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It takes a village to ferret out the cheaters

To quote Sally Jenkins: "Good horsepeople must form a moral blockade and utterly shun those they suspect of drugging and masking injuries."

by Andrew Cohen

GUEST COLUMN



with **ANDREW COHEN**

As we look back on one of the worst weeks in the history of harness racing — think about it — we can take some small solace in the fact that it could have been a lot worse. The biggest horse doping scandal in a decade, an alleged tale of greed and cruelty to the animals we profess to love, was drowned in a sea of news surrounding the coronavirus and the Trump administration's disastrous response to it. The **bad news from and to the industry** was largely lost to the general world. Truth is, friends, only a relatively few people actually gave a shit about horses and horse racing this past week — and for that we should be oddly grateful.

We also should be grateful that major track owners and operators on the East Coast canceled live racing the past few days in the wake of the death of John Brennan and the illness of many other members of our small community who live in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The cancellations gave the men and women who make the races happen each day a chance to take a breath, absorb the bad news, and plan to care for themselves and their families for whatever lies ahead. Much more important, in my view, **than the purse money at stake or track handles** (and I say that as someone who had a horse entered on Friday).

About the pandemic I can only say I hope everyone stays safe and gets the health care they need if they fall ill and that the races are back up and operating soon.

About the doping scandal, which struck like a thundercloud

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at the beginning of the week **and was still rolling out indictments by the weekend**, I will say this as an owner and a breeder: All of us, myself included, have to do more to protect the integrity of the sport. When we see something we have to say something, even if we know that **saying it to feckless racing commissioners won't do nearly enough to create the reforms we need**.

George Segal stepped up and said something about the scandal. So did Jeff Gural. A few other owners declared their disgust online. I heard privately from a few, including my friend Jules Siegel, the Hall of Famer, who has been shouting for decades to anyone who would listen that we are only hurting ourselves by failing to police our own industry. But so many other voices within the sport, including some of my other friends, were silent. Even the USTA, which evidently (and bravely) cooperated with the investigation, only issued a half-hearted statement that read more like a defense attorney's press release. Not good enough.

None of us are perfect and it's always easier to pass judgment than it is to take action. I don't profess to have all the answers and I certainly don't have the political power within the sport, or the pocketbook, to make a meaningful impact by myself. But here's what each owner in the sport can do, no matter how big or small – and what I'll continue to do. We can all agree not to buy horses from breeders and other owners connected to suspected bad actors within our industry. Not just the ones who were named in indictments this past week but the others who, for now, remain unindicted and presumably free to continue operating as they have.

We also can agree not to use trainers and drivers and veterinarians who are connected to bad actors within our industry. I reckon that the vast majority of people reading this column know who these people are, and why they are suspected, and how shady the beard game is as horses get transferred from one "trainer" to another. We can relentlessly press track owners and operators, and regulators, to investigate these arrangements, to "follow the money" as they say. Drivers, especially, need to stand up and do more. It no longer is adequate to say, as so many drivers have, that it's not their job to identify or help root out cheating. If we are to survive as an industry, it's got to be *everyone's* job to root out cheating.

The fact that owners and breeders have not done these things very well in the past suggests these things are hard to do. They aren't. They require only the good sense to be willing to forgo ill-gotten gains in exchange for one's own reputation; to sacrifice a little in purse money, or a trip to the winner's circle, or a trophy, or sale proceeds, for the privilege of being a more honorable part of the sport we all love. What are we all doing here, as owners and breeders, **as lovers of horses**, if we are cheating one another or allowing others to do so? If Bogie-like we are pretending we are shocked –*shocked!*– to find gambling at Rick's Cafe. Enough.

I feel like I've read a million words about the scandal. Some believe (as I do) that more people within our industry should be, and will be, held accountable. **Some believe** (as I do) that this will help make the case for federal regulation by laying bare the failure of state regulators. **Some believe** (as I do) that we again have an opportunity here, one we haven't had **since the days of David Brooks**, to finally start self-policing in a meaningful way. In the end it is Sally Jenkins, the acclaimed sports journalist at *The Washington Post*, who best makes the point I am trying to make as well. Jenkins **wrote**:

"Good horsepeople must form a moral blockade and utterly shun those they suspect of drugging and masking injuries. You don't need a positive drug test or an indictment to suspend them from your professional alliances, your personal company, your breeding sheds and your stables. You know who they are. Everyone in the barn area knows. They're the ones who need a law to do the right thing by a horse. They're the ones who stable too many mounts and race them far too often and medicate them far too much. Stop handing them horses. Just stop. Take the reins back."

Amen.

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Rene Allard latest to be arrested as part of horse doping scandal

The Feds have now arrested the top two leading trainers at Yonkers Raceway and Allard finished 2019 as North America's third leading trainer in terms of wins and earnings.

by Bill Finley

Trainer Rene Allard is the latest person to surface in the horse drugging scheme that has rocked standardbred and thoroughbred racing. Not among the original 27 who were part of indictments announced March 9 by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Allard was, according to sources, arrested mid-week last week while vacationing in Las Vegas. Allard became the 29th person involved in the doping investigation.

Allard's name surfaced two days after the name of Richard Banca was made public. It was not immediately known why Banca and Allard were not part of the original indictment.

At the time of his arrest, Banca was the leading trainer on the year at Yonkers and Allard was second. Trainer Nick Surick, 10th in the Yonkers standings, has also been indicted. Other harness racing participants who have been indicted include trainers Chris Oakes, Chris Marino, Rick Dane Jr. and Conor Flynn, an assistant to Banca. The thoroughbred horsemen involved include high-profile trainers Jason Servis and Jorge Navarro.

The sealed complaint against Allard ([full document here](#)) lays out instances where he allegedly used and "misbranded" illegal drugs to improve the performance of his horses. He has been charged with "misbranding," which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Perhaps the most disturbing part of the sealed complaint does not directly involve Allard but is the text of an intercepted phone conversation between Louis Grasso and Ross Cohen, both of whom were among the original 27 people indicted, where they joke about horses of Allard's that died, allegedly, because of the use of illegal drugs. Grasso is a veterinarian and Cohen, according to the original indictments, is someone who was distributing PEDs.

The conversation reads (and note this appears exactly as it did in the sealed complaint in terms of grammar and spelling):

Cohen: What's going on with the Allard death camp?

Grasso: (Laughter) well I didn't get any more emergency calls yesterday so I am assuming

Cohen: Assuming the number stopped at 7?

Grasso: Well yeah



Dave Landry

Trainer Rene Allard (left) and Nick Surick are facing federal charges in connection to a doping scandal.

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Cohen: How many died?

Grasso: Three

Cohen: Jeez. What were you thinking?

Grasso: Three or two maybe.

Grasso and Cohen continue to discuss the effects of the drugs on the horses.

Cohen: Ok, maybe it was just the batch that Allard got I guess I don't know.

Grasso: They got high fever kidneys shut down.

Grasso: ...One of them just died on the table they just cut him open and poof it died.

Cohen: Holy f-k did they do an autopsy?

Grasso: Their heart rate was like triple they were breathing real heavy their membranes were going f-ing purple.

The sealed complaint includes the deposition of FBI agent Bruce Turpin, who states that Allard's barn was raided on or about March 9. He was stabled at the training center in Middletown, NY run by Banca. Turpin testified that the raid yielded multiple empty syringes, the drug Glycopyrrrolate, epinephrine and vials labeled "Thymosine Beta" and "for research purposes only."

The court filings also include the text of an intercepted text message from Allard to Grasso, which read: "I need 3 bottles of red acid to go to Canada Thursday." According to

the FBI, red acid is administered to mask physical injuries in racehorses, thereby increasing the risk of injury while racing. Red acid was one of the PEDS that Surick was said to be using on his horses and distributing to others.

Rumors regarding his use of illegal drugs have followed Allard through much of his career and he was among the many horsemen banned at the Meadowlands.

Last April, HRU reported that Allard's attorney had requested an immediate stay to appeal Allard's one-year suspension, \$5,000 fine and two-year probation for a Class 1 positive issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). The Allard-trained horse One Too Many received the positive test for codeine and morphine, both Class 1 drugs, on March 18, 2017 after a race at Woodbine.

Allard, 33, finished third in North America among trainers in earnings in 2019 with \$5,875,255. His 339 wins also ranked third. Allard was the leading trainer by wins in 2019 at Pocono Downs and was also on top of the standings in 2020 with 18 wins on the meet.

His top performers in 2019 include When Dovescry, the winner of the Hambletonian Oaks.

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GUEST COLUMN



with MIKE FARRELL

Whether COVID-19 or the doping scandal, this time it's serious

by Mike Farrell

It is a dizzying effort (if you'll pardon a bad pun in light of the current situation) to track the latest COVID-19 developments.

Which tracks are racing? Are fans allowed in? Which tracks are closed while the coronavirus spreads?

Consider the latest standardbred news from Saturday alone. The public will be banned from Woodbine Mohawk Park and Woodbine Racetrack starting Sunday for a minimum of two weeks while live harness racing and thoroughbred training continues. Freehold Raceway is closing up shop through March 21. Racing is a go in Ohio, minus a live audience. Down south, fans will be welcome at Pompano Park for Sunday night's card.

It's a bewildering hodgepodge.

Of course, safety is paramount as we deal with this disease. Efforts to offer racing solely for a simulcast audience are noble, bordering on the heroic.

Writing as a long-time journalist and co-owner of a one-horse stable, I fully appreciate the need to keep purse money flowing. It is the mother's milk that sustains owners and horsemen and nourishes everyone in the racing food chain.

But is it ultimately the wisest decision to press on?

I think not.

For starters, the optics are terrible. "Important Sports" like Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, the NCAA, the Masters Golf Tournament have canceled or suspended their seasons. And then there's horse racing, beating up those poor animals to satisfy greedy owners even in the face of a pandemic.

Misperception often trumps reality.

Let's consider the reality for a moment. Conducting live racing often involves shipping horses over considerable distances. Even though tracks are limiting access to stables and paddocks only to essential personnel, all movement contradicts the medical guidance to shelter in one place when possible and to observe social distancing of six feet or more.

If even one infected individual accompanies a horse to a track, everyone in that facility faces possible quarantine. And the track could assume massive legal liability if there is a resulting fatality.

Better to let this disease run its course than buck the trend.

There is a second, equally compelling reason, for racing to take a hiatus: the stunning and sickening indictments handed down this week to leading figures in thoroughbred and harness racing ([full story here](#)).

The sport — and we're talking all breeds — needs to regain its collective breath. Shutting down for a brief period would let the fetid dust settle.

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That might not be the case in the latest roundup. Everyone will have their day in court to refute the charges. But if convicted, they face possible hard time... trading fancy winner's circle garb for orange prison jumpsuits.


