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# Lead investigator in Propulsion case fired by Swedish governing body

*Steen Morten Johansen told Swedish website Aftonbladet that his dismissal as the head of security and investigations for Svensk Travsport (ST) is directly related to the association trying to make him a scapegoat in the Propulsion investigation.*

by Dave Briggs



Steen Morten Johansen, the head of security and investigations for Sweden's governing body Svensk Travsport (ST), was fired Tuesday and he told Swedish media he believes his dismissal is because ST is trying to make him "a scapegoat" in the Propulsion investigation ([background story here](#)).

In an English translation of what Johansen, 61, told Swedish website Aftonbladet ([trav365.se](#)) originally in Swedish, he said he feels "controlled in certain investigations," and that he is concerned about his credibility.

"My sincere feeling is that the Swedish association wants to make me a scapegoat for certain parts of this story with Propulsion."

A few days after Daniel Redén-trained Propulsion won this year's Elitloppet on May 31, word began circulating out of Sweden that the U.S.-bred son of Muscle Hill—Danae might be stripped of that victory — or worse: ALL European victories — because he underwent a lower nerve procedure on both front legs in the United States while under prior U.S. ownership.

Horses that undergo nerve procedures — regardless of how long ago that procedure was done — are not allowed to race by Sweden's strict rules.

Redén, 40, said he was not aware Propulsion underwent the procedure before he purchased the trotter for \$210,000

## In today's HRU

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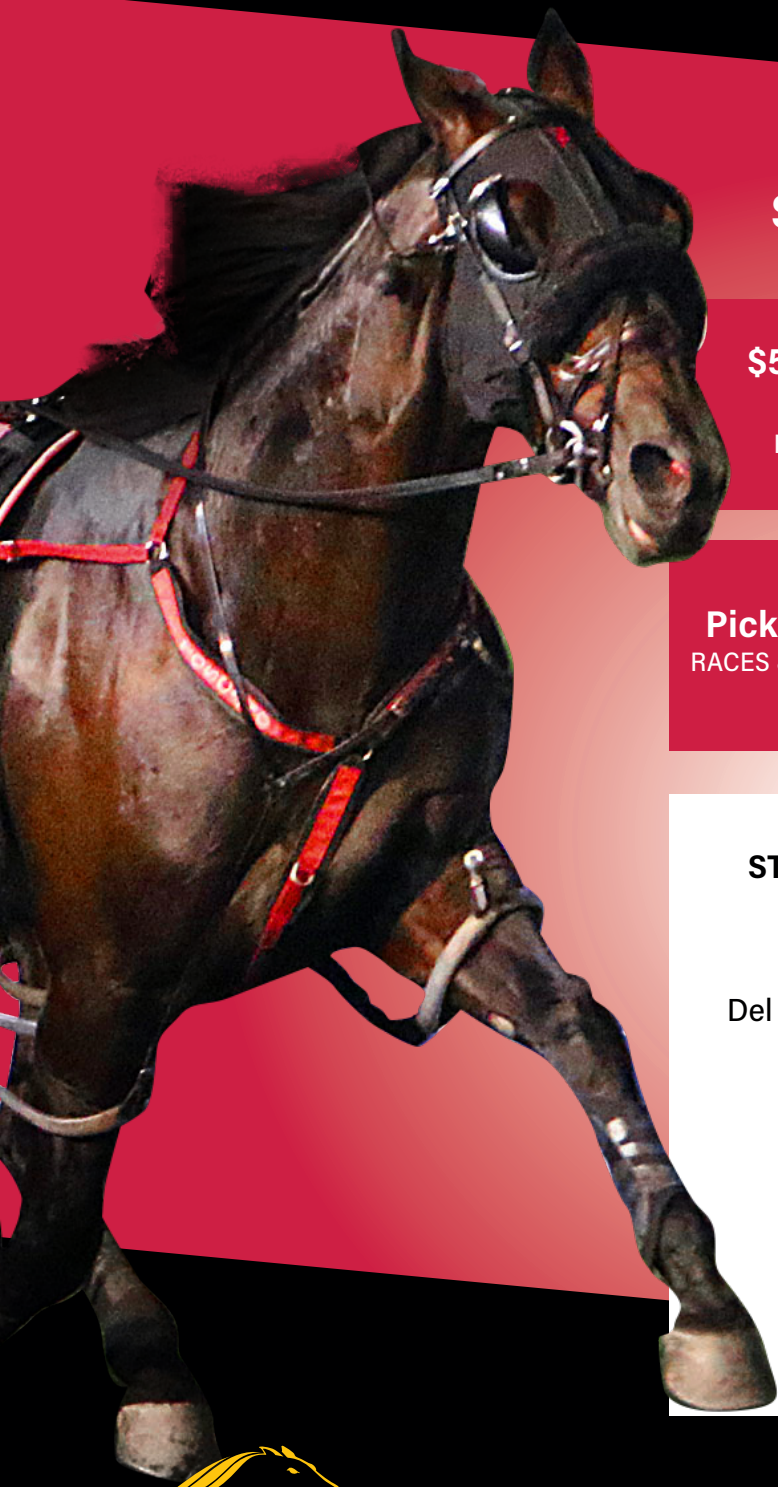
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at the 2015 Tattersalls Summer Mixed Sale on Aug. 2 at The Meadowslands.

Though the procedure was properly disclosed by Propulsion's prior connections ([full story here](#)) months before the horse was sold, United States Trotting Association (USTA) records were only updated after Redén bought the horse.

Though, before Propulsion first raced in Europe on Oct. 7, 2015 at Solvalla, ST was, allegedly, in possession of a document ([available here](#)) that clearly states the horse had undergone the nerve procedure in the United States, making the horse ineligible to race in Sweden by ST rules.

Questions remain as to why ST either did not notice that the export certificate clearly stated the procedure had been done or why ST – as the body responsible for the integrity of racing and for controlling the importing of horses into Sweden – didn't simply stop Propulsion from racing in Sweden in the first place five years ago.

Instead, the trotter went on to successfully race in Europe earning some \$3.6 million (U.S.) there.

"Last year I received a tip from the Norwegian Trotting Society that Propulsion had been nerved," Johansen said. "Shortly before my employment at Svensk Travsport, I had listened to a lecture by an expert in nerve cutting, Mette Uldahl, which meant that I had some knowledge in the subject.

"I contacted Daniel Redén around midsummer last year in Rättvik and we decided that I would visit him on his farm. There, it was established by his veterinarian, Sune Hansen, that Propulsion responded to pain in all four legs.

"My feeling is simply that ST wants to put the blame on me for parts of the investigation I did earlier. I think it's important to tell my version even if I cannot go into all the details right now. My legal representative has asked me to lie low, but it is my credibility with people that is at stake."

In a release, ST CEO Maria Croon confirmed Johansen's firing and said, "We have different views on how the role and assignment has been designed over time and what needs Svensk Travsport has in the future. In such an important role, it requires total mutual trust and a consistent view, which we do not have. It is better to go our separate ways."

Croon said it is "not at all true that we have placed any blame on (Johansen). The investigation is ongoing and not yet complete, so we have no answers... (But) his mission is finished.

"We have had different views on things in the (Propulsion) matter, whether Steen Morten could be ultimately responsible for the investigation that is currently underway in the Propulsion case. We have not considered this to be possible due to a previous investigation in the case. (His firing) is not about debt issues but about pure objectivity in its formal sense."



**Propulsion and trainer Daniel Redén.**

Johansen said Croon asked him to sign a letter stating that both sides agreed to part ways. He declined.

"I said, 'You can say what you want but if anyone asks me, I will tell the truth,'" Johansen said.

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## My Hambletonian favorites, why Williams should follow Gural's lead and thoughts on final quarters, "bending," aluminum shoes and bandages

*That and much more in harness racing's favorite advice column.*

*by Ron Gurfein*

**Tidbits:** I have recently read various pieces on The Road To The Hambletonian for 2020. To this writer, last year's heroes have not returned to the races with the same vengeance that they ended the freshman year with. Whether it's soundness, pedigree, or they just haven't reached their top sophomore potential yet I am not sure. However, my two favorites as of this writing are both fillies.

Both Sorella, from the Takter Barn and Hypnotic AM from the Melander powerhouse, to me have proven to be the front runners in the race for the big dance. Obviously with an open road to the Oaks it is unlikely to see both jump the fence and tackle the boys, but it has happened before. I remember well, the formidable team of Dancer and Suslow confidently entered Act of Grace against Lindy Lane and Continentalvictory.

I have yet to see a colt race locally that I would include in the mix as of this writing. However there was a colt who showed me flashes of greatness last season that qualified sneaky well last week. That would be another Takter trainee Ready For Moni. By Ready Cash, a sire noted for fast but quirky offspring, this one didn't disappoint in either category. With his head on straight he will be a threat.

I will not be writing a weekly story about the Road to the Hambletonian as it becomes too repetitive, but I will offer updates as to who's in and who's out while we're on the trail.

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I like Russell Williams. I think he is a bright, progressive, dedicated man doing an impossible job. I spoke to him

briefly at the Harrisburg sale last year where his farm, Hanover, is by far the major consignor and was happy to inform him that the emails I have received regarding his rise to head of the USTA have been 100 per cent positive, which in and of itself is highly unusual.

That said, I am not certain that the road of integrity that he is marching down today isn't a huge waste of money and a trip to nowhere.

I have known many crusaders of this cause in my lifetime and all have basically failed.

Jeff Gural is the only exception. He was smart enough to realize we needed more than manpower to unearth the vermin. We needed a sophisticated plan with up to date devices at their disposal 24/7.

To achieve this Jeff went outside the box and joined others to pay a firm that specializes in covert operations to achieve a result that with the help of the FBI sent shockwaves throughout the entire horse racing industry.

My suggestion to Mr. Williams is, if he wants to see his dollars go to good use to consult with both Jeff Gural and the FBI on how to spend it.

You do not have to be a Guru to figure out who the cheaters are, all you need is the legal ability to employ sophisticated plans to prove it in court.



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I watch harness racing as part of my life for decades. I can give you more than a dozen names of trainers that I suspect are cheating. Do I think I would be 100 per cent correct? Yes, for sure. Could I be wrong in a few? Yes. But without the means to insure my assessment I cannot guarantee anything.

However to Jeff, Russell, the FBI and anyone interested in an old man's opinion, I am more than available.

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DEXTER has left the confines of the United States and has been recently seen job hunting at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Some of the letters I received were so saddening that if it wasn't for his verbal attack on my friend Ray Schnittker I could come close to feeling a bit of empathy.

That said, the vivid description of his state of mind from a very intelligent source tells me that the guy is dealing with some serious mental issues. Neither my source nor I have any medical background so this is purely speculation.

I understand that he is being helped. Hopefully, it will all work out.

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The *New York Times* reports that the split samples from Bob Baffert's tests have come back positive. Although Lidocaine was found, the amounts were very low if not minuscule and in no way could have helped his horses Charlatan and Gamine garner first-place finishes. The Baffert team offered a simple explanation that the caretaker of both horses had been using a Salon Pas Patch to eliminate pain and somehow after applying the patch to himself contaminated the horses he was taking care of. Stay tuned.

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TVG is wonderful.

Play Trix On Me won the \$128,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes and the announcer says simply, "That was Play Trix On Me zooming to win the second at the Meadowlands and now a very exciting \$5,000 claimer from Penn National."

I was so annoyed at the lack of coverage of a \$100,000 stake I stayed tuned to see the exciting Penn National Race. The winner of the seven-horse event won by 10, from first to last was 180 lengths and the last horse was literally walking slowly across the finish line.

Why do they throw us under the bus? There must be a way to rectify this horrid situation. I am in no position to solve this problem. Please, some power figure call TVG and get them to hire a knowledgeable harness sportscaster. I am sure the tracks involved would help pay the salaries. Having a top broadcaster on TVG covering our sport would unquestionably increase handle big time.

Saturday was a big improvement. TVG included the powerful voice of a very knowledgeable Mike Bozich. However, his presence on the air was far too short lived to attempt analysis of his comments and make a bet.

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While on the subject, someone on social media asked what instructions would you give to a new caretaker and I said, "If you don't know ask..."

I will say the same thing to any announcer reading this column. Owners pay the bills and are the most important ingredient in our sport. If you are not sure how to PROPERLY pronounce their name, ask someone who does. Maybe, just maybe, I am more fussy than most having lived 80 years with a name no one can pronounce and 99 per cent of the folks in need of trying to, have never even heard it before. No exaggeration the majority of the phone calls I make that are filtered by an operator I receive the same result "Ronnie who?"

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Thanks to Dennis Polimeni for his note pointing out what he calls "a self-fulfilling prophecy" in regard to my column on premier foaling numbers. Dennis points out that the mare that is less than wonderful with her first few foals is likely to be sold to a smaller farm with connections to lesser stallions



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and there in is the slippery slope to diminishing returns.

His assumption is correct to some degree, but take into consideration that if the third foal is on the track, there is still a well-bred 2-year-old, a similar weanling and possibly one in the belly. That would be six well-bred foals all together.

***Lee Kelley asks: What is the purpose behind "bending"? I worked in Sweden and never have seen it done?***

The purpose is simply to find and determine the degree of lameness in the animal. I specifically said animal because I am certain that it has been adapted to other domesticated types (i.e. dogs and cats).

As I described last week, a joint is bent and held in the air for a period of time from 30 seconds to a minute depending on the practitioner and maybe the joint. The limb is then released and the animal trotted off to determine soreness. I will reiterate, this trainer has never had any use whatsoever for the procedure.

***Lee Kelley asks a second question: Why do you always suggest aluminum shoes and brace bandages on trotters behind?***

Have you ever seen a metronome? It's a timing device used by a piano player. You wind it up and it has a hand or bar

that swings back and forth to determine cadence. On the end of the bar or pendulum is a lead weight that can be moved higher or lower it determines the stroke and thus the speed.

I equate horses' limbs to the arc of a pendulum. It would be easier for you to understand if you pictured the metronome upside down as it would resemble the movement of the horses leg. The more weight added to the end of the metronome, the wider the arc. Similarly, with the horse, the more weight added to the foot the longer the stride and more chance of interference.

When I first came up with this theory, most horses needed weight in front so I was forced to seek relief in the hind end. Today's horse doesn't need the heavy steel front shoes we were forced to employ in the past, but that doesn't mean you should give up on my theory.

Aluminum shoes are expensive and don't remain race worthy for more than one start, so here are some tips: On hard rough tracks like Philadelphia, Pocono, The Meadows, Yonkers and Dover stick with the aluminum shoes. Don't use a harsh level grip, use a queens plate or a plain wide web flat aluminum if you can still find one.

If you are at The Meadowlands, the Red Mile or any soft clay track out west, keep light steel swedges on to jog and

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train, pull them after you warm up, race barefoot and poultice the feet after the race and replace the shoes prior to jogging.

The reason for brace bandages instead of boots is similar. Less weight on the leg plus the bandage seems to make a colt go wider behind than the boots do and thus less interference. When PROPERLY put on, bandages provide as much or more protection than a boot. Early on in my career, John Patterson, Sr., one of the greatest trainers of all time, put a boot on one of my forearms and a bandage on the other and proceeded to hit both with a rubber mallet I was shocked to feel more pain under the boot than the bandage.

***Johnny Dollars asks: In the olden days, I remember drivers used to rate horses and come home fast. Today I see third quarters in :27 and last quarters in :29. Why don't they save the best for last?***

Racing today is far more speed driven and the drivers are far more cognizant of the competition. Speed rules. When you see a driver buzz that third quarter he usually knows he has a horse that has limited finishing power and in trying to separate himself from the competition early he is attempting at creating a distance that the other horses can't make up before it's too late. This is called bottoming a field and it works much better today than it did when the half-mile track was the venue of choice, although I did witness Walter Case and Marvin Maker successfully employ these tactics quite often.

