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Vive la France!

French trotter Etonnant recovered from a break and then went three or four wide in the Solvalla stretch to win Sunday's Elitloppet

by Thomas Hedlund

EUROPEAN REPORT



with **THOMAS HEDLUND**

There were some question marks surrounding France's **Etonnant** (Timoko) ahead of the start in Sunday's (May 29) \$1,015,000 Elitloppet at Solvalla. Would the big-gaited trotter get along with a 5/8 mile track? Would he even be behind the gate as the car accelerated? Etonnant came to Stockholm with a history of problems behind the gate in French races, so post 7 in his Elitloppet elimination was not too bad for him.

Trainer Richard Westerink's trotter ended up fourth in his elimination, an elimination where title defender Don Fanucci Zet impressed a lot via a first over trip in 1:51. Yet, Etonnant, driven by Anthony Barrier, clearly was ready for the final.

Adam Ström ställt

Driver (Anthony Barrier) lifts his leg in the air at the wire to celebrate Etonnant's victory in Sunday's \$1,015,000 Elitloppet at Solvalla. Etonnant won the final in 1:51.3.



The second elimination was quite spectacular when leader Night Brodde was beaten in the end of the last turn by Hail Mary and Vivid Wise As attacking three wide. Behind Hail Mary – who was strong in the last half mile despite racing three wide – followed the bettors' last choice, Mister F.Daag, who sprinted to a safe win in 1:51.1.

For the final, Etonnant drew number 7 again, while Don Fanucci Zet got post 1 behind the gate. The latter went off stride as the car left the field and Click Bait (runner up behind Don Fanucci Zet in the elimination) opened quickly for the lead. Driver Ulf Ohlsson was determined and opted to drive in front when Erik

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It was a happy Elitloppet victory for Etonnant's French connections.

Adielsson was poised to take over the lead in the first turn. Click Bait in front, Hail Mary on the outside and after a quarter of a mile, Matthieu Abrivard left his position in third over with Vivid Wise As (third in his elimination), in hunt for position first over. And Vivid Wise As landed outside the leader with a half mile remaining, but the most remarkable situation was just before when Etonnant tried to follow Vivid Wise As three wide throughout the turn. Etonnant lost his gait for a moment, made a break and lost position and valuable lengths, but still attacked three- or four-wide in the last turn, following Önas Prince who had attacked from third over with 600 meters to go.

Önas Prince went off stride in the end of the last turn and at that point Hail Mary found his space to sprint over Solvalla's home stretch. For a moment, Hail Mary

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Etonnant's winning team.

was in control of the race, but from far outside Etonnant finished strongly and Barrier made trainer Westerink a three-time winner of Elitloppet.

The race was exciting and Etonnant was a worthy winner, no doubt about that. One of France's best horses showed that he could master different conditions, compared with what he is used to in his home country.

Etonnant finished the mile in 1:51.3. Hail Mary was second and Mister F.Daag third.

"I'm so happy to be here today. This is one of my greatest experiences I've had in the sport and the horse was very good. He did all the things I asked of him, even if he had some problems in the turns here at Solvalla", said Barrier after the victory.

Elitloppet 2022 became successful, with a big crowd returning to Solvalla after two pandemic years. The atmosphere was tremendous.

So many powerful performances by so many great horses made this weekend memorable, as usual.

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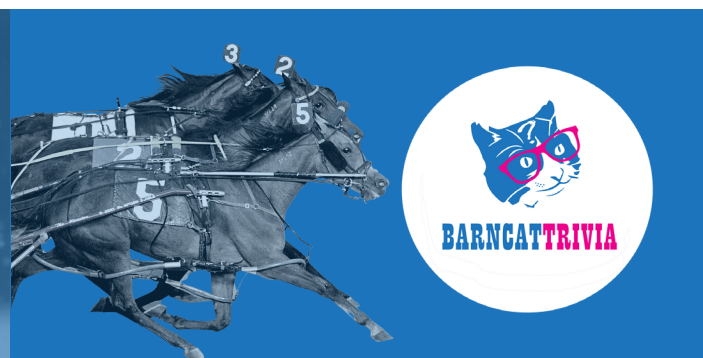
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RESULT ELITLOPPET 2022