That's the message the racing industry needs to proclaim: this time it's serious. Cheating carries severe consequences. No more slaps on the wrist. No more chasing bad actors from one jurisdiction only to see them pop up elsewhere.


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On doping indictments, bettors were the smartest people in the room

by Garnet Barnsdale

"There are always tells. There are always details. Take it from a lifelong gambler. Tells, once you spot them, there is no bigger edge. Before we try and answer the question posed, let us acknowledge something I think is quite relevant. Sure I may be biased, but I am also right. In relation to the horse juicing indictments, the gamblers, and nobody else, were the smartest people in the room. It was the tells. We all saw them. We all knew in our hearts they don't lie. Details don't lie either."

The excerpt above was borrowed from an excellent column ([full story here](#)) written by my friend, professional gambler Johnathan Stettin for his website Past The Wire and it couldn't ring truer.

Prior to the doping indictments ([full story here](#)), we all knew. What we didn't know and are all horrified by is how smugly they allegedly spoke about the abuse and multiple dead horses, but I'm sure if you have been reading this or other industry publications, you are well aware of the sordid and terribly sad details.

From a bettor's perspective, it's disappointing but not at all unpredictable that many – not all – in the industry either don't even acknowledge we exist or look at us as degenerates. For the tracks that don't – and there are some still out there – what can they do now to retain their core customers while hoping to attract newbies?

The obvious immediate answer is by showing a commitment to continuing to clean up the business and rid the sport of cheaters and animal abusers, but what about the day-to-day operation and your core business of gambling on the races?

Setting aside the oft-repeated gamblers' plea to reduce takeout, how about at least increasing the promotion of bets where more people can win and show long-term profits, instead of Jackpot bets which are good only for lone winners who scoop jackpots and a scourge for anyone who happens

to win when there are multiple cashable tickets? Do some quick math and you'll see how oppressive the takeout is when most of the pool is carried over to another race unless there is a jackpot winner. Do we really need the odd big winner while everyone else is eroding their bankrolls past the point of no return playing these bets? Is any track ever transparent about how much of the pool is paid back when there are multiple winners? Is that the way to build your business?

To wit: let's take a look at Friday night's late Pick 5 at Mohawk Park as an illustration of how great a multi-race bet with a reasonable 15 per cent takeout can be and regularly is. The sequence started out with 7-2 second choice Smile Sally winning for the second week in a row and beating many of the same horses. She was close to a must-use. Leg 2 featured pacing mare Reclamation taking a huge class drop from the mares preferred to a non-winners of \$11,000 last five conditioned race and she dominated at 3-5 as expected. You'd think she would be singled everywhere. Leg 3 is what made this sequence pay handsomely as 19-1 shot Mister Magic was deftly stickhandled in the lane to a win by Johnathan Drury. Mister Magic was a longshot mainly due to post 9, but he was sharp and not impossible to use in a wide-open race with sketchy favorites. Leg 4 was predictably won by 4-5 favorite Sly Eleanor N and the final leg was taken



by 7-2 second choice Pretty Hot who is always tough at the non-winners of \$3,000 last 5 class, and she showed it grinding out a first-over win.

So we had two winning odds-on favorites, two second choices and one longshot winning. What's it pay? \$4,488 for a \$1 bet, more than 1.5 times what a \$1 parlay would pay. With 15 per cent rake taken out from the \$69,681 pool, that meant that there was \$13.20 in winning tickets. All you really needed to hit the ticket was to like Mister Magic enough to include him because the other four winners were hard to miss. The payout was tremendous value when you consider that if the takeout was 25 per cent, the payout would have been \$3,959, more than \$500 less. This is so worth promoting as a great bet, because, well, it is! It seems kind of Wizard of Oddsish to instead trumpet these jackpot bets from behind a curtain when the only true value might be to lone winners, and I'm not picking on WEG here. All tracks that feature Jackpot bets do it. Mohawk Park's Pick 5 bets are the best value in the industry in my opinion.

If you think takeout doesn't matter, you only need to look at how fast Mohawk Park had to remove their guarantee for Pick 4 pools once they introduced a 15 per cent takeout Pick 5. You don't need to be a math genius to understand that 15

is less than 25, and bettors have flocked to the late Pick 5 and it has shown nice growth in less than three months. Kudos to WEG for offering another bet that gives punters a good chance of showing a profit over the long haul. Friday night's late Pick 5 outhandled both Pick 4s: \$69K vs. \$55K and \$57K. The wildly popular early Pick 5 handled \$142K.

You want another idea that we keep seeing brought up and rarely happens except on smaller scales — free data! The USTA steps up with free past performances for "Strategic Wagering" and this weekend when they arranged free PPs for all tracks through an agreement with TrackMaster.

But that's not enough and perhaps a bigger topic for a future column. Most Canadian harness tracks offer free programs and video feed right on their website. In 2020, this should be standard for every racetrack in operation. Tracks that are serious about retaining or growing their business need to show it to their core customer base. These are just a couple of ideas.

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Some candidates for the greatest day EVER

by Bob Heyden

What horseman/woman had the greatest day ever – of all time? This would be a good contest for a magazine or a track to run, spurring some interest and research, and likely unearthing some great memories.

Here are 10 possibilities that come to mind immediately:

1. Bill O'Donnell on Aug. 16, 1984. The last person to drive two Horses of the Year on the same day – Fancy Crown (1984) and Nihilator (1985). It was a 10-winner day for the Magic Man, which included the richest race ever contested – the \$2,161,000 Woodrow Wilson won by Nihilator – and each of the rich consolations going for \$200,000 and \$150,000.

2. Bob Key's 1993 Hambletonian Day. That day he won with everything – American Winner and Hi Noon Star.

3. Brian Sears' 2009 Hambletonian Day. He set the Hambletonian record with Muscle Hill (1:50.1) and then the Peter Haughton mark by a full second too with Holiday Road. Sears' take? \$1.6 million on the day, a new record for a single driver on a single card.

4. Jimmy Takter's 2015 Breeders Crown night, taking 50 per cent of the races, a mind-boggling 6 of the 12 Crowns contested.

5. Bill O'Donnell's 1985 Hambletonian Day, setting the all-time record with the first ever sub-1:55 winner Prakas. And then the all-time race record with a 1:49.3 effort from Nihilator.

6. John Campbell's 1987 dominance on "Million Dollar Babies Night," a night where he vaulted into first place all-time – surpassing Herve Filion – on the all-time earnings list.

7. Mike Lachance on June 23, 1987 at Yonkers, winning six

by day and another six by night on their double header card.

8. Brett Pelling on Aug. 10, 1996. He took the Adios in the afternoon (\$442,844) and then at night at the Meadowlands, he captured the Woodrow Wilson with Jeremys Gambit for \$800,000, the Mistletoe Shalee for \$392,250 with Mystical Maddy, and he hit the board in the \$665,400 Sweetheart.

9. Stephane Bouchard's March 8, 2003. It was a day for the ages. He won with 11 straight drives. The last three at Freehold in the afternoon and the first eight at Yonkers at night. This had not been done before and has not been matched since.

10. Jimmy Takter's 2014 and 2015 Hambletonian Days. He won both the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks both years, plus a handful of other stakes on both cards. In 2014, Takter's Father Patrick even made a break and the trainer still went 1-2 with Trixton and Nuncio.


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Dee Leftwich

Pompano Park's new racing secretary Joe Zambito.

Zambito's passion and cheerfulness is overflowing

The new racing secretary at Pompano Park has three jobs and wouldn't have it any other way.

by Tom Pedulla

After a rain shower passed over Pompano Park one recent evening, new racing secretary Joe Zambito cheerfully noted that the track would benefit from the moisture.

Mention to him the grim sight of a grandstand that was closed permanently as Pompano Park faces an uncertain future beyond 2021 and he points to the good seating that was added.

When others view the glass as half full, Zambito sees it as overflowing.

"I go to bed every night and I thank God," he said, "because I have a beautiful wife, a beautiful family and three jobs that I absolutely love."

Yes, three jobs. He was hired as Pompano Park's racing secretary in January. He will be the racing secretary and track

announcer when Batavia Downs in Batavia, NY opens in July. And he is head football coach at Batavia Notre Dame, defending Section 5 Class D champion.

Zambito, 47, thrives on a workload that might cause other to bend and break. "When Joe has a bad day, I want to know exactly what is wrong with him because it is totally out of character," said his wife, Kelly. They were married in 2008 and have traveled to 42 states together.

Stacy Cahill, director of racing at Pompano Park, welcomes Zambito's ebullient personality. "His love for racing is unprecedented," she said. "He watches everything every night. It's always good to have someone who loves what they do sit next to you every morning."

Zambito grew up in Elba, NY as the youngest of eight children. They lived five miles from Batavia Downs. "I always



wanted to go. I begged my older brothers to take me," he said. "I fell in love with the colors and the sounds and the smells and the sights of the whole thing."

He can remember collecting programs and using them to assess the abilities of different horses and put together races that would be highly competitive. He would sit up in his bed as a 10-year-old and pretend to be driving as he announced the action.

"I won just about all of those races," he said.

He attended the State University of New York at Brockport and, not surprisingly, worked in the racing office at Batavia Downs as part of an internship in sports management. When the racing secretary fell ill and needed to be away from the office for almost a month to recover, he was asked if he could possibly fill in.

Could he? He had been doing that job in his mind since he was a boy. A career was launched before he even graduated from college.

"He can put together a horse race in five minutes. He knows his horses, so it's not a job to him, it's a joy," said Kelly.

He finds joy at Pompano Park even though circumstances are difficult there. Yes, the weather is wonderful. But the cost of operating in South Florida and the doubt surrounding whether racing will continue there have combined to cut into the horse population. Filling at least eight races per card Sunday through Thursday can be quite the scramble.

So Zambito scrambles for all he is worth, with a smile that never leaves his face.

"It's a little difficult at times," he said. "The minimum number of races we have is eight and we've never missed a deadline when it comes to having eight races."

He anticipates purse increases in April in a bid to keep horsemen there until the meet ends May 21. Initiatives are being developed to make racing at Pompano Park more attractive to owners and trainers next year. Other change could be in the offing.

"Probably we could benefit from going one less day a week," Zambito said. "I'd rather go more races, less days, as long as everybody gets to race their horse."

Zambito is keenly aware of the horsemen's needs and works to build strong relationships with them. It helps that he already knew many of them from Batavia Downs.

Cahill is open to much of what Zambito suggests. "Fresh eyes on anything are always a big help," she said.

It is unclear what went wrong at Pompano, once a bustling venue as a can't-miss source of entertainment for many

people who flee the cold and make South Florida their winter home.

"If I could put my finger on it, I'd be a rich man. I wish I could tell you," Zambito said. "I know in Batavia we've turned things around quite a bit from where we were. Our betting is up. Everything is going pretty well there."

