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What can be done to tackle racism and dwindling African-American participation in harness racing?

In an industry dominated by white people, providing more opportunities for people of color is key to improving much-needed diversity.

by Debbie Little



This is the second in a series in recognition of Black History Month.

Today we're looking at racism and dwindling African-American participation in harness racing and whether anything can be done to change either.

"It's a tough subject to talk about, just because you have to be that guy in the business to understand where that guy's coming from," said trainer Newton (Yogi) Sheridan.

Sheridan, 42, is one of a minuscule number of African-American trainers that participate on a regular basis at The Meadowlands.

"My perspective is, you're in a circle and it's dominated by one color and that's the way it is," said Sheridan. "You'll see a guy that has talent and wins races and he's doing good but he's doing good with the minimum. He's not given the resources to go to the sale with \$200,000.

"And then you have George Teague that worked hard for everything he's had. He was in a position and he came out

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African-American trainer Yogi Sheridan had to save up \$1,000 to pay people \$100 apiece to let him qualify their horses so he could earn his driving license.

swinging, he got lucky and that's that. Some of us weren't that lucky."

Hall of Famer Lew Williams was the most successful African-American in harness racing in the 1970s until his untimely death in 1989. Today, that mantle is carried by Teague.

Yet, with all the success that Teague has had in his career – including two Horse of the Year award winners and having the co-fastest horse of all time – much like Williams and Sheridan, he has experienced racism in our sport, even overhearing people in his home state of Delaware refer to him using the "N" word in the past few years.

"Until Lew Williams, there was nobody mentioned of color," said Teague, 57. "Me, I was lucky, I think because my talent made me lucky. I took the opportunities that were given, which were very little. I'm the kind of guy that took two years to get a driver's license because nobody would give me a drive when I was younger. I started out with \$1,000 claimers. I didn't start out with any stock at all. There wasn't anybody knocking on my door saying let me give you a hand up. Where do you get an in when you're black when there's no participation?

"When systemic racism has been around for the last 400 years and we've only had Jim Crow laws leave about 50 years ago, how do you modify people to say, 'Look, this is really a problem that only money can fix? And money can fix it. Opportunity comes with money. Greatness comes with opportunity. You can't see a person's greatness without opportunity. If LeBron James had made one wrong turn and stayed out of basketball, you'd have never seen the greatest player of this generation."

Getting his driver's license also didn't come easy for Sheridan, who came up with a creative and, in many ways, head-scratching solution.

"I saved my money and I got \$1,000 and I walked through Freehold Raceway and I said I've got \$100 for every qualifier," said Sheridan. "So, I was giving people \$100 to let me qualify [their horse]. Do you know how deterring that was?"

With all the talent and ability that Teague's son, Montrell,

has shown as a driver by winning many top stakes races, George said he knows that things could have turned out very differently.

"I was lucky and fortunate enough to have a stable of horses through [Montrell's] career to give him a chance to drive some great horses and some good horses, but I don't see it happening for him if I wasn't in the works to give him an opportunity," said George. "Yogi had to go out and pay somebody else to get drives? Who has ever done that?"

Harness racing is certainly not the only sport that is predominantly white, but when it comes to attracting more African-American participation in our sport, who would they look up to or want to emulate?

"We had one real good black driver, Lew Williams, and he passed away," said Sheridan. "And now you've got Montrell Teague, and everybody's like, he's our hero. That's like Obama getting voted in as president. When you're caught in that depression stage for so long, all you want to see is something of you. You're going to see a black face in the White House? I don't know what he stands for but as long as he's standing, that's all that I care about, because we've been deprived for so long."

Vincent "Chubby" Stallworth, 56, and Enrico "Rico" Robinson, 54, can be seen in the paddock nightly at The Meadowlands



and neither believe they have experienced the same racism George and Sheridan have in harness racing, certainly not since moving to New Jersey.

"I have good relationships with driver and trainers, but I only know what they say to my face. I don't know what they say behind my back and that's on them," said Stallworth.

Stallworth is from Mobile, AL which is only two-and-a-half hours from Birmingham, which was one of the most racially divided cities in the U.S. in the early 1960s. His family moved to New Jersey when he was 5 years old.

"My mother and father went through a lot of that and I've learned a lot from them," he said. "I thank God for my mother and father because they always taught us to treat people the way you want them to treat you. You've got to be kind to people and it's not about the skin color, it's about how that person treats you. You always treat people with respect. That's what they instilled in us.

"I never had one boss that I worked for that made me think about them being racist towards me. They always treated me the same way they treated everyone else in the barn."

Stallworth started grooming in 1979 and worked over the years for different trainers, and most recently for Vinny Fusco, Jr. for the last seven years until Fusco's untimely death in 2020 from COVID-19.

"I've been around the sport a long time and there have never been a lot of African-American drivers around here, more were around as caretakers and took care of great horses," said Stallworth. "A lot of them never really wanted to drive or train, they just really wanted to be caretakers and I learned a lot from those guys.

"I never wanted to be a trainer. I just enjoy taking care of horses. But, once my man Vinny Fusco died, I said, 'You know what, I'm just going to do my own thing. I don't want to work for nobody, I want to honor him.' I don't know why African-Americans don't get into it now because it's a great sport and I don't want to do anything else."

Stallworth got his training license last year and currently has a 10-horse stable that primarily races at The Meadowlands.

"I thank God that I have the opportunity to race horses at The Meadowlands," he said. "That these owners of mine have given me the opportunity and privilege to train their horses and have the opportunity to race at The Meadowlands and trust me to race their horses at The Meadowlands."

Robinson, like Stallworth, relocated to New Jersey from the South and is probably best known as the caretaker for Horse of the Year Muscle Hill. He is currently second trainer for Jeff Cullipher and manages over 30 horses.

"Growing up, I'm originally from Mississippi, it was just a whole different ball game," said Robinson. "I can honestly say since I've been in New Jersey, I haven't seen [racism]. This is by far the best job I've had with Jeff [Cullipher] and Tom Pollack, the owner. They've treated me super, and color, I know, hasn't mattered to them.

"I can't say how humble I am for getting the job and I can't say enough about, I don't know whether it was luck, I don't know what it was, it was a big opportunity them giving me something like this. My grandfather got me into it and once I got in it this is where I wanted to be. For me, I never saw it as work because I enjoy it. Of course, I work, but I enjoy what I do."

Sheridan agrees with Stallworth and Robinson that he's been treated well at The Meadowlands and despite some of the racism he's had to endure elsewhere, he is quick to point out that there were at least two trainers that never treated him differently, Lou Pena and Carl Conte.

"My brother's son passed away [about 10 years ago]," said Sheridan. "We put a can at Freehold in the race office just for



some help. We didn't get \$20 in it and they've known us for years. We've worked for everyone and never had a problem with anyone. Lou Pena gave my brother \$10,000 and said, 'I'm sorry for your loss, bury your son, and whatever's left you keep it.' And he said, 'If you need anything you let me know, because I can't [imagine] what it would feel like to lose my child.'

"[Pena] treated us like people, he treated us good and this was before he had 90 horses. Everyone was treated the same and he was always helping regardless of what color you were. He gave me a ton of drives. Carl Conte was the same way. He was great. You can ask George Teague about Carl Conte and he'll say the same thing."

To add some perspective, at the same time as his nephew's death, Sheridan remembers a Freehold driver breaking his leg in an accident.

"They put up a donation can for him and the guy gets more than \$10,000," said Sheridan.

All the horsemen that I spoke with would like to see more African-American participation in the sport, but how to do it is the big question.

"I wouldn't want to start out working on horses knowing that I was going to be a groom for the rest of my life," said George. "I don't like where it's headed."

The United States Trotting Association (USTA) does not ask for race on its license applications so it's impossible to know what percentage of the sport is African-American. However, it can be noted that currently there are no African-Americans on the Board of the Hambletonian Society or as directors of the USTA.

Hambletonian Society president John Campbell was a contemporary of Lew Williams and was in favor of his induction into the Hall of Fame as an Immortal.

"I was a big admirer of Lew, not only his talent as a driver but as a trainer," said Campbell. "I actually got to know first-hand just how good of a trainer he was the first year I



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was at The Meadowlands and I was unknown to say the least. Sometimes, during the summer when Lew would have stakes races out of town, he'd put me down to drive his Saturday night stock and they were just so impressive to drive. They were just geared to perfection, classified right and it was just a pleasure to drive them. I knew what a great driver he was racing against him, but his horsemanship was really I think maybe underrated unless you got to experience that first hand.

"The first couple of years at The Meadowlands he had likely the most powerful stable as far as top to bottom horses of anybody there. In 1978, '79 and '80, he had a tremendous stable of horses from Whata Baron on down."

In regards to how to make our sport more diverse, Campbell had some good suggestions.

"Maybe the place to start is with the Harness Horse Youth Foundation," he said. "I think maybe another avenue would be to try and cultivate more African-American owners. It's a tough business to get started in unless you have a family connection."

Whereas other predominantly white sports, such as hockey, have tried to reach out to local minority communities with

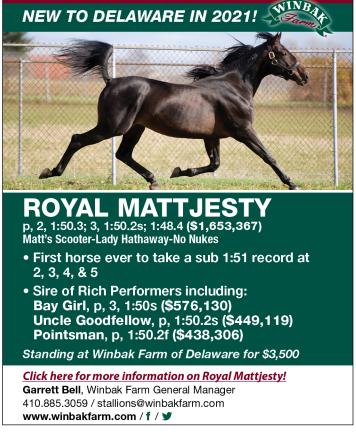
youth programs, harness racing has yet to do so.

"If you don't have a grassroots program to try and get people involved and engaged in this business, of color or any ethnicity that is going to make this business look like it has some diversity to it, how do you convince them to come on board?" asked George. "How do you promote this to people, other than being a groom? I think a lot of our next generation went by the wayside because they didn't want to be grooms. I know my cousins did and I know my family did. I can speak from experience that they disengaged from harness racing because there were no opportunities.

"With the thousands of people that participate in this sport and with the population of black people in this world, how is there such a divide between that and this business? I don't want to be the only one eating. I want to show someone else a way of life too. I want to give everybody an opportunity. Am I going to be the last one that has a chance to have a Horse of the Year?"









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George Teague kicks off HRU's 2021 edition of Twos in Training; Jack Darling up next

Legendary trainer George Teague spoke to Heather Vitale about his lifetime in the business, his promising 2-year-olds, his champions Rainbow Blue, Western Ace, Wiggle It Jiggleit, Lather Up and many more in a wide-arranging and joyful conversation.

by Dave Briggs

HRU's Virtual Twos in Training series kicked off its 2021 season on Wednesday (Feb. 17) with more than an hour's worth of joyful conversation between legendary trainer George Teague and Heather Vitale.

The interview, sponsored by the **Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund** covered a broad range of topics and horses from Teague's career that has already produced two Horse of the Year winners (Rainbow Blue in 2004 and Wiggle It Jiggleit in 2015).

As to a viewer question about which horse Teague thinks would win a race between his champs Wiggle It Jiggleit, Lather Up, Rainbow Blue, Southwind Lynx and Total Truth? The answer may surprise you.

The entire video is available for viewing on HRU's **YouTube** page here and Facebook here.

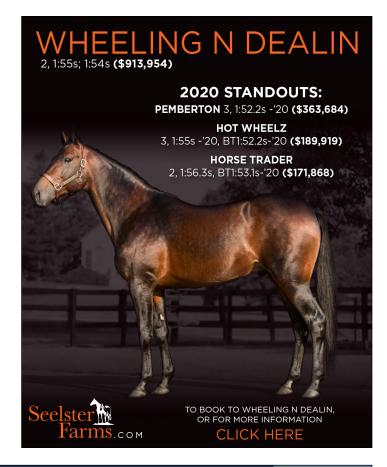
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Darling will field a few questions from viewers that comment live via Facebook and also a few that are emailed to HRU in advance of the show. To submit a question in advance, email them before 3 p.m.

EDT Wednesday (Feb. 24) to: editor@harnessracingupdate.com. Please make the subject line: Questions for Jack Darling and please include your full name.

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At 12,000 wins, Tetrick reflects on front-end bias, whether he'll become the all-time earnings leader and the talents of fellow driver Dexter Dunn

by Brett Sturman

In keeping with a frenetic pace covering the better part of the last 15 years, the early part of the season has been met with what seems like an annually-recurring milestone by driver Tim Tetrick. This past Tuesday at Dover Downs, Tetrick notched a win milestone with the American Ideal 3-year-old, Manone. For Tetrick it was career win number 12,000 and for Manone it was career win number 1.

The win came just a couple of weeks after what would have been 10 years to the date of Tetrick won his 6,000th career race in January, 2011 aboard a more well-known horse in St Elmo Hero. Tetrick has remained the youngest driver to hit every one of these win milestones going all the way back to win 2,000. Though his annual win rate has remained consistently at the top each year through his Rising Star year in 2007, he's seen some changes through that time as a driver.

"I think it's more of a front-end bias, even than it was just five years ago," said Tetrick. "Horses have to be up close to win, especially when you look at the Meadowlands. Even when you race at Mohawk you used to be able to sit back and win races and now you better be close or you're not going to be paid very well. You have to at least be close. It's all about being up front and positioning, as well as making sure there's not that one horse out of position to put you in a bad spot. It's still very strategic but you have to be aggressive and be close."

What Tetrick describes as there being more of a front-end bias than ever is consistent with the exceedingly record fast times that horses now post with ease and regularity. As horses continue to race faster and carry their speed longer, it's that much more difficult to give away ground. It's something that was observed repeatedly in last year's Breeders Crown at Harrah's Hoosier Park where horses that raced off cover were almost always outgained in the stretch by horses that all stayed to the inside.