1. Etonnant (driver Anthony Barrier / trainer Richard Westerink) 1:51.3
2. Hail Mary (Erik Adielsson / Daniel Redén) 1:51.3
3. Mister F.Daag (Robin Bakker / Paul Hagoort) 1:51.4
4. Vivid Wise As (Matthieu Abrivard / Alessandro Gocciadoro) 1:52.1
5. Click Bait (Ulf Ohlsson / Stefan Melander) 1:52.3



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GRAND SLAM FOR HAGOORT

Dutch trainer Paul Hagoort experienced one of his best days at the racetrack when he took all top three places in \$205,000 Breeders Course final for 3-year-olds, open class.

Diapason, trained by Hagoort, came to the lead and from second over, **Hurricane** (Father Patrick) attacked three wide with 650 meters to go in the 1.3 miles long race.

Hurricane battled against leader Diapason and defended himself strongly when third stable mate Monastery Boko attacked at the top of the stretch. Hurricane held on and won in a mile rate 1:57.2. Robin Bakker sat in the bike behind the winner and the duo Hagoort-Bakker are well known for the Swedish harness racing fans nowadays, since May has been a very successful month for the Dutch duo.

DEA GRIF SPRINTED TO WIN IN BREEDERS COURSE

The \$81,500 Breeders Course final for 3-year-old fillies was won by Jerry Riordan-trained **Dea Grif** (Varenne) driven by French top driver Matthieu Abrivard, who seems to have Swedish racing in his blood, because he made zero mistakes behind Riordan's horse.

Dea Grif was placed in second over and Abrivard waited until the top of the stretch before he left his cover. First over trotter Don't Say Gar disarmed leader Dotothea Mil, but couldn't defend herself when Dea Grif sprinted to easy win in 1:54.3.

ALLAIRE A WINNER IN FYRÅRINGSELITEN

French trainer Philippe Allaire sent his 4-year-old Trixton son **Callmethebreeze** to the \$102,500 Fyraåringseliten and as usual, Italian driver Andrea Guzzinati sat behind the quick-footed 4-year-old.

From post 2 behind the gate, Guzzinati sent Callmethebreeze to the front and in that position, the Italian-bred trotter had everything under safe control. Callmethebreeze sprinted to a safe win in 1:53 ahead of a very strong finisher in Invictus Madiba.

Callmethebreeze was an early talent and Philippe Allaire started his horse in Italy when the horse was 2-years-old and throughout the career the Trixton son has battled against the best in the crop, both in Italy and France.

COURANT'S IMHATRAAM BEST IN DELICIOUS' RACE

Stefan Melander-trained and Stall Courant-owned **Imhatra Am** (Muscle Hill) had a nice wire to wire win in the \$62,000 Delicious' race for 4-year-old mares at Solvalla.

Mats E Djuse was eager to hit the lead and his horse answered to the commands she got from the driver. When first choice Shirley Goodness had to face a first over trip, Imhatra Am had the race in control and she left the opponents in the last turn. The well gaited Muscle Hill mare came home in 1:54.



Gerard Forni

Don Fanucci Zet impressed a lot via a first over 1:51 victory in the first Elitloppet elimination, but made a break in at the gate in the final.



Gerard Forni

Mister F. Daag won the second Elitloppet elimination in 1:51.1.



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Pennsylvania



Majorca N makes major statement in Betsy Ross

by James Witherite / assistant editor, Hoof Beats

Michael Casalino Jr. and Dylan Davis' **Majorca N** (\$18.60) surged home off second-over cover to register a 1:49.3 win in Sunday's (May 29) \$100,000 Betsy Ross, for distaff pacers, at Harrah's Philadelphia — her fastest mile and most prestigious win to date in North America.

Corey Callahan floated the 7-year-old daughter of Art Major into midfield, and the pair contently stalked a measured :55 opening half-mile set by lukewarm 5-2 favorite Amazing Dream N (Todd McCarthy) before commencing their attack with three-eighths to go. And for the well-proven stalker-closer — she won her first four races on American soil from off the pace, after all — the trip couldn't have worked out any better.

