Breath of fresh, Canadian air

By scoring high on a number of common-sense initiatives, new Standardbred Canada CEO Dan Gall is already showing signs he could play a key role in helping racing make positive change in North America.

by Dave Briggs

It's early days still in the term of Standardbred Canada president and CEO Dan Gall, but, so far, there's been a lot to like about the man, particularly when compared to his predecessor, John Gallinger.

Gall, who officially took the helm of SC last July — filling a position that had been vacant for a year — addressed the board of the United States Trotting Association (USTA) on Monday in Las Vegas, and spoke to a range of issues that were easy to check off under the heading of common sense. You could see some heads nodding in the room.

His call for greater unity between Standardbred Canada and the USTA, in particular, could be a harbinger of good things for the entire industry in North America. Both groups have many strengths and weaknesses and much to learn from the other.

“What it looks like for Standardbred Canada and the USTA, I think is wide open,” he said.

The most notable departure between Gall and Gallinger is in the communication department — which makes sense since prior to his 17 years running a number of racetrack slot halls for the Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) corporation, Gall was a radio man.

It is startling how many major U.S industry players have told me they never met Gallinger and couldn’t pick him out...
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Grand Circuit Events

#4) Kentucky Futurity #126
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$85,000E Sunday, October 8

#11) OPEN MARE TROT* - TVG SERIES
$85,000E Sunday, October 8

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Standardbred Canada CEO Dan Gall is already making a positive impression after just six months on the job.

of a lineup. He had a more insular style that I believe is out of step with an industry desperate for strong leadership. When choosing a new CEO, Standardbred Canada’s board of directors made a conscious decision to go a drastically different direction.

Considering he’s relatively new to the horse racing side of the gaming equation, Gall is also proving to be a quick learner. Since HRU interviewed him last June (full story here), Gall’s increased knowledge of the major issues facing the industry has been impressive.

One of Gall’s great first steps has been to consult many and be highly visible. Even more importantly, in a little more than six months on the job, he has been central in a couple of small, but key moves that show that he’s more about helping the industry as a whole move forward rather than advancing Standardbred Canada’s position in it.

The first was helping orchestrate the unification of the two major yearling sales. Having Standardbred Canada’s Canadian Yearling Sale join forces with the Forest City Yearling Sale is long overdue and a major indication SC is now more willing to work with others for the betterment of the whole.

Gall’s second common-sense project is working to achieve one set of racing rules for all of Canada. By taking the lead on this file, SC can have some influence on the provincial regulators that will need to sign off on universal rules. If accomplished, it would be great for participants and customers. No more would bettors have to wonder how the pylon and whipping rules differ in Alberta versus Ontario.

Sure, universal rules will likely be easier to achieve in Canada than in the U.S. because there’s fewer racing jurisdictions north of the border, but it still is an initiative I would like the USTA to put more energy into trying to achieve.

I’m not naïve, I know it would be difficult, but it would be a huge step forward if all of North America raced under the same set of rules.

For that reason and more, Gall’s call to work better with the USTA is a biggie. I won’t go so far as to suggest the two outfits should amalgamate, but a lot could be done to decrease duplication of services — separate computer records high on the list.

“I look forward to developing a strong and healthy relationship with the USTA,” Gall said.

“Both the USTA and Standardbred Canada have been fighting for providing a single voice for this industry, and I think it’s very important that we have consistency in our messaging as an industry going forward to any of the stakeholders we’re addressing — whether they be political or our members.”

He also spoke to increasing accountability and key performance indicators, something participants and governments alike have been demanding of the industry.

All of which shows Dan Gall gets it and understands the industry can ill afford the status quo.

We’ll know over time if he can help turn that into the change the industry needs, but, for now, he’s showing great promise.

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The sport’s first million-dollar race — the 1980 Meadowlands Pace won by Niatross — was the first, and last, million-dollar win by trainer/driver Clint Galbraith.

The sport’s first million-dollar trot — the 1983 Hambletonian won by Duenna — was Stanley Dancer’s only million-dollar driving victory.

The sport’s first $2 million race — the 1980 Woodrow Wilson won by Land Grant — was Del Insko’s only seven-figure win.

Millers with HOY associations

2016 — David Miller was the regular driver for Horse of the Year Always B Miki, a horse his cousin, Brett Miller, also once drove.

2003 — David Miller was the driver of HOY No Pan Intended, the only horse to win both the Triple Crown and the Breeders Crown.

1984 — Horse of the Year Fancy Crown was bred by Dale and Floyd Miller of Archbold, Ohio.

1974 — Delvin Miller’s Delmonica Hanover was HOY at age five — the second of two HOYs for the sport’s “Good-Will Ambassador.”

1954 — Delvin Miller’s first HOY was a three-year-old trotting filly named Stenographer who became the first and only HOY to not get the most first-place votes but still win the title. Scott Frost, who would win the Triple Crown the next year, had the edge in first-place votes 23-22, but Stenographer had 455 points overall compared to Scott Frost’s 422.

World record in a $1,000 race

On Aug. 13, 1982 in a $1,000 non-betting race at the Meadowlands, Genghis Khan and Bill O’Donnell won in 1:51.4, which was a new track record by a full second – breaking his own mark set in June — and a world record that would stand for a week until Trenton bested it with a 1:51.3 score.

It was the 16th Meadowlands win of the year for Genghis.
Khan — a record that would be tied two years later by Green With Envy.

O’Donnell had the driving title sewed up also by that time 215 wins to 182 over John Campbell. O’Donnell entered that night of racing holding four track records — Lemrac, Bo Scots Fella Genghis Khan and Delmegan.

Lachance’s first Meadowlands win

Mike Lachance’s first Big M victory came on Sept. 14, 1976 with Tenacious Chip in 2:00.2 over a good track.

Lachance was 25 this was his only drive on the card.

Pierre Lachance (Uno Killean $14.60) had won the night before as a driver. He was the trainer of record for Tenacious Chip.

Second went to the Escort’s connections Carl Lecausce and Bernie Mann with Yankee Paul.

Three future Hall Of Famers won races on the card, all in photo finishes. Apart from Tenacious Chip winning by a neck, Stanley Dancer won by a neck with Gravel Pit and Herve Filion won the finale with Fabled Yankee.

Respect your elders...

... even if it is the sire of the horse you are driving.

In the 2012 Little Brown Jug, 23-year-old Scott Zeron handled Michaels Power perfectly and won the Jug. The sire of Michaels Power was 25-year-old Camluck, two years older than Zeron.

Now, it’s happening again. In the first at the Meadowlands last night (March 4), Troy Beyer, 21, will race Ever Again from post four a week after the pair was second. Beyer is one year younger than Ever Again’s sire Dragon Again, who turned 22 on Jan. 1 and still has the distinction of siring history’s richest racehorse Foiled Again.

Ladies weekend?

Thursday through Saturday this weekend at the Big M, 28 different female trainers sent out at least one starter.

First lady

The first woman to drive at the Meadowlands was JoAnn Looney on Sept. 3, 1976 with a chestnut mare by the name of Ruth Baker. She was 31-1 and finished fourth in a $10,000 claiming event. Her father, Elmer Looney, trained for owner Milton Prince.

Odds On Equuleus back

Last night at the Meadowlands in race 7 Odds On Equuleus made his return. A winner of $909,487 lifetime, the son of Art Major was second to Captaintreacherous in the 2013 Meadowlands Pace with John Campbell driving. What is noteworthy about this?

Only twice has a Meadowlands Pace runnerup – in 40 editions – not won a race for the entire season. And, get this, both times it was with John Campbell driving. He also had that distinction in 1997 with At Point Blank.

Which leads us to the trivia question: Who is the only horse to race at least 20 times at age three, not win a race and still bank over $2.5 million lifetime? Wesgate Crown, who earned $2,574,045 in his career.

