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# O'Donnell: resumption of racing in Ontario can't come soon enough

"People live week to week, so it's been a tough one," said the president of COSA about a two-month province-wide lockdown that is being eased this week to allow horse racing to resume at Mohawk, Western Fair, Rideau and Flamboro.

#### by Dave Briggs



The resumption of horse racing at all four of Ontario's winter tracks this week can't come soon enough for many of the province's horsepeople, said Central Ontario Standardbred Association (COSA) president Bill O'Donnell.

"People live week to week, so it's been a tough one," O'Donnell said.

Racing has been on a two-month hiatus in Ontario due to a COVID-19 province-wide lockdown that is being eased, slightly, in the regions where Woodbine Mohawk Park, Flamboro Downs, Rideau Carleton Raceway and The Raceway at The Western Fair District are located.

Though Ontario Racing was able to successfully lobby for unused purse money to be distributed to those that have been racing in the province recently, O'Donnell said that money, while greatly appreciated, doesn't stretch that far. The fund allocated \$300 per horse for December and \$1,000 per horse for January.

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"The \$1,000 a month, that at least takes care of the horse if you do it bare bones and you're not using a vet much or have extra expenses other than feeding them and training them, but that doesn't feed the people," O'Donnell said. "If you have owners that can pay their bills, that can keep them afloat a little bit. I've heard some farms are giving the trainers breaks with rent and stuff, but how long can that go on?

"I think a lot of horses get sold to the United States, too. Hopefully that doesn't hurt our horse population too badly, but it's hard to tell from the first day's draw. That will show up in a couple of weeks if that's the case."

This is the second time racing has been halted in Ontario due to a COVID-19 lockdown. Last year, when the pandemic first took hold, racing was halted from March 20 to June 5. Once it returned, though, strict adherence to safety protocols allowed horse racing to continue unabated without any outbreaks at any of the province's tracks — standardbred, thoroughbred or quarter horse.

"We were as careful as you could be. There were guards there patrolling and watching you to make sure you put your mask up. I think everybody, for the most part, realized the consequences if you didn't... We did it right and we weren't to blame for this shutdown," O'Donnell said, adding that now is not the time for people to let their guard down.

"We've got to remain vigilant," he said of the need to strictly follow safety rules.

Both The Raceway at The Western Fair District in London and Rideau Carleton Raceway in Ottawa will resume racing on Tuesday (Feb. 16). Woodbine Mohawk Park in Campbellville will hold its first card of 2021 on Thursday (Feb. 18). Flamboro Downs in Hamilton will resume racing on Sunday (Feb. 21).

As per the provincial government's restrictions, spectators are not permitted at any of the tracks at this time. Only those performing essential duties relating to the operating of live horse racing are currently permitted onsite.







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# Need demand for your betting product? Manufacture it

The recent success of Pompano Park is proof some simple, inexpensive changes can drive handle.

#### by Dean Towers

A lot of people believe Henry Ford invented the motor car, but that would be incorrect. In 1908, Ford took the motor car – invented, designed and innovated by Maybach, Diamler, Benz and many others – and made it marketable.

By 1909, Ford was producing as many Model T's as he could make. He was loaning money to employees to purchase cars (the first ever employee purchase plans) and each day worked to produce a cheaper, better product. Ford really didn't invent anything at all, he just used what was given to him by others to manufacture demand, and to sell a product.

In harness racing, I believe, things are not much different. This sport races horses around in a circle that you and I watch and wager on. Sure, there have been innovations in bikes, equipment, and how the sport delivers itself to bettors and fans, but it is essentially the same sport it was a hundred years ago.

So, how does one increase demand for an old sport that everyone knows? In my view, you achieve it like Henry Ford did – you manufacture it.

It's no secret Pompano Park has had some serious success driving handle the last few seasons. And some of the numbers border on the unbelievable:

- · It is handling around \$100,000 *per race*, versus \$175,000 *per race card* a handful of years ago.
- · It drew a record \$51,000 handle in a (non-carryover) Pick 5 last month.
- $\cdot$  Its carryover wagers drive massive handle, some with over \$200,000 of new money.

Some of this clearly has to do with the lack of competition,

but this is immense success, especially since (flipping the narrative) the truth does matter. So, forgive me in advance.

Pompano has not driven this handle by what one might think.

The Pompano feed is from when Tears for Fears topped the charts. The audio of Gabe Prewitt and John Berry on the handicapping show reminds me of two tin cans with a string attached. I was handicapping a race the other day and one of the drivers had some excellent stats — on a fair circuit in 1974. I bet on a horse last week that I saw go through the sales ring when the younger Bush was president.

Pompano is not King of the Handle World by being flashy, having a HD signal, selling sizzle, or having the grandstand filled with millennials with fancy hats. It's been a whole other reason: Like Henry Ford, they've manufactured their demand.

- · Pompano's betting menu is simple and user friendly and it's slim enough to drive enough handle to encourage play in the multis.
- Their 12 per cent juice Pick 4 (created long ago; kudos to Mr. Yinger) is something they've stuck with, resisting calls to raise it.
- The addition (manufacture) of a Pick 6 at 50 cents, not 20 cents, encourages a carryover on almost a nightly basis, which they can sell.
- They offer free programs so if people have nothing to do, they can easily play along.

If you're a player and you want something to play, Pompano gives you an out.

This, in my view, emblemizes that there's an opportunity for every track in harness racing. What Pompano has done to create new demand is not the only mix that works. There are other things this sport can do; many which have never been tried. Tracks need to work tirelessly to manufacture demand, and not worry about failure. As Pompano proves, the glass is half full.

**Note** - Pompano has a Pick 5 carryover tonight (Feb. 14) beginning in race one, with a sequence that includes several amateur races. If interested, tune in and watch the Pick 5 betting pool size. It's not sizzle or TV commercials, it's purely manufactured demand.





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# Fred Grant on a lifetime of working with the greats

One of the few living people who worked for both Stanley Dancer and Billy Haughton, Grant carved out a successful career with the likes of Cambest, Handle With Care, Silent Majority and many human legends of the game.

#### by Murray Brown

If you asked Fred Grant what the greatest thrill of his life was, you'd probably be surprised at the answer.

One might think it was Cambest's time trial record of 1:46.1 which lasted almost 25 years; being the leading trainer at The Meadowlands in its heyday in 1984; being one of the few trainers who won over 500 races at The Meadowlands, winning a \$500,000 race and several ones for \$300,000 and numerous other horse exploits. You would be wrong. It has nothing to do with horses.

Grant has been friends with Eddie Johnson (EJ), former NHL goalkeeper, Pittsburgh Penguins coach and general manager and now an advisor for the Pens for many years. EJ has been one of Grant's closest and dearest friends for over 30 years.

One day in 1990 when the Pens were in town to play the Devils, Johnson called Grant the evening before and invited him to dinner and to watch a hockey game at the Red Robin. Grant gladly accepted, but said that he'd be late because he had two in the Daily Double and was going to win with both. He did and the boys bet on them.

At dinner, EJ invited Grant to the Penguins' practice the next morning and told him to bring his skates.

Through the years, Grant had befriended quite a few NHLers and it wasn't unusual for him to participate in skate arounds on the mornings of hockey games.

He did so this morning. At the end of the session. Ron Francis, came to him and asked if he was up for a three on three match, the losers would pay for lunch. Grant could pick the teams. Grant chose Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr as his

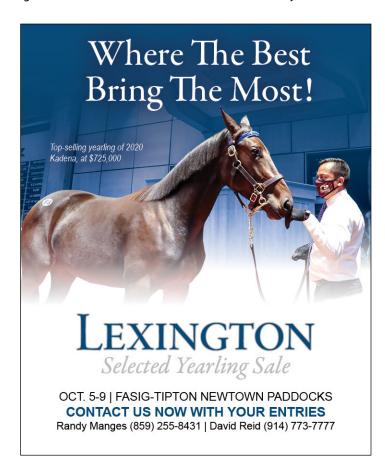


linemates to go against Francis, Martin Straka and a rookie who's name escapes him. Tom Bourasso was the goaltender. Francis said Grant was in the wrong profession. He should have been an NHL general manager.

Needless to say, Grant's line didn't pay for lunch.

Frederick Charles Grant was born in North Sydney, NS 70 years ago.

He didn't have much of a harness racing background, although his uncle had a \$1,000 horse that he trained and raced at Tartan Downs. Hockey was his real passion in his youth. To some lesser degree, it still remains so. His uncle, John Coleman, Grant's mom's brother, was probably the greatest influence on both his horse and hockey careers.



At the age of 18, together with his mom, who was training to become a teacher, Fred moved to Truro to play junior hockey and so his mom could attend school.

In Truro, Fred became acquainted with harness personality Gus Ratchford for whom he groomed horses while playing junior hockey for the Truro Bearcats.

While working for Ratchford, he also got his USTA driver's license after passing the test administered by Glen Scargil. Back then, one did not need anything other than to pass the written test to get a driver's license. That was the first time he had met Scargil. They have been friends ever since. Scargil, in later years, worked with Fred as a second trainer.

Fred won the first race in which he participated, with a horse called Sleepless Knight in 2.11.1h. It was the very first time he had been behind a starting gate.

After two years in Truro, his junior eligibility ran out. He had several hockey scholarship offers but made the decision to pursue a career in harness racing rather than to continue with his schooling. He had been injured fairly badly in his last year of hockey and decided that a career in racing held greater promise for him than one in hockey.

The best place to begin was at the top, so he went to Pompano Park in November of 1971, where at the time most of the top Grand Circuit Stables were in training.

Several Maritimers were working for Stanley Dancer, so Fred decided to approach Dancer for a job. He was hired and was given two Overtrick fillies owned by Taney Rainbow Farms to take care of. His plan was to gain the needed experience, stay with Dancer until it was time to ship north and then return to Nova Scotia and pursue his ambition to become a great trainer/driver.

Two weeks before the stable was to ship north, Fred gave two weeks' notice to Stanley's assistant Peewee Welch.

"I'll tell the boss," said Welch.

Fred was told that Dancer wanted to see him at feed time that afternoon.

Fred thought to himself, "He's pissed off. He's going to fire me right now."

Fred presented himself at Dancer's office that afternoon expecting the worst. Instead, Dancer told him. "Joe Wideman (Stanley's best groom and one of the most renowned grooms ever) is taking care of Albatross and Silent Majority. When we go North, Joe is going on the road with Albatross. I'd like you to do the same with Silent Majority."

Fred asked Dancer for a few days to think it over. Dancer complied. Fred was told by many that he'd be crazy to turn



that offer down. Silent Majority, together with Strike Out, were going to be the top 3-year-old pacing colts that year. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Fred said yes.

Silent Majority was as advertised. He was one of the top 3 year olds of that season.

In mid-season, Silent Majority was moved from Dancer's stable to that of Billy Haughton and Fred went with him. Fred thinks he knows the reason for the move, but isn't about to discuss it.

A significant rivalry, occasionally bordering on vicious, developed between the Canadian camps of Silent Majority and Strike Out. Much of the fuel was poured on the fire by publicist, Albert Trottier, a dedicated member of the Silent Majority camp.

Both colts were wonderful and raced to expectations.

The plan was to race Silent Majority at 4. Fred went to winter training at Pompano with him together with a cheap Meadow Skipper filly that Haughton had purchased for the Livermans. As well intended plans are sometimes wont to do, this evaporated when Silent Majority came up dead lame one day. He had broken a coffin bone. His racing career was over.

The "cheap filly" that Fred was left with was Handle With

Care. She went 17-for-17 as a 2-year-old. Fred took her on the road, mostly racing in Canada, and often training her when Haughton was not in proximity or available.

The next winter, Fred was elevated to second trainer status in the Haughton operation with the understanding that come race time, he would take Handle With Care on the road again, this time mostly as her trainer in addition to being her groom.