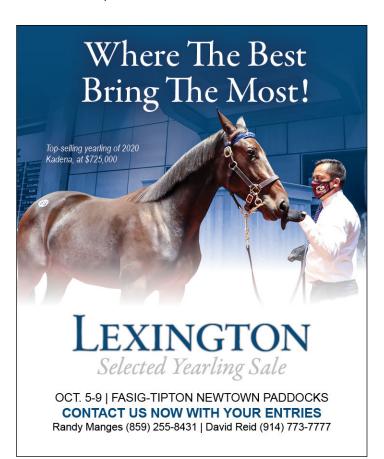
"I wish there was a way that we could make winning from



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Tetrick returns Manone to the winner's circle Tuesday at Dover Downs after the driver won his 12,000th career race.

the back easier," lamented Tetrick. "If you watch the Meadowlands, you'll see horses get home in :25.4, :26 flat and lose ground in the lane. That's just weird to me and that shouldn't happen, but I don't know what to do or how to fix that. Maybe we stop the slow second quarters because a lot of times, even at the Meadowlands you'll see a :26 flat opening quarter and then :55.3 for the half, and that's an absolute huge change. I used to make a living being second over, and now at the Meadowlands you're better off sitting fourth on the rail than you are second-over and to me, being on a mile track, that doesn't make sense."





Dave Landry

Tetrick said even on mile tracks there appears to be a greater front-end bias than ever in harness racing.

Though he currently sits seventh all-time in wins, Tetrick sits squarely in third all-time in earnings, with an eye on potentially reaching number 1. At over \$228 million in career earnings, Tetrick trails only David Miller (\$250 million) and the iconic John Campbell who retired just a few dollars shy of \$300 million in the top spot. It's a feat that seems do-able.

"It's something that everyone tells me I'm the only one that's got a shot at doing it," Tetrick said. "I forget sometimes that I'm only 39 years old because sometimes it feels like I've been doing this for 40 years already. But I'm only 39 and so I think I've got at least another 10 years in me. At (a conservative) \$5 million a year, that's \$50 million right there. Dave Miller is almost 60, and so if I can stay healthy for another 10 years I logistically have a shot at it."

As far as his current health, Tetrick said, "I feel great. Like everybody I'd like to stay 20 pounds lighter but other than that I feel good. My mind is good, I'm happy and my family is wonderful. I just want better horses to drive, that's the only thing I sometimes get mad about."

In assessing his numbers through the years, Tetrick notes that his success has come largely without having a power stable such as Ron Burke or Nancy Takter to drive regularly for. Looking ahead to his 2021 opportunities, Tetrick will need to make up for the recently retired Shartin N.

"I really like Lyon's Sentinel, but I keep thinking that she's trying to beat Ryder's mare (Party Girl Hill), which was one of



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the best 3-year-old mares I've seen, so it can be a tough game. I have In Range, the 2-year-old trotter last year for Melander that was second in the Breeders Crown. He overachieved last year but he's very consistent."

Tetrick earned nearly \$10 million last year, including a four-month hiatus and not being able to race in Canada as one of the many obstacles that drivers last year had to face amidst life in a COVID-19 regulated world. "I could have gone to Canada, but for me, I don't think mentally I could have done it being away from my family and giving up the everyday races," said Tetrick. "And I didn't have any major horses either that were going up. If I would have had a Captaintreacherous type of horse like how Yannick had Tall Dark Stranger, maybe it would have been a different story. It's one of those things where we want to go. But you can't give up everything here to go up there and hope that you do really good."

While Tetrick has frequently sparred with Gingras amongst the driver leader board through the years, he's seen a new rival emerge the last two years in the form of Down Under import Dexter Dunn. Two years ago, Dunn rode a successful Breeders Crown to Driver of the Year despite Tetrick boasting higher statistical numbers, but then last year Dunn was clear with over \$11 million in earnings and Tetrick just shy of \$10 million.

"What I think of Dex – he's probably one of the best drivers that I've ever seen," said Tetrick. "He just makes horses go

very fast very easily, and he's easy on them and smart. And he's been a top driver his whole life, whether he drove as many of them in New Zealand or not, he's was always a go-to catch driver."

Another topic on which Tetrick has remained consistently adamant is he'd like to see judges take control of whipping rules.

"I'm not trying to bitch, but if judges had done a better job over the last five years then we wouldn't even have this trouble with the whipping," Tetrick said. "If someone is over-whipping their horse, then fine them! But if it's coming down to the wire in a million-dollar race, you're telling me that I can't do anything but whip low at them? That's hard for us, too. And then you're going to have the gamblers tell us we didn't try. I'm not asking at all to be able to beat a horse, but these horses are herd animals. They want to stay next to each other."

Tetrick seems to be on a comfortable pace as he continues his climb to the top of the all-time driving leaders, but he continues to race in a highly-competitive driving environment. The next year or two may provide further clarity as to if or when he'll get there.









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Delia du Pommereux stuns Face Time Bourbon

Not long after Prix d'Amérique champion Face Time Bourbon finished second in the Prix de France, his driver Björn Goop was dropped by the horse's owner.

by Thomas Hedlund

Face Time Bourbon (Ready Cash) seemed poised to cruise to an outstanding victory when the \$485,000 Prix de France

over 1.3 miles was held at Vincennes racetrack in Paris on Sunday afternoon (Feb. 14).

Björn Goop sent Sébastien Guarato's champion trotter to the lead 600 meters into the race and Face Time Bourbon was really on fire in front. The pace was set high and the followers had problems connecting with the leader in the last turn. So Goop did what he could to get Face Time Bourbon cruising away from the opponents. In mid-stretch, the victory seemed very close with Face Time Bourbon still in a several lengths lead at that point.

But Face Time Bourbon ran out of gas shortly ahead of the wire while Delia du Pommereux (Niky) delivered an incredible finish for Eric Raffin.

The win for Delia du Pommerux in a mile rate of 1:52.2 was well deserved. Sylvain Roger's mare has belonged in the top in France during the last few seasons and the entourage around the horse have most certainly longed for a triumph in one of the biggest races in France.



Gerard Forn

Delia du Pommereux (Eric Raffin) snuck past tiring favorite Face Time Bourbon in deep stretch Sunday (Feb. 14) to win the \$485,000 Prix de France. Raffin subsequently picked up the drive on Face Time Bourbon after Björn Goop was replaced by the horse's owner.

Face Time Bourbon finished second and 5-year-old Aetos Kronos, trained by Jerry Riordan, claimed the bronze medal. Raffin had a tremendously strong meeting in Paris 2020-2021 and he was full of joy after the big win at Vincennes.

"Honestly, I didn't quite believe that we could beat Face Time Bourbon. My hopes were that we could end up as second or third in the race, but this mare is an exceptional horse and a really strong finisher. This is a dream come true for me and it's my biggest win in the sulky", Raffin said after the victory.

For Goop, the runner up performance with Face Time Bourbon seems to be his last dance with the Sébastien Guarato trained trotter. The horse's owner, Antonio Somma, declared in French media on Thursday afternoon (Feb. 18) that Goop will no longer be the driver of Face Time Bourbon.

"Björn Goop will no longer drive Face Time Bourbon. Björn was a really good driver for 17 months, but now the adventure is over for his part," said Somma.

The owner then gave trainer Sébastien Guarato five names of drivers that will replace Goop behind the horse. Eric Raffin, Gabriele Gelormini, Yoann Lebourgeois, Matthieu Abrivard and Fanck Nivard were named and the trainer has decided Raffin will take over the reins behind Face Time Bourbon in the future.

"The choice is Eric Raffin and he has already accepted," said Guarato to French TV-channel Equidia.

Goop commented on the news via Twitter on Thursday afternoon.

"That a horse gets a new driver is part of the rules of the game. I'm grateful that I've been given the opportunity to drive Face Time Bourbon. I wish all the best to the horse and to the entourage around him in the future," Goop wrote.

Goop, who won Prix d'Amérique with Face Time Bourbon three weeks ago, can look back at a pretty successful collaboration with one of the world's best trotters at this moment. Twenty-nine starts have resulted in 24 wins and earnings of \$3,247,988.



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2019 Amateur Driver of the Year Jazmin Arnold continues her steady progression in the sulky

by Chris Lomon

You wouldn't have blamed Jazmin Arnold if she had raised a glass after her first driving win. After all, it would have been most fitting.

It was July 29, 2013, when the young driver from Illinois hopped in the sulky behind the veteran pacer for the amateur race that was taking place at Coles County Fair in her home state.

Goose On The Rocks, a grey son of I Scoot Hanover (IN), had logged plenty of miles since his first start on July 1, 2011.

Bred by Merlie Schwartz (Peru, IN), the well-traveled pacer ultimately proved to be the perfect partner for Arnold, as the duo reeled off a :29.3 final quarter to cross the wire first in a time of $2:02.2,1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths ahead of the runner-up.

"This was right when I graduated high school," recalled theNewton High School and Lake Land College graduate. "Tina Seekman owned the horse and Joe Seekman trained the horse. I always loved this horse. They told me if I wanted to take him to the fairs, to go right ahead. So that's what I did two years in a row and we won again. My dad [Larry Finn] was there that day and it was just an amazing feeling to win."

After several successes on the Ohio Fair circuit, Arnold, who was convinced by her boyfriend Adam Short to give driving a shot, met long-time breeder, owner, trainer, driver, and United States Trotting Association (USTA) director Steve Oldford, who was looking for drivers to participate in the Billings Series.

She quickly accepted the offer.

Arnold's first pari-mutuel win came at Northfield Park in Ohio on Oct. 6, 2019, courtesy of Buddy Hally, a now 11-year-old trotting son of Angus Hall (ON).



Courtesy Jazmin Arnold

Jazmin Arnold (center) is loving every second of being a driver.

Trained by Herman Hagerman, the brown gelding with over 250 starts to his name was a 2 ½-length winner in a time of 1:56.4.

"He's a super-awesome horse," said Arnold. "I was a little bit nervous. I knew what to expect, but that said, you're on live TV, there are bettors and you are on the main stage. I like to laugh and joke a lot, and Herman's wife, Morgan, she really helped get me through it. She was my backbone for the first couple of weeks. She was always the one to tell me that everything was going to be okay. And it was."

In 2019, Arnold, who worked at Woodland Run Equine Veterinarian Clinic in Columbus, OH, and is also a talented barrel-racer, won 23 races from 59 starts, recorded 39 top-three finishes, and netted over \$53,000 in purse earnings to go with a phenomenal .517 UDRS rating.

It was accomplished at 26 different racing venues.

She was unanimously named the 2019 USHWA Dan Patch Amateur Driver of the Year, joining Hannah Miller as only the second woman to receive the prestigious honor.

Last year, Arnold posted five wins and 14 top-three results

from 44 starts. She also has 16 training wins and 27 top-three results from 46 lifetime starts.

The 26-year-old, who was a standout softball player during her school days, has no regrets over the career she chose.

"My junior year of high school I tore my ACL and I had to have a couple of surgeries on my knee," said Arnold. "At that point, I realized that softball – I could still do it – was something that I didn't want to do that badly. So, I jumped ship and since I was always working with my dad and grandpa [Mike Arnold] in the barn, gravitating to horse racing just kind of came naturally.

"When you're young, you really don't know what you want to do with your life. You have all these plans and then you ask yourself, 'What fits my lifestyle best?' I went to school and thought it was great. I graduated and realized that being around the horses all the time was something that made me happy. My grandpa always told me that if I wasn't happy, I was the only one that could fix it, so about seven or eight years ago, I became full time with horse racing."

Arnold offers up one particular parallel between the baseball diamond and the racetrack.

"You have to work very hard for anything you want. With softball, we worked day in and day out to get to those championship games and be at our best. It's the same with driving. My horses are phenomenal, but you also need a capable driver as well. I feel like when I train the horses at home that sets me up for success when I go to the racetrack. I worked hard to get to where I am today."

Where it will take her, even Arnold isn't quite sure.

She takes a short pause before sharing her thoughts on career goals, both in the short and long term.

Arnold's answer is more about "who" than "what."

"Goals are tough, especially with horse racing. We can all have goals and plans, but it changes day-to-day. I have one horse in my stable as of right now, Montana Pablo A. My current goal is to get him to 70 lifetime wins. He's 14. Not a lot of horses races at 14, but he's doing absolutely great."

The bay son of Blissful Hall, who is three wins shy of reaching the coveted mark, is in good hands with Arnold.

"I give him everything he needs and I make sure he's happy. If you have a happy horse, you'll have a happy life. He takes care of me and I take care of him. I make a joke that the 'A,' which is to note that he's an Australian-bred, actually stands for Arnold. When he's in trouble, I call him Montana Pablo Arnold because he's my kid. Everyone teases me and says that I'm a child. I just laugh and tell them that I don't ever

want to grow up."

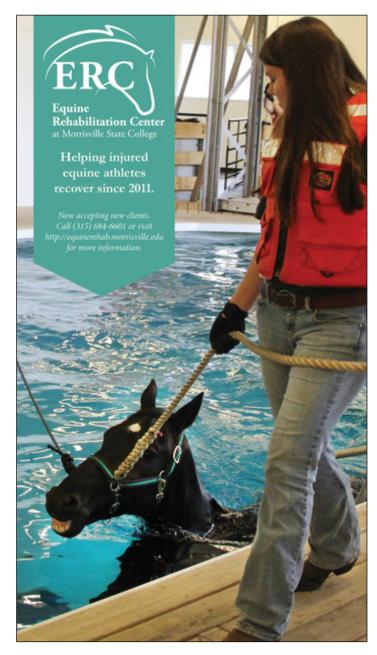
As for her long-term goals, Arnold prefers to take a simplistic and realistic approach.

Simply put, it's all about upping her game from the year prior.

"I just want to progress, to do everything I can to better the numbers."

It's an admirable perspective, and one certainly worthy of raising a glass to."







Must all harness races be a mile?

by Dean A. Hoffman

Biblical scholars recently revealed that when Moses came down from Mt. Sinai, he was carrying stone tablets with 11 Commandments, not the 10 Commandments which are so widely known.

Unearthed after centuries were the pieces of the 11th Commandment which read:

ALL HARNESS RACES IN NORTH AMERICA MUST BE AT ONE MILE

(For whatever reason, this commandment does not apply to trotting in Europe or to harness racing Down Under).

I have been a harness racing fan for more than a half-century, but often I liken an evening at a harness track to one-mile monotony.

Why? Because you have basically the same number of horses in each race, often with many of the same drivers, and they're racing at the same distance.

The fourth race often looks just like the third race did, and the fifth race will likely look pretty much the same.

How entertaining is that?

Yes, I know that the mile distance is the "standard" that was used to fashion a breed out of a motley crew of steeds in the 1800s. Horses performing in harness often had unknown or uncertain pedigrees, and to be eligible for registration they had to meet a "standard" time over a one-mile distance.

