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# A spirited debate: Is eliminating post-time drag "handle suicide"?

John Campbell says he isn't a fan of post-time drag, but eliminating it would be disastrous to the sport. He also raises the threat of computer-assisted wagering.

by Dave Briggs



John Campbell reached out this week to say my slightly tongue-in-cheek column of Jan. 19 suggesting races should go off every 10 minutes at The Meadowlands would result in "handle suicide."

In a wide-ranging conversation about what could improve the harness racing product, we didn't agree on everything, but we agreed more than we disagreed — mostly on the fact that post-time drag is a scourge and computer-assisted wagering (CAW) is a threat.

The genesis of this column was to provide semi-regular access to a harness racing legend — now the CEO of the Hambletonian Society — and give him a forum for him to speak publicly to the industry on issues to which he was passionate. The point today is to give Campbell a chance to present an opposing view to my column.

But, since both of us are heavily invested in sustaining the sport we love, I thought it was also important to point out three times where I have an opposing view to Campbell's. I do this out of deep respect for him to keep the wider, spirited dialogue going in the hope of pushing toward a better product for customers, participants and racetracks. At the end, we hope you share your thoughts with us.

To start, Campbell said, "There are two issues here that are really detrimental to the future of wagering on horse racing.

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~ John Campbell

Campbell said he has consulted a number of handle experts at racetracks and they say any attempt to reduce drag has led to a reduction in handle.

"It's been tried and it's failed every time they shorten the time in between races or eliminate drag," Campbell said. "It doesn't work for the off-track. [Though the current] system doesn't work for the on-track. I think the on-track [experience] would be better with the time in between races if they went on post. I think that is such a turn-off, to look at some tracks and see '1 minute to post' and the horses aren't even on the track. It's an insult to their intelligence, but, at the same time, in the current system, that generates handle.

"If you're running a racetrack, you're trying to serve two masters. There's your on-track clientele and their experience and the off-track, where the majority of the wager is coming from. You can't serve both of those and make it a successful experience for either one. If you serve on-track, you're off-track is going to suffer and if you service off-track, you're on-track experience is going to suffer. That's a conundrum for anybody running the racetrack."

I don't dispute the expertise of Campbell or the racetrack handle experts. I'm sure when the drag was reduced, handle decreased. But I also think there's dozens of factors that determine handle and drag is only one of them. Saying that just one thing caused the handle to drop lacks thorough analysis. More importantly, I also don't think the reduction of post-time drag has been done properly when it has been tried.

Even a track as prominent as The Meadowlands can't simply reduce drag for a month or so and then give up when handle goes down. Since post time drag has long been the norm, we have to educate our customers and participants slowly on the change. For example, tell everyone the post-time drag will decrease by one minute every week until you get it to zero so people have time to adjust slowly. Constantly promote the change on your simulcast network, in the program and in the paddock and stick with the program for at least six months and then evaluate it.

Campbell said the problem is all the tracks have to agree to eliminate drag. It's not in The Meadowlands' best financial interests to go it alone.

"Until — and this will never happen unfortunately — you could get all of the tracks to go on post or within a minute of post, you're never going to eliminate drag and it's a terrible detriment to the future of wagering on horse racing," Campbell said.



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~ Dave Briggs

Fair. Of course, it's better if everyone agrees to eliminate drag. But, I'm realistic, or maybe make that pessimistic. I know the other racing fiefdoms are mostly concerned about their own bottom line and less about the greater good of the sport or its customers and participants.

Though, I also argue The Meadowlands is in a unique position. A winning handle strategy for other tracks is staying off The Meadowlands' post times because The Big M attracts the most bettor interest. The Meadowlands could just lead on this issue, eliminate the drag, and impose its will on the other tracks who will be forced to adjust to stay off The Big M's races.

Campbell does not agree. He believes the only way it will work is if all the tracks eliminate drag and that counts the thoroughbred tracks, too, some of which are still racing during traditional harness racing slots. He may be right about that. I just think we're underestimating the power of The Meadowlands in the simulcast universe.

We also talked about Sweden and France where, barring an unforeseen incident, races go exactly on the listed post time. Campbell said the problem there is the time between races is sometimes more than 30 minutes.

"They do go on post time, but they take plenty of time in between races," Campbell said of French trotting races. "If you look at those Prix d'Amerique posts, they are 33 minutes or 35 minutes [between races]. They do take a long time... But I hate when we compare ourselves to them because that national footprint for harness racing is so much bigger over there than it is here.

"Everybody talks about how popular [harness racing] is in Europe, which it is, but, believe me, they struggle on an everyday basis to get people to the track at Vincennes and Solvalla. Everybody sees the Prix d'Amérique and the Elitlopp and the places are full. Well, they've marketed their big events and they get all those people there for them, but they are in the same boat as we are in terms of attracting people on a daily basis."

My take is putting more time between our races and still going on the published post time is still better than what we have now. I realize it doesn't solve my concern about the length of an entire harness racing card being far too long, but at least it's not outright lying to our customers. It's a start.

Campbell said you could increase the time between races and then go on the published post times, but only, "if you get all the tracks to do it... They all have to agree to it. Until that happens, the outliers would [continue to drag]. That's just how the system works."

He said, as it stands, the best strategy is to use big event days to market the sport to new or casual fans.



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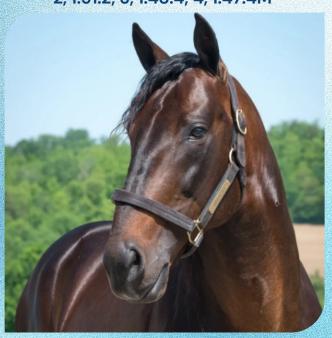
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"Big events are the time to promote and get people to the track and make the on-track experience the best that it possibly can be and hope that we get some fans that grasp onto what we're doing and will bet, whether they come back to the track or start following racing from home or their phone or tablet," Campbell said.

His other main concern was the growing prominence of CAWs in the handle mix. Tracks need the handle money, but CAWs can be a detriment to regular customers betting and that's bad for harness racing's future. He believes CAW wagering should be cut off a few minutes before post time. We agree completely on the CAW threat.

"The average horseplayer that we're trying to maintain, at this point, we're driving out of both games," Campbell said of standardbred and thoroughbred racing. "The computer-assisted wagering is just making it almost impossible for a regular horseplayer to make money. We're driving those people out. At least they would have those two minutes to see where the money comes in and make a better decision on what he wants to bet.

"[If the tracks] would all agree that the CAW money has to be in by two minutes to post — and I'm not sure that's the right number, but let's say it is — then you wouldn't have these wild odds swings when the horses are getting to the quarter. If they'd all do that, it would be so beneficial to the long-term future of horse racing, but [the tracks] won't do that, either.

"If any single track or even a block of tracks tries to do either one of those things alone, it's handle suicide. "Let's say, by some miracle, you got every track to agree that we're going on post within the minute and the CAWs have to be in within two minutes, you could be sure that there would be some track that would start edging back their drag a little bit, edging back the amount of time for taking the CAWs. You just know they would do it. It's a terrible detriment to the future of the sport, but, believe me, it's thoroughbreds as well as us.

"It's a horrible cycle that we're on here between drag and CAW. That's the issue, but it's a racetrack issue that they have to address."

On that, Campbell and I wholeheartedly agree. The sport has developed horrible habits on both and only racetracks can fix it.

"I couldn't agree more that it's a flawed system and they are dragging us down a terrible path, but I don't know how to change it," he said.

But while Campbell believes eliminating drag would be handle suicide, I believe failing to eliminate drag is suicide for the entire sport.

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# Paul Kelley on a life well lived

#### by Murray Brown

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Is it his renown as a horse trainer best known as the trainer and part owner of the greatest horse bred and raised in the great state of Maine, the world champion Obrigado (\$1,923,834)?

Or we can speak of his great family led by their patriarch, his father Jack.

We can also address his role in the development of one of the world's greatest thoroughbred horse trainers, Chad Brown.

It is perhaps best that we talk about all of these areas of a life well lived.

I guess the rest is history. I was blessed as anybody would be in being associated with a horse of his stature. The tougher the competition got, the better he got.

"I would be remiss if I didn't speak of Mike Andrew. He was a great friend of the Kelley family and truly a man for all seasons.' He was a professor at the University of New Hampshire for 43 years. A graduate of both Cornell and Harvard. He was also very much a boots-on-the-ground type of guy. He loved all horses, but especially trotters. He bred them, raised them, bought them and raced them.

"He was also an accomplished polo player and a very good horseshoer. In addition to raising trotters, he was also an accomplished breeder of Hampshire sheep. If you were to ask Mike what he did, the response in his humble way would likely have been, 'I'm a farmer.'"

#### Let's speak of your family, specifically you dad Jack.

"My dad was first primarily known as a college hockey coach and then as a hockey executive. He started the hockey program at Colby College and then went on to Boston University where he won six Beanpots and back-to-back National Championships in

# Obrigado was without doubt the best horse you ever had. How did he end up in your stable?

"Mike Andrew bred, raised and raced Obrigado at 2 and 3, with trainer Ivan Davies. I had previously bought a fairly decent horse named Uptempo by the same sire Boy Band [Lindy Lane] from Mike and done quite well with him.

