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# Buying and selling top Pace and Hambletonian contenders

A look at the value of the early winter book favorites for the Meadowlands Pace and Hambletonian.

by Brett Sturman



The Meadowlands has come out with its winter book list for the 2021 Meadowlands Pace and Hambletonian, ranking the top 10 contenders for the respective races as things stand today. In the spirit of a recent frenzy of stock market activity, here are my buys and sells.

For starters, the chances of finding a GameStop type of horse would seem more likely to happen in the Hambletonian rather than the Pace. Through the years, the

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Hambletonian has seen countless horses win that weren't on anyone's radar or even known in February, that have gone onto win the race. The Pace is a different story. There, you know, for the most part, what you have.

Beginning with the Pace, nearly all Pace winners the past couple of decades have had notable success at age 2. Recent exceptions would be Wiggle It Jiggleit who didn't have his first official start until age 3, but did qualify early in his 2-year-old season in a ridiculous 1:51.4 at Pocono, so you could say there was some serious talent there. Another

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exception to the rule is Best In Show who won the Pace as one of the biggest longshots in the race's history, and there wasn't anything you could gravitate towards from his three races as a 2-year-old.

### Meadowlands Pace buys:

Always A Miki - My sense is that he perceived just a touch outside of the big three of Perfect Sting, Summa Cum Laude and Southwind Gendry and because of that could represent a hypothetical buying opportunity (as I wrote a couple years ago, Meadowlands/Fanduel Sportsbook should offer actual winter book wagering). Accordingly, he is fourth in the Meadowlands' winter book list. But he closed out 2020 perhaps sharpest of all when he sprung the 7-1 upset in the Governor's Cup, a race in which Summa Cum Laude was third as the heavy favorite. A reasonably-priced yearling at just \$40,000 he stands a chance to win the race that, though losing, his sire Always B Miki is widely remembered for.

**Exploit** - Ranked right behind Always A Miki at #5, is another that closed out the year strong. Often overlooked despite being trained by Alagna, he shocked at 35-1 winning the Metro in one of the season's faster times of 1:50.4, and nearly provided similar fireworks when second in the Governor's Cup. The \$165,000 Harrisburg purchase had his ups and downs last year, but it seems like there's some Pace potential.

Charlie May and Heart Of Chewbacca - Here's a couple of horses not on the winter book list and nor should they be, but that's not to say they aren't fast. Both from Ohio, these two dominated that state's 2-year-old races last year and the win time of 1:50.2 by Ohio's 2-year-old of the year Charlie May in the September OSS Final tied for the 7th fastest national seasons mark. Rival Heart Of Chewbacca beat Charlie May once and his record of 1:51.1 is impressive as well. Following his Ohio Breeders Championship win on Jug Day, Charlie May owner Don Tiger suggested that he would be more heavily staked in 2021.

**Lou's Pearlman** - Not on the winter book top 10, but was the fastest of any freshman last year with that 1:48.4 mark from the Red Mile. He was only a winner in 5 of 11, though Burke should give him every chance if he remains good enough.

### Meadowlands Pace sells:

If there were actual wagering right now, **Perfect Sting** would probably be around 3-1 as the #1 winter book ranked horse. Even though he capped off his 2-year-old season with a perfect 10-for-10 record, that last one came in the form of a dead-heat in the Breeders Crown. A fast and obviously talented horse as shown by the record and his 1:49.2 mark, I don't know if I'd rank him with the likes of eventual Pace winners Tall Dark Stranger or Captaintreacherous as recent

2-year-old champions. Of course, he could end up winning the Pace at odds of 3-5 which would make a 3-1 price now look like a gift. We'll see.

### Hambletonian buys:

Authored by the Meadowlands' Ken Warkentin, Southwind Tyrion and Cuatro De Julio sit at fourth and fifth, respectively. on the list and both showed immense talent last year. On the same day last year at the Red Mile, Southwind Tyrion lowered the world record for 2-year-old trotters to 1:51.1 in winning his International Stallion Stakes division, and then a short time later Cuatro De Julio won in 1:51.3, which would have been good enough to tie Walner's previously held world record. Those marks by both horses were naturally the first and second fastest in 2020 for freshmen trotters. While Southwind Tyrion was a \$145,000 yearling buy, Cuatro De Julio was only \$60,000. What makes that more interesting is not so much that he's by Hambletonian winner Trixton, but that he's out of a Ready Cash mare with strong European family credentials. Both should be heard from on the Hambletonian trail.

The filly Anoka Hanover lands at seventh on the Meadowlands' list. I like the idea of a filly considering recent Hambletonian successes, but as an alternative what about **Donna Soprano**? A winner in five-of-seven with a mark of 1:53.3, she's already taken on the boys and was actually



favored at odds-on in the inaugural Mohawk Million. She was second that race to eventual Dan Patch winner Venerate, and could represent one of the better chances from the fillies to try for the Hambletonian.

**Dancinginthedark M** - Another one not currently listed, but he's another with a world of potential talent and speed. Coming from Marcus Melander's barn, he broke in his Breeders Crown elimination when it looked like he was picking up steam and could certainly be a contender if he matures at age 3.

### Hambletonian sells:

**Captain Corey** - Currently ranked sixth, I think he'll continue to be extremely formidable in Pennsylvania, but would be surprised if he won the Hambletonian. Take nothing away from him as another feel good story related to Googoo Gaagaa, but as an early season sensation in 2020, he felt the pressure from the very best in the Breeders Crown. Would make for quite a story, though, should he prove to be a top Hambletonian contender come summer.

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# The harness gambit: speak to the betting demographic you need, not the one you want

### by Dean Towers

I watched The Queen's Gambit on Netflix recently, and it appears I wasn't the only one. Last month, Netflix announced that the seven-part program about an orphaned chess prodigy who becomes a champion was viewed by a record 62 million households.

This popularity was not just localized to the limited series itself. Since its release, Google searches for "chess" have doubled, "how to play chess" queries have reached a nine-year high, interest in chess sets on Ebay are up 250 per cent and subscriptions to chess.com have increased fivefold.

As most of us know who've tried this wonderful, maddening game, it's hard. It's idioms like "we're playing chess here not checkers"; it's joining the chess club in ninth grade and wondering who these strange kids with big brains are.

Chess has been around since 600 A.D. in some form, and it's not new. It's not Counterstrike or Fortnite and it doesn't try to be.

Yet here we are. People are searching and learning and playing the game. And they're finding the resources, techniques and avenues to do exactly that.

Flipping to our wonderful, yet equally maddening, pursuit — betting on horses — I can't help but think just how opposite the view from inside the business is. It seems when many in the brain trust promote the wagering game to drive handle, it's always about making the game easier; about creating bets that are 'simple', like over/unders, or "Racing Roulette" (whatever the hell that was). It's about promoting Pick 3 or Pick 4 tickets that have no hope to be profitable long term. It's about betting chalk, not throwing it out.

Without fail, we seem to clamor to attract a demographic that plays slots or buys lottery tickets. And I think we

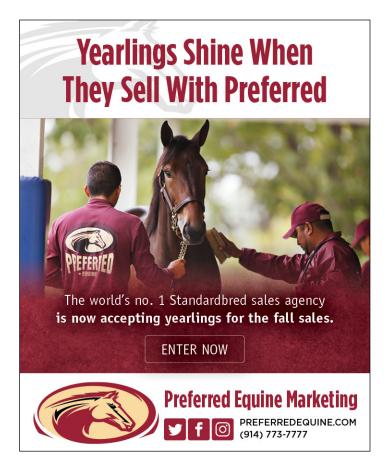
should've learned by now that we can't out-slot a slot machine, or out-lottery a lottery ticket.

In my opinion, this sport should forget everything it thinks it knows about bettors. The sport should educate customers on telecasts how to win, not how to pick a winner. It should produce content that doesn't dumb down the sport, but explains it, encouraging people interested in such pursuits to get better at it.

The betting vernacular should be filled with words and phrases like "positive expected value", "separator horses", and "equity." Tickets on TVG or on simulcasts should speak less about covering or insurance, and more about betting something most others won't be and why. "The Queen's Gambit" used phrases like the "Sicilian Defense", or "Tarrasch Variation" when they told the story of chess. They didn't hide the complexity and we shouldn't either.

Paraphrasing President Kennedy, chess isn't played because it is easy, it's played because it is hard. And that's what horse racing should focus on, too. Slot players heading to the racing side to bet a five horse exacta box come and go, the ones who understand the game stick around for years.





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# Lawson: a slot in the Mohawk Million goes far beyond taking a shot at the \$1 million purse

With slots available and the deadline looming, the CEO of the Woodbine Entertainment Group said the race "brings notoriety and eyes on this sport at a time when it needs it."

### by Dave Briggs

As the Feb. 15 deadline looms for owners to buy a slot in this year's Mohawk Million, Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) CEO Jim Lawson is encouraging those on the fence about whether to purchase a slot to consider the benefit the race has on the entire industry.

"Our view is that it's a great race. It brings notoriety to the whole sport," Lawson said Friday (Feb. 5) about the \$1 million (Cdn) race for 2-year-old trotters that debuted in 2020 with owners paying \$100,000 (last year it was \$110,000 U.S. funds, this year it's Canadian dollars) to guarantee a spot on the starting gate. There are nine slots in total to be purchased, with a 10th going to the winner of the William Wellwood Memorial. Each slot is considered an entity that may be sold, traded or leased. The slot holder does not have to declare a horse for the Mohawk Million until the week of the race.

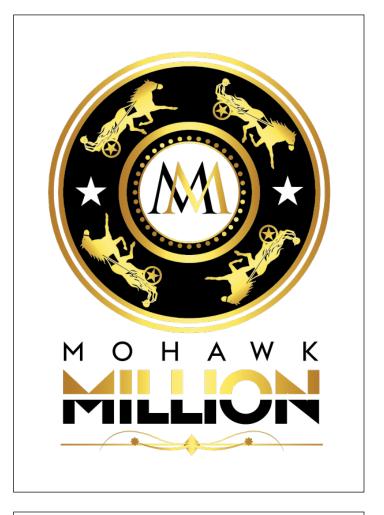
Lawson confirmed that there are slots available for this year's race, but the value of participating goes beyond having a shot at a million-dollar purse.

"It brings a lot of attention and focus on the sport... It raises the tide for everyone. People have to think of it that way, that it just improves the outlook of the entire industry, in terms of attention, in terms of reinvestment of that money, because it doesn't go into someone's pocket, that money generally goes back into the yearling sales to try it again.

