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Faraldo on Yonkers cancellations: “This is an effort to discourage people from coming to the racetrack”

The president of the Standardbred Owners Association of New York said Yonkers is trying to “reduce or eliminate racing” to “enhance their bottom line. I certainly believe it’s by design.”

by Brett Sturman

BETWEEN THE LINES



with **BRETT STURMAN**

Continuing with the maddening trend in recent years of race cancellations during winter months that plagues Yonkers Raceway, the track again was forced to cancel its last two live race cards from this past Thursday (Jan. 20) and Friday (Jan. 21).

The track issued a tweet on Thursday when racing was canceled after the first race. On Friday, the track issued another tweet where it cited “extreme cold and winter conditions” as reason for

cancellation of the Friday card. Cold, is not totally out of the realm of normalcy for January in the region, but the Meadowlands had no issue conducting live racing less than 20 miles away.

Joe Faraldo, the president of the Standardbred Owners Association (SOA) of New York, immediately refuted the record for the stated reason on Friday’s cancellation.

“It was not for the cold, let’s get that straight,” Faraldo said. “It was because the track condition is frozen, it has frost in places, and it’s very dangerous. It’s an unsafe track to travel over. When I spoke to the director of racing today, he said that it’s going to be cold, and excuse my language but I don’t give a rat’s ass about it being cold – we’ve raced in the cold before. It’s the track condition.”

Asked for a comment, Alex Dadoyan, the director of racing for Yonkers, sent the following statement:

“After the conclusion of the first race on Thursday, January 20, 2022, the presiding judge made the decision to cancel the remaining races as a result of freezing temperatures that froze portions of the track making them unsafe for racing. The health and safety



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of the drivers and equine athletes must always be the priority and as such, Yonkers Raceway concurred with the presiding judge to reschedule the race day to a later day with warmer weather.

"The track was evaluated on Friday morning, and it was again determined that the frigid temperatures were still impacting track conditions and making the track surface too hard to safely race. Again, with the health and safety of the drivers and horses a priority, rescheduling the Friday races to a warmer weather day was determined to be the safest course of action. Yonkers Raceway will petition the New York State Gaming Commission to reschedule the race dates."

As Faraldo has stated publicly prior, he attributes the track's poor condition almost solely to neglect.

"MGM/Yonkers is laying off people, they refuse to have track people onsite and laborers to take care of the track on days that we do not race, which includes Saturday and Sunday where there is no one there. So, if the weather changes from a thaw to a freeze and you don't have anybody working the track during that period of transition, then you're destined to have a track that's unsafe. I've been complaining about this to the gaming commission for quite some time in that it's not necessarily an issue of track material but it's having competent people to work the track and to also be available to work the track. And MGM/Yonkers in the interest of saving a buck is not having those people on during the periods of time when normally a track is maintained. And that's why the Meadowlands can race, Northfield can race, and we can't."

The recent cancellations are shades of this time almost exactly one year ago, when Yonkers was forced to cancel four consecutive race cards

after a snowstorm due to inability to remove the snow from the track.

What makes these recent cancellations more frustrating due to poor track conditions – even if you believe the weather explanation from Friday, Thursday was acknowledged as a track issue – is that just six months ago the track underwent an ambitious resurfacing project.

"It's not the resurfacing job at all, the track was fine," said Faraldo. "The gaming commission representative said it right. His analogy to me was that, 'If you don't maintain a golf course, you don't have a golf course.' And it's the same thing with a racetrack. If you don't maintain it – if you hire people that are going to save you money and they're going to do whatever you want them to do such as lay off people or say that we don't need these people, this is what happens.

"I've been there on a Saturday and there's nobody there. The gates are locked. There's not one piece of equipment that's moving on that racetrack. So now if you get a thaw over the weekend, there's nobody to take care of this. And then they think that you can come in on Monday and rectify the situation in a day. They think you only maintain a racetrack on the days you are racing. That is one of the stupidest things I've ever heard in my life."

Faraldo is aware it may sound squirrely, but he believes the situation at Yonkers goes beyond plain ignorance and that there is something more sinister at play.

"I'm telling you, all of this is by design," says Faraldo. "This is an effort to discourage people from coming to the racetrack and it's to make people who want to send some of these real good horses here, to discourage them so that we can cut down on racing and not have enough horses to fill 240 race days. Because if they can reduce or eliminate racing, they enhance their bottom line. I certainly believe it's by design. They know what they're doing wrong and they continue to do it."

For Faraldo, issues at the facility go well beyond only the track surface.

"I just got a call that the plumbers union is filing a grievance against them because they don't want to have plumbers onsite four days of the week," Faraldo said. "So, there's no plumber on the racing side on Saturday and Sunday when they're not racing – you see the MO here? – and then two days during the week. Those plumbers are responsible for those long heating units that heat up these racetracks like Freehold and Yonkers. I called




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"Even if you look back at things like when we had the Night of Champions, it was the poorest show that any racetrack has ever put on for our Night of Champions, including Yonkers.

"Yonkers did some very good promotions and shows when we had the Night of Champions and they catered to the people that wanted to come. This past year, they did not even open the Empire Terrace for sit down dining. Our contract says that you must have the Empire Terrace open on the Night of Champions and five other nights throughout the year that we specify. So now, the Night of Champions will not be held at Yonkers; it will be held at Tioga Downs. That Yonkers stopped taking that responsibility while generating 68 per cent of the money for the entire sire stakes program is in my opinion a total disgrace. This is a planned disintegration of racing into whatever they can get away with."

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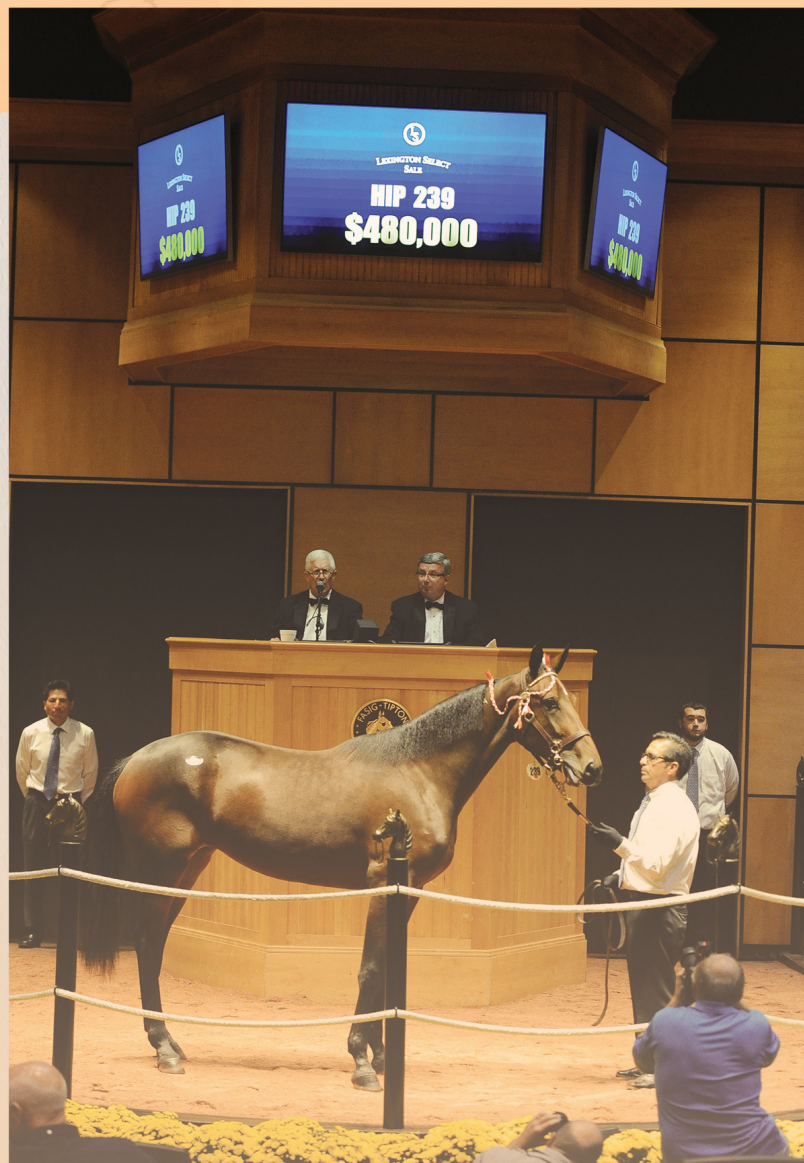
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Top Canadian race caller Shannon “Sugar” Doyle is on the move from Western Fair back to Wild Rose Country.

by Melissa Keith

When Shannon “Sugar” Doyle signed off at The Raceway at Western Fair Wednesday night (Jan. 19), it marked a genuine end to a memorable era at Canada’s #1 half-mile track.

“I think I accomplished what I wanted to do for race calls last night,” he said the next day. “I had friends that showed up out of the blue, and ‘my girls,’ the ticket-sellers... They showed up at five o’clock last night after the pre-game show. They surprised me with a card and a gift card.”

The Summerside, PEI native was only slightly nostalgic, reminiscing about the first day of his eight-year tenure in London, ON.

“I still go back to that first day, showing up, driving into the infield. I think the fair was going on. I came in in September and my manager, Greg Blanchard, met me and welcomed me. We talked about where we wanted to go with things.”

Starting in 2013, Doyle became part of a team (then consisting of director of racing Blanchard, future racing manager Greg Gangle, and marketing coordinator Amy O’Toole) which would oversee a string of record-breaking handle increases.

“Here’s the thing: A winter racing track only, no summer dates, took the number two spot for wagering in Canada, behind



Woodbine Mohawk Park. That was a huge accomplishment for everyone who worked in the racing department here in London,” said the race caller, analyst and assistant pari-mutuel manager.

December 23, 2014, The Raceway handled an all-time best \$697,000, then smashed that mark December 22, 2016 with a 16-race card that brought in \$765,685. December 31, 2019, handle hit a new peak: \$795,590. Then the track’s March 18, 2020 card shattered the pre-pandemic milestone, attracting \$992,536 in wagering.

Those numbers aren’t entirely attributable to any one factor, but Doyle deserves considerable credit. In turn, he attributed much of the track’s recent success to friend/guest handicapper Lou Sorella, who has circulated timely results and betting information on social media for six-plus years: “This guy, he’s been a true ambassador for The Raceway.”