No profile of Zambito would be complete without emphasizing how important it is to him to be a football coach. Even as he worked at Pompano one recent evening, he was looking at his phone and checking on one of his linebackers as the teenager prepared for the season by lifting weights.

For Zambito, coaching means far more than wins and losses. "I tell them all the time 'If you have a problem, come and talk to me. That's what I'm here for,'" he said.

His long days often end with late-night calls, whether it be from a player, parent or standardbred trainer. They can be sure Zambito will answer cheerfully, eager to do whatever he can to help.

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For Paul Stafford, it's been worth the wait

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Paul Stafford always believed it was only a matter of time before he operated his own training stable. He just didn't know how much time it would take before it happened. But after 15 years as an assistant for barns in the Midwest and East, he seized his chance in August 2018 and couldn't be happier.

Stafford, a 39-year-old San Francisco native, trains 27 horses for owner Tom Ceraso Jr. at central New Jersey's Gaitway Farm. In his first full season, Stafford won 71 races and \$1.22 million. His stable's earnings, accrued mostly at Yonkers Raceway, fell just outside the top 50 for trainers in North America.

Prior to accepting Ceraso's offer to train his horses, Stafford spent eight years at Gaitway working as a second trainer for, first, Tony Alagna and then Julie Miller.

"I didn't foresee it taking me 15 years to have my own barn, but I wouldn't take the 15 years away because of all the things I learned along the way," Stafford said. "I've had the luxury of working for some good stables and I learned a lot of different things from different trainers.

"There was a point in time when I knew that I could do this on my own, but it took me a long time because I needed to have the right opportunity at the right time. It didn't need to be 27 horses, it just needed to be the right opportunity to put myself in so I could do it my way and give myself the best opportunity to succeed. Tom was the guy to offer that."

Stafford's relationship with Ceraso goes back a decade when Stafford trained a horse for Ceraso in Chicago. The two remained friends over the years.

"I'm blessed to have Tom," Stafford said. "He's been in the business for a long time and he likes to race good horses."

Stafford did not grow up around harness racing, although he was around horses. His father was involved in the thoroughbred industry years ago and Stafford had riding horses during his younger days. His cousin, though, is driver Ryan Anderson, which provided Stafford's introduction to the sport.

"As much as I knew about harness racing was when I would go visit Ryan in Chicago and go to the races or to the farm and hang out," Stafford said.

Stafford became immersed in the sport while an equine science major at the University of Kentucky. He lived in an apartment across the street from Red Mile racetrack and worked helping veterinarian John Cummins.

"Going to the track and working on the horses, you're surrounded by it and it just takes over," Stafford said. "It sucks you in. I knew this was what I wanted to do."

As a trainer, Stafford enjoys the challenges of getting a



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Long-time assistant trainer Paul Stafford has gone out on his own.

horse to improve. His youngest horses are 3-year-olds and none are stakes horses.

"We have some horses that are projects, that you have to tinker with and figure out," Stafford said. "It's always gratifying to see a horse cross the wire first, but sometimes it's gratifying just to have it work. A horse might finish third, but you know what, he behaved himself. That's what is satisfying for me.

"This business has never been about the money. It's always about the money at the end of the day because you have to pay your bills, but I love doing this. This is my passion. Because it's never been about the money, it has to be my passion, otherwise I'll go do something else. If I'm not excited coming to work, or doing this for a living, it's time for me to do something else."

Ceraso and Stafford focus on buying 3-year-olds with limited starts that fit lower-level conditioned races with the idea of racing them up through the ranks. Stafford, who as a second trainer gained a lot of experience with Grand Circuit horses, wouldn't mind adding a yearling to the stable with the hopes of developing a stakes star. He sometimes jokingly drops hints to Ceraso about doing so.

"I like the home run angle," Stafford said, adding with a laugh, "We'll get him. Eventually."

Sometimes, it just takes time.

Dallimore so delighted with first-time ownership she travelled to Australia to see her horse race

by Dave Briggs

(Editor's note: This story originally appeared on OntarioRacing.com)

Karen Dallimore calls herself a horse “lifer,” but after some five decades of loving and working with horses, the Ontario-based writer and photographer is proud to call herself a first-time owner of standardbred racehorses – an experience that recently convinced her to jump on a plane to Australia.

“This will be my 50th year into horses. It’s mostly riding horses, but I did spend (about eight years) working with standardbreds on the broodmare end,” Dallimore said.

Dallimore said she worked at famed standardbred nursery Armstrong Bros. for about five years starting in 1985, and then spent another two years as assistant manager of Cantario Farms. She then moved Down Under for a couple of seasons to work at Alabar Farms in Australia and John Curtin’s breeding farm in New Zealand.

“I love the horses, I like the people, but I just never got involved with the racing end of it,” she said. “Unless we had a special trip for a big race – like Armbro used to take all the employees for a big race sometimes – I really didn’t get into it, I felt kind of on the edge of it if I went to the track by myself. I didn’t know how to how to break into (ownership). You go to the trackside and have dinner or something, but I just didn’t feel like I belonged there.”

That was until she heard the charismatic Anthony MacDonald’s speak about his fractional ownership group TheStable.ca at a tack shop in Fergus, ON.

“He was talking a good line. I kind of put it in the back of my mind,” she said.

When TheStable.ca bought its first weanling in 2018, Dallimore thought the time was right to buy a one per cent share in the Thinking Out Loud–Whiteglance colt.

“I like the babies and the rest were just bay horses. I had been out of the industry for so long that I didn’t recognize any of the bloodlines anymore. I had Armbro Flight and Fan Hanover in my time. It was a long time ago. They were not familiar names anymore. So, I thought, ‘He’s cute, he’s gray, he’s young. It sounds like fun. That was the first of it,’” Dallimore said.

When MacDonald went on a speaking tour of Australia in



Courtesy Karen Dallimore

Karen Dallimore meeting her horse “Gwennie” in February at Club Menangle near Sydney.

2019 and purchased two horses at a sale there, Dallimore bought a one per cent share in one of them – Girl From Oz – because of her previous connection to working Down Under and the fact the filly’s nickname is Gwennie.

“I looked at her and said, ‘She’s kind of cute.’ She looked like a workhorse, she looks like she’s all business. I just saw photos on Facebook,” Dallimore said. “They said her name was Gwennie. My mon passed away in 2005 and her name was Gwennie. The hair just went up on my arm. So, I had to



go meet Gwennie. That's what I did in February. I made a trip down to Sydney."

Dallimore jumped on a plane on a Saturday to get there before Gwennie — who is trained in Australia by former Ontario-based horseman Darren McCall — was scheduled to race on a Tuesday at Club Menangle near Sydney. Dallimore arrived in time and met Gwennie, but McCall decided not to race her.

"They were looking for some horses to fill and they opened up the race to colts as well and (Darren) said, 'I won't do that to her at this point,'" Dallimore said. "I went from there to New Zealand and she did race (in Australia) while I was still in New Zealand and I did get a bet in on her. I think she was third in that race."

On Feb. 29, Gwennie broke her maiden and provided TheStable.ca with its first international victory when she won the \$50,000 Pink Bonnet Stakes at Club Menangle. Dallimore was still in New Zealand at that point, and was able to see the victory via simulcast.

"It was a great trip. It's one of those things you say, 'I should do that,' but then you never do. Well, this was an excuse to just do it," Dallimore said. "(TheStable.ca was) all over that. They sent me down with swag — t-shirts and hats. They were just thrilled that I was that enthusiastic. They're fully supportive. (Marketing director) Kelly (Spencer) and Anthony have that energy that makes you feel like anything is possible. If you want to do something, just do it. Don't make an excuse."

While Down Under, Dallimore, also took time to pursue another equine passion — extreme cowboy racing.

"I wanted to do this trip so I said, 'I need a little more excuse' so I called up the extreme cowboy racing association in New Zealand and they invited me to do a clinic and judge a race for them. It was a total 15-day horse trip which is nice," she said.

Even nicer has been Dallimore's experience with TheStable.ca.

"I have friends who are partners in racehorses and there's maybe four of them that go in and there's thousands of dollars invested and you've got to know the other people. It's a big leap of faith to put a group together," Dallimore said. "Anthony has done all that so it's so easy for me to sit back and just enjoy this... He and Kelly are amazing. The way they keep you on top of what's going on and, yet, they will still answer a personal message right away. You really feel special and they know I've only got one per cent, but I really feel like a special part and you're always welcome, which is



Courtesy Karen Dallimore

Karen Dallimore with "Gwennie" and trainer Darren McCall at Club Menangle.

wonderful. You can invest as much time as you like. You can go down and watch them train or just sit back and watch the drone or whatever. I'm kind of looking forward to the racing, which I tried to hit with Gwennie, but that didn't quite work out.

"I can't wait for First Glance to see if he gets racing. He's racing at home and that is going to be a whole different level of excitement for me... If he's racing, I'll be there."

Dallimore said she thinks back to her experience working at breeding farms and wondering how the heck a person made the jump into ownership.

"You walk into the track and it's this huge place and there's a few guys looking at their programs, but really there's no way to could make that connection and that's what Anthony has done. He has made that connection. He's opened that door," Dallimore said.

"Anything with a horse in it is just fine by me, but I'm really enjoying the standardbreds. It's fascinating to see that side of it."

It's even better when that exposure leads one to fly to the other side of the world to see your horse in person.





A salute to Mr. Harness Racing

by Murray Brown

Sometimes in this world of ours, we see situations from afar better than we do when they are right beside us.

Such was the case with me last week when I wrote of a group of people who I believed had worthy qualifications for entrance into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame or the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

Such a person is the man who I named Mr. Harness Racing many years ago.

I see Myron Bell, usually on The Deck, a couple of times a week and occasionally socially with his lovely wife Stephanie.

Myron is a combination of numerous qualities and the occasional defect. So are most of us.

He loves the sport and most of the people in it. Some like him. Some may dislike him. But nobody who knows him or perhaps of him would deny that he has an incredible grasp of the sport, its horses, its people and perhaps his knowledge of pedigrees which may be equaled by a few, but likely surpassed by none.

Why is he worthy of the Hall of Fame you may ask?

I'm sure you noticed that Brittany Farms, for which Myron

has worked as a pedigree consultant and as a racing manager for the last 37 years, received the USHWA Award as harness racing's breeder of the year for 2019 at the Dan Patch Dinner a few weeks ago.

Myron, in addition to Art Zubrod, Gene Riegle, Tony Alagna, Ron Gurfein, Jimmy Takter, Linda Toscano, Bob McIntosh, Myron's wife Stephanie and numerous others, of course, with the financial backing and input of owner George Segal, have all contributed to making Brittany the colossus that it has been for decades.

Our mutual friend, Pacey Mindlin, AKA The Wizard, refers to Myron as the number one manager in all of sports.

Mr. Harness Racing has been an integral part of all the success the farm has enjoyed — in the breeding arena, as a purchaser of potential broodmares and stallions and in the development of harness racing stars.