"It's a concept that I think is sound. I think it can grow. I think people were pleased with it last year and... I hope people recognize not just the risk they are taking for themselves and the risk-reward, but that part of the reward is raising the entire harness racing industry – and certainly the racing industry in Ontario. It's certainly raising the prominence of Mohawk and we're going to do a bigger and better job this year promoting it and marketing it and hosting it than we did last year."

Last year, pandemic restrictions on spectators at Woodbine Mohawk Park curtailed WEG's plan to celebrate all the Mohawk Million slot owners as much as it had hoped. Lawson said he expects most people will have received a COVID-19 vaccine before the race goes to post on Sept. 25.

"We're going to be in good shape, I believe, to play host to





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the owners and show them our gratitude and give them a great weekend, like we weren't able to last year. We had grand plans last year to host them and I think we'll be able to do that this year," he said.

"If we get 70 per cent of our population vaccinated by mid-September, which I think is a reasonable estimate to be in that 60 to 70 per cent range by then, I think we've really got a shot at having a special night and getting all eyes on our product."

Crawford Farms, based in New York, has already purchased a slot for this year's race. Al Crawford said, "we bought a slot because we have a lot of promising 2-year-old trotting fillies and a couple of colts... (and) I think it is great to support initiatives in the sport that promote the sport through big events."

Connections of last year's winner, Venerate — led by trainer Julie Miller — made a private, undisclosed deal with slot owner Brad Grant to earn a spot on the gate and catapulted that victory into the Dan Patch Award as the top 2-year-old trotting colt of 2020 in the United States.

"In good times or bad times, winning a million-dollar race is incredible," Miller told HRU after capturing the inaugural Mohawk Million (full story here). "That's my wildest dream. I never even could put this on my vision board, to win a million-dollar race with a 2-year-old."

Miller was also effusive in her praise of Woodbine Mohawk Park for staging the first-of-its-kind event for harness racing and delivering a terrific show despite the challenges of putting the inaugural race on during a pandemic.

"I want to thank Woodbine and Mohawk for being progressive and trying something new and generating more buzz for the sport that I love," Miller said. "We're all fighting in a pandemic to keep people safe, so for Woodbine to still try hard to get this race going was unbelievable."

Crawford said what happened last year was another reason he was all in on buying a slot this year.

"If you look at what Brad Grant and Tony Alagna did last year with their slot, it shows they are very tradeable and even if you don't have a horse yourself for the race, you can still do well selling the slot to someone else that does."

The Mohawk Million is one of only three million-dollar races in North American harness racing, along with the Pepsi North America Cup for 3-year-old pacers at Woodbine Mohawk Park and the Hambletonian for sophomore trotters at The Meadowlands.

Still, not everyone is game on the Mohawk Million concept of purchasing a slot at a steep price. Diamond Creek's Adam Bowden bought a slot last year, but hasn't, yet, purchased



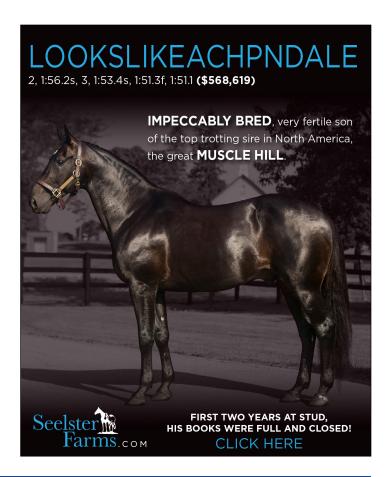
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Venerate (Andrew McCarthy) winning the inaugural Mohawk Million in 2020 en route to the Dan Patch as 2-year-old Trotting Colt of the Year in the United States.

one again this year.

"I don't like putting up that kind of money and not being able to attend. It was disappointing but expected last year, (but) 2021 looks very similar at this point," Bowden said.

Lawson said he is confident "the borders are going to open up this year" and spectators will be allowed back at the track. "I am optimistic that we're going to have a great weekend and we'll be able to host people. I'm optimistic about the sport and I'm optimistic that we and the economy are going to be able to rebound."



Still Bowden said he's, "going to take a wait and see approach. I like the concept but wish they could get corporate sponsorship to cover 50 per cent of the entry fee. The Pegasus at Gulfstream is running into similar issues when the entire purse is funded by the nine or 10 entrants. If the purse was \$1 million and the entries were \$50,000 each and a sponsor or two covered the remaining amount then it starts getting really interesting. The other issue is that it is trotters. They should do it with pacers instead. The competition is better, the division is much closer."

Lawson said the reason the Mohawk Million is a trotting race is because the track already has an established, high-purse race for 2-year-old pacers in the Metro and the hope was a trotting race would have a spin-off effect on the breeding of trotters in Ontario.

"Having a good trotter is really special and the hope was that it was going to encourage people to buy trotters and develop more trotters in Ontario," Lawson said. "As you know, trotting is a big sell in foreign jurisdictions and a lot of our wagering is expanding into Sweden and France and Australia and they like the trotting. So, an addition to our calendar, it seemed like the right fit.

Jim Bullock of Ontario's Glengate Farms was bullish on the

concept last year and bought a slot, but said he has a practical reason for not buying one this year, so far.

"I don't have the apparent 2-year-old talent this year," Bullock said. "If the slots fill, I'll buy my way in later should my talent assessment prove to be wrong."

Lawson said he appreciates, "that there's only so many people with the stock and the quality that are going to step up with that kind of 2-year-old and make that bet, but we're hoping they do."

A \$50,000 nomination fee is required by Feb. 15 when submitting a slot contract for the Mohawk Million. The remaining \$50,000 is then due by June 1, 2021.

Any requests for information or purchases of a slot can be directed to Bill McLinchey, director of standardbred racing, at bmclinchey@woodbine.com.

"It's exciting having a young 2-year-old and thinking that they'll be able to make it into this race," Lawson said, "or it's exciting holding a slot and being able to barter for a portion of one of the top 2-year-olds for that race... It's really something that brings notoriety and eyes on this sport at a time when it needs it. We need some good stories."

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# My 50-year friendship with sale manager extraordinaire Randy Manges

by Murray Brown

I've been friends with Randy Manges for over 50 years. We first met in 1970 when he came to the Hanover Fairgrounds that October for a yearling show day accompanied by his friend Olin Davis. Randy recalls that after the show day was finished, I took him out to see his favorite mare Sara Lane Hanover.

It's such a small world that we inhabit.

Upon introducing me to Olin, I noted to Mr. Davis that my first favorite horse was a tough old critter by the name of Snipe Reward. Snipe Reward was an open pacer on the Richelieu-Blue Bonnets Circuit. One thing that I remember about Snipe Reward was that if the track was muddy, it. was



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Randy Manges (left) manages the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale with David Reid (right).

time to put your money down on him. I can't ever remember him not winning on an off track. Snipe Reward was bred, raised and initially raced by Olin and his wife Ruth.

But Snipe Reward was not the best horse that the Davises raised. That honor was held by Snipe's sister, Quick Lady, one of the first great fillies that I ever saw.

I also have a connection to her. I'm guessing that it was in the early '60s. Four friends and I made our first trip to Vernon Downs for a Saturday evening's racing.

I believe that it was on the Saturday previous to Grand Circuit week. There were a lot of young horses on the card. It was in that area where I prized myself as an astute handicapper.

Believe it or not, I swept the first five races. It might have been four, but who's counting? In the next race, an invitational, Dancer Hanover was the prohibitive favorite. I could be mistaken on this, but I believe that he was driven that evening by Johnny Thomas, Jim Simpson's number one assistant. I decided to bet everything that I had won, in addition to my original stake on Dancer. I think it might have been in the area of \$400. Four hundred dollars was probably the most money I had ever had. I'm guessing that it would probably translate to \$4,000 today. Dancer Hanover cut the mile. But at the end, a bolt of lightning by the name of Quick



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The next evening, the five of us had dinner at Moishe's Steak House in Montreal courtesy of Vernon Downs.

That is not the only connection I had with the Davis family. I've been friends with daughter Judy and her mom Ruth since the mid-70s. Ruth was the very best signature runner that any horse sale ever had. I'm not certain how old she was when Judy forced her to quit. I'm guessing she was somewhere in her 70s. But even at that age, she could outlast any of the younger people doing it. Judy also collected signatures for a few years, but she couldn't hold a candle to Ruth. But neither could anybody else.

I've switched rails. This story is about Randy Manges. I'll add only one other thing about the Davises. Randy went to school with Judy and worked with her at Brandywine and to this very day they are the best of friends. Judy is the long-time head of the Delaware Development Racing Fund.

Randy Manges was born into harness racing. He has done nothing else in numerous capacities all of his life.

He was born in Northville, MI where his father was racing a



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Manges (right) said, "More than anybody else, (Dr. Glen Brown, left, is) responsible for me being where I am today. He gave me the ball and allowed me to run with it. Probably any success I've enjoyed in this business is due directly or indirectly to him."



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stable of horses. I never had the pleasure of meeting Del Manges, but from those who knew him, he was an outstanding all around horseman as well as being an exceptional human being. He spent the majority of his racing career on the Buffalo-Batavia circuit from the '50s through the '80s where his stable often led the ranks.

According to Randy, the only thing that kept his father from achieving the recognition that he deserved, was lacking an owner with deep pockets. Nevertheless, he did very well with what he had.

Randy himself, did not have that much direct contact with the horses growing up. However, he was a caretaker and jogged horses throughout his early youth.

Upon graduation, he went to work in the program department at Brandywine with John Bradley where they worked for American Publishing.

Eventually, Brandywine started producing their own programs and Randy stayed on working in that department at both Brandywine and Liberty Bell on the circuit of those tracks.

In whatever spare time he had, he also served as assistant racing secretary at Dover Downs.

In 1976, he was approached by the incomparable Phil Tully for a position with Phil's Woodstock Stud. He remained there for seven years.

From there, he was on his own for a bit and then worked one year with yours truly at Harrisburg.

He was then approached by Andy Grant and went to work for Andy's Bradford Bloodstock Agency for 11 years.

Grant had several irons in the fire including being the president of the Hambletonian Society.

He decided to back down and closed Bradford.

Kentucky Standardbred Horses Sales Company had decided to hold a yearling sale at Garden State Park. Dr. Glen Brown, at that time a principal in the company, approached Randy to

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run the sale for them. They held two sales at Garden State Park.

