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Chantilly, Canada's Somebeachsomewhere Horse of the Year and freshman pacing filly of the year, was driven to victory in the Shes A Great Lady by Canada's four-time Keith Waples Driver of the Year winner James MacDonald in September at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Cream of the crop; **Chantilly is Canada's Horse of the Year**

James MacDonald earned his fourth straight Canadian Driver of the Year Award, Nick Gallucci earned his first Trainer of the Year title and Millar Farms was voted Breeder of the Year.

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Undefeated 2-year-old pacing filly **Chantilly** was named Canada's Somebeachsomewhere Horse of the Year for 2024 at the O'Brien Awards on Saturday night (Feb. 8) in Mississauga, ON.

The black tie event, put on by Standardbred Canada, marked the 36th edition of the O'Brien Awards, named in honor of the late Joe O'Brien, an outstanding horseman from Prince Edward



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Team Millar swept the major O'Brien Awards. (From left) George Millar won his third **Armstrong Breeder of** the Year award, James **MacDonald won his** fourth straight Driver of the Year title and Nick Gallucci won his first Trainer of the Year Award. The team also won the Somebeachsomewhere Horse of the Year and 2-year-old pacing filly of the year awards for Chantilly.

Island and member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

Chantilly was also voted the nation's top freshman pacing filly of the year. During her freshman season, she accomplished a perfect record of nine wins in nine starts for trainer **Nick Gallucci**. The homebred daughter of Big Jim–Shiraz Seelster recorded wins in an elimination and the final of the Shes A Great Lady Stakes and a division of the Eternal Camnation Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park, along with six Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) victories. Chantilly dominated her competition in the OSS Super Final, winning by 6¹/₂ lengths and stopping the clock in 1:50.2, equalling her lifetime mark and concluding her perfect season with \$761,000 in purse earnings. She became just the fifth 2-year-old – and third pacing filly – to be named Canada's Horse of the Year, following Emilie Cas El, Whenuwishuponastar, Somebeachsomewhere and JK Shesalady. Chantilly's breeder and owner, Millar Farms, earned its third Armstrong Breeder of the Year award and was also recognized as the leading owner at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The celebrations continued for her connections, with Gallucci securing his first Trainer of the Year title and James MacDonald collecting his fourth consecutive Keith Waples Driver of the Year award.

Continuing his dominance, MacDonald became the first driver to win Canada's Driver of the Year award four years in a row since Doug Brown (1993-1996). In 2024, MacDonald set a career-high



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as he drove horses to purse earnings totalling \$12,329,313, becoming the first Canadian-based driver to surpass \$12 million in a single season. He also drove winners of more than 400 races for the third consecutive year (444 in total) and was the regular driver of four O'Brien Award winners — Chantilly, **Its A Love Thing, Willys Home Run** and **Monalishi**. MacDonald's remarkable season included stakes victories in the Meadowlands Pace, Cane Pace, Peaceful Way, Fan Hanover and Shes A Great Lady in addition to two Breeders Crown finals.

Gallucci was previously nominated for Trainer of the Year in 2021. He was also a finalist for the Future Star award a decade ago. The Stouffville, ON resident had a standout season anchored by Chantilly, former O'Brien Award winners Silver Label and Prohibition Legal, and 2-year-old stakes winner Allstar Maniac. His stable earned \$1,822,167, the second-highest total of his career, with a UTRS of .396, also the second-best of his career. Gallucci's season was highlighted by Chantilly's victory in the \$532,000 Shes A Great Lady Stakes, the largest purse he has won to date, along with wins in multiple OSS Gold Series divisions and Mid-Season Finals. He also maintained an impressive strike rate, winning more than 26 per cent of the time he entered a horse.

In 2024, horses bred by George Millar (Millar Farms) won 106 races and earned \$2,208,681. Chantilly led the Stouffville farm's progeny for the season with \$761,000 in earnings, along with three other earners exceeding \$100,000, including Prohibition Legal and Silver Label.

Guy Gagnon, who won the O'Brien Award of Horsemanship in 2018, received this award once again in 2024. With a dominant season at Rideau Carleton Raceway, Gagnon was once again among the top trainers at the Ottawa oval. Stable stars I Ama Rocket, The Light Speed and All Wrapped Up ruled the national capital region's preferred ranks. Gagnon developed multiple stakes-placed youngsters, such as Jenny Longlegs and Wild Dream Men. He finished the season with a personal best 100 training wins and his stable earning more than \$600,000 for the second time in his career. His UTRS was one of the highest of his career (0.434) in a season with more than 250 starts.

Todd Ratchford took home the Future Star award in his second year as a regular driver. Surpassing the \$1 million mark in seasonal earnings while driving 95 winners, Ratchford's most notable achievements were in rein to 3-year-old trotting filly Winning Alliance. As the regular pilot for the Matt Bax trainee, Ratchford scored his biggest win of the season in a \$79,589 New York Sire Stakes event at Vernon Downs.

Stonebridge Wizard received the O'Brien Award in the 2-year-old pacing colt category. The Dancin Lou–Odds On Magic gelding had his winner's circle photograph taken five times from nine starts as a rookie for trainer Jared Bako. Stonebridge Wizard was a stalwart in the OSS from start to finish, claiming wins in both the season's first and last Gold legs. Sandwiched between those Gold triumphs was his biggest payday, which came in a hard-fought victory in the \$245,400 Battle of Waterloo at Grand River Raceway, where he earned his lifetime mark of 1:51.2.

The winner in the 3-year-old pacing filly category is Its A Love Thing. The daughter of Bettors Delight—Love For Sail had an impressive freshman season, earning \$560,656 and an O'Brien nomination. The filly's sophomore season was even more successful. The Dave Menary trainee visited the winner's circle seven times from 14 starts, never failing to collect a check. Her richest victory was in the \$425,000 Fan Hanover Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park, where she recorded a lifetime best of 1:48.2, tying the Canadian divisional record. With three OSS victories and the Jerry Silverman Memorial among her stakes success, Its A Love Thing finished the 2024 season with \$843,884 in earnings.

After earning just one win as a freshman, **Nijinsky** was terrific as a sophomore and was awarded the O'Brien as 3-year-old pacing colt of the year. Conditioned by Anthony Beaton, the Bettors Delight—Pirouette Hanover son was victorious in 11 of his 17 sophomore starts, highlighted by the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup. His earnings reached \$1,665,887 for the year. His stakes victories also included divisions of the Somebeachsomewhere and Simcoe as well as the Monument Circle. Nijinsky had a perfect OSS season, capped off by winning the Super Final. He took his lifetime mark of 1:47.3 in an elimination of the Meadowlands Pace before finishing second in the final, and he was also a runner-up in the Breeders Crown and Progress Pace.

In the older pacing mare category, **Twin B Joe Fresh** added another trophy to her impressive collection for 2024. The Roll With Joe-Fresh Breeze daughter was utterly dominant



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Dave Landry James MacDonald became the first person since Doug Brown (1993-1996) to be voted Canada's Keith Waples Driver of the Year four straight years.



as a 4-year-old, winning 11 of her 13 starts, including nine consecutive wins, eight of which were stakes finals. The Chris Ryder trainee collected \$1,231,252 through her campaign, achieving her lifetime best of 1:47.3 at The Meadowlands in the Dorothy Haughton Memorial. She secured victories in both the Rose Are Red and Milton stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park, with her largest payout coming from winning the \$555,556 Breeders Crown.

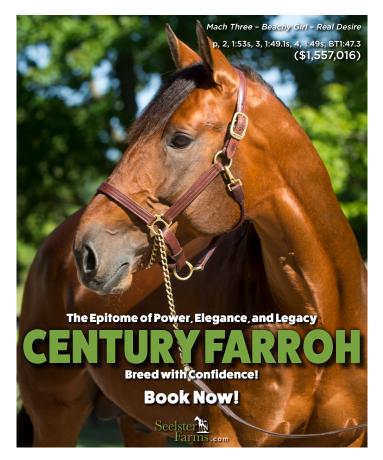
Taurasi received the O'Brien Award for older pacing horse of the year. The gelded son of Racing Hill–Voluminous emerged as a powerhouse in the preferred ranks at Woodbine Mohawk Park during his 5-year-old season in 2024. He predominantly raced at Mohawk, securing 11 preferred pace victories, including an impressive streak of nine consecutive wins. The pacer was trained by Richard Moreau, Tony Alagna and Gregg McNair. His biggest payday of the year was when he finished second by a head in the \$100,000 Mohawk Gold Cup in the nation's fastest mile of the season, clocked in 1:47.2.

Monalishi earned the 3-year-old trotting filly of the year honors. Under trainer Blake MacIntosh's guidance, this daughter of Green Manalishi S—Pretty Phylly G achieved six wins from 10 starts and \$562,811. She won a division of the Champlain Stakes and boasts a near-perfect record in the OSS program, with four wins and one second from five starts. Her biggest victory of the season was in the \$390,000 Peaceful Way Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park, where she took her lifetime mark of 1:52.2, making her Canada's fastest 2-year-old trotter in 2024.

The regally-bred **Maryland** received the award in 2-year-old trotting colt division. The Marcus Melander trainee stood out in his division, winning most of the marquee stakes events for his age and gait. Among his wins, the Chapter Seven–Crucial son collected the William Wellwood Memorial and Mohawk Million at Woodbine Mohawk Park, as well as the Peter Haughton Memorial and Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands, where he

took his lifetime mark of 1:51.4. Ending his season with six wins from nine starts, Maryland made a remarkable \$1,675,697 to become the richest freshman trotter of all time.

The reigning 2-year-old trotting filly champion, **Willys Home Run**, won her second O'Brien Award as Canada's 3-year-old trotting filly of the year in 2024. The Archangel—Rite Outa The Park daughter had another successful campaign, enjoying eight top-two finishes from her 13 starts. She took her lifetime



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mark of 1:53 at Woodbine Mohawk Park in her second OSS Gold Series win of the season and her largest check was earned in the \$300,000 Super Final, where she repeated as champion for trainer Kyle Fellows. Willys Home Run finished her sophomore campaign with earnings of \$431,311.

Highland Kismet won the O'Brien Award in the 3-year-old trotting colt category. Though unraced as a 2-year-old, the Mark Etsell trainee impressed many from the start of his racing career and eventually earned \$727,850 in his debut season. The Father Patrick—Highland Top Hill gelding won the Goodtimes Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:51.3, equalling the stakes record, in only his fifth pari-mutuel start. He also secured victories in divisions of the Simcoe Stakes and the Bluegrass Stakes. Despite the rainy conditions for the \$1,458,333 Hambletonian, Highland Kismet's hard-earned second-place finish resulted in his biggest pay check of the year.

Call Me Goo, conditioned by Jason Skinner and Ake Svanstedt, won the O'Brien Award in the older trotting mare division. As a 4-year-old, she won half of her 14 starts, including the Armbro Flight Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park and the \$688,889 Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands, marking the largest single payday of her career with a 1:50.3 career-best effort. The Googoo Gaagaa–Callmemza mare's victories also included the Allerage Farms Mare Trot and a leg of the Miss Versatility Series, ultimately ending her season with \$729,869 in earnings.

Logan Park clinched the older trotting horse title for the second consecutive year. At 6 years old, he had his most successful year yet, earning \$940,240 and surpassing \$2 million in lifetime earnings. Trained by the father-and-son team of Rob and Kyle Fellows, Logan Park achieved major victories in the Dayton Derby and the \$457,746 FanDuel Open Trot Championship, the latter being his richest win of the season. Notably, he set a record at The Red Mile as the fastest Canadian-sired trotter with a 1:49.2 winning time in the Allerage Farms Open Trot. In Canada, he also won the Earl Rowe Memorial Invitational Trot at Georgian Downs and multiple preferreds at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The son of Archangel out of Rite Outa The Park is a full brother to the Fellows' award-winning trainee Willys Home Run.

The Media Excellence Awards, the Outstanding Groom Award and Cam Fella Award were also presented at the O'Brien Awards Gala.

John Rallis won his first Media Excellence Award in the Outstanding Written Work category for his feature, "A 'Moment' So Well Deserved." The story, published in the September 2024 edition of *TROT* Magazine, chronicles driver Yannick Gingras's tumultuous journey to the Hambletonian winner's circle that year with Karl.

Cujo Entertainment won its first Media Excellence Award in the Outstanding Video, Film or Broadcast category for the excerpt of the "CBS Hambletonian Show," a one-hour broadcast covering the 99th edition of the Hambletonian from The Meadowlands. The broadcast was produced and executed by a talented team of only nine individuals, including producer Curtis MacDonald, technical producer Cameron Chick and co-producer/director



Dave Landry It was the first Trainer of the Year title for Nick Gallucci.



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Luke Van Belkom. It was hosted by the trio of Greg Blanchard, Emily Gaskin and Michael Carter.

Defending champion in the Outstanding Photography category, **Clive Cohen** earned his ninth Media Excellence Award for his photograph, "Fiery Sunset." Captured on June 29, 2024, at Woodbine Mohawk Park, the image was published the same day across the track's Facebook, Instagram and X feeds.

The Outstanding Groom Award was presented to **Mike Rivet**, a Dundas, ON resident originally from Montreal. Rivet's lifelong passion for the sport began in his youth, fostered by his father's involvement in racing. He relocated to Ontario following the end of racing in Montreal, working for trainers Dustin Jones, Ashley Lendvoy, and presently, Blake MacIntosh. Rivet manages the daily care of up to eight horses and is known for his expertise with challenging horses and his eagerness to assist with tasks like fixing shoes or transporting horses. Throughout 2024, he has cared for notable horses, including O'Brien Award winner Monalishi, Medley Seelster and Go Ahead Makemyday.

Kent Oakes, a native of North Wiltshire, PEI, was posthumously honored with the Cam Fella Award. Oakes dedicated over 30 years of his career to partnering with harness racing organizations at all levels, leaving a significant mark on Prince Edward Island's harness racing scene. He served on numerous committees, including the Atlantic Harness Racing Development Council and the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, and held crucial positions such as CEO of the Prince Edward Island Lotteries Commission, Director of Racing at the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission, and Racing Manager at Red Shores Racetrack and Casino. Oakes also represented the provincial government on the redevelopment committee for Charlottetown Driving Park. He bred several stakes-winning horses with his brother Wayne, including the 2004 Governor's Plate champion Igoddago. Oakes was the former Chair of Standardbred Canada and a longtime Director. He passed away on June 28, 2024, at the age of 64.

