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## Hoosier champion Gruesome wosome will breed and race in 2025

The Indiana Trotter of the Year will breed some 40 mares and race under the tutelage of Nancy Takter.

by James Platz





Earlier this month, Daryl Bontrager found himself in uncharted territory. Standing before a group of breeders assembled at an open barn at Premier Acres in northern Indiana, the owner and trainer extolled the virtues of his champion trotter Gruesome Twosome. One week earlier, the now 4-year-old was crowned Indiana Trotter of the Year. Now, Bontrager and his partner, Ira Steinberg, have a plan to breed a limited book of mares and race the trotter on the East Coast in 2025.

"Our main focus is adding more money to his card racing," Bontrager said. "My partner and I, we're a little bit impatient. We want some babies on the ground, sooner rather than later. If we didn't think the horse could do both, we wouldn't do it."

A year ago, such a plan would have been hard to fathom. At that time, Gruesome Twosome was training down in anticipation of his sophomore campaign. As a 2-year-old, the son of You Know You Do—All Set Lets Go collected victories in six of nine starts, earning just over \$225,000, a tremendous return on a \$17,000 yearling purchase. Bontrager and Steinberg laid out



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a stakes schedule that saw the trotter take selected shots at Grand Circuit competition. It was a learning experience for Bontrager, who shipped and piloted Gruesome Twosome in his starts outside the Hoosier State.

"It was a learning experience for me as a trainer and a horseman," he said. "There are a lot of things I would probably do differently, but hindsight is 20-20. It was awesome to meet people and see places I've never been to before. Watching horsemen and how they handle horses and little tricks you can pick up here and there just by observing others. Honestly, I came home and tweaked things a little bit, and I think it helped him."

Gruesome Twosome and Bontrager would forego three Indiana Sires Stakes legs while racing in the Stanley Dancer Memorial, Earl Beal, Jr. Memorial and Canadian Trotting Classic. The sophomore raced fourth at The Meadowlands and Pocono, while trotting seventh in the CTC final at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Bontrager was satisfied with his pupil's performances, admitting that shoeing issues worked against Gruesome Twosome at times. I'll be training [Gruesome Twosome] at my facility, which is 15 minutes from [Premier Acres]. On collection days we'll bring him over here. The reason we are limiting it for 40 mares is because coming over here and collecting, that's a little bit more stress. His semen counts are out of this world good. He could probably do more, but 40 is a good number.

~ Daryl Bontrager



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Upon returning from Canada, Gruesome Twosome closed out his campaign with an eight-race stretch at Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing and Casino that saw him reach the winner's circle seven times. His victories included the \$250,000 Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final and five open stakes. The colt's lone defeat during that time came to T C I in the \$175,000 Carl Erskine Memorial. During that span of races, Gruesome Twosome banked over \$290,000 and brought his seasonal haul to \$468,228. He took his 1:52.1 mark in a six-length romp in The Pegasus at Hoosier Park in mid-October. The trotter finished the streak with a strong 1:53.2 performance in The Thanksgiving Classic, winning by nearly five lengths in bitter cold conditions.

"Trotting in :53.2 in that weather, I never asked him to do it," the conditioner said. "He was on his own. I put him in a hole and he was fighting me the whole time. He wanted back out. He was really feeling it. I felt it when I warmed him up that night. He was on the bit; his ears were up. He was feeling good even though it was extremely cold."

As the season wound down, the partners began to formulate a plan for 2025. Gruesome Twosome had shown he had the talent to compete outside Indiana, and Bontrager and Steinberg also were anxious to breed their talented trotter. They both agreed he should race on the East Coast, but Bontrager was not as interested in shipping out and campaigning the stallion himself. "He's going to move to the East Coast and I'm not going with him," Bontrager said. "All the races for 4-year-olds are out east. Truthfully, my trip to The Meadowlands went fine, but I said I don't ever want to go back. The East Coast is not for me."



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The partners will entrust their star to Grand Circuit trainer Nancy Takter. Bontrager will train Gruesome Twosome down and qualify him at Hoosier Park before sending to Takter on June 1.

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The schedule mapped out for the near-\$700,000 winner consists of 16 starts from late May to mid-November covering many of the top events. Targets include the Graduate Series, Hambletonian Maturity, John Cashman Memorial, Maple Leaf Trot and Breeders Crown, with a few Midwest opportunities also on the calendar.

Bontrager said that he and Steinberg had considered buying mares and breeding Gruesome Twosome. Instead, they settled on selling shares in the trotter and offering a book limited to 40 mares. At Premier Acres earlier this month he outlined the plan. Fifteen shares are available to breeders at a cost of \$10,000 per share. Breeders that purchase a share receive a lifetime breeding to Gruesome Twosome plus the option to breed a second mare for half the stallion's \$4,000 stud fee this season. In addition, shareholders will receive one per cent of Gruesome Twosome's 2025 earnings after trainer and driver percentages, and will not be on the hook for any bills.

"Within 24 hours we sold five or six shares," Bontrager said of the offering. "The feedback has been very positive. People are really excited about it."

Bontrager added one buyer doesn't own mares, but wants to be along for the ride as Gruesome Twosome races this season.

"We're just trying to make sure we take care of shareholders," he said. "If they get in, they're part of the team. We're a team; I want them to do well and I want to do well."

As Bontrager prepares his star for the upcoming season, he will make the quick ship to Premier Acres for collection when needed.

"I'll be training him at my facility, which is 15 minutes from here," Bontrager said. "On collection days we'll bring him over

here. The reason we are limiting it for 40 mares is because coming over here and collecting, that's a little bit more stress. His semen counts are out of this world good. He could probably do more, but 40 is a good number."

A year ago, Bontrager could not have anticipated managing a training schedule for his trotter while also making him available for collections. More uncharted territory. Gruesome Twosome's on-track performance opened the door and made it all possible.



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## Mickey McNichol reflects on his many miles in harness racing

#### by Murray Brown

To quote Neil Diamond, Myles "Mickey" McNichol and his lifelong friend and partner in horses Joe Caraluzzi are "New York City born and raised" or, more specifically, The Bronx.

McNichol honed his interest in harness racing by frequent visits to nearby Yonkers Raceway which was just a few miles from his home.

## *How did an upbringing in The Bronx translate itself to a career in harness racing?*

"I was raised in an Italian-American section of The Bronx. It was there that I met my lifelong friend and partner in horses, Joe Caraluzzi. Both Joe and I were avid Yankees fans. That is actually how I picked up my name 'Mickey.' I was a huge Mickey Mantle fan. The name Mickey was more appealing to Yankee fans than Myles. So, I became and have since remained Mickey.

"Joe and I, along with several others became vendors at Yankee Stadium. Working along with us selling hot dogs and other stuff was soon to become future TV star Jimmie 'JJ'. Walker of Good Times fame. He was just as goofy and funny then as the characters he portrays.

"Back then, most of the Yankees games took place in the daytime. What to do at night? Why, find a way to dispose of our newly gotten working riches at Yonkers Raceway. We both became regular attendees at Yonkers.

"I thought to myself, since I was giving my money to the horses, I needed to find a way to reverse the process and get some of the money coming back in the opposite direction."

#### How did you get that done?

"I got a job with Sacher Werner, one of the sport's greatest characters working for \$40 a week. Even though the theory of getting the money flowing in the 'right' direction held up minimally, it was only temporary, very temporary. The money somehow ended up being quickly eaten by the pari-mutuel machines at Yonkers and Roosevelt.

"'Sach' was known as a kind man who took good care of those working for him. When we were broke, which was almost always, Sach would take us to a buffet and treat us to our next meal. The only thing I didn't like about working for Werner was that our access to the horses themselves was limited. He did all the jogging, training and driving. We grooms had to do all the unsatisfying grunt work. I longed to sit behind these wonderful steeds."

#### What did you do about it?

"I got another job of course. One where I almost immediately began jogging horses. I went to work for Ken Heeney who was a good horseman and, I felt, a better than average driver. I thought that he would help me in the transition from just grooming to becoming a driver as well. Within a month I was training."

### How did Caraluzzi fit in?

"I was down in Pompano where we would be spending the off-season racing, as I did every year, then and since. I had previously attended Pace College where I was hoping to become an accountant. I found that rather boring. I longed for some action.



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In the [Hambletonian] final [with Alf Palema], I wasn't all that concerned with winning. I was sure I couldn't do that. I wanted to get a piece of the action. I hugged the rail the entire mile. I just managed to squeak through at the very end to win by a head. I'm certain that if I had raced him more aggressively, I wouldn't have done nearly as well. Such is racing.

### ~ Mickey McNichol

"Joe came down to visit. As some might say, he was smitten with the horse life and especially the Florida climate.

"He soon quit school and we decided to pool our resources. Thus was the Caraluzzi-McNichol stable born. We began as an overnight operation racing mostly at Monticello with occasional forays into Yonkers, Roosevelt and The Meadowlands when the quality of the horses merited it. We both trained. I drove. Joe handled the books and the business aspects of the operation. We weren't thriving, but we weren't starving either."

