy online booking.

“We believe Getitoffyourchest will be a great option for Maryland breeders,” said Jack Burke, Winbak Farm general manager. “He provides an economical option for people wanting to invest in the promising Maryland program.”

*Elizabeth Cheesman / Winbak Farm*

## Finite fabulous in Big M feature

Off a superb second-place finish at the hands of 1-9 favorite Winter Soldier, there was little doubt that the betting public would bet **Finite** with both hands in the featured \$17,500 conditioned trot at The Meadowlands Friday night, and the Ron Burke trainee delivered with ease as the 1-5 public choice in 1:54.4.

“I thought he was much the best,” said winning driver Brett Beckwith. “He just got beat last week by Winter Soldier. I drove him like he was the best, and he was.”

Voss Blue Chip, the 8-1 second choice who defeated Finite at Harrah’s Philadelphia on Dec. 27, left alertly and had the lead at the quarter in :28.4. Beckwith wasn’t interested in taking his time with the heavy chalk, and moved Finite to the lead, hitting the half in :58 and three-quarters in 1:27. After a middle half of :58.1, Finite had things well under control.

Were you concerned that the horse that beat you recently was right behind you at the head of the stretch?

“Not really,” said Beckwith. “This horse is pretty good, so I wasn’t all that worried. After I popped the plugs, he came home really well.”

A final quarter of :27.4 wrapped up an easy 4¾-length win for Finite, who racked up his fourth career victory in 31 tries. Caviart Irish Luck, a 50-1 longshot, took an inside route to nudge past Voss Blue Chip for second.

A 4-year-old gelded son of Resolve—Awesome Chrissy, Finite returned \$2.40 to his backers while increasing his lifetime earnings to \$115,899 for owners Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Brusceci and P. Collura.

**THATTA BOYD:** Braxten Boyd had the hottest hands in the driver colony by piloting five winners on the card. Only one of the 24-year-old’s winners went off as the post-time favorite as his victorious horses ended up at odds of 5-2, 7-2, 9-2, 8-5 (favorite) and 2-1.

**A GRAND NIGHT:** Nick Montemurro and Gary Scogna were the big winners in the first of The Big M’s monthly \$1,000 Handicapping Contests.

Montemurro and Scogna actually finished in the top four. Montemurro was first and third, finishing with \$361 and \$247, respectively, while Scogna ended up with \$284.36 and \$241.05, respectively.

By finishing in the top two, the duo qualified for the \$10,000 contest that will be held in December.

The next \$1,000 contest takes place on Feb. 14.

**A LITTLE MORE:** There were no winning tickets sold on the 10-cent Hi-5 (or, if you prefer, Pentafecta), creating a carryover

of \$12,939 for Saturday's 14th race... Track announcer Ken Warkentin had his followers wear out a path to the windows to collect. The Hall of Famer picked seven winners on top and four cold exactas. His value play, **Pattycake Mooss**, returned \$12 to win... All-source handle on the 14-race card totaled \$2,578,613.

*Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations*

## The 2025 meet at Yonkers begins Monday night

The 2025 meet at MGM Yonkers Raceway kicks off on Monday (Jan. 20) with a 10-race program, and there is a new post time at Yonkers this year, as the action will kick off at 6:45 p.m. (EST).

On the wagering front, management has applied for Pick-4 carryovers in 2025, and we are awaiting approval from the New York Gaming Commission. If approved, both the early and late Pick-4s will offer 100 per cent carryovers if there are no winning tickets. More information will be provided when available. Also, the early Pick-4 in races 1 through 4 will be a \$1 minimum wager and the late Pick-4, which encompasses the last four races on the program, will have a \$2 minimum.

In addition, the Pick-5 (races 5 through 9) now has a \$1 minimum. The \$10,000 guaranteed pool on Mondays, in conjunction with the United States Trotting Association's Strategic Wagering Program, remains in place.