In the interim, Bart Glass who was running the company's primary sale in Kentucky, suffered a stroke. Dr. Brown approached Randy to assume Glass' duties. He has been with them and their amalgamation, the Lexington Selected Horse Sale, ever since.

Randy ever since we both ran horse sales, the one question each of us has asked the other has always been: How are collections? So I'll ask you that question, how are they?

"We are in a pretty good place right now. We've got a few stragglers, but no one that I'm really concerned about. As you know, it's usually the same people each year. We will end up, as we usually do, with all debts being paid."

Let's talk about some of the people you've worked for and with.

### **Phil Tully**

"Phil was a great teacher and an incredibly hard worker. We were a great team, because I'm an early riser and an early worker. Phil on the other hand wouldn't get into the office until 2 p.m. or thereabouts. But he would stay the rest of the day and into the next morning if necessary. Between us, we pretty much covered the clock. But, because he wouldn't get in until late, didn't mean that he expected everybody to do the same. He wanted everybody to do whatever had to be done, regardless of how long it took to do it. He was incredibly kind and loyal to everybody that worked for and with him. If you worked for Phil, he expected you to work hard, but he more than made up for it in the way he treated his people."

### **Andy Grant**

"Andy was a great person and a great friend. I worked for him for 11 years. Each day, I'd take the train from Delaware to New York City and then trained back at the end of the day. Here's an interesting story: The very first day I arrived at Penn Station, with all the millions in New York City, who do I meet after getting off the train, but your late wife Marlene. She had just arrived in New York to attend a trainees session for Merrill Lynch for whom she had gone to work. What are the odds of that happening?

"My work with Andy was somewhat different than with Phil. Woodstock was mostly in the business of running horse sales and representing horses at them. Although Bradford Bloodstock did represent a lot of horses at sales, we did more in the way of stallion syndications and European trade. For my first five years there, I worked with Jim Barry as well.

Jim was a real gentleman and a class act."

### Dr. Glen Brown

"More than anybody else, he was responsible for me being where I am today. He gave me the ball and allowed me to run with it. Probably any success I've enjoyed in this business is due directly or indirectly to him. Since Armstrong Bros. went out of business, we've become even closer friends than we were before. He knows and has been involved in just about every facet of management in the business."

### **Bart Glass**

"Bart was a wonderful man who was as great a judge of livestock as anybody I've ever known. He helped me enormously, especially at the beginning."

### **David Reid**

"He was a good friend before he became co-manager of the sales company and is so to this day. We have our own defined responsibilities. We don't agree on everything, but we do on most things. Whatever we disagree on we manage to iron out well."

Randy, you evaluate all of the yearlings for the Ohio Select Breeders Sale and together with Dave Reid you look at and evaluate all of the Lexington yearlings. That certainly amounts to a lot of mileage in the car and a lot of time on the road. Does it ever get to be too much?

"To the contrary, the opposite is the case. I love traveling and do so by car. I won't fly unless the amount of time it takes me to get to where I'm going is more than 13 hours. Dave and I do most of the major farms together. As for the smaller ones, David handles most of the east, while I do the west. Like you, I enjoy driving and enjoy listening to audio books while I'm on the road."

# Do you have any interesting stories from your years of running the sale?

"I suppose the one that would stand out involves our friend Bill Perretti. Bill had purchased a high-priced yearling and then refused to sign the slip acknowledging that he had had indeed bought it. He claimed the auctioneer and the bid spotters were running him up. He berated them with an onslaught of profanity. I got security and we went to Mr. Perretti. He then took out his profanity on me. I told him that unless he signed the slip he would be removed from the premises and would not be allowed to return. We had him removed. The next day he came to my office. Although, not apologetic, he did sign the sales slip and was allowed to return."

How did COVDI-19 affect you, especially with regard to your



Dave Landry

Randy Manages hard at work in the sales office at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale.

### being able to evaluate the Canadian yearlings with Canada being pretty much shut down this past year?

"Obviously, neither Dave nor I went to Canada to look at yearlings. We got Larry Drysdale to look at the ones that I normally do and Steve Bray to look at the ones that Dave usually evaluates."

### What did you think of this year's sales?

"The Ohio sale was through the roof. The Lexington sale, on a relative basis, was probably even better. It was our second best sale ever, despite the severe restrictions put on it by COVID-19. If I had been told before either one that would be the outcome, I wouldn't have believed it."

# From a yearling evaluator's standpoint, who do you think do or did the best jobs in raising and preparing horses for sales?

"I have my thoughts, but I'm not about to let anybody get angry with me. So I'll just list some in non-numerical order: Carter Duer, Dr. Egloff, Bob Brady, Dr. Peter Boyce, Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, Steve Stewart, Tom Crouch and I'm sure several that I've left out."

### How do you feel about this year's sales?

"Unless we get another kick in the rear end like COVID-19, or if the situation doesn't improve, I think we'll be just fine. If we survived this year, I think we can survive just about anything. We horsepeople are a very resilient lot."

# Have a question or comment for The Curmudgeon? Reach him by email at: hofmurray@aol.com.





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- Sire of 2020 Crawford Farms Open Winner, Guardian Angel AS, 1:50.1 -'20 (\$1,528,783)
- Sire of 2020 Kentucky Sire Stakes Final Winner, Beads,
  3, 1:51.2 -'20 (\$278,824)
- Sire of 2020 Ontario Sires Stakes
   Super Final Winner, Fashion Frenzie,
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- 2020 Stand-Out Stakes Performers include:
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  - Kentucky Sire Stakes Final Winner, Beads, 3, 1:51.2 -'20 (\$278,824) 2nd in Breeders Crown elimination
  - Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final Winner, Fashion Frenzie, 2, 1:55.1s -'20 (\$204,775)
  - Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Winner, Logan Park, 2, 1:55.1s -'20 (\$123,300)
  - Angel Nation, 3, 1:55.3s -'20 (\$108,680) 2nd in Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final
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# A deeper look into Super Bowl the horse

by Bob Heyden

Super Bowl was a foal of 1969, the same year the big championship game in which the Jets defeated the Colts was first called the Super Bowl.

The previous two years, both Green Bay victories, it was officially called the "American Football Conference versus the National Football Conference Championship Game."

Lamar Hunt is credited for using the term Super Bowl for the first time that caught on. His family owns the Kansas City Chiefs today.

Super Bowl the trotter was a \$20,000 yearling for Mrs. Stanley Dancer (Rachel) of New Egypt NJ and Rose Hill Breeding Farm of New Hope, PA.

He was a son of Stars Pride, who in 1969 had his third straight Triple Crown winner sired by Lindys Pride (joining Ayres, 1964 and Nevele Pride, 1968). Super Bowl in 1972 would make it four in a row for Stars Pride.

In 1971, Super Bowl got a Horse of the Year vote and was eighth overall in the balloting. He easily defeated Songcan and Delmonica Hanover for 2-year-old honors. In those days, the fillies and colts were together (they were separated in 1978).

In 1972, Super Bowl set a new earnings record of \$436,258 for any trotter of any age bettering the 1968 standard by Nevele Pride of \$427,440. Nevele Pride was also racing in the Stanley Dancer barn, and the year he won his third straight HOY title in 1969 was the year Super Bowl was introduced to the world.

In 1972, Super Bowl again was getting votes for HOY. This time he was second best to Albatross 136-48. He won the 3YOCT over Songcan 190-1, and was voted Trotter of the Year 163-17 over Speedy Crown. He and Speedy Crown would both go to stud in 1973 and at the end of a quarter century were the top two trotting stallions in earnings all time.

In 1973, stablemates Albatross and Super Bowl both headed to Hanover Shoe Farms after a couple of years together on the racetrack. It was an unmatched legacy of two superstars carrying over to nearly three decades together and had a huge impact on the sport.

### Super Bowl as a sire

Super Bowl sired...

... Supergill, the sport's first \$500,000 yearling. Supergill then sired Malabar Man (26-31), the 1997 Hambletonian winner and HOY.

... Napoletano (\$2,174,171) who was the upsetter of Mack Lobell in the 1987 Kentucky Futurity denying Mack the Triple Crown.

... 1992 Hambletonian favorite Armbro Keepsake, a two-time Breeders Crown winner (1991 and 1994). She was fourth in that year's Hambletonian, but the first female to be favored in a Meadowlands Hambletonian. Muscle Hill has done it twice since — with Mission Brief (second in 2014) and Ramona Hill (the 2020 winner).

... Royal Troubador, the 1990 Yonkers Trot winner who then sired from his first crop 1995 HOY and Hambletonian favorite C R Kay Suzie.

### Odd notes

In 1972, Delmonica Hanover was second in the Hambletonian to Super Bowl. As a broodmare, her son Park Avenue Joe was part of the dead heat in 1989 in the Hambletonian at the Meadowlands. Super Bowl sired the other half of that dead heat — Probe.

In 1984, a most unusual event occurred on Hambletonian Day when Delvin G Hanover won an elim with a record return of \$126.20, then was favored in the raceoff (second) won by Historic Freight. The sire of Delvin G Hanover? You guessed it — Super Bowl.

Nineteen Breeders Crown starters have had the first name of Super. Super Flora and Supergrit won. (although Supergrit is a grandson of Super Bowl).

Fifteen Hambletonian starters had Super to start their name, but Super Bowl was the lone winner.

Jefs Spice is the richest offspring by Super Bowl at \$2,311,271.

Four of the first eight Breeders Crowns for the young ladies on the trot were won by daughters of Super Bowl: 1985 Jefs Spice; 1986 Super Flora; 1990 Jean Bi and 1991 Armbro Keepsake.

The very first open trot in Breeders Crown history (1985)

went to Sandy Bowl, a son of Super Bowl.

Super Bowl sired six Hambletonian winners, notably Giant Victory in 1991. That was the Whitney Houston National Anthem Super Bowl year. Super Bowl was 22 years old that year.

Super Bowl's last Hambletonian impact year was 1997, when at age 28 he sired the runner-up Take Chances (Kentucky Futurity winner) and the elim-winning Bowlin For Dollars. His grandson Malabar Man won it that year.

### Super Bowl trivia

Which horse won the last Hambletonian not valued at \$1 million? In 1982, Speed Bowl a son of Super Bowl won the \$875,000 final. It was Tommy Haughton's lone Hambletonian. He was 25 that year and he still holds the record as the youngest driver to ever win the Hambletonian.

