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Scratch after the draw for the Meadowlands Pace brings controversy

The scratch of bye-receiving horse Chief Mate to allow stablemate Capt Midnight into Saturday's \$636,650 Meadowlands Pace final has made for some interesting jockeying for position long before the race goes to post.

by Brett Sturman

BETWEEN THE LINES



with BRETT STURMAN

It was announced innocently enough earlier in the week that as a result of Chief Mate scratching from the Meadowlands Pace on Tuesday, that Capt Midnight would draw in off the also-eligible list and take Chief Mate's place in the Pace final. Both horses are trained by Tony Alagna and are comprised, predominantly, of the same ownership group.

The predicament came about as a result of the Meadowlands Pace elimination, in which Capt Midnight almost impossibly failed to qualify for the Pace final. He only needed to beat two horses from the field of 10 in order to make the final. One of the main contenders in the race, he was parked the mile from post nine and finished 9th. When the draw for the Pace final was taken shortly after the elimination on Saturday night, Capt Midnight was placed as the first also-eligible. Alagna-trained horses that did draw in the final were Chief Mate, Captain Barbossa and Captain Kirk.

Captain Kirk and Captain Barbossa finished second and fourth in the elimination respectively, while Chief Mate

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opted for a bye to the final instead of racing in the elimination. The conditions of the Meadowlands Pace call for byes to be determined by highest seasonal money earners. So, with not needing much more than just \$10,000 in earnings to qualify for a bye in this COVID-19 season where racing just restarted a few weeks ago — and the rich Pepsi North America Cup, which normally is held in June, not yet contested — all any horse really had to do was start racing a week before the others to earn more money. The Mark Harder-trained Major Betts had first call to take the bye, but opted to race in the Pace elimination. The next highest earners were Chief Mate and Allywag Hanover and in lieu of having to race in the Pace elimination or having to race anywhere at all for that matter, both bye horses raced last Friday in the first leg of the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) at Philadelphia.

Having drawn post 7 in the Pace final, the connections of Chief Mate made the easy determination that they had a better chance in the final going with Capt Midnight instead, and thus scratched Chief Mate a week after accepting a bye. To their credit for honesty, a source from the connections stated clearly in a report earlier this week from *DRF Harness* that they felt Capt Midnight represented a better chance for them in the Pace final than did Chief Mate. While the swapping of these two horses alone could, perhaps, be characterized as an abuse of the system, but not technically a wrongdoing, what comes next is harder to answer.

Chief Mate is still racing Saturday, just not at the Meadowlands. He drew post 1 at The Meadows and is the 3-1 morning line favorite his second PASS leg this upcoming Saturday afternoon. From a New Jersey standpoint, what formal reason was given for the scratch from the Pace? And from a Pennsylvania standpoint, was his entry accepted while he was in-to-go at a different track that very same day?