On the half-miler, horses were never strung out and they usually raced well within themselves. On the big track, they are always going close to full tilt. Every horse has a governor (limit to how fast he can go). When the horse in front is going to complete the mile faster than your horse is able to he will win.

Remember, all horses cannot come home in 25 seconds and even those that can will be severely compromised when the lead horse hits the three quarter pole in 1:20.

This too may change.

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***Jocz Stanley asks: On Friday at the Meadowlands, eight of the last 10 races were won by horses that led at the half. Saturday, only three of the last 10 races did the horse in front at the half win. Is there such a thing as track bias? Do trainers and drivers change their racing strategy to adjust?***

This phenomenon is relevant at all tracks standardbred and thoroughbred. However, it may be more obvious at the Meadowlands than most tracks.

The basis for the difference is the deepness and water content of the surfaces, the wind, the temperature and the humidity.

Wind and bias are like love and marriage.

The Meadowlands was built in a very strange area regarding wind direction. There have been many conspiracy theories that Newark Airport just a little way down the road was improperly built because of the strange wind currents. The Meadowlands falls right into this pattern as with the building of the New Meadowlands and the regularity of 25 second last quarters.

You picked a weekend of what was the perfect storm. The difference in the wind effect was amazing. Friday they were walking home most final quarters in 29 or 30 seconds. Saturday 75 per cent were finishing the mile in the 25's. Ridiculous.

Do drivers change strategy? Of course, but what do you do if you are in an early race and there are no precedents? You take an educated guess.

*Thanks to all for your kind words. The scope of your reaction astounds me. Maybe it's because of the virus people have time on their hands but I have been receiving letters from all over the world. Our sport has followers from the UK to Russia and from Scandinavia to South Africa. There hasn't been one major European nation that I haven't received correspondence from. What does surprise me is the many emails I get from Vienna where half my own family originated. I never knew of harness racing in Austria. I had friends that came to America from Hungary during the revolution that were horseman in that country but somehow never Austria. George Foldi, and George Sziklai (Cliff) both arrived here because of the Hungarian Revolution in the early 1950s.*

*Please enjoy our sport to the fullest now that we're back to almost full force. Have a wonderful week.*

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## BETWEEN THE LINES



with BRETT STURMAN

### Pelling exudes confidence in pair of Pace hopefuls; eyes renewal against 'Stranger'

by Brett Sturman

On the final Road to the Meadowlands Pace list published Thursday by the racetrack, trainer Brett Pelling has two of the top four horses. Papi Rob Hanover is second right behind arch nemesis Tall Dark Stranger, while the upstart Allywag Hanover rocketed up to the fourth spot. Though the pair will be taking different routes this weekend, both represent live chances for Pelling to capture a record fifth Meadowlands Pace.

To most, the real surprise of the two has been the emergence of Allywag Hanover (Captaintreacherous—Anderosa Hanover). Trained by Casie Coleman last year at 2, the former \$95,000 Harrisburg yearling purchase could only muster \$31,983 in earnings through nine starts as a freshman. He did run a non-threatening sixth in last year's Breeders Crown but was never a widely known commodity until last month.

Brought back as a 3-year-old with Pelling, Allywag Hanover is now 2-for-2, with those wins coming in times of 1:48.2 and most recently in 1:48 last Saturday. Pelling said he is pleased but not surprised.

"I knew he was fast before he came here," Pelling said. "I also knew he was a bit of a rogue. I'm not going to say it's a surprise because I knew the horse had a lot of speed, but there's so many factors that they kind of have to put it together, and he seems quite content. He's been completely re-rigged and I'm sure his routine is totally different. I do things differently than (Coleman)."

By virtue of his record, Allywag Hanover opted for a bye into the Pace final. But instead of sitting the week out, Allywag Hanover will be detouring to Harrah's Philadelphia. The decision to race him today (July 10) in a PA sires stake division was a strategic one to keep him on the road to the



Dave Landry

**Trainer Brett Pelling appears loaded for this year's Meadowlands Pace.**

PA sires stake finals while mitigating against other opportunities that remain uncertain.

As Pelling said, "Races in Canada is very much up in the air. And if the option in Canada ends up not being a viable situation because of COVID, the sire stakes final is a lot of money and it keeps him in the game. I just wanted to open another door for him. He's staked, but he's not staked to everything and this gives him more options."

"He's guaranteed to be in the (Pace) final. And he races down there at Chester and it's a shorter field, less pressure, and he won't have to go in :48. The other thing, too, is that he's raced a couple of times and I do appreciate the fact that he'll have an eight-day – almost nine-day – week instead of a seven-day week. He's got an extra couple days racing in the afternoon on Friday and while they're all racing their jets off, he'll be resting."

In addition, Pelling said he didn't feel it made sense just yet to have Allywag and Papi Rob Hanover in the same race. "Having two horses in one race when you're not going for a large purse is very counterproductive. I know Burke does it all the time, but it looks insane to me. When you've got two



horses going for \$40,000, to me that's one horse going for \$20,000. Allywag Hanvoer has had a couple of runs over the Meadowlands so it doesn't really hurt him to miss the Meadowlands, whereas the other horse (Papi Rob Hanover) is desperately in need of racing."

In need of racing indeed. Papi Rob Hanover first qualified this year on June 3 but didn't get into an actual race until one full month later. In both that race and in his upcoming Meadowlands Pace elimination, he has landed post 10 twice. He hasn't had any luck beginning with last year's Breeders Crown, but don't let that detract you into thinking he won't be primed.

"He's been awesome since the day we bought him," said Pelling. Allywag has got high speed, very high speed. But as fast as Allywag looks, you watch Papi Rob the other night, and he's even faster. He's coming home in :25.1, and his :25.1 started after they had already straightened up. He's pretty cool, he's alright, he knows what he's doing."

In that race, Papi Rob Hanover finished second to another Pace contender Capt Midnight. Landed with post 10 once again and done no favors by Capt Midnight right to his inside at post 9, what's the elimination strategy look like knowing that all he has to do is not finish ninth or 10th to make the final? There's a small incentive to win by being able to draw automatically into one of the inside five slots next week, but at the same time winning the final is the goal.

"David (Miller's) a smart guy, he's been there before," said Pelling. Either A, he'll be able to tell if it's working out real good for him and that's the game plan, or the B plan is beat two horses and come back next week."

Tall Dark Stranger already won first out this year in 1:47.4 and subject to what happens in Saturday's prep/elimination race, will likely be the favorite in the final next week. But none of that matters to Pelling. He feels he has the best horse and always has.

"I thought Papi Rob was better than him (Tall Dark Stranger) every single time they lined up last year, every single time," Pelling stated adamantly. "He went by him in the Breeders Crown, and that was one of the worst calls in the history of harness racing. It was a big deal and it was a judgement call. I just think they got it wrong. And the bottom line, I lost a little faith in things when that happened. If you were there that night and saw the whole situation and how it went down, you would totally get it even more."

As far as their matchup goes in this week's racing and presumably in next week's final, Pelling said that "You've got to get a decent post. You can't have the 10 hole - you can't

give horses a head start. And the bottom line is when you've got the 10-hole you're giving them a head start."

But that doesn't mean Pelling is intimidated.

"I have never not doubted that Papi Rob is the superior animal. That's just how I feel."

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## Roll With JR, Major Betts try to punch their tickets into Meadowlands Pace

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

They might not be standard for a pacer, but Jeff Cullipher has a good idea what his 3-year-old Roll With JR will need to wear in Saturday's lone Meadowlands Pace elimination.

"I hope he can put his big-boy pants on," Cullipher said with a laugh.

Roll With JR was among a dozen 3-year-old male pacers entered in the Meadowlands Pace. Two horses, Allywag Hanover and Chief Mate, advanced to the final courtesy of byes based on seasonal earnings. The top-eight finishers in Saturday's \$50,000 elimination at The Meadowlands Racetrack will join them on July 18 in the \$631,650 final.

The elimination field includes returning Dan Patch Award-winner Tall Dark Stranger, who in his only start this year defeated older horses in 1:47.4 at the Big M. The time is tied for the fastest mile of the season. Also in the field is last season's richest 2-year-old male pacer, Papi Rob Hanover, who finished second to multiple Grand Circuit winner Capt Midnight in their only start of 2020.

Roll With JR, who finished second to Meadowlands Pace hopeful Catch The Fire in last year's Kentucky Sire Stakes championship, will be making his first trip to The Meadowlands since finishing third in a 2-year-old qualifying race there on June 22, 2019. He heads to the elimination off a 1:51.2 win in his seasonal debut at Harrah's Hoosier Park. For his career, the colt has won four of 12 races and \$176,516. His wins last year included a division of the Bluegrass Stakes.

"He was such a green horse (last year) I never felt like he reached his full potential," the Indiana-based Cullipher said. "But he went a couple decent miles and showed that he can. He kind of grew into himself over the winter; he's developed and is kind of a nice-sized colt.

"He's still the kind of colt that's only going to do what he's made to do. I know I don't have a (1):48 mile in him yet, I don't even know if he could do it. I'd like to think he could step it up with the better horses."

Cullipher owns Roll With JR, a son of Roll With Joe out of No One Is Alone, with Pollack Racing. Cullipher and Tom Pollack have been increasing their presence on the Grand Circuit in recent years.

"It's exciting," Cullipher said. "Me and Tom are starting to step into these races a little bit. We're just having fun right now.

"This might be a one-shot deal, I don't know, but so far I'm happy."

Another horse making his first trip of the season to The Meadowlands for the elimination is Major Betts. The Mark Harder-trained colt prepped with qualifiers at Gaitway Farm and Harrah's Philadelphia before winning his only 2020 start in the New York Sire Stakes at Tioga Downs on June 28.

Major Betts defeated favorite Splash Brother by three lengths in 1:49.4, the fastest mile of the young season by a 3-year-old on a five-eighths-mile track.

"I trained him Tuesday morning and I thought he was super," Harder said. "I couldn't be happier with him."

Harder had an opportunity to accept one of the two byes for the Meadowlands Pace but decided against it.

"I couldn't be off three weeks going into the final, that would not make sense at all," Harder said. "He needs the work."

Major Betts, a son of Art Major out of Southwind Johanne, has won five of 12 lifetime starts and \$153,390 for owners Harder, Joseph Jannuzzelli, and Deena Rachel Frost. His wins last year included divisions of the International Stallion Stakes and Tompkins-Geers.

"He was just always fast, he was just beautifully gaited," said Harder, who won the 2004 Meadowlands Pace with Holborn Hanover. "He was a colt that had one of those gaits that he just didn't work at it. He did everything pretty easy.

"A couple of times last year he did some silly colt things. This year, he acts more professional. He drives like an old horse. It's probably a little bit of rigging, a little bit of growing up, a little bit of everything. Hopefully it's a bit of good management. It might just be good luck."

Harder wouldn't turn down any good luck in the upcoming weeks.

"A lot of (the 3-year-olds) are very impressive," Harder said. "Tall Dark Stranger and Papi Rob Hanover are very good, Allywag Hanover has been very impressive. They've been racing at The Meadowlands and times there have been crazy.

"We beat a horse that looked pretty impressive, Splash Brother. It's a completely different class, but it shows we're there and we're competitive. Tall Dark Stranger and Papi Rob Hanover are the two standouts for sure, but there are a lot of really, really good horses. Nothing is easy."

Racing begins at 7:15 p.m. (EDT) Saturday at The Meadowlands. The 13-race card also includes \$250,000 Graduate Series finals for 4-year-old pacers and trotters and divisions of the Reynolds Memorial for 3-year-old trotters.

**Saturday's complete Meadowlands entries.**



# Ohio



## Rhoades' recovery fund helping Ohio drivers involved in spill

*Trainer Bill Rhoades is claiming and racing horses to aid the recovery of drivers Tony Hall, Hunter Myers, Chris Lems and Ryan Stahl who were injured in an accident in May at Northfield Park.*

**by Bob Roberts**

Perhaps it's because their skills contribute to his often and official welcome to the winner's circle. Or could it be that the men and women in helmets and stirrup pants that succeed where he struggles deserve a helping hand when they literally fall from sulky grace.

Whatever the reason, Bill Rhoades, currently the second winningest trainer in North America, has seen enough injured harness drivers, and has decided to do something about it following a horrific tangle of horses, the result of an accident in a race at Northfield Park in late May.

Rhoades has since formed the Helping Hooves Driver Relief Fund. His goal is to provide weekly checks for reinsmen sidelined by injury, with the funds coming from a stable of horses purchased for the fund as well as from donations.

The first horse to represent the H H Driver Relief Fund is Galyns Gift. The 7-year-old mare will pace in tonight's (July 10) fifth race at Northfield Park. She's the 6-5 morning line wagering favorite.

Four drivers – Tony Hall, Hunter Myers, Chris Lems and Ryan Stahl – were all spilled to the Northfield track surface after Stahl's mount (JK Parlay) tumbled to the ground and three trailing horses went over him in the 13th race on May 27.

Stahl and Lems walked off the track, but Hall and Myers suffered serious injuries.

"I was watching the races at home on television and saw the accident," said Rhoades. "It was a bad one, and right after it, my phone blew up. Everybody was concerned. They wanted to know how serious it was."

It was very serious. Myers suffered fractured cheek bones and a dislocated jaw. Hall took the worst of it. He broke seven ribs and had two crushed vertebrae.

"Tony is a buddy of mine," said Rhoades. "When he went



Raymond Lance

**Trainer Bill Rhoades is claiming and racing horses to aid the recovery of injured drivers.**

down, that sealed the deal for me. What first got me thinking about the fund was an accident earlier this year (on Feb. 15) involving Aaron Merriman driving one of my horses. He hit the ground so hard, it cracked his helmet and he had a concussion."

Merriman remembers the fall that sent him to the hospital and the sideline.

"I hit my head pretty good," he said. "I was unconscious for a quite a while. It really shook me up. I ended up with one of my many concussions."

While he hopes to never get a check from the Drivers Relief Fund, Merriman applauds Rhoades for his initiative.

"It's a great idea," he said. "He ran it by me and I loved it. Billy took my accident with his horse personal. He's come up with a great way to give back to the industry, to show that he really cares. He's doing a phenomenal job."

While Hall was unavailable for comment, Merriman says he speaks with him daily and that Hall is doing well.

"He's back to his wisecracking self," said Merriman. "I wouldn't be surprised to see him driving again by late summer."

Rhoades said Hall will be getting the first HH Driver Relief Fund check this month. He said it will be for \$1,500.



"I'm not taking any money for the training of the Relief Fund horses," said Rhoades. "That saves us about \$2,200 a month. All the monies we receive through purse earnings or donations will go to drivers. If we lose a horse via the claim box, we'll replenish the stable."

Rhoades, whose drives are few and far between, said he wouldn't take a dime if he has an accident.

"My record is terrible (nine winners from 176 drives in 14 years)," he said. "Maybe I'm not going fast enough to get in trouble."

Rhoades made the H H Driver Relief Fund a nonprofit organization by successfully applying for a 501c3 exemption. Leah Rhoades, Billy's wife, is the president of the fund. Owner Craig Stein is the treasurer. Randy Ringer, a horse enthusiast, is the secretary.

Those seeking more information on the program can contact Rhoades Racing at [19brhoades87@gmail.com](mailto:19brhoades87@gmail.com). Donations can be sent to Rhoades Racing in care of the MGM Northfield Park, 10705 Northfield Rd, Northfield, Oh. 44067.