Friday (Jan. 21), Sugar left London for a one-way cross-country drive to Edmonton, AB. “My walls have been bare for about a week in my office; they’re normally crowded. I only left with a few bags.”

After taking time to thank everyone from production crew to regular clocker and judges, he knew what was expected in his final appearance as “The Eye in the London Sky”: some trademark “Hit me!” calls at fast fractions, plus at least one “Show ‘em if you’ve got ‘em!”



Melissa Keith

The view from the Sugar Shack high atop The Raceway at Western Fair District with Shannon “Sugar” Doyle at the microphone.

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"I don't believe I've ever mailed in a race card," he said with a smile, "but I wanted to bring some of my best last night."

And he did, over the span of 10 races filled with familiar horses and drivers from the close-knit colony. Doyle said he was happy "seeing Scott Young go two for two," capturing the distaff Preferred-2 Handicap with So Frisky and, two races later, winning with Manhattan Night as Sugar declared "The Answer's in, again!" Doyle didn't coin that nickname, but said it perfectly suits the son of trainer Bob "Knowledge" Young.

The race caller's well-timed words underscored Canada's fastest mile (1:54.2h) on any half-mile track so far in 2022: A dramatic "Lights out, Night Watchman!" accompanied Brett MacDonald's gate-to-wire trip aboard Wednesday's top class winner. Alberta reinsman Nathan Sobey drove show finisher Icy Blue Scooter in that Preferred-2 Handicap, coincidentally making his seasonal debut in Ontario the night of his race-calling friend's departure.

"There's a certain connection I've had with many people out there," Doyle told HRU, mentioning Sobey, Century Downs/Mile regular Tyler Redwood, and retired Northlands trainer/driver Ron Graham, among others.

He held it together until the winning driver waved toward the announcer's booth from the sulky, following the last race:

"In the finale, Scott [Wray] won and he came back and circled, and that was it."

Doyle needed the next day to unwind, and is now more than ready to step into his next role: racing and wagering development manager at Century Mile Racetrack and Casino, which opened in 2019. "I'll be the voice for both harness and thoroughbred at Century Mile," he added, noting he's not stepping away from the mic. "It's going to be real busy, but I thrive on being busy."

Doyle said his latest opportunity came along at the right time.

"I've had three extended lockdowns in Ontario. Even when I did manage to get home to Prince Edward Island, I isolated two weeks in a hotel and couldn't go anywhere, see anybody... Before the pandemic, I was in the paddock every Friday night, visiting."



Iron Horse Photo

Doyle (left) with Jackson Wittup at the 2018 O'Brien Awards.

Edmonton was where Doyle began his career. He was the successful applicant for a rare position at Northlands Park, which he learned about on the HarnessDriver.ca message board. "I tried for years, this goes back to the late '80s and into the '90s, trying to get an announcer job back around the Maritimes," he recalled. "It just wasn't going to happen."

Northlands' racing manager asked him, over the phone, if he'd ever called races before. "No, but I know I can do it," came Doyle's reply. "Well, we're still looking, but if you can manage to call a race somewhere down there, get it on VHS tape, mail it out to us and we'll give it a listen." Red Shores Charlottetown announcer Vance Cameron let Doyle call his first pari-mutuel race there, on a cold day in late January 2006.

"I had been calling a few matinee races up in O'Leary [PEI] before," he remembered. "Vance said that day, 'So if you get the job, are you really going out there?' I said, 'Of course!'"

Listening to Doyle's VHS recording, Northlands' assistant general manager responsible for racing Les Butler said to hire him before the race even reached the half.

Friday night in London, Leamington Raceway announcer Nathan Bain stepped up to call the action. One of tens of applicants for the position vacated by Doyle, Bain is a previous guest announcer at The Raceway, mentored by the man for whom he's currently filling in.

"Sugar was very good to me, and I wouldn't be where I am without his support," Bain said.

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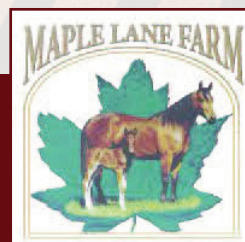
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The meteoric rise of Double D driver Dexter Dunn

by Murray Brown

Between Tim Tetrick (2,855 starts) and Dexter Dunn (2,199 starts), they participated in 5,054 races in 2021 and the total earnings of the horses they drove were separated by only \$338. Double T drove the winners of \$12,917,113 and Double D, the winners of \$12,916,775.

It's possible that Dunn may not be *the* best harness driver in the world, but he would certainly be in any conversation on that topic.

If one were to ask him, the answer you would likely get is that there are quite a few outstanding drivers everywhere that he has raced.

At the age of 25 in 2015, Dexter won the World Driving Championships held in Australia.

He has been the leading money winning driver in New Zealand, among the tops in Australia and now in North America.

As with most outstanding horsemen, Dunn was born into the game.

His dad Robert was an excellent trainer driver in New Zealand. His mom Rose also comes from a well-known New Zealand racing family.



Dave Landry

Dexter Dunn at Red Mile in 2019.

At the age of 11, Robert had Dexter in a bike training horses. At the age of 17, Dexter moved to Melbourne in Australia to help in caring for and training horses with New Zealand trainer Tim Butt.

Dexter then secured his driver's license and worked with Andy Gath for a year.

He then moved back to New Zealand where he became the leading driver for perennial leading trainer Cran Dalgety. He was with Dalgety for 12 years and it was while in his employ that he participated in and won the 2015 World Driving Championships.

This scribe first made his acquaintance while in Ireland where this thin-as-a-rail young man clad in all black swept just about every race he was in during the Vincent Delaney Memorial week-end of racing.

"Who is that young guy?" I asked our host Derek Delaney. "He is the best driver we've ever had over here," was the quick response. "You might see him in America before too long, if his plans work out."

If one wonders where Dexter Dunn is these days, he is in the midst of some well-earned rest and recuperation in Delray Beach, FL. It was there that I caught up with him.

Have you changed your colors? The first time I saw you race you were all clad in black in Ireland?

"Actually, the all-black is the color of my home country New Zealand. Much like Americans might be New York Yankees fans or Canadians fans of the Montreal Canadiens or Toronto Maple Leafs, virtually all New Zealanders are fans of the All Blacks our National Rugby team. We have a huge rivalry with the Australian rugby teams and their fans. When I came to North America, I adopted the familiar red and black colors you see me wearing now."

What motivated you to make the move to North America?

"Racing in North America might be analogous to an actor wanting to go to Hollywood. I'd followed American racing all my life. It was where many of the world's great races were held. I'd read about and seen the Hambletonian, the Meadowlands Pace and all the great North American races. It was where what I wanted was located. I wanted to give it a try, before I got too old and then regretted not having tried it."

Was there anybody that motivated you to come?

"More than anybody else, I owe any success that I've enjoyed to Chris and Nicola Ryder. Firstly, they urged me to come here and give it a go. Secondly, and probably most importantly, they gave me a chance to drive their good horses. Horses like Bettors Wish, Party Girl Hill and Niki Hill don't just drop from the sky. I lived

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This is the time of year when breeders look to the future. They are finalizing matings for their broodmares and doing everything possible to give their foals and weanlings the best chance for success on the track.

Steve and Cindy Stewart's Hunterton Farm is doing all of those things, but the Stewarts are also looking forward to the 2022 championship stakes season. With the group of Hunterton Farm graduates from last year's crop of 2-year-olds, the anticipation for the 2022 racing season can be cut with the proverbial knife.

The 2021 Class of 2-Year-Olds bred and/or raised at Hunterton Farm includes Mohawk Million winner **Venerable**, two Breeders Crown champions, **Joviality S** and **Rebuff**, and Kentucky Sires Stakes final winner **Double Deceiver**.

Venerable marched to three straight pari-mutuel victories at the Meadowlands before firmly announcing her divisional supremacy by winning the Jim Doherty Memorial on Hambletonian Day at the Meadowlands. From that point on, the filly by Walner out of Jolene Jolene extended her winning streak to eight, and she became a bonafide star when she beat the colts in the Mohawk Million.

Venerable's Mohawk Million triumph also gave Hunterton back-to-back honors as breeder of the winner of the only two editions of the race, with the Hunterton-bred and raised Venerate taking the inaugural event.

Venerable's victory over the colts in the Mohawk Million has prompted debate that she might be well suited to take on the boys again in the Hambletonian. That makes it easy to dream about the first Saturday in August at the Meadowlands. Hunterton has enjoyed Hambletonian glory in the past as the breeder of 2014 Hambo champion **Trixton** and 2019 winner **Forbidden Trade**, and just missed in 2015, when the filly **Mission Brief** won her elimination and finished second in the final, and in 2018 when **Tactical Landing** won his elimination and finished third in the final. Standing in the Meadowlands' winner's circle with the Revere bowl trophy never gets old and Steve and Cindy never pass up a chance to be there on the sport's greatest day of racing.

Back in the fall of 2015, Steve and various partners purchased **Jolene Jolene** for \$200,000. All three of her foals of racing age—all fillies—have become stakes winners, which confirms Steve's unwavering belief that Hunterton's success depends upon investing in broodmares with the potential to produce the next **Venerable**. The Hunterton broodmares produced the winners of more than \$9 million in 2021, which ranks the Stewarts—together with various partners—third among leading money-winning breeders, which earned the Stewarts and partners a nomination for Breeder of the Year.

New additions to the Hunterton broodmare band bring more powerful potential. The acquisitions include:

- **Put On A Show**, a \$2.4 million winner and already the dam of Meadowlands Pace champion Best In Show p,1:48 (\$672,240);
- **Material Girl** 3,1:52 (\$228,545), a daughter of Muscle Hill;
- **Love Muffin** 3,1:52.4f (\$183,614), from a maternal line that has produced Cooler Schooner 2,1:51.3f and Hambletonian Oaks winner Broadway Schooner 3,1:53.3 (\$885,933);
- **Jolie de Vie**, a daughter of Muscle Hill from the maternal family that has produced Hambletonian champion Victory Dream;
- **Bet On Becky** p,2, 1:50.4s (\$225,780), a daughter of Bettor's Delight out of a daughter of Rodine Hanover, the dam of the winners of \$1.6 million and whose daughters and granddaughters have produced Captaintreacherous, Art Major and Worldly Beauty.