To the best of my knowledge, a reason must be given for

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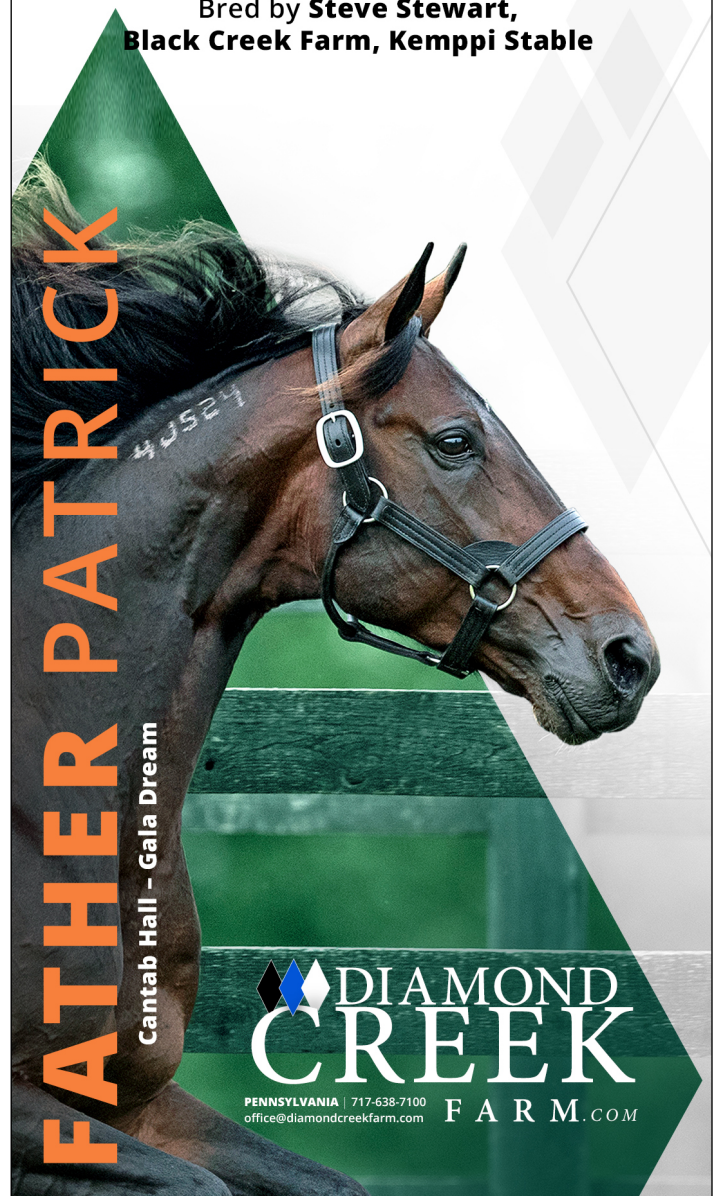
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the scratch — such as transportation, sickness, etc. — to honor a declaration. Provided a reason was given, it hasn't been made publicly available. Similarly, there were no publicly-available indications that Chief Mate was going to be scratched as of Tuesday morning when The Meadows drew for Saturday. That's not to say that Chief Mate wasn't scratched first, prior to entering at The Meadows, but the optics of it don't lend to a transparent process.

Logistics of the declarations aside, what transpired simply is not a good look. Chief Mate and Allywag Hanover elected to use their byes to keep up with their PASS final eligibility. There's nothing wrong with that, although it accentuates the importance of byes in this particular spot, as they had a luxury that none of the other nine PA-sired horses that entered the Meadowlands Pace had in having to choose between the PA-sires route or the Meadowlands Pace (Major Betts is New York-sired). The first two PASS legs were both last week and this week. In the case of Chief Mate, the connections were able to use the bye to not only race and get points in the PASS, but to save a spot for another horse in the Pace final. To be clear, I don't at all think this was an elaborate conspiracy as the thought of Capt Midnight not making the final was improbable. It just seems like a matter of taking advantage of a situation that in this particular case allowed a more talented horse to participate in the final though it failed to get there in its own right. As it turned out, there was little point in even having the elimination to begin with.

The last part of this has to do with the post position. Again, you can't fault anyone for taking advantage of lousy rules, but it doesn't seem fair that by inheriting post 7, Capt Midnight gets to draw inside of three other horses by taking the post position that his scratched stablemate drew. Take Papi Rob Hanover for example. He could only manage third last week when starting from post 10, and he has the misfortune yet again of landing another outside post (9). Why should Capt Midnight, who didn't even qualify for the final, get to start inside any of the horses that actually did qualify for the final?

What happened through these events is more a case of connections playing with starting slots than individual horses. It's what the Mohawk Million consists of when owners buy an "entity" to the starting gate and you can use whatever horse you want, but that's not what is supposed to happen in other major stakes races. It's understood also it was a unique situation this year that brought about the oddity of lesser-deserving horses getting byes and a consolidated stakes schedule forcing owners to choose between major stakes when they normally wouldn't have to do so, but that doesn't make what happened any less right.