Yonkers will be racing Monday through Friday nights through April, then Saturday racing will return in May to replace Wednesday.

*Yonkers Raceway media*

## Standardbreds, again, in the Freehold spotlight

Though Freehold Raceway has been silenced, Freehold, NJ, will be in the limelight again on Sunday (Feb. 16, 2025) as the iconic Standardbred Horse Show will present their awards banquet at the equally iconic Radisson Hotel.

This black-tie event will be held in the hotel's Crystal Ballroom and will honor the 2024 champions – both equine and human – of the 30th anniversary horse show, which was held last September.

The equine participants, all standardbreds, competed in over 300 events in the show and featured age groups of 12 and under to senior citizens with competing horses as old as 24 years.

Long-time horse owner Molly D'Agostino is looking forward to

this year's festivities as she has the now 13-year-old gelding Go Daddy Go, to be honored as the 2024 SPHO Horse of the Year.

D'Agostino said, "Go Daddy Go is a son of Ponder that was a stakes winner at 2 and raced in the Breeders Crown.

"He won about \$365,000 that year [2014], but was done racing several years ago and we got him and trained him to be a great show horse. It truly is great to be able to witness these standardbreds develop in their second careers as show horses.

"We are able to raise the value of standardbreds once they finish their racing careers and give them viable second careers changing the lives of many horse enthusiasts.

"Homicide Hunter is another one... there are hundreds and hundreds that, eventually, find their way into the show ring... just amazing. A lot of credit goes to Helene Gregory as her dedication to the cause is, well, astounding and miraculous."

Gregory, is sponsorship chairperson for the organization and she said, "It's amazing that, instead of mourning over a horse going to the kill pen, we are celebrating their lives and second careers as show horses in a number of arenas.

"The versatility of the standardbred is quite remarkable and we have several equine athletes that have been plucked off 'final destination' trucks to have great second careers bringing much happiness to so many people – or all ages. We have a horse that didn't make it at age 3 as a racehorse but has been thriving in the show ring now... and he's 23!"

This gala event will feature three premium menu choices, and a multi-level dessert pedestal along with a wide selection of hors d'oeuvres and a premium open bar.

With sponsorships and raffles for the event, dinner prices have been able to be reduced to \$85 for adults 21 and over, \$75 for ages 14-20 and \$35 for those aged 3 through 13.

In addition, there will be special "SurpriZe" drawing held, along with the aforementioned raffles.

Gregory added, "As you know, we had two amateur clubs that contributed very generous donations to our 30th anniversary show last September and, once again, they have stepped up to the plate again for our event in Freehold.

"The United States Amateur Driving Club (formerly the Florida Amateur Driving Club) has played an essential role in helping us. Their sponsorships are incredible and so helpful and their club has donated three very special items for our awards dinner. There are no words to describe their worth to our success.

"Tony Verruso's Club (MADC) has sponsored the show and the banquet and you will see their logo in all red-carpet photos."

All donations to this event go directly to the standardbred show costs, which, by the way, just may save other standardbreds from the kill pen.

Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 1, 2025 and are available at [www.sphonj.org](http://www.sphonj.org).

*John Berry*

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## I need to vent about The Meadowlands' economic plight

After finishing the articles by [Debbie Little](#) and The Meadowlands' press department regarding the suddenly dire picture of racing at The Meadowlands, I can't help but need to vent. I love The Meadowlands and only bet and watch races there unless I'm on vacation. So I stipulate I want the track to be around as long as I am, but I can't handle year after year of the same rhetoric from management. Once again, we've been given the two-to-three year countdown to Armageddon. All year, nearly every week of live racing produces a \$3 million handle press release touting strong business. I can't count the number of those released last year, but now we find out they're utterly meaningless. Suddenly, the track is on the chopping block again.