Horses that qualified were those used in breeding to improve the embryonic breed.

That was then; this is now.

I've been to harness racing in Europe and Down Under and one of the primary attractions to me is the varying distances. It's not the one-mile monotony of North American harness racing.

Last month, the Vincennes track outside Paris, often called "The Temple of Trotting," played host to the Prix d'Amérique, a

race which, in non-pandemic years, likely has the largest crowd of any harness race. (And at the end of January, no less!)

One year before I went to Paris for the PDA, I encountered a life-long fan and devout bettor from my neighborhood and told him I was heading to Paris soon. He was unfamiliar with the Prix d'Amérique, so I told him, "There are 18 starters. There is no starting gate. Horses are assigned numbers for betting but the drivers can pick their starting position. The distance for the race is about 1-5/8 miles over a track that's a little downhill in front of the grandstand and then uphill on the backstretch."

He looked at me as if I'd just fallen off the turnip truck. He surely thought I was jiving him. It was seemingly incomprehensible to him that a harness racing could be contested at anything other than a mile distance — not to mention all those other weird factors.

But the Prix d'Amérique gets huge crowds, people who come from all over Europe for the great spectacle.

Many tracks in Europe are one-kilometer in circumference. That's basically a 5/8-mile track. A popular distance is 2,100 meters or just a bit more than two laps around the track.

I believe that when Hazel Park opened in the 1950s, it was the first 5/8-mile track. I am sure it was seen as a compromise between the tight turns of a half-mile track and the vast spaces of a mile track. (Remember: there were no TV cameras then to follow horses. You had to rely on your own eyesight).

I just wonder if someone mused, "Let's take one of the most exciting parts of a race [the start] and put it on the backstretch as far from the public as possible. Then let's take one of the most lackluster parts of a race [the second quarter] and put it right in front of the public."

You might think the mile races on a 5/8-mile track are not my favorites. And you would be correct.

I once suggested to a race secretary at an American race secretary meeting that he consider carding some 1-1/4-mile races.

His first question was, "Where would they start?"

It was obvious that he had never contemplated a harness race at anything other than the mile distance.

I told him they would start at the finish line and go two trips around the track; start and finish right in front of the public.

Longer races would allow race secretaries to include more horses. Instead of eight or nine starters, you might have

12-14 starters. That would assure more movement and action instead of single file racing.

People ask, "Twelve horses? And seven of them don't get a check? You're crazy!"

Who said that we need to pay only five places? I once surveyed racing officials in harness racing on purse distribution and no one ever gave me a satisfactory answer about why harness track pay five places.

Tradition, I guess.

But should pay only the first three finishers? Should we

pay all starters? That's a debate worth having.

We all recognize that the public isn't buying what we're selling now. There are surely many reasons for that. Maybe harness tracks should offer more variety on the program with different distances, more starters, and perhaps a different purse payout.

What have we got to lose?



The heart of the matter

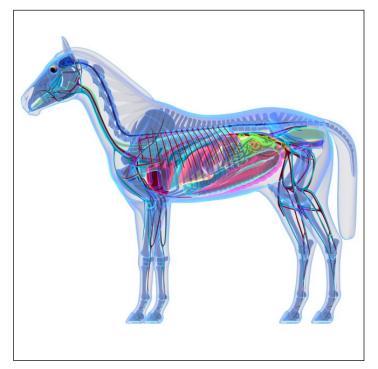
The long-held belief is there's no way to measure the size of a horse's heart, but EQB Inc. is trying to prove otherwise in the search for the elite racehorse.

by Melissa Keith

Pedigree and conformation are the mainstays of yearling selection. But what if there was an edge, a data analytics perspective accessible to owners and trainers? While there's no standardbred-specific supplier of such data, Equine Biomechanics & Exercise Physiology (EQB) Inc. has been offering it in the thoroughbred marketplace, starting out when "computers were so big that they filled up the room," said EQB vice-president Patrice Miller. Founder Jeff Seder promotes the company as "USA's leading talent scout buyer for young unraced thoroughbred racehorses, and we are often then used in their racing career management."

Intangibles separate top athletes from average performers. Pedigree alone cannot distinguish between gifted and non-gifted full siblings. Quantifying and ranking the once-intangible is the specialization of EQB, which promotes its use of "big data analytics" and patented technology in the selection of young racehorses. Seder is the president and CEO of the company. Miller said they were both driven to gather the data that separates great from average horses, even though it meant an "insane" amount of work and investment.

"My business partner, he's a brainy guy. He was top of his class, Harvard Law and Business school. He did an



accelerated program while he qualified for the United States Olympic wrestling team," she told HRU. "I rode races and claimed racehorses, and I knew the business very well. I rode steeplechase races, even. I had been on the front line of horse racing my whole life. [...] So when I met Jeff, I didn't know anything about what he was doing, and I just have to tell you, at that point we were both young and dumb. You don't know how much you don't know. By the time we found out, we were 10, 15 years into it."

In a 2016 interview with the American Bar Association



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Journal, Seder explained his background: "I was looking for something to do with horse racing, but I had no money, no contacts. What I did have was training in statistics and management, and that led to a job doing biomechanics work with Olympic athletes. This was 1976, and the Soviet Union and the U.S. had always been competing. But then East Germany burst on the scene and won all these medals, and no one could figure out how they did it. So the U.S. Olympic Committee started a sports medicine committee with research and technical help at official training centers. For two years, I worked with the luge team, with figure skaters, track and field athletes and equestrians, until I decided to take what I'd learned and apply it to racehorses."

He developed a small equine heart-rate monitor, and designed an ultrasonic bone scanner for racehorses. He compiled a database of his findings. "He knew DOS [an early, disk-based, computer operating system] and all these things," explained Miller. "He had a textile company that did high-end upholstery, and it's hard to weave that stuff, [...] so he programmed all these looms so he could do this beautiful tapestry that was very high-end. He had a niche business, a brilliant business." In 1999, Seder left Craftex Mills of Pennsylvania, a fully computer-integrated manufacturing business, to double down on developing EQB.

Weaving together points of equine data was the early challenge for the EQB start-up.

"Jeff thought about it, and he said, 'Why don't we put all these variables that we're looking at in horses, everything from conformation to limb segments to 'cardio' [heart measurements], to this and that, and run it through [the computer] and see what happens?' It was a pretty powerful tool. It is a pretty powerful tool," recalled Miller. Artificial intelligence would become necessary and advantageous in sorting the fledgling company's three decades-plus of archived thoroughbred data, ranking horses by where they fall within their age, sex, and level of training categories.

Elite Thoroughbred racehorses have bigger hearts than average, with bigger left ventricles, but not disproportionate to the size of other internal organs. Miller said EQB "compares apples to apples" by assessing young horses' hearts using the same two-dimensional ultrasound echocardiography equipment and same technician, i.e. herself: "I've done a couple of hundred thousand of these cardio scans. I can be very fast and very accurate, and if I don't see what I'm looking for, I just go on to the next horse."

Prominent harness horse owners have consulted with EQB, although Miller noted that the company's focus on thoroughbreds meant it was hard to evaluate findings: "We

didn't have the data from the standardbreds about how long the cardio [-vascular system] continued to develop." EQB is also equipped to conduct video locomotion analysis of two-year-old thoroughbreds breezing under saddle; in terms of young standardbreds in training, "We've never done it," she said. "I would think that if you studied it, because gait is very strongly related in thoroughbreds to the movement of air and blood, it would be the same in standardbreds, but you would have to figure out all that. The hard thing is, you have to do that down to 3/100ths of a second, to get your gap right," when collecting data.

She was once asked to help evaluate the offspring of two well-known standardbred stallions who stood at New Jersey's Walnridge Farm. "Way back, I did cardios on the Beach Towel horses. He was just starting at that point, and they wanted to see what kind of cardiac profile he was passing on. They had another good horse [Niatross] that was standing there. It was interesting to me because I got to do some really good horses that were by those sires." EQB, which was founded the year Niatross was foaled (1977), was already specializing in data for the much-larger thoroughbred market. "I just didn't have enough time" for more extensive assessment of harness horses, said a regretful Miller. "They were really good people too."

More recently, another enterprising standardbred horseman reached out to EQB. "There was another guy, a really nice young guy [Frank Antonacci], who had a bunch of horses. Lindy Farms," said Miller, acknowledging the family's involvement in thoroughbred ownership as well. "I kind of wanted that to go, but at that time, we had a lot of business — we still do. I thought about that, [because] they obviously had really well-bred, really correct horses. You could tell they had thought about this a lot."

The life-long horsewoman stressed that EQB isn't doing the work of veterinarians, and she sometimes recommends that prospective buyers consult a vet. "We look at the heart a lot differently than a lot of veterinarians do," said Miller. "We're not looking for health issues. When we first started out, we were looking at older horses. We would go measure older horses at the racetrack, and they had good hearts. They might be a \$5,000 claimer, but they had really good hearts. Well, the reason for that is somebody kept them around. The small-hearted horses eventually couldn't race. They were someone's pleasure horse, or doing something else that didn't take a big heart. Then, to make sure the data was right, we had to find all these horses who had been retired due to lack of talent. We found them in riding schools; you don't even want to know where we found them. Sure enough,

some of them had injuries, but most of them did have inferior cardios."

There is a secondary, psychological advantage when a horse has a big engine.

"The horses that can do a job tend to stay calmer," observed the former jockey, comparing a gifted thoroughbred's mindset to that of a professional human athlete at the top of their game. Lesser athletes, human or equine, can feel performance anxiety when they learn that they must face such formidable rivals.

The company's homepage lists multiple Grade 1 stakes winners, Eclipse Award champions, and even a Triple Crown winner (American Pharoah) singled out using EQB technology.

Today, EQB will typically short-list five yearlings or 2-year-olds from those that a client likes in a given sale. "We found the best way to do it was to work as an agent," Miller told HRU. "We don't charge any more than the agents do; we just charge 5% commission, you know, like anybody else."

"We line up horses that we think have excellent conformation, look the part, the vets do everything, and then the cardio [scan] comes in next to last, before the x-raying and all that, because unless they can breathe, unless they have athletic ability, it doesn't really mean anything," she explained. Her findings are later entered into EQB's "Data Jockey" database, where each horse can be anonymously ranked by percentile within its age, sex, and training level categories.

"The analysis comes up two ways: One is a linear analysis, with an A or an A+ being great. We also do a bell curve analysis, that's a [scale of] 1-5. There's an average heart size, but we aren't looking for average. We're looking for elite, so that means you're looking at the top of that bell curve. Most horses have perfectly adequate cardio to get along, but they won't win Grade 1 races."

Artificial intelligence finds where each colt or filly stands in relation to the criteria known to make a top racehorse. "It's not a starting point, but I would say it's a good ending point," said Miller, adding that she doesn't foresee AI replacing the intangible selection methods of skilled horsepeople. "No, I really don't, and the way I know that is because I've dealt with a lot of really good trainers who go and look at horses. You present them with a short list. [...] You know, they will pick out the one or two best, time after time, from those really good horses. So there's something that they see: Maybe it's the look in their eye; maybe it's when they touch them, what they think. To me, it's fascinating. Some people come by it naturally. I'm just glad I have a little edge on them."

What about seeking a standardbred edge? Citing the many years that she and Seder have put into their work with thoroughbreds, plus their own advancing age and the comparatively-small North American harness horse market, Miller said it's not an area EQB is exploring.

Intrigued by the seven-figure sales prices of two yearling trotting colts at the 2019 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale (Propulsion's full brother Damien, \$1 million; Greenshoe full brother Maverick, \$1.1 million), she added that she can see the value of a breed-specific start-up that taps into the EQB methodology: "I can see it working in standardbreds, but it would have to be somebody willing to put a little time and money into it."

Not to mention some of that essential ingredient found inside every great racehorse. Seder and Miller clearly put a lot of heart into EQB.

"We literally did!" she said, laughing, on her way to inspect more young thoroughbreds under the Florida sun.







HRU FOAL OF THE WEEK

First Bettor's Wish foal arrives on **Valentine's Day**

photo by Julie Meirs

The first ever foal by Bettor's Wish arrived on Valentine's Day at Concord Stud Farm in Cream Ridge, NJ. The colt is out of Rock Me Baby (1:50.4f, \$379,048) and was reportedly alert and energetic just a few hours after being foaled.







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Super Bowl champ Devin White will race standardbreds in Illinois

The linebacker plans to buy more Illinois horses next year.

by Andrew Mack / Mack Communications

Super Bowl champion linebacker Devin White has an unlikely connection to Illinois since he recently purchased three standardbred horses with plans to race them in the Prairie State. The Buccaneers star linebacker, White, made headlines last week when he took a different standardbred horse for a victory lap around Raymond James Stadium while holding the Lombardi Trophy. White co-owns his three Illinois-bred horses with his friend Adam Hawthorne.

"Devin is really excited to get into the business," said Hawthorne. "This is his first time getting involved in horse racing and we plan to buy more Illinois-bred horses next year. Illinois is my favorite state to race in, bar none."

The names of the horses White and Hawthorne purchased are First And Goal, Timber Creek Molly, and Creations Dream MV. The owners plan to keep them stabled in Louisiana during the winter where trainer Herman Wheeler will work with them. This spring, Wheeler will move the horses to compete in Illinois.

"Illinois harness racing is on the verge of an incredible comeback," said Illinois Harness Horseman's Association president Clark Fairley. "Buying an Illinois-bred horse is a great investment right now. We can now say that anyone who gets into the business has an opportunity to be successful."

If all goes well, White's horses will compete on the Illinois' county fair circuit in early summer as they prepare for bigger purses at Hawthorne Racecourse near Chicago later in the year. There are a variety of incentives for owners to buy and race Illinois-bred horses in the Land of Lincoln. Because of the recently passed "racino" bill, Illinois-bred horses will be racing for larger purses and better racing opportunities in the years to come.

Ed Teefey runs the Illini Classic Sales at the Springfield State Fairgrounds where White and Hawthorne purchased their horses. Teefey is optimistic about the future of harness racing.

