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Battle of southpaws Jean-Michel Bazire and Björn Goop shaping up in today's Prix d'Amérique

Bazire will drive his trainee Davidson du Pont, the 2020 Prix d'Amérique runner-up, and Goop will pilot favorite Face Time Bourbon, the defending champion.

by Thomas Hedlund



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Will it be Jean-Michel Bazire behind his trainee **Davidson du Pont**, the runner up in Prix d'Amérique 2020, or Björn Goop with Sébastien Guarato's champion trotter **Face Time Bourbon**, the defending champion, in today's \$1.2 million event at Vincennes in Paris?

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Both are top drivers, with Bazire the dominant reinsman in France for more two decades and Goop a Swedish "rookie" (on French soil) who has adapted his style of driving to French conditions in an impressive way.

The similarities between the two drivers is obvious as the Prix d'Amérique is set to go to post at 3:15 p.m. French time (10:15 a.m. New York time) in race 6 of a stakes-rich card (At press time, it was believed that you could watch the race via the [official page at LeTrot here](#). It is also likely you can watch

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Bazire and Goop will be wearing green and yellow driving colors – Bazire with a red helmet. In addition, the match between Goop and Bazire is also a fight where two left handed drivers will do everything they can to win the big Grand Prix race at Vincennes.

The reports ahead of the race are positive from both teams. Guarato was interviewed by Swedish television on Saturday afternoon and the trainer from Normandie showed no signs of stress or pressure. Instead, he was pleased to have a horse who will be the favorite in the Prix d'Amérique.

"It feels better to have a horse that you know can win, but I still don't feel any pressure from anyone. I know that my horse is in great condition and now it's up to Björn Goop to do the job at the track Guarato said.

Bazire said he is also satisfied with the preparations ahead of the race today.

"I think that Davidson du Pont is better than last year, but that still doesn't mean that we can beat Face Time Bourbon," Bazire told sulkysport.se yesterday.

A wildcard in this year's game is Swedish-bred Power. The 5-year-old Googoo Gaagaa son has all the attributes that's required to be a serious threat at Vincennes. Trainer Robert Bergh spoke out on Swedish television on Saturday afternoon.

"We have nothing to lose this year. I wanted Power to try the French start system in the last start because my plan is,



Gerard Forni

Will it be Björn Goop (center), Jean-Michel Bazire (right) or someone else winning today's Prix d'Amérique?

and has always been, to have Power ready for real in next year's Prix d'Amérique. So when he solved that without problems and later won the race, I felt like we could try Prix d'Amérique already this year and in my opinion he has quite a good chance to finish among the top four, five in the race," Bergh said.

Bazire is the king of Vincennes and he warmed up by winning the \$123,000 Prix de Luxembourg with his Dorgos de Guez (Romcok de Guez) on Saturday afternoon (Jan. 30). Richard Westerink-trained Frisbee d'Am flew to the lead when the car left the field of trotters and driver Anthony Barrier had to let Frisbee d'Am leave the field with nearly 50 meters midway through the race. Jean-Michel Bazire attacked in chase for first spot behind the leader with his Dorgos de Guez and at the home stretch, Bazire noted that Frisbee d'Am was disarmed. Still, Frisbee d'Am gave his all and finished as the runner-up. The two top horses will most certainly face a spring and summer where they enter stakes races in Northern Europe. They both possess qualities that will make them interesting in, for example, the Elitloppet in May.

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Back to Prix d'Amérique and thoughts about some of the

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horses in the race. Face Time Bourbon is the natural first choice, Davidson du Pont follows as second, but behind them it's open. I think the two 5-year-olds Gu d'Heripre and Power are capable of winning the 2021 Prix d'Amérique and if Vivid Wise As gets his perfect race, he can upset and at least finish in the top three.

Complete entries for today's card at Vincennes.

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In 2020, Björn Goop drove Face Time Bourbon to victory in the Prix d'Amérique in front of a capacity crowd.



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In 2019, Jean-Michel Bazire drove Belina Josselyn to victory.

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Handicapping today's Prix d'Amérique

Will it be favorite Face Time Bourbon, Davidson du Pont or someone else winning today at Vincennes?

by Brett Sturman

Today's Prix d'Amérique at Vincennes in Paris is one of the few harness races across the world that actually will look different due to it being conducted without spectators. Even on the simulcast feed the difference in atmosphere will be unmistakable, but there will still be a strong worldwide wagering interest in the event as usual. With 18 horses lined up going 2,700 meters, who is most likely to come out on top in the 1,000,000 euro (\$1.2 million) event?

Starting with the prohibitive favorite, can Face Time Bourbon repeat his exhilarating win in last year's Prix d'Amérique? The betting markets at least suggest that he will. Odds on Face Time Bourbon can be found between 4-5 and even money depending on where you look, which seems like an even shorter price when you consider that he's starting from the 17-slot from the second tier in an 18-horse field.

Face Time Bourbon's record is a near model of perfection form 33 lifetime starts, including only two losses in over the last year and a half – and both of those losses were runner-up finishes. One was in Italy in October to Zacon Gio – a horse that crushed here in the U.S. in the 2019 Yonkers International Trot – and the other was to Davidson du Pont following last year's Prix d'Amérique, who himself happens to be one of the favorites for this year's edition.

While Face Time Bourbon will warrant his strong favoritism, it's not without possibility he can beat. The 6-year-old most recently raced on Jan. 3 in a Prix d'Amérique qualifying event. He won, but it was by the narrowest of diminishing margins as two other rivals Vivid Wise As and Delia Du Pommereux were right there as the wire came. In that race, Face Time Bourbon had to go

first-over for the second portion of the race when his initial cover Davidson du Pont cleared to that. Face Time Bourbon did eventually wear down that rival, but you could say that Davidson du Pont had an equally difficult trip and he wasn't that far behind at the end either. Two races back, Face Time Bourbon won more comfortably with an easier trip, but driver Björn Goop had him under strong urging to keep to task and there were still a couple others moving forward on late.

Goop gave Face Time Bourbon a trip for the ages last year when he waited patiently amidst traffic and found a seam between horses to his inside in the stretch and with this caliber of competition it could very well come down to the trip again. If he can, he'll join the likes of Varenne, Offshore Dream, Ready Cash and Bold Eagle as horses to win the event back-to-back since the year 2000.

Davidson du Pont looked like a winner for a moment in this race last year before Face Time Bourbon found his split and came bursting through. He did avenge that defeat though when those two met next out, and he enters this year's Prix d'Amérique in fine form.

A winner two weeks ago on Jan. 17, he bested a number of formidable rivals that he'll see again today and did so rather stylishly. He traveled well throughout that day, racing with fourth-over and then third-over cover, eventually moving

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forward into the lane to surge past Delia Du Pommereux who had the second-over cover. Davidson du Pont could only manage a fourth-place finish two back when last matched up against Face Time Bourbon, but that was a well-meant effort. Parked for the first part of the race, he cleared to the lead but then was forced to park out Face Time Bourbon and a third horse to his outside. He fought tenaciously while trying to fend off Face Time Bourbon and was only defeated a length or so in the end; seems like he'll be up to the challenge once again.

All other horses in the race are likely to offer double digit odds and there are some longer-priced horses that a case could be made for. One of those is the son of the American-bred sire Yankee Glide, Vivid Wise As, who figures to be in the area of 20 or 25-1. Two back at Cagnes Sur-Mer he beat the then heavily backed and fellow Prix d'Amérique competitor Drole De Jet, and did so comfortably despite being parked first-up almost the entire race. Last out at Vincennes, Vivid Wise As almost got to Face Time Bourbon. He was buried third on the rail into the stretch in that race and was flying once he angled out for clearance. Doesn't race often but fires when he does; would seem a possibility despite the long odds.

Power and Gu d'Heripre are the lone 5-year-olds in the race, which is noteworthy because whereas in North America most top horses have certainly been retired by then, 5-year-olds are considered young in this race. Like Vivid Wise As, Power is by a sire familiar to North America racing. By the mercurial Googoo Gaagaa, he was ultra-impressive last out at Vincennes. He was stacked up a fifth-over last into stretch before tipping out widest of everyone to sweep by and hold off a late threat on the inside. Gu d'Heripre did beat Power two back, but Power was the victim of a shuffle when blind-switched and I'd prefer him as the better chance of the "young" ones.

Delia Du Pommereux can currently be found at about 10-1 odds, but I prefer some of the other longer-priced ones to him. He recently finished second to Davidson du Pont, but that was his best finish since December, 2019. Two back, he got the ideal pocket trip in between battling leaders and finished third but was still outkicked by a horse in front of him and one from behind him. Maybe I'm missing something.

Moni Viking is a reach but one that wouldn't be an impossible surprise. He sprinted late following all sorts of traffic issues three back at odds of 28-1. Last out, he wrested the lead into the stretch but couldn't sustain against two others; still wasn't a bad effort. Those two tries are sandwiched by a ninth place try in which he never was involved.

Picks: Davidson du Pont, followed by Face Time Bourbon, Vivid Wise As and Power

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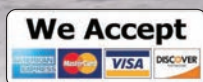
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Lawson resigned to the fact horse racing won't return in Ontario until current lockdown ends

Yet, strong push back from an industry chaffing at the fact some professional sports such as the NHL have been given an exemption to play on, has placed horse racing on the government's radar to resume when current stay-at-home orders are eased. Horse owner Mike Tanev, who has two sons playing in the NHL, has been at the forefront of helping the issue gain mainstream traction.

by Dave Briggs

Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) CEO Jim Lawson is resigned to the fact the best horse racing in Ontario can hope for now is a resumption of racing when the current provincial lockdown ends.