Established in 1989, the O'Brien Awards honor the people and horses that made the greatest contribution to Canadian harness racing over the past season.

For the first time at the O'Brien Awards Gala, Standardbred Canada recognized the season's leading owners at tracks across the country with a special presentation as part of the association's Leading Owner Recognition Program. Each honoree received a bouquet and a presentation photo with members of the Standardbred Canada Board of Directors, and they will also be sent personalized plaques. Among the recipients, Randy Getto, the leading owner at Northside Downs, travelled from Nova Scotia with his wife, Susan MacSween. The couple kicked off the evening on the Red Carpet, where Getto was interviewed by Natasha Day.

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CHANTILLY

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2-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACER

CHANTILLY (Big Jim-Shiraz Seelster) Bred by: Millar Farms, Stouffville, ON Owned by: Millar Farms, Stouffville, ON Trained by: Nick Gallucci Driven by: James MacDonald Yearling sale: Homebred Purchase price: Homebred

2-YEAR-OLD COLT PACER

STONEBRIDGE WIZARD (Dancin Lou–Odds On Magic) Bred by: Angie Stiller, London, ON Owned by: David Kryway, Amherstburg, ON Trained by: Jared Bako Driven by: Doug McNair, Sylvain Filion Yearling sale: London Classic Yearling Sale Purchase price: \$32,000

3-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACER

ITS A LOVE THING (Bettors Delight-Love For Sail)

Bred by: Marvin Katz and Lynn Katz, Toronto, ON – Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON

Owned by: Eric Good, Davidsonville, MD – Thomas Biederman, Lexington, KY – Josh Green, Midway, KY

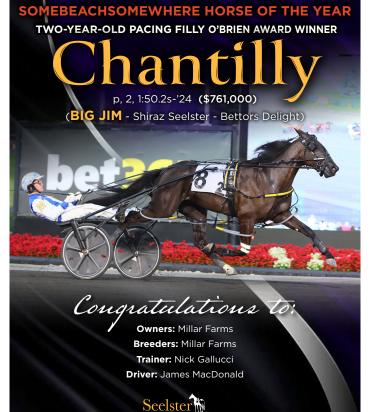
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Driven by: James MacDonald

Yearling sale: Lexington Selected

Purchase price: \$65,000





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Bred by: Brittany Farms LLC, Versailles, KY
Owned by: Chris Ryder, Allentown, NJ – Dexter Dunn, Millstone, NJ – Peter Trebotica, Bordentown, NJ – Barry Spak, Thornton, PA
Trained by: Chris Ryder
Driven by: Dexter Dunn
Yearling sale: Standardbred Horse Sale

Purchase price: \$65,000

OLDER HORSE PACER

TAURASI (Racing Hill-Voluminous)

Bred by: M T Pockets Stables, Pompano Beach, FL – Victoria Howard, Delray Beach, FL

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Trained by: Gregg McNair, Richard Moreau, Tony Alagna

Driven by: Doug McNair, Dexter Dunn, Bob McClure, Chris Page, Trace Tetrick, Scott Young, Scott Zeron

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2-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROTTER

MONALISHI (Green Manalishi S-Pretty Phylly G)

Bred by: Shmuel Farhi, London, ON

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Trained by: Blake MacIntosh

Driven by: James MacDonald

Yearling sale: Standardbred Horse Sale

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2-YEAR-OLD COLT TROTTER

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Trained by: Marcus Melander

Driven by: Dexter Dunn

Yearling sale: Lexington Selected

Purchase price: \$475,000

3-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROTTER

WILLYS HOME RUN (Archangel-Rite Outa The Park)

Bred by: Reg Higgs, Strathroy, ON

Owned by: Dr. Sara Gatchell, Strathroy, ON – Jake Higgs, Strathroy, ON – Reg Higgs, Ilderton, ON – Yolanda Fellows, Rockwood, ON

Trained by: Robert Fellows

Driven by: James MacDonald, Doug McNair

Yearling sale: Homebred

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OLDER MARE TROTTER

CALL ME GOO (Googoo Gaagaa – Callmemza)
Bred by: William Roberts, Brandywine, MD
Owned by: Graham Grace Stables LLC, Clifton, VA – Ake Svanstedt Inc., Wrightstown, NJ

Trained by: Jason Skinner, Ake Svanstedt

Driven by: Tim Tetrick, Ake Svanstedt, Dexter Dunn, Andy McCarthy, Jonathan Roberts

Yearling sale: Homebred

Purchase price: Homebred

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LOGAN PARK (Archangel – Rite Outa The Park)
Bred by: Reg Higgs, Denfield, ON – Donna Higgs, Denfield, ON
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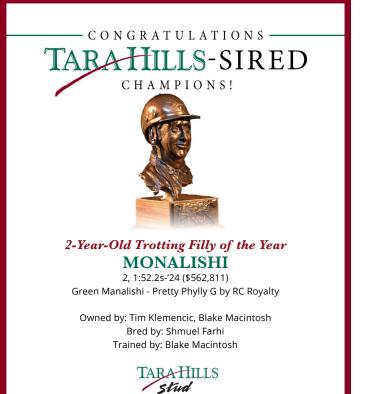
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\$50,000E TOMPKINS GEERS

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\$180,000E CHAMPLAIN STAKES G3

\$1,000,000G METRO PACE FINAL G1 \$40,000 ELIMINATIONS

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\$180,000E CHAMPLAIN STAKES G3

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All wagering must cease prior to the start of a race

by Brett Sturman

In a **column last Sunday** (Feb. 2) between Dave Briggs and John Campbell, the impact to handle by post drag and computerassisted wagering (CAW) was discussed. The issue of post drag in my opinion is one that could be categorized as a massive annoyance or nuisance, but the CAW part of it piqued my interest as that cuts directly into wagering integrity.

I agreed with almost all the points made by Briggs and Campbell, but they stopped just short of making one more distinction. It's not good enough only to shut off wagers coming in from CAWs as was suggested – wagering from "all" sources must stop prior to the start of the race.

With their ability to exploit last second wagering opportunities in high volumes, the impact of CAWs on wagering can certainly be debated. But I don't believe for a second that it's the CAWs that are solely responsible for odds swings after the start of the race when almost every horse that is forwardly placed on the gate go down in odds and horses that gap off the gate go up in odds once the race starts. That's human behavior.

Take Race 4 from The Meadowlands on Friday evening (Feb. 7) as an example of something that totally undermines wagering integrity and would never take place in any other competing form of gambling.

In the race, the #5 horse Hunting As shows odds of 3-1 as the starter lets the horses go. Seconds after, on the final flash approaching the first turn, the odds of Hunting As dropped to 6-5. Hunting As, having shown his intention to leave by being up on the gate, benefitted from a few breakers – two of which came before the start – went right to the front where he never faced even a hint of an anxious moment and won by six lengths.

Whether it be CAW, human, or both, having a system in place that allows a 3-1 horse to drop to basically even money and only have that odds change show after the race has started is preposterous. I'm not talking about the typical ebbs and flows to be expected with pari-mutuel wagering – this is beyond a normal level of acceptance. In roulette, bets are no longer accepted well prior to the wheel and ball showing any signs of slowing. But let's say that wagering was allowed right up to the very end where the ball is on its final couple of bounces and you can reliably deduce what section of numbers the ball is likely to land within. That's essentially what happens in harness racing where wagering is still allowed while the gate is rolling.

Here's what it would look like in sports betting terms. Imagine betting a typical basketball game to win a game outright on the money line at odds of +300 (3-1 odds in racing speak) which would equate to that team being about an 8.5 point underdog. In this scenario, you've deemed it fair value to try to get 3-1 odds for this underdog to win outright and your wager is accepted. But now, for some inexplicable reason, once the tip-off occurs you find that instead of getting 3-1 on your money, you're only going to get even money.

If that actually happened, then people would decry a rigged event, and no one would ever bet it again. But this happens in harness racing every day, with The Meadowlands example from Friday just being the most top of mind. In the case of Hunting As who was the 3-1 morning-line favorite, the late odds plunge may have been a combination of both CAW and human gate punching. But why is this even allowed in the first place?

Maybe it's just me, but I've never understood how wagering can continue once horses are under the control of the starter. There are events happening at this time that can and absolutely do influence how the race will take shape and what the eventual outcome will be. This is why generic horses who break stride right before the start drift from 6-5 to 3-1. Whether it be CAW, human, or both, having a system in place that allows a 3-1 horse to drop to basically even money and only have that odds change show after the race has started is preposterous.

I even gave the example in a column a few years ago where a horse was disqualified in a race at Northfield for interfering with another horse prior to the starter saying 'go' and releasing the horses. The point being that material events are occurring as wagers are still being accepted, which is a massive contributor – maybe even more so than the CAWs – to late odds swings.

Here's one more analogy. In roulette, bets are no longer accepted well prior to the wheel and ball showing any signs of slowing. But let's say that wagering was allowed right up to the very end where the ball is on its final couple of bounces and you can reliably deduce what section of numbers the ball is likely to land within. That's essentially what happens in harness racing where wagering is still allowed while the gate is rolling.

The easy solution, of course, is stop wagering from all sources prior to the horses coming under control of the starter. I'm not convinced that doing so would reduce handle, either.

I do understand the argument for post drag necessity because everyone has become to accustomed to it, but you could still maintain the normal post drag practices and still have a countdown clock that displays when wagering will stop. It would be almost identical to how tracks do it today where they drag post time for 10 minutes and have a countdown clock to the start of the race – this would be the same thing, but the countdown clock would reflect the end of wagering.

For all the challenges the industry already faces in trying to compete with sports betting, the last thing it needs is further negative perceptions towards wagering. It should be made not possible for odds to change after the start of races.



This week's fines and suspensions

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

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

ARCI classification system

USTA's fines and suspensions for this week

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- #2) Tattersalls Pace 2025 Foals of 2022 to Race in 2025
- **#3) Bluegrass Series #50** Foals of 2022 to Race in 2025

OPFN FILTY

PAYMENT DUE FOR EVENTS #1 and #2

February 15, 2025	\$1,000	\$500
March 15, 2025	\$1,500	\$750

PAYMENT DUE FOR EVENT #3

February 15, 2025	\$550
March 15, 2025	\$750
April 15, 2025	\$850

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

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The Allerage Farms Series

Early Closing Events For All Divisions Of Older Horses

#4) Open Pace

\$150,000E Sunday, October 5

\$70,000E Sunday, October 5

PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENTS #4 & 5

February 15, 2025	\$1,500
March 15, 2025	
Declaration Fee	\$2,500

#5) Open Trot*

\$150,000E Sunday, October 5

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

PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENTS #6 & 7

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

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Three Year Old Filly Early Closers (Open)

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

\$100,000E Saturday, August 23

\$100,000E Saturday, August 23

PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENTS #12 & 13

February 15, 2025...... \$750 March 15, 2025.....\$1,000

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SUPERSTAR FEMALES OF HARNESS RACING with VICTORIA M. HOWARD

Jody Riedel's horses helped her battle cancer

by Victoria Howard

Born and raised in the small town of Elma, NY, which is located between Buffalo Raceway and Batavia Downs, Riedel and her older sister Donna (also a horse trainer) accompanied their parents whenever they could to the barn where they operated a small stable. It was love at first sight for the sisters and both would eventually make their career training standardbreds. Donna became an outrider and trainer and is also a superstar for she caught many loose horses in her life, saving equines and drivers.

Jody was taught how to outride by her big sister and, when she got older, Jody also became an outrider at Syracuse Racetrack, Buffalo Raceway, Vernon Downs, Colonial Downs and Pompano Park. Eventually Jody decided to try giving training a try, so she and her father bought several racehorses. One named Keystone Burma gave Jody her first pari-mutuel driving win.

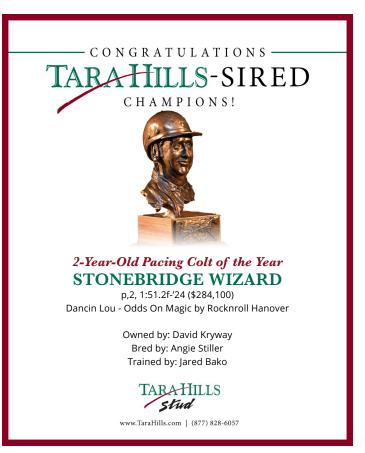
"Even when I was outriding, I always had a few racehorses," Jody said. "You know what they say, 'Once you have been bitten by that horse bug, you're hooked.' And it is true for I was certainly hooked."

Jody added, with a laugh, "I got my trainer's and my 'A' license, but can't remember exactly when for it was so long ago. Today, I am stabled at the Goshen Historic Track and am lucky enough to bring my horses, when they need a rest, to my backyard, my ultimate dream come true. Presently, my boyfriend of 19 years and I live in New York on a 10-acre farm with our Yellow Labrador, Sonny."

Jody currently trains five horses.

"Kingpin Hanover, Manclane, Blantons Blue, Inn At Rodanthe, and Poblano, who have been turned out and will be started back soon training for the 2025 season," she said. "I race at Tioga, Meadowlands, Pocono, Saratoga, Chester and Yonkers, but travel wherever my horses are most competitive.

"I was blessed to take care of the horse Charlie May several different times when Steve Carter and Don Tiger sent him to me, but I can't take any of the credit. 'Charlie' is just a great horse and is very special to me."