He did that and even raced her once — her only defeat that season, Fred said, ruefully.

My remembrance of the young Fred Grant was of a rather cocky young fella. Weren't we all? But, as opposed to many, he had significant reasons to be so.

In my mind's eye, my abiding memory of Freddy was the evening of Handle With Care's world record at The Red Mile. He was nattily dressed in a white suit with a red handkerchief in his pocket strutting the pavilion at Tattersalls that evening as though he owned the world. I guess he did.

Encouraged by the Livermans and several other Canadian owners, Fred decided to go on his own that fall.

He stayed in Canada training at Blue Bonnets for a couple of years, with decent, but not overwhelming success.

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The turning point came when he decided to winter in Florida at Spring Garden Ranch.

He had several good horses there including Señor Skipper a near free-for-aller and several really good pacing fillies.

He recalls taking four fillies to Greenwood Raceway that summer and racing each in a filly division of the Canadian Juvenile Circuit. Three of them were winners with Freddy driving. A newspaper man came around the paddock asking, "Who's this Fred Grant?". He was told, "You'll find him in the winner's circle."

Before going any further, I need to say that in addition to Fred and I being good friends for decades, I've owned small pieces of horses in his stable for the last several years. We speak often. Unfortunately, the several conversations that we had leading to this column were done while Fred was in the midst of recovering from a fairly severe case of COVID-19.

#### Let's start there, Fred. How are you feeling?

"Much better than I was. On Wednesday, February 3, I was so sick that I was afraid I wasn't going to live. Anybody that trivializes this sickness is crazy. By Thursday, I was feeling slightly better. On Friday, I was feeling worse. My doctor told me to meet him at the hospital the next morning. They treated me with Regeneron, the same treatment they used on Trump. This treatment normally costs \$12,000. Fortunately it was covered by Medicare. I was allowed to get it because of a serious pre-existing condition. Each day since then, I've been feeling slightly better. I'm scheduled to get a COVID test by the end of the week. If it's negative, I'll be released from quarantine. After that, it's one day at a time without rushing. Fortunately for me, the owners and the horses, Meegan and my dear friend Tommy Jackson, are running the show. The horses are in good hands while I'm not there."

Fred, you are one of the few living people, maybe the only one who has worked for any extended time for two of the sport's greatest legends Stanley Dancer and Billy Haughton. Tell us about them and your experience with them.

"They were both great, but in different ways. Stanley was probably more intense and set in his ways than Billy. If a horse wasn't up to his standards, Stanley would generally find it a new home or stop with it. Billy would rarely give up on one. He liked to fiddle and change things. Sometimes, he found the solution, other times he didn't. They were both great people and great horsemen. It was a privilege to have worked for them."

You've been involved with many drivers through the years. How would you rate them? "Maybe O'Donnell by a hair over Campbell at their best. It's really hard to distinguish between those two. You could put their names in a hat and draw one or the other's name and you wouldn't lose anything. Right behind them in numerical order I'd put Keith Waples, Michel Lachance and Walter Case, Jr. There have been and are many great drivers since, but those were the ones I grew up with and knew the best."

#### How about trainers?

"1. Billy Haughton. 2. Chuck Sylvester. 3. Jimmy Takter. 4. Ray and Larry Remmen. 5. Jimmy Campbell.

"Maybe Sylvester and Campbell wouldn't be on everybody's list, but they sure are on mine. In addition to being great horsemen who have come up with top horses year after year, they are both wonderful guys and good friends. Even today, when I run into a problem with a horse, I will call Chuck to get his opinion."

You've trained horses for a bunch of terrific owners. Let's talk about some of them.

#### Irving and Herb Liverman

"They put me on the map. They were wonderful people who had a great deal of confidence in a young kid who maybe didn't know as much as he thought he did. They did well and made money, but they put most of the money they



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made right back into the game. Irving is gone, but his son Herbie stills maintains a strong position in both breeding and racing horses. Both of them were excellent businessmen."

#### **Alan Leavitt**

"I don't know exactly how many years I've trained horses for Alan, but it's been a long time. As bright a person as has ever been in the business. There was a time when he was way ahead of everyone else. He has been very kind to me through the years. Any horses that he sent to me were raised right and looked the part. He could accept both good and the bad."

#### Russell Williams

"I consider him to be the most loyal guy that ever owned horses. Through the years he and I have become exceptionally good friends. He has great confidence in me and my judgment. He has told me that if I ever want to geld one of his, to discuss it with him after the operation has been performed. Someday, I hope to get him the great horse that he truly deserves."

#### Richard Finklestein

"He has been a godsend to me. He came to me through his friendship with another great guy Stave Katz. He buys a couple of top-bred trotters for me to train each year. We've had some luck, but not enough, commensurate with how good a person he is."

#### Seth Rosenfeld

"Another great guy for whom I've had horses a long time. Seth is one of the smartest guys I've ever been associated with. When one of his horses races, he knows all about it even before I've had a chance to call him. Seth can watch and analyze a horse race as well as anybody ever. We had a lot of fun with a Florida-bred 2-year-old who made us some money this year."

Let's talk about some of the better horses you've had.

#### Cambest

"As wonderful a horse as ever lived. When you interviewed Bill O'Donnell some time ago, he said that for a given distance Cambest had more speed than any horse that ever lived. He was right. If he had good feet, Lord only knows how great he would have been. His record of 1:46.1 stood for almost 25 years. When we went to buy him at Harrisburg, one of his owners David Cytrynbaum, who many people know as Mister C, told me to buy him. I asked him how high we should go. Mister C said, 'Didn't I tell you to buy him?'"

#### **Silent Majority**

"He was my first top horse and I was lucky to be entrusted with him. He was a perfect racehorse, but off the track he could be a handful. He had somewhat of a nasty streak, and you had to be careful around him. I'm not one to speak of breeding, but I was kind of surprised that he turned out to be as good a sire and had such a profound influence on the breed through Abercrombie and Artsplace."

#### **Handle With Care**

"How lucky was I to first get Silent Majority and then have him immediately followed by Handle With Care? She was, for sure, the greatest filly I've ever been around. But as good as she was on the racetrack, she could be somewhat cranky off of it. One day I was adjusting her blanket. She turned around, grabbed me and picked me up and lifted me off the ground. She did cause some damage. I had scars on my back from that episode for over 10 years. When she was 3, WRH sent me on the road with her. I was pretty much in charge. I entered her to race, arranged her shipping, trained her most of the time and oversaw her shoeing and vet care. Of course, I was in contact with Billy who was still the boss and showed up to drive her. Here's a story that shows how great a person Billy Haughton was. In December, after her 3-year-old season, Billy asked me if I was going home to Nova Scotia for



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Christmas. I told him I was. 'Be sure to stop by and see me before you leave,' he said. I did and he wrote me a check for five per cent of her earnings for the year. 'All I did was show up to drive her,' he said. 'You were her trainer. You deserve to be paid the five per cent a trainer gets."

#### **Guts**

"Here's a funny story. The horse was involved in a partnership dispute. It went to court. One afternoon I was taking a nap and the phone rang. A guy said he was the judge adjudicating the Guts matter. He said that the court's decision was that the horse was to be trained by me until such time as he could be sold at public auction. I knew when I was being taken for a ride and I said, 'Which one of you F----s is this? Campbell or O'Donnell?' It turned out that it was neither. It was really the judge. Our conversation was being heard in the courtroom. The judge took it all in good humor. I got the horse and prepped him for the sale. Before the sale, Billy O said, 'Buy him.' I asked him how much to go he said, 'Just buy him.' We bought him for \$205,000. Before I left the sale, I had at least 10 people who wanted to buy a part of him. He was well named. He was a big, strong horse who always wanted to win. He couldn't leave too well, but he always managed to be near or at the finish line when the race was over."

#### **Boomer Drummond**

"He was undoubtedly one of the better horses with which I was ever associated. He was a real freak. He didn't have much pedigree, but could he ever go fast. Jean Paul Charron was his trainer and Mel Hartman was his owner. They would send him to me to race in the winter and they'd race him in Canada the warmer part of the year. He won the Presidential Final two years in a row. He got me into real trouble with John Campbell one year. In the leg prior to the final he had the 11-hole and got boxed in from beginning to end. I felt the competition did a real job on him. But that's racing. The next week was the final. A reporter from *Sports Eye* called me and asked me what I thought of his chances in the final. I said that if he drew decently he'd be tough to beat. The next

day the headline in *Sports Eye* said, 'Grant says Boomer Drummond can't lose.' Was John ever hot. 'You can't say things like that,' he said. I tried to tell him that wasn't what I said, but he wouldn't buy it. In the winner's circle I told John, 'I quess I was right.' I won't repeat what he answered.

## Are there any other ones that you trained that you'd care to mention?

"Mark Ford bought Gallo Blue Chip from Chris Oakes after his 2-year-old season, he sent him to me to prep for his coming year. The rest is history. I had Shamballa at 2 and 3 and sent him to Rick Zeron to race in Canada where he became a pretty consistent free-for-aller.

"I had Tejano before Russell Williams gave him to Per Eriksson to race. He ended up winning the World Trotting Derby at DuQuoin. He was as nice a horse as I ever trained."

#### What's the best piece of advice that you've ever received?

"I was doing alright, far from great, but alright. I had about a dozen horses. Billy O asked me what my plans were for that winter. I told him that I intended to go to Florida like I'd been doing, spend the winter down there and race up north in the spring. Billy told me to get rid of all but my five best horses and stay up north and race at The Meadowlands. Surprisingly, this hardhead took his advice and stayed. That five head grew to 15, then to 35, 30 and as much as 55, until, at one time, I had the most powerful stable on the grounds."

#### What does the future hold for Frederick Charles Grant?

"I'm obviously not as young nor as physically adept as I once was. But I still have the fire within me. I'm up early and at the stable every day. I'm still looking for the next great horse. I work as hard as I ever did. I expect to be the same until I draw my last breath."

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#### Micah Burkholder enjoying Shake It Mary's success at Miami Valley

#### by James Platz

When trotting mare Shake It Mary hit the market last November, Micah Burkholder did not hesitate to add the then-4-year-old to his roster of racehorses. Trained by Sherif Cunmulaj for Burkholder's Rushcreek Stables, the Dontyouforgetit—Marigot Express mare is in the midst of a four-race win streak at Miami Valley Raceway, the most recent triumph coming Friday (Feb. 12) in the latest round of the Howard Beissinger Memorial Medley. Shake It Mary and driver Dan Noble won by half a length over favored Compelling in a time of 1:57.

"Anytime you buy a racehorse, you don't know how long they are going to race or if the purchase is going to be a good one. She's been awesome. Obviously, my dream has always been to own a good trotter. So far, she's done pretty well," said Burkholder. "I'm not saying she's as good a trotter as there is, but she's been awesome so far."



Prior to her sale, Shake It Mary raced out of the Kim Dailey barn, with Dailey and Paul Thiesing sharing ownership. Under Dailey's guidance, the trotter collected 15 wins and accumulated earnings of just under \$110,000. Burkholder's interest in the mare, however, dated back to when she passed through the sale ring at the 2017 Blooded Horse Pre-Jug sale.

"I saw her sell as a yearling and I thought she was king of an interesting cross with the Cantab (Hall) on the top and Dream Vacation on the bottom side. Dream Vacation, you see that a lot on the dam's side. Chapter Seven, he's out of a Dream Vacation mare," said Burkholder.