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**Driver Tony Hall suffered the most in the accident. He broke seven ribs and had two crushed vertebrae.**

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### Ontario's Racing Scene



with SANDRA SNYDER

## Bud Sinclair relishing his racing revival

*The veteran trainer that once conditioned top Ontario Sires Stakes horses nearly gave up the horse game last summer. Now he's caring for some 20 horses with the help of young sons Quinn and Brody.*

by Sandra Snyder

Last summer, Bud Sinclair wondered whether his time as a full-time horse trainer was coming to an end. He was getting more calls to build decks and sheds than he was to take on new horses to train.

"Last summer, we were down a lot. (My wife) Lindsey was working at Cavalier, with equestrian products. I built some decks, built a couple sheds for people, did some fencing and we redid our whole house," said Sinclair. "I was looking into maybe just doing minimal horses and going full-time myself doing handyman work, because I had a lot of work. Horses are always number one, but it was one of those things where you lose some good owners and it was, do you keep going or no?"

Sinclair learned the business alongside his grandfather, Harold "Bud" Eyre, and when he hung out his own shingle two decades ago he focussed on developing young horses for the Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) program for owners such as his grandfather and Dr. Norman Amos, who co-owned the great Odies Fame.

"My parents have pictures of me when I was months old in the winner's circle and once I was old enough, same as my kids ages now, he had horses up in Clinton, so I'd go up on the weekends, or in the summertime I'd spend weeks at their place and train horses. Then, as soon as I was old enough, he quit and then I trained for him and then picked up some good owners," said Sinclair of his introduction to the business. "I had Doc Amos and we had a lot of really nice horses together – Witness To Fame, Diamonds Any Size and Underground King, a lot of good horses – and grandpa always had some horses with me, and we had some other



Courtesy Bud Sinclair

**Quinn Sinclair, 13, jogging Quinsfriskywhiskey.**

owners and had a lot of success. When Doc passed away (in 2000), we had two or three guys that were really good owners that passed away in two years, and then it was sort of a rebuild."

Bud and Lindsey bred a few of the mares they had co-owned with Amos and raced the resulting offspring, but in the last decade, their participation on the provincial stakes circuit dwindled down to a handful of starts each year.

Things started to pick up a bit last fall when four of the couple's homebreds made their debut and looked like they would make capable racehorses. This spring, they added a few more horses to their care when John Lamers sold his farm in Ingersoll and asked the Sinclairs to board two mares and their foals, including the \$2.5 million winner Dreamfair Eternal, and a couple of yearlings. While Lindsey continues to work at Cavalier Equestrian in their hometown of Stratford, ON, Sinclair has turned down most of the building work he has been offered this summer.

"I had about three or four jobs that I turned down this year. Between broodmares and foals and yearlings and racehorses, by the end of next month we're going to have 21 horses again, so we're sort of full, which is good," said the trainer. "We want to expand the horse side again, it's just doing it the right way, having young horses with talent. I like the young horses, just prepping them to become something; we've always done good with that, so that's the idea."

One of the things that allowed the Sinclairs to take on additional horses this spring was the school closures caused by COVID-19. Freed from their classrooms, sons Quinn, 13, and Brody, 11, were at the barn every day.



“The amount of work they do is crazy. They do all the stalls every morning, and dump water buckets, and set feed, and bathe all the horses, and harness, and they’re jogging some themselves and arguing over who the best horse is,” said Sinclair with a chuckle. “They’re making lots of money because they get money every week and then they get a percentage of Quinsfriskywhiskey for what he makes, so it’s just a matter of them keeping it. Quinn doesn’t spend his money and Brody buys absolutely everything.

“They do as much as most adults do with the horses, they just don’t get to go to the races and watch now, which sucks, but hopefully we’re not too far off them going again. They’ve been going to Clinton, they just go up to the blue barn there and watch. It sort of sucked because (Quinsfriskywhiskey) won the last two and you can hear them screaming, but they can’t go get their picture taken.”

Quinsfriskywhiskey, a Shadow Play colt out of Witness To Fame’s daughter Gramps Girly, got his first lifetime win on June 14 at Clinton with a 1:59.2 effort and followed up with a 2:00.4 victory on June 21. The colt’s nursery mates **Witnessintheshadow** (Shadow Play–Witness To Fame), **Steely Dawn** (Badlands Hanover–Panama Seelster) and **Chili N Toast** (Angus Hall–Paradox Image) have not yet found the winner’s circle, but Sinclair says they have all shown flashes of ability.

“The one day (June 6) we had four in Hanover, all homebreds that run together their whole life. It was a pretty noisy place,” said Sinclair. “We’re in Clinton and Hanover, not Mohawk, but it’s a starting point. Even the ones that are finishing fourth and fifth, they’re racing well for post positions, they’re doing their job and learning to be racehorses and it looks like there’s some potential down the road with them.”

Potential down the road is Sinclair’s overriding goal. He has always preferred to start horses at the smaller ovals like Clinton and Hanover, believing that teaching a horse to win is more important than competing for large purses.

“It’s not really about the money, it’s about teaching them to be horses, to make money down the road, and the owners I have are really good that way. They’re not making big money racing in Clinton and Hanover, but if we teach them right the money will come, where if you go the wrong way too fast too soon, you don’t ever get it,” Sinclair said. “My owners, they want to have a horse they can watch race and enjoy, not just a flash in the pan. So that’s what we sort of focus on, keep them healthy and sound, keep the vet bills down and not hurt them, so they can have that future ahead of them.”



Courtesy Bud Sinclair

**Brody Sinclair, 11, jogging horses on the family farm.**

If the 12 horses Sinclair currently has in training continue to make progress and school starts back up again in September, he may even find himself in need of some outside help, something he could not envision when he was swinging a hammer last summer and pondering his future in the business. This year has been full of ups and downs for people from all industries, but one thing that has become clear to Sinclair is that he would like to offer his sons the same ability to pursue their passion for harness racing as his grandfather gave him.

“In the last eight years it’s been a big change between going from having top Sires Stakes horses to ordinary horses, to rebuilding, to contemplating getting out, to just having a couple horses, to back busy with the horses again,” the horseman said. “I have the construction stuff to fall back on if it doesn’t work again, but the kids love the horses so much, that’s the thing. They’re animal lovers, with the horses, cats, dogs, they want to buy goats, they want to buy ducks, everything, they’re crazy with the animals, so I’d rather do the horses just because they love it so much.”

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# New Jersey



## Gimpanzee looks for Graduate Series sweep

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Gimpanzee was in the shadow of stablemate Greenshoe much of last season — with the latter being named the sport's best 3-year-old male trotter as well as Trotter of the Year — but Gimpanzee is basking in the spotlight now as he aims for a win in Saturday's \$250,000 Graduate Series final for 4-year-old trotters.

The Graduate final for trotters is part of a 13-race card at The Meadowlands that also includes the \$250,000 Graduate championship for 4-year-old pacers, a single elimination for the Meadowlands Pace, and Reynolds Memorial divisions for 3-year-old trotters. Racing begins at 7:15 p.m. (EDT).

A 4-year-old stallion, Gimpanzee heads to his Graduate test off victories in the two preliminary rounds of the series. He won his first start in gate-to-wire fashion by 1-1/4 lengths in 1:51.2 at Tioga Downs. Two weeks later, on June 27, he rallied from sixth at three-quarters to win by a half-length in 1:50.2 at The Meadowlands. That time is tied for fourth fastest of the season by a trotter.

For his career, Gimpanzee has won 19 of 25 races and earned \$1.77 million.

"He trained well all winter and we were very excited to bring him back," trainer Marcus Melander said. "He showed me how he was feeling all winter and he's come back great. I couldn't be more happy with him after two starts.

"He was a great horse last year and he's filled out and put on a lot more muscle this year. You can really see that he's a year older. He never threw in a bad race last year, and so far this year, he's been very good."

Gimpanzee, owned by Courant Inc. and S R F Stable, was undefeated in nine races at age 2 and received the Dan Patch Award for best 2-year-old male trotter. Last year, he won eight of 14 races and earned \$1.12 million but saw Dan Patch honors go to now-retired Greenshoe. Gimpanzee's Grand Circuit victories in 2019 included the Breeders Crown (he also won the event in 2018), Yonkers Trot, and Matron Stakes.

"At 3, everyone was talking about Greenshoe because he was so extremely fast," Melander said. "Gimpanzee didn't have the speed or acceleration that Greenshoe had, but he still showed a lot of speed. It was just Greenshoe was so much faster than all the other horses. There are not too many like Greenshoe."

Not too many like Gimpanzee, either.

"He's the nicest horse to train," Melander said. "At home, he's

perfect. He does exactly what I want him to do. He's just the horse you're looking for. If everyone was like him it would be very easy."

Following the Graduate, Gimpanzee will have one more opportunity to face trotters in his age group when the Hambletonian Maturity is contested July 18 at The Meadowlands. Then, it will be into open stakes action, where the likes of Atlanta, Manchego, and Guardian Angel AS await.

"Obviously Atlanta and Manchego and those horses are really, really good," Melander said, "but I have a pretty good horse too."

Gimpanzee is one of three Graduate finalists for Melander, joined by mare Grand Swan and gelding Reign Of Honor. Grand Swan, who arrived in Melander's stable in mid-April after two successful seasons in Indiana, won her opening race in the Graduate and finished sixth in her second, which was won by Gimpanzee.

"She's nice," Melander said. "I was very happy with her (in her first start) at Tioga, she was very good. I was maybe a little disappointed last time, but it was a fast race. She's never been that fast, really. I think it was good for her to open up a bit and I expect her to be better Saturday."

"She really likes the training. When you train her, you can see she works with her whole body. She's a very big horse but she has a good gait and could go around any size track. I think she will get better and better."

Reign Of Honor, another newcomer to the Melander stable, started this year with a victory in a conditioned race and finished third in each of his Graduate races.

"We had all winter training with him and we were super happy with him," Melander said. "He's a little like Gimpanzee; he's very easy on himself out on the track, not grabby. He's got a lot of speed too. I've been very happy with his performances and I think he will step up with more races and when he gets older. I think he will go with the open horses in the highest division. He feels like that kind of horse."

Other finalists in the Graduate include Southwind Avenger, who made his only preliminary-round start a winner on June 27, and Chin Chin Hall, who finished second to Gimpanzee in his two prelims and was fifth in the Arthur J. Cutler Memorial last week.

**Saturday's complete Meadowlands entries.**



Dave Landry

**Gimpanzee will be one of the favorites in the \$250,000 Graduate final for 4-year-old open trotters on Saturday at The Meadowlands.**



# New Jersey



## Workin Ona Mystery aims to solve Graduate field

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Brian Brown is happy with what he sees from Workin Ona Mystery so far this season on the racetrack. He is even more pleased by what is not readily visible – the horse's health.

Workin Ona Mystery is among the contenders in Saturday's \$250,000 Graduate Series final for 4-year-old pacers at The Meadowlands. The event is part of a 13-race card at The Big M that also includes the \$250,000 Graduate championship for 4-year-old trotters, a single elimination for the Meadowlands Pace, and Reynolds Memorial divisions for 3-year-old trotters. Racing begins at 7:15 p.m. (EDT).

Last year, Workin Ona Mystery started his campaign with three consecutive wins and finished third in the finals of the North America Cup and Meadowlands Pace, where he was beaten by a head. But health woes slowed the horse's progress from there and he won only once in his final five starts.

This year in three starts, Workin Ona Mystery has a win, a second, and a third. He captured his opening-round race in the Graduate Series by a neck over Century Farroh in 1:50 at Tioga Downs on June 21 and finished second to Bettor's Wish in last week's second round at The Meadowlands. Bettor's Wish, who skipped the first round in favor of the Roll With Joe Stakes, won by two lengths in 1:48.2.

"Right now, we're in pretty good shape," Brown said. "He seems pretty healthy, very alert. He seems full of himself. Every day, he's out there playing and jumping around. I think he's coming into the race pretty good, a lot better than a lot of times last year."

As far as how Workin Ona Mystery has changed from last year, Brown said, "Ninety percent of it is that he's healthy."

"He did pack on some weight," Brown added. "He was not a real big horse last year. He wasn't short, like a small horse, but he wasn't a thick horse either. He has thickened up quite a bit, so he's got more strength to him. I'm hoping that will help him stay healthy."

Workin Ona Mystery has won 10 of 20 career races and \$469,641. The son of Captaintreacherous—Dragon's Tale is owned by Diamond Creek Racing, Stambaugh Leeman Stable,



Dave Landry

**Workin Ona Mystery (Tim Tetrick, shown winning in Lexington last fall) is primed for the \$250,000 Graduate final for 4-year-old pacers on Saturday at The Meadowlands.**

Alan Keith and Wingfield Brothers. Brown brought the horse back slowly in the winter and does not plan to test Workin Ona Mystery against older horses on the Grand Circuit until the Dan Patch Stakes at Harrah's Hoosier Park in mid-August.

"He's got to race older horses this year, and that can be hard on them, but he's got such a great attitude," Brown said. "He wants to be a winner, he loves passing horses, and he's an easy horse to drive. He's not the easiest horse to be around in the barn. He's ornery. But on the track, training and racing, he's so easy to drive."

"After we struggled so much last year it's nice to just see the real horse. And he may not be the best 4-year-old or older horse, but he will hold his own against them as long as he's healthy."

Both preliminary rounds of the Graduate Series had three divisions and resulted in six different winners. Joining Workin Ona Mystery as first-round winners were Dancin Lou and Hurrikane Emperor. Joining Bettor's Wish as second-round winners were Bllack Hole and Brassy Hanover.

Bettor's Wish was the Dan Patch Award winner for best 3-year-old male pacer of 2019. He finished third in last month's Roll With Joe, which was his seasonal debut. His 1:48.2 score last week in the Graduate was the slowest of the three divisions; Bllack Hole won in 1:48 and Brassy Hanover in 1:48.1.

A total of nine horses in last week's three divisions paced their final quarter-mile in less than 26 seconds.

"There are so many horses that come home fast out there," Brown said. "Anymore, time really means nothing. It's who you beat and how much money you made, that's all that matters."

**Saturday's complete Meadowlands entries.**

## 40 years on... remembering the day Niatross went over the hubrail at Saratoga

by Bill Heller

A little more than 40 years ago, across the street from Saratoga Race Course's famed Thoroughbred Graveyard of Champions, Elsie Berger's undefeated 3-year-old pacing colt Niatross went to post in the \$100,000 Harold "Hap" Haswell Memorial at Saratoga Harness, the culmination of Grand Circuit Week named for the former racing secretary there.

Niatross looked unbeatable.

And while many of the greatest thoroughbreds, Secretariat, Man o' War, Gallant Fox, Affirmed (on a disqualification), American Pharoah and Rachel Alexandra, lost at Saratoga Race Course, arguably two of the greatest trotters of all time, Nevele Pride and Mack Lobell, had set world records in their Saratoga harness appearances. Nevele Pride set a world record, 1:56.4 on the half-mile track in 1969 that lasted for 19 years until Mack Lobell won the Breeders Crown Aged Trot in 1:56.

So Niatross, who was 19-for-19 for driver/trainer Clint Galbraith, would be okay, right, when he went to post at Saratoga Harness on July 5, 1980? He'd likely break Sundance Skipper's 1:56 track record and threaten Falcon Almahurst's world-record 1:55 2/5, wouldn't he?

If anybody was going to upset Niatross, it would be Trenton Time, trained by Cammie Haughton and driven by Billy Haughton. Trenton Time had finished second to Niatross in the Battle of Brandywine and in the second heat of the Cane Pace. Trenton Time was 13-for-19, but the day before the Haswell, Billy Haughton wasn't optimistic. "Niatross would have to be sick or something," he said. "That's the only thing I can think of. He's an awful nice horse."