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Owner critical of Meadowlands Pace byes, optics

*(*Editor's Note: Normally, we run Feedback in our Sunday issue, but because the subject of this letter pertains to Saturday's Meadowlands Pace, we were asked by the letter writer to publish it in this issue, before the Pace is contested).*

There were 12 colts dropped into the box for The Meadowlands Pace. Nine colts out the 12 were PASS eligible. Every one of those owners and trainers had a decision to make: Race in The Pace and miss one leg of PASS, or possibly two legs if you made the final of The Pace. But not the owners and trainers of Allywag Hanover and Chief Mate. They were allowed to take a bye in the elimination of The Pace and race in the first leg of PASS.

How does this happen when both boxes at Philly and the Meadowlands close on the same day and the same time? Allegedly, there was some collusion done between the race

offices and the trainers. So Alagna and Pelling trainees raced in the first leg of PASS, picked up needed points for the final. Their horses got a needed start, to earn points, with an extra day of rest which Pelling said was important.

The 3YCP PASS schedule this year runs at the same time of most major stake events. This gave Allywag and Chief Mate a decided edge for the final and will most likely knockout other colts that have abided by the rules. To add insult to injury, Wednesday morning comes along and we hear Alagna's Chief Mate is scratched sick and his better colt in his barn Captain Midnight will move in off the AE list. Coincidence? Very doubtful. It's hard enough to win The Meadowlands Pace even without rules allegedly being broken. See something say something! I wish the others best of luck!

Respectfully,

—**Douglas Paul / M and L of Delaware LLC / Wilmington, DE**

Beware of a Tall Dark Stranger in Meadowlands Pace

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

A little more than 50 years ago, Buck Owens cautioned country music listeners to beware a tall dark stranger. Decades later, the warning could apply to Saturday's Meadowlands Pace.

Tall Dark Stranger, the 2019 Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male pacer, is the 7-5 morning-line favorite in the \$636,650 Meadowlands Pace for 3-year-olds at The Meadowlands Racetrack. The colt, who won last week's single elimination by a half-length over Captain Kirk in 1:48.1 over a "good" surface, starts from post five with Yannick Gingras driving for trainer Nancy Takter.

Racing begins at 6:30 p.m. (EDT) Saturday. Post time for the Meadowlands Pace, which is race nine on the stakes-filled card, is 9:55 p.m.

Tall Dark Stranger is undefeated in two races this season. He opened his campaign with a 1:47.4 win against older horses on June 27 at The Meadowlands. Over the previous five years, only seven 3-year-old pacers have won with faster miles.

"He's a fast horse, but he's not just fast," Gingras said. "He's



a great horse. He can do anything you want, race him any way you decide to race him. He's strong, he's got a great gait, he's got all the qualities. Those are the things that make the difference between a fast horse and a great horse."

Tall Dark Stranger is a son of Bettor's Delight out of Precocious Beauty. He is owned by Crawford Farms Racing, Marvin Katz, Caviart Farms, and Howard Taylor. Last year, the colt won eight of nine races, finished second in his loss, and earned \$717,514. He will try to join Huntsville (2017), He's Watching (2014) and Captaintreacherous (2013) as recent Dan Patch Award returnees to win the Pace.

"He's come back great," Gingras said. "I couldn't be any happier, really. His first start he was vicious and the same



Dave Landry

Meadowlands Pace favorite Tall Dark Stranger and caretaker Katie Remmerswaal in Lexington in 2019.

thing again last week. I don't think he could be coming into the final in better shape.

"Last year at times he could be a little bit grabby. He knew really early on what his job was to do, but sometimes he wanted to do a little bit too much. He's a little more manageable this year. If anything, he's a little bit lazy. Leaving the gate last week, in a good way, I had to ask him. He knows what he's out there to do and that it's my job to guide him and he's letting me do my job."

Tall Dark Stranger was guaranteed a starting spot in posts one through six by virtue of his elimination win.

"For me, I've always felt it's tremendously important to try to win the elimination," Gingras said. "Of course, you don't want to overuse your horse, but I have no problem racing my horse to take the outside posts out of the equation. I feel there is great value to it. These horses can go those miles. He left pretty good last week, but I got a decent middle half and then sprinted home. I don't think he will be worse for wear after that last start."