Super Bowl was 28 in 1997 when he sired a Breeders Crown winner — Catch As Catch Can.

### More odd notes

Speedy Crown won the 1971 Hambletonian and Super

Bowl the 1972 edition. Neither was voted HOY. Yet, both times, the runner-up was — although later on. Savoir, the runner-up in 1971 was the 1975 HOY. Delmonica Hanover, the runner-up in 1972, was voted the year's best at age 5 in 1974.

Del Miller drove Delmonica Hanover in the Hambletonian. Interestingly, Miller won the 1950 Hambletonian with Lusty Song, also a filly, with Super Bowl's sire Stars Pride second.

Stars Pride had an amazing eight Hambletonian winners in a 12-year span culminating in 1972.

### Super Bowl's legacy

Super Bowl died in October, 1999 at age 30.

When he died, there was, not yet, another trotting Triple Crown winner after himself. It wasn't until 2004 that there was another trotting Triple Crown winner — Windsongs Legacy.



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# Despite pandemic, Indiana approves \$12.6 million budget for breed development in 2021

Indiana Sires Stakes program will feature \$7.9 million in purses.

#### by James Platz

Last season, the Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee and Standardbred Advisory Board approved a \$13.2 million budget for the 2020 racing campaign. That program never came to fruition due to the coronavirus pandemic, forcing the groups to settle on a trimmed-down \$8.8 million plan, calling for a nearly 34 per cent across-the-board reduction to all line items on average. The entities met again Friday (Feb. 5), settling on a 2021 plan that, once gaining Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) approval, will look very similar to what was intended for last season, offering a \$12.6 million budget.

"I think it's a wonderful program, especially considering we are still in the middle of this pandemic, realizing that we were shut down for two and a half months last year, and we're still able to come back with a really good program," said Jessica Barnes, director of racing and breed development at the IHRC. "I think it offers the Indiana horses a lot of things, and we also have room to grow if numbers and operations start doing better than we expect."

An Indiana Sires Stakes program featuring \$7.9 million in purses headlines the proposed breed development plan. Last year, the program paid out close to \$5.3 million in sires stakes purses. The plan calls for six legs for 2-year-old events, and eight legs for sophomores. Super Finals will feature \$250,000 purses, and horses that finish sixth through 10th will receive \$4,000 each. New for 2021, \$25,000 consolations are added for each of the freshman and sophomore categories. Adjustments were made to the qualifying standards as well, with sophomore pacers set at 1:55 and trotters at 2:00. Standards for older sires stakes categories were also lowered to 1:54 for pacers and 1:59 for trotters.

With the estimated purse structure for each leg, a single division of 2-year-olds could race for \$122,500, with two

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divisions estimated at \$66,250 apiece and three divisions at \$44,833 each. For 3-year-olds, the figures change to \$87,968 for a single division, \$48,960 each for two, and \$33,322 for three. All estimates are based on 2019 data, and actual nominations for each category will drive purses for 2021.

A total of \$2 million is allocated for Indiana sired overnight supplements and mini-series, a slight increase over 2020 expenditures. Under the conditions of this program, a standard for years in the Hoosier State, overnight races that fill with all Indiana Sired or Indiana Sired and Bred horses receive a 15 per cent purse increase.

The Indiana Sired Fair Circuit program will offer a proposed budget of \$1.4 million. One of the notable adjustments in the program is a purse increase in the championship races held at the Indiana State Fair. The purses move from \$20,000 per division to \$25,000. The consolation races also increase from \$8,000 each to \$10,000. These increases were planned for 2020 before trimming the breed development program out of necessity. The fair program's second series is augmented so that only non-winners of \$10,000 are allowed to compete in events following the championships. Previously, the threshold was set at \$12,000. Barnes said this change was also slated for 2020 before the group shelved it for one year. The idea is to preserve fair racing opportunities for those that need them, while directing other horses to the pari-mutuel circuit at a time Hoosier Park can use the additional entries.

"Hopefully, we'll meet the needs of the people who still need to race at the county fairs, but also try to fill races at the racetrack and give them the horses that they need," said Barnes.

The most significant change in the breed development program for 2021 is the reduction of late closing series offered at Harrah's Hoosier Park. Last year, \$850,000 was originally budgeted before a reduction to \$150,000. The 2021 plan calls for a continuation of the \$150,000 allocation for late closers, with eight series retained and several discontinued in favor of Hoosier Park creating mini-series and overnight series with similar conditions.

"Last year, when we didn't know what date the racetrack would open up, what the program would look like, what the purses and what the horse population would look like, we shifted a great deal of those late closers. We cancelled them in the sense that we required a payment for them, but we

gave the race secretary the latitude to write those as mini-series. One, to help horsemen not have to shell out that money up front," Barnes said. "We found that it worked really well, and it gave the race secretary latitude to change the conditions of those races and tailor them to the horses he had on the grounds so that they would fill well. We continue that same approach. We brought some late closers back that were cancelled last year, and those are the ones that have traditionally filled really well at the beginning of the meet."

The proposal was drafted with projected slots revenue of \$10.5 million and breed development kicking in \$1.9 million from reserves. Barnes said the approach is conservative considering capacity at casinos is still limited and not 100 per cent.

"I think we've been very conservative. I'm very comfortable with the budget," she said. "As always, I hope that my numbers are wrong. I hope that they are low and that this committee will be able to reconvene in three months and be able to say, 'Wow, things got a whole lot better."

Currently, the casino revenue at Hoosier Park has declined when compared to pre-pandemic figures. Adjusted gross revenue for December 2020 was \$12.5 million, down from the \$17.86 reported one year earlier. With the addition of live table games, AGR surged to \$19.7 million and \$20.58 million in January and February of last year. Since reopening in June, the best month for the casino came in August when adjusted gross receipts totaled \$16.94 million. A percentage of AGR from Hoosier Park's casino is earmarked for standardbred breed development.

Barnes said that during the last IHRC meeting, commissioners delegated authority to approve the 2021 breed development program to executive director Deena Pitman. The proposal will be sent to Pitman for consideration Monday (Feb. 8).









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# Hail Mary voted Horse Of The Year in Sweden

### by Thomas Hedlund

During a pandemic, awards nights look a little different around the world and when Sweden's Horse of the Year awards were held on Saturday afternoon (Feb. 6), the event was connected to V75 races at Solvalla.

Several different awards were on the menu and, traditionally, the biggest title is always Horse of the Year. Now 5-year-old **Hail Mary** (Googoo Gaagaa) claimed the award after his splendid 4-year-old season in 2020, when a triumph in The Derby was his most prestigious victory.





Tommy Andersson / ALN

Hail Mary has been voted Sweden's 2020 Horse of the Year.

Robert Bergh trains the talented trotter and Bergh was also nominated in the category Trainer of the Year where **Daniel Redén** (with 11 Group 1 wins during 2020) was too tough to beat.

**Björn Goop** was awarded the Driver of the Year trophy. His Prix d'Amérique victory with Face Time Bourbon in 2020 impressed the Swedish Harness Writers Association and Goop will most probably be hard to pull down from the throne in next year's HOY awards in Sweden.

### Italiano Vero in Paris

Two \$121,000 races for 3-year-olds were held at Vincennes on Saturday afternoon and in the Prix Paul Viel for colts, Philippe Allaire trained **Italiano Vero** (Ready Cash) was outstanding from the lead paired with David Thomain.

Italiano Vero is one of the most merited 3-year-olds in the French I-crop and this was the horse's sixth win in nine attempts.

In Prix Roquepine for fillies, **Inoubliable** (Prodigious) and Jean-Philippe Dubois claimed the win after a trip where Inoubliable had to work pretty hard three wide before she reached the lead with more than a half-mile to go in the 1.3-mile race.

When in front, Inoubliable was unstoppable and she cruised to safe win, the second Group 2 race victory in a row.











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# HRU FOAL OF THE WEEK

# Stag Party's first foal arrives at Winbak of Ontario

photo by Pat Woods

On Jan. 31, the first foal sired by Stag Party, p, 2, 1:50.4s; 2, 1:52.3h (\$962,645), was born at Winbak Farm of Ontario. The colt is the first foal from dam Bay Sky.

"The colt was 14 days overdue but seems to be doing very well," said Pat Woods, Ontario manager. "He is very strong and already looks like a true athlete."

Bay Sky is a daughter of Bay Girl, p, 2, 1:52.2s; 3, 1:50s (\$600,299).

"This colt's second dam was Ontario Sires Stakes stand-out, Bay Girl, and so he has strong Ontario roots on both sides of his family tree," said Woods.

Stag Party was an O'Brien Award Winner at 2. He won the Metro Pace and a division of the Nassagaweya.

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### à la carte contre ta bles d'hôte

### by Trey Nosrac

You want to know something that irks me?" I asked David as I steered the Lexus out of The Liquor Well, a drive-thru beverage store in a repurposed gas station.

"Not particularly," he replied.

"Okay, I'll tell you. Remember going through the cafeteria line at college?"

"Sure."

"We pointed to the big pan of mashed potatoes, the person on the other side of the plastic shield plopped a scoop onto your plate, you moved over to the left a few feet, then pointed to the roast beef, and you got a few slices next to your potatoes. All the while, in your head, you were doing the math — potatoes a dollar, roast beef two dollars, carrots 50 cents. At the end of the line, the cashier rang you up, and you paid."

He shrugged. "Everyone is familiar with the à la carte concept, a separate price for each item offered on the menu."

I nodded. "That system was great. You saw what you were ordering, no small talk with waiters or waitresses, and no tipping. You just ate your food, set your empty plate into a metal slot in the wall, and headed out to mayhem."

"The good old days."

"Ah yes, I'll never forget my six years in Community College. One of these days, I may go back and complete my two-year degree."

"What's your point?"

"In the cafeteria, before I got to the cashier, if somebody dumped an uninvited scoop of rutabaga on my plate and made me pay for it, I would have complained."

"What is a rutabaga?" he asked.

"I'm not sure, I think it's a root. I might even like the taste, and I may be slandering an excellent food to demonstrate my point."

"Which is?"

"When gambling on horse races, my racing program has a lot of rutabagas. For example, I have never wagered every card on a horse racing program. From the national anthem to the last finish line at a single racetrack is much too exhausting on my patience and my wallet."

"Yet, you are forced to pay for the entire program."

"Yep, and these days my wagering is online. I may play two racetracks, maybe three to speed up lag time. That means I need to purchase more rutabaga, and it irks me."