Watching The Meadowlands die this way is painful. At least Freehold ripped the Band-Aid off quickly out of nowhere. The state already subsidizes purses so asking or trying to ransom them for more doesn't seem all that feasible. As for the casino, I'm one who believes it will never happen and if it does how much of a boon will it provide? With casinos in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Atlantic City, and possibly three in the New York City area, how much more can be squeezed out not to mention the shady politics that will go down in licensing? The fact that the casino has to be voted on makes it nearly impossible to pass. The amount of money that will come from other companies protecting their turf will be impossible to overcome for one entity. Most importantly, though, is the fact that even if a casino is approved it has to be run by The Meadowlands or they will have to close the track anyway. Thus, a casino could literally be built on top of The Meadowlands and the track will still

close according to Debbie Little's article. If allowed to open, the state of New Jersey will salivate on the bidding between casino companies. Even Gural doesn't have enough money or clout to out-bid a Genting or MGM, etc.

As for now, it's true that COVID has significantly impacted the track. As an on-track spectator the dimming crowds are true. Same goes for FanDuel, although I'm not a sports bettor. However, since we know some of the issues why not at least try switching things up? If the crowds are smaller reduce staff where possible. Stop taking in weak betting signals. I wish I had a better answer. I would say run more during the winter when fields are overflowing and not run in June or post Hambletonian when all the horses are at other stakes races along with all the top drivers. I would restart the harness meet after the Breeders Crown. Why not run Saturday double headers for the Freehold horsemen who were devastated by the tracks sudden closure in January and February? Until Pocono reopens (and no one bets them) why not be the only track running on a Saturday afternoon? Stupidly, I don't think I've seen any track decide to run Saturday afternoons, outside of The Meadows, once.

Thanks for letting me vent.  
*Christopher Fenty / Mount Kisco, NY*

## Post time drag is an insult to horseplayers

The Meadowlands' handle is \$3 million a night and Jeff is still crying, "Someone told me recently, he said, 'Jeff, think about it. Racing would be the equivalent of having a casino where the slot machines work for two minutes and then you shut them down for 22 minutes, and then they work for two minutes and then you shut them down.'"

He said racing at The Meadowlands is like a slot machine where you put your money in at zero minutes to post and then wait 6-10 minutes before the wheels spin. The excessive dragging of the post time is annoying, and an insult to every horseplayer.

*H. Earl Paulson / New Hyde Park, NY*

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## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

### CAL EXPO *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**7, CalX, \$16,000, Pace**, The Jack Williams Memorial Final (Prep race winner chose post), 28.0, 59.1, 1:28.0, 1:56.0, FT

**1-Overthemoonforyou (m, 4, Karpathian Kid--Moon Rising, by Dragon Again)** \$7,840, Lifetime Record: 30-7-2-5, \$35,726  
O-Qks Racing. B-Bred Winr Stables & Daniel G Roland. T-Quentin Schneider. D-Aaron Lehman.

**2-Cenalta Token (m, 5, Mystery Chase--Cenalta Artistry, by Allamerican Merlin)** \$3,840, Lifetime Record: 71-7-13-11, \$101,071  
O-Rene J Goulet, CA. B-Gordon & Helen J & Myrna J Empey, CA. T-Rene Goulet. D-Lemoyne Svendsen.

**3-Karatop Mooss (m, 4, Time To Roll--Another Hanover, by Art Major)** \$1,760, \$15,000 2022 WALKER, Lifetime Record: 40-8-1-4, \$18,049  
O-Gabriel J & Robert J Wand. B-Fox Valley Standardbreds. T-Quentin Schneider. D-James Kennedy.

*Replay Unavailable* - Calls: 1T, HD, H, 3, 6Q - Finish Order: Senorita Draco, Cenalta Memories, What Cheer, Nonversation, Thrill Of The Hunt, Maggie Time

### HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**8, Mea, \$19,200, Pace**, \*\*OPEN HANDICAP\*\* P.P. 1-3 DRAWN, 4-6 DRAWN, 26.2, 55.1, 1:22.2, 1:51.1, SY

**1-Timeisonmyside (g, 4, Captain Crunch--Macharoundtheclock, by Mach Three)** \$9,600, \$165,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 28-11-5-3, \$298,244  
O-Thestable Timeisonmyside. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Tim Twaddle. D-Anthony Macdonald.