Since moving to the Cunmulaj barn in late November, Shake It Mary has rewarded her new connections with a string of top finishes. The mare closed out 2020 with five starts under the Rushcreek Stables banner, missing a check



Brad Conrad

Shake It Mary (Dan Noble) winning the \$12,5000 leg of the Beissinger Medley on Feb. 5 at Miami Valley.

only once while registering a win, two runner-up performances and a third-place effort. After trotting third in her 2021 debut, Shake It Mary has reeled off four straight, including two wins in the Beissinger Medley. In the first round, the 5-year-old covered the five-eighths distance in 1:11 as the favorite, victorious by nearly two lengths. Over her last 10 starts, the mare has banked \$40,664.

"The last couple of races she has raced on the front end, but she's a good come-from-behind horse, which I say cheers to Kim and Bill and how they produce horses," Burkholder said. "They raced her in the non-winners and schooled her as a racehorse and taught her how to be a racehorse. She can race on the front or she can race from behind."

Burkholder, 31, does not have an extensive background in harness racing and admits that Shake It Mary is one of his better acquisitions to date. He has always enjoyed a love of horses, training his first pony as a first grader. His involvement included riding horses at first, but he has purchased standardbreds no longer fit for the racetrack and sold them in the Amish community as buggy horses. The first horse to race for his Rushsylvania-based Rushcreek Stables was the pacing mare Brian's Magic Girl. Purchased in May of her 5-year-old season, she took her 1:54.2 mark at Scioto Downs that summer and earned over \$30,000 in 2017 during a six-month span. That purchase turned out to be the springboard for Burkholder, who now pursues harness racing with a goal of eventually making it his full-time occupation.

"I'm obviously invested for the long haul. I enjoy the horses and I've always dreamed of being able to just focus on the horses," he said. "To me, just because something is a dream, it doesn't mean it happens right away. Maybe it doesn't happen for another 10 or 15 years."

Burkholder has other irons in the fire away from the racetrack. He owns a window and door business, which serves as his "day job," and he spent 15 years in construction before that, working alongside his brother. Still, he already invested significantly in the racing and breeding industry. He owns all or part of 18 broodmares, with 12 yearlings from the band going to auction this fall. With another dozen horses in training, Burkholder is working a plan in hopes of making his dream a reality.

Now, Burkholder is enjoying the success of Shake It Mary, who be considered one of the favorites in the \$25,000 Beissinger championship, to be contested at a distance of one and one-quarter



Brad Conrad

Micah Burkholder (far right, next to Dan Noble) after Shake It Mary's Feb. 5 victory.

miles. He has purchased horses in the past that never panned out on the track. When he acquired the mare, he did not know what the future held, but he knew he had a broodmare prospect. She has turned out to be much more.

"I purchased her, and my thought was that if she didn't work to race, to me she crosses well with a Muscle Hill son. She crossed well to anything, really, with the Cantab and Dream Vacation," he said. "It's a game, and you play, and sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. The horse business as a whole, I enjoy the people and I enjoy the whole process. The good ones like her are what keep your interest there. If you make a decision and it turns out to be a good one, those are the wins."



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#### Time for revenge?

#### by Thomas Hedlund

Revenge is a word that can be used from more than one perspective when two of the sport's top trotters return to battle in today's (Feb. 14) \$485,000 Prix de France at Vincennes.

Will Davidson du Pont get his revenge on Face Time Bourbon from the Prix d'Amérique or will Face Time Bourbon claim his second Grand Prix win in 2021 by defeating last year's Prix de France winner Davidson du Pont?

Nine trotters will gather behind the gate of Vincennes' car, and Face Time Bourbon was lucky with the draw since he will start from post 2 paired with Björn Goop, who actually is suspended (eight days) after his interference on Davidson du Pont in the Prix d'Amérique two weeks ago. In events of this quality, drivers get an exemption for the specific race and Goop will do his best to defeat Davidson du Pont with Sébastien Guarato's talented trainee Face Time Bourbon.

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- 1. Romanesque Christophe Martens
- 2. Face Time Bourbon Björn Goop
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2011 - Ready Cash - Franck Nivard

2012 — Royal Dream — Jean Philippe Dubois

2013 - Ready Cash - Franck Nivard

2014 - Noras Bean - Björn Goop

2015 – Timoko – Björn Goop

2016 - Bold Eagle - Franck Nivard

2017 - Bold Eagle - Franck Nivard

2018 — Belina Josselyn — Jean-Michel Bazire

2019 - Readly Express - Björn Goop

2020 - Davidson du Pont - Jean-Michel Bazire

#### **Strong effort from Green Grass**

Sébastien Guarato-trained **Green Grass** (Bold Eagle) performed very strongly when the \$121,000 Prix Jean le Gondiec for 5-year-olds was held at Vincennes racetrack on Thursday afternoon (Feb. 11).

Mathieu Mottier opted position first over with Green Grass and leader Golden Mary tried to defend himself throughout the last turn, but outside trotter Green Grass was too tough this day.

Green Grass was early one of the best French-bred trotters in the G-crop and she won the \$205,000 Criterium des Jeunes as a 3-year-old.

On Saturday afternoon (Feb. 13), Vincennes presented a great race card with the \$121,000 Prix Ephrem Houel for 4-year-old colts as the most prestigious race. Jean Michel Baudouin-trained **Hirondelle Sibey** (Gazouillis) collected her second victory for the season paired with Eric Raffin.

Hirondelle Sibey came from an impressive win in the \$121,000 Prix Charles Tiercelin during the Prix d'Amérique day in Paris and she followed up by winning on Saturday afternoon.

Hirondelle Sibey was taken safely when the start went off in the 2,850-meter race and Eric Raffin found third over eventually. Raffin played out his cards midway into the race when he put Hirondelle Sibey into speed gear and the duo came to the lead with a kilometer to go. From the lead, the favorite in the race was too hard to beat for the opponents and she came home in a mile rate of 1:59.4 over 1.7 miles.





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# Force pacing and trotting into futurity, Part 2

#### by Frank Cotolo

Surely, no visionary in any cultural area can thrive to improve or at the very least attempt at change without an all-out battle with tradition. As well, other forces are in play as 2021 launches. As we explored in Part 1 (full story here ), the Covid-19 pandemic, still in progress as I write this, is placing historic pressure on tradition. What might the past teach us?

Let me make a case for the invention of the electric guitar by recalling what happened to jazz bands after the pandemic of 1918. When popular music returned to the stage in the early '20s, jazz bands continued to include a guitar in their musician roster. It was the usual acoustic guitar as was present in pre-pandemic groups. Among the blaring trumpets, trombones, drums, saxophones, clarinets, etcetera, the acoustic guitar was inundated by all other sounds the band created. It was rendered useless, a knick-knack—a traditional element with zero input.

It took 20 years and a visionary to solve the problem of making a guitar functional in a brass-dominated ensemble. By the 1940s, guitars had no form of amplification. Then, along came someone who insisted the guitar needed to be heard no matter what the normalcy of orchestration valued for decades.

According to reputable sources, from the 1920s through the 1930s various unfamiliar guitarists dabbled with the idea of building an electric guitar using an amplified device. Flaws in construction of such an instrument continually suppressed a working model. Then, someone solved the problem.

His name was Les Paul. He is responsible for inventing the solid-body electric guitar. It was 1940. Paul, an inventor and musician by nature valued his instrument so much, he knew when it could be heard prominently it could compete with brass and percussion instruments and even thrive on its own. That vision became a global alteration of the community of music, which became an industry, which, of course, would never return to its traditional role as a minor performing element.

#### THINK ABOUT IT

Somewhere out there are people that love harness racing and care to realize what can prevent it from fading into a future offering worse than extinction—a future of mediocrity. Such people, who are not afraid of tradition, should be brought together to exchange, merge and contribute, without censorship, new ideas and concepts.

How about an international think tank? The various standardbred community associations around the world could support a symposium allowing for an exchange of ideas to improve pari-mutuel racing. Any and all ideas may be voiced; ideas that may sound outrageous; ideas that include protocols created for a post-pandemic landscape; ideas that could survive another pandemic (the odds of there being one, according to most scientists, are better than odds-on).

Think tanks are the theaters of the possible. They attract philosophers, gamers, sports buffs and gamblers of all ages; those who believe nothing is impossible — at least to suppose — because their hearts and minds tell them to abandon "sacred" elements for the sake of survival and growth.

An international meeting of the minds would address binary changes in pari-mutuel racing—the style of the actual racing, so that it is more exciting to watch (improved as a spectator sport) and the mechanics of how the audience can wager. Sub-topics would pop up and be tossed around as appropriate.

Think tank participants discuss topics from their down-and-dirty definitions and freely add random aspects and components to them. As an example for horse racing, the definition is: Horses race in a circle attempting to be the one ahead of the rest at the circle's end. From there, thinkers build on the definition using the necessary elements (people drive or ride the horses); the circle's distance and surface can differ; and so on and so forth until new specifics are introduced.

From the sublime to the ridiculous, every new element is expressed. What if the horses begin at different points in the circle to give advantages to the lesser talented? What if the track surface is iridescent dirt — for decorative purposes? What if each driver/jockey wore a tiny cam on his or her helmet so people watching on a TV monitor or digital-device screen could follow the horse they wagered upon? What if this and what if that...

Then, the second topic: What could make horse racing more exciting to wager upon? What if there was a wager called "The Winning Streak Seven" (or Eight or Nine ...)? Bettors are rewarded for how many straight winners they bet upon instead of in a Pick 3, 4, 5 or 6 where the big pot (carryover or not) is split with consolations or one player who identifies all correctly?

In Part 3, another visionary in sports cracks through the glass ceiling of America's national pastime, changing it for the better forever.





# FEBRUARY 15TH

#### PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP XXXVIII

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

#### ARMBRO FLIGHT

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

#### **CANADIAN PACING DERBY**

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

#### CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC

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

#### CASUAL BREEZE

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

#### ELEGANTIMAGE

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

#### ETERNAL CAMNATION

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

#### **FAN HANOVER**

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

#### GOODTIMES

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

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#### **METRO PACE**

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

#### MIITON

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

#### NASSAGAWEYA

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

#### PEACEFUL WAY

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

#### **ROSES ARE RED**

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

#### SHES A GREAT LADY PACE

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#### **WILLIAM WELLWOOD MEMORIAL**

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

#### BATTLE OF WATERLOO

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

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

#### CONFEDERATION CUP XLIII

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

#### **BALANCED IMAGE**

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#### DREAM OF GLORY

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

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

#### KIN PACE

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#### **Rosie Huff - Owner**

#### by Victoria Howard

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Rosalia Villante was destined to be a standardbred owner.

"Both of my uncles, Giuseppe "Joe," and Pietro, owned harness horses that raced at Atlantic City Race Track, Freehold, Garden State, Meadowlands, Monticello, Roosevelt, Yonkers and Pocono," she said. "Every weekend my father would take my brothers and me to Englishtown, New Jersey, where Uncle Joe lived on a farm with riding and racehorses. That was when I began riding horses.

"One day, dad came home with three saddles: a medium one for my brothers, a small for me, and a large one for himself.

"When I was 10 years old, dad's work was slow and since he did a lot of work with his brother he decided to move us to New Jersey, where he purchased seven acres — from my uncle — and built a home next to his brother's.

"It was my uncle that taught me how to harness and jog. From that point on, I was hooked and couldn't wait to come home from school and work with the horses."

In 1982 Rosie went to help groom her Uncle Pietro's horses stabled at the South Florida Trotting Center. We would watch the races at Pompano Park, where, at that time, the grandstand was packed with enthusiastic fans.

Shortly later, Huff got a job at Pompano Park working on the training side for the dynamic team of Joe Caraluzzi and Mickey McNichol.

"They said the grandstand was packed with celebrities, but I was never lucky enough to see any. These were the days when Pompano was 'the place to be' and everyone in the business wanted to be there. The fans loved the sport, the owners adored their horses, and the horsemen did a fabulous job running the track. It's so sad to see how it has changed. I wish owners today loved it as much, but many see it as a casino business.