Whatever happened to George M Patchen Series?

It was a good one, at least for 1976. It attracted all the top free-for-all talent with a $74,000 purse. It was held at the Meadowlands on Oct. 2, 1976. Momentum was the upset winner in 1:56.4 over Young Quinn with Meadow Blue Chip third. Other stars of note in that race were Nero, Rambling Willie and the outstanding mare Handle With Care. This was a late closing event with a $30,000 and then a $40,000 leg.

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the game? He built a racetrack, that's what he did.'

"Whatever," Robbie said, rolling his eyes, as he left to put his name in for the third round of Let's Make A Deal.

I have no son.

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Market this: get your circus off the tarmac so I can see the post parade.

by Merv Oswalt

I always thought marketing was what my wife Bernie does on Saturday mornings when she gets up at the crack of dawn to pick and paw at fresh fruits and vegetables. Apparently not.

I’m told that marketing is the reason why I have to listen to a half-baked stand-up comedian or some blockhead in a cowboy hat do an impersonation of some rattle-and-bang rock band between races nowadays.

If I’ve never heard of the supposedly famous version, how much do you think I want to see the knock-off making a racket? They could have Mel Torme himself and I still wouldn’t want him singing while I’m trying to watch the post parade.

I remember when entertainment at the track was watching the light bulbs flash as the odds changed on the toteboard. That was nice. There was mystery, suspense, intrigue and interactivity — everything you could ask for. I could be entertained for hours.

Now, they play “Let’s Make A Deal” in front of the grandstand all night long and sometimes even rope the poor drivers into the act. I want my driver focused on bringing home my 6-1 shot in the next race, not urging me to pick what’s behind door #2.

A few years back, my racing buddy Carl went to visit his sister Shirley in Indianapolis. He told me, if you can believe it, some redheaded whippersnapper threw Mardi Gras beads at him at the track down there and another guy winked at him. For the love of Christmas, what’s going on here??

My son Robbie says that all this stuff is just trying to ‘grow the game’. I told him, ‘You know what Del Miller did to grow
BREAKING STRIDE

Bookies
by Trey Nosrac

My iPad just dinged. The news was bad. My favorite writer, Jay Cronley, cashed his final ticket. This was strange because the story I was fiddling around with was about the staggering uptake in the value of a book Jay wrote about horse racing. Now Jay will never read the story and send an email along the lines of, “Thanks pal, now a guy is outside my door with a copy of my book and an Uzi.”

Jay was wicked funny. He loved thoroughbred horseracing. When I asked about harness racing, he replied, “...ehhh.” Jay was not a flowery writer, he spit it our clear and terse. You would be smart to find one of Jay Cronley’s novels. The odds are 2-5 that you laugh out loud. However, as you will see in the paragraphs below, finding a Jay Cronley book will not be easy.

Rest easy my good man. You ran a good race. You made people smile.

... This column is a public service announcement. You may have a book on your shelf of significant value and not realize it.

The title of the book is Good Vibes, a humorous romp about a racetrack loser who goes on a hot streak. Jay Cronley wrote the book in 1979, along with a string of other outstanding comic novels and a thoroughbred-racing column, from his home base of Tulsa, OK.

Good Vibes went Hollywood. The movie, Let It Ride, which starred Richard Dreyfuss, was based on Good Vibes and had a decent run at the box office in 1989. When Jay sold his book to Hollywood, the work underwent screenwriting, but his irreverent racetrack humor remained intact. The storyline is simple, a racetrack regular named Trotter spends a day at the track and just keeps parlaying (Let it Ride) until his winning reaches dizzying heights. Along for the ride are his loopy pal, his girlfriend and some racetrack regulars like Tony Cheeseburger. Pull up this YouTube for a sample of the style:

Here are a few nuggets that fell out of Good Vibes:

* Tony Cheeseburger: The 4 horse! Nobody bets the 4 horse, Trotter. The 4 horse is a joke. They let little kiddies on the 4 horse to have their picture taken.
* Jay Trotter: May I... buy you a drink?

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Mrs. Davis: I don’t see why not. I’m on the pill.
Jay Trotter: Who do you like in the second?
Looney: The six horse looks pretty good...
Jay Trotter: [dramatically crosses out the six horse on his racing form] You got a brother?
Looney: In Cleveland.
Jay Trotter: Call him up, ask him who he likes. I figure it’s in the blood!
Mrs. Davis: There’s a fine line between winning and losing.
Jay Trotter: Yeah, the finish line.
Marty: Eight’s the one, I’d stake my life on it.
Jay Trotter: They’ve got a $2 minimum bet.

Fictional/satirical writers that set their work in the sport of horse racing are a very sparse, very pathetic, club. We have so few members that we hold our annual conference in a used Volvo idling in a Taco Bell parking lot. This unique literary genre is a niche within a niche with a loyal audience of approximately 38 people.

A few years ago, I decided to revisit some of Jay’s books to plagiarize some jokes and equine situations. It has been several decades since he wrote these books so I figured he has probably forgotten what he wrote, and since we occasionally swapped emails, he may not sue me.

I rarely buy books, it always seemed pointless with libraries. I read quite a bit, but I never read a book twice. In addition, books cost money. I do not have money because I buy trotting yearlings. Therefore, off to the library I went.

Here is the transcript of an email exchange with Jay that changed my thoughts on the wisdom of purchasing books. It is also an alert to those of you who may happen to have a copy of this classic horse racing book collecting dust on your bookshelf.

TN - Hi Jay, I decided to order some Cronley books from my local library system. Get this - your books are out of circulation! When I headed to the library to plagiarize some other unsuspecting writers, I stumbled across a lone copy of one of your books that was misfiled. What is with the missing books?

JC - A pristine hardback of Good Vibes, the racehorse book, goes for big, big money, like $300 to $600 or more. I stopped looking.

TN - Yowza, the misfiled book I found was Good Vibes. I got it on my desk right now. Stealing a book from a library is cake. Talk me off the edge. Don’t let me go to the dark side. What’s the deal? I mean, Jay, I like your books but the last trotter I bought did not cost $600. Hey, Trotter, wasn’t he the lead character?

JC - Tell me about it. I wrote it, pal. And yes, the lead character was named Trotter.

TN - I read all of your books. I plagiarized many of your books. Unfortunately, I did not buy any of your books. I was busy investing in slow harness horses.

JC - My ex-wife has two. All I have is one paperback with mustard on it.

TN - Sheesh, I just looked on ebay. The lowest price is $305 and they go up to infinity. Wow. I was either going to work on a story or go to the track. Now I have a third option, swipe this library copy and put it on ebay or Amazon.

JC – If you peddle it – I know nothing.

TN – Nah, I’ll return it... don’t want no “Bad Vibes.” LOL.

JC – Very weak, pal.

Discovering that a relatively obscure 30-year-old book about horse racing had such value was a revelation. No wonder people pick through rubbish and hit yard sales early in the morning.

It depresses me that I did not purchase Good Vibes when it rolled off the presses those many years ago, but it warms my heart that a segment of people are collecting books — and that a horse racing book is at the top of the heap.

Occasionally, I consider writing a novel about the wacky world of harness racing, but then I sober up and remember I did write a book about an irresponsible loser who lived in an RV. That was enough for a slothful person with a short attention span. Besides, it looks like there is more money looking for stray copies of Good Vibes at garage sales than writing books.

Bottom line, if you happen to have a copy of Good Vibes on your bookshelf, you are sitting pretty. If you sell your copy for big money – remember who gave you the hot tip.
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A rare Pick Five carryover at the Meadowlands proved to be a horseplayer’s delight Friday (March 3) as more than $170,000 in new money was wagered into the sequence. With the carryover of $25,497, there was virtually zero per cent takeout, a highly unusual situation that tilts the advantage squarely in the hands of the player.

