

Sunday, January 20, 2019

## Three-minute barrier snapped in most sets Saturday at Sunshine Meadows

*The Guru also responds to criticism over his most recent column.*

by Ron Gurfein



The Guru taking a spin with Power Play Goal, a Muscle Mass colt out of Finesse Hanover, on Saturday at Sunshine Meadows.

## Attention Salegoers: Updates Galore!

Preferred Equine's January Mixed Sale racehorses have taken 15-plus wins since the catalog, and **36 horses were in-to-go just this past weekend.** Be sure to check the stall door updates and listen for announcements at tomorrow's sale.

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Hip 107 **BETTOR'S UP** p,2,1:51f; 3,1:49.4 (\$725,994) **CATALOG PAGE**

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Add a sparkling gem to your racing stable or broodmare band! There's also **Southwind Tesla**, a 2 & 3YO SW by the red-hot Chapter Seven; **Seviyorum**, a fast-closing second (by a length) to Atlanta in the Filly Futurity final in 1:51.2/:26.1; and **A Plus**, an impressive last-out Meadowlands winner and from one of Brittany's foundation families.

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To say that I was verbally brutalized upon my entrance to The Deck Saturday morning would be an understatement. The main critique was why I didn't mention George Segal in my answer to Murray Brown's question about my "rise" in the harness racing world ([full story here](#)). Just to keep the record straight, before I even wrote a word I called my dearest friend Art Zubrod (Brittany Farms) and apologized that I didn't add either he or George to the mix as I felt that the rise was over when they came on board. I had won two Hambletonians and 3 Breeders Crowns when they started to increase the amount of horses I trained for them. George was an excellent owner as was Art an excellent mentor, but they really were not a part of my early career. After I had won my first Hambletonian I got my first horse from Brittany, a 4-year-old mare named Armbro Mascara who I won a ridiculous amount of races with. That was the year I purchased Continentalvictory from Brittany and they never asked to retain a piece. Not that I have to answer to anyone, but to all who really know me, my column comes from my heart, and I refuse to compromise my feelings to appease people that disagree with me. There were many names I could have mentioned: Jerry Silva, Harvey Gold, Kenny Orr, Deana Frost, David Offenberg etc. I said I wasn't writing an autobiography, so be it.

## In today's HRU

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The Zeron case was also there to haunt me (*Editor's note: see Feedback on pg 19 for more comments on Gurfein's take on the Zeron case*). I am not a champion for anything illegal, just fairness. All the cases I have defended in the past year were cases like that of Al Capone. He was a bad guy, no doubt, but they put him away for tax evasion, not murder or robbery because they couldn't prove either of the above.

Howard Taylor emailed me that the drugs that were found were Gastrogard (pepto for horses) and some other non PED's. If true, no foul there. (*Editor's note: The AGCO is also alleging medication was improperly labelled*). The word "bribery" has been used in many of the emails I received. If it is true, this is serious. For now, let's calm down and see how the appeal plays out, if there is an appeal (*Editor's note: as of*



# World-Class Racehorses, Stallion Shares and Broodmares

**Hip 110**  
**Southwind Tesla**  
MSW by Chapter Seven  
Her yearling half-brother  
sold for \$275,000 last fall

## Meadowlands January Select Mixed Sale

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press time, the website for Ontario's Horse Racing Appeal Panel (HRAP) does not list the case as having been appealed).

The action picked up big time on The Deck Saturday. The three-minute barrier was snapped by more than a dozen seconds in almost every set. Even The Guru jumped on the cart at the bequest of Murray Brown to go a trip with the beautiful Muscle Mass colt out of Finesse Hanover (**Power Play Goal**). He could not have been any better going a mile in 2:48, last quarter in 40 seconds and I never asked him to trot. See photo.

The Alagna barn was on the move this morning with a few new faces grabbing the limelight. I find you can't make much out of the order of finish in these sets as Tony invariably has one of the most talented in each set and will test his mount on the way to the three quarters where he will grab leather and let the rest of the field catch up and often pass him. I won't give times for all the sets because they all went miles right at 2:48.

**Esai Hanover** (c, Artspeak—Easy Go Go) and **Arts Attitude** (c, Artspeak—Has An Attitude) looked great going their miles. It looks like Artspeak will be another stallion in the Alagna lineup.

I really liked **Captain Deb** (f Captaintreacherous—Western Graduate) going head to head with the outstanding pair of **Put To Right** (c Captaintreacherous—On The Catwalk) and **He Refuses To Lose** (c Captaintreacherous—Fox Valley Zenaida) who had a four-length lead at the three quarters and Tony had to slow to a pedestrian pace to let the field catch him.

In other action, **Enchanted Path** (f Captaintreacherous—She's A Hot Mess) and **Ideal Perception** (Klau) (c American Ideal—Southwind Siren), one of my highest-rated pacing colts, looked great heading to the wire.

When I went to train Fred Grant's colt, Jerry Glantz took over and helped me out spotting **What The Luck** (c Artspeak—Calvados Hall) besting **Captain Video** (c Captaintreacherous—Eitherurinator) and **Hopefully Inclined** (c Mach Three—Artistically Inclined). Lastly from Alagna came a fine pair of Captaintreacherous colts **It's Showtime** besting **Chief Mate**. The former out of the good Uffizi Hanover, the latter from the Brittany mare Heaven Forbid.

From Team Zeron, I spotted **Southwind Crescent** (f Chapter Seven—Miss Caviar) and **Burberry** (c Father Patrick—High Heels Kadabra) both slick and good gaited also **Sixteen** (c Donato Hanover—Mets Inn) and **Tennessee Rain** a gelded son of Father Patrick—Rustic Rosie looked great heads apart at the wire.

Peter Wrenn went the quickest mile of the day that I saw going solo with the David MacDuffee owned **Skyway**

**Tenacious** (f Swan For All—The Magic Of Paris). The beautifully-gaited lass toured the oval in 2:47 under wraps. Also from the Wrenn barn came a quick trio of pacers **Silk Angel** (f Yankee Cruiser—Silk Purse) and **Loose Leotard** (c Always A Virgin—Highlandopheliaroc) were swallowed up by the Ernie Niemann driven **Panthers Pinot** (c Panther Hanover—Baby MC) who from out of left field made a brilliant last to first move on the far outside, impressive.

**Middleton** (f Somebeachsomewhere—Jolting Kate) would have made Ken proud this morning with a nice mile for Webster/Crogan.

In an exciting head to head nose to nose battle, the entire length of the stretch, **Capital Comet** (c Chapter Seven—Myolin) bested **Hi West** (c Cantab Hall—Define Royalty) by the slimmest of noses for Lindy Farms and trainer Domenico Cecere.

I got a great education on French blood percentages from the very well informed Perry Soderberg that I will address in the Ask The Guru column next Friday. Have a wonderful week.

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## Piecing together what happened when a \$46 winner and a 9-1 choice produced a \$43.60 exacta

by Garnet Barnsdale

It didn't take long for social media to light up following the 7th race at The Raceway at Western Fair Wednesday night (Jan. 16) when a \$46 winner produced only a \$43.60 exacta payoff when combined with the 9-1 fifth choice in the seven-horse race.

There were the predictable posts that suggested it was "barn money" or "inside information" that suppressed the



payoff, and to their credit, The Raceway's management got in front of the issue by contacting both the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) to investigate the wagering patterns for the race and the origin of the winning tickets.

Evidence showed that the bulk of the winning tickets were sold at a tote hub in Kentucky that has been the location of similar incidences in the past. Prior investigations showed no evidence of collusion or anyone driving in a questionable



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She is carrying her first foal, by World Champion SWEET LOU (last bred May 7, 2018). Sweet Lou is the only sire in history to have a sub-1:50 2 year old filly and colt, Warrawee Ubeaut 1:48.3 and No Mas Amor 1:49.1. Both from his first crop to race in 2018!

Pointtoheaven is from stakes winner Sangaal p,2, 1:55.2f, 3, 1:51.2f (\$111,045). Second dam is 3YO and Aged Pacing Mare of the Year, Burning Point p,2, 1:49.2 (\$2,853,289).



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manner in that race, and The Raceway's management indicated that they are continuing to look into this instance and supporting the regulators in investigating this situation to the fullest extent required.

So, what happened then? Looking at the exacta pool probables, adding in some information provided in tweets regarding the time the bets were placed and looking at the

RACE 7		PAYOUTS ^					
FINISH	PGM#	HORSE	MLO	FINAL	WIN	PLACE	SHOW
1	4	P C Silent Drive	8	22	\$46.00	\$25.40	\$12.60
2	2	Master Switch	5/2	9		\$12.00	\$5.40
3	7	Adventure Ahead	12	70			\$14.40
WAGER	RUNNERS		PAYOUT				
\$2 Exacta	4 / 2		\$43.60				
\$0.20 Trifecta	4 / 2 / 7		\$817.18				
\$0.20 Superfecta	4 / 2 / 7 / 6		\$3,908.71				

RACE 7		CHARTED RESULTS					
PGM#	HORSE	POST	1/4	1/2	3/4	STRETCH	FIN
4	P C Silent Drive	4	1/1H	1/100	1/1H	1/1T	1/1
2	Master Switch	2	2/1H	3/200	2/1H	2/1T	2/1
7	Adventure Ahead	7	7/800	7/700	4/3Q	3/3T	3/1
6	Tax Savings	6	6/6Q	5/5H	6@/600	6/6H	4/1
3	Canale Hanover	3	5/4T	4@/3T	5@/4Q	5/5H	5/6
1	Seven Stars	1	X3@/300	6@/5H	7@/7Q	7/800	6/1
5	Daisy River	5	4/300	2@/100	3@/1H	4/500	7/9

race replay, this is what I pieced together:

Based on a tweet by Twitter regular and Advance Deposit Wagering company Twinspires employee Ed Derosa, the big bet on the winning 4-2 combination – likely in the \$150 to \$200 range when the pool size of \$4,007 and the 26 per cent takeout rate is considered – was made in the final eight seconds of the wagering period. There were similar bets made on all combinations involving the 2, 4 and 5 horses, who left first, second and third off the gate.

It makes sense to conclude then, that the Kentuckians making these bets are watching to see which horses are leaving the gate and hammering the combinations involving those three horses at the absolute last second before wagering gets cut off.

I watched the replay a few times to see if that theory had any merit and it certainly does depending on when betting gets cut off and raises some questions. In this particular race it is very obvious just before the start that the horses leaving from posts 1 and 3 have no interest in leaving, but the 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 horses are all relatively even. There would be no reason at that point to rush to hammer a 2-4-5 exacta box.