Dee Leftwich

Rosie and Jerry Huff.

"It's heartbreaking to see how our livelihood is trying to be destroyed by the casino owners who don't care about the horses, horsemen, or harness racing.

"I love our sport and owe a lot to it. My main job is office administrator at FSBOA (Florida Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association) where I handle all the office banking, memberships, and the Florida Stake Program," said Huff.

"But the greatest thing I got from harness racing was meeting my husband, Jake. It was 1993 and I was working for legendary trainer/driver Stanley Dancer. I was jogging my horse on the training side at Pompano when I saw a man I'd never seen before training a horse. I guess you could say, 'It was love at first sight' for when I was done jogging I went back to the barn and told my friend, 'I just saw my future husband.'

"At the time I had just gotten out of a six-year relationship and wasn't looking to get into another because I would soon be leaving Florida for Pennsylvania to race stake horses.

"I didn't know the man's name or whom he worked for, but I couldn't get him out of my mind. A few days later, I saw him again and got the courage to say hi, but he ignored me. I was so hurt and thought he was stuck up until I learned he was deaf in his left ear and he never heard me."

I was telling my friend Dan O'Mara about the situation. He said the man was Jake Huff — trainer for Gordon Norris — and he could introduce me. We finally met and that was the beginning of our life."

Harness racing was nothing new to Jake. He started with his dad and two uncles at Shiawassee Farm in Durand, MI where he broke and drove the 1981 Hambletonian winner

Shiaway St Pat as a 2- and 3-year-old, until the horse went to race in the Hambletonian for brothers, Larry and Ray Remmen.

Jake then went to work for Pompano Park trainer Gordon Norris. After working for Norris, Huff worked for Stanley Dancer, before returning to the Norris stable.

In 1997, top driver Bruce Ranger partnered with Huff starting the Huff & Ranger Stable. In 2001, Jake ventured on his own and has been very successful.

"We owe much of our success to our owners and partners Jean Durnye, Pat Biddy, Charlie Angelillo, Ron and Gina Cusimano, John and Elizabeth Swider, Erika Sirianos, Henry Tanzer, John Campagnuolo, Paul Mandel, Gene Kurzrok, Marcia Gingold, Vincenzo Villante, Jean Bryar and Ed Rudner.

"Presently, we own 10 horses and feel blessed to have such great owners."

I asked Rosie if she had a favorite horse and who was her best.

"I have had a few I broke as yearlings, such as Speedy Quilt, Katie Almahurst, Triangle Park (for Caraluzzi and McNichol), and the horse At The Top who I took care of for Stanley Dancer.

"I did take care of the great horse Nearly Perfect for about a month when he was second in the Kentucky Futurity. That was very exciting to watch and be part of, but as an owner, my best horses were Western Guy and Lady Netty N.

"Netty is probably my number one for she raced until she retired at 14 and was the only mare with 100 lifetime wins."

Today Rosie works with Joe Pennacchio, Dein Spriggs, and the board of directors at Pompano Park helping horsemen as much as she can.

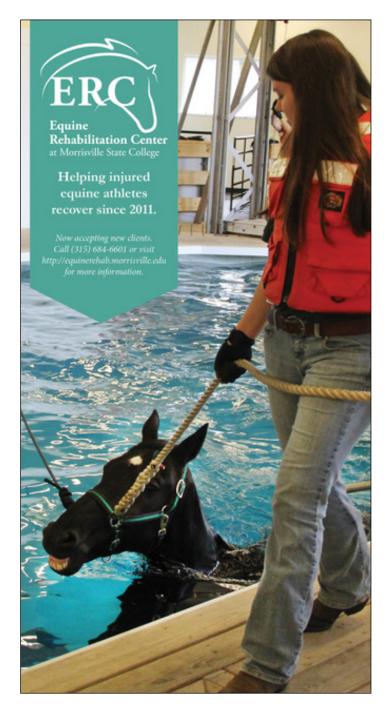
"I love living in Florida and have always loved working at Pompano Park.

"The sport has been so good to me and has brought me my happiest times. I met and married my husband and we have raised two great young men: Ronnie, who will be 21, and Ryan, who will be 20. They are both in College at Webber International University in Florida, majoring in Criminal Justice and Business Management.

"Our sons enjoy jogging and training with their dad and working with the horses, but know how the business has its up and downs — so getting an education is important.

As for me, I'm hoping for positive things to happen that will allow us to keep moving forward with the sport we all love."







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# HRU FOAL OF THE WEEK

#### Let's Drink On It colt out of Rockin Kimage arrives in Indiana

#### photo by Emily Dever

A colt from the second crop of Let's Drink On It and out of the gray Rockin Image mare Rockin Kimage was foaled on Feb. 10 in Indiana. It is the second foal out of Rockin Kimage, who earned just shy of \$20,000 on the track and is owned by Emily Dever of Converse, IN and Jeffrey and Kathy Cranor of Greentown, IN. In 2020, Rockin Kimage foaled a Check Six colt named Checks Onthe Beach.



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#### Life-changing gamble

#### by Trey Nosrac

"Are you into genealogy?" I asked David.

"Not really. I believe my ancestors were from Spain and Slovenia, but don't take it to the DNA blood bank. What's up?"

"My ancestors shipped in from Ireland and England. A cousin of mine sends out emails when she discovers a new fruit or nut on our family tree."

"Any royal ancestors? Am I riding with Baron Von Trey from Heathcliff Castle?"

"So far, my clan appears to be mostly laborers, scullery maids, and jesters. My dad's side immigrated during the potato famine, and my mother's side arrived from England just after World War I."

I paused. "Looking at ship passenger lists with the handwritten names of relatives makes a person step back and think."

He said, "If you look close enough, every life is an interesting story. The computer makes finding documents much simpler than ever before. Of course, documents are one thing. The details of lives lived long ago are the difficult part, you know, putting meat on the bones."

"I got some meat a few weeks ago that rocked me to my bones."

"Do tell, my good sir."

"I knew my mother's family lived in the factory town of Salford, England. They lived in a row house — nine of them ranging in age from grandparents to infants. They were all supported by one income from my grandfather's job at a velvet factory. During the war, they placed blankets over the windows when the bombs fell and ate government food rations."

He didn't say anything, so I continued, "What I did not know until recently was how they came up with funds for passage from Liverpool, England to Ellis Island, New York on the Aquitania in 1919. Guess how they bankrolled the big move?"

"Well, knowing you, it was probably a scheme, or perhaps larceny?"

"Close, my grandfather cashed a big ticket at the racetrack."
"No way."

"For real. One of my aunts told my young cousin the story when she interviewed relatives for a high school project. Isn't that wild? Think about how many lives changed with a lucky day at the racetrack."

"Do you know anything specific about that fateful day at the races?"

"Nothing, but it had to be a serious score because, let's face it, winning a \$7 exacta box would not cover his trolley ride."

He said, "A hundred years ago, the winnings would have been in pounds. Did they even have pari-mutuel wagering, or was this with bookies?"

"No idea, but he must have played a longshot, or maybe parlayed several races. This story made me think of something for modern-day racing, a thought for the future of racing."

"Does every road you travel end up at the racetrack?"

Faking resentment, I said, "It's a lonely job saving a sport without resources, political power, or common sense, but someone has to do it. This idea is simple and radical. Horse racing should phase out traditional wagering and lean into exotic wagers, especially exotics with carryovers. Future payouts could be life-changing amounts."

"That's not completely crazy. Psychologically, gamblers trying to scratch out a few dollars is depressing. It always seemed to me the idea of grinding out wagers day after day would be more work than fun."

I answered, "I agree. Even for a fiscally challenged chump like me, losing a few dollars is not a big deal. On the other hand, seeing my available-funds account rise a few dollars is



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not much of a thrill."

"Yet that steady drumming of wagering is what your sport depends on, what it has always depended on."

"Well, that and casinos. But I get what you are saying. Last night while sitting in front of my iPad, I won \$40 in a race. I gave myself a little fist pump and felt a slight spasm of happiness. Then I immediately got to work piddling the money away. Nobody knew, and nobody cared. The world goes round without a trace. More and more, especially on the computer, playing the races feels pointless."

He asked, "What would happen if you won \$30,000 on some exotic wager or carryover?"

I smiled, "After the EMT's revived me, I would go into a wild chicken dance, call everyone I know, share the big score on social media, gamble like a maniac, buy into a yearling, and bankroll a racing scheme."

He smiled. "And, relatively speaking, \$30,000 is not a life-changing amount."

I pointed at him and said, "Hey dude, probably less than that changed lives for my ancestors. If my grandfather had only won a few pence, I would be a bloke sipping tea or driving a lorry."

He smiled and said, "People cashing massive tickets instead of tiny tickets would be an improved business model. People dump buckets of money when lottery jackpots head into mega millions. If mega jackpots were the focal point of wagering in racing, the gambled money could come from serious handicappers looking for an edge and wagering could come from casual racing fans, even non-racing fans."

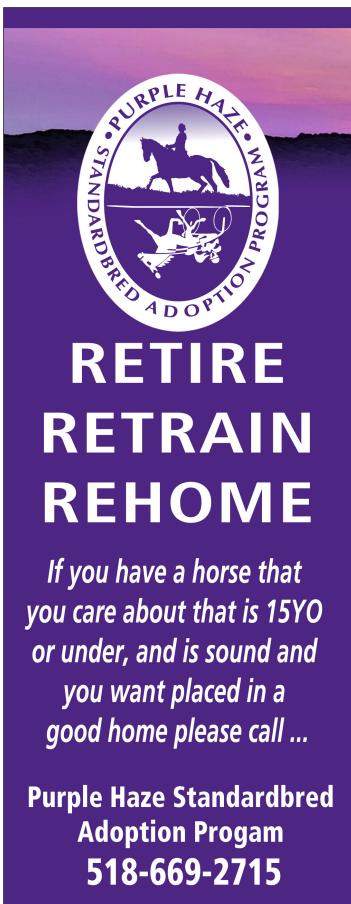
I sighed, "Sounds like a good theory. I think France uses that big-ticket wagering model in horse racing, but who will pull it all together in America? There will be a million reasons not to do it."

He answered, "There should be a million reasons to do it. Do you think it's a good game plan to rely on an aging demographic grinding out small amounts of money on horse races?"

"No."

"Me neither. Massive state or national jackpots based on horse racing would seem to be a much better bet for your game. Like your grandfather, huge payoffs could be the ticket to a whole new world."







#### KHA applauds Kentucky legislature and industry partners on passage of HHR bill

The Kentucky Harness Association (KHA) applauds the Kentucky House of Representatives for the passage of Senate Bill 120 to secure a strong and healthy horse industry by preserving Historical Horse Racing (HHR).

"We greatly appreciate the countless hours of hard work by the members of the Kentucky House and Senate and their continued dedication to the horse industry in Kentucky. To see and be part of a united front in working diligently to fight for Kentucky's signature industry was refreshing in these challenging times. Passage of this historical horse racing bill enables Kentucky to remain the Horse Capital of the World.," said Bob Brady, president of the KHA.

"Although it is impossible to give proper recognition to every person and organization that came together to make passage of this bill possible, the KHA wants to give special thanks to Marc Guilfoil, executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, a life-long advocate for harness racing in Kentucky, and his wife Elisabeth Jensen, executive vice-president of KEEP (Kentucky Equine Education Project), for the countless hours of time and dedication to making this happen," said Brady. "Marc and Elisabeth have a unique ability to work cooperatively throughout all aspects of the horse industry to make Kentucky the special place that it is."

Historical horse racing fuels Kentucky's signature horse industry, strengthens purse money for racing, provides valuable jobs and generates millions in tax revenue to benefit investments across the Commonwealth. The revitalized Kentucky Sire Stakes Program, enhanced Kentucky Proud Series (formerly fair racing) and the exciting new Kentucky Stallion Bonus Program are all a direct result of the growth of historical horse racing in recent years.

