

Monday, February 7, 2022

Cinderella story continues... Desperate Man voted Canada's Horse of the Year

James MacDonald was the unanimous choice to win the Keith Waples Driver of the Year award, Richard Moreau won his ninth straight Trainer of the Year award and Millar Farms was voted the Armstrong Breeder of the Year.

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Pepsi North America Cup champion **Desperate Man (full story here)** was voted the Somebeachsomewhere Horse of the Year at Sunday's (Feb. 6) virtual O'Brien Awards honoring the best in Canadian harness racing for 2021. Desperate Man was also voted Canada's top sophomore male pacer of the year.

The gelding's storybook sophomore season was a family affair. Owned by trainer Kathy Cecchin, her husband John, daughter Nicole and their son-in-law Paul Davies, the son of Shadow Play—Dreamlands Latte recorded eight top three finishes and earned in excess of \$767,000. In six Ontario Sires Stakes races, he had two victories including the season finale OSS Super Final. But the highlight of his year was his popular victory in the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup, winning in a lifetime best 1:49.3 with regular driver Trevor Henry in the bike.

Other big winners on the night included: James MacDonald, who took home the inaugural Keith Waples Driver of the Year Award. Millar Farms took home three O'Brien trophies, including the Armstrong Breeder of the Year. Richard Moreau won a record ninth consecutive trophy in the Trainer of the Year category. Owner Brad Grant scored two O'Brien bronzes and Luc Blais who won his first O'Brien Award of Horsemanship.

This year marked the 33rd edition of the O'Brien Awards, named in honour of the late Joe O'Brien, an outstanding horseman and member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame. The awards gala was held virtually due to the COVID restrictions and lockdown in Ontario.

The 2021 season was a tremendously productive and profitable one for Millar Farms of Stouffville, ON, and they were rewarded with three O'Brien trophies. Millar's homebreds Prohibition Legal and Betterhavemymoney were divisional winners, and to top it off, Millar Farms was the winner of the Armstrong Breeder of the Year Award. Their 26 starters posted 67 victories and eclipsed \$2 million in earnings, led by their O'Brien winners along with O'Brien finalist Silver Label, and top performers Powertrain and Aviator.

Moreau of Puslinch, ON topped the charts for all trainers in Canada with 236 wins and more than \$3.7 million in earnings. Moreau was the leading money-winning trainer at Woodbine Mohawk Park, Georgian Downs, and Flamboro Downs last year, and conditioned three O'Brien Award winners — Fashion Frenzie, Wheels On Fire and Grandma Heidi.

Grant has owned horses for decades and adds to his O'Brien collection with bronzes for Wheels On Fire and Grandma Heidi.



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Winning the Older Pacing Horse title, Wheels On Fire scored 22 top-three finishes from 26 races and earned more than \$282,000 last season. Seven of his 12 victories came in preferred events at Woodbine Mohawk Park and two were posted at The Meadowlands.

Grandma Heidi was the voters' choice for Older Trotting Mare. She was a model of consistency during her five-year-old campaign, recording 19 top-three finishes in 32 starts and



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amassing \$126,625 in earnings. The daughter of Muscle Mass raced primarily in the upper conditioned and preferred ranks at Woodbine Mohawk Park but did venture stateside for five races at The Meadowlands in the springtime

Blais has conditioned multiple O'Brien Award winners over the years and added the O'Brien Award of Horsemanship to his resume for 2021 while he managed successful stables on both sides of the border. The Ouebec native, who is the private trainer for Determination, sent 44 winners postward and eclipsed \$2 million in earnings for the sixth consecutive year. \$1.35 millions of that total was earned in Canada where he races primarily at Woodbine Mohawk Park. In 2021, Forbidden Trade was a multiple stakes winner, posting victories in the Crawford Trot at The Meadowlands, The Earl Rowe at Georgian Downs, The Caesars Trot at Hoosier Park and The TVG Open at The Meadowlands. O'Brien finalist Donna Soprano was a winner in The Elegantimage and Simcoe Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park and The Del Miller at The Meadowlands. Enavant was the 2021 Potomac Pace winner at Rosecroft Raceway under Blais' conditioning.

MacDonald of Guelph, ON took home his first O'Brien trophy as the Keith Waples Driver of the Year winner. MacDonald smashed his previous earnings record in 2021, driving horses to more than \$7.5 million in earnings. The PEI native topped the Canadian driving charts for wins and earnings during his dream season and was also the winner of the Lampman Cup as the Ontario Sires Stakes' leading driver. His stakes triumphs included the Maple Leaf Trot with Lindy The Great, the Battle of



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3-year-old Trotters

Arden Downs Battle of Bunker Hill Trot Earl Beal Memorial Breeders Crown Carl Erskine **Circle City Crossroads of America** (Filly) Currier & Ives Delmonica Hanover (Filly) Dexter Cup Hambletonian The Horseman **Keystone Classics** Landmark Stake E.C. Phil Langley Mem. Liberty Bell **Matron Series** PA All-Stars Pegasus Series W. N. Reynolds Mem. E.C. John Simpson Mem. E.C. **Star Destroyer Series** Thanksgiving Classic Series Tompkins-Geers E.C. **MGM Yonkers Trot**



Breeders Crown
Caesar's Trotting Classic
Clara Barton Distaff Pace
Dan Patch
Dayton Trotting & Pacing Derbies
Dayton Distaff & Oaks Derbies
E. T. Gerry Jr. Hambletonian
Maturity (4-year-olds only)
Hoosier Park Pacing Derby
Spirit of Massachusetts Trot



3-year-old Pacers

The Delvin Miller Adios **Breeders Crown** Cane Pace **Circle City** Max Hempt Memorial The Horseman Jenna's Beach Boy **Keystone Classics** Landmark Stake E.C. **Liberty Bell** James Lynch Mem. (Filly) **Matron Series MGM Grand Messenger Stakes Monument Circle** PA All-Stars **Paul Revere Pace Pegasus Series Progress Pace** W. N. Reynolds Mem. E.C. John Simpson Mem. E.C. **Star Destroyer Series** Thanksgiving Classic Series Tompkins-Geers E.C. USS Indianapolis Mem. (Filly)

2-year-old Events

Breeders Crown Kentuckiana Stallion Mgt. Pace Kentuckiana Stallion Mgt. Trot







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Pepsi North America Cup and Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final winner Desperate Man (with trainer and co-owner Kathy Cecchin of Arthur, ON) was voted Canada's Horse of the Year.



Delaware (OH) Grand Circuit February 15, 2022 Stakes Payments

Little Brown Jug #77

3-year-old colt pace - Estimated Purse \$700,000 - \$750 Sustaining Payment

Jugette #52

3-year-old-filly pace - Estimated Purse \$300,000 - \$500 Sustaining Payment

Old Oaken Bucket #70

3-year-old colt trot - Estimated Purse \$100,000 - \$500 Sustaining Payment

Buckette #70

3-year-old filly trot - Estimated Purse \$100,000 - \$400 Sustaining Payment

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Waterloo with Betterhavemymoney, a Matron Stakes win with Threepointbluechip, and Champlain Stakes with Silver Label and Adare Castle. MacDonald won three Ontario Sires Stakes Super Finals, 18 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold divisions and was the regular driver for two O'Brien Award Champions – Prohibition Legal and Betterhavemymoney.