When the horses hit the wire for the first time, however, the 2, 4 and 5 are three-abreast and well clear of the rest of the

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field. So the \$64,000 question here is what is the exact time that wagering is cut off at The Raceway? Because, if it's when the first horse touches the wire, which would make sense because you would assume that is when the race starts getting timed, someone waiting until the last second can have an advantage on a 1/2-mile track where speed typically rules and an edge could certainly be gained in this particular race. The flip side of that is, they don't always finish the way they line up at the start, and in cases where the top three get split for the exacta, the other winning bettors likely get an overlaid exacta payoff. In this case, had the 7 horse Adventure Ahead got up for third, the lucky holder of a \$1 exacta ticket would have scooped the entire pool for three grand. I imagine in that case, no one would even notice or mention the heavy betting on the losing combinations.

If this incident is still being investigated as was reported, what needs to happen is the discovery of how late these Kentucky bettors can punch tickets. If the current system allows for bets to be made until the first horse touches the wire after the gate leaves, that loop needs to be closed and betting cut off a few seconds earlier when all seven horses are still in a line so that all bettors get a fair shake no matter

when they placed their bets.

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*Won his \$87,550 International Stallion Stake division in a time of 1:50*

*Finished a neck behind Captaintreacherous in the \$1,000,000 Metro Final*

*Raced second in the \$635,750 Meadowlands Pace with a 1:48.4 effort*

*Paced second in the \$100,000 Meadowlands Maturity in a time of 1:49.3*

At two, Odds On Equuleus banked over \$400,000 in earnings and hit the board in eight of nine seasonal starts, registering five wins. He captured his \$109,206 division of the Nassagaweya at Mohawk in 1:52.3, his fourth career start, before claiming a Metro elimination and racing a close second to Captaintreacherous in the final. The colt finished his freshman campaign with a victory at The Red Mile in the International Stallion Stake.

As a sophomore, Odds On Equuleus finished second five times in some of the sport's biggest races. He was second in a North America Cup elimination, runner-up in the Meadowlands Pace, and second in a Little Brown Jug heat, clocking a 1:50.3 mile before pacing in 1:51.2 later that afternoon in the Jug final. Odds On Equuleus finished in the money in the Empire Breeders Classic, Messenger Stake and American National.

Competing in the open ranks for four seasons, Odds On Equuleus continued to reach the winner's circle and log fast miles. He took his 1:47.3 mark at age five and paced in 1:48.4 as a seven year old in 2017, turning in miles in 1:51 or lower six times in his final season of racing. Don't miss the chance to breed to one of the sport's top bloodlines!

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## What is the spin on success for Horse Racing Roulette?

by Frank Cotolo

*(Note: As I write, the marketing gimmick presented in this column has not had a debut yet, but I am betting that by the time this is being read, the marketing gimmick presented in this column will have its creators wondering what went wrong with it).*

Recently, Santa Anita Park began a radical new betting scheme admittedly created as one of its “efforts to attract new fans.” For those efforts, the Santa Anita Park administration should be applauded. However, it is difficult to imagine the plan will turn people unacquainted with pari-mutuel racing into bettors, no less horse racing fanatics (remember, “fan” is short for “fanatic”).

The plan is called “Horse Racing Roulette.” In a press release introducing the new betting option, Santa Anita Park makes note that the casino game of roulette is a “long popular” game of risk “around the world” and that is true. We all know the little ball bouncing from number to number with a spin of the wheel, waiting for the revolutions’ end to sit atop a number that also has a color of red or black, which designates who won and the amount they won. Roulette has always been popular because it attracts people looking to cash bets at long odds, which define the majority of people playing casino games. Like all casino games, even though they all pay out more often with shorter odds, it is the big strike people aim to make.

Santa Anita Park’s Horse Racing Roulette is nowhere near as simple nor as quick to play as traditional roulette.

The game is partially explained this way: It “will include horses (in all races on a particular program with fields over six) marked in the track’s racing program as red, black or green, that will consist of a stand-alone win pool and payoffs will be made according to the (designated) color (in the program) of the winner and standard pari-mutuel calculations.” The brackets are mine, to clarify the poorly written original copy.

Okay, wait. Think for a moment. Read the explanation again. Now, if you were telling a “new attendee” of Santa Anita Park how to play Horse Racing Roulette, you would most likely have to address questions even if that person is acquainted with casino roulette.

Q: Do I have to pay for parking?

A: Yes, but general parking is only \$4. You may be more comfortable in the Club House, which is free on Thursday and Friday; otherwise, it costs \$10.

Q: Do I have to buy a racing program?

A: Absolutely. They are lovely booklets, clearly printed in a large format for only \$3.

Q: What is the minimal wager?

A: It is \$2, just like all bettors.

Q: What are the winning odds for a minimum wager?

A: Most of the time, the horses in the red group will consist of morning-line favorites.

Q: What are morning-line favorites?

A: (Explain the odds printed alongside horses’ names and numbers in the program)

Q: What about the green group?

A: Those will mainly be longshots.

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Q: Are they also based on the morning line?

A: I guess.

Q: What about the blue group's odds?

A: I do not know.

Q: So, a winner is paid the odds of the morning line?

A: I think not. The winning price is determined by what the horse pays to win on the toteboard.

Q: Then we don't know how much our choice will pay when we bet?

A: Right, you will not know, but it could be more than the morning line.

Q: Or less.

A: Yes, your \$2 wager can pay as little as 10 cents on the dollar.

You tell them a few more things, like what happens in a dead heat, which you define for them and then tell them; what happens if a horse is scratched, which you define for them if it is a dead heat "between two or more divergent group (colored) members, the group bet pool will be distributed as a profit split (place pool) or, if there is a triple dead heat (you define it) with as many group (colored) interests, the pool will be distributed as a profit split (show pool)."

Of course you may have to explain the concept of a "pool" in pari-mutuel racing.

The track makes one more note, a suggestion: "Fans are encouraged to carefully consult their racing program prior to wagering." DUH.

As you may agree, this radical addition to win betting needs much explanation. As well, it will cost a new patron a few bucks to park and buy a program, at least, before making a bet. Any attempt to get people betting is a good attempt, but a plan with too many nebulous elements is not likely to be an attendance magnet.

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## Bud Hatfield 'feels like a kid again'

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager



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### Bud Hatfield.

best 3-year-old female pacer.

"It just doesn't get any better than this," Hatfield said. "I feel like a kid again."

Kissin In The Sand is the first Dan Patch Award winner for Hatfield, who shares ownership of the now 4-year-old mare with Marvin Katz. Kissin In The Sand, trained by Nancy Johansson, won 10 of 15 races last year and never finished worse than second while earning \$845,495 in purses. She will be among the honorees at the [U.S. Harness Writers Association's Dan Patch Award banquet](#) on Feb. 24 in Orlando.

Her wins included a memorable performance in the James M. Lynch Memorial at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, where she was parked out from post nine for nearly the entire mile before passing Youaremycandygirl in deep stretch to win by a neck. Four months later, she nearly duplicated that effort in the Breeders Crown, parked out from post nine at the same track, but finished second.

"People couldn't believe she won (the Lynch) and in the Breeders Crown everybody still thought she was the best horse," Hatfield said. "It was just a tough trip out there. Still to hang in there and be second was great.

"It was almost like she was the people's horse because when she races she's so gritty. She's just a fun horse to watch."

Other victories in 2018 for Kissin In The Sand included the Mistletoe Shalee, the Bluegrass Stakes, a division of the Glen Garnsey Stakes, and the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship. For her career, the daughter of Somebeachsomewhere-Kiss Me Kate has won 17 of 29 starts and \$1.07 million.

"Nancy did such a great job with this horse and they're like bonded," Hatfield said. "She had a lot of confidence in her and it showed up in her 3-year-old year. She came on to be a monster. She didn't put in a bad race. She never really threw in a bad race. She was just as consistent as heck. It's just a great feeling to be part of a horse like that."

When it comes to racing, Bud Hatfield wouldn't trade the feeling he gets from his horses for the world.

In the past several years, the 69-year-old Ohioan has shared in ownership of a number of successful horses, including millionaire Bar Hopping and stakes-winners Wolfgang and You Know You Do. In December, he reached new heights when his Kissin In The Sand was named the 2018 Dan Patch Award winner for

Hatfield, who owns 20 horses, hopes the feeling continues in 2019 when Kissin In The Sand returns for her 4-year-old campaign.

"Hopefully we'll have some fun like last year," Hatfield said. "We've got our fingers crossed.

"Marvin is a great person. I've got such good partners, with all my horses. I used to buy my horses by myself and when it's good it's good, but when you hit the bottom it hurts. This levels everything out and you have just as much fun. It's just been a great experience."

Hatfield was one of harness racing's top amateur drivers, getting started in the mid-1990s, and a two-time champion on the Billings circuit, where he was known as "Trader Bud" because of his career as a car dealer. He last drove in 2014.

"I miss the driving a lot," Hatfield said. "Every time I go to the races I get that lump in my throat. But this (success with the horses as an owner) makes up for it."

Hatfield does not rule out a return to the sulky, but is in no rush. In addition to owning horses, he enjoys spending his time with wife Kelli on frequent fishing expeditions.

"Right now we're having a lot of fun," Hatfield said. "We fish a lot, every chance we get. We fish and we go watch the horses. It's a good combo. Everything is going good. The horses are exciting. I've had good horses in the past, but not the caliber of horses like I've had the last three or four years. I'm excited as I've ever been.

"I'm in a good spot, is what I'm trying to say," he added with a laugh.

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## Marcus Melander credits rise to 'good team'

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Marcus Melander's name will be on the U.S. Harness Writers Association's 2018 Rising Star Award, but the 27-year-old trainer says the recognition extends beyond one person.

"It's a great accomplishment, but it's not really just my award," Melander said. "It's my whole barn. If I didn't have all these people working with me, I wouldn't do any good. That's why we've been having success; it's a lot because of them. We have a good team. And then you need to have owners that support you. That's very important, too. I'm lucky to have owners that support me a hundred percent."

Melander, who joined Nancy Johansson as the only trainers to receive the Rising Star Award in the past 20 years, saw his stable earn \$2.86 million in purses last year, good enough to finish 15th among all trainers in North America despite having the fifth-fewest starts (219) among all trainers in the top 50.