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MOHAWK PARK

PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP XLII

Event 1: Three-year-old open pace. \$1,000,000 Guaranteed Final Purse. Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (\$50,000 G each). Final raced on **Saturday, June 14, 2025**. Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

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

ARMBRO FLIGHT

Event 2: Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares trot. Eliminations raced on Friday, June 6, 2025 (\$35,000 G each). Final raced on **Saturday, June 14, 2025**. Purse \$233,000 E Final (\$150,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025

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

CANADIAN PACING DERBY

Event 3: Three-year-olds and older open pace. Eliminations raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Raced on Saturday, August 30, 2025. Purse \$540,000 E Final (\$350,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD Feb. 15, 2025 \$375 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$1,000 CAD Mar. 15, 2025 \$775 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,150 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,500 CAD \$1,150 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$5,000 CAD USD TBA

CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC

Event 4: Three-year-old open trot. Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Raced on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Purse \$713,000 E (\$400,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. NOMINATION FEE Feb. 15, 2025 \$500 CAD \$375 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,000 CAD Apr. 15, 2025 \$775 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$1,000 CAD \$775 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$5,000 CAD USD TBA

CASUAL BREEZE

Event 5: Three-year-old filly trot. Raced on Friday, August 22, 2025. Purse \$140,000 E (\$75,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$1,000 CAD USD TBA

Race will be contested in divisions.

ELEGANTIMAGE

Event 6: Three-year-old filly trot.Eliminations raced on Friday, September 12, 2025.Raced on Saturday, September 20, 2025.Purse \$347,000 E (\$225,000 A).Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.NOMINATION FEE\$300 CAD\$225 USD

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

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ETERNAL CAMNATION

Event 7: Two-year-old filly pace.					
Raced on Saturday, Au	gust 23, 2025.				
Purse \$220,000 E (\$75,	000A).				
Raced at Woodbine Mo	ohawk Park.				
NOMINATION FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Feb. 15, 2025		
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Mar. 15, 2025		
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	Apr. 15, 2025		
SUSTAINING FEE	\$300 CAD	\$225 USD	May 15, 2025		
STARTING FEE \$1,000 CAD USD TBA					
This race will be contested in divisions.					

FAN HANOVER

STARTING FEE

Event 8: Three-year-old filly pace. Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (\$35,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Purse \$425,000 E (\$275,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. NOMINATION FEE Feb. 15, 2025 \$300 CAD \$225 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD May 15, 2025 \$375 USD

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GOODTIMES

Event 9: Three-year-old open trot. Eliminations raced on Friday, June 6, 2025 (\$30,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Purse \$225,000 E (\$125,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. NOMINATION FEE Feb. 15, 2025 \$300 CAD \$225 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$2,000 CAD USD TBA

MAPLE LEAF TROT

Event 10: Three-year-olds and older open trot. Eliminations raced on Friday, August 22, 2025.				
Raced on Saturday, Au	gust 30, 2025.			
Purse \$600,000 E Final	(\$350,000 A).			
Raced at Woodbine Mo	ohawk Park.			
NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Feb. 15, 2025	
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	\$775 USD	Mar. 15, 2025	
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,500 CAD	\$1,150 USD	Apr. 15, 2025	
SUSTAINING FEE	\$1,500 CAD	\$1,150 USD	May 15, 2025	
STARTING FEE	\$5,000 CAD	USD TBA		

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 15, 2025

Event #	Name of Horse	Sex	Age	Sire	Dam

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METRO PACE

Event 11: Two-year-old open pace. \$1,000,000 Guaranteed Final Purse. Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 13, 2025 (\$40,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Feb. 15, 2025	
\$1,000 CAD	\$775 USD	Mar. 15, 2025	
\$1,500 CAD	\$1,150 USD	Apr. 15, 2025	
\$1,500 CAD	\$1,150 USD	May 15, 2025	
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MILTON

Event 12: Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace. Eliminations raced on Saturday, September 6, 2025 (\$35,000 G each). Final raced on **Saturday, September 13, 2025**.

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

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

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

NASSAGAWEYA

Event 14: Two-year-old open pace. Raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Purse \$230,000 E (\$75,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025 Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$1,000 CAD USD TBA

This race will be contested in divisions.

PEACEFUL WAY

Event 15: Two-year-old filly trot.Eliminations raced on Friday, August 15, 2025 (\$30,000 G each).Final raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025.Purse \$390,000 E Final (\$175,000 A).Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.NOMINATION FEE\$300 CAD\$225 USDFeb. 15, 2025SUSTAINING FEE\$300 CAD\$225 USDMar. 15, 2025

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ROSES ARE RED

Event 16: Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace. Eliminations raced on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (\$35,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Purse \$305,000 E Final (\$225,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$750 CAD \$575 USD Apr. 15, 2025 \$575 USD May 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$750 CAD STARTING FEE \$2,000 CAD USD TBA

SHES A GREAT LADY

Event 17: Two-year-old filly pace.

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

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

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

SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE

Event 18: Three-year-old open pace.			
Raced on Saturday, May 31, 2025.			
Purse \$167,000 E (\$75,000 A).			
Raced at Woodbine Mo	ohawk Park.		
NOMINATION FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Feb. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Mar. 15, 2025
SUSTAINING FEE	\$500 CAD	\$375 USD	Apr. 15, 2025
STARTING FEE	\$1,000 CAD	USD TBA	
This race will be contested in divisions.			

WILLIAM WELLWOOD MEMORIAL

Event 19: Two-year-old open trot. Eliminations raced on Friday, August 15, 2025 (\$30,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Purse \$575,000 E Final (\$200,000 A). Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Feb. 15, 2025 NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD \$225 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$300 CAD SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$1,000 CAD \$775 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$4,000 CAD USD TBA

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BATTLE OF WATERLOO

Event 80: Ontario Sired Two-year-old open pace. Eliminations raced on Monday, July 28, 2025 (\$15,000 G each). Final raced on Monday, August 4, 2025. Purse \$245,000 E Final (\$90,000 A). Sponsor: Grand River Agricultural Society. Raced at Grand River Raceway. NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025

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BATTLE OF THE BELLES

Event 81: Ontario Sired Two-year-old filly pace. Eliminations raced on Monday, July 28, 2025 (\$10,000 G each). Final raced on Monday, August 4, 2025. Purse \$175,000 E Final (\$60,000 A). Sponsor: Grand River Agricultural Society. Raced at Grand River Raceway. NOMINATION FEE \$200 CAD \$150 USD Feb. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$150 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$150 USD Apr. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$200 CAD \$150 USD May 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$1,000 CAD USD TBA

CHARLES JURAVINSKI MEMORIAL CUP

Event 82: Four-year-old open pace. Eliminations raced on Sunday, May 11, 2025 (\$35,000 G each). Final raced on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Purse \$263,000 E (\$200,000 A). Sponsor: Great Canadian Entertainment. Raced at Flamboro Downs. NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Feb. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Mar. 15, 2025 SUSTAINING FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Apr. 15, 2025 STARTING FEE

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Event 83: Ontario Sired Two-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2025. Eliminations raced on Saturday, August 16, 2025 (\$6,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Purse \$40,000 G. Sponsor: Hanover Bentinck & Brant Agricultural Society. Raced at Hanover Raceway. NOMINATION FEE \$300 CAD \$225 USD Feb. 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$375 CAD USD TBA DREAM OF GLORY

Event 84: Ontario Sired Three-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2025, non-winners of \$75,000 (fillies \$100,000) in 2024. No allowances. Eliminations raced on Saturday, July 26, 2025 (\$8,000 G each). Final raced on Saturday, August 2, 2025. Purse \$50,000 G. Sponsor: Hanover Bentinck & Brant Agricultural Society. Raced at Hanover Raceway. NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Feb. 15, 2025

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Event 85: Ontario Sired Three-year-old pacing fillies in 2025, non-winners of \$50,000 in 2024. No allowances. Eliminations raced on Sunday, June 29, 2025 (\$8,000 G each). Final raced on Sunday, July 6, 2025. Purse \$50,000 G. Sponsor: Clinton Raceway. Raced at Clinton Raceway. NOMINATION FEE \$500 CAD \$375 USD Feb. 15, 2025 STARTING FEE \$500 CAD USD TBA

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Race dates to be announced.

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~Jody Riedel

Recently Jody had a major setback when she was diagnosed with neck and head cancer, but she is better now. She had surgery and had to undergo radiation for six weeks.

"I was diagnosed with cancer and feel so lucky to have had such a great medical team," Jody said. "My family and friends were a huge part of my recovery as they all did their part in keeping me positive and strong. They were my 'therapy,' and also helped in keeping my stable going.

"And I'm especially grateful for my horses. It was as if they knew I needed them more than ever. They mean everything to me and were my reason to get on that radiation table for six weeks and helped me get through the worst time in my life. I thank God for every one of them and for the people that helped with my horses, so I didn't lose everything I worked for and loved. I'm so lucky to have such a great barn family who prayed for me for prayers really do work! I still cry every time I think about it."

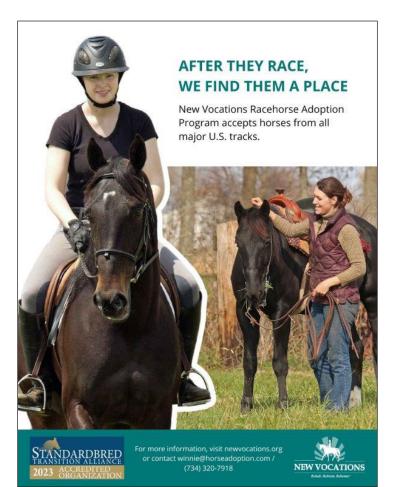
Jody said a lot of her horse friends didn't even know she was battling cancer because she didn't talk about it.

"But they found out when I posted "I RANG THE BELL" when the radiation was over," she said. "I just had to stay positive and fight — something the horse business taught me.

"I believe one thing that got me through this scary ordeal was my love for the horses and the sport. I love my horses but sadly the industry has changed since I started years ago. Unfortunately, it has become more about the money and not about the horses or one another. To me it seems like in the past, most people cared more about the horses and their fellow horsemen who were more like family than rivals.

"Today, for many, all they care about is making lots of money and then greed takes over. The horse is just a money earner and not a member of the family like it used to be. In the past, the owners loved going to the barn and racetrack. Today, many watch their horse race on the television and stopped coming to the barn to visit the horse and bring them treats. "Sadly, with money comes greed and some people will do anything they can to win a race. And sadly, we sit here and watch one racetrack after another close its doors. We don't know where and when it's going to end and how a 'little' guy can survive. The horse should be their main priority."

Jody talked about the closing of Pompano Park which caused many horsemen to have to relocate with their families.





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"Pompano was the crème de le crème in the '70s, '80s and '90s and my sister and I both were there to be part of it," Jody said. "My sister Donna was the outrider there, and stabled and raced her horses until it closed.

~Jody Riedel

"The biggest names in the sport called Pompano their winter known, such as Billy Haughton, Stanley Dancer, Bill Popfinger, George Sholty and many more. Today, if you drive past where the Winter Capital of Harness Racing was, it is now all leveled. It is so sad for the closure of the track put many, many horsemen out of business. I believe the closing of all the tracks has changed the playing field completely.

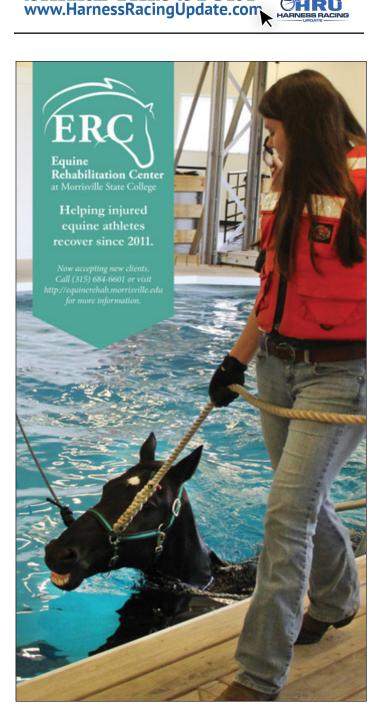
But our sport still has some great people who will fight nail and tooth to keep it thriving.

"There are so many die-hard horsemen who will fight until the end, and I am one of them. There are so many great people and I'm so glad to see this column support and honor the women in the sport. We have had some very talented women such as Bea Farber and Sandi Fisher who gave the men a run for their money." Jody said harness racing is a hard business for anyone, but especially for women.

"It's hard physically, financially and emotionally as it's never been a 'ladies' sport," she said. "There are a lot of sacrifices, but I don't have to worry about getting my nails done.

"I am so blessed to be here telling my story and being able to train my horses. I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers and support, especially my owner Victor and my helpers Danny, Regi and Tom. My wish is for people to be kind not only to each other but also to their horses."

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Brent MacGrath's life with and without 'The Beach'

by Murray Brown

When I reached out to Brent MacGrath this past Wednesday he was at the gym. How appropriate, I thought to myself. Here is a man who has undergone two major life happenings in recent years, both of them evolving at about the same time. The biggest one being of course the loss of Somebeachsomewhere, the generational racehorse and stallion, who affected so many, but arguably none near as much as MacGrath. The second was Brent's focus on health. At the time of the loss of 'The Beach', Brent was at a staggering 265 pounds, the highest in his lifetime. Today he tips the scales at 172 and may even appear gaunt to those who knew him when he was so much heavier. Was there a connection in these two life-altering events? Maybe.



Dave Landry

Greg Blanchard (left) and Brent MacGrath at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Pepsi North America Cup night in 2022.



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We looked at Somebeachsomewhere more than once. We loved him. I thought that he was as perfect as a horse could be. We determined that we were going to try to buy him. He was selling as the first horse in the Friday night session [in Lexington] which was one of the lesser ones in the sale. That was the day of the infamous Ronnie Pierce 'wave' to Trond Smedshammer [in the Filly Futurity].



"The loss of Beach affected me in so many ways," MacGrath said. "Perhaps not near as much in his stud career as that of the racetrack. But I, my partners in the Schooner Stable, the folks at Hanover Shoe Farms, and most Maritimers, were basking in his success in the stud. As great a racehorse as he was, he might very well have been becoming every bit as great, dare I say, even greater in the stud. Then it stopped. Not suddenly, but over a relatively short period of time, he was gone. His loss and that of my partner in both the horse and the car business, Garry Pye, brought to the forefront the fragility of life. I needed to start taking better care of myself. I started eating better, a whole lot better. I began exercising regularly. I lost a whole lot of weight. I'm healthier and I feel a whole lot better."