"You have to be optimistic in this business," said Teefey.
"Illinois-bred horses are a great value right now. Illinois isn't flooded with horses the way some other states are and there are lots of good racing opportunities. Combined with the new revenue from casino gaming, it's a good time to buy a

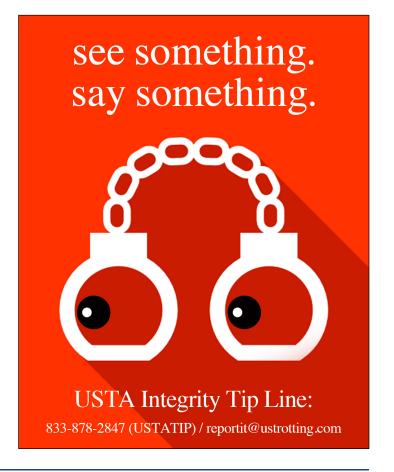


racehorse here."

Teefey said that the number of foals born in 2020 was 354, up from 144 born in 2018. And while that's a far cry from the peak of 2,535 horses born in 1984, it's solid growth that can be built on.

"We're looking forward to growing the sport again in Illinois," said Fairley. "A new racetrack is expected to be built within the next few years which will allow us to race more days and purses should continue to increase as well. I'm hopeful."





Versatile Demeter N is off to solid start for Harris Racing

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

It might be a bit uncommon for a trainer to feel little apprehension about discovering their horse's post position, particularly on a half-mile track, where outside starting spots are typically unfavorable. So far, though, 6-year-old female pacer Demeter N has afforded Andrew Harris that luxury.

Demeter N has won five of eight races since arriving from Australia last year, including five of six at half-mile Yonkers Raceway. She is 2-for-2 this season at The Hilltop, with victories from post six and post eight.

Two of her losses came in her first two starts in the U.S., both at The Meadowlands. She missed by a neck in her debut and by a nose from post 10 in the next, when she closed with a :25.4 final quarter-mile.

"I'm really impressed with her versatility," Harris said. "She can do it any way. She's raced from off the pace, come from off a helmet. She's done it first up, grinded it out. And when we've put her on the front, she's just as good there.

"She can do it from any position on the track. The post positions never seem to really scare me with her. The race doesn't need to set up for her. She will make things happen because she wants to do it."

Harris bought Demeter N and 8-year-old male trotter Deltasun A as a package in July. He owns Demeter N, a daughter of Art Major out of Weka Lass, with Martin Budkey. The mare won 10 of 40 races Down Under and is a



Ken Weingartner

Australian import Demeter N is perfect in two starts at Yonkers this year.

half-sister to six-figure-earner Reciprocity.

"I think she's exceeded expectations, to be honest with you," Harris said. "She's a nice mare and she's been a beast at Yonkers. Her only issue is that she will tie-up once in a while and not finish the way she should. But as long as we stay on top of that, nothing seems to slow her down.

"I think we are going to skip the (Blue Chip Matchmaker) with her this year, but I do think this mare is going to be the real deal eventually."

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Some Waratah surprising connections at Yonkers

by Brandon Valvo for the SOA of NY

It's common for horses shipping over from New Zealand or Australia to need change: a new style of racing and training, to add Lasix, or just a change of scenery. And often, there is nowhere to go but up for those horses. Take standout Nifty Norman import Let It Ride as an example. He lost 10 straight races in Australia before coming to the U.S., added Lasix, and became the next rising star pacer. However, when Some Waratah arrived in Amanda Kelley's stable from Australia on a five-race win streak, she worried there was nowhere to go but down.

"That put a lot of pressure on me because I was like, 'I don't want to screw this horse up," Kelley said.

Despite Kelley's fears, after two races in the U.S., Some Waratah extended his win streak to seven. First, taking a \$25,000 Yonkers overnight Feb. 8 and then capturing the \$30,000 open handicap pace one week later.

"He's doing everything right over there and he's coming in and having to go up in class. That put more pressure on me," Kelley said. "He wins that, second start in the U.S., welcome to America, here's the Yonkers open. But he handled it."

By Somebeachsomewhere out of 3-time Group 1 winning and AU\$564,770-earning mare Lady Waratah, Some Waratah began his career in Australia in 2017. He went 4-for-13 through December 2018 before going on the shelf for just over a year. Some Waratah returned to the races in January 2020 and through August 2020, won just two of 14 starts, including a claimer going for AU\$6,120 at Tabcorp Park Menangle Aug. 10.

Some Waratah's luck began to change Sept. 14, 2020 when he captured another claimer at the same level at Menangle. He then won two straight races at Canberra Sept. 21 and 28 before returning to Menangle Oct. 3 in thee FFA pace. By now, he had caught the eye of agents like Chris Scicluna, who Kelley and owner Fred Scheigert work with, and they were interested in Some Waratah.

In that FFA pace, Some Waratah gunned to the lead and parked rival Dee Double You through a :26.5 first quarter. Some Waratah faced pressure throughout, getting a half in :55.9 and three-quarters in 1:23.1. The plugs came out as Some Waratah turned for home on the lead with a wall of horses fanning out behind him to take their shots. They all missed. Some Waratah utilized a :27.2 final quarter to kick away from the field, scoring by open lengths in a lifetime best 1:50.3.



"I go through them, watch a bunch of replays, see how they move, see what we like about them and go from there," Kelley said. "He just kept impressing us. He covers the ground effortlessly. He's really floaty, he's light on his feet, he's really quick off the car and he showed that in all of his replays."

Kelley and Scheigert struck a deal to buy Some Waratah and bring him to the U.S., but the previous owners wanted to race him one more time. "The dreaded one more time," as Kelley calls it.

They entered Some Waratah in a Group 3 stakes at Menangle Oct. 10. From an inside post, he again went straight to the lead and parked rival Marty Major through a blistering :25.6 first quarter. Some Waratah got to the half in :54.2 and seemed vulnerable as Marty Major drew on even terms, Dee Double You and Escalera wound up wide, and Lets Katchmeifucan loomed in the pocket at the midway point of the final turn.

But just like last time, the plugs came out at the top of the stretch and Some Waratah revealed another gear. He held on to earn his first stakes win.

"Even the announcer didn't think he could keep going, but he did; he dug in and won by a head. That heart in a horse really appealed to me," Kelley said.

Some Waratah shipped to the U.S. Nov. 2, 2020. Upon arriving in her Saratoga, NY stable, Kelley was impressed by how athletic the 7-year-old gelding looked, even comparing him to a Greyhound.

"When we started working with him, I was really pleasantly surprised. You never know how they're going to come. They have such a different style," Kelley said. "Some of them can be a little difficult or stubborn or hot. He's just pleasant to be around. He doesn't do anything wrong. He's friendly, he meets you at the gate, he wants you to brush on him and pet him, he likes his cookies. Just about anybody could jog him."

Kelley worked with Some Waratah for about two months until he was ready to qualify Jan. 23, 2021. She took Some Waratah to the Meadowlands, where she intended to race him. Almost nothing went according to plan despite employing the driving services of Todd McCarthy, who won with Some Waratah at Menangle in April 2020. Still, Some Waratah finished second by a neck in 1:56.2.

"It was frigid. It was one of the worst, coldest days that we

had and it was bitter. The first one, you want them to come back off the car, have a nice easy qualifier, maybe kick home a little bit. It ended up just a mess in there," Kelley said. "Todd told me he had to leave with him and retake with him. He said he was okay. I don't think he wowed him, but he was okay. I didn't get a good read off of that one."

Set to race another horse on the Jan. 29 program at Yonkers, Kelley decided to change plans with Some Waratah and enter him to qualify at the Hilltop before the card. With Tyler Buter in the bike, Some Waratah enjoyed a pocket trip before winning by 3/4 lengths in 1:56.4.

"He got around the track really well and Tyler said he was really good, so I decided to put him back in there to race," Kelley said.

In his Yonkers debut Feb. 8, Some Waratah had to change tactics. Coming from off the pace, Buter saved ground the first three-quarters before shifting out behind Twin B Speedo. Some Waratah angled three-wide into the stretch and quickly engulfed pacesetter Moonshine Kisses. He then raced Artie's Ideal to the wire, holding the closer off by a neck to post a 7-1 upset.

"We didn't know what to expect his first start because as a general rule, when they get put in the box as a foreign horse, money doesn't matter, you get put in non-winners of \$20,000 (last five), but he had more money made than that, so we had to go in the winners over," Kelley explained. "I was a little worried about that just off of two qualifiers. He surprised me when he got a good trip and found the wire.

"That's not really his style. He's a leaver. He goes to the front and he likes it there. That's where he does his best work, so I was a little worried about him even coming off the car and trying to get a trip. He did it that way, too so I was pleased. Any horse that will do it both ways is nice."

Some Waratah returned in the Yonkers open handicap pace and this time, got to flaunt his speed. Buter sent him to the top through a :27.1 opening panel and played catch me if you can through fractions of :55.3 and 1:24.1 on a track rated good. With Shnitzledosomethin and Rockapelo parked the mile and Pat Stanley coming from 8 1/2 lengths behind, Some Waratah was home free, earning a length victory in the Hilltop's featured pace in 1:53.2.

"I decided to put him back in because he came out of his first start pretty well and afterwards Tyler told me he was pretty sharp and he was really good," Kelley said. "I was pretty surprised at the effort and he got a decent trip, some of the favorites got parked and it worked out for us."

The win put Kelley in a predicament, however. She hadn't planned on racing Some Waratah at Yonkers and hadn't expected to win the open handicap so soon. She certainly wasn't thinking about the Borgata Pacing Series before that win, which came just one day before the series nominations closed. Ultimately though, she opted not to stake him.

"We only had the one start going in and we didn't have a good gauge on him," Kelley said. "I don't like to push them that hard when he just started racing here. We're a three-hour ship, too, so I was a little worried about the distance for a six-week long event. I didn't want to hurt him yet, push him that hard yet."

Some Waratah earned a week off after his open victory, but will likely reappear in the open ranks at Yonkers and Saratoga throughout the spring.

"I'll probably bounce between them," Kelley said. "He likes Yonkers, obviously, so we'll definitely be seeing some Yonkers."

Yonkers Raceway features live harness racing Monday through Friday with a first post time of 7:15 p.m. For entries to the races, click here.

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Compelling (LeWayne Miller) will be one of the favorites in today's \$25,000 Howard Beissinger Memorial Medley Trot final at Miami Valley Raceway.

Miller confident with Compelling in Beissinger final

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

LeWayne Miller is a fan of the three-leg Howard Beissinger Memorial Medley Trot at Miami Valley Raceway, and has a "compelling" reason to look forward to tonight's (Feb. 19) \$25,000 final. Miller will be driving the morning-line favorite, Compelling.

Compelling and Miller will start from post five in the final, which will be contested at the added distance of 1-1/4 miles. Compelling won a first-leg division of the medley, raced at five-eighths of a mile, and finished second in a second-round split, which was raced at the standard distance of one mile.

Perfect Chapter As is the 7-2 second choice in the final. The 7-year-old gelding won a second-leg division and was third in an opening-round division. The Ron Burke trainee will start from post six with Chris Page in the sulky. Shake It Mary, who won both of her preliminary legs, is 5-1 from post seven. The 5-year-old Sherif Cunmulaj-trained mare will be driven by Dan Noble.

Compelling, a 7-year-old mare, was an Indiana Sire Stakes champion at age 4. She is owned by Verlin Yoder and has spent the majority of her career at Harrah's Hoosier Park. Lifetime, the daughter of Swan For All out of First Lady Two has won 18 of 72 starts and \$270,378.

"She's a very nice mare," said Miller, who is training and driving Compelling while she competes at Miami Valley. "She knows where the wire is, and she likes that last quarter (of a mile)."

Compelling used her finishing kick to win her first leg in the Beissinger. She was sixth at the half-mile point, nearly eight lengths from the leader. She won by a head.

"I was a little concerned about the five-eighths because it's such a short distance and she's a little lazy, so sometimes it takes her a little bit longer to get in gear," Miller said. "But she definitely closed

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strong. I think the pace was hot enough early that they just got a little tired late."

Compelling's racing style gives Miller reason to be optimistic in the Beissinger's extra-distance final.

"I like the mile-and-a-quarter for her because her best game is at the end of the mile," Miller said. "You approach (the race) the same way, you just have to be a little bit patient and manage when to use your horse. I think she will be all right in there."

The medley series honors Howard Beissinger, a Hall of Fame trainer/driver and the winner of three Hambletonian Stakes. Beissinger, who died in 2018, maintained his base of operations in Hamilton, OH, less than 10 miles from Miami Valley Raceway, throughout his career.

"I love the idea of it and like the way they have it set up," Miller said about the varied-distances event. "It's a nice thing to have. It's fun."

Racing begins at 4:05 p.m. (EST) today at Miami Valley. For the card's complete entries, click here.