- Kentucky Harness Association

# Pocono opens 2021 season with hot claiming action

The 2021 racing season got underway on Saturday afternoon (Feb. 13) at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, and while the temperature hovered in the low- to mid-20s, the action was hot on the racetrack, at the claiming box – and if your horse was driven by Matt Kakaley.

Featured during the curtain-raiser were the first preliminary legs of the Game Of Claims Pacing Series for two divisions: horses with a \$25,000 base tag and horses based at \$15,000. The claiming prices rise a little in the next two preliminaries – which may be part explanation for the incredible total of 41 claims during the card that amounted to \$825,000 worth of horseflesh going home to a new barn after the races as purchasers chase after their \$50,000 and \$30,000 championships, respectively, on March 6.

There were seven \$25,000 divisions of the action for the \$25,000-priced set, with Kakaley winning three times in the class. His fastest win in the group came with the American Ideal gelding American Rebel, who sat a ground-saving journey then angled out in the lane to lower his mark to 1:52.3 for trainer Jennifer Bongiorno and the ownership of Glenn Goller, Abraham Basen, and David Postman. Unfortunately for those connections, American Rebel was one of six overall Game Of Claims winners to be purchased out of his race.

The 1:52.3 clocking was matched by another winner in the higher-level action, with the Mach Three gelding Lord Willoughby A one of a minority of horses on the lead to do well on the arctic day. Despite only one race in just under two months, Lord Willoughby A paced bravely late to win for owner/trainer/driver Larry Stalbaum.

The fastest mile in all the Game Of Claims action came in one of four \$15,000 divisions for the \$15,000-tagged pacers, with the Always A Virgin gelding Sunset Braydon continuing his hot form with a 1:52.1 win for driver Jim Pantaleano, coming off his 8000th career win on Thursday; trainer Justin Pirillo; and Fox Racing Inc.

The Royal Art gelding Royal Heart won the Game Of Claims Series championship for \$15,000 horses here last year, and he got his 2021 off to a good start by winning a division in 1:54.2 despite a two month layoff. Royal Heart was one of three Kalaley winners for this price tag as well, with Matt driving for trainer Clay Faurot Jr. and owner Chelsey Faurot. Both Sunset Braydon and Royal Heart were claimed out of their races.

Quickest of all the Saturday competitors at Pocono was the

richest one – Western Fame, with the son of Western Ideal raising his career earnings to \$1,803,025 with a 1:51.1 victory. Jordan Stratton rated the half, then sent the talented pacer through the chill in :54 the last half to tally for trainer Shane Tritton and owners Bruce Soulsby, Stephen Klunowski, B & I Stables LLC, and Kapildeo Singh.

- PHHA / Pocono

#### Get Legs wins again at Big M

In what was a frantic finish to a fabulous Friday night (Feb. 12) feature at The Meadowlands, Get Legs went another powerhouse mile in scoring from off the pace in the \$19,000 marquee dash for non-winners of nine races lifetime on the trot, upping his lifetime stats to six wins in seven starts, all taking place at The Big M.

"You can't map out the trip," said winning trainer Julie Miller. "But you hope it works out in the end. We were very fortunate."

Maybe so, but Get Legs was also very good.

Get Legs was away quickly from post seven, as was 7-5 favorite Some Chapter from post eight in the eight-horse field. The problem was, virtually all the horses to their inside also left the gate, leaving Get Legs and Some Chapter, who was seeking his fifth win in six starts, extremely wide around the first turn.

With the two favorites resigned to having to come from the back of the pack, HL Revadon had the lead at the quarter while parked out by Cool Clifford, but soon thereafter, Gotwuteverittakes made a bold move to the top only to be pressed by 29-10 third choice Swan In Motion.

The quick action down the backstretch assured a closer would get the money, and at three-quarters, Magical Winner K tipped off his cover and was first-up leading a three-wide flow as 27-10 second choice Get Legs followed that live tow with Some Chapter tracking from third-over as three-quarters was timed in 1:25.3.

Andy Miller steered Get Legs to the outside for the stretch drive, and after trotting a final quarter in :27.2, grabbed the victory by a half-length over Magical Winner K, who raced well beyond his 44-1 odds. Some Chapter was a valiant third.

"I just have so much confidence in my horse and driver," said Julie, the better half of team 'Orange Crush'. "My horse was supposed to race last week at Pocono but the card got canceled, so I was afraid we might be a little short. He rose to the occasion."

Get Legs, a 4-year-old son of Muscle Hill-Legzy, returned

\$7.40 to his backers after completing the mile in 1:53.4. He now has earnings of \$46,610, and if all goes as hoped, there will be a lot more to come.

"We've staked him to the 4-year-old races this year," said Julie. "I would love to take on the big dogs, but he's kind of behind the eight ball with his limited experience. I think my slow play game will benefit him. When we have to race the better horses, we hope to be prepared."

The game plan is to be ready for the Graduate Series in May. "I'm not going to feed him to the wolves unless he's ready. If we think he is, we'll be there," said Julie.

A LITTLE MORE: Julie and Andy have another potential good one on their hands. Earlier on the card, their Hipster K, another 4-year-old trotter, made it three wins in as many lifetime starts in a non-winners of two. The son of Sebastian K S—Riley's Dream became the first 1-9 winner of the meeting, returning \$2.20 for a \$2 wager after finishing his mile in 1:55.4... Despite four favorites winning during the sequence, the 20-cent Pick-6 returned \$825.40 thanks to Waterway, who scored from off the pace with Corey Callahan driving in the 12th race at odds of 23-1... Andy McCarthy led the driver's colony with three victories on the card... All-source wagering totaled \$3,131,740, the second consecutive Friday where wagering exceeded the \$3-million mark.

- Dave Little / Meadowlands Media Relations

# Mohawk Park training sign-up and COVID-19 protocol reminders issued

Woodbine Mohawk Park has released the sign-up links for next week's training days and issued a reminder of COVID-19 prevention protocols to all horsepeople.

Training will take place Tuesday (Feb. 16), Friday (Feb. 19) and Saturday (Feb. 20) of next week at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Each day is split into two sessions with 40 spots open in each session. Trainers are limited to bringing in five horses per day. Sign-up opened Saturday.

Here are the sign-up links for each day:

Training – Tuesday, February 16, 2021
Training – Friday, February 19, 2021
Training – Saturday, February 20, 2021

Woodbine Mohawk Park would also like to remind all horsepeople of several COVID-19 prevention protocols.

All horsepeople are to complete Woodbine's daily **COVID-19 screening questionnaire** before each visit to

Woodbine Mohawk Park. The screening questionnaire can be found at www.Woodbine.com/Mohawk/Horsepeople.

All horsepeople must wear an approved face mask at all times while on the Woodbine Mohawk Park property. Bandanas and balaclavas are no longer permitted as face coverings, unless worn over an approved face mask.

- N95 face masks that have been properly fitted prior to use
- Disposable surgical / non-surgical face masks
- Custom re-usable face masks that cover both the mouth and nose
- Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications

#### OSS season opens May 22 at Woodbine Mohawk Park

The 48th Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) season will kick off on Saturday, May 22 at Woodbine Mohawk Park with the Gold Series opener for the talented 3-year-old pacing colts.

The event will renew the rivalry between freshman Super Final champion Bulldog Hanover, division point leader Desperate Man and O'Brien Award winner Lawless Shadow.

"I'm looking forward to it, very much so," said trainer and co-owner Dr. Ian Moore from his winter base in Florida, where he is preparing Lawless Shadow for the 3-year-old campaign. "I just love sitting behind him, jogging him. He's just, you've got this power in front of you and I'm really optimistic for his three-year-old year."

The 2021 Grassroots season will begin on Sunday, May 23 with the sophomore pacing colts featured on Flamboro Downs' Confederation Cup card. OSS competitors will also take a star turn on Camluck Classic night at The Raceway at Western Fair District, on Clinton Raceway's Kin Pace Final card, as part of the Industry Day program at Grand River Raceway and during a quartet of Grand Circuit events at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Grassroots and Gold Series competitors will accumulate points through five regular season events for each age, sex and gait, aiming for a berth in the post season. The Grassroots Semi-Finals are slated for Thursday, Sept. 30 and Friday, Oct. 1 with the Championships on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The Gold Series Super Finals will go postward at the Campbellville, ON oval on Saturday, Oct. 16.

#### The complete 2021 schedule is available here.

Trainer Shawn Steacy is prepping 39 Ontario Sired 2- and 3-year-olds for the 2021 campaign and hoping to defend the Johnston Cup title he earned last season.

"It's exciting. My dad and I, we take a lot of pride in the Ontario Sires Stakes and being very competitive in it. When we go to buy yearlings, that's what we gear towards," said the Brantford, ON resident, who is following in the footsteps of his father, three-time Johnston Cup winner Mark Steacy. "It's no pressure or anything after winning last year. It's a fun, competitive thing to follow, that's all.

"I thought Gregg McNair bought a bunch of nice yearlings last fall and he was on our heels all last year, so I'm scared to see what he's going to do this year. I'm hoping he has really nice American-breds, put it that way," added Steacy with a laugh. Four-time Johnston Cup winner McNair finished just three points behind Steacy in the 2020 point standings.

For those Ontario Sired youngsters who do not find their niche in the OSS, Ontario Racing's Prospect Series returns for a second year with five events for each age, sex and gait culminating in a final at Grand River Raceway on Friday, Sept. 24. Complete details about the Prospect Series can be found on the Ontario Racing website.

For more information about the Ontario Sires Stakes program please visit the **website** or contact the Program Administrator at **ossprogram@ontarioracing.com**.

- Sandra Snyder / OSS publicity

## New York Sire Stakes announces 2021 schedule

The New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) today released the approved schedules for the 2021 racing season, announcing that this season's Night of Champions Finals will be hosted at Yonkers Raceway on Sept. 10. Finals for the Excelsior Series will be held at Vernon Downs on Sept. 11. The full 2021 NYSS and Excelsior Series schedules can be found here.

"The New York Sire Stakes would like to thank the seven harness tracks in New York for working through the challenges that this year brings and helping us to produce another strong schedule for New York-bred horses," said Kelly Young, executive director, Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund. "We are excited to see what the new race season brings as our champions return and the offspring of past champions hit the track for the first time."

The New York Night of Champions purses will be \$200,000 for each of the eight divisions. Purses for the Excelsior Finals have been approved at \$50,000 for each divisions. All divisions feature five preliminary legs, plus an extra Excelsior leg at Goshen that carries a purse but no points for 3-year-olds.

Conditions have been finalized and posted for the Excelsior Series and County Fair Series, with minimal changes from last year. You can view Excelsior Series conditions **here** and County Fair conditions **here**. Purse levels have remained the same for both series.

The NYSS would like to remind horsemen that the 2021 stakes payments for 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds must be made online or postmarked by Tuesday, Feb. 16, due to the

President's Day holiday. To make your payment online, visit **nysirestakes.com**. A generic payment form can also be found **here** to mail a payment.

If your payment is returned for any reason, please save all documentation and dated materials, including postmarks.

If you have any questions, contact the New York Sire Stakes at info@nysirestakes.com or 518-388-0178.

-Leah Rostohar for NYSS





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#### Many thanks to Hal Jones, Murph and Hanover Shoe Farms

I am hopeful this little story is uplifting to your readers for after last week's posts, I was a little dismayed by the negativity (full story here). However, the post by Steve Jones struck me and jolted my memory. Not that I have any insight to the topic of his post, I don't, but to the fact that it was written by Steve.