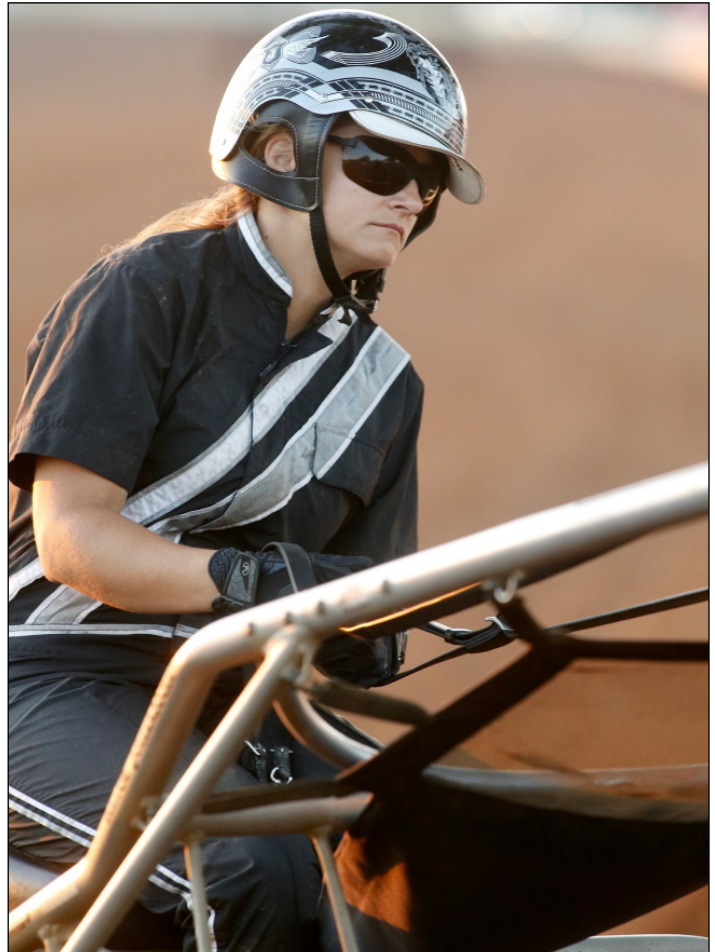
"I like where I drew. You can see what happens. Of course, you've got to go forward. Everybody knows I'm not going to back out of the gate, you're not getting away seventh or eighth in this race, with Tall Dark Stranger that's not happening. You're going forward out of the gate, but you have options. You can see what the outside horses are doing, you can see what the inside horses are doing, and I can race any which way. Post five gives me all the options in the world."

Gingras is looking for his second Meadowlands Pace victory. He won with A Rocknroll Dance in 2012. Takter is seeking her first Pace trophy.

Last year's Matron Stakes and Governor's Cup winner Papi Rob Hanover, with David Miller driving for trainer Brett Pelling, is the 4-1 second choice on the Meadowlands Pace morning line. Papi Rob Hanover starts from post nine, which is his most favorable starting spot yet this season. He finished third from post 10 in the Pace elim and was second from post 10 in his seasonal debut.

Allywag Hanover, also from the Pelling Stable, is the 9-2 third choice. Allywag Hanover advanced to the Pace final courtesy of a bye based on seasonal earnings. Allywag Hanover is 3-for-3 this year and won in 1:48 on July 4 at The Meadowlands.

Pelling is the winningest trainer in Pace history, with four victories. Tim Tetrick will drive Allywag Hanover and is looking for his sixth Pace win. John Campbell holds the record with seven.



Dave Landry

Tall Dark Stranger's trainer, Nancy Takter, is gunning for her first Meadowlands Pace victory.

Trainer Tony Alagna, who won the 2013 Meadowlands Pace with Captaintreacherous, has three horses in Saturday's final: Captain Barbossa (10-1), Capt Midnight (15-1), and Captain Kirk (15-1). Capt Midnight finished ninth in the elimination, from which the top eight horses advanced to the final, but drew into the race when Chief Mate was scratched on Tuesday.