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ALL NORTH AMERICAN TRACKS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT



Who's Hot - All Tracks

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Guy Gagnon	12	6	50%	1	4	11	92%
Louis-Philippe Roy	11	4	36%	2	2	8	73%
Nick Roland	45	14	31%	8	7	29	64%
Billy Davis Jr	27	8	30%	3	5	16	59%
McGwire Sowers	10	3	30%	4	0	7	70%
David Palone	60	16	27%	9	7	32	53%
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	103	27	26%	21	14	62	60%
Tim Tetrick	72	18	25%	11	9	38	53%
James Devaux	52	13	25%	7	10	30	58%
Michael Merton	32	8	25%	3	5	16	50%

Who's Hot - All Tracks

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Julie Miller	6	5	83%	0	1	6	100%
Adam Short	8	6	75%	0	0	6	75%
Guy Gagnon	8	5	63%	1	2	8	100%
Sheena McElhiney	8	5	63%	0	0	5	63%
Candace Brandstatter	7	4	57%	1	2	7	100%
Justin Huckabone	6	3	50%	0	2	5	83%
Steven Walters	6	3	50%	0	0	3	50%
J Miller	6	3	50%	1	0	4	67%
Maria Rice	13	6	46%	2	1	9	69%
Joshua Green	14	6	43%	0	0	6	43%

Who's Not - All Tracks

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Pic	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Eric Abbatiello	36	0	0%	6	4	10	28%
Austin Hanners	32	0	0%	6	2	8	25%
Andy Shetler	24	0	0%	3	5	8	33%
Shawn Barker li	22	0	0%	1	1	2	9%
Shane Taggart	19	0	0%	1	5	6	32%
Jeremy Indof	17	0	0%	3	0	3	18%
Phillip Knox	14	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Billy Dobson	13	0	0%	2	1	3	23%
Declan Donoway	13	0	0%	2	2	4	31%
Tyler Borth	11	0	0%	1	2	3	27%

Who's Not - All Tracks							
Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Tricia Shepard	22	0	0%	1	1	2	9%
Paul Fusco	22	0	0%	4	1	5	23%
Jessica Roegner	19	0	0%	5	2	7	37%
Kayne Kauffman	19	0	0%	3	1	4	21%
Kelvin Harrison	18	0	0%	3	4	7	39%
Mark Ford	18	0	0%	3	1	4	22%
George Reider	18	0	0%	1	2	3	17%
Tyler Stillings	17	0	0%	1	2	3	18%
Brandon Mongiello	16	0	0%	1	0	1	6%
Tony Dinges	16	0	0%	2	2	4	25%

CAL-EXPO - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Cal-Expo

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Pic	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Nick Roland	110	31	28%	21	12	64	58%
Jacob Cutting	111	20	18%	19	21	60	54%
Luke Plano	113	18	16%	21	14	53	47%
James Lackey	38	5	13%	4	7	16	42%
Kevin Anderson	23	3	13%	3	4	10	43%
Anthony Kerwood	77	9	12%	9	7	25	32%
Doug Chappell	70	8	11%	10	9	27	39%
Cordarius Stewart	88	9	10%	9	13	31	35%
Lemoyne Svendsen	86	8	9%	14	15	37	43%
Anthony Succarotte	45	4	9%	1	3	8	18%

Who's Hot - Cal-Expo

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Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jennifer Sabot	9	3	33%	1	1	5	56%
Luke Plano	42	11	26%	4	4	19	45%
James Lackey	17	4	24%	2	4	10	59%
Gordon Graham	56	13	23%	3	9	25	45%
Robert Johnson	45	10	22%	3	4	17	38%
Pierre Girard	10	2	20%	0	0	2	20%
Albert Sleva Jr	5	1	20%	1	0	2	40%
Nick Roland	63	12	19%	14	7	33	52%
Jessie Pacheco	66	11	17%	9	9	29	44%
Richard Bertrand	54	8	15%	8	13	29	54%

Who's Not - Cal-Expo

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Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %	Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Tim Clevenger	19	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	John Chappell	16	0	0%	0	2	2	13%
John Chappell	16	0	0%	1	3	4	25%	Tim Clevenger	16	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Carl Sibiga	12	0	0%	1	2	3	25%	Emilio Cisneros	14	0	0%	5	1	6	43%
Edward Long	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	Carl Sibiga	11	0	0%	1	2	3	27%
Phillip Knox	37	1	3%	2	2	5	14%	Edward Long	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Blaine Chappell	43	2	5%	2	6	10	23%	Jenna Cornelison	7	0	0%	1	0	1	14%
Gerald Longo	37	3	8%	4	3	10	27%	Christopher Frenzel	6	0	0%	0	1	1	17%
Lemoyne Svendsen	86	8	9%	14	15	37	43%	Harold Herrera	5	0	0%	0	1	1	20%
Anthony Succarotte	45	4	9%	1	3	8	18%	Vod Farris	5	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Cordarius Stewart	88	9	10%	9	13	31	35%	Marco Rios	32	1	3%	1	2	4	13%

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DOVER DOWNS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Dover Downs

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Dexter Dunn	57	16	28%	7	7	30	53%
Tim Tetrick	93	22	24%	16	11	49	53%
Jason Thompson	10	2	20%	1	1	4	40%
Corey Callahan	78	14	18%	7	9	30	38%
Allan Davis	99	17	17%	12	15	44	44%
Rick Still	12	2	17%	2	2	6	50%
Montrell Teague	81	10	12%	13	10	33	41%
Andrew McCarthy	46	5	11%	8	8	21	46%
Patrick Berry	84	8	10%	5	17	30	36%
Victor Kirby	50	5	10%	8	6	19	38%

Who's Hot - Dover Downs

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Andrew Glassmeyer	8	4	50%	0	1	5	63%
Shane Long	11	5	45%	0	1	6	55%
James Dennis	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Joshua Green	21	8	38%	1	2	11	52%
Kevin Lare	23	8	35%	7	4	19	83%
Gary Ewing	9	3	33%	3	1	7	78%
Melvin Givens	9	3	33%	0	0	3	33%
Dylan Davis	20	6	30%	2	3	11	55%
Justin Brenneman	10	3	30%	1	1	5	50%
Charles Crissman Jr	44	12	27%	11	7	30	68%

Who's Not - Dover Downs

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Ross Wolfenden	18	0	0%	4	1	5	28%
Yannick Gingras	22	1	5%	2	5	8	36%
Arthur Stafford Jr	73	6	8%	8	8	22	30%
Anthony Morgan	92	8	9%	10	11	29	32%
Michael Cole	64	6	9%	9	11	26	41%
Russell Foster	57	5	9%	7	2	14	25%
Patrick Berry	84	8	10%	5	17	30	36%
Victor Kirby	50	5	10%	8	6	19	38%
Andrew McCarthy	46	5	11%	8	8	21	46%
Montrell Teague	81	10	12%	13	10	33	41%

Who's Not - Dover Downs

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Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Eric Ell	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
Tim Crissman	13	0	0%	1	2	3	23%
Jason Johnson	13	0	0%	2	1	3	23%
Ronald Short	12	0	0%	3	2	5	42%
Gary Simpson	12	0	0%	0	2	2	17%
Brooks Gray	12	0	0%	2	2	4	33%
Robert Clark	10	0	0%	0	1	1	10%
Victor Kirby	10	0	0%	2	1	3	30%
Ronald Millman	10	0	0%	1	0	1	10%
Joseph Eisenhower Sr	10	0	0%	2	1	3	30%

FREEHOLD - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Freehold

Wild 3 Hot - Freehold							
Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Pic	Shw	WPS	WPS %
George Brennan	22	7	32%	4	3	14	64%
Austin Siegelman	95	21	22%	10	15	46	48%
James Marohn Jr	75	15	20%	13	11	39	52%
Simon Allard	70	12	17%	13	8	33	47%
Stephen Smith	83	13	16%	13	11	37	45%
Joseph Bongiorno	19	3	16%	1	5	9	47%
Jack Pelling	67	10	15%	10	8	28	42%
Daniel Dube	26	4	15%	4	3	11	42%
Tyler Miller	40	3	8%	5	5	13	33%
Troy Beyer	25	2	8%	3	2	7	28%

Who's Hot - Freehold

Willo 3 Hot - Freehold							
Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Donald Maiorano	7	3	43%	1	1	5	71%
Aaron Lambert	5	2	40%	1	0	3	60%
Williams Hernandez	14	5	36%	1	1	7	50%
Israel Estrada	11	4	36%	1	3	8	73%
Paul Stafford	6	2	33%	1	1	4	67%
Thomas Cancelliere	6	2	33%	1	1	4	67%
Julie Miller	6	2	33%	0	1	3	50%
Jennifer Bongiorno	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%
Thomas Lail	13	4	31%	1	4	9	69%
Edwin Quevedo	14	4	29%	1	1	6	43%

Who's Not - Freehold

Stephen Smith

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Chase Vandervort	11	0	0%	0	2	2	18%
Eric Abbatiello	94	5	5%	10	14	29	31%
James Marshall Iv	22	1	5%	2	2	5	23%
Luke Hanners	69	5	7%	7	6	18	26%
Vincent Ginsburg	30	2	7%	3	2	7	23%
Tyler Miller	40	3	8%	5	5	13	33%
Troy Beyer	25	2	8%	3	2	7	28%
Jack Pelling	67	10	15%	10	8	28	42%
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Who's Not - Freehold

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Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Paul Fusco	22	0	0%	3	1	4	18%
Julius Czermann Jr	12	0	0%	3	3	6	50%
William MacKenzie	11	0	0%	0	3	3	27%
Laurie Molnar	11	0	0%	2	0	2	18%
John Bavosi	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Cid Del	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Don Niccum	8	0	0%	1	0	1	13%
John Wyatt	8	0	0%	2	1	3	38%
Taylor Gower	8	0	0%	4	0	4	50%
Shaun Vallee	7	0	0%	1	1	2	29%

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MEADOWLANDS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - The Meadowlands

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Pic	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Dexter Dunn	132	31	23%	11	20	62	47%
Andrew McCarthy	127	19	15%	23	10	52	41%
Corey Callahan	92	13	14%	6	5	24	26%
Yannick Gingras	125	16	13%	18	10	44	35%
Todd McCarthy	128	13	10%	14	17	44	34%
Simon Allard	112	10	9%	13	9	32	29%
George Napolitano Jr	79	7	9%	4	8	19	24%
Scott Zeron	110	9	8%	15	14	38	35%
Andy Miller	61	5	8%	7	7	19	31%
Daniel Dube	15	1	7%	0	4	5	33%

Who's Hot - The Meadowlands

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Julie Miller	6	4	67%	0	1	5	83%
Jamie Gerard	7	3	43%	_		5	
Jamie Gerard	/	3	43%	1	1	5	71%
Raymond Vizzi	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Alek Chartrand	6	2	33%	0	0	2	33%
Ricky Bucci	13	4	31%	0	2	6	46%
Anette Lorentzon	14	4	29%	1	2	7	50%
Eric Abbatiello	7	2	29%	1	1	4	57%
Darran Cassar	16	4	25%	2	2	8	50%
Bruce Saunders	12	3	25%	0	3	6	50%
Scott Blackler	8	2	25%	0	0	2	25%

Who's Not - The Meadowlands

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Stephen Smith	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
Marcus Miller	47	1	2%	3	3	7	15%
Mark MacDonald	97	3	3%	10	11	24	25%
Joseph Bongiorno	54	2	4%	4	10	16	30%
Billy Dobson	28	1	4%	4	4	9	32%
Tyler Buter	17	1	6%	1	1	3	18%
Daniel Dube	15	1	7%	0	4	5	33%
Scott Zeron	110	9	8%	15	14	38	35%
Andy Miller	61	5	8%	7	7	19	31%
Simon Allard	112	10	9%	13	9	32	29%

Who's Not - The Meadowlamds

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Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %			
Vincent Stallworth	23	0	0%	2	3	5	22%			
Steven Brabrook	19	0	0%	0	3	3	16%			
Allie Reynolds	16	0	0%	4	2	6	38%			
Edward Sager	14	0	0%	2	0	2	14%			
Brett Derue	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%			
Noel Daley	12	0	0%	0	1	1	8%			
Mark Ford	12	0	0%	3	0	3	25%			
Dan Morrissey	12	0	0%	0	1	1	8%			
Stacy Chiodo	11	0	0%	2	0	2	18%			
Mark Silva	9	0	0%	2	1	3	33%			

THE MEADOWS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - The Meadows

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
David Palone	99	24	24%	19	13	56	57%
Daniel Charlino	17	4	24%	3	0	7	41%
James Pantaleano	108	21	19%	13	16	50	46%
Tony Hall	118	20	17%	16	16	52	44%
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	37	6	16%	3	8	17	46%
Aaron Merriman	109	16	15%	13	11	40	37%
Dan Rawlings	106	13	12%	13	16	42	40%
Jeremy Indof	26	2	8%	4	1	7	27%
Hunter Myers	13	1	8%	1	2	4	31%
Brian Zendt	30	2	7%	5	1	8	27%

who's Hot - The Meadows							
Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Steven Walters	7	3	43%	0	1	4	57%
Andy Rickert	5	2	40%	2	0	4	80%
Robert Barnard	12	4	33%	2	3	9	75%
Bill Rhoades	6	2	33%	0	0	2	33%
Scot Davidson	6	2	33%	2	0	4	67%
Ronald Burke	52	16	31%	9	4	29	56%
Daniel Altmeyer	7	2	29%	1	0	3	43%
Gary Johnston	7	2	29%	2	0	4	57%
John Adams li	15	4	27%	0	0	4	27%
Richard Perfido	31	8	26%	2	7	17	55%

Who's Not - The Meadows							
Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Anthony MacDonald	15	0	0%	2	1	3	20%
James Dodson	10	0	0%	0	3	3	30%
Christopher Shaw	103	3	3%	9	11	23	22%
Ridge Warren	67	2	3%	7	8	17	25%
Andrew Monti	75	4	5%	4	4	12	16%
Wilbur Yoder	22	1	5%	3	2	6	27%
Brady Brown	93	6	6%	10	15	31	33%
Bryce Brocklehurst	33	2	6%	2	1	5	15%
Brian Zendt	30	2	7%	5	1	8	27%
Jeremy Indof	26	2	294	Λ	1	7	27%

Who's Not - The Meadows							
Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Roger Hammer	17	0	0%	1	0	1	6%
Gerald Lee Jr	16	0	0%	2	1	3	19%
Norm Parker	13	0	0%	1	3	4	31%
Angela Porfilio	12	0	0%	2	2	4	33%
Carl Cocciolone	11	0	0%	3	0	3	27%
Ronald Lineweaver	10	0	0%	0	3	3	30%
Wilbur Yoder	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Todd Keith	9	0	0%	1	0	1	11%
Raymond Romanetti	9	0	0%	2	1	3	33%
Nicholas Kozar	9	0	0%	1	2	3	33%

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MIAMI VALLEY - WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Miami Valley

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Pic	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Lewayne Miller	11	3	27%	2	0	5	45%
Trace Tetrick	119	26	22%	14	8	48	40%
Daniel Noble	115	21	18%	13	15	49	43%
Tyler Smith	103	16	16%	11	15	42	41%
Mitchell Cushing	25	4	16%	0	7	11	44%
John De Long	26	4	15%	3	4	11	42%
Jason Brewer	43	6	14%	5	4	15	35%
Trevor Smith	64	8	13%	9	7	24	38%
Samuel Widger	74	9	12%	7	5	21	28%
Chris Page	104	10	10%	13	6	29	28%