"As was Mike's practice, he generally sold his racehorses after their 3-year-old season. He called me and said that he thought Obrigado was a really good horse. He thought that he was probably better than Uptempo and that I should take a good look at him. Obrigado was in to sell at Harrisburg.

"Being a New Englander, I had followed the Maine Sires Stakes and knew that he had pretty much run the table in Maine. I and a couple of partners bought him at Harrisburg for \$52,000.





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When dad coached at B.U. [Boston University], we lived a short drive from Foxboro Raceway. I started following the horses there but never really dove into them until later, 1980, where I went to work for Jerry Mahoney at Bob and John King's farm in Windsor, CT.

'72 and '73. He then went on to be the first coach and general manager of the upstart New England Whalers of the World Hockey Association (WHA). That team won the first Avco Cup as champions of the WHA. He was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 1993 and eventually finished his career in hockey as President of the Pittsburgh Penguins from 1994-1997.

~ Paul Kellev

#### Your dad, together with your mom, Ginny, raised one heck of a family.

"Thank you for saying that. I was the oldest, followed by David, Nancy and Mark.

"I suppose that my destiny was with horses. Dad was coaching at Colby College in Maine and began dabbling around with Shetland ponies. The whole family worked with them and we eventually began racing them. When dad coached at B.U., we lived a short drive from Foxboro Raceway. I started following the horses there but never really dove into them until later, 1980,

where I went to work for Jerry Mahoney at Bob and John King's farm in Windsor, CT.

"I subsequently went to work with Warren Strout at Lewiston Raceway in Maine. Walter Case, Jr. was also working and driving all the horses in the barn. I then moved on to work with childhood friend Leo Bauer at Monticello. We went from there to Pompano Park and eventually Yonkers and Roosevelt when Ted Wing enlisted Leo to train and race part of Larry Kadish's B string on the N.Y. circuit.

"I finally went on my own in 1986 racing primarily at Saratoga, racing mostly cheap claiming types and condition horses. During my time at Saratoga, I became involved with our then horseman's association and was part of a long-protracted contract dispute [1993-94] that ultimately didn't turn out favorably for the horsepeople. Nonetheless my time in Saratoga was outstanding and I loved being there. We still have our home and a small farm there just outside of town.

"The next in line was David. He is undoubtedly the most famous and probably the most accomplished of the group. He became the famous director, writer and producer David E. Kelley, an Emmy winner who was responsible for numerous TV hits and is considered among the most successful of all moguls in modern day television. On his way there, he played intercollegiate hockey at Princeton and also professionally in Europe. [Actually, all three of the male siblings played hockey in some form during their youth.]

"Then came our sister Nancy who we sadly lost in 2021. Other than me, she was the most horsey member of our family. She owned and bred horses on her small farm for the Maine stakes program with my dad. She was actually working on the track before me, despite me being three years older. But motherhood was more important to her and she got away from the racetrack to start and raise her family. She raised three great kids that have all gone on to great accomplishments in their lives. We miss her dearly.

"The youngest, Mark, is semi-retired from a long career in professional hockey. He was the head European scout for the Pittsburgh Penguins for maybe eight-10 years before taking on the job of head of amateur scouting for the Chicago Black Hawks in 2008. He subsequently got his name on three Stanley Cups in 2010, 2013 and 2015 with the Hawks."

You are credited by some with being a factor in the success of Chad Brown, a man who is among the very most successful thoroughbred trainers in the world.

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"The story of how Chad came to work with me is actually a funny one. My wife Joyce's mother, Mary, lived in the small town of Mechanicville, not too far from Saratoga. She used to babysit her next-door neighbor's kid. At some point, maybe when Chad was 12 or 13, she mentioned that the kid next door likes horses and wondered if I could give him a job. She told me that the kid was brilliant and consumed with horses. 'Give the kid a job,' she said. "I told her that I wasn't running a day care. She yelled at me saying 'He's a good kid!'

"Fast forward to three years or so later. This same kid, now 17, shows up at the stable. 'I'd like a job if possible' he said. I knew he was Mary's neighbor and that she'd probably kill me if I didn't hire him.

He didn't have a horse background, but he said that he wanted to learn. He basically said that he needed to start somewhere and very matter-of-factly said that his ultimate goal was to be in the thoroughbred business. Seventeen years old but clear in what his goal was. Every day he'd ask really well thought out questions. He just came to work looking to consume as much as he could every single day. He unknowingly challenged me to be a better horseman. I could never give him a bs or short answer, he was too smart for that. He was always a forward thinker and as quick a read as I've ever known.

"Within a very short period of time, he knew as much about harness racing as many who had spent a lifetime in the sport. He went to the yearling sales with me and learned pedigrees and conformation. He was just dialed in.

"I was fortunate enough to have him working with me for three and a half years. After he graduated from Cornell, he went to work for Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey, then with noted veterinarian, Steve Allday [who started as an associate of Dr. Ken Seeber], then becoming the righthand man of one of the greatest of all thoroughbred trainers, Bobby Frankel.

"He then went on his own establishing one of the greatest stables in the world on his way to winning five Eclipse Awards while still a relatively young man. Horses trained by Chad earned over \$30 million last year!"

# You are back training in Florida this year after spending a few years in New Jersey. What brought you back?

"Probably several reasons. Joyce and I have had a home here in Lake Worth for some time now, and she spends the winters here, even while I was training up north. We've been living



#### **LAWLESS SHADOW**

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had to do with [thoroughbred trainer] Chad [Brown's] success.
There is no doubt in my mind that he would have been just as successful with or without Paul Kelley involved in his career. But I sure am very proud of him. His accomplishments are amazing.

apart for too long. I>m now 70 years old. Life needs to be lived and enjoyed. Even though I like to say that I look at age as only being a number and I feel great, cold weather isn>t something that I want to endure anymore. I think that good weather and outdoor living is nice way to live. We have two boys, Mark, 33, and Sam, 31. Mark is working in L.A. for my brother's DEK Productions and Sam just completed six years as assistant video coach and is now working with an eye surgery practice in Saratoga. Joyce gets credit [as all broodmares should] for raising two great boys."

~ Paul Kellev

#### How is your stable now made up?

"We have 12 in training; five 2-year-olds, five 3-year-olds and two older racehorses. We're primarily focusing on the New York and Massachusetts sire stakes programs. I have a great group of clients, along with the added plus of having my friend and triple Hall of Famer Wally Hennessey riding with me every day. That's a real treat. Every day is a pleasure.

"I'll bet that there are not too many horse trainers who can boast of 'help' like that in their stable. Wally has been a great friend for over 40 years. I'm privileged to have as great a horseman as him working with me before we both go up to compete in the racing wars next spring and summer."



# This week's fines and suspensions

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

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

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.

**ARCI classification system** 

USTA's fines and suspensions for this week

Standardbred Canada's fines and suspensions for this week









# NOMINATIONS ALL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 9 2 5

#### PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP XLII

**Event 1:** Three-year-old open pace.

\$1,000,000 Guaranteed Final Purse.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (\$50,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$775 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$775 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$2,000 CAD	\$1,525 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FFF	\$8,000 CAD	USD TRA	-

#### ARMBRO FLIGHT

**Event 2:** Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, June 6, 2025 (\$35,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Purse \$233,000 E Final (\$150,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$750 CAD	\$575 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$1,500 CAD	USD TBA	

#### **CANADIAN PACING DERBY**

Event 3: Three-year-olds and older open pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Raced on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Purse \$540,000 E Final (\$350,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD Feb. 15, 2025 \$375 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$1,000 CAD \$775 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,150 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE May 15, 2025 \$1,500 CAD \$1,150 USD STARTING FEE \$5,000 CAD **USD TBA** 

#### CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC

**Event 4:** Three-year-old open trot.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Raced on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Purse \$713,000 E (\$400,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$775 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$775 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$5,000 CAD	USD TBA	

#### **CASUAL BREEZE**

**Event 5:** Three-year-old filly trot.

Raced on Friday, August 22, 2025.

Purse \$140,000 E (\$75,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	USD TBA	

Race will be contested in divisions.

#### **ELEGANTIMAGE**

**Event 6:** Three-year-old filly trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, September 12, 2025.

Raced on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Purse \$347,000 E (\$225,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$3,000 CAD	USD TBA	

FOR ALL RACES LISTED, DECLARATIONS CLOSE AS POSTED ON WEEKLY CONDITION SHEET. RACE DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGES.







#### **ETERNAL CAMNATION**

**Event 7:** Two-year-old filly pace. Raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Purse \$220,000 E (\$75,000A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$1,000 CAD **USD TBA** 

This race will be contested in divisions.

