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Gerard Forni

Idao De Tillard (Clément Duvaldestin, winning the 2024 Prix d'Amérique) will try for a repeat today in Paris.

Breaking down the entire 18-horse field for this morning's Prix d'Amérique

The 105th edition of the \$1.05 million race will go to post at 10:20 a.m. (ET) at Vincennes in Paris.

by Thomas Hedlund



EUROPEAN REPORT

with **THOMAS HEDLUND**

Today at Vincennes in Paris, 18 of Europe's best trotters will contest the 105th edition of the \$1.05 million Prix d'Amérique over 2,700 meters beginning at 10:20 a.m. ET (4:20 p.m. Paris time).

Watch it [here](#). Download a program [here](#).

Look for a special Backstretch with Gordon – Paris edition – by Gordon Waterstone in the Friday (Jan. 31) issue of HRU.

Here's a horse-by-horse breakdown of today's Prix d'Amérique field:

1. IROISE DE LA NOE (TORNADO BELLO)

Driver/trainer: Thomas Levesque

Thomas Levesque's 7-year-old mare claimed her biggest win in the last B-race, the Prix de Belgique, two weeks ago. Her chances of winning the Prix d'Amérique are small, even if the Prix de Belgique win was impressive.



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2. KEEP GOING (LOVE YOU)

Driver/trainer: Mathieu Mottier

The youngster in the field, Keep Going, a 5-year-old, might be the most elegantly-gaited trotter in the Prix d'Amérique this year and he started his big journey by winning the \$325,000 Criterium des 4 ans in September last year. He qualified by winning the Criterium Continental in December. This is the race's big outsider and my guess is that he ends up on the podium.

3. JUSTIN BOLD (BOLD EAGLE)

Driver: Pierre-Yves Verva

Trainer: Jean-Remi Delliaux

Justin Bold has belonged in the top of the French J-crop as a 3- and 4-year-old, but it's now been a while since he entered the winner's circle (Aug. 17 2024). He will probably wait further for a win as this task looks too tough. Qualified third in the Prix de Bourgne.

4. FAKIR DE MAHEY (REVE DE BEYLEV)

Driver: David Bekaert

Trainer: Mathieu Mottier

Fakir de Mahey surprised basically all fans by qualifying fourth in the Prix du Bourbonnais and there are few factors that tell that he will end in the top in this race.

5. IDEAL LIGNERIES (REPEAT LOVE)

Driver/trainer: Jean-Philippe Monclin

Ideal Lignerries fought well among top trotters like Idao de Tillard and Izoard Vedaquais in several big races as a 3- and 4-year-old and it's not surprisingly that he has taken additional steps as an older trotter. Qualified as runner-up in the Prix de Belgique two weeks ago.



Adam Ström staltz

Jean-Michel Bazire spraying champagne after winning the 2019 Prix d'Amérique.

6. IT'S A DOLLARMAKER (SAXO DE VANDEL)

Driver: Matthieu Abrivard

Trainer: Sebastien Guarato

Trainer Sebastien Guarato knows how to win the Prix d'Amérique after his successful years with Bold Eagle and Face Time Bourbon. It's A Dollarmaker was the favorite in the Prix de Belgique and did it okay as fourth. Strong contender in the I-crop, but this objective might be too hard.

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Kokote (Mathieu Mottier) winning the \$325,000 Prix Bold Eagle for 5-year-old trotters on Saturday afternoon at Vincennes.

10. DIMITRI FERM (NAD AL SHEBA)

Driver: Gabriele Gelormini

Trainer: Marco Azzaroni

Italian Derby winner Dimitri Ferm enters the Prix d'Amérique without any big successes at Vincennes in his prior starts. After two starts in B-races, without prominent performances, nothing points towards an Italian win.

11. HUSSARD DU LANDRET (BIRD PARKER)

Driver: Yoann Lebourgeois

Trainer: Benoit Robin

A driver who is everything but shy in races and a horse that handles tough trips, tough pace and speed. This is an interesting contender in the Prix d'Amérique and Hussard du Landret secured his spot already in the first B-race, in November 2024.

7. JOSH POWER (OFFSHORE DREAM)

Driver: Eric Raffin

Trainer: Sebastien Ernault

Sulky dominant Eric Raffin chases his first win in the Prix d'Amérique, while trainer Sebastien Ernault knows how to be victorious in Paris. Ernault drove Oyonnax to victory in 2010 and now he has a great hope in Josh Power, who bested horses like Jushua Tree, Just Love You, Joubma de Guez and Justin Bold in the Criterium des 5 ans in September last year. Qualified by winning the Prix du Bourbonnais.

8. JUST LOVE YOU (LOVE YOU)

Driver: Alexandre Abrivard

Trainer: Laurent-Claude Abrivard

The Abrivard stable succeeded in the Prix Tenor de Baune as Just Love You claimed a safe win on the lead. A strong effort, but the qualification race did not include the very best horses in the crop. Still, Just Love You looked strong as she hit the wire as an outstanding winner.

9. INMAROSA (AMIRAL SACHA)

Driver: Leo Abrivard

Trainer: Laurent-Claude Abrivard

Inmarosa raced in all four B-races, without finishing in the top four in any of them. Her entrance in the Prix d'Amérique came via her earnings when Hokkaido Jiel had to drop out due to injury. Inmarosa will not be one of the most favored trotters in the field.

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12. EMERAUDE DE BAIS (REPEAT LOVE)

Driver: Franck Nivard

Trainer: Benjamin Goetz

Emeraude de Bais possesses qualities that very well could put her in front of the field when it all comes to an end. However, there is uncertainty about her form after the strange performance in the Prix de Bourgogne, where she made a break on the lead in the last turn. Qualified as the runner up in the Prix du Bourbonnais.

13. SAN MOTEUR (PANNE DE MOTEUR)

Driver/trainer: Björn Goop

San Moteur was set for the Prix d'Amérique last year, but had to stay in the barn due to an injury. After the runner-up performance in the Prix de Bretagne, Björn Goop opted for a "normal" race in Sweden where San Moteur impressed big time. This is the hottest foreign challenger to the French favorites.

14. DON FANUCCI ZET (HARD LIVIN)

Driver: Paul-Philippe Ploquin

Trainer: Daniel Redén

Don Fanucci Zet tried the Prix d'Amérique two years ago and made an incredible effort from the lead and finished sixth.

Vincennes' winner's podium still waits for the pacer-bred trotter from Sweden, but even if the results look mediocre lately, don't be surprised if Don Fanucci Zet fights for the top spots.

15. AMPIA MEDE SM (GANYMEDE)

Driver: Vincenzo d'Alessandro, Jr

Trainer: Erik Bondo

Ampia Mede Sm was the queen of Vincennes two years ago when she finished second in the Prix d'Amérique and then followed up by winning the Prix de France and Prix de Paris. The horse left Thierry Duvaldestin's stable before the previous race, but Erik Bondo is hardly a magician, Ampia Mede Sm shows nothing that is enough for ending in top here.

16. GO ON BOY (PASSWORD)

Driver/trainer: Romain Derieux

Could this be the year when it all happens for Go On Boy? The potential is there. The speed and strength is enough for beating them all, but the minus is that his trainer often saves the speed for the very last part of the race. With 17 contenders, there might be traffic problems, but if not, Go On Boy can be the winner.

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17. HOOKER BERRY (BOOSTER WINNER)

Driver/trainer: Nicolas Bazire

The Prix d'Amérique winner in 2023, Hooker Berry, sneaks towards the very high level he possesses. Ground saving trips mixed with more optimistic tactics have probably shaped Hooker Berry perfectly ahead of this year's Grand Prix. And the stable of Nicolas Bazire looks to be in great form as well.

18. IDAO DE TILLARD (SEVERINO)

Driver: Clément Duvaldestin

Trainer: Thierry Duvaldestin

Title defender Idao de Tillard's road to the Prix d'Amérique has not been completely straight. Three starts at the end of last year did not prove that Thierry Duvaldestin's champion was still No. 1 in France, but at the very end, in the Prix de Bourgogne on Dec. 29, Idao de Tillard showed that he's still impactful among the very best horses. Will probably be the favorite.

HOW BETTORS RANKED THE FIELD AS OF FRIDAY NIGHT (JAN. 24):

1. Idao de Tillard
2. Go On Boy
3. San Moteur
4. Josh Power
5. Hooker Berry
6. Hussard du Landret
7. Keep Going
8. Iroise de la Noe
9. Just Love You
10. It's A Dollarmaker
11. Ampia Mede Sm
12. Emeraude de Bais
13. Justin Bold
14. Dimitri Ferm
15. Inmarosa
16. Ideal Ligneris
17. Don Fanucci Zet
18. Fakir de Mahey

HRU'S PICKS FOR THE TOP 7:

- Hussard du Landret
- Keep Going
- San Moteur

- Hooker Berry
- Go On Boy
- Just Love You
- Idao de Tillard

FRENCH HARNESS RACING PREZ 1-2 IN PRIX BOLD EAGLE

The President of French harness racing, Jean-Pierre Barjon, had plenty of reasons to shine after Saturday's (Jan. 25) \$325,000 Prix Bold Eagle for 5-year-old trotters.

Horses like Koctel du Dain, Kana de Beylev and Ksar were some of the most merited participants in the prestigious race, that eventually saw first choice Koctel du Dain in front of the field.

Koctel du Dain was pushed to the lead and without arguing, Mathieu Mottier let the favorite pass him by as he sat behind **Kokote**. A pocket trip turned out to be just perfect for Kokote (Ready Cash). At the top of the stretch, racing room appeared for Kokote and Mottier noted that another white and green colored driver approached as the wire got closer.

Kote is owned by Barjon, as is second-place finisher East Asia (trained by Alessandro Gocciadoro and driven by Björn Goop). East Asia's finish was marvelous, but staged too late.

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\$180,000E CHAMPLAIN STAKES G3

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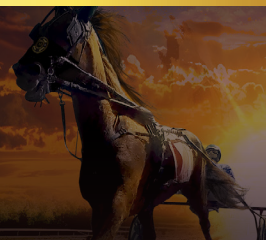
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Four-year-old trotters battled in the \$325,000 Prix Ourasi and it was a thrilling event after top choice Lombok Jiel made a break in the first turn. Sebastien Guarato-trained **Frank Gio** (Face Time Bourbon) has been successful at Vincennes before and the Italian-bred trotter was served a nice second-over trip by Matthieu Abrivard and the three-wide attack was set in at the backstretch. When leader London made a break with a quarter-of-a-mile to go, Frank Gio got the advantage, but in a quite lazy style and far outside. Lombok Jiel came back after his early break and the last 100 meters turned out to be exciting. Lombok Jiel's finish was extraordinary, but Frank Gio held the favorite behind him as the wire was hit in a mile rate of 1:56.2 over 1.6 miles.

Replay [here](#).

Ecurie Bivans SRL owns Frank Gio (and Face Time Bourbon and Vivid Wise As, among others) and in the \$165,000 Prix Paul Viel for 3-year-old colts, **Golden Gio** (Face Time Bourbon) proved best.

Replay [here](#).

Just like Frank Gio, Golden Gio is trained by Guarato and just like Frank Gio, Abrivard dressed in yellow and green as he sat in the bike behind Golden Gio.

Guarato must have been quite satisfied with his day at Vincennes on Saturday.

The 3-year-old fillies met in the \$165,000 Prix Roquepine and Guarato's **Magic America** (Love You), paired with Eric Raffin, entered the winner's circle after a strong effort.

Replay [here](#).

Favorite Melba du Gers made a break in the first turn, but repaired strongly as fifth for Jean-Michel Bazire.