You see, many decades ago I met his dad, Hall of Famer Hal Jones. He was sitting behind a large desk at Hanover Shoe Farms. I was young and looking to get into veterinary school. At the time, veterinary schools required experience with large animals and being from the city, I had none. So I ended up at Hanover, green, and looking for work. Standing in front of Mr. Jones I gave him my story, embellishing it a bit. He was

polite, realizing how nervous I was. He also knew that no matter what I said, I had no experience at all with horses. He then got up, escorted me down to a barn and introduced me to a gentleman named Murph.

"You are to work with him," he told me, and left.

In that barn was Albatross, Tar Heel, Hickory Smoke, Ayers, and Columbia George. I soon realized where I was and what I was dealing with. Murphy was an extraordinary stallioneer from whom I learned horsemanship but also about the greatness of the horses and the farm and the people that worked there. With that on my resume, veterinary school was realized and my association with the harness industry began and continues.

Hal Jones could have sent me packing, but like so many of the individuals in this business, he chose to reach out. I have since been grateful for and humbled by his actions. That's a story I know can be told a hundred times by a hundred different people in this industry, just wanted to share mine and lighten things up a bit.

Peace.

- P.V. Marino / Boston, MA





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# **RESULTS & REPLAYS**



#### **PURSE CRITERIA FOR INCLUDED RACES**

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

#### MEADOWLANDS report

#### Friday's Results:

- 6, M, \$19,000, Trot, N/W 9 (F&M 11) Extended PM Races or \$100,000 Life (Late Closer/Series Wins Not Counted), 28.0, 57.0, 1:25.3, 1:53.4, FT
  - 1-Get Legs (h, 4, Muscle Hill--Legzy, by Amigo Hall) \$9,500, \$115,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-1, \$46,610 O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Michael A Anderson. B-Windsong Stable. T-Julie Miller.
  - 2-Magical Winner K (h, 5, Kadabra--Win Missy B, by Conway Hall) \$4,750, Lifetime Record: 47-10-4-4, \$80,689
  - B-Robert J Key. T-Andrew Harris. D-Todd McCarthy.
  - 3-Some Chapter (g, 4, Chapter Seven--Some Kinda Special, by Cantab Hall) \$2,280, Lifetime Record: 18-12-4-1, \$99,875 O-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. B-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Dexter Dunn.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 5Q, 3T, 4H, 2T, H Finish Order: Cool Clifford, Hl Revadon, Gotwuteverittakes, Sky Castles, Swan In Motion

#### MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY report

#### Friday's Results:

- 6, MVR, \$17,500, Trot, HOWARD BEISSINGER MEMORIAL MEDLEY 2ND LEG 1ST DIVISION ONE MILE, 29.2, 59.0, 1:27.4, 1:57.0, GD
  - 1-Shake It Mary (m, 5, Dontyouforgetit--Marigot Express, by Dream Vacation) \$8,750, \$9,500 2017 BHS, Lifetime Record: 73-20-12-15, \$150,570 O-Rushcreek Stables. B-Stephanie Smith-Rothaug. T-Sherif Cunmulaj. D-Dan Noble.
  - 2-Compelling (m, 7, Swan For All--First Lady Two, by Sierra Kosmos) \$4,375, \$11,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 72-18-12-12, \$270,378 O-Verlin D Yoder. B-Lavon L Miller. T-Lewayne Miller. D-Lewayne Miller.
  - 3-Lets Go Bucks (q, 8, And Away We Go--Feel This Way, by Credit Winner) \$2,100, \$5,000 2014 BHS, Lifetime Record: 154-35-22-24, \$418,746 O-Bartley Traditions Racing. B-Benlee W Troyer. T-Jimmy Lupton. D-Jeremy Smith.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1Q, 1, 1H, H - Finish Order: Stonebridge Gamble, Majestic Brayden, Aunt Percilla, Pine Dream, Never Say Uncle

- 8, MVR, \$17,500, Trot, HOWARD BEISSINGER MEMORIAL MEDLEY 2ND LEG 2ND DIVISION ONE MILE, 28.0, 56.4, 1:25.2, 1:55.0, GD
  - 1-Perfect Chapter As (g, 7, Chapter Seven--Perfect View As, by Like A Prayer) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 116-18-23-22, \$215,143 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Acl Stuteri Ab, SD. T-Ron Burke.
  - 2-Merci Monsieur As (g, 7, Mr Cantab--Merci It, by Daguet Rapide) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 105-15-20-19, \$177,255 T-Kayne Kauffman. D-Kayne Kauffman. O-Norris E Lenahan. B-Acl Stuteri Ab.
  - 3-Say You Do (g, 6, Kadabra--Sno Doubt About It, by Balanced Image) \$2,100, \$50,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 66-18-8-10, \$210,081 O-Oldford Racing LLC. B-Karen E Carroll, CA. T-Ethan Sisco.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 6Q, 3, 2H, 3T, NS - Finish Order: The Next Triumph, Black Mamba As, Pink Tulip, Peggy Sue, Here Comes Moony



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#### YONKERS RACEWAY report

#### Friday's Results:

- 2, YR, \$18,750, Trot, NW \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. NW \$15,000 LAST 5 STARTS. DRAW INSIDE, 28.1, 58.1, 1:26.4, 1:56.1, FT
  - 1-Jack Vernon (g, 8, Muscle Hill--Vernon Blue Chip, by Sir Taurus) \$9,375,\$50,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 114-32-20-12, \$475,178 O-Howard A Taylor & Michael Casalino Jr. B-Al J Libfeld, CA. T-Dylan Davis. D-Jordan Stratton.

## ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD

- **2-Fashion Creditor** (g, 9, Credit Winner--Bon Voyage, by Dream Vacation) \$4,687, Lifetime Record: 174-37-26-30, \$734,822 O-Joseph E Smith. B-Standardbred Equities LLC. T-Tom Fanning. D-Jason Bartlett.
- **3-Limerence** (g, 7, Yankee Glide--Pleasing Lady, by Cantab Hall) \$2,250, \$22,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 111-20-12-16, \$296,069 O-Night Rogue Racing Stable & Charles F Krippendorf & Stephen M Smith. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Karen Garland. D-Steve Smith.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 2, 1H, 1H Finish Order: After All Paul, New Heaven, Lady Eagle, Lord Cromwell
- 7, YR, \$30,000, Trot, OPEN HANDICAP DRAW 1-5 DRAW 6-7, 27.3, 57.3, 1:26.2, 1:55.4, FT
  - 1-Hill Of A Horse (g, 6, Muscle Hill--Lukes Sophie, by Here Comes Herbie) \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 62-18-7-11, \$232,212
  - O-Andray Farm. B-Andray Farm. T-Erv Miller. D-Brent Holland.
  - **2-Broadway Athena** (m, 7, Broadway Hall--Athena Hanover, by Tagliabue) \$7,500, \$20,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 63-13-9-10, \$150,443 O-Gilbert Garcia-Owen. B-Fashion Farms LLC. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-George Brennan.
  - **3-Lindsey's Pride** (g, 6, Credit Winner--Keepsake Hanover, by Cantab Hall) \$3,600, \$42,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 66-19-11-8, \$325,810 O-Jeff Fought Racing & Brian K Carsey. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Travis Alexander. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - ▶ **Replay** ▶ Calls: 3, 3, 2, 2H, NK Finish Order: Homer Hall, Mostinterestingman, Lean Hanover, Stormy Kromer
- 9, YR, \$17,500, Trot, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. WINNER IN LAST START OF BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$25,000, 28.2, 58.4, 1:27.4, 1:56.3, FT
  - 1-Swansea (g, 6, Swan For All--Jen, by Valley Victor) \$8,750, \$6,500 2016 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 58-25-13-6, \$422,150
  - O-Bottom Line Racing LLC & Triple D Stables Inc. B-Kevin H Kline & Dr Santiago D Gutierrez. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Austin Siegelman.
  - **2-Cash Me Out** (g, 10, Cash Hall--China Victory, by Valley Victory) \$4,375, \$11,500 2012 MORRIS, Lifetime Record: 227-57-62-30, \$1,213,772 O-Michael L Traylor. B-Lawrence S Smith. T-Kyle Spagnola. D-Joe Bongiorno.
  - **3-Blue And Bold** (g, 5, Yankee Glide--Upside Blue Chip, by Dream Vacation) \$2,100, \$10,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 61-10-8-6, \$97,747 O-Deborah Daguet. B-Little E LLC. T-Deborah Daguet. D-Jason Bartlett.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1H, 1Q, 2H Finish Order: Secret Bro, Stone In Love, Kinda Lucky Lindy, Full Rights, Consus Victory

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

#### **MEADOWLANDS** report

#### Saturday's Results:

2, M, \$15,500, Trot, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L3 5 or F&M 7) Extended PM Races Lifetime AE: 4 Year Old Non-Starters in 2021, M, 28.0, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:54.3, FT

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

- 1-Chaptiama (g, 4, Chapter Seven--Crediama, by Credit Winner) \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 16-6-6-1, \$391,505
- O-Purple Haze Stables LLC. B-Purple Haze Stables LLC. T-Trond Smedshammer. D-Trond Smedshammer.
- 2-Miss Mckee (m, 4, Muscle Massive--Dazzling Deb, by Sj's Caviar) \$3,875, Lifetime Record: 17-7-2-1, \$115,737
- O-J L Sadowsky LLC. B-Glen J Vetrano & William M Duncan. T-Terry Morgan. D-Steve Smith.
- **3-Dixie Slippers** (m, 5, Muscle Massive--Tap Your Heels, by Donato Hanover) \$1,860, \$10,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 33-5-7-4, \$50,562 O-John J & Susan M Muldoon. B-Olive Branch Farm & Frank J Nanna & Birnam Wood Farms. T-Lisa Watson. D-Andrew McCarthy.
- ▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 4Q, 4H, 3Q, 2Q, T Finish Order: P L Notsonice, Roger Rabbit, No Time To Play, Big Nudge, Itsonlymoneyhoney, Lazzaro

- **4, M, \$15,500, Trot**, N/W \$11,500 (N/W L/S \$13,000) in L5 Starts AE: Winners Base Class N/W \$8,000 or Less in Last Start, M, 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT *Preliminary Results: Meadowlands had not made results official via USTA at publication time* 
  - **1-Kenziesky Hanover (m, 6, Cantab Hall--Kandor Hanover, by Tagliabue)** \$7,750, \$7,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 62-11-16-13, \$253,727 O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Corey Callahan.