The sequence proved to be fairly formful with two favorites, two second choices, and a 5-1 fourth choice prevailing. The 50-cent winning ticket returned $762.10.

In the sixth race featuring upper-level trotters, Opulent Yankee went to the front and never looked back, winning for the second week in a row in 1:55.2. Crosbys Clam Bake chased the winner from the pocket and finished second.

Heavily favored Wind of the North raced from well off the pace and closed to be third, eight lengths behind the winner.

Lucas Wallin, the 24-year-old native of Sweden, won his first career race as a trainer when Appomattox won the 10th race by open lengths with Corey Callahan. Wallin previously worked for Ake Svanstedt before opening his own stable last fall. Appomattox was just the seventh starter sent out by Wallin.

Jim Marohn, Jr. continued his season-long hot streak with three wins to extend his narrow lead over Brett Miller as leading driver this year. Miller and Corey Callahan each had driving doubles.

Total handle was $2,628,028 on the 11-race card.

— Justin Horowitz / Meadowlands media relations manager

Pantaleano wins 7,000th race

Not many busboys in the clubhouse dining room will go on to win 7,000 harness races, yet that’s just the unique career path Jim Pantaleano has taken. He got career win 7,000 Wednesday (Feb. 1) at The Meadows when he piloted PL Intimidator to victory in the eighth race.

“I just go to work — I enjoy it quite a bit — and don’t think about the numbers that much,” said Pantaleano, whose mounts have earned more than $48.4 million. “It just kind of sneaks up on you.”

Pantaleano was a student at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, OH when he began working in the clubhouse at nearby Northfield Park. He was determined that he would become a driver.

Jim Pantaleano celebrated his 7,000th career driving win last Wednesday at The Meadows.

“It looked very interesting,” he said, “and I thought I would give it a try. A lot of people go to the races and think driving would be neat, so I’m probably not much different in that regard. But I actually ended up doing it”

After a fling at Muskingum College (now Muskingum University) — “I took two years off from life, you might say” — Pantaleano visited Northfield’s barn area and made the rounds of stables, looking for any work he could find. A sympathetic trainer, Mel Turcotte, hired him as a groom, but that didn’t help him get drives.

“I got some catch drives,” he recalls, “on horses that usually were unruly.”

With seed money to which his father and a family friend contributed, Pantaleano claimed for $3,000 a horse that became the foundation for his own stable. He enjoyed success in Ohio, abandoned training when he relocated to Freehold and Yonkers in 2004 and settled at The Meadows a few years ago.

These days, many of Pantaleano’s assignments come from his wife, trainer Christen Pantaleano, whom her husband describes as “a brilliant woman.”

“She wasn’t involved with horses but took a liking to them,” he said. “She taught herself everything she needed to know.”

Driving for your spouse, he said, is both “good and bad.”

“When her horse races good, she’s happy, so then I’m really happy. When her horse doesn’t perform well, she very rarely blames the driver, but she’s passionate about her work, and she’ll get very upset when her horses don’t perform the way she would like.”

For the future, Pantaleano doesn’t plan any major changes.

“I really got lucky landing at The Meadows at this stage of my career,” he said. “I enjoy afternoon racing. I enjoy helping my wife with her stable. My goals really are to stay healthy and earn enough money to take care of my family and do the things we enjoy doing together.”

— Evan Pattak / The Meadows
60 nominated to Pepsi North America Cup

Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) has announced that 60 three-year-old pacers have been nominated to the 34th edition of the Pepsi North America Cup.

The $1 million Pepsi North America Cup, Canada’s richest harness race, will take place on Saturday, June 17 at Mohawk Racetrack. The eliminations will be held a week prior.

Headlining the group of 60 eligible three-year-olds is Ray Schnittker trainee Huntsville and Brian Brown trainee Downbytheseadise.

A fantastic rivalry developed over the course of 2016 between Huntsville and Downbytheseadise. The Schnittker trainee held a slight advantage in earnings and awards, but the Brown trainee got the last laugh on the racetrack with a dominant victory over his rival in the $520,000 Governor’s Cup at Woodbine.

Huntsville finished his rookie campaign with seven wins and four runner-up finishes in 11 starts for earnings of $720,234. The Schnittker trained colt’s list of accomplishments includes the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) Championship, Breeders Crown final and the Dan Patch Award as U.S Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year.

Downbytheseadise made 13 starts in his two-year-old season and finished with eight wins, three seconds and a pair of third-place finishes for earnings of $644,706. The Brown trained colt won multiple Grand Circuit events, including the Governor’s Cup, and finished second in both the PASS Championship and Breeders Crown.

Huntsville and Downbytheseadise are both sired by 2008 Pepsi North America Cup champion Somebeachsomewhere and both left their mark on the World Record book as two-year-olds.

Downbytheseadise set a world record of 1:50 over the half-mile track at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in September, while also equaling the mile-track world record of 1:49 in October at Red Mile.

On the same day, Downbytheseadise blazed around the famed red clay oval, Huntsville also turned in a world record equaling performance of 1:49 at the Lexington track.

Huntsville won three of the five meetings against his rival during 2016, while Downbytheseadise won the other two.

Metro Pace champion Beyond Delight is also on the list of eligible three-year-olds to this year’s Pepsi North America Cup. The Tony O’Sullivan trainee won three of 11 starts last season and earned $423,305. Beyond Delight picked up all three of his rookie victories in consecutive weeks by sweeping the Metro Pace and capturing a division of the Champlain Stakes.

The last Metro Pace winner to also win the Pepsi North America Cup was Captaintreacherous in 2013.

Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Super Final champion Arsenal Seelster and OSS standout Streakavanna are two of 11 Ontario sired three-year-old pacers eligible to this year’s Cup.

Nominations to the 2017 Pepsi North America Cup were up over last year’s nomination total of 58.

A total of three sustaining payments are required to remain eligible to the Pepsi North America Cup. The first sustaining payment ($1,000 - $715 USD) is due Wednesday, March 15. The final two payments are due April 15 and May 15.

Below is the full list of eligible three-year-old pacers to this year’s Pepsi North America Cup.

- AIR STRIKE
- AMERICAN SPORTSMAN
- ART SCENE
- BECKHAMS Z TAM
- BETTOR’S WESTERN
- BLOOD LINE
- CLASSIC PRO
- DARLING’S DRAGON
- DOWNBYTHESEADISE
- EDDARD HANOVER
- FILIBUSTER HANOVER
- HUNTSVILLE
- IDEAL WHEEL
- LINDYTEHF地址TENTH
- LYONS WILLIAM
- MACS JACKPOT
- MC MACH
- MR VARSITY
- OCEAN COLONY
- OFFDAHOOK BLUECHIP
- PASSPORT TO ART
- PHOTOBOMBR HANOVER
- RICHARD HILL
- ROCK THIS WAY
- SHADOW ROUGE
- SPORTS COLUMN
- STREAKAVAN
- THREE MORE SMILES
- WESTERN HILL
- WINDSONG NAPOLEON
- AMERICAM NATION
- ARSENAEL SEELSTER
- BEACH HOUSE
- BETTORS DREAM
- BEYOND DELIGHT
- CALVIN K
- CLOUSEAU HANOVER
- DIAL THE BOSSMAN
- DRAGNET ALERT
- FEAR THE DRAGON
- HENRY THE DRAGON
- HURRICANE BEACH
- LAWRENCTOWN BEACH
- LYONS WELSH PRIDE
- MAC ATTACK
- MAJOR MOE
- MISO FAST
- NORMANDY BEACH
- ODDS ON DELRAY
- OZONE BLUE CHIP
- PERFECTLY CLOSE
- R J P
- ROCK IT SCOTT
- SANTAFE’S COACH
- SOME ATTITUDE
- STEALTH BOMBER
- TALBOT ROMEO
- TWIN B COWBOY
- WHO SAID NOT TO
- YOUNG DRUNK PUNK

— Mark McKelvie / WEG standardbred communications
15-year-old horse wins race in British Columbia

There is a limited number of standardbreds that have won a pari-mutuel race at the age of 15, but now **Prime Time Bliss** is one that can boast such an accomplishment.