Prohibition Legal was voted Two-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the year following her near perfect rookie season, winning eight of nine races and earning more than \$564,000. The Big Jim filly had a perfect six for six record in the Ontario Sires Stakes and scored her richest victory in the season finale Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final.

In the Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt division, **Betterhavemymoney** took the O'Brien. The Betterthancheddar gelding hit the board in seven of 10 races with four wins and more than \$335,000 in earnings. The highlight of his season was a sweep of the elimination and final of Grand River Raceway's signature event, The Battle of Waterloo.



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James MacDonald was the unanimous choice as Canada's Driver of the Year. It was the first year the award has been named in honor of the late legend Keith Waples. It was MacDonald's first Driver of the Year award.

Scarlett Hanover picked up her second consecutive O'Brien trophy, this time in the Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly division. The Bettors Delight filly hit the board in 11 of 16 races, earning more than \$586,000 for her sophomore season, which included a sweep of the Jugette and a dominant victory in the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final.

Lyons Sentinel won the Older Pacing Mare division following a stellar season that included 16 top three finishes in 19 starts for over \$827,000 in earnings. The daughter of Captaintreacherous put together an impressive seven-race win streak that kicked off in July with the Clara Barton, and included the Lady Liberty, Roses Are Red Stakes, a sweep of the Milton Stakes and ended with the Dayton Distaff in October.

Venerable was voted Canada's Two-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the year following a phenomenal freshman season. The daughter of Walner won nine of 11 races, surpassed \$1.1 million in earnings, and racked up many stakes victories, including a sweep of the Peaceful Way Stakes and an impressive win in the Mohawk Million on Canadian soil.

In the Two-Year-Old Trotting Colt division, **Duly Resolved** earned the O'Brien following a rookie season that boasted an impressive 10 top-two finishes in 12 races with \$631,000 in earnings. The son of Resolve had three Ontario Sires Stakes wins, a win in an elimination of the William Wellwood Memorial and runner-up finish in the final, along with victories in a division of



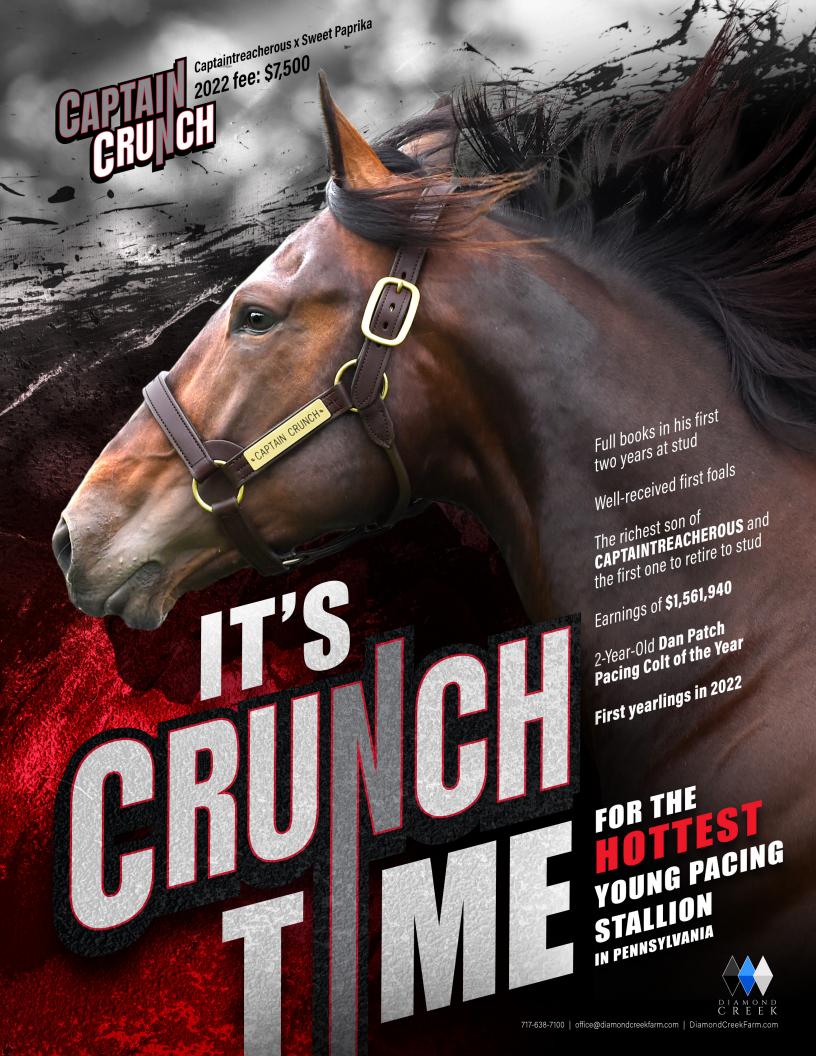
MY MVP

2, 1:56.1; 3, 1:52 (\$879,764) Cantab Hall-Exceed Expectation-Kadabra

- Sire of 2021 OH 3YO Filly Trotter of the Year, Herculisa, 3, 1:52f 21 (\$492,645)
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the Champlain, the OSS Super Final and the Mohawk Million.

Up And Ready took divisional honours for Three-Year-Old Trotting Fillies. Her season included 12 top-three finishes in 15 starts and more than \$361,000 in earnings with wins in two Ontario Sires Stakes events, including the season ending Super Final, and the SBOA Stakes.

The O'Brien for Canada's Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year went to **Fashion Frenzie**. The son of Archangel won 50 per cent of his 12 races and almost \$525,000. Three of those victories were in Ontario Sires Stakes events, including the Super Final. He also swept the Goodtimes Stakes.

Perfetto took home his second consecutive O'Brien trophy in the Older Trotting Horse category, enjoying another stellar year. He posted 18 top three finishes in 24 races, which included six wins in the preferred ranks at Woodbine Mohawk Park while bankrolling more than \$253,000 in earnings.

Future Star winner **Kyle Bossence** has become a household name at Ontario's B tracks and enjoyed a career year in 2021, training 69 winners from 316 starters, with earnings exceeding \$444,000. The Arthur, ON resident was the leading dash-winning trainer at Grand River Raceway and posted triples at the Elora oval on September 20 and 27. One of his top performers last year was Partyintheshadows, who put together a four-race win streak at Grand River in the summer. Bossence also led all trainers at The Raceway at Western Fair in wins and earnings.