Let's begin with the story of your career in harness racing.

"I was about 12 years old. Kids weren't allowed to work without their social security papers which they couldn't get then until they were 16. My dad was a big harness fan. He'd take me to Truro Raceway which was less than a mile from where we lived. I began wandering down to the track where I would earn a few dollars cleaning stalls and washing harness, buckets and doing various other chores. I met Phil Pinkney and I began working part time for him. I began training with Phil. You couldn't have a better teacher. My early years in the industry included work on both sides of the racetrack, from groom to training and driving to announcing, race secretary and track management. My brother was working with the Calgary Stampede when he heard a position had opened for an announcer at the newly reopened Marquis Downs in Saskatoon. So, at 19 years of age, I moved to Saskatoon to take on announcing duties and later returned to Nova Scotia as general manager of Truro Raceway."

Allow me to interject. Many Maritimers, when they speak of Phil Pinkney, they speak of the man with reverence.

"He was a great horseman. If you were working with Phil and were not learning, then you just weren't paying attention. There were many things I learned from Phil. If it were only one that has stuck with me through the years, it was his sense of, for lack of a better word, teamwork. The tendency with lots of people is when things are going well, they take the credit. When they aren't, the fault lies elsewhere. It was never that way with Phil. When things were going well, it was because of the team. If it wasn't, then that same team took the blame. Phil isn't that well known in the States. I guess that it was mostly because his preference was to race fairly close to home. He did race at Foxboro and Rockingham and made several contacts with folks who would send him young horses to train and develop. He was exceptional at that. "Another thing about Phil that remains with me was his attention to detail. His stable was always in tip-top shape. There was never, and I mean never, a time, regardless of how late it was, or how tired we might have been, when we left the barn without the floor being swept and without the horses having clean water buckets filled with fresh water. I like to think I've carried that practice forward all of my career."

You came back to the Maritimes and then?

"Phil loved developing young horses and I decided I would do likewise. I bought a yearling from the first Maritime crop by Horton Hanover from Dr. Bob Webster for \$5,000. Phil drove him to a win in his first start. Following the race, I was asked if I was interested in selling. With Adrenalin pumping, my first response was no. The man offered \$30,000 which got my attention. I countered, and we settled for \$35,000. I thought, 'This horse business was pretty easy.' I was to learn otherwise. By that time, newly married to my wife, Rhonda, I was eager to start a stable of my own. We decided to head for the big time — Toronto.

"We loaded our car and headed west. But, with a combination of some bad luck and plenty of inexperience, I quickly found myself out of the horse training business and in much need of an income. An ad for a sales job promising bonuses up to \$50,000 a year caught my eye. After a preliminary screening with about 60 applicants, I was successful in making the cut with 11 others for a two-week training in car sales. We were fortunate to have had a trainer who had a great deal of success in the car industry and a 'straight shooting' style that I related to. This introduction to the car industry was a career move that I am extremely grateful for. I enjoyed a quite successful run in the Ontario car market. But both Rhonda and I missed our large families and the Maritimes. We decided to move home."

You needed a job?

"It was at this time that I met Garry Pye, who was to become one of the six owners of Somebeachsomewhere. He was a successful businessman and owner of the GM dealership. Although his initial response to my applying for sales work was, 'I'm not in need of sales help at this time,' I was determined. I told him that he could either hire me and have me working for him, helping to build his business, or that I'd go to work for someone else and compete against him. I was hired. From that day we became the best of friends and business associates in the car trade and later with horses. Sadly, Garry passed away in 2020. We were both fortunate to have sons that had started careers in the industry and have now taken on leadership roles. Garry would be proud." [Losing Somebeachsomewhere to cancer] was terrible. The irony, from my perspective, is that in the entire history of the sport, there have been very few, if any, top horses who have been treated with fewer injectables than this horse was. The totality of that number was zero, as in none! But he was the one that fate cast its fickle finger on. Such are the vagaries of life. As they say, stuff happens.

~ Brent MacGrath

Let's talk about The Beach. How did that come about?

"It was in 2006. I was in the midst of establishing my own dealership. There was this banker friend, Stephen Tufts, who was of great help to me professionally. He also had a keen interest in racing. With his suggestion we made plans to attend the Lexington sale and race week. This was to be a first for both of us.

"It was at this time that I decided to get a few friends together to pool our resources and buy a yearling. Schooner Stable was born. We raised about \$50,000. I was to pick the yearling, train it and manage its racing career.

"Then luck, of the good variety, stepped in more than once. I looked at many yearlings. I realized that with our limited budget that we couldn't come close to affording the 'blue bloods.' If there were some of those that we might have been able to afford, they almost certainly had severe conformation faults. We didn't want those anyway. Besides which, we were looking mostly for Ontario breds to race in the Ontario Sires Stakes.



Dave Landry Brent MacGrath and his late business partner Garry Pye in Lexington in 2017.

"We looked at Somebeachsomewhere more than once. We loved him. I thought that he was as perfect as a horse could be. We determined that we were going to try to buy him. He was selling as the first horse in the Friday night session which was one of the lesser ones in the sale. That was the day of the infamous Ronnie Pierce 'wave' to Trond Smedshammer.

"The races finished later than normal that day. The traffic in Lexington was also pretty bad, thus delaying people's access to the sale. This was to our benefit. There weren't that many people there when Beach sold. I know that Casie Coleman had planned on buying him. She got stalled down in traffic and got there late. There were some who felt that because of his perceived lack of a great commercial pedigree that he brought more than his 'paper' said he should. I didn't. He was the one we wanted and we got him. I'm not saying that was our absolute last bid, but it certainly was close to it. I was beyond pleased.

"We took him home. He was good from the beginning. But so are many who don't turn out to become near as good as he became. "The first time I put a watch to him was in May. We went a mile in 2:35. We then dropped him five seconds every week. He was always well within himself.

"We shipped to Mohawk. I asked Paul MacDonell to go a mile in 1:58. He went to the half in 1:03. I was not pleased. How was he going to go a mile in 1:58 off a half in 1:03? He didn't. He went the mile in 1:53. I was in shock. The first question Paul asked me was if he was eligible to The Metro. I knew then that Paul believed that he might be special. As low key as Paul is, he wouldn't have asked me that if he didn't know that this could be a special horse."

Most of us are pretty well acquainted with Somebeachsomewhere's stellar racing career. Now you had to find a new home for him. How did he land at Hanover?

"You are right, there were many breeders who wanted him. In the end it came down to Hanover and Southwind. My preference was always Hanover. It was there that I thought he would get his best opportunity. Not only because I felt that we would get the best mares that Hanover had in their stellar broodmare band, but that the prestige associated with having the horse at harness racing's greatest farm would also help in getting other good mares to his book.

"Of course, the money was a factor. But we went with a slightly lower offer. Jim Simpson, to whom I believe I owe a great deal of credit, really wanted the horse. I've been told that he faced some opposition from one of the owners of the farm, but was eventually able to persuade his partner to join him.

"We chose to not have a large syndicate involved with him. This may or may not have been the best move in the long run, but it is one to which I hold no regrets.

"My friend Myron Bell has often told me it was a big mistake. It may have been, but I do not believe so. From a financial standpoint it worked out very well. I think that the horse did very well, I would say exceptionally well despite not having a large syndicate, certainly better than any horse of his, or perhaps any other generation of any pacing stallion in history."

Then he contracted cancer and eventually succumbed to it at a relatively young age.

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You have another Beach, Beach Glass, from the small number of foals conceived through frozen semen from SBSW's last small crop.

"We have been twice blessed. Beach Glass was a wonderful racehorse – not SBSW, but no other horse was. Unfortunately, we weren't able to see how great Beach Glass actually was or was meant to be, because his epiglottis became repeatedly entrapped preventing him from properly getting his air properly. Despite the problem, he still was a top Grand Circuit performer. He is standing in Ontario at Winbak Farms where he began stallion duties last year. He served a good-sized book of 104 mares in a highly competitive environment in his first season at stud. His first foals are now beginning to arrive. I am looking forward to training some of his babies when they become yearlings."

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Enhancing and expanding racing's on-air programming

How the track simulcast feeds can be even better.

by Dean Towers

With the future of television and streaming in flux, horse racing's customer viewership funnel has potential.

The world of sports and gambling entertainment is changing fast.

Just this past week we read stories about **Comcast losing 1.5** million cable customers, and **Spectrum almost matching them** with a loss of **1.2** million. We learned about streaming being in disarray as it finds its footing, and how **S&P Global reports** that this decline is "irreversible."

Over in gambling (which has seen huge content growth since sports betting was legalized) the zeitgeist appears to lean towards consolidation, too.

Front Office Sports reports that DraftKings is not renewing any of their in-house on-air talent who provided daily content for their free streaming service channel. This includes popular hosts like Mike Golic and former ESPN anchor Trey Wingo.

Given the proliferation of networks, streamers, free live channels, and gambling content providers on platforms like Substack, YouTube, Twitch, and other outlets vying for viewership and struggling, one might conclude that horse racing's broadcast prospects are dim.

Perhaps so, but I lean the other way.

This sport, in 2025, broadcasts high-funnel programming of both breeds through TVG and Fox Sports that are delivered via traditional cable mediums. Although (as detailed above) this overall viewership is falling, I'd suggest we shouldn't care. Horse racing's demographic still watches traditional cable. Having it "always on" and available is worthwhile.

Where horse racing has untapped potential, in my view, is in the live programming every one of us consumes – the track feed. Each day, thousands of viewers with a program in hand and a mouse ready to click a bet are captured for four or more hours, day after day. Traditional TV networks and streamers from Netflix to Apple TV+, are spending billions to hook you for an hour or

two so you pay them \$10 or \$20 a month. They'd probably kill for our viewership stickiness.

Are we truly maximizing the potential of this opportunity?

In my opinion, horse racing's in-house product has undergone significant improvement over the years. The Woodbine broadcast platform is professional and provides comprehensive information for both breeds. On the thoroughbred side, I believe Churchill's team, led by Joe Kristufek, is exceptional. I am certain that you have your own preferences.

Given the necessity of watching the feed, I believe there is an opportunity to enhance the viewing experience even further.

There are thousands of statistics and trends on any given card – trainer patterns, track bias, bad running lines, and first-time starters to name just a few. Does any track feed illustrate these statistics regularly and freely? Do they interview trainers about horses coming off long layoffs, qualifiers or with questionable form?

Updated shoeing changes, surface changes, or claim information are all actionable for a bettor; especially in an ecosystem revolving around multi-leg wagers. Are these discussed each night as a focus of the broadcast?

There are ADWs that offer a glimpse at what the closing odds board will look like. Does the in-house broadcast talk about what the off odds should be, giving players an advantage while helping them understand late odds changes?

For a carryover, has any broadcast ever piped in a professional horseplayer via Skype to talk about how he or she will attack the sequence? Has any track feed ever broadcast someone with the requisite mathematical skill to play pick "n" bets properly?

Woodbine broadcasts their on-air product live on YouTube. This can be particularly important on carryover night. Can others?

I'm sure there are many other ideas that could hopefully enhance the viewing and betting experience each and every day.

Cultivating the customer when you've captured their attention is not only beneficial for them – they become better players and enjoy the product more – but it's also a boon to the bottom line. General Foods' success in producing hundreds of cheese flavors and packaging options can be attributed to the principle of offering more choices, which ultimately leads to more purchases. Similarly, providing more actionable information encourages wagering in the same manner, and fosters brand loyalty.

This sport doesn't appear to have the money or will to compete in the gambling space through massive investment, hiring the next hot influencer, or building brand new mediums. The time the viewer is already spending with you is a valuable piece of real estate and it should be enhanced to be the best it can possibly be.





What's on your bucket list?

by Bob Heyden

What do horsepeople have on their bucket list? Let's go around the horn.

Brian Brown: "I guess it would be winning the Jug and the Meadowlands Pace."

Brad Grant: "To win the North America Cup and the Jug."

Peter Blood: "We bought a Summa Cum Laude colt at the Jug sale [Hip #133] and I'm kind of looking forward to Boston Rocks' 4-year-old season. I'll be 81 in April and have slowed down considerably."

Mike Keeling: "Attend the Prix d'Amérique. Competing in Europe is also something I'd like to try."

Bob McClure: "If there's one race I'd really like to win, it would be The Gold Cup and Saucer."

Kim McCusker: "I've had one since I was 10. I have Greece, Thailand, and the Russian Red Square as just some on my bucket list."

Megan Scran: "Of course I have a bucket list. It would be amazing to win either the Hambletonian or the Oaks. It's very hard to do."

Travis Alexander: "I have lots left to do. Win the She's A Great Lady, the Metro, the Jug, the North America Cup, as well as the Hambletonian, and the Yonkers Trot. Canada has the coolest trophies."

Bonnie Butler: "There are a few, one this September, a safari. When I was much younger winning my first race and then my first at The Meadowlands, but getting a PhD was not on the list. Machu Picchu was one that was on my list. I went twice, in two consecutive years, and worked for Rutgers for six weeks. A great experience. I tell my friends if I ever go missing look for me in New Zealand. Such a stunning country."

Carl Porcelli, Jr.: "Lots of golf. I'll try and last long enough to watch my grandson play baseball. He's 5 and just started t-ball."

Renee Kierans: "A trip to the Philippines."

Scott DiDomenico: "I never really came up with one. Obviously, I want to be in the big dances and succeed in them. But honestly

I'm pretty happy to go to work every day with a hard hat on and go to battle every day and every night."

Aaron Merriman: "I'd like to travel and spend more time with the family."

Hector Clouthier: "Restricting my bucket list to the horse racing world, my number one item would be attending the Elitlopp at Solvalla Racetrack in Stockholm, Sweden. Last year, I attended the Prix d'Amérique in Paris, and it was a fabulous experience. My number two item would be to have a Commissioner for harness horse racing that would be North America wide. If we want to promote ourselves as a major league sport, we should replicate the leadership model of other major sports such as football, hockey, basketball, and baseball. The first item on the bucket list is probably more reachable than the second item. But I firmly believe we need a dramatic change in our approach in harness racing or we face serious consequences."