In addition to the Meadowlands Pace, Saturday's racing includes two \$142,250 divisions of the Stanley Dancer Memorial for 3-year-old male trotters, the 11-horse \$253,500 Del Miller Memorial for 3-year-old female trotters, the 13-horse \$464,900 Hambletonian Maturity at 1-1/8 miles for 4-year-old trotters, the 11-horse \$391,300 William R. Haughton Memorial for older male pacers (as well as a \$123,100 consolation), \$172,850 Dorothy Haughton Memorial for older female pacers, the 11-horse \$194,400 Mistletoe Shalee for 3-year-old female pacers, and the third leg of the Miss Versatility Series for older female trotters.

[Complete entries available here.](#)



Meadowlands Pace program should not change strict profit motives

by Frank CotoLO

When any horse racing program presents a cavalcade of events featuring top equine performers battling for large purses, where most of the sport's human personalities are involved, most horse players experience a form of dissociative identity disorder. That is, the bettor and the fan characters in the player conflict. This drama will affect the bettor's performance and that is bad news.

The fan, of course, is the passive character. It has favorite drivers and trainers and trotters and pacers and is in their corners with blind loyalty.

The bettor, of course, is active. It must defy bias in every way the fan embraces it. The bettor has to ignore all of the fan's exaltations.

It's not easy being an objective bettor in general, so when a sterling program like the one the Meadowlands presents on July 18 comes along, the bettor has to dismiss the fan.

The bettor should not be shaken by a blanket of celebrity



horses and drivers and trainers, nor should the bettor change goals from any program at any racetrack when betting is the focus. The goals are the three Ps -- profit, profit and profit. The actions that best serve the goals require absolute objectivity which, combined with math and unpopular wagering tactics, produce long-term profits.

Let's go through my bettor's process related to the July 18 Meadowlands program. After I silence the fan in me, I get to work.

The first race on the July 18 program is not a stakes event. That does not matter, because any class of race on any program presents only two choices for a bettor -- could play or could not to play. Not will or won't; could or could not (more about this later). In this case I know when handicapping I will pass this race (deciding to pass is a privilege bettors need to take more often) because I do not have a strong opinion about contenders. A pass is definitive; it means not playing any type of bet. There goes the Daily Double, says the fan. So what? I say. If you don't like the first half, the second half must stand on its own.

The second race is a leg of the **Miss Versatility Series**. I see





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Manchego tower over the field. I have no reason to defy Manchego, nor do I see a way to make any money on Manchego, so I will pass. Profit never comes from races played for the sake of playing races.

The **Del Miller** is the first race I really like. I write my own betting line, assigning odds I demand be offered for my contenders (odds that are on or over those I personally assign turn into win bets). So, back to the conditional scenario – I could play if I get my price on a contender or I could pass (not play) if I do not get my price. I only know what to do around post time. This rule kicks in for any class race at any track I handicap.

In the Del Miller I assign odds: Sorella (2-1), Hyonotic AM (3-1) and Ramona Hill (6-1). The math for the three combined equals a 72 per cent chance to win, while the rest of the field has a 28 per cent combined chance to win, leaving no chance for me to bet on any others in the field (I never bet any horse I assign over 6-1, a 14 per cent chance to win). Now here is the unpopular element of betting: I will only bet to win that contender offering the best price based on my assigned odds. That may not be my first or second choices. I only know what to do around post time. All win bets direct creating an exotic wager (more about that to come).

Next is the first of two **Stanley Dancer Memorial** (SDM) races. I demand 6-5 on Real Cool Sam (46 per cent) and 8-5 on Amigo Volo (40 per cent). If my assigned odds surface, a cold Real Cool Sam–Amigo Volo exacta would be considered for play. It would not be a box (another unpopular move); no exotic I play will ever be a box; it will be played cold with a strong bet so as to sensationalize on a valuable price if hit (a box, like all multiple-element exotics, makes the bettor buy losing tickets in order to attempt to win).