**2-Melanion N (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Georgia's Jury, by Lis Mara)** \$4,800, Lifetime Record: 65-12-10-12, \$128,645  
O-Vogel & Wags Nags LLC & Team Rice Racing LLC & Dr Michael R Miller. B-Biddlecombe Equine LTD, NZ & D De Silva, NZ & M Spruijt, NZ & B J Kell, NZ. T-Maria Rice. D-Drew Monti.

**3-Later Dudes (g, 8, Sweet Lou--Lovely Assistant, by Art Major)** \$2,304, \$60,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 154-34-37-28, \$654,590  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Steve H Stewart & James B Daut. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

▶▶ *Replay* ▶▶ Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 1, HD - Finish Order: Burnout, Rocked N Loaded, So Many Roads



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# RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

## MEADOWLANDS *report*

### Friday's Results:

**4, M, \$15,500, Trot**, 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M 3) Extended PM Races or \$20,000 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M \$30,000) Life (Maidens Drawn Inside), 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.4, 1:54.3, FT

**1-Te Quiero Lindy (g, 3, Walner--Adios Lindy, by Love You)** \$8,913, \$200,000 2023 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,393

O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Patrick J Hoopes & Lindy Farms Of Conn. B-Lindy Farms Of Conn. T-Julie Miller. D-Tyler Miller.



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### PREFERRED EQUINE

### Yearling Sale Graduate

**2-Chasin' Sunshine (h, 4, Greenshoe--Sunshine Delight, by Credit Winner)** \$3,255, \$60,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 7-0-2-2, \$9,675

O-Alagna Racing LLC. B-James G Wilhite Jr. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.

**3-Furst Igor S (g, 5, Ready Express--Baronesse Ima, by Maharajah)** \$1,395, Lifetime Record: 17-6-1-2, \$30,092

O-Engblom Stable LLC & Kasper H Foget. B-Menhammar Stuteri Ab. T-Per Engblom. D-Brett Beckwith.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 9Q, 6Q, 7H, 2, 2Q - Finish Order: Theobald, Vatu Hanover, Striking Tactful, Modigliani S, Jaydens Pride, Rock My Universe, Wildfire Blue Chip

**8, 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 N/W \$50,000 Life, 28.4, 58.0, 1:27.0, 1:54.4, FT

**1-Finite (g, 4, Resolve--Awesome Chrissy, by Majestic Son)** \$8,050, \$100,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 31-4-3-4, \$115,199

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Phillip Collura. B-William L Jones & Steve H Stewart. T-Ron Burke. D-Brett Beckwith.

**2-Caviart Irish Luck (m, 4, Six Pack--My Winning Way K, by Conway Hall)** \$4,594, \$45,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 29-3-10-6, \$77,411

O-Johnathan P Ahle. B-Robert J Key. T-Noel Daley. D-Johnathan Ahle.

**3-Voss Blue Chip (g, 4, E L Titan--Angelita Hanover, by Donato Hanover)** \$1,575, \$40,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 26-5-4-5, \$103,575

O-Paul V Kautz. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Cameron Capone. D-Braxten Boyd.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1T, 1Q, 1Q, 1, 4T - Finish Order: Party At Seven, Bright Expectation, The Thing Is, Capicola, Entered To Win, Uncle Sarge, All Too Well

## NORTHFIELD PARK *report*

### Friday's Results:

**8, Nfld, \$19,500, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP, 27.2, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:55.1, FT

**1-Be My Rose N (m, 9, American Ideal--Better Rose, by Bettor's Delight)** \$9,750, Lifetime Record: 77-18-12-8, \$197,166

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-K J A Purdon, NZ. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

**2-A Delightful Act N (m, 9, Bettor's Delight--A Christian Act, by Christian Cullen)** \$4,875, Lifetime Record: 138-35-30-13, \$530,193

O-Schillaci Stables LLC & John W Manning & Sam Bova Racing LLC. B-A Few Good Men Syndicate, NZ. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Aaron Merriman.