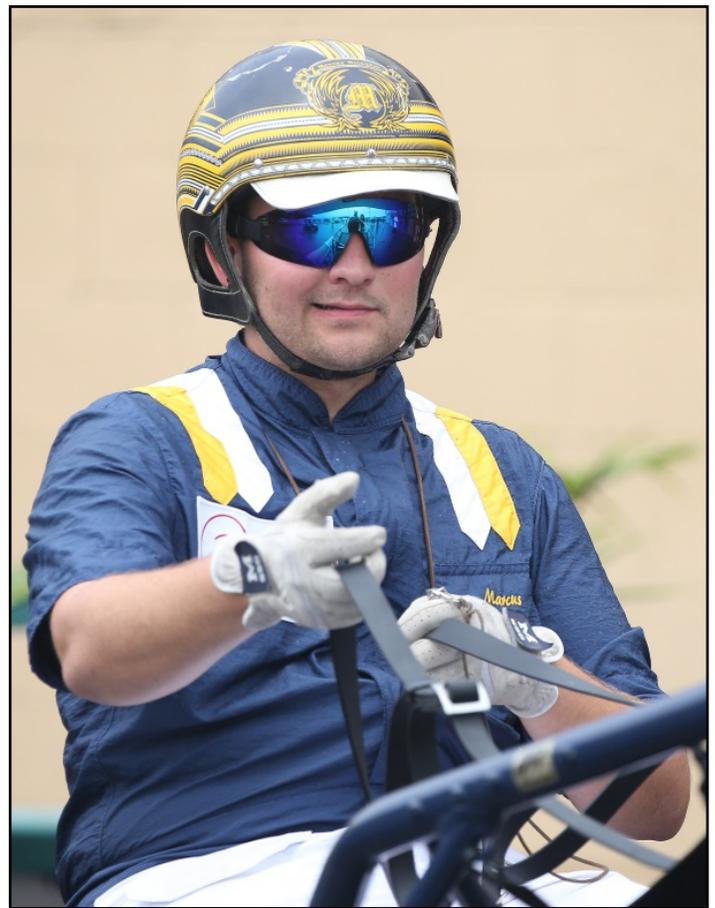
His top horse was undefeated male trotter Gimpanzee, who saw his 9-for-9 campaign at age 2 rewarded with the division's Dan Patch Award. Gimpanzee's victories for owners Anders Ström's Courant Inc. and Lennart Agren's S R F Stable included the Breeders Crown and New York Sire Stakes championship.

Melander's stable also saw 2-year-old male trotter Green Manalishi S win the William Wellwood Memorial and finish second in both the Breeders Crown and Peter Haughton Memorial. Another male 2-year-old trotter, Greenshoe, won the New Jersey Sire Stakes title.

"We had a really good year, especially with the 2-year-olds," Melander said. "We didn't have that many 3-year-olds, but the 2-year-olds did great."

In addition, older trotters Cruzado Dela Noche and Crazy Wow – both July additions to Melander's stable – posted top Grand Circuit triumphs, with Cruzado Dela Noche capturing the Yonkers International Trot and Crazy Wow the Maple Leaf Trot. Those wins came at odds of 30-1 and 31-1, respectively.

"We had a little luck getting Crazy Wow and Cruzado Dela Noche in the middle of the summer," Melander said. "You've got to have a little luck in the races, but both those horses raced great on those particular days."



Claus Andersen

Rising Star winner Marcus Melander.

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Melander, who employs a staff of a dozen people, enters 2019 with 60 horses in training and is looking to build off last year's success.

"(Gimpanzee and Green Manalishi S) are doing very good," Melander said. "I brought them back in early December so they've been training for over a month now. They filled out very nicely. They're probably going to grow a little bit more during the winter. I'm very happy with how they're feeling so far."

Greenshoe, Gerry, and Demon Onthe Hill add depth to Melander's group of male 3-year-old trotters. Greenshoe was limited to four starts last year because of immaturity and sickness while Gerry and Demon Onthe Hill both were winners on the Pennsylvania-stakes circuit.

"Hopefully (Greenshoe) will mature more during the winter and develop a little bit too," Melander said. "He's a very fast horse, probably the fastest of any of my horses out of the 3-year-olds, but he was a little too anxious last year. He's been very quiet here at home. He's doing good. I couldn't be any happier with him at this moment. We'll see in three months."

"The 3-year-old colts look really good. Gerry was a really good horse last year and Demon Onthe Hill is a nice horse too. He might be a little bit under the best, best ones, but I think we have at least four of them that could be top Grand Circuit horses."

Among Melander's 2-year-olds are two high-priced female trotters, Fifty Cent Piece (who sold for \$500,000 at the Standardbred Horse Sale) and Bellareina Dolce (\$400,000 at the Lexington Selected Sale). Both are owned by Lennart Agren's S R F Stables.

Melander, the nephew of trainer Stefan Melander, came to the U.S. from Sweden less than six years ago and worked for trainer Jimmy Takter before starting his own stable in late 2014. He is based in New Egypt, N.J., at a farm that was home previously to each the legendary Stanley Dancer and Continental Farms stables.

He got his first Grand Circuit win in 2016 with trotter Long Tom, who was a 2-year-old at the time. The following year, Long Tom was joined by 3-year-old Enterprise and 2-year-old Fourth Dimension in adding to Melander's Grand Circuit resume. Fourth Dimension, who was injured last year and retired, ended 2017 as the Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male trotter.

"We built (the stable) up, no rush really," Melander said. "The first year we had 10 horses, then 25, then 40 to 45 and now we have 60. And you get better horses. It really started that year we got Long Tom and Enterprise. They had success. And then we had Fourth Dimension. Those horses really put you on the map."

"Everything has been developing great, really. I'm still developing too. I still have things to learn, it will come with age. Hopefully, I've got many years left in this sport."

Melander will be among the honorees at the U.S. Trotting Association's Dan Patch Awards banquet on Feb. 24 at Rosen Shingle Creek resort in Orlando, Fla., at which time Trotter, Pacer and Horse of the Year will be revealed. For more information about the resort and banquet visit the U.S. Harness Writers Association's website.



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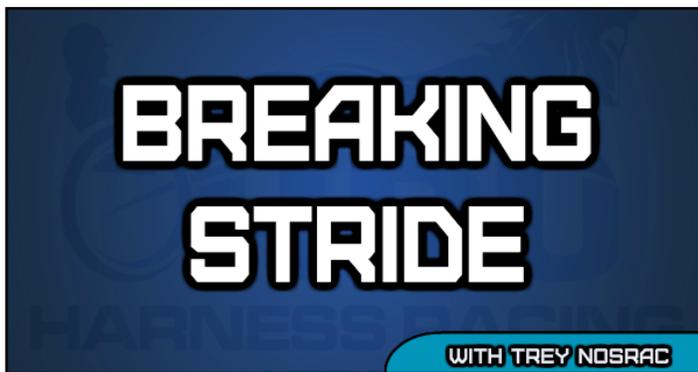
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## Stage Fright

*The Real Life Ventures and Adventures of Trey and Batman*  
by *Trey Nosrac*

It was almost midnight on the interstate. A dusting of snow fell on the scant traffic. I was driving him home from his dinner downtown at a restaurant so exclusive it did not have a sign, just a bronze plate on a black door that magically opened by a man in a suit.

I broke the silence of the car and asked, "What do you think holds back 99.9 per cent of the public from gambling on horse racing, from buying horses, from breeding horses?"

He looked into the darkness at flickering lights across frozen fields and said, "Fear, it holds people back from exploring new areas they might enjoy. In horse racing, fear of the unknown and fear of failure are problems for entry. A huge percentage of people are very risk-averse, very fearful."

"Afraid of what, losing some money or being embarrassed? Dude, that's my career arc."

He gave one of those tsk sounds and said, "Don't think you're so bold or daring, we're all fearful. When humans lived in caves, the dangers were everywhere. Fear kept us alive. Those dynamics of fear remain hardwired in our psyches. Science and psychology show that people fear the unknown and have great difficulty getting outside their comfort zone."



"This ain't the stone age."

"Harness racing is forbidding territory for a stranger. You can't see it from the inside. Sure, fear of losing money is a factor, but untold millions of people could buy a horse to race or try gambling on races. They could fail miserably, and not even notice they lost money."

"Not many people walk off the street and into the sport."

He nodded, "Deep down, we want to try new things. We know it is good for us, but fear is always there – what if I fail, what if I look silly. Fear stops people in their tracks, or in your case, fear keeps people from finding the track."

"What about you, a guy with the world by the tail?"

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starting a non-profit, going on an archeological dig, or a dozen other things. My failure to take that first step is obviously more than money. Risk-taking is complex, much more of a mental struggle than a mathematical calculation.”

He paused for a few seconds, and then said, “Tell me something you fear.”

I was quick to reply, “Karaoke... Man, I don’t care if there are four people in a tavern, if we are all drunk, even if I know them all, I can’t get off that damn chair and sing in public. I WANT to do it. I get close, but always chicken out.”

He nodded, “Yet you have spent thousands and thousands of dollars gambling on racehorses and buying racehorses. You have had heartbreaks on your racing road, but the offbeat little sport drew you in and still draws you. And you tell me you are terrified to sing in public. Does that make sense?”

“I’m not obligated to make sense.”

“We’re all guilty to some degree. Every day, interest and curiosity push us to try new adventures, but fear pulls us back. Staying in our old lanes is much safer.”

“That first step is a bitch.”

“Exactly. If ONE TIME you stepped up and belted out Bohemian Rhapsody, it is very likely you would have an epiphany. Nothing terrible happened and you might really enjoy rocking out. It’s the same thing with new people who might enjoy harness racing. It’s the same thing with anything new on the table, taking the first step.”

“Batman, there is a fine line between the first step into an adventure and a disaster.”

“Disasters aren’t that painful and often turn into opportunities.”

“Obviously you missed the grand opening of my Country Western Disco - Club Déjà Vu Hullabaloo.”

This made him laugh, “Recently, our work is high tech and entertainment is very much about finding people who are psychologically ABLE to take the first step, identifying them, and then giving them a little nudge. After the first step, social media makes involvement easier than ever.”

I asked, “How would you do that in harness racing? And don’t go all wonky on me.”

“Several ways.”

“Well, that’s a lame nothing burger of an answer.”

“Okay, let’s go back to your karaoke fear.”

“I’m not singing for you.”

“Nope. Right now, stepping into the unknown and holding

that microphone is, for some reason, too scary for you. We established that.”

“So?”

“Suppose we help you find two friends, maybe on Facebook, or in a chat room. Each of you has thought about karaoke but has never gotten over the hump. As a unit, your fear can lessen and you are much more likely to take that first step. Connecting on Facetime or even just texting is less intimidating. It is possible, given a little time, that the three of you COULD step onto the stage and harmonize “Rock This Town.”

**“By the Stray Cats? I love that song!”**

“Apply that digital breakthrough to horseracing participation. If a few fearful people have the anonymity of a computer or their phone, and if you jump holding hands, the odds of that first step increase dramatically.”

I nodded and said, “I’ve seen it happen. I know a guy, Scott, a genX’er, socially a basket case, who lives in the boonies. About five years ago, out of the blue, and who knows why, for some strange reason he looked into chess on his computer. I’m not sure he even knew how to play. Today, he plays online every day. He has online chess friends, he is in chess chatrooms, and he has a library of chess books. He went from zero to deep and never left his couch.”



My friend zipped up his coat and said, "Exactly. Substitute your sport for his chess investigation; this can happen and should continue to happen. Trying anything new will always be intimidating, but if you think about it, social networks make the first step easier."

"In theory that sounds good but how do we find candidates, let alone put them together?"

He answered, "Very insightful questions. The world I came from has several answers. We work on this every day in many ways."

I turned into his driveway, my headlights bouncing off his immaculate white farmhouse, and said, "Another lame-burger answer."

He opened his door, stepped into the night, smiled and said, "Next time I'll show you how we filter and how we would find new players for your sport. Also, how we would break through the fear."