Hunterton's investment in bloodlines, and the Paris, Ky., land that has produced some of the finest racehorses in the world, makes the Hunterton consignments the place where yearling buyers go to look for future champions. Hunterton Sales Agency sold \$9.7 million in yearlings at the 2021 Lexington and Harrisburg sales. The 97 yearlings sold in Lexington averaged \$81,062.

Hunterton can also look forward to its 2022 yearling sale, and beyond. Hunterton foaled 14 offspring by the trotting sire **Walner** during the foaling season. They then watched the offspring from the sire's first crop, including the flag-bearer **Venerable**, make their presence known on the track in a huge way.

With those 14 Walners, and many others, including the following yearling highlights for 2022 give Hunterton high hopes for future stars:

Colt Greenshoe-Mission Brief

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Colt Walner-D'One

At this time of the year, when it is natural to reflect on the past and anticipate the future, Steve and Cindy wish to thank all of their partners and clients for their roles in helping achieve Hunterton Farm's goal of producing great racehorses.

with Chris and Nicola when I first got here. It was a huge edge knowing and being friends with one of North America's leading trainers. Besides which and likely most importantly they are among the most wonderful and most hospitable people I know."

What's your favorite racetrack at which you compete?

"That would have to be The Meadowlands. It's the number one racetrack in North America. Having said that, there is nothing in all of horse racing as great as racing at The Red Mile on a beautiful Fall day. The folks in Canada do a great job at Woodbine-Mohawk also."

What is the major difference between racing here in North America and Down Under?

"Actually there is a greater difference between racing in New Zealand and Australia than there is between racing in Australia and North America. Australian racing has become more similar to North American than has New Zealand. In New Zealand, the fields are generally larger and there is more strategy and less of an emphasis on speed than there is here and in Australia."



Dave Landry

Chris Ryder (right) and his wife, Nicola, were instrumental in helping Dunn (left) get a foothold in the U.S.

How about the drivers?

"There are great drivers everywhere. Look at how well Todd and Andrew McCarthy have done here. I'm sure that if the better North American drivers tried it down under for any length of time, they would do well. If there is a difference, it might be in the numbers of good and top drivers. Just about every track here has top drivers who when they have the horsepower, can get the job done."

Are you a better driver now than when you first arrived in this country?

"I sure hope that I am. I'd like to think I've learned from experience and observation. I love horses and I hope that the feeling is mutual. I try to be kind to them. You need not only to be aware of the horses that you are driving, but in most instances you need to know your competition, both the horses and the guys that are driving them."

Were you surprised at how quickly you got to the top here?

"Most definitely so! I thought that some of it might come incrementally over time. But I never even dared to dream that it might come as fast as it did. I've also been incredibly fortunate. I started with a successful trainer who gave me good horses to drive. That led to me getting more good horses and it grew. Success breeds success."

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"My first great horse here was undoubtedly **Bettors Wish**. He was not only great, but he was as consistent as a horse could possibly be. He never went anything resembling a bad race. Of course there was **Manchego**. When she was at the top of her game, she was the very best trotter I've ever sat behind. She

was as light on her feet as any trotter that I've ever seen. When you said go to her, she was gone. Then there were the two Hill girls, **Party Girl Hill** and **Niki Hill**. If there are better pacing fillies than those two, I've not seen them.

"Another of my favorites is Nifty Norman's **Amigo Volo**. He's just a little guy, but nobody ever told him that he's too small."

You decided to give yourself a vacation and are down in Delray Beach away from the cold. When do you anticipate that you will get back to driving?

"Probably sooner, rather than later. However, I'm really enjoying the sunshine and warm weather down here in Florida. I keep hearing about the snow and how cold it is up north. The more I hear that, the more I want to remain here. I don't have any set schedule. I suppose that when things warm up in the north and the bigger races begin, I will get the itch to be back in the bike again and go to The Meadowlands."

Have a question or comment for The Curmudgeon?
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Dave Landry

Dunn prior to the Pepsi North America Cup at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 2021.

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THE ART OF BREEDING



with ALAN LEAVITT

The three best colors in the world

by Alan Leavitt

By now most mares have already been booked, and the popular stallions all have full books. But if you still have one or more mares that aren't committed, herewith a few thoughts that might be helpful.

On the assumption that you're breeding for the yearling market, first-year horses always command interest in the sales ring, as a generality. Beyond that point, however, one hopes that the yearlings he or she sells will go on and race well, so there are other considerations in evaluating a potential sire.

By now you're probably tired of hearing that 2-year-old racing brilliance is the best indicator of a horse's sire potential, but it is. A further refinement of racing class is gameness. Look for a 2-year-old that liked the front end, one who wasn't afraid to wire the field, or die trying.

Good sires come in all sizes, but whether large or small, you want a sharp headed horse, with a big, full, expressive eye. The only exception here is that most trotters now come with big ears. How that happened is beyond me, but it's now the norm.

Here, a digression RE: selling yearlings. A smart breeder will enhance the appearance of his sales stock by rubbing a little baby oil on their nostrils, around their mouths, and around their eyes. That's especially effective when they're being shown to potential buyers, and in the sales ring itself. And if you happen to have a saddle horse background, you'll also use a sponge and baby oil on the inside of their ears.

Which brings up another small but useful point, the importance of trimming a yearling's ears carefully. Again with the show horses, anyone from that world can make even the biggest yearling's ears look sharp and proportionate. When you're doing that close kind of work with clippers, you need a little can of kerosene to periodically dip the clippers in and keep them cool.

Some of the best horsemen in our breeding and yearling game were influenced early on by the saddle horse business, especially at Castleton Farm in its heyday. Bill Brown is gone now, but he learned his meticulous horsemanship from Earl Teater, the great saddle horse trainer at Castleton. Francis Dodge was the owner of Castleton in its glory days at the horse shows, with

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that division of the Castleton operation going by the name of Dodge Stables.

Lovely Rikki Caldwell (nee Van Lennep) was part of her mother's Dodge Stables when she was a young woman and rode Lover's Sensation to several world championships.

Besides Bill Brown, Francis McKenzie started at Castleton, and he then went on to manage Walnut Hall Stud and Almahurst Farm. Albert Adams, another crackerjack horseman, learned his trade under Francis at Almahurst. And another top horseman, Art Zubrod, learned his trade as a saddle horse trainer before switching to standardbreds.

The saddle horse influence can still be seen in the way the Peninsula yearlings always go into the sales ring with their manes and foretops in long, crisscrossed braids, like all five gaited show horses.

Back to picking a sire, take a look at the horse's pedigree. Herein lies a contradiction in terms; every stallion is an entity unto himself, and his pedigree is meaningless except in one possible exception. That exception occurs if the horse in question happens to be closely bred, i.e. inbred.

Inbred means that the same horse's name appears twice when the sum of those two generations in which it appears is six or less. Working from a fallible memory, one current horse that comes to mind is Captain Crunch, who is 3 x 3 to Artsplace. It's not my intention to write ads for anyone's stud, but that close cross to a truly great racehorse and sire can only be a benefit to Crunchy.

We don't breed pacers, so I'm not promoting any of our stock, but don't be surprised if Crunchy hits as a sire.

Along the same lines, my dear friend Lina Alm, from Sweden, pointed out to me the close breeding of both Varenne and Viking Kronos. Varenne is one of the greatest trotters who ever wore a bridle, and equally overwhelming as a sire.

I'm not as familiar with the exploits of Viking Kronos, but if Lina says he's great, that's good enough for me.

Varenne's pedigree is almost entirely American blood, with the sole exception of his dam, whose first two sires on tail-male top line are Italian-bred. His dam's grandsire is Sharif Di Iesolo, a legendary racehorse in Europe. And even he is by an American-bred horse, Quick Song, by Victory Song.

Varenne is inbred 3 by 3 to Speedy Crown, and line bred 4 by 4 by 4 to Star's Pride. Here a little immodesty. This kid bred and sold as a yearling Varenne's sire, Waikiki Beach, and syndicated and stood Speedy Crown, who, pound for pound, was the best trotting sire we've ever seen. Who was it who said, "If you've got it, flaunt it"?

Viking Kronos, while not quite as closely bred, is 3 by 4 by 4 to Star's Pride. When I look at the tail-mare, or bottom line of his pedigree, it brings back memories. His second dam is Viking's Venus, by A.C.'s Viking and out of Carmita Hanover.

A.C.'s Viking was the second name trotting stallion I stood at Lana Lobell, the first being Noble Victory. I still have a clear picture in my mind of the trainer, in his racing colors, who

approached me at Roosevelt one morning right after the qualifies. He said an owner had a nice trotting mare, and he wanted to breed her to A.C.'s Viking. I said, sure.

What happened next was Carmita Hanover was shipped to Lana Lobell the next day, and she got off the van hot in season. Jim Harrison, who was running the farm, called and said he didn't like to breed any mare before he had a signed booking contract.

I assured Jim that there wouldn't be any problems, so Carmita Hanover was bred to A.C.'s Viking, breeding contract to follow. The result was Viking's Venus, who won all of \$72, and then produced Conch, who made up the deficit by earning \$485,889, and then producing Viking Kronos.

Somewhere in all this maybe you can find a clue that will help you breed a world beater, whether or not you braid his or her mane when sale time comes. But if you do, just remember that the best colors for mane braiding and everything else in this world are red, white, and blue.

N.B.

In my piece last week, I wrote at some length about things that had occurred at The Hambletonian Society. I was wrong to do so, and I extend my apologies for this indiscretion to my fellow Society members.

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Prix de Cornulier, the world's biggest monté race, is on tap this afternoon at Vincennes

by Thomas Hedlund

The French winter meeting approaches its zenith as the \$793,500 monté race Prix de Cornulier is on the menu today (Jan. 23) at Vincennes.

Next Sunday (Jan. 30), it's time for the big bang in the \$1,133,000 Prix d'Amérique. The field will be set on Thursday (Jan. 27).

In the last B-race, the \$135,000 Prix de Belgique, Jean-Michel Bazire qualified another horse for the Prix d'Amérique. His **Feydeau Seven** (Rodeo Josselyn) sprinted to a safe win, while runner-up Diable de Vauvert finished strongly after a tough trip. Rebella Matters (Bazire) claimed third place and she was already in the Prix d'Amérique.