The second SDM is a no-brainer for me, since I am investing in an outside Hambletonian-eligible, Beyond Kronos. I want to cash on him if he surprises the public before the August classic. I want 6-1 or more. I'm certain to get it. The public will dismiss him, so I will make a win wager only, because it would be a hefty profit at large odds than he may offer again.

In the **Mistletoe Shalee**, I make Baby Your The Best 3-1 and Marloe Hanover 3-1 (50 per cent chance either wins). A win bet on either is possible. I only know what to do around post time. No other wager in the race appeals to me since the rest of the field has a 50 per cent combined chance of beating me.

Now that you know how I work, here, briefly, is the rest of my math:

W. Haughton Memorial: Century Farroh (4-1); None Better A (9-2); Backstreet Shadow (9-2). I only know what to do around post time.

The Hambletonian Maturity is a pass since Gimpanzee is the utter threat and will never give me the overlay he gave in the 2019 Breeders Crown. No win bet, no exotic. Pass.

The Meadowlands Pace adding Capt Midnight made me excited about the race. I give him a 17 per cent (5-1) chance to win over Allywag Hanover (4-1, 37 per cent for them, leaving 23 per cent for the others to beat me. I only know what to do around post time (that includes a possible cold exacta and/or trifecta).

Then I pass the rest of the program. Win, lose or draw from wagering on the July 18 program, my strict, consistent betting methods usually attract long-term profits. I am a fan of profits.

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The influence of the Meadowlands Pace on the Horse of the Year award

by Bob Heyden

Do you see a pattern here? It seems like every five years or so the Meadowlands Pace winner ends up winning the Horse of the Year award and 2020 appears to be the year this could happen again.

The following Pace winners were the HOY the same year:

1980 – Niatross
1985 – Nihilator
1990 – Beach Towel
1991 – Precious Bunny
1994 – Cams Card Shark
2000 – Gallo Blue Chip
2005 – Rocknroll Hanover
2010 – Rock N Roll Heaven
2015 – Wiggle It Jiggleit
2020 – ???????????

M. Pace and Hambletonian same year

Talking about impressive doubles, the following drivers won both the Meadowlands Pace and Hambletonian in the same year:

1979 – George Sholty with Sonsam in the M. Pace and Legend Hanover in the Hambletonian
1985 – Bill O'Donnell with Nihilator in the M. Pace and Prakas in the Hambletonian
1991 – Jack Moiseyev with Precious Bunny in the M. Pace and Giant Victory in the Hambletonian
1995 – John Campbell with Davids Pass in the M. Pace and



Tagliabue in the Hambletonian

2003 – Mike Lachance with All American Theory in the M. Pace and Amigo Hall in the Hambletonian

Favorite sons? NOPE

The last **five** Triple Crown winners of both gaits were not favored in either the Meadowlands Pace or the Hambletonian:

- Marion Marauder in 2016 was the \$7.00 third choice in the Hambletonian; Bar Hopping, the favorite, was fifth.
- Glidemaster in 2006 was the \$14.00 third choice in the Hambletonian; Mr Pine Chip, the favorite, was last.
- No Pan Intended in 2003 finished fourth in the M. Pace; Jim Campbell's entry was the odds on favorite and finished second and off the board.
- Blissful Hall in 1999 was dismissed in the wagering; The Panderosa, the favorite, won.
- Western Dreamer in 1997 finished third; Arturo, the slight favorite, was fourth.

Why was the great Jate late for 1987 M. Pace?

Jate Lobell, the winner of the first million-dollar race ever held in Canada (the 1987 North America Cup), was the horse to beat in the 1987 Meadowlands Pace.

Even though he was second in his elim, he was odds-on in the final.

He was, after all, the undefeated HOY runner-up the year before to another undefeated horse Forrest Skipper.

Meadowlands management doubled the New Jersey Sires Stakes final to \$200,000 to entice him to come east at the



end of May.