Who's Hot - Miami Valley

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Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Bobbie Brewer	5	5	100%	0	0	5	100%
Adam Short	8	6	75%	0	0	6	75%
Jim Pollock Jr	5	3	60%	0	0	3	60%
Sherif Cunmulaj	8	3	38%	2	0	5	63%
Lewayne Miller	9	3	33%	2	0	5	56%
Michael Peterson	6	2	33%	0	1	3	50%
Jennifer Redmond	6	2	33%	0	1	3	50%
Michelle Finn	6	2	33%	0	1	3	50%
Anette Lorentzon	10	3	30%	0	1	4	40%
Scott George	21	6	29%	5	1	12	57%

Who's Not - Miami Valley

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Shawn Barker Ii	28	0	0%	1	1	2	7%
Patrick Melloy Jr	13	0	0%	0	2	2	15%
Chris Presley	13	0	0%	0	1	1	8%
Brady Galliers	10	0	0%	0	1	1	10%
Joshua Sutton	90	4	4%	12	7	23	26%
Brett Miller	124	6	5%	17	18	41	33%
Jeremy Smith	37	2	5%	4	4	10	27%
Brandon Bates	34	2	6%	3	4	9	26%
Kayne Kauffman	61	4	7%	6	10	20	33%
Cameron McCown	41	3	7%	4	4	11	27%

Who's Not - Miami Valley

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Kayne Kauffman	19	0	0%	3	1	4	21%
Christopher Short	14	0	0%	2	1	3	21%
Chris Mc Guire	13	0	0%	5	1	6	46%
Patricia Brewer	12	0	0%	2	2	4	33%
Jeffrey Smith	12	0	0%	2	0	2	17%
Michael Arnold	12	0	0%	1	2	3	25%
Mitchell Tierney	11	0	0%	0	5	5	45%
William Mann	9	0	0%	1	2	3	33%
Daniel Stone	9	0	0%	0	1	1	11%
Dan Ater	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%

MONTICELLO - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Monticello

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Gregory Merton	29	9	31%	5	5	19	66%
Justin Huckabone	13	4	31%	0	2	6	46%
McGwire Sowers	10	3	30%	4	0	7	70%
Michael Merton	47	11	23%	6	9	26	55%
James Devaux	68	15	22%	15	12	42	62%
Jim Taggart Jr	73	11	15%	9	9	29	40%
Cory Stratton	62	9	15%	13	10	32	52%
Renaldo Morales Iii	58	5	9%	8	7	20	34%
Kyle Dibenedetto	46	4	9%	9	6	19	41%
Bruce Aldrich Jr	71	5	7%	6	10	21	30%

Who's Hot - Wonticello							
Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Candace Brandstatter	9	6	67%	1	2	9	100%
Robert Harmon	6	3	50%	0	2	5	83%
William Parker Jr	6	3	50%	1	0	4	67%
John Stubits	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Justin Huckabone	5	2	40%	0	2	4	80%
Todd Buter	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%
Steven Moore	6	2	33%	0	1	3	50%
John De Simone Jr	6	2	33%	0	0	2	33%
Christopher Petrelli	7	2	29%	0	1	3	43%
Monica Eriksen	8	2	25%	2	2	6	75%

Who's Not - Monticello							
Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Shane Taggart	23	0	0%	1	5	6	26%
Brandon Parker	19	1	5%	7	1	9	47%
Bruce Aldrich Jr	71	5	7%	6	10	21	30%
Renaldo Morales Iii	58	5	9%	8	7	20	34%
Kyle Dibenedetto	46	4	9%	9	6	19	41%
Jim Taggart Jr	73	11	15%	9	9	29	40%
Cory Stratton	62	9	15%	13	10	32	52%
James Devaux	68	15	22%	15	12	42	62%
Michael Merton	47	11	23%	6	9	26	55%
McGwire Sowers	10	3	30%	4	0	7	70%

Who's Not - Monticello							
Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Shane Taggart	13	0	0%	0	3	3	23%
Laura Perino	13	0	0%	2	4	6	46%
Sean Campbell	10	0	0%	1	4	5	50%
Bruce Aldrich	9	0	0%	1	0	1	11%
Keith Haase	8	0	0%	2	3	5	63%
Ronald Langley	7	0	0%	2	1	3	43%
Owen Eiler Jr	7	0	0%	1	1	2	29%
Timothy Miller Jr	7	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Frank Yanoti	6	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Mike Doherty	6	0	0%	1	0	1	17%

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NORTHFIELD PARK - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Northfield Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	113	34	30%	26	13	73	65%
Nick Clegg	27	6	22%	3	2	11	41%
Hunter Myers	101	17	17%	10	15	42	42%
Patrick Beeler	12	2	17%	0	0	2	17%
Aaron Merriman	124	20	16%	13	22	55	44%
Donald Irvine Jr	27	4	15%	5	3	12	44%
Tony Hall	51	6	12%	4	6	16	31%
Brett MacDonald	50	6	12%	5	2	13	26%
Kurt Sugg	115	13	11%	18	10	41	36%
Keith Kash Jr	81	8	10%	12	6	26	32%

Who's Hot - Northfield Park

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Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Billy Farmer	10	4	40%	2	0	6	60%
Ethan Sisco	5	2	40%	1	1	4	80%
James Stiltner Ii	9	3	33%	0	3	6	67%
Todd Luther	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%
Lloyd Mansfield	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%
Samuel Schillaci	65	18	28%	14	7	39	60%
John Oliverio	20	5	25%	1	2	8	40%
Ronald Burke	17	4	24%	3	3	10	59%
Ronald Otto	9	2	22%	1	1	4	44%
Betty Clegg	24	5	21%	3	2	10	42%

Who's Not - Northfield Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Samuel Schillaci	10	0	0%	0	1	1	10%
David Lake	70	2	3%	7	9	18	26%
Ryan Stahl	103	5	5%	10	13	28	27%
Greg Grismore	85	6	7%	6	15	27	32%
Christopher Lems	110	9	8%	11	18	38	35%
Jason Thompson	54	5	9%	9	4	18	33%
Luke Ebersole	47	4	9%	5	3	12	26%
Keith Kash Jr	81	8	10%	12	6	26	32%
Kurt Sugg	115	13	11%	18	10	41	36%
Tony Hall	51	6	12%	4	6	16	31%

Who's Not - Northfield Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Tricia Shepard	30	0	0%	2	3	5	17%
Thomas Hall	12	0	0%	2	2	4	33%
James Horvath Jr	11	0	0%	1	0	1	9%
Sean Smithpeters	11	0	0%	1	3	4	36%
Charles Myrick	9	0	0%	0	2	2	22%
Ryan Shafer	9	0	0%	0	1	1	11%
Raymond Farmer	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%
Amy Wengerd	8	0	0%	0	1	1	13%
Eric Patalan	7	0	0%	0	1	1	14%
Dean Santantonio	7	0	0%	0	1	1	14%

POMPANO PARK - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Pompano Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
David Miller	77	18	23%	22	9	49	64%
Walter Hennessey	65	14	22%	10	12	36	55%
Corey Braden	20	4	20%	3	3	10	50%
Kevin Wallis	65	11	17%	9	5	25	38%
Joseph Chindano Jr	54	8	15%	8	5	21	39%
Michael Simons	56	8	14%	5	8	21	38%
Richard Plano	46	6	13%	4	8	18	39%
Braxten Boyd	31	4	13%	3	6	13	42%
John MacDonald	23	3	13%	3	1	7	30%
Joseph Sanzeri	16	2	13%	3	0	5	31%

Who's Hot - Pompano Park

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Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
J Miller	6	3	50%	1	0	4	67%
Allen Saul	5	2	40%	0	2	4	80%
Melanie Wrenn	5	2	40%	1	0	3	60%
James Mc Donald	14	5	36%	2	4	11	79%
Jason Merriman	14	5	36%	2	2	9	64%
John Hallett	11	4	36%	1	0	5	45%
Michael Simons	11	4	36%	1	0	5	45%
Joseph Chindano Jr	12	4	33%	4	1	9	75%
Casandra Uppal	9	3	33%	1	3	7	78%
Devan Miller	9	3	33%	2	2	7	78%

Who's Not - Pompano Park							
Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Andy Shetler	24	0	0%	3	5	8	33%
David Ingraham	40	2	5%	2	3	7	18%
Tyler Shehan	17	1	6%	2	2	5	29%
Fernand Paquet Jr	17	1	6%	2	0	3	18%
Bryce Fenn	14	1	7%	0	1	2	14%
James Meittinis	13	1	8%	2	3	6	46%
Thomas Jackson	13	1	8%	1	3	5	38%
Kenneth Holliday	10	1	10%	0	2	3	30%
Richard Plano	46	6	13%	4	8	18	39%
Braxten Boyd	31	4	13%	3	6	13	42%

who's Not - Pompano Park							
Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Tony Dinges	16	0	0%	2	2	4	25%
Marna Shehan	14	0	0%	0	1	1	7%
Peter Blood	8	0	0%	1	4	5	63%
Joseph Pavia Jr	8	0	0%	2	1	3	38%
Andrew Santeramo	8	0	0%	2	2	4	50%
Leopold Sawyers	8	0	0%	1	2	3	38%
Fannie Saul-Beaulieu	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Dennis Whittemore	7	0	0%	1	3	4	57%
Mitchell Walker	7	0	0%	4	1	5	71%
Mario Dessureault	6	0	0%	0	1	1	17%

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YONKERS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Yonkers

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Pic	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Todd McCarthy	10	3	30%	5	1	9	90%
George Brennan	69	15	22%	11	8	34	49%
Brent Holland	58	13	22%	9	7	29	50%
Jordan Stratton	80	14	18%	17	13	44	55%
Daniel Dube	40	7	18%	4	3	14	35%
Joseph Bongiorno	47	6	13%	6	5	17	36%
Tyler Buter	45	6	13%	6	9	21	47%
Jason Bartlett	77	9	12%	8	16	33	43%
Austin Siegelman	59	6	10%	3	3	12	20%
Patrick Lachance	20	2	10%	1	2	5	25%

Who's Hot - Yonkers

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Sheena McElhiney	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Peter Tritton	11	4	36%	0	2	6	55%
Jennifer Bongiorno	12	4	33%	2	2	8	67%
Andrew Harris	13	4	31%	3	1	8	62%
Paul Stafford	35	10	29%	4	3	17	49%
Ronald Burke	24	7	29%	4	3	14	58%
Amanda Kelley	7	2	29%	2	1	5	71%
Scott Di Domenico	26	7	27%	4	2	13	50%
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	35	9	26%	6	3	18	51%
Daniel Renaud	8	2	25%	0	0	2	25%

Who's Not - Yonkers

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Dexter Dunn	14	0	0%	3	3	6	43%
Mark MacDonald	18	1	6%	1	6	8	44%
Matthew Kakaley	78	6	8%	9	11	26	33%
Scott Zeron	50	4	8%	6	3	13	26%
James Marohn Jr	64	6	9%	8	5	19	30%
Austin Siegelman	59	6	10%	3	3	12	20%
Patrick Lachance	20	2	10%	1	2	5	25%
Jason Bartlett	77	9	12%	8	16	33	43%
Joseph Bongiorno	47	6	13%	6	5	17	36%
Tyler Buter	45	6	13%	6	9	21	47%

Who's Not - Yonkers

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Paul Blumenfeld	15	0	0%	1	2	3	20%
Kenneth Koch	15	0	0%	1	2	3	20%
Christopher Height	13	0	0%	2	1	3	23%
Dennis Laterza	12	0	0%	2	2	4	33%
Thomas Corelli	11	0	0%	0	1	1	9%
Darran Cassar	11	0	0%	3	2	5	45%
Donald Sider	11	0	0%	0	1	1	9%
Nicholas Devita	11	0	0%	2	1	3	27%
Mark Ford	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Thomas Milici	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%

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Big M's low takeout bets driving big business

Last weekend (Feb. 12-13) was the third straight weekend that saw total handle exceed the \$7-million plateau at The Meadowlands – a lofty level reached three times during all of 2020 – and much of the recent wild wagering at the mile oval is due to the popularity of the track's low 15 per cent takeout bets.

The Big M has seen great results since changing the Hi-5/Pentafecta format. Formerly, it was a 20-cent base with a 'jackpot', meaning it paid out only when there was one winning ticket. The response has been vigorous since management changed it to a 10-cent base that pays out on all winning tickets.

Through Feb. 12, the updated Hi-5 was averaging \$31,794 per pool, compared to \$8,807 over the same period a year ago. Much like the superfecta more than a decade ago, lowering the minimum to 10 cents has given the bet a new lease on life, as the average payoff during 2021 is \$1,535. On Feb. 6, a rare Hi-5 carryover resulted in a total pool of \$79,254, which led to a payout of \$10,094.

Another wager that has been performing at a high level is the 20-cent Pick-5 – the track's most popular puzzle in terms of average pool – which is currently seeing \$105,977 a night, almost double what the action was a year ago (\$56,331). Thus far in 2021, the P5 average payout has been \$2,989. The bet serves as a catalyst for the first race, which saw \$367,134 of wagering Saturday, and has been averaging over \$300,000 a night thus far this year.

The Big M's signature wager – the 50-cent Pick-4 – gives bettors two chances to make a score every live racing night. The Early P4 has averaged \$94,294 per pool and the Late P4 has seen \$90,586 a throw. Players of all kinds got to cash in last Saturday. The Early Pick returned \$17,959.80 after 20-1 shots served as winning bookends, while the Late Pick came back \$78.55 after two favorites, one 5-2 and one 3-1 scored during that extremely formful sequence.

The Pick-5 is not the only wager that has come up roses with a new twist. The Pick-6 is not a jackpot bet, so the low 20-cent minimum has made the P6 playable even when there is no carryover. During 2021, the average pool has been \$14,581, leading to a payoff of \$3,831.

The last of The Big M's 'Super Six' wagers that offer the low 15 per cent takeout is the 20-cent Survivor Pick-7, which has a mandatory payout every night. It is another bet that generates some big payouts, as the average return of \$3,846 proves.

The lineup of The Meadowlands' 15 per cent takeout wagers:

- Race 1: 20-cent Pick-5
- Race 3: 20-cent Survivor Pick-7
- Race 6: 50-cent Early Pick-4
- Race 8: 20-cent Pick-6
- Race 10: 50-cent Late Pick-4
- Race 15 (or final race): 10-cent Hi-5/Pentafecta

"Wagering last week was over \$7 million," said Big M chief operating officer and general manager Jason Settlemoir. "Which was up \$2.36 million from the same two nights last year. What we are seeing is that low take outs and low minimums help to keep The Meadowlands horseplayer in action longer.