#### Hanover

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

- 2-Deltasun A (q, 8, Tenotrump--Deltasu, by Elsu) \$3,875, Lifetime Record: 63-23-8-13, \$219,284
- O-Douglas S Overhiser & A Harris Racing LLC & Michael Goldberg Racingllc. B-A J Young, AS & D P Haskings, AS. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras.
- 3-Double Account (q, 6, Break The Bank K--Double Ivory, by Dream Vacation) \$1,860, Lifetime Record: 73-13-13-7, \$104,855
- O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Rolf Ebener. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Simon Allard.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1Q, 1Q, T Finish Order: Henderson Seelster, Skyway Kon Man, Drazzmatazz, Lion Safari As, Godspell Hall, Gigfy
- 6, M, \$22,500, Pace, Winners Over \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts, M, 26.2, 54.2, 1:22.2, 1:49.4, FT

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

- 1-Tulhurstsantanna A (g, 8, Santanna Blue Chip--Ballroom Belle, by Presidential Ball) \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 143-23-31-14, \$180,204
- O-Douglas S Overhiser. B-Alabar Bloodstock Corp, AS. T-Andrew Harris. D-Andrew McCarthy.
- 2-Springsteen (h, 6, Rock N Roll Heaven--American Charm, by American Ideal) \$5,625, \$18,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 62-16-10-5, \$675,947
- O-Bruce A Soulsby & Alan F Weisenberg & Kapildeo Singh. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Brett Pelling. D-Todd McCarthy
- 3-Italian Delight N (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Chivasso, by Save Fuel) \$2,700, Lifetime Record: 88-17-12-14, \$176,580
- O-Windermere Stable LLC. B-M A Boyd, NZ. T-Darran Cassar. D-Dexter Dunn.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 8T, 2T, 1T, H, H Finish Order: Western Joe, Decision Day, Points North, Hudson Phil, No Easy Day
- 7, M, \$15,500, Pace, N/W \$11,500 (N/W L2 \$13,000) in Last 5 Starts AE: Winners Base Class N/W \$8,000 or Less L/S or TMR 88 as of 2/9/21 AE: N/W Big Game Final or Consolation Starters AE: Not 3rd or Better Last 3 Starts or N/W Race in 2020/21, M, 27.2, 55.4, 1:24.2, 1:51.1, FT

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- 1-Rockin The Aces (g, 4, Rock N Roll Heaven--Mattaroni, by Matt's Scooter) \$7,750, \$60,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 30-9-4-2, \$216,958
- O-Beverly Schiffman. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Bruce Saunders. D-Dexter Dunn.
- 2-Like Clockwork (g, 6, Ponder--Macharoundtheclock, by Mach Three) \$3,875, Lifetime Record: 74-16-12-10, \$215,457
- O-The Red Man Stable & Never Too Late Racing LLC & Miguel A Lopez. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Eric Abbatiello. D-Yannick Gingras.
- **3-Incredible Shark** (g, 7, Shadyshark Hanover--Incredible Suprize, by Incredible Finale) \$1,860, \$15,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 142-22-27-22, \$419,064 O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Hoosier Standardbred Farm & Fair Meadow Farm. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Andrew McCarthy.
- ► Replay ► Calls: 3T, 1Q, NS, 1, 1Q Finish Order: Drinkin Again, Lachie Maguire N, Passa-Grille Beach, Lear Seelster, Dealer's Table, American Boy N, Evolution Tour
- 8, M, \$17,500, Pace, 6 Year Olds & Under Winners of 4 But Not More Than 6 (NJSO or N/W L2 7) Extended PM Races or \$80,000 Life (2020 State Bred Wins Not Counted N/W \$35,000 Life Drawn Inside), M, 28.4, 56.0, 1:23.1, 1:50.2, FT

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

- 1-Always And Again (h, 4, Always A Virgin--Kiss Me Once Again, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 35-5-7-7, \$238,142
- O-Andrew P Berg. B-H D S Stable & In The Red LLC. T-Dylan Davis. D-Dexter Dunn.
- **2-Levine** (g, 4, American Ideal--Sangaal, by Real Desire) \$4,375, \$24,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 24-7-4-6, \$94,495
- O-Scott Richard Zeron. B-Kenneth Solomon. T-Megan Scran. D-Scott Zeron.
- **3-Mcmike** (g, 5, McArdle--Tymal Tigerlily, by Mach Three) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 23-10-2-2, \$68,106
- O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Patrick A Karcher. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.
- ▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 1Q, Q, 1, 1H, 3Q Finish Order: Shvaiko, Actor Hanover, Chaser Hanover, Wyatt J, Scootnroll, Full View, Jk Lucky Charms
- **9, M, \$15,500, Pace**, N/W \$11,500 (N/W L2 \$13,000) in Last 5 Starts AE: Winners Base Class N/W \$8,000 or Less L/S or TMR 88 as of 2/9/21 AE: N/W Big Game Final or Consolation Starters AE: Not 3rd or Better Last 3 Starts or N/W Race in 2020/21, M, 27.0, 54.3, 1:23.1, 1:50.3, FT

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

- 1-Lyons Steel (g, 6, Rock N Roll Heaven--Lyons Luck, by Camluck) \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 114-24-17-17, \$352,224
- O-Bd Racing LLC. B-Joseph Lyons-Mound, EN. T-Dennis Watson. D-Corey Callahan.



#### **PREFERRED EQUINE**

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Boiling Oar (g, 6, Shadow Play--Arm In Arm, by American Ideal) \$3,875, Lifetime Record: 72-28-13-10, \$242,357

O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Scott Zeron.

3-Paduka N (q, 7, Bettor's Delight--Nicky's Last Chance, by Christian Cullen) \$1,860, Lifetime Record: 60-7-10-8, \$70,442

O-Thomas J Maloney & Pamela Herbst Maloney & Jonathan C Pirozzi. B-P I Renwick, AS. T-Katricia Adams. D-Todd McCarthy.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 6T, 6H, 6Q, HD, 2T - Finish Order: Paternity Suit A, Globaldomination N, Ima Real Ladys Man, Unloaded N, Gratian Hanover, Good Rockin, Tin Roof Raider A

10, M, \$22,500, Trot, Winners Over \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts, M, 27.2, 55.4, 1:24.3, 1:52.4, FT

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

1-Jl Cruze (g, 10, Crazed--Topcat Hall, by Conway Hall) \$11,250, \$30,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 126-42-16-26, \$1,561,142 O-William Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Iaquinta. B-Joanne M Morrison, CA & Glengate Farms, CA. T-Eric Ell. D-Dexter Dunn.



#### PREFERRED EQUINE

#### Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Scirocco Rob (g, 6, Explosive Matter--Fun At Parties, by Lindy Lane) \$5,625, \$20,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 75-24-13-9, \$498,129 O-Lewis W Whitaker Jr & Kathleen A Whitaker. B-Russell C Williams. T-Mark Silva. D-Corey Callahan.

3-Rich And Miserable (g, 6, Explosive Matter--Wishful Me, by Yankee Glide) \$2,700, \$40,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 68-23-14-9, \$477,861 O-Buter Farm Inc & Lynette M Buter & William J & Carol D Fuhs. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Todd Buter. D-Tyler Buter.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 5Q, 4, 1Q, 1, H - Finish Order: Buck Dancer, Lovedbythemasses, Winnerup, Never Mind N, Pikachu Hanover

#### MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY report

#### Saturday's Results:

6, MVR, \$17,500, Pace, BILL DAILEY MEMORIAL MEDLEY 2ND LEG - 1ST DIVISION - ONE MILE FOR HORSES THAT HAVE NOT RACED FOR A PURSE OVER \$15,000 IN THEIR LAST 3 STARTS THRU 1-26-21, 28.3, 57.0, 1:24.2, 1:51.3, FT

1-The First Step (g, 5, Betterthancheddar--Mery Linny Lee, by Riverboat King) \$8,750, \$18,000 2017 LONDON, Lifetime Record: 58-12-11-9, \$149,219 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ron Burke.



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







2-Crimson And Chrome (g, 5, Sweet Lou--Mcsauna, by Mcardle) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 49-15-7-7, \$277,595

O-Tim Tetrick LLC. B-Tim Tetrick LLC. T-Sherif Cunmulaj. D-Trace Tetrick.

3-Goldinthebadlands (g, 6, Badlands Hanover--My Friend Flicka, by Firm Friend) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 99-24-15-17, \$123,005 O-Jemaxpo Racing Stable LLC. B-Donald F Anness, CA. T-Mitchell Tierney.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1H, 1, T, 2H, 4H - Finish Order: Pekeson N, Prince Bayard, Captain Dolmio N, Shane Adam

8, MVR, \$17,500, Pace, BILL DAILEY MEMORIAL MEDLEY 2ND LEG - 2ND DIVISION - ONE MILE FOR HORSES THAT HAVE NOT RACED FOR A PURSE OVER \$15,000 IN THEIR LAST 3 STARTS THRU 1-26-21, 27.2, 55.2, 1:23.3, 1:51.3, FT

1-Snowball's Romeo (g, 8, McArdle--Only Gossip, by The Panderosa) \$8,750, \$30,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 141-17-37-23, \$274,220 O-Philippe L Belanger & Jeffrey A Koesters. B-Russell C Swank. T-Philippe Belanger. D-Chris Page.

2-Wild Bill (h, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Wild West Show, by Western Hanover) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 74-6-12-8, \$156,475 O-Hinchcliff Racing & Rtk Racing LLC & Bret L Greiner. B-Raymond W Schnittker & Charles V Iannazzo. T-Kris Hinchcliff. D-Brett Miller.

3-Bold And Brassy (g, 7, Rock N Roll Heaven--Cams Leading Lady, by Million Dollar Cam) \$2,100, \$7,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 123-18-19-16, \$214,258 O-Perry W Smith. B-Robert L Hamather, CA. T-Perry Smith. D-Trevor Smith.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: Q, 1, 1, HD, H - Finish Order: Dave And Dennis, Shagnwiththedragon, Benson Boys N, Lettucerockthem A

11, MVR, \$16,200, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS N/W \$10,500 IN LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 10 PM RACES, 27.4, 55.1, 1:22.1, 1:50.2, FT

1-Stars Align A (h, 8, Art Major--Nosotros, by Albert Albert) \$8,100, Lifetime Record: 96-35-13-10, \$480,723

O-Joshua Jay Graber. B-Benstud Standardbreds, AS. T-Christi Noble. D-Dan Noble.

2-Rose Run Ulysses (q, 5, Western Vintage--Alcyon Semalu, by Good News Scooter) \$4,050, \$19,000 2017 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 68-10-10-12, \$213,956 O-Kimberly A Dailey. B-Rose Run Farm. T-Kimberly Dailey. D-Trace Tetrick.

**3-Havefaithinme N** (g, 10, Bettor's Delight--Scuse Me, by B.G's Bunny) \$1,944, Lifetime Record: 100-32-19-11, \$1,406,061

O-Tessa M Perrin. B-C J Roberts, NZ. T-J D Perrin. D-Trevor Smith.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1Q, 1, 2H, 1Q, 1Q - Finish Order: Family Recipe, Fourboltmane, Shamwow, Yankee Boots, Manny, Gerardo, I'vegotagirlcrush

- 12, MVR, \$22,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN HCP PP'S 1-2 DRAWN; 3-7 DRAWN, 8-9 DRAWN, 27.2, 54.1, 1:21.4, 1:50.1, FT
  - 1-Loutenant (g, 5, Sweet Lou--I Kill Time, by Western Ideal) \$11,000, \$55,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 72-13-9-9, \$194,144

O-September L Six. B-Steiner Stock Farm. T-Bobbie Jo Brewer. D-Tyler Smith.

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**2-Gd Western Joe** (h, 6, Real Desire--Western Whirl, by Western Ideal) \$5,500, \$15,000 2016 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 101-28-24-16, \$606,300 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Hen-Shaut Stable & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Gerald C Yoder. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

**3-Voracity** (g, 8, Sportswriter--Lu Lu Q, by Mcardle) \$2,640, \$47,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 144-25-22-17, \$672,280 O-Donald F Morris & Norman Rae Racing LLC. B-Steve H Stewart. T-Christi Noble. D-Dan Noble.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 2Q, 2, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Dont Judge A Book, My Hero Ron, Drawing Dragons, General Dolan, Fan Of Terror, My Buddy Ninkster

#### THE DOWNS AT MOHEGAN SUN POCONO report

#### Saturday's Results:

- 1, PcD, \$25,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 1st Leg Claiming \$25,000 1st division of 7, 28.3, 56.4, 1:24.3, 1:53.4, FT
  - 1-I Get That (g, 5, Delmarvalous--Silver Street, by Real Artist) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 44-8-7-7, \$76,345

O-Mark G Akins. B-Mark G Akins. T-Mark Akins. D-Simon Allard.

**2-Union Station** (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Hit The Curb, by Art Major) \$6,250, \$120,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 51-7-3-7, \$82,421 O-Eric A Prevost. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Darren Taneyhill. D-Jim Morrill Jr.