#### **GOODTIMES**

**Event 9:** Three-year-old open trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, June 6, 2025 (\$30,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Purse \$225,000 E (\$125,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$2,000 CAD	USD TBA	-

#### **FAN HANOVER**

Event 8: Three-year-old filly pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (\$35,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Purse \$425,000 E (\$275,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE Feb. 15, 2025 \$300 CAD \$225 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Mar. 15, 2025 Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$3,000 CAD **USD TBA** 

#### MAPLE LEAF TROT

**Event 10:** Three-year-olds and older open trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, August 22, 2025.

Raced on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Purse \$600,000 E Final (\$350,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Feb. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,000 CAD \$775 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,150 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,150 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$5,000 CAD **USD TBA** 

## NOMINATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 15, 2025

Event #	Name of Horse	Sex	Age	Sire	Dam

Preferred Method of Payment Online at https://woodbine.com/mohawk/standardbred-nomination/

**Or, send to:** Woodbine Mohawk Park, Attention: Dana Keyes, 9430 Guelph Line, PO Box 160, Campbellville, ON LOP 1B0 Make cheques payable to Woodbine Entertainment. Nomination fees in all stakes must accompany nomination. Please visit <a href="WoodbineMohawkPark.com">WoodbineMohawkPark.com</a> or contact Woodbine Mohawk Park Race Office for detailed information: 905-854-7805 or 1-888-675-7223 (dial 1, extension 4309).

I/WE nominate the horse(s) specified on this sheet in the above race(s) and agree to all the conditions.			
Owner:	Trainer:	Signature:	
Email Address:		Telephone:	

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2025

#### **METRO PACE**

**Event 11:** Two-year-old open pace.

\$1,000,000 Guaranteed Final Purse.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 13, 2025 (\$40,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$775 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,500 CAD	\$1,150 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,500 CAD	\$1,150 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$6,000 CAD	USD TBA	

#### **ROSES ARE RED**

**Event 16:** Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (\$35,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Purse \$305,000 E Final (\$225,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$750 CAD	\$575 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$750 CAD	\$575 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$2,000 CAD	USD TBA	

#### MILTON

**Event 12:** Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 6, 2025 (\$35,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Purse \$205,000 E Final (\$150,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$750 CAD	\$575 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$1,500 CAD	USD TBA	

#### SHES A GREAT LADY

Event 17: Two-year-old filly pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 13, 2025 (\$35,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Purse \$532,000 E Final (\$250,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$3,000 CAD	USD TBA	

#### NASSAGAWEYA

**Event 14:** Two-year-old open pace. Raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Purse \$230,000 E (\$75,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	USD TBA	

This race will be contested in divisions.

#### **SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE**

Event 18: Three-year-old open pace. Raced on Saturday, May 31, 2025. Purse \$167,000 E (\$75,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$3/5 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$1,000,CAD	LICD TRA	

This race will be contested in divisions.

#### **PEACEFUL WAY**

**Event 15:** Two-year-old filly trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, August 15, 2025 (\$30,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Purse \$390,000 E Final (\$175,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$2,000 CAD	USD TBA	-

#### WILLIAM WELLWOOD MEMORIAL

**Event 19:** Two-year-old open trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, August 15, 2025 (\$30,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Purse \$575,000 E Final (\$200,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$775 USD	May 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$4,000 CAD	USD TBA	

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#### **BATTLE OF WATERLOO**

Event 80: Ontario Sired Two-year-old open pace.

Eliminations raced on Monday, July 28, 2025 (\$15,000 G each).

Final raced on Monday, August 4, 2025.

Purse \$245,000 E Final (\$90,000 A).

Sponsor: Grand River Agricultural Society.

Raced at Grand River Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025 \$300 CAD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$225 USD \$225 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD May 15, 2025

STARTING FEE \$1,500 CAD USD TBA

#### BATTLE OF THE BELLES

Event 81: Ontario Sired Two-year-old filly pace.

Eliminations raced on Monday, July 28, 2025 (\$10,000 G each).

Final raced on Monday, August 4, 2025.

Purse \$175,000 E Final (\$60,000 A).

Sponsor: Grand River Agricultural Society.

Raced at Grand River Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$200 CAD \$150 USD Feb. 15, 2025 \$200 CAD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$150 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$150 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$150 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$1,000 CAD **USD TBA** 

#### CHARLES JURAVINSKI MEMORIAL CUP

Event 82: Four-year-old open pace.

Eliminations raced on Sunday, May 11, 2025 (\$35,000 G each).

Final raced on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

Purse \$263,000 E (\$200,000 A).

Sponsor: Great Canadian Entertainment.

Raced at Flamboro Downs.

 NOMINATION FEE
 \$500 CAD
 \$375 USD
 Feb. 15, 2025

 SUSTAINING FEE
 \$500 CAD
 \$375 USD
 Mar. 15, 2025

 SUSTAINING FEE
 \$500 CAD
 \$375 USD
 Apr. 15, 2025

 STARTING FEE
 \$1,500 CAD
 USD TBA

#### **BALANCED IMAGE**

**Event 83:** Ontario Sired Two-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2025. Eliminations raced on Saturday, August 16, 2025 (\$6,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Purse \$40,000 G.

Sponsor: Hanover Bentinck & Brant Agricultural Society.

Raced at Hanover Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025

STARTING FEE \$375 CAD USD TBA

#### DREAM OF GLORY

**Event 84:** Ontario Sired Three-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2025, non-winners of \$75,000 (fillies \$100,000) in 2024. No allowances. Eliminations raced on Saturday, July 26, 2025 (\$8,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, August 2, 2025.

Purse \$50,000 G.

Sponsor: Hanover Bentinck & Brant Agricultural Society.

Raced at Hanover Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Feb. 15, 2025

STARTING FEE \$500 CAD USD TBA

#### KIN PACE

Event 85: Ontario Sired Three-year-old pacing fillies in 2025,

non-winners of \$50,000 in 2024. No allowances.

Eliminations raced on Sunday, June 29, 2025 (\$8,000 G each).

Final raced on Sunday, July 6, 2025.

Purse \$50,000 G.

Sponsor: Clinton Raceway. Raced at Clinton Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Feb. 15, 2025

STARTING FEE \$500 CAD USD TBA

#### REMINDER: SUSTAINING PAYMENTS DUE

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	Event #71: 2025 CHAMPLAIN OPEN (foals of 2023)			
	SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Mar. 15, 2025			
	SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD May 15, 2025			
	Event #72: 2025 CHAMPLAIN FILLY (foals of 2023)			
	SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Mar. 15, 2025			
	SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD May 15, 2025			
Event #73: 2025 SIMCOE OPEN (foals of 2022)				
	SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Feb. 15, 2025			
	Event #74: 2025 SIMCOE FILLY (foals of 2022)			

SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Feb. 15, 2025	
Event #75: 2025 WEG SBOA FILLY (foals of 2022)				
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 Event #75: 2025 WEG SBOA COLT (foals of 2022)

 SUSTAINING FEE
 \$300 CAD
 \$225 USD
 Feb. 15, 2025

 SUSTAINING FEE
 \$300 CAD
 \$225 USD
 Mar. 15, 2025

 SUSTAINING FEE
 \$300 CAD
 \$225 USD
 Apr. 15, 2025

**Event #73: 2026 SIMCOE OPEN** (foals of 2023)

 SUSTAINING FEE
 \$300 CAD
 \$225 USD
 Mar. 15, 2025

 SUSTAINING FEE
 \$500 CAD
 UDS TBA
 Feb. 15, 2026

**Event #74: 2026 SIMCOE FILLY** (foals of 2023)

SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD UDS TBA Feb. 15, 2026

**Event #75: 2026 WEG \$BOA FILLY** (foals of 2023)

LATE NOM. FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Feb. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$150 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD **USD TBA** Feb. 15, 2026 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD **USD TBA** Mar. 15, 2026

\$300 CAD

**Event #75: 2026 WEG SBOA COLT** (foals of 2023)

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\$300 CAD

Race dates to be announced.

**USD TBA** 

**USD TBA** 

Apr. 15, 2026

Apr. 15, 2026



# THE VIEW FROM WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

with MELISSA KEITH

#### Garnet Barnsdale takes the lines on Horseplayers' Journal

by Melissa Keith

When Robert Reid, Jr. announced he was leaving his role as Woodbine Mohawk Park handicapper, finding a seamless replacement was essential. His full-card analysis and selections had appeared in the Mohawk program for nearly five years following the departure of Mike Hamilton. On the Wednesday (Jan. 22) simulcast show from The Raceway at Western Fair, he revealed that he was moving to a non-handicapping position in the sport effective Jan. 24.

Garnet Barnsdale officially took the lines as the new *Horseplayers' Journal* racing analyst on Thursday (Jan. 30). The Etobicoke, ON bettor, handicapper and journalist had previously provided

Woodbine Mohawk Park selections for Daily Racing Form's *DRF Harness* for roughly a decade.

Barnsdale initially became a public handicapper covering Mohawk around the time of a great personal loss.

"How I remember that is I got asked to do it by [DRF Harness editor] Derick Givner while my sister Linda was in hospital, basically in her last days," he told HRU. "She was a huge racing fan and we went to the races a lot together, over several decades. I remember mentioning to her that I was so excited about it, but she never got to see one in print. This year is the 10th year of her passing away, and it's just about a month before I started doing it. So that's kind of how I remember it's the 10-year anniversary."

The younger Barnsdales came by their love of the game naturally.

"Our dad was a big racing fan," Garnet said. "He liked to go to both [breeds], but he preferred harness racing. He would drag me down to Greenwood [Racetrack] at a very, very young age. We went to Greenwood a lot and made some trips to Mohawk too, with friends."

Handicapping was a skill Garnet said he had to develop on his own, however.

"I don't want to speak ill of my dad, because I loved him, but he wasn't a very good gambler," Garnet said. "He was no

handicapper, so I had to pick up some good habits on my own I quess, once I got into it."