#### How did the transition to babies and Grand Circuit quality horses evolve?

"We were training some of the overnight horses for Jack Landis' Sunbird Stable. Bruce Nickells had the babies. There was a disagreement between Jack and Bruce involving the use of catch drivers. Jack wanted Bruce to use them for his horses. Bruce wanted to continue to drive the horses he was training. There was a breakup. The horses were sent to us. We didn't know anything about training babies. We learned in a hurry.

"Among those horses was an already sore 2-year-old named Jazz Cosmos.

"Jazz Cosmos was an amazing horse. If they gave awards to the horses with the biggest hearts, Jazz Cosmos would be way up there. He had as bad a set of hocks as you ever saw on a horse. He was only a \$9,000 yearling. Undoubtedly those hocks were the reason he didn't bring more. When you put him behind the starting gate though, he threw all that soreness away. He was a true warrior. We won the Kentucky Futurity with him and just got nosed out in the Hambletonian by Speed Bowl. He ended up standing stud at Armstrong Brothers in Canada. Unfortunately, he reproduced those bad hocks, but not usually the big hearts in his foals.

"His going there proved to be a blessing to Joe and I. With some of the money Jack earned from him at stud, Landis was able to continue buying yearlings for us to train. The world champion Nearly Perfect was one of them."

### You won a Hambletonian with Alf Palema.

"That was a perfect example of me being in the right place at the right time. Before the race, I barely knew who the colt was. Per Eriksson was the trainer of the pre-race favorite King Conch. On basically a lark, he decided to enter Alf Palema as well. He was part of a favored entry that went off at 3-1. He put me down to drive Alf Palema. Sonny Patterson drove King Conch. They were destined to finish one-two.

"If Alf Palema were alone in the betting, he probably would have gone off at 50-1 or higher. There were three eliminations with nine starters in each. My goal going into the race was to try to get a check. I finished second in his elimination. In the final, I wasn't all that concerned with winning. I was sure I couldn't do that. I wanted to get a piece of the action. I hugged the rail the entire mile. I just managed to squeak through at the very



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### ~ Mickey McNichol

end to win by a head. I'm certain that if I had raced him more aggressively, I wouldn't have done nearly as well. Such is racing.

"In his next race, we went to Illinois where we won the World Trotting Derby at DuQuoin. Alf Palema was Swedish owned and went to stud there where he became one of the greatest stallions ever in that country. Another interesting anecdote about him was that he was the very last horse and the only Hambletonian winner bred by George Alexander's Chestnut Farm, one of the most renowned breeders of trotters ever."

## You have had many top trotters. How about pacers?

"I suppose the best might have been Broadway Express whose greatest claim to fame might have been finishing second to Dragon's Lair when he upset Nihilator in the Breeders Crown 2-year-old colt pace at The Meadows. Most who saw that race would rank it among the greatest they've ever seen.

"We owned 40 per cent of him with David Brooks.

"Horsemen don't usually agree on anything, let alone everything. But one thing that most might agree on is that when speaking of bad guys is that David Brooks stood alone. I have never heard anyone say a good word about the man.

"We were fortunate in that the checks came directly to us. Most other horsemen who had his horses were not nearly as fortunate. They often did not get paid what they were owed. Not because he couldn't afford to pay them, but because he took delight in cheating just about anybody.

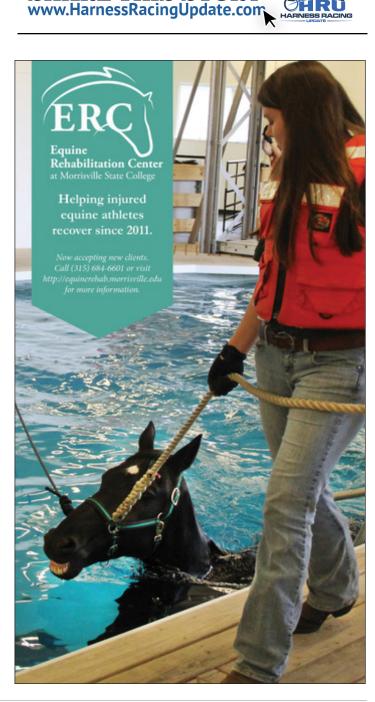
"We also trained Flight Of Fire and Port Stanley from Bob Boni's and Lou Guida's first group of Niatross yearlings. In any other year, Flight Of Fire would have been among the best out there. Going against Nihilator, he was an also ran."

### What is life like for you these days?

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"I would say its fine. But to deny that I miss Pompano Park would just be a lie. I and almost all horsemen who have spent time here miss it desperately. It was more than just a racetrack. It was a way of life. I'm fortunate that I put a few bucks away for that proverbial rainy day. I spent a few summers racing at Tioga Downs and enjoyed it. Now I stay in Florida pretty much year around.

"In the last few years, I've trained a few Florida-breds for the Florida Sires Stakes. It looks as though we might have another year of those. I try to visit the training centers and try to help out my fellow horsemen when I'm able to."



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## G'day Meadowlands, or should that be good morning?

Early risers will have the opportunity to watch some Meadowlands regulars at Brisbane's Albion Park.

#### by Debbie Little

Prior to Sunday's (Feb. 23) Dan Patch Awards Banquet in Orlando, FL, all eyes should be looking farther south and quite a bit west, at the inaugural Ladbrokes Ultimate Driver Challenge at Brisbane, Australia's Albion Park.

The innovative two-night competition — which will be conducted on Friday (Feb. 21) and Saturday (Feb. 22) — is must-see-TV for Meadowlands fans, as drivers Dexter Dunn and Yannick Gingras will be competing, while Big M TV host Jessica Otten will be a roving reporter doing interviews with participating drivers.

According to Racing Queensland's general manager of racing, David Brick, both race nights will be live streamed via the event website www.theultimatedriver.com.au.

With Brisbane 15 hours ahead of East Rutherford, NJ, the broadcast – Friday from approximately 2:30-7 a.m. (ET) and Saturday from approximately 2-6:30 a.m. (ET) – is aimed for early risers.

Night owls may be interested in checking out the event's website on Wednesday (Feb. 19) when the drivers select their horses live between 11 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. (ET).

When news first spread about the Ladbrokes Ultimate Driver Challenge, many entities were interested in attaining one of the 10 coveted slots and Meadowlands top competitors Ron Burke / Weaver Bruscemi got lucky.

"It was hard to get a spot," Mark Weaver said. "A lot of people tried and didn't get one, but we were able to get a slot in this drivers' competition, and when we got it, we selected Yannick." Dave Landry This week, driver Yannick Gingras will compete in the Ladbrokes Ultimate driver Challenge at Brisbane, Australia's Albion Park.



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Yannick Gingras

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This will be Weaver's second time visiting Australia as he got married there in 1999.

"My wife and I figured we've always wanted to go back, let's just tie it around this," Weaver said. "So, we're going to go with her parents, who were actually there when we got married 26 years ago, and her brother and sister-in-law."

Weaver mentioned that his partner, Mike Bruscemi, will not be making the trip Down Under.

"He and his wife, they're not the best shippers," Weaver said with a laugh. "I have trouble getting them down to Florida in the winter, so they will not be there."

According to Gingras – competing for the slot held by ABR / Summit Bloodstock / Ron Burke / Weaver Bruscemi Syndicate – he, Burke, and Weaver thought it would be exciting to do this excursion together.

"The plan was all of us going Down Under together, but unfortunately [Ronnie] has too much going on, so he ended up not coming," Gingras said. "Mark will be here, though, and that will be fun.

"It's a really cool concept and a little different now than I expected but, nonetheless, will be a thrill. Just to compete and see a different part of the world is so interesting to me."

Otten said she is also thrilled for the opportunity to be part of the event even though she didn't initially realize that was why Brick was contacting her.

"At first, I didn't think I was being invited," Otten said. "I thought The Meadowlands was being invited for a partnership in a slot. And then he's like, no, no, no, we want you to come down."

Once Otten realized she was being asked to work the event, she just had to get permission from her supervisor.

"So, I emailed it to Rachel [Ryan], and she's like, 'You have to go,' and I was like, 'Yeah, well, if you told me no, I was still going, I'm not going to miss this opportunity," Otten said with a laugh. "So, they just asked me if I could come and cover the event with them and kind of push it out on my social media pages and kind of follow Dexter and Yannick around and cover them, so that the U.S. sees what's going on."

Otten arrived in Australia on Saturday (Feb. 15), and is already posting about the competition on social media at https://x.com/JessicaOtten1.

Dunn and Gingras will take on Sweden's Bjorn Goop, New Zealand's Carter Dalgety and Australians Nathan Dawson, Angus Garrard, Kate Gath, Gary Hall, Jr., Brad Hewitt and Peter McMullen in the 20-race competition, which will be spread over two days.

Although this is not Dunn's first international competition, as **he told HRU's Adam Hamilton**, it'll be an extremely busy weekend for him.

This is also not Gingras' first international competition, but he said he's always appreciative of being included.