"She's not really a big leaver, so I was going to be first, second, or maybe third-over, depending on what happened," Callahan said. "I was waiting to see what Yannick (Gingras) was going to do (with Drama Act), and luckily he came and (Majorca N) got a good cover trip. When I moved her, she paced home hard."

Unsatisfied with the slow pace, Gingras moved Drama Act first-over with three-eighths to go, forcing Amazing Dream N to accelerate to three-quarters in 1:22.1 — but also towing Majorca N into striking range.

Off the home turn, Callahan switched Majorca N three-wide, and she surged at once, using :53.4 back-half speed to engulf the top pair and win by a widening three-quarters of a length. Racine Bell (Jason Bartlett) rallied up the open stretch to save second; Easy To Please (Jordan Stratton) improved from third over to just collar Amazing Dream N and the flattened Drama Act for third.

"Never did I think she was better than any of these mares, but so far, she's showed me she's pretty close to them," Davis said. "Every time she's flipped off a helmet, she's put her head down and dug in. She fires off a helmet, and she's going to last longer for me that way."

Majorca N, who now has won five of eight races and \$118,130 in America, has amassed 19 wins and \$198,358 thus far in her career.



Grace Zimmers

Majorca N (4, Corey Callahan) closes strongly for victory in the \$100,000 Betsy Ross Pace for mares.

Pennsylvania



Lovedbythemasses hangs tough in Maxie Lee

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Trainer Jeff Cullipher said his trotter **Lovedbythemasses** had to put his “big boy pants on” in Sunday’s (May 29) \$100,000 Maxie Lee Memorial Invitational.

From the looks of it, the pants were a good fit.

Parked out from post seven around the first turn and unable to get to the inside for the opening three-eighths of a mile, **Lovedbythemasses** cleared to the lead on his way to the half and held on from there to capture the Maxie Lee for older trotters by 1-1/4 lengths over favorite Hillexotic in 1:51 at Harrah’s Philadelphia.

Amigo Volo found racing room in the stretch to finish third and Eurobond was fourth.

At the start, **Lovedbythemasses** found himself fourth as Hillexotic, Mississippi Storm, and Amigo Volo all left the gate quickly to his inside. Driver Tim Tetrick and **Lovedbythemasses** continued forward as Hillexotic led the field to the opening quarter in :26.4.

After getting to the top, **Lovedbythemasses** reached the half in :55 and three-quarters in 1:22.3. Hillexotic and driver Yannick

Gingras launched their bid to reclaim the front as the leaders rounded the final turn, but **Lovedbythemasses** dug in and refused to lose.

“I knew Timmy wasn’t going to let Yannick just cut it and steal the race,” Cullipher said. “I knew he was going to have to push the issue some. In these kinds of races, you’ve got to toughen up and put your big boy pants on.”

“It was exciting. I got a little nervous coming around the last turn, but he’s pretty tough. He’s got the will to win, so it wasn’t going to be easy to get by him.”

Tetrick, who leads all drivers in wins at Philly this year, said the trip around the first turn was cause for concern.

“Most definitely,” Tetrick said. “It’s hard to be out a long way here, but my horse has been really sharp and strong all year. At the quarter pole, I was hoping Yannick would want to sit the two hole. My horse kept marching right along, and he earned that win. My horse was tired in the middle of the last turn. When (Hillexotic) tipped, my horse actually found a little more air and he pinned his ears and said he was going to win this race. And he did.”

“My horse was tired, but he deserved it. He had the seven hole and had to work his way all the way to the lead. It was a big mile.”

The victory was Tetrick’s seventh in the Maxie Lee, which began in 2007.

“This is a really lucky race for me; I’ve had a lot of success with it,” Tetrick said. “It’s kind of my home track here, I live 20 minutes away, so I love racing here.”