Rain started pouring down with high intensity before Vincennes' last big race on the card, the \$115,000 Prix du Luxembourg, but the track held up well and the race ended with a 1:53.1 (mile rate) win for Laurent-Claude Abrivard's **Inexess Blue** (Vittel de Brevol), driven by Alexandre Abrivard. Inexess Blue did the dirty job three wide throughout the last turn and was just superior his opponents this day as he claimed his fourth consecutive win at Vincennes during the winter meeting.

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4, 1:50.2 (\$1,404,676)
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p,2, 1:49.3, 3, 1:48.4 (\$1,278,414)
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Lets Go Endofaera, Gruesome Twosome top Indiana award winners

The two horses were named Pacer of the Year and Trotter of the Year, respectively, at the Indiana Standardbred Awards Banquet.

by James Platz

The leading equines and individuals from Indiana's 2024 campaign were honored Saturday evening (Jan. 25) at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville. The Indiana Standardbred Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Indiana Standardbred Association, Standardbred Advisory Board and Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing and Casino, recognized winners on both the pari-mutuel and fair circuits last season. Filly Lets Go Endofaera was named Pacer of the Year in the state, while colt Gruesome Twosome was tabbed Trotter of the Year.

Building upon a freshman campaign where she won five of 10 starts, homebred Lets Go Endofaera returned in 2024 as a dominant force in the Indiana Sires Stakes program. Conditioned by Tabatha DeLong, the JK Endofanera—Let's Go Higher filly claimed victory in two of her first three seasonal starts before reeling off seven straight wins. Driven by John DeLong, Lets Go Endofaera captured seven of eight sires stakes legs and was beaten by a neck in the \$250,000 Super Final. Bred by Jesse DeLong, who co-owns the pacer with son John and brother, Bo, Lets Go Endofaera hit the board in 15 of 16 attempts, registering 11 wins and earnings of \$420,140. The filly was also recognized as Indiana Sired Divisional Champion and Indiana Sires Stakes Point Champion.

Like Lets Go Endofaera, Gruesome Twosome was hard to beat in the Hoosier State in 2024. The You Know You Do—All Set Lets Go colt, owned by Ira Steinberg and Daryl Bontrager, scored wins in each of the five Indiana Sires Stakes legs he contested. After racing in the Canadian Trotting Classic, Gruesome Twosome returned to Indiana to rattle off seven wins in eight starts. His victories included the \$250,000 Super Final and open stakes The Pegasus, Circle City, Star Destroyer and Thanksgiving Classic. Bred by Merle Yoder, Gruesome Twosome banked \$468,228, and was also named Indiana Sired Divisional Champion.

JK Endofanera was selected as Indiana Pacing Sire of the Year after his offspring turned in a strong 2024 campaign. Led by the



Dean Gillette

Lets Go Endofaera (John DeLong) is the Pacer of the Year in Indiana in 2024.

mentioned Lets Go Endofaera, the sire was represented by 225 starters that collectively tallied 517 wins and purse earnings topping \$7.2 million. Standing at Victory Hill Farm, JK Endofanera sired Super Final winners Can'ttouchthese (\$255,370) and Noblesville (\$269,396) as well as Indiana Sires Stakes Point Champions Brookview Fancy (\$151,105) and Hopeyaliketheshow (\$137,843). JK Endofanera was previously recognized as the state's top pacing sire in 2022.

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Swan For All continued his dominance in the trotting ranks, and Saturday evening he was named Trotting Sire of the Year in Indiana for the eighth consecutive season. Of the 198 starters to his credit in 2024, 141 of them were winners of a combined 413 trips to the winner's circle. The group collectively earned in excess of \$6.3 million, and Swan For All has now sired winners of over \$55 million in his career. Standing at Victory Hill Farm, his top performers included M-M's Dream (\$388,136), Super Final winners Skyway Paige (\$242,900) and Martz Seven (\$210,087) and Indiana Sires Stakes Point Champion Hail Broadway (\$240,620).

Victory Hill Farm picked up the hardware for Large Breeder of the Year for the 10th consecutive year. The LaGrange, IN farm was represented by 41 starters last season that earned just over \$1.4 million in the state and more than \$2.5 million nationally. Victory Hill-bred Coach Stefanos captured the Breeders Crown championship for open pacers while raising his career bankroll to over \$1.2 million. Other winners included Little Rocket Man, who has earned in excess of \$1.7 million lifetime, Indiana Sires Stakes final winner Walkin On Sunshine (\$147,714), All JK (\$114,889), Kaks The Boss (\$93,530) and This JK Rocks (\$93,062).

The father-and-son team of Bo and Pat DeLong were named Small Breeder of the Year for the second straight season. Last year, they campaigned six homebreds including sophomores Teelatini (\$177,606) and Tellmeitmatters (\$246,315), each Indiana Sires Stakes leg winners. Combined, their homebreds earned more than \$490,000 on the track. In addition, they partnered with Douglas Riccolo to breed and race Super Final winner Can'ttouchthese.

Trace Tetrick and Tyler George successfully defended their Harrah's Hoosier Park titles, and thus, earned top honors as Pari-Mutuel Driver and Trainer of the Year, respectively. For Tetrick, the award is his 11th consecutive. In 2024, he led all Hoosier Park drivers with 281 victories and over \$3.7 million in purse earnings. Nationally, he ranked 11th in wins with 417 trips to the winner's circle, with earnings approaching \$5.8 million.

George collected his fifth consecutive Hoosier Park training title in 2024. He sent out 138 winners over the 160 day meet, and accumulated earnings approaching \$1.6 million. His .407



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Gruesome Twosome (Daryl Bontrager) won the Trotter of the Year award in Indiana in 2024.

trainer rating was one of the highest at the Anderson oval. Nationally, George sent out 191 winners while earning purses just shy of \$2.2 million.

Doug Rideout was named the top fair driver for the fourth consecutive year, but unlike previous seasons, he shares the award with Clint Coy. Both Rideout and Coy, who also works for the Rideout Stable, steered 61 winners throughout the summer to earn the title of Fair Circuit Driver of the Year. While Rideout has won multiple titles, this is Coy's first time atop the standings.

Conditioner Larry King edged Rideout for Fair Circuit Trainer of the Year honors. Rideout had put together a string of three straight seasons as the leading trainer, but King tallied 57 winners to his rival's 50 to claim the award. King, a regular participant on the Indiana fair circuit, twice collected seven wins on a program last summer, notching six wins on another occasion. He also scored Governor's Cup consolation victories with Vel Mr Backfire and Vel Wat A Longshot.

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Bill McLinchey on the importance of Woodbine Mohawk Park's 12 Grade 1 stakes

by Melissa Keith



THE VIEW FROM WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

with **MELISSA KEITH**

On Jan. 6, the U.S. Trotting Association announced the introduction of graded stakes for North American harness racing. Two Canadians – Woodbine Entertainment senior manager of communications Mark McKelvie and Standardbred Canada president/chief executive officer Darryl Kaplan – took part in meetings of the 11-member Graded Stakes committee, which was originally formed in 2023. They are serving three-year terms that expire in 2027.

While Mohawk is not the only Canadian racetrack to have signature stakes with graded rankings, it leads North America

by the number of Grade 1 races this year, with a total of 12. The 2025 Breeders Crown also takes place at the Campbellville, ON showplace on Oct. 24-25, bringing the number of Grade 1 stakes at Mohawk to 24 this season.

The dozen Grade 1 Mohawk stakes are the Metro (2-year-old open pacers), Shes A Great Lady (2-year-old filly pacers), Mohawk Million and William Wellwood Memorial (2-year-old open trotters), Peaceful Way (2-year-old filly trotters), North America Cup (3-year-old open pacers), Fan Hanover (3-year-old filly pacers), Canadian Trotting Classic (3-year-old open trotters), Elegantimage (3-year-old filly trotters), Canadian Pacing Derby (open pace), Roses Are Red (filly and mare pace), and the open Maple Leaf Trot.

There are three Grade 2 stakes at Mohawk this season: the Goodtimes (3-year-old open trot), Milton (filly and mare pacers), and Armbr Flight (filly and mare trotters).

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Aside from the Breeders Crown, Mohawk will play host to 28 graded stakes in total this year, including the following Grade 3 events: the Nassagaweya (2-year-old male pacers); Champlain divisions for 2-year-old male and female pacers and trotters; Eternal Camnation (2-year-old filly pacers); Somebeachsomewhere (3-year-old open pace); Casual Breeze (3-year-old filly trotters); Simcoe divisions for 3-year-old male and female trotters and pacers; and the Mohawk Gold Cup open pace.

Woodbine's vice-president of standardbred racing Bill McLinchey recently weighed in on the grading of harness stakes, which he called "a nice surprise." He said that the new system held promise because it formalized the relative value of major races.

"I don't know if it comes from us being maybe just a smaller industry [than North American thoroughbred racing], but we all knew the stakes and we assumed everyone else, whether you were buying or racing horses or running a racetrack, all knew which stakes held importance," McLinchey said. "I had given it some thought, why we hadn't [graded stakes before], and I would say that we probably just assumed that everybody just knew which ones were considered at the top."

McLinchey added that graded standardbred stakes would be more readily understood by thoroughbred owners, bettors, fans, and media already familiar with the concept.

"I know I can speak from Woodbine, a company where we are dual-breed, and our people on the thoroughbred side, when they saw the list come out with the number of Grade 1s we had, they said, 'That's pretty amazing that you've got that,'" McLinchey said. "They knew the names of our [Mohawk] stakes, but they maybe didn't know quite the importance that those stakes had in the industry."

Communicating the prestige of winning certain races matters more than ever, with formally-assigned grades removing ambiguity. Races restricted to horses sired or foaled in certain states or provinces can become "restricted graded races" according to the new rules, based on purse and other criteria, but not full-fledged graded stakes.

"I think that it probably just helps define it better for people, as we're attracting new owners," McLinchey said. "The money in our industry for purses is different now than it's ever been, where some regional sires stakes are going for the same amount of money Grand Circuit races are, and we're seeing horses opt for a sires stakes race instead of a Grand Circuit race."

The Canadian dollar is being taken at par with the American dollar for the purpose of deciding stakes status.

"I think that it is important that they did that, because there is a level of prestige that comes with our races," McLinchey said.

The Mohawk stakes that earned Grade 2 or 3 status were logical choices, in his view.

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~ Bill McLinchey

"I think I understand where they came from for the grading of those races," McLinchey told HRU. "Participants look at a race like the Nassagaweya or the Eternal Camnation as prep races for the bigger races that are down the line, those being the Metro and the Shes A Great Lady. While those races are stake races and they carry a really nice purse, they're still prep races for the bigger pot later in the season."

Woodbine's VP of standardbred racing said he thought the committee "hit it pretty close" in the inaugural year of the new North American grading system.

"I'm sure some people would look and say that there could be some adjustments made, or 'Why isn't this race Grade 2 when it should be?', but for the most part, I agree with what they came up with and there's always going to be debate, no matter which races you look at," he said.

"The good thing is, they're open to change, and they defined their process. I was able to attend the race secretaries meeting with Mark Loewe, and he presented it to us. He **laid out the process** that they had, and I respected their process and was overall pretty satisfied with how Mohawk got graded."

Calling the graded status of races "a promotional tool," McLinchey said he welcomed the dozen Grade 1 Breeders Crown finals returning to Mohawk later this year. He said

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~ Bill McLinchey

preliminary internal meetings about marketing the 2025 divisional championships had already discussed “getting it out there that this is now a Grade 1.”

The 2025 Mohawk Million (Grade 1) has already attracted significant interest from owners of 2-year-old trotters.

“People started reaching out pretty well immediately after the release went out,” McLinchey said.

He added that this year, a limit of three slots can be acquired per owner.

“I’m assuming we’ll have more than 10 people put their names forward to purchase a slot,” he said. “Each person will only be allowed one slot at that time. With the same price point as last year, we’re fairly confident that we’re going to have to have a draw for the 10 slots.”

The nomination fee (\$25,000 CDN) is due Feb. 18, with the \$25,000 sustaining payment due June 2.