"I'm just very thankful, once again, for the trust the Burke family / Weaver Bruscemi are putting in me," Gingras said. "I certainly don't take for granted what they have done for my career and they are showing it once again in providing this opportunity to me."



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#### THE VIEW FROM WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK with MELISSA KEITH

## Caretaker Tamara Rae Vandewiel recovering from warmblood stallion attack

#### by Melissa Keith

A year ago, Tamara Rae Vandewiel was wishing her Facebook friends a Happy Family Day, a provincial holiday celebrated in Ontario. Today, the standardbred caretaker and mother of two young children is recovering from a vicious horse attack.

Vandewiel is the partner of trainer Kyle Bossence, who was accompanying her to a hospital appointment when contacted this week. He confirmed that she had been badly hurt by a stallion, but was unable to provide further details at the time. In a follow-up text message, Bossence apologized and said he was also struggling to "keep up with all the snow and horses" after a recent storm. Bossence is the 2021 O'Brien Future Star Award winner and trains several current Woodbine Mohawk Park performers, including maiden trotter Forbidden One, Johnstown Jet (p, 2, 1:56.2f; \$13,598), Iwishihadame (p, 5, 1:53.3f; \$36,211), and Valuable Miss (3, 1:54.2s; \$192,041). In a Jan. 2019 interview with Standardbred Canada, he called Vandewiel "an outstanding groom," who had "started helping [him] full time in 2018," the year he was first named a finalist for the Future Star Award.

"I definitely could not have done it without her," Bossence said in the SC interview.

Former Mohawk trainer Casie Coleman said she wanted to help when she heard about the extent of Vandewiel's injuries from a mutual friend organizing an online fundraiser.

"I saw that Megan Downey posted it on Facebook," Coleman said. "I was actually on vacation in Cancun, so I said I'd donate a breeding to McWicked and a breeding to Sportswriter. [Downey] was just on Facebook, donating \$1,000 of her own stuff."

On Feb. 1, Downey posted: "Please help my friend Tamara Rae Vandewiel and her family during this horrific time. She was savaged by a feral stallion and will have to undergo multiple surgeries to fix the tendons and ligaments and will have a long road to recovery."

The fundraiser, which is now finished, raised around \$12,000, said Coleman. Tickets for the online raffle to support Vandewiel through her recovery were sold by Downey for \$25 each. Various equestrian items were offered, as well as the two stallion services donated by the multiple O'Brien Award-winning trainer.

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It wasn't a standardbred [that attacked Tamara Rae Vandewiel]; it was a warmblood rescue. I guess it grabbed a hold of her over the stall door... She was doing everything she could to get away. It was trying to pull her over the gate, into the stall. She ended up remembering that [veterinary technician and harness horseman] Laverne Turnbull would take the horse's tongue to the outside of its mouth, to distract them. She did that, and that's how she got free.

~ Casie Coleman

Coleman shared details of Vandewiel's brave escape from what could have been a lethal savaging.

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Coleman said she knew Vandewiel as a capable horsewoman.

"Tamara was with me for a while," said the trainer, now based in Florida after scaling back her racing stock in Ontario. "She worked for me when I was at Classy Lane [Training Centre, in Puslinch, ON]. It was a way back, like years ago. I knew her through her mother, Darlene Hayes, who breeds thoroughbreds and standardbreds at Hillsborough Stables [in Millgrove, ON.]"

The unnamed warmblood stallion attacked Vandewiel on the same property where Bossence's racehorses are based in Arthur, ON.

"It was on the farm," Coleman said. "Nobody was in the barn with her. She knew to run to another barn where other people were, and asked them to apply [a tourniquet] to her arm, and they called an ambulance."

Coleman added that she heard that Vandewiel already had "two surgeries to get the nerve damage and skin grafting done."

As of Feb. 14, the dangerous stallion had been removed from the farm, but not euthanized.

"Animal control were doing testing to see if the horse had rabies," Coleman said. "They can't put the horse down yet. They need to wait two weeks for the rabies test."

Although Downey's fundraising raffle is over, Vandewiel's recovery is just beginning. There will likely be other efforts to assist the caretaker and her family through this difficult time. Coleman said she could relate to the battle ahead, as she too had faced a life-altering stable accident, back in 2000 when

she was working as a groom for trainer Bill Davis at British Columbia's Sandown Park.

"I went through a barn fire and, at one time, they didn't think I would walk again," Coleman said. "She works in the barn and has two young kids. I did message her, just to say, 'Keep your head up and keep fighting; stay strong."







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## **There's a solution for that, Part 2**

#### by John Berry

#### Part 1 is here.

Continuing with the situations facing our sport, this Mane Attraction covers more of the subject matter brought to our attention... and some solutions to conquer the hurdles facing us to assure the longevity and success of our sport and industry.

There are always complaints that harness racing doesn't get its fair share of air time – especially on television.

Yes, some tracks have excellent on-air shows that get some play from their faithful but, by and large (remember him?), harness racing gets the short end of the stick.

That will continue forever as our industry relies on outside sources to get the limited amount of races shown on a national level.

While, admittedly, we are struggling with a declining and aging fan base... There is a solution for that.

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Overseas, east of us, we have France, Italy, Sweden, Finland, Austria and Russia... and even a bit in Bermuda.

Europe is six to eight hours ahead of us.

In France alone, there are said to be over 200 hippodromes.

To the south, there may be a few in South America and there are many in Australia and New Zealand.

The folks Down Under are 16-18 hours ahead of us.

There is enough harness racing to cover the world practically 24 hours a day and enough tracks, breeders and interested parties to get this funded and implemented.

It could become "the coolest hot spot" in harness racing and "the hottest cool spot."

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In many conversations over the years, the subject of whipping has come up with some judges levying fines for excessive use of the whip.

One driver/trainer in particular lamented, "Horses have always been good to me and never did anything to me so I refuse to use one on them.

"I've seen them striped [from the whip] and I've seen them blistered... and I've seen PETA even getting involved here and there."

There is a solution for that.

Our sport needs to develop a new type of saddle pad – one I will take the liberty of calling the Berry Patch Saddle Pad... which would be approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times the size of current saddle pads used in post parades and races.

The front numbered portion would remain constant with the remaining back section having a pad extending well back so that when a driver feels the need to use the whip, it will strike the padded back section creating the noise factor but eliminating the possibility of striping the horse, welts, blisters and/or other damage to its coat.

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On rare occasions, a situation arises in the race office when a redraw of a race is a necessity.

As I have years of experience in that arena, there have been instances when a horse having drawn an inside post, example post position 1, redraws an outside post, example PP 9.

Only complaints from owners, trainers and drivers can result from this as I remember one trainer saying with a sneer, "Well, that just took \$3,000 out of our pocket!"

To avoid future unfair situations in the future... There is a solution to that.

In the case of a redraw, all draw pills are used with "one" pill only drawn for the horse in question with all other horses moving out just one post position only.

This eliminates the possibility of severe damage in draw for all owners, trainers, drivers and, of course, horses.

The debate in our industry and with the fans continues on the subject of who is the best driver at our North American tracks.

Much of the talent on the track is when, for example, one driver is listed as first choice on more than one entry with that driver, of course, selecting the "best" horse in that field.



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It's so important that it's shown on the bottom of a program page.

Yes, defining the "best" is difficult but... There is a solution for that.

Just as we have an open draw for horses (as opposed to a handicap draw), tracks might want to spice up their races a bit by having two races per program with an "open drivers draw," with the top eight, nine, or 10 drivers in that draw for the horses in that particular race.

The drivers selected for open draw would be based on wins after the first month of a season or by UDRS (batting average) after their first, say, 25 drives.

For example, at Plainridge, let's see how Brett Beckwith, Bruce Ranger, Matt Athearn, Kevin Switzer, Jr., Nick Graffam, James Hardy, Drew Campbell and Jay Randall would compete against each other on a more regular basis in an open draw for horses... or Tim Tetrick, David Miller, Yannick Gingras, Dexter Dunn, Scott Zeron, etc., in overnight races, at The Meadowlands.

Separate stats for the drivers could be held in that department and the races would, most certainly, be very competitive, something our sport needs to take away the bettors' conception that the races are all single file with little movement.

Finally, competitive racing is a dangerous, high risk sport and the ones that make a living – or try to – have skills that are far beyond the average human being and require reactions that are even finer than split second ones.

On rare occasion, there are incidents that put participants in danger – even life threatening.

When something unforeseen happens, an inquiry is conducted. That is no different than in any other industry: auto, airplane, train, etc. There is always controversy when our red inquiry sign lights up on the tote board.

Whatever the decision, if a horse is "left up" on the board, it's a sigh of relief for the winners and hoots and howls from those who would have benefitted from any change in the order of finish.

Yes, there may be tower cameras at a couple of points on the track but the judges only have one set of binoculars and may not catch every little tidbit that happens during a race... There is a solution for that.

Mini doorbell cameras could be installed — either on the inside or outside part on the track — that could give the judges a closeup view of virtually every inch of that 5,280-foot mile to take away any controversy on their decisions.