On Friday night (March 3), 15-year-old pacer Prime Time Bliss won the fourth race at Fraser Downs in British Columbia for trainer Terry Burstyk and owner Debbie Burstyk of Surrey, BC.

In British Columbia, standardbreds can compete in a pari-mutuel race until the end of their 15-year-old year before facing mandatory retirement.

Prime Time Bliss faced five rivals at least six years younger in the fourth race for $3,000 claiming pacers. Driven by Jim Marino, the old-timer cleared to the lead at the .27.4 opening quarter after leaving from the outside post position over a sloppy track and cruised through middle fractions of 1:00 and 1:29.4 en route to the victory in 2:00. Race favourite Procrastinationinpeat chased one length behind in second and the wide-rallying Imn Seventh Heaven rounded out the top three finish order.

Sent postward as the second-longest shot on the board at odds of 9-1, Prime Time Bliss rewarded his fan following with a win payout of $21.70.

Prime Time Bliss was victorious in his fifth start of the year and now boasts 59 career wins and earnings totaling $331,403. The son of Blissfull Hall out of Armbro Knots took his lifetime mark of 1:52.2 at Mohawk Racetrack in the summer of his four-year-old campaign and later that year headed to Western Canada, where he has been racing ever since. For the past five years, Prime Time Bliss has been with the Burstyks, who have claimed back their pet pacer on two occasions.

According to Standardbred Canada records, the only other horse that has won a pari-mutuel race at Fraser Downs as a 15-year-old is **Sharp Control** 16 years ago. The Abercrombie-Whitsends Vision gelding was a 2:01.2 winner on January 7, 2001 with Rick White driving for Katherine and Michael Jary.

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Freehold to play host to St. Patrick’s Day race

In honor of St. Patrick’s Day, Freehold Raceway will be the scene of a special race featuring drivers of Irish heritage on Saturday (March 18).

The winner of the race, which will be sponsored by Mary and Peter Grandich of Freehold, NJ, will receive a special Irish race blanket and trophy.

"As a harness owner and racing fan, I'm honored to be sponsoring the St. Paddy Pace," said Peter Grandich. "My wife, Mary, was born and raised in Ireland and we were married there, so I have a deep connection to the Irish people and culture. I'm looking forward to this 'green' day at the races."

The drivers scheduled to participate in the race are George Brennan, "Irish" Joe Hanney, Anthony Haughan, Mike Whelan, Jim Marohn Jr., Robert Bresnahan Jr., Jim Marshall III and Kyle Husted.
Harness Racing Update

am troubled by Trackmaster as an innovator and industry leader. Their refusal to explore strategic relationships with tech-forward thinkers is abhorrent. Ask anyone you know that’s ever had an idea for a harness racing aftermarket speed figure or data product and they will agree.

The power and revenue Trackmaster has gained was granted to them by the USTA. It was not earned via collaboration and nor out of a vision of growing of handle and technology. Look at overall handle and the inadequacy of cool data products like the thoroughbreds have with the Beyer Speed Figure, Rag Sheets and Thoroughgraph.

Annual standardbred handle is about $1.5 billion, 15 per cent of thoroughbred handle. CRW services (computer robotic wagering groups) represent 35 per cent of total TB handle. Quick math tells you the total wagered by these player groups tops $3.5 billion.

CRW is not existent in standardbred pools. This lack of CRW participation and therefore lower handle costs owners and horsemen dearly.

The main reason behind the lack of CRW into your pools is the availability and quality of the harness racing data. While these groups have access to direct and dynamic data feeds that power their computer thoroughbred models, this technology is currently not available in harness racing.

Is CRW the ultimate for harness racing? No. But accessible data and tech forward thinking will bring us innovators who will create data technology tools that will spur handle.

Big data is taking over sports. The NBA just sold their exclusive data contract for $250 million to Sport Radar, the leader in sports data technology. If I had a startup sports data company (which I did), I could go to Sport Radar and get access to data for a minimal sum with few restrictions. Sport Radar has figured out by empowering smart people with their client data, they can grow interest and demand, which organically explodes their business. In less than five years, Sport Radar has cruised past Stats, Inc., historically the sports data industry bellwether (as a side note, Equibase and Stats developed a new product to compete with DRF Formulator called, Race Lens).

I had the opportunity to have dinner with former coach Mike Ditka a couple years ago in Las Vegas. He romanced us throughout the night with his stories until he was asked about the current state of the game.

His response was poignant, “the guys on the field are just the keepers of the game. They are responsible to pass it on to the next generation in better shape than they got it.”

I believe the same cannot be said for harness racing. Data has held this industry back, just look at a program from 30 years ago and one today.

Data and innovation needs to be front and center for the new USTA leader and as the next Trackmaster renewal comes about (in 2018 I believe), we as an industry need to make it loud and clear: We want our data back.

— Dan Zucker

RE: Marc Abramson’s letter

In Marc Abramson’s letter last week (2017-02-26 Feedback) there were some very good points to keep harness racing alive and well! I attend the races with a friend at least once a week (Dover Downs currently). Her aunt is also usually there. She has a lot of questions; many that I cannot answer even though I have attended live harness racing since I was eight years old (quite a few years).

Please fill some of that dead, boring time between races, and that extra seven minutes between post time and actual post time and answer these questions. This doesn’t have to put extra work on the announcer. The PR people can take over. They could also show previous races of horses who are racing in the upcoming featured races: the opens, preferred, etc. Also, give free rides in the starting car; free tours of the paddock. The Meadowlands does this. People want to see behind the scenes.

— Lorraine@Horse Lovers United Inc

Random thoughts

I have thought about writing an open letter for quite some time, but why bother? But maybe our industry is ready to act. Before we can market our sport we should first attempt to fix it. Marketing something that is less than par would be a waste of time, money and effort. Where to start? Well it starts with strong leadership. Football, basketball, NASCAR, and Mixed Martial Arts all come to mind as sports with strong leadership. Horse racing and Boxing have had no leadership and both have suffered the most because of it. Both sports have also had too many bad actors and the public got tired of the cheating, drugging, and little recognition of the stars. On top of that, the press does not publish much about either sport, and what is published, is too often negative.

The Gural rule: Harness racing has a lot to fix and the Gural rule (by itself) will do little. To those who said it failed please tell me what the expectations were. Was this rule supposed to make everyone whole? No, it was one man’s attempt to keep potential stars in front of the public. Tying it for two years while many were undermining it from the beginning got us nowhere.

Takeouts, are they too high? In Pennsylvania the takeout on trifectas is 35 per cent. Last Tuesday (Feb. 20) The Meadows ran a 13-race card. If the tri pool in race #1 started with
$100,000 and no “new” money was added after race #1 there would be $65,000 left to wager on race #2. After race #2 there would be $42,250. After race #13 there would be $370 left. That’s right, the takeout would have taken $99,630. Um, are the takeouts too high? Using a 25 per cent takeout rate would leave $2,376 after 13 races. How can this appeal to anyone with half a brain? As a side note, the 13-race card that day produced 10 favorites winning and six of the 10 were odds on. The three non-favorites that won went off at 2.8, 5.1 and 6.7 to 1. There were 103 horses competing that day with 34 of those being irrelevant as far as the wagering public was concerned (or 33 per cent of the total). Of those 34 irrelevant horses, three finished third and four finished fourth. Of the 13 most outside horses (in the 13 races) two of them managed to finish third.