Before I go further in my praise of him, I need to add that there are some, including myself occasionally, who sometimes view him as a pain in the rear end.

He does not suffer fools gladly. I should perhaps rephrase that statement to read that he does not suffer those that **he regards** as fools gladly.

They are certainly not always the same.

He is not loved by all. But I'll quote a line from the poem No Enemies, "He who has mingled in the fray of duty, that the brave endure, must have made foes. If you have none, small is the work that you have done".

Regarding pedigrees, he is usually correct, but is as stubborn in his opinions as any person that I have ever met.

For example, in my opinion, he never really had the faith in Western Hanover that he should have.

Why? Because he believed and to some extent still believes that his maternal pedigree is a poor one.

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He saw some horses in his maternal family, horses such as Iron Rail and Post Rail, who were solid racehorses but not stars, but no champions until Western Hanovers came around.

If Wendy Mae Hanover traced to Romola, The Old Maid or Nervolo Belle, Myron might feel differently. I'm not sure.

Our fundamental area of disagreement relates to my opinion that different families may have a different genesis in time.

Myron feels if he cannot point to a specific, long-lasting root mare, then the family, in his opinion, is flawed.

I strongly believe that Western Hanover's maternal family is quite strong, but has been fairly recent in its development.

I sense that Myron would be reluctant to term it such.

I recall a three way conversation that Frank "The Elder" Antonacci, Myron and myself had about the pedigree of a great trotting mare on The Deck last winter.

Myron dismissed it as not exciting. Both Frankie and I thought it was a very good one, although the family is young and just recent in beginning.

Now on to his Mr. Harness Racing's achievements.

Among the horses he picked up for the account of George Segal, Brittany Farms or one of his groups are: American Ideal, Captaintreacherous, the international star Propulsion, Tell All, the Triple Crown winner Glidemaster, the Jug winner Mr Feelgood, Western Shore and Real Desire.

Among the noted soon to be or already super broodmares, he had a great hand in securing were Delinquent Account,

Gala Dream, So Fresh, Remember When, The Art Museum and many others who do not immediately come to mind.

At the young age of 79, he still watches races every day. He is out on The Deck watching all of Tony Alagna's stock and those of others at Sunshine Meadows regularly and still often scolds those who in his opinion have erred or who do not meet his standards in knowledge (which is just about everybody at one time or another), sometimes even his boss George Segal.

His favorite whipping boy all around is his younger brother Jeffrey who is as big a fan of racing as Myron himself.

Mr. Harness Racing is not just a passive worker. He puts his money where his mouth is. He presently owns pieces of 27 horses, 26 in the Alagna stable and one in the Lindy Farms operation.

Among the horses he himself owns or has recently owned are Tall Drink Hanover, Bedroom Confessions and It Was Fascination.

The difference between Myron and most owners is that most owners **dream** of having the next champion, Mr. Harness Racing **expects** it.

Somewhere at Sunshine Meadows there is a youngster who likely will become his next champion.

I certainly would not bet against it.

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Late Night Lunacy

by Trey Nosrac

In the morning gloom of room 412 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, I opened one eye. As I waited for the opening salvo of a hangover, fragments of the night before crawled into my brain — Breeders Association weekend, too many drinks, a smug stranger, loud talk, arguing and a wild wager.

How much was real?

Carefully, I slid one leg off the bed and risked opening my other eye. I felt a thud of pain in my head and a wave of nausea. After remaining still for 10 seconds, I slowly reached my left hand to the bedside table and snatched up a crumpled sheet of paper. I read the handwriting:

I, David Telasco, promise that I will bring a minimum of five new buyers to the next horse sale in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and that those new buyers will spend at least \$500,000 buying horses.

— Wager \$1,000

Signed David Telasco and Trey Nosrac

I replayed the evening.

We sat side by side on barstools. The guy next to me was thirtyish, wearing a blue golf shirt, jeans and boat shoes without socks. Fit, with short blond hair, he looked like an advertisement for a magazine layout.

Our first drink was in silence. After a few sips of our second round, the stranger swiveled his head and asked, “Business or pleasure?”

“I raise racehorses. Well, most years, just one horse. I guess you could call me a small-time breeder. The real breeders get together every year to bitch about how the market is going to hell. I was in the neighborhood and slipped in for free food.”

He smiled and extended his hand, “I’m David.”

“Trey.” We shook, and I asked, “What about you, what do you do?”

“I make money, lots of money.”

I chuckled, “Cool, want to buy a horse for lots of money?”

We were off and running.

I stood on shaky legs, gathered myself, and then walked to the desk. Slowly, I lowered myself into a chair and opened my iPad. Five minutes later, I knew the bet was real.

David O. Telasco was a billionaire. He was single (divorced) and 37 years old. He graduated from Duke and entered the venture capital game. His first big score was backing a small company that made medical supplies. He parlayed this with another success, a patented bandage that slowly dissolved on the patient’s skin. He was a noted business savant.

I closed up my iPad. The search proved that last night wasn’t drunken blather. Something happened. When I squeezed my eyes shut and tried to recall, events began to come back in little vignettes.

We were several drinks down the road, halfway between silliness and belligerence. We were both smashed. At some point in the festivities, my new best friend said, “Trey, my man, don’t get stinking rich. Money does not buy happiness.”

I think I replied, “Well, this bar tab is gonna be a monster, so if you pick it up, one of us will be happy.”

We laughed. We were at the stage of the evening when everything could turn into a laugh riot. Then we moved on to the phase where testosterone flowed. I remember one of my comments was suggesting, perhaps in a less-than-kind manner, “You just push around money, what you do is not real.”

He countered with, “Raising a racehorse isn’t going to solve world hunger.”

We came to the self-pity segment of inebriation when I said, “If more people don’t get interested in harness racing, I might be part of the world hunger problem.”

He grumbled, “Money is a curse.”

I said something ridiculous. On and on we went. Stupidity followed stupidity.

The actual wager remains fuzzy. I think it started when my new drinking buddy pointed his finger at me and loudly said, “I could sell horses.”

This boast irked me because he already said he didn’t know anything about harness racing. In fact, at some point, I remembered fumbling with my phone to show him a race because he had never seen one. After he watched, we got into one of those Scotch-propelled side roads. As usual, I began to boast and bemoan harness racing simultaneously. Voices got raised, and challenges were issued.

Somehow, words found their way onto paper.

This morning, I blinked and again looked at the paper. I reread the scrawls thinking there was a good chance that we would never see each other again, and he would forget about our crazy wager.

Four months later...

David did not forget. I recognized him instantly as he walked down the aisle at the Harrisburg sale even though we had not exchanged a word since the evening of the bet.

He walked up to me, shook hands, and he said, "Trey, good to see you. Last time you were a bit fuzzy. Man, that was a night."

I smiled and said, "Didn't think you'd recognize me without red eyes and drool."

"You are recognized and remembered. I still have my copy of our little wager. Unfortunately, you are about to lose a thousand dollars. There are six buyers here, and they will be spending money."

"How do I know that you brought them?"

"They are first time buyers, acquaintances of mine, several from Seattle. They don't know anything about harness horses."

"So what did you do, bankroll them? Are you going to spend a million to win a thousand?"

"No. These people do not need bankrolling. They just needed a little shove."

All I could do was muster a shrug. I pointed to a couple of folding chairs in front of a portable stall, and we sat down.

He began, "From time to time, those of us in the venture capital world enjoy getting together. When we do, we are just like everybody else, goofballs, snobs, slobs, and geeks. But at some level, most of us want to have fun. For a lot of us, having fun is having a challenge. We are risk-takers."

I just spread my hands and gave another shrug.

He continued. "Two months ago, at a retreat on Maui with about 20 of us, I pulled out a trophy and handed out iPads with the sales catalog for this auction pre-loaded."

I said to my cronies, "They are selling more than a thousand baby horses at this sale in Pennsylvania. The way it was explained to me, some of the horses in the sale will eventually race and make money. I'm running a simple contest. You can spend up to \$200,000 buying horses. After you buy them, you send the horses to a trainer; I have a list. You will want to touch base with them before the sale. It's straightforward — at the end of October, the player whose

horses make the most money wins this trophy."

Finally, I found my voice, "They went for this?"

"Five of them, plus myself. We named ourselves the 2020 Racing Guild. It's an ego thing. We are all starting from the same spot in this weird sport. We all think we are the smartest one in the room, and we all figure we will find a way to win. Besides, it's completely new to us, racing and buying horses. You would be surprised how boring having money can be."

"David, I find this hard to believe."

"Why? It's a challenge. I guarantee you that the other Guild members began digging into harness racing that night in Maui. They have been making calls and getting up to speed on your game ever since. You will be amazed at what quick learners these people are and the approaches they will take. They are fearless. And by the way, it's intriguing, the breeding and staking and all that."

I said, "You folks will be bidding for horses against horsemen who have done this all of their lives."

"Not really, the Guild members are playing against each other. My people are not naïve. They grasp concepts, crunch numbers, ask the right questions, and have people that find the right answers. Hell, maybe you should be worried about one of these folks taking over your entire industry if they see a way to make money."

One of the grooms led a filly out of the stall. David watched intently.

I asked, "Is this legit? Are you really in this contest?"

He nodded, "Got a trainer, got my list of yearlings, and my checkbook. I'm ready to rock." He handed me the list. I scanned it. There were ten yearlings; among them was the yearling I had in the sale.

He asked, "Do you have your copy of the wager?"

I took it out of my wallet and handed it to him. He ripped the note into four sections and stuffed them into the front pocket of his jeans. "So tell me about your yearling. Does Trey have any inside information?"

I smiled, "Isn't that cheating?"

He shook his head no, "Let's call it data research."

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From qualifiers to closure – start of Hoosier Park live season halted by COVID-19

The Anderson, IN track will be closed for a minimum of two weeks beginning Monday, delaying the start of the live season originally set for March 27.

by James Platz

Saturday morning Harrah's Hoosier Park played host to the first qualifiers of the year as management and staff readied for the 2020 harness racing season. By Saturday night, the Indiana Gaming Commission announced that the track, casino, and off-track facilities – part of a group of 13 gaming locations regulated by the state – will close for a minimum 14 days beginning at 6 a.m. Monday, March 16. The announcement comes as Indiana combats the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The decision nixes the track's opening night scheduled for Friday, March 27.

The message posted on the IGC's website and similarly echoed on the Indiana Standardbred Breed Development twitter account, reads as follows:

"Based on changing circumstances and in the interest of public health, Indiana licensed gaming and racing operations will close for at least 14 days beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. The Indiana Gaming and Horse Racing Commissions will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as appropriate."