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## Correction - Meadowlands 2019 stakes item

On pg 17 of the Jan. 18 issue of Harness Racing Update, we inadvertently ran a year-old item about the 2018 Meadowlands stakes schedule, not the one for 2019. We have since updated that item in that issue, but, in case you missed the correct item, we're publishing it here, again, now:

The Meadowlands' 2019 Grand Circuit stakes schedule will offer more than \$13 million in purses led by harness racing's most coveted prize, the 94th edition of the \$1 million Hambletonian Stake.

The Meadowlands will again be the stage for two of the sport's biggest events. The track's signature Crawford Farms Meadowlands Pace (\$700,000e) headlines a card worth an estimated \$2.5 million on Saturday, July 13. "The Greatest Day In Harness Racing", the \$3 million Hambletonian Day extravaganza featuring an entire day of major Grand Circuit stakes, ends the "Championship Meet" on Saturday, Aug. 3.

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The proposed stakes schedule remains contingent upon the pending purse subsidy having been approved by the New Jersey Legislature prior to the February 15 payment deadline and is subject to revision.

The Meadowlands remains committed to racing integrity, adding a clause to the [conditions](#) for all Meadowlands administered stakes under the "Rules" heading that states;

*"...any owner who participates in a Meadowlands Stake or Early Closing event (with added money greater than \$25,000) with a trainer who has an outstanding Class 1, Class 2 or TC02 positive test having occurred on or after January 1, 2019 and under appeal in any jurisdiction will be declared ineligible to participate in any Meadowlands Stake or Early Closing event for 12 months following the conviction if such trainer is subsequently found guilty relating to the Class 1, Class 2 or TC02 positive test."*

It is important to understand the gravity of this clause. Simply stated if a trainer appeals the penalty for a listed offence and continues to race while on a stay; if that penalty is upheld those owners that raced horses in stakes with the trainer in question would be excluded from racing any of their horses in any of The Meadowlands' stakes for one year from the date of the decision on the appeal.

"Clean racing has been and remains a top priority at The Meadowlands," said Meadowlands President Jeff Gural. "The Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) shares our passion and has included virtually the same language in their stakes."

Complete information including schedules, conditions and nomination forms may be downloaded from [The Meadowlands website](#). Questions should be directed to the Racing Office at (201) 842-5130.

– *Nick Salvi / Meadowlands media relations*

## International Moni's book full and closed

Hanover Shoe Farms has announced that the book for first-year trotting stallion International Moni is full and closed for the 2019 breeding season. Hanover and Moni Maker Stable wish to extend their gratitude to all breeders that bought a share in International Moni as well as to those that applied to breed mares to him. The response to International Moni was truly overwhelming and we regret not being able to accommodate everybody that wished to buy a share or breed to him.

– *Gunjan Patel / Hanover Shoe Farms*

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## Hanover welcomes first Walner foal

On Wednesday (Jan. 16), Hanover Shoe Farms welcomed what is believed to be the first foal sired by Walner. The colt, out of Chez Lucie, was born at 2:15 a.m. (photo courtesy Hanover Shoe Farms). Murray Brown reported on Facebook that the colt will be named Coach K Hanover after longtime Duke university basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski.

## Trolley reigns on Big M night fit for a king

Trolley got the better of arch-rival Muscle Diamond for a second straight week in the feature and the Meadowlands paid tribute to civil-rights legend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on an action-packed Friday night at the mile oval.

Trolley was at the top of his game once again, and while seven days prior he had luck on his side in the form of clearance in the stretch after a rail trip, this time around he determinedly earned his way to a third win in the \$21,000 Preferred Handicap for trotters in his last four tries.

Trolley displayed early speed this time around – a completely different tactic than the week before – before yielding the point grudgingly to even-money favorite Muscle Diamond at the three-eighths.

The twosome sped clear of the field at the half in :55.2 as 5-2 third choice Melady's Monet was activated from fifth, but this would be a two-horse battle to the finish.

Marcus Miller popped Trolley out of the pocket around the far turn, briefly providing cover for Melady's Monet, and had 1¼ lengths to make up in the final three-sixteenths.

He chipped away at Muscle Diamond's advantage through the lane before wearing down that foe in deep stretch on the way to a 1¼-length win in 1:53.1. Melady's Monet finished

third.

As the 9-5 second choice, Trolley returned \$5.60 to his backers for trainer Erv Miller and owners Michael Anderson, Leland Mathias, Greg Gillis and Louis Willinger. The 6-year-old son of Donato Hanover-Lakeside Bride has now won 13-of-27 career starts and earned \$313,459.

**"KING" WINS THE KING:** Jim "King" Solomon guided Waltzacrossthe wire (1:54 as the 7-5 favorite) to victory in the first race on the card, the Martin Luther King Remembrance Race, which exclusively featured African-American drivers. The event honored the slain civil-rights leader, who was born on Jan. 15, 1929.

"Dr. King was always adamant about a better quality of life for black Americans," said Mike Cruse, one of the driving forces behind the event, "and not only black Americans, but a better quality of life for all Americans. He was a powerful guy. We have a lot of admiration for him."

**A LITTLE MORE:** Corey Callahan had a driving triple on the card while Marcus Miller and Anthony Napolitano had two apiece. Jenn Bongiorno had a training double... The Late 20-Cent Jackpot Super High-Five was hit. The lone player holding a ticket with the combination 7-2-6-4-9 in the 14th race walked away with \$43,014.58... All-source wagering on the 14-race program totaled \$2,741,370.

– *Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations*

## Looking back: A busy year for Woodbine Entertainment sets the stage for exciting '19 and beyond

The 2018 season was a very busy and exciting year on and off the track for Woodbine Entertainment.

"Reflecting back on the year that was, it's remarkable to think of all that was accomplished and started in 2018," said Jim Lawson, CEO of Woodbine Entertainment. "Our efforts

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have positioned us well to continue to tackle our challenges head on as we remain laser-focused on our sole mandate of sustaining and growing the horse racing industry in Ontario.”

Here’s a look at the past 12 months:

### **Off the Track**

Off the racetrack, Woodbine Entertainment made significant investment in the sport, executed its single breed strategy by moving harness racing to Mohawk Park exclusively, secured real estate opportunities that will sustain the horse racing industry for decades, continued its focus on people and culture at Woodbine Entertainment, unveiled a new logo and brand identity and so much more.

*Here are a few key highlights:*

- In 2018, Woodbine transitioned all standardbred racing to Woodbine Mohawk Park for year-round harness racing. The 2019 season, which started on Jan. 5, will mark the first time in its history that Woodbine’s standardbred meet will be held exclusively at Mohawk Park.
- To accommodate year-round racing at Mohawk Park, Woodbine invested \$10 million to winterize the facilities. It has also committed another \$6 million to expand the paddock to improve the experience for horsepeople, while also being able to host premier harness racing events such as the 2019 Breeders Crown.
- In Toronto, Woodbine invested \$9 million to install a state-of-the-art, 7-furlong inner turf track that will open in spring 2019.
- For the second consecutive year, Woodbine Entertainment was certified as a Great Place to Work®. Woodbine also hired 713 new employees, more than double from the previous year.
- Woodbine welcomed new casino operation partners at both of its racetracks. At Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, construction has started to pave the way for the full construction project that will see a casino resort developed, which will include a brand-new gaming pavilion, a concert venue and trackside hotel on 33 acres of Woodbine property.
- In 2018, Woodbine Entertainment acted on its commitment to be industry leaders to ensure the long-term viability, sustainability and growth of horse racing in Ontario. One example of that was Woodbine Entertainment undertaking the need to operate Ontario Racing Management, the execution arm of Ontario Racing, which is the independent governing body of horse racing throughout the Province. This required an investment of nearly \$5 million in 2018 and will require an ongoing financial commitment and dedicated resources moving forward.

### **New Deals with Associations**

- At the end of the 2018 Thoroughbred meet, the Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association of Ontario (HBPA) and Woodbine Entertainment jointly announced a new four-year agreement in principle that includes an additional \$18 million in guaranteed purses and a minimum commitment of \$4 million in capital investment in thoroughbred racing over the course of the agreement.
- That was followed by an agreement in principle between the Central Ontario Standardbred Association (COSA) and Woodbine Entertainment on a new five-year racing deal that provides an additional \$15 million in purses and commits a minimum of \$5 million in capital investment in standardbred racing over the course of the agreement.

“Reaching new deals with both HBPA and COSA provides the industry, and especially breeders, with the certainty and confidence moving forward to invest in the breeding of horses in Ontario,” said Lawson. “This is particularly important to our industry as increasing local horse supply and labour remain key factors in successfully growing horse racing at Woodbine and throughout the entire industry.”

### **Thoroughbred racing and wagering**

- Despite the thoroughbred season producing a record “all-sources” handle of \$533,268,900, marking a 5.8 per cent increase over the previous year’s total, home market wagering was down 3 per cent in 2018.
- The record handle was largely driven by strong growth of 9.2 per cent in the U.S. markets.
- There were 132 race cards in 2018 with one cancellation. That amounted to 1,257 races and an average field size of 8.25.
- The 2018 thoroughbred meet was highlighted by record-breaking race days for its signature events, The Queen’s Plate, Ricoh Woodbine Mile and Pattison Canadian International.

### **Standardbred Racing and Wagering**

- Woodbine’s 2018 standardbred season, contested between Woodbine Racetrack and Mohawk Park, produced a steady and industry-leading “all-sources” handle of \$332,208,097.41.
- The 2018 season consisted of 219 cards and 2,282 races. The average per-race handle came in at \$145,577.61.
- The average field size per race was 8.7.
- Woodbine Entertainment secured a deal with the Hambletonian Society to play host to the \$6 million (U.S.) Breeders Crown at Mohawk Park in 2019.

“Overall, our wagering metrics remain healthy, but we are not without our challenges,” said Lawson. “We need to continue to invest and market our product to drive wagering here at home, while seizing the opportunity we are seeing South of the border with more and more horse players wagering on Woodbine races remotely. This is a testament to the quality of our product and brand.”

Opening day for the 2019 thoroughbred racing season, consisting of 133 race dates, is scheduled for April 20. Standardbred racing resumed on Jan. 5 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, which will play host to race cards four days a week with post times set for 7:10 p.m. each Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

– *Woodbine communications*

## **Illinois horsepeople asking new governor for gaming support**

As Governor JB Pritzker takes the helm in Illinois, horsepeople throughout the state are urging his administration to include horse racing and its enormous contribution to the agribusiness industry when they explore new avenues to expand gaming.

“With more than \$1 billion in contributions to the agribusiness economy of our state, horse racing must be included in any conversations about gaming,” said Tony Somone, executive director of the Illinois Harness Horsemen’s Association (IHHA). “Ours is the only segment of the gaming industry that has significant room to grow and provide real and sustainable jobs in agriculture.”