Here is the complete list of 2021 O'Brien Award winners

PACERS

Two-Year-Old Pacing Filly

PROHIBITION LEGAL (Big Jim—Catch A Wish)

Bred by: Millar Farms

Owned by: Millar Farms, Stouffville, ON

Trained by: Nick Gallucci

Driven by: James MacDonald

Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt

BETTERHAVEMYMONEY

(Betterthancheddar – Whosluckierthanme)

Bred by: Millar Farms

Owned by: Millar Farms, Stouffville, ON

Trained by: Nick Gallucci

Driven by: James MacDonald

Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly

SCARLETT HANOVER (Bettors Delight—Sammys Magic Girl)

Bred by: Hanover Shoe Farms

Owned by: Burke Racing Stable LLC, Fredericktown, PA — Frank D Baldachino, Harvey Cedars, NJ — JandT Silva-Purnel And Libby, Ocean Ridge, FL — Weaver Bruscemi LLC, Canonsburg, PA

Trained by: Ron Burke, Ashleigh Hensley

Driven by: Tim Tetrick, Ed Hensley, David Miller, Yannick Gingras

Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt

DESPERATE MAN (Shadow Play—Dreamlands Latte)

Bred by: Winbak Farm

Owned by: Kathy & John Cecchin, Arthur, ON – Nicole & Paul

Davies, Arthur, ON

Trained by: Kathy Cecchin **Driven by:** Trevor Henry



Claus Andersen

George Millar of Stouffville, ON took home three O'Brien trophies, including the Armstrong Breeder of the Year.

Older Pacing Mare

LYONS SENTINEL (Captaintreacherous—Tutu Hanover)

Bred by: Hanover Shoe Farms

Owned by: Threelyonsracing, Brantford, ON

Trained by: James King, Jr.

Driven by: Tim Tetrick, James MacDonald

Older Pacing Horse

WHEELS ON FIRE (Somebeachsomewhere—Ab Fab)

Bred by: Bill Donovan

Owned by: Brad Grant, Milton, ON

Trained by: Richard Moreau, Ron Burke

Driven by: Doug McNair, Yannick Gingras, Bob McClure

TROTTERS

Two-Year-Old Trotting Filly

VENERABLE (Walner-Jolene Jolene)

Bred by: Maumee River Stables — Black Creek Farm — Martin

Schmucker – Steve Stewart

Owned by: David McDuffee, Delray Beach, FL – Melvin Hartman, Ottawa, ON – Paul Bordogna, Fair Lawn, NJ – Steven Arnold,

Purchase, NY

Trained by: Nifty Norman **Driven by:** David Miller

Two-Year-Old Trotting Colt

DULY RESOLVED (Resolve – Motown Muscle)



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Richard Moreau (with wife Cheryl at the 2019 O'Brien Awards) won his ninth straight Trainer of the Year award.

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Harness Racing Update

Bred by: Bet Max Stables - Casco-Benenati

Owned by: Bax Stable, Campbellville, ON – David Hudson, Dallas, TX, Don Allensen, Wyoming, ON – Gaelic Stable, Sharon, ON

Trained by: John Bax

Driven by: Paul MacDonell

Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly

UP AND READY (Kadabra-Glide By)

Bred by: Diane Ingham – Harry Rutherford

Owned by: Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON - Marvin & Lynn Katz,

Toronto, ON - Sam Goldband, Toronto, ON

Trained by: John Bax **Driven by:** Doug McNair

Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt

FASHION FRENZIE (Archangel—Striking Fashion)

Bred by: John Petrik

Owned by: Ecurie Francis Richard Inc., Becancour — Mario Bourgea, Stanbridge East, QC — Pierre Guillemette — Sylvain Richard, Becancour, QC

Trained by: Richard Moreau

Driven by: Louis-Philippe Roy, Sylvain Filion

Older Trotting Mare

GRANDMA HEIDI (Muscle Mass—Six Figure Dreams) **Bred by:** Mystical Marker Farms LLC — Paymaq Racing

Owned by: Brad Grant, Milton, ON

Trained by: Richard Moreau, Ron Burke

Driven by: Doug McNair, David Miller, Yannick Gingras

Older Trotting Horse

PERFETTO (Majestic Son—Perfect Prelude)

Bred by: Seawind Amg Stabs 2005 Inc.

Owned by: Gerald Haggerty, Camden East, ON

Trained by: Dagfin Henriksen **Driven by:** Dagfin Henriksen



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Somebeachsomewhere Horse of the Year

DESPERATE MAN

PEOPLE AWARDS

O'Brien Award of Horsemanship

LUC BLAIS, Campbellville, ON

Armstrong Breeder of the Year

MILLAR FARMS, Stouffville, ON

Keith Waples Driver of the Year

JAMES MACDONALD, Guelph, ON

Trainer of the Year

RICHARD MOREAU, Puslinch, ON

Future Star Award

KYLE BOSSENCE, Arthur, ON

Outstanding Groom Award

SUSIE MCNAIR, Guelph, ON

MEDIA EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Outstanding Written Work – Melissa Keith Outstanding Photography – Clive Cohen Outstanding Broadcast – Jayson Baxter





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Desperate Man's co-owners Nikki and Paul Davies and their son Deacon with the Pepsi North America Cup trophy.









ALL NOMINATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 15TH 202

PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP XXXIX

Event 1: Three-year-old open pace.

\$1,000,000 Guaranteed Final Purse.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 11, 2022 (\$50,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$815 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$815 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$2,000 CAD	\$1,630 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$8,000 CAD	USD TBA	

MOHAWK MILLION

Event 2: Two-year-old open trot. \$1,000,000 Guaranteed Final Purse.

Raced on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$50,000 CAD USD N/A Feb. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$50,000 CAD USD N/A June 1, 2022

Payments to be made in CAD funds only.

ARMBRO FLIGHT

Event 3: Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, June 10, 2022 (\$35,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Purse \$250,000 E Final (\$150,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$750 CAD	\$610 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEF	\$1 500 CAD	LISD TRA	

CANADIAN PACING DERBY

Event 4: Three-year-olds and older open pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

Raced on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

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

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD Feb. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,000 CAD \$815 USD Mar. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,220 USD Apr. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,220 USD May 15, 2022 STARTING FEE \$5,000 CAD **USD TBA**

CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC

Event 5: Three-year-old open trot.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

Raced on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Purse \$600,000 E (\$400,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$815 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$815 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$5,000 CAD	USD TBA	

CASUAL BREEZE

Event 6: Three-year-old filly trot.

Raced on Friday, August 26, 2022.

Purse \$180,000 E (\$75,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	USD TBA	

Race will be contested in divisions.

ELEGANTIMAGE

Event 7: Three-year-old filly trot.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September, 17, 2022.

Raced on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Purse \$375,000 E (\$225,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
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ETERNAL CAMNATION

Event 8: Two-year-old filly pace. Raced on **Saturday**, **August 27**, **2022**. Purse \$240,000 E (\$75,000A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD Feb. 15, 2022 \$245 USD \$300 CAD \$245 USD Mar. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD Apr. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD May 15, 2022 \$245 USD \$1,000 CAD STARTING FEE **USD TBA**

This race will be contested in divisions.

GOODTIMES

Event 10: Three-year-old open trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, June 10, 2022 (\$30,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Purse \$250,000 E (\$125,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD Feb. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE Mar. 15, 2022 \$300 CAD \$245 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$410 USD Apr. 15, 2022 \$500 CAD SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD May 15, 2022 STARTING FEE \$2,000 CAD **USD TBA**

FAN HANOVER

Event 9: Three-year-old filly pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 11, 2022 (\$35,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Purse \$450,000 E (\$275,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD Feb. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD Mar. 15, 2022 \$410 USD Apr. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD May 15, 2022 \$3,000 CAD STARTING FEE **TBA**

MAPLE LEAF TROT

Event 11: Three-year-olds and older open trot.