Pleas for an immediate return to racing arguing it would be consistent given other professional sports have been allowed to play on, have fallen on deaf ears for most of January. Racing has been shut down in Ontario since Dec. 23.

"I don't think now is the time for us to start back up," Lawson said Friday (Jan. 29). "What I do think is that we need to be considered when portions of our economy start up, whether it's mid-February or mid-March. We've earned the right to do it, primarily because of our (COVID-19) safety record and protocols have been nothing short of outstanding... it's been perfect."

Currently, Ontario's stay-at-home lockdown order is scheduled to end on Feb. 11, but Lawson is realistic that it may be extended.

"It's really hard to predict," he said. "I know there's not enough vaccines right now. I hear they're coming, but it's frustrating. You hear about a third wave... we're barely through the second wave and you hear about a third wave in March."

That said, Lawson does have some good news. He believes the work of people in the industry to contact government officials, as well as strong media attention on horse racing's plight, has helped the sport get the attention it deserves to restart when the current lockdown conditions are eased.

"I did speak to, and I'll just leave it as 'government official' yesterday and do have a sense that we are... definitely on the radar of government now. I'll just say that is the result of many people, many horsepeople writing into their MPPs and others, expressing support. I'm very thankful that people have done that and I think it's made a difference, I really do," Lawson said.

Standardbred owner Mike Tanev of Scarborough, ON is one of those that has been particularly vocal in the media. He owns 10 horses spread between Carmen Auciello, Mike Vanderkemp and Hank Lilley. Tanev also has two sons playing in the National Hockey League (NHL). Chris Tanev plays for the Calgary Flames and Brandon Tanev plays for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"I've been at this for about two weeks now and I've been on three podcasts, in a newspaper article and now you, so that's five people in about two weeks that have found out that I'm the one with the big mouth. I'm trying to make it better for everyone, including Woodbine," Mike said.

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"The tough news is that this thing is so unpredictable and people are going through a lot of hardship, unfortunately, not the least of which are our own employees," he said. "We've got 1,500 people laid off and it's terrible. As I will look back and reflect on this period, the toughest part for me is going to be the people. It's 100 per cent about the people, not just our employees, but the whole horse community and the impact has been devastating. Let's hope we can get going again soon."

Lawson said he is realistic about the fact that horse racing is one of many business being severely impacted by the lockdown.

"This is a serious period, with a serious health crisis and I understand that," Lawson said.

However, he said he "absolutely" takes umbrage to the provincial government's assessment that horse racing did not fall into the category of a "professional" sport such as the NHL. He also doesn't like the fact the province has singled out certain sports for an exemption.

"I think the horse community and the racetrack community have reason to be upset," he said. "When that language came out permitting certain sports and the pro athletes, that was, in my view, a complete oversight of racing and that was disappointing to me."

"To overlook or disregard horse racing and mention other sports or sports leagues, which do not have near the economic impact on this province or employ the people that the horse racing industry does, I found that a disappointing oversight or mistake."

"When the government takes a look at the economic hardship suffered by what amounts to thousands of people, and the longer-term negative effects on this industry as people head south and begin racing in the United States and maybe not coming back for the spring, it's going to be a damaging effect on this industry. There's a damaging effect in the short-term, but that damage has longer-term effects, too. It affects sales and so on."

NHL dad Mike Tanev said he believes the reason the NHL has an exemption to play is because it is paying for daily COVID-19 testing.

"I think to the NHL's credit," Mike said, "they've gone to every individual provincial Health Minister and said, 'Okay, we need to play. Our league is going on in the United States and we have seven teams in Canada. We want to play and what do we have to do to satisfy you health people in each of the individual provinces?' And I know what happened,

because my kids tell me. They are getting tested every day and I'm sure that there was a mandate put out by the governments of every province saying, 'Okay, if you satisfy all of this criteria, then we'll allow you to play as long as there are no huge outbreaks, and if there are then you guys have got to put a nail in it right away before it gets any bigger.'

"Why can't we as (the horse) industry go to the Ontario government – and I'm putting the onus on WEG because they are the biggest one with the most clout – and say, 'I don't care about the NHL and what you allow for the NHL, they've done what you've asked them to do, but give us criteria that we have to follow and if we can follow that criteria then we should be allowed to play as well.'"

Lawson said he has tried to convince the government that horse racing could follow the NHL's lead and conduct daily, rapid COVID-19 testing, but has gotten nowhere.

"Don't think we haven't tried," he said. "I've spoken to the sports ministry, the health ministry, finance... I've spoken to our MPPs and asked, 'What is the process? How do you get in that queue?' So, that's been frustrating, too."

If the cost of daily rapid testing is an issue, Mike said it should be funded not by taking it out of available purses, but, rather, from a small percentage of the purses paid out.

"You can't take the money from the purses to directly pay for the rapid tests, because that's part of the government allotment and you can't touch that money, but once the money has been disbursed, the five people that get the money – one, two, three, four, five – I'd take a certain percentage out of their purses to provide the rapid testing for the night," Mike said. "According to (Central Ontario Standardbred Association president) Bill O'Donnell, there's about 150 people that go into the paddock on any given night, so 150 people, and I've been researching and I did this with Carmen (Auciello) one day, the rapid tests can get results now in about 15 minutes. The rapid tests will cost anywhere from \$5 to \$20. If that's all we have to do to get to racing, \$2,000 to \$4,000 a night to get us back to the racetrack, then I'll be the first one in line to stick my hand up as an owner and say, 'Yes, absolutely, I'm in.'"

Mike, who said he's been betting on standardbreds since the early '80s, said missing out on the handle Mohawk and other Ontario tracks would normally be generating now is a huge problem.

"The money is going someplace else," he said. "A gambler is going to gamble no matter what. If there's a cockroach race in Tijuana, they are going to find it. So, what's happening now, if you look at the handles of all the American tracks



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Lawson, meanwhile, said both the Ontario Lottery and Gaming corporation (OLG) and Ontario's Ministry of Finance have been "very supportive" during racing's shut down. He is asking for patience in trying times.

"As I reflect on this period, I think everybody has to be patient. I know it's hard. At the appropriate time, we'll get going and I just hope that all effort we've made is going to put us in a position that they are considering us," Lawson said.

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Yannick Gingras is “a very competitive person” that puts family first

“When I’m put up to drive I have a huge responsibility to everybody connected with that horse, most importantly the public, to do the very best I can with it,” said the star driver.

by Murray Brown

Yannick Gingras was born and raised in the small town of Sorel, QC, approximately 40 miles from Montreal. His father Raymond and grandfather Marc were successful driver/trainers on the Quebec and Eastern Ontario circuit.

Although raised with horses and horsemen, Yannick never really had the great love and appreciation for horses and horse racing that he has today. His first love in his formative years was hockey. He played and followed it assiduously throughout his early life. He still is a great fan of the sport and follows the fortunes of his beloved Montreal Canadiens on a daily basis

His hockey “Jones” is still somewhat satisfied by following the exploits of his 15-year-old son Jaiden who has played in organized leagues from the time he was first eligible to do so.

In his teens, Yannick realized that he wasn’t quite good enough to ever play in the National Hockey League. He decided that it might be wise to focus on something else that he knew something about. That was horses and horse racing.

Yannick follows in the history of numerous fellow French Canadian horseman such as the Filion brothers, Michel Lachance, Luc Ouellette, Lucien Fontaine, Gilles Gendron, Marcel Dostie, Daniel Dube and many others who achieved success on Canadian soil and then went to the United States to ply their trade.

Yannick decided to do it in a much quicker and more expedient fashion.

For all intents and purposes, he skipped the Canadian part



Claus Andersen

Yannick Gingras made a bold move to jump from Quebec straight to Yonkers at the start of his career.

of the journey, although he did drive in some amateur races and spent about six months racing in Canada before going to Yonkers.

His dad also raced a bit at Yonkers while Yannick was there, but decided he missed home and came back to Quebec.

That was not the case with Yannick.

From the beginning he was here to stay.

He arrived as a trainer/driver. He had two cheap horses and to a degree he relied mostly on catch drives to earn a living.

In his first full year of driving at Yonkers in 2001, he won the Fall Drivers Championship at the Hilltop Oval.

In 2003, he was awarded the Dan Patch Rising Star Award.

In 2004, he took his whip and colors across the river to race mostly at The Meadowlands. That season he finished fourth in North America in winnings by a driver.

In 2014 and 2017, he was voted the recipient of the Dan Patch Driver award as the leading driver in North America.

In 2019, he represented the United States in the World Drivers Championships.

He has driven innumerable great horses and world champions, including the 2020 Dan Patch Horse of the Year Tall Dark Stranger.

He presently resides in Freehold, NJ with his wife Vicki and three children, son Jaiden and daughters Addison and Averi.

Yannick, what directed you to come directly to the United States rather than spending some significant time developing your trade in Canada as so many others have done?

“It was a choice between New York and Ontario, since

harness racing had in effect shut down in Quebec. I felt that New York would be more friendly to me as a French Canadian who spoke quite limited English. There was some backup and history there with guys like Daniel Dube, Stephane Bouchard and Luc Ouellette. I felt it would help relieve the loneliness factor.”