Honesty and integrity and the conception of same is very important to our sport, whether it concerns a \$2 win ticket or a 10 cent superfecta ducat.

That's it for now! May The Horse Be With You







## Brady Sweet, Canada's 2024 Future Star runner up, can't wait for his 2025 season to start

#### by Chris Lomon

Brady Sweet has always been the type to have his wheels in motion.

The 24-year-old horseman doesn't need any reminder as to when the 2025 season at Charlottetown Driving Park gets underway.

In fact, Sweet has had it circled in his calendar for weeks now.

"The first Saturday in May," said the rising star driver/trainer from O'Leary, PEI. "I can't wait to get going again."

It's understandable as to why he would feel that way.

After all, Sweet's 2024 campaign is one that produced a careerbest 59 wins and \$163,928 in purse earnings.

There were many highlights to look back on.

One of them came courtesy of the prolific pacer Elroy Shiner.

Trained by Sweet's brother-in-law, Jeff Holmes, the son of Warrawee Needy—Rain Dance Heather was a winner's circle regular, delivering 18 wins and seven seconds from 29 starts to his connections.

"Elroy Shiner was so good to me last year," said Sweet, of the now 8-year-old bay gelding who slotted in the top three in the nation for yearly wins. "He loves the front end, and he knows how to win."

Just like the young man at the controls.

Sweet got his first taste of stakes success when he piloted the filly Thinkingofeddie to glory in a Grassroots division of the P.E.I. Colt Stakes last May 26 at Summerside Raceway. The duo duplicated that feat in September at Charlottetown Driving Park.

Winning with the daughter of Pang Shui—Popa Was A Gigolo was doubly special for Sweet.

"My first stakes win with the filly I own was one of the big highlights," he said. "It's always nice to win a stakes race, but when you do it with your own horse it makes it even more special. She did it very easily.

"Everyone was very happy for us. My phone lit up right after the race. It's definitely something I'm going to remember for a lot of reasons."



If the opportunity comes along, I would like to try the Ontario circuit. Everyone who races here [on PEI] wants to win the Gold Cup and Saucer, so hopefully, that is in my future. I just take whatever comes my way and try to learn from it and use everything to motivate me to be the best I can be.

### ~ Brady Sweet

Add a drive in the Premier's Cup - he partnered Tony Too Tall - and 2024 was a vintage year for Sweet.

And not just on the racetrack or within his home province.

Along with rave reviews for his skill in the sulky and adeptness in training, recognition of his talents extended well beyond the borders of Prince Edward Island.

He was named as one of the finalists – Todd Ratchford was the other – for the coveted 2024 Future Star Award, with the latter taking home the honors at the recent O'Brien Awards ceremony held just west of Toronto.

It was a deserving nod for Sweet, who has been part of the horse racing scene for over half his life.

Before he reached his teenage years, Sweet was already a budding horseman, jogging his great uncle's horses with a helping hand from his father.

In 2015, he was named Junior Rookie of the Year in Prince Edward Island. One year later, he earned Rookie of the Year honors there.

Fast-forward to 2021, the year Sweet recorded his first parimutuel driving win.

The milestone came with Burn Out Hanover, a son of Well Said – Burning Point, who was also trained by Holmes.

While the victory was easy – the pair bested their closest rival by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lengths – the lead-up to the race was hardly smooth for Sweet.

"Three days before that, I was in a car accident," he said. "I was in the hospital for just a night, and I was pretty sore. I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to drive. But I made sure I was okay and then got in the race bike. We had the rail, and we won it easily.

"I still have a soft spot for Burn Out Hanover. I've driven him ever since I got my license. He is one of the best horses I have ever driven."

Thankfully, the journey from then to now has been drama-free for a horseman who is champing at the bit as to what could be in store, now and down the road.

"If the opportunity comes along, I would like to try the Ontario circuit," Sweet said. "Everyone who races here wants to win the Gold Cup and Saucer, so hopefully, that is in my future. I just take whatever comes my way and try to learn from it and use everything to motivate me to be the best I can be."

An interest outside of pacing and trotting miles continues to fuel his appetite to succeed.

"I'm very competitive, more than I ever knew I was," he said. "I played hockey growing up. From hockey, it has helped me in racing a lot – keeping my head on a swivel, not losing your cool, and taking everything in stride. Everything I do, I want to be good at it."

It would be impossible to suggest he hasn't.

But there is no trace of ego to be found.

"Everybody who has helped me get to where I am, everyone who trusts me with their horses, and all the people who encourage me – I am very fortunate," Sweet said. "Getting the chance to drive against the top guys in Charlottetown has helped me a lot. Learning from them, seeing what they do to be successful – that has been a big thing for me.

"My brother-in-law, with his high-performance stable, has allowed me to drive some very nice horses. That has helped me so much. His team always has horses in top condition, so that makes everything a lot easier for me."

Sweet's goals for 2024 are perhaps unsurprising.

"This year, I want to keep numbers strong, try to build on what I was able to do in 2024 and up my stats," he said. "I would also like to pick up some more drives, and to get a few more stakes wins."

Between a full-time welding career and racing, Sweet, who enjoys watching UFC with his friends, stickhandles a busy, but rewarding life.

Not too busy, however, to keep him from counting down the days until the first Saturday in May.

"I can't wait to get the 100th win of my career, but that will have to wait a while," he said. "I'm still going to the barn every day and working with my own horses and waiting to get back at it."

Back to getting his wheels in motion and taking his rising star status to new heights.





## Caligula's horse racing mania can inspire harness racing growth, Part 2

by Frank Cotolo

#### Part 1 is here.

Chariot racing thrived under the governance of Rome's Emperor Caligula. He was its biggest fan and throughout his four-year rule it became the biggest entertainment attraction the vast Italian territories would ever host.

The phenomenon's attraction appealed to the violent atmosphere of Caligula's Rome. The young ruler's appetite for outrageous versions of human wickedness in many areas of the culture were embraced by the population as they hailed their mighty leader's quirks. So, when it came to chariot racing the great dangers were sensationalized as part of the action. No rules made every race a free-for-all life risk for man and beast.

The wagering public drooled at the possibility of their opponents' drivers and horses collapsing in combat no matter what forms of injury ensued. Winning was the product of more than speed and endurance or driver strategies. Violence by the racing entities made the stakes higher and quenched the thirst of a blood starving audience.

These aspects of the sport were not products of the right tension but statistics showed their emotional remnants survived the ages. It is true today that the suspense element of Caligula's unruly chariot races is still a fair lure to attract new harness racing fans.

In 2012 a study by professors John Solow and Peter Von Allmen verified that the likelihood of car wrecks increased viewership and that audiences increased near 6 per cent for each crash per program. The study also revealed viewership was not affected by the popularity of the sport's stars, drivers.

Motorsports officials became concerned. They did not want the good chances of carnage to be a celebrated feature. But when the sport introduced new competition safety rules there was an immediate reaction. Many race outcomes presented what fans deemed "little drama." Some drivers admitted the new restrictions affected their performances to the extent where race winners became foregone conclusions.

Fan surveys continued to show collision expectations persisted. Crashes still made up an important part of the TV ratings. I

understood without doubt or question because every 9-year-old memory of playing with my Ben-Hur chariots included nearviolent and destructive scenes. Those types of thrills swelled from other sources of entertainment like movies and comic books' adventures.

The delicious anxiety of near-to-total annihilation is a natural blood-pumper and since the digital revolution in gaming it added direct participation. Playing popular racing games like Mario Kart, a player takes the impending disaster theme to the hilt and it is especially titillating since a player can crash endless times and only lose points in the process. That is also true for many online video games where violent action offers scenarios far from the comic visuals of the Mario clan. War games and gangster games glamourize brutality in authentic recreations of reality.

Is it any wonder boredom emerges in gamers when they become an audience for – dare I write it this way – a bunch of horses running or trotting or pacing in a circle? No less to risk money on an outcome? Let us face it: Horse racing survives on pari-mutuel wagering; winning or losing money as a spectator fuels the meaning for the competition (unless you are one of the minority of fans smitten with the equine species or some individualized elements in a particular theater for their talent).

Hunting for new fans is a reflection of a product demanding a strong approach to reaching a young generation. Proving this is the recent campaign by the United States military. It suffers a strong shrinkage in recruitment. Today it is engaged in a mass-media promotional push to attract young people to join its ever-shrinking population. The brilliant plan aims at the gamers' generation. Gender does not matter because this current coming-of-age group is tech-savvy and approached adulthood having been raised in the digital age. The virtual skills of military technology are wildly expanding and should be well managed – in war and in peace – by the children of binary math.

But the target audience is also a gaggle of gamers. They command their action figures through a controller. And they wander through virtual action scenarios — wars even — honing their senses and loving it. The Pentagon is recruiting soldiers; people who work under the clouds of world conflict and deadly combat. Their YouTube commercials offer adventures as well as benefits.

The standardbred industry engaged top business promotional professionals in the mid-1990s. The goal was to address various routes that would entice a younger audience's attitudes of the "old man's sport" of harness racing. The promo professionals met with failure and cost the USTA far more money than the efforts generated. While I was an editor at a major standardbred magazine I championed the Caligula Angle aimed at youngsters. With help of some influential members of the standardbred community we attempted a theme that needs support again.