**3-Think Of Galaxies (m, 7, So Surreal--Lightning D Dube, by Western Ideal)** \$2,340, Lifetime Record: 113-21-22-15, \$475,083

O-Ameer Najor & Thunder Racing Stables Inc. B-Peter Kleinhans. T-Cory Kreiser. D-Hunter Myers.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 4H, 5Q, NS, NS, H - Finish Order: Kant Katch Kenzie, Lady Rita, Kat, Smothastenesewisky, Rockin Bambi

## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**11, Nfld, \$18,500, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES 2024 CONDITIONED MINI SERIES NON WINNERS \$1250 PER START IN 2024. FINAL, 27.4, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:56.4, FT

**1-Tonianne (m, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Table Talk, by Bettor's Delight)** \$9,250, \$85,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 127-30-15-19, \$259,454  
O-Beentheredonethat Racing & Rockridge Racing Inc. B-Southwind Farms LLC. T-Cory Kreiser. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

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**PREFERRED EQUINE**

*Yearling Sale Graduate*

**2-Hunky Dory (m, 5, Special Forces--Parlay Blue Chip, by American Ideal)** \$4,625, \$12,500 2021 HRTLND, Lifetime Record: 78-27-14-10, \$111,115  
O-Cory Kreiser & Melissa E Loyer, CA. B-Van Otterloo Stables. T-Cory Kreiser. D-Aaron Merriman.

**3-Track'n Field (m, 4, Palone Ranger--Esquisse Hanover, by Art Major)** \$2,220, Lifetime Record: 33-4-5-5, \$53,650  
O-Linda Ebersole. B-Linda Ebersole. T-Jeff Ebersole. D-Luke Ebersole.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1T, 1, 5, 6, 7T - Finish Order: Girl Scout Cookie, Skyway Rockatop, Sea Rose, She The North, Bettor B Sawyer, Mystic Melissa

**13, Nfld, \$22,500, Pace**, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL FILLIES & MARES 2024 CONDITIONED MINI SERIES NON WINNERS \$2000 PER START IN 2024. FINAL, 26.4, 56.0, 1:25.1, 1:54.4, FT

**1-Super Girl (m, 5, Downbytheseaside--Symphony In Motion, by Bettor's Delight)** \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 49-12-10-6, \$169,080  
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Joseph V Jannuzzelli. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

**2-Layallyourloveonme (m, 5, Tellitlikeitis--Mystical Mj, by Sportsmaster)** \$5,625, \$65,000 2021 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 66-6-14-7, \$156,426  
O-Eleven Star Stables & Frank D Baldachino. B-Daryl Lehman. T-Henry Graber Jr.. D-Hunter Myers.

**3-Tell The Dream (m, 6, Tellitlikeitis--Ideal Soul, by Western Ideal)** \$2,700, Lifetime Record: 106-17-15-13, \$161,259  
O-Dustin D Sanders. B-Jacob L Miller. T-Robert Taylor. D-Aaron Merriman.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: H, T, 1H, 3H, 4T - Finish Order: Ribbon Ridge, Fear Of Moonlight, Ball Diamond, Mystical Glance, Rockabillycockshut, Stayingwiththewind

## WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

### Friday's Results:

**3, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot**, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$20,250 (OS \$30,250) LIFETIME, 28.3, 59.3, 1:29.0, 1:58.1

**1-P C Peterbilt (b,g,5 - My Mvp-P C Cantore-Cornaro Dasolo)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-0, \$26,200  
O-Peter Clements B-Peter Clements T-Julie Walker D-Scott Young