Lovedbythemasses has won seven of nine races this year and earned \$162,980. For his career, the 5-year-old son of Muscle Mass-Incredibility has won 25 of 58 starts and banked \$462,009. He is owned by Pollack Racing LLC and Cullipher, who purchased

the gelding in January 2021. He was bred by Wade Peconi and Windemere Farms.

“We saw last year that he was a good horse, and he’s come back good so far,” Cullipher said. “It’s been great.”

Sent off as the 5-2 second choice behind 2-1 Hillexotic, **Lovedbythemasses** paid \$7.00 to win.



Grace Zimmers

Lovedbythemasses (7, Tim Tetrick) makes his lead stand up to the wire in the \$100,000 Maxie Lee Trot.

Pennsylvania



Workin Ona Mystery stalks, sprints to Commodore Barry win

by James Witherite / assistant editor, Hoof Beats

A pocket trip behind overwhelming favorite Nicholas Beach proved the key to victory for Workin Ona Mystery (\$11.80) in Sunday's (May 29) \$100,000 Commodore Barry for older pacers at Harrah's Philadelphia. The veteran campaigner ground forward up the open stretch and outlasted a four-wide rally from Nandolo N to win by a neck in 1:49.1, giving Harrah's Philadelphia mainstay Tim Tetrick his first win in the event.

Knowing a close trip was essential, Tetrick protected the pole with Workin Ona Mystery — but the 6-year-old Captaintreacherous entire had to throw down a :25.4 first quarter to seat Wild Wild

Western (Mike Wilder) into the pocket. With just over a circuit remaining, Joe Bongiorno moved 1-2 favorite Nicholas Beach from third to the lead, and Workin Ona Mystery willingly yielded for a pocket trip through middle fractions of :54 and 1:21.

"I knew I couldn't get too far away from Nicholas Beach," Tetrick said. "I didn't want to have to be first-up or anything, so I had to get close to him."

Turning for home, horses fanned wide from behind a stalled Ignatius A, whose first-over bid into Nicholas Beach stagnated at the eighth pole. But, despite the host of late threats, Workin Ona Mystery worked up the open stretch to take the lead with 70 yards remaining.

"Luckily, he didn't get away from me, and I was able to beat him up the passing lane," Tetrick said. "My horse was very comfortable; I just know Nicholas Beach could throw another :26 on after that. Luckily, my horse could keep up with him."

Workin Ona Mystery narrowly evaded 28-1 outsider Nandolo N (Jason Bartlett); Wild Wild Western (Mike Wilder) saved third up the pegs after being hemmed in from midfield. Nicholas Beach was a beaten fourth.

Ron Burke trains Workin Ona Mystery, now an 18-time winner with \$907,819 in career earnings, for Burke Racing Stable, Milton Leeman, Alan Keith and Wingfield Brothers LLC.

Grace Zimmers

Workin Ona Mystery (1 - Tim Tetrick) was a pocket rocket in winning the \$100,000 Commodore Barry Pace.





Treacherous Dragon, Boudoir Hanover win PASS events at Philly

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager and PHHA / Harrah's Philadelphia

Treacherous Dragon continued her hot start to the season by winning Sunday's (May 29) first of two \$68,116 divisions of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes for 3-year-old female pacers at Harrah's Philadelphia while Boudoir Hanover captured the second split, which saw returning Dan Patch Award-winner Niki Hill go off stride on the final turn.

In the first division, Queen Of Success went to the front at the start, but 2-5 favorite Treacherous Dragon and driver Tim Tetrick pushed forward and grabbed the lead in a :27 opening quarter.

Treacherous Dragon took the group to the half in :55.2, fended off a challenge from Captain Cowgirl at three-quarters, reached in 1:23.4, and rebuffed Queen Of Success in the stretch to win by 2-1/4 lengths in 1:50.4. Dont Fence Me In was third and Captain Cowgirl fourth.

Trained by Brett Pelling, Treacherous Dragon improved to 3-for-3 this year. She has won seven of 13 lifetime and earned \$358,920 for owner Hot Lead Farm LLC. The daughter of Captaintreacherous-My Little Dragon was bred by White Birch Farm.