## The times are a changing

by Trey Nosrac

"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."

Alan Watts

"We are called to be the architects of the future, not its victims." Buckminster Fuller

Over a century ago, when pari-mutuel wagering on horses arrived in America, state governments entered the picture to regulate and profit from racing. This marriage of sport and state led to complex webs where horse racing relied on state governments for survival. State governments could capture economic rewards.

Horse racing was, and is, a bit of an odd duck in the sporting world. Other sports relied on ticket sales, advertising, sponsorships, or private investment and did not require state cooperation, regulation, or intervention for their existence. Other sports made their own rules and regulated themselves. While we have had outstanding state legislators who cared for and supported horse racing, the game was, and is, always about money and power as far as each state is concerned.

The question is: at this point in history, in a world where sports gambling is exploding, should horse racing retain its long relationship with state governments? At this point in history, a few states appear to be doing well with the current model, but is it the best course for the long run?

Demographics are not favorable to horse racing. Revenue from sports gambling will soon dwarf that of our pari-mutuel gambling model. If we follow the money and the trends, it seems possible that states will begin to prioritize modern sports wagering and lose interest in horse racing. With individual states calling the gambling shots, horses and horseplayers may be racing to the bottom, and potential new states may never get on the track. In the new gambling world, existing state regulation of horse racing could be in jeopardy. Should a state government want to reallocate regulatory funding from pari-mutuel horse racing to online sports gambling – who could blame them? States will follow the money and the votes. Sad examples such as Florida, Illinois, and Michigan illustrate that the existence of state-controlled harness racing programs is fragile.

The casino money is necessary and welcome but is not a longrange solution. The future of our sport feels, shaky. Who will take the reins and lead horseracing into the gambling landscape of the future?

In my wanderings through the harness racing world, I encounter many solid organizations and wonderful people. The sector that always strikes me as having a high level of energy, relative youth, ambition, business savvy, and looking toward the future, are the owners of breeding farms.

Big farms, small farms, and medium-sized farms build our product, sell our product, and look ahead. The players in the breeding business read statistics and balance sheets. They have allies in our industry, and they own property. They nurture old customers and seek new customers. Several farms sell horses in multiple state programs. Standardbred breeding farm operators understand perfectly well that if harness horse racing stumbles, they fall.

Our leaders in the breeding industry certainly are not anxious to lead a restructuring of the horse racing industry. No entity wants a flaming hot mess of struggling fiefdoms in a problematic environment tossed in their lap. But we are where we are, and to my mind, our leaders in the breeding ranks are the closest thing we have to a rescue party.

Perhaps the first step would be assembling a panel of breeding farm leaders. These leaders could hire strategists and formulate options. Options that may very well (gently) cut some cords, open new territories, eliminate sectors that hold us back, and coordinate new national and local schedules. They could also include controlling our money, wagering outlets, regulations, and licensing. The breeding farms are smart enough to know they do not know everything and may find AI helpful. At the very least, a bold national plan for revival and self-sufficiency that members could rally around would be better than no plan.

With the bitter taste of Freehold and Pompano on our tongues and dark clouds of hungry young competitors elbowing into the gambling game, there still may be time for change and for the unity of our various tribes. Today may be the time to run towards an unknown future instead of away from the apparent one.





## R Melina's Walner half-brother arrives at Armitage Farm

by Armitage Farm

This Walner colt out of Goodtogo Hanover arrived on Feb. 1 at Armitage Farm in Midway, KY. The colt is the third foal out of Goodtogo Hanover and a half-brother to Chapter Seven mare and Kentucky Filly Futurity winner R Melina 3, 1:50.1-'24 (\$1,191,874).



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## First Beach Glass foal arrives at Winbak

#### by Elizabeth Lewis-House

Winbak Farm of Maryland proudly welcomed the first Beach Glass foal on Jan. 28, a filly out of Grip N Win.

Beach Glass, p, 3, 1:47.2 (\$1,189,416), won the Meadowlands Pace, Max C Hempt and Progress Pace. He competed and won against Bythemissal, Fourever Boy and Pebble Beach.

The filly is the third foal from Grip N Win. Her oldest foal is now 2.

Grip N Win is a daughter of Spring Break, p, 3, 1:50.3z (\$787,057). Grip N Win is a three-quarter sister to Bettor Than Spring, p, 1:49.2h (\$728,651). She is a half-sister to Tuxedo Bay, p, 1:50 (\$370,504), and 2024 New York stakes winner, Spring Blake, p, 3, 1:52.2f –'24 (\$99,961).

This filly is the third generation of her family to be bred by Winbak Farm and her third dam was bred by Winbak Farm owners Joe and JoAnn Thomson.

Foal fans are encouraged to submit names for almost every Winbak Farm foal on the farm's **Facebook page**.

Beach Glass stands at Winbak Farm of Canada. Find more information on Beach Glass at www.winbakfarm.com.



## New starting gate at The Meadowlands

When live racing kicked off on Saturday (Feb. 15), fans and horsemen should have noticed a new 2024 Ford 150 starting gate.

Designed and built by Michigan-based Don Marotta, the new staggered starting gate provides a 14-foot advantage for the horse in the 10th spot on the gate. The Meadowlands' previous starting gate allowed for a 12-foot advantage. The gate attempts to level the chances of those horses starting from the outside posts.

"A staggered gate is something the drivers and trainers have been asking for a while," said Jason Settlemoir, chief operating officer/general manager of The Meadowlands. "When it was time to replace our old gate, Jeff [Gural] and I decided on the staggered gate. We want to make it as even a playing field as we can for both the horsemen and our wagering public."

The gate was tested during qualifiers Saturday morning by Meadowlands starter Merle "Moe" LaFontaine.

Meadowlands media relations

## Volstead's book full and closed for 2025

Dublin Valley Farms is pleased to announce that their top stallion Volstead, T, 6, 1:51.3f-Sweden (\$729,716) has had another terrific season in the breeding shed, with his book now full and closed for 2025.

Volstead, an internationally successful son of Cantab Hall out of the Yankee Glide mare Madame Volo, won numerous European stakes races, before entering stud duty at Dublin Valley Farms in 2020.

To date Volstead has sired 31 starters with progeny earnings of \$2,319,474, including 2024 Ohio Horse of the Year Sugar Instead, T, 3, 1:52.4f (\$915,6640); along with Ohio Sires Stakes winner Jurassic Hattie, T, 3, 1:52.3f (\$441,864), and Ohio Fair Stake winner Smokeitsteady, T, 3, 1:55.3f (\$133,115), etc.

Volstead's 2025 fee was \$7,500 at Dublin Valley Farms, located in Fredericksburg, OH. For more information on Volstead, contact Joe Yoder at 330-473-5863 or email info@dublinvalleyfarms.com.

Dublin Valley Farms

## The Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale is now accepting entries

The newest sale on the standardbred calendar is now accepting entries for their inaugural sale. The three-day sale will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds from Thursday (Oct. 16, 2025) through Saturday (Oct. 18, 2025). Select yearlings will sell on Thursday and Friday and the mixed sale will be held on Saturday.

Offering a sliding scale commission, buyer's rebates, and a low commission on stallion shares, this innovative sale is not limited to Indiana sired yearlings, it is open to all yearlings, sired in any state or jurisdiction.

Please visit our website, www.midweststandardbredhorsesale. com to enter your consignment or email your entries to **jmacomber@midweststandardbredhorsesale.com**. You can also call Sale manager Jamie Macomber at 740-974-5048 to enter your consignment.

The deadline for yearling entries is May 2, 2025.

Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale

## Pair of Pop-Up Series added at Mohawk Park

Woodbine Mohawk Park's race office has added two Pop-Up Series to next week's condition sheet.

The details for both Pop-Up Series are listed below:

Pace – Pop Up Series: Claiming \$8,000 for non-winners \$4,000 last five starts. Allowances for age. (Must race in two legs to be eligible to final).

Leg	1:	Thursday	(Feb.	20)	_	\$10,000			
Leg	2:	Thursday	(Feb.	27)	_	\$10,000			
Leg	3:	Thursday	(March	6)	—	\$10,000			
Final: Thursday (March 13) — \$20,000									

Pace – Pop-Up Series: Fillies and mares claiming \$8,000 for non-winners \$4,000 last five starts. Allowances for age. (Must race in two legs to be eligible to final).

Leg	1:	Thursday	(Feb.	20)	—	\$10,000
Leg	2:	Thursday	(Feb.	27)	_	\$10,000
Leg	3:	Thursday	(March	6)	—	\$10,000

Final: Thursday (March 13) - \$20,000

Consolations will be available for both Pop-Up Series.

The entry box for Thursday's card (Feb. 20) closes Monday (Feb. 17) at 10:30 a.m.

Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications

## Miller wins third straight feature at Big M

After winning the last two featured events at The Meadowlands with Intothemysticmoon (Feb. 7) and Antognoni A (Feb. 1), it's possible players planned on betting their \$2 on driver Dave Miller in the Friday night marquee event at The Big M.