“Really, what we’ve tried to do with Mohawk’s 2-year-old stakes is make Mohawk the destination to race your 2-year-olds,” said McLinchey, in reference to the Mohawk Million as well as the Hambletonian Society’s ungraded Tompkins-Geers Stakes, which moved there last year.

“People start with the Tompkins-Geers [June 26 and 27], which had been struggling to fill at some of the tracks that they’ve been going to in the States. In conversation with [Hambletonian Society president/CEO] John Campbell, he asked us if it was something we would consider giving a try at Mohawk, and we were interested. We thought, ‘Why not try to give the 2-year-olds a stakes race early in the year, right after they qualify?’

“The funny thing was, Bob McIntosh won it last year, and we were lucky enough that Bob was at the races that night. It was great to see him win it. Doug McIntosh was there also, and both commented that they raced in these races all over North America at different tracks, and it’s great that it’s finally at Mohawk.”

Bob McIntosh died on July 28, 2024, after winning the June 27 Tompkins-Geers for 2-year-old trotting fillies with his trainee Incantation. It was his final stakes victory.

This week’s fines and suspensions

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

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Also, please note, for context, the first link is to the Association of Racing Commissioners International’s classification system of drug penalties to give readers a sense of the difference between a Class 1 and a Class 4 positive.

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TALES FROM THE CURMUDGEON

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Once a student, Tony Beaton has become a master

by Murray Brown

Recently, Casie Coleman said, “Tony [Beaton] was a major asset to my team for many years. He started as a groom for me and moved up the ladder to become the main assistant trainer in the operation. He is now on his own and trains horses for me as one of his owners. He is a fantastic horseman and is very smart at figuring horses out. I’m comfortable having my horses in his stable. I know that he is not only a great trainer, but I also know that he is going to do best by the horse for whatever they need to become their best on the racetrack.

“If I didn’t trust him the way I do, I would not have been able to back off and step away from the racing part of the business as I have done.”

The quote *“It was the best of times. It was the worst of times,”* from *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens, would best describe the year that Beaton experienced in 2024. Actually, the beginning of the “worst of times” began on Oct. 12, 2023 when two anonymous texts were sent to an Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) official alleging that a young horse in Beaton’s stable had been cruelly whipped by the trainer resulting in injury to the horse.

The commission scratched all the horses trained by Beaton from participating in the Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Super Finals at Mohawk the next day. Then, the AGCO handed Beaton a two-year suspension. This resulted in his stable being unilaterally disbanded and Beaton being put out of business.

“I thought that was most unfair,” Beaton said recently. “They wanted to punish me and they did. They immediately left me out of the means to earning a living. Worse than that, though, was they punished the owners of the horses who earned their way into the Super Finals and in no manner could have been complicit in the false charges which they brought against me.

“What they should have done, if they felt there was some way that those horses and their connections were somehow responsible for what God only knows, was allowed them to race and held up the purse money pending a fair and just hearing on the situation. Of course, they didn’t do that.

“I was without the means to earn a living for 111 days until my appeal was heard. I was eventually exonerated. Now looking

Dave Landry
Trainer Tony Beaton at Grand River Raceway in 2022.



back at it, I just want to forget it ever happened. My wife Lisa and I lived through hell for almost four months.”

Then what most might describe as a miracle transpired. From the depths of despair, the stable and the lives of the Beatons came together, to once again become a force to be reckoned with not only in Ontario racing where the stable became the one which most reasonable observers would say reigned supreme, but it also was prominent in North American Grand Circuit racing. Legendary Hanover became the fastest 3-year-old in North America in winning the Meadowlands Pace (with stablemate Nijinsky finishing second), Nijinsky won the North America Cup and Redwood Hanover won Quebec’s signature event, the Prix d’Ete, among numerous other prestigious events.

There were many, including myself, who considered Beaton as a shoe in for this year’s O’Brien Award as Canadian Trainer of the Year.

For some unanswered and undefinable reason, he was not even included on the ballot to be nominated for that prestigious honor.

Beaton, true to his nature, is rather quiet, but obviously quite hurt by the exclusion.

“There is nothing I can do about it,” he said. “What’s done is done. Like the suspension, I’m just putting it in the rearview mirror. All I can do is just go on with life and do my very best and hope for the best.”

“ Well, it would be extremely difficult to do as well as we did last year, but we sure as heck are going to try. Right now, the 2-year-olds look to be an impressive group. All 26 of them are still on the go and are doing well. Of course, at this point we are just building a foundation. Once we start going fast miles with them, they will undoubtedly separate themselves. For the next several months we will continue to dream. ”

~ Tony Beaton

Which brings us to the present and your 2025 stable. How is it made up?

“Right now, we have 49 head in training here at Classy Lane Training Center. Of these, 26 of them are 2-year-olds. All of the 26 are pacers. I suppose that is a remnant of my years with Casie Coleman. We hardly trained any trotters there. Casie had one or two over the years but she liked pacers a whole lot more.”

Speaking of Casie. You worked with her for a long time. She speaks very highly of you. Together with Andrew Harris, in addition to all the champions she has raced, she considers you two to be the human equivalent to her equine greats.

“I owe a great part of any success I’ve achieved to Casie. She is as great a horse person as anyone that ever sat behind a horse. She loves horses as do I. Anybody who works for Casie better have a love for the horse or they won’t be there for long. She is a great role model. She is a very hard worker and is very detail

oriented. Just look at what she has done for my stable. She picked out broke and trained Legendary Hanover, Nijinsky and Linedrive Hanover. There are some good horse trainers who have never had one single horse as good as any of those three. Casie had all of them at the same time.”

All of your big three won’t be back this year. Only Nijinsky still remains in training. Tell us about those three boys.

“Thankfully, Nijinsky is coming back to race. I expect him to be the star of the stable. The two other stalls of our big three will be difficult to fill.

“Legendary Hanover has been retired to stud and Linedrive Hanover has been retired to a life of leisure to live out his days at Anvil and Lace Farm.

“How would I describe them? They are all extremely talented but quite different.

“Nijinsky is the perfect racehorse. You can race him any way you want to. He can leave. You can sit him in a hole. He can take air if necessary. When you say go to him that is what he is going to do.

“Legendary Hanover is a big, strong and very athletic horse. He has extreme speed. Once you wind him up and get him going, he is going to be gone.

“Linedrive Hanover might quite possibly have been the best of these three great horses if only he had been sound. He had issues which bothered him throughout his racing career. He was never lame, but he was never completely sound. When I think of him, I think it’s a darn good thing he is a gelding, because even as a gelding, he can be more than a handful.”

What does the 2025 racing season look like from your present vantage point?

“Well, it would be extremely difficult to do as well as we did last year, but we sure as heck are going to try. Right now, the 2-year-olds look to be an impressive group. All 26 of them are still on the go and are doing well. Of course, at this point we are just building a foundation. Once we start going fast miles with them, they will undoubtedly separate themselves. For the next several months we will continue to dream.

“We hope that come summer and fall, that some of those dreams will be satisfied. I’d like to extend my thanks to all my friends, colleagues and owners. Wishing everyone the best of luck in 2025.”

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HOLLYWOOD'S HITS

with **BOB HEYDEN**

Meadowlands Hambletonian drivers, Part 1

by **Bob Heyden**

There have been 44 years of Hambletonians at The Meadowlands, so here are the first 20 of 44 facts on drivers who have participated in America's Trotting Classic in New Jersey.

1. Erik Adeilsson is the youngest driver to make it to the New Jersey Hambletonian elims at 20 years nine months. He finished seventh with Easy Lover, a son of Mack Lobell, in the 1995 elims.

2. Ron Pierce won the first Hambletonian/million dollar race for an African American trainer, Milton Smith, in 1993 with American Winner. Pierce also did the same on the pacing side, seven figures, for George Teague in 2006 taking the North America Cup with Total Truth.

3. Six drivers in the 21st century and nine overall in NJ who won the Hambletonian were born in the U.S.: Tommy Haughton, Stanley Dancer, Ben Webster, Ron Pierce (three), Eric Ledford, Roger Hammer, Ray Schnittker, Brian Sears (three) and Tim Tetrick.

4. Two drivers from the 1960s who drove in the Hambletonian are still with us. Bruce Nickells, 97, on July 5, made his debut in 1964 with Scribe Rodney (seventh) and Art Hult, third with Speed Model in 1967.

5. Just Dave Magee and Stefan Melander had a lone Hambletonian drive and were favored. And it happened consecutively. In 2000, Dreammaster was fifth at 9-5 for Magee and then \$3.40 to win for Melander in 2001.

6. They were leading men in 1999, to say the least. The top four drivers in order of finish in the Hambletonian won the last fourteen driving money titles, 1999 included. Mike Lachance won with Self Possessed, John Campbell was second with Angus Hall, Luc Ouellette was third with Enjoy Lavec, and Jack Moiseyev was fourth with Raffaello Ambrosio.

7. Only Ron Pierce won twice during the 2005-12 period, when the Hambletonian went for \$1.5 million, with Donato Hanover (2007) and American Winner (1993).

8. Has the leading dash-winning driver of any year also won the Hambletonian the same year? Yes. In 1991, with 769 victories, Jack Moiseyev led the pack and handled, for the very first time, Giant Victory to a Hambletonian score for Per Eriksson.

9. Speaking of dash-winning leaders, right before Aaron Merriman's streak of 10-straight, he was third in his lone Hambletonian drive with Il Sognos Dream at 90-1 in 2014.

10. Who was the sports leading money per drive leader in 2004-05? Trond Smedshammer. That's right, the last trainer/driver to have a Triple Crown winner with Windsong's Legacy (2004) was up and over \$8,100 per start.

11. Who drove the first 200-1 shot in any Meadowlands Hambletonian? Jim Miller in 1982 with Bone Meal at 274.40-1 finished sixth.

12. Who did the youngest Hambletonian winning driver Tommy Haughton, 25, drive the following year in the Classic after winning with Speed Bowl in 1982? TV Yankee who was second and then sixth in the final.

13. Who did Jimmy Takter send out in the 1989 dead heat Hambletonian? Classic Air was eighth at 259.20-1.

14. The 1989 dead heat Hambletonian was Howard Beissinger's swan song 20 years after his stirring debut with Lindys Pride in 1969 winning the Triple Crown. Beissinger was fourth with Shogun Lobell, but, the \$90,480 check was more than Lindys Pride's \$62,455.

15. The years 1989 and 1990 were the last that a 60-year-old or older driver cashed in back-to-back Hambletonian. Howard Beissinger was fourth in 1989 at 63 and in 1990 Carl Allen, 60, was third with Royal Troubadour and Stanley Dancer was 63 and fourth with King Of The Sea.

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16. Anthony Quartarolo won more thoroughbred races at The Meadowlands (51) than standardbred races (38), but he drove and trained the even-money favorite in the 1984 Hambletonian in his heat finishing sixth with Speed Merchant.

17. The finish of the 2000 Hambletonian was quite unique. The top seven drivers had never won a single Hambletonian prior, while the last three had won nine. It was Trevor Ritchie, Jim Meitinis, Ray Schnittker, Cat Manzi, Dave Magee, DeWayne Minor and Daniel Dube with Ron Pierce, John Campbell and Mike Lachance rounding out the field.

18. Dan Shetler got money in the 1986 Hambletonian finishing fifth with Express Ride. Now 75, he's the only driver from that final still active today.

19. The all-time top five dash-winning drivers have 446,218 drives among them and 85,084 wins, but Hambletonian trophies are not a part of all that winning. They – Dave Palone, Tony Morgan, Aaron Merriman, Herve Filion and Cat Manzi – have a combined 12 finals and four checks.