**2-C Kan Trot (br,m,4 - Wheeling N Dealin-Pointe Shoes-Muscle Mass)**

O-Stuart & Patricia Bolender B-Agri Lea Farms Ltd, Mike Petrik T-Michiel Vanderkemp D-Michiel Vanderkemp

**3-Paradise Moni (b,h,4 - International Moni-Jessies Song-Jailhouse Jesse)**

O-Ecuries Maguire Inc B-Richard & Regina Beinbauer T-Jean Francois Maguire D-Tyler Jones

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**4, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$13,900 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000. AE: N/A \$1,420 P/S IN 2024-25, 27.4, 56.4, 1:25.3, 1:53.4

**1-Alabama Hannah (b,m,5 - Huntsville-Upfrontandpersonal-Bettors Delight)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 53-12-4-9, \$186,788  
O-Jeffrey Nanna B-Kentuckiana Farms Llc, Glenn Bechtel, Ross Bonafield T-Meg Crone D-Douglas Mcnair

**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 Thomas Court D-Billy Davis



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## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**6, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$63,750 (OS \$92,500) LIFETIME, 27.4, 57.3, 1:27.1, 1:55.3

**1-Grit N Grace** (b,m,4 - Im The Pied Piper-Dragonart-Art Official) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 18-9-6-1, \$

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

**2-Miss Dutton** (b,m,4 - Rollwithitharry-Woodmere Dancenart-Articulator)

O-Shoulda Been Onabeach Stb B-David & Mitchell Tierney T-Jeffrey Gillis D-Trevor Henry

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

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**7, 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, 29.4, 59.3, 1:29.0, 1:57.1

**1-Th Sandra Dee** (b,f,3 - Dancin Lou-Future Headlines-Sportswriter) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,860

O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel B-Tara Hills Stud Ltd T-Donald Lindsey D-Bob McClure

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TARA HILLS  
*Stud*



**PREFERRED EQUINE**

*Yearling Sale Graduate*

**2-Play Pal** (b,f,3 - Shadow Play-Thisthatntheother-Dream Away)

O-David Carson B-Winbak Farm T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

**3-American Starlight** (b,m,5 - American Ideal-Hayleighs Hat-Art Major)

O-Christopher Nicol B-Crawford Farms Llc T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**8, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace**, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS IN 2025. NW OF 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2024. 1ST LEG, 27.2, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:51.4

**1-G A Speed Expert** (br,h,4 - Sportswriter-Surprise De Mars-Ambivalent) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 17-9-2-1, \$40,394

O-Jennifer Bongiorno B-Alain Carrier T-David Menary D-Douglas Mcnair

TARA HILLS  
*Stud*

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TARA HILLS  
*Stud*

**2-A Class Yankee** (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Classy Chris-Art Major)

O-Christopher Nicol B-Yankeeland Partners Llp T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan

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

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

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**10, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$41,500) LIFETIME, 28.1, 57.2, 1:25.3, 1:54.3

**1-Grannys Watching** (b,m,4 - Hes Watching-Granny Pants-Bettors Delight) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 24-5-2-3, \$50,828

O-David Omicioli B-Glenn Bechtel, Jeffery Ruch T-Tim Myers D-Tyler Borth



**PREFERRED EQUINE**

*Yearling Sale Graduate*

## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**2-Red Carpet Ready** (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Film Critic-Art Major)

O-Geoffrey Davidson B-Stonegate Stdbred Fms Inc T-Victor Puddy D-Trevor Henry

**3-Job Hunter** (b,m,4 - Huntsville-Do Your Job-Western Terror)

O-Jeffrey Hunt B-Lindwood Farm, Thomas Fanning T-Patrick Hunt D-Jeffrey Hunt

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**11, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace**, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS IN 2025. NW OF 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2024. 1ST LEG, 28.1, 58.3, 1:27.1, 1:55.3