And once again, they would have cashed.

Miller worked out a perfect pocket trip with **Rock My Universe**, and the Mike Simons trainee coasted home to an easy 2½-length win in 1:55 to record his second straight victory in the \$15,500 conditioned event for trotters.

"When I moved him [out of the pocket] he took right off," said Miller of the 4-year-old gelded son of Walner—Youlightupmyworld, who won for fun as the 4-5 public choice.

Luke's Bar, who was nailed on the wire by Rock My Universe a week ago, was once again seen on the lead, cutting out fractions of :28.1, :56.4 and 1:25.3, but the Chris Ryder student could not deal with Rock My Universe for a second straight start, ending up third after getting outkicked for the place spot by Elegant Resolve.

"I was able to angle out at the head of the lane," said Miller, "and he won very handily."

After starting his career an uninspiring one-for-30, Rock My Universe, who returned \$3.80 to win, is now three-for-32 lifetime, good for earnings of just over \$55,000 for owners A P Racing and William Masterson.

**GRASSO'S GRAND:** Michael Grasso won the second edition of the 2025 Meadowlands Monthly Handicapping Contest, which goes for prize money totaling \$1,000.

Grasso finished the night with a bankroll of \$354. He and secondplace finisher Nick Montemurro (\$312.50) both earned spots in the \$10,000 contest that will be held in December.

Robert Glaser had both the third- and fourth-place bankrolls with \$170.60 and \$158.80, respectively, while Heather Jones was fifth with \$70.10.

A LITTLE MORE: Brett Beckwith led the driver colony with four winners on the night...Julius Czermann topped the trainers with a pair of victories... Beckwith, Czermann and owner Joseph LoPrete swept the \$11.80 Late Daily Double with **Bacardi** (\$3.60 to win in race 13) and **Skyway Billy** (\$5.40, 14th)... All-source handle on the 14-race card totaled \$2,845,221.

## 2025 qualifier dates set at Harrah's Hoosier Park

As Harrah's Hoosier Park prepares for its rapidly approaching 32nd season of live harness racing, qualifier dates have been set for 2025 in advance of Opening Day on Friday (March 14).

The first qualifier at Harrah's Hoosier Park will be held on Saturday (March 1) with a first post time of 10 a.m. From that point forward, qualifiers will be held on the seven-eighthsmile oval each Wednesday and Saturday with a first post of 10 a.m. The lone exception will be when Harrah's Hoosier Park hosts its "Dress Rehearsal" qualifiers on Wednesday, March 12, which will feature a first post time of 5 p.m. Drivers will be expected to be in full colors for the evening qualifiers as the track prepares for Opening Day just two days later. The entry box will close one day prior to each qualifier session at 12 p.m.

Live racing will return to the Anderson oval on Friday (March 14) in what will kick off Fan-Appreciation Weekend. Race fans will be welcomed back to the track with a wide array of giveaways, handicapping contests, interactive promotions, guaranteed wagers and much more as racing returns.

The 2025 season will closely mirror that of the 2024 race schedule, with a few minor changes agreed upon between both Harrah's Hoosier Park and the Indiana Standardbred Association. The March 14 start date is a week prior to that of the opening of the 2024 season. Racing will begin with a two-day (Friday and Saturday) schedule for the first two weeks of the 2025 season, a three-day (Thursday through Saturday) schedule the following two weeks, before beginning a four-day (Wednesday through Saturday) schedule on Wednesday (April 9). From there, the 2025 season will look much like 2024, with a five-day (Tuesday through Saturday) racing schedule from Tuesday (June 24) through Saturday (Oct. 25).

In 2025, Harrah's Hoosier Park will have a standard first post time of 6:15 p.m. for each night of racing, including Saturdays, aside from signature event days which will have special post times in effect. The cards for both the 32nd Dan Patch Stakes (Friday, Aug. 8) and eighth Caesars Trotting Classic (Friday, Sept. 19) will both begin at 6 p.m. as they did in 2024. Additionally, Harrah's Hoosier Park will once again offer a 4 p.m. post time on the First Saturday in May (May 3), splitting the card around the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in efforts to introduce more of the Derby Day crowd to racing at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

For more information on the 2025 live racing season at Harrah's Hoosier Park, guests are encouraged to visit www.harrahshoosierpark.com.

Jacob Rheinheimer / Harrah's Hoosier Park

Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations



## **RESULTS & REPLAYS**

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

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

#### RACE RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY ARE PUBLISHED AS OF MIDNIGHT. ANY RESULTS MADE OFFICIAL AFTER MIDNIGHT ON THE USTA WEBSITE WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT

## **RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY**

## HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS report

#### Friday's Results:

8, Mea, \$18,000, Pace, \*\*OPEN HANDICAP\*\* 1-2 DRAWN, 3-6 DRAWN, 7 ASSIGNED, 27.1, 55.0, 1:22.3, 1:51.3, FT

**1-Timeisonmyside (g, 4, Captain Crunch--Macharoundtheclock, by Mach Three**) \$9,000, \$165,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 31-12-5-3, \$309,144 O-Thestable Timeisonmyside. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Tim Twaddle. D-Anthony Macdonald.

**2-Johnny Sack** (g, 5, American Ideal--Worldly Treasure, by Artsplace) \$4,500, \$62,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 49-11-10-4, \$173,220 O-Ameer Najor. B-White Birch Farm. T-Cory Kreiser. D-Brady Brown.

**3-Liteningonthebeach** (g, 5, Downbytheseaside--Peanutbettor Shake, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,160, \$72,000 2021 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 65-24-12-9, \$386,841 O-Renee J Bercury. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.

▶ Replay ▶ ► Calls: 7H, 7H, 5, 3H, T - Finish Order: Rocked N Loaded, Annapolis Hanover, Lunar, Buckeyebollinger N

## **MEADOWLANDS** report

#### Friday's Results:

**5**, **M**, **\$15,500**, **Trot**, 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M 3) Extended PM Races or \$20,000 (N/W L2, NJSO or F&M \$30,000) Life (Maidens Drawn Inside), 28.1, 56.4, 1:25.3, 1:55.0, FT

**1-Rock My Universe (g, 4, Walner--Youlightupmyworld, by Explosive Matter**) \$9,494, \$40,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 32-3-5-5, \$57,448 O-A P Racing & William P Masterson. B-Kentuckiana Farms LLC. T-Mike Simons. D-David Miller.



**2-Elegant Resolve** (g, 4, Resolve--Elegant Serenity, by Kadabra) \$3,720, \$60,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 27-1-4-5, \$110,750 O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-Douglas W Millard, CA. T-Pat Lachance. D-Brett Beckwith.

**3-Luke's Bar** (g, 5, Bar Hopping--Lukes Sophie, by Here Comes Herbie) \$1,705, \$55,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$85,618 O-Anthony Timmins, UK. B-Sergent Stables LLC. T-Chris Ryder. D-Patrick Ryder.

▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 10, 1H, 1H, 1, 2H - Finish Order: Striking Tactful, Vanguard, All Too Well, Theobald, Chuck



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## **WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK** report

#### Friday's Results:

**1, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$4,000 LAST 5 OR NW \$12,250 L10 STARTS (W/O \$15,000 L10 N/E) AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000. AE: N/A \$1,390 P/S IN 2024-25. AE: NW \$950 IN 2025, 27.4, 58.3, 1:27.1, 1:56.0

1-Chiefs Dream Girl (b,m,7 - Sunshine Beach-Todaysyourluckyday-Western Ideal) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 142-17-21-17, \$357,011
O-High Stakes Inc B-Joanne Colville T-Jack Moiseyev D-Phillippe Hudon
2-Betternotmachme (b,m,5 - Betterthancheddar-Jackie And Doreen-Mach Three)
O-Wayne Mac Rae, Howmac Farms Ltd B-Howmac Farms Ltd, Wayne Mac Rae T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen
3-Saulsbrook Olympia (blk,m,7 - Big Jim-Racino Star-Cams Card Shark)
O-Edward Gorc B-William Allan Mcneil, Mike Brealey T-Vernon Cochrane D-James Macdonald

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3, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$29,000 (OS \$33,850) LIFETIME. AE: ONTARIO SIRED 4 YEAR OLDS NW \$7,200 IN 2025, 29.0, 1:00.3, 1:30.4, 2:00.3

**1-Wheelin My Bentley (b,g,4 - Wheeling N Dealin-Lavecs Easter Gem-Majestic Son**) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 20-4-5-4, \$56,795 O-Tyler & William Borth B-Julia Pogue T-Katie Macneil D-Tyler Borth

2-Masterwork (b,g,4 - Muscle Mass-Cape Coral-Andover Hall)
 O-Jean Allaire, Gino Bilodeau, Anne Marie Demers, G T Stables
 B-Overseas Farms Ltd
 T-Jean-Francois Maguire

3-Neverlose Felix (b,g,3 - International Moni-Nanticoke Hanover-Glidemaster)O-Thestable Neverlose Felix B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Dominic Gladu D-James Macdonald