This afternoon, 15 trotters will fight for the big title in the Prix de Cornulier. Prior years' dominant trotters Bahia Quesnot and Bilibili are the most merited horses in this year's field, but the race seems pretty open this time around.

The distance of 2,700 meters makes this the world's biggest race for trotters under saddle.

Prix de Cornulier 2022

Horse - Jockey - Trainer

Hirondelle du Rub - Jean Loic Claude Dersoir - Joel Hallais
 Fantaisie - Yoann Lebourgeois - Nicolas Bridault
 Florida Sport - David Thomain - Charles Antoine Mary
 Granvillaise Blue - Camille Levesque - Pierre Levesque
 Et Voila de Muze - Anthony Barrier - Sébastien Guarato
 Feeman de Houelle - Eric Raffin - Franck Leblanc
 Unique Juni - Matilde Herleiksplass - Jörgen Westholm
 Gladys des Plaines - Mathieu Mottier - Gilles Curen
 Flamme du Goutier - Antoine Wiels - Thierry Duvaldestin
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 Bilooka du Boscaill - Nathalie Henry - Yves Hurel
 Etoile de Bruyere - Adrien Lamy - Charles Dreux

Feeling Cash - Francois Lagadeuc - Philippe Allaire
 Bahia Quesnot - Matthieu Abrivard - Junior Guelpa
 Bilibili - Alexandre Abrivard - Laurent Claude Abrivard

Ideal du Chene wins Prix de Pardieu

The 4-year-olds battled under saddle in Saturday's (Jan. 22) \$135,000 Prix de Pardieu at Vincennes and Julien Le Mer trained **Ideale du Chene** (Bird Parker) impressed a lot from the lead for jockey Paul Philippe Ploquin.



Ideale du Chene hit the front position after 250 meters and when Ploquin asked for some more gas at the top of the stretch, the 4-year-old mare left her opponents by many lengths and she came home in mile rate 1:56.2 over 1.3 miles.

Dreamer de Chenu wins Prix de Brest

Bazire's super gelding Cleangame recorded a mile rate of 1:56 when the \$105,000 Prix de Brest was held earlier on the race card and Cleangame ended up as the fastest horse in the field, but finished fourth after a heavy trip three wide, almost all the way. Cleangame started 50 meters behind winner **Dreamer de Chenu** (Timoko), who upset due to a nice trip served by Louis Baudouin. The mile rate over 1.7 miles was 1:57.3.



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Hot Mess Express, Swingforthe fences lead Indiana award winners

by James Platz

The top performers of the 2021 Indiana racing season were feted Saturday night (Jan. 22), with **Hot Mess Express** and **Swingforthe fences** taking home multiple awards for their sophomore exploits. The banquet, sponsored by the Indiana Standardbred Association, Standardbred Advisory Board and Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino, was held at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville, IN.

Sam Bowie's Hot Mess Express won 13 of 16 starts in 2021 for trainer Tony Alagna, netting the connections Pacer of the Year honors in Indiana. Banking \$631,634 and collecting an Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final victory along with a pair of scores on the Grand Circuit, the Panther Hanover filly was also recognized as Indiana Sires Stakes divisional champion and 2021 Indiana Sired champion. Bred by Amy Giberson, Madeline Giberson and Ethan Giberson, Hot Mess Express was primarily driven by John DeLong in her Indiana starts.

Equally impressive were the achievements of Swingforthe fences, 2021 Trotter of the Year in the Hoosier State. The Swan For All gelding, trained by Melanie Wrenn for owners David McDuffee and L&L Devisser LLC, hit the board in 19 of 20 seasonal starts, annexing 12 wins. Driven by Peter Wrenn, the 3-year-old trotter picked up victories in the \$270,000 Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final and Erskine Trot, and ventured outside the state to claim victory in a \$156,300 Matron Stake division. Swingforthe fences finished the campaign with \$551,124 in earnings. He was also named Indiana Sired champion for his division.

Trace Tetrick was named Pari-Mutuel Driver of the Year in Indiana for 2021, and **Tyler George** was awarded Pari-Mutuel Trainer of the Year honors. The award is the eighth consecutive for Tetrick, who also secured his eighth straight Hoosier Park driving title last season. He finished the year with 403 wins at the Anderson



oval. Tetrick ranked fourth in wins in North America with 559 victories and just over \$6.4 million in earnings. George has been acknowledged as the top trainer in back-to-back seasons. Last year he registered his second Hoosier Park training title with 119 winners over the course of the 160-day meet. George finished 12th among North American trainers last season, sending out 174 winners and accumulating over \$1.7 million in purse earnings.

Doug Rideout swept both the Indiana Fair Circuit Driver of the Year and Trainer of the Year categories. He tallied 85 winners at the fairs in 2021 and conditioned 68 winners including Indiana Sired Fair Circuit divisional champions Honorable Lady and Rojo Man. He also trained and piloted freshman colt Hand Dover Dan to a Governor's Cup championship at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Annually one of the top trainers and reinsmen on the Indiana fair circuit, Rideout last claimed both categories in 2008.

Swingforthe fences's success garnered Small Breeder of the Year honors for **Concord Stud Farm LLC**. The Cream Ridge, NJ breeder was represented by three Indiana starters in 2021, with Swingforthe fences leading all trotters in earnings in the state. **Victory Hill Farm, Inc.** added another Large Breeder of the Year award to their long list of accolades. It is the seventh straight year the LaGrange, IN-based breeder has earned the award. Little Rocket Man, a winner of nearly \$260,000 last season, served as the top performer. A group of 81 Victory Hill-bred starters earned \$2.5 million last season, with \$957,143 amassed in Indiana.

Progeny from **Swan For All** enjoyed another strong campaign in the Hoosier State, earning the stallion ISS Trotting Sire of the Year honors. Standing at Victory Hill Farm, it is the fifth consecutive year he has earned the title. Led by Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final winners Swingforthe fences, Shirley Goodness, Whata Swan and M-M's Dream, Swan For All produced 118 winners from 168 starters, racking up 403 victories and \$6 million in earnings.

Fellow Victory Hill stallion **Rockin Image** added another ISS Pacing Sire of the Year credit to his resume. Previously recognized in 2015, 2017 and 2019, Rockin Image produced 232 winners from 292 starters in 2021, with that group collecting 820 trips to the winner's circle and \$8.2 million in earnings. He was represented by Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final winners Rockin Nola, Little Rocket Man and Dalby Hanover.



Dean Gillette

Hot Mess Express (John DeLong) has been named Indiana's Pacer of the Year for 2021.

2021 Indiana Sired Fair Circuit Divisional Champions (based on points)

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACE

Rockin Bambi (tie)

(Rockin Image—Intelligence)

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Trainer/Driver: Terry Skinner
Breeders: Broekhuis Stables LLC,
Ernie Hochstetler

Velstraightdreamer (tie)

(Straight Shooting—P H Dreamer)
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Trainer: Larry King
Drivers: Kevin Lambright, Mike Peterson
Breeder: Charlie K Racing Inc.

TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT PACE

Caches Miracle

(Aracache Hanover—Iva Miracle)
Owner: James Reed
Trainer: Donna Loney
Driver: Logan Loney
Breeders: Paul Webb, William Huggins

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROT

Honorable Lady

(Jailhouse Jesse—Honorable Mother)
Owner/Breeder: Alan White
Trainer/Driver: Doug Rideout

TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT TROT

Rojo Man

(Swan For All—Ultimate Red)
Owners: Alan White, David Gamble
Trainer/Driver: Doug Rideout
Breeder: Alan White

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACE

Sunburst Kada

(Net Ten Eom—Fox Valley Backoff)
Owner: Triple R Stables
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Trainer: Mervin Schmucker
Drivers: Joey Putnam, Doug Rideout, Jordan Ross
Breeder: Kristin Wagler

THREE-YEAR-OLD COLT TROT

Northern Rocks

(Guccio—Matriarch)
Owner/Breeder: Martin Schmucker
Trainer/Driver: Alvin Miller

2021 Indiana Sires Stakes Divisional Champions (based on points)

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACE

Lorraine Smoke

(JK Endofanera—Rebid)
Owners: Cheyenne Yoder, James Yoder
Trainer: James Yoder



Dean Gillette

Indiana's Trotter of the Year for 2021 is Swingforthefences (Peter Wrenn).

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TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT PACE

Fulfullnmydestiny

(Tellitlikeitis—Driven By Destiny)
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Driver: James Yoder
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Driver: Sam Widger
Breeder: Mervin J. Miller

TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT TROT

Dover In Motion

(Dover Dan—Keystone Sadie)
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Driver: Ricky Macomber Jr.
Breeder: Lyle Dean Slabach

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACE

Hot Mess Express

(Panther Hanover—My Heart Was True)
Owner: Sam Bowie
Trainer: Tony Alagna
Driver: John DeLong
Breeders: Amy E. Giberson, Madeline Marie Giberson, Ethan T. Giberson

THREE-YEAR-OLD COLT PACE

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(Always A Virgin—Star Of The Show)
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(Swan For All—Cheetah Hall)

Owners: Anthony Lombardi, The Kales Company LLC

Trainer: Erv Miller

Driver: Trace Tetrick

Breeder: Lavon L. Miller

THREE-YEAR-OLD COLT TROT

Brookview Bolt

(Swan For All—Witty's Winner)

Owners: Burke Racing Stable, Knox

Services, J&T Silva - Purnell & Libby, Weaver Brussemi

Trainer: Ron Burke

Driver: Sam Widger

Breeder: Brookview Farms

AGED MARE PACE

Rockin Nola

(Rockin Image—Gottogetoutmore)

Owners: J P Racing, Suttons Bay Racing

Trainer: Joe Putnam

Driver: Joey Putnam

Breeder: Mahlon E. Lambright

AGED STALLION/GELDING PACE

Little Rocket Man

(Rockin Image—Gt Miss Royal)

Owners: Russell Beeman, Jack Freeman

Trainer: Melissa Essig

Driver: John DeLong

Breeder: Victory Hill Farm Inc.

AGED MARE TROT

Morairtime

(Airzoom Lindy—Moir Hall)

Owners: James Moore III

Trainer: Carol Jamieson-Parker

Driver: Jack Parker Jr.