**1-Miki Ray (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Victoria Semalu-American Ideal)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 27-3-6-2, \$118,177

O-William Pollock, Bruce Areman, Andrew Harris B-Yves Raymond T-Andrew Harris D-Bradley Harris

**2-T H Boomtown** (b,g,4 - Captain Crunch-Ally Elizabeth-American Ideal)

O-Dr Don Ling, Wayne Macdougall B-Glenn Bechtel T-Tyler Moore D-Bob McClure

**3-Lotto Max** (b,g,4 - Bettors Delight-My Lotto-Sportswriter)

O-Dale Fritz, Edward Acheson B-Justine Everatt T-Dale Fritz D-Douglas Mcnair

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## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

### MEADOWLANDS *report*

#### Saturday's Results:

**1, M, \$15,500, Pace**, Horses & Geldings - 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2 or NJSO 3) Extended PM Races (Wins \$3,600 First Money or Less Not Considered (Maidens Drawn Inside), M, 27.4, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:52.3, GD

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

**1-Captain Marvel (g, 4, Captaintreacherous--Modesty, by American Ideal)** \$7,130, \$80,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-1, \$39,309

O-Jeffrey T Dauplaise. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Michael Posner. D-Johnathan Ahle.

## ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



**2-Quantum** (c, 3, Lather Up--Mystical Bay, by Panspacificflight) \$3,255, \$45,000 2023 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-0-0-0, \$480

O-Pryde Stables Inc, CA & Buckstone Land Livestock & Michael D Butler.. B-James W Schulte Jr & James William Schulte. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.

**3-Notorious Hanover** (g, 5, Always B Miki--New Album, by Western Terror) \$1,395, \$110,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 18-2-3-4, \$24,675

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Elizabeth R Jones & Frank A Canzone. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Brett Beckwith.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 8T, 8Q, 6T, 4Q, HD - Finish Order: Trumps News, Ayr Corleon Gb, Classic Frank, Lazarus Star, Freedom's Playboy, Bolt The Court, Kb's Well Done

**6, M, \$15,000, Pace**, Claiming Price \$25,000, M, 26.3, 56.1, 1:22.3, 1:50.4, FT

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

**1-Genius Man (g, 8, Art Major--Unred Hanover, by Western Ideal)** \$6,900, \$87,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 158-24-28-21, \$572,985

O-Jose Cervantes. B-Winbak Farm. T-Michael Seddon. D-Mark Herschberger.



## Another WINBAK FARM Winner!



### PREFERRED EQUINE

### Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-Cellmate** (g, 5, Huntsville--Twin B Bikini, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,938, \$25,000 2021 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 58-14-10-7, \$115,561

O-N D Barbier. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Frank Calcagni. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Last Goodbye** (g, 4, Betting Line--Picked By An Angel, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$1,350, 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: 10T, 5H, 7T, 6T, T - Finish Order: Dance Partner, Jack's Legend N, Hunt For Cash, Lyons Liberty, Lyons Pride, Caliber, Alta Blues A

## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

**8, 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 \$62,500) Life, M, 28.0, 56.2, 1:24.1, 1:51.3, FT

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

**1-Build The Wall (g, 4, Huntsville--Traceuse Hanover, by Bettor's Delight)** \$8,050, Lifetime Record: 15-10-2-2, \$61,278

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

**2-Swifty Run (g, 5, Always B Miki--Momas Got A Gun, by Somebeachsomewhere)** \$3,675, \$23,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 19-4-2-3, \$46,440

O-John E Barnard. B-Geoffrey M Martin, CA. T-Irwin Rosenthal. D-Jordan Stratton.