► ► Replay ► ►

#### 4, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$72,750 LIFETIME, 28.0, 58.1, 1:27.4, 1:55.4

1-Miss Dutton (b,m,4 - Rollwithitharry-Woodmere Dancenart-Articulator) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 30-9-4-5, \$83,045
 O-Shoulda Been Onabeach Stb B-David & -Mitchell Tierney T-Jeffrey Gillis D-Louis-Philippe Roy
 2-Caughtstealinghome (b,m,4 - Captive Audience-Shoplifter Hanover-Dragon Again)

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

3-Mother Mary (b,m,4 - Rockin Image-Pv Miracle Mary-Dragon Again)

O-Joseph Casagranda B-Joseph Casagranda T-Patrick Rouleau D-James Macdonald

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5, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$22,750 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000, 27.0, 57.3, 1:26.4, 1:55.4

1-Goudawon (b,m,6 - Betterthancheddar-Keystone Samurai-Camluck) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 73-18-4-15, \$332,359

O-Brenda & Mark & Anthony Lane B-Brenda & Mark Lane T-Amanda Riley D-Louis-Philippe Roy

2-Western Wish (b,m,7 - Betterthancheddar-Giannas Ideal-Western Ideal)
O-Aaron Waxman, Santo & Nunzio Vena B-Blaine Thibeau T-Carmen Auciello D-Jean Rene Plante
3-Stonebridge Halo (b,m,4 - Captain Crunch-Ken Doll J-Bettors Delight)
O-Daniel Lagace, Big Als Stables, Edwin Buhler B-Angie Stiller T-Anthony Montini D-Tyler Borth

► ► Replay ► ►

6, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$34,750 LIFETIME, 27.4, 57.0, 1:26.4, 1:55.4

1-Foxy Seaside (b,f,3 - Downbytheseaside-Foxy Rigger-Riggins) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$26,996
 O-Thestable Foxy Seaside B-Country Club Acres Inc, L And H Management Services T-Dominic Gladu D-James Macdonald
 2-Chasin Rainbows (b,m,4 - Spinfiniti-Hammers Rainbow-Mister Big)
 O-Lorraine Rey, Vince Sotheran B-Lorraine Rey T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Jody Jamieson

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

3-Space Cadebt (b,m,4 - Betting Line-Outtathisworld-Rocknroll Hanover)O-Christopher Nicol B-Walnridge Farm Inc, Sherri Meirs T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan

► ► Replay ► ►

**7, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace**, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$10,750 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.3, 58.2, 1:28.0, 1:57.1

**1-Julius Hanover (b,g,4 - Betting Line-Jk Higher Power-Somebeachsomewhere**) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 42-1-4-6, \$41,908 O-Christopher Nicol B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan



2-Puffs Last Shadow (b,g,4 - Shadow Play-Ten Pound Puff-Dexter Nukes) O-David & Sara Frey B-Robert Burgess T-David Frey D-Scott Young

**3-Longshot Panic** (b,g,4 - Betterthancheddar-Drift Panic-Shadow Play)

O-Wayne Smith B-Brian Paquet T-Wayne Smith D-Jody Jamieson

▶ ► Replay ► ►

**8, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace**, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YO & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$10,000 LT. NO ALLOW. AE: OS 4 YO N/A \$815 P/S IN 2024-2025, 29.0, 59.3, 1:29.4, 1:58.2

**1-Th Sandra Dee (b,f,3 - Dancin Lou-Future Headlines-Sportswriter**) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$18,360 O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel B-Tara Hills Stud Ltd T-Donald Lindsey D-Bob Mcclure



2-Kandy Kiss (b,f,3 - Bettors Delight-Halloween Hanover-American Ideal)

O-Glenn Dyke B-Hamstan Farm Inc T-Blake Macintosh D-Tyler Borth

3-Lady Hamish (b,m,4 - Big Jim-Lady Hot Shot-Mach Three)

O-Christine Doyle B-Shannon Macarthur, Christine Doyle T-Stephen Doyle D-Jonathan Drury

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9, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$14,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$32,750 LAST 8 STARTS, 29.3, 59.1, 1:27.2, 1:55.1

**1-Century Jamila (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Exotic Pleasure-Modern Art**) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 58-13-12-10, \$247,566 O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Century Spring Farms T-David Menary D-Louis-Philippe Roy

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

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

**3-Glenboro** (br,m,5 - All Bets Off-Feelin Flush-As Promised)

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

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## YONKERS RACEWAY report

#### Friday's Results:

3, YR, \$19,000, Trot, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW 10,000 L5" AE: 3-6 YO NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG ALLOW \$30,000, 28.3, 58.4, 1:27.4, 1:56.4, FT

1-Bellissimo Face S (g, 6, Raja Mirchi--Marita's Legacy, by Yankee Glide) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 53-12-3-6, \$177,226 O-Per Engblom & Kasper H Foget. B-Lutfi Kolgjini Ab, SD & Anna Svensson, SD. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Torrone (g, 6, Father Patrick--With Sugar, by Muscles Yankee) \$4,750, \$25,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 93-17-19-14, \$352,357 O-Joseph E Smith. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Tom Fanning. D-Brent Holland.

3-Tuscan Prince (g, 5, Kadabra--Tosca, by Muscle Mass) \$2,280, \$45,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 44-11-7-6, \$303,011 O-Determination, CA. B-Harbor Racing Stable LLC, CA. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance.

▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 10, 1H, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Rodeo Hill, Hand Dover Dan, Windsong Pioneer, Sevenshadesofgrey

4, YR, \$17,000, Pace, F&M NW \$12,051 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5". AE:OPT. CLM ALLOW \$20,000, 27.4, 58.3, 1:27.0, 1:55.4, FT

1-Maluka Miss N (m, 7, Betterthancheddar--Pocket Angel, by In The Pocket) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 46-14-9-7, \$82,569 O-Douglas S Overhiser & Fac Racing LLC. B-M D Lee, NZ & G P Hayward, NZ. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan.

2-Alta Madeira N (m, 8, Alta Christiano--Alta Michaela, by Elsu) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 122-23-25-19, \$283,431 O-Harmon Racing Stable LLC & Michael A Spaccarelli. B-Alta Breeding Co LTD, NZ. T-Rob Harmon. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

3-Village Jade (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Village Jest, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$2,040, \$34,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 120-18-18-22, \$294,673 O-Peter Paul Venturini. B-Village Acres Limited, CA. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Jordan Stratton.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 10, 1T, 2, 2, 20 - Finish Order: Golden Quest N, Awesome Hill, Lucky Artist A, Vibrance

5. YR. \$17,000. Trot. NW \$10.321 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" IN LAST START NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5." AE: OPT. CLM ALLOW \$20,000, 28.2, 58.2, 1:28.4, 1:58.4, FT

1-Mycrownmykingdom (g, 7, Muscle Hill--Beehive, by Balanced Image) \$8,500, \$450,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 93-13-11-10, \$189,627 O-Patricia Ceraso. B-White Birch Farm. T-Paul Stafford. D-Brent Holland.

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2-Mississippi Storm (g, 10, Cantab Hall--Mississippi Beauty, by Yankee Glide) \$4,250, \$20,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 179-45-36-30, \$1,052,073 O-Joseph E Smith. B-Willow Oak Ranch. T-Tom Fanning. D-Austin Siegelman.

3-Archery Seelster (g, 6, Wheeling N Dealin--Amazing Adventure, by Malabar Man) \$2,040, \$85,150 2020 LON-V, Lifetime Record: 74-11-11-15, \$184,127 O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Jason Bartlett.

Replay 
Calls: 7Q, 7H, 4, 2T, 2 - Finish Order: Swiss House Onfire, Howlingathemoon Dk, Love This Bar, Golden Compass, Saint K



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

**6, YR, \$17,000, Pace**, F&M NW \$11,736 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5". AE: OPT. CLM ALLOW \$20,000, 27.4, 58.0, 1:26.2, 1:55.4, FT

**1-Creme Delight (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Creme Fraiche, by Western Hanover**) \$8,500, \$25,000 2020 ONT-SEL, Lifetime Record: 99-19-22-11, \$283,313 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr. B-Susan M Zammit, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.

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**2-Lydeo** (m, 6, Sweet Lou--Show The World, by Western Ideal) \$4,250, \$23,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 77-13-29-9, \$329,371 O-David Linker & Brian N Loman & Robert H Venable. B-Deo Volente Farms LLC. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Matt Kakaley.