Eliminations raced on Friday, August 26, 2022.

Raced on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

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

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD Feb. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$815 USD Mar. 15, 2022 \$1,000 CAD Apr. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,220 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,220 USD May 15, 2022 STARTING FEE \$5,000 CAD **USD TBA**

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Event #	Name of Horse	Sex	Age	Sire	Dam

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2022

METRO PACE

Event 12: Two-year-old open pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 17, 2022 (\$40,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Purse \$850,000 E Final (\$325,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$815 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$815 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$5,000,CAD	LISD TRA	

ROSES ARE RED

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

Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 11, 2022 (\$35,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Purse \$330,000 E Final (\$225,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$750 CAD	\$610 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$750 CAD	\$610 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$2,000 CAD	USD TBA	-

MILTON

Event 13: Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 10, 2022 (\$35,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

Purse \$250,000 E Final (\$150,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$750 CAD	\$610 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$1,500 CAD	USD TBA	

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Event 17: Two-year-old filly pace.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 17, 2022 (\$35,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Purse \$540,000 E Final (\$250,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$3,000 CAD	USD TBA	

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Event 14: Two-year-old open pace. Raced on **Saturday**, **August 27**, **2022**.

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

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

	NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
	SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
	SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
	SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	May 15, 2022
	STARTING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	USD TBA	
This race will be contested in divisions.				

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Event 18: Three-year-old open pace.

Raced on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Purse \$200,000 E (\$75,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
STARTING FFF	\$1,000 CAD	USD TBA	

This race will be contested in divisions.

PEACEFUL WAY

Event 15: Two-year-old filly trot.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, August 20, 2022 (\$30,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

Purse \$400,000 E Final (\$175,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	May 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$2,000 CAD	USD TBA	

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Event 19: Two-year-old open trot.

Eliminations raced on Saturday, August 20, 2022 (\$30,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

Purse \$640,000 E Final (\$200,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$410 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$815 USD	May 15, 2022
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BATTLE OF WATERLOO

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

Eliminations raced on Monday, July 25, 2022 (\$15,000 G each).

Final raced on Monday, August 1, 2022.

Purse \$240,000 E Final (\$90,000 A).

Sponsor: Grand River Agricultural Society.

Raced at Grand River Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD Feb. 15, 2022 Mar. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD \$300 CAD \$245 USD Apr. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE May 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD 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 25, 2022 (\$10,000 G each).

Final raced on Monday, August 1, 2022. Purse \$160,000 E Final (\$60,000 A). Sponsor: Grand River Agricultural Society.

Raced at Grand River Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$200 CAD \$165 USD Feb. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$165 USD Mar. 15, 2022 \$200 CAD \$165 USD Apr. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$165 USD May 15, 2022 STARTING FEE \$1,000 CAD **USD TBA**

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Event 82: Four-year-old open pace.

Eliminations raced on Sunday, May 15, 2022 (\$25,000 G each).

Final raced on Sunday, May 22, 2022. Purse \$260,000 E (\$200,000 A).

Sponsor: Great Canadian Gaming Corporation.

Raced at Flamboro Downs.

NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD Feb. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD Mar. 15, 2022 Apr. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD STARTING FEE \$1,500 CAD **USD TBA**

BALANCED IMAGE

Event 83: Ontario Sired Two-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2022. Eliminations raced on Saturday, August 20, 2022 (\$5,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

Purse \$40,000 E (\$20,000 A).

Sponsor: Hanover Bentinck & Brant Agricultural Society.

Raced at Hanover Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$165 USD Feb. 15, 2022 \$200 CAD STARTING FEE \$400 CAD **USD TBA**

DREAM OF GLORY

Event 84: Ontario Sired Three-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2022, non-winners of \$75,000 (fillies \$100,000) in 2021. No allowances. Eliminations raced on Saturday, July 23, 2022 (\$7,500 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

Purse \$50,000 E (\$40,000 A).

Sponsor: Hanover Bentinck & Brant Agricultural Society.

Raced at Hanover Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD Feb. 15, 2022 \$500 CAD USD TBA

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Event 85: Ontario Sired Three-year-old pacing fillies in 2022,

non-winners of \$50,000 in 2021. No allowances.

Eliminations raced on Sunday, June 26, 2022 (\$7,500 G each).

Final raced on Sunday, July 3, 2022.

Purse \$50,000 E (\$40,000 A).

Sponsor: Clinton Raceway. Raced at Clinton Raceway.

NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD Feb. 15, 2022

STARTING FEE \$500 CAD **USD TBA**

NEW! 2022 WEG SBOA COLT

Event #76: Ontario Sired Three-year-old colt pacers and trotters. Eliminations raced on Friday, May 13, 2022 (\$25,000 G each).

Final raced on Saturday, May 21, 2022 (\$50,000 A).

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Mar. 15, 2022
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$245 USD	Apr. 15, 2022
STARTING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	USD TBA	

NEW! 2023 WEG SBOA COLT

Event #76: Ontario Sired Three-year-old colt pacers and trotters.

Race date to be announced.

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

\$200 CAD	\$165 USD	Feb. 15, 2022
\$300 CAD	USD TBA	Feb. 15, 2023
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Mar. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD May 15, 2022

Event #73: 2022 SIMCOE OPEN (foals of 2019) Event #74: 2022 SIMCOE FILLY (foals of 2019)

SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$410 USD Feb. 15, 2022

Event #75: 2022 WEG SBOA FILLY (foals of 2019)

SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD Feb. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$245 USD Mar. 15, 2022 \$300 CAD SUSTAINING FEE \$245 USD Apr. 15, 2022

Event #73: 2023 SIMCOE OPEN (foals of 2020)

Event #74: 2023 SIMCOE FILLY (foals of 2020)

SUSTAINING FFF \$300 CAD \$245 USD Mar. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD USD TBA Feb. 15, 2023

Event #75: 2023 WEG SBOA FILLY (foals of 2020)

LATE NOM. FEE* \$500 CAD \$410 USD Feb. 15, 2022

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SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$165 USD Mar. 15, 2022 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD USD TBA Feb. 15, 2023

SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD **USD TBA** Mar. 15, 2023 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD **USD TBA** Apr. 15, 2023

Race dates to be announced.



Ryan DesRoche's five-year plan on schedule

by Chris Lomon

Ryan DesRoche is the man with the plans.

When it comes to mapping out his career in the race bike, the 24-year-old reinsman from Prince Edward Island has found the blueprint for success.

Before he launched his standardbred driving career, DesRoche took a realistic approach to his life on the racetrack, putting in motion a five-year roadmap that would ultimately decide if he would stay in the sport or find another calling.

He sports a big smile when speaking of the outcome.

"I'm happy with how things have progressed, but obviously, I want to keep reaching higher and get better with myself and the results. That's what I always focus on."