Post time drag. Having a countdown clock and sticking to it makes a lot of sense to me. Having a clock that reads zero for who knows how long is no way to run a railroad. If delaying each race by five or more minutes creates bigger handle, why stop there? Delay every race by an hour. What creates larger handle is bigger field size (with relevant wagering interests), pools with ‘real’ critical mass, ease of wagering from home or office, broadcasting the product in HD, but first we need a product. Small track racing is not a way to win new patrons, or for that matter a way to keep old ones.

Tote board. What is up with 3-5, 7-2, or my favorite 1-9, which really means 1-10 or 1-20 but no one really knows till after the race. Post all odds as decimal to 1 so someone new can understand it without taking fourth grade arithmetic all over again. Speaking of tote, why do we have more than one tote company with their 1960s technology? We have one electric company and one cable company. Redundancy is too expensive and non-efficient.

Exchange wagering on Betfair, how is that working NJ? You can’t take a 12 per cent cut. If it ever had a chance to help it was doomed before it was ever started. I wish the guy who thought up the 12 per cent had to play his own money for a week.

Does the USTA need 60 directors? 59 is just not enough. Why do we time races in 1/5 second increments? Why does bottled water cost more than beer at the racetrack? Why did Balmoral racetrack have a surcharge (on wagering) on their on-track patrons? Do the people who profit from food sales ever taste the stuff they sell? Why are the golf pencils free at the golf course but cost $0.50 at the racetrack? Why does the hotel give its patrons the WSJ for free and a racing form costs $4.50? Why do we take wagers for ten cents? Why do the people that make the morning line not understand that the odds must add up to 100 plus takeout? Why does the racetrack say “when can you get here” when I ask what time is first post?

Horseracing is the only business I know of where the high bidder wins. We have a business model that never thinks to discount for volume. Our drivers and trainers work for the same 5 per cent for a $5,000 race or a $500,000 race. The auctioneers and consignors take the same 10 per cent on a $5,000 sale or a $500,000 sale. The racetrack takes its 20 per cent on a $0.10 wager or a $1,000,000 wager. Discounts drive traffic. Walmart, Costco, Amazon, Southwest Airlines, and Las Vegas are just a few of the success stories built on discounts. Rebates at the betting window could do wonders.

I realize I only scratched the surface.

Mr. Sam McKee, please hurry back, we need you more than ever.

Mr. Towers is so correct about ‘staying relevant’. Take notice everyone!

-- Dana Parham / Fort Lauderdale, FL

The importance of being earnest and relevant

A quick note about the article on the sport needing to be relevant and to some of the response to said article (full story here):

“We need to attract the 18-30 year old crowd.”

“Gotta get new blood to replace the old.”

“Let’s make it something other than your grandpa’s game.”

Or other, similar, comments.

I’ve been listening to them for the last 25 years.

Here’s the question: How is the new marketing campaign geared toward the millennials working out?

I don’t see them showing up and betting at my local track. I do see them going into the nightclub to drink and to fly into a testosterone induced rage over females, hence the need for the State Police to be nearby.

I hear the (adult) kids of my friends when they come out for a night of racing. “This is REALLY slow.” This is the most common.

“I’m bored.” There’s another one.

“Casino is better and I can get drinks.” Heard this one many times.

Does anyone remember the tremendously annoying ad campaign in the ’90s on the thoroughbred side, “Go baby, Go?” with the annoying, waif thin girl who looked like she could have been in “Breaking Bad?”

How many did that attract?

I bet they didn’t even get their money out for what the ads cost them. A definite loss there.
Marketing isn’t the answer. You can’t make people play a game they are simply not interested in.

This is the same sort of problem jazz music has always had.

People aren’t really exposed to it and they aren’t because they don’t understand or like it.

Want to clear out a roomful of people fast? Put on 10 minutes of John Coltrane or Miles Davis and watch the people scatter.

They simply don’t like it, nor did they/we ever like it. It was always a specialized audience, and a very small one at that.

Sort of like harness racing today.

How many people show up at Yonkers, or Pocono, or Cal Expo, or Pompano or Saratoga for the live racing? And why is that?

It has nothing to do with demographics at this point, and everything to do with the oversaturation of the gambling market, plain and simple.

Close the casinos and the lotteries and harness becomes relevant again.

Disconnect online poker and online gaming and watch the handle once again increase.

There’s the answer.

The next question is how to get these younger people either online or to the track to bet these races?

Maybe it’s the linking with some races to some sort of casino/lottery jackpot? A sweepstakes sort of thing. Your horse wins a race and you get entered into a contest or pool connected to a lottery game for a big prize. Something like that.

Anything else leaves the people who are looking for new blood merely chasing their tails.

I been watching this for a long time.

– Vic Dante / North Caldwell, NJ

We are a gambling product

In the last few weeks, there has been increased discussion online regarding the problems facing the harness racing industry and how best to combat those issues. Good conversations have been sparked by the USTA Presidential Debate, a recent Pickinsider.com article by Megan Maccario (full story here), Harness Racing Update and others. Much of the back and forth has centered on getting more people to the racetrack, increasing awareness with the public and cultivating new owners. While I am glad to see people within the industry actively involved in seeking solutions to our problems, unfortunately, any of these discussions could have (and in fact have) taken place at any time in the past 25 or 30 years.

The harness racing industry will not long survive if the powers that be continue to ignore one simple fact: We are a gambling product, period. Sadly, we are a gambling product that has become stale, hugely overpriced and is not seen by the public as particularly trustworthy. To ignore this truth and focus on how to get more non-gamblers out to the racetrack is the equivalent of treating one’s lung cancer by taking cough syrup. You may cough less for a short time before you eventually die, but without addressing the underlying cancer, you have no chance for survival.

To be clear, I have a background that includes several years working in marketing and promotions in minor league baseball. I could not agree more with those who argue that racetracks need to do much better in attracting new people to the races and in providing an enjoyable experience, which will encourage those in attendance to return again and again. I also firmly believe that this is not solely a track function and that those of us involved on the racing side need to be involved in these efforts. The more people we can expose to harness racing, the more likely we are to create new potential fans. However, our survival is dependent on creating new potential wagering customers, not simply fans or attendees who show up for promotions unrelated to the racing itself.

For basically the entire second half of the 20th century, horse racing had a monopoly on legalized wagering in most jurisdictions. Now, legalized gambling is everywhere. Competition for the wagering dollar is fierce, and our industry has done nothing to compete for market share against those new products that have entered the marketplace.

We all long for the days of huge crowds at the racetrack every night, but, realistically, those days are gone with the exception of a few big events. Despite the nostalgic notion that the crowds were there because of the love of the horse, or the sport itself, it is decades beyond time to recognize that the crowds were there to gamble. In the modern era, there are virtually unlimited alternative options to do so. We must improve our product substantially and immediately, or we will surely see the industry continue to fade away.

The changes that need to happen on the wagering front are not hard to delineate, nor are these suggestions in any way new or original. They have been discussed and debated (and ultimately ignored) for years. At the end of the day, nothing has changed and the industry has continued to decline. It is time to face reality and focus on improving our product to be competitive in a very difficult market.

These things need to happen right away:
Solving one of our problems

Our sport has problems, as all sports do, and hopefully we can solve those problems and make our sport better. Let me address one issue that is a major nuisance and makes most of us quite uncomfortable - “0 Minutes To Post”. We all know what an ongoing embarrassment to harness racing that is. I have a solution: eliminate it.

That’s right, “0 Minutes To Post” doesn’t even make sense. “0 Minutes To Post” should mean that it is now post time, which it obviously isn’t, otherwise you would just say: it’s post time. Who says they are going to do something in zero minutes? Nobody ever does and we shouldn’t either! Here is what I propose: When the clock gets to 1 minute and the minute is up, it should remain at 1 minute for an additional 60 seconds. At that point it should be replaced by a post time status update. For example, “The Starting Gate Is In Position”. When the horses are called to the gate the countdown clock begins, 30, 29, 28, you get the idea. How often do you get a chance to make a simple change that will greatly improve our sport. I will be contacting tracks to try to get this implemented, and I hope that when the big races start in a few months “0 Minutes To Post” will be an unsightly anachronism we have put behind us forever.
— Mel Cheplowitz / San Rafael, CA

I wonder why....