Treacherous Dragon paid \$2.80 to win.

In the second division, **Boudoir Hanover** won an early skirmish with Lydeo to take the lead in a :26.2 opening quarter, followed by Yes And Yes in third and Niki Hill in fourth.

Boudoir Hanover set the fractions from there, reaching the half in :55.4 and three-quarters in 1:22.3 as Niki Hill made a three-wide move around first-over Yes And Yes. But Niki Hill, the 1-5 favorite in her seasonal debut, made a break on the turn while looking to move up from fourth.

In the stretch, Boudoir Hanover and driver Todd McCarthy remained in control, winning by 2-1/2 lengths over Lydeo in 1:50.3. Yes And Yes finished third and Lyons Serenity was fourth.

Boudoir Hanover was making her seasonal debut for trainer Tony Alagna and owners Riverview Racing LLC, Alagna Racing LLC, Caviart Farms, and D Plouffe and S Head. For her career, she has

won three of 12 races and earned \$255,892. The daughter of Captaintreacherous-Bedroomconfessions was bred by Riverview Breeder LLC and Visionary Breeders LLC.

Sent off as the 5-1 second choice, Boudoir Hanover paid \$13.20 to win.

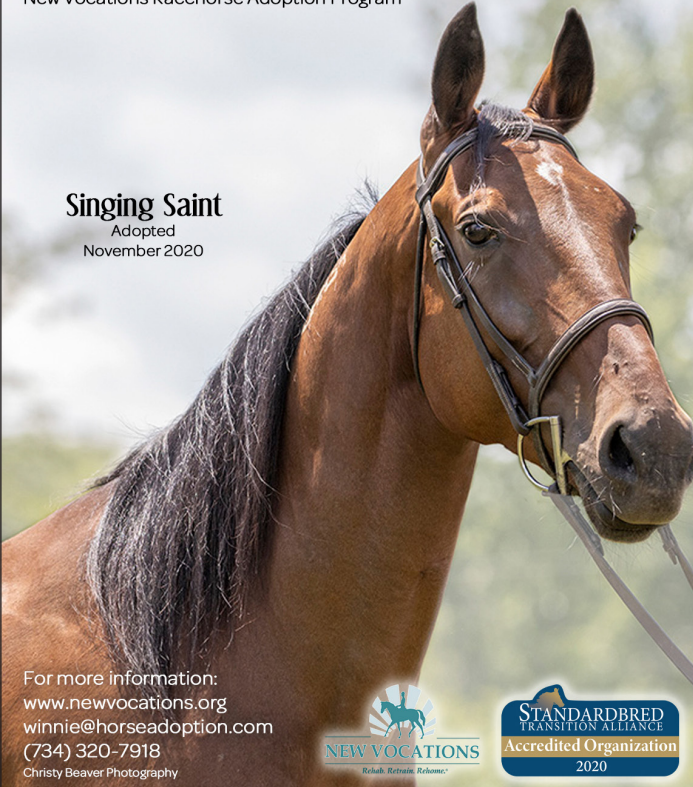
STALLION SERIES – 3YOFP

Sire Sweet Lou produced three of the five Stallion Series winners, including two horses who paid over \$50 to win. In fact, one of them, **Louie The Lilac**, was making her career debut, but she mustered enough late kick to split horses and defeat Miss Helen Hanover by a length for driver Corey Callahan, trainer Tom Cancelliere, and owner John Cancelliere.

The other big longshot, **Sweet And Feisty**, also had to come from well out of the action, but she kicked home strongly to win by 1½ lengths over odds-on chalk Sweet Treasure, pacing the fastest mile in the StS (1:50.4) and paying \$60.60. David Miller drove the winner, who lowered her mark 4 2/5 seconds, for owner/trainer Mitchell York.