20. Thirteen times since the Hambletonian moved east has a driver been favored while winning for the very first time: Tommy Haughton (\$4.60) in 1982 with Speed Bowl, Bill O'Donnell (\$2.60) with Prakas in 1985, John Campbell with Mack Lobell (\$2.20) in 1987, Bill Fahy and Ron Waples (\$2.10) in the 1989 dead heat with Probe and Park Avenue Joe, Ron Pierce (\$3.20) with American Winner in 1993, Mike Lachance (\$2.80) with Victory Dream in 1994, Mal Burroughs (\$2.60) with Malabar Man in 1997, Stefan Melander (\$3.40) with Scarlet Knight in 2001, Ray Schnittker (\$2.80) with Deweycheatumnhowe in 2008, Brian Sears (\$2.60) with Muscle Hill in 2009, Andy McCarthy (\$2.80) with Ramona Hill in 2020 and Yannick Gingras at odds-on in 2024 with Karl in his Hambletonian breakthrough.

1982 HAMBLETONIAN: WHERE WAS CAMPBELL?

John Campbell that is. He had not yet driven in the Hambletonian despite being a two-time Meadowlands leader and national earnings leader, too. Eighteen different drivers participated and somehow no one thought to utilize the services of the soon-to-be all-time money leader (1987) and of course the all-time Hambletonian king.

By the way, this is not Monday morning quarterbacking, because I ranted right then and there on that weekend 43 years back.

To further this oversight/absurdity/total joke, three veteran drivers made breaks with brand-name horses: Robert Williams with Diamond Exchange (last), Del Miller with Arndon at 6-5 (eighth) and Frank O'Mara as the day's biggest favorite at 1-5 off-stride and ninth.

Was Campbell really poolside for these bellyflops?

Oh, just in case you didn't notice, Diamond Exchange was trained by Chuck Sylvester. The same Chuck Sylvester with Pine Chip, Mack Lobell, Armbro Keepsake and Britelite Lobell all with Campbell.

It wasn't until the next year that Campbell did drive in the Hambletonian, and surprise, he won right out of the box with Joie De Vie from post 12, second overall money at days end. It would be 34 years until he was not in a Hambletonian elim/final again.

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RACING INTO THE FUTURE

with **BOB DUFF**

You can wager on virtual harness racing at U.S. online sportsbooks

by Bob Duff

In the early 1990s, the advent of simulcasting was dramatically changing the landscape for harness racing in North America. Suddenly, you could bet on races from around the world being contested at any time during the day thanks to satellite technology.

The internet furthered this smorgasbord of racing product to where there's hardly any time during the day when you can't get action on some form of horse racing. What little void there was has since been filled by historic harness racing machines in some states, though you still have to leave home to play those machines.

With virtual harness racing, there's no need to change out of your pajamas. You can bet on the races from the comfort of your own sofa. And the virtual harness races are in operation 24/7, ready and waiting for whenever you want to access them. And you can wager on virtual harness racing via some U.S. online sportsbooks.

HOW VIRTUAL HARNESS RACING WORKS

Have you ever loaded a computer sports game, either on your laptop or mobile device, or perhaps a game player and then let the computer play out the game while you watched to see

the outcome? If so, then you've already got yourself a pretty fair handle on what it looks like to watch and wager on virtual harness racing at an online sportsbook.

Virtual sports are computer-simulated games. All outcomes are determined by random number generators. Even the site hosting the virtual harness race and offering betting on it has no idea which virtual horse will be the winner. Other than the person placing the bet on the outcome of the event, there's no human element involved in the equation. The action that you will be betting on is a 100 per cent computer-generated simulation.

State gambling regulators view betting on virtual sports to be the same as wagering on a slot machine. The technology employed to operate both devices is virtually identical in design.

The technology for virtual sports is hardly new. There were versions of computer-generated games dating back to the early 1960s. They began to increase in popularity in the 1980s as software technology advanced and the games were gaining more realism. The arrival of online sports betting in the USA in 2018 opened an avenue for betting on virtual sports to be exploding into prominence.

HOW TO BET ON VIRTUAL HARNESS RACING

Wagering on a virtual harness race isn't much different than betting on the real thing. You pick the number, or numbers of the horse or horses you want to back in the race. Win, place and show wagering is available. You can also bet exactas, trifectas and quinellas.

We opted to check out a virtual harness racing card being offered by Bet365. The racing was coming to us from the fictional Etruria Gardens. The race we opted to bet featured fictional horses and drivers. Ron DeVore was behind Over Ordered, while Richie Floater was at the controls of Anapple Aday.

There are plenty of factors that make virtual harness racing appealing. For one, the action is rapid. Races go off every three minutes. There's no need to pour over a program in search of a perceived edge to bet. Just pick out a number or color for your horse and place your bet.

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Each virtual pacer or trotter will be assigned odds representing that horse's chance of winning the race. The betting line assigned to each horse also represents what percentage segment that horse occupies on the random number generator wheel. As with real racing, if you choose the favorite, your percentage chance of winning will be higher, but your odds will be lower.

The simplicity of virtual harness racing is also its beauty. So much of what occupies a handicapper's time leading up to a race is virtually thrown out the window, so to speak. Form charts, statistics, track and weather conditions, late scratches – all key elements in wagering on real harness racing – are irrelevant in virtual harness racing.

WHERE TO BET ON VIRTUAL HARNESS RACING IN THE USA

As noted above, Bet365 is very prominent in the virtual harness racing game in the U.S. online sports betting market. The British-based bookmaker has been operating virtual sports for years, so this is a site that's well-schooled in how to create virtual harness racing competition.

In truth, virtual sports haven't become as popular in the U.S. sports betting market as they are in Europe. Part of the problem, industry insiders believe, is because many of the sports being offered tend to be more popular across the pond than they are on American soil. Bet365 is ramping up its product to cater to the American audience, adding virtual football, baseball and basketball.

Both BetMGM and BetRivers were launching virtual sports in 2024. Each bookmaker did its virtual sports deal with Inspired Entertainment, Inc., which unfortunately doesn't offer a harness racing product as part of its virtual sports line.

BetRivers has even come up with a method to blur the lines between virtual sports and real sports. Among the virtual sports offerings at BetRivers is NFL Alumni Virtual Football. This game features computer-generated versions of actual retired NFL stars.

In some cases, you might be looking in the wrong place to find virtual sports action. For instance, at BetMGM, the company includes its package of virtual sports as part of the BetMGM online casino.

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ALL OVER ONTARIO

with **MATTHEW LOMON**

Leading owners at Ontario tracks, Part 2

by Matthew Lomon

Part 1 is [here](#).

Last week's edition of All Over Ontario delivered the first quarter of a four-part series spotlighting the leading owners at Ontario racetracks in 2024.

The inaugural column covered the throne-holders at Hanover Raceway (Robert Jenkins, Jr., William Burgess, and Jeffrey Kelly), Dresden Raceway (Cameron McQueen), and Georgian Downs (A1Stable).

This week, in Part 2 of the grassroots series, All Over Ontario applauds the accomplishments of the title-holding owners at **Kawartha Downs** (Amanda Riley), **Flamboro Downs** (Triple S Equine/Carl Kuepfer), and **Clinton Raceway** (Larry Lane).

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

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

All three will first receive their flowers from Harness Racing Update, beginning with Kawartha's top-rated owner, Riley.

A third-generation horseperson, Riley learned the trade of racing horses with her mother Brenda Lane and uncle Garry Bye.

The Roseneath, ON-based owner/trainer translated a lifetime of lessons into success this past season at Kawartha, where she inspired her troops to record 12 wins, three more than the nine recorded by Kuepfer's Triple S Equine, across 28 starts.

Riley's racers tacked on five seconds and five thirds to amass an earnings total of \$35,288.

However, her connection to the neighboring Fraserville, ON oval is one that extends far beyond numbers on a stat sheet.

"It's pretty cool because it's our local track, and it's the closest track in Ontario to our farm," said Riley. "It's got a really fun atmosphere – like an old school feeling with more laid-back racing. My husband and I grew up together there, so it holds a special place for both of us."

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Riley's husband, trainer/owner Tom Riley, himself had a career year in 2024 guiding his charges to 66 wins through 331 starts.

Together, the husband-and-wife team that first met at Kawartha as youngsters, have four children of their own: Lane, Blake, Kennedy and Holden.

Amanda's star pupil on the track was 9-year-old pacer Majestic Virgin, whom she purchased for around \$5,000 USD through onGait.

The bay daughter of Always A Virgin – Fox Valley Tulip accounted for nine of Amanda's dozen Kawartha tallies, exuding resolve, grit, and an indomitable spirit along the way.

"She had bowed a tendon, and then the previous owners put her on onGait," Amanda said. "I rehabbed her, we brought her back and then raced her three or four times, but she broke down again, and I rehabbed her."

Another bowed tendon and arduous rehabilitation followed, but the tough times brought Amanda and her prized mare closer together.

"She's the biggest sweetheart – I'm not usually a mare person," Amanda said. "I prefer geldings, but she's laid back and loves her work. She stresses me out, though, when I race her, because of the tendon issues. But then she'd go out, and just kept on winning. She's really fun to have. I'd have a whole barn full of her, maybe just a little bit sounder.

"She's high maintenance, but you don't mind looking after them when they look after you. That's my favorite kind of horse to have, too. One that needs a little extra bit of attention because I like to spend the extra time on them."

“Overall, it was a tough year in the business. I never thought we’d hit this mark given the year we had. My focus tends to mainly be on our Woodbine Mohawk Park numbers, and that side of it wasn’t great this year – lots of tough luck. But I’m certainly happy to hoist top honors for Flamboro.”

~ Carl Kuepfer

About 200 kilometers (125 miles) south west of Kawartha, at Flamboro Downs, Triple S Equine was busy pacing the Dundas, ON track’s owner colony.

Kuepfer, the man behind Triple S Equine, found this past season at the half-mile oval to be a reprieve during a season stricken by unfortunate bounces.

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Kuepfer has been in the equine business for about 15 years now. In 2010, he started his own horse marketing business, Shooting Star Stables, before testing the waters on the racing side in 2017-18.

Around 2020, Kuepfer decided it was best to keep the racing side separate from the marketing side, thus giving way to the inception of Triple S Equine.

He quickly learned over that time what comes with a life in the standardbred sphere.

“Like I’m sure all people in this business find it to be, you have good times and then also times that are not so great, but it keeps it interesting,” he said.

Smooth Lou, a 9-year-old pacer bred by Brittany Farms, provided several big moments down the stretch for Kuepfer and Triple S Equine.

The son of Sweet Lou—Smooth Silver collected 10 wins across 24 starts at Flamboro in 2024, including three straight in October to help secure the top spot for Triple S Equine.

Overall, Smooth Lou sports a 31-18-11 line, for \$270,847, across 112 lifetime starts.

In addition to the effusive praise he bestowed upon his savvy veteran bay, Kuepfer took a moment to express his gratitude to the conditioners who have had his back.

“I must give a huge thank you to each and every one of my trainers over the last few years,” Kuepfer said. “I’ve been fortunate to make a lot of great friends and many more great memories. I’m thankful for all the guidance, encouragement, and positive comments over the years, it has been a great influence.”

The third and final member on this week’s leading owner highlight reel is Clinton Raceway’s chart-topper Lane.

The Goderich, ON-based horseman put together a strong showing at Clinton’s past meet, winning nearly half of the contests his pacers and trotters competed in.

Across 20 starts at the southwestern Ontario track, Lane’s racing roster compiled a 7-2-4 slash line. Altogether, the group banked \$19,254.

His seven wins outpaced a quartet of owners tied for second place with five.

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SUPERSTAR FEMALES OF HARNESS RACING

with VICTORIA M. HOWARD

Meadow Twaddle is keeping it all in the family

by Victoria Howard

Writing this story of the Superstar Females of Harness Racing is extra special to me for the subject's father is not only a long-time friend of mine, but one of the nicest men in harness racing, trainer Tim Twaddle.