I wonder why, while listening to WFAN on my iPhone, I heard Ken Warkentin advertising for the (doo wop group) The Belmonts at Victory. Was Lawrence Welk not available? That does not seem like a very good way to draw those much talked about young people to the track.

I wonder why the Meadowlands offers seniors a coupon good for a $1 dollar hot dog, coffee, or donut, while TVG regularly sends money back 20 dollar wagers for pari-mutuel wagering and 25 dollar money back for exchange wagering. At least the track could give a free coffee to a senior instead of charging a damn dollar.

I wonder why a trainer named Nick at Freehold Raceway with over 100 starts has a 50 per cent win percentage.
— David Haaker / Livingston, NJ

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MEADOWLANDS report

Friday's Results:

1, M, $15,000, P, Fillies & Mares N/W $11,500 in Last 5 Starts (N/W $8,000 Last 5 Starts Drawn Inside) AE: N/W $15,000 Last 5 Drawn Outside, 27,4, 570, 1.254, 1.542, FT

1-Truth And Liberty (m, 5, Total Truth--Jazzy Hall, by Cambest) O-Tracy F Moss. B-Only Money Inc & Theodore Gewertz & George Teague Jr Inc. T-Robert Lounsberry. D-John Campbell, $7,500, Lifetime Record: 68-16-9-8, $147,634

2-Commandmyspirit (m, 7, Dragon Again--Artists Flower, by Real Artist) O-Crystal M Costello. B-Crystal L Costello. T-Soyan Bovasi. D-Jim Marohn Jr, $3,750

3-Blush Hanover (m, 6, Art Major--Brissont Hanover, by Dragon Again), $22,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Seth E Coen & George Derocker. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Linda Toscano. D-Corey Callahan, $1,800

Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1Q, 2, H - Finish Order: Whiskersonkittens, Soft Idea, Angel Or Terror

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6, M, $18,000, T, N/W $15,000 (Mares $20,000) in Last 5 Starts AE: N/W 8 Extended PM Races AE: N/W $30,000 in 2017 Drawn Outside, 27,4, 574, 1.254, 1.552, FT

1-Opulent Yankee (g, 6, Muscles Yankee--Opulent Bluestone, by Conway Hall), $4,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Little E LLC & Arthur S Geiger & David M Stolz. B-Little E LLC. T-Julie Miller. D-Marcus Miller, $9,000, Lifetime Record: 63-15-17-9, $299,820


Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1H, 4, 1T - Finish Order: Marion Millionair, Wilberforce, Dw's Ny Yank, Madman Hall

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RACE RESULTS

Saturday’s Results:
8, MVR, $22,000, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN I HCP PP’S 1-4 DRAWN; 5-8 DRAWN; NO. 9 ASSIGNED, 26.0, 54.4, 1:22.3, 1:49.1, FT
1-Francoz (g, 5, Rockin Image--Trinity Islands, by Jenna’s Beach Boy), $67,000 2013 HOOSIER O-Adam B Short. B-Steve Schmucker. T-Adam Short. D-Dan Noble, $11,000, Lifetime Record: 82-14-13-11, $145,507
2-Angelo J Fra (g, 5, The Panderosa--Calla Fra, by Artsplace), $15,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver BrusceI LLC. B-The Fra Stable LLC. T-Kris Hinchcliff. D-Chris Page, $5,500
3-Account Rollover (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--All Accounted For, by Camluck) O-Robert Silberger. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Paul R Ysebaert, CA & C S X Stables. T-James Eaton. D-Randy Tharps, $2,640
Calls: 1H, NS, 1, 3, 6T - Finish Order: My Buddy Ninkster, Heza Thrill N, Lucky Lime, Hickory Icon, Southwind Amazon, Fancy Creek Elusiv
Replay unavailable

11, MVR, $15,500, P, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING $30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 26.2, 55.0, 1:23.0, 1:51.3, FT
1-Kiss Of Terror (g, 5, Western Terror--Kissed By A Fool, by Jenna’s Beach Boy) O-Robert D Newsome. B-Vae LLC. T-Zach Tackett. D-Josh Sutton, $7,750, Lifetime Record: 70-17-11-5, $183,194

THE MEADOWS report

Saturday’s Results:
9, Mva, $20,000, P, **W/O $10,000 LIFE/PREFERRED HANDICAP** PP1-2 DRAWN; 3-6 DRAWN; 7-8 DRAWN, 27.0, 55.0, 1:23.3, 1:52.1, FT
1-Gokudo Hanover (g, 5, Cam’s Card Shark--Gifted Yankee, by Western Hanover), $170,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Sandbur Farms & Valarie E Sutton & Joseph A Hemmingsway. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Doug Hamilton. D-Eric Goodell, $10,000, Lifetime Record: 64-13-12-13, $216,877

3-Kingofthejungle (g, 6, Well Said--Allamerican Calico, by Real Desire), $45,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Fox Racing Inc & Darius P Oshidar. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Jack Smith. D-Tony Hall, $2,400
Calls: 6H, 6H, H, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Mykindachip, Liberal, Hawk’s Red Chief, Heavenly Knox, Solar Surprise
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WOODBINE report

Friday’s Results:
3, Wdb, $22,000, P, FILLIES & MARES, NW $16,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW $28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW $110,000, LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. $55,000, 26.2, 54.4, 1:23.1, 1:51.4
1-Exhilarated (b, m, 6 - Mach Three--Animated Art-Artsplace) O-Aucciello Stables B-Steve Stewart, Daisy Acres T-Carmen Aucciello D-Jonathan Drury, $11,000, Lifetime Record: 119-20-16-12, $256,060
2-Victoria Semalu (br,m,7 - American Ideal-Anemone Semalu-Magical Mike) O-Ecurie Gaeten Bono Inc B-Semalu Inc T-Richard Moreau D-Louis Philippe Roy
3-Mischievousgirl (b,m,5 - Santanna Blue Chip-Teenager Girls-Dexter Nukes) O-Carl Clift,Waterdown, Gaeten Hebert B-1140545 Ontario Ltd, Gaeten Hebert T-Gaeten Hebert D-Billy Davis Jr
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7, Wdb, $20,000, P, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 5 RACES OR $94,000 LIFETIME. 27.1, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:54
1-Jimbelina (b,m,4 - Big Jim-Buddys Gal-Bettors Delight) O-Roland Trudel B-Karry Howard T-Rene Bourassa D-Jody Jamieson, $10,000, Lifetime Record: 28-12-9-2, $109,590

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8, Wdb, $30,000, P, fillies & Mares Preferred, 27.1, 55.4, 1:24.1, 1:51.4
1-Wrangler Magic (b,m,5 - Mach Three-Ja El Shamrock-Rustler Hanover) O-Allard Racing Inc, D-Maurice Stewart, Kapildeo Singh B-Dr Maurice & Maureen Stewart T-T. Rene Allard D-Louis Philippe Roy, $15,000, Lifetime Record: 53-12-10-9, $892,450

2-Sandbetweenrotes (b,m,6 - Somebeachsomewhere-Als Girl-Artscape) O-Bradley Grant B-John Carver T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair

3-Bernadette (b,m,4 - Big Jim-Matilda-Artiscape) O-David Kryway, Ronald Adams B-Ronald Mersky T-Ronald Adams D-James MacDonald

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Saturday's Results:

1, Wdb, $20,000, P, 5 Year Olds & Younger, NW 5 Races or $90,000 Lifetime, 26.3, 56.1, 1:23.4, 1:51.4