The morning of that July 5 was unseasonably cold and wet, a day more akin to the late fall than the middle of the summer. Intermittent rain helped keep the crowd down to only 7,065 and turned the half-mile oval into a muddy mess. Saratoga officials decided to postpone the Haswell post time for an extra 50 minutes to allow the maintenance crew to scrape and re-sand the track, which was upgraded from "sloppy" to "good."

During the delay, Cammie Haughton noticed that Niatross had three blankets on him. "Now it's good to keep a horse warm, especially if there's a delay, for their muscles might tighten up," Cammie said. "But they had three coolers on him. I thought it was rather peculiar. So did my dad."

The ensuing Haswell may have been the most peculiar harness race ever.

Almost all harness tracks had a two-foot hub rail to keep horses from going into the infield. It did not work that afternoon.

Niatross and his driver/trainer Clint Galbraith took the lead from longshot Danielle's Romeo and top Saratoga driver Jean Paul Morel, and hit the quarter-mile in :30. Niatross reached



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**Niatross and trainer/driver Clint Galbraith.**

the half-mile in 1:01.2, only three-fifths of a second faster than the horses in the previous race, a \$3,000 conditional pace. And that was before the track was improved. Hoping for a record performance by Niatross, the crowd booed.

Billy Haughton sent up Trenton Time to challenge Niatross after the half. They paced a third quarter in :28.4, reaching three-quarters in 1:30.1, with Niatross only a desperate nose in front.

"I knew I could have gone by him at the three-quarters," Haughton said. "I saw he was laboring. He just wasn't right."

Trenton Time was going by Niatross at the head of the stretch. Galbraith, for the first time ever, used his whip on Niatross on his right side. That induced Niatross, shying away from the whip, to bear to his left. But there was no room on his left. Niatross went right over the hub rail, taking Galbraith and the sulky with him.

Galbraith was hurtled to the infield ground. Niatross somehow managed to twist his body as he fell, landing and immediately bouncing back up facing the opposite direction with the sulky still attached.

The incident happened right in front of Danielle's Romeo, allowing Morel to see exactly what happened. "That horse is not used to being hit with the whip," Morel said. "He got scared. He made a U-turn."

Miraculously, neither Galbraith nor Niatross were injured.



"The colt is all right, and I'm all right," Galbraith said. "It's the first time I hit him. He went sideways and jumped the rail."

Then Galbraith left the paddock in tears, sitting alone on the steps of the racing office, obviously still shaken.

Trenton Time had won the race by one length in 1:59.3. In the winner's circle, Billy Haughton handled the reins to Cammie and went to console Galbraith. "Billy felt almost as bad as I did because of what happened to the horse," Galbraith said. "We were good friends."

Years later, Galbraith still wasn't sure what happened to Niatross that afternoon at Saratoga: "Maybe he had a touch of virus. I just don't know what was wrong with him that day."

Just a week later, in a \$25,000 elimination heat for the \$1 million Meadowlands Pace, Niatross made a break for the only time in his career. He recovered to finish fourth, and since it was the fastest fourth of the eliminations, he qualified for The Meadowlands Pace final.

Whatever was wrong with Niatross disappeared the following week when he captured The Meadowlands Pace. He added every single stakes left in his 3-year-old season. He never raced again, retiring to stud with a career record of 37 for 39.

Before he concluded his 3-year-old season, Niatross raced in a time trial at Lexington's Red Mile track. On October 1, 1980, hoping to break the 1:52 all-time record set by Steady Star in 1971, Niatross paced a mile in 1:49.1, the equivalent of 14 lengths faster than Steady Star.

He'd broken the record for fastest horse ever by nearly three full seconds. He truly was the horse of a lifetime.

He was named the 1980 Horse of the Year and the *New York Post's* athlete of the year over humans.

Then Niatross sired Nihilator, who won 35 of his 38 career starts for Billy Haughton.

At the age of 19, Niatross went on a tour of tracks around the country to promote harness racing. The response was so positive that he did it again the following year.

But he never went back to Saratoga.

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**It is almost 40 years to the day after Niatross (shown racing at Lexington) fell over the hubrail at Saratoga.**

# HRU - Upcoming Stakes Races

STAKES DATE	PURSE	RACE	TRACK	AGE/SEX/GAIT	RACE #'S	1ST RACE POST
Friday, July 10	\$20,000	New Jersey Sires Stakes - Non-Betting	Meadowlands	2YOFP	1 - Non-Betting	6:15 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$20,000	New Jersey Sires Stakes - Non-Betting	Meadowlands	2YOCP	2 - Non-Betting	6:15 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$25,000	New Jersey Sires Stakes	Meadowlands	2YOCT	2, 3, 12	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$25,000	New Jersey Sires Stakes	Meadowlands	2YOFT	4, 7	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$40,000	Miss Versatility - 2nd Leg	Meadowlands	OPEN MARE TROT	5	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$39,432	Pennsylvania Sires Stakes	Harrah's Philadelphia	3YOCP	7, 8, 10, 11, 12	12:15 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$20,000	Pennsylvania Stallion Series	Harrah's Philadelphia	3YOCP	1, 3, 4, 6, 13, 14	12:15 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$50,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Northfield Park	3YOFT	2, 4	6 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$42,950	Cardinal	Hawthorne	2YOCP	6	7:10 p.m.
Friday, July 10	\$22,800	Ontario Sires Stakes - Grassroots	Woodbine Mohawk Park	2YOFP	2, 4, 6, 9, 10	7 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$250,000	Graduate final	Meadowlands	4YO OPEN PACE	9	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$250,000	Graduate final	Meadowlands	4YO OPEN TROT	10	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$50,000	Meadowlands Pace elimination	Meadowlands	3YOOP	8	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$44,150	W.N. Reynolds Memorial	Meadowlands	3YOCT	2	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$61,000	W.N. Reynolds Memorial	Meadowlands	3YOFT	5	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$63,161	Pennsylvania Sires Stakes	The Meadows	3YOFP	2, 6, 10	12:45 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$70,444	Pennsylvania Sires Stakes	The Meadows	2YOFP	4, 7, 9	12:45 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$20,000	Pennsylvania Stallion Series	The Meadows	2YOFP	1, 5, 8, 11, 13	12:45 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$20,000	Pennsylvania Stallion Series	The Meadows	3YOFP	3, 12, 14, 15, 16	12:45 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$40,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Scioto Downs	2YOCP	1, 6, 11, 13	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$50,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Scioto Downs	3YOCT	4, 10	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$40,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Scioto Downs	2YOFP	3, 8, 12, 14	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$114,000	New York Sires Stakes	Vernon Downs	3YOFT	7	1:10 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$15,000	New York Sires Stakes - Excelsior A	Vernon Downs	3YOFT	4, 5, 6	1:10 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$30,000	Pennsylvania All-Stars	The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono	3YOCT	6, 8, 10	12:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$43,100	Violet	Hawthorne	2YOFP	6	7:10 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$22,450	Ontario Sires Stakes - Grassroots	Georgian Downs	2YOCT	3, 6, 7	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$25,000	Governor's Plate final	Red Shores Summerside	OPEN PACE	13	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$5,000	Governor's Plate consolation	Red Shores Summerside	OPEN PACE	10	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	\$3,500	Governor's Plate final	Red Shores Summerside	OPEN MARE PACE	11	6:30 p.m.

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## Sierra Kosmos dead at 31

Sierra Kosmos, one of the fastest trotters of the 1990s, died recently at the farm of Rick and Gina Beinhauer in Pennsylvania, his owners since the horse was a yearling,

Sierra Kosmos took a 1:53.4 mark at The Red Mile in 1992 with Rick Beinhauer in the bike, shortly after setting a 1:56.3 world record over the half-mile at Delaware in winning the Old Oaken Bucket.

The son of Nearly Perfect went to stud at Hanover Shoe Farms and sired the Hambletonian Oaks winner No Nonsense Woman 3, 1:54 (\$1,261,909) in his first crop. From his second crop came another top filly in Fern 4, 1:52.3 (\$1,245,502).

He was pensioned after breeding mares in 2014 and became virtually a member of the Beinhauer family.

A striking brown colt with a star, strip, and four white ankles, Sierra Kosmos was purchased by Rick Beinhauer and developed by his friend Dan Altmeyer. Beinhauer was an avid amateur driver and he handled the reins during the colt's career.

As a freshman in 1991, Sierra Kosmos won eight of 14 starts and took a mark of 1:56.4 at Indianapolis winning the Hoosier Futurity. He banked \$117,460 as a 2-year-old.

Although he was not kept eligible to the Hambletonian, Sierra Kosmos beat the Hambletonian hopefuls one week before the big race in the \$454,500 Beacon Course Trot at the Meadowlands. His time was 1:54.4.

Hall of Fame horseman Howard Beissinger raced against Sierra Kosmos that season and said that he was "the fastest trotter in North America."

In the Old Oaken Bucket at Delaware in 1992, Sierra

Kosmos triumphed by a huge margin and his clocking of 1:56.3 was the fastest sophomore race trotting mile ever on a half-mile track.

From there the colt went to Lexington and won in 1:53.4 against the best Grand Circuit sophomores.

Sierra Kosmos was an attractive stallion prospect because his pedigree combined the blood of Florican and Victory Song, making him a perfect outcross for the flood of mares by Speedy Crown and Super Bowl then in the breeding ranks. He went to stud at Hanover and served 1,147 mares in his first seven seasons there.

Among his many top trotters, in addition to No Nonsense Woman and Fern, were Springtop, Kick Tail, Donnegal, Bettis, Silver Pine and Kosmo Girl. He sired the dams of the millionaire trotters Lucky Jim, Calchips Brute, and Anders Bluestone.

—Dean Hoffman

## Meadowlands renames Golden Girls in honor of Dorothy Haughton

The Meadowlands is pleased to announce that the Golden Girls stake for older pacing mares has been retitled to memorialize Mrs. Dorothy Haughton, widow of the late WR Haughton.

Mrs. Haughton, long regarded as "The First Lady" of Harness Racing, was a genuine, lovely person full of grace and class who had a sincere love of the sport and an enormous capacity to handle its ups and downs. A self-described "homemaker, mother and grandmother," Mrs. Haughton was a trustee of the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame from 1982 until her passing in 2019.

The Golden Girls seems a fitting tribute with its considerable status among Grand Circuit stakes and has long been among the most respected for the division. The 2019 sweep of the Golden Girls and its Hambletonian Day sister stake the Lady Liberty in World Record time clearly played a prominent role in securing the Dan Patch 2019 Horse of the Year award for Shartin N.

The Dorothy Haughton Memorial will be raced as a part of the July 18 Meadowlands Pace card upon which the WR Haughton Memorial for the finest older pacing horses has

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been a highlight for many years.

The timing couldn't be better and The Meadowlands is proud to honor the memory of Bill & Dottie Haughton.

—*Nick Salvi / Meadowlands media relations*

## **Condren named to Milton Sports Hall of Fame**

The Milton Sports Hall of Fame today announced that Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame driver Steve Condren has been elected to the town's sports hall as part of their 2020 induction class.

Condren is one of the most respected and recognized drivers in Canadian harness racing history and has been associated with Milton's Mohawk Racetrack/Park for over 30 years. He was the leader of the Ontario Jockey Club/Woodbine Entertainment circuit as its top driver for multiple years throughout the '80s, '90s and 2000s.

Throughout his Hall of Fame career, Condren amassed 6,859 wins and drove horses earning a combined \$114 million. His career highlights include a victory in the 1989 \$1 million North America Cup with Goalie Jeff, along with multiple Breeders Crown victories and numerous other Grand Circuit wins.

Condren was named Canada's Driver of the Year in 1997 and elected to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2011.

The 2020 Milton Sports Hall of Fame class will feature five inductees.

Condren is joined by athletes Darlene Kranz (Jiu-Jitsu), Travis Gerrits (Freestyle Skiing) and builders Bill Rowney (Minor Hockey) and Martha and Pat Gleason (Basketball).

"The Milton Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to invite these esteemed sporting legends as honored members," said Joe Yaworski, chairman of the Milton Sports Hall of Fame. "For over 160 years, the Town of Milton has witnessed and benefited substantially due to the contributions of great athletes, teams and great sports builders, and these five inductees represent the upper echelon of our town's rich sporting history."

This is the fifth induction class elected by the Milton Sports Hall Of Fame, with 20 previous inductees having been bestowed with Milton's highest athletic honour.

The 2020 Milton Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Wall Unveiling are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Milton Sports Centre. Due to the unpredictable

nature of public health restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Milton Sports Hall of Fame is presently not opening up ticket sales.

Further updates and announcements will be made in the weeks to come and will be communicated via the Hall's social media channels, as well as its website at [www.milton.ca/sportshalloffame](http://www.milton.ca/sportshalloffame).

—*Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications*

## **Brittany to offer virtual inspections**

With the travel uncertainties caused by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic this year, Brittany Farms has announced that it will offer complete, virtual inspections of its yearlings via its website this fall.

The farm stated the online inspections are meant to be used as an evaluation tool for all, and especially as a means for looking at yearlings by those unable to travel. But it stressed that the usual in-person inspections at the farm by owners, trainers or their representatives would be welcomed, as always.

"With the situation involving COVID-19 restrictions being so fluid, we're making an extra effort to offer buyers a complete online inspection of the yearlings," said farm manager Art Zubrod. "But I hope they can avail themselves to visiting the farm this summer or fall, as nothing beats a personal inspection."

"Every state has restrictions that seem to change on a daily basis, and foreign travel is also a big question mark at this point in time," Zubrod said. "With that being the case, maybe an online inspection is the only option for some people... so we'll be offering that the very best we can."

The roster and pedigrees of the Brittany Farms yearlings selling at the Lexington Selected Sale this October are now available on its website, [britfarms.com](http://britfarms.com).

In addition to traditional high-definition yearling action videos, the farm will post "walking videos" that will include conformation close-ups at several different angles for each horse. All of the videos, produced by Larry Cohen, will be available in early fall.

The consignment of 20 yearlings from the 2019 "Breeder of the Year" features four from the highly-anticipated first crop of Chapter Seven's great son Walner — a world champion, Breeders Crown champion and Dan Patch champion as a 2-year-old.

Also selling are six outstanding first foals, plus siblings or close relatives to such standouts as American Jewel, Bettor's



Wish, Wolfgang, Captain Ahab, Ontopofthehill (Muscle Hill full brother), Starita and Special Honor.

"We've proven year-in and year-out that champions are bred here and that our 'new' farm is absolutely ideal for raising great racehorses," Zubrod said. "You'll see that continue with our fall sale yearlings."

— *Brittany Farms*

## **Beaton's hunch proven correct as Bet On Becky takes Gold**

Heading into Tuesday's (July 7) Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Gold Series opener for the 2-year-old pacing fillies at Woodbine Mohawk Park, trainer Tony Beaton had a feeling that **Bet On Becky** might be exceptional.

"She's just been one of those special fillies," said the trainer. "We were kind of talking the other day and we were... kind of hoping she's like Chantal's (Mitchell) Alicorn from last year, that type of horse. It sure would be nice."

That speculation proved to be well merited as Bet On Becky romped to a 1:50.4 victory in the second \$72,266 Gold division, faster than any 2-year-old in North America has paced this year and just one-fifth of a second shy of the OSS record set by division champion Alicorn last season. The filly's stablemate Best Keepsake finished three and one-half lengths back in second and Game Of Shadows was third.