Raised in a standardbred family, where he learned the racing ropes from his grandfather and father, DesRoche's first race in the PEI Matinee program came when he was 10. Six years after that milestone, he earned his trainer's license, which was followed by attaining his driver's license two years later.

In his first year of record, in 2016, he posted 12 wins along with \$21,701 in purse earnings while competing in his native Prince Edward Island.



Courtesy Ryan DesRoche

Rising star Ryan DesRoche.

The driving force, pun intended, noted DesRoche, was to get better each year, not only in number, but also in skill.

A two-week summer vacation to Ontario nearly four years ago proved to be a one-way ticket, as the young horseman made the decision to ply his trade outside of his home province.

In typical fashion, DesRoche put plenty of thought into the idea, eager to test the Ontario waters, but not willing to look too far down the road.

As it turned out, it proved to be a winning move, one that put more eyes on his abilities, and in turn, drawing more interest from trainers.

His first Ontario win came at Flamboro Downs with Bravado Seelster, a gelded son of Rock N Roll Heaven trained and owned by Christina Soundy.

The Seelster Farms-bred veteran won by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in 1:57.3 on Dec. 9, 2018, pulling off a 17-1 upset on a frigid night at the half-mile oval.

"Around the last turn, I had all kinds of horse. I had room at the head of the lane, moved him over and we went on from there. It was a pretty good feeling."

The duo repeated that success one week later. This time, however, it was a much closer finish.

"We won by a head, but it felt like a nose. As long as you hit the wire first, it doesn't matter how much you win by."

The winning efforts also gave DesRoche a boost in confidence.

"At first it was tough, making that move to Ontario. You go from all of your friends and family, people and places that you are familiar with, to meeting new people and chasing new opportunities. But, there are a lot of people here who are from the East Coast, so that made it a lot easier. Once you get to know people, you feel more comfortable and relaxed. I've been lucky with having a lot of supportive people."

In 2019, over 449 driving starts, he posted 27 wins, 33 seconds and 53 thirds, accompanied by earnings of \$189,107.

Two years ago, he produced 20 wins in a season, for himself and the industry, that was hampered by the COVID-19. A major highlight from that 2020 came in August drove a pair of Dustin Jones' pupils in Grassroots action at Georgian Downs. He teamed with trotting filly Protostar for a winner's circle trip and was third with Peppas Angel. The victory was DesRoche's first Ontario Sires Stakes crown.

He also won a Prospect Series race at Woodbine Mohawk with Muscles Aplenty, a Joe Shaw trainee.

"You have to be confident, not cocky, when you have success. You appreciate those wins, but if anything, it pushes you to want more of those moments. You need to remind yourself what it took to earn those wins and what it will take to get to the next level."

It was 2021, however, that saw DesRoche stamp himself as one of the country's top young talents.

Along with the career-high 50 wins and \$413,131 in purse earnings, there were plenty of lessons learned from each mile traveled.

"I think the biggest thing I had to learn was patience. You have to drive horses to their strengths and do what will bring out the best in them. Some are better on the front, some are better covered up. You have to know the horses and what trip they like. You don't want to put them in bad spots. Once you get to know the horse, you can figure out better trips for them. That said, you also have to know that there is more than just a 'Plan A.' You have to be able to adapt to different situations and change things on the fly. A horse can break stride, or one leaves that you didn't expect too... there are so many unknowns that can happen as soon as you're off the gate."

One thing that is a constant, however, is his support base back in Prince Edward Island.

"I get texts and calls all the time from back home. People are watching the races and that's great. They want to see people do well and you definitely feel that."

It's one big piece of the motivation puzzle for DesRoche, who works for trainer/driver Travis Cullen in the mornings.

And yes, he does have a gameplan for 2022.

"I'd like to do better than I did last year, to be honest. I'd like to double wins and maybe hit \$1 million in purses on the year. But I don't really set end goals. I set small ones along the way and if I accomplish them, I set new ones after that."

There isn't much time for off-track pursuits, at least not now, but DesRoche isn't complaining.

"If you're busy, I guess that means you're doing something right."

And, for the pride of Prince Edward Island, it also means he's doing something well.

"I truly love what I do. There can be tough times and tough nights where things don't go as you expected, but there is always something to look forward to. A new day means new opportunities and a chance to see the results you are striving for. When you're at the barn, you are able to really see so much, things that can really help you. I like that atmosphere and I appreciate that chance to learn as much as I can."

An ideal situation for the young man with a winning plan.







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There's a first time for everything

by Bob Heyden

Here is a look at some of the most intriguing first times in the sport's history:

1. Jack Moiseyev in 1991 — in a three-week stretch — won both his first Meadowlands Pace and his first Hambletonian with Precious Bunny and Giant Victory, respectively. In fact, Moiseyev had never driven Giant Victory prior to the Hambletonian. To make it even sweeter, they finished 1-2 in the Horse of the Year balloting.

2. Jacqueline Ingrassia guiding 13-1 Goalfish to victory in the 2000 Yonkers Trot. How unusual is this? Well, how many drivers get a standing ovation in the Yonkers paddock upon returning? No other female driver had won the Yonkers Trot before — and none have since. No women have ever driven in the



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Jack Moiseyev winning the 1991 Little Brown Jug with Precious Bunny. The pair also won the Meadowlands Pace earlier in the year, three weeks before Moiseyev won the Hambletonian with Giant Victory. It was the first time Moiseyev drove in both the Pace and Hambletonian.

Hambletonian in its 96 years.

3. Ron Waples and Tim Tetrick. The first to win their first two million-dollar drives. Waples did it with two different horses and Tetrick with the same colt. Waples did so four days apart in 1983, taking the Sweetheart first-time driving Shannon Fancy, then the Meadowlands Pace with his own Ralph Hanover. In 2007, Tetrick won the \$1 million Art Rooney with Southwind Lynx, then came back to win the Meadowlands Pace with the same colt.

4. Mickey McNichol had never driven Alf Palema going into the 1992 Hambletonian. Since he was 2-for-17 lifetime going in, nobody really noticed. But he gets the best-ever timing award taking the only heat he needed to — the final — and thus the 1992 Hambletonian trophy. By that point, a decade had passed since McNichol had been photoed out by Speed Bowl with Jazz Cosmos in the 1982 Classic. His reversal of fortune came by the very same photo.

5. Mike Lachance in 2001 did something it's not easy to forget. He won the first ever \$1 million Metro Pace (\$1,123,340, actually) with Mach Three his first time driving.