Blair Burgess: "Just want to win another Hambo, and later a Prix d'Amérique. Likely an impossible dream but some bucket lists are so. Maybe a more realistic one is walking one of the Caminos in Southern Europe."

Jerry Glantz: "I've lived a great life. My only wish would be to own one great horse before it's over."

Connie Hochstetler: "Going to the Prix d'Amérique and playing golf at Pebble Beach."

Bernie Noren: "In racing it would be winning the Hambletonian. On a personal level, I'd like to see the pyramids. It's an amazing structure."

Arild Eggen: "I won a big one in 1998 [Breeders Crown with Fern] and a big one in Norway in 2013. Maybe the 2030 Prix d'Amérique is on my bucket list."

Brad McNinch: "I want to meet Bobby Orr and Joni Mitchell."

Jack Darling: "I want to see a son of Bulldog Hanover break his 1:45.4 mark. I still love training 2-year-olds and seeing how good they can be. That's the exciting part for me."

John Kopas: "Travel to Europe. I'm a student of history. I want to see Lipizzans and Grosbois."

Billy Haughton, Jr.: "To catch and win the Hambletonian... or the Elitlopp."

Helene Gregory: "I'm actually checking one off of this year's list as I booked a trip to Montana in August to ride with the cowboys at a ranch. My next bucket list is a horseback safari in Africa. I already did two: traveling to Rome, as well as showing my standardbreds at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala. Plus, racing under saddle was another bucket list check."





For the love of horses, Eddy Durbridge travels to many COURSES

by Chris Lomon

Eddy Durbridge doesn't require a passport for his horse racing career, but the caretaker has stamped himself as somewhat of a travel expert.

His home base for a majority of the standardbred season is The Raceway at Western Fair District, the half-mile oval in London, the Ontario city found 120 miles northeast of Detroit and 121 miles west of Toronto.

While he is a fixture at Western Fair throughout its racing season, Durbridge, son of longtime horse racing participants Norm and Tammy Durbridge, and grandson of driver/trainer William Durbridge, also makes his way to several other racetracks throughout the province each year, a list that includes Leamington, Clinton, Grand River, and Woodbine Mohawk Park.

The journeys can be challenging, the days long, and the work demanding, but none of that is enough to dampen Eddy's fondness for the sport and the horses under his watchful eye.

"In winter, it's not too bad because Western Fair is only about half an hour away from home," said Eddy, who earned his Bachelor of Commerce degree in Digital Marketing at Fanshawe College in 2018. "When it comes to summer, it is a lot busier. Some of the tracks can be far away from where we are, so it is a bit of a trek. But at the end of the day, that's okay – you are happy to be there and see your horses racing.

"I grew up at Western Fair. You get to know the people and the horses, and every race day is something you look forward to."

Although the majority of his work is far removed from the spotlight, Eddy, who began working in the barn at 10, when he tended to his parents' and grandfather's horses, isn't motivated by the adulation and adoration of others. I always like to learn more about the horses, and when I get a chance to work with a horse I haven't before, you just learn something new automatically – it's important to see new ways to do things. You also get to see ways that people prepare their horses, and you pick up little tips here and there.

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What does inspire him, however, is any opportunity to work in concert with the pacers and trotters he's tasked with caring for, before and after they race.

Aside from working with his parents' standardbreds, Eddy, who recorded his first win as a groom at Woodbine Mohawk Park with Hit And Giggle A, a son of Grinfromeartoear, also paddocks for leading Western Fair trainer Cassidy Schneider.

On occasion, he will also paddock for other conditioners.

"I fill in wherever and whenever I can," said Eddy, who lives in Dutton, about a 40-minute drive southwest of London. "I like that. It can make for a busy time – it just depends on the evening. Obviously, if it's one horse on a card, it's an easy and smooth evening for the most part. When you have three or four, you just need to be on your toes and make sure each one gets the care that they need."

He has a singular goal with his horses.

"Win or lose, you make sure they are taken care of the moment I see them and before they get on the trailer at the end of the night," he said.

Having the chance to work with multiple horses in a racing week provides Eddy with a welcome opportunity to hone his caretaking craft.

While he might paddock a particular horse only once, he views it as an invaluable educational tool.

"I always like to learn more about the horses, and when I get a chance to work with a horse I haven't before, you just learn something new automatically – it's important to see new ways to do things," Eddy said. "You also get to see ways that people prepare their horses, and you pick up little tips here and there."

Tips that he takes with him on those travels across the Ontario racing scene.

"Each track has a different feel to it," he said. "I enjoy having those different experiences. You get to see new faces, old faces, and maybe some horses you have paddocked in the past. I like the atmosphere of the racetrack on race day.

"And I love just being with the horses. That always makes me feel great."

As does another occasion, specifically, when the track photographer takes a photo of one of Eddy's horses after a race.

"Seeing one of your horses win a race is a great experience, every time," Eddy said. "It makes you feel like you have done your job properly and you feel good for the horse. They try their best and to see them succeed... I want them to know they have won. I enjoy being around them and seeing them succeed."

On the afternoons and evenings where there are no winner's circle photos to pose for, Eddy doesn't hang his head or dwell on what might have been.

In those moments, he is reminded of the advice his parents gave him long before he cared for his first horse.

"I never let those bad days get to me," Eddy said. "There is always tomorrow and that could be a great day."

Whether it is or not, there is always one constant in Eddy's outlook on life.

"One of the main things is to be myself and not change to be someone you are not," he said. "And always have a positive attitude. Not every day is going to be a good one, so you try your best to keep an upbeat attitude and make sure you always keep the horses as your top priority."

It is a promise he has kept for years, one that has continued to serve him well throughout a treasured career.

Not surprisingly, the start of 2025 has already been a busy time for Eddy.

He wouldn't have it any other way.

"I enjoy what I do," he said with a wide smile. "And I hope I have more fun in the future."

Which very well could include trips to racetracks he has yet to visit and horses he has not worked with.

Passport not included.

"If they made one of those for racing in Ontario, I should probably think of getting one," he said.





Lombok Jiel impresses at Vincennes

by Thomas Hedlund

Jean Luc Dersoir-trained **Lombok Jiel** was the favorite when some of the best French-bred 4-year-olds met in the \$120,000 Prix Ephrem Houel at Vincennes on Saturday (Feb. 8) afternoon.

Lombok Jiel (Enino du Pommereux) was runner up behind Frank Gio in the \$325,000 Prix Ourasi two weeks ago and when Saturday's race included only French trotters, it was a perfect set up for a victory for Lombok Jiel.

The race became a high speed-event with Lovino Bello on the lead and driver Eric Raffin noted that his toughest opponent, Lombok Jiel, had to leave his position in second over before the last turn. Being three wide throughout the turn didn't stop Lombok Jiel from approaching the leading Lovino Bello, who had acquired a several length advantage as they turned for home. In the end, Lombok Jiel was strongest and he claimed his seventh win in 18 attempts. A final time of 1:53.2 over 1.3 miles is a great mile rate for a 4-year-old during the meeting and Lombok Jiel will most certainly continue on his path towards being one of the very best horses in France in the coming years.

Replay here.

Lovino Bello held second place ahead of pocket sitter Little Brown.

In the \$90,000 Prix de Munich over 1.3 miles, Daniel Redéntrained **Indy Rock** (Readly Express) proved strongest as he disarmed leading favorite Jack Tonic in mid-stretch. Indy Rock left third over in the end of the uphill part of Vincennes and got in close contact with the leader just before the last turn. The 7-year-old Indy Rock claimed his first win in France in the Prix de Munich in a mile rate of 1:54.3. Paul-Philippe Ploquin drove Redén's gelding.

Today (Feb. 9), it's time for the \$400,000 Prix de France where the very best horses battle for fame and glory.

French forecast tells that Go On Boy will be the favorite in the race, ahead of Hooker Berry, Emeraude de Bais and Working Class Hero.

PRIX DE FRANCE 2025

HRU ranking

- 4. Go On Boy
- 8. Hooker Berry
- 2. Emeraude de Bais
- 11. Working Class Hero
- 9. Hussard du Landret
- 12. Justin Bold
- 6. Inmarosa
- 3. Don Fanucci Zet
- 1. Ampia Mede Sm
- 7. Banderas Bi
- 10. Ideal Ligneries
- 5. Kilmister
- 13. Hip Hop Haufor







A proper wager

by Trey Nosrac

Despite an endless barrage of sports gambling commercials, blogs, radio shows, podcasters, and young men hyperventilating about this topic, I have scant knowledge or experience with prop bets. A quick google gets me started. A prop bet, short for proposition bet, is a sports betting wager not tied to a sporting game's final score or outcome. Prop bets are not a significant part of the horse-race wagering landscape. Maybe they should be.

For some reason, prop wagers in other sports seem to operate in groups of three, and there are three basic categories of prop bets aimed to add excitement to watching the game unfold and keep the gambler engaged.

Player props focus on individual player performances. For example, in basketball, you might bet on how many points a specific player will score in a game, how many rebounds a player will snag, or how many minutes a player is on the court.

Game props center around specific events or occurrences within the game and are unrelated to the final score. In a soccer match, you bet on which team will score first, how many red flags get thrown, or the number of shots on goal.

Novelty props are quirky, fun bets that often revolve around events, such as betting on the length of the national anthem, the temperature at kickoff, and what color the Gatorade will be that's poured on the winning coach.

I watch a lot of MLB games. Lately, there is a new twist. Several times, broadcasters will post graphics and numbers for each game. These graphics show a prop of what must happen in a baseball game to win a wager. For example, to win this prop parlay wager, three things must occur:

- Catcher Austin Hedges must get at least two hits.
- Pitcher Tanner Biebe must strike out at least six batters.

• The total number of runs for both teams will be more than eight.

Then, things get a little fuzzy with all the numbers and the plus or minus signs for the payoff, something like +1400,-800, times the square root of helium. And get this, the payoff odds change as the games progress!

I appreciate it when a baseball announcer explains a wager similar to the one above, "For those of you confused about the

payoffs, let me put it in English: if you wager \$10 immediately, and these three things happen during the game, you will win \$50."

Was that so hard? The payoff on this particular wager seems appealing until you realize the last time Austin Hedges had multiple hits in a baseball game, he was in the seventh grade. Now, here is the gist of this column. Why can't harness racing offer prop wagering? Something like:

- The number 6 horse, Strange Allocation, will finish in the top five.
- The official win time will be UNDER 1:57:2.

• The top three finishers' post-position numbers will total more than 11.

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Now remember, these parlay wagers are all or nothing. You must have all three events occur, or you lose. It seems that wagering along these lines would add a significant layer of fun to a horse race, especially among younger demographics. The proposition wagerer would have several things going on during the race, and the prop payoffs should pay more than peanuts. Prop bets could spice up a harness racing program. Prop wagering on the gambling menu would be a refreshing change from the pari-mutuel models we have used for the previous century. Of course, Trey always goes overboard. He would set up a prop bet along these lines:

- The winning horse has more than 13 letters in their name.
- The race will start less than 6 minutes after the listed post time.
- The #6 horse will finish ahead of at least two horses.

Shakespeare once wrote, "To prop or not to prop, that is the question."

I'm voting, aye.



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Rockyroad Hanover's first foal arrives

by Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky

The much anticipated first foal by Rockyroad Hanover p, 1:46.2 (\$1,020,612) has arrived. This beautiful, leggy colt is owned by LMN Bred Stables Inc. and was foaled on Jan. 25. He is the fourth foal and first colt out of the Sweet Lou mare Sweet Sissy Lou p, 3, 1:53.4f (\$56,588). Sweet Sissy Lou is from the immediate family of Artistic Fella p, 1:48.4f (\$2,612,437) and Easy Lover Hanover p, 1:48.1 (\$934,638).





HRUFoal Of The Week



First foal from '23 Horse of the Year Confederate arrives

by Caroline Vazquez

Diamond Creek is excited to announce the arrival of the first foal from 2023 Horse of the Year, Confederate. The proud mom of the filly, born at Anvil and Lace Farm LLC, is Priceless (Rockin Image) who was a winner of \$620,544 on the track. The foal is a half-sibling to Perfect Sting-sired colt Imapricelessprince, who was sold for \$47,000 at last year's Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. Congratulations to Bert Hochsprung, the owner of Priceless on the arrival of this "priceless" filly.



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Arian G, Marion Marauder, Put On A Show and Shartin N voted into Hall of Fame

The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame's Living Horse Hall of Fame nominating committee has announced the results of the 2025 elections. Museum members voted for the four horses they believed exemplified greatness: Ariana G, Marion Marauder, Put On A Show, and Shartin N, all celebrated for their racing achievements. These remarkable horses will be inducted on Hall of Fame Day, Sunday (July 6, 2025), at the Museum's annual dinner.

World champion trotting mare Ariana G, with a record of 4, 1:50.2 and earnings of \$2,465,459, raced from 2016 to 2018. During her career, she won 26 out of 40 lifetime starts.

Marion Marauder, with a lifetime record of 7, 1:50.2 and earnings of \$3,392,609, is one of only nine trotters in harness racing history to win the Triple Crown. He raced from 2015-20, achieving 69 starts with a record of 22-17-8.

World champion Put On A Show, a 2007 foal, retired as the fastest female pacer in history with a record of 1:47.3. She had career earnings of \$2,406,628 in 50 starts, with 31 wins, nine seconds, and two thirds.

The 2019 Horse of the Year and world champion pacing mare Shartin N, with a record of p, 6, 1:46.4 and earnings of \$2,555,629* became the fastest distaff standardbred in history with her 1:46.4 mark. She is the first Horse of the Year bred outside North America.

To be eligible for nomination to the Living Horse Hall of Fame, standardbreds must meet strict criteria outlined on the Museum's website. For the complete list of elected horses, please visit the website.