In short, he was the Great Jate.

But, it turned out he was almost late for the Meadowlands Pace final.

Jate Lobell was stuck in traffic on the New Jersey Turnpike.

Mark O'Mara, now 63, drove and trained the colt for Joe McCluskey of Michigan. Mark recounted the events of that week.

"We had the crew from *Sports Illustrated* with us all week. In the elimination for the Pace, Jate was lame warming up. I got him around there second and when we pulled the shoe after the race, he had a bad abscess. We cut it out to relieve the pressure. In the final, we drew outside, and I put him in a bad spot early. I was simply out of position. He came home as well as he ever did, but he was just too far back."

But wait, what about the Turnpike business?

"Because of the abscess, we wanted to give him as much time as possible home and as little as we could at the track. So we left a little late. Then we hit traffic. Big time. I tried rolling up on the shoulder, but a state trooper stopped me. I

told him what was going on and, in retrospect, I was lucky to get off with just a warning. What it comes down to is that WE were stressed, not the colt. He shipped well, and like I said he came home as well as ever. I just couldn't make up that ground."

Jate Lobell was not a factor in the Pace and finished seventh. Frugal Gourmet and Trevor Ritchie won it for trainer Blair Burgess.

"I try and forget stuff like this," O'Mara said. "Remember that *Sports Illustrated* still did the story. Joe McCluskey took it well. He was really good like that. The colt acted good – and for the rest of the year he was 1-2 in all his races until the Breeders Crown when he was third twice, mostly due to me."

Jate Lobell the 2-year-old pacing colt of the year in 1986 and the 3-year-old pacing colt of the year in 1987. He went on to a \$100 million plus siring career and had three NA Cup winners. His son Davids Pass won both the Meadowlands Pace and the NA Cup of 1995.

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Niatross - Tyler B rivalry led to lasting marriage

Niatross' caretaker Marie Gill and Tyler B's groom Billy Gill have been married for almost 39 years.

by Dean A. Hoffman

Forty years ago this month, Marie Gill was a worried girl.

She was worried because she was the caretaker for the *ne plus ultra* pacer named Niatross, Horse of the Year as a 2-year-old the previous season. He came into July, 1980 unbeaten and untested. He was an absolute superstar.

Then the wheels came off when he fell over the rail at Saratoga in early July and suffered his first career defeat. A few weeks later, he was the overwhelming favorite in his Meadowlands Pace elimination, but broke stride and recovered to finish fourth, barely, to salvage a spot in the final.

Marie — who then went by her maiden name Carson — wondered what could possibly go wrong in the Meadowlands Pace final.

She didn't need to worry. Niatross was back in form for the final, and that meant that his foes were relegated to futile pursuit.

One of the colts pursuing Niatross was the handsome Tyler B, whose caretaker was Billy Gill from Louisville, KY. Although it was hardly love at first sight, Marie and Bill have now been married for almost 39 years. Marie practices veterinary medicine in western Pennsylvania and Billy trains a stable based at The Meadows.

Marie grew up in Coolville in southeast Ohio and her father fiddled around with a few county fair horses. She earned a degree in chemical engineering and then started to work at Kodak in Rochester, NY. When she was later laid off, she spotted a help wanted ad for nearby Rodney Farms, operated by Barbara and Clint Galbraith. It was an easy move for a young woman raised with harness horses.

Marie moved from the breeding farm to the racing stable and picked up a promising pacing colt named Niatross on the eve of the Woodrow Wilson in 1979. (She had earlier taken care of Best Bizarre and Minute Ms, two earlier foals from the dam of Niatross).

Niatross shot to an easy victory in his elim for the Wilson. Afterwards, as she was cooling out her colt, she encountered another groom and he quipped, "This is Tyler B. He won one of the Wilson elims."

To quote Shania Twain, that didn't impress Marie very



Courtesy Marie Gill

Niatross and caretaker Marie Gill.

much. Nor did the attitude of his caretaker. Neither could have possibly envisioned wedding vows in the future.

"I've always been