6. We are now 30 years from Joe Holloway's first million-dollar win — the 1992 North America Cup. It's safe to say nobody expected it. But Holloway was into firsts that year. He also dead heated in the Yonkers Trot with McCluckey (with Magic Lobell), the first, and only, Yonkers Trot tie. Oh, and Holloway upset the powerhouse Presidential Ball in the Woodrow Wilson with long-shot Americas Pastime. It was Holloway's first time competing

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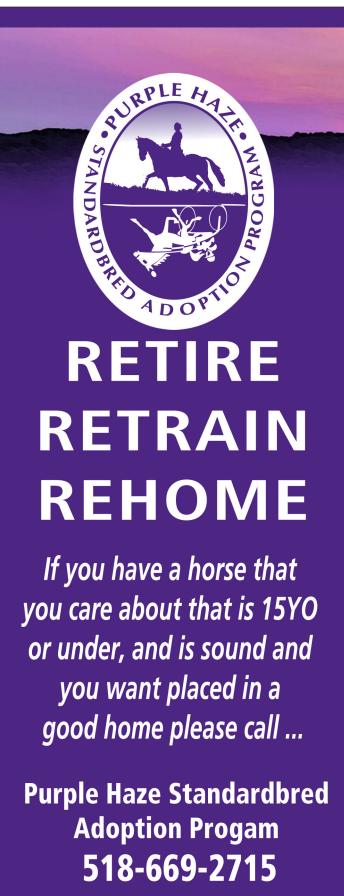
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- 7. The 1981 Hambletonian marked a couple of firsts a purse exceeding \$800,000 year one at The Meadowlands for Ray Remmen and Shiaway St Pat. It was the first time the Hambletonian was raced in New Jersey.
- 8. Brett Pelling won the 1991 Cane Pace with a horse he did not have the previous week Silky Stallone. Dream Away in 1997 winning the Meadowlands Pace was the first year Pelling was in the race.
- 9. Mark Macdonald winning the first time he competed in the Jug in 2006 with Mr Feelgood.
- 10. Mickey McNichol had hurt his back. O'Donnell was called, but was too far away. So, Ron Waples wound up with Fake Left first time in 1992 in the Jug. He wound up holding off heavy favorite Western Hanover by a nose. Waples had added incentive it had been nine years since anyone had won the Triple Crown and it was his own Ralph Hanover in 1983.
- 11. The 1995 Yonkers Trot was the first time a filly won the race. Some had tried before, but C R Kay Suzie was in town and she dominated in the 41st edition. Continental victory duplicated the feat in 1996.
- 12. First Messenger: Belle Acton in 1956 for Billy Haughton. First World Trotting Derby: Panty Raid for Stanley Dancer in 1981. Both of these firsts for Haughton and Dancer came with fillies.
- 13. The first time any race will go for \$1 million or more 40 straight years will be the 2022 Hambletonian.
- 14. The first two William Wellwood Memorials went to his daughter in 2005 and 2006 with Was It A Dream and Laddie, respectively.
- 15. The first time a female driver competed in the Little Brown Jug? June Weller did so during the 50th anniversary year in 1972. Dads Time was 10th and 9th.
- 16. The first horse to win the Triple Crown and all six finals he was in one magical year? Windsongs Legacy in 2004. He won the Goodtimes, Canadian Trotting Classic and the Stanley Dancer, in addition to the Kentucky Futurity, Hambletonian and Yonkers Trot.
- 17. Firsts twice? Linda Toscano did so with Molly Can Do It, becoming the first female trainer to win a Breeders Crown in 2002. Then she won the first edition of the Golden Girls the very next year with you guessed it Molly Can Do It. Both times Jack Moiseyev drove.
- 18. The first Tattersalls was held in 1971. It resulted in the first sub-1:55 race mile: Albatross in 1:54.4. The next two editions went in 1:58.2 (Strike Out) and then in 2:00.4 (Keystone Smartie).









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The player, the play and the thresholds that bind them – Part 2

by Frank Cotolo

Part 1 is here.

In part one we were with me in the 1980s when I carefully balanced two careers — one as a writer and the other as a serious pari-mutuels bettor at Southern California thoroughbred and harness meets. Armed with a \$10,000 bankroll I contributed greatly to the volume of each program's takeout. Along with the handful of full-time horseplayers — who in those days had to go to the track to do their business — we were responsible for the majority of cash going into the tracks' coffers; until one season when along came a player who made the tracks expand their coffers to contain the churn.

That is where we left Part 1, after introducing a bettor I call Delaney (for privacy's sake we call the writer Delaney and all racetracks involved Palmtree Park). He was one of the most successful TV writers of the period and a part-time pari-mutuels investor. He played with a bankroll that put all of the other progamblers' bankrolls put together to shame.

Then came an unrelentless losing streak that sensationalized on Delaney's lack of any money-management system. He came undone, betting huge amounts on every race wildly. It was bountiful for Palmtree Park but crushing for the multi-millionaire, who dipped into his personal fortune in an attempt to bet his way back — a sure-fire tactic that paves the way to the Poor House.

There is a classic joke about the tactic that explains its futility: A person arrives to pick up a friend and go to the track. The friend is on a losing streak and says, "I'm not going to the track."

"You're not going to bet?" says his friend.

"Naw. I'll mail them a check."

Delaney lost an estimated \$13 million along with a tax bill of \$17 million. Palmtree Park stock went up. The last anyone heard about Delaney was that he got \$40-a-week pocket money from accountants (finally utilizing the talents of a money manager) that handled his debt.

Stan And Ollie

A decade or so later and 8,017 miles away from the fall of Delaney, a Tasmanian man we call Ollie was crowned "the leader of the world's biggest gambling syndicate" by Australasian newspapers.

Ollie's efforts leading to the title are the stuff on which fables are built. A kid from the poor side of a town Down Under, Ollie's father was a struggling greyhound trainer, a single parent with three children, the youngest, Ollie, an introvert living in his own mind. He studied mathematics at university where he took a shining to blackjack and applied his math studies to wagering on it. He began to win a lot and caught the eye of an innovative blackjack player known as one of the world's biggest gamblers (for the fun of it, let's call him Stan).

Stan and "Ollie" became partners and traveled, wagering with a mathematical edge. In a year they turned a \$200 bankroll into \$14,000.

They went to Las Vegas. Ollie buried himself in the University of Nevada's wealth of gambling books about betting psychology and systems and money management and playing a bankroll as a business. Ollie used what he learned to write a computer program for betting on thoroughbred races. They returned to Australia and horse racing became the center of their new gambling business.

While Ollie honed the computer system, Stan kept the bankroll strong playing and winning at blackjack. He did so well he was banned from all casinos Down Under, as well as ones in Korea, Sri Lanka, Macau and South Africa. The bankroll stronger, the duo put the blackjack-based winnings to work at horse and dog tracks.

Ollie's computer program, based on his personal mathematical methodology, inspired making large wagers to earn small profits. It did that with a passion that resulted in major earnings and produced profits enough to expand the operation into a global enterprise. Stan and Ollie hired a staff of computer programmers, statisticians to crunch numbers, enhanced mathematical systems and began to swarm the pools of tracks around the world with billions (that is not a typo) worth of bets.

No bettors were more prepared for the digital platform. Armed with math and management and the machines to reach any track where they found a wager, Stan and Ollie's company poured cash into racetrack coffers — and still had money to bet on sports and, where legal, who could be the next Pope.

Ollie spun philosophical as his business grew. He said gambling is just a game that "causes money to change hands" and "winning gamblers end up with money but have achieved nothing else" because win or lose, gambling "doesn't produce anything."