According to breed development's social media posts, the closure will result in the suspension of qualifying races at Hoosier Park during the 14-day period. The track, however, remains open for training for only those horses stabled on the grounds. The dormitories and barn area opened Saturday, March 7. Rick Moore, Hoosier Park's long-time vice-president and general manager of racing, said the closure is in the best interest of all parties in light of coronavirus concerns.

"We'll have to re-evaluate. We can't proceed with our planned opening weekend because the two-week moratorium extends over that period. Obviously we haven't had time internally to discuss all that, but we'll be doing that soon," Moore said. "We're doing everything to comply with what the state wants us to do, and we think it's the right thing to do at this time. Let's be conservative and cautious and hopefully we can get through this in the near future. Right now we want to make sure everyone is safe and healthy here at Harrah's Hoosier Park."

Hoosier Park is preparing for its 27th season of racing, offering 160 programs. The 2020 season also signals the Anderson oval's second opportunity to host the Breeders Crown later this year. The fluid nature of the situation calls into question just when the 2020 season will begin, but Moore is looking forward to focusing on racing once Hoosier Park is cleared to proceed.

"We're going to have a great meet no matter when we open. I'm looking forward to it, we just have to figure out when that's going to be," he said. "Let's take every precaution and get past this."

The Indiana State Department of Health confirmed Friday that 15 individuals have tested positive for the coronavirus across 10 different counties. Hoosier Park is located in Madison County, which has no positive tests.

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I Luv The Nitelife dies due to complications from foaling

Diamond Creek is saddened to report the passing of champion race mare I Luv The Nitelife due to complications from foaling.

"During foaling Nitelife experienced a dystocia where the foal was abnormally positioned," said attending farm veterinarian Dr. Courtney Pink. "Through great efforts we were able to deliver the foal, but unfortunately we lost them both. We are terribly saddened by the loss. May her legacy live on through her foals. She was a tremendous mare and will be greatly missed by all."

In her freshman year, I Luv The Nitelife set a world record of 1:50.1 during the elimination of the She's A Great Lady at Mohawk Park, before also winning the final. She won divisions of the Bluegrass Stakes and Eternal Damnation, cinching the O'Brien award for 2-year-old pacing fillies.

I Luv The Nitelife continued to dominate in her 3-year-old campaign. Wins in the Breeders Crown, Jugette, Fan Hanover, a then record-setting win in the Valley Forge (1:48.4), and more gave her Dan Patch and O'Brien divisional honors in 2013. I Luv The Nitelife retired with earnings of \$1.94 million. At the time, she held the record for the most money won by a female pacer at ages 2 and 3.

"When we agreed to do the live foal cameras this year, we knew there would be a chance that something would go wrong," said Diamond Creek's Adam Bowden. "We feel it is important to show not just the highs but also the lows of life on a breeding farm. Unfortunately, this is one of the lowest moments, not only losing a mare of her caliber in the industry, but also her loss as a much-loved member of the farm."

I Luv The Nitelife has a yearling filly by [Always B Miki](#) who will now be retained by Diamond Creek.

—Diamond Creek Farm

Racing continues in Ohio

There has been clarification from the Ohio State Racing Commission in regard to the continuation of live racing in Ohio. At this time, all racing can proceed. This clarification authorizes the continuation of racing with simulcast-only wagering in place, racing personnel to de minimis levels of only those required, the closure of racing locations to live spectators, and a reduction of horsemen in their paddock workplace to only those that are necessary and essential to race.

Please recognize that in the paddock, as with any workplace, you should maintain social distancing (approximately six feet away from other people) whenever possible, continue to wash hands, maintain proper respiratory etiquette, and above all self-quarantine if you experience any illness symptoms at this time. Thank you for your patience as we continue to proactively monitor and review this situation. We will immediately text any updates to all racing social media outlets and OHHA Emergency Text Blast.

To subscribe to the OHHA Emergency Text Blast, text OHHA to 614-924-8072.

As a reminder on the 2020 OHHA Staking Nomination Due Date of March 15. As in past years when March 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal Holiday, we will recognize nominations as timely submitted if they are received and/or postmarked by March 16. Please make sure that any U.S. Postal Service method enables us to verify the Postmark Date and your nomination contains an Official U.S. Postal Service Postmark. For the sake of fairness, we adhere strictly to this rule for all nominations.

—Frank Fraas / OHHA

Faraldo tests negative for COVID-19

SOA of NY president Joseph Faraldo has been tested and confirmed to be negative for COVID-19 (coronavirus).

He is currently at home recovering from an illness that has now been confirmed to be unrelated to COVID-19.

We all wish him a speedy recovery.

—SOA of New York

McNair to donate Saturday earnings to Canadian Red Cross

Doug McNair, the leading driver at Woodbine Mohawk Park,

has informed track officials that he will be donating all his earnings from Saturday's (March 14) card of racing to the Canadian Red Cross in support of COVID-19 response efforts.

—Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications

Woodbine Mohawk Park issues notice to horsepeople

In light of the rising public concerns over limiting the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Woodbine Entertainment has followed government recommendations and will be closing Woodbine Racetrack and Woodbine Mohawk Park to guests as of today (March 15).

Live racing will continue to operate at Woodbine Mohawk Park with only essential employees and restricted access to the paddock area until further notice.

Woodbine urges all horsepeople to review the following precautionary measures being implemented to maintain live racing.

- Woodbine asks that all trainers bring only essential employees with them to the racetrack. Unless tending to their horses, owners will be unable to access the paddock or grandstand.
- Woodbine asks that all horses, trainers, caretakers and drivers exit the paddock within 30 minutes of their race, if possible.
- The driver's room will have limited access and only be opened to drivers and trainers wishing to change into their driving suits. The lounge area and showers will be closed until further notice to minimize interactions.
- The paddock kitchen will be closed until further notice. Horsepeople are encouraged to bring their own food and drinks for racing, training and qualifiers, as no services will be offered in the grandstand.
- Woodbine will not be able to cash horsemen's cheques during the grandstand closure.

Woodbine thanks our horsepeople for their cooperation during this period and will provide updates regularly.

Horseplayers will still be able to watch and wager on Woodbine Mohawk Park through [HPIbet.com](https://www.hpiibet.com), select Champions Teletheatre locations or their local ADW.

Live racing will be conducted Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Post time is 7:10 p.m.

Temporary suspension of breathalyzer testing in Ontario

Please note that as announced in [Industry Notice: AGCO is temporarily halting breathalyzer testing due to COVID-19](#), the AGCO is temporarily suspending the rules requiring that a breathalyzer test be administered because the collection of

a breath sample creates a potential risk for COVID-19 transmission. Racetrack and AGCO officials will instead rely on a fit-for-duty assessment that does not require the collection of a biological sample.

Required horseracing participants must still report to the paddock judges or clerk of the scales.

The AGCO will continue to monitor the situation to determine how long this measure will be in effect. The regulator is also consulting with public health officials as well as other racing jurisdictions to inform any additional actions.

—AGCO

Harness museum temporarily closed

Due to ongoing concerns about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame is now temporarily closed to the public. All museum events are canceled or postponed while the museum is closed. Please check our website or call for updates.

The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame is located at 240 Main Street in Goshen, New York. For information on the Museum, membership, special events, gift shop services and educational programs the Museum offers, please call (845) 294-6330 or visit www.harnessmuseum.com.

—Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame

2020 HHYF summer programs schedule and applications online

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation's (HHYF) 2020 summer schedule is now available - from Ohio to Delaware to New Jersey to Pennsylvania to New York to Virginia and Indiana. Here's the link for all the dates and application process: <https://hhyf.org/schedule-applications/>.

"Each year HHYF strives to improve elements of our programs and this year's effort is streamlining the registration process making it easier for potential applicants. Assistance from Topline Media has allowed us to create an online registration process which means applications can now be completed and registrations fees paid in one step through our website. Of course, we still have printable applications available too" explained HHYF President Adam Bowden.

All applications (both online and those that will be mailed) must be received no later than June 10, 2020.

HHYF summer programs are conducted in 1-, 3- and 5-day formats. One day programs provide an overview of harnessing, hitching, and driving. Participants must be 10 and up; registration fee is \$25 which includes lunch.

Three day programs allow for more hands on learning and track time to jog members of the HHYF stable. Participants must be ages 11 and up; registration fee is \$250 which includes all meals and lodging (except for the Gaitway Farm event is not a sleepover with a registration fee of \$150).

The five-day Leadership Program is designed for those who have either previously attended a HHYF event or who have some experience with Standardbreds. Participants must be at least 12 years old; registration fee is \$350 which includes all meals and lodging.

Additional questions concerning the 2020 HHYF schedule may be directed to Ellen Taylor, HHYF Executive Director 317.908.0029 or ellen@hhyf.org.

—HHYF

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Dana Parham: Commissioner needed

Twenty-seven people indicted, two others arrested, too many are part of the standardbred industry. Horses being drugged resulting in their death. Pennsylvania governor attempting to cut state money given to racing for purses. Animal rights groups on a mission to end ALL racing. Track handle is laughable while takeouts are at ridiculous levels. We have NO ONE in charge. I don't see how this sport survives if we don't get our act together soon.

Here are my suggestions: We get someone from outside of racing to be our commissioner. We pay him or her a seven-figure salary to guide our sport and make the tough decisions that are needed. All successful sports are led by a strong commissioner. Boxing and racing are rudderless ships.

Attention all Owners, Trainers, Drivers, Jockeys, Racetrack Owners and Operators: It is not a right to be part of racing, it is a PRIVILEGE. With privilege comes responsibility! Thanks to the 29 people indicted, we have been handed a great opportunity to right the ship. It is up to the owners to lead the way and a no-nonsense commissioner would send a message that we are finally serious, that we care about the future of our sport and the great athletes (our horses) that make our sport special. It's enough to make Doves Cry.

—Dana Parham / Odds on Racing

In the aftermath of the arrests

Here are some things to think about going forward. Okay, so far, the Feds have busted 29 people, some harness, some thoroughbreds, for doping racehorses. First of all, I'd like to give kudos to Jeff Gural, who banned some of these trainers from the Meadowlands, and his other two tracks, Tioga and Vernon. Gural got a lot of criticism when he did that, but not from horseplayers.

Let's get something straight here: when a doped up horse wins a race, that race was a fixed race. That's right, folks. According to federal law, that's considered "tampering with a sporting contest." As of now, we don't know exactly how the courts are going to prosecute these alleged horse doping crimes, but we do know that if these men are proven guilty of doping, that means that they're race fixers, and that's a felony.

Another point I'd like to make, many people in the industry are constantly talking about spending more money on drug testing. Obviously, drug testing is not working, because these trainers had their horses tested. It's unfortunate, but if a racetrack wants clean racing, it has to have some sort of surveillance. Once again, Gural hired a private investigator to help weed out the criminals. Also, we still have to address the Lasix issue. Thoroughbred racing is starting to phase Lasix out. Harness racing has to decide if it wants to continue to allow horses to be drugged on race day. These recent arrests are a black eye on the industry and maybe it's time to start showing the public that we don't have to race our horses on drugs, which, by the way, is how they race everywhere else in the world, with no race day meds. And, this is a good opportunity to find out if Lasix can be used to mask other drugs. Ask the alleged race fixers if Lasix made it easier for them to hide the drugs they were giving the horses.