Breeder: John M. Bontrager Jr.

AGED STALLION/GELDING TROT

Whata Swan

(Swan For All—Tanya's Legacy)

Owner: John Barnard

Trainer: Luis Quevedo

Driver: Trace Tetrick

Breeder: Leonard J. Miller

2021 Indiana Sired Champions (based on earnings)

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACE

Trick Of The Light

(Odds On Equuleus—Gordjuss)

Owners: Country Club Acres Inc.,

Joe Sbrocco, Kirk Nichols

Trainer: Brian Brown

Drivers: Mike Oosting, Trace Tetrick

Breeder: Adam J. Eicher



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Helpisontheway	Wiesman Farms LLC	5,000
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TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT PACE

Dalby Hanover

(Rockin Image—Don't Deny Me)

Owner: Charles Stein

Trainer: Britney Dillon

Driver: Joey Putnam

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROT

M-M's Dream

(Swan For All—Trading Places)

Owners: Eleven Star Stables,
Frank Baldachino, Hillside Stables

Trainer: Henry Graber Jr.

Driver: Sam Widger

Breeder: Mervin J. Miller

TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT TROT

Dover In Motion

(Dover Dan—Keystone Sadie)

Owners: M&M Racing, Norbert Maza

Trainer: Jamie Macomber

Driver: Ricky Macomber Jr.

Breeder: Lyle Dean Slabach

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACE

Hot Mess Express

(Panther Hanover—My Heart Was True)

Owner: Sam Bowie

Trainer: Tony Alagna

Driver: John DeLong

Breeders: Amy E. Giberson, Madeline Marie Giberson, Ethan T. Giberson

THREE-YEAR-OLD COLT PACE

Goldie's Legacy

(Always A Virgin—Ag-N-Au Bluegrass)

Owners: Pollack Racing LLC, Jeff Cullipher

Trainer: Jeff Cullipher

Drivers: Yannick Gingras, Sam Widger

Breeder: Dave M. Yoder

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROT

Shirley Goodness

(Swan For All—Stirling Debutant)

Owners: Bill Beechy, Bradley Maxwell,

Kenneth Frieder

Trainer: Melanie Wrenn

Driver: Peter Wrenn

Breeders: Alan R. Troyer and Larry W. Troyer

THREE-YEAR-OLD COLT TROT

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(Swan For All—Sunday Yankee)

Owners: David McDuffee, L&L Devisser LLC

Trainer: Melanie Wrenn

Driver: Peter Wrenn

Breeder: Concord Stud Farm LLC



Big M is big time for Chicago couple

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

When 5-year-old pacer Bobcat Bay won earlier this month at The Meadowlands, it was a momentous occasion in the Musillami household. It had been 14 years since Chicago's Nancy and Don Musillami had a horse compete at The Big M – fittingly Bobcat Bay's mother, Madeira Island – and their homebred gelding made them proud, winning by 2-3/4 lengths at odds of 15-1.

"It sure is exciting to race there," Don said. "That's the goal, to get to The Meadowlands if you've got something good enough. It's big time for us. When you're watching the races and waiting for yours to come along, the excitement just builds as the night goes on. That was an awful fun race and a great beginning for us."

Bobcat Bay, trained in New Jersey by Jeff Smith, returns to The Meadowlands on Saturday for a \$13,500 conditioned pace. He is 8-1 on the morning line and will start from post four with driver Corey Callahan.

"He's definitely been a blessing for us," Don said. "Through this pandemic, it's been such a rough go of just going to work, going home, and doing nothing. Horse racing fills that void and creates a little excitement."

"My wife and I, and my kids, this is what we have in common more than anything, horse racing. I have three kids and eight grandkids. I can't get them to do much unless there is a horse racing. If there is a horse racing, they're all there. This horse is the binder to the family right now. He keeps everybody excited. It's a good thing."



Four Footed Fotos

After Bobcat Bay won at Hawthorne last summer, driver Ridge Warren, Benita Simmons, owner Don Musillami, his son Tony, daughter-in-law Nicole and grandchildren Siena (in the bike) and Enzo celebrated in the winner's circle.

Don and Nancy primarily race Illinois- and Indiana-bred horses. They have been owners since 1989, when Don secretly purchased a female pacer named Missy Ilene.

"We would go to the track, and I saw the excitement my wife had for racing," Don said. "So, I bought this horse and put it in her name. We went to the track, and she didn't have a clue that she owned this horse."

"Before the race went off, I asked my wife who she liked. She said she kind of liked the (number) three horse. I said I thought the six horse was going to win. She looked down and saw her name in the program, and that was the end of it."

Missy Ilene won easily, and Nancy received a substantial offer to sell the filly.

"She said, no, that's my horse," Don recalled with a laugh. "She kept that horse and turned her into a broodmare and had three nice foals out of her. We kept her until the day she passed. That's how we started."

Bobcat Bay, a son of stallion Panther Hanover, is one of five horses in the couple's racing stable now. As a yearling, Bobcat Bay lost his left eye in an incident with another horse, but it has not hindered him in any way. He has won 12 of 45 races, hit the board 15 additional times, and earned \$83,345. Tom Simmons trained the horse prior to Bobcat Bay's move to New Jersey this year.

"He's just one of those special horses," said Don, who for 52 years has owned and operated a custom picture framing business. "From the time he started, you'd never know (about his injury). He's just gone forward. He's just a trying horse, a hard knocker. There wasn't much opportunity for him up here right now. We thought he would be a good candidate to send out east and it looks like he's going to fit fine out there."

Which, Don hopes, means more fun times for the family.

"I've been doing this since the '80s and the excitement of horse racing just never goes away," Don said. "It's worked out well."



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How we can play along with the picks from handicapping experts.

by Trey Nosrac

Knowing your limitations and acting within them are two different things.

Many gamblers know we are not overly proficient in the rather complex realm of wagering on harness races. We make wagers having no clue what the takeout is or the details of payout pools. Few handicappers spend hours poring over the races in programs or using computers to help predict the mystery of a horse race.

Casual gamblers are often unaware of unpublished trends involving horses or the horsepower of various stables. We often use the selections suggested by onscreen commentators who handicap races on a program for viewers and echo the numbers from on-air talent when wagering.

While some of us pretend to know it all, we know there are sharper minds in the harness horse handicapping arena. We compete against players who do more than dabble. They study and select worthwhile wagers. We would get trounced in a harness horse wagering contest with Hollywood Heyden, Darrin Zoccali, Brett Sturman, Bob Pandolfo, or Dean Towers.

However, following these five expert handicappers as they attempt to outwit each other would be a thought-provoking tussle. I would bet on it. Allow me to paint a scenario that uses this handicapping contest concept. See what you think.

Trey arrives home after clocking in after another day of doing nothing. He logs on to play a few races. As usual, there is little thought, study, or effort. Still, I fire up my laptop and log into my ADW platform to gamble on a few harness races. Why I do this is borderline masochistic. Due to my level of talent, effort, and ability, my pari-mutuel activity is akin to me stepping into an NBA basketball game to play power forward against LeBron James – for money.

Allow me to suggest an option that might level the playing field.

Imagine that when I log on to my horse gambling site, I find a homepage section with a mugshot and profile of the five gentlemen mentioned above on my screen. Below each profile will be their strategy for wagering the next three races at a racetrack. They each offer wagers on these races that total exactly \$30. These handicappers must wager in each of the three races, but they can wager the \$30 any way they believe optimal.

I select one of the five handicappers, say Hollywood, and click on his portrait. Automatically, his selections are my selections and get wagered through my ADW. Thirty dollars gets deducted from my existing funds. This harness racing gambling option is simple for a casual, probably preoccupied dolt and excellent for new players of any level.

Nice, but here is the fun part. For every one of us who used Hollywood's picks, the perk is that if Hollywood beats the other four, we find an extra \$10 in our account for choosing him as our avatar. The night is now a competition within a competition. We are betting on horses, and we are betting on Hollywood.

When concocting my schemes, the first thing I ask myself is – Who gets hurt?

The Old Guard of wagering? Nope, these folks can roll on as usual and try to beat the pros.

Harness racing? Nope, this plan would seem to offer the sport an opportunity to harvest more casual players.

The handicappers in the contest? Nope, they cannot hear my yelling if things go awry on the racetrack. These five fellows (and others of their ilk) could become semi-famous when people begin to calculate who statistically IS the top handicapper. Tracking the top handicappers would be fun. There could be nightly contests. There are plenty of additional possibilities with humans in the loop.

The ADW outfit? Nope, it is business as usual. I bet, and they handle the money. They might need to fiddle with the bonus money, but these bonus payouts could be a cost-effective new recruitment method.

Players like me? Nope, after all, Hollywood's selection for wagering my thirty dollars is a massive improvement over my blind dart-throwing method. In the long run, outsourcing some of our racing selections to professional handicappers is a wise move.

My race excitement? Nope. Did you chuckle? Not only will those of us who play this still get to cheer and grumble as our horses and money race around, we now have horses to root against, and with handicappers, we have humans in play. Finally, we have someone else to blame if the wager fails.


Well, that's my point of view. I would enjoy selecting my handicapper, cheering for OUR selections, opening a brewski, multitasking, and forgetting about heavy thinking.





HRU Upcoming Stakes

Sunday, January 23

Purse	Race	Track	Age, Sex, Gait	Race #(s)	1st Race Post
\$12,500	Steve Wiseman elimination	Cal-Expo	PACE	9	4:55 p.m.
\$10,000	Pop Up Series	Flamboro Downs	H&G CONDITIONED PACE 2, 4, 6		6:55 p.m.



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Monday, January 24

Purse	Race	Track	Age, Sex, Gait	Race #(s)	1st Race Post
\$11,000	Pop Up Series - 2nd Leg	Woodbine Mohawk Park	1, 2, 6, 8	CLAIMING PACE	7 p.m.

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Meadowlands to set driver conditions for Championship Meet

The Meadowlands will require those drivers wishing to compete during the 2022 "Championship Meet" to apply for approval to drive in Meadowlands stakes by including a clause regarding such in the stakes conditions. The conditions for all 2022 Meadowlands stakes and early closers will be posted in the "Horseman" section of the USTA website, soon.

The dates to apply for approval will be March 21 and reapplication on April 18.