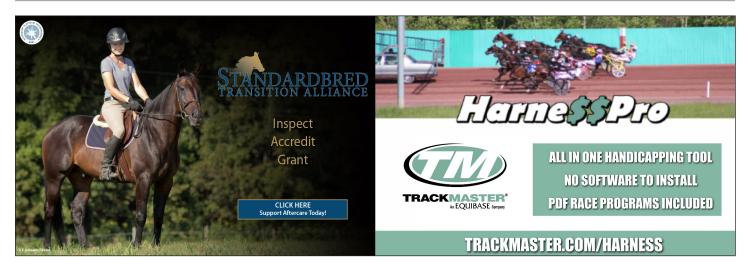
But racetracks take a salary from each bettor, big or small, and keep the pari-mutuels industry filled with delirious hope.



HRU Upcoming Stakes

Monday, February 7

Purse	Race	Track	Age, Sex, Gait	Race #(s)	1st Race Post
\$22,500	Claim To Fame Series - 2nd Leg	Miami Valley	F&M CLAIMING PACE	4, 6	4:10 p.m.
\$12,000	Pop Up Series - 1st Leg	Woodbine Mohawk Park	CLAIMING PACE	1, 2, 8	7 p.m.
\$15,000	Family Day Trotting Series - 1st Leg	Woodbine Mohawk Park	3+4 C+G TROT	5	7 p.m.



Tuesday, February 8

Purse	Race	Track	Age, Sex, Gait	Race #(s)	1st Race Post
\$22,500	Claim To Fame Series - 2nd Leg	Miami Valley	H&G CLAIMING PACE	5, 8, 12	4:10 p.m.







Gingras and Burke take Big M feature again

When it came to the Saturday night (Feb.5) feature at The Meadowlands, it was the same story as the last time around.

When last contested on Jan. 22 (last week's races were snowed out), the feature went to driver Yannick Gingras and trainer Ron Burke with Covered Bridge in a minor upset at odds of 3-1. To spice things up a bit on the night of the track's "Chili Cook-Off" contest, the dynamic duo – who currently but not surprisingly sit atop the driver and trainer standings – scored at 14-1 with Put To Right in the \$27,500 high-end conditioned pace.

"His last few races have been good," said Gingras. "I honestly thought he was in a little tough."

Gingras blasted off at the start from post six in the nine-horse field (there was one scratch) and put Put To Right on the point at the quarter in a brisk :27.2 on a chilly night that saw a real feel temperature of 10 degrees.

"I was thinking I would race from behind but I fired him up a little bit at the gate," said Gingras. "Tonight, he raced really well."

No Lou Zing was up and after the leader shortly thereafter and grabbed the top, making it to the half in :55.4. A weak challenge from 4-5 favorite Vettel N would have no effect on the outcome as No Lou Zing reached three-quarters in 1:23.2 while Put To Right waited for his chance from the pocket.

"I had a lot of pace around the last turn," said Gingras. "I popped the deuce and thought I'd go by him pretty easily."

The 42-year-old Hall of Fame bound pilot had it right as Put To Right vacated the two-hole with just under an eighth-of-a-mile to go before going on to a safe neck win over a fast-closing Patrikthepiranha A. No Lou Zing was third. Vettel N wilted and finished eighth.

A 5-year-old gelded son of Captaintreacherous—On The Catwalk, Put To Right, sent off at odds of 14-1 after a fourth-place finish with lesser foes in his last start, paid \$31.40 as the fifth choice bumping up to the non-winners of \$20,000 level. He's now won 10-of-64 lifetime outings for owners Thomas R and Scott A Dillon and has earnings of \$254,741.

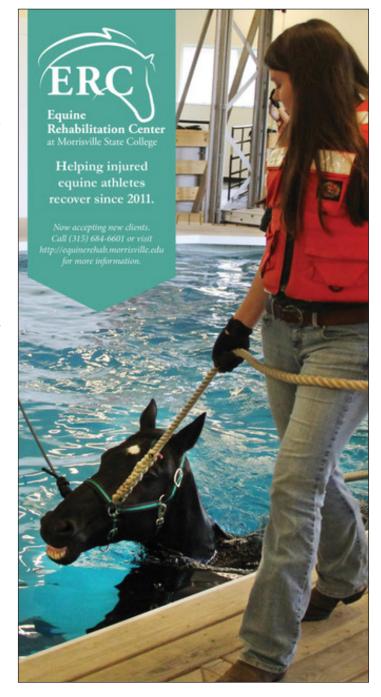
Gingras would go on to tally five times on the program, giving

him at least three winners on seven of the eight cards contested in 2022. Burke had three – all driven by Gingras – visit victory lane.

Over the last two Saturday programs, Gingras has 11 victories, with only three going off as the favorite.

A LITTLE MORE: With Put To Right's upset serving as the catalyst, there were no winning tickets sold in the 20-cent Pick-6, creating a carryover of \$8,572 when racing resumes. Those with four correct collected \$63.50... Scott Zeron also had a nice night, piloting three winners... All-source handle totaled \$2,742,049, bringing total betting for the weekend to just over \$5.1 million... Racing resumes Friday (Feb. 11) at 6:20 p.m.

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RESULTS & REPLAYS



PURSE CRITERIA FOR INCLUDED RACES

Non-stakes races with a purse of \$15K+ | Stakes races with a purse of \$10K+

RACE RESULTS - SUNDAY

HAWTHORNE RACECOURSE report

Sunday's Results:

2, Haw, \$11,000, Trot, Winter Wonderland Series - Leg 1 Non-Winners of \$25,000 (ICF \$37,500) as of 11/30/2021 (Fillies & Mares draw inside), M, 31.0, 1:01.0, 1:30.2, 1:58.1, FT

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

- 1-Sly Little Fox (m, 4, Swan For All--On Center Stage, by Classic Photo) \$5,500, Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$27,325
- O-Bambi L Fox. B-Bambi L Fox. T-James Eaton. D-Michael Oosting.
- 2-Swans King (q, 4, Swan For All--Jesse's St Val, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$2,750, Lifetime Record: 6-0-0-1, \$2,250
- O-Benjamin Graber. B-Menno Lengacher & Roger W Melcher. T-Terry Leonard. D-Casey Leonard.
- 3-Romantic Warrior (g, 3, Cassis--Zorgwijk Delighted, by Wesgate Crown) \$1,320, Lifetime Record: 14-1-2-4, \$37,042
- O-Bobby L Beggs & Gary A Rath. B-Kris Becker. T-Gary Rath. D-Gary Rath.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 2, 2H, 3Q Finish Order: Simpatico, Swans Mission, Lous Skywalker
- **4, Haw, \$11,000, Trot**, Winter Wonderland Series Leg 1 Non-Winners of \$25,000 (ICF \$37,500) as of 11/30/2021 (Fillies & Mares draw inside), M, 31.0, 1:00.2, 1:30.1, 1:58.4, FT