Did you have any difficulties adjusting to a new culture and a new country?

“Not really. I found the I made friends and fell into a routine rather easily. I owe great thanks to Daniel Dube who allowed me to camp out with him until I began earning enough money to make a living on my own. I quickly fell into a routine where we trained in the morning, raced at night and played cards most afternoons. When you are playing cards for money, it’s amazing how quickly you learn to speak a foreign language.”

It appears as though right from the onset, you hit the road running. You were successful from the very beginning. Any thoughts on why?

“I wasn’t really successful from the very beginning. My big break came in the latter part of my first season there when Mark Ford and the late Mike Caruselle began to put me down as their regular driver. It grew from there.”

Both your dad and grandfather played a big part in your learning development.

“They were both great teachers, but teachers by example. They both worked hard and paid attention to detail. Like with most good horsemen, if you followed what they did, you would learn the right way to do things. My dad is 68 and he is still working with horses. He works at a riding stable. He’s the kind of person who has to keep busy at all times.”

You describe yourself as an aggressive driver. Something that I’ve admired most about you is that regardless of whether you are driving a stone cold favorite or a huge longshot, you are going to give every horse that you sit behind a chance.

“I’m glad to hear that you see that. I’m a very competitive



Claus Andersen

Yannick Gingras said he owes a "great thanks" to Daniel Dube.

person. I have always been. I recognize that when I’m put up to drive I have a huge responsibility to everybody connected with that horse, most importantly the public, to do the very best I can with it. I hate it when I’m told to just try to get a check, although sometimes that is the best way to win a race.”

Do trainers give you instructions on how to drive their horses?

“It’s very rare that they do. For the most part they have confidence in the way I drive or they wouldn’t have put me down to drive to begin with. Sometimes they do, but almost without exception the race doesn’t evolve in the manner that they or even I thought it might. There was one former pretty good driver who liked to choreograph the race before it took place. I’d listen, but inevitably I’d have to drive the race as it came to me, rather than follow his instructions.”

Let’s talk about some of the great horses that you have driven.

Male pacers

“I’m guessing that most people would assume that the best one is Tall Dark Stranger and they’d probably be right, but it would be very close between him and the old man, Foiled Again.

“I don’t believe we ever got to see how great TDS really was. When he won in 1:47.1 at Lexington, I had him shut down for most of the stretch. There is no doubt in my mind that if I had got after him, he would have paced in 1:46 or maybe a tick faster that day.

“Foiled Again was one in a million – a dream horse. He kept doing it over and over and over. He had remarkable



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Male trotters

“Most would say Father Patrick and they would be right. But Southwind Frank would be in the conversation. I would say that they were close to equal as 2-year-olds. Father Patrick was better at 3, but Frank was sick just about all of the season, so what we saw wasn’t what he likely could have been. I really messed up in Father Patrick’s Hambletonian. I’ve relived the race numerous times in my mind. If only I had eased him out of the gate instead of rushing him which led to his break. There is no doubt in my mind, that he was the best horse that day and would have won if I hadn’t messed up.”

Female pacers

“1. Darlins Delight — She was my first great horse and I absolutely loved her. I look back and wish that I had her now, rather when I had her. I made some mistakes when driving her, but she was so great that she could overcome them. 2. Warrawee Ubeaut. 3. Youaremycandygirl. 4. Lady Shadow. 5. Kissin In The Sand.”

You’ve arguably driven more great female trotters than all your contemporaries combined. How would you rank them?

“1. Mission Brief — When she was on her game, she might very well have been the greatest trotter, male or female that I’ve ever seen or sat behind. 2. Manchego. 3. Hannelore Hanover. 4. Atlanta. 5. Maven. 6. Arianna G.”

If you owned and trained a very good horse that is in to race for a million dollars and, for whatever reason, you are unable to drive, who are you picking to drive?

“I’d go to Wyoming, Montana, Idaho or wherever the hell he is and get Ronnie Pierce out of retirement for that one race.”

In order, who are the five best drivers that you’ve driven against?

“1. Dexter Dunn. 2. David Miller. 3. Ron Pierce. 4. John Campbell. 5. Tim Tetrick. I think I’d add special acknowledgement to the McCarthy brothers Andy and Todd and a guy that often falls under the radar, Sylvain Filion. But there are so many great drivers out there — maybe 20 or more who could compete on a close to equal footing providing they had the horsepower.”

Yannick, I’m appointing you the Czar of Harness Racing. What do you think needs to be done?

“We need to get to work together and all inclusively. There are so many organizations out there going their separate ways and sometimes in different directions — USTA,

Standardbred Canada, Hambletonian Society, the various horseman’s associations, the state commissions. I’d like to see them all under the same umbrella and work in the same direction. I see where a group has just been formed to discuss HISA and how we should respond to it. Yet, there isn’t a single trainer in the group. How can anybody think that people like Chuck Sylvester, Jimmy Takter or Ronnie Burke would not be a benefit to such a group? How can they not realize that it’s the trainers who know the horses and their needs best? Funding needs to be taken proportionately from every single segment of the sport.”

Let’s talk about Yannick Gingras and his life today.

“Harness racing is a very important part of my life, but not the most important. My family is by far the most important. My wife Vicki and three children Jaiden, Addison and Averi are everything that my being revolves around.

“I’m grateful that my chief clients such as Ronnie Burke and Nancy Takter realize that and are empathetic towards allowing me to take the odd Sunday off to spend with my family instead of racing at Chester.

“I’m consumed with racing only when I’m directly involved with it. If I’m not racing, rather than watch racing elsewhere, I’d sooner be watching a hockey game or being a fan at Jaiden’s games or watching the two girls ride. I play a little golf, but really don’t have near enough time for it.”

How has COVID-19 affected you?

“On a personal, selfish level it really hasn’t been bad. We observe all the protocols, of course. It has amounted to far less racing, but more time to spend with my family. We enjoy biking and going for walks. I like to cook a little and enjoy eating. I especially like seafood that has a little sting to it, like lobster fra diavolo.”

What are your favorite places?

“I love Sweden, especially when the Elitloppet is taking place. Last year, we went to Maui in Hawaii. It was heavenly. We had planned on going back this year, but then COVID stepped in. We also spend some time with Vicki’s family in Maine. When we were racing Down Under we were treated like kings. The Aussies are a breed unto themselves. They have to be the greatest fun lovers and partiers on earth.”

What does the future hold for you?

“One day at a time. I just hope to keep on keeping on.”

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Universal rules initiative hitting roadblocks at the commission level

by Dave Briggs

Editor's Note: This is the first in an ongoing, semi-regular conversation with Hall of Famer and Hambletonian Society president and CEO John Campbell. We are providing this forum for Campbell to publicly discuss industry issues important to him. We will also use this as an opportunity to travel down memory lane and talk about the people and horses that had a major impact on his life.

Few industry issues are as important — and vexing — to John Campbell as his multi-year quest to establish universal rules for the sport across North America.

Shortly after retiring from driving midway through 2017 to take the helm of the Hambletonian Society, Campbell began working diligently on the project.

"I put a committee together... and it was a cross-section of racetrack operators, drivers, judges, race commission executive director... we reviewed the rules and changed some and added some, but a lot of it was just rewording and trying to make the rules more definitive and, in essence, easier for the judges to make calls," he said.

"We did that (in the U.S.), then (Standardbred Canada CEO) Dan Gall also formed a committee in Canada at the same time. It was kind of a parallel committee and it was made up of mostly regulators in Canada, which was easier to do because there are fewer provinces that have harness racing. They were the dominant voice on the Canadian committee."

Campbell said a set of proposed rule changes were then presented to the United States Trotting Association (USTA) in 2018 and 2019.

"I have to say that the USTA was very receptive," Campbell said. "They went through two committees and the full board. They were certainly well-vetted and there were instances where we changed wording that came up that we had overlooked, so that was fine."

"From there, (USTA CEO) Mike Tanner and I presented these rules to ARCI, the Association of Racing Commissions International, and they were vetted by their rules committee. All but one of them, that pertained to prescription drugs and breathalyzer for humans — and there was a legal issue on that — but every other one that we proposed passed. So, now they are sitting in the offices of ARCI."

Campbell said the frustrating part is some racing commissions won't even look at the proposed rule changes.

"I don't want to put all of the commissions under the same roof or label, because some are certainly better than others. Some have looked at them, but sitting in the offices of Standardbred Canada and ARCI is the potential for very similar racing rules throughout North America."

While once there was hope that Canada was close to adopting nation-wide universal rules, Gall said the initiative has stalled for a couple of reasons — getting Quebec to agree and the fact racing commissions are more focused on how to race safely during a pandemic.

"With government the last thing on their plate is regulation for rules (of racing). They are more worried about rules for COVID-19," Gall said.

"But, the biggest problem we've got is Quebec and not just the language barrier. We've had them at the table all the way around, we've provided them with translators because it was tough sledding to do it because of the language barrier. They were with us all the way through the review, but then when it came to saying, 'Okay, guys, what's the next step, how do you implement?' They told us they have to go to the legislature and get government to approve the changes."

That hurdle is particularly high during a pandemic.

Yet, overall, racing commissions across Canada have been receptive to establishing universal rules, Gall said.