Drivers will be required to compete at The Meadowlands beginning the first weekend of March and to race at The Meadowlands on each card. Exceptions may be made for stakes at other tracks and legitimate personal reasons. Those drivers that race other circuits that come in for stakes will be expected to adhere the policies in place regarding the running of the races.

The approval process will be based on several factors, including management's observations on drivers adhering to the rules of racing as contained in the NJRC rule book, most notably:

13:71-20.6 Racing and track rules; driving procedures

(a) Although a leading horse is entitled to any part of the track except after selecting his position in the home stretch, neither the driver of the first horse, nor any other driver in the race shall:

7. Let a horse pass inside needlessly or do any other act which constitutes what is popularly known as helping;

11. Laying off a normal pace and leaving a hole when it is well within the horse's capacity to keep the hole closed.

Cooperation with the revised whipping/urging rules is another important component. It is imperative for us to be acutely aware that the public's perception of the practices of racing is as important as the actual safety and welfare of the horse itself.

"While we recognize the drivers need down time after stakes season ends in late November, it hurts our product when owners and trainers and customers want access to all of our best in the world drivers and don't get it," said Meadowlands president Jeff Gural.

"Our goal is to get Meadowlands racing on TV regularly and that opportunity may be available to us in 2022. We must be able to present the best possible product in an effort to hopefully get a new generation of customers interested in our sport."

Nick Salvi / Meadowlands media relations



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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Friday's Results:

1, M, \$16,500, Pace, Fillies & Mares TMR of at Least 82.5 But Less Than 88 AE: N/W \$10,000 in Last 5 Starts AE: N/W of a Race Since 9/21/21 Drawn Outside, 27.0, 55.0, 1:24.0, 1:52.2, FT

1-La Bella Vita N (m, 7, Changeover--Hollywood Sue, by Elsu) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 38-12-7-3, \$78,984

O-Bowie Racing LLC & Michael Goldberg Racingllc. B-B & K M Weaver, NZ & S J Corps, NZ. T-Erv Miller. D-Scott Zeron.

2-Major Battle (m, 5, Art Major--Savhorsesideacowboy, by Mister Big) \$4,125, \$7,500 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 58-10-13-13, \$184,166

O-Melander Racing Inc & John Devito & Robert Bernaski. B-Margaret A Payne & Jennifer H Falcone. T-Jenny Melander. D-Brett Beckwith.

3-Darkrshadeofpale N (m, 8, Changeover--Stella Franco, by Badlands Hanover) \$1,980, Lifetime Record: 97-21-10-11, \$153,313

O-Windermere Stable LLC. B-J C Crosbie, NZ. T-Noel Daley. D-Troy Beyer.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1H, 2, 2T - Finish Order: Itty Bitty, Beach Boutique, Notorious Pink, Shellie De Vie, She's Nun Bettor N

6, M, \$16,000, Pace, Fillies & Mares - 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L3 5) Extended PM Races Lifetime (Wins \$3,000 or Less 1st Money Not Counted), 28.0, 56.0, 1:24.1, 1:52.2, FT

1-Jm Betonsix (m, 4, Betting Line--Six Of Hearts, by Art Major) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 25-5-5-4, \$64,913

O-Frank A Canzone & Yannick Gingras. B-R K Joe Miskokomon, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

2-Divine Deo (m, 4, Bettor's Delight--Timber, by Art Major) \$4,000, \$30,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 29-8-6-6, \$57,253

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Deo Volente Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-A Better Game (m, 4, Betterthancheddar--She's Game, by The Panderosa) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 21-4-1-3, \$44,456

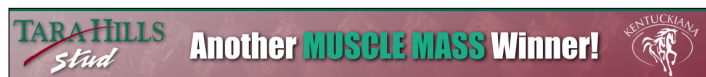
O-Patrick J Gregory. B-Winbak Farm. T-Mike Watson. D-Corey Callahan.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: NS, 1Q, 1Q, 1Q, 1H - Finish Order: Rose Run Victoria, Silver Tail, Best Keepsake, Gabby's Girl, Lady Lou, Alta Madeira N, Baci Baci

10, M, \$31,500, Trot, Preferred, 27.1, 55.4, 1:24.3, 1:52.3, FT

1-Lovedbythmasses (g, 5, Muscle Mass--Incredibility, by Northern Bailey) \$15,750, Lifetime Record: 50-19-2-8, \$314,779

O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Wade J Peconi, CA & Windemere Farms, CA. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Mark Macdonald.



2-Warrior One (g, 6, Father Patrick--Yoga, by Muscles Yankee) \$7,875, \$80,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 83-17-25-12, \$380,784

O-Yannick Gingras. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Hayek (g, 5, E L Titan--Hold Her Tight, by Kadabra) \$3,780, \$70,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 47-11-9-6, \$290,611

O-Evan A Katz & David Rovine Stable LLC & Frank A Canzone. B-Kostas G Diakouloukas, CA. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 4T, 5, 2, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Double Account, Fanatic, Crystal Fashion, Lean Hanover

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Friday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 4 RACES OR \$52,000 LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS NW \$55,000 IN 2021-22, 29.3, 59.0, 1:28.4, 1:56.2

1-State Of Mind (b,m,4 - Roll With Joe-State Of Joy-Badlands Hanover) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 17-5-2-5, \$68,587

O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel B-Frederick Hertrich T-Donald Lindsey D-Trevor Henry

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Racing Forthe Mark (b,m,4 - Racing Hill-Markella-Art Major)

O-Luc Loyer B-Albert Miller T-Luc Loyer D-Louis-Philippe Roy

3-Paulas Bet Hanover (b,m,4 - Betting Line-Paulas Best-Pro Bono Best)

O-Christopher Nicol B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan

►► [Replay](#) ►►

2, Wbs, \$28,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$32,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW \$175,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$60,000, 27.3, 57.3, 1:26.4, 1:54.0

1-Snow Shark (b,m,5 - Custard The Dragon-Shark Fest-Cams Card Shark) \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 55-12-12-10, \$259,268

O-Jodie & Travis Cullen, Margaret & Keith Hannah B-Keith Clark, Kvp Farms T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-Shouldabeenatd (b,m,5 - Sweet Lou-Breakheart Pass-Western Hero)

O-Angie Stiller B-Burke Racing Stable Llc, Weaver Brusceci T-Gregg Mcnair D-Trevor Henry

3-Newsday (b,m,7 - Art Major-Good News Lady-Western Ideal)

O-Angie Stiller B-Brittany Farms Llc, Val Dor Farms T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

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4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES - 1ST LEG - 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. NON-WINNERS 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021, 28.2, 58.1, 1:27.2, 1:54.4

1-Vp Rockin (b,g,4 - Rockin Image-Guarding The Gold-Allamerican Native) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 27-4-2-3, \$47,687

O-Rick & Geoffrey Howles, Souren Hovsepian B-John Miller5, Robert Yoder T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

2-Bettorbeflyin (b,g,4 - Bettors Delight-Fast Flyin Mach-Mach Three)

O-Dale Fritz, Randy Hyatt, William Wyatt, Robin Ferrier B-Dale Fritz, Mark Mackenzie, William Wyatt, Randy Hyatt T-Dale Fritz D-Jody Jamieson

3-Gold Train (b,g,4 - State Treasurer-Too Ideal-American Ideal)

O-Paul & Nicole Davies, John Cecchin B-William Andrew T-Paul Davies D-Paul Davies

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5, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$6,400 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$13,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$1000 LAST 4 STARTS. AE: POP UP STARTERS NW \$43,000 IN 2021-22, 28.2, 57.4, 1:27.0, 1:55.2

1-Sunday Afternoon (b,m,7 - Dali-Manhattan Killeen-Run The Table) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 131-20-15-16, \$277,394

O-Aaron Waxman B-Luc Ouellette, Zorica Martinovic T-Duane Marfisi D-Douglas Mcnair

2-Twin B Tipster (b,m,6 - Bettors Delight-Millers Bird-Mcardle)

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

3-Lyons Tilt Hanover (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Odds On Brittany-Western Hanover)

O-Threeylonsracing B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Anthony Beaton D-Austin Sorrie

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7, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES - 1ST LEG - 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. NON-WINNERS 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021, 28.1, 58.0, 1:27.1, 1:55.2

1-State Senator (b,g,4 - State Treasurer-Yoselin Seelster-Shadow Play) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 31-6-2-5, \$30,713

O-Michael Arnold, Vernon Cochrane B-Bradley Grant T-Vernon Cochrane D-James Macdonald

2-P L Octavius (br,h,4 - Bettors Delight-P L Emily-Real Artist)

O-Prince Lee Acres B-Prine Lee Acres T-Katie Hsukinson D-Trevor Henry

3-Silver Maple (b,g,4 - State Treasurer-Aspirine Semalu-Yankee Cam)

O-Felix Marion B-Christine Marion T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

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10, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES - 1ST LEG - 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. NON-WINNERS 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021, 28.1, 58.3, 1:27.1, 1:54.4

1-Saulsbrook Victor (b,g,4 - Source Of Pride-Atlanta Girl-Real Artist) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 11-5-4-0, \$49,250

O-Brett Macdonald B-William Allan McNeill, Louis Willinger T-Ronald Macdonald D-Brett Macdonald

2-Four Finger Floyd (br,g,4 - Sportswriter-American Curves-American Ideal)

O-Michael Larkin, Francois Desaulniers B-Murray Brethour, Douglas Millard T-Matthew Dupuis D-Trevor Henry

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Hippyjohn (b,g,4 - Betterthancheddar-Heads Up Hanover-Well Said)

O-Roderick Smith B-Saulsbrook Stables Inc T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

HAWTHORNE RACECOURSE *report*

Saturday's Results:

6, Haw, \$24,000, Pace, Winter Wonderland Series Final, 29.3, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:55.0, FT

1-Bet Mine (h, 4, Betting Line--Pleasant Yet Bad, by Badlands Hanover) \$12,000, \$40,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 30-5-2-4, \$59,258

O-Robert Silberberg. B-Winbak Farm. T-James Eaton. D-Kyle Wilfong.



ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD
Selected Yearling Sale

2-Quik And Shady (g, 4, Shadyshark Hanover--Brookie B Quik, by Quik Pulse Mindale) \$6,000, \$2,000 2019 BHS, Lifetime Record: 46-4-9-6, \$51,361

O-Gerald Dean Miller. B-Phillip L Wittmer. T-Gerald Miller. D-Joe Putnam.

3-Velocity Gator (g, 4, Always A Virgin--Don't Sugar Me, by Dontgetinmyway) \$2,880, \$15,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 25-4-5-2, \$42,505

O-Brian K Carsey & Adam Friedland & Cass P Gallagher. B-Karl Dean Miller. T-Steven Searle. D-Casey Leonard.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1Q, 1Q, 1T - Finish Order: Advance Man, Hello Sweetie Boy, Imarealroknbugatti, Rollinwitdaponyzzz, Mastery, Holden Steady

8, Haw, \$24,000, Pace, Winter Wonderland Series Final Fillies & Mares, 29.0, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:56.1, FT

1-Foxy Fiji (m, 4, Jk Endofanera--Pacific Sister K, by Western Hanover) \$12,000, \$42,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 32-5-3-4, \$58,520

O-Britney L Dillon. B-Fox Valley Standardbreds. T-Britney Dillon. D-Michael Oosting.

2-Lady In Fashion (m, 4, United Ace--Theladylovesart, by Artsplace) \$6,000, Lifetime Record: 49-7-6-5, \$52,812

O-Michael H Wolf. B-Stanley W Miller. T-Jared Seekman. D-Kyle Wilfong.

3-Cassie Marie's T T (m, 8, Tux Time--Og's Marie D, by Anthony P) \$2,880, Lifetime Record: 64-12-19-7, \$65,359

O-William J Weinberger. B-Don R Brown. T-David Brooks. D-Juan Franco.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1Q, 2, 2H, 5 - Finish Order: I'm Over The Enjen, Carrot Cake, Shecaughtthekaty, Dreaming Image, Martha Max, Fox Valley Lolo, Woodmere Rio

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Saturday's Results:

2, M, \$16,500, Trot, N/W \$14,000 in Last 5 Starts AE: TMR 89 (N/W L3 89.5/L5 90) or Less as of 1/18 AE: N/W 6 Extended PM Races Life Starters in a Class Higher Than N/W \$22,500 in Last Start Ineligible, 27.4, 55.3, 1:24.2, 1:52.0, FT

1-JL Cruze (g, 11, Crazy--Topcat Hall, by Conway Hall) \$8,250, \$30,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 149-45-21-30, \$1,656,817

O-William Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Iaquina. B-Joanne M Morrison, CA & Glengate Farms, CA. T-Eric Ell. D-Corey Callahan.



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Marion Gondolier (g, 9, Explosive Matter--Cr Calendar Girl, by S J's Photo) \$4,125, \$26,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 202-25-29-42, \$389,241

O-Clifford N Grundy. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Mike Watson. D-George Brennan.

3-Angel Nation (g, 5, Archangel--Seawind Pascale, by Deweycheatumnhowe) \$1,980, \$60,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 32-9-5-6, \$146,874

O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Ted A Macdonnell, CA. B-Seawind Amg Stbs 2005 Inc, CA & Ted A Macdonnell, CA. T-Julie Miller. D-Tyler Miller.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3, 1, 2Q, 4H, 6 - Finish Order: Hockey Hanover, All The Truth, Stormont Ventnor, Brookroad Master, Hammer Time

5, M, \$18,125, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$20,000 - \$30,000 Post Positions Drawn According To Base Price New Jersey Sired or Owned Preferred, 26.4, 55.3, 1:23.2, 1:52.2, FT

1-Chicken Nugget (g, 6, Allamerican Native--Fantasy Jet, by Island Fantasy) \$9,062, Lifetime Record: 109-9-12-25, \$115,030

O-Matthew J Morrison & Brian S Gordon. B-Robert L Newman. T-Travis Alexander. D-Scott Zeron.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Just N Ace (g, 7, United Ace--Windy City Brandie, by Cole Muffler) \$4,531, Lifetime Record: 131-18-17-20, \$297,541

O-Estrada Racing LLC. B-Stanley W Miller. T-Izzy Estrada. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

3-Winning Linc (g, 9, Rocknroll Hanover--Venusinbluejeans, by Ft Apache Hanover) \$2,175, Lifetime Record: 149-29-16-23, \$364,043

O-William E Emmons. B-John A Carver. T-Laurie Molnar. D-Luke Hanners.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 4Q, 2Q, 4, 3H, 1 - Finish Order: Mindtrip, Allgonowhoa, Bngs Express, Thndfrmthethron N, Shamma Lamma, Tuapeka Trick N, Brother James

6, M, \$16,500, Pace, N/W \$14,000 in Last 5 Starts AE: TM Rating 90 or Less as of 1/18 Starters in a Class Higher Than N/W \$22,500 in Last Start Ineligible, 26.3, 54.4, 1:21.3, 1:49.3, FT

1-Rockapelo (g, 7, Rock N Roll Heaven--Capelo Rose, by Camluck) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 106-25-23-14, \$749,756

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Enviro Stables LTD. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

2-Groovy Joe (h, 5, Roll With Joe--Chotat Milk, by Jate Lobell) \$4,125, \$17,000 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 55-18-7-8, \$430,662

O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Jason Bartlett.

3-Decision Day (g, 7, Rock N Roll Heaven--Chief Karen, by Camluck) \$1,980, \$35,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 158-25-22-29, \$368,823

O-Shirley A Le Vin. B-Curran Racing LLC & Adam T Michael. T-Bruce Saunders. D-Corey Callahan.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1T, 1T, 2H, 2H, 1Q - Finish Order: Put To Right, Rockin Speed, Father Nuno, Western Fame, Always And Again

7, M, \$16,000, Pace, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L3 5) Extended PM Races Life or N/W \$50,000 (N/W L3 \$60,000) Life, 27.1, 55.4, 1:24.0, 1:51.4, FT

1-Twin B Fighter (g, 4, Bettor's Delight--In The Pink, by Dragon Again) \$8,000, \$140,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 31-5-4-4, \$138,769

O-William Kenneth & Benjamin A Wood & William J Dittmar Jr. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Eric Ell. D-Corey Callahan.



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Truffle Dog (g, 5, Sunshine Beach--Heathers Delight, by The Panderosa) \$4,000, Lifetime Record: 32-4-4-8, \$66,665

O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Hudson Standrbrd Stb Inc, CA. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Mark Macdonald.

3-Hestherightstuff (g, 5, American Ideal--Apere Hanover, by The Panderosa) \$1,920, \$26,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 13-6-1-3, \$30,468

O-Gary L Levine. B-Stephen P Dey III. T-Gary Levine. D-Luke Hanners.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 3H, 1Q, 1, NK - Finish Order: Captain My Captain, Notyourtypicalman, Dontpassme Hanover, Dirt E Rock, Lincoln Boulevard, Mudville, Meet The Creeper

9, M, \$25,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$75,000 - \$100,000 Post Positions Drawn According To Base Price, 28.3, 56.4, 1:24.3, 1:51.2, FT

1-Rockin M (g, 7, Pet Rock--Perfect M Forever, by Stand Forever) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 112-26-22-19, \$214,051

O-Achilles Lambropoulos. B-Rose And Buerger Farms Llp. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

2-De Los Cielos Deo (g, 6, Captaintreachorous--Lisjune, by Camluck) \$6,250, \$140,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 79-17-6-5, \$549,643

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Lawrence R Karr & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Louis A Willinger & Deo Volente Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Palomar (g, 7, Western Ideal--Monte Carlo Madam, by Camluck) \$3,000, \$15,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 113-20-17-17, \$237,562

O-Seth Rosenberg Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Justin Sodano. D-Luke Hanners.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 2, 1Q, 1, 2, H - Finish Order: Da Delightful, Revolver N, Odds On Delray, Bet Ninteen, Delightful Terror, Party Whip, Ollie's Ztam

10, M, \$21,000, Pace, N/W \$20,000 (NJSO or N/W L3 \$22,000) in Last 5 AE: TM Rating 93.6 or Less as of 1/18 AE: N/W 9 (N/W L3 10) Extended PM Races Lifetime or N/W \$15,000 in Last 4 Starts, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.1, 1:49.4, FT

1-Bettors Donttell (g, 4, Bettor's Delight--Donttellruss, by Panspacificflight) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 34-8-8-2, \$126,639

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Troy L Mark, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

2-Vettel N (g, 9, American Ideal--Talk To Angels, by Bettor's Delight) \$5,250, Lifetime Record: 133-34-14-18, \$309,861

O-Jb Racing & Robert J Devine. B-Breckon Farms LTD, NZ. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-Mr Ds Rock (g, 5, Pet Rock--Cotton Candy, by Sportsmaster) \$2,520, \$27,000 2018 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 78-19-13-7, \$304,936

O-M Spacc Stables. B-Mark M Moger & Albert C Delia Jr. T-Travis Alexander. D-Scott Zeron.

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11, M, \$21,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$40,000 - \$60,000 Post Positions Drawn According to Base Price, 27.3, 56.2, 1:24.4, 1:52.1, FT

1-Way To Close (g, 6, Western Terror--Tootsie J, by Real Artist) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 88-23-19-4, \$153,236

O-Anthony S Beltrami. B-Vae LLC. T-Williams Hernandez. D-George Brennan.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Ballerat Boomerang (g, 9, If I Can Dream--Retail Therapy, by Art Major) \$5,250, Lifetime Record: 205-50-33-31, \$542,338

O-Robert M Weinstein. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-Lifeonthbeach A (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Arterial Way, by Art Major) \$2,520, Lifetime Record: 104-26-18-8, \$219,800

O-Barry R Charles. B-G R & I G & L J Johnson, NZ & S J Johnson, AS. T-Darran Cassar. D-Tyler Buter.

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14, M, \$31,500, Pace, Preferred, 27.0, 55.0, 1:22.2, 1:49.0, FT

1-Covered Bridge (g, 6, American Ideal--Stonebridge Kisses, by Artiscape) \$15,750, \$21,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 73-18-10-12, \$445,220

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & J & T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Mortgage Boys Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.



ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD
Selected Yearling Sale

2-My Pal Joe (g, 5, Roll With Joe--Ph Diagnosis, by American Ideal) \$7,875, \$60,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 42-13-7-6, \$184,176

O-United Process Control Co. B-Winbak Farm. T-Alek Chartrand. D-Corey Callahan.