Finally, from now on, all racetracks have to start doing a better job at keeping the races honest. It may be time for the

industry to get behind the Horseracing Integrity Act (H.R.1754), which would create a national uniform medication program for the entire horse racing industry. I also propose that we create a point system for trainers, and owners. Every time your horse gets a drug positive, you get points and after a certain amount of points are accrued, you're not allowed to own or train race horses ever again.

Let's get real here. Everyone with at least half a brain knew that certain trainers were doping their horses. Why let them race when you know that they're doping? Obviously, you can't kick out every successful trainer, but some are blatantly obvious. Thoroughbred trainer Jorge Navarro is the worst, in my opinion. He has a lifetime win percentage of 28 per cent and he claims ordinary horses and turns them into superstars practically overnight. For years, everyone knew he was drugging horses. The fans call him "The Juice Man". Several of his horses have died from drug abuse. Tracks like Monmouth Raceway, where he was the perennial leading trainer, should have banned him years ago. Let's get smart about our product and our image. Let's start protecting the horses, the bettors, and the honest owners and trainers. Let's not kill racing.

—**Bob Pandolfo / Northampton, PA**

To Ron Gurfein, Re: Nick Surick

Ron,

As a regular HRU reader (and a 35-year reporter in the 'Fake News Media,' although in Canada) I recall how outraged you were last year when Nick Surick was briefly suspended. He was quickly reinstated, but there's evidence now that Nick's tremendous recent success is not because of good feed and liniment.

What say ye now, in defense of Mr. Surick? Is it all a big mistake?

When will you acknowledge that harness racing — a game that small bettors like me love and continue to stick with, even though we know we're being cheated by chemists and trainers who use their concoctions — needs to make a pre-emptive strike against the cheaters?

Whose side are you on?

Will you and the Burkes and Taktors and Moreaus of the standardbred world acknowledge that cheating is one of the biggest reasons why the betting whales have abandoned our game? I bet \$20 a race. Unless and until the guys who bet \$2,000 a race come back, our game is f - - - ed, buddy.

You are a shill for them, until I see otherwise.

—**Jack Lakey / Toronto, ON**

Bettors dilemma - to bet or not?

Well, with all the investigations, testing and scrutiny by all matters of authorities, we find ourselves in a should we bet or shouldn't we bet conundrum. Common sense would seem to dictate we pause until all four feet have dropped. One would think that if you're an unscrupulous trainer and you have been using non-approved animal medication, this would be the time to pause its usage and with that decision we should see performances all over the map. But, with the current state of many track officials burying their heads in the sand it could be business as usual. So ask yourselves if this is the kind of "maybe-world" you want to risk your hard-earned dollars in? Like the coronavirus, maybe for the time being we let it run its course.

Well over a year ago, I suggested that a certain leading Freehold trainer seemed to be winning at a statistically impossible rate to which Mr. Surick was kind enough in this very venue to respond that his supernatural numbers and percentages were the result of smart class placement. In looking at the recent indictments by Federal US Attorney Geoffrey Berman, it would appear Mr Surick "Got Some 'Splaining to Do."

Make no mistake, these federal indictments could and should be the tipping point needed to begin the cleansing and transparency this industry needs so badly. Keep in mind that millennials will not be entertained by 3-card-monte type racetrack games. A new day of integrity and transparency is here, either change the business-as-usual or move out of the way of meaningful entertainment.

—**David Perry / Dearborn, MI**

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY *report*

Friday's Results:

4, MVR, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES N/W \$8000 IN LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 8 PM RACES OR \$70,000 LIFETIME AE: CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.1, 55.0, 1:22.2, 1:52.0, FT

1-Johns Baby Girl (m, 6, Big Bad John--Locomotion Baby, by Camotion) \$8,000, \$30,000 2015 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 98-21-16-9, \$155,323
O-Galliers Racing LLC & Keith J Pippi. B-Alvin L B Schwartz. T-Brady Galliers. D-Brady Galliers.

2-Satisfashion (m, 5, The Panderosa--Parklane Powerful, by Sportsmaster) \$4,000, Lifetime Record: 79-8-11-10, \$108,873
O-Shirley A Le Vin. B-Shirley A Le Vin. T-Jeff Smith. D-Trevor Smith.

3-Champagne Shower (m, 9, Santanna Blue Chip--Flyingtomoon Rayno, by Yankee Cam) \$1,920, \$2,000 2012 CAN-YS, Lifetime Record: 220-40-33-24, \$359,288
O-Mark J Jakubik. B-Sotirios Anastasopoulos, CA. T-Peter Redder. D-Dan Noble.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1H, 4, 4H, 5Q - Finish Order: Rocking Zoe, Princess Rougarou, Model, Straightontherocks, Always Woggy, Blues Queen

6, MVR, \$25,000, Pace, HERB COVEN JR. MEMORIAL LATE CLOSER - FILLIES & MARES N/W 4PM RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME ON 2-15-20 CHAMPIONSHIP, 27.2, 55.3, 1:23.1, 1:51.3, FT

1-Eyespywithmylileyen (m, 5, Mach Three--Eye Contact, by Bettor's Delight) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 16-6-4-2, \$55,376
O-Trent Stohler Stable Inc. B-Mrs P S Screen, NZ. T-Alesha Binkley. D-John De Long.

2-Pace Baby Pace (m, 4, Sweet Lou--Breakheart Pass, by Western Hero) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 32-3-3-6, \$117,911
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

3-Spee Dee Shark (m, 5, Shark Gesture--Google, by Damien Seelster) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 23-6-3-5, \$44,210
O-Michael J Perrin. B-Michael J Perrin. T-Robert Taylor. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 2, 2H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Jazzie Babe, Dragonfly, Atoritotell, Heerz Hoosierhunny, Sweet Sue, Hilary Barry N

8, MVR, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES N/W \$8000 IN LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 8 PM RACES OR \$70,000 LIFETIME AE: CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.1, 55.2, 1:23.2, 1:52.0, FT

1-Danikova (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Danika Hanover, by Western Hanover) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 75-14-10-9, \$176,107
O-Sam Mignano. B-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & M1 Stable LLC. T-Sam Mignano. D-Brett Miller.

2-Dojea Rita (m, 4, Tellitlikeitis--Maid's Last Work, by Dream Work) \$4,000, \$3,200 2017 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 47-17-9-5, \$131,530
O-Joe B Smith & Michelle Graves. B-Dojea Stables. T-Donna Loney. D-Trace Tetrack.

3-Newsday (m, 5, Art Major--Good News Lady, by Western Ideal) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 61-7-15-6, \$252,662
O-William A Hartt. B-Brittany Farms LLC & Val D'Or Farms. T-Michael Hitchcock. D-Tyler Smith.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1Q, 1Q, T, NK - Finish Order: Vow To Wow, Rock The Look, Chicago Sky, Eliza Dushku N, Dont Mach Mia

10, MVR, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES N/W \$10,000 IN LAST 4 OR \$12,500 LAST 5 STARTS AE: N/W 10 PM RACES AT EXT. MEETS, 27.3, 56.1, 1:23.4, 1:52.3, FT

1-Tiffany Rocks As (m, 5, Pet Rock--Twincreeks Jewel, by Dragon Again) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 73-13-19-9, \$184,266
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Anette Karin Lorentzon & Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

2-Letme Fly Low (m, 5, Rockin Image--Psychotic, by Art Major) \$4,500, \$45,000 2016 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 68-12-11-12, \$215,685
O-Ct Stables LLC. B-Mystical Marker Farms LLC & Peggy C Hood & Ervin Miller Stable Inc. T-John Ackley. D-Brett Miller.

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Majestic Virgin (m, 4, Always A Virgin--Fox Valley Tulip, by Cole Muffler) \$2,160, \$9,500 2017 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 46-9-6-5, \$131,030
O-Ian A Fleming, CA. B-Jerry D Graham. T-Jason Brewer. D-Jason Brewer.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1, 1, 1H, NS - Finish Order: Cult Icon, Llama Llama, Always Giggling, Always About Farah, Night Time Again, Sandy Sue

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Friday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$21,500 LIFETIME, 28.3, 58.3, 1:27.4, 1:55.4

1-Lauras Love (b,f,3 - Betterthancheddar-Fit N Bad-Badlands Hanover) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$32,500

O-John Pentland, Gracie Mae Barr B-Winbak Farm T-John Pentland D-Bob McClure



2-Siochan (b,f,3 - Warrawee Needy-Clonlara T-Falcons Future)

O-Debi Obrienmoran B-Debi Obrienmoran T-Debi Obrienmoran D-Louis Philippe Roy

3-Laila Blue (b,f,3 - Art Major-Delightful Diva-Bettors Delight)

O-Douglas Good B-Crawford Farms Llc T-Stephanie Jamieson D-Jody Jamieson

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2, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE OR \$9,000 LIFETIME. WITH ALLOWANCES, 29, 59, 1:27.3, 1:56.3

1-Bottle Of Red (b,f,3 - Heston Blue Chip-Red Zinfandel-Allamerican Native) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$16,200

O-Thestable Bottle Of Red B-Winbak Farm T-Kevin McMaster D-Anthony Macdonald



2-In The News (b,f,3 - Sportswriter-Winbak Isabella-Western Hanover)

O-Mark & Shawn Steacy, Stephen Klunowski B-Winbak Farm T-Shawn Steacy D-James Macdonald

3-La Belle Rebella (b,f,3 - Sportswriter-Cams Cupid-Cams Card Shark)

O-Home Stretch Holdings Inc B-Joanne Wray T-Jerry Duford D-Chris Christoforou

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5, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$6,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$17,700 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NOT AVERAGING \$1,450 PER START IN 2019-20. (MIN 10 STARTS) AE: OPT. CLM. \$18,000, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:53.4

1-Sunday Afternoon (b,m,5 - Dali-Manhattan Killeen-Run The Table) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 73-15-8-9, \$197,445

O-Kelly Waxman B-Luc Ouellette, Zorica Martino T-William Budd D-Douglas McNair

2-This Dragon Rocks (b,m,6 - Dragon Again-Rockumentary-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-Corey Johnson, Thomas Kyron, Link Stb, Michael Goldberg B-Perretti Farms T-Corey Johnson D-Louis Philippe Roy

3-Tajmeallover (b,m,9 - Tajma Hall-Watch Over Me-As Promised)

O-Jean Francois Gagne, Peter Van Seggelen, Carl Warnaar, Tapron Holdings Ltd B-Jean Francois Gagne T-Jean Francois Gagne D-Jean Francois Gagne