**3-Stay Happy** (m, 5, Stay Hungry--Sara Diamond, by Allamerican Native) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 63-21-10-5, \$180,871 O-Jennifer Bongiorno Stable LLC & Stephen Gordon & Patrick J O'Brien. B-Ruth A Altmeyer & Richard B Kelson. T-Joe Bongiorno. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 2T, 3, NS, 2, 3T - Finish Order: Nite Time Deal, Ultimate Speed, Two Pistol Annie, Odds On Sara Sara, Racin For Royalty

8, YR, \$35,000, Pace, F&M INVITATIONAL POST POSITION 1: ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 2-6: DRAWN POST POSITION 7: ASSIGNED, 27.3, 56.1, 1:24.2, 1:53.2, FT

**1-Walkin On Sunshine (m, 5, Always A Virgin--Hatsoff Hanover, by Magical Mike**) \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 50-17-8-10, \$345,814 O-Maynard Miller & Daniel L Lehman & Michael E Yoder. B-Victory Hill Farm Inc. T-Brett Pelling. D-Jason Bartlett.

**2-Silk Cloud A** (m, 7, Shadow Play--Modern Babe, by Modern Art) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 76-24-11-8, \$415,641 O-Eric K Good & David C Kryway, CA. B-Pini Pty LTD, AS. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.

**3-Lloyd's Loves** (m, 5, Rusty's All In--Southwind Wichita, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,200, Lifetime Record: 76-28-14-7, \$356,301 O-David A Dobbelmann. B-Pamela E Wagner. T-Edwin Quevedo. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 7T, 10, 3H, 1H, T - Finish Order: Cheryls Shadow, Front Page Story, Coachellabound N, Atreacherous A

## **RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY**

## **MEADOWLANDS** report

#### Saturday's Results: PEO(3) PEM(9) PEY(10)

1, M, \$15,500, Pace, Horses & Geldings - 5 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2 or NJSO 3) Extended PM Races or \$20,000 (N/W L2 or NJSO \$30,000) Life (Wins \$3,400 or Less 1st Money N/C - Maidens Drawn Inside), 26.1, 55.1, 1:24.3, 1:52.1, SY

**1-Borninlockdown Gb (g, 5, Foreclosure N--Judy Hall, by Astreos**) \$7,440, Lifetime Record: 29-8-8-4, \$26,394O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC.B-Richard Walker, GB.T-Ron Burke.D-David Miller.

**2-Imgoingtojackson** (g, 4, Huntsville--Mydelight Bluechip, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,565, Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$10,570 O-Ellen M Mc Neil. B-Ellen M Mc Neil. T-N. (Yogi) Sheridan. D-Brett Beckwith.

**3-Trumps News** (h, 4, Always B Miki--Wenditions, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$1,550, \$42,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 29-1-1-5, \$22,214 O-William J Augustine. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-William Augustine. D-Jordan Stratton.

**Replay Calls:** 6H, 6T, 5H, 4T, H - Finish Order: Chief Bogo, Ayr Corleon Gb, Jk Steves Spirit, Lazarus Star, The Big Ragoo, Bolt The Court

3, M, \$16,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$20,000 - \$25,000 PP's Drawn According to Base Price, 27.3, 57.2, 1:25.4, 1:53.0, SY

**1-Cellmate (g, 5, Huntsville--Twin B Bikini, by Bettor's Delight)** \$7,680, \$25,000 2021 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 61-15-11-7, \$127,629 O-George A & Rose Bonomo. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Jason Bartlett.

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

**2-Revolver N** (g, 11, Auckland Reactor N--Penny Lane, by Vance Hanover) \$3,680, Lifetime Record: 118-15-16-15, \$210,512 O-Blazer One Racing. B-Norwegian Wood Breeding LTD, NZ. T-Michael Shults. D-Brett Beckwith.

**3-Rose Run Zeke** (g, 4, Stay Hungry--Rose Run Ultimate, by Western Vintage) \$1,600, \$14,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 32-8-6-4, \$157,319 O-J R & Collin J Ryan. B-Derek J Lehman. T-Joe Bongiorno. D-Johnathan Ahle.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1, 1Q, 1Q, NS, H - Finish Order: Luke Mcgook, He's Half Naked, Lyons Liberty, Lyons Pegasus, Caliber

6, M, \$16,000, Pace, Fillies & Mares TrackMaster Rating 85 (N/W L/S 85.5) or Less as of 2/11 (N/W \$5,000 in Last 4 Starts or TMR 80.5 or Less Drawn Inside), 27.4, 56.2, 1:26.0, 1:53.2, SY

**1-Dixie Dream (m, 5, Always A Virgin--Yes We Did, by Four Starzzz Shark**)
 \$7,680, Lifetime Record: 59-10-9-9, \$149,671

 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Eleven Star Stables & Frank D Baldachino.
 B-Herman C Miller.
 T-Ron Burke.
 D-Jason Bartlett.

**2-Shesnoaprilfool Ir** (m, 6, Sweet Lou--Shesgotanattitude, by Kikikolt) \$3,680, Lifetime Record: 35-14-6-5, \$56,058 O-Bath Lane Racing. B-John Richardson, IR. T-Robert Cleary. D-Brett Beckwith.

**3-Tony's Mom** (m, 6, Heston Blue Chip--Donna Lee, by Real Artist) \$1,600, Lifetime Record: 74-20-15-9, \$354,932 O-Morrison Racing Stables & Brian S Gordon. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc. T-Per Engblom. D-Braxten Boyd.

🕨 🕨 Replay 🕨 🕨 Calls: 10, 3H, HD, Q, NK - Finish Order: Intothemysticmoon, Kay Sage, Taking The Miki A, Santafe's Appetite, Our Shell Belle, Madrid A

#### 9, M, \$17,500, Pace, N/W \$12,500 (N/W L2 \$14,000) Last 4 Starts AE: N/W 8 Extended PM Races Life, 28.0, 55.4, 1:24.4, 1:52.0, SY

**1-Lyons Steel (g, 10, Rock N Roll Heaven--Lyons Luck, by Camluck**) \$8,050, Lifetime Record: 245-56-41-35, \$816,246 O-Bd Racing LLC. B-Joseph Lyons-Mound, EN. T-Jose Ramos. D-Tyler Miller.

## PREFERRED EQUINE

**2-Captain Bazinga** (g, 4, Captaintreacherous--Brazuca, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,675, Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-2, \$46,060 O-John Cancelliere. B-John Cancelliere. T-Thomas Cancelliere. D-Jason Bartlett.

**3-Build The Wall** (g, 4, Huntsville--Traceuse Hanover, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,575, Lifetime Record: 19-11-2-4, \$73,003 O-Fusco Strong LLC & Peter Fusco Racing LLC. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Maria Reid. D-David Miller.

Replay >> Calls: 2H, 1, 3, 3, 3T - Finish Order: Spirit Of Stlouis N, Stellar Yankee, Little Willy, Im No Outlaw N, Dance Partner, Stay Grounded, Decision Day

**10**, **M**, **\$22,000**, **Trot**, N/W **\$12,500** in Last 4 Starts AE: TM Rating 86.5 or Less as of 2/11 or N/W 8 Extended PM Races Life AE: N/W **\$20K**, TMR 89.5 or Less, or N/W 10 Ext. PM Life Drawn Outside, 28.1, 57.1, 1:27.0, 1:54.1, SY

**1-Southwind Coors (g, 5, Walner--Southwind Cabaret, by Muscle Hill)** \$10,560, \$65,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 49-13-10-3, \$351,357 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Southwind Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Jason Bartlett.



## **PREFERRED EQUINE**

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**2-Antognoni S** (g, 5, Father Patrick--Bouncing Bax, by Credit Winner) \$5,060, Lifetime Record: 23-8-3-3, \$82,484z

 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Fac Racing LLC & Yannick Gingras.
 B-Harbor Racing Stable LLC, CA.
 T-Ron Burke.
 D-David Miller.

3-Outside The Fire (g, 6, Cantab Hall--Light The Flame, by Andover Hall) \$2,200, \$35,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 77-22-12-11, \$336,893

O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Harold R Ruddick Jr & Beverly J & Stacey J Ruddick. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Tyler Buter.

**Replay Calls:** Q, 1Q, 1Q, H, 5Q - Finish Order: Busting With Pride, Winter Soldier, Black Magic, Willowtime, Dribbling Bi



## **NORTHFIELD PARK** report

#### Saturday's Results:

13, Nfld, \$19,500, Pace, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP, M, 27.3, 56.2, 1:25.3, 1:56.0, SY

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

**1-Im Offngone N (m, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Kabet, by Bettor's Delight**) \$9,750, Lifetime Record: 100-23-10-9, \$329,269 O-Greg Luther Racing LLC. B-B D & S M Williams, NZ & G A & K J Woodham, NZ. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Braiden Rhoades.

**2-Kele Kele** (m, 6, So Surreal--Lightning D Dube, by Western Ideal) \$4,875, Lifetime Record: 58-12-8-11, \$275,358 O-Renee J Bercury. B-Peter Kleinhans. T-William Bercury. D-John Ciocca Jr.

**3-Lady Rita** (m, 5, Always B Miki--Big City Betty, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,340, \$160,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 47-11-13-8, \$147,929 O-Paul M O'Neil. B-Bruce James Potter. T-Jessica Roegner. D-Keith Kash Jr.

▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 4H, 4T, 5, , NK - Finish Order: Santastic Cruiser, Think Of Galaxies, Rockin Bambi, Resurrection Dawn, A Delightful Act N, Be My Rose N



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