Former Governor Jim Edgar, who is a part of Governor Pritzker’s transition team, is aware of the economic impact that horse racing can have in Illinois having raced his own horses for many years. “Horse racing and the thousands of jobs it creates remains an important part of the agricultural

economy of our state,” former Governor Edgar said. “Ensuring its viability in the overall gaming environment is in the best interests of the state of Illinois.”

Studies show that every racehorse employs as many as 10 workers across Illinois. From grooms and trainers to breeding farms, grain dealers, veterinarians, track officials and many more, horse racing is a solid job creator that has been badly neglected in Illinois in recent years.

“It is true that horse racing is struggling in Illinois because of casinos, but we know that with additional gaming assistance, other states have seen their horse racing industry rebound to previous heights of employment and business,” said Marty Engel, president of the IHHA. “We earnestly hope that Gov. Pritzker sees fit to include horse racing in any gaming legislation that emerges in the months ahead. We are one segment of gaming that will more than pay its way through the creation of new and sustainable jobs throughout our economy.”

In the last decade, legislation in Illinois has allowed the development of slot machines at taverns and the construction and opening of the 10th casino in Des Plaines. Illinois horsepeople have survived despite all of those changes, but not without losing thousands of good agribusiness jobs to places like Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and virtually every other horse racing state that has actively worked to grow the sport.

Engel added, “Make no mistake; horsemen will come back to Illinois to race if the prizes or purses are competitive with other states. And they will bring jobs with them. We have seen it happen throughout the country in states that have boosted their purses with money from slot machines. Those states now offer purses much larger than Illinois and their horse racing industries are booming as a result, adding tens of thousands of jobs.”

– *Mack Communications*



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## Gural on The Guru, Zeron and Burke

I was shocked to read what Ronnie Gurfein wrote about the Rick Zeron matter ([full story here](#)).

As I understand it, about one month before the Hambletonian last year, inspectors found vials of drugs and, allegedly, Rick, in an effort to mislead them, (falsely labelled the) drugs to make it look like they were therapeutic. If true, it would seem to me that is about as bad as it gets when we talk about integrity, especially considering that 30 days later a horse he owned and trained won the Hambletonian. As far as I am concerned, it will be a long time before you see any horse trained or owned by Rick Zeron at any of my three tracks, including Atlanta. I think this incident is a major black eye to the sport and I applaud the fact that his horse was stripped of his eligibility to an O'Brien Award. USHWA should have done the same thing, but obviously that did not happen. As far as all of the complaints I have received about the perception that there is a double standard when it comes to Ron Burke, I want to publically make it clear to Mr. Burke and all of his owners that he will receive a 90-day suspension from the three tracks that I control if the appeal of the latest violation he received at Northfield is denied. In addition, if Mr. Burke receives another suspension, he will automatically, regardless of the appeal process, receive a minimum of a 90-day suspension; and if it is a Class 1, Class 2 or TCO2 positive and he appeals, all of the owners who stay with him would run the risk of not being eligible to any stakes races at my tracks for one year. I believe that would also apply to WEG, but I do not speak for them. No sport can possibly expect the public to support their product and wager on it if they don't have confidence that the horses are all racing on a level playing field. Unfortunately, we all know that is not the case right now, but hopefully that will change in the near future.

– **Jeff Gural / president Meadowlands Racetrack**

## Gangle on The Guru

Just offering some feedback regarding The Guru's recent thoughts on the Rick Zeron situation.

First of all, I certainly agree with The Guru that not enough information was provided by the regulator here in Canada. The AGCO should have been more transparent with its ruling and offered more details (a major issue in the sport). Secondly, what IF Mr. Zeron's bottles were EPO, is six months enough? I'm not going to debate the length of suspension, but the bottom line is that Mr. Zeron broke the rules. You mentioned how it's a lengthy suspension and that it's going to cost him income. However, I'm sure Mr. Zeron is fully aware of the consequences prior to being caught. What if Atlanta was treated with these unlabeled bottles? She would be racing at an unfair advantage. What about the owners of horses that finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc in the Hambletonian. There are two ways of looking at this issue.

– **Greg Gangle / Port Stanley, ON**

## Nixon on The Guru

Mr. Gurfein,

I quite enjoy your HRU column, and I agree with you that the AGCO should be much more transparent, not only with the Zeron case, but in all matters regarding horse racing in Ontario. However, I disagree strongly with your opinion that the Zeron penalty is over the top. Additionally, you recommend that the AGCO should be more lenient, as in the Daley case in NJ where Mr. Daley was suspended a mere 90 days for possession of a shockwave machine and unlabeled meds. If the industry is serious on promoting integrity for the participants, handicappers, and promoting horse welfare, these penalties need to be strong.

Mr. Zeron was found to be in contravention of several "Rules of Standardbred Racing 2016". Mr. Zeron has yet to offer comment on his position of what was found in his barn or the circumstances leading to the ruling. There is a lot of speculation and rumour surrounding the case: stolen prescription labels, bribery, false allegations against former employees. The rules are perfectly clear. You may not possess a shockwave machine, or unlabeled/mislabeled medication. Mr. Zeron's past is not squeaky clean. Again, no public comment from Mr. Zeron only thickens the cloud of speculation.

Mr. Gurfein, you recommend that the AGCO follow NJ in how they (NJ) penalized Noel Daley. How about NJ follow AGCO on penalties? Mr. Daley is currently under suspension

(unless I'm mistaken) from 11/25/18-02/22/19 and has a \$10,000 fine for a similar infraction. He also has a history, specifically a 2005 arrest by NJ State Police for "possession and use of prescription legend drugs without a prescription and also possession and control of hypodermic syringes and needles"(USTA). If we are truly serious about the integrity of the sport, as everyone "claims" to be, then contravention of the rules should be dealt with harshly. If we wish to gain the confidence of the bettor, new owners, and animal welfare activists, the penalty is supposed to hurt.

Additionally, Ron Burke was assessed a positive in November 2018 for Gabapentin. He has had recent (last 24 months) positives for Betamethasone, Glaucone, TCO2 and now Gabapentin. I do not recall anything as of yet on any media platform reporting the Gabapentin positive. I cannot understand any possible therapeutic effect for Gabapentin for equine use. Is the silence a double standard? Was it to not darken the Foiled Again farewell tour? A 30d suspension seems light, and leads to the perception of a double standard.

On another note, there are some very large bass in every drop of water at Sunshine Meadows. Brandon Mills is a great guide.

– *Justin J. Nixon / Amherstburg, ON*

## **More thoughts on Zeron**

These trainers, if found to be dishonest or unethical with their treatment of horses, should be banned, period. It's not right. They get slaps on the wrist and continue to do the same thing. The only way to clean up your organization is to get rid of them. Then and only then will other trainers start to take this seriously. Cheaters, regardless of any violation, need to go. Clean up the act.

– *Tom Dossey-McKinnon / Clarksburg, MD*

## **Van Camp will no longer pay into WEG's "elitist" stakes**

Dear harness fans:

It is with great dismay that I noticed the decision by the WEG about stakes restrictions.

The decision to change the conditions for the Canadian Trotting Classic ([full story here](#)) is in my opinion a very bad move for the industry. Putting this condition on the stake makes a difficult sport even more difficult for the little guy!

I have owned horses for 30 years and have been a regular

stakes nominator for most of these years. I will no longer make any payments toward stakes with these elitist restrictions. I understand there seems to be issues with elimination races, I would like to see the facts behind this, as I don't see any drop off in wagering on elimination night versus a regular race night with this level of purses (full field exceptions aside). The reason the eliminations are good are aplenty! More stakes owners will make stakes payments. The late blooming horse will have a chance. I owned Your So Vain who in 2013 entered the CTC with not much money made, won his elimination handily and was a strong second in the final. Had these rules been in place, he was not in the top 10 earners on entry date. The old rules give an owner with a decent level horse the opportunity to be eligible in case they are a late bloomer. (It will probably take lifetime earnings of \$200-300k to be able to race). So here is the example: there is a 2-year-old champion that makes 400k, yet at 3 he makes next to nothing, another horse was immature at 2, earns 200K at 3, but won't qualify for the race... Elitism at its best!

If WEG had considered this change properly there are ways to come up with some alternatives... There are a few – top 5 go to final, all others have elimination for remaining spots, or other options.

What is the fear of eliminations? Makes zero sense to me, but I will guess the stakes nominations will fall considerably. It may take a year or two, but it will happen. OSS horses who are marginal will no longer enter... Only top-end 2-years-olds need apply. John Campbell has more knowledge about horse racing in his baby toe than an entire board of directors (at WEG) have!

– *Paul Van Camp / Port Perry, ON*

## **Crown eliminations or not?**

Eliminations or no eliminations, that is the question.

I have a suggestion that could possibly settle both sides.

Each racing jurisdiction in North America, that subscribes to the Breeders Crown, should send its champion to the Breeders Crown.

That colt born in British Columbia has the same shot as one born in the Maritimes or New York, or Florida, or Ohio. It won't be a matter of points, or money, but a final of champions.

Talk about dreams, and entries – not every horse would be a Father Patrick or Bettors Delight, but perhaps a Pet Rock, or some other 'regional' sire.

And what if there are 15 champions? Hello Europe!

Additionally, it is called the Breeders Crown.

How much of a 'breeders' event would it be, if most of the entries were sired by the same leading sire?

This suggested format, guarantees a variety of sires in any one event.

Truly, a "Breeders" Crown.

– *Marty Adler / Amherstburg, ON*

## **Add qualifying times to eliminations**

Here is a suggestion to the eliminations where the drivers are saving the horse until the final, put a qualifying time to the race. Last year, the 2018 North America Cup was won by Lather Up in 1:48.1, but the week before he won his elimination in 1:49.2 a full one second and one fifth slower. The 1:49.2 in the elimination is a walk in the park for most that enter so make each elimination that the winner must win in 1:48 or less and the other finishers must finish in 1:48.4 and under to make final. The reasoning is quite clear if they can win a elimination in 1:49.2 and come right back a week later and drop 6 fifths then they should be able to go to the well in the eliminations.

– *Bob Adams / London, ON*

## **Kudos to Clay**

I would like to add my kudos to Clay Horner's plan to end elimination races for The Breeders Crown ([full story here](#)).

A little tweaking to his wonderful suggestions should make everybody happy. I like his 10-horse races for 2yos and 12-horse races for 3yo and up. I love his assessment that since this is the BREEDERS Crown, the stallion owners need to kick in a much bigger chunk of the pie. My only issue with his proposals is that it includes eliminations based on certain criteria. NO!! There are no eliminations for The Kentucky Derby, no eliminations for the Breeders Crown! Let's start with bullet points based on Mr Horner's suggestions so modifications can be debated and focused:

- Winners of pre-determined races automatically qualify. Let's use 4 races as a starting point. (Mr. Horner suggested 2). The Breeders Crown committee will ultimately decide on the appropriate number.
- Seven next top money winners. (Assuming four entries from qualifying races)

- One wild card entry based on a single race. Entries for the race can be determined in many ways – Earnings per start? Most wins? Fastest win time? The BC team can kick it around.