"She was one of the ones that, not to take away from the other fillies I raced tonight, they all had their turn, but there's just certain training miles, like 'Wow, this (horse has) more speed than you can shake a stick at,'" said Beaton, who sent a total of four fillies behind the gate and went home with one win, one second, one third and one sixth. "And she's just a little thing, probably no bigger than Alicorn was last year, but just a nice little ride. She reminds of a little sports car."

The Waterdown, ON resident trains Bet On Becky for Larry Menary of Branchton, Kenneth Ewen of Georgetown, Alan Alber of Thornhill and Michael Guerriero of Brampton, ON. The group offered up \$70,000 for the daughter of Bettors Delight at last fall's Lexington Selected Yearling Sale and have already recouped more than half from Tuesday's victory and a 1:54.4 win in overnight action on June 26.

The other two Gold Series divisions went to Dr. Ian Moore trainees **Alumni Seelster**, in rein to Sylvain Fillion, and **Andra Day**, who was piloted to the win by Doug McNair.

Alumni Seelster opened the 2-year-old pacing filly season with a 1:52.2 clocking that saw her do most of the work up front and then hang on for a three-quarter length victory

over favourite Sports Check. Beaton trainee Ring Of Kerry finished third.

"She's all heart, and all desire, there's no doubt about that," said Moore, who also campaigned the filly's sire, \$2 million winner State Treasurer. "I'm really pleased because of State Treasurer. He didn't get much support and yet to me, if I was a breeder, he was a hell of a horse and he's the type of horse you'd love to have."

A \$50,000 purchase out of the London Selected Yearling Sale, Alumni Seelster is owned by Sally MacDonald of Souris, PEI and Paul MacDonald of Regina, SK. The filly qualified twice, on June 12 and 19, and Moore thinks she will be even sharper for the second Gold Leg on July 19 at Georgian Downs.

"I think Alumni is going to get better — that other division went in 1:50.4, that's quite a mile — I think our filly is going to get better because it's been almost three weeks since she qualified and I only trained her once, last Tuesday, so I felt that she was little short, she could have been a little tighter going in maybe," explained the Cambridge, ON resident. "But I don't like to over train babies, not after they've had such a hard campaign training down, I like to go easier on them now."

Alumni Seelster's training partner Andra Day also spent most of the mile on the front end, hitting the wire one length ahead of Sunshine Nelly and fan favourite Postscript in 1:54.1. Let It Ride Stables Inc. and Bottom Line Racing LLC of Boca Raton, FL share ownership of the Shadow Play miss who Moore also expects to improve off her first lifetime start.

"She's a good little filly too and I expect her to get better," said Moore. "Alumni Seelster, Andra Day and Lady Arthur, who is going to Ohio on Saturday, they all trained together and those three fillies got so tough at the end we couldn't train them together until we were going fast, because you couldn't hang on to them. All they wanted to do was rock and roll every time."

"A good way to start with the fillies, I'm really pleased."

— *Sandra Snyder / OSS publicity*

## **Plainridge Park opens the 2020 season on Monday**

After a three-month delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Plainridge Park will kick off its 2020 live harness racing season on Monday (July 13) with a 4 p.m. post time for the first race.

The track will welcome fans back to the track that day to watch the races live, but strict safety protocols will be in place and followed to ensure the health and well-being of the track's patrons and employees. Everyone will have their temperature checked upon arrival and are required to wear a mask at all times. Spectators can only gather in groups of six or less and must maintain social distancing while doing so. There will also be sanitizing stations located throughout the facility.

Food and soft drinks will be available in the grandstand but they must be consumed in designated areas and no alcoholic beverages will be served at this time.

The meet that was supposed to start on Monday (April 6), will now consist of 68 racing days that will be contested on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons with post time at 4 p.m. for all racing days. The post time will change to 2 p.m. on Thursday (Sept. 4) and then once again to 1 p.m. on Monday (Nov. 2).

There are two exceptions to this regular schedule. Racing will be held on Sunday (July 26) at 2 p.m. when the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot and Clara Barton Distaff Pace will be contested and also on Wednesday (Nov. 25) at 1 p.m. in place of Thursday (Nov. 26) in observance of Thanksgiving.

There will be a full menu of wagering for those following the action at Plainridge whether live or via simulcast including an early and late double, exacta and trifecta in every race and superfectas offered in select races on each card.

The track's Wicked Hi-5 pentafecta will also be back and joined by a brand new wager this year. The Bay State Pick-6 will debut on opening day as a 10-cent minimum wager that will begin in race three and run through race eight.

On the track, all the leading drivers and trainers from 2019 will return to vie for 2020 honors.

Mitchell Cushing won the dash title last year with 170 wins followed by Drew Campbell with 137 and Shawn Gray with 130. Gray finished the meet as the top money earner with \$1.25 million in purses ahead of two other million dollar drivers, Cushing (\$1.22) and Campbell (\$1.05). Gray also had the best Universal Driver Rating (UDR) of .381 ahead of Cushing (.355) and Plainridge newcomer Drew Monti (.324).

Looking at the resident trainers, Jimmy Nickerson took conditioning honors after winning 58 races at the meet. Jim Hardy finished second with 47 tallies and Elisha LaFreniere was third with 40 scores. Domenico Cecere (36) and Mike Graffam (33) also had strong seasons finishing fourth and fifth.

Although the meet will be abbreviated, there will still be a full schedule of stake races including a stop by the Grand Circuit in late July.

Plainridge Park's signature stake, the \$250,000 Spirit of Massachusetts Trot and sister stake, the \$100,000 Clara Barton Pace for fillies and mares, will be held on Sunday (July 26) and will feature some of the best open trotters and pacers competing in North America today.

Eligibles to the Spirit include last year's winner Guardian Angel Asbalong with Atlanta, Manchego and Gimpanzee, to name only a few of the 29 top-notch trotters that are eligible.

In the Barton, last year's winner, current Plainridge track record holder and 2019 Dan Patch Horse of the Year, Shartin N will lead a field of 20 distaff pacers who are eligible to the second running of this stake.

In September, the lucrative Massachusetts Sire Stakes will kick off and highlight the best 2- and 3-year-old Massachusetts-bred trotters and pacers around. The stake features three preliminary legs for age, gender and gait followed by finals. Last year the series total purses topped \$1.8 million.

Here is the complete Massachusetts Sire Stake schedule:

**Sunday, Sept. 27** – 3-year-old first leg

**Monday, Sept. 28** – 2-year-old first leg

**Sunday, Oct. 4** – 3-year-old second leg

**Monday, Oct. 5** – 2-year-old second leg

**Sunday, Oct. 18** – 2-year-old third leg

**Monday, Oct. 19** – 3-year-old third leg

**Monday, Oct. 26** – 2- and 3-year-old finals

For all the latest news and updates concerning racing at Plainridge Park, log on to the website at [www.plainridigeparkcasino.com](http://www.plainridigeparkcasino.com) and the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts at [www.sominc.net](http://www.sominc.net).

– *Tim Bojarski for the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts*

## **Hambletonian eligibles have important test Saturday at Pocono**

The Pennsylvania All-Stars series brings together this weekend two interesting groups of colts at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono – 3-year-old trotters on Saturday afternoon and 2-year-old pacers on Sunday's twilight card.

Seventeen of the 27 trotters entered in Saturday's three \$30,000 divisions of All-Stars races are eligible to contest



the sport's greatest prize, The Hambletonian, on Saturday, Aug. 8. The owners and trainers of the Hambletonian eligibles will be getting a good reading on their horses' ability exactly three weeks before the elimination races for the Hambletonian.

Amigo Volo is the richest and probably the best-known of the entrants. The altered son of Father Patrick, trained by Nifty Norman for the Pinske Stables and David J. Miller, earned \$610,546 at age two and set four world records for his age, sex, and gait. He undoubtedly needed his seasonal debut last week after not having raced since November, and he will have the services of Pocono's leading driver, George Napolitano Jr., as he seeks to further establish his Hambletonian credentials while starting from post two in the eighth race All-Stars section.

At Lexington last year, Big Oil dead-heated with divisional champion Real Cool Sam in 1:52.1, making him a world champion in that the tie was the fastest one ever clocked on the trot. Another son of Father Patrick, Big Oil won his 2020 debut easily in 1:55 at Philly, and he will start from post five in the tenth race section, with Tyler Buter picked for the drive for trainer Julie Miller and owners Jason, Douglas, and Ronald Allen.

There is no outstanding favorite in the sixth race division, though the Muscle Hill colt Hillexotic, starting from post five, may draw some attention. He won a Big M qualifier in 1:54.4, making him the only horse in this division with a sub-1:55 mark at either two or three, and he closed in :26.2 for fourth in his only purse race of the year, signaling room for improvement for trainer/driver Trond Smedshammer and owner Purple Haze Stables LLC.

Sunday's All-Stars action for baby side-wheeling colts has attracted enough interest to schedule five \$30,000 divisions. Three of the entrants were winners in the first preliminary of their Pennsylvania Sire Stakes action at Philly: Bayfield Beach (1:52.4) and Always A Miki (1:52.2), both in the tenth race division, and race three's Lou's Pearlman (1:53.3).

– PHHA / Pocono

## **Big M betting exploded on Independence Day**

After nearby storms ended a long Meadowlands' handle streak, wagering surged past the \$3 million mark the very next night.

Lightning strikes that were visible from the track's apron caused a long delay before the start of Friday's (July 3) third

race. The remainder of the night saw races conducted shortly after post parades, costing the track a chance at extending its streak of 15 consecutive programs with wagering of at least \$2.5 million, as a total of \$2.45 million was pushed through the windows.

Twenty-four hours later, The Big M did not need fireworks, as total wagering skyrocketed past the \$3-million mark for the fifth time in 2020.

At the end of Saturday's (July 4) 13-race card, wagering totaled \$3,027,797, good for an average per race of \$232,907.

A closer look reveals that this was an Independence Day for the history books, as wagering on the card broke the \$3-million barrier on July 4 for the first time since 2004.

Betting was vigorous on the track's "Big 4" multi-leg wagers. The 20-cent Pick-5 (\$95,242), 20-cent Pick-6 (\$17,159), Early 50-cent Pick-4 (\$90,697) and Late 50-cent Pick-4 (\$113,121) accounted for just over 10 percent of the entire night's wager, with \$316,229 being bet on the popular puzzles.

**WHAT'S UP THIS WEEKEND?** With a limited number of 12 horses having dropped into the entry box, there will only be one Meadowlands Pace elimination necessary on this Saturday night's program at the Big M.

Conditions called for the two highest-earning horses this season getting the option to take a bye and go straight to next week's final. Trainer Mark Harder wanted Major Betts to race, so he's in this Saturday. As a result, Chief Mate and Allywag Hanover, who were next in line in 2020 earnings, took the free passes.

The elimination has a field of 10, with the first eight in official order of finish advancing to the final. The elimination winner will get a major perk: That horse will draw a post position from one through six.

The field for Saturday night's Meadowlands Pace Elimination in post-position order, with horse (driver) and morning-line odds: Major Betts (D. Dunn), 9-2; Captain Barbosa (A. McCarthy), 5-1; Tall Dark Stranger (Y. Gingras), 3-1; Manticore (J. Stratton), 15-1; Captain Kirk (D. Dunn), 10-1; Roll With Jr (T. Tetrack), 10-1; Mocha On The Rocks (S. Zeron), 20-1; Catch The Fire (W. Wilder), 15-1; Capt Midnight (A. McCarthy), 8-1; Papi Rob Hanover (D. Miller), 7-2.

Also on tap Saturday are a pair of \$250,000 finals of the Graduate Series for 4-year-old open pacers and trotters, with 2020's top money-earning (\$1.6 million) horse Bettor's Wish headlining the pace and two-time Breeders Crown and New York Sire Stakes champion Gimpanzee the main attraction in the trot.

**THE PACE IS THE RACE:** The \$631,650 Meadowlands Pace Final takes place Saturday, July 18. Post time for the 13-race program is 45 minutes earlier than usual, as “The Biggest Night in Harness Racing” kicks off at 6:30 p.m.

**WELCOME BACK:** Fans were permitted back inside The Meadowlands for live and simulcast racing – as well as betting in the FanDuel Sportsbook – last week. The Big M is currently open for simulcasting every day (and live racing on the weekends), with the grandstand permitted to welcome patrons at 25 percent capacity.

For complete details and what you need to know to attend, please read the following:

<http://playmeadowlands.com/News.aspx?id=20388>.

**HOW TO WATCH, HOW TO BET:** For those fans who prefer to not attend the races but are still anxious to be a part of the action, they can watch the races on the Roberts Television Network ([rtn.tv](http://rtn.tv)) or on the Television Games Network (TVG). To bet the races go to [4njbets.com](http://4njbets.com), [tv.com](http://tv.com) or your favorite ADW (advance-deposit wagering) platform.

**FIVES ARE HIGH:** So now that you know how to place a bet, here's an idea of what you might want to bet on.

The 20-cent Jackpot Super High-Fives have had carryovers that have been expanding for weeks, and the player who holds the only winning ticket on either one will rake the entire pot.

The carryover for Friday's fifth race is \$61,750, and for the 13th race, it's \$75,268.

**ASHLEY ON THE WAY:** The Meadowlands' Dave Brower, Dave Little, Ken Warkentin and Jessica Otten will be joined this weekend and next by Ashley Mailloux, who will be on hand to bolster the TV broadcast team.

Mailloux is the paddock analyst and handicapper at Ft. Erie Racetrack. She also contributes – and freelances – for Post Time with Mike and Mike, America's Best Racing, the Maryland Jockey Club and the Horse Racing Radio Network (HRRN).

On Friday, she'll sit beside Brower and serve as co-host of the live simulcast presentation (at 6:45 p.m.), and Saturday and next weekend, she'll provide pre- and post-race interviews for the major stakes races from the back paddock.

**FREE STUFF:** For free past performances of some key races and wagers, go to [playmeadowlands.com](http://playmeadowlands.com). Friday night, the Late 50-cent Pick-4 and Late 20-cent Jackpot Super High-Five (races 10-13) will be available. On Saturday, races eight through 13 will be available, so that the Meadowlands Pace Elimination and both \$250,000 Graduate Series Finals are available to players.

**CHECK OUT THE PICKS:** For those who need to get a leg up on the action, go to [playmeadowlands.com](http://playmeadowlands.com) to see track oddsmaker and analyst Dave Brower's selections and commentary. Go to the “handicapping” drop down and then go to “race reviews”.

Additionally, track announcer Ken Warkentin's blog is available on the site and offers his picks and analysis. Last Saturday, Warkentin was on fire, giving out six winners, two cold exactas, one cold trifecta, nine exacta boxes and four trifecta boxes.

**TWEET THE TEAM:** Stay in touch on Twitter with the Big M's Brower (@eedoogie), Little (@DaveLittleBigM), Warkentin (@kenvoiceover) and Otten (@JessicaOtten1) anytime, but especially on race night. Check in everyday for Meadowlands news and updates at those handles, as well as at @TheMeadowlands.

—*Meadowlands media relations*

## 3-year-old colt pacers complete second leg of Buckeye Stallion Series

The second leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series for 3-Year-Old Colt Pacers was held Wednesday night (July 8) at Eldorado Scioto Downs. Four Divisions were contested, each carrying a purse of \$17,500. The four winners each notched new lifetime marks in their victories.

The first division went to **Medoland Bosa** with his second BSS win and his fourth straight win of the year. The son of The Panderosa with Chris Presley in the bike for trainer Mike Medors got away fourth from the post four powered up to take the lead at the half in :55.1 and never was headed winning by a length and a half in lifetime best 1:52.1. Won Last Feeling was second for Kyle Ater and LL Mystra finished third with Chris Page. The winner returned \$5.80 to win.