For those of you who do not know Twaddle, back in the '90s, he drove the Jugette and Breeders Crown winner, Towners Image and Breeders Crown winner Hardie Hanover. When Twaddle moved to Pennsylvania to race at The Meadows in the late 90s, he needed housing and I had an available apartment at that time available so he rented it. We immediately became friends and remain so today. The Twaddles are one of the most active families in the industry.

After relocating from his hometown of St. Catharines, ON, he began getting catch drives at The Meadows and soon became one of the top catch drivers, but eventually he decided to start his own stable and today he operates a stable of 25.

His wife Sophia also has deep roots in harness racing. Born in Monroe, MI, Sophia's brothers were also trainers, and during the summer months she helps out at the barn, adding her knowledge and charm. So, it didn't surprise me that Tim's daughter Meadow is following in her father's footsteps.

But what made Meadow want to pursue working in the sport?

"I wouldn't say there was one specific 'ah-ha' moment, but rather a gradual realization," Meadow said. "I grew up in the barn and had an interesting lifestyle, to say the least. I mean, how many little girls can tell their friends they can't hang out because they were traveling for horse racing? Even though I wasn't as involved back then as I am now, I remember boasting about the family business to everyone who would listen."

Meadow said there have been many great times, memories and horses.

"My favorite equine was our family horse, Fourever Boy (Sweet Lou—Macharoundtheclock)," she said. "He brought us together

"[Fourever Boy] wasn't just a horse, he was my best friend, who taught me everything – not just about the sport – but about patience, trust, and dedication. Every single race with Fourever Boy stands out as my favorite moments in the sport. Fourever Boy was everything to me and the memories are priceless."

~ Meadow Twaddle



as a family; in fact, without him, we wouldn't have been able to reunite with some of our family members for the last time. What made him even more special to me was the unique bond we shared. He was a stud who didn't care for attention from others, but he and I just clicked. We had a rare connection that I've never experienced with another horse.

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In the 2024, the Twaddles had their horse Timeisonmyside in the Adios who finished third.

“For a small stable like ours, that’s an incredibly exciting result and there was a huge turnout,” she said. “It was amazing to see so many people I’ve only connected with through social media. It was humbling to hear how many people who were there that day say that day was one of their favorite memories of 2024.

“I’ve heard how packed with fans The Meadows was on Adios Day in the past years and I’d love to see that kind of enthusiasm for our sport again. The power of social media is hugely underrated in our industry. While many people in the sport stick to traditional methods that have worked for years, it’s clear that we need to adapt to reach a new generation.

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Meadow is currently the social media coordinator for the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association (PHRA). “Over the summer I had the opportunity to travel with them and contribute to their promotional efforts, and I’m grateful they’ve given me the chance to work with them permanently,” she said. “In addition, I write content for Standardbred Canada and take freelance work

with The Meadows Standardbred Association (MSOA), besides assisting the Christian Harness Horsemen’s Association (CHHA) with their social media efforts.

“Being actively involved with these organizations I don’t work at the barn in the mornings, but I’m always a phone call away. I’m happy to come in whenever they need an extra hand, especially on busy training or qualifying days.”

This past Christmas, Meadow was gifted a piece of her own horse.

“Her name is Sunflower Hanover [Tall Dark Stranger – Salsalito].” She said. “She’s incredibly special to me because I was the one who picked her out at the Harrisburg sale. I watched her video and went to see her. I fell in love with her and convinced my dad to bid on her. The next morning, she was in our barn. I’m really excited to see what she accomplishes this year and can’t wait to watch her grow and develop.

“I feel so blessed to be doing what makes me most happy. I feel like I’m just getting started and focus on learning everything I can about the industry – whether it’s marketing, content writing, grooming, breeding – you name it. The sky’s the limit. I truly believe the sport has so much potential and I want to play a key role in making it thrive again.”

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The Concord Grapes versus Diamond Creek Devil Cats?

by Trey Nosrac

Why doesn't our sport attract more people? Empathy is a huge culprit.

Empathy is:

- Understanding a person from another person's frame of reference.
- Vicariously experiencing another person's feelings, perceptions, and thoughts.
- The ability to recognize, understand, and share the thoughts and feelings of another person or fictional character.

You may notice each definition contains the word people. Horses are magnificent animals, but they are not human. Without empathy, our growth as a sport is limited. The special sauce from emotional connections that we form with other athletes and teams does not transfer to horse racing.

We all want a good story. Empathy is a critical ingredient in any good story. Sports are personal stories of struggles, overcoming challenges, and setbacks with individuals or teams of people as the focus. We vicariously experience journeys and emotions using our sports as avatars. Humans can share experiences. We may have played the sport at some level, making it even more relatable. Fans of teams, leagues, sports, or even individual players can create communities based around people.

The key word is people. The more humans are involved in a sport like ours, the more likely other humans will find a footing. Beneath those helmets and familiar colors, our drivers help a little, but not enough. We need more people, from our farm workers to highly invested owners and everyone in between, to create more empathy, stories, and engagement – but how?

After two margaritas and two hours on Taco Tuesday at Tortilla Town Mexican Restaurant, here is an idea for harness horse racing. I am selecting some people in our sport as stalking horses (a stalking horse is a figure used to test a concept or mount a challenge anonymously on behalf of a third party).

The following conversation is FICTIONAL.

Imagine that Adam Bowden and his sidekick Shaun Laungani, a pair of fun, intelligent, competitive fellows, have just finished shooting an episode of Trackside Chat (Big thumbs up for the show). They are sitting around talking smack.

Suddenly, Adam has an idea: "Of all the yearling trotters we consigned or sold as agents, what 2-year-old trotters do you feel will earn the most money in 2025? I'll make a list of eight. You make a list. We will make out cases and whittle it down to our final eight."

And they do.

Looking at the final eight, Adam says, "These are the Diamond Creek Devil Cats. I'm calling five other farms, maybe seven, and asking them to do the same thing we did."

"Why?" asks Sean.

"Let's organize a league."

"For what?"

"For fun, for fans to relate to, for interest stimulation, and the hell of it."

"You want to create a competition between breeding farms?"

"Yeah, every farm gets a franchise and gives the franchise a name like..."

The Hanover Hailstorms

The Winback Warthogs

The Crawford Crawdads

The Blue Chip Monks

The Hunterton Hyenas

The Southwind Silverfish

The Concord Grapes."

Shaun asks, "What are the parameters of this insanity?"

"Very simple, only trotting yearlings they sold or consigned make up their draft pool. Each farm staff drafts eight now 2-year-olds in training to formulate their team roster. The farm team must stick with these eight trotters all season with no substitutes, so there will be attrition. They must submit their roster on April Fools' Day.

"The farm teams have nothing to do with training or trainers. Like other sports teams, there will be a website with team rosters. Before the season begins, each team will create a website highlighting their horses and some staff members who helped raise them. Once the racing season begins, the earnings will be posted and updated. The team with the highest aggregate earnings at the end of the racing season will win the title."

"What title?"

“A massive old, repurposed Bowling Trophy from a yard sale with the words: Major Farms Earnings Recruits Championship of 2025.”

“No money.”

“Nah, not yet. It will probably cost a few bucks to find someone to set up and administer the league, but damn, it would be fun, and the bragging would be awesome.”

Shaun shifted from skeptic to supporter, “Posting the undated League standings on a site like HRU would be cool. I could see regular fans gravitating to the league, and regular folks could get to know the farm members and other people and attach faces to the team horses.”

“Those of us in the breeding world would have fun. The question is, would other people find a league like this intriguing? What would tweak their interest or make them care?”

Shaun said, “Not sure, but a league with people cheering for a farm, the home state of the farm, the staff, or owners would have lots of opportunities to create human connections. I can’t see any downsides.”

Adam added, “During racing season, a list with all the team horses scheduled to race should be available weekly. People would have horses to cheer for and against. People who tune in to cheer for their team may wager or get involved in ownership.”

“And more people will become attached to the stories of the trotting horses, their breeding staffs, the trainers, and the drivers that are part of their teams. I could see side bets among friends on the various teams.”

“Who knows, maybe in the future, fans could place future wagers on teams like the Warthogs and Devil Cats.”

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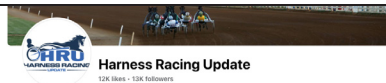
Would something like this work? Nobody knows, but then again, everybody knows what will happen if we don’t try crazy stuff like this.

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Northwood joins forces with Diamond Creek

Northwood Bloodstock and Diamond Creek Sales are excited to announce their merger and the creation of their new company, Alliance Bloodstock.

Alliance Bloodstock will represent client horses at several of the major sales including, Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, Ohio Jug Select Sale, Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale and the Standardbred Horse Sale. The merger comes from Diamond Creek's long-time relationship with Bob Boni and the continued desire to better serve their consignment clients. Alliance Bloodstock will be led by Boni and Shaun Laungani of Diamond Creek, with the Diamond Creek team providing support.

"Strength in numbers and experience will make this merger a recipe for success," said Laungani. "We are combining Bob's wisdom with a young and driven team."

Boni has been in the standardbred industry for almost his entire life. After 11 years at Pine Hollow Stud in various capacities, he started his original sale company International Standardbred in 1980, which then became Northwood Bloodstock Agency in 1992. Boni has extensive experience, serving on multiple boards and providing bloodstock appraisals and consultation for many of the top owners in the industry. He will be inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame this July.

Laungani serves as the vice president of Diamond Creek, residing in Lexington, KY. You can find him regularly visiting client farms and advising on their horses. Laungani has a passion for client relationships and seeing their success.

"We have talked about this merger for a few years and now the time is right," said Boni. "Our ultimate goal is to give our clients the best possible representation and we are clearly positioned to do just that."

Alliance will be powered by partnership and invested in their client's success. Focus will be on guiding them through the process no matter their experience level including sale selection and bloodstock management. For the client that means, more individual attention, face to face time, and a comprehensive personalized approach.

"Breeders should not hesitate to contact Bob or I and ask for our opinion on their sale options for any given horse" said Laungani. "We take pride in treating each of our clients on an

individualized basis to make sure their specific needs are met."

Alliance Bloodstock is now accepting 2025 yearling sale entries. Prospective clients can find more information on our website www.alliancebloodstock.com or on Facebook. We can be contacted by emailing office@alliancebloodstock.com.

Alliance Bloodstock

'Queen' reigns at Big M

Queen Of America S had little trouble overcoming post 9, as well as 2-1 second choice (and stablemate) Finite, in the sixth race feature, a \$17,500 conditioned trot.

Sent to the gate as the 1-5 public choice, "The Queen" left alertly before taking a brief tuck around turn one, then followed Finite down the backside. Queen Of America S had the lead while parked at the half in :56.4.

After clearing, the 5-year-old daughter of Father Patrick—Red Rose America then trotted past three-quarters in 1:25.1 before a final panel of :28.3 finished off an overwhelming 5¼-length romp in 1:53.4. Finite finished second with 143-1 shot Bright Expectation third. The top two finishers are trained by Ron Burke.

Queen Of America S paid \$2.60 after winning for the second time since her arrival on American soil.

"She's a really nice mare," said winning driver Yannick Gingras. "They just got her from Sweden. Ronnie was high on her. So far, so good. She's delivered.

"I figured we could take the lead and take it from there. It was the move to make. I got away fairly close. The hope [is to take on the better trotters later in the year]. I think she's going to keep improving. It was pretty easy on her tonight. It's a big step to take to go to the higher levels, but I think she has the ability to do it."

SAMPLE REIGNS IN KING: DeShawn Sample must have forgotten to check the tote board, because 44-1 shots aren't supposed to win with the ease that **Second Bruiser** did in the fifth race. But Sample and "Bruiser" fired to the top and led at every call on the way to a three-length romp in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Race, an event that featured five African-American drivers.