"If the player can stay in action, they are capable of making a score on any number of our wagers that are generating big payoffs. In any successful gambling business, customer satisfaction is the name of the game. Judging by our 2021 results, where we have seen handle exceed \$3 million on five consecutive programs, we can reasonably assume that the customer thinks The Meadowlands is providing an excellent and improved product."

THE SCHEDULE: Live racing at The Meadowlands takes place every Friday and Saturday evening. Post time is 6 p.m.

The track's live "Racing from the Meadowlands" pre-game show begins at 5:27 p.m.

FREE PPs FOR ALL: Thanks to an agreement between The Meadowlands and TrackMaster, past performances for every race of every Big M program are now available at no cost.

To access the free PPs, go to www.playmeadowlands.com

GET SOCIAL: You can always check in with the team at The Meadowlands on Twitter.

For early changes, racing information and staff selections, go to @themeadowlands or #playbigm.

On race nights, stay in touch with the Big M's Dave Brower (@eedoogie), Dave Little (@DaveLittleBigM), Ken Warkentin (@kenvoiceover), Shades Demsky (@shadesonracing) and Jessica Otten (@JessicaOtten1).

\$100,000 GUARANTEED: Every night, The Meadowlands guarantees big green on both editions of its signature wager, as each 50-cent Pick-4 sports a \$50,000 guaranteed pool.

CHECK OUT THE PICKS: For those who need to get a leg up on the action, go to playmeadowlands.com to see track oddsmaker and analyst Brower's selections and commentary. Click on the

"handicapping" tab and go to "race reviews".

Brower's input is generally available 48 hours before every card.

Additionally, track announcer Warkentin's blog is available on the site and offers his picks and analysis.

- Meadowlands media relations

Pennsylvania Sires Stakes 2021 schedule available

The 2021 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes schedule is now available. To view the schedule by age and chronological order **click here** . To view the current stallion list of Pennsylvania registered stallions for the 2021 breeding season, **click here** .

Second Prospect Series season gets underway May 22 in Ontario

Ontario Racing, in cooperation with participating Ontario racetracks, is pleased to announce the Prospect Series for Ontario Sired 2 and 3-year-olds will return for a second year in 2021.

The 2021 season will open on Saturday, May 22 at Hiawatha Horse Park with the 3-year-old pacing colts. Competing at Grassroots and Signature racetracks across the province, horses will accumulate points through five regular season events for each age, sex and gait, with each leg worth \$6,500 plus starting fees. The top nine point earners from each division will compete in a \$15,000 Final at Grand River Raceway on Friday, Sept. 24.

A complete Prospect Series schedule and conditions are available on the Ontario Racing **website** .

Open to 2 and 3-year-olds which have been sustained to the Ontario Sires Stakes program, the Prospect Series was well received by owners and trainers in its inaugural year.

"There's no easy racing (in Ontario). The Prospect Series helped out last year," said trainer Shawn Steacy, who captured the 2020 2-year-old trotting filly final with Radical J J. "I think it's a good thing, especially for the 2-year-olds."

The 2020 winner of the Johnston Cup as the leading trainer in the Ontario Sires Stakes program, Brantford, ON resident Steacy has 16 Ontario Sired 2-year-olds and 23 3-year-olds in his barn this winter, all hoping for success on the provincial stakes circuit.

Dr. Ian Moore, whose trainees swept the pacing colt divisions at the 2020 O'Brien Awards, started a trio of youngsters in the Prospect Series least season and was pleased to hear that the program will return for a second season.

"I thought the Prospect Series was an excellent alternative. I really liked it," said Moore, who is training 17 Ontario Sired 2 and 3-year-olds at his winter base in Florida. "I think it's a good thing to have an option for your OSS horses that aren't good enough for the Grassroots or to race at Mohawk."

Owners and trainers can choose to race their horses exclusively in the Prospect Series, or move between the Prospect Series and Ontario Sires Stakes throughout the season. However, horses can only be entered at one level for each leg (i.e. Prospect Series No. 1 or Grassroots Series No. 1) and they can only be declared into one post season event, either the Prospect Series Final or Grassroots Semi-Final.

For additional information about the Prospect Series please visit the Ontario Racing website or contact the Program Administrator at ossprogram@ontarioracing.com.

- OSS publicity

Game of Claims Series back at Pocono; Monday card added

The Game Of Claims Pacing Series will again be featured this racing week at The Downs at Mohegan Sun, with 58 of the amazing 60 horses claimed during opening weekend (for \$1,001,500) returning for second preliminary round action for their new connections.

There is a slight "bump-up" in claiming price each prelim week of the Game Of Claims, so this Saturday afternoon seven \$25,000 divisions will feature horses with a baseline tag of \$27,500. Only the 13th race, the last prelim at this level, features a matchup of two winners from opening week – one who was not claimed, I Get That, who paid \$83.20 in winning for trainer Mark Akins and draws post four here; and one who was taken, American Ideal, who will begin from post six for trainer Daniel Renaud.

Saturday's card, which begins at 12:30, also brings together five \$15,000 sections of pacers who will go for a base tag of \$17,500. Again, it is their last prelim of the day, race twelve, which finds winners squaring off, and again there is one who was claimed last week (Sunset Braydon, post six, trainer Kelly Hastings) and one who was not (Fernado, post four, trainer Jennifer Bongiorno).

Sunday's twilight card at 5 p.m. has four \$10,000 divisions for horses with a \$12,500 price before any allowances, and all four of this level's winners in round one have drawn into separate divisions this time. Such is not the case in the five \$7500 divisions for \$9000 base-tag performers that evening; the eighth race section, for example, will match three first leg winners who did not have to adjust to new surroundings, but here will have to adjust to starting on the right-hand side of the gate: Dontcallmefrancis (post six, trainer David Russo), Onlythetuffsurvive (post seven, trainer Marc Mosher), and Pop Icon (post nine, trainer Dennis A. Laterza).

Since Pocono lost its scheduled opening card on Feb. 6, a special card has been added for this Monday, Feb. 22, with a 12:30 post time, with overnight horses featured during the program.

FINISHING LINES – Horsemen are reminded that nominations for the Game Of Claims Series for trotters starting with a base price of \$15,000 are due by this Saturday (Feb. 20).

- PHHA / Pocono



RESULTS & REPLAYS



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RACE RESULTS - SUNDAY

MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY report

Sunday's Results:

- 11, MVR, \$15,750, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 26.0, 56.4, 1:25.2, 1:53.2, FT
 - 1-Jet Rock (g, 5, Rock N Roll Heaven--Jet Wash, by Jereme's Jet) \$7,875, \$15,000 2017 MORRIS, Lifetime Record: 60-14-4-8, \$157,898 O-Carl T Howard & Bottom Line Racing LLC & Virgil V Morgan Jr. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Trace Tetrick.

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- **2-Ginger Tree Marty** (g, 7, Yankee Cruiser--For My Mom, by Western Hanover) \$3,937, \$40,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 130-24-17-20, \$241,720 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Lawrence R Karr. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.
- **3-Silver Beast** (g, 5, Betterthancheddar--Danika Patrix, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$1,890, Lifetime Record: 49-10-9-9, \$69,991 O-Jemaxpo Racing Stable LLC. B-Brad D Gray, CA. T-Mitchell Tierney. D-Tyler Smith.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 6, 2, H, T, H - Finish Order: Cass Delight Rock, Ron's Eom, So So Delightful, Rose Run Uriah, Big Sky Hanover, Upfront And Gone

RACE RESULTS - MONDAY

YONKERS RACEWAY report

Monday's Results:

- 2, YR, \$20,000, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000. 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 28.4, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:54.4, GD
 - **1-Twin B Speedo (g, 10, Art Major--Beach Bound, by Beach Towel**) \$10,000, \$27,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 195-28-29-36, \$632,517 O-Fiddler's Creek Stables LLC. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Travis Alexander. D-Matt Kakaley.
 - **2-Givenupdreaming** (h, 10, lf I Can Dream--Ain't Given Up, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 229-49-39-32, \$668,137 O-Eric J Walstrom & David J De Martino. B-Jeffrey R Brooks. T-Jimmy Nickerson. D-Jason Bartlett.
 - **3-Marty Monkhouser A** (g, 12, Village Jasper--Penny The Pussycat, by Butler B G) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 228-34-41-19, \$447,406 O-Jeffrey R Gillis, CA. B-Anthony J Bermingham, AS. T-Cory Stratton. D-Dexter Dunn.
 - ▶ **Replay** ▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 1, H, 1 Finish Order: Provocativeprincen, Cheyenne Reijane, Solid Asa Rock A, Machiavelli
- 5, YR, \$17,500, Pace, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5", 27.1, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:53.2, GD
 - 1-Sheriff N (h, 7, Bettor's Delight--Jen Marie, by Christian Cullen) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 20-8-1-4, \$154,694
 - O-Vonknoblauch Stable LLC. B-K N & Mrs A M Spicer, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Daniel Dube.
 - **2-Keep On Rocking A** (g, 9, Rocknroll Hanover--Golden Flyin, by Sands A Flyin) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 105-29-15-13, \$271,137 O-Chris J Scicluna. B-Fred Crews, AS. T-Michael Fiumenero. D-Austin Siegelman.
 - **3-Kerford Road A** (g, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Just Delight, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 69-19-11-6, \$116,701

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

 B-N Mackenzie, AS. T-Rob Harmon.

 D-Tyler Buter.
 - ▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 2, 1H, 1H, 2, 1Q Finish Order: Lyons King, Soho Lennon A, Bo Mach, Kasey John A, Keystone Phoenix



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RACE RESULTS - MONDAY (CONTINUED)

- 6, YR, \$17,500, Pace, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5", 28.0, 57.1, 1:26.1, 1:55.0, GD
 - 1-Runrunjimmydunn N (g, 8, American Ideal--Delightful Paula, by Jaguar Spur) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 97-25-18-14, \$330,347
 - O-David Linker & Barry R Charles & Pit Bull Stable LLC. B-B & Mrs P G Hughes, NZ & J P Green, NZ. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Jason Bartlett
 - 2-Rock Diamonds N (g, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Dancing Diamonds, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 95-32-18-8, \$397,972
 - O-Kevin R Sywyk & Ronald L Cushing & Frank M Ranaldi, AS. B-B J & Mrs C J Whitelock, NZ. T-Heidi Gibbs. D-Ron Cushing
 - 3-Capozzo (h, 10, Bettor's Delight--Annie Mcguire N, by In The Pocket) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 199-32-35-33, \$568,919
 - O-Howard A Taylor & Thomas R Finelli. B-Standardbred Equities LLC. T-Tom Shay. D-Todd McCarthy.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 4H, 4H, 1H, 1, NS Finish Order: Mykindachip, One Off Delight A, Ideal Star N, Bill Haley N, Ideal Jimmy
- 7, YR, \$30,000, Pace, OPEN HANDICAP DRAW 1-2 DRAW 3-6 ASSIGNED 7-8, 27.1, 55.3, 1:24.1, 1:53.2, GD
 - 1-Some Waratah A (q, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Lady Waratah, by Walton Hanover) \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 35-13-5-0, \$73,593
 - O-Scheigert Racing Stbl LLC. B-D Kelly, AS. T-Amanda Kelley. D-Tyler Buter.
 - 2-Pat Stanley N (q, 7, Western Ideal--Jaz Tanner, by Artiscape) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 58-18-12-6, \$158,621
 - O-Bukers Stable. B-M J Mcquire, NZ. T-Shane Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.
 - **3-Moonshine Kisses** (h, 5, Sunshine Beach--Queen's Character, by Shady Character) \$3,600, \$18,000 2017 LONDON, Lifetime Record: 58-19-3-4, \$151,884 O-Kellogg Racing Stables LLC. B-Diane Bertrand, CA. T-Jackie Greene. D-Mark Macdonald.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: NS, 2, 2, 2H, 1 Finish Order: Fine Diamond, Carlisimo, Mike's Z Tam, Rockapelo, Shnitzledosomethin
- **8, YR, \$20,000, Pace**, NW \$22,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS., 27.2, 56.1, 1:24.3, 1:54.1, GD
 - 1-Rollwithpapajoe (g, 5, Roll With Joe--Crazy On You, by Always A Virgin) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 40-13-4-7, \$284,982
 - O-Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC & Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos. B-Bill K Lambos & Barbara Bongiorno & Dionisios Liberatos. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.
 - **2-Bettor Memories** (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Allamerican Memoir, by Western Ideal) \$5,000, \$85,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 149-35-26-23, \$721,256 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.
 - **3-The Real One** (g, 11, Mach Three--Elle Blue Chip, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 229-57-42-37, \$1,326,311 O-Helene Fillion, CA. B-R Berthiaume Inc, CA. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 6, 7, 30, 1, 10 Finish Order: Bronx Seelster, Artful Way, Mac's Jackpot, Redbank Blaze A, Artie's Ideal
- 9, YR, \$17,500, Pace, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. WINNER IN LAST START OF BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5", 28.2, 57.2, 1:26.0, 1:54.1, GD
 - 1-Caviart Luca (g, 10, Somebeachsomewhere--Caviart Sierra, by Western Hanover) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 194-42-36-33, \$1,040,130
 - O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Caviart Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.
 - 2-Don Domingo N (g, 9, American Ideal--Ohoka Moon, by In The Pocket) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 89-21-11-15, \$298,584
 - O-William A Hartt. B-Cavalla Bloodstock LTD, NZ. T-Lance Hudson. D-Jim Marohn Jr.
 - 3-Herrickroosevelt N (g, 8, Christian Cullen--Eleanor Roosevelt, by Falcon Seelster) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 53-15-9-12, \$185,526
 - O-Dilloian Stable LLC & Pit Bull Stable LLC. B-M D & Mrs M W & Mrs J R Pierson, NZ. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Dexter Dunn.
 - Replay Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1, 1H Finish Order: Heaven's Gait, Respect Our Flag, Yayas Hot Spot N, Highland Tartan, Benhope Rulz N
- 10, YR, \$20,000, Pace, NW \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS., 27.1, 56.1, 1:24.1, 1:54.0, GD
 - 1-Semi Tough (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Jan It Jackson, by Badlands Hanover) \$10,000, \$115,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 63-13-12-5, \$600,900 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Frank D Baldachino & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.