Breeder Tamara Hoovler co-owns Medoland Bosa with Hutchison Harness. On the year Medoland Bosa has won four of six starts and finished second the other two times has earned \$24,618. The gelding has established all age track records this season at Circleville 1:57 and Marion 1:58.2.

The second division saw **Snowmoon** with Tyler Smith go wire to wire with fractions of :26.2, :56, 1:24 with the mile in 1:52.1 for a lifetime best. Bargain Shopper (Dan Noble) was second, while Cousin Louie finished third for Chris Page. Snowmoon paid \$19.00 at the windows. Jessica Smith is the trainer/owner of the 3-year-old gelding by Mr Wiggles, bred by Crawford Farms. Snowmoon has earned \$15,652 this year.

In the third division, **Elite Machine**, driven by Brady Brown



for owner/trainer Don Lark Jr, scored off fractions of :26.4, :56.1, 1:24.2 with the mile in 1:53.1, a lifetime best. The 3-year-old gelding by Western Vintage was bred by Marion Beachy. Elite Machine got away second was shuffled third and came on to win by a length at the finish. The winner paid \$8.00 while Ubuntu with Dan Noble was second and Wigglemejiggleme and Chris Page finished third. On the season, Elite Machine has earned \$13,428.

The final division saw **MC Cam** and Shawn Barker go to the top from post 1 and never give it up with fractions of :27, :56, 1:24 and the mile a lifetime best 1:53.2. The winner paid \$6.40 with Mingo Joel and Jeremy Smith second and Final Coat Hanover third for Chris Page. MC Cam, sired by McArdle, is trained by Kyle Ater, owned by Russell Hundley and Bred by Walnut Hall Stock Farm. With the win, MC Cam raised his yearly earnings to \$11,425.

The third leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series for 3-Year-Old Colt Pacers is scheduled for Monday, July 20 at MGM Northfield Park.

—Roger Huston for OHHA

## **Jam-packed Ohio Sires Stakes weekend**

Twelve divisions of Ohio Sires Stakes (OHSS) will be contested this weekend in the Buckeye State, with two \$50,000 events for 3-year-old trotting fillies tonight (July 10) at Northfield Park. As well, four \$40,000 OSS contests each for 2-year-old pacing colts and 2-year-old pacing fillies and two \$50,000 divisions of 3-year-old trotting colts vie at Scioto Downs on Saturday (July 11).

Sixteen trotting fillies will line up behind the Northfield Park starting gate in third-leg OHSS action in races 2 and 4 tonight. Guinevere Hall, the current OHSS leader in her division, has won both of the previous legs handily with Peter Wrenn driving for trainer Melanie Wrenn. The daughter of Cash Hall is owned by the M T Pockets Stable and Dave McDuffey and has \$174,181 in career earnings.

Kikimora heads up the second OHSS division for trainer and co-owner Chris Beaver and breeder/co-owner Sandra Burnett. The daughter of Triumphant Caviar has also won both of her previous OHSS battles and sports a bankroll of \$251,516 lifetime. The only concern here is the outside post but driver Aaron Merriman knows this talented filly well.

On Saturday, 11 sophomore trotting colts battle in leg three action in races 4 and 10 at Scioto Downs. Returning OHSS winners include Yanks Dugout from post five in the

first division for driver Kurt Sugg and owners Duke & Ivan Sugg, while the Virgil Morgan, Jr.,-trained Action Uncle and Ronnie Burke-conditioned Wading Boots spar in the second division.

A total of 34 freshman pacing colts make their debut in OHSS contests in races 1, 6, 11 and 13. Ohio-registered stallions represented by progeny in these events include eight by Pet Rock; four by Racing Hill; and three each by McArdle, Well Said and Yankee Cruiser. The stallions Art Official and The Panderosa each have two foals competing, while Art Official, Cheyenne Rei, Domethatagain, Manhardt, Mr Apples, Rockin Amadeus, Western Terror, Western Vintage and Woodstock are all represented by one foal each.

Likewise, 35 pacing fillies battle in their first OHSS tests in races 3, 8, 12 and 14. Ohio-based stallions represented by these female sidewinders include six each by Racing Hill and Well Said; four each by McArdle and Pet Rock; and three by Yankee Cruiser. The stallions Domethatagain and Nob Hill High both have two foals racing, while Arthur Blue Chip, Big Bad John, Manhardt, The Panderosa, Western Terror, Western Vintage and We Will See are all represented by one foal each.

—Kimberly Rinker / Ohio Standardbred Development Administrator

## **Outdoor dining this weekend at Meadowlands**

Outdoor dining continues tonight and Saturday night during live racing (7:15 pm post) at the Meadowlands.

The West Deck has a \$29.95 pre fixe menu featuring a variety of cold salads including Hawaiian coleslaw with shrimp, grilled chicken & steak, burgers and hot dogs, mussels fra diavolo and grilled Mahi Mahi. A selection of pre-packaged desserts will also be available. The full menu can be viewed [here](#).

Reservations are required and dining must be prepaid. Reservations can be made by calling Marianne Rotella at 201-842-5059 or emailing [mrotella@playmeadowlands.com](mailto:mrotella@playmeadowlands.com).

The Backyard BBQ & Grill with waitress service is open weather permitting this weekend featuring two specials both Friday and Saturday. From 4-6 p.m. guests can enjoy a pulled pork sandwich served with Cajun fries, coleslaw and pickle for \$8. For \$21.95 diners can enjoy a 6 oz lobster tail with Cajun fries, coleslaw and fresh watermelon. Grilled items including burgers, sausage and hot dogs will also be available along with brisket, ribs and mac and cheese.

Fans can be in the grandstand for simulcasting and live racing. The grandstand remains open at 25 per cent capacity indoors. The Apron area is also open (at 500 social gathering limit) with teller machines available for wagering.

Once capacity is reached, guests will be asked to wait in their cars until space becomes available.

Guests are encouraged to make dining reservations for guaranteed seating.

To adhere to all COVID-19 protocols the Meadowlands has instituted the following measures:

- All guest seating has been 6 ft social distanced
- Hand sanitizer has been placed throughout the grandstand
- All high touch surfaces will be frequently wiped down throughout the day including all self-service machines, door handles and counter-tops
- No food or beverage is permitted inside the grandstand. Guests are able to order from a waitress and eat and drink outside on the apron tables.
- Smoking is only permitted on the outdoor apron

All guests will be required to enter via the simulcast entrance on the west side of the grandstand. All are required to wear a face covering both indoors and outside, have their temperature checked and complete a brief health questionnaire. No one with a temperature exceeding 100.4 will be allowed to enter. There will be no valet parking available for live racing this weekend.

All racing and dining information can be found at [PlayMeadowlands.com](https://www.playmeadowlands.com) and the health questionnaire can be downloaded and filled out prior to arrival [here](#).

—*Rachel Ryan / Meadowlands media relations*

## Logan County Fair races moved to Champaign County Fairgrounds

The two days of harness racing that were scheduled to be part of the Logan County Fair in Bellefontaine, OH have been moved to the Champaign County Fairgrounds in Urbana, OH. The races were originally scheduled to take place July 13 and 14. They have been rescheduled for July 15 and 16.

Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association vice-president and Champaign County race superintendent Randy Leopard says Logan County officials were thinking of cancelling the races due to COVID-19 and a modified fair. "They reached out to Lisa Schwartz of the Ohio Colt Racing Association to discuss the races and she asked if they would be open to letting

another venue host. They agreed and Lisa came to us." The Logan County Fair and Champaign County Fair are both members of the Ohio Colt Racing Association.

Leopard says they wanted to make sure the horsemen had an opportunity to race. "It took a lot of work to make this happen. Between both county's fair boards, the state racing commission, and the department of agriculture we got it done. We had to change dates to accommodate another fair and make sure we could get officials for the races."

Fans will be invited to attend the races at the Champaign County fairgrounds. Leopard says there are plans for a food tent, a beer and wine garden, a disc jockey playing music between races and wagering. "We want an event that the locals can come out and support."

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) will live stream coverage of both days of racing in Urbana. Post time on July 15 is 6:30 p.m.. Post time on July 16 is 1 p.m.

Replays of the races will be available on the Trot and Pace Marketing website, [trotandpacemarketing.com](https://trotandpacemarketing.com), following the completion of racing.

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association will be live streaming Ohio fair races throughout the summer. For a complete schedule go to [OHHA.com](https://www.OHHA.com).

—*Frank Fraas / OHHA*

## 2020 H3R stakes schedule approved

The Quebec Jockey Club has announced that the 2020 Quebec Harness Racing Stakes Schedule has been approved by the Quebec Racing Commission.

There will be three elimination legs and a final for 2- and 3-year-old Quebec-Bred trotters and pacers plus the annual Lucien Bombardier Pace for 2-year-old fillies.

"We are happy that we were able to come up with a good stakes schedule for our horsepeople in Quebec," said Murielle Thomassin, Director of Racing at the Hippodrome 3R. "We will see how the season goes this year and maybe we will be able to have a series for the 4-year-old and older trotters and pacers in the Fall."

The Breeders Cup Series for 3-year-olds has been renamed for this year and will be called the Breeders Trophy Series.

For more information, visit [www.hippodrome3r.ca](https://www.hippodrome3r.ca).

2020 Stakes Schedule for Hippodrome 3R

**Sunday, Aug. 9**– Breeders Trophy Series 3YO Colt & Filly Pace 1st leg - \$7,500

**Friday, Aug. 14**– Breeders Trophy Series 3YO Colt & Filly Trot



1st leg - \$7,500

**Sunday, Aug. 16** – Future Stars Series 3YO Colt & Filly Pace

1st leg - \$7,500

**Friday, Aug. 21** – Future Stars Series 2YO Colt & Filly Pace 1st

leg - \$7,500

**Sunday, Aug. 23** – Breeders Trophy Series 3YO Colt & Filly

Pace 2nd leg - \$7,500

**Friday, Aug. 28** – Breeders Trophy Series 3YO Colt & Filly Trot

2nd leg - \$7,500

**Sunday, Aug. 30** – Future Stars Series 2YO Colt & Filly Pace

2nd leg - \$7,500

**Friday, Sept. 4** – Future Stars Series 2YO Colt & Filly Trot 2nd

leg - \$7,500

**Sunday, Sept. 6** – Breeders Trophy Series 3YO Colt & Filly

Pace 3rd leg - \$7,500

**Friday, Sept. 11** – Breeders Trophy Series 3YO Colt & Filly Trot

3rd leg - \$7,500

**Sunday, Sept. 13** – Future Stars Series 3YO Colt & Filly Pace

3rd leg - \$7,500

**Friday, Sept. 18** – Future Stars Series 2YO Colt & Filly Trot

3rd leg - \$7,500

**Sunday, Sept. 27** – Breeders Trophy Series 3YO Colt & Filly

Pace FINALS - \$65,000

**Sunday, Sept. 27** – Breeders Trophy Series 3YO Colt & Filly

Trot FINALS - \$65,000

**Sunday, Sept. 27** – Future Stars Series 2YO Colt & Filly Pace

FINALS - \$55,000

**Sunday, Sept. 27** – Future Stars Series 2YO Colt & Filly Trot

FINALS - \$55,000

**Sunday, Oct. 4** – Lucien Bombardier 2YO Filly Pace - \$15,000

added

—*Quebec Jockey Club*

## **Splash Brother and Groovy Joe notch NYSS wins at Vernon**

Vernon Downs played host to two divisions of the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) for sophomore pacing colts and geldings on Thursday (July 9). Both divisions raced for a purse of \$57,000.

**Splash Brother** (Tyler Buter) cruised to victory in the first division.

Save Me A Dance (Jason Bartlett) went to the front but Reagan Blue Chip (Brian Sears) blew on by just before hitting

the first quarter in :26. He used a :29 second quarter to hit the half in :55. Splash Brother (\$5.10) made his move from fourth and took over as they headed to the final turn. He started to get some separation after hitting three-quarters in :122.2.

As they made the turn for home the battle was for second as Splash Brother turned on the Jets and set a new track record for 3-year-old geldings in 1:49. Save Me A Dance found an opening on the inside to get second. With the favorite JK Last Chance (Wally Hennessey) coming up to get third.

Splash Brother is a gelding by So Surreal. He is owned by trainer Ray Schnittker along with Nolamaura Racing, Steven Arnold, and Tammy Flannery. It was his third win this season after getting no wins as a freshman.

**Groovy Joe** (Matt Kakaley) was much the best in the second division.

Genius Man (Marcus Miller) got the first call but Groovy Joe work his way to the front from his outside post to take over before the first turn. He hit the first quarter in a sizzling :25.3. The colt continued to control the pace with a :28.1 second quarter, putting up a half of :53.4. As they headed around the final turn the big favorite Blank Stare (Scott Zeron) made his move first-over but it was Groovy Joe first at three-quarters in 1:21.4.

As they reached the stretch Groovy Joe found another gear and all Blank Stare could do was watch as Groovy Joe hit the line in 1:48.4. It was a lifetime best but a second off the track record for sophomore colts. Noe the less he had the fastest mile of the night. Blank Stare settled for second with Genius Man holding on for third money.

Groovy Joe is a colt by Roll With Joe. Owned by Hutt Racing Stable, Ozzie MacKay, Hoofbid Racing and trainer Blake Macintosh. It was his first win in four starts this season. He now owns eight career victories.

Vernon Downs returns to live racing on tonight (July 10) with a 12-race card starting at 4 p.m. There will also be racing on Saturday (July 11) featuring NYSS for trotting 3-year-old fillies. The starting time for the 15-race card is a 1:10 p.m.

For more information go to [www.vernondowns.com](http://www.vernondowns.com).

- *John Horne for Vernon Downs*

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## RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY

### HARRINGTON RACEWAY *report*

#### Wednesday's Results:

**4, Har, \$100,000, Trot, DELAWARE STANDARD BRED BREEDERS FUND 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS FINAL, 29.4, 1:00.2, 1:29.1, 1:59.0, FT**

**1-Zulu (g, 3, CR Commando--Cr Penny Lane, by Lindy Lane)** \$50,000, Lifetime Record: 12-6-1-3, \$119,800

O-Rod Allen Inc. B-Rod Allen Inc. T-Rod Allen. D-Rod Allen.



**2-Air Time (g, 3, Dusty Winner--I Concur, by Revenue S)** \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 11-1-5-2, \$106,474

O-Jane P Dunavant. B-Jane P Dunavant. T-Carlo Polisenio. D-Art Stafford Jr.

**3-Rocky Bomber (c, 3, He's Spooky--Rosecroft Survivor, by Duke's Ranger)** \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 12-1-4-2, \$57,800

O-Arthur J Lisi. B-Arthur J Lisi. T-Virginia Louthan. D-Jack Parker Jr.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2H, 1H, Q, 2, 1 - Finish Order: All Lies, Chauffeur, Riddle Me This, Touch Of White, Master Of Mine

**8, Har, \$15,000, Trot, DELAWARE STANDARD BRED BREEDERS FUND 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES CONSOLATION, 30.2, 1:00.3, 1:30.2, 2:02.0, FT**

**1-Playoff Season (f, 3, CR Commando--Postseason, by Muscles Yankee)** \$7,500, \$11,000 2018 SHS-HBGM, Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-1, \$25,044

O-Steven M Mullen. B-Winbak Farm. T-Clifton Green. D-Victor Kirby.