The Hall of Fame Day celebrations will also include the inductions of Tom Aldrich, Bob Boni, Mal Burroughs (posthumously), and Chris Ryder into the Hall of Fame. Lester Hollenback, Bob Key, Harmon Showers, American Winner, Grades Singing, Magician, Romalie Hanover, and Town Pro will be inducted into the Hall of the Immortals. Additionally, Judy Davis-Wilson and Debbie Little will be inducted into the Communicators Hall of Fame.

For more information on the Hall of Fame weekend and related activities, visit the Museum's website starting April 2025 or contact the Museum at 240 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924 or via phone at 845-294-6330.

Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame

Horner elected as Standardbred Canada chair

On Friday (Feb. 7), Standardbred Canada (SC) elected its officers and executive committee for 2025.

Mark Horner of St. Marys, ON, was elected as the chair of Standardbred Canada. An Ontario track director on SC's board, Horner will serve his second term as SC chair after previously serving in the position for 2019.

Horner has been involved in the harness racing industry for more than 40 years as an owner, trainer, and breeder. Currently, Horner is on the Western Fair Association board of governors and recently served as the chair of The WFA Raceway Corporation.

Andrea Rennison will serve as the vice-chair of Standardbred Canada's board as she did in 2023, while Ann Straatman will serve as the chair of the breeders committee.

The 2025 executive committee was also elected to serve a one-year term.

Mark Horner (chair of the board)

Andrea Rennison (vice-chair)

Blair Corbeil (past chair)

Ann Straatman (chair of the breeders committee)

Guillaume Cayer-Richard (executive committee member)

Lee Drake (executive committee member)

Bill O'Donnell (executive committee member)

Standardbred Canada

'Moon' shines bright at Big M

Dave Miller drove **Intothemysticmoon** like she was the best, and the Ron Burke trainee delivered in the Friday night feature at The Meadowlands, a \$16,000 TrackMaster 85 pace for fillies and mares.

The 6-year-old daughter of Artspeak—Mystical Moon didn't race like a horse who hadn't tasted victory in 11 straight outings, her last win coming in March of last year, as Miller had her on the go from post 3 in the eight-horse field, grabbing the lead out of the first turn before yielding to Tony's Mom, who led at the quarter in :27.4.

Intothemysticmoon quickly moved back to the point, taking the field past the half in :56.3, before a live flow developed at the five-eighths, with 9-5 favorite Madrid A picking up cover from On The Money GB. Intothemysticmoon led at three-quarters in 1:24.4, and as On The Money GB started to weaken, Madrid A moved three-wide for the stretch drive.

Through the lane, Intothemysticmoon was determined after Tony's Mom popped out of the pocket to challenge. In addition, Shesnoaprilfool IR ducked along the inside with pace, but at the wire, "Moon" held on by neck over Tony's Mom in 1:52.1. Shesnoaprilfool IR was third with Madrid A a non-threatening fourth.

"I didn't know how far back Lauren [Tritton, driving Madrid A] was at the half," said Miller. "My horse put up a good fight in the stretch. She felt good. She was fighting [Tony's Mom] and put out her nose at the end and got it done."

Intothemysticmoon returned \$8 to win as the 3-1 second choice, and now has 16 wins from 70 lifetime starts, good for earnings of just over \$300,000 for owners Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Bruscemi and Phillip Collura.

A LITTLE MORE: Miller was red-hot all night long, leading the driver colony with five winners... Ron Burke led the trainers with three victories, all of which were guided by Miller... A single 20-cent Survivor Pick-7 player scooped the pot after being sharp enough to include 15-1 winner Rock My Universe in the eighth race. That lone ticket paid \$6,699.52 for six correct selections... All-source handle totaled \$2,784,203 for the 14-race card.

Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations

Meadowlands stakes payments due

The Meadowlands stakes payments begin in February and with the payment date falling on a weekend and then a holiday, payments with a postmark of Feb. 18 will be accepted as per regulation.

All pertinent information is available on the track website.

Questions should be directed to 607-972-5500.

Nick Salvi / The Meadowlands

Pocono draws for first qualifiers; season starts Feb. 15

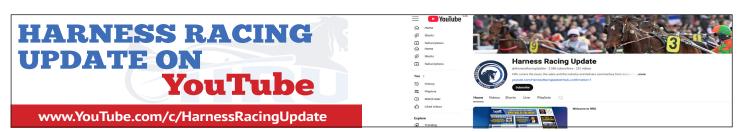
Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania, the northeast Pennsylvania racino, has started swinging into high gear, as on Friday (Feb. 7) it drew for the first qualifying races of the 2025 season, which will begin Saturday (Feb. 15). Those qualifiers will be held on Monday (Feb. 10).

An even dozen races are set to start at 10 a.m. Monday morning, with six races for trotters and six for pacers. Many familiar names from the fast-class racing wars will go behind the gate on Monday, looking to leg up for a big 2025 season.

The leading horsemen in terms of wins among both drivers and trainers in 2024 are scheduled to be seeing action at Pocono Monday. In 2025 driver Matt Kakaley will be looking to win his fourth straight sulky crown, while trainer Ron Burke will start his push to be atop the conditioners ranks for the fifth time in the last six years.

Monday will be an exceptionally busy day at the mountain oval. The first qualifiers will be raced, and a second set of qualifiers, to be held on Tuesday (Feb. 11), will be put together. Qualifiers will then revert to their usual day of Wednesday.

As if that weren't enough information to process, Monday will also find the draw for the initial card of pari-mutuel racing in 2025, which as noted will be on Saturday (Feb. 15), starting at 1 p.m. The first card will also mark the start of the popular various Game Of Claims Racing Series, in which the horses, claim checks, and introductions to new barns will be flying. Pocono opens with a Saturday-Monday 1 p.m. schedule in February (Monday the



17th's races to be drawn Tuesday the 11th), then adds Tuesday pari-mutuel action at 1 p.m. in March.

The Bobby Weiss Series for developing 3-year-olds of both gaits and sexes will begin its 2025 stand on Monday (March 17). The stakes races for the best Pennsylvania-sired youngsters — the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes, the Pennsylvania All-Stars, and the Pennsylvania Stallion Series — get underway on May 10, with the glamour division 3-year-old pacing colts slated for All-Stars action.

The highlight of the season, Sun Stakes Saturday, will take place on Aug. 16, with somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2.4 million sure to provide great racing for the fans, the 3-year-olds, and the free-for-allers.

Pocono qualifiers, along with program pages for the betting races, are scheduled to be available at www.phha.org.

PHHA / Pocono

Vernon Downs seeks outrider

Vernon Downs seeks an outrider for its 2025 live harness meet, beginning on Saturday (April 19) through Saturday (Nov. 15).

Racing will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings with a 5:05 p.m. post time along with a few Thursdays during the summer months.

The position is posted **online** and interested parties should contact racing manager Andrew Demsky at 607-699-7646 with questions.

Nick Salvi / Vernon Downs

Vincent Delaney Memorial still has a few spots left on the "Ireland City and Sea Tour"

This tour runs from Aug. 4-10, 2025, starting in Dublin, Ireland and ending with the racing weekend at Tir Prince in Wales.

The itinerary includes:

- Four nights stay at the Grand Hotel Malahide
- Tour of Newtown Stud Training Centre
- Guinness Storehouse and Whiskey Experience
- Carriage ride around Dublin
- Powerscourt Waterfall and Gardens Visit
- Trim Castle and Meath outing
- Ferry from Dublin to Wales
- Two-night stay at Kinmel and Kinspa
- VIP access at the Vincent Delaney Memorial Racing Weekend for Friday and Saturday
- Optional return ferry to Dublin on Sunday
- All this including transportation for one package price of just \$3,500
- Most meals are included; flights are not included

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Readers give their take on post-time drag, CAWs and more

Last Sunday, we published a **spirited debate** between John Campbell and HRU editor Dave Briggs about how best to improve the harness racing product given the rise of post-time drag and computer-assisted wagering (CAW). At the time, we asked for reader feedback about the issue. The following letters are a response to that column.

Kudos to Campbell for addressing the elephant in the room

It is actually nice to hear John [Campbell] talk about the elephant in the room, computer-assisted wagering (CAW). My story is I started betting on harness racing in 1977. I bet until last year. I love harness racing and even co-owned a couple of horses.

I finally gave up when I realized I was getting upset too often with CAW. The last race I bet what I thought was a good bet at 4-1 and proceeded to watch his odds go down to 7-5. If the track owners don't wake up then they will eventually lose everyone.

Why isn't there a conference for ALL track owners to go and discuss this? I don't understand why horse racing can't be like sports betting which is where my money went to. I can lock in odds on a bet I think is value. Don't we have the technology for this in horse racing? Keep ignoring the problem and it will solve itself. Your choice: act or do nothing and lose harness racing forever. If you lost someone like me who LOVED harness racing then you will surely lose everyone else.

Mike Kozuchowski / Elmhurst, IL

Mean what you say on post time

I am an HPI [HorsePlayer Interactive] customer [in Canada]. Mohawk and The Meadowlands are the two tracks I follow the most.

The meaning behind "post time" for most tracks refers to post parade and not "call to post." If I am correct, then there is no reason a race cannot "post parade" on time. Get the horses on the track at the designated time.

Once the countdown clock starts, make it visible to all participants (drivers, bettors, starter, etc.).

The countdown clock should be visible at the three-minute mark and then as a bettor I know I have just under that three minutes to make my wager before the word "go" is given.

Stick to the countdown time, don't drag it out and lose more credibility.

When following more than one track at a time it is important to see the horses parade and sometimes score down. They can start the countdown clock whenever they want but once they do, mean what you say.

Stephen Tufts / Truro, NS

The clock is ticking

Interesting topic and one that seems to not have an answer. I understand both [Campbell's] and [Briggs'] position and I whole heartedly lean [Briggs'] way. If The Meadowlands wants to remain the gold standard, and more importantly keep the doors open, it has to change with the times. Sports betting didn't wait to make changes long because they understand the nature of the gambler. It's insulting to go on their app and sometimes see two races with 0 minutes to post. The days of Saturday night high-priced claimers and invite pacers were the best; they sold the game. Winter racing was great and something to look forward to. Maybe the kings of the sport should open their eyes and remember what worked. The clock is ticking fast.

Joe Pendola / Oak Bridge, NJ

Shorten the time people have to bet

We used to almost always go to the gate very near post time but that drag started taking over probably 25 years ago and has increased in length. I thought it was because of the long lineups at the mutuels and they wanted to get everyone involved in placing a bet, but now I don't see long lineups because there's fewer people going to the races so that can't be a concern now.

The reason now must be the delay in transmitting the bets placed at off track betting shops and people at home on computers. So, to find the solution to shortening the long drag between races I think we have to shorten the time people have to bet.

I've noticed baseball and football games have shortened the time between plays.

They can do that and not affect bets placed on the games because I assume most bets, if not all, are placed before the game starts.

A 10-race card at a track are 10 separate games.

What if it was divided into two or three games and all bets on each game had to be made before each game?

I know they have bets now where you pre-pick the winners of two races or five races in some cases but what if all betting had to be done that way?

There would be times when horses are scratched during the time the race card is being presented and refunds have to be given, but that happens now.

You could still have intermission breaks between race games to pre-bet for the next race game, but that's no different than a hockey game.

I think betters have become used to sports with more action and less delay time.

John Downey / Burlington, ON

Post-time drag is the most aggravating change in our sport

I'm a third generation horseman from Ohio. We've raced our horses mainly in Ohio and Chicago going back to the 1940s. I've seen many changes in our sport over the years, some good, some not so good. By far the most aggravating change has been post-time drag. First of all, when it's one minute to post, it's not. We're telling a lie. And everybody knows it. Show me one other business that lies to its customers regularly that can survive. There aren't any. When Mr. Campbell cites the European gap between races as being 30 minutes or more and not reasonable, last night at Northfield virtually every race had a 25 to 35 minute gap between races.

To me, there is one fool proof way to increase interest/ handle in our sport. That is, convert all three- and four-turn racetracks to two-turn mile racetracks with the possible exception of Delaware, OH. It is historic. Ohio is rolling because of the slots, of course. But Ohio will never dominate the sport as a venue until we convert one or more of our ovals to seven-eighths or one mile. Having the Breeders [Crown] on five-eighths or half-mile tracks is simply not fair and everyone knows it.

Bob Eschelman, racetrack builder, told me at the Jug last fall that converting Scioto Downs to a seven-eighths mile track would be simple and in the whole scheme of things, inexpensive. Handle would explode. So the powers that be can quit fretting about inane subjects like drag. It's a mortal lock, my fellow horsemen.

Charlie Wall / Wall Bros Stable

Tracks need to communicate better with bettors

I think you're way over stating the CAW impact on horse racing in general. There isn't much money for professionals, like me, to make in harness racing as the liquidity is just too low. The profit motive is just minimal. That being said, I do enjoy harness racing and bet it 365 days a year.

I don't understand the gate drag issue completely. But in, say, French harness racing when the ADW flips to the next race, the odds are fundamentally set. There is a ton of handle already in the kitty, especially in France. For any sort of professional player, this is a far more attractive proposition than U.S. harness racing. The question/issue is: Does everyone wait so long to bet because they know the gate will drag? Is it self-fulfilling because people fear late odds changes and wait to the last second to bet? I don't know, but tracks should know.

What the tracks don't realize — and this is just mind boggling to me — is that they don't market or communicate or even know who their customers are. They need to use their simulcasts to capture email addresses, to capture cell numbers and build out a program of direct to consumer marketing. Stories, news, pics, photos, whatever, basic updates. Build a base and keep them excited. Survey them, understand what they want.

I wagered \$25,000 at Monticello last year and they don't know who I am. That's what's nuts. The only racetrack in all of the North America that has my email address is 3Rivers in Canada.

Marketing 101 and racetracks absolutely are clueless.

Jeff Demers / Boston, MA

Agreeing with Campbell that there is not much we can do about post-time drag

Mr. Briggs, I really enjoyed your article about the drag at the races and also CAW wagering. I agree with John Campbell that there is almost nothing we can do about it because it has been a proven method to increase the wagering. I can remember back in the '80s when I would be at Rosecroft Raceway and they would announce "we go at post" nobody took it seriously and it only lasted a few weeks before they didn't even say it anymore. I would think just by looking at the on track attendance that the great majority of fans are not at the track but are betting and watching in the comfort of their homes. In that regard, the "drag" does not bother me so much, as I have things I can do to pass the time.