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- 2-Walkinshaw N (g, 9, Mach Three--Monaro, by In The Pocket) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 103-22-14-10, \$237,250
- O-William A Hartt. B-B A Spurdle, NZ. T-Lance Hudson. D-Scott Zeron.
- **3-Pyro** (g, 5, Sweet Lou--Whetstone Hanover, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 63-16-5-9, \$251,649
- O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Daniel Dube.
- ▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 5Q, 5T, 3, H, H Finish Order: Raukapuka Ruler N, Windsun Ricky, Speed Man N, Imstaynalive, Crockets Cullen N



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RACE RESULTS - TUESDAY

DOVER DOWNS report

Tuesday's Results:

- **9, DD, \$16,000, Trot**, WINNERS OVER SELECT HANDICAP FOR WINNERS OVER \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR WINNERS OVER \$100,000 LIFETIME POST POSITIONS 1 4 DRAWN, 5 8 DRAWN, 28.0, 57.2, 1:26.0, 1:54.3, FT
 - 1-Justify (g, 10, Justice Hall--Sepia, by S J's Photo) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 117-32-15-10, \$197,720
 - O-Rodney M Long. B-Walnut Hall Stock Farm. T-Chuck Crissman Jr. D-Montrell Teague.
 - **2-Quiksilvr Bluechip** (g, 5, Credit Winner--Sea Raven, by Andover Hall) \$4,800, \$40,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 43-11-6-3, \$141,851 O-Victor Kirby & Tyler J Raymer & Stephen M Moss & Brian R Hoffecker. B-Stephen E Anderson. T-Victor Kirby. D-Victor Kirby.
 - **3-Perfect Stick** (m, 7, Big Stick Lindy--Ackbro Ms Perfect, by Credit Winner) \$1,920, \$33,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 116-19-17-15, \$238,043 O-Allan Schmucker Jr. B-Pond- A- Acres & Timothy Schmucker & Allan Schmucker Jr. T-William Wyatt. D-Allan Davis.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 2, 1H, 1H, 1, NK Finish Order: Tour De Lindy, Uncle Hanover, Always Be With You, Skyway Raptor, Pond Jumper
- 10, DD, \$20,000, Trot, OPEN HANDICAP POSITIONS #1, #6, #7 ASSIGNED, 28.4, 57.1, 1:25.1, 1:53.4, FT
 - **1-Morairtime (m, 5, Airzoom Lindy--Moira Hall, by Conway Hall)** \$10,000, \$16,000 2017 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 56-11-13-5, \$231,231 O-James D Moore III. B-John M Bontrager Jr. T-Carol Jamieson-Parker. D-Jack Parker Jr.
 - **2-Northern Express** (g, 5, Muscle Massive--Seducedbychocolate, by Chocolatier) \$6,000, \$16,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 46-16-4-3, \$136,273 O-Arty Foster Jr. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Arty Foster Jr. D-Russell Foster.
 - **3-Need Luck N** (g, 8, Great Success--Rosemaryz Luck, by Monarchy) \$2,880, Lifetime Record: 69-14-13-10, \$88,104 O-David Neilson. B-Alabar (Nz) LTD, NZ. T-Jason Johnson. D-Andrew McCarthy.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 2, 2, 1H, 1 Finish Order: Bluebird Jesse, Majestic Marvel, Gillie The Kid, Eye Ofa Tiger As

YONKERS RACEWAY report

Tuesday's Results:

- **6, YR, \$16,000, Pace**, 4,5 & 6 YO C,H&G NW 6 P-M RACES OR \$75,000 LT., 27.4, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:55.2, FT
 - **1-Forever Fav (g, 5, Bettor's Delight--Forever Cam, by Western Hanover)** \$8,000, \$62,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 42-6-8-4, \$78,427 O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Walnut Hall Stock Farm. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Daniel Dube.

ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD

- **2-Diamondbeach** (g, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Bettor's Chance, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,000, \$50,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-2, \$32,866 O-Ricky A Bucci. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Jason Bartlett.
- **3-Lou's Sweetrevenge** (g, 4, Sweet Lou--Before The Poison, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$1,920, \$140,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 35-5-5-10, \$90,903 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Phillip Collura & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Sergent Stables LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.
- ▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1Q, 1Q Finish Order: So Many Roads, Velocity Komodo, Reigning Deo, Mister Rebbily A, Sweet Truth
- **9, YR, \$17,000, Pace**, 4,5&6 YO C,H&G NW 8 P-M RACES OR \$100,000 LT. AE: 4,5&6 YO C,H&G NW 6 P-M RACES OR \$75,000 LT. DRAW INSIDE DRAW 1-3 DRAW 4-8, 28.2, 57.4, 1:26.2, 1:55.2, FT
 - 1-Can B Perfect (g, 4, Big Bad John--Perfect Gesture, by Beach Towel) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 30-8-6-7, \$175,925
 - O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-James L Stambaugh. T-Paul Stafford. D-Austin Siegelman.
 - **2-Major Betts** (h, 4, Art Major--Southwind Johanne, by Dragon Again) \$4,250, \$70,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 22-7-4-2, \$311,815 O-Joseph V Jannuzzelli & Mark A Harder & Deena Rachel Frost. B-Southwind Farms LLC. T-Mark Harder. D-Jordan Stratton.
 - **3-Genius Man** (g, 4, Art Major--Unred Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$2,040, \$87,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 30-5-7-6, \$213,565 O-Ricky A Bucci. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Jason Bartlett.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 11Q, 11T, 6H, 5T, HD Finish Order: Rockin Medicine, Century Fury, Ehrmantraut, Hudsen A, Tru Lou



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RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY

DOVER DOWNS report

Wednesday's Results:

- 8, DD, \$20,000, Pace, FILLIES AND MARES OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 6 7 ASSIGNED, 27.2, 55.2, 1:23.0, 1:50.2, FT
 - **1-Shes Pukka N (m, 6, Betterthancheddar--Pukpuk Princess, by Grinfromeartoear)** \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 54-14-15-10, \$213,779 O-Peter Paul Venturini. B-T J Armstrong, NZ. T-Brian Malone. D-Anthony Morgan.



- **2-Infinite Symbol A** (m, 7, Indomitable Saab--Never Waver Lombo, by Astreos) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 73-19-11-12, \$167,137 O-Michael Casalino Jr & Dylan P Davis. B-Lancaster Lodge, AS. T-Dylan Davis. D-Dexter Dunn.
- **3-Soho Burning Love A** (m, 7, Auckland Reactor N--Soho Bordeaux, by Western Terror) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 66-19-17-9, \$369,668 O-Richard Poillucci & Jo Ann Looney-King. B-R J Watson, WA. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 2, 1T, H Finish Order: Edge Of Eternity, The Bandit Queen N, My Kiwi Lady N, Machnhope
- 10, DD, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES/MARES WINNERS OVER SELECT HANDICAP FOR WINNERS OVER \$7,500 (DE \$9,000) LAST 5 STARTS OR WINNERS OVER \$100,000 LIFETIME POST POSITIONS ASSIGNED, 27.1, 55.4, 1:24.1, 1:52.0, FT
 - **1-Anytime N (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Corbell, by Christian Cullen**) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 70-18-11-7, \$174,804 O-Kdp Stable LLC. B-Birchbrook Breeding LTD, NZ & S J Hooper, NZ. T-Josh Green. D-Dexter Dunn.
 - 2-Skateboard Chic (m, 9, Quik Pulse Mindale--See You Hanover, by Cam's Card Shark) \$4,800, \$3,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 201-24-33-38, \$294,391 O-Vincent S Bradley. B-Winbak Farm. T-Bart Bradley. D-Allan Davis.
 - 3-Pass Line Bluechip (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Run On Luck, by Northern Luck) \$2,304, \$14,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 91-17-19-17, \$220,378 O-Jenny Bier. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Jenny Bier. D-Rick Still.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 3, 1H, 2, 2, 1T Finish Order: Sudden Change N, Scuola Hanover, Skats Outa The Bag, Western Secret A

MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY report

Wednesday's Results:

- 7, MVR, \$15,000, Pace, SURVIVOR SERIES FILLIES & MARES CLAIMING \$5000 W/ALLOWANCES CHAMPIONSHIP (NO CLAIMING IN FINAL), 28.2, 57.2, 1:26.4, 1:56.2, GD
 - 1-Mary Catherine A (m, 9, Art Major--Easy Riter, by Getting It Right) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 100-24-15-14, \$192,933
 - O-Scott Tyler George. B-M J Pumfrey, AS & R P Sheehy, AS. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrick.
 - 2-Rockin Peggy (m, 8, World Of Rocknroll--Pegasis, by Falcon Seelster) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 151-14-14-13, \$88,292
 - O-Trent E Tharps Jr. B-Stanley D Crowe. T-Trent Tharps Jr. D-Josh Sutton.
 - 3-Princess Oshie (m, 7, Always A Virgin--Stonebridge Nugget, by Camluck) \$1,800, \$4,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 127-13-13-19, \$97,093
 - O-Chad P Slone. B-Barry L Hall & Maynard E Bleichner & Scott S & Lyman Lester. T-Larry Finn. D-Kayne Kauffman.
 - Replay Unavailable Calls: 1, 1, 1Q, 1H, NK Finish Order: American Sweet Pea, Riveter Rose, Eternal Bliss, Summer Party, Looking Santastic, Jeramaya, Well Wishers
- 8, MVR, \$20,000, Trot, ROBERT J. BROWN MEMORIAL LATE CLOSER CHAMPIONSHIP N/W 2 PM RACES OR \$20,000 LIFE AS OF 1/26/21, 29.0, 58.3, 1:26.2, 1:55.1, GD
 - 1-Howyadoinbub (g, 4, Dejarmbro--Donna's Victory, by Lindy Lane) \$10,000, \$7,000 2018 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$41,044
 - O-Kevin D Manley & John Brian Georges. B-Keith Ross. T-Bobbie Jo Brewer. D-Dan Noble
 - 2-Pick Me Upper (g, 4, Trixton--Pick Me Up, by Malabar Man) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-1, \$22,870
 - O-Mike S Brink. B-Docs Farm Inc. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-Brandon Bates.
 - 3-Circle Of Life As (m, 4, Lionhunter--New Circle As, by Malabar Man) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$18,650
 - O-Acl Stuteri Ab. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Tyler Smith.
 - Replay Unavailable Calls: 1, 1, H, 2H, 3 Finish Order: Bentley Blu, Miss Smead, Panthera As, Golden Genes, Gogo Riches, Ti' Punch
- **9, MVR, \$22,500, Trot**, OPEN HCP. PP 1 ASSIGNED, 28.1, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:54.4, GD
 - **1-Workinitonbroadway (g, 5, Broadway Hall--Working Girl, by Ken Warkentin**) \$11,250, \$20,000 2017 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 63-17-14-11, \$198,087 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Way To Win Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

- 2-Weslynn Quest (m, 5, Manofmanymissions--Weslynn Legacy, by Windsong's Legacy) \$5,625, Lifetime Record: 35-11-7-3, \$257,716
- O-Derek L Ivany, CA. B-1788938 Ontario LTD, BM. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Cameron McCown.
- 3-Another Breath (g, 8, Lou's Legacy--Jailhouse Broad, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$2,700, Lifetime Record: 148-24-32-23, \$460,926
- O-Carl T Howard & Bottom Line Racing LLC & Virgil V Morgan Jr. B-Duane M Lowe. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Dan Noble.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1, 3, 6, 9 - Finish Order: Allgrooveallthtime, Milford's Z Tam, Walter White, Hill Side, Annas Lucky Star, Primed N Powerful, Muscle Fashion

YONKERS RACEWAY report

Wednesday's Results:

- 10, YR, \$16,000, Pace, 4.5,&6 YO F&M NW 6 P-M RACES OR \$75,000 LT., 28.3, 57.3, 1:26.3, 1:57.1, FT
 - 1-Moaning Lisa (m, 4, Roll With Joe--Frame Worthy, by Art Major) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 26-5-4-6, \$134,818
 - O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Bottom Line Racing LLC. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Chris Ryder. D-Jim Marohn Jr.
 - 2-Man Dontforget Me (m, 4, Manhardt--Ima Forget Me Not, by Keystone Raider) \$4,000, Lifetime Record: 33-8-15-7, \$83,922
 - O-Aaron D Waxman, CA & John D Fielding, CA. B-Patrick M Sweeney. T-Carmen Auciello. D-Todd McCarthy.
 - **3-Acefortyfour Dome** (m, 4, Up The Credit--Galyn Fantasy, by Island Fantasy) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 21-11-3-3, \$56,958
 - O-Triple D Stables Inc & M G Stable Inc. B-Colin A Densley Burrows, CA. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 70, 80, 37, 10, H Finish Order: Somebeachsomefra, Tipperary Hill, Donegalartchokin N, Millwood Bonnie N, Vicious Circle

RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY

THE MEADOWS report

Thursday's Results:

- **8, Mea, \$16,200, Pace**, **OPEN HANDICAP** P.P.1-2 DRAWN; 3-7 DRAWN, 26.2, 56.1, 1:23.4, 1:52.2, GD
 - $\textbf{1-Rock Candy (g, 5, Pet Rock--Cotton Candy, by Sportsmaster)} \$8,100,\$60,000\ 2017\ OH-SEL, Lifetime\ Record: 53-17-14-4,\$451,042$
 - O-Kenneth Ashba. B-Mark M Moger & Albert C Delia Jr. T-Paul Corey. D-Brady Brown.
 - **2-Carolina Beach** (g, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Laughandbehappy, by Badlands Hanover) \$4,050, \$57,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 121-35-27-22, \$425,348 O-Renee J Bercury. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc & J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Robert Cooper Stables LLC & Mentally Stable Inc. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.
 - **3-Windsong Leo** (g, 9, Jereme's Jet--Windsong Goldie, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$1,944, \$8,000 2013 CAN-YS, Lifetime Record: 133-58-19-17, \$686,807 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-William H Loyens, CA & Charalambos Christoforou, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, T Finish Order: Wild Wild Western, Macadoodledoo, The Wall, All About Heaven