- If eligible horses don't enter, they can either be replaced by the next in the earnings list, or second place in the Wild Card race. Something else to kick around.

This format also enhances the integrity of the game as horses will need to fight for seconds and thirds on their way up the earnings ladder. Speaking of integrity, this has become increasingly relevant lately based on the notable issues with Zeron, Daley, Burke and Surick. Speaking of integrity and sports betting, what is the over/under for the date when the first big betting scandal hits due to the soon to be exponential growth of sports betting across the country. College basketball is the most likely first contender since the players don't get paid and so few players can affect the outcome. The second most likely is the gaming tournaments. Yes, boys and girls, significant money is already being wagered on video games. If they ever have a big money tournament for Pong, put me down.

– *Gil Winston / Manalapan, NJ*

## **Welfare of the horse needs to come first**

Yes, (shockwave therapy) works. Does that mean that every trainer who can afford one should have a machine and be the handler of that machine? NO! Not when it is against the rules of racing and these people are not qualified or licensed to do so. Why is it that trainers seem to think that they are so bloody clever and experienced that they can jump the rules of racing and become the administrators of drugs, treatments such as shock therapy and more? Would they visit a heart surgeon and do their own heart surgery?

Further, what the hell do they not understand about leaving a space of more than a few hours or a day or two between the treatment and the event? It can kill the horse, the driver/jockey and others around them. Jeezzzuusssss.

Rick Zeron – you idiot – you deserve so much more "time off" than a mere 180 days. Noel Daley should have the same vacation time – not eligible for any award. He, too, broke the rules. Just because his offence didn't warrant the same number of days doesn't make him any less guilty. Lessening the number of days suspension is NOT the answer as suggested by Mr. Gall ([full story here](#)).

Of course, like so many of their stature in racing, they may think they above the rules. As for the O'Brien Award being

pulled from Zeron and the very nice horse, Atlanta, is this really the main point of concern here? Not the fact that time factor may have been insufficient between treatment on any horse and its driver thus putting the horse and driver and every other horse and driver at risk on the track. Not the fact that he and far too many others are now in possession of their own shock machines and applying them as they see fit to their horses when it clearly states in the rules that they are only to be used by vets. Of course, we all know that many trainers still believe in that old theory that "if some is good, more is better." There is another problem here. We, in the industry all know that some vets can be manipulated to do as the trainer asks/insists whether it is in the best interest of the horse or not. Thus they are breaking their own ethical rules and often the rules of racing by not insisting on the required time off to allow the numbing to wear off. If they were to also apply some anesthetic (such as lidocaine that would show up in a test), perhaps the trainer would be more inclined to allow the horse the appropriate time off before endangering its life by racing it too soon. But when is the health and welfare of the horse ever put first and foremost in this bloody business?

– *Lynne Magee / Wingham, ON*

## **Breeders Crown fixes**

One large step forward for Breeders Crown might start with coverage. I have been following harness racing since Bret Hanover ran at Brandywine, watching the coverage on TVG left me very disappointed. Wedging the "Standardbred Championships" between cheap claiming races at Penn Natl and Carlestown is no way to sell the sport to anyone other than the hard core fan. TVG is capable of wonderful human/equine interest stories and perhaps they could use a format like TVG 2 to showcase the day in a way that actually promotes harness racing to a wider audience.

– *Marvin J Friedman / Wilmington, DE*

## **Cohen weighs in on The Guru over Zeron**

I would like to make what I think should be an obvious point about the suspension of Rick Zeron and Ron Gurfein's reaction to it in the Friday edition of HRU. Gurfein's silly take-- that the penalty is preposterous because no one knows what really happened-- reminds me of the old line from "Fiddler on the Roof" about the ugly husband and his blind wife. With the way she sees and the way he looks they are a perfect match!

My understanding is that part of the reason why Zeron's suspension is so long is because he is alleged to have tried to bribe someone to alter their story in a way that would shield him, Zeron, from accountability. You don't need to follow the real world too closely to know how important it is for our laws to hold accountable those who try to obstruct justice, or perjure themselves, or suborn perjury in others.

In Zeron's case, the alleged misconduct doesn't just go to drugs and shock wave use it goes to the idea of a licensed trainer trying to conspire to cover up that misconduct. Whatever our views of illegal drugs in our sport, whatever iterations of due process we believe in, we all should be able to agree that the industry cannot last if trainers act this way. I look forward to the Guru's new and smarter comments on this scandal-- and it is a big scandal-- now that he knows a little more about the facts behind it.

- *Andy Cohen / Englewood, CO*

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## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

### MEADOWLANDS *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**2, M, \$21,000, Trot**, Preferred Handicap, 27.4, 55.2, 1:24.4, 1:53.1, FT

**1-Trolley (h, 6, Donato Hanover--Lakeside Bride, by Duke Of York)** \$10,500, \$30,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 27-13-2-2, \$313,459  
O-Michael A Anderson & Leland L Mathias & Greg Gillis, CA & Louis A Willinger. B-Al J Libfeld, CA. T-Erv Miller. D-Marcus Miller.

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**2-Muscle Diamond (h, 7, Muscle Hill--Windylane Hanover, by Lindy Lane)** \$5,250, \$40,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 55-19-12-7, \$785,699  
O-Charles E Keller III & Charles E Keller IV & E Daniel & Brett Douglas Bittle. B-Odds On Nourrir. T-Brett Bittle. D-Dexter Dunn.

**3-Melady's Monet (g, 10, Revenue S--Keystone Melady, by Keystone Smothers)** \$2,520, Lifetime Record: 174-53-35-27, \$1,349,458  
O-Melady Enterprises LLC. B-Luca & Ester Balenzano. T-Hermann Heitmann. D-Corey Callahan.

*Replay* - Calls: HD, 1Q, 1Q, 1Q, 1Q - Finish Order: Thisguyisonfire, Piercewave Hanover, Fraser Ridge

**7, M, \$15,750, Trot**, N/W \$15,000 in Last 5 Starts (N/W \$11,500 Last 5 Starts or \$95,000 Lifetime or N/W 6 PM Races - State Bred Excluded - Who Started in Less Than N/W \$20,000 in Last Start Drawn Inside), 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:53.4, FT

**1-Just For You (m, 5, Yankee Glide--Jodi's Jayme, by American Winner)** \$7,875, \$20,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 53-10-6-5, \$93,363  
O-Hutt Racing Stable. B-Windsong Stable. T-Blake Macintosh. D-Billy Dobson.

**2-Two Am (g, 5, Muscle Massive--Slightly Tipsy, by Conway Hall)** \$3,937, \$30,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 47-19-8-5, \$323,503  
O-Gene Oldford Farms LLC & Lynette M Buter & William J & Carol D Fuhs. B-Andray Farm. T-Todd Buter. D-Tyler Buter.

**3-Miss Ruby (m, 5, Cantab Hall--Whispering Wind, by Broadway Hall)** \$1,890, \$70,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 50-12-5-8, \$92,919  
O-Spaaartners. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Kelvin Harrison. D-Vincent Ginsburg.

*Replay* - Calls: 1, 1H, 2, 4, 4Q - Finish Order: Signal Hill, Seven Iron, Arrakis, Fly On, Texican, Chromeo

### MIAMI VALLEY *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**5, MVR, \$15,000, Pace**, CLAIM TO FAME SERIES HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$16300 W/A (30% PREMIUM OVER ORIG. BASE PRICE) 2ND LEG - 1ST DIVISION, M, 28.1, 56.2, 1:24.0, 1:52.1, FT

**1-Rock Of The Ages (g, 7, Rocknroll Hanover--Galleria, by Artsplace)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 135-28-14-8, \$206,405  
O-Michael Edmund Arnold. B-Fashion Farms LLC. T-Michael Arnold. D-John De Long.

**2-Hezabluechipboy N (g, 8, Santanna Blue Chip--Sheza Gem, by Christian Cullen)** \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 102-14-18-11, \$136,702  
O-Dennis R Owens & Norman Rae Racing LLC. B-TJ Armstrong, NZ. T-Dan Noble. D-Dan Noble.

**3-Shark Fantasy (g, 9, Four Starzzz Shark--Fantasizer, by Abercrombie)** \$1,800, \$15,000 2011 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 191-23-33-25, \$299,419  
O-Timothy A Reck & Ty E Hines Jr. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-Timothy Reck. D-Trace Tetrick.

*Replay Unavailable* - Calls: 1, 1, 1, 2, 5 - Finish Order: David's Dream, Strong Playin King, Believeinyourmach, Love Tap Hanover, Whata Twist, Dan D Dune, El Shooter

# RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**7, MVR, \$15,000, Pace**, CLAIM TO FAME SERIES HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$16300 W/A (30% PREMIUM OVER ORIG. BASE PRICE) 2ND LEG - 2ND DIVISION, M, 26.3, 55.0, 1:23.3, 1:53.1, FT

**1-Rhp (g, 5, Dali--Belize, by Jenna's Beach Boy)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 61-16-13-8, \$140,240

O-Mitchell Standardbreds Inc. & Neil Goldstein. B-George F Snyder Jr. T-Zach Tackett. D-Dan Noble.

**2-Ruthless Call (g, 5, Rocknroll Hanover--Tell The Truth, by Dragon Again)** \$3,750, \$10,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 68-12-8-7, \$64,431

O-Robert D Bellamy & Chris C. Bulak. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Jeff Brewer. D-Jason Brewer.

**3-Ru Ready To Rock (h, 11, Rocknroll Hanover--Ru Girl, by Big Rube)** \$1,800, \$80,000 2009 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 244-41-38-29, \$555,445

O-Blindswitch Racing Stable & Anthony Nicometo. B-Stephen P Dey III. T-Jeff Amann. D-Jeremy Smith.

**Replay Unavailable** - Calls: 1, 1, 3, 4, 5T - Finish Order: Cheyenne Louie, Key Word, Cracker Cam, Hardts Or Bettor, Sure Fired Bet, Big Bad Mike, Luke's Rocketman

**8, MVR, \$15,000, Pace**, HORSES & GELDINGS CONDITION/CLAIMER N/W 10 PM RACES AT EXT. MEETS CLAIMING PRICE \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, M, 28.2, 57.1, 1:24.3, 1:54.1, FT

**1-American Dreamer (g, 5, American Ideal--Good Stuff, by Artscape)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 43-8-4-7, \$74,418

O-Orva Bontrager Jr & Daniel L Lehman. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Freeman Miller Jr.. D-Freeman Miller Jr..

Another **BRITTANY FARMS** Bred Winner!



**2-Dirty Steve (g, 5, Feelin Friskie--Sara's Lil Sis, by Nobleland Sam)** \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 59-15-10-7, \$107,547

O-Matt E Rowe. B-Matt E Rowe. T-Mark Rowe. D-Jeremy Smith.

**3-Delco Papa Bear (g, 5, Dali--Princess Zoie, by Village Juno)** \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 52-13-13-11, \$107,841

O-Rodney J Lorenzo & Brian L Running. B-Jesse J De Long. T-Dan Noble. D-Dan Noble.