"I'm really pleased with how well the industry and the commissions responded. The other follow-up call to them is 'Guys, if there was a change of anything that we've done, that we've talked about, that, for whatever reason, you're not going to do or you're going to change it, what's the process so that we're all holding hands, because the idea here is not so that we do this exercise and then everybody goes rogue for three to five years."

"What kind of communication can we establish that we have a touch point, whether it's quarterly, bi-annually or annually, so that we can go, 'Is there anything that's changed or that you guys are looking at that we should all be looking at, and/or are there any other new rules that we should all be considering to be consistent with?'"

As for Campbell, he admits he was, “a little naïve” to think universal rules would be established by now.

“I thought it would go quicker, for sure, but once I got into it, I knew how long it was going to take. But I really thought there would be more response from the commissions to at least look at them and even reach out to us for an explanation of why we did that. We did have a couple of mandates that we were going by and one, obviously, was to make the rules more concise, more definitive and easier for the judges to interpret and for the participants to understand.

“Also, many of the rules were geared to making the races less predictable and when you do that you help the closers, so we did put rules in there... we strengthened the terminology for holes in the first part of the race and also strengthened half-in, half-out and put a rule in that the lead horse could not be more than four feet off the rail going down the backstretch. So, to stop that when they all just keep drifting out. There were a number of them that were put in and some were just reworded from older rules.”

Campbell said the committee decided that the “extended run” should be changed so that a horse on a break for 25 consecutive strides would be placed last. The rule change was discussed at the model rules committee in Saratoga and Campbell said, “one executive director of a state got up and said, ‘I’m not going to vote against this, I’m in favor of this, but we’re not going to put it in in our state.’”

Campbell said there was no further explanation as to why the rule would not be adopted in that state.

“I was absolutely flabbergasted when he said that. If you look at just in HRU, you had two ‘extended run’ rules come up last year, one from Yonkers ([full story here](#)) and one from The Red Mile ([full story here](#)). In both instances, if the 25-stride rule had been in effect, it would not have even been a debate, because they were both well over 25 and once you get to 25, you’re placed last. It’s black and white. The participants know it and the bettors know it.”

Campbell said another example is the pylon rule. Campbell said Ontario’s pylon rule was essentially adopted by the USTA, “but it’s certainly not universal by any stretch. To think that 30 years later, we don’t have all the commissions on the same page in reference to pylons, it’s just wrong.”

Part of the problem, Campbell said, is that to change racing rules in many jurisdictions you have to change state laws or statutes and go through the process of public filings and public notice.

“Still, it’s not impossible, it’s just cumbersome and again it

goes to the ineffectiveness and inefficiency of the whole situation,” he said.

Campbell also said a rule change is needed to allow judges to be able to call for a recall, not just the starter. The issue came to a head recently in a race at Northfield Park as described by HRU columnist Brett Sturman ([full story here](#)).

“In Ohio, it’s entirely up to the starter, whether there’s a recall or not. We had eluded in one rule change at USTA that the judges be involved in that decision, so you have three extra sets of eyes sitting high up to assist the starter in there. In many states, it’s entirely up to the starter, which personally I think is unfair, because he’s at ground level and you could have three sets of eyes up on top assisting him with that in the cases of broken equipment, interference, before the start.”

LEGEND ON A LEGEND

When discussing legends from Campbell’s past that had particular influence on his life and career, it seems appropriate to start with the patriarch of the Campbell racing family – his late grandfather **Dunc Campbell**, who was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1983.

Campbell roots run deep on Argyle Road near Ailsa Craig, ON, west of the city of London. John’s great great grandfather settled there when he arrived from Scotland in 1832.

Dunc Campbell was born in 1900.

“He went through raising a family right through the Great Depression,” John said of his grandfather. “He told me many stories about (the Depression) that we can’t even fathom in this day and age.

“He started fooling with horses in the late-1920s. He had a neighbor a concession over that knew a little bit about it and he got interested in them. He bought a horse, so they got ready to race him and this neighbor was going to drive him and just before the race he said to my grandfather, ‘If you’re going to be in this business, you better drive it.’ At that time, you didn’t even need a license, so he drove it and won the first heat. He said, ‘They didn’t know who I was or who my horse was,’ but he said it was a lot tougher for the rest of the day. That was the only one he won.”

Not many years later, Dunc bought a couple of mares that were full sisters.

“One was called Babe Grattan and she was the foundation mare for almost every good horse that he had. He raced her five heats at Goderich one day and she won three, so that was the race. He won \$1,000 and it was exactly what he owed the bank and he came back and was able to pay that \$1,000 back to the bank from what he earned that day.”

John laughs when asked about an old quote that as a boy

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he watched his grandfather do more hard work after age 60 than most people do in their lives.

"It was incredible. Anybody that knew him or was around him or watched him... he just had that work ethic. Very little down time and no recreation time. His whole mindset was 'If you were awake, then you were supposed to be working.'

"I didn't get it like him, I can tell you that. My dad was a hard worker, but even he would laugh if you compared him to my grandfather.

"As hard a worker as he was, his family meant everything to him and I know that was a thread that came right through to my dad... It was the number one thing and nobody ever lost track of that for anything."

One of John's favorite memories is being allowed to go with his grandfather to race at Old Woodbine in Toronto, the track that later became Greenwood Raceway.

"I can vaguely remember being with my grandpa down there, just him and I in a tack room. I was 4, so he took me as a 4-year-old down there with no babysitter or anything like that. We slept in the tack room and I'd be there for four or five days at a time with him until somebody else came down to watch the races and I came home with them. I think he'd be 59 at the time, watching out for this 4-year-old toddler. I remember just having a great time, any time I was away with him," he said.

One horse memory with Dunc stands out for John.

"We had a horse called ArgyelChester that I owned with my grandmother and he was in-to-go on a Saturday night down in Windsor and I believe it was an opening night invitational and it was a really good field back then," John said. "Dad had something and he wasn't going to be there, so grandpa was going down to drive him. He and I rode down together to race Chester and he ended up winning that night and it was really a big win for us. I remember coming back and it was just a few weeks before my grandmother took sick and she never really recovered. I remember him telling her that we won and it was just a great night for him, me and her."

The night Dunc was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, John remembers brimming with pride.

"Certainly, I was aware of what he started from and to be recognized by the Hall of Fame I was just so proud of him and I told him that, that night. It was a great experience for me.

"I'd like to have a dollar for every ride I had on the jog cart or, in the winter time, a cutter ride, with him when he was training horses or jogging horses."

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A look at some 2020-2021 notes from the breeding world

by Bob Heyden

American Ideal. From the same year as Rocknoll Hanover (foals of 2002) and the first sub-1:48 sophomore ever, American Ideal is still going strong. His progeny have earned \$140,636,345 to start 2021.

His two richest are from the same crop:

- #1 American Jewel \$1,840,565 (2009 foal)
- #2 Heston Blue Chip \$1,781,884 (2009)
- #3 Sunshine Blue Chip \$1,633,398 (2010)

Archangel. Four of his top five money winners are, indeed, "Angels":

- #1 Guardian Angel \$1,442,353
- #2 Top Flight Angel \$941,250
- #4 ICanflylikeanangel \$412,592
- #5 Teddys Little Angel \$289,982

Andover Hall. His first crop was one for the ages and he's still going at it at age 22.

The following are all from his first crop foaled in 2007:

Donato Hanover — 3YOCT of the Year and the Hambletonian winner.

Pampered Princess — 3YOFT of the Year and second choice in the Hambletonian behind Donato.

Adrian Chip — Hambletonian runner-up.

Danae — Hambletonian Oaks winner.

Bold Eagle earned \$5,701,478 lifetime and is available via frozen semen only.

Cattlewash retired with the same 1:46.4 sophomore mark his dad recorded (Somebeachsomewhere in 2008). Cattlewash is now standing at Walnridge NJ.

Dancin Yankee is in the stallion ranks, you don't see many with a bio that includes nine straight \$100,000 seasons plus a \$2 million career (\$2,003,907). Standing his second season at Cool Winds in Lima, OH.

Muscle Hill produced more than half of the trotting yearlings that sold for \$100,000 or more in 2020 (36 of 71).

Overall, Muscle Hill sold 71 for \$9.002 million for an average of \$126,789.

Thirteen of the 14 highest-priced **Walner** offspring sold at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale.

Top yearling buyers

Andy and Julie Miller led all buyers of yearlings with \$2,990,000 spent. Rounding out the top five were Nancy Takter, Marcus Melander, Tony Alagna and Ron Burke.

Fewer sold

There were fewer yearlings sold in 2020 than in nine of the past 10 years. In 2017, 3,324 yearlings were sold. In 2020, the number sold was 3,335, which was 11 per cent fewer yearlings than were sold in 2019.

Stallion battle

The year 2020 produced a nice battle for the top spot among stallions. Somebeachsomewhere edged out Bettors Delight \$16,065,109 to \$16,027,848.

Marc Fontaine sighting

Or, at least a text. Now 55, Fontaine was 20 when he trained the undefeated 1986 HOY Forrest Skipper for his father, Lucien Fontaine. How is Marc doing?

"I am in Coral Springs and Loosh is right down the road. Surviving the crazy times we are in. I am flying a Turbo Prop. I take PGA golfers to and from tournaments. I am home a lot these days, but I still teach people how to fly. I do miss the business and follow it on social media. But I really do miss the golden old days in the backstretch."