3-Sonny Weaver N (g, 6, Sunshine Beach--Kotare Yedo, by Falcon Seelster) \$3,780, Lifetime Record: 56-18-8-6, \$182,153

O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-K M James, NZ. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Jason Bartlett.

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NORTHFIELD PARK report

Saturday's Results:

13, Nfld, \$19,500, Pace, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP (POST POSITIONS 1 & 8 ASSIGNED), M, 26.4, 56.1, 1:24.2, 1:53.3, FT

Preliminary Results: Northfield Park had not made results official via USTA at publication time

1-Adorabella (m, 6, Pet Rock--Bella Marta, by Art Major) \$9,750, Lifetime Record: 77-22-8-8, \$164,351

O-Vincent J Costa Jr. B-Vincent J Costa Jr. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Hunter Myers.

2-Princess Rockette (m, 5, Pet Rock--Hammers Princess, by Mach Three) \$4,875, Lifetime Record: 61-19-10-14, \$138,310

O-George R Hensley Jr. B-George R Hensley Jr. T-Will Johnson. D-Greg Grismore.

3-Dojea Rita (m, 6, Tellitlikeitis--Maid's Last Work, by Dream Work) \$2,340, \$3,200 2017 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 111-31-27-14, \$321,072

O-James M Reed & Joe B Smith. B-Dojea Stables. T-C Brian Loney. D-Aaron Merriman.

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WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK report

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, NW 4 RACES OR \$53,000 LIFETIME, 29.1, 58.3, 1:26.4, 1:56.3

1-Kissinbythebeaches (b,g,5 - Sunshine Beach-Stealin The Kisses-Western Ideal) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-3, \$49,812

O-Brandon Guerra B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Mark Goodard D-Travis Cullen

2-Hesincontrol (b,h,4 - Control The Moment-Southwind Madonna-Camluck)

O-Linda Wellwood, Tammy Aspden B-Northfields Farm Inc T-Lule Macarthur D-Lyle Macsrthur

3-Kount Blaster (b,g,4 - Sunshine Beach-Warrawee Limelight-Astreos)

O-Stephen Klunowski B-Stephen Klunowski T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

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2, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$22,000 TO \$30,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE & SEX. ENTER IN MULTIPLES OF \$1,000, 29.0, 58.2, 1:26.3, 1:54.3

1-Mach Impact (br,g,7 - Mach Three-Because Im Kg-Artsplace) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 127-25-22-21, \$224,951

O-Percy Elkins B-Llyod Howley T-Duane Marfisi D-Douglas Mcnair

2-Goldinthebadlands (ch,g,7 - Badlands Hanover-My Friend Flicka-Firm Friend)

O-Ferne & Jack Frydman, Cory Hoffman B-Donald Anness T-Carmen Auciello D-James Macdonald

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Lovemyrockinbird (b,g,5 - Mystery Chase-Kill A Rockingbird-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-Amanda Fine, Steve Heimbecker B-James Rhodes T-Joe Pereira D-Chris Christoforou

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3, Wbs, \$20,000, Trot, NW 3 (FM 5) RACES OR \$40,000 (FM \$50,000) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS, NW OF \$2,000 LAST 3 STARTS, 29.1, 58.3, 1:26.4, 1:57.0

1-L Dees Patrick (b,g,4 - Father Patrick-L Dees Cashmere-Donato Hanover) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 18-4-0-3, \$43,170

O-Thestable Dees Patrick B-Dumain Haven Farm, Carlo Lattinelli T-Jason Mcginnis D-James Macdonald



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Princesspartypants (b,m,5 - Muscle Mass-No Magic To It-Kadabra)

O-Just In Time Stable, R A W Equine Inc, Big Als Stables Inc B-Tara Hills Stud Ltd T-Roger Mayotte D-Roger Mayotte

3-Mystic (b,g,4 - Kadabra-Mystical Oaks-Donerail)

O-S&r Racing Stable Inc B-Dunroven Stud Llc T-Rene Dion D-Chris Christoforou

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4, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$9,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$18,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$25,000. AE: NW \$120,000 LIFETIME, 29.1, 58.3, 1:26.4, 1:55.2

1-Mystifying (b,m,4 - Source Of Pride-Dreaming-Rocknroll Hanover) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 37-18-5-3, \$104,271

O-Frank Brundle, Glenn Macdonald B-Blair Campbell T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

2-Lauras Love (b,m,5 - Betterthancheddar-Fit N Bad-Badlands Hanover)

O-John Pentland, Gracie Mae Barr B-Winbak Farm T-John Pentland D-Paul Macdonell

3-Jimbelina (b,m,9 - Big Jim-Buddys Gal-Bettors Delight)

O-Roland Trudel B-Karry Howard T-Jean Tourigny D-Louis-Philippe Roy

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5, Wbs, \$28,000, Pace, NW \$25,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$30,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$65,000. AE: NW \$140,000 LIFETIME,

1-Commanding Officer (b,h,4 - Captaintreacherous-Turnoffthelights-Jennas Beach Boy) \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 24-8-2-2, \$133,052

O-Richard Berthiaume B-Riverview Breeding Llc, Visionary Breeders Llc T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Sylvain Filion



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Cold Creek Cabo (br,g,5 - Dali-Tymal Black Satin-Fit For Life)

O-Cold Creek Standardbred B-Daniel Walker T-William Slack D-Trevor Henry

3-Jimmy Freight (b,h,7 - Sportswriter-Allamerican Summer-Western Ideal)

O-Adriano Sorella B-Alan & Randell Eden T-Richard Moreau D-Louis-Philippe Roy

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6, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$18,500 LAST 10 STARTS, 28.0, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:54.4

1-Captain Video (b,h,5 - Captaintreacherous-Eitherurinorurout-Western Ideal) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 52-14-5-8, \$155,625

O-Ecurie Csl, Gaston Bibeau B-Riverview Breeding Llc, Visionary Breeders Llc T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Jm Jack Of Hearts (b,g,7 - Shadow Play-Six Of Hearts-Art Major)

O-Ed & Ashleigh Hensley B-R K Joe Mikokomon T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

3-Lets Get Pickled (b,g,6 - Articulator-Talbot Victoria-Camluck)

O-John Stamatis B-Brian Macleod T-Gary Bishop D-Douglas Mcnair

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

7, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, NW \$6,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$17,700 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NOT AVERAGING \$1,200 PER START IN 2021-22. (MIN 10 STARTS) AE: NW \$800 LAST 3 STARTS, 29.0, 58.0, 1:27.1, 1:56.4

1-Buck Dancer (b,g,6 - Guccio-Shaken Not Stirred-Credit Winner) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 42-15-5-7, \$167,555

O-Fox Racing Inc B-Merl Yoder T-Carmen Auciello D-Jody Jamieson

2-Aussie Lover (b,g,5 - Angus Hall-His Mistress-Mutineer)

O-8113564 Canada Ltd, Gordon Remmen B-Winbak Farm T-Gordon Remmen D-Bradley Harris

3-Great Magic (b,h,10 - Kadabra-Dream Again-Super Bowl)

O-Walter Whelan B-American Winner Inc T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan

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8, Wbs, \$34,000, Pace, PREFERRED, 29.1, 58.1, 1:27.1, 1:54.2

1-Wheels On Fire (b,g,7 - Somebeachsomewhere-Ab Fab-Western Ideal) \$17,000, Lifetime Record: 98-37-13-16, \$697,363

O-Bradley Grant B-W J Donovan T-Richards Moreau D-Douglas Mcnair

2-So Much More (b,m,6 - Big Jim-Ladysai-Real Artist)

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

3-Uhtred (b,g,5 - Art Major-Seaside Rory-Mach Three)

O-Earl Hill Jr, Stephen Klunowski B-Stephen Dey T-Carmen Auciello D-Jody Jamieson

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9, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, NW \$11,500 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$27,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$40,000. AE: NW \$95,000 LIFETIME, 28.3, 56.3, 1:24.0, 1:53.4

1-Revolt (b,g,5 - Somebeachsomewhere-Naughtytilltheend-Western Ideal) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 45-12-1-7, \$130,770

O-Albina Montini, William Rogers, Kwong Sum Low, Brad Shackman B-Diamond Creek Farm T-Cassandra Lecourt D-Phillippe Hudon

2-Chiefs Beach (b,g,6 - Sunshine Beach-Todaysyourluckyday-Western Ideal)

O-Rick Heinz B-Joanne Colville T-Vernon Cochrane D-James Macdonald

3-Mustang Beach (b,g,4 - Sunshine Beach-Heavens Best Angel-Rock N Roll Heaven)

O-Busi Racing B-Michael Chagan T-Duane Marfisi D-Douglas Mcnair

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10, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, HORSES WHO STARTED IN A POP-UP EVENT, NW \$55,000 IN 2021-22, 28.3, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:55.2

1-Capitano Italiano (b,g,6 - Captaintreacherous-On The Catwalk-Pro Bono Best) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 63-9-9-8, \$107,165

O-Bruno Comegna B-Riverview Breeding Llc, Steve Stewart T-Nicky Comegna D-James Macdonald

2-Thrilling Times (b,g,6 - Mach Three-Thrillionaire-Astreos)

O-Gilles Plourde, Karen Kroeger B-Gilles Plourde, Karen Kroeger T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

3-Arukidinme Cabbie (br,g,7 - Big Jim-Arukiddinme-Make A Deal)

O-Gino Toscani B-Richard Fife T-Ashley Lendvoy D-Douglas Mcnair

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11, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, NW \$11,500 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$27,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$40,000. AE: NW \$95,000 LIFETIME,

1-Sometime Somewhere (b,h,5 - Somebeachsomewhere-Say Anything-Rocknroll Hanover) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 55-16-10-8, \$90,368

O-Robert Jones B-Kerry Feuker Weed T-Anthony Beaton D-James Macdonald

2-Take A Gamble (b,g,4 - Bettors Delight-Bad Sister-Badlands Hanover)

O-Stephen Klunowski B-Winbak Farm T-Shawn Steacy D-Trevor Henry

3-Real Willey (blk,g,7 - We Will See-Real Frightening-Real Artist)

O-K R S One B-Mervin Raber T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas Mcnair

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