He recommended a book that he learned from as a teenager, and still kept on his bookshelf.

"One of the things that helped me learn, believe it or not, was Tom Ainslie's *The Complete Guide to Harness Racing*," Garnet said. "Tom Ainslie was a gambler and kind of a scholar back then, and I still have the book. I don't know how much of that applies anymore, but I used to use the point system that he had in there and it was somewhat successful."



#### Melissa Keith

Greg Blanchard (left) with the new Horseplayers' Journal racing analyst Garnet Barnsdale at the 2024 Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame induction gala.



#### FEBRUARY 2025 STAKES PAYMENTS

NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT WWW.REDMILEKY.COM

#### **Grand Circuit Events**

September 25, 26, 27 ALL POST TIMES 1:00pm October 3, 4 and 5 ALL POST TIMES 1:00pm

#### **#1) Kentucky Futurity #133**

Foals of 2022 to Race in 2025

**#2) Tattersalls Pace 2025** 

Foals of 2022 to Race in 2025



PAYMENT DUE FOR EVENTS #1 and #2

**OPFN FILLY** February 15, 2025.....\$1,000 \$500 March 15, 2025.....\$1,500 \$750

#### #3) Bluegrass Series #50

Foals of 2022 to Race in 2025



#### **PAYMENT DUE FOR EVENT #3**

February 15, 2025\$5	550
March 15, 2025\$7	750
April 15, 2025\$8	350

\*Supplemental Payment Due February 15, 2025......\$5,000

Ineligible Three Year Olds may be made eligible to the Three Year Old events in 2025 by making the Three Year Old Supplemental Nomination fee on February 15 of \$5,000 plus the March 15 and April 15 payments

#### The Allerage Farms Series

Early Closing Events For All Divisions Of Older Horses

#4) Open Pace

\$150,000E Sunday, October 5

#5) Open Trot\*

\$150,000E Sunday, October 5

\$70,000E Sunday, October 5

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENTS #4 & 5** 

February 15, 2025......\$1,500

March 15, 2025......\$2,000

Declaration Fee.....\$2,500

#6) Open Mare Pace - FanDuel Series #7) Open Mare Trot\* - FanDuel Series \$70,000E Sunday, October 5

> PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENTS #6 & 7 March 15, 2025......\$1,500 Declaration Fee......\$1,500

The Red Mile reserves the right to invite one horse to race in each of the trot finals subject to payment of all fees associated with this series.

#### To Be Raced At El Dorado Scioto Downs

Three Year Old Filly Early Closers (Open)

#8) Nadia Lobell - 3YO Filly Pace #9) The Moni Maker - 3YO Filly Trot

\$100,000E Saturday, August 23

\$100,000E Saturday, August 23

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENTS #12 & 13

February 15, 2025......\$750 March 15, 2025.....\$1,000 Declaration Fee.....\$1,500

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Garnet said he became a public handicapper by luck, not design.

"There was a website — I don't even remember the name of it and it doesn't exist anymore — I think the person that ran it was named Jay Savastano," he said. "We communicated on social media a little bit, and he asked me if I wanted to do a write-up for Mohawk with my picks, which I started to do. It wasn't a daily thing, but at a certain point, through the power of social media, [DRF Harness editor] Derick Giwner took notice of it and when he had an opening for Woodbine Mohawk Park, he asked me if I wanted to do it. I was beyond thrilled and a little bit surprised, but I guess there must've been something in there that he liked."

Known for sweeping the card with his top-choice selections for The Raceway at Western Fair on Feb. 22, 2021, Garnet had a standout moment handicapping Mohawk's Sept. 26, 2020 Metro Pace final. He gave out \$73.90 winner Exploit, driven by Doug McNair, as a spot play for the card.

"That night, I was on the air live with America's Best Racing, doing a live follow-along," he said. "I hit the Pick 5 for \$2,500 for a dollar ticket that night too... But you know, I like to think that my highlight is that I'm fairly consistent and I don't always go for the obvious horse."

Last week, WMP on-air hosts Randy Waples and Chad Rozema expressed their hope that Garnet wouldn't change his handicapping approach as he moved from *DRF Harness* to the *Horseplayers' Journal*. They praised his good eye for watching a race, and his willingness to stand by unpopular selections.

"I think I'm mostly a visual handicapper more than a mathematical one," said Garnet, clarifying that he meant someone who watched races closely and kept notes on trips, as opposed to someone focused on equine conformation and body language. "As we know, fractions are set by circumstances in races a lot of times, so just because a horse looks a little bit slower on the program doesn't mean it couldn't be faster tonight."

He added that taking track bias into consideration was essential for assessing a particular performance.

"For example, last Friday night [Jan. 24], there was a very strong bias against horses on the front end," he said. "The only horse, actually a mare, that won leading wire-to-wire that night was Blue Pacific, who's currently the hottest horse on the circuit right now. She was the bias-buster, but I'm looking for horses that may have been on the front and maybe got a little bit of heat in the middle of the race, and tired when they were expected to do better, because a lot of times, bettors will jump off those types."

Information that isn't readily conveyed via statistics in the program is what Garnet said he tries to incorporate in his analysis.

"If you're watching every replay, you might see something you did not see if you were at the races and just playing along..." he said. "When you watch 10 replays back-to-back, you really notice something like on the Thursday [Jan. 23] night last week, in the stretch drive, the middle of the track was the preferred spot to be. The inside looked kind of slow, like they were almost racing with snowshoes on, and that has a lot to do with current weather conditions. I try to pick up on stuff like that and apply it to next week's races."

Looking ahead as the newest *Horseplayers' Journal* writer, Garnet said he is grateful for his time at *DRF Harness*.

"I want to thank Derick Giwner for having the confidence in me to keep me doing *DRF Harness* for 10-plus years, and also for being a friend that I always enjoy chatting with and hanging out with at any racetrack," Garnet said.

The veteran horseplayer said shifting from his former public handicapping platform to the latest means turning particular attention to the different audiences of *DRF Harness* and the *Horseplayers' Journal*.

"The Journal is in the track program and when you go to the track, you see some newbies or infrequent bettors," he said. "Take last Saturday night: I was in the Mohawk Harvest Kitchen on track and you could see several tables that were occupied by people there for a night out and a little action, not necessarily hardcore gamblers. You don't want to write analyses full of jargon they might not understand.

"I think the *Journal* readers are a more varied audience and I try to keep that in mind."





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# Leading owners at Ontario tracks, Part 3

by Matthew Lomon

Part 1 is here.

Part 2 is here.

After making stops at Kawartha Downs (Amanda Riley), Flamboro Downs (Triple S Equine/Carl Kuepfer), and Clinton Raceway (Larry Lane) last week, All Over Ontario reached the halfway point of its four-part series chronicling the leading owners at Ontario racetracks in 2024.

The festivities continue this week with a fresh set of ownership groups who topped the charts at **Western Fair** (Colonel Schneider, Jr.), **Hiawatha Horse Park** (also Schneider, Jr.), and **Leamington Raceway** (Michael Stamp and Janet Larcombe).

Schneider, Jr., Stamp, and Larcombe will be among the 24 owners 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.

Before the trio takes center stage at the Hilton Mississauga/ Meadowvale in Mississauga, ON, we will first turn the spotlight on them in Part 3 of Leading Owners at Ontario Tracks in 2024.

Our penultimate act begins with the man who doubled down as the clubhouse leader at both Western Fair and Hiawatha, Schneider, Jr.

A life-long horseman with service time as a trainer, driver, and owner, Schneider, Jr. captured the leading owner title at Western Fair — a track he grew up racing at — for the second consecutive year with 34 winners and \$196,000 in earnings.

Schneider, Jr.'s success at the London, ON oval was buoyed by none other than his daughter, 2023 O'Brien Future Star Award recipient, Cassidy Schneider.

Cassidy completed the Trainer of the Year three-peat at Western Fair after leading her charges to 47 wins last season.

"I think my daughter is prouder than I am," Schneider, Jr. said with a laugh. "I've had horses my whole life. She likes that kind of stuff [competing for top owner honors], but I think she's happier than I am. I'm definitely happy about it, but she used

to tell me all the time how much we were leading by in the owners' standings.

"I'm proud of her and I think she's proud of me for buying horses and trying to keep things rolling."

One horse the Schneiders struck gold with was Colonel's homebred pacer, Hollys Treasure.

The resolute son of State Treasurer—L H Hollys Cam secured May's Bulldog Hanover Preferred Pace in 1:54.2 under the direction of driver Colin Kelly.

"If he gets a decent trip, he's about as good as any half-mile preferred horse over there," said Colonel, who spent a combined \$3,000 on the stud fee and mare of Hollys Treasure.

The 7-year-old bay gelding described as a "bit of a character," has reeled in nearly \$182,000 across 126 lifetime starts (26-20-11).

"He tries; he's a bugger," said Colonel. "He used to get mad. About his third lifetime start, he had the 7-hole, and he got parked the whole mile. He just got madder and madder and went on and won the race. It was unbelievable. That was four years ago, but he sure tried his heart out."

The Schneiders' good times kept on rolling one hour west of Western Fair at Hiawatha Horse Park in Sarnia, ON.