Who needs to race at 2?

Who needs a 2-year-old season? Party Girl Hill, Pine Chip, Won The West sure didn't and Wiggle It Jiggleit had just one try in 2014. Same with Hot Lead in 1995. Sometimes a lone win at 2 is no indication either. Precious Bunny's 1-for-14 slate in 1990 sure didn't give us any hint as to 1991's record money-season which added 20 more wins and a Horse of the Year title.

And finally...

This is the stat of the day. The last time the Hambletonian had the top three drivers and trainers all born in the U.S. was in 1980 when Billy Haughton, Tommy Haughton and Del Miller finished 1-2-3 with Burgomeister, Final Score and Devil Hanover. Not once in the entire Meadowlands Hambletonian era has this happened.

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Stephanie Bell - Breeder

by Victoria Howard

Unlike many horsewomen, this month's superstar was not born into a harness racing family, nor did she have experience working with horses.

Call it luck, good fortune, or unpredictable phenomenon, but 25 years after moving from California to the East Coast, Bell has experienced more thrills, champions, and major stake winners than most of us ever will in the sport.

"Growing up my parents would take us to Santa Anita every year to watch the thoroughbreds. Harness racing was new to me until 1994 when I attended the races at the Meadowlands in New Jersey and met my future husband, Myron Bell. The following year we got married and harness racing has been a major part of my life since," Stephanie said.

"I really enjoy the sales aspect of the business and find that knowing all the different parts of the sport makes racing that much more interesting. Over the years, I have learned so much from several Hall of Fame trainers that have pointed out proper conformation and answering my questions. The best way to learn anything is to ask questions from the best and that is what I did. Today, I have my own opinion on looking at a horse, but try not to butt in on the final decisions.

"I am spoiled for I'm usually looking at horses with superior pedigree, so most of them are very good looking. I like to look at their eye and head first, then I have a certain type of body I prefer, and proportion is important of course.

"Another thing I love to do is go to the farms every year to



Courtesy Stephanie Bell

Breeder Stephanie Bell and her husband, Myron.

look at the babies. Myron and I go with our trainer and partner, Tony Alagna.

"I can't say enough great things about Tony and I think his horses reflect that. He is meticulous and wants everything to be perfect.

"We have had so many great horses, such as Bedroomconfessions, Tall Drink Hanover, and of course, the one and only Captaintreacherous.

"Being a partner of Captaintreacherous is beyond our greatest expectations. He was the first serious horse Myron and I owned, along with Tony.

"Captaintreacherous had so much charisma and was really 'the peoples horse.' When we syndicated him at the beginning of his 3-year-old year so many of the breeding farms had a piece of him.

"Tony had a camera installed in his stall so anyone could watch him day or night. When he raced so many people would come to watch him, thus we had some of the biggest crowds in the winner's circle."

With a smile Stephanie adds, "Captaintreacherous has catapulted us into the breeding business. We always had broodmares, but now that we can breed them to Captain it has become a game changer.

"We started out buying weanlings or yearlings with pedigrees we believe in, like On The Catwalk and Turnoffthelights. We have bred two million-dollar winners: Bedroomconfessions and River Shark and today we own 10 broodmares.

"Breeding a great horse is our ultimate goal and Myron and I will keep trying until we do. I hope it is a son or daughter of Captaintreacherous.

"Another very, very important person to me in harness racing is George Segal — owner of Brittany Farms. Myron has worked for George for many years, but the fact that George has always included me is very generous of him.

"I have learned a lot spending time with George. Brittany Farms has always been one of the best farms in the sport and George is one of the most respected men. Myron and George's collaboration is special and they have a great relationship: both business and personal.

"Because of George I have gotten to see great horses up

close, such as Real Desire, Glidemaster, American Ideal and American History, and we are extremely excited for George's horse Perfect Sting to return as a 3 year-old in 2021."

Do you have any possible superstars this year training at Sunshine Meadows?

"Presently we have seven Captaintreacherous 2 year-olds in training that we bred, and a few more we purchased. Their names are: Boudoir Hanover, Don't Fence Me In, Captain's Muse, Isn't It A Lovely Day, Arya Deo, Captain Mike Deo and Sky Captain.

"We are also bringing back our 3 year-olds Notorious Pink, Commanding Officer, Rockyroad Hanover, Simon Says Hanover, Keystone Catalyt, and a few others.

"We do have some diversity as we are training 3 trotters this year. One is a Walner colt named Tnt Bluechip that we bred with Bluechip Farms, two is Westminster, a Chapter Seven colt, and three is a Father Patrick filly named More Than Ever that we own with Brittany Farms.

"When Myron and I permanently moved to Florida we were elated our trainer Tony Alagna decided to winter train at Sunshine Meadows and we would get to watch our babies train.

"We have been going to The Deck (located in front of the barn) at Sunshine Meadows ever since we met. Alagna's main barn used to be Ronnie Gurfein's, and we would go to watch Ronnie train.

"Being the perfectionist Tony is, when he took over that barn he rebuilt the deck, which sparked the On The Deck movement as it's known today.

"It's great when out of town owners and friends visit. Normally, we would serve bagels and refreshments, making it a friendly atmosphere for everyone. Unfortunately, with the pandemic this year many people have not travelled and for those who still visit to watch the horses, social distancing is practiced. We are not serving refreshments, but when this is all over The Deck will be back as the place to come to in the winter to watch the babies train and hopefully get to watch another world champion in the making."

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BREAKING STRIDE

with TREY NOSRAC

Fringe frolic

by Trey Nosrac

"Well, they hated it," I said.

He wiped a crust of snow off the passenger door with his glove, opened the door, and slipped into the warmth of the car.

I pounced, "I've got another idea for stallion promotion. Wanna hear it?"

"No," he said, clicking into his seat belt.

I dropped the Lexus into gear and kept rolling, "Every year, there will be stallions in a state program that get less than a dozen broodmares. Old stallions, new stallions, risky stallions, brothers of famous stallions, cousins of famous stallions, or retired pet racehorses with stallion paperwork. Most sane breeders will not knock on the barn door of these lone wolves."

He shrugged. "That's how business goes. Some stallions arrive with a big splash, others with a ripple. Some are on the way in or are on the way out, and others are on the margins."

"Do you know how many stallions in Ohio bred between 0 to 20 mares last season?"

"I have no idea."

"A quick count in the latest Stallion Directory was over 50. I never heard of some of these stallions, but I saw plenty of stallions that I recognized who do not do much business."

"Breeding racehorses is a crazy business," he said.

"Yeah but put yourself inside Trey's head for a few minutes."

"I would prefer listening from an appropriate social distance."

"You know that I gravitate to the underdog. Each year I look at stallions for my mare that are not fashionable, not sensible, or not commercially viable."

"Sort of like you."

"What's with the zingers. Are you taking up quarantine improv? Now pay attention. I look for reasons to roll with the outcast stallion. But when I do the math and find that six people on planet earth take their broodmare to this outlier stallion, and four of them probably own the stallion, red flags start flying. This outlier sire is too dicey for even me to roll."

"What's your point? That you are not completely insane?"

"No, my point is that a group of these marginal stallions should get into a herd and sponsor a promotional race. Limit the race to offspring of sires that get fewer than 20 mares, give the promotional race a catchy name like, The Fringe Frolic, and then do some serious advertising."

He shook his head and said, "You're certifiable."

I kept pushing, "The owners of the Fringe stallions kick in for an advertising campaign fund. They cover the moderate purse for the race with a tab or a tax of a few hundred dollars per breeding. There is not much of a downside. This category of stallions does not have much else to lure owners of broodmares. Any breeding they scare up due to the promotion would be a small miracle."

"Do you think it would be worth the effort? Do you think it would bring customers? Would it make a difference to you or anyone looking for breeding's?"

I paused, "It might. These stallions already have a low sticker price. Combine a low price with flawed logic, and who knows what will happen. The Fringe Frolic eligible's will be a questionable bunch of sires going to questionable broodmares. The percentage of Fringe Frolickers that make it to the gate will likely be small and weak. Buyers of yearlings might see this as a selling point."

"The old, big fish in a small pond theory?"

"Sure, and don't forget that the quirky promotional race is merely a perk. The foal gets staked to regular events like everyone else."

"Top breeding farms and major customers would pass on this idea."

"It's for the fringe. The whole theory stuck in my head one season when my yearling was in a sub-pool of eligible racehorses. How we got into the little pool is a long story that I will not bore you with, but although I lost money, it was my favorite harness racing experience. The sub-pool concept added a new dimension for both selling and racing."

"Who would set up the whole project? Who would take responsibility for the pool and the advertising and the race?" he asked.

"Who knows? There is no entrance exam for doing crazy stuff. Any stallion owner, group of stallion owners, heck, any entrepreneurial person could run the thing."

He shook his head, "Can't see this working. The numbers, logistics, and time factor would be massive headwinds."

I turned to him and gave a final push, "But, you never know. One of these horses from a stallion nobody ever heard of could make it to some big dances, not just The Fringe Frolic."

He smiled, "Always dreaming."

I nodded, "It's what horseplayers do."

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—*Standardbred Canada*

Ontario horsepeople can now access purse funds during lockdown

Ontario Racing is pleased to announce that standardbred horsepeople now have the opportunity to access certain purse funds that remain available under the Funding Agreement with Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) as a result of the suspension of live racing in the province as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The aforementioned funds were already committed to the industry through the Funding Agreement for Live Horse Racing between Ontario Racing and OLG.