1-Secrecy (b,g,4 - Mach Three-Unsolved Mystery-Western Hanover) O-Miller Farms B-Brittany Farms T-Nick Gallucci D-Randall Waples, $10,000, Lifetime Record: 26-4-5-2, $66,490

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2-Migrate Blue Chip (b,h,5 - Rock N Roll Heaven-Gro-Pro Bono Best) O-Determination B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-Luc Blais D-Richard Zeron

3-Major Hill (b,g,4 - Art Major-Bunnys Legacy-Western Hanover) O-Matthew McManus B-Tom Hill T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair

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2, Wdb, $22,000, P, NW $14,000 Last 5 Starts or NW $25,500 Last 10 Starts, AE: OPT. CLM. $45,000. AE: NW $130,000 Lifetime, 26.1, 55, 1:22.3, 1:50.3

1-Js Delivery (b,g,5 - Jeremes Jet-Table For Seven-Artscape) O-David Glazer, Robert McMillan B-Robert Hamather T-Robert McMillan D-James MacDonald, $11,000, Lifetime Record: 55-14-5-7, $292,866

2-Highlandbeachyce (b,h,4 - Somebeachsomewhere-Rockn Highland-Rocknroll Hanover) O-Travis Cullen, Ronald Cullen, Keith Hannah B-Highland Thoroughbred Frm T-Travis Cullen D-Travis Cullen

3-Rockin Wizard (b,g,7 - Rocknroll Hanover-Please Me Please-Camluck) O-Gerrie Tucker, Majs NY Inc B-Lothlorien T-Richard Moreau D-Trevor Henry

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Friday's Results:

1, Yr, $18,000, P, Non-Winners of $10,000 in Last 5 Starts Winners Over $100,000 in 2016/17 Not Eligible. AE. 3,4 & 5 Year Old Non-Winners of $100,000 Lifetime, 28.1, 59.0, 1:28.0, 1:56.2, FT


2-Winter Blues (g, 12, Astrosex--Armbrwo Winter, by Camluck) O-Chad J Colasanti. B-Charalambous Christoforou, CA. T-Laurie Molnar. D-Scott Zeron, $4,500


Calls: NS, 1T, 1H, 1, 3 - Finish Order: Snap To It A, Aberdeen Hanover, Ideal Matters, Exit Cam, Midnight Dylan N

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2, YR, $18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF $10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER $100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3, 4 & 5 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF $100,000 LIFETIME., 28.2, 58.3, 1:26.4, 1:54.4, FT
1-Nuclear Dragon (g, 5, Nuclear Breeze—Ms Dragon Flys, by Dragon Again) O-Gideon Stables. B-Richard J Malone Sr & Casey W Fritz. T-Christopher Lakata. D-Matt Kakaley, $9,000, Lifetime Record: 51-11-6-5, $92,673
2-Ang's Delight (h, 5, Bettor's Delight--Shady Darling, by Artsplace), $38,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Lightning Stable. B-Southwind Farm. T-Steve Elliott. D-Brent Holland, $4,500

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1T, 2, 2 - Finish Order: Big Surf, Galactic Galleon N, Diamond Cowboy, Cheyenne Seebier, I'm A Gift

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3, YR, $18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF $10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER $100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3, 4 & 5 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF $100,000 LIFETIME., 28.0, 58.0, 1:27.1, 1:56.2, FT
1-Sportsmanship (g, 5, Sportswriter—Lady D M, by D M Dilinger), $50,000 2013 FOREST O-Stephen Klunowski, CA & Auciello Stables, CA. B-Parkinson Farms, CA. T-Carmen Auciello. D-Brent Holland, $9,000, Lifetime Record: 63-13-8-5, $157,864
2-Macon Georgia A (g, 7, Mach Three--Falconova, by Falcon Seelster) O-David Lewis Linker & East Wind Stable. B-G D Smith, NZ. T-Doug Dillioan Jr. D-Jordon Stratton, $4,500

Calls: 7T, 7T, 1H, 1T, 1Q - Finish Order: Supreme Mach N, Littlebitaswagger, National Seelster, Kolt Power, Fool Me Once

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4, YR, $22,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF $15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER $150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE $30,000, 28.1, 58.0, 1:26.4, 1:56.2, FT
1-Chilled Desire A (m, 6, Real Desire--Chilled Sanction, by Chill Factor) O-Kevin R Szywky & Ronald L Cushing. B-A P Pearson, AS. T-Heidi Gibbs. D-Ron Cushing, $11,000, Lifetime Record: 52-14-10-3, $93,374
3-Caribbean Pacetry (m, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Cupcakecraze, by Artsplace) O-Meir Israel Geller. B-Belle Amore Stable, PR. T-Meir Geller. D-Jordan Stratton, $2,640

Calls: 1T, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Deuces For Charity, Hey Kobe, Certified Ideal, Quick Draft A, Justhaventmetmuyet

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5, YR, $22,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF $15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER $150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.1, 58.0, 1:26.1, 1:55.1, FT
1-Wick N (g, 6, Panspecificflict--On The Double, by Holmes Hanover) O-Joseph R Zicchino. B-I L Bennett, NZ. T-Newton (Yogi) Sheridan. D-George Brennan, $11,000, Lifetime Record: 40-11-3-10, $92,183

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, 1T - Finish Order: Famous Western, Classic American N, Mattamerican, Gibson Blue Chip, Texas Terror N

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6, YR, $50,000, P, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 272, 56.4, 1:25.0, 1:54.3, FT
1-Tessa Seelster (m, 5, Shadow Play--Titania Seelster, by Camluck), $77,000 2013 FOREST O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Jonathan H Newman. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, $25,000, Lifetime Record: 61-21-7-8, $446,603
3-Shesjustadelight N (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Love The Look, by Holmes Hanover) O-Kevin R Szywky & Ronald L Cushing. B-A D & G M Paisley, NZ & E M & A R Sloan, NZ. T-Heidi Gibbs. D-Ron Cushing, $6,000

Calls: 4, 4Q, H, T, NK - Finish Order: LISPATTY, Apple Bottom Jeans, Bedroomconfessions, Arielle Lynn, Mackenzie A

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7, YR, $22,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF $15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER $150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.4, 58.2, 1:26.3, 1:55.1, FT
1-Caviart Skyler (g, 5, Rockin Image--Caviart Sierra, by Western Hanover) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Caviart Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, $11,000, Lifetime Record: 52-9-8-10, $117,029
3-Quality Closer (g, 5, Quality Western--A Blissful Finale, by Blissfull Hall), $4,000 2013 HOOSIER O-Rock And Roll Stable Inc. B-Larry J Smith. T-Rick Dane Jr. D-Scott Zeron, $2,640

Calls: 1T, 2, 2T, 1T - Finish Order: Rancousy, Western Rockstar A, Ru Ready To Rock, That'll Be The Rei, Sweet Talkin Satin