He smiled. "As a person who spent many years in the technology business, this is an easy technological fix. In theory, a customer who wants data for ten races should choose which ten races. However, bundling is a standard operating procedure. From a seller's point of view, bundling or package deals are complicated because they want to maximize profit."

"Well, from a buyer's point of view, I've had enough rutabaga. In 2021, I can buy an eBook with the complete works of Charles Dickens for the price of one racing program."

He asked me a few questions, "Have racetracks ever done studies to predict how free online race programs would affect handle? Do you believe you would gamble more if you had free race programs?"

"I don't know about any studies, but I know free racing programs would increase my wagering. What happens to me is this, and it has happened a thousand times - I pull out my phone and think about playing a race for a couple of bucks. The first thing that crosses my mind is that playing without at least glancing at a program page is wrong. My second thought is that buying a program for one race is wrong, and two wrongs don't make a right, so I pass."

He nodded. "I have an idea for your program purchasing predicament, a ta-bles d'hôte option."

"Save your incomprehensible French for impressing a mademoiselle on a post-pandemic romantic evening."

He smiled. "The term means the ownership offers a meal of pre-selected courses served at a fixed time for a fixed price to the guests at a hotel or restaurant."

"You could have just said a pre-planned package deal."

"When you speak another language, you look for any chance to dazzle."

"Consider me undazzled."

He chuckled and said, "Customers often find package deals appealing. I believe this could transfer to racing. I wonder if anyone selling racing programs online has tried it."

"Walk me through this, in English."

"Let's say you want to sit down and play some races tomorrow night, but you don't want to purchase a complete program or purchase multiple programs."

"Okay."

"The entity who sells your programs decides to offer a program of eight races with post times staggered between 8 and 10 p.m. tomorrow night. They have preselected the eight races from various racetracks. You pay for one program, no rutabaga."

"I like the idea, but the outfit who sells my program will not be thrilled to sell me that kind of program because they might lose money."

He said, "They may lose you as a customer without this innovation. They would need to run the numbers, but if the product proves popular, they could find revenue on the back end via advertising and tracks that would pay to be in the bundled packet."

"What was the French name?

"Ta·bles d'hôte."

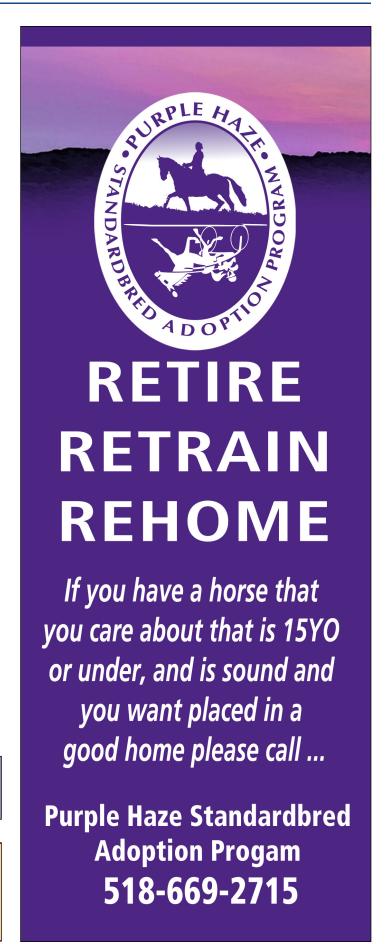
"Sacre Bleu, I'd pay for that program. You are onto a concept that is... less irksome."

He shook his finger and said, "A concept that is...moins inquiétant."

I sighed.









# FEBRUARY 15TH

### PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP XXXVIII

Three-year-old open pace. Final raced on **Saturday, June 19, 2021**. \$1,000,000 Guaranteed Final Purse.

### ARMBRO FLIGHT

Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares trot. Final raced on **Saturday, June 19, 2021**. Purse \$250,000 E Final (\$150,000 A).

### **CANADIAN PACING DERBY**

Three-year-olds and older open pace. Raced on **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. Purse \$600,000 E Final (\$350,000 A).

### CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC

Three-year-old open trot. Raced on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**. Purse \$600,000 E (\$400,000 A).

### CASUAL BREEZE

Three-year-old filly trot. Raced on **Friday, September 3, 2021**. Purse \$180,000 E (\$75,000 A).

### ELEGANTIMAGE

Three-year-old filly trot. Final raced on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Purse \$375,000 E (\$225,000 A).

### ETERNAL CAMNATION

Two-year-old filly pace. Raced on **Saturday, August 28, 2021**. Purse \$240,000 E (\$75,000 A).

### **FAN HANOVER**

Three-year-old filly pace. Final raced on **Saturday**, **June 19**, **2021**. Purse \$450,000 E (\$275,000 A).

### GOODTIMES

Three-year-old open trot. Final raced on **Saturday, June 19, 2021**. Purse \$250,000 E (\$125,000 A).

### MAPLE LEAF TROT

Three-year-olds and older open trot. Raced on **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. Purse \$600,000 E Final (\$350,000 A).

### **METRO PACE**

Two-year-old open pace. Final raced on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Purse \$850,000 E Final (\$325,000 A).

### MIITON

Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace. Final raced on **Saturday, September 25, 2021**. Purse \$250,000 E Final (\$150,000 A).

### NASSAGAWEYA

Two-year-old open pace. Raced on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Purse \$220,000 E (\$75,000 A).

### PEACEFUL WAY

Two-year-old filly trot. Final raced on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Purse \$400,000 E Final (\$175,000 A).

### **ROSES ARE RED**

Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace. Final raced on **Saturday**, **June 19**, **2021**. Purse \$330,000 E Final (\$225,000 A).

### SHES A GREAT LADY PACE

Two-year-old filly pace. Final raced on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Purse \$540,000 E Final (\$250,000 A).

### **SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE**

Three-year-old open pace. Raced on **Saturday**, **June 5**, **2021**. Purse \$190,000 E (\$75,000 A).

### **WILLIAM WELLWOOD MEMORIAL**

Two-year-old open trot. Final raced on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Purse \$610,000 E Final (\$200,000 A).

### BATTLE OF WATERLOO

Ontario Sired Two-year-old open pace. Final raced on **Monday, August 2, 2021**. Purse \$240,000 E Final (\$90,000 A).

### BATTLE OF THE BELLES

Ontario Sired Two-year-old filly pace. Final raced on **Monday, August 2, 2021**. Purse \$160,000 E Final (\$60,000 A).

### CONFEDERATION CUP XLIII

Four-year-old open pace. Final raced on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Purse \$185,000 E (\$150,000 A).

### **BALANCED IMAGE**

Ontario Sired Two-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2021. Final raced on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Purse \$40,000 E (\$20,000 A).

### DREAM OF GLORY

Ontario Sired Three-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2021, non-winners of \$75,000 (fillies \$100,000) in 2020.

Final raced on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Purse \$50,000 E (\$40,000 A).

### KIN PACE

Ontario Sired Three-year-old pacing fillies in 2021, non-winners of \$50,000 in 2020. Final raced on **Sunday, July 4, 2021**. Purse \$50,000 E (\$40,000 A).

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# TDN: Aftercare, slaughter ban bill passes NY Senate

Thoroughbred Daily News' Diana Pikuksi reported this week (full story here): that a bill relating to the aftercare of retired racehorses passed the New York State Senate with bi-partisan support and is expected to pass the N.Y. State Assembly in this legislative session. The bill, Senate Bill 1442, sponsored by State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., prohibits the slaughter of racehorses and breeding stock or transfer of horses intended for slaughtered or the transfer of horses where one knows or who should have known that the horse would be slaughtered. Violators will be denied Gaming Commission licenses and be barred from receiving breeding awards.

The bill mandates that all racehorses be microchipped, requires breeding organizations to have a dedicated fund set-aside for aftercare programs, and provides that monies generated by enforcement will be dedicated to the cost of aftercare.

The bill will also increase Gaming Commission insight into transfers of horses and ownership, as all microchipping information will go to the Gaming Commission as well as to The Jockey Club.

Finally, the bill establishes a tax check-off on individual and corporate franchise tax returns that will bring awareness and more funding for the ongoing care of retired race horses.

On the bill's chances in the New York State Assembly, Addabbo said he sees no roadblocks.

"I can't imagine who can be against the ban of horse slaughter and more funds to care for the retired horses," said Addabbo. "Importantly, there is no cost to the state involved."

The bill goes beyond what other states have passed on the same issue.

- Diana Pikuksi / Thoroughbred Daily News

# Sunfire Blue Chip to Mac Lilley Farms

Royally-bred and supremely talented Sunfire Blue Chip p, 2, 1:52.4f, 3, 1:48.3f, BT1:47.3 will join the stallion roster at Mac Lilley Farms in Dutton, ON.

Sunfire Blue Chip, a son of American Ideal, retires with \$1.6 million in earnings and several stakes titles to his credit.

As a sophomore, the Jimmy Takter-trained horse captured the Adios elimination and final, an elimination of the Messenger (second, by a head, in the final), the Tattersalls Pace, Empire Breeders Classic elimination (second in final), Hempt elim (third, by a half-length in final) among other victories.

As an older horse the 40-time winner captured the \$200,000 Prix Dete, \$150,000 Bobby Quillen Memorial, second in the Molson Pace (by a neck in a track record), third in the Roll With Joe, third in Molson Pace and Ben Franklin elimination.

Sunfire Blue Chip hails from one of the sport's most sought-after families. He is the second foal of the Cams Card Shark mare Shot Togo Bluechip and is his full brother is \$1.7 million Breeders Crown winner Heston Blue Chip p, 3, 1:48f.

His second dam is a full sister to \$1.4 million winner Kikikatie (dam of Rockin Image \$903,424, Time To Roll \$782,792, Rockin Amadeus \$722,609, Tellitlikeitis \$513,917), Just Wait Kate (\$387,931), Kiss Me Kate (\$284,820 & dam of Kissin In The Sand - \$1,852,427) and half-sister to multiple stakes winner Katie Said (\$209,273).

From a limited group of mares, Sunfire Blue Chip has already produced Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final Winner, B Stoney p,3,1:50.1, BT1:49.2 (\$286,532), Gord Rumpel Stakes Winner, Stash The Cookies p,3,1:54 (\$125,153), Dreamfair Zenfire p,3,1:53 (\$110,932) and freshman New Jersey Sires Stakes champion Fika Time p,2,1:55.4 (\$91,200).