"We are pleased to provide standardbred horsepeople with this opportunity," said John Hayes, chair, Ontario Racing. "Horse racing, like many other industries in the province, has been severely impacted by the pandemic. The Ontario Racing team, OLG and industry representatives worked diligently on behalf of the industry to see this come to fruition and are

grateful for your continued support."

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ontario Racing created a task force, as it did during the spring lockdown, to address the financial impacts to Standardbred horse racing in Ontario.

Eligibility Requirements:

For horsepeople to be eligible for financial payments pursuant to this program, the Standardbred COVID-19 Task Force has determined that horses must meet the criteria outlined below to be eligible to receive an equine benefit payment for the period of December 2020 and/or January 2021:

December payment - \$300 per horse:

Horses must have a charted line, verifiable by third party information, between the dates of Oct. 23 and Dec. 23. No application will be required for the December payment.

January - \$1,000 per horse:

Horses, 3 years old and older, currently stabled in Ontario, who have started at an Ontario racetrack between June 5, 2020 and December 23, 2020 (verifiable by third party charted line) and are under the care of an AGCO licensed trainer, or unraced 3 & 4 year olds who were preparing to race and are currently stabled in Ontario and under the care of an AGCO licensed trainer.

All horses must remain stabled in Ontario and currently be under the care of an AGCO licensed trainer. The January payment will be for horses identified through a declaration/application of horses who were eligible/intending to race in 2021.

Once racing resumes in Ontario, horses who have received benefits under this program MUST make their first start at an Ontario standardbred racetrack.

Application form:

The Standardbred Equine Benefit application for the January payment can be found here ([Application Form](#)). The deadline to submit your application to Ontario Racing is **Monday, Feb. 8, 2021**. All mailed applications must be postmarked by **Monday, Feb. 8, 2021** in order to be eligible. Please **email** or **mail** completed applications to:

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Important Notes:

All payments received must be used for the care and

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Ontario Racing reserves the right to request additional information to ensure all criteria has been met. Those receiving benefits under the program could be subject to an audit by Ontario Racing. Failure to meet the criteria will result in all amounts being repaid to Ontario Racing.

— *Ontario Racing*

Pick 5 and Pick 6 pools carry over to Monday at Yonkers

A run of upsets during both the Pick 5 and Pick 6 sequences on Friday night (Jan. 29) at Yonkers Raceway wound up with nobody being able to hit either of them. As a result, there will be carryovers and guaranteed pools in both wagers when racing resumes at the oval on Monday night (Feb. 1).

The Pick 6, which starts in race three, will offer a \$12,573.07 carryover and a \$25,000 guaranteed pool, and the Pick 5, which gets underway in the fifth race, will have a \$4,412.72 carryover and a \$15,000 guaranteed pool.

Both guarantees are being offered as part of the United States Trotting Association's Strategic Wagering Program. Free past performances for the Pick 5 and the Pick 6, courtesy of TrackMaster, will be available [here](#).

Yonkers Raceway's Pick 5 and Pick 6 wagers both have a takeout rate of 20 per cent, as does the nightly Pick 4.

Monday night's 10-race program at Yonkers is scheduled to get underway at 7:15 p.m.

— *Yonkers Raceway*

Dunn gets 1,000th North American win

With so many accolades having come his way over the last two years, driver Dexter Dunn can be forgiven for not being aware he had reached a big career milestone Friday night (Jan. 29) at The Meadowslands.

The 31-year-old New Zealander, who dreamed as a youngster of playing for the All Blacks, a famous rugby club back in his homeland, was his usual aw shucks self after winning his 1,000th career North American race in the second with Roger Rabbit on a frigid night at The Big M.

"I didn't know I was close," Dunn said.

If that's the case, he probably does not remember that his

first win came in June of 2011 with McClelland in a high-end conditioned pace at The Big M. Dunn returned home after that season and was not seen back in the States again until 2017. He won 93 races in 2018 before rising to the top of the sport in 2019, winning 460 times for earnings of over \$12 million.

Then came his remarkable 2020, when he was named the United States Harness Writers Association's Driver of the Year for a second consecutive season, winning 395 times in a COVID-19-shortened season while being the only pilot to earn over \$10 million, with a bank account that swelled to \$11,163,638 by year's end.

And he wants to do even more in 2021.

"It's a new season and we'll start all over again," Dunn told the United States Trotting Association's Ken Weingartner. "I always want to do better. It will be hard, but I'm going to try. I'm always up for a challenge. I love a challenge."

Dunn swept the early double Friday to give his backers a handsome return of \$120.00. His two victories gave him 23 at the current meeting, tops in the driver standings. A year ago, he led all Big M pilots with 131 trips to the winner's circle.

A LITTLE MORE: All-source wagering totaled \$2,938,681. All four Friday programs in January have seen wagering of at least \$2.8 million.

— *Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations*

Jeffery P cruises to 1:52.1 career best in The Meadows' top trot

Jeffery P overwhelmed a distinguished field Friday (Jan. 29) at The Meadows, cruising to a career-best 1:52.1 victory in the \$16,200 open handicap trot.

Jeffery P quarter-poled to the top for Dave Palone and began drawing off past the half. From there, the only question was how much his winning margin would be. The answer — 5-1/4 lengths ahead of early leader Icanflylikeanangel, with Lady's Dude third.

Ron Burke trains Jeffery P, a 6-year-old Full Count—Betty Jean gelding who vaulted over \$200,000 in career earnings, for Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Brusceci LLC and Phillip Collura.

Tony Hall collected three wins on the 13-race card — including a pair for trainer Scott Betts — raising his total to nine for the three-day race week.

Live racing at The Meadows resumes Wednesday with a first post of 12:45 p.m.

— *Evan Pattak for The Meadows Standardbred Owners Association*

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"The content is loosely based on regular school subjects like math, science, language arts, history and art" explains executive director Ellen Taylor. "Our team is exceptionally creative when it comes to engaging the younger audience. In each box, we have included at least one 'make it yourself' project along with a variety of games and puzzles.

"Our target age group for our hands-on programs is 12 and up so that is where we have focused our energy in box development. Each box has a theme with specifically designed elements related to an aspect of the industry - Standardbred Essentials, Farm Life, At The Racetrack, and Harness Racing Careers Exploration. We encourage the purchase of the entire series both because the information among boxes is interrelated and because there is a bit of a savings too."

We're off to the winners circle - Standardbred Essentials(Box 1) is available now. The second box will be available in May, the third in July, and the fourth in September.

The fifth box *Oh, what a wonderful world - Fun With Standardbreds*, is especially designed for early-reading horse enthusiasts and consists of very simple activities for those under the age of 11. It is also now available.

For more information about how to order the activity boxes, click here <https://hhyf.org/activity-boxes/>.

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Boni responds to Schnittker

I will have to take exception to Ray Schnittker's comment ([full story here](#)) regarding his world champion Deweycheatumnhowe and his Hall of Fame induction in response to my earlier statement about Tall Dark Stranger being a Hall of Fame candidate.

Contrary to what Ray stated, Deweycheatumnhowe was in fact elected to the Living Horse Hall of Fame the FIRST year that he was eligible for nomination.

Deweycheatumnhowe last raced in 2008 and was first eligible for nomination in 2014 and was inducted in 2015, joining Somebeachsomewhere as the two inductees that year. Both were first ballot Hall of Famer's.

The only difference between then and now is that what had long been a five-year period post retirement before any candidate could become part of the selection process, has now become a two-year post retirement window.

Inductees have now also been increased from two per year to three per year.

As a co-chairman of the Living Horse Hall of Fame Committee with Seth Rosenfeld, I certainly appreciate Ray's interest, but to quote the great New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, "You're entitled to your own opinion but you are not entitled to your own facts." Seems that is a quote I have had reason to use quite often of late.

As for Tall Dark Stranger, while his Horse of the Year honors will have him nominated the first time he is eligible, I have little doubt that he would have had the same consideration regardless of his eventual Dan Patch Award.

Thank you again for the opportunity to clarify an apparent misconception regarding the Living Horse Hall of Fame

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Friday's Results:

10, M, \$22,500, Pace, Fillies & Mares Winners Over \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts (N/W \$11,500 or TMR 84.30 or Less Drawn Inside), 27.4, 56.3, 1:24.3, 1:54.1, FT

1-Lady Dela Renta A (m, 7, Well Said--Flylika Bird Lombo, by Jet Laag) \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 70-28-10-9, \$348,564

O-Bukers Stable. B-K JF & A G & Mr Kody Thomas Charles, AS. T-Shane Tritton. D-Todd McCarthy.

2-Callmequeenbee A (m, 7, Shadow Play--Queen Of Courage, by Courage Under Fire) \$5,625, Lifetime Record: 70-20-8-11, \$174,248

O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Redbank Lodge Standardbreds, AS. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Simon Allard.

3-Tango Dancer N (m, 6, A Rocknroll Dance--Tango Lady, by Artsplace) \$2,700, Lifetime Record: 50-12-9-4, \$111,827

O-Curtin Anz Stables. B-J M Davie, NZ & P T & D J Cummings, NZ. T-Kelvin Harrison. D-Dexter Dunn.