Sample was elated at winning, and was pumped as an African-American to compete in a race that honors the greatest civil rights advocate in American history.

"My horse was strong," said Sample. "It means a lot to compete

in this race [honoring Dr. King]. I traveled from Delaware to be here. It means a lot to the black guys.”

A LITTLE MORE: Gingras had but four starts on the card, but made them count, as he led the driver colony with three victories... All-source handle on the 14-race program totaled \$2,573,639.

Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations

USHWA Canadian Chapter launches second edition of Youth Race Calling Contest

After months of planning, the second edition of the U.S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA) Canadian chapter's Youth Race Calling Contest launched on Friday (Jan. 24, 2025). Entries from young race callers (aged 21 or younger in 2025) and their friends and families will be accepted into the contest until the Monday (March 31, 2025) deadline. There is no fee to enter, but all entrants must sign up or renew as USHWA Youth members to participate. These memberships are sponsored and do not have a fee for anyone 21 or younger who signs up. Entrants can sign up for membership at the time they enter the contest.

Their race calls can be in French or English and must have taken place during 2024 for a harness race or qualifier. Race calls from pari-mutuel races, fairs, and qualifiers are welcomed, as are informal video recordings of race calls made on personal recording devices and/or uploaded to social media. There will be prizes for the top three finalists, and a guest race calling opportunity for the winner.

Submissions should be sent to ushwayouthannouncingcontest@gmail.com or uploaded to the contest Dropbox (Announcing contest 2024 at [dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com)).

Full rules and ways to submit race calls at bottom of this release.

Entries will be judged by a panel of USHWA harness racing media members and race callers: Ken Warkentin (Hall of Fame Meadowlands race caller); Garnet Barnsdale (DRF Harness, Ontario Racing Tips from the Pros); Ghislain Paquet (Quebec Circuit Regional des Courses de Chevaux race caller), Melissa Keith (Rideau Carleton Raceway race caller), Nathan Bain (Leamington and Dresden Raceway race caller), Mark McKelvie (Woodbine Mohawk Park senior manager of communications), Edison Hatter (Yonkers Raceway race caller), Jeff Porchak (Standardbred Canada director of digital communications), and Conley Ecclestone (Grand River Raceway handicapper/timer/photo finish operator).

The defending 2023 champ is Grady Hachey. We welcome both young veteran race callers and any young people who want to try out their skills and receive valuable feedback from the judges.

For further information or help submitting an entry, please contact USHWA Canadian chapter 2024 director Melissa Keith (mkeith71@gmail.com or @TheTriactor on X/Twitter) or USHWA Canadian 2025 chapter director/secretary Nick Barnsdale (nicholasbarnsdale@hotmail.com or @AceBarnsdale on X/Twitter).

Rules:

1. To enter, a participant must submit their race call from a harness race that took place in 2024. One entry (one race call) per entrant.
2. Participants must be 21 years old or younger to enter the contest, and have made the race call in 2024.
3. The race call can be in English or French.
4. The race call can be from a pari-mutuel race, a fair or matinee race, a qualifier, or calling a replay. Calls from actual races/qualifiers are preferred.
5. Because not everyone gets a chance to call a race from a booth, we will accept video recordings made by the entrant or someone recording their informal race call. This could be a call made while at the track or watching the races from home.
6. The race calls can be submitted in the following ways:
 - a. Sending a link to a video posted on a track or racing organization's website, YouTube, or social media account.
 - b. Uploading and creating a link to a race call video and submitting the link (e.g. Google Photos).
 - c. Sending the video as an mp4 file to a Dropbox set up for the contest.
 - d. Sending a full description of the race/qualifier (track, date, race number) and where to find the video online (e.g. replays on an ADW site) if it is not posted on a track website or social media.
7. There is no fee to enter.
8. The winner (by points) will receive an opportunity to call a race at a racetrack where one of the contest judges is a track announcer. They will be treated to a meal for two at the track, free programs, and swag/souvenir items (which vary by track). If the winner cannot make it to a participating racetrack, the contest organizers will help arrange a similar prize experience at a more convenient racetrack.
9. Second- and third-place finishers in the contest will also receive prizes.
10. Deadline for entries: Monday (March 31, 2025). Entries should include the race caller's name, age, contact information (mailing address, email, phone), link to race call (where applicable), and preferred track to visit if they win the contest.
11. Entrants must be current USHWA Youth members (any chapter), renew their membership, or apply to join USHWA as a Youth member when they enter the contest. New Youth memberships are sponsored, so there is no fee to sign up.

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Gural responds to suggestion races should go off every 10 minutes

(In response to [this Wire to Wire column](#) from Jan. 19):

I agree we would do much better on-track if we could run the races quickly like we do the baby races, but, unfortunately, that would destroy our off-track revenue. I actually proposed this to the horsemen at Tioga to see if they would go along since I have a casino and I don't rely on racing revenue. Unfortunately, they rejected the idea because they don't have enough help. Quite often, apparently, they will have one groom paddocking three horses and going every 10 minutes would be impossible.

As far as the [comments from Christopher Fenty and H. Earl Paulson](#), I totally agree that the drag is an insult, but we have tried twice to get all of the tracks that have casinos to go along with reducing the drag and no one is interested. I can assure your readers that if we get a casino at The Meadowlands the drag will disappear, and we will also lower the takeout rate so that our customers have a better chance of winning. I also want to make it clear that I am optimistic that we will get a casino at The Meadowlands once the downstate casinos open [in New York]. People have told me that a casino there would be extremely successful because of the location. It is possible that even if we could get the constitution amended that someone else would get the license, but hopefully that will not happen.

It would really help if the industry could work together as it is very frustrating that I was able to get NYRA to put our races on TV as part of the NYRA Bets product and [SOA of New York president Joe] Faraldo still will not let people bet on the races that they are watching. How stupid is that?

In any case, I am totally committed to keeping The Meadowlands afloat and, while we will lose millions of dollars in the next two years, I am reasonably optimistic that at the end of the day we will have a casino, and our racing product will once again be the best in the world with no drag and a lower takeout.

Jeff Gural / owner The Meadowlands

More on speeding up the races

I agree with everything in [the article](#). [It is] so well written. I have tried introducing friends to the sport over a few decades, and the comments are always the same: Zero minutes to post and then six minutes later they are asking, "What is wrong? Are the horses okay?"

It is like watching a hockey game: Two minutes of action, then 25 minutes of nothing... Two minutes of action, then 25 minutes of nothing.

The OHL [Ontario Hockey League] can teach us a lesson. When the whistle blows, in 30 seconds they drop the puck, whether the teams were ready or not. The teams adapted very quickly. The game times were shortened and parents could bring their children on school nights and still get them home for a decent bed time, thus building a future fan base.

Plus, [by running the races faster] our participants will be able to get a few hours of extra sleep as well.

Thanks for the article. I hope that tracks will listen.

Steve Thompson

More on the on-track experience

The most important factor of saving harness racing from total irrelevance is getting people back to track. I've been following harness racing since my very first day at Liberty Bell Park, on the 28th of October in 1970. I remember the days of huge crowds for a weekend card at the races. Even Mondays and Tuesdays drew respectable crowds wagering decent handles.

I met John Campbell around five years ago at Sun Stakes Saturday at Pocono and engaged him in a brief discussion. His basic belief was that attempting to draw people back to track was an effort in futility and that the good old days were long gone and never coming back. I disagreed then and still do today, now more than ever.

You did have some good ideas, but that's just a beginning and just begins to scratch the surface. There's so much more that can and should be done if this sport is to survive. As it stands now, any state legislature, at any time, can decouple or rescind slot subsidy laws, which, like Pompano, would mean sudden death for any tracks in that state. Pocono and Harrah's Philly would fold immediately and I can't help but think Mohegan Sun and Harrah's would be thrilled to death if that happens. It wouldn't shock me in the least if they were actually lobbying for it.

One major problem is that most of the big dollar breeders and owners are in it solely for the money only, without any concern for the sport's long-term success. I know all about the competition for the gambling and entertainment dollars, but there's a very old idiom stating that "competition separates the men from the boys." In other words: Only the strong survive.

Over the past few years I've talked to many people that don't even believe that harness racing still exists. It's said perception is reality and with every track closing, many people believe the sport, like the tracks, is gone for good. Unless and until there's some type of national promotion/marketing programs to once again popularize the sport, it will all come to an end when Jeff Gural throws in the towel or the states end the subsidies.

At any rate, you at least made the effort to stress the urgency of the problems facing harness racing. Probably, like most times when this issue is addressed, your article will most likely fall on deaf ears, but at least you tried.

Rob Sturman / Philadelphia, PA

More on running races every 10 minutes

I thought the two articles and letters to the editor about live racing at The Meadowlands had good issues raised. The 10-minute time between races may be a little too short but I don't feel it has to be as long as it is taking now.

As mentioned, most younger people have shorter attention spans than older fans. So, dragging out post times and taking over four hours to complete a racing card is too long to keep the interest of many fans. I also agree there are now so many so called big races that they hold less interest and betting than in years past. Other than the larger races at The Meadowlands and maybe the Little Brown Jug the amount bet is not much higher than a higher class claiming or allowance race.

Tracks should maybe look into fewer big races but higher purses for their overnight races. This may also help in more competitive racing on track which fans would support with more betting.

Other than that, I also feel the heavy traffic and higher tolls on the turnpike has also hurt on track attendance. With more betting coming in from off track it is correct that a \$3 million handle does not generate the revenue The Meadowlands needs to survive, especially since they only race two times a week. The casino issue also is correct. With the constant expansion of casino gaming, even that is becoming less profitable on a per property basis and newer casinos would be at a disadvantage of having to account for the higher cost of their new construction. Let us hope The Meadowlands does not go down as the last harness track to close after Freehold.

John Chambers / Lansdowne, PA

More on industry woes

The "industry" will soon die when it is not propped up by state/province sponsored gaming.

In Ohio/Kentucky "agriculture and schools" get politicians elected via casinos. Soon, horse racing will be clearly viewed as it truly is: A cost of doing business; An expense to the taxpayer.

If you are not a total fan or complete addict, horse racing is boring, unless there is paint drying nearby. Gural is trying to do some painting eh?

Much thanks for the opinion.

David Lang

Not enough time to handicap between races

I just read your view and concept, but can you digest the results of the past race you just saw, turn the page, analyze, handicap and make your selection in less than 10 minutes without asking your friends who do they like etc. and the chatter involved of "experts" exchanging wisdom?

I have friends who have made good money in their careers, go to sports events where tickets cost \$200 or more [no problem], but when they come to the racetrack with me, they can't look at all those numbers on the form and select a wager with an intellectual confidence, or rooting for a driver because of limited exposure.

The 10-minute time frame to them is a rush to buy a lotto ticket – no brains needed; pick a number. At the evening's end, when asked if they enjoyed it, they always reply in profit or loss dollars as the standard rather than entertainment or sport.

Mind you, these same guys endure the Giants and Jets football teams as ritual attendees. So, speeding up the watching to wager on an event the new fan knows nothing about will not create an urge to return frequently. A long-term education of the racing form is needed. Like learning to play chess, wagering is not a scratch-off ticket to enjoy if you win.

I own and breed a few horses as my Achilles heel. I find if people learn about the horse more and what it takes to get behind the gate, they begin to realize racing as fast as you can make them move and whipping them more is not what racing is.

They don't promote the horse anymore, only the amount of money the bettor could win over entertainment for an evening, gathering with friends at no cost to watch some races and wager to show your skill.