Sunfire Blue Chip's average earnings per starter is an incredible \$76,182.

Sunfire Blue Chip will stand for a fee of \$2,500. Multiple mare and loyalty discounts will apply. Lifetime breedings will also be available.

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-Greg Gangle for Mac Lilley Farms

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# Red Shores postponed Saturday card to go today

The Saturday afternoon (Feb. 6) harness racing program at Red Shores Racetrack & Casino at the Charlottetown Driving Park — Canada's only active racetrack during COVID-19 restrictions — was postponed until today (Feb. 7). Post time is 2 p.m. Racing officials and the track crew made the decision due to the very mild weather forecast on Saturday and to ensure the best possible track conditions for the final card of the winter meet.

Lee Drake / Red Shores Charlottetown

# Pocono cancelled inaugural card of 2021

The brutal early-week snowstorm that attacked much of the country hit very hard in the Pocono Mountains / Wilkes Barre-Scranton area, dumping two feet of snow or more in some areas, and forcing The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono to cancel its first planned card of 2021, which was to go on Saturday (Feb. 6) at 12:30 p.m.

The racetrack and its environs could not be sufficiently cleared, and the track reworked, to ensure the safety of the horses and people involved, forcing the cancellation.

The two cards of racing scheduled for next weekend, Saturday the 13th at 12:30 p.m. and Sunday the 14th at 5 p.m., will be held. Horsepeople should declare their entrants by 9 a.m. Monday (Feb. 8) for the Saturday card and Tuesday (Feb. 9) at 9 a.m. for the Sunday program. The weekend will feature the opening preliminaries of the \$495,000 Game Of Claims Pacing Series. Condition sheets are available here.

There will be qualifying races at The Downs on Monday and Wednesday (Feb. 10) at 10 a.m.

Training over the renowned Pocono 5/8-mile oval will be available on Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- PHHA / Pocono

# **Buffalo Raceway cancelled Saturday**

Buffalo Raceway cancelled racing for Saturday (Feb. 6) due to snow. Racing is scheduled to continue on Wednesday (Feb. 10) at 5 p.m.

For more information on Buffalo Raceway including the latest news, race replays, results and entries, go to www.buffaloraceway.com or follow along on Facebook or Twitter.

Brian J. Mazurek / Buffalo Raceway





# Yonkers Pick 5 and Pick 6 carryover to Monday

Due to a no contest that occurred in the final leg of Friday night's (Feb. 5) Pick 6 sequence at Yonkers Raceway, the carryovers in both the Pick 5 and Pick 6 were not able to be distributed due to New York State wagering rules that say that if one of the legs are declared a no contest, any carryover amount goes to the next day or racing program, and the money wagered is paid out as a single-day pool.

This means that Friday's carryover amounts of \$12,573 in the Pick 6 and \$4,412 in the Pick 5, as well as the guarantees of \$25,000 and \$15,000 in those respective bets, will be moved to Monday night's (Feb. 8) card. The guarantees are part of the United States Trotting Association's Strategic Wagering Program, and free past performances will be available here.

The no contest was a result of driver Daniel Dube being unseated from Western Beachboy at the start of race eight. While loose, Western Beachboy interfered with the field, and the judges made the call after a lengthy inquiry. Dube hopped immediately back to his feet and drove in the next race on the card, and Western Beachboy returned to the paddock seemingly none the worse for wear

Monday night's program has 10 races slated, and first post is at 7:15 p.m.

- Yonkers Raceway

# Meadowlands 2021 stakes program

The Meadowlands invites horsepeople to view and consider the impressive slate of Grand Circuit stakes that will be conducted over the New Jersey oval for the upcoming season.

More than \$20 million in stakes purses will be offered over the course of 2021 at The Meadowlands, where champions make their mark on the industry.

All pertinent info may be found on the track website.

The **USTA Stakes Guide** is another valuable source of information. Questions may be directed to (607) 972-5500.

- Nick Salvi / Meadowlands media relations

### 2021 Ohio Stakes Guide now available online

The 2021 Ohio Stakes Guide is now available electronically at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association website, www.OHHA.com .

The guide includes conditions and nomination forms for Ohio-bred restricted stakes including the Ohio Sire Stakes, Buckeye Stallion Series, Ohio Breeders Championships, Ohio State Fair Stakes, and the four Ohio County Fair circuits.

The directory is scheduled to be mailed on Feb. 11 to all current OHHA members and associates. Hard copies are available as part of an OHHA Associate membership. For more information on being a member of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, call 614-221-3650.

– Frank Fraas / OHHA





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### **Boni has his facts confused**

Bob Boni responded to Ray Schnittker's mention of Deweycheatumnhowe not being on the Hall of Fame (HOF) ballot in 2014 (full story here). He said Ray was "entitled to his opinion but not entitled to his own facts."

Unfortunately, Bob is the one that has the facts confused. I am a HOF trustee, and was at the meeting in 2014 when the five nominees were announced, and Dewey was not on the original list. That is what Ray was referencing in his last column (full story here).

Subsequently, it was discovered that one of the five nominees for the Living Horse HOF was no longer living, so that horse was removed, and Dewey was put on the list as a replacement.

When the revised list was sent out to the voters, the voters selected the two obvious choices: Somebeachsomewhere and Dewey.

The HOF voters got it right, but the HOF nominating committee had not.

Everyone tends to like "home cooking," so there will always be people upset with who gets nominated and who does not. I have been complaining for years about the lack of fillies on the ballot. Peaceful Way is just being inducted this year and she is now 20 years old. Look at her credentials, and you will see how egregious that is. Thankfully, the committee has recently changed the rules to make certain that at least one filly is on the ballot each year.

Social media is keeping Bob busy fielding questions regarding the horses nominated and the process, which might not be pleasant for Bob, but I think the more transparency, the better.

The horses should be enshrined on their achievements, not who owns them, and hopefully the committee is doing their best to achieve that.

- Steve Jones / Montgomery, NY

## Faraldo's negativity unhelpful

MGM is in the business of making money for shareholders through slots and table games, not as a core business maintaining track surfaces or shifting money to purse accounts. Schools need teachers to teach. A casino doesn't need horse racing to sustain its core business (unless Yonkers' license is tied to its casino license). Even so, what motivation is there to sustain racing, invest in it and the horsemen, when someone like Joe Faraldo rages negatively, seemingly at every turn, and for every reason (full story here).

I believe Aqueduct lost at least one race day during this recent storm, and in years past the Meadowlands would cancel cards at the hint of any snowstorm. A rational negotiator could have lobbied for replacement race days. But, alas, we're working with Faraldo, who is right in one sense. MGM is the monster with bank (cash), owns the track and its future. The purse structure over the years has been a gift to horsemen especially when the stands are all but empty and, despite the inflated purses, the racing product is underwhelming. In fact, it's painful to watch if you're an artisan of harness racing. So, how much longer will this conglomerate monster tangle with this complaining monster; one who is boisterous, ungrateful and antagonistic? The little monster might be around to wreak havoc on state racing for a while to come. The other monster, larger and holding all the cards and the bank, may soon have had enough and go by the wayside, peacefully without worries of track maintenance, snow removal, or funding purse accounts for what we all likely agree is lackluster, half-mile racing. And in large part, in my opinion, we'll have Joe Faraldo to thank.

- Vincent Lee / Chicago, IL

# No way a week of races should have been cancelled at Yonkers

What is happening at Yonkers this past week is pathetic! I call it "Half Assness!" It is something that has seeped into the fabric of our country. In this instance, it's corporate half-assness. There is NO WAY there should be a whole week of cancelled race cards at a MAJOR North American racetrack because of lack of action and responsibility by management!

Here in Chicago in the 1990's, Hawthorne used to have a winter meet in Jan & Feb... the heart of a Midwest winter. We used to have blizzards and snowstorms and track maintenance used to be out there ALL NIGHT to clear the racing surface of snow. The next day, that track was in tip-top shape! They had \$2 million dollar handles on the weekends!

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You would think that the corporate owners at Yonkers would do all they could to keep their business open...like the Carey family did and have personnel out there going round and round all night in the snow to clear the track. It's only a half-mile...(Hawthorne is a full mile!). I know they have COVID restrictions, but the good condition of the racing surface should be paramount. The director of racing should know better... He is the one person who should f - - - ing know better! Maybe MGM really doesn't want to be in the harness racing business. They just want casino money.

Is there a wealthy person or gaming corporation out there who REALLY likes harness racing and can build a 7/8ths or mile track racino in the NYC area so Yonkers/MGM can achieve their bottom line with only slots? When it comes to horse racing... MGM is HALF-ASSED!

- David Marshall / Chicago, IL

# Are Yonkers' judges up to the task of protecting the public's interests?

You'd think that Yonkers' judges having knowledge of the previous relationship between the team of Pena and Herrera at Cal-Expo racetrack and earlier Yonkers issues with Lou Pena, would be up to the task of protecting the public's interest in the area of racing integrity. So in the words of Desi Arnaz "You Got Some splaining to do Lucy" about the first two races at Yonkers last night (2/5/21). The first race in particular is eerily familiar to May 22, 2010 where Lou Pena took a lower level claimer and beat the New Zealand superstar Auckland Reactor in a time an hour faster than he'd ever run before. Drugs you say? Naw, Lou would never of done that. Culpability? In the case of Yonkers, you think the post-race blood analysis results will be published and with suspicion in the air before the race because of the previous connections, did the judges have pre-race testing ordered, so if the answers are no, are you really being served by those charged with and being paid to oversee integrity?

While we're at it, let's talk about the amount of longshots at many tracks now. I keep expecting more FBI indictments in as much as the amount of longshots has more than tripled lately, but nothing? The tracks in action has exacerbated the amount of longshots so they need to look no further than themselves to pin the blame on. News Flash: harness racing you have picked the worst possible time to be AWOL in as much as sports betting has now pushed into your previously unchallenged domain. With this option we're not trying to

beat nine other drivers, trainers, owners and unchecked judging — just the spread.

The morale of the story is keep your head buried in the sand and soon you will be the only one on the beach.