►► *Replay* ►► Calls: 1, NS, 2, NS, 2H - Finish Order: Dbldelitebrigade N, She's Nun Bettor N, The Bandit Queen N, Always Mindy, Ivana Flybye N, Sly Eleanor N, Clear Idea

MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY *report*

Friday's Results:

6, MVR, \$21,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HCP P.P. 8 ASSIGNED, 28.0, 57.2, 1:25.0, 1:53.0, GD

1-Pace Baby Pace (m, 5, Sweet Lou--Breakheart Pass, by Western Hero) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 53-14-6-6, \$219,100

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

2-Miss You N (m, 7, Betterthancheddar--Woman In Black, by Courage Under Fire) \$5,250, Lifetime Record: 63-25-10-9, \$321,710

O-Carl T Howard & Bottom Line Racing LLC. B-M H Lemon, NZ & Mrs P C Kingston, NZ. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Jeremy Smith.

3-Caviart Cherie (m, 7, Well Said--Caviart Sarah, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$2,520, Lifetime Record: 119-26-14-16, \$430,499

O-Eric A Prevost. B-Caviart Farms. T-Stacey Van Huizen. D-Brett Miller.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 4, 3H, 1, 1Q, 1T - Finish Order: The Bethinator, Mildrix, Shards Halo N, Newsday, It's Time For Fun

12, MVR, \$16,200, Pace, FILLIES & MARES N/W \$10,000 IN LAST 4 STARTS AE: CLAIMING \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.3, 55.2, 1:23.2, 1:52.2, FT

1-Play For Pay (m, 5, Tellitlikeitis--Fox Valley Ivy, by Incredible Finale) \$8,100, \$15,500 2017 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 52-11-13-12, \$258,973

O-Ira Steinberg. B-Diana L Wilson. T-Michael Arnold. D-Kayne Kauffman.

2-Gone Girl (m, 7, Dragon Again--Village Mirage, by Western Hanover) \$4,050, \$9,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 115-24-13-19, \$269,577

O-Mark D Gillenwater. B-Rolark Stables, CA. T-Mark Gillenwater. D-Tyler Smith.

3-Summer Charm (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Lover Of Art, by Artsplace) \$1,944, \$60,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 50-11-11-10, \$386,253

O-Brookside Stables & Amos L Lengacher.. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Erik Jaeck Jr.. D-John De Long.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, H, 1, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Clarebear, Colorful Sky, D Gs Elsa, Garbo, Beach Bar, Sandy Sue, Debt Motivated



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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

THE MEADOWS *report*

Friday's Results:

8, Mea, \$16,200, Trot, **OPEN HANDICAP** P.P.1-3 DRAWN; 4-7 DRAWN, 27.2, 55.4, 1:23.0, 1:52.1, FT

1-Jeffery P (g, 6, Full Count--Betty Jean, by S J's Photo) \$8,100, \$14,000 2016 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 83-23-13-9, \$206,998

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Robert G Slowey & Anthony V Minute & Dennis J Osterholt. T-Ron Burke.
D-Dave Palone.

2-Icanflylikeanangel (g, 7, Archangel--Fox Valley London, by Vaporize) \$4,050, \$27,000 2015 Goshen, Lifetime Record: 96-22-31-13, \$417,938

O-Randall B Bendis & Pollack Racing LLC. B-L Michelle Oglesby & John R Hallett. T-Randy Bendis. D-Jim Pantaleano.

3-Lady's Dude (g, 10, Victory Sam--Lady's Star, by Hi Noon Star) \$1,944, Lifetime Record: 143-51-20-19, \$860,084

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Johnny E Yoder. B-Duane M Lowe. T-Ron Burke. D-Tony Hall.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: H, 1H, 3, 2H, 5Q - Finish Order: Milford's Z Tam, Jessiejesorjessica, Donatover, Maewegonow

YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

Friday's Results:

2, YR, \$17,500, Trot, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$25,000 AE:
4&5 YR OLDS NW 7 PM RACES OR \$90,000 LT, 29.1, 59.4, 1:28.3, 1:58.3, FT

1-Kinda Lucky Lindy (g, 6, Lucky Chucky--Kinda Crazy Lindy, by Crazyed) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 87-14-17-15, \$277,507

O-Brian & Ira Wallach Racing. B-Lindy Farms Of Conn. T-Daniel Renaud. D-Jordan Stratton.

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 **Preferred Equine** MIXED SALE GRADUATE

2-Lord Cromwell (g, 7, Chapter Seven--Oh Oh Its Magic, by Credit Winner) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 98-21-15-22, \$540,118

O-Carolyn Atherton. B-Carolyn Atherton. T-Edward Hart. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-After All Paul (g, 4, Swan For All--After Jesse, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$2,100, \$26,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 36-8-5-5, \$135,239

O-William A Hartt. B-Bobby A Brower & Mystical Marker Farms LLC. T-Lance Hudson. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3, 3, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Barry Black, Cash Me Out, Secret Bro, Grinder, Golden Kronos

7, YR, \$30,000, Trot, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1&2 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 DRAWN, 28.2, 58.0, 1:27.2, 1:56.2, FT

1-Lean Hanover (g, 8, Donato Hanover--Lives Like A Queen, by Muscles Yankee) \$15,000, \$50,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 96-23-17-12, \$424,677

O-P C Wellwood Enterprises Inc, CA & Karen E Carroll, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Linda Toscano. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

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

2-Homer Hall (g, 5, Broadway Hall--Cynthia Iliad, by Armbr Iliad) \$7,500, \$15,000 2017 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 58-26-9-4, \$330,204

O-Tammy Carter & Brian K Carsey & Cass P Gallagher & Jay E Mossbarger. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Shane Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Hill Of A Horse (g, 6, Muscle Hill--Lukes Sophie, by Here Comes Herbie) \$3,600, Lifetime Record: 61-17-7-11, \$217,212

O-Andray Farm. B-Andray Farm. T-Erv Miller. D-Brent Holland.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 2, 3, H, 3H, 5T - Finish Order: Pat Matters, Mostinterestingman, Stormy Kromer, Full Rights, Winnerup

9, YR, \$17,500, Trot, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$25,000, 28.1, 58.4, 1:27.4, 1:57.1, FT

1-New Heaven (g, 7, Yankee Glide--New Day, by Conway Hall) \$8,750, \$10,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 116-29-26-20, \$489,310

O-Allister Stables LLC. B-Arden Homestead Stable & Vieux Carre Farms. T-Eric Abbatiello. D-Brent Holland.

2-Rich And Miserable (g, 6, Explosive Matter--Wishful Me, by Yankee Glide) \$4,375, \$40,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 67-23-14-9, \$477,861

O-Buter Farm Inc & Lynette M Buter & William J & Carol D Fuhs. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Todd Buter. D-Tyler Buter.

3-Limerence (g, 7, Yankee Glide--Pleasing Lady, by Cantab Hall) \$2,100, \$22,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 109-20-12-15, \$293,819

O-Night Rogue Racing Stable & Charles F Krippendorf & Stephen M Smith. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Karen Garland. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, T, 1Q - Finish Order: Seven Knights, Armagedon Seelster, Lady Eagle, Max, Thisisshe

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, M, \$15,500, Trot, N/W \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts AE: 6 Year Olds & Under N/W \$70,000 Lifetime Optional Claiming \$30,000, M, 28.3, 57.0, 1:25.1, 1:54.2, FT

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

1-Explosive Ridge (g, 7, Explosive Matter--Agenda Tom Ridge, by Tom Ridge) \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 85-18-9-12, \$224,087

O-Gdl Corp. B-Kenneth & Claire R Ross. T-Raymond Vizzi. D-Corey Callahan.

2-Henderson Seelster (g, 6, Holiday Road--Hollywood Beauty, by Angus Hall) \$3,875, \$34,000 2016 FOREST, Lifetime Record: 86-16-12-12, \$256,129

O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Paul Stafford. D-Andrew McCarthy.

3-Chiplosive (g, 5, Explosive Matter--Brooke Blue Chip, by Credit Winner) \$1,860, \$80,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 45-9-9-3, \$132,078

O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: NS, 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1T - Finish Order: Lion Safari As, Drazzmatazz, Gigfy, Buzz, St James Gate, Godspell Hall

2, M, \$17,500, Pace, 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 4 But Not More Than 6 (NJSO or N/W L2 7) Extended PM Races Life AE: N/W \$75,000 (NJSO/N/W L2 \$80,000) Lifetime (State Bred Wins Excluded), M, 27.4, 56.0, 1:24.4, 1:52.2, FT

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

1-My Pal Joe (g, 4, Roll With Joe--Ph Diagnosis, by American Ideal) \$8,750, \$60,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 18-9-0-3, \$69,071

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



2-Wyatt J (g, 4, American Ideal--Think Pink, by Yankee Cruiser) \$4,375, \$245,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 14-8-1-0, \$120,208

O-Kellogg Racing Stables LLC & Jackie Greene Stables LLC. B-Lindy Farms Of Conn. T-Jackie Greene. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-Duddie's Lor (h, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Kiss Dont Bite, by Four Starzzz Shark) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 17-8-1-1, \$75,738

O-South Merrick Stables. B-South Merrick Stables & Andrew P Berg. T-Michael Posner. D-Todd McCarthy.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 2T, 1Q, 1Q, 3, 1H - Finish Order: Chaser Hanover, Scootnroll, Actor Hanover, The Candyman Can, Flyingevenbettor N

4, M, \$15,500, Pace, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not 4 (N/W L3 5) Extended PM Races Life AE: N/W \$35,000 (N/W L3 \$39,000) Life (N/W 2 Extended PM Races or \$20,000 Life Drawn Inside), M, 27.3, 55.4, 1:24.1, 1:52.4, FT

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

1-Shvaiko (g, 4, Art Major--Grace K, by Real Desire) \$7,750, \$14,000 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-0, \$27,150

O-Lone Wolf Stable. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Steven Walters. D-Corey Callahan.