Joel Kravet / New York, NY

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Friday's Results:

6, M, \$17,500, Trot, 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L2, NISO or F&M 5) Extended PM Races Life, 28.3, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:53.4, FT

1-Queen Of America S (m, 5, Father Patrick--Red Rose America, by Varenne) \$8,225, Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-2, \$62,759

O-Panamera Racing, DE. B-Panamera Racing, DE & Jens Glud Hansen, DE. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

2-Finite (g, 4, Resolve--Awesome Chrissy, by Majestic Son) \$3,850, \$100,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 32-4-4-4, \$119,049

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

3-Bright Expectation (g, 5, Cantab Hall--Exceed Expectation, by Kadabra) \$1,575, \$45,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 69-4-9-12, \$82,899

O-Karly M Warner. B-Dunroven Stud LLC. T-Karly Warner. D-Justin Irvine.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2Q, T, 2H, 2T, 5Q - Finish Order: Caviart Irish Luck, The Thing Is, Party At Seven, Tequini Hanover, Capicola, Tarpon Springs S, Voss Blue Chip

8, M, \$15,500, Trot, 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2, NISO or F&M 3) Ext. PM Races or \$20,000 (N/W L2, NISO or F&M \$30,000) Life (Maidens Drawn Inside), 27.4, 56.3, 1:25.4, 1:55.0, FT

1-Chuck (g, 4, Met's Hall--Abby, by Master Glide) \$7,130, Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$19,490

O-Robert G Slowey Jr. B-Robert G Slowey Jr. T-Michelle Warner. D-Justin Irvine.



Another METS HALL Winner!



2-Theobald (g, 3, Six Pack--Michele's Baby, by Chapter Seven) \$4,069, Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$14,007

O-Stormi And Bruiser Stable. B-Stormi And Bruiser Stable. T-Christopher Freck. D-Johnathan Ahle.

3-Chasin' Sunshine (h, 4, Greenshoe--Sunshine Delight, by Credit Winner) \$1,395, \$60,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 8-0-2-3, \$11,070

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 3, 2H, NS, 2H, 2 - Finish Order: Striking Tactful, All Too Well, Jaydens Pride, Dash Of Mojo, Vatu Hanover, Furst Igor S, Wildfire Blue Chip

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Friday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$11,850 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000. AE: N/A \$1,415 P/S IN 2024-25, 27.1, 56.0, 1:26.0, 1:56.0

1-Charmbo Stormy (b,m,7 - Sportswriter-Charmbo Lucky-Camluck) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 117-18-18-14, \$137,409

O-Ronald Nobes B-John Rier T-Jared Mann D-Travis Cullen



Another SPORTSWRITER Winner!



RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Twin B Tipster (b,m,9 - Bettors Delight-Millers Bird-Mcardle)

O-Jeffrey Courchesne, Martwest Racing Stable B-Twinbrook Limited T-Gabriella Sasso D-Jean Rene Plante

3-One Last Bet (b,m,6 - Betting Line-One Last Bono-Pro Bono Best)

O-Roland & Justin & Arthur Rey, Mike Hordeski B-A Harris Racing Llc T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Phillippe Hudon

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

3, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS IN 2025. NW OF 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2024. LEG 2, 27.1, 56.4, 1:26.4, 1:54.3

1-A Class Yankee (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Classy Chris-Art Major) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 27-5-7-3, \$114,576

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



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

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

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

3-Miki Ray (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Victoria Semalu-American Ideal)

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

4, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$14,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$29,250 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$70,000. AE: NW \$100,000 LIFETIME, 27.2, 57.0, 1:27.2, 1:54.4

1-Lyons Bettorday (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Albany Hanover-Somebeachsomewhere) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 60-11-16-9, \$480,019

O-Threelyonsracing B-Big Als Stables Inc T-Anthony Beaton D-Tyler Jones

2-Angostura Hanover (b,m,5 - Betting Line-Armbro Amoretto-Artsplace)

O-Dr Peter Johnston, Craig Watkins B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Douglas Mcnair

3-Shoot The Whiskey (br,m,6 - Shadow Play-Arm In Arm-American Ideal)

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

5, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 30.1, 1:00.0, 1:31.1, 1:59.3

1-West Alexis (b,f,3 - Lather Up-Upper Hand-American Ideal) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,500

O-Bernie Klacer, Bush Racing Inc B-Odds On Nourrir T-Christopher Bush D-Tyler Borth

2-Little Moments (br,f,3 - Control The Moment-Ashlees Luck-Camluck)

O-Nurko Sokolovic, Craig Barss B-Nurko Sokolovic, Craig Barss T-Criag Barss D-Nicholas Boyd

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

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

6, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$22,250 (OS \$30,250) LIFETIME, 28.4, 1:00.0, 1:30.3, 2:00.3

1-P C Peterbilt (b,g,5 - My Mvp-P C Cantore-Cornaro Dasolo) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-0, \$35,200

O-Peter Clements B-Peter Clements T-Julie Walker D-Scott Young



Another MY MVP Winner!



2-Spin For Life (b,g,4 - Royalty For Life-La Ponpadour-Promising Catch)

O-Triple S Equine B-Marc Lacoursiere, Felix Belanger T-Kyle Ruhl D-Colin Kelly

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

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

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

8, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS IN 2025. NW OF 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2024. LEG 2, 28.1, 58.1, 1:27.4, 1:55.1

1-G A Speed Expert (br,h,4 - Sportswriter-Surprise De Mars-Ambivalent) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 18-140-2-1, \$49,394

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



Another SPORTSWRITER Winner!



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

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

3-Gansbaai (b,g,4 - Downbytheseaside-Hurricane Trina-Jeremes Jet)

O-Christopher Nicol B-Stephen Dey T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

9, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED, 27.3, 56.4, 1:25.3, 1:53.1

1-Blue Pacific (b,m,4 - Sweet Lou-Miss Jones-Bettors Delight) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 26-8-4-4, \$378,837

O-Seelster Farms Inc B-Fair Winds Farm Inc T-David Menary D-Douglas Mcnair



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

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

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

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

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

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11, Wbws, \$21,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$62,250 LIFETIME. AE: 4 YO NW \$53,250 IN 2024-25, 28.0, 57.2, 1:27.4, 1:56.4

1-Caughtstealinghome (b,m,4 - Captive Audience-Shoplifter Hanover-Dragon Again) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 37-3-7-8, \$69,033

O-Jeffrey Boyd, 8113564 Canada Ltd B-James Rhodes T-Melissa Lamoureux D-Douglas Mcnair

2-Grand Circuit (br,m,4 - Always A Virgin-Ginger Tree Alexis-Dragon Again)

O-A1stable B-John Mcgill T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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

O-Geoffrey Davidson B-Stonegate Stdbred Fms Inc T-Victor Puddy D-Jonathan Drury

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

Friday's Results:

2, YR, \$19,000, Trot, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW 10,000 L5." AE: 3-6 YO NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 28.1, 58.4, 1:27.4, 1:57.2, FT

1-Lava Field (g, 5, Muscle Mass--Lucky Ava, by Lucky Chucky) \$9,500, \$75,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 60-13-15-8, \$183,577
O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Ake Svanstedt Inc & Little E LLC. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Austin Siegelman.

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Stud

Another **MUSCLE MASS** Winner!



Another Lexington Selected Grad Winner!

LEXINGTON
Selected Yearling Sale



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Dejerate Hanover (g, 4, International Moni--Devin Hanover, by Muscle Massive) \$4,750, \$20,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 24-12-1-1, \$103,480
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Fac Racing LLC & Yannick Gingras. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Sevenshadesofgrey (g, 7, Chapter Seven--Ms Naughty, by Kadabra) \$2,280, \$100,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 129-15-18-18, \$466,619
O-Flatland Racing. B-Concord Stud Farm LLC. T-Ricky Buccì. D-Jason Bartlett.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2, 2, 1T, 1H, 2Q - Finish Order: Tuscan Prince, Hand Dover Dan, Creative Venture, Saint K

3, YR, \$17,000, Pace, F&M NW \$10,131 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5." AE: OPT. CLM ALLOW \$20,000, 28.2, 58.1, 1:26.4, 1:56.1, FT

1-Chiapanecas (m, 4, Stay Hungry--Maniana, by Sportswriter) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 35-6-8-6, \$228,474
O-Fac Racing LLC & Yannick Gingras. B-WJ Donovan. T-Per Engblom. D-Yannick Gingras.

STAY HUNGRY WINNER

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PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Pembroke Southie (m, 5, Always B Miki--Uf Dragon's Queen, by Dragon Again) \$4,250, \$25,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 68-12-8-13, \$190,654
O-Glenn Goller & Stephen W Demeter. B-Southwind Farms LLC. T-Joe Bongiorno. D-Matt Kakaley.

3-Talent To Spare A (m, 8, Hurrikane Kingcole--Talented Tess, by Grinfromeartoeart) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 63-15-11-8, \$187,038
O-William A Hartt. B-Solid Earth Pty LTD, AS. T-Lance Hudson. D-Anthony Napolitano.

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6, YR, \$17,000, Trot, NW \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" IN LAST START NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5." AE: OPT. CLM. ALLOW \$20,000, 28.1, 58.1, 1:27.3, 1:57.2, FT

1-Texsong Soprano (h, 5, Text Me--Muscling In, by Muscles Yankee) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 58-18-9-8, \$520,379
O-Thestable Texsong Soprano & Scott Richard Zeron. B-Abraham L Miller. T-Megan Scran. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Warrawee Xalt (g, 6, Royalty For Life--Noble Peace Prize, by Kadabra) \$4,250, \$19,000 2020 ONT-SEL, Lifetime Record: 84-23-16-11, \$217,942
O-Patrick J Dillon, CA & Patti Hoskin, CA. B-Warrawee Farm, CA. T-Hunter Oakes. D-Matt Kakaley.

3-Epos Ostervang Dk (g, 9, Wishing Stone--Luna Ostervang, by Earthquake) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 113-18-34-19, \$323,446
O-Engblom Stable LLC & Kasper H Foget. B-Lasse Pederson, DE. T-Per Engblom. D-George Brennan.

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

7, YR, \$19,000, Pace, F&M NW \$18,666 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" AE: 3-6 YO F&M NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 28.0, 57.0, 1:25.1, 1:54.3, FT

1-Coachellabound N (m, 7, Sweet Lou--We Love To Party, by Fake Left) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 75-22-14-10, \$493,380
O-Flatland Racing. B-Woodlands Stud Nz Inc, NZ. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Atreacherous A (m, 8, Captaintreacherous--Lombo Sleek Streak, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,750, Lifetime Record: 76-21-8-6, \$152,195
O-M T Stables Ontario Inc, CA. B-T S & W M Rivett, AS. T-Per Engblom. D-George Brennan.

3-Front Page Story (m, 5, Captaintreacherous--Wenditions, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$2,280, \$110,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 53-10-13-5, \$259,705
O-Hudson Standrbrd Stb Inc, CA. B-White Birch Farm. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance.

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, M, \$15,500, Pace, Horses & Geldings - 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2 or NJSO 3) Extended PM Races or \$20,000 Life (Wins \$3,400 1st Money or Less Not Counted - Maidens Drawn Inside), 27.3, 56.3, 1:25.0, 1:52.4, FT

1-Lazarus Star (g, 4, Lazarus N--High Fashion Model, by Western Terror) \$9,106, Lifetime Record: 29-2-5-9, \$59,596
O-All Star Racing Inc.. B-All Star Racing Inc.. T-Mark Silva. D-Braxten Boyd.

2-Chief Bogo (g, 3, Always B Miki--Twin B Dream Girl, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,410, \$45,000 2023 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-0, \$3,410
O-Bogo Stable. B-Princeton Farms Inc, CA. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

3-Lyons Treacherous (h, 4, Captaintreacherous--Get A Clue, by Art Major) \$1,395, \$92,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 23-2-6-3, \$38,306
O-Evans Nation & Engblom Stable LLC & Amos Leon Lengacher. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Per Engblom. D-Jordan Stratton.