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8, YR, $22,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF $15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER $150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE, 28.4, 59.0, 1:27.2, 1:56.0, FT
1-Foiled Again (g, 13, Dragon Again—In A Safe Place, by Artsplace), $20,000 2005 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Jjk Stables LLC. B-Barbara L Matthews. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, $11,000, Lifetime Record: 280-93-63-41, $7,492,983
2-Five Card Draw N (g, 8, Bettor’s Delight—Blistering Belle, by Butler B G) O-Saddle Rock Stables B-Bayesh Hira & W S Abernethy, NZ. T-Jeffrey Smith. D-Scott Zeron, $5,500
3-Twin B Speedo (g, 6, Art Major—Beach Bound, by Beach Towel), $27,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Mark S Ford. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Jordon Stratton, $2,640
Calls: 1T, 1T, 2, 1T, 1 - Finish Order: Fashion Delight, Sportskeeper, Grand Master, Rock To Glory, Hall Bro
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Saturday’s Results:
1, YR, $26,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF $20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.1, 57.1, 1:25.2, 1:54.1, FT
1-Bullet Bob (g, 8, Tell All—Erasable Art, by Artsplace) O-Fox Hollow Farm. B-Fox Hollow Farm. T-Mark Harder. D-Brent Holland, $13,000, Lifetime Record: 167-35-24-17, $429,075
2-Dojea Sol (g, s, Palone Ranger—Ball Four, by Artsplace) O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Dojea Stables. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, $6,500
3-Ideal Cowboy (g, 6, American Ideal—Trend Setter, by Grinfromtheatoor) O-Bamond Racing LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Mac T Nichol, CA. T-Jeffrey Bambon Jr. D-Jason Bartlett, $3,120
Calls: 1H, 1H, NS, H, H - Finish Order: Tendtowin, Shinobu Hanover, Ransom Demand, Cosmipedia, Pierce
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2, YR, $18,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF $10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER $100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE, AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE $20,000 AE. 3:48 5 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF $100,000 LIFETIME, 29.3, 1:00.1, 1:29.2, 1:58.3, FT
1-Madhatter Bluechip (g, 5, Muscle Hill—Fralien Bluestone, by Angus Hall), $67,200 2013 LEX-SEL O-Thomas G Milici. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, $9,000, Lifetime Record: 38-10-3-1, $89,084

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Calls: 1H, 2, 1H, 1H, NS - Finish Order: Silver Credit, Speedy Translation, Northern Obsession, Wanna Be A Winna, Pop I
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3, YR, $26,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF $20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.3, 58.4, 1:26.3, 1:55.4, FT
1-Holdingaithickets (g, 8, Cam’s Card Shark—Ivory Tower, by Jate Lobell), $8,500 2010 SHS-HBG O-William G McIntyre & Richard A Mc Intyre. B-Bobert T Unice. D-Scott Di Domenico D-George Brennan, $13,000, Lifetime Record: 118-40-17-9, $418,877
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2-In The Huddle (g, 5, American Ideal—Miss Two Pack, by Artiscape) O-Bigshow Racing Stable. B-Perry Racing Stable LLC. T-Joseph De Carlo. D-Scott Zeron, $6,500
Calls: 6, 6, 2T, 2T, NK - Finish Order: Santanna One, Second Wind N, P Supercam, Mr Hasani N, Casimir Jitterbug
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4, YR, $22,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF $15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER $150,000 IN 2016 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE $30,000, 29.1, 59.3, 1:28.1, 1:57.2, FT

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2-J A T O (g, 5, Big Apple Deli--Highwaytoheaven, by Credit Winner), $6,000 2013 MORRIS O-Our Horse Cents Stables & Burke Racing Stable LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Rossie L Smith. B-Stueben Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, $5,500
Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Caulfield, Sumatra, Lucky Colby, Hasty Profitt, Summer Indian

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5, YR, $39,000, T, PREFERRED, 28.0, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:56.1, FT
3-In Secret (g, 5, Deweycheatumhhowe--Secret Magic, by Cantab Hall), $30,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Andrea Lea RacingStables Inc, CA & ASA Farm, CA. B-Brittany Farms. T-Noel Daley. D-George Brennan, $4,680
Calls: 1H, 1H, T, 1H, T - Finish Order: Dot Dot Dot Dash, Lily's Swan Pond, Newcastle, Crazy About Pat, Dynamic Edge

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6, YR, $50,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-3 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 4-7 DRAWN POST POSITION 8 ASSIGNED, 28.2, 58.4, 1:27.3, 1:56.1, FT
2-Springbank Sam N (g, 10, Sondon--Niamey, by Chiola Hanover) O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-T G Casey, NZ & K M Barron, NZ & G S Allen, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton, $12,500
Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Tweet Me, Rubber Duck, Rock Of Cashel, Red Hot Herbie, Rose Run Parker

7, YR, $39,000, P, PREFERRED HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 28.0, 58.1, 1:26.3, 1:55.1, FT
1-Provocativeprincen (g, 7, Grinfomearteoar--Catherine Zeta, by Village Jasper) O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-G Chin, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton, $19,500, Lifetime Record: 49-10-7-8, $112,042
2-Badiou Hanover (g, 5, Well Said--Blind Ambition, by Art Major), $105,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Brent Holland, $9,750
3-Sapphire City (g, 9, Metropolitan--Spectre Almahurst, by Justin Passing), $27,000 2009 BRDS-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & M1 Stable LLC. B-John P Hurtgen. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, $4,680
Calls: 10Q, 8T, 3H, 3N - Finish Order: Theartofconfusion A, Blood Brother, Ira Chief, Burning N, Polak A

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8, YR, $50,000, P, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-6 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 7 & 8 DRAWN, 27.0, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:52.1, FT
1-Caviar Luca (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Caviar Sierra, by Western Hanover) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Coluria. B-Caviar Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, $25,000, Lifetime Record: 86-17-16-17, $387,870
2-Lucan Hanover (g, 7, Western Ideal--Lauren Order, by Dragon Again), $47,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-West Wins Stable, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Andrew Harris. D-Mark Macdonald, $12,500
3-Bit Of A Legend N (h, 8, Bettor's Delight--Sokys Legend, by Sokys Atom) O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-B D West, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton, $6,000
Calls: 1T, 2, 1, H, NK - Finish Order: Roland N Rock, First Class Horse, Make Some Luck, Sports Bettor, Somewhere In LA

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9, YR, $30,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF $26,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.3, 56.3, 1:25.2, 1:55.3, FT
1-Lady's Dude (g, 6, Victory Sam--Lady's Star, by Hi Noon Star) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Johnny E Yoder. B-Duane M Lowe. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, $15,000, Lifetime Record: 70-23-9-12, $414,248
3-Noble Warnwee (g, 8, Angus Hall--Warnwee Fourleaf, by King Conch), $57,000 2010 CAN-YS O-Adrian A Weeks. B-Warnwee Farm, CA. T-Michael Latham. D-Mark Macdonald, $3,600
Calls: 2, 2H, 6, 6, 6 - Finish Order: Tag Up And Go, Money Maven, Zooming, Doubleday

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10, YR, $26,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF $20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.4, 58.0, 1:26.4, 1:57.3, FT
1-Wing Flash (m, 5, Kadabra--Armbror Everlasting, by Andover Hall), $30,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Kapildeo Singh, B-Steve H Stewart & Black Creek Farm & Donald E Robinson. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller, $13,000, Lifetime Record: 62-12-9-5, $129,594
2-Kelsey's Keepsake (m, 5, Yankee Glide--Distaff, by Self Possessed), $35,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-David B Heffering, CA & Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC. B-Bluestone Farms LLC. T-Richard Johnson. D-Joe Bongiorno, $6,500
Calls: 6Q, 5, 3Q, 1T, 2 - Finish Order: Aggressive, Military Blue, Summers Windsong, Bingo Queen, Bentley Spur

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11, YR, $30,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF $25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.0, 57.3, 1:25.2, 1:54.3, FT
1-Soho Lennon A (g, 7, Mach Three--Dream Royale N, by Beach Towel) O-David Lewis Linker & Pit Bull Stable LLC. B-R J Watson, WA. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Jordan Stratton, $15,000, Lifetime Record: 87-24-12-9, $275,695
2-Dream Out Loud N (g, 10, Bettor's Delight--Nothin Butadreamer, by In The Pocket) O-Muscarra Racing Stable LLC. B-B D West, NZ. T-Darran Cassar. D-Tyler Buter, $7,500
3-Hillbilly Hanover (g, 8, Dragon Again--Hattie, by Abercrombie), $105,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jack Franklin. D-Jason Bartlett, $3,600
Calls: 1, 1H, HD, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Keystone Honor, Orilla Joe, Western Bayama, Betterlatethnever, Tyber Tyke

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