While the half-mile oval is about a two-and-a-half-hour drive for the Arthur, ON-based father-and-daughter team, the pair have plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

is prouder than I am [of being top owner at Western Fair and Hiawatha Horse Park]. I've had horses my whole life. She likes that kind of stuff [competing for top owner honors], but I think she's happier than I am. I'm definitely happy about it, but she used to tell me all the time how much we were leading by in the owners' standings.

~ Colonel Schneider, Jr.

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Leaving our mark as leading owners shows that we can hold our own amongst some of the finest in the industry.

~ Michael Stamp

"My daughter likes going to Hiawatha," said Colonel. "Since we've been there and had limited success — we've done okay — we've attracted a few new owners, Janet and Shawn O'Brien and Fred Freer. There were a few people that we had given horses to train. We take them back there, race them at their home track, and they like that. And we do too.

"We like going; they have pretty good equipment, so we don't care about driving a little farther."

Colonel's army of pacers and trotters stood above the rest, recording eight wins, 14 seconds, and four thirds through 53 starts at Hiawatha last season (\$43,597 banked).

Spun From Magic, an 8-year-old trotter trained by Cassidy, accounted for one-quarter of the victories notched by Colonel's colony (two).

Overall, the son of Kadabra out of the Muscle Mass mare Im A Munchie Girl sports a 20-11-14 line through 120 starts.

For Colonel, grassroots tracks like Hiawatha, although far from where he resides today, serve as a dear reminder of humble beginnings.

"I was raised on the small tracks," he said. "When I drove and trained, we were racing for \$600-700 in Clinton, Goderich, and Woodstock. Our roots are from a small town and small-town tracks."

From one team to another, the ownership group of Michael Stamp and Janet Larcombe also found great success at one of Ontario's grassroots venues.

Together, the duo's procured talent produced a 6-3-0 line across 17 starts to pace the leaderboard at Leamington Raceway.

"There are a lot of good horse people who race at Leamington," said Stamp. "Leaving our mark as leading owners shows that we can hold our own amongst some of the finest in the industry."

All six tallies credited to Stamp and Larcombe were delivered by Chief Of Staff (four) and Papiamento (two), a pair of pacers aged 8 and 11, respectively. The versatile Chief Of Staff, in particular, has been a steady presence both on and off the track for Stamp and Larcombe.

So much so that a personality quiz between the son of Art Major – Milliondollarsmile and Stamp would be nearly indistinguishable.

"It didn't take long for him to rise up and make his presence known at the top level in Leamington," said Stamp. "He can have a bit of an attitude at times but so can I and that's probably why we get along so well."

Both Stamp and Larcombe are deeply passionate horse people who have long held a vested interest in the sport.

A native of Newfoundland and Labrador, Stamp was drawn to the idea of ownership from an early age.

"I bought my first horse as a teenager back home and it has been a passion now for nearly five decades," he said.

That unbridled enthusiasm, which Stamp added is equally palpable with Larcombe, made their partnership a no-brainer.

And Leamington is the ideal setting to tie it all together.

"In the fall, Leamington is the only track that races during the afternoon," said Stamp. "We both enjoy afternoon racing a lot. I guess that goes back to racing Sunday afternoons growing up in Newfoundland."







# Winning ain't what it used to be, or what it could be

#### by Trey Nosrac

The engine of our sport, gambling on horses using a pari-mutuel wagering system, is losing steam. The timing of the engine failure is the only question. The reasons are technological and psychological. Two factors weigh on Trey's brain when he wagers on a race, which he has done much less often during the past decade.

First, Trey is no longer wagering against a thousand people sitting in the grandstands or standing on the apron of a racetrack. At the racetracks of our youth, wagering equals, superiors, inferiors, and some inebriated gamblers were our competition. In that pari-mutuel setting of yore, Trey could maintain the illusion and delusion that his harness-racing handicapping wisdom would prevail.

Today, Trey is no longer sure who is in the betting pool, but he is sure that most of the money is not dumb and some wagering is not human. He realizes that in 2025, he sits at the bottom of the wagering food chain.

The second reason Trey does not play in the harness horse racing pools like he used to is that winning fifty bucks no longer sends him into spasms of ecstasy. A gambler winning a race no longer gets the thrill of a teller handing him a fistful of paper money. A gambler today can no longer brag in front of his pals. He merely sees numbers change on his phone. The endorphins no longer flow like they used to flow.

Wah, wah, wah. Whadda ya gonna do about it?

#### I suggest two things:

Dump wagers that pay peanuts. Our payoffs should get the juices flowing due to their massive size. We should use these big payoffs to entice lottery-type money into our pools. Let me try to outline one sample of my madness.

If eight horses are in a race and you randomly pick the numbers 4 and 6 to finish in the top two positions (we call this a perfecta or exacta box), the percentage of randomly selecting this winning pair of numbers is 3.57 per cent (1 in 28 possible pairs). Even I have accomplished this feat a few times.

Wagering exacta boxes is not my point. This first tier of the wager is not revolutionary and is not the proposed new wager. The crux of this madness is that the odds go wild in attempting

to repeat the exacta box with these two numbers a second and third time. The goal is to set up a parameter where the payoffs could be game-changing or life-changing.

Heading into the second race with eight horses is where the tension builds because the potential payoff increases dramatically. Why? Your odds of repeating a second consecutive random 4,6, or 6,4 finish skyrockets to 0.1276 per cent (1 in 784).

At this point, careful analysis of human behavior and data from algorithms may suggest this is the end of the wager, and it is time to pay the happy customer. I recommend extending the wager to a third level because the odds are astronomical if you attempt the random 4, 6 pairing a third consecutive time at 0.00456 per cent (1 in 21,952).

If you are a hard-core handicapper who thinks this wager is just a "lucky numbers" situation, think again. The calculations above rely on random selection. A sharp handicapper is not random and should quickly see the 4, 6 exacta box has live horses in these three consecutive races, and your handicapping ability does not disappear.

The theme I am stumbling to suggest is that to players, both wise and foolish, picking a pair (an exacta box) from a group of eight does not seem that difficult. The multiplying effect of consecutively repeating this pair of numbers leads to fantastic, promotable payoffs that may appeal to true horseplayers AND players who pick a pair of random numbers.

Imagine yourself in the shoes of a player watching the first race who has chosen and wagered on the numbers 4 and 6. You win the first race, but you win nothing except a ticket on 4 and 6 to repeat in the next race. You know you win a tidy sum in 20 minutes if 4, 6 repeats. You would speed text a lot of people during those 20 minutes. The potential amount of money at stake gets the endorphins flowing. The outcome does not feel impossible. There would be many "so close" moments.

And a third tier of the wager? Yowzah, you want drama, you got drama.

A high fixed-odds payout winner at level two for the wager gets the attention of those who, under normal circumstances, will never be fans of the sport. It seems simple - pick two numbers and spend less than an hour watching horses race around the track, focusing on the two numbers you selected. And should we be so bold as to dare, the possible mega-dollar payoff for level three could garner serious attention.

The main benefit may be the elusive formula where the gamble could combine harness handicapping with pure lottery luck.

See what happens. Wagers such as this could multiply our ranks.





# The Bird Dance is a hit with Storer

#### by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

It hasn't taken long for The Bird Dance to catch on in trainer Antonia Storer's stable.

A 10-year-old New Zealand-bred pacer, The Bird Dance arrived in Ohio at the beginning of the year and has posted two wins and a second in three starts for Storer at Miami Valley Raceway. The gelding's most recent score was in the \$36,000 open on Jan. 26, and he will return to that class today (Feb. 2) to hoof it against seven rivals.

"He's been an easy favorite since we got him," Storer said. "He's got so much character. He just kind of knows he's the boss. He's an absolute gentleman all the time, but he wants everyone to know that he's not to be messed with, like, 'I'm on top of the pecking order.' He's very full of himself, but also very respectful.

"It's really nice to have him and work with him. He's been a great addition. It's very hard not to like him."

The Bird Dance, a son of A Rocknroll Dance—This Bird Has Flown, won 17 of 31 races Down Under before moving to the U.S. in the middle of 2021. Since then, he has posted 24 victories, 15 seconds and five thirds in 81 starts. Lifetime, he has earned \$351,623.

Acquired by owners Friendship Stables this past August, The Bird Dance raced most recently at MGM Yonkers Raceway and Harrah's

Philadelphia prior to heading to Ohio. Over the course of his career, the well-traveled pacer won races in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania before adding the Buckeye State to the list this year.

The Bird Dance notched his first Miami Valley win in a conditioned race on Jan. 12, then finished second in the open II a week later. His triumph in the open last time out was the most lucrative payday of his career. He won by three-quarters-of-a-length in 1:51.2 with Trevor Smith in the sulky. Only eight pacers have won with a quicker time this season on a five-eighths-mile track.

"It was a great night," Storer said. "He got a great trip. He's just sharp, and he knows it. It was wonderful.

"I knew [when he arrived] that he was a good old class horse, and we would find somewhere for him. I didn't know he would be in the open. He's definitely surprised us, but what a great surprise."

What makes The Bird Dance even more enjoyable is watching the joy the horse brings to his work on a regular basis.