**2-Katies Blu Diamond (f, 3, Anders Bluestone--Ringside Katie, by Dream Vacation)** \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 7-0-2-1, \$19,350

O-E & K Stable Inc & Lois G & Earl J Walters. B-E & K Stable Inc & Lois G & Earl J Walters. T-Eddie Dennis. D-Eddie Dennis.

**3-Pretense (f, 3, Master Lavec--El On Wheels, by Malabar Man)** \$1,800, \$5,000 2018 SHS-HBGM, Lifetime Record: 9-0-1-1, \$12,000

O-Providence West Inc.. B-Allen A Miller. T-Kim Vincent. D-Justin Vincent.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 9, 8, 9, 3, HD - Finish Order: Saydence, Wolfcat, Funchee, Punky Monkey Baby, Devons Giant Hit

**9, Har, \$100,000, Trot, DELAWARE STANDARD BRED BREEDERS FUND 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES FINAL, 29.0, 58.2, 1:28.2, 1:57.4, FT**

**1-Stella A (f, 3, Anders Bluestone--Mocha, by Chocolatier)** \$50,000, Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-3, \$94,972

O-Linda M Mac Donald. B-Linda M Mac Donald. T-Joseph Mac Donald. D-Ross Wolfenden.

**2-Happy To Do It (f, 3, Anders Bluestone--Lil Miss Tagliabue, by Tagliabue)** \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 10-0-3-1, \$49,600

O-Andrew R Glassmeyer. B-Susan L Durham & Linda M Mac Donald. T-A Bobby Glassmeyer. D-Jonathan Roberts.

**3-Emmys Mayflower (f, 3, Anders Bluestone--Stirling Charisma, by Majestic Son)** \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-4, \$104,924

O-Eric L Foster. B-Eric L Foster. T-Eric Foster. D-Russell Foster.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 3Q, 3T, Q, 1T, 1Q - Finish Order: Dabigspooky Bootah, Blue Carats, Orabelle, Alert, Green Queen

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# RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

## SARATOGA HARNESS *report*

### Wednesday's Results:

**1, Stga, \$15,000, Trot**, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - Excelsior Series - Division A (Declaration fee \$319.90), 31.0, 1:01.3, 1:31.3, 2:01.0, FT

- 1-Credit Income (f, 2, Credit Winner--Income De Vie, by Donerail)** \$7,500, \$55,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,500  
O-Robert Messing. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc & Herbert J Burns III & Dr Jacob M Kiefer. T-Maureen Salino. D-John Stark Jr.
- 2-Snickers Blue Chip** (f, 2, Credit Winner--Mars Bar, by Malabar Man) \$3,750, \$20,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$3,750  
O-Richard D Mannon. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-E. Bucky Angle Jr. D-Jason Bartlett.
- 3-Girlsgethcredit** (f, 2, Credit Winner--Ilya's Girl, by Donerail) \$1,800, \$28,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$1,800  
O-Creditable Stable li. B-Wiesman Farms LLC. T-Perry Simser. D-Scott Zeron.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 2, 1H, 2H, 1T - Finish Order: Solitara, Ramble On Rose, Shady Shenanigans, Martini Express

**2, Stga, \$36,150, Trot**, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies (Declaration fee - \$719.90), 30.0, 1:00.3, 1:30.3, 1:59.4, FT

- 1-Destined To Dance (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Go Go Dancer, by Credit Winner)** \$18,075, \$100,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$19,323  
O-Heritage Standardbreds & Crawford Farms Racing & Rich Preziotti. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-John Butenschoen. D-Tyler Buter.



- 2-Jula Shines On** (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Shine On, by Explosive Matter) \$9,037, \$102,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$9,037  
O-Jula Racing Inc. B-Marsh Valley Standardbreds. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Ake Svanstedt.
- 3-Trip Sevens** (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Maker A Yankee, by Yankee Glide) \$4,338, \$67,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$4,338  
O-Steve L Heimbecker, CA & Blake C Macintosh, CA & Mortgage Boys Stable. B-Tim J Klemencic, CA & 30 Plus Stable, CA. T-Blake Macintosh. D-Scott Zeron.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1Q, 2, 2Q - Finish Order: Big City Pearl, Another Story, Aela Jamieson, Izzy Demsky

**3, Stga, \$15,000, Trot**, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - Excelsior Series - Division A (Declaration fee \$319.90), 29.2, 1:00.1, 1:30.4, 2:01.0, FT

- 1-Muscles Tango (f, 2, Muscles Yankee--Kosher Winner, by Credit Winner)** \$7,500, \$18,000 2019 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,500  
O-Eric Taddeo & Rosemarie Sienicki. B-Eric Taddeo. T-Linda Toscano. D-Brian Sears.
- 2-Iluvwineandroses** (f, 2, Chapter Seven--La Tapatia, by Cumin) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$3,750  
O-Don P Atlas & Kristie Leigh Farm Inc. B-Bernard J White & Kristie Leigh Farm Inc. T-Janice Connor. D-Jason Bartlett.
- 3-Enchanting Woman** (f, 2, Deweycheatumnhowe--Enchantment, by Angus Hall) \$1,800, \$15,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$1,800  
O-Hossman LLC. B-Dunroven Stud LLC. T-Robert Gale. D-Jay Randall.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 6, 5, 4, 2, T - Finish Order: Lola Blu, Barn Baby, A Million Chuckles, Royal Orchard

**4, Stga, \$36,150, Trot**, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies (Declaration fee - \$719.90), 29.2, 1:00.1, 1:29.2, 1:59.2, FT

- 1-Imbossible (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Lavendar Fields, by Muscle Hill)** \$18,075, \$140,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,075  
O-Courant Inc. B-Jonas L Schlabach. T-Marcus Melander. D-Brian Sears.
- 2-Eliza B** (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Legal Lady, by Deweycheatumnhowe) \$9,037, \$67,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$9,037  
O-Rick Zeron Stables, CA & James H Walker, CA & Howard A Taylor & Robert Cooper Stables LLC. B-Caroline A Gerry. T-Rick Zeron. D-Scott Zeron.
- 3-Ifnotmewho** (f, 2, Credit Winner--Pana Colada, by Self Possessed) \$4,338, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$4,338  
O-Herman R Brewer. B-Guy R Hammond. T-Ray Van Dreason. D-Fern Paquet Jr.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3, 2T, 1T, 3Q, T - Finish Order: Illuminata, Kokomo, Lovey Belle, Royal Envy

**5, Stga, \$15,000, Trot**, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - Excelsior Series - Division A (Declaration fee \$319.90), 29.2, 1:01.0, 1:31.1, 2:01.2, FT

- 1-Just Joshing (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Jodi's Jayme, by American Winner)** \$7,500, \$50,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,500  
O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Windsong Stable & Dumain Haven Farm. B-Windsong Stable. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller.
- 2-Kurkumadechakrika** (f, 2, E L Titan--Fraction, by Andover Hall) \$3,750, \$32,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$3,750  
O-Diane Lepine, CA. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Eve Bergeron. D-Dan Cappello Jr.
- 3-lamcuziwannab** (f, 2, Prayer I Am--Don'twanttobeblue, by Turbonator) \$1,800, \$5,000 2019 MORRIS, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$1,800  
O-Cheryl Davis Whitcroft. B-Roy D Dobbins. T-Cheryl Whitcroft. D-Mark Whitcroft.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 6T, 3, 1Q, Q, 1H - Finish Order: Chimera, Loyal Lynnlly, Bullville Delight, Lady Gidget, Parimutual Hall

## RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

**6, Stga, \$35,450, Trot**, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies (Declaration fee - \$719.90), 28.4, 58.3, 1:28.1, 1:58.3, FT

**1-Splash Blue Chip (f, 2, E L Titan--Dunk The Donato, by Donato Hanover)** \$17,725, \$265,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,725  
O-Ake Svanstedt Inc & Mellby Gard Inc. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Ake Svanstedt.

**2-Iteration (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Steamy Windows, by Muscle Massive)** \$8,862, \$250,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$8,862  
O-Courant Inc. B-Order By Stable, SD. T-Marcus Melander. D-Brian Sears.

**3-Tranquility K (f, 2, Deweycheatumnhowe--Quiet Snow, by Angus Hall)** \$4,254, Lifetime Record: 2-0-0-1, \$4,774  
O-Robert J Key. B-Robert J Key. T-Aaron Lambert. D-Larry Stalbaum.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1Q, 1H, Q, T, H - Finish Order: Me Three, River Of Denile, Soukup Blue Chip

**8, Stga, \$36,150, Trot**, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - (Declaration fee - \$719.90), 29.1, 1:00.1, 1:30.3, 2:00.1, FT

**1-Contested Hanover (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Cr Calendar Girl, by S J's Photo)** \$18,075, \$160,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,075  
O-Ftm Racing Stable LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-George Ducharme. D-Scott Zeron.

 **ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!**

**2-Insured Am S (f, 2, Chapter Seven--Blur, by Muscles Yankee)** \$9,037, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$9,037  
O-Courant Inc. B-Am Bloodstock Inc. T-Marcus Melander. D-Brian Sears.

**3-Avant Garde (f, 2, Credit Winner--Ava Marion, by Cantab Hall)** \$4,338, \$42,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$4,338  
O-Kemppi Stable & Little E LLC.. B-Little E LLC. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Ake Svanstedt.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1Q, 1Q, 2 - Finish Order: Ms Artois, Ghibli, Etra De Vie, Lilybet

## SCIOTO DOWNS *report*

### Wednesday's Results:

**1, ScD, \$17,500, Pace**, BUCKEYE STALLION SERIES 3 YEAR OLD COLT PACE, 26.3, 55.1, 1:22.2, 1:52.1, FT

**1-Medoland Bosa (g, 3, The Panderosa--Jodie Lynne Tup, by Mattcando)** \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 20-9-3-3, \$39,233  
O-Tamara F Hoovler & Hutchison Harness LLC. B-Tamara F Hoovler. T-Mike Medors. D-Chris Presley.

**2-Won Last Feeling (g, 3, Feelin Friskie--Late Closer, by Western Hanover)** \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 19-2-2-5, \$20,635  
O-John E Reames. B-John E Reames. T-Kyle Ater. D-Kyle Ater.

**3-LI Mystro (g, 3, Mr Apples--Mystra, by Art Major)** \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 19-5-7-4, \$38,733  
O-Foulk Stables Inc. B-Foulk Stables Inc. T-Clarence Foulk. D-Chris Page.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 4H, 1H, 1, 1T, 1H - Finish Order: Mr Ds Rock, Wiggle This, Cody Hanover, Tick's A Yankin, Rockemsockem Scott, Royal Rocker

**5, ScD, \$17,500, Pace**, BUCKEYE STALLION SERIES 3 YEAR OLD COLT PACE, 26.2, 56.0, 1:24.0, 1:52.1, FT

**1-Snowmoon (g, 3, Mr Wiggles--Milky Way Hanover, by Allamerican Native)** \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-1, \$31,427  
O-Jessica A Smith. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Jessica Smith. D-Tyler Smith.

 **ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY FROM CRAWFORD FARMS!**

**2-Bargain Shopper (g, 3, Big Bad John--One Stop Shopping, by Mcardle)** \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 16-8-6-0, \$97,927  
O-Chuck E Grubbs. B-Peggy A & Steven M Carter & Robert B Reid & Chuck E Grubbs. T-Christi Noble. D-Dan Noble.

**3-Cousin Louie (g, 3, Big Bad John--Glory Bee, by The Panderosa)** \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 20-9-6-4, \$40,324  
O-Leeann M & Kenneth S Davenport & Kenneth W Matlack & Keith R Hamilton. B-Winchester Baye Acres Inc. T-Ron Steck. D-Chris Page.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1, 2, 6, 7H - Finish Order: Dig Danny Dig, Dancin Waylon L, Hot Shot Mcjeffers, My Name Is Hairy, Rockin Daddy O, Love The Dragon, B The Dragon

**9, ScD, \$17,500, Pace**, BUCKEYE STALLION SERIES 3 YEAR OLD COLT PACE, 26.4, 56.1, 1:24.2, 1:53.1, FT

**1-Elite Machine (g, 3, Western Vintage--lemma Machine Baby, by Mach Three)** \$8,750, \$12,000 2018 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 16-9-5-0, \$54,208  
O-Donald J Lark Jr. B-Marion Beachy. T-Donald Lark Jr. D-Brady Brown.

**2-Ubuntu (g, 3, Pet Rock--Provethemwrong, by Mach Three)** \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 15-8-6-1, \$37,892  
O-Norman Rae Racing LLC. B-Christi R Noble. T-Christi Noble. D-Dan Noble.



## RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

**3-Wigglemejiggleme** (c, 3, Mr Wiggles--Suite Feelin, by Feelin Friskie) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 3-0-2-1, \$5,850  
O-Vip Internet Stable LLC. B-Vip Internet Stable LLC. T-Brian Brown. D-Chris Page.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: H, 1Q, 1Q, 1, 1 - Finish Order: Johnny Rockette, Big Bad Whamo, Lofty Moon, Shiny Black Beamer, Mcbuster, Sectionlineronnie, Real Vision

**11, ScD, \$17,500, Pace**, BUCKEYE STALLION SERIES 3 YEAR OLD COLT PACE, 27.0, 56.0, 1:24.0, 1:53.2, FT

**1-Mc Cam (c, 3, McArdle--Delightfully Cam, by Bettor's Delight)** \$8,750, \$12,000 2018 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-2, \$25,825  
O-Russell B Hundley. B-Walnut Hall Stock Farm. T-Kyle Ater. D-Shawn Barker II.

**2-Mingo Joel** (g, 3, Big Bad John--Pascal's Wager, by Dragon Again) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 15-2-5-4, \$21,712  
O-Sheila R Hummel. B-Sheila R Hummel. T-Dan Reynolds. D-Jeremy Smith.

**3-Final Coat Hanover** (g, 3, Western Vintage--Finishing Touch, by Cam's Card Shark) \$2,100, \$14,000 2018 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-1, \$25,181  
O-Gregory S Clark & Dustin W Arledge & Tamara F Hoovler & Mary J Thompson. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Dustin Arledge. D-Chris Page.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1, 1Q, 1Q, 2Q - Finish Order: Big Bretta, Me The Dragon, Fifty Flat, Sweet Oliver, Rhythm Or Ryan, Axidently Awesome

## RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY

### VERNON DOWNS *report*

#### Thursday's Results:

**4, VD, \$15,000, Pace**, NEW YORK EXCELSIOR "A" SERIES 3 YO Colts & Geldings - 1st Division (Declaration Fee - \$300 + \$19.90 Starting Fee), 26.3, 55.0, 1:23.3, 1:50.3, FT

**1-Hurrikanekingjames (c, 3, So Surreal--Luxury Goods, by Western Hanover)** \$7,500, \$13,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 19-8-0-3, \$110,835  
O-Jonathan Klee Racing & Kuhen Racing LLC & George R Vierno. B-Our Horse Cents Stables. T-John Mc Dermott. D-Matt Kakaley.

### A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY. THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

**2-Always On The Hunt** (c, 3, American Ideal--Beachesofcheyenne, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$36,701  
O-Raymond W Schnittker & Steven Arnold. B-Raymond W Schnittker. T-Ray Schnittker. D-Mark Macdonald.