3-Wagon Master (g, 8, Western Terror--Free At Last K, by Ball And Chain) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 168-24-23-25, \$303,079

O-Chelsey L Faurot. B-Winning Key Inc. T-Clay Faurot Jr. D-Matt Kakaley.

- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 5, 5, 2, 1H, H Finish Order: Jeremes General, What's Goin On, Somwherenbrookln N, Constntlysidewys A, Tullow N
- 2, PcD, \$15,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 2 1st Leg Claiming \$15,000 1st division of 4, 26.4, 56.3, 1:24.3, 1:52.4, FT
  - 1-Fernado (g, 7, Delmarvalous--Silver Street, by Real Artist) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 132-22-13-15, \$179,077

O-Evan A Katz. B-Mark G Akins. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Matt Kakaley.

**2-Thisjetsabookin** (g, 9, Jereme's Jet--Still Standing, by Stand Forever) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 167-27-22-22, \$357,768

O-William E Emmons. B-Gerald A Bookmyer. T-William Adamczyk. D-Tyler Buter.

**3-Best Trick Ever** (g, 7, Cambest--Magical Western, by Western Hanover) \$1,800, \$55,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 94-18-15-10, \$108,008 O-Clifford N Grundy. B-Denim Stable. T-Mike Watson. D-Anthony Napolitano.

- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 4H, 3, 1H, 1Q, H Finish Order: Official Delight, Itsonlyrocknroll A, Just Plain Loco, Cash Is King, Polak A, Toddler Tantrum
- 3, PcD, \$25,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 1st Leg Claiming \$25,000 2nd division of 7, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:53.2, FT
  - **1-Captain Nash (h, 5, Captaintreacherous--Discoverer, by Four Starzzz Shark)** \$12,500, \$19,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 62-10-9-9, \$109,818 O-Mark G Akins. B-Steve Jones. T-Jody Dunning. D-Simon Allard.

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- **2-Revelry** (g, 5, Captaintreacherous--Platinum Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$6,250, \$17,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 66-12-9-6, \$137,216 O-Beasty LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Daniel Maier. D-Anthony Napolitano.
- **3-Class Six** (g, 10, Western Ideal--Can Du River, by Cam Fella) \$3,000, \$22,000 2012 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 178-44-26-14, \$433,091 O-Eric A Prevost. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Darren Taneyhill. D-Jim Morrill Jr.
- ▶ ► Replay ▶ ► Calls: 3Q, 3Q, 1T, H, 1Q Finish Order: Texas Terror N, Frankie Rocks A, Fireball, Albergo Hanover



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- 4, PcD, \$15,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 2 1st Leg Claiming \$15,000 2nd division of 4, 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.1, 1:53.3, FT
  - 1-Shoreview (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Permafrost, by Western Hanover) \$7,500, \$35,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 133-19-32-19, \$356,402 O-Glenn Goller. B-Jeffery E & Dr Terry Ruch, CA. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - **2-White Hair Rocks** (g, 5, Rockin Image--Yankee Luck, by Western Hanover) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 68-8-12-7, \$142,107 O-Anthony N Ventriglio. B-Victory Hill Farm Inc. T-Nicholas Sodano. D-Marcus Miller.
  - **3-Bobby K Hill** (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Sarandon Blue Chip, by Western Ideal) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 72-15-11-10, \$148,641 O-Eric A Prevost. B-Tom Hill, UK. T-Darren Taneyhill. D-Jim Morrill Jr.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1Q, H, T, 1H, 4Q Finish Order: Undertaker, Bye Bye John, Bargain Shopper, Janaid, Keystone Steam
- 5, PcD, \$25,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 1st Leg Claiming \$25,000 3rd division of 7, 28.2, 56.4, 1:25.2, 1:53.2, FT
  - **1-Jackamino (g, 6, Bettor's Delight--Pucker Up, by Western Hanover**) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 86-11-12-15, \$126,061 O-Cote J Keim. B-Steven M Held & Dennis J Young. T-Cote Keim. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - **2-Mississippi Rabbit** (g, 7, Richess Hanover--Dixie Darlin, by Park Place) \$6,250, \$2,800 2015 WALKER, Lifetime Record: 134-23-27-19, \$256,203 O-Gilbert Garcia-Owen. B-Vernon G & Erwin S Barbre & Shawn C Slay & Gary T Nichols. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.
  - **3-lammrbrightside N** (h, 11, Julius Caesar--Onedin Spur, by Jaguar Spur) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 211-38-33-26, \$442,684 O-Hunter William Oakes. B-A K Wylie, NZ. T-Hunter Oakes. D-Hunter Oakes.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 3, 2H, 2H, H Finish Order: Apex Seelster, Hereittiz, Windsong Jack, Burning Midnight, Just N Ace
- 6, PcD, \$15,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 2 1st Leg Claiming \$15,000 3rd division of 4, 28.0, 57.4, 1:26.0, 1:54.2, FT
  - 1-Royal Heart (g, 10, Royal Art—B J's Sunrise, by No Nukes) \$7,500, \$1,700 2012 IN-PREM, Lifetime Record: 218-38-32-34, \$485,294 O-Chelsey L Faurot. B-Genesis Trotters. T-Clay Faurot Jr. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - **2-Nine Ways** (g, 7, Delmarvalous--Nine Of Hearts, by Cam's Card Shark) \$3,750, \$8,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 125-31-15-16, \$344,822 O-Antonia G Storer. B-Winbak Farm. T-Daniel Maier. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.
  - **3-Oh K Man** (h, 7, Western Ideal--Armbro Amour, by Artsplace) \$1,800, \$29,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 118-29-15-17, \$147,037 O-Danielle M St Louis. B-Robert A & Gregory S Tucker. T-Darren Taneyhill. D-Jim Morrill Jr.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1, 1Q, T Finish Order: Here Comes Swifty, Brackley Beach, Newbie, Stormont Czar A, Dream Of Luck, Big Mach
- 7, PcD, \$25,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 1st Leg Claiming \$25,000 4th division of 7, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:52.3, FT
  - 1-Lord Willoughby A (g, 8, Mach Three--Amongst Royalty, by Parson's Den) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 117-26-25-17, \$242,826 O-Larry D Stalbaum. B-Allwood Stud Farm, AS. T-Larry Stalbaum. D-Larry Stalbaum.
  - **2-Western Hill** (g, 7, Western Ideal--Cosmo Blue Chip, by Art Major) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 114-18-14-14, \$345,656 O-Leona M Morrissey, CA. B-Tom Hill, UK. T-Dan Morrissey. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - 3-Bravo Tex N (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Star Gate, by Holmes Hanover) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 116-16-19-15, \$154,286

    O-Harmon Racing Stable LLC & Winners Circle Racing LLC & Lightning 5 Racing Stable & John A Campagnuolo.

    B-S D Caldwell, NZ & N M Topp, NZ.

    T-Rob Harmon.

    D-Tyler Buter.
  - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 10, H, 10, 1H, 1 Finish Order: Mariner Seelster, Cinnamack, Born Of Fire, Twin B Speed Dial, Daamericansky
- 8, PcD, \$15,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 2 1st Leg Claiming \$15,000 4th division of 4, 28.2, 56.4, 1:24.2, 1:52.1, FT
  - **1-Sunset Braydon (g, 7, Always A Virgin--Miss Sweetness, by Dontgetinmyway)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 81-10-12-15, \$135,292 O-Fox Racing Inc. B-Devon L Beachey. T-Justin Pirillo. D-Jim Pantaleano.
  - **2-Busboy Hanover** (g, 8, Western Ideal--Best Not Tell, by Cambest) \$3,750, \$36,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 107-11-12-11, \$123,308 O-William O Daggett Jr & Lawrence F Vukovic. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Laura Angle. D-Marcus Miller.
  - **3-Blow A Cloud N** (g, 11, Real Desire--Sheza Windermere, by Christian Cullen) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 164-25-28-17, \$242,524 O-Steven G Salerno. B-Mrs A D & J N Tither, NZ. T-Steve Salerno. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.
  - Replay Calls: 3H, 3, 1Q, 4, 6T Finish Order: Mr Big Load, Major Bucks, Mountain High, Cheyenne Jeffrey, Internet Hanover
- 9, PcD, \$25,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 1st Leg Claiming \$25,000 5th division of 7, 27.2, 57.0, 1:24.2, 1:53.2, FT
  - 1-Glengarry Knight N (g, 7, Changeover--Glengarry Lass, by Live Or Die) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 72-12-14-8, \$131,019
  - O-William Kenneth Wood & Toby Rekoon & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Iaquinta. B-J L & Mrs A M Van Rooyen, NZ. T-Eric Ell. D-Matt Kakaley.
  - **2-Foo Fighter N** (g, 8, American Ideal--Lucy's Way, by In The Pocket) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 60-11-6-6, \$68,060 O-Godinez Racing Stable LLC. B-B L Calder, NZ & Mrs K E Calder, NZ. T-Jose Godinez. D-Simon Allard.

**3-Tucker Creek** (g, 4, Pet Rock--Gerries Madison, by Apaches Fame) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 31-6-3-7, \$58,207 O-Kelly A Hastings & Ryan Duane Dailey. B-Gerrie S Tucker, CA. T-Kelly Hastings. D-Larry Stalbaum.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: H, 1Q, 1Q, 1H - Finish Order: Grand Priority, Thefreedomfightern, Sevens Hope A, Aston Hill Dave, Rockin Inthe Hills

10, PcD, \$25,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 - 1st Leg Claiming \$25,000 6th division of 7, 27.2, 55.2, 1:24.0, 1:52.3, FT

1-American Rebel (g, 4, American Ideal--Restive Hanover, by The Panderosa) \$12,500, \$6,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 23-9-5-0, \$174,494 O-Glenn Goller & Abraham N Basen & David A Postman. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Matt Kakaley.



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#### PREFERRED EQUINE

#### Mixed Sale Graduate

2-A Real Miracle (h, 11, Real Desire--I Need A Miracle, by Givernewhatineed) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 267-47-59-37, \$517,105

O-Timothy G Betts & Nicholas A Catalano & Keith J Pippi. B-Jw Standardbreds & Billie Schwartz & Michael L Graziano & Jay N Rosenberg. T-Scott Betts. D-Jim Pantaleano.

**3-Melanie's Tedy** (h, 5, Hypnotic Blue Chip--Cuz She Can, by Cambest) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 58-10-10-6, \$127,009 O-Joshua F Schwartz & Raymond C Hoegen Jr. B-Francis H Azur. T-Adrian Wisher. D-Allan Davis.

▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 3T, 3, 3, 2H, 1 - Finish Order: Da Magician, Barbados, Alex Tye, My Delight, Grand Teton

11, PcD, \$25,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 - 1st Leg Claiming \$25,000, 27.4, 55.2, 1:23.3, 1:52.4, FT

**1-My Mind Is Madeup (g, 8, Mister Big--Troxel Hanover, by Badlands Hanover)** \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 145-26-16-22, \$283,860 O-Jesmeral Stable. B-Harbour City Management, CA. T-Sheena Mcelhiney. D-Jason Bartlett.

**2-Classy Hill** (g, 9, Art Colony--Champale Blue Chip, by No Pan Intended) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 181-20-20-30, \$272,838 O-Ameer Najor. B-Tom Hill, UK. T-Daniel Maier. D-Anthony Napolitano.

**3-Validus Deo** (g, 11, Lis Mara--Madam Countess, by Art Major) \$3,000, \$50,000 2011 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 231-49-23-34, \$617,252 O-Brad W Carver & William T Mullin. B-Mjg Racing Stables Inc & Louis A Willinger. T-William Mullin. D-Marcus Miller.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 6T, 7T, 4T, 2, 1 - Finish Order: Rocknroll Charm, Rangers Sureshot, Electric Western, Barimah A, Wise Image