David Miller also drove the third Sweet Lou success story, **Heartbreak Hotel**, who like all the other Stallion Series winners took a new mark. The Nifty Norman trainee was 2¼ lengths to the good of Somesweetsomewhere at the end of a 1:52.2 mile

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Another victorious outsider was the Betting Line filly **Bet On The Bay**, a 14-1 proposition who was setting in the pocket behind favored Sweet Rock Deo when that one lost gait on the far turn, giving driver Mike Wilder a clear path to a $3\frac{3}{4}$ length victory in 1:51.3. Dane Snyder trains the winner for Linwood Higgins, Danielle Snyder, Kristine Kash, and Jason Ash LLC.

The other Stallion Series winner was the Captaintreacherous miss **Madeira Hanover**, who was a pocket rocket while catching Southwind Java by a neck in 1:51.3. Todd McCarthy was in the sulky for trainer Linda Toscano and the partnership of South Mountain Stables, Little E LLC, Mark Mullen, and JAF Racing LLC.

\$30,000 “#SENDITIN” OPEN PACES

Let It Ride N was monstrous in winning the #senditin Open pace in 1:48.4, just 2/5 off a second off the track record for older gelding pacers, set 15 years ago by Fake Denario N.

Backstreet Shadow went on to command past a :26.1 quarter, got to the half in :54.1, then had Let It Ride N grind up at him

relentlessly to and past the 1:21.2 three-quarters under the guidance of Dexter Dunn. Despite the uncovered route from fifth, Let It Ride N drew off in the stretch and withstood the horse on his back, American Courage, by $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths while stepping his own back half in :53.2. The victorious Rock N Roll Heaven gelding has won half of his fourteen seasonal starts, and has bankrolled \$597,234 in his career. Nifty Norman trains the iron-tough pacer for William Hartt and Enzed Racing Stable Inc.

No Win No Feed A became only the third horse to win from fourth-over at Philly this year in winning the #senditin for pacing mares. Scott Zeron had the daughter of A Rocknroll Dance charging through the lane to be along in 1:50.3 after a fast clip of :26.1, :54.3, and 1:21.4, defeating Mcmarkle Sparkle by a half-length to raise her earnings to \$377,120 for trainer Erv Miller and owner Douglas Overhiser.

Yanks Dugout, parked past a :26.4 quarter, continued on the front end and maintained his lead to the wire in 1:54 while taking the #senditin Trot. Yannick Gingras guided the altered son of Triumphant Caviar to a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ length victory over No Mas Drama, who came from seventh to be second to the Ron Burke trainee, a winner of \$302,998 who is owned by Ivan and John Duke Sugg.



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Whata Swan records fastest trotting mile ever at Harrah's Hoosier Park

After a few days of rain, Harrah's Hoosier Park's track surface was ready to go on Saturday (May 28) as the evening's 14-race card was highlighted by the first track record performance of the season in the featured event of the evening. Whata Swan, with driver Trace Tetrick in the sulky, became Harrah's Hoosier Park's newest track record holder with an impressive 1:50.3 performance in the \$22,000 Open Trot.

Using an impressive :27 closing kick, Whata Swan kept all challengers at bay and trotted strongly to the wire to get the win by nearly three lengths. The 1:50.3 clocking marks the fastest trotting mile ever over Harrah's Hoosier Park's oval, re-establishing the overall trotting track record, a mark that was previously held by Lindy The Great with a 1:51.1 mile set in the 2019 edition of the Caesars Trotting Classic.

Leaving from post five in abbreviated field of six, Whata Swan was sent away from the gate firing to reach the front through the opening quarter in :27.2. I Know My Chip and Brandon Bates were content with a pocket trip while Timon As and Peter Wrenn were next in line third. Whata Swan clicked off fractions of :55.2 and 1:23.3 before ever feeling a threat from the rest of the field.

As the field turned for home, Rick Plano had the post time favorite Flagman ready to strike from first-over. Flagman turned in a strong bid but Whata Swan would not be denied. Tetrick asked Whata Swan for more and he found another gear to get the win. Flagman was forced to settle for second place honors

while It's A Herbie and Verlin Yoder rallied well for third. As the second betting choice, Whata Swan returned \$4.80 for the win at the betting windows.