**3-Darbie's Ideal** (c, 3, American Ideal--Darbie's Destiny, by Real Desire) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-1, \$45,482  
O-Rick D Phillips & Mark A Harder. B-Peter Paul Venturini & Rick D Phillips. T-Mark Harder. D-Tyler Buter.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: T, 1H, 2H, Q, 1Q - Finish Order: Cigar Smoking Tony, Uhtred, Breakout Session, Arctic Force, Shameless Art, Revenant Blue Chip

**5, VD, \$15,000, Pace**, NEW YORK EXCELSIOR "A" SERIES 3 YO Colts & Geldings - 2nd Division (Declaration Fee - \$300 + \$19.90 Starting Fee), 26.1, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:50.2, FT

**1-My Pal Joe (g, 3, Roll With Joe--Ph Diagnosis, by American Ideal)** \$7,500, \$60,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$12,311  
O-United Process Control Co. B-Winbak Farm. T-Alek Chartrand. D-Alek Chartrand.



**2-Trevor One** (c, 3, American Ideal--Trevor's Bebe, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0, \$27,610  
O-Stephen B Schneider & Bill W Siegel & Marthe Drolet. B-Stephen B Schneider & Bill W Siegel. T-Jean Drolet. D-Tyler Buter.

**3-Rolling With Sam** (c, 3, Roll With Joe--Martinique, by Rock N Roll Heaven) \$1,800, \$55,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-1, \$26,782  
O-William C Wiswell & Jean A Goehlen & Eugene W Schick. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-John Butenschoen. D-Scott Zeron.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 2Q, 1H, 1T, 4, 6H - Finish Order: Scrappin Gold, Latin King, Robusto Blue Chip, Level Up, Roll With Dom

**6, VD, \$56,000, Pace**, NEW YORK SIRE STAKES 3 YO Colts & Geldings - 1st Division (Declaration Fee - \$1,000 + \$19.90 Starting Fee), 26.0, 55.0, 1:22.2, 1:49.0, FT

**1-Splash Brother (g, 3, So Surreal--Sugarcoated, by The Panderosa)** \$28,000, \$30,000 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, \$113,919  
O-Raymond W Schnittker & Nolamaura Racing LLC & Steven Arnold & Tammy Ann Flannery. B-Steve Jones. T-Ray Schnittker. D-Tyler Buter.

**2-Save Me A Dance** (c, 3, Heston Blue Chip--Dance Hall Girl, by Real Artist) \$14,000, Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-2, \$136,498  
O-Robert J Key. B-Robert J Key. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jason Bartlett.

## RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

**3-Jk Last Chance** (g, 3, So Surreal--Lchaim, by Life Sign) \$6,720, \$11,000 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$28,187  
O-Daniel W Macisaac, CA. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Jim Mc Donald. D-Wally Hennessey.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3Q, 4Q, 1H, 2H, 3Q - Finish Order: Reagan Blue Chip, Ideal Artillery, Wyatt J, Freedom Warrior

**7, VD, \$15,000, Pace**, NEW YORK EXCELSIOR "A" SERIES 3 YO Colts & Geldings - 3rd Division (Declaration Fee - \$300 + \$19.90 Starting Fee), 25.4, 55.3, 1:25.1, 1:51.4, FT

**1-Levine (c, 3, American Ideal--Sangaal, by Real Desire)** \$7,500, \$24,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-3, \$37,630  
O-Scott Richard Zeron. B-Kenneth Solomon. T-Megan Scan. D-Scott Zeron.

**A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.**  
THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

 **Preferred Equine** YEARLING SALE GRADUATE

**2-Ameriore** (g, 3, American Ideal--Before Dawn, by Cambest) \$3,750, \$30,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$29,425  
O-Purple Haze Stables LLC. B-Winbak Farm. T-George Ducharme. D-Marcus Miller.

**3-Sunsetboozecruise** (c, 3, Roll With Joe--Rideintothesunset, by Western Hanover) \$1,800, \$9,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-2, \$55,900  
O-Matthew P Dugan. B-Kentuckiana Farms LLC & Pinske Stables. T-Tee Wine. D-Matt Kakaley.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: T, 1H, 1H, 1, 2 - Finish Order: Teton Sunset, Chief Of Staff, Alota Chips, Malcolm, Surreal Sergeant

**9, VD, \$57,000, Pace**, NEW YORK SIRE STAKES 3 YO Colts & Geldings - 2nd Division (Declaration Fee - \$1,000 + \$19.90 Starting Fee), 25.3, 53.4, 1:21.4, 1:48.4, FT

**1-Groovy Joe (c, 3, Roll With Joe--Chotat Milk, by Jate Lobell)** \$28,500, \$17,000 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 14-8-3-2, \$266,951  
O-Hutt Racing Stable & Blake C Macintosh, CA & Ozzie W Mackay, CA & Hoofbid Racing. B-Winbak Farm. T-Blake Macintosh. D-Matt Kakaley.

 **Another WINBAK FARM Winner!** 

**2-Blank Stare** (g, 3, Bolt The Duer--Hypnotize, by Artiscap) \$14,250, \$22,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 10-5-3-0, \$83,966  
O-Harmony Oaks Racing Stable Inc & James A Crawford IV & In Over My Head Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-John Butenschoen. D-Scott Zeron.

**3-Genius Man** (c, 3, Art Major--Unred Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$6,840, \$87,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-3, \$71,656  
O-Ronald C Michelon & Daniel Plouffe, CA. B-Winbak Farm. T-Erv Miller. D-Marcus Miller.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, 3 - Finish Order: Ideal Perception, R Maddy Blue Chip, Cigars And Port, American Rebel

## WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

### Thursday's Results:

**1, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace**, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$15,000 LIFETIME, 27, 54.4, 1:23, 1:51

**1-Sunshine List (b,c,3 - Sunshine Beach-Armbr Wallflower-Village Jasper)** \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$22,087  
O-Hudson Standrbrd Stb Inc, Stephen Klunowski, Diane Bertrand, Robert Gilhespy B-Stan Klemencic T-Shawn Steacy D-James Macdonald

 **Preferred Equine** YEARLING SALE GRADUATE

**2-Lucid Dreams** (br,c,3 - Well Said-Beach Jenny-Beach Towel)  
O-Robert Mcmillan B-The OK Corral T-Robert Don Fellows D-Jody Jamieson

**3-Bettor At Hightide** (b,g,3 - Bettors Delight-Queensland Beach-Somebeachsomewhere)  
O-Schooner li Stable B-Schooner li Stable T-Paul Macdonell D-Paul Macdonell

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**2, Wbs, \$73,067, Trot**, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - GOLD - 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$800.00, 29.2, 1:00.2, 1:30, 1:58.1

**1-Tokyo Seelster (b,c,2 - Kadabra-Tymal Timeout-Royal Strength)** \$36,534, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$44,034  
O-Michael & Sam Sergi B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

 **Another KADABRA Winner!**

**2-Rookie Season** (b,c,2 - Glidemaster-Georgia Baby-Mutineer)  
O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Blake Macintosh D-Chris Christoforou



# RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

**3-C My Kicks Hanover** (b,g,2 - Wheeling N Dealin-Celebrity Nike-Yankee Glide)  
O-Determination B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Luc Blais D-Bob McClure

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**4, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, 3 YEAR OLDS, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 29.2, 58.4, 1:27.1, 1:55.4**

**1-Sonadora Deo (br,f,3 - Kadabra-Woke Up Dreaming-Striking Sahbra)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$8,700  
O-Determination B-Valley High Stable T-Luc Blais D-Bob McClure



**2-Masseno** (br,c,3 - Muscle Mass-Tomorrows Dream-Credit Winner)  
O-Paul & Julie Walker, Rodney Foulds B-Paul & Julie Walker T-Julie Walker D-Jean Bernard Renaud

**3-Heat Wave Hanover** (b,f,3 - Sebastian K S-Hotentrot Hanover-Donato Hanover)  
O-Glengate Farms, Bax Stable B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-John Bax D-Matthew Bax

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**6, Wbs, \$73,866, Trot, ONTARIO SIRES STAKES - GOLD - 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$800.00, 28.3, 59.4, 1:29.4, 1:57.2**

**1-Macho Martini (b,c,2 - Muscle Mass-Peach Martini-Striking Sahbra)** \$36,933, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,933  
O-Determination B-Concord Stud Farm Llc T-Luc Blais D-Bob McClure



**2-Walkonthemoon** (blk,c,2 - Archangel-Classic Belle-Classic Photo)  
O-Thestable Walkonthemoon B-Overseas Farms Ltd T-Mario Baillargeon D-Mario Baillargeon

**3-Greg** (b,g,2 - Kadabra-Smoothie Hanover-Muscle Massive)  
O-Bax Stable, Dave Hudson, Happy Trails Stables B-Al Libfeld, Marvin Katz T-John Bax D-Matthew Bax

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**8, Wbs, \$73,067, Trot, ONTARIO SIRES STAKES - GOLD - 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$800.00, 29.1, 59.4, 1:28.3, 1:57.1**

**1-Royal Tyrone (b,g,2 - Royalty For Life-Steppin Out-Yankee Glide)** \$36,534, Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$40,284  
O-1187422 Ontario Inc B-Graham Burgess T-Isabelle Darveau D-Robert Shepherd



**2-Mystic** (b,g,2 - Kadabra-Mystical Oaks-Donerail)  
O-Susanne Kerwood, Rene Dion B-Dunroven Stud Llc T-Rene Dion D-Chris Christoforou

**3-Logan Park** (blk,c,2 - Archangel-Rite Outa The Park-Muscle Mass)  
O-Outofthepark Stable, Reg Higgs, Arpad Szabo B-Reg & Donna Higgs T-Robert Don Fellows D-Louis Philippe Roy

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**9, Wbs, \$17,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$20,000 (FM \$25,000) LIFETIME, 28.1, 58, 1:27.3, 1:54.4**

**1-Pemberton (b,g,3 - Wheeling N Dealin-Dayshifter-Muscle Mass)** \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$25,020  
O-Brenda Walker, Christine P Walker B-Christine & Brenda Walker T-Paul Walker D-Trevor Henry

**2-Queso Fresco** (b,f,3 - Father Patrick-Take The Money-Donato Hanover)  
O-Dr John Mckinley B-Black Horse Racing T-Tony Osullivan D-Chris Christoforou

**3-Angry Eyes** (b,m,4 - Father Patrick-Aiken For Clay-Conway Hall)  
O-Tony Basile, Brianna Fenn B-Al Libfeld, Marvin Katz T-Dean Nixon D-Douglas McNair

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**10, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, 3 YEAR OLDS, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 26.2, 54.4, 1:23, 1:51.1**

**1-Going Fast (b,g,3 - Western Terror-Tootsie J-Real Artist)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 12-1-4-0, \$21,700  
O-Elizabeth Fair B-Vae Llc T-Alan Fair D-Michael Saftic

## RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

**2-Tint Of Mint** (b,g,3 - American Ideal-Mintjulep Bluechip-Bettors Delight)

O-Daniel Lagace, Billy Joe Timmins, Christopher Nicol B-White Birch Farm T-Daniel Lagace D-Louis Philippe Roy

**3-Cold Creek Cabo** (br,g,3 - Dali-Tymal Black Satin-Fit For Life)

O-Daniel Walker, Debora Stokes B-Daniel Walker T-William Slack D-Phillippe Hudon

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**11, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace**, ONTARIO SIRE 3 YEAR OLD GRASSROOTS STARTERS IN 2020. W/O \$2,000 IN OSS EARNINGS IN 2020 NOT ELIGIBLE, 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.1, 1:52.3

**1-Need Arocket (b,c,3 - Warrawee Needy-Windsun Lisa-Cams Card Shark)** \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$17,125

O-Harvey Hayes B-Harvey Hayes T-Chris Hayes D-Jody Jamieson

**2-Mack** (b,g,3 - Mach Three-Backstreet Sweetie-Dragon Again)

O-Gregg McNair, Bloomingwood Farms Ltd, McKinlay & Fielding, Ross Holmes B-Karen Carroll T-Gregg McNair D-Chris Christoforou

**3-Usurper** (b,c,3 - Sportswriter-Lu Lu Q-Mcardle)

O-Next Generation Stable B-Steve Stewart T-Dr Ian Moore D-Trevor Henry

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## YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

### Thursday's Results:

**4, YR, \$20,250, Pace**, F&M NW \$27,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. 3&4 YO F&M NW 10 P-M RACES LT., 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:52.2, FT

**1-Machnhope (m, 5, Mach Three--Hope For Life, by Fit For Life)** \$10,125, Lifetime Record: 75-22-8-6, \$268,257

O-Deo Volente Farms LLC & Thomas J Pontone & L. A. Express Stable LLC & Noel M Daley. B-Cmr Farms, CA. T-Noel Daley. D-Pat Berry.

**2-Lispatty** (m, 7, McArdle--Lisbella, by Camluck) \$5,062, \$20,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 141-36-28-21, \$934,377

O-Gilbert Garcia-Owen. B-Timothy J Rooney. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Austin Siegelman.

**3-Rockin The Boys A** (m, 7, Rock N Roll Heaven--Boys Lie, by Badlands Hanover) \$2,430, Lifetime Record: 95-21-15-9, \$198,298

O-Cool Cat Racing, Inc. B-D J Lewis, AS. T-Andrew Harris. D-Brent Holland.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 4, 4, 3Q, 2T, T - Finish Order: Ambro Courage N, Scandalicious, Neverforgetwhour, Sandy Win, Anytime N

**5, YR, \$17,250, Pace**, F&M NW \$17,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$15,000 L5." AE. STARTERS FOR A BASE CLAIMING PRICE OF \$30,000 OR LESS IN 1 OF 2 LAST START., 27.4, 57.4, 1:25.4, 1:53.0, FT

**1-My Ruebe Star N (m, 6, Falcon Seelster--Zenola Star, by New York Motoring)** \$8,625, Lifetime Record: 51-13-6-3, \$86,553

O-Team Tritton Inc. B-M Siemelink, NZ. T-Shane Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.

**2-Feelin Red Hot** (m, 7, Feelin Friskie--Red Rapid Girl, by Red River Hanover) \$4,312, Lifetime Record: 113-33-16-16, \$591,031

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Mary E Stonack & Michael A & John S Palmeri. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.

**3-Dongal Rundlsckr N** (m, 8, Bettor's Delight--Boyd's Creek, by Elsu) \$2,070, Lifetime Record: 111-22-20-17, \$310,012

O-Shaun F Vallee & Emanuel & Patricia Balsamides & Chris Arvanitis. B-M A Boyd, NZ. T-Anita Vallee. D-Brent Holland.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Quite A Delight N, Easy Three, Classy Chapel N, Rose Run Toni, Tellawoman

**8, YR, \$17,250, Pace**, NW \$17,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$15,000 L5." AE. STARTERS FOR A BASE CLAIMING PRICE OF \$30,000 OR LESS IN 1 OF 2 LAST STARTS., 27.2, 57.2, 1:25.2, 1:53.4, FT

**1-Orillia Joe (g, 10, Western Ideal--Cup Of Jo, by Matt's Scooter)** \$8,625, Lifetime Record: 210-43-29-24, \$798,263

O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-B Michael Timpano, CA. T-Andrew Harris. D-Brent Holland.



**Preferred Equine** MIXED SALE  
GRADUATE

**2-Talent Soup** (h, 6, American Ideal--Tessa Hanover, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$4,312, \$65,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 78-19-12-7, \$225,200

O-Jrt Stable. B-Steve H Stewart & Charles & Julie R Nash. T-Michael Forte. D-Austin Siegelman.

**3-Zach Maguire N** (h, 8, Bettor's Delight--Zenola Starbuck, by Christian Cullen) \$2,070, Lifetime Record: 118-20-17-17, \$234,245

O-Donald Sider. B-R L & Mrs D C Kennedy, NZ. T-Donald Sider. D-Troy Beyer.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 4, 4H, 1H, 3, T - Finish Order: Yayas Hot Spot N, Betterlatethnnever, Majestic Kiwi N, Saulsbrook Deputy, Triple Seelster