**3-Vandiemmen Bluechip (g, 4, Huntsville--Peppermint Patti, by Bettor's Delight)** \$1,575, \$40,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 29-6-7-6, \$294,868

O-Samir A Tawil & Paul V Kautz & Nathan J Fullmer & Alexander P Henn. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc & Dan P Fisher, CA. T-Cameron Capone. D-Braxten Boyd.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1, 1Q, NS, 2H, 4Q - Finish Order: Lyons Treacherous, Zeppole Hanover, Trumpster Blues, Olive And A Twist, Walts Natty Datty, Principle Interest, Captain Skippy

**10, M, \$17,500, Pace**, N/W \$12,500 (NJSO \$14,000) Last 4 Starts AE: N/W 8 (N/W L/S 9) Extended PM Races Life, M, 27.4, 55.4, 1:24.3, 1:50.3, FT

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

**1-For Once Inmy Life (g, 5, Downbytheseaside--Flyme To The Moon, by Bettor's Delight)** \$8,225, Lifetime Record: 43-8-7-9, \$346,140

O-Winters Racing Stable. B-Joe Sbrocco. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

**2-Heza Charttopper A (g, 5, Captaintreacherous--Queen Of Pop, by Art Major)** \$3,850, Lifetime Record: 21-6-5-3, \$94,653

O-Chad J Kowal. B-Lauriston Bloodstock, AS. T-Scott Blackler. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Venturesome Arden N (g, 6, Captaintreacherous--Arden's Darling, by Bettor's Delight)** \$1,575, Lifetime Record: 53-15-3-8, \$293,885

O-Ricky A Bucci. B-J R Stiven, NZ. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2H, 1, 1Q, 3H, 4T - Finish Order: Sling Shock, Oakwood Paddy Ir, Stellar Yankee, Interest Free A, Flash Move, Art Scaping, Mad Max Hanover

## WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

### Saturday's Results:

**1, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace**, 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS: NW 1 RACE OR \$8,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.4, 59.2, 1:28.3, 1:58.0

**1-Volcanic (br,c,3 - Big Jim-Neverhaditsogood-Art Major)** \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,000

O-Gregg Mcnair, Barbara Wells B-Gregg Mcnair, Bloomingwood Farms Ltd T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

**2-Smokin Hot Scott (b,c,3 - Cattlewash-Four Starz Horndog-Four Starzz Shark)**

O-Robert Robinson B-Winbak Farm T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Travis Cullen

**3-Willie B (b,c,3 - Bettors Delight-Smokin N Grinin-Grinfromeartoeat)**

O-Lisa Lefort, David Mercer B-Winbak Farm T-Anthony Beaton D-Jonathan Drury

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

**2, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace**, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$32,500 (OS \$45,000) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS NW \$7,200 LAST 5 STARTS, 29.1, 58.1, 1:27.1, 1:56.1

**1-Doctor Cruise (b,g,4 - Somestarsomewhere-Aries Angel-Western Ideal)** \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 26-7-5-3, \$66,547

O-Husted Racing Llc, John Schwarz Jr B-Loren Yoder T-Amy Husted D-Kyle Husted

**2-On Time Delivery (b,g,4 - Jimmy Freight-Troxel Hanover-Badlands Hanover)**

O-Evans Nation, Hickory Hollow Stables, Engblom Stable Llc B-River Valley Management, Windemere Farms T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

**3-Like A Glove (b,h,4 - Mcwicked-Twin B Virtue-Badlands Hanover)**

O-Wayne Eric Whebbly B-Princeton Farms Inc T-Kenneth Skinner D-Bob McClure

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## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

3, Wbs, \$28,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$25,000 LAST 5 OR \$34,000 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: NW 7 RACES LIFETIME, 28.0, 55.3, 1:23.4, 1:52.4

**1-Blue Pacific (b,m,4 - Sweet Lou-Miss Jones-Bettors Delight)** \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 25-7-4-4, \$360,837

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



**PREFERRED EQUINE**

*Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate*

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

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

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

O-Don & Kenneth Beatson, Cole England B-Doug Mac Phee T-Don Beatson D-Tyler Borth

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