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5, M, \$17,500, Trot, N/W \$12,500 (N/W 2L5 \$13,750) Last 4 Starts AE: N/W 8 Extended PM Races Life, 28.3, 57.4, 1:25.4, 1:52.4, FT

1-Antognoni S (g, 5, Father Patrick--Bouncing Bax, by Credit Winner) \$8,050, Lifetime Record: 21-7-2-3, \$69,374

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Fac Racing LLC & Yannick Gingras. B-Harbor Racing Stable LLC, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

2-Distant Drums (g, 6, Trixton--Altar Gal, by Cantab Hall) \$3,675, \$10,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 25-11-1-1, \$73,050
O-Angela Cornell. B-Alan R Troyer. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Austin Siegelman.

3-Irish Coffee (g, 5, Father Patrick--Kolachke, by Donato Hanover) \$1,575, \$35,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 62-11-10-7, \$105,586
O-Jennifer Bongiorno Stable LLC. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Joe Bongiorno. D-Johnathan Ahle.

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6, M, \$15,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$20,000 - \$25,000 Post Positions Drawn According to Base Price, 26.4, 55.3, 1:23.4, 1:51.3, FT

1-Genius Man (g, 8, Art Major--Unred Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$6,900, \$87,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 160-26-28-21, \$586,785
O-Jose Cervantes. B-Winbak Farm. T-Michael Seddon. D-Mark Herschberger.



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Another Lexington Selected Grad Winner!

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Hunt For Cash (g, 6, Huntsville--L Dees Val, by Dream Away) \$3,150, Lifetime Record: 75-16-14-7, \$194,255

O-Anthony N Ventriglio. B-Dumain Haven Farm LLC. T-Edwin Quevedo. D-Justin Irvine.

3-Imstaynalive (h, 10, American Ideal--Don't You Smile, by Grinfromeartoe) \$1,350, \$25,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 189-25-33-28, \$437,496

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Steve H Stewart. T-Ron Burke. D-Brett Beckwith.

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8, M, \$17,500, Pace, Horses & Geldings - 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L2 or NJSO 5) Extended PM Races or \$50,000 (N/W L2 or NJSO \$62,500) Life, 28.4, 57.1, 1:25.1, 1:51.1, FT

1-Captain Bazinga (g, 4, Captaintreacherous--Brazuca, by Bettor's Delight) \$8,050, Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-2, \$38,710

O-John Cancelliere. B-John Cancelliere. T-Thomas Cancelliere. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Vandiemien Bluechip (g, 4, Huntsville--Peppermint Patti, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,675, \$40,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 31-6-8-7, \$300,118

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

3-Bonaparte (g, 4, Bettor's Wish--Traacherous Reign, by Captaintreacherous) \$1,969, \$125,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 19-4-3-3, \$62,514

O-Guy M Gemore. B-Alagna Racing LLC & Big Als Stables, CA & Let It Ride Stables Inc & Mr Dana L Parham. T-Richard Johnson. D-Jordan Stratton.

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9, M, \$17,500, Pace, N/W \$12,500 (N/W L2 \$14,000) Last 4 Starts AE: N/W 8 (N/W L2 9) Extended PM Races or \$70,000 Life, 27.0, 55.2, 1:23.0, 1:50.1, FT

1-Sling Shock (g, 6, Downbytheseaside--Shocking Beauty, by Art Major) \$8,050, \$60,000 2020 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 82-17-15-14, \$496,357

O-Richard H Hernandez. B-William D Walters & Joseph Patrick Mclead & Rtk Racing LLC. T-Shaun Vallee. D-Austin Siegelman.

Preferred Equine  **Online SALE GRADUATE**



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Sherlock N (g, 6, Vincent--After Party, by American Ideal) \$3,675, Lifetime Record: 18-8-3-2, \$102,141

O-Pjt Investments LLC. B-Spreydon Lodge LTD, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Build The Wall (g, 4, Huntsville--Traceuse Hanover, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,575, Lifetime Record: 17-11-2-3, \$70,903

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

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10, M, \$24,000, Pace, N/W \$20,000 in Last 4 Starts AE: N/W 10 Extended PM Races Lifetime AE: N/W \$5,000 P/S in 2024 May Enter and Draw Outside, 28.0, 56.0, 1:24.0, 1:50.4, FT

1-For Once Inmy Life (g, 5, Downbytheseaside--Flyme To The Moon, by Bettor's Delight) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 45-10-7-9, \$366,365

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

2-Spring Inhis Step A (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Summa Of Dreams, by Live Or Die) \$6,000, Lifetime Record: 74-21-11-10, \$296,621

O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-T S & W M Rivett, AS. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Tyler Buter.

3-Chase H Hanover (g, 7, Captaintreacherous--Calgary Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$2,880, \$30,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 100-29-17-16, \$1,064,216

O-El Dorado Stables & Robert M Weinstein. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Cory Stratton. D-Braxten Boyd.

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

NORTHFIELD PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

11, Nfld, \$19,500, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP, 27.4, 58.0, 1:27.2, 1:57.0, GD

1-Think Of Galaxies (m, 7, So Surreal--Lightning D Dube, by Western Ideal) \$9,750, Lifetime Record: 114-22-22-15, \$484,833

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

Preferred Equine Online SALE GRADUATE



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Be My Rose N (m, 9, American Ideal--Better Rose, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,875, Lifetime Record: 78-18-13-8, \$202,041

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

3-A Delightful Act N (m, 9, Bettor's Delight--A Christian Act, by Christian Cullen) \$2,340, Lifetime Record: 139-35-30-14, \$532,533

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

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1, 1Q, 1H, 3, NK - Finish Order: Santastic Cruiser, Kele Kele, Rockin Bambi, Kat, Lady Rita

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 OR \$22,750 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: NW \$38,000 IN 2024-25, 29.3, 57.4, 1:27.1, 1:56.1

1-Century Jamila (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Exotic Pleasure-Modern Art) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 56-12-12-9, \$232,686

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Century Spring Farms T-David Menary D-Douglas Mcnair

2-Western Wish (b,m,7 - Betterthancheddar-Giannas Ideal-Western Ideal)

O-Aaron Waxman, Santo & Nunzio Vena B-Blaine Thibeau T-Carmen Auciello D-Tyler Jones

3-Fairiesdelight A (br,m,9 - Bettors Delight-Awaywiththefairies-Mach Three)

O-M T Stables Ontario Inc B-R A Cormack T-Paul Thomas Court D-Billy Davis

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2, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) RACE OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.3, 58.1, 1:29.0, 2:00.1

1-Mood Control (b,g,3 - Control The Moment-Shadow World-Shadow Play) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$10,150

O-Jean & Leo Tourigny, Steve Garceau, Marcel Morrissette B-Ben Mudry T-Jean Tourigny D-Guy Gagnon

TARA HILLS
Stud

Another CONTROL THE MOMENT Winner!

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Stud



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

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

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

3-Lunas Legacy (br,g,4 - Big Jim-White N Bright-Northern Luck)

O-Shawn Arnott B-Shawn Arnott T-Shawn Arnott D-Tyler Jones

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

3, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER NW OF 2 RACES OR \$23,500 (ON SIRE \$37,250) LIFETIME, 29.3, 59.0, 1:27.3, 1:57.3

1-Hollywood Deo (b,g,4 - Captaintreachous-Miss L A-Bettors Delight) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$38,680

O-Frank Chiaravalloti, Colonel Schneider Jr B-Deo Volente Farms Llc, Inc Cool Cat Racing T-Cassidy Schneider D-Douglas Mcnair

Preferred Equine Online SALE GRADUATE



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Regil Bubb (b,g,4 - Bettors Delight-Regil Hurricane-Sportswriter)

O-Meagan Oneil B-Reginald Westgarth T-William Moore D-Andy Moore

3-Abovempaygrade (b,g,3 - Sunshine Beach-Appeals To Me-Bettors Delight)

O-Ronald & Travis Cullen B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, Al McIntosh Holdings Inc T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: N/A \$2,170 P/S IN 2024-25. AE: NW OF A RACE LAST 10 STARTS, 29.0, 59.1, 1:26.1, 1:55.0

1-Wheels On Fire (b,g,10 - Somebeachsomewhere-Ab Fab-Western Ideal) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 180-50-39-28, \$1,192,250

O-Bradley Grant B-WJ Donovan T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

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

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

3-Bee Two Bee (b,h,8 - Sunshine Beach-Bee Fullof Steinam-Life Sign)

O-Donald Mac Rae, Blair Maclauchlan B-Icr Racing T-Jodie Cullen D-Brett Macdonald

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5, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, NW \$18,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$27,500 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$70,000. AE: NW \$42,000 IN 2024-25, 28.0, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:53.3

1-Century Heineken (b,g,7 - Bettors Delight-Brushstrokes-Real Artist) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 100-22-16-9, \$468,043

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Century Spring Farms T-David Menary D-Douglas Mcnair

2-Saulsbrook Victor (b,g,7 - Source Of Pride-Atlanta Girl-Real Artist)

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

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

O-Ray Lasky, 2156604 Alberta Inc B-Claude Hamel T-Garry Merner D-Jody Jamieson

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6, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) RACE OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 29.0, 59.2, 1:29.0, 1:59.0

1-Matts Bank (b,g,4 - Thinking Out Loud-Sexvetts-Jeremes Jet) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$18,622

O-Val Spar Stables B-Val Spar Stables T-Darcy Clancy D-Trevor Henry

2-Diamond Ryder (b,g,4 - Dali-Sambucas Credit-Up The Credit)

O-Jjs Stables B-Jjs Stables T-Katarina Bosnjak D-Tyler Jones

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

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

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7, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 OR \$15,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: N/A \$1,805 P/S IN 2024-25, 28.3, 58.3, 1:27.2, 1:56.0

1-Rockabilly Rebel N (b,g,8 - A Rocknroll Dance-Judy Jetson-Jeremes Jet) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 75-18-16-9, \$208,984

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

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Speaker Of Peace (b,g,5 - Artspeak-Im All In-Cams Card Shark)

O-William McClure B-Winbak Farm T-Donald Lindsey D-Scott Young

3-Needabankloan (b,g,6 - Toucam Sam-Newport Way-The Panderosa)

O-Jacques Lambert B-Jacques Lambert T-Raphael Bourassa D-Billy Davis

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8, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$50,000 (OS \$62,500) LIFETIME, 28.2, 58.1, 1:26.4, 1:56.0

1-Jmr Speak Away (b,g,4 - Artspeak-Moms Bella-Quik Pulse Mindale) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 36-3-8-6, \$76,618

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



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2-Beach Cruiser (blk,g,4 - Yankee Cruiser-Beach Work-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Gary Ford, Janet Kinney B-Mervin Wengerd T-Paul Mackenzie D-Trevor Henry

3-Beach Cowboy (b,g,5 - American Ideal-Somstreetsomewhere-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Michael Torcello B-Crawford Farms Llc T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

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9, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace, PREFERRED, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.3, 1:54.2

1-Powertrain (b,g,7 - Shadow Play-Mmillion Blue Chip-Rock N Roll Heaven) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 53-14-9-7, \$420,945

O-Millar Farms B-Millar Farms T-Nick Gallucci D-Tyler Jones

2-Pacino Hanover (b,h,5 - American Ideal-Perfect Touch-Camluck)

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

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

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

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10, Wbs, \$23,000, Pace, WINNERS OF 3 BUT NOT MORE THAN 5 RACES OR \$80,000 (OS \$115,000) LIFETIME, 28.2, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:55.2

1-R J Ringo (b,g,6 - State Treasurer-Smilesandchuckles-Badlands Hanover) \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 23-9-3-1, \$77,540

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

2-Wannabebigstar (br,g,4 - Shadow Play-Greek Beach-Astreos)

O-Paul Sanders, J J J Stables, Travis Cullen B-Jane Kelly T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

3-Lamborghini Lou (b,g,4 - Mcwicked-Hnt Angel-Mach Three)

O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel B-Kathy Mackenzie T-Donald Lindsey D-Tyler Borth

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