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6, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 4 RACES OR \$62,000 LIFETIME, 27.3, 56.2, 1:24.4, 1:54.4

1-Smile Sally (b,m,4 - Ok Boromir-Smile By A Mile-Grinfromeartoeat) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 46-5-2-5, \$57,860

O-Steven Binkley B-Kenneth Albrecht T-James Ellis D-Phillipe Hudon

2-Back In The Game (b,m,4 - Articulator-Troxel Hanover-Badlands Hanover)

O-Kevin Harvey, Charles Bowlin B-River Valley Management T-Tony Osullivan D-Louis Philippe Roy

3-Erikas Shadow (b,m,4 - Shadow Play-Erikastar Mindale-Astros)

O-Gordon Dancetovic B-Gordon Dancetovic T-Gordon Dancetovic D-Ryan Desroche

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

7, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$11,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$22,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$80,000 LIFETIME. AE: NA \$1,810 PER START IN 2019-20, 28, 56.2, 1:23.2, 1:52.3

1-Reclamation (b,m,5 - A Rocknroll Dance-Art Sale-Artsplace) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 39-17-10-4, \$184,180

O-W J Donovan, Donal Murphy B-Courant A B T-Richard Moreau D-Louis Philippe Roy

2-Lady Rocknrolla A (br,m,5 - A Rocknroll Dance-Educated Lady-Art Major)

O-Stephen Klunowski B-F Egilda T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

3-Cracklin Rosie (ch,m,7 - Badlands Hanover-Honeys Bud Lite-Park Place)

O-Adriano Sorella, Ecurie CSL B-Luc Ouellette T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair

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8, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, NW \$6,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$14,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NOT AVERAGING \$1,170 PER START IN 2019-20. (MIN 10 STARTS) AE: OPT. CLM. \$20,000, 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.2, 1:56.1

1-Mister Magic (b,g,5 - Kadabra-Daylon Mistress-Duke Of York) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 51-13-7-4, \$145,548

O-Wheelhouse Racing Stable B-Herb Liverman T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

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2-Esquire (b,g,7 - Kadabra-Earl Of My Dreams-Earl)

O-Gino Toscani B-Charalambos Christoforou T-Herbert Holland D-Sylvain Filion

3-Muscles Jared (b,g,6 - Muscle Massive-Tetiana-Kadabra)

O-Blue Oak Stables, Harbhajan Singh Dhillon, Darryl Kaplan, Green And Gold Ltd B-Al Libfeld T-Duane Marfisi D-Jody Jamieson

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9, Wbs, \$26,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$25,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW \$175,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$60,000, 29, 58, 1:26, 1:53.2

1-Sly Eleanor N (b,m,7 - Mcardle-Girl In The Mist-Armbo Operative) \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 53-12-10-9, \$182,183

O-Gary Lance, BC Reichheld Stables, Brian Samis B-C A P M Chalklen T-Gary Lance D-Jody Jamieson

2-Double A Mint (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Double Creme-Albert Albert)

O-Farhi Standardbreds Corp B-Stephen Dey T-Richard Moreau D-Louis Philippe Roy

3-Sandbetweenurtoes (b,m,9 - Somebeachsomewhere-Als Girl-Artsplace)

O-Bradley Grant B-John Carver T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

MIAMI VALLEY RACEWAY *report*

Saturday's Results:

5, MVR, \$15,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:53.0, GD

1-Cantescapemydesire (g, 8, Real Desire--Beach Escape, by Artiscape) \$7,500, \$4,000 2013 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 73-17-7-13, \$110,263

O-Perry W Smith. B-Keith A Hollendonner. T-Perry Smith. D-Trevor Smith.

2-Ram N Desire (g, 5, Rambaran--Hidden Desire, by Real Desire) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 50-16-8-5, \$102,653

O-Carl T Howard & Bottom Line Racing LLC & Virgil V Morgan Jr. B-Coriden Inc, CA. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brett Miller.

3-Im So Handsome (g, 9, Hot Pans--Cheyenne Rose, by Cam's Card Shark) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 222-42-36-31, \$275,920

O-Tessa M Perrin. B-Royal R & Barbara E Roland. T-J D Perrin. D-Dan Noble.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1, 1, NS, 1 - Finish Order: Cool Like That, Persistent Threat A, Jd's Macca Lodge, Sonofa Sizzle, Armabluechipboy N, Deweyiddonegood, Venom



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6, MVR, \$24,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN I, 26.2, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:52.3, GD

1-My Hero Ron (g, 8, Well Said--Erma La Em, by Cam's Card Shark) \$12,000, \$80,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 167-36-34-36, \$990,663
O-Brian Witt. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Danny Dubeansky. D-Tyler Smith.



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GRADUATE

2-Hallie's Comet (g, 6, Roddy's Bags Again--Joyanna, by Badlands Hanover) \$6,000, Lifetime Record: 110-16-22-18, \$306,681

O-Racing To Win Stable. B-Benjamin C Stafford & Dorothy A Hock & Katherine A Ricci. T-Jordan Hope. D-Jeremy Smith.

3-Gerardo (g, 5, Rockin Image--Amarillo Sky, by Modern Art) \$2,880, Lifetime Record: 73-11-25-11, \$246,440

O-Mark R Bogen. B-Melanie Wrenn. T-Kayne Kauffman. D-Kayne Kauffman.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 4H, 1H, T, NS, HD - Finish Order: Fan Of Terror, General Dolan, I'm A Big Deal, Lifeonthebeach A, Big Bad Mike

7, MVR, \$15,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS N/W 6 PM RACES AT EXT. MEETS AE: N/W \$60,000 LIFETIME, 27.4, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:52.3, GD

1-Seattle Hanover (g, 4, Dragon Again--Scarlet's Western, by Western Hanover) \$7,500, \$27,000 2017 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 35-6-5-6, \$193,972

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Lawrence R Karr & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Bruscelli LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.



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2-Lion Rock N (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Trilby, by Artsplace) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 41-5-12-9, \$82,307

O-Stephen C Bateson & Harold J Moore & Patrick J Dillon, CA. B-Cambridge Sdb Stud Limited, NZ. T-Jason Brewer. D-Jason Brewer.

3-Modern Rock As (g, 5, Pet Rock--Modesta Hall, by Cambest) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 30-4-5-3, \$59,665

O-Acl Stuteri Ab. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Kayne Kauffman.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, T, 1, 1H, 3Q - Finish Order: Mcmoe, Iam Erik N, Rockette Baby, Big Sky Hanover, Are Dee, Taragon, The Thunder Rolls

8, MVR, \$27,500, Pace, GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LATE CLOSER - HORSES & GELDINGS N/W 4 PM RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME ON 2-15-20 CHAMPIONSHIP, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.0, 1:52.0, GD

1-Gold Digger King (g, 4, Pet Rock--Hope For Pot Gold, by Panspacificflight) \$13,750, Lifetime Record: 28-7-8-3, \$171,097

O-Linda E Van Camp. B-T D Van Camp. T-Scott Mogan. D-Brett Miller.

2-Diesel Accelerator (g, 4, Big Bad John--So Very Nice, by Camluck) \$6,875, \$11,000 2017 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 31-5-8-7, \$70,365

O-Tonya R Keckler. B-Tonya R Keckler. T-Dan Ater. D-Kyle Ater.

3-Dashing To Da Wire (h, 4, Charley Barley--Flower Pot, by Dragon Again) \$3,300, Lifetime Record: 50-12-7-9, \$120,703

O-Brian Witt. B-Marion Beachy & Lisa C Ezzo. T-Larry Finn. D-Dan Noble.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, H, T, 1, 1 - Finish Order: Friday Night Blues, Lieutenant, Gunneedabgrboat A, E Mode's Desire, Unlikeanyother, Peter Dalt, A Stud Named Sam

9, MVR, \$15,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.1, 1:52.2, GD

1-Artsmah (g, 8, Western Ideal--Classy Yankee, by Life Sign) \$7,500, \$8,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 168-25-28-22, \$331,525

O-Carl T Howard & Bottom Line Racing LLC & Virgil V Morgan Jr. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brett Miller.



ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

2-Bngs Express (g, 8, Ameripan Gigolo--Pantagram, by The Panderosa) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 169-30-29-17, \$231,271

O-Perry W Smith. B-Thomas J Hawco Jr, CA. T-Perry Smith. D-Trevor Smith.

3-Jigtime Jones (g, 6, Western Paradise--Gold Luck, by Camluck) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 120-14-19-12, \$136,220

O-Jim R Mattingly. B-Blaine E & Donna M Hannay, CA. T-Art Gregory Jr. D-Trace Tetrack.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1Q, 1, 2, 2H, 4 - Finish Order: Lucky Mctrucky, Colossal, Winning Is Sweet, Monte Cristo, Starlite Kid, Gear Upn Go Moe, Panoramic View



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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

10, MVR, \$16,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS N/W \$8000 IN LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 8 PM RACES OR \$70,000 LIFETIME, 27.1, 54.3, 1:22.1, 1:51.1, GD

1-Escapetothebeach (g, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Shelliscape, by Artiscap) \$8,000, \$175,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 38-8-7-7, \$306,471
O-Odds On Racing. B-Bamond Racing LLC. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brett Miller.

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 **Preferred Equine** YEARLING & MIXED SALE GRADUATE

2-Hunchie (g, 10, No Pan Intended--Famous Hunch, by Apaches Fame) \$4,000, \$12,000 2011 CAN-YS, Lifetime Record: 253-38-31-35, \$339,773
O-Frederick A Reed IV. B-Glengate Farms, CA. T-Chris Short. D-Cameron McCown.

3-Mykindachip (g, 11, Art's Chip--Figmental, by Precious Bunny) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 233-60-37-37, \$940,282
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr. B-John R Miller. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1H, 1, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Rose Run Uriah, He's Electric, Missile J, Buckethead Fred, Fox Valley Rebel, Lucky Lime, A True Rock Star

11, MVR, \$18,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS N/W \$10,000 IN LAST 4 STARTS, 27.0, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:52.0, GD

1-Granite (g, 7, Real Desire--Precious Stone, by Western Ideal) \$9,000, \$20,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 134-31-27-20, \$559,185
O-The Panhellenic Stb Corp. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Ken Rucker. D-Jeremy Smith.

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 **Preferred Equine** MIXED SALE GRADUATE

2-Snowball's Romeo (g, 7, McArdle--Only Gossip, by The Panderosa) \$4,500, \$30,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 111-15-31-17, \$233,252
O-Philippe L Belanger & Jeffrey A Koesters. B-Russell C Swank. T-Philippe Belanger. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.