As for the CAW wagering, can you explain how that works? Is it just one person placing a large bet right before post or something different. I do get frustrated when I place a bet only to find that right before the quarter pole another horse's odds drop drastically. Can you explain that because

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I know that my online bets are cut off at least 30 seconds before post so I would think that would apply to anyone making a wager online. Thanks for writing about such an important matter to racing.

Just for thought: I will never believe that the weight of the driver does not have an effect... weight kills! Look at all of the really good drivers and none of them appear to be overweight. Dexter Dunn must weigh all of 150 lbs. And when they have the amateur races we can see the difference when Dunn or Miller get on the same horse and improve their time by two or three seconds. In all of your years of racing have you ever known a real successful driver that was overweight?

Darrell Griswold / Jacksonville Beach, FL



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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

CAL EXPO report

Friday's Results:

4, CalX, \$20,000, Pace, California Sire Stakes Four Year Old Horses & Geldings, 28.1, 59.1, 1:28.4, 1:57.1, GD

1-Celebrity Status (g, 4, Vlos--Wild About Eagle, by The Panderosa) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 38-5-12-8, \$125,657 O-Set The Pace Racing LLC. B-Set The Pace Racing LLC. T-Nick Roland. D-Nick Roland.

2-Search And Destroy (g, 4, Special Forces--Poppy Lustre N, by Direct Flight) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 34-4-3-8, \$43,418 O-Set The Pace Racing LLC. B-Laurene M Krueger. T-Nick Roland. D-Luke Plano.

3-Bro Hug (g, 4, Hi Ho Silverheel's--Aftermath, by Artsplace) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-4, \$11,464

O-Wayne E Knittel. B-Wayne E & Rodney W Knittel. T-Bob Johnson. D-Lemoyne Svendsen.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: HD, 1H, 1T, H, NK - Finish Order: Sylvester, Senga Napalm, Alien Art Form, Rocklikeahurricane

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS report

Friday's Results:

8, Mea, \$18,000, Pace, **OPEN HANDICAP** POST ASSIGNED BY EARNINGS IN L4 STS, 26.4, 55.0, 1:23.1, 1:51.3, FT

1-Liteningonthebeach (g, 5, Downbytheseaside--Peanutbettor Shake, by Bettor's Delight)\$9,000, \$72,000 2021 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 64-24-12-8, \$384,681 O-Renee J Bercury. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-Rocked N Loaded (g, 8, Pet Rock--An Original, by Real Artist) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 90-19-16-9, \$179,406 O-Andy W Rickert. B-Andy W Rickert. T-Andy Rickert. D-Hunter Myers.

3-Sumomentsomwhere A (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Special Moment, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,160, Lifetime Record: 82-19-16-12, \$260,813 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Jamie M Durnberger-Smith, AS. B-Raboki Pty LTD, AS. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

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MEADOWLANDS report

Friday's Results:

8, **M**, **\$15,500, Trot**, 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M 3) Ext. PM Races or \$20,500 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M \$30,000) Life (Maidens Drawn Inside), 29.1, 57.3, 1:26.0, 1:55.4, FT

1-Rock My Universe (g, 4, Walner--Youlightupmyworld, by Explosive Matter) \$8,913, \$40,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 31-2-5-5, \$47,954 O-A P Racing & William P Masterson. B-Kentuckiana Farms LLC. T-Mike Simons. D-Mike Simons.



2-Luke's Bar (g, 5, Bar Hopping--Lukes Sophie, by Here Comes Herbie) \$3,255, \$55,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$83,913 O-Anthony Timmins, UK. B-Sergent Stables LLC. T-Chris Ryder. D-Patrick Ryder.

3-Chasin' Sunshine (h, 4, Greenshoe--Sunshine Delight, by Credit Winner) \$1,395, \$60,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 10-0-2-5, \$13,860 O-Alagna Racing LLC. B-James G Wilhite Jr. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.

P Replay **P** Calls: 40, 60, 50, 4H, HD - Finish Order: Chuck, Striking Tactful, Vatu Hanover, Modelo, Jaydens Pride, Theobald, Vanguard

10, M, \$16,000, Pace, Fillies & Mares TrackMaster Rating 85 or Less as of 2/4 AE: N/W Starters N/W \$7,500 or Less in Last Start, 27.4, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:52.1, FT

1-Intothemysticmoon (m, 6, Artspeak--Mystical Moon, by Mach Three) \$7,680, Lifetime Record: 70-16-18-8, \$302,279 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Stephen Upson, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-David Miller.

2-Tony's Mom (m, 6, Heston Blue Chip--Donna Lee, by Real Artist) \$3,680, Lifetime Record: 73-20-15-8, \$353,332 O-Morrison Racing Stables & Brian S Gordon. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc. T-Per Engblom. D-Braxten Boyd.

3-Shesnoaprilfool Ir (m, 6, Sweet Lou--Shesgotanattitude, by Kikikolt) \$1,600, Lifetime Record: 34-14-5-5, \$52,378 O-Bath Lane Racing. B-John Richardson, IR. T-Robert Cleary. D-Brett Beckwith.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 10, 10, 10, HD, NK - Finish Order: Madrid A, Dixie Dream, Taking The Miki A, On The Money Gb, Stay Happy

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK report

Friday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$12,250 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000. AE: NW \$37,250 IN 2024-25, 28.1, 57.4, 1:26.1, 1:55.2

1-Goudawon (b,m,6 - Betterthancheddar-Keystone Samurai-Camluck) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 72-17-4-15, \$324,259 O-Brenda & Mark & Anthony Lane B-Brenda & Mark Lane T-Amanda Riley D-James Macdonald

2-Redlandbethanyjean (b,m,5 - Artspeak-Machnbyrd Princess-Mach Three)

O-Redland Farms B-Arnold Hagen T-Tyler Moore D-Bob Mcclure

3-Saulsbrook Olympia (blk,m,7 - Big Jim-Racino Star-Cams Card Shark)

O-Edward Gorc B-William Allan Mcneil, Mike Brealey T-Vernon Cochrane D-Phillippe Hudon

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2, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED, 28.2, 57.2, 1:25.4, 1:54.3

1-Blue Pacific (b,m,4 - Sweet Lou-Miss Jones-Bettors Delight)\$18,000, Lifetime Record: 27-9-4-4, \$396,837O-Seelster Farms IncB-Fair Winds Farm IncT-David MenaryD-Douglas Mcnair

PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

2-So Much More (b,m,9 - Big Jim-Ladysai-Real Artist)
O-Don & Kenneth Beatson, Cole England B-Doug Mac Phee T-Don Beatson D-James Macdonald
3-Lyons Bettorday (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Albany Hanover-Somebeachsomewhere)
O-Threelyonsracing B-Big Als Stables Inc T-Anthony Beatong D-Tyler Jones

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3, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$14,650 LAST 5 OR NW \$32,250 LAST 10 STARTS,

1-Huntress (b,m,6 - Huntsville-Love And Honor-Art Major) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 86-38-18-8, \$419,262 O-Let It Ride Stables Inc, W J Donovan B-Doug Ackerman Stables Inc B-Tyler Moore D-Bob Mcclure

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

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

3-Century Jamila (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Exotic Pleasure-Modern Art)

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Century Spring Farms T-David Menary D-Louis-Philippe Roy

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4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 OR NW \$18,075 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: N/A \$1,500 P/S ON 2024-25, 29.0, 59.0, 1:27.0, 1:56.0

1-Settn A Precedent (br,m,7 - Sunshine Beach-Magic Of Brussels-Shadow Play) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 117-27-7-19, \$331,460

 O-Martin Kuepfer
 B-Mike & Anne Shunock, John & Susan Clark
 T-Amanda Riley
 D-Louis-Philippe Roy

2-Coz Im Special (b,m,7 - Mystery Chase-Cozamel-Dragon Again) O-Rick Rier B-James Rhodes T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

3-Stonebridge Halo (b,m,4 - Captain Crunch-Ken Doll J-Bettors Delight)

O-Daniel Lagace, Big Als Stables, Edwin Buhler B-Angie Stiller T-Anthony Montini D-James Macdonald

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5, Wbs, \$40,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES FINAL: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS IN 2025. NW OF 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2024, 28.3, 57.3, 1:26.3, 1:55.0

1-A Class Yankee (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Classy Chris-Art Major)\$20,000, Lifetime Record: 28-6-7-3, \$134,576O-Christopher NicolB-Yankeeland Partners LlpT-Walter WhelanD-Michael Whelan

PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Betterdealmein (br,g,3 - Bettors Delight-Empress Deo-Rocknroll Hanover) O-Wayne Mac Rae, Daniel Ross B-Jesse Gebhardt T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

3-G A Speed Expert (br,h,4 - Sportswriter-Surprise De Mars-Ambivalent) O-Jennifer Bongiorno B-Alain Carrier T-David Menary D-Douglas Mcnair

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6, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$24,500 (OS \$35,750) LIFETIME, 29.3, 59.3, 1:29.2, 2:00.2

1-Hey Dude (br,g,3 - Greenshoe-Danielle Hall-Deweycheatumnhowe) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$36,928 O-Carl & Jody Jamieson, Joanne Morrison, Greg Hayter B-Robert & Dan Kuhns T-Carl Jamieson D-Jody Jamieson

GREENSHOE WINNER



2-Zorgwijk Ventura (br,h,4 - Lookslikeachpndale-Zorgwijk Soraya-Armbro Ricochet) O-Anna Ruijs B-Zorgwijk Stables Ltd T-Dagfin Henriksen D-Dagfin Henriksen

3-C Kan Trot (br,m,4 - Wheeling N Dealin-Pointe Shoes-Muscle Mass)

7, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$67,500 LIFETIME, 28.1, 57.3, 1:25.3, 1:55.2

1-Caughtstealinghome (b,m,4 - Captive Audience-Shoplifter Hanover-Dragon Again) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 38-4-7-8, \$79,533

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

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

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

3-Red Carpet Ready (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Film Critic-Art Major) O-Geoffrey Davidson B-Stonegate Stdbred Fms Inc T-Victor Puddy D-Jonathan Drury

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8, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$33,750 LIFETIME, 28.4, 58.1, 1:27.3, 1:57.0

1-Sunshine Magic (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Sun Shines Bright-Somebeachsomewhere) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 24-6-2-4, \$48,327 O-Jeffrey Hunt B-Brittany Farms Llc T-Jeffrey Hunt D-Jeffrey Hunt

Another BRITTANY FARMS Bred Winner!

2-Rose Colordglasses (b,m,4 - Freaky Feet Pete-Run On Luck-Northern Luck) O-Leonard Rosene B-Daniel Schwartz T-Blair Burgess D-Louis-Philippe Roy

3-Foxy Seaside (b,f,3 - Downbytheseaside-Foxy Rigger-Riggins)

O-Thestable Foxy Seaside B-Country Club Acres Inc, L And H Management Services T-Dominic Gladu D-James Macdonald

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9, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$24,500 (OS \$35,750) LIFETIME, 29.2, 59.4, 1:30.0, 1:59.3

1-Spin For Life (b,g,4 - Royalty For Life-La Ponpadour-Promising Catch) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 23-4-1-1, \$33,805 O-Triple S Equine B-Marc Lacoursiere, Felix Belandger T-Kyle Ruhl D-Colin Kelly

2-Paradise Moni (b,g,4 - International Moni-Jessies Song-Jailhouse Jesse)O-Ecuries Maguire Inc B-Richard & Regina Beinhauer T-Jean-Francois Maguire D-Tyler Jones

3-Wheelin My Bentley (b,g,4 - Wheeling N Dealin-Lavecs Easter Gem-Majestic Son)

O-Tyler & William Borth B-Julia Pogue T-Katie Macneil D-Tyler Borth

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10, Wbs, \$37,000, Pace, BLIZZARD PACING SERIES FINAL: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES IN 2025. NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2024, 28.1, 58.0, 1:27.2, 1:56.0

1-Love On Me (b,m,4 - Stag Party-Odds On Abba-Always B Miki) \$18,500, Lifetime Record: 34-6-3-9, \$68,168 O-David & Ben Holliday B-Odds On Racing T-David Holliday D-Travis Cullen

2-Absolution (b,m,4 - Mcwicked-Bet Ya-Jeremes Jet)

O-Joanne Colville, Nancy Macnevin B-Joanne Colville, Nancy Macnevin T-Jack Moiseyev D-Phillippe Hudon

3-Dirty Diana (b,f,3 - Captain Crunch-Delightful Dragon-Bettors Delight)

O-John Pentland, Aaron Waxman, Alan Alber B-Barbara Matthew T-John Pentland D-Bob Mcclure

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11, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, POP UP SERIES FINAL: 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW \$20,000 OR NOT AVERAGING \$1,500 PER START IN 2024 (MIN 10 STARTS). NO ALLOWANCES, 28.4, 57.2, 1:25.4, 1:56.3

1-Hazee Coast (gr,g,4 - All Bets Off-Pantecostal-No Pan Intended) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 40-8-6-4, \$60,690 O-Douglas Wilson, Mark Horner B-Mark & Stephanie Horner T-Michael Horner D-Tyler Borth

 2-Smiles For Miles (b,g,4 - Mcwicked-Smileallthewayhome-Grinfromeartoear)

 O-William Mackay, David Serwatuk, David Clamme
 B-William Mackay, David Serwatuk, Robin Watts
 T-Robert Kyle Fellows
 D-Bob Mcclure

3-Why Wouldnt Ya (b,g,4 - Bettors Delight-P L Hurricane-Jeremes Jet) O-David Brown, Gary Brethour B-David Brown T-David Brown D-James Macdonald

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YONKERS RACEWAY report

Friday's Results:

6, YR, \$17,000, Pace, F&M NW \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5". AE: OPT. CLM ALLOW \$20,000, 28.1, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:55.3, FT

1-Celia B Money (m, 5, Huntsville--Sweet Beholder, by Sweet Lou) \$8,500, \$70,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 59-15-11-8, \$205,161 O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Tyler Buter.