2-Big City Bud (g, 5, Western Ideal--Madam Countess, by Art Major) \$3,875, \$37,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-0, \$26,242

O-Jason T & Susan Marie Skinner. B-Louis A Willinger & Deo Volente Farms LLC. T-Jason Skinner. D-Scott Zeron.

3-Windsun Azar (g, 4, Mach Three--Windsun Princess, by Cam's Card Shark) \$1,860, Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-2, \$22,075

O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Windsun Farm Inc, CA & Murray L Brethour, CA. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Andrew McCarthy.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 8, 8, 7, 5H, HD - Finish Order: Sailboat Hanover, Windemere Frank, Hold Thumbs N, Panther's Pinot, Dillinger, Junior Man, Hestherightstuff

6, M, \$22,500, Trot, Winners Over \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts or Winners Over \$50,000 Lifetime, M, 28.1, 57.4, 1:26.4, 1:54.4, FT

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

1-JL Cruze (g, 10, Crazy--Topcat Hall, by Conway Hall) \$11,250, \$30,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 124-41-15-26, \$1,544,267

O-William Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J laquinta. B-Joanne M Morrison, CA & Glengate Farms, CA. T-Eric Ell. D-Dexter Dunn.



2-Buck Dancer (g, 5, Guccio--Shaken Not Stirred, by Credit Winner) \$5,625, \$30,000 2017 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 23-11-4-3, \$83,930

O-Fox Racing Inc. B-Merle E Yoder. T-Carmen Auciello. D-Mark Macdonald.

3-Scirocco Rob (g, 6, Explosive Matter--Fun At Parties, by Lindy Lane) \$2,700, \$20,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 74-24-13-8, \$495,429

O-Lewis W Whitaker Jr & Kathleen A Whitaker. B-Russell C Williams. T-Mark Silva. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1, 1, 2 - Finish Order: Kenziesky Hanover, Never Mind N, Fashion Creditor, Warrior One, All Champy, Double Account

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

8, M, \$17,000, Pace, BIG GAME SERIES - N/W \$11,500 (N/W L3 \$12,500/NJSO \$12,800) L5 AE: Winners Base Class N/W \$8,000 L/S or TMR 87.5 or Less as of 1/26/21 Starters in a Class Higher Than N/W \$17,500 L/S Ineligible, M, 27.1, 54.0, 1:22.2, 1:51.3, FT

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

1-De Los Cielos Deo (g, 5, Captaintreacherous--Lisjune, by Camluck) \$8,500, \$140,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 54-12-5-3, \$500,633
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Lawrence R Karr & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Louis A Willinger & Deo Volente Farms LLC.
T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD
Selected Yearling Sale

 **Preferred Equine** YEARLING SALE GRADUATE

2-Unloaded N (g, 7, Mach Three--Caps Off, by Caprock) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 54-6-8-3, \$46,082
O-Curtin Anz Stables. B-Bruce Carter Bloodstock LTD, AS. T-Kelvin Harrison. D-Andrew McCarthy.

3-Lear Seelster (g, 6, Mach Three--Latest News, by Western Ideal) \$2,040, \$60,000 2016 FOREST, Lifetime Record: 113-21-20-11, \$172,698
O-Chad Lennon. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Vincent Stallworth. D-Joe Bongiorno.

►► **Replay** ►► Calls: 3, 5, 3T, 1Q, 2 - Finish Order: Thatswhatisaid N, Blood Line, Gods Spirit N, Mister Spot A, Doctor Butch, Ima Real Ladys Man, Mindtrip

9, M, \$17,000, Pace, BIG GAME SERIES - N/W \$11,500 (N/W L3 \$12,500/NJSO \$12,800) L5 AE: Winners Base Class N/W \$8,000 L/S or TMR 87.5 or Less as of 1/26/21 Starters in a Class Higher Than N/W \$17,500 L/S Ineligible, M, 27.1, 55.0, 1:23.1, 1:51.2, FT

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

1-Tulhurstsantanna A (g, 8, Santanna Blue Chip--Ballroom Belle, by Presidential Ball) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 141-21-31-14, \$159,204
O-Douglas S Overhiser. B-Alabar Bloodstock Corp, AS. T-Andrew Harris. D-Andrew McCarthy.

2-Good Rockin (g, 5, Rockin Image--Do Me Good, by Keystone Raider) \$4,250, \$55,000 2017 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 70-10-11-6, \$90,304
O-Terrence D Smith. B-Engle Equine LLC. T-Williams Hernandez. D-Corey Callahan.

3-Mighty Santana N (g, 8, Santanna Blue Chip--Kitty Cat Anvil, by Christian Cullen) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 56-12-10-8, \$136,037
O-Michael D Deters & Joel T Warner. B-Mrs F A & M L Bowden, NZ. T-Michael Deters. D-Joe Bongiorno.

►► **Replay** ►► Calls: 9Q, 7, 3H, 2T, 1Q - Finish Order: Thndrfmrthethron N, Boiling Oar, Heza Real Diamond, Dealer's Table, Paternity Suit A, On Accident, Jk Wildfire

10, M, \$22,500, Pace, Winners Over \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts or \$50,000 Lifetime, M, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.4, 1:51.2, FT

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

1-Springsteen (h, 6, Rock N Roll Heaven--American Charm, by American Ideal) \$11,250, \$18,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 61-15-10-5, \$664,697
O-Bruce A Soulsby & Alan F Weisenberg & Kapildeo Singh. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Brett Pelling. D-Todd McCarthy.

Another BRITTANY FARMS Bred Winner!

ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD
Selected Yearling Sale

2-No Easy Day (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Wish All You Want, by Western Terror) \$5,625, Lifetime Record: 76-16-8-15, \$221,518
O-Alma lafelice & Vincent A Ali Jr. B-Thomas R Dillon. T-Bill Mac Kenzie. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Western Joe (g, 7, Western Ideal--Ante Fay, by Falcon Seelster) \$2,700, Lifetime Record: 97-30-15-10, \$712,908
O-Anthony J Ruggeri & Richard P Tosies. B-Anthony J Ruggeri. T-Christopher Choate. D-Simon Allard.

►► **Replay** ►► Calls: 6T, 2T, 2H, H, 1 - Finish Order: Paduka N, Decision Day, Globaldomination N, Western Fame, Hudson Phil, Points North, Respect Our Flag

MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY report

Saturday's Results:

11, MVR, \$16,200, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS N/W \$10,000 IN LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 10 PM RACES, 26.4, 56.1, 1:23.2, 1:52.0, FT

1-My Buddy Ninkster (g, 9, Dali--Sporty Ellie, by Sportsmaster) \$8,100, Lifetime Record: 231-45-39-30, \$585,781
O-John G Krasnican Jr & Mary E Krasnican. B-Mary E Krasnican. T-Robert Phillips. D-Trace Tetrick.

2-My Hero Ron (g, 9, Well Said--Erma La Em, by Cam's Card Shark) \$4,050, \$80,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 192-41-39-39, \$1,064,176
O-Brian Witt. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Danny Dubeansky. D-Josh Sutton.

3-Manny (g, 8, American Ideal--Foolish Kiss, by Art Major) \$1,944, \$50,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 166-24-23-23, \$369,581
O-Peter A Redder & Therl L Hensley. B-Lindy Racing Stable. T-Peter Redder. D-Brett Miller.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 5, 3, 1, 1T, H - Finish Order: Big Booty Rudy, Odds On Boca Raton, Aeroblast, Gerardo, Angelo J Fra, Ashlee's Four Star, Whiskey Friskie

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

12, MVR, \$22,500, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN HCP PP'S 1- 4 & 10 DRAWN; 5-7 DRAWN; 8 & 9 ASSIGNED, 27.1, 56.1, 1:23.2, 1:51.2, FT

1-Fan Of Terror (g, 9, Western Terror--Fans Bikini, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 168-50-29-18, \$530,269

O-Therl L Hensley. B-Goldfinger Enterprises. T-Peter Redder. D-Brett Miller.



Preferred Equine MIXED SALE
GRADUATE

2-Big Bad Mike (g, 7, Big Bad John--Malinka, by McArdle) \$5,625, Lifetime Record: 109-16-20-18, \$190,403

O-Scott B Albaugh & Bradley N Delaney. B-Howard A & Judith S Taylor. T-Deborah Swartz. D-Tyler Smith.

3-Shadyjake (g, 7, Brother Lost Soul--Workaroundtheclock, by Western Terror) \$2,700, Lifetime Record: 91-13-18-11, \$169,340

O-Tom D & Mary Alice & Tom T Tetrick. B-Wilbur R Lengacher. T-Tom T Tetrick. D-Trace Tetrick.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1H, 1, 1, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Tivo Hanover, Benson Boys N, The Dark Shadow, Do Work Son, Stars Align A, Hall Bro, Drawing Dragons



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