3-Docdor Friskie (g, 7, Feelin Friskie--Lady Shuffle, by Cam's Card Shark) \$2,160, \$19,000 2014 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 103-22-13-17, \$302,039
O-Miller Racing Stable Inc. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Ryan Miller. D-Kayne Kauffman.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1, 1, 2, 4, 6H - Finish Order: J J Tanner, Bogey Buds, Ashlee's Four Star, Angelo J Fra, Ghost Pine, Champion Rock, Blazin Baron

12, MVR, \$20,000, Pace, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN II, 27.2, 54.4, 1:23.1, 1:51.2, GD

1-Shagnwiththedragon (g, 6, Dragon Again--Lady Terror, by Western Terror) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 89-21-8-15, \$189,556
O-Tessa M Perrin & Eim Racing. B-Glenview Livestock LTD, CA. T-J D Perrin. D-Dan Noble.

2-Lifewithjohn (g, 6, Big Bad John--This Is My Life, by Life Sign) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 86-14-12-7, \$159,013
O-Ffl Tough Bird Racing & Glenn E Congrove & Dream Catcher Racing. B-Carol Jean Noble. T-Aaron Hamilton. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.

3-Whiskey Friskie (g, 7, Feelin Friskie--Be My Lucky Star, by Camluck) \$2,400, \$16,000 2014 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 166-16-33-27, \$299,844
O-Scott B Albaugh & Bradley N Delaney. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Deborah Swartz. D-Brett Miller.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1H, 1, H, 1, H - Finish Order: Rockn Motion, Royale Rose, Feelnlikearockstar, American Dreamer, Ponderingjacksfame, Grantmeawish, Captain Dolmio N

NORTHFIELD PARK report

Saturday's Results:

10, Nfld, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP (POST POSITIONS 1, 6 & 7 ASSIGNED; DRAW 2-3; DRAW 4-5), 27.2, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:52.3, FT

1-Blue Ivy (m, 4, Captaintreacherous--Ali Blue, by American Ideal) \$8,000, \$90,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 33-13-5-4, \$217,485
O-Renee J Bercury. B-Marvin Katz, CA & Sam A Goldband, CA. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.

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2-Mystical Virgin (m, 6, Always A Virgin--Mystical Madison, by Cam's Card Shark) \$4,000, Lifetime Record: 107-15-24-17, \$175,179
O-Rebecca R Sugg & Edward J Miller. B-Mystical Marker Farms LLC. T-Edward Miller. D-Kurt Sugg.

3-Mcdazzle (m, 6, Art Official--Dream Mcqueen, by McArdle) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 114-28-25-27, \$348,836
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Mark L Marroletti. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

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SARATOGA HARNESS *report*

Saturday's Results:

6, Stga, \$15,000, Pace, Open Handicap Post Position Nos. 1 & 2 and 5 - Assigned Post Position Nos. 3 & 4 - Drawn, 27.2, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:54.1, FT

1-Franco Tristan N (g, 8, McArdle--Thoroughly Franco, by Badlands Hanover) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 58-14-13-11, \$135,287

O-Scheigert Racing Stbl LLC. B-Spreydon Lodge LTD, NZ. T-Amanda Kelley. D-Billy Dobson.

2-Betterlatethnnever (g, 11, Western Terror--Lady Graceful, by Camluck) \$3,750, \$120,000 2010 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 114-42-17-15, \$366,510

O-Nickerson Racing LLC & David M Glazer, CA. B-Perfect World Enterprises. T-Jimmy Nickerson. D-Jay Randall.

3-Croquets Cullen N (g, 9, Christian Cullen--Let It Be, by Holmes Hanover) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 147-33-21-17, \$310,295

O-Larry D Stalbaum. B-D M & M A Cottrell, NZ. T-Tracy Tarantino. D-Larry Stalbaum.

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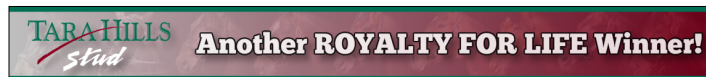
WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$22,000, Trot, NW 6 (FM 7) RACES OR \$70,000 (FM \$87,500) LIFETIME. AE: N/A \$1,600 PER START IN 2019-20, 27.4, 57.1, 1:26, 1:54

1-Zig Zag (b,g,4 - Royalty For Life-Lady Donato-Donato Hanover) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 20-5-5-2, \$94,118

O-Benoit Baillargeon, Claude Hamel, Richard Thompson, Santo Vena B-Garth & Glenn Bechtel T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Sylvain Filion



2-P L Matt (b,g,4 - Kadabra-P L Fairlady-Striking Sahbra)

O-Benoit Baillargeon, Santo & Nunzio Vena, Claude Hamel B-Prince Lee Acres T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Mario Baillargeon

3-Meeas Dream (b,g,4 - Kadabra-Always Dreaming-Striking Sahbra)

O-Brenda Mitchell, Douglas Elen B-Brenda Mitchell T-Thomas Riley D-Douglas McNair

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2, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace, PREFERRED, 26.4, 56, 1:23.4, 1:50.4

1-Wheels On Fire (b,g,5 - Somebeachsomewhere-Ab Fab-Western Ideal) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 46-18-5-6, \$264,983

O-W J Donovan B-W J Donovan T-Richard Moreau D-Louis Philippe Roy

2-Easy Lover Hanover (b,g,7 - Somebeachsomewhere-Easy Go Go-Pro Bono Best)

O-Bradley Grant B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Benjamin Wallace D-Douglas McNair

3-Evenwood Sonofagun (b,g,8 - The Firepan-Im The Last-Raque Bogart)

O-Raymond Huschka B-John Nicholson T-Colin Johnson D-Bob McClure

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3, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, NW \$11,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$22,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000, 26.3, 54.4, 1:23, 1:51.2

1-Foot Soldier (b,g,5 - Mach Three-Catch A Wish-Jennas Beach Boy) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 49-10-4-9, \$126,945

O-Millar Farms B-Millar Farms T-Nick Gallucci D-Bob McClure

2-Classic Pro (b,g,6 - Shadow Play-Kattimon-Astreos)

O-Bill Manes, Steven Papillon B-Winbak Farm T-Gerald Lilley D-Jody Jamieson

3-Sweet N Fast N (b,g,6 - Christian Cullen-Sweet Perrier-Elsu)

O-Stephen Klunowski B-G B Ralston, D M Keating T-Shawn Steacy D-James Macdonald

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4, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, NW \$16,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$27,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$45,000. AE: NW \$120,000 LIFETIME, 26.3, 55, 1:23.2, 1:51.2

1-Nocturnal Bluechip (br,g,7 - Bettors Delight-Mcarts N Crafts-Mcardle) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 114-22-15-22, \$575,411

O-Nlg Racing Stable B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-Jeffrey Gillis D-Trevor Henry

2-Keep Coming (b,g,7 - Mystery Chase-Keystone Divine-Western Hanover)

O-Rachel Andrew, Travis Cullen B-Meridian Farms T-Rachel Andrew D-Travis Cullen

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Cliffhanger (br,g,4 - Vintage Master-Mystery Game-Artistic Fella)

O-Bradley Grant B-Brittany Farms Llc T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair

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5, Wbs, \$30,000, Pace, NW \$31,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW \$215,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$80,000, 27.1, 55.2, 1:23.1, 1:50.2

1-Points North (b,g,5 - Somebeachsomewhere-Northwest Hanover-Western Hanover) \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 42-13-4-5, \$262,566

O-Kelly Waxman, Loredana Cirillo B-Pinske Stables T-Carmen Auciello D-Jody Jamieson

2-American Virgin (b,g,8 - Always A Virgin-Flyfly Judith-Presidential Ball)

O-Bradley Grant B-Ohio State Ati T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair

3-Play Jet Ray (b,g,5 - Shadow Play-Woes Jet Filly-Jet Laag)

O-Klein Racing Stables Llc B-Yves Raymond T-Julie Robinson D-Trevor Henry

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6, Wbs, \$20,000, Trot, NW 3 (FM 5) RACES OR \$45,000 (FM \$72,000) LIFETIME, 28.2, 58.3, 1:27.4, 1:56

1-Sombre (br,g,5 - Northern Escort-Quelene Bayama-Fill V) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 46-3-5-8, \$46,019

O-Wheelhouse Racing Stable B-Emmanuel Macret T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

2-Royal Rhythm (b,m,4 - Royalty For Life-Lucy-Federal Flex)

O-Glengate Farms B-Glengate Farms T-Patrick Hunt D-Sylvain Filion

3-Kuil Deva (b,m,6 - Federal Flex-Our Kuli Girl-Brisco Hanover)

O-James Whelan, Terry & Clarence Devos B-James Whelan, Terry Devos T-James Whelan D-James Whelan

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7, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$17,000 LAST 10 STARTS, 27.1, 56.1, 1:23.3, 1:51.2

1-Major Hill (b,g,7 - Art Major-Bunnys Legacy-Western Hanover) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 166-19-26-19, \$424,946

O-Percy Elkins B-Tom Hill T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury



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GRADUATE

2-Rock This Way (br,g,6 - Rocknroll Hanover-Racy Gal Hanover-Modern Art)

O-Santo & Nunzio Vena B-Santo & Nunzio Vena T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Sylvain Filion

3-Hp Napoleon (br,g,4 - Big Jim-Amenable Hanover-Dragon Again)

O-Claude Hamel B-Claude Hamel, Celine Paquin T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Louis Philippe Roy

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8, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 4 RACES OR \$53,000 LIFETIME, 27.3, 57.1, 1:25.1, 1:53.4

1-Prestige Seelster (br,g,4 - Sunshine Beach-Pantecostal-No Pan Intended) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 38-4-6-11, \$99,277

O-Hudson Standrbrd Stb Inc, Gestion Mastel Inc, Conrad Leber B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Shawn Steacy D-James Macdonald

2-Blu Crew (b,g,4 - Heston Blue Chip-Crew Angel-Abercrombie)

O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Richard Moreau D-Louis Philippe Roy

3-Caviart Cale (b,g,4 - Art Major-Caviart Cameron-Western Hanover)

O-Kelly Goodwin, Deborah Spikeperce, Sarah Goodwin B-Caviart Farms T-Robert Don Fellows D-Sylvain Filion

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9, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, NW 6 RACES OR \$75,000 LIFETIME, 26.1, 56.3, 1:24, 1:51.4

1-Arukidinme Cabbie (br,g,5 - Big Jim-Arukiddinme-Make A Deal) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 35-6-6-5, \$84,990

O-Gino Toscani B-Richard Fife T-Herbert Holland D-Sylvain Filion

2-Grand Poobah (b,g,4 - Mach Three-Warrawee Limelight-Astros)

O-Stephen Klunowski B-Stephen Klunowski T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

3-Night Stick (b,g,4 - Western Ideal-Lauren Order-Dragon Again)

O-Kelly Hoerd, Fred Gilbert, David Mooney B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Richard Moreau D-Louis Philippe Roy

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