-David Perry / Dearborn, MI

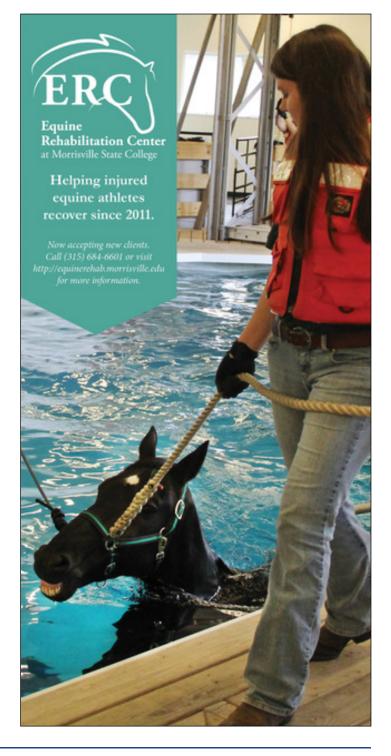
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### **RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY**

### **MEADOWLANDS** report

#### Friday's Results:

- **5, M, \$17,500, Trot**, Winners of 4 But Not More Than 6 (N/W L3 7) Races Life AE: N/W \$75,000 Life (2020 State Bred Wins & Mini Series Wins Not Counted) AE: Winners of 3 But Not 4 Races Life Drawn Inside, 28.0, 57.0, 1:26.0, 1:54.0, FT
  - 1-Some Chapter (g, 4, Chapter Seven--Some Kinda Special, by Cantab Hall) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 17-12-4-0, \$97,595
  - O-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. B-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Dexter Dunn.
  - **2-Swan In Motion** (h, 4, Swan For All--Keystone Sadie, by Yankee Glide) \$4,375, \$15,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 29-9-10-2, \$422,185 O-Howard A Taylor. B-Lyle Dean Slabach. T-Dylan Davis. D-Scott Zeron.
  - 3-Never Mind N (g, 8, Muscle Mass--Ashlyn Cr, by CR Commando) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 36-7-4-8, \$64,162
  - O-Noel M Daley. B-Mt Stables Ontario Inc, CA. T-Noel Daley. D-Andrew McCarthy.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 4Q, 5, 2T, 3, HD Finish Order: Godspell Hall, No Time To Play, Roger Rabbit, Sky Castles, Swiss House Onfire, Barley
- 10, M, \$22,500, Pace, Fillies & Mares Winners Over \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts or Winners Over \$50,000 Lifetime (N/W \$11,500 L5 Starts or TM Rating 84.65 Drawn Inside), 27.4, 56.3, 1:23.2, 1:51.0, FT
  - **1-Alexa Skye (m, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Pirouette Hanover, by Western Ideal**) \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 33-12-5-1, \$149,890 O-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc & John E Lengacher. B-Jeffrey S Snyder. T-Brett Pelling. D-Todd McCarthy.

# **PREFERRED EQUINE**

### Mixed Sale Graduate

- **2-The Bandit Queen N** (m, 5, Mach Three--Western Legend N, by Western Hanover) \$5,625, Lifetime Record: 41-10-7-7, \$87,693 O-Brenda K Selwyn Waxman, CA. B-A J Johnstone, NZ. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras.
- **3-Dbldelitebrigade N** (m, 7, Bettor's Delight.--Smithie's Delight, by Smooth Fella) \$2,700, Lifetime Record: 74-16-13-13, \$96,492 O-Anthony J Gruppo & Timothy L Bojarski. B-Mrs S A Matthews, NZ & R & C A Faulkner, NZ. T-Tom Fanning. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.
- ► Replay ► Calls: Q, 1T, 3H, 3T, 4Q Finish Order: Tango Dancer N, Sheikh Yabooty N, Marloe Hanover, Stellenbosch, Callmequeenbee A, Darkrshadeofpale N, Eye Popping

# **MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY** report

#### Friday's Results:

- 12, MVR, \$22,500, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HCP N/W \$10,000 LAST 4 DREW PP'S 1-3, 27.0, 56.1, 1:23.3, 1:52.1, FT
  - 1-Pace Baby Pace (m, 5, Sweet Lou--Breakheart Pass, by Western Hero) \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 54-15-6-6, \$230,350
  - O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.
  - **2-Checks On The Way** (m, 6, Believeinbruiser--Charm N Beauty, by Life Sign) \$5,625, \$3,700 2016 Buck-Cl, Lifetime Record: 98-28-25-10, \$280,649 O-Scott A & Scott Tyler George. B-Scott W Hagemeyer. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrick.
  - **3-Play For Pay** (m, 5, Tellitlikeitis--Fox Valley Ivy, by Incredible Finale) \$2,700, \$15,500 2017 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 53-11-13-13, \$261,673 O-Ira Steinberg. B-Diana L Wilson. T-Michael Arnold. D-Kayne Kauffman.
  - Replay Unavailable Calls: 5H, 2, 2, 2H, 1 Finish Order: Colorful Sky, Miss You N, Gone Girl, Bettor's Up, Danikova, Beach Bar, Summer Charm

### RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

## 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, 28.4, 58.3. 1:26.4. 1:55.2. FT

**1-Lindsey's Pride (g, 6, Credit Winner--Keepsake Hanover, by Cantab Hall**) \$8,750, \$42,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 65-19-11-7, \$322,210 O-Jeff Fought Racing & Brian K Carsey. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Travis Alexander. D-Matt Kakaley.



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- **2-Barry Black** (g, 10, Oardo--Pepette Jolie, by Classic Rodney) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 133-14-17-13, \$358,693 O-Blue Meadow Farm LLC & Ricky A Bucci. B-Francis Floquet, FR. T-Ricky Bucci. D-George Brennan.
- **3-Grinder** (g, 5, Andover Hall--Wishful Me, by Yankee Glide) \$2,100, \$35,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 29-12-3-6, \$88,635 O-Scheigert Racing Stbl LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Amanda Kelley. D-Tyler Buter.
- ▶ Preplay ▶ Calls: 1T, 1H, 1T, 3H, 4Q Finish Order: Lady Eagle, Full Rights, In My Dreams, Limerence, Stone In Love
- 9, YR, \$20,000, Trot, NW \$20,050 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 29.1, 58.4, 1:27.1, 1:56.2, FT
  - 1-Melady's Monet (g, 12, Revenue S--Keystone Melady, by Keystone Smothers) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 224-70-47-31, \$1,733,278
  - O-Melady Enterprises LLC. B-Luca & Ester Balenzano. T-Hermann Heitmann. D-Jordan Stratton.
  - 2-Obrigado (g, 11, Boy Band--Malimony, by Malabar Man) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 121-54-20-13, \$1,907,254
  - O-Paul Kelley Racing Stable & S R F Stable & Linwood M Higgins. B-Michael D Andrew. T-Paul Kelley. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - **3-Fashion Creditor** (g, 9, Credit Winner--Bon Voyage, by Dream Vacation) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 173-37-25-30, \$730,135
  - O-Joseph E Smith. B-Standardbred Equities LLC. T-Tom Fanning. D-Daniel Dube.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 5T, 4H, 1, 1, T Finish Order: Swansea, After All Paul, New Heaven, Eye Ofa Tiger As, Lord Cromwell

### **RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY**

# **MEADOWLANDS** report

#### Saturday's Results:

**2, M, \$17,500, Pace**, 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 4 But Not More Than 6 (NJSO or N/W L2 7) Ext. PM Races Life. AE: N/W \$75,000 (NJSO or N/W L2 \$80,000) Life (2020 State Bred Wins or \$3,500 1st Money Wins Not Counted), M, 28.0, 55.0, 1:23.0, 1:50.4, FT

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

**1-Wyatt J (g, 4, American Ideal--Think Pink, by Yankee Cruiser**) \$8,750, \$245,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 15-8-2-0, \$124,583 O-Kellogg Racing Stables LLC & Jackie Greene Stables LLC. B-Lindy Farms Of Conn. T-Jackie Greene. D-Mark Macdonald.





## PREFERRED EQUINE

# Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

- **2-Actor Hanover** (g, 5, Captaintreacherous--Always True, by Western Hanover) \$4,375, \$55,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 56-5-14-10, \$135,565 O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & T L P Stable & Carmen Iannacone & Frank G Gesumaria Jr. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Richard Johnson. D-Scott Zeron.
- 3-Mcmike (q, 5, McArdle--Tymal Tigerlily, by Mach Three) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 22-10-2-1, \$66,006
- O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Patrick A Karcher. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 4H, 5H, 1H, H, HD Finish Order: Duddie's Lor, Always And Again, Century Fury, Sports Obsession, The Candyman Can



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### **RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)**

**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 \$40,000) Life (N/W \$15,500 Life, N/W L/S Drawn Inside), M, 27.3, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:51.3, FT

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

**1-Genius Man (g, 4, Art Major--Unred Hanover, by Western Ideal)** \$7,750, \$87,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 28-4-7-5, \$203,775 O-Ricky A Bucci. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Scott Zeron.



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- 2-Im A Gigolo N (g, 5, Sweet Lou--Bettor Romance, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,875, Lifetime Record: 20-5-4-1, \$34,104
- O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Phillip Collura. B-Woodlands Stud Nz Inc, NZ. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.
- **3-Unique Beach** (g, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Unique Legacy, by Real Desire) \$1,860, \$70,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$15,403 O-Tony J Osullivan, CA. B-Robert L Hamather, CA. T-R. Nifty Norman. D-Dexter Dunn.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1H, 2, NK Finish Order: Big City Bud, Windsun Azar, Got The Mojo, Water Sports Teen, Windemere Frank, Elite Retreat, Diamondbeach
- **5, M, \$20,000, Pace**, BIG GAME SERIES Consolation, M, 27.3, 56.2, 1:23.4, 1:51.0, FT

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- 1-Paternity Suit A (g, 8, Rock N Roll Heaven--Rekindled Flame, by Holmes Hanover) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 91-25-12-12, \$148,517
- O-Anthony J Gruppo & Timothy L Bojarski. B-J A Primmer, AS. T-Tom Fanning. D-Todd McCarthy.
- 2-Ima Real Ladys Man (q, 5, Tellitlikeitis--Im The Real Lady, by Real Desire) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 54-12-5-10, \$215,418
- O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Perry W Smith. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Simon Allard.
- 3-Gods Spirit N (g, 7, Tintin In America--Cathar, by Red River Hanover) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 30-9-5-3, \$66,925
- O-Team Tritton Inc. B-Hambletonian Limited, NZ. T-Shane Tritton. D-Dexter Dunn.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1Q, 2Q, 1H, 1Q Finish Order: Heza Real Diamond, Dealer's Table, On Accident, Doctor Butch, Mister Spot A, Jk Wildfire
- 6, M, \$22,500, Trot, Winners Over \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts or Winners Over \$50,000 Lifetime, M, 27.2, 56.0, 1:25.1, 1:53.2, FT