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

- 1-Spice-it-up (m, 4, Uncle Peter-Imageofasweetday, by Conway Hall) \$5,500, \$42,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 24-5-3-2, \$34,676
- O-Trent Stohler Stable Inc. B-Jonas L Schlabach. T-Terry Leonard. D-Casey Leonard.
- 2-Ramblin Cougar (g, 5, Yankee Valor--Homestead Slipper, by Lucky Twenty-Five) \$2,750, Lifetime Record: 22-4-2-2, \$25,024
- O-Shelley M Steele & Jeffery L Aschenbach. B-Keith K Chupp. T-Gerald Hansen. D-Travis Seekman.
- 3-Vidi Victus (m, 4, Jailhouse Jesse--Easter El Paso, by El Paso Kash) \$1,320, Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$9,147
- O-Edward L & Penny D Brown. B-Libby A Myers. T-Ed Brown. D-Michael Oosting.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1Q, 1T, 1H, 1Q, 1T Finish Order: She Loves Tojiggle, Abc Tucky, Todos, Male Man

NORTHFIELD PARK report

Sunday's Results:

- 6, Nfld, \$19,500, Trot, OPEN HANDICAP (POST POSITION 7 ASSIGNED), 27.2, 56.4, 1:26.2, 1:55.3, FT
 - **1-Winnerup (h, 6, Credit Winner--Up Front Hotsey, by SJ's Caviar**) \$9,750, \$60,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 63-13-16-9, \$371,324 O-Top Shelf Stable & Terrence D Smith & Dm Equine LLC. B-C Ed Mullinax & Noel M Daley & Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Herman Hagerman. D-Aaron Merriman.



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

- **2-Winning Shadow** (g, 7, Credit Winner--Sheena's Shadow, by Yankee Glide) \$4,875, \$145,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 117-40-25-13, \$616,941 O-Racing To Win Stable. B-James G Wilhite Jr. T-Jordan Hope. D-Chris Lems.
- **3-Lucius Vorenus** (g, 6, Father Patrick--Avalicious, by RC Royalty) \$2,340, \$26,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 58-12-5-8, \$174,883 O-Stacey M Van Huizen. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Stacey Van Huizen. D-Mitchell Cushing.
- ▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 1T, 2H, 1H, NS, 1Q Finish Order: Big Bad Caviar, Cowboy Country, Stonebridge Gamble, Fingals Wave



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RACE RESULTS - SUNDAY (CONTINUED)

11, Nfld, \$15,500, Trot, GUARANTEED \$10,000 PICK 4 STARTS HERE NON WINNERS \$10,100 IN LAST 4 STARTS (MARES ALLOWED 20%). AE: N/W 10 PARI-MUTUEL RACES. AE: CLAIMING \$30,000 (WITH ALLOWANCES)., M, 28.3, 58.4, 1:28.0, 1:57.0, FT

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

1-Mvp Luke (h, 7, My MVP--Calchips Choice, by Credit Winner) \$7,750, \$5,000 2016 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 97-18-21-13, \$287,132 O-Brookside Stables. B-Up Front Racing LLC. T-Erik Jaeck Jr.. D-Billy Davis Jr.



- **2-Boo Thang** (g, 6, Conway Hall--Classic Yankee, by Muscles Yankee) \$3,875, \$22,000 2017 MORRIS, Lifetime Record: 70-12-11-12, \$127,378 O-Jessica E Millner & Pod Stable LLC. B-Patricia D Crawford & Crawford Farms LLC. T-Jessica Millner. D-Kurt Sugg.
- **3-Making Dreams** (m, 6, Uncle Peter--Silly Dreams, by Pegasus Spur) \$1,860, \$8,000 2017 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 101-20-15-11, \$139,664 O-Titus Schlabach. B-Gbw Breeding Farms Inc. T-Titus Schlabach. D-Jason Thompson.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1Q, 1Q, T, 1T, 2Q Finish Order: Slated To Win, Travlin Swan, Iron Mine Johnny, Infiniti As, King Felix
- 12, Nfld, \$19,500, Pace, OPEN HANDICAP (POST POSITION 8 ASSIGNED), M, 27.1, 56.0, 1:23.3, 1:52.0, FT

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

- 1-Bernie (g, 6, Big Jim--Matilda, by Artiscape) \$9,750, Lifetime Record: 90-26-17-12, \$301,486
- O-Pod Stable LLC & Jessica E Millner. B-Ronald Mersky. T-Jessica Millner. D-Kurt Sugg.
- **2-Honey I'm Home** (g, 10, Well Said--Sweet Future, by Falcons Future) \$4,875, \$300,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 114-22-10-13, \$170,356 O-Melvin G Fink. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Paul Holzman. D-Billy Davis Jr.
- **3-Bettor Than Spring** (g, 7, Bettor's Delight--Spring Break, by Dream Away) \$2,340, \$130,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 113-27-21-22, \$382,139 O-Randall B Bendis & Jack B Piatt II. B-Winbak Farm. T-John Oliverio. D-Aaron Merriman.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 6Q, 1H, 1H, 1Q, H Finish Order: Executive Dash N, Rockin Ron, Dreamfair Charro, Kiss Of Terror, Flash Lauxmont
- 13, Nfld, \$16,500, Pace, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL OPEN II, M, 27.2, 56.0, 1:24.0, 1:52.2, FT

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

- 1-Royal Regatta (g, 7, McArdle--Mary O Mel, by Stand Forever) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 134-19-23-18, \$193,754
- O-Mason E Shaw. B-John F Burks. T-Cory Kreiser. D-Billy Davis Jr.
- 2-Music Is Art (g, 8, Art Major--Music Row, by Western Ideal) \$4,125, \$85,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 147-28-23-16, \$337,557
- O-Yinson O Quezada & Anette Lorentzon. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Mark Headworth. D-Chris Lems.
- 3-Dancin Dragon (g, 7, Dragon Again--Mcdance Desire, by Mcardle) \$1,980, Lifetime Record: 107-32-15-8, \$428,157
- O-Randall B Bendis & Pollack Racing LLC. B-Mark L Marroletti. T-John Oliverio. D-Aaron Merriman.
- Replay Calls: 3H, 3Q, T, 3, 2Q Finish Order: Opportune Hanover, Angelo J Fra, Caviart Skyler, Catch Me Conrad, Uncle Reimus, Dragon Striker

SARATOGA HARNESS report

Sunday's Results:

- **6, Stga, \$15,000, Trot**, Winners Over / Open Handicap W/O Posts 1 & 2 Open Posts 3-5, 28.2, 59.1, 1:29.0, 1:58.1, FT
 - **1-Gigfy (g, 8, Broadway Hall--Marla Bar, by Malabar Man)** \$7,500, \$50,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 136-21-31-23, \$230,931 O-Gerald D'Alessandro & Bridgette A. Mattison. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Brian Mattison. D-Alek Chartrand.



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

- **2-Big Box Hanover** (g, 5, Uncle Peter--Box Of Dreams, by Donerail) \$3,750, \$13,000 2018 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 67-26-15-9, \$378,990 O-Red White & Blue Racing. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Larry Stalbaum. D-Larry Stalbaum.
- **3-Squee Hanover** (g, 6, Crazed--Sugar N Lindy, by Lindy Lane) \$1,800, \$9,000 2017 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 88-23-11-8, \$177,264 O-Exceed Stables LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Andy Gardner. D-Billy Dobson.
- ▶ ► Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: T, 1H, 1Q, 1H, H Finish Order: Mystical Somolli, Quadratic Bluechip



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