Whata Swan is trained by Luis Quevedo and owned by John Barnard. The veteran trotter has now amassed \$529,193 in lifetime purse earnings while recorded his 34th lifetime victory from 105 trips behind the gate. For the season, the son of Swan For All—Tanya's Legacy has now won four of seven starts while banking \$57,640 in purse earnings for the season. Whata Swan was bred by Leonard J. Miller.

Emily Gaskin / Harrah's Hoosier Park

Stonebridge Helios powers to SBOA score

Stonebridge Helios, a top contender for this year's Pepsi North America Cup, rallied by rivals to win Saturday's (May 28) \$122,600 SBOA Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

A field of nine Ontario sired sophomore pacing colts and geldings finally clashed in the evening's marquee race, one week after it was postponed due to a power outage.

Macho Phil did the heavy lifting through the opening three-quarters of the mile, blasting to the lead for driver Travis Cullen to post fractions of :26, :54.4 and 1:22.4. The snapshot at the three-quarter pole saw Macho Phil hold a two-length lead over Bob Loblaw in second and a first-over Chucky Hanover in third.

Stonebridge Helios got away seventh and sat third-over turning for home with driver Bob McClure calmly at the controls.

In the stretch, Stonebridge Helios was shown open racetrack and powered by his rivals to win by just over a length in a career-best 1:50.3. Sport Secret, who got a second-over trip, finished second, while Chucky Hanover was third. Magical Arthur and Bob Loblaw completed the top-five.

After winning his elimination on the front-end, Stonebridge Helios got a completely different trip in Saturday's final.

"It worked out really good," said driver McClure. "They went big fractions and he loves to mow down fast fractions, so we got lucky that way."

Trained by John Pentland, Stonebridge Helios is now two for two in his three-year-old campaign after posting four wins and nearly \$300,000 in earnings during a seven-start rookie season.

"I don't know how much he's improved, he just grew like everybody else's colt," said Pentland. "He was a big strong colt last year and a good colt last year and I was lucky he doesn't have a lot of problems and he loves to race, that's the main thing about him."

With eyes on the Pepsi North America Cup, Pentland noted that he is undecided on whether he will enter Stonebridge Helios in next Saturday's Somebeachsomewhere Stakes.



The SBOA Stakes victory boosts 'Helios' up to six wins and \$369,510 earned for owners John Fleischman, Angie Stiller and Pentland.

A \$2 win ticket on Stonebridge Helios returned \$3.40.

Saturday evening's program saw horseplayers fail to hit the Late Pick-5, sending a \$65,885.80 carryover to Monday evening's (May 30) program.

Stonebridge Helios victory as the favourite in Race 8 was squeezed between victories by Lux Seelster (15-1), Twin B Heart Throb (23-1), Highlandbeachsbest (17-1) and Hervey Hanover (15-1).

The \$65,885.80 carryover will bring extra attention to Woodbine Mohawk Park's already popular Monday evening Early Pick-5. Horseplayers can start preparing for Monday's card by downloading the free program pages.

Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications

Meadowlands tops \$3 million again

On a perfect Memorial Day Weekend Saturday night that featured great weather and great racing, wagering went past the \$3 million mark at The Meadowlands for the 12th time in 2022 from 39 total racing programs.

The total action on the 13-race card was \$3,245,014 (good for a per race average of \$249,616), as the sixth race registered the most play at \$305,235, with \$96,554 of that poured into the Early 50-cent Pick-4 pool.

The next three top single-race wagering numbers were registered in the fifth (\$295,436), eighth (\$274,468) and 10th (\$299,771) races, with the 10th-race Late 50-cent Pick-4 taking in \$110,172

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Katz and Libfeld acquire Ready Cash Group 1-winning mare Ivensong

Perry Soderberg recently purchased Group 1 winner Ivensong, a Ready Cash mare out of Amy Crown, for Canadian breeders Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld. Ivensong is out of Face Time Bourbon's family and her fourth dam is Elitloppet winner Dimitria.

Other top horses in the family include million-Euro+ winners Mara Bourbon and Quality Bourbon and many other overseas stars.

Ivensong will join the Libfeld/Katz broodmare band at Kentuckiana in Lexington Kentucky.

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