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- 1-Stormy Kromer (g, 7, Dejarmbro-Benn's Riverdance, by Veeba Rova) \$11,250, \$100,000 2015 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 116-32-21-19, \$474,484 O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-Bradley W Kramer & Timothy L Hall. T-Paul Stafford. D-Daniel Dube.
- 2-Jl Cruze (g, 10, Crazed--Topcat Hall, by Conway Hall) \$5,625, \$30,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 125-42-15-26, \$1,555,517
- O-William Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Iaquinta. B-Joanne M Morrison, CA & Glengate Farms, CA. T-Eric Ell. D-Dexter Dunn.
- 3-Deltasun A (q, 8, Tenotrump--Deltasu, by Elsu) \$2,700, Lifetime Record: 62-23-8-12, \$216,584
- O-Douglas S Overhiser & A Harris Racing LLC & Michael Goldberg Racingllc. B-A J Young, AS & D P Haskings, AS. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: H, 2H, 3Q, 1, 2Q Finish Order: Double Account, Kenziesky Hanover, Buck Dancer, Jack Vernon, Pat Matters, Pappy Go Go, Rich And Miserable
- **7, M, \$17,500, Pace**, BIG GAME SERIES Final, M, 27.3, 55.4, 1:24.4, 1:52.3, FT

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

- **1-Forevernalways (g, 7, Always A Virgin--Jnb N Me, by Dream Work**) \$8,750, \$8,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 136-18-20-20, \$157,568 O-By The Beach Stable. B-Shady Lane Meadows & Michael C Bardo. T-Nicholas Sodano. D-Dexter Dunn.
- 2-Fernado (g, 7, Delmarvalous--Silver Street, by Real Artist) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 130-21-12-15, \$167,202
- O-Evan A Katz. B-Mark G Akins. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.
- **3-Ruthless Dude** (g, 6, Well Said--Rose Ruthless, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$2,100, \$23,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 78-14-7-13, \$80,625 O-Jennifer N Orozco. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Izzy Estrada. D-Todd McCarthy.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 3H, 1Q, 1Q, 1, 1H Finish Order: Mcnulty Z Tam, Reggiano, Brigadoon, Rock On Line, Dull Roar, Taste Of History, Statesman N
- **8, M, \$15,500, Trot**, N/W \$11,500 (NJSO, N/W L3 or F&M \$12,500) in L5 AE: Winners Base Class N/W \$8,000 or Less Last Start Optional Claiming \$30,000, M, 28.0, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:53.4, FT

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**1-Pikachu Hanover (h, 7, Andover Hall--Playwood, by Donerail**) \$7,750, \$20,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 40-17-6-2, \$107,088 O-High Stakes Stable Inc. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Gregg Mcnair. D-Todd McCarthy.



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### **RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)**

- 2-Drazzmatazz (g, 8, RC Royalty--Paradise Quikie, by B J's Super Star) \$3,875, Lifetime Record: 134-22-18-18, \$291,797
- O-Danbry Racing Inc. B-Danbry Racing Inc. T-Vincent Stallworth. D-Marcus Miller.
- **3-Chiplosive** (g, 5, Explosive Matter--Brooke Blue Chip, by Credit Winner) \$1,860, \$80,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 46-9-9-4, \$133,938 O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1, 1Q, 1Q, 1, 2Q Finish Order: Max, Henderson Seelster, Gigfy, Explosive Ridge, All Champy, Skyway Kon Man, Cue Hall
- 9, M, \$25,000, Pace, BIG GAME SERIES Final, M, 27.4, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:51.1, 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) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 142-22-31-14, \$167,704
- O-Douglas S Overhiser. B-Alabar Bloodstock Corp, AS. T-Andrew Harris. D-Andrew McCarthy.
- 2-Boiling Oar (g, 6, Shadow Play--Arm In Arm, by American Ideal) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 71-28-12-10, \$236,107
- O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.
- **3-Good Rockin** (g, 5, Rockin Image--Do Me Good, by Keystone Raider) \$3,000, \$55,000 2017 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 71-10-12-6, \$94,554 O-Terrence D Smith. B-Engle Equine LLC. T-Williams Hernandez. D-Daniel Dube.
- ► Replay ► Calls: 2T, 1, Q, 1, H Finish Order: Blood Line, Lear Seelster, Thatswhatisaid N, Mighty Santana N, Thndrfrmthethron N, De Los Cielos Deo, Unloaded N
- 10, M, \$22,500, Pace, Winners Over \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts or Winners Over \$50,000 Lifetime, M, 27.3, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:51.3, FT

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

- 1-Western Joe (g, 7, Western Ideal--Ante Fay, by Falcon Seelster) \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 98-30-15-11, \$715,608
- O-Anthony J Ruggeri & Richard P Tosies. B-Anthony J Ruggeri. T-Christopher Choate. D-Simon Allard.
- 2-Hudson Phil (g, 6, Shanghai Phil--Hazel, by The Panderosa) \$5,625, Lifetime Record: 88-27-18-7, \$416,147
- O-Kellogg Racing Stables LLC. B-Hudson Standrdbrd Stb Inc, CA. T-Jackie Greene. D-Scott Zeron.
- **3-Decision Day** (g, 6, Rock N Roll Heaven--Chief Karen, by Camluck) \$2,700, \$35,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 116-20-16-20, \$273,552 O-Shirley A Le Vin. B-Curran Racing LLC & Adam T Michael. T-Bruce Saunders. D-Andy Miller.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: NS, 1Q, T, 1, 1T Finish Order: Points North, Italian Delight N, Western Fame, B Stoney, Imstaynalive, Mike's Z Tam, Paduka N
- 15, M, \$15,000, Pace, BIG GAME SERIES Consolation, M, 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.0, 1:53.3, FT

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

- **1-Western Redhot (g, 8, Western Ideal--Redhot Pepperpot, by Cole Muffler**) \$7,500, \$4,200 2014 WALKER, Lifetime Record: 181-17-28-19, \$184,564 O-Dzemail Odza. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Besim Odza. D-Joe Bongiorno.
- **2-Thisishowwedoit** (g, 5, Shadow Play--Gianna's Ideal, by Western Ideal) \$3,750, \$22,000 2017 ATL-CL, Lifetime Record: 66-11-7-13, \$85,854 O-Patricia L Levine. B-Blaine F Thibeau, CA. T-Gary Levine. D-Scott Zeron.
- **3-Acting Out** (g, 8, Art Major--Shake That Junk, by Camluck) \$1,800, \$25,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 154-28-18-21, \$325,129 O-Kenneth L Horvath & Mark S Toth. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Symon Spicer. D-Marcus Miller.
- Replay Calls: 2T, 2H, 3Q, 3H, H Finish Order: Davids Coming Home, So So De Vie, Deerfield Beach, Uptown Funk, Preppy Art, Pogey Beach, Watchmeneighneigh

# MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY report

#### Saturday's Results:

- 2, MVR, \$20,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN I HCP PP'S 1-5 DRAWN; 6 & 7 ASSIGNED, 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:53.2, GD
  - 1-Gd Western Joe (h, 6, Real Desire--Western Whirl, by Western Ideal) \$10,000, \$15,000 2016 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 100-28-23-16, \$600,800 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Hen-Shaut Stable & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Gerald C Yoder. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.
  - **2-My Hero Ron** (g, 9, Well Said--Erma La Em, by Cam's Card Shark) \$5,000, \$80,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 193-41-40-39, \$1,069,176 O-Brian Witt. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Danny Dubeansky. D-Josh Sutton.
  - **3-Tivo Hanover** (g, 6, Pet Rock--Tempest Blue Chip, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,400, \$65,000 2016 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 61-15-15-6, \$229,531 O-Mitchell Standardbreds Inc. & Terrence D Smith & Neil Goldstein. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Michael Barrett. D-Kayne Kauffman.
  - Replay Unavailable Calls: 1Q, 1, 1, 1H, T Finish Order: Stars Align A, Fools Desire, My Buddy Ninkster, Funatthebeach N

## **RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)**

- 4, MVR, \$16,200, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS N/W \$10,000 IN LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 10 PM RACES, 27.0, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:53.3, GD
  - **1-General Dolan (g, 6, Rockin Image--Townes Party Girl, by Ideal Towne)** \$8,100, Lifetime Record: 99-18-13-15, \$266,425 O-John A & Robert F Esposito. B-John A & Robert F Esposito. T-Robert Phillips. D-Sam Widger.
  - **2-Havefaithinme N** (g, 10, Bettor's Delight--Scuse Me, by B.G's Bunny) \$4,050, Lifetime Record: 99-32-19-10, \$1,404,117 O-Tessa M Perrin. B-C J Roberts, NZ. T-J D Perrin. D-Dan Noble.
  - **3-Omega Cat** (g, 5, Real Desire--Fishen Mermaid, by Whitefish Falls) \$1,944, Lifetime Record: 67-11-5-11, \$92,032 O-Steve J Brannan. B-Steve J Brannan & Frederick C Shiery. T-Steve Brannan. D-Tyler Smith.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1, H, Q, NK - Finish Order: Shadyjake, Shamwow, Family Recipe, Big Booty Rudy, Angelo J Fra, Fox Valley Ren

- 13, MVR, \$18,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN II, 27.3, 56.2, 1:23.4, 1:52.1, FT
  - 1-Loutenant (g, 5, Sweet Lou--I Kill Time, by Western Ideal) \$9,000, \$55,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 71-12-9-9, \$183,144 O-September L Six. B-Steiner Stock Farm. T-Bobbie Jo Brewer. D-Tyler Smith.

# ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD



- **2-Voracity** (g, 8, Sportswriter--Lu Lu Q, by McArdle) \$4,500, \$47,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 143-25-22-16, \$669,640 O-Donald F Morris & Norman Rae Racing LLC. B-Steve H Stewart. T-Christi Noble. D-Dan Noble.
- **3-Never Say Never N** (h, 8, Bettor's Delight--Maid In Splendor, by Christian Cullen) \$2,160, Lifetime Record: 106-26-14-15, \$340,245 O-Rick & Geoffrey W Howles. B-Breckon Farms LTD, NZ. T-Payton Ode. D-John De Long.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 - Finish Order: Drawing Dragons, Dont Judge A Book, Manny, Do Work Son, The Dark Shadow, Major Nemesis