"We pony a lot of horses, and he ponies," Storer said. "He doesn't get hooked except for when he's training. He loves ponying. He's messing around with everybody the whole time out there. He's got his ears up, looking around, and just loving it. It's just him purely enjoying his job."

The same is true when it's showtime.

"I love watching him race," Storer said. "His ears are up, he has no overcheck. He's very handy. He's great off the car, so that's going to get him in great position here, which helps him. If you watch him come back to the winner's circle, he's throwing his head and skipping along. We put a tail-tie on him because the first time he raced it looked like he was flossing the driver's teeth with his tail. He's all business, but he's enjoying it. He's having fun."

Today, The Bird Dance will leave from post 4 with Smith again in the bike. He is 5-1 on the morning line. Better B Bold, who was second in the open on Jan. 19 in his last start, is the 3-1 favorite for trainer Todd Luther and driver Jeremy Smith.

"It's a mental game for him," Storer said about The Bird Dance. "He knows he's doing well and he's feeling good. We'll see if we can have a repeat [of his last start] on [today's card]. That would be wonderful."

Racing begins at 4 p.m. (EST) this afternoon at Miami Valley Raceway. For the day's complete entries, click **here.** 





## **HRU NEWS**

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#### 'Lindy' overcomes post 10, takes Big M feature

**Te Quiero Lindy** still has things to improve upon and things to learn before realizing what his connections think are his full potential, and the Julie Miller trainee took another step in that direction after taking the featured \$15,500 conditioned trot.

The 3-year-old gelding by Walner—Adios Lindy, who was unraced at 2, impressed despite making just the third start of his career.

"He needed to develop mentally and physically," said Miller. "He was immature and needed time [last year]. We're grateful that our owners are patient and let us develop him. We have high expectations for this season."

Based on what went down Friday (Jan. 31), those hopes could be exceeded.

Julie's son, Tyler, guided Te Quiero Lindy from post 10, and found a spot sixth at the three-eighths after 4-5 favorite Chuck took the field past the quarter in :28.2. Chuck remained on the point at the half in :57.3 as Te Quiero Lindy was on the move with cover from mid-pack. Modigliani S was providing the tow for "Lindy" but suffered interference from a breaker, forcing Te Quiero Lindy three-wide down the backside.

But on this night, he was good enough to encounter problems and prevail, nonetheless.

"My horse was pretty strong in hand two weeks ago [when he won]," said Tyler. "I just wanted to stay out of traffic. There was some traffic trouble at the five-eighths but we were able to maneuver around it."

Te Quiero Lindy was in the hunt racing fourth at three-quarters as Chuck hit that beam in 1:27.1, but Te Quiero Lindy steamrolled past that foe and grabbed the lead at the head of the stretch on the way to a 1½-length win in 1:57 over a track rated 'good.' Striking Tactful, Chasin' Sunshine and Chuck finished second through fourth, respectively.

"[Chuck] has been racing well but I was pretty confident in my horse," said Tyler. "We're probably going to race him here and there and in some stakes later in the season. He's proven he's got some talent."

Owned by Andy Miller Stable, PJ. Hoopes and Lindy Farms of Connecticut, Te Quiero Lindy returned \$7.60 to win as the 5-2 second choice in the wagering.

**A LITTLE MORE:** Brett Beckwith led the driver colony with three victories on the night... All-source handle totaled \$3,039,231.

Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations

#### Limited Stockade Seelster shares released

Due to the continued demand for syndicate shares after an initial sellout, the ownership of two-time Dan Patch Award winner Stockade Seelster p, 2, 1:49.3; 3, 1:48.4 (\$1,279,127) has made the decision to offer six additional stallion shares.

These six shares will be the last shares available to the public with the two breeding per share clause. Each of the available shares grants the owner two free breedings per year for the first three North American breeding seasons, and then one free breeding each season thereafter. The remaining six shares are available at \$8,000 each until Feb. 7, 2025 and



will be sold on a first come, first served basis. The price will increase to \$12,000 per share if any remain after the Feb. 7 date.

Stockade Seelster stands at Winterwood Farm in Ohio for a fee of \$4,000 and a limited number of non-shareholder bookings remain. For information on the remaining shares, contact Jeff Fought at Cornerstone Stock Farm at 260-463-1649 or via email at jeff.fought@cornerstonestockfarm.com.

Cornerstone Stock Farm

# Woodbine Mohawk Park adds Pop-Up Series

Woodbine Mohawk Park's race office has added a new Pop-Up Series to begin on Friday (Feb. 7).

The conditions for the new series are listed below:

Pace: 4-year-olds and younger, non-winners of \$25,000 or not averaging \$1,500 per start in 2024-25 (minimum of 10 starts). No allowances.

Leg 1: Friday (Feb. 7) — \$12,000

Leg 2: Friday (Feb. 14) - \$12,000

Final: Friday (Feb. 21) - \$20,000

The entry box for Friday's card closes on Tuesday (Feb. 4) at

10:30 a.m.

Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications

# Racing applications for Tioga and Vernon available

Racing applications for both **Tioga** and **Vernon** Downs are now available at each track's website.

These must be completed, signed and returned before entering to race at either track.

Should you desire to stable at the track, the sooner you get them in, the better.

Deadlines for both are March 15.

Racing begins at Vernon on **Saturday (April 19)** and on Derby Day **Saturday (May 1)** at Tioga.

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Nick Salvi / Tioga and Vernon Downs





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# Getting people to the track unlikely; cater to bettors

In my opinion, getting people to the track is a near impossible task. There are just too many options that did not exist before.

It's also a four-hour evening with lots of down time. Most wagering is done online. It is more important to cater to that source of income.

Yes, it is possible to attract people via promos but do them on regular cards — AGT day, Disney character day, food truck day, etc.

I firmly believe there is a market to increase wagering. Social media is today's advertising. No one is willing to spend money to promote themselves.

I watch the NHL network and it is different than just a couple years ago. They promote combo bets with big payoffs. Example: I wonder if there could be a combo bet where the horse picked to finish fourth in the first race is combined with the horse that finishes last in the third race and the winner and second and third place finishers of the fifth race could be a bet. It could pay huge odds.

If no one wins, do a carryover with another one later in the card with even higher odds. Okay, it's outside the box, but carryover Pick 5s gets lots of bets.

Richard Young / Boca Raton, FL



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#### **RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY**

#### CAL EXPO report

#### Friday's Results:

- 5, CalX, \$16,200, Pace, The Steve Wiseman Memorial Final (Elimination winners chose post), 27.3, 56.4, 1:26.1, 1:56.4, SY
  - **1-Sign Of The Times (g, 5, Special Forces--Vy Hanover, by Cam's Card Shark**) \$7,938, \$10,000 2021 HRTLND, Lifetime Record: 61-13-15-9, \$68,596 O-Richard Bertrand & Ashlee J Glader. B-Van Otterloo Stables. T-Richard Bertrand. D-Lemoyne Svendsen.
  - **2-Love To Flirt** (g, 5, Betting Line--Regil Elektra, by Mach Three) \$3,888, \$30,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 50-3-10-8, \$29,187 O-Liberio M Pacheco. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Jessie Pacheco. D-Jessie Pacheco.
  - **3-Search And Destroy** (g, 4, Special Forces--Poppy Lustre N, by Direct Flight) \$1,782, Lifetime Record: 33-4-2-8, \$38,418 O-Set The Pace Racing LLC. B-Laurene M Krueger. T-Nick Roland. D-Nick Roland.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 3T, 3H, T, 3H, 1H - Finish Order: Eagle Lands, I Understand, Alien Art Form, Semicolon, Bin A Mystery, What Cheer, Gandalf

#### **HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS** report

#### Friday's Results:

- 9, Mea, \$21,200, Pace, \*\*OPEN HANDICAP\*\* P.P. 1 ASSIGNED, 2-3 DRAWN, 4-7 DRAWN, 27.2, 57.0, 1:24.2, 1:53.2, SY
  - **1-Liteningonthebeach (g, 5, Downbytheseaside--Peanutbettor Shake, by Bettor's Delight**) \$10,600, \$72,000 2021 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 63-23-12-8, \$375,681 O-Renee J Bercury. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.
  - **2-Rocked N Loaded** (g, 8, Pet Rock--An Original, by Real Artist) \$5,300, Lifetime Record: 89-19-15-9, \$174,906 O-Andy W Rickert. B-Andy W Rickert. T-Andy Rickert. D-Hunter Myers.
  - **3-Sumomentsomwhere A** (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Special Moment, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,544, Lifetime Record: 81-19-16-11, \$258,653 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Jamie M Durnberger-Smith, AS. B-Raboki Pty LTD, AS. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 4H, 4H, 2, 1H, 1 Finish Order: Sandbetweenmytoes, Buckeyebollinger N, Zanetti, Hello Yes Hi



#### **MEADOWLANDS** report

#### Friday's Results:

7, M, \$15,500, Trot, 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M 3) Extended PM Races or \$20,000 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M \$30,000) Life (Maidens Drawn Inside), 28.2, 57.3, 1:27.1, 1:57.0, GD

1-Te Quiero Lindy (g, 3, Walner--Adios Lindy, by Love You) \$8,913, \$200,000 2023 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$18,306