**Replay Unavailable** - Calls: 4, 2, 2H, 1H, NS - Finish Order: Hannahsboy Ken Win, Pacific Stride, Heartland Revenue, Mac Anover, Out For A Rip

**9, MVR, \$15,000, Pace**, CLAIM TO FAME SERIES HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$16300 W/A (30% PREMIUM OVER ORIG. BASE PRICE) 2ND LEG - 3RD DIVISION, M, 27.1, 56.0, 1:24.1, 1:54.0, FT

**1-Mosee Terror (h, 11, Western Terror--Shimmer, by Life Sign)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 223-41-38-26, \$514,017

O-Brian L Landis. B-Jeffrey R Brooks. T-Dan Noble. D-Dan Noble.

**2-Max Hanover (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Maremma Hanover, by Western Hanover)** \$3,750, \$120,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 66-7-10-9, \$81,293

O-Imogene G Rhule & Geneva L Stewart & Jacob J Fox. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jacob Fox. D-Simon Allard.

**3-Rocknroll Reality (g, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Art's Reality, by Artsplace)** \$1,800, \$45,000 2012 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 159-13-18-13, \$167,387

O-Scott Tyler George. B-Ross G Bonafield. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrack.

**Replay Unavailable** - Calls: 2, 1, 1, 2H, 2Q - Finish Order: Stonehouse Adam, Have A Parodi, Finnish First, Alwysbreakinhearts, Cc's Desire, Hoosier Shooter, Brookdale Fletcher

**11, MVR, \$25,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HCP PP'S 1-4 DRAWN; 5-10 DRAWN, M, 27.2, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:54.2, FT

**1-American Girl (m, 10, Art's Chip--L Dees Lourdes, by Dragon Again)** \$12,500, \$6,000 2010 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 197-54-45-40, \$987,610

O-Darla D Gaskin & Stanley L Rosenblatt. B-Gardner Farms LLC. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrack.

**2-Jb's Shooting Star (m, 4, Straight Shooting--Star Palace, by Bettor's Delight)** \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 40-8-12-8, \$121,258

O-John E Barnard. B-John E Barnard. T-Jace Sundeen. D-Chris Page.

**3-Cast No Shadow (m, 7, Shadow Play--Hypnotize, by Artscape)** \$3,000, \$13,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 92-17-14-19, \$291,305

O-Millard D Adams. B-Winbak Farm. T-Millard Adams. D-Josh Sutton.

**Replay Unavailable** - Calls: NS, 1, 1H, 2H, NK - Finish Order: E R Hilary, Allbeastnobeauty, Endeavors Fantasy, Keene Santanna, Amazing Arya, Rock Me Baby, A Little Starstruck

**12, MVR, \$16,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES N/W \$8000 IN LAST 4 STARTS AE: CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES, M, 26.4, 57.1, 1:25.3, 1:55.1, FT

**1-Rockin Racer (m, 5, Rockin Image--Portia Blue Chip, by Bettor's Delight)** \$8,000, \$7,500 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 41-16-2-3, \$156,564

O-Jared D Finn & Hinshaw Homestead Farms LLC. B-Lavon L Miller. T-Heather Stell. D-Jared Finn.

**2-Avila Beach (m, 7, Hi Ho Silverheel--Bj's Beach Fire, by Beach Towel)** \$4,000, Lifetime Record: 116-23-21-9, \$181,112

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

**3-Brillo Camarillo (m, 7, Mach Three--Captiva Cam, by Cams Catch)** \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 113-19-16-14, \$131,247

O-Lucky Nutz Racing Stable. B-Gerald A & Sharon L Chapman & Peter F Otten. T-Pat Karcher. D-Cameron McCown.

**Replay Unavailable** - Calls: 1Q, H, T, 1, 1Q - Finish Order: Lady's Party, Colorful Sky, Pull The Shade, Twin B Honour, Mctravisty, Dalianna, Always About Farah

# RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

## THE MEADOWS report

### Friday's Results:

**8, Mea, \$20,000, Pace, \*\*PREFERRED HANDICAP\*\*** PP.1-5 DRAWN; 6-7 DRAWN; 8 ASSIGNED, 26.2, 55.3, 1:23.2, 1:52.3, SY

**1-Southwind Amazon (g, 9, Camluck--Artoonist, by Artsplace)** \$10,000, \$35,000 2011 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 185-71-25-27, \$775,547  
O-Ameer Najor. B-Southwind Farm. T-Paul Holzman. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..



**2-Dapper Dude** (h, 10, The Panderosa--Dress To Suggest, by Camluck) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 188-47-37-36, \$1,290,770  
O-Renee J Bercury. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.

**3-Knocking Around** (g, 9, Western Terror--So Completely, by Beach Towel) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 224-36-33-41, \$444,527  
O-Courtney R Mcneight. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-David Mcneight Jr. D-David Mcneight III.

[Replay](#) - Calls: 1H, 1H, 1, H, HD - Finish Order: Vague Traces, Stirling Escort, Mattamerican, Allstar Partner, Lord Of Winterfell

## WOODBINE MOHAWK report

### Friday's Results:

**2, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE - 1ST LEG - 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018, 28, 57.3, 1:25.1, 1:54.3**

**1-Rons Eom (b,g,4 - Net Ten Eom-Rons Blue Angel-Pansacificflight)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 32-3-2-7, \$51,885  
O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc B-Frank Baldachino T-Herbert Holland D-Trevor Henry

**2-Shrimp And Grits** (b,g,3 - Shadow Play-Natchitoches-Artsplace)  
O-Charles Price B-Delaware Valley Universit T-Stephan Charlton D-Louis Philippe Roy

**3-R Bazingga** (b,g,4 - Real Artist-Oneinamilliongirl-Cole Muffler)  
O-Roger Roland B-Fashion Farms Llc T-Stephen Davis D-Phillippe Hudon

[Replay](#)

**3, Wbs, \$25,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$26,500 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW \$175,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$60,000, 27.2, 56.1, 1:24.4, 1:52.2**

**1-Double A Mint (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Double Creme-Albert Albert)** \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 33-7-5-6, \$364,131  
O-Adriano Sorella B-Stephen Dey T-Richard Moreau D-Louis Philippe Roy

**2-Tajmeallover** (b,m,8 - Tajma Hall-Watch Over Me-As Promised)  
O-Jean Francois Gagne, Peter Van Seggelen, Carl Warnaar, Tapron Holdings Ltd B-Jean Francois Gagne, Peter Van Seggelen T-Jean Francois Gagne  
D-Jean Francois Gagne

**3-P L Hurricane** (b,m,8 - Jeremes Jet-Taylorlane Action-Village Jiffy)  
O-David Brown B-Onlineharnessowner Com 17 T-David Brown D-James MacDonald

[Replay](#)

**4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$10,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$20,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$25,000. AE: NW \$90,000 LIFETIME, 28, 56.3, 1:24.3, 1:53.1**

**1-American Sara (b,m,5 - American Ideal-Freckly Sara-Mach Three)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 52-13-8-6, \$191,162  
O-Murray Brethour, Dr Reginald Westgarth, Daniel Sarafian B-Murray Brethour T-Murray Brethour D-Sylvain Filion

**2-Make Mine Mocha** (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Allamerican Mocha-Beach Towel)  
O-Bradley Grant B-Frederick Hertrich T-Richard Moreau D-Louis Philippe Roy

**3-Dontbruisecarrie** (b,m,7 - Believeinbruiser-How Is Carrie-Artistic)  
O-High Stakes Stable Inc B-Gerald Mijal T-Louie Eftimiadis

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# RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**6, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 6 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$65,000 LIFETIME, 28, 56, 1:23.4, 1:53.1**

**1-Thrillonthebeach (b,m,4 - Somebeachsomewhere-Tutu Hanover-Western Ideal)** \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 30-7-1-9, \$87,832  
O-Howard Kaufman, Joshua Kaufman B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Terrance Langille D-Phillippe Hudon

 **ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!**



**2-Beaches Be Crazy (b,m,5 - Somebeachsomewhere-Dress To Suggest-Camluck)**

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

**3-Sly Eleanor N (b,m,6 - Mcardle-Girl In The Mist-Armbro Operative)**

O-Sarah Macinnis, Robert Dimech, Mark Salerno B-C A P M Chalklen T-Neil Mac Innis D-Roger Mayotte

[Replay](#)

**7, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE - 1ST LEG - 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018, 28.2, 57.1, 1:25.2, 1:53.4**

**1-Legal Bettor (b,g,4 - Bettors Delight-Legal Entity-Modern Art)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 22-4-3-2, \$31,305

O-Gestion J Y Blais Inc B-Robert Hamather T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

**2-Panther Seelster (br,g,4 - Camluck-Platinum Seelster-Western Hanover)**

O-Scott & Keith Manders B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Brett Lester D-Louis Philippe Roy

**3-Marc Mellow Man (ro,g,4 - Marced Card-Moment Of Magic-Sportsmaster)**

O-Duane & Connie Roland B-Duane & Connie Roland T-Stephen Davis D-James MacDonald

[Replay](#)

**8, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$26,000 LIFETIME, 28.1, 58.4, 1:26.2, 1:55.4**

**1-Vanity Girl (b,m,4 - Net Ten Eom-Venturi Effect-Cape Crusader)** \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 22-2-3-5, \$22,740

O-Rod Boyd, Jefferson Davis B-Brett Wilfong T-Rod Boyd D-Phillippe Hudon

**2-Cardiff (b,m,4 - Sportswriter-Keystone Liana-The Panderosa)**

O-Bradley Grant B-Dr Huw Llewellyn T-Scott McEneny D-Jody Jamieson

**3-Classic Blackjack (br,m,4 - Classic Card Shark-Teenager Girls-Dexter Nukes)**

O-Gaetan Hebert B-Gaetan Hebert T-Gaetan Hebert D-Trevor Henry

[Replay](#)

**9, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE - 1ST LEG - 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018, 28.1, 57.4, 1:25.3, 1:54.3**

**1-Howmac Diamond (b,g,4 - Carnivore-Early Paroll-Western Ideal)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 37-6-5-3, \$34,911

O-Terry Gallant B-Howmac Farms Ltd T-Terry Gallant D-Phillippe Hudon

**2-Barbados (br,g,4 - Roll With Joe-Tropics Beachgirl-Jennas Beach Boy)**

O-Barry Charles B-Blair Corbeil T-David Russo D-Billy Davis Jr

**3-Fiesty Fireball (b,g,4 - Sneaky B Skipalong-Sassy Streak-Armbro Khaki)**

O-Duane Roland B-Shirley Smith T-Stephen Davis D-Trevor Henry

[Replay](#)

## YONKERS report

### Friday's Results:

**1, YR, \$17,500, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$25,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.1, 56.0, 1:24.3, 1:53.4, GD**

**1-Bugsy Maguire (g, 5, Bettor's Delight--Meredith Maguire N, by Christian Cullen)** \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 80-16-15-10, \$143,709

O-Allard Racing Inc, CA. B-Brenda K Selwyn Waxman, CA. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube.