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS

PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Creme Delight (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Creme Fraiche, by Western Hanover) \$4,250, \$25,000 2020 ONT-SEL, Lifetime Record: 98-18-22-11, \$274,813 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr. B-Susan M Zammit, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Morning Has Broken (m, 9, Dali--Honey's Bud Lite, by Park Place) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 143-26-17-29, \$471,448 O-Carmen Iannacone. B-Luc R Ouellette, CA. T-Travis Alexander. D-Matt Kakaley.

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7, YR, \$17,000, Trot, NW \$12,011 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" IN LAST START NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5." AE: OPT. CLM. ALLOW \$20,000, 28.3, 58.2, 1:27.2, 1:57.2, FT

1-Eye Ofa Tiger As (g, 11, Chapter Seven--Cascade As, by Mack Lobell) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 180-47-33-11, \$998,128 O-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Jordan Stratton.

2-Rodeo Hill (g, 5, Chapter Seven--Caprice Hill, by Kadabra) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 53-10-9-6, \$123,555 O-Never 2 Late Stable & Virgil V Morgan Jr. B-Tom Hill, UK. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-George Brennan.

3-Tachyon (g, 6, Muscle Hill--Ava Marion, by Cantab Hall) \$2,040, \$190,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 99-18-12-11, \$339,177 O-Flatland Racing. B-Little E LLC. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Tyler Buter.

Provide State State Replay **State** Calls: 1H, 2, 1H, 1H, 2Q - Finish Order: Dejerate Hanover, Epos Ostervang Dk, Creative Venture, The Ballykeel Deal, Chinese Whisper N

8, YR, \$19,000, Pace, F&M NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" AE: 3-6 YO F&M NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 28.0, 58.2, 1:26.3, 1:55.1, FT

1-Twist Little Girl N (m, 6, Vincent--Twist N Shout, by Badlands Hanover) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 57-13-5-8, \$132,956 O-David A Dobbelmann. B-Alabar (Nz) LTD, NZ. T-Edwin Quevedo. D-Yannick Gingras.

2-Easy To Please (m, 7, Roll With Joe--Lorrie Please, by Western Ideal) \$4,750, \$50,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 108-22-21-14, \$618,523 O-Our Three Sons Stable LLC & Stratton Stable Inc. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Okinawa Beach A (m, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Tori Maguire, by Christian Cullen) \$2,280, Lifetime Record: 119-19-14-20, \$213,000 O-1362313 Ontario LTD, CA. B-Solid Earth Pty LTD, AS. T-Jared Bako. D-Matt Kakaley.

Replay >> Calls: 1H, 1H, 1, HD, HD - Finish Order: Odds On Sara Sara, Ultimate Speed, Two Pistol Annie, Mcmarkle Sparkle, Lucky Artist A



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9, YR, \$19,000, Trot, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW 10,000 L5." AE: 3-6 YO NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 28.1, 58.4, 1:27.3, 1:57.2, FT

1-Tipsy Moni (m, 5, International Moni--Seaside, by Yankee Glide)\$9,500, \$23,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 62-26-6-6, \$513,952O-Ben R Mondello & Fac Racing LLC & Yannick Gingras.B-Sergent Stables LLC.T-Per Engblom.D-Yannick Gingras.

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2-Windsong Pioneer (g, 9, E L Titan--Early Secret, by Earl) \$4,750, Lifetime Record: 179-31-26-19, \$389,976 O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-William H & Paulette C Loyens, CA. T-Paul Stafford. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Saint K (g, 7, Sebastian K S--Mauresmo, by Windsong's Legacy) \$2,280, \$10,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 120-25-19-20, \$272,332 O-Angela Cornell & Tessie Esry. B-Hayley A & James Arnold Moore. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan.

Replay Calls: 5, 3T, 1, NS, 2H - Finish Order: Ferretti, Infinity Stone, Hand Dover Dan, Howlingathemoon Dk

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

CAL EXPO report

Saturday's Results:

5, CalX, \$20,000, Pace, California Sire Stakes Four Year Old Fillies, M, 28.0, 56.4, 1:26.0, 1:55.3, FT

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

1-Overthemoonforyou (m, 4, Karpathian Kid--Moon Rising, by Dragon Again) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 31-8-2-5, \$38,372

O-Qks Racing. B-Bred Winr Stables & Daniel G Roland. T-Quentin Schneider. D-Aaron Lehman.

2-Little Miss Boss (m, 4, Special Forces--Her Own Art, by Arturo) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 21-1-7-2, \$36,848 O-Stephen J Chambers & Kathleen A Plested. B-Laurene M Krueger. T-Kathleen Plested. D-Luke Plano.

3-Senorita Draco (m, 4, Custard The Dragon--Mrs Noce, by Camluck) \$2,400, \$35,000 2022 ASHA, Lifetime Record: 29-5-7-5, \$57,108

O-David A Dobbelmann & Cathy J Dessert. B-Surdale Farms LTD, CA & Allan B Neurauter, CA. T-Darryl Cutting. D-Brett Erickson.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1T, 1T, 3, 8H - Finish Order: Over Ice, Another Tuff Woman, Tjb Secreharriet, Apple Juice, Heart Of Art

NORTHFIELD PARK report

Saturday's Results:

11, Nfld, \$16,500, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN II HANDICAP, 29.3, 1:01.0, 1:31.3, 2:01.4, GD

1-Santastic Cruiser (m, 5, Yankee Cruiser--Santastic's Filly, by The Panderosa) \$8,250, \$23,000 2021 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 89-20-10-15, \$168,988 O-Jessica E Millner & Andrew E Coblentz & John R Picinich. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Jessica Millner. D-Elliott Deaton.

Midland Acres Another Midland Acres Bred Winner! Midla

2-Kat (m, 8, He's Watching--Atlantic Seelster, by Jereme's Jet) \$4,125, \$36,000 2018 LONDON, Lifetime Record: 153-23-25-28, \$395,817 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Hunter Myers.

3-Dry Creek Princess (m, 4, Tellitlikeitis--True Shooter, by Sand Shooter) \$1,980, Lifetime Record: 21-5-1-4, \$38,742 O-Steven L Walden. B-Steven L Walden. T-Robert Taylor. D-Kevin Lambright.

PREPLAY Calls: Q. 1Q, 1Q, H, 1 - Finish Order: Kant Katch Kenzie, Face The Shadows, Sectionlineseaside, Tonianne, Im Offngone N



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WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK report

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$11,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.2, 58.2, 1:28.3, 1:56.4

1-Mood Control (b,g,3 - Control The Moment-Shadow World-Shadow Play) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$18,650

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

TARA-HILLS Another CONTROL THE MOMENT Winner! TARA-HILLS Stud PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Smokin Hot Scott (b,c,3 - Cattlewash-Four Starz Horndog-Four Starzzz Shark) O-Robert Robinson B-Winbak Farm T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Travis Cullen

3-Longshot Panic (b,g,4 - Betterthancheddar-Drift Panic-Shadow Play) O-Wayne Smith B-Brian Paguet T-Wayne Smith D-Jody Jamieson

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2, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace, PREFERRED, 27.2, 57.1, 1:27.0, 1:53.3

1-Jabberwocky (b,g,6 - Hes Watching-Art Sale-Artsplace) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 92-16-17-18, \$372,320 O-Rick Zeron Stables, James Walker, Johnny Marvento, Earn It To Burn It Stable B-Am Bloodstock Inc T-Richard Zeron D-Trevor Henry

2-Poseidon Seelster (b,g,8 - Sunshine Beach-Porsche Seelster-Artistic Fella) O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Donald Lindsey D-Bob Mcclure

3-Powertrain (b,g,7 - Shadow Play-Mmillion Blue Chip-Rock N Roll Heaven) O-Millar Farms B-Millar Farms T-Nick Gallucci D-Tyler Jones

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3, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, NW \$16,750 (ON SIRED \$21,500) LIFETIME, 26.4, 56.3, 1:27.2, 1:56.3

1-Spindoctor Hanover (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Sympathy Hanover-Cams Card Shark) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 19-4-4-5, \$28,353 O-David Mercer, Wayne Mcgean B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Joseph Macisaac D-Tyler Borth



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

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

3-Settheworldonfire (b,g,3 - Cattlewash-Firestorm-Shadow Play)

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

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4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, NW \$8,600 LAST 5 STARTS OR \$14,250 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: N/A \$1,610 P/S IN 2024-25. AE: NW \$100 IN 2025. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000, 27.1, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:54.4

1-Code Cracker (b,g,6 - Sweet Lou-Atsallrite Hanover-Rocknroll Hanover) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 122-18-24-17, \$320,190 O-A1stable B-Burke Racing Stable Llc, Weaver Bruscemi Llc, Michelle Yanek, Phillip Collura T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-Wind Blown (b,g,8 - Mach Three-Wind Warning-Camotion)

O-Douglas & Douglas Polley B-Spring Haven Farm, Douglas Millard T-Anthony Beaton D-Jonathan Drury

3-Rockin N Talkin (b,g,9 - Custard The Dragon-Shes Just Rockin-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-Carolyn Mac Isaac, Laura Toscani B-Surdale Farms Ltd, Allan Neurauter T-Herbert Holland D-Billy Davis

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6, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, NW \$15,500 LAST 5 STARTS OR \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS, 28.0, 59.1, 1:31.1, 2:00.2 1-Diamond Ryder (b,g,4 - Dali-Sambucas Credit-Up The Credit) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 18-1-3-2, \$27,395 O-Jjs Stables B-Jjs Stables T-Katarina Bosnjak D-Tyler Jones 2-Jimmy Hooffa (b,c,3 - Big Jim-Campassion-Camluck) O-Doug & Dennis Belan, Brian Fitzgerald B-Doug & Dennis Belan T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Tyler Borth 3-Wicked Turns (b,c,3 - Mcwicked-Twirlingonthebeach-Somebeachsomewhere) O-Domenic Chiaravalle B-Stephanie Smith-Rothaug T-Anthony Beaton D-Jonathan Drury Replay 7, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$43,550) LIFETIME, 27.3, 56.4, 1:26.0, 1:53.2 1-Codename Cigar Box (br,g,7 - Custard The Dragon-Art Amour-Artsplace) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 139-39-18-19, \$629,213 O-Paul Sanders, A1stable, Ronald Cullen B-Surdale Farms Ltd T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen 2-Speaker Of Peace (b,g,5 - Artspeak-Im All In-Cams Card Shark) O-William Mcclure B-Winbak Farm T-Donald Lindsey D-Bob Mcclure 3-Southside Eddy (br,h,6 - Betterthancheddar-Ainsleynoelle-Jeremes Jet)

O-Aaron Waxman, Brian Livingstone B-Saulsbrook Stables Inc, Rebecca Hamilton T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

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8, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, WINNERS OF 3 BUT NOT MORE THAN 5 RACES OR \$80,500 (OS \$115,000) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS N/A \$370 P/S IN 2025,

1-Watching Sunset (b,h,4 - Hes Watching-Midnight Jet-Jeremes Jet) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 27-4-3-3, \$59,9466 O-Nurko Sokolovic, Craig Barss B-Nurko Sokolovic, Craig Barss T-Craig Barss D-Tyler Borth

2-On Time Delivery (b,q,4 - Jimmy Freight-Troxel Hanover-Badlands Hanover) O-Evans Nation, Hickory Hollow Stables, Engblom Stable Llc B-River Valley Management, Windemere Farms T-Gregg Mcnair D-Trevor Henry

3-Regil Bubb (b,q,4 - Bettors Delight-Regil Hurricane-Sportswriter) O-Meagan Oneil B-Reginald Westgarth T-William Moore D-Andy Moore

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9, Wbs, \$23,000, Pace, WINNERS OF 3 BUT NOT MORE THAN 5 RACES OR \$80,500 (OS \$115,000) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS N/A \$370 P/S IN 2025, 27.2, 57.4, 1:26.1, 1:56.1

1-Sergeant Slaughter (b,g,5 - Big Jim-Minettas Moonbeam-Lusty Leader) \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 34-8-6-6, \$114,829

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

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2-Tobins Chester (b,g,4 - Shanghai Phil-Putnam Mackenzie-Grinfromeartoear) O-Donald Mac Rae B-Wendell Williams T-Jodie Cullen D-Jonathan Drury

3-Overthinking (b,q,4 - Downbytheseaside-Metro Shopping-Metropolitan)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Trent Stohler Stable Inc, Benjamin Graber, Tim Graber T-Carmen Auciello D-Tyler Borth

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10, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$57,250 (OS \$67,500) LIFETIME, 28.4, 1:00.0, 1:30.3, 1:57.1

1-Doctor Cruise (b,g,4 - Somestarsomewhere-Aries Angel-Western Ideal) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 29-8-5-3, \$77,047

O-Husted Racing Llc, John R Schwarz Jr B-Loren Yoder T-Amy Husted D-Kyle Husted

2-Lookinlikeamillion (br,g,4 - Armbro Baylor-Untold Millions-Dealer Takes All) O-Tara & Dr Valerie & George & Garett Isman B-Darryl & Sherri Mason T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Bob Mcclure

3-Beach Cowboy (b,g,5 - American Ideal-Somstreetsomwhere-Somebeachsomewhere) O-Michael Torcello B-Crawford Farms Llc T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

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11, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$10,750 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NOT AVERAGING \$1,550 P/S IN 2024-25, 27.3, 57.3, 1:29.0, 1:58.1

1-Hf Pans Shadow (br,g,5 - Santanna Blue Chip-Hf Gennas Shadow-Glorious Scooter) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 66-11-10-6, \$88,721 O-Ashleigh & Ed Hensley B-Kaitlin Haining T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

2-Booming Economy (b,h,4 - Captaintreacherous-Economy Terror-Western Terror) O-Brad Gray B-Chuck Pompey, Howard Taylor, Edwin Gold T-Corey Giles D-Trevor Henry

3-Premier First Star (br,h,4 - Stay Hungry-Royal Terror-Western Terror) O-Robert Jones B-Dennis Bontrager T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Phillippe Hudon

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