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





#### **PREFERRED EQUINE**

#### Yearling Sale Graduate

- **2-Striking Tactful** (m, 5, Tactical Landing--Striking Wave, by Striking Sahbra) \$4,069, \$12,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 67-2-7-10, \$66,877 O-Mark S & Betsy A Lucas. B-Dr Brett C & Kyle E Anderson, CA. T-Mark Lucas. D-Justin Parker.
- **3-Chasin' Sunshine** (h, 4, Greenshoe--Sunshine Delight, by Credit Winner) \$1,395, \$60,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 9-0-2-4, \$12,465 O-Alagna Racing LLC. B-James G Wilhite Jr. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 7H, 7H, 4H, 1, 1H Finish Order: Chuck, Jaydens Pride, Modigliani S, Dash Of Mojo, Vanguard, Vatu Hanover, Maximum Exposure

#### YONKERS RACEWAY report

#### Friday's Results:

- **2, YR, \$19,000, Pace**, F&M NW \$18,951 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, 28.3, 58.0, 1:26.3, 1:55.4, GD
  - **1-Dragons Lucky Lady (m, 7, Dragon Again--Precious Cammill, by Million Dollar Cam**) \$9,500, \$9,200 2019 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 116-33-24-16, \$527,364 O-Morrison Racing Stables & Brian S Gordon. B-Vernon J Mast. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.
  - **2-Elegant A** (m, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Spokeswoman, by Art Major) \$4,750, Lifetime Record: 77-19-11-11, \$200,388
  - O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Buckland Park Homestead, AS. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - **3-Trick Of The Light** (m, 6, Odds On Equuleus--Gordjus, by Dragon Again) \$2,280, \$50,000 2020 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 85-22-18-10, \$618,553 O-Odds On Racing. B-Adam J Eicher. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brent Holland.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1, 2Q, NK Finish Order: Easy To Please, Ultimate Speed, Two Pistol Annie, Lucky Artist A
- **3, YR, \$19,000, Trot**, NW \$15,591 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, 29.0, 58.3, 1:27.2, 1:57.2, GD
  - 1-Texsong Soprano (h, 5, Text Me--Muscling In, by Muscles Yankee) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 59-19-9-8, \$529,879
  - O-Thestable Texsong Soprano & Scott Richard Zeron. B-Abraham L Miller. T-Megan Scran. D-Jason Bartlett.
  - **2-Enola** (m, 5, Resolve--Deweys Katie, by Deweycheatumnhowe) \$4,750, \$26,000 2021 ONT-SEL, Lifetime Record: 66-13-18-11, \$256,213 O-David Litvinsky. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA & Jeffery E Ruch, CA. T-Shane Tritton. D-Lauren Tritton.
  - 3-Diamante Trio It (m, 6, Nad Al Sheba--Gabella Dj, by Cougar Lobell) \$2,280, Lifetime Record: 72-16-14-9, \$277,523
  - O-Joe P Racing LLC & Oldford Racing LLC. B-Allev Triodi Gaibini Floriana, IT. T-Travis Alexander. D-Anthony Napolitano.
  - ▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 1H, 2Q, 1H, 1T, 1 Finish Order: Queen Of All, Sevenshadesofgrey, Saint K, Dejerate Hanover, Creative Venture

- 6, YR, \$35,000, Pace, F&M INVITATIONAL POST POSITIONS: 1-5 DRAWN POST POSITIONS: 6-7 DRAWN, 27.1, 56.0, 1:25.0, 1:54.1, GD
  - 1-Walkin On Sunshine (m, 5, Always A Virgin--Hatsoff Hanover, by Magical Mike) \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 49-16-8-10, \$328,314
  - O-Maynard Miller & Daniel L Lehman & Michael E Yoder. B-Victory Hill Farm Inc. T-Brett Pelling. D-Jason Bartlett
  - 2-Lloyd's Loves (m, 5, Rusty's All In--Southwind Wichita, by Bettor's Delight) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 75-28-14-6, \$352,101
  - O-David A Dobbelmann. B-Pamela E Wagner. T-Edwin Quevedo. D-Jim Marohn Jr.
  - 3-Golden Quest N (m, 10, Bettor's Delight--Honey Rose Falcon, by Christian Cullen) \$4,200, Lifetime Record: 149-34-32-22, \$580,952
  - O-Carmen Iannacone. B-I P D Hope-Johnstone, NZ & Mrs S Herlihy, NZ. T-Travis Alexander. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 5Q, 4T, 2Q, 1Q, 1T Finish Order: Cheryls Shadow, Coachellabound N, Madrid A, Bee Okay A
- **7, YR, \$17,000, Trot**, NW \$11,541 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, 28.3, 58.0, 1:26.3, 1:56.4, GD
  - **1-Tipsy Moni (m, 5, International Moni--Seaside, by Yankee Glide)** \$8,500, \$23,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 61-25-6-6, \$504,452 O-Ben R Mondello & Fac Racing LLC & Yannick Gingras. B-Sergent Stables LLC. T-Per Engblom. D-Yannick Gingras.

#### INTERNATIONAL MONLWINNER



- **2-Tuscan Prince** (g, 5, Kadabra--Tosca, by Muscle Mass) \$4,250, \$45,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 43-11-7-5, \$300,731 O-Determination, CA. B-Harbor Racing Stable LLC, CA. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance.
- **3-Purple Lord** (g, 5, Tactical Landing--Paige Hanover, by Cantab Hall) \$2,040, \$40,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 53-9-12-8, \$250,638 O-Harmony Oaks Racing Stable Inc & Berg Bros. Stable & Rich Preziotti. B-Randall E Bond. T-John Butenschoen. D-Tyler Buter.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1T, 4, 6, 4H Finish Order: Swiss House Onfire, Mycrownmykingdom, Duly Resolved, Chinese Whisper N, Warrawee Yang
- **8, YR, \$19,000, Pace**, F&M NW \$15,000 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, 28.1, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:56.1, GD
  - **1-Front Page Story (m, 5, Captaintreacherous--Wenditions, by Rocknroll Hanover**) \$9,500, \$110,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 54-11-13-5, \$269,205 O-Hudson Standrdbrd Stb Inc, CA. B-White Birch Farm. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance.
  - 2-Twist Little Girl N (m, 6, Vincent--Twist N Shout, by Badlands Hanover) \$4,750, Lifetime Record: 56-12-5-8, \$123,456
  - O-David A Dobbelmann. B-Alabar (Nz) LTD, NZ. T-Edwin Quevedo. D-Jordan Stratton.
  - 3-Alta Madeira N (m, 8, Alta Christiano--Alta Michaela, by Elsu) \$2,280, Lifetime Record: 120-23-24-19, \$278,331
  - O-Harmon Racing Stable LLC & Michael A Spaccarelli. B-Alta Breeding Co LTD, NZ. T-Rob Harmon. D-Jim Marohn Jr.
  - Replay Calls: 1Q, 1H, 2, 1T, 1T Finish Order: Intothemysticmoon, Okinawa Beach A, Talent To Spare A, Mcmarkle Sparkle, Jules Hill

#### **RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY**

#### **MEADOWLANDS** report

#### Saturday's Results:

**5, 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 Life AE: N/W \$50,000 Life, M, 27.3, 55.1, 1:23.3, 1:51.1, FT

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

1-Bonaparte (g, 4, Bettor's Wish--Treacherous Reign, by Captaintreacherous) \$10,063, \$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.

#### Another Lexington Selected Grad Winner!

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**2-Captain Bazinga** (g, 4, Captaintreacherous--Brazuca, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,675, Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-2, \$38,710 O-John Cancelliere. B-John Cancelliere. T-Thomas Cancelliere. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Vandiemen Bluechip** (g, 4, Huntsville--Peppermint Patti, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,575, \$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.

► Replay ► Calls: 1Q, 2H, 2Q, 2H, NS - Finish Order: Trumpster Blues, Pyrenees Hanover, Principle Interest, Swifty Run, Captain Marvel, Freedom's Playboy, Taranaki

9, M, \$17,500, Trot, N/W \$12,500 (N/W 2L6 \$14,301) in Last 4 Starts or Since 9/1/2024 AE: N/W 8 Extended PM Races Life, M, 27.4, 57.1, 1:24.2, 1:53.2, FT

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

- 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 Bruscemi LLC & Fac Racing LLC & Yannick Gingras. B-Harbor Racing Stable LLC, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-David Miller.
- **2-Winter Soldier** (h, 4, Face Time Bourbon--Jumalay Mass, by Muscle Mass) \$3,675, \$140,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 19-6-4-4, \$177,651 O-Peter D Alagna & Pryde Stables Inc, CA. B-Order By Stable Ab, SD. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.
- **3-Little Expensive** (g, 5, Muscle Hill--Seviyorum, by Donato Hanover) \$1,575, \$260,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 36-7-11-3, \$225,191 O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Jean A Goehlen & Vip Internet Stable LLC. B-Stroy Inc.. T-Julie Miller. D-Tyler Miller.
- > Replay > Calls: 4Q, 1Q, 1T, 2T, 5H Finish Order: Windsong Pioneer, Resolve To Win, Bellissimo Face S, Dribbling Bi, Irish Coffee, Golden Rain S, Black Magic

10, M, \$17,500, Pace, N/W \$12,500 (N/W L2 \$14,000) Last 4 Starts AE: N/W 8 Extended PM Races or \$75,000 Life, M, 27.1,55.3, 1:23.3, 1:50.2, FT

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**1-Chase H Hanover (g, 7, Captaintreacherous--Calgary Hanover, by Western Ideal** )\$8,050, \$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-Jordan Stratton.

#### ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



- **2-Lyons Steel** (g, 10, Rock N Roll Heaven--Lyons Luck, by Camluck) \$3,675, Lifetime Record: 243-55-40-35, \$804,521 O-Bd Racing LLC. B-Joseph Lyons-Mound, EN. T-Jose Ramos. D-Tyler Miller.
- **3-Mad Max Hanover** (g, 6, Always B Miki--Mayhem Seelster, by Mach Three) \$1,575, \$50,000 2020 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 68-14-15-5, \$792,848 O-Marvin J Rounick. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jake Leamon. D-Jason Bartlett.
- Replay Calls: T, 1Q, HD, 1, 1Q Finish Order: Sherlock N, Interest Free A, Brutallyhandsome A, Maxim Hanover, Beach Vibes, Oakwood Paddy Ir, Build The Wall

#### NORTHFIELD PARK report

#### Saturday's Results:

- 6, Nfld, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP, 28.0, 57.2, 1:26.3, 1:54.4, GD
  - 1-Be My Rose N (m, 9, American Ideal--Better Rose, by Bettor's Delight) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 79-19-13-8, \$211,541
  - O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-K J A Purdon, NZ. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..
  - **2-Resurrection Dawn** (m, 5, Fear The Dragon--Real Parmesan, by Real Desire) \$4,750, \$14,000 2021 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 77-13-16-8, \$180,345 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Ed A Miller. T-Ron Burke. D-Tyler Angus.
  - **3-Think Of Galaxies** (m, 7, So Surreal--Lightning D Dube, by Western Ideal) \$2,280, Lifetime Record: 115-22-22-16, \$487,113 O-Ameer Najor & Thunder Racing Stables Inc. B-Peter Kleinhans. T-Cory Kreiser. D-Hunter Myers.
  - ► Replay ► Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1Q, 2H, 2H Finish Order: Santastic Cruiser, Rockin Bambi, Cold Hearted Gypsy, A Delightful Act N



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#### WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK report

#### Saturday's Results:

- **1, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace**, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$10,250 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.2, 58.0, 1:29.1, 1:58.2
  - 1-Settheworldonfire (b,g,3 Cattlewash-Firestorm-Shadow Play) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$16,729

O-Brock Maclellan, Shen Guo, Dale Pr Spence B-W J Donovan, Fair Winds Farm Inc T-Mackenzie Spence D-Dale Pr Spence

#### TARAHILLS stud

#### **Another CATTLEWASH Winner!**



- 2-Bettorseetheshow (b,c,3 Bettors Delight-Beach Showoff-Somebeachsomewhere)
- O-Farhi Standardbreds Corp B-Farhi Standardbreds Corp T-David Menary D-James Macdonald
- **3-Wicked Turns** (b,c,3 Mcwicked-Twirlingonthebeach-Somebeachsomewhere)
- O-Domenic Chiaravalle B-Stephanie Smith-Rothaug T-Anthony Beaton D-Douglas Mcnair
- ► ► Replay ► ►
- **2, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace**, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 OR NW \$22,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: NOT AVERAGING \$2,230 PER START IN 2024-25, 27.4, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:53.1
  - 1-Redwood Hanover (b,h,5 Stay Hungry-Rockingcam Park-Rocknroll Hanover) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 44-8-6-7, \$430,852
  - O-Mac Nichol, Mckinlay & Fielding, Anthony Beaton, David Mercer B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Anthony Beaton D-Jonathan Drury

#### ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



#### STAY HUNGRY WINNER



- 2-Hungry Man (b,h,5 Stay Hungry-Big Mcdeal-Mcardle)
- O-Bradley Grant B-Steve Jones T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair
- **3-Code Cracker** (b,g,6 Sweet Lou-Atsallrite Hanover-Rocknroll Hanover)
- O-A1stable B-Burke Racing Stable Llc, Weaver Bruscemi Llc, Michelle Yanek, Phillip Collura T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen
- ► ► Replay ► ►
- **3, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace**, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 OR NW \$11,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NOT AVERAGING \$1,755 P/S IN 2024-25. AE: NW \$755 LAST 3 STARTS, 27.0, 56.1, 1:26.1, 1:54.0
  - 1-Speaker Of Peace (b,g,5 Artspeak-Im All In-Cams Card Shark) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 54-9-11-6, \$200,530
  - O-William Mcclure B-Winbak Farm T-Donald Lindsey D-Bob Mcclure

#### Farm

#### **Another WINBAK FARM Winner!**



- 2-Needabankloan (b,g,6 Toucam Sam-Newport Way-The Panderosa)
- O-Jacques Lambert B-Jacques Lambert T-Raphael Bourassa D-Billy Davis
- **3-Nightime Dancer** (b,h,5 Sunshine Beach-That Day-Camluck)
- O-1187422 Ontario Inc B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Rod Boyd D-James Macdonald
- ► ► Replay ► ►
- 5, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER NW \$24,500 (ON SIRED \$34,150) LIFETIME, 27.2, 57.0, 1:27.3, 1:55.4
  - 1-Regil Bubb (b,q,4 Bettors Delight-Regil Hurricane-Sportswriter) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-1, \$27,926
  - O-Meagan Oneil B-Reginald Westgarth T-William Moore D-Andy Moore

- 2-Trinidad (b,c,3 Lazarus N-Fox Valley Lena-Yankee Skyscaper) O-Richard Lareau B-Nancy Kotsull T-Richard Lareau D-Louis-Philippe Roy **3-Spindoctor Hanover** (b,q,4 - Always B Miki-Sympathy Hanover-Cams Card Shark) O-David Mercer, Wayne Mcgean B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Joseph Macisaac D-Tyler Borth ► ► Replay ► ► 6, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$10,250 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 27.4, 58.1, 1:27.2, 1:56.3 1-Volcanic (br,c,3 - Big Jim-Neverhaditsogood-Art Major) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$16,500 O-Gregg Mcnair, Barbara Wells B-Gregg Mcnair, Bloomingwood Farms Ltd T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair 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-Julius Hanover** (b,g,4 - Betting Line-Jk Higher Power-Somebeachsomewhere) O-Christopher Nicol B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan ► ► Replay ► ► 7, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, NW \$15,500 LAST 5 OR \$31,850 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$70,000, 27.0, 56.1, 1:25.0, 1:52.4 1-Jabberwocky (b,g,6 - Hes Watching-Art Sale-Artsplace) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 91-15-17-18, \$354,320 O-Rick Zeron Stables, James Walker, Johnny Marvento, Earn It To Burn It Stable B-Am Bloodstock Inc T-Richard Zeron D-Trevor Henry 2-Fox Valley Landen (b,g,5 - Somestarsomewhere-Oozies Finale-Badlands Hanover) O-Husted Racing Llc, John Schwarz Jr B-Fox Valley Standardbreds T-Amy Husted D-Kyle Hudted **3-Codename Cigar Box** (br,g,7 - Custard The Dragon-Art Amour-Artsplace) O-Paul Sanders, A1stable, Ronald Cullen B-Surdale Farms Ltd T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen ► ► Replay ► ► 8, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$50,000 (OS \$62,500) LIFETIME, 27.3, 57.1, 1:27.4, 1:55.3 1-Lookinlikeamillion (br,g,4 - Armbro Baylor-Untold Millions-Dealer Takes All) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 21-9-4-1, \$63,001 O-Tara & Dr Valerie Isman, & George & Garett Isman B-Darryl & Sherri Mason T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Bob Mcclure **2-Hollywood Deo** (b,g,4 - Captaintreacherous-Miss L A-Bettors Delight) O-Frank Chiaravalloti, Colonel Schneider Jr B-Deo Volente Farms Llc, Inc Cool Cat Racing T-Cassidy Schneider D-James Macdonald **3-Beach Cruiser** (blk,q,4 - Yankee Cruiser-Beach Work-Somebeachsomewhere) O-Gary Ford, Janet Kinney B-Mervin Wengerd T-Paul Mackenzie D-Trevor Henry ► ► Replay ► ► **9, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace**, PREFERRED, 27.3, 57.0, 1:25.4, 1:52.3 1-Powertrain (b,g,7 - Shadow Play-Mmillion Blue Chip-Rock N Roll Heaven) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 54-15-9-7, \$438,945 O-Millar Farms B-Millar Farms T-Nick Gallucci D-James Macdonald 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-Poseidon Seelster** (b,g,8 - Sunshine Beach-Porsche Seelster-Artistic Fella) O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Donald Lindsey D-Bob Mcclure ► ► Replay ► ►
- **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, 1:27.4, 1:54.4
- 1-Wannabeabigstar (br.g,4 Shadow Play-Greek Beach-Astreos) \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 18-7-4-0, \$111,755

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

2-Bet The Bb (br,q,4 - All Bets Off-Sayitall Bb-Tell All)

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

**3-Sergeant Slaughter** (b,g,5 - Big Jim-Minettas Moonbeam-Lusty Leader)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Krista Thomas T-Carmen Auciello D-Brett Macdonald

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