**2-Ziggy Sky (g, 8, Stonebridge Regal--Bubeleh, by Camluck)** \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 155-20-28-27, \$275,957

O-James D Scarpias. B-Sea Of Green Inc, CA. T-James Scarpias. D-Matt Kakaley.

**3-Townslight Hanover (g, 11, Bettor's Delight--Towner's Image, by Big Towner)** \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 220-30-39-46, \$932,431

O-Aaron J Lambert. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Aaron Lambert. D-Brent Holland.

[Replay](#) - Calls: 1Q, 1, 2, 3H, 2T - Finish Order: Twomacsoneshadow, Show The Fashion, We Think Alike, Wild Again, Pickled Preacher

# RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**2, YR, \$23,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 27.3, 57.0, 1:25.2, 1:53.4, GD**

**1-Annabeth (m, 8, Shadow Play--Get Out Amanda, by Keystone Raider)** \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 152-27-22-25, \$420,629

O-Joseph S Pisarski. B-Larry D Stalbaum. T-William Adamczyk. D-Jordan Stratton.

**2-Sally Fletcher A (m, 8, American Ideal--Im Off Limits, by Artiscap)** \$5,750, Lifetime Record: 96-25-21-11, \$305,687

O-Blindswitch Racing Stable. B-D P Harvey, AS & K J & S M Smith, AS. T-Jose Godinez. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Gina Grace N (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Linda Grace, by In The Pocket)** \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 97-17-17-17, \$214,759

O-Larry D Stalbaum. B-Woodlands Stud LTD, NZ. T-Larry Stalbaum. D-Larry Stalbaum.

**Replay** - Calls: 2, 1H, 1H, 1Q, H - Finish Order: Sudden Change N, Vintage Babe, Milady Denver A, Shesjustadelight N, Dongal Rundlscrk N

**3, YR, \$23,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.0, 57.3, 1:26.1, 1:54.3, GD**

**1-Luciano N (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Lucy Legacy, by Pacific Rocket)** \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 92-9-17-9, \$192,360

O-Boss Racing Usa. B-J J & Mrs I B Holland, NZ & Mrs M J McLellan, NZ. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Brent Holland.

**2-Orillia Joe (g, 9, Western Ideal--Cup Of Jo, by Matt's Scooter)** \$5,750, Lifetime Record: 189-39-27-22, \$729,608

O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-B Michael Timpano. T-Brandon Todd. D-Matt Kakaley.

**3-Lachie Maguire N (g, 9, Bettor's Delight--Miss Jubilee, by In The Pocket)** \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 132-26-30-24, \$308,162

O-Barry R Charles. B-R L & Mrs D C Kennedy, NZ. T-Jose Godinez. D-Jason Bartlett.

**Replay** - Calls: 1H, 1H, 1Q, 1H, 3Q - Finish Order: Mr Right Hanover, Twin B Impressive, Rootin Tootin, Master The View, Ozone Blue Chip

**4, YR, \$20,000, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 28.2, 58.2, 1:26.4, 1:55.2, FT**

**1-First Class Horse (h, 7, Western Terror--Susurrus Hanover, by Dragon Again)** \$10,000, \$38,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 101-31-15-9, \$442,989

O-Richard J Banca. B-Vae LLC. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett.

## A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.

THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

**2-Skyful Of Lighters (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Lisheen, by Abercrombie)** \$5,000, \$150,000 2012 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 142-22-35-21, \$334,945

O-Robert D Main. B-Timothy J Rooney. T-Jason Robinson. D-Matt Kakaley.

**3-Sluggem N (g, 8, Christian Cullen--Crussem, by Holmes Hanover)** \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 61-14-10-8, \$82,702

O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Earl Hill Jr, CA & Stephen Klunowski, CA. B-Mrs G & R K Wah, NZ. T-Rene Allard. D-Jordan Stratton.

**Replay** - Calls: 1H, 1, 1, 1, NS - Finish Order: Ardie B Speed, Cheyenne Reijane, Statesman N, Raksmach N, Bugger Bruiser

**5, YR, \$23,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 27.2, 56.4, 1:24.4, 1:53.4, FT**

**1-Betterb Chevron N (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Waihemo Anvil, by In The Pocket)** \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 38-16-6-5, \$131,386

O-William A Hartt. B-Small Car World LTD, NZ. T-Lance Hudson. D-Jordan Stratton.

**2-Sail To The Beach (m, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Sail Away, by Real Artist)** \$5,750, \$35,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 86-16-17-12, \$395,588

O-Allard Racing Inc, CA. B-Chester C Orzell. T-Rene Allard. D-George Brennan.

**3-Motu Moonbeam N (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Top Tart, by Live Or Die)** \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 97-19-15-12, \$383,705

O-Friendship Stables LLC. B-Motu Lodge Stud LTD, NZ. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Brent Holland.

**Replay** - Calls: 7Q, 7T, 5, 4T, 2T - Finish Order: Royal Knockout, Rockin The Boys A, Wishy Washy Girl, Filly Forty Seven, Betabcool N

**6, YR, \$44,000, Pace, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-4 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 5-7 ASSIGNED, 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.4, 1:55.1, FT**

**1-Ella Michelle A (m, 8, Cammibest--Namba Girl, by Bonamax)** \$22,000, Lifetime Record: 141-19-11-15, \$163,462

O-Chris J Scicluna. B-Knud M Rasmussen, AS. T-Chris Scicluna. D-Joe Bongiorno.

**2-Culinary Delight N (m, 9, Lis Mara--Culinary Affair, by Christian Cullen)** \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 114-22-19-14, \$227,254

O-Larry D Stalbaum. B-P J & J W & R W Forrest, NZ. T-Larry Stalbaum. D-Larry Stalbaum.

**3-Itty Bitty (m, 5, Always A Virgin--Bananih, by Warrior For Peace)** \$5,280, Lifetime Record: 71-17-11-11, \$225,657

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

**Replay** - Calls: 1T, 2, 2, 2, 3 - Finish Order: Made Of Jewels As, Amateur Hour, Brazuca, Clear Idea

**7, YR, \$23,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.3, 57.3, 1:25.3, 1:53.4, FT**

**1-Lightning Onmyfeet (h, 5, McArdle--Western Top Cat, by Western Hanover)** \$11,500, \$45,000 2015 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 52-12-5-9, \$212,503

O-Donald E & Michael Dean Robinson & Robert A Mondillo & Joyce A Mc Clelland. B-John A Carver. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan.

## RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

**2-Ballerat Boomerang** (g, 6, If I Can Dream--Retail Therapy, by Art Major) \$5,750, Lifetime Record: 120-37-20-17, \$298,676  
O-Engel Stable Of Il LLC & J L Benson Stables Inc. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Nick Surick. D-Matt Kakaley.

**3-Late Mail N** (g, 6, Bettor's Delight--Lendusquid, by In The Pocket) \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 70-10-14-6, \$141,254  
O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Mr Dana L Parham. B-Roydon Lodge Stud LTD, NZ. T-Ross Croghan. D-Brent Holland.

**Replay** - Calls: 1T, 2, 1Q, 1H, NS - Finish Order: Meetyouatmidnight, Torrid Bromac N, Twin B Speedo, Chumlee A, Voracity

**8, YR, \$23,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.0, 55.3, 1:23.2, 1:51.4, FT**

**1-Anythingforlove A (g, 7, Rock N Roll Heaven--The Perfect Mona, by Perfect Art)** \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 57-16-15-8, \$227,848  
O-Wish Me Luck Stables LLC. B-Paul Humphreys, AS. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

**2-Doctor Butch** (h, 9, Art Major--Classical Yankee, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$5,750, \$55,000 2011 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 199-44-39-35, \$1,499,697  
O-Dead Crab Stable & D'Elegance Stable Ix. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Proven Desire** (g, 7, Proven Lover--Shark Like Lady, by Four Starzz Shark) \$2,760, \$8,200 2013 ATL-CL, Lifetime Record: 114-26-20-14, \$288,867  
O-Rene M Allard & Simpson Racing LLC. B-Silverhill, CA. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube.

**Replay** - Calls: 1T, 1H, 2, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Shneonuczrydiamnd A, Twin B Speed Dial, Texas Terror N, Dream Of Luck, Mcerlean

**9, YR, \$23,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 28.0, 58.4, 1:27.0, 1:56.1, FT**

**1-Blenheim (g, 6, Yankee Glide--Are You Ready, by Broadway Hall)** \$11,500, \$30,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 51-10-7-2, \$220,922  
O-Harbor Racing Stable LLC, CA & Asa Farm, CA & Thomas D Nurmi. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Lucas Wallin. D-George Brennan.

 **ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!**

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**2-Life Well Lived** (g, 5, Muscle Mass--Life Class, by Angus Hall) \$5,750, \$33,000 2015 Forest, Lifetime Record: 72-10-9-8, \$187,203  
O-Robert W Burgess, CA. B-Winbak Farm. T-Carmen Auciello. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Tidquist** (g, 7, Conway Hall--Appomattox Lady, by CR Excalibur) \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 127-19-14-19, \$212,721  
O-John A Obert. B-Charlene L. Long. T-John Obert. D-Brent Holland.

**Replay** - Calls: 1T, 1T, 3H, 4H, 7Q - Finish Order: Dekeyser, Delcrest Massy, Ooh Rah, Barry Black, Boinganator

**10, YR, \$29,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$30,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. 3&4 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF 10 P-M RACES LIFETIME., 27.1, 56.2, 1:25.2, 1:55.1, FT**

**1-Dudesalady (m, 5, Shadow Play--Accountable, by Artsplace)** \$14,500, \$40,000 2015 Forest, Lifetime Record: 60-13-9-13, \$328,593  
O-Julie A Meirs. B-Winbak Farm. T-Bruce Saunders. D-Jason Bartlett.

 **ANOTHER WINBAK FARM WINNER!** 

 **Preferred Equine** MIXED SALE GRADUATE

**2-Shez Sugarsweet A** (m, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Rivervalleyromance, by Artiscape) \$7,250, Lifetime Record: 54-16-12-3, \$120,014  
O-Kevin R Sywyk & Ronald L Cushing. B-Paul Carmody, AS. T-Heidi Gibbs. D-Ron Cushing.

**3-Best Of Jenna** (m, 7, Jenna's Beach Boy--Best Place, by Artsplace) \$3,480, Lifetime Record: 114-23-26-11, \$311,714  
O-Mark A Graber. B-Dm Stables LLC & William J Rufenacht. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

**Replay** - Calls: 1H, 1H, T, 1, NS - Finish Order: Bellatricks, Lynbar Rose N, Glenferrie Bronte N, Caribbean Pacetry, Truth And Liberty

## RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

### MEADOWLANDS report

*Meadowlands had not made any of the results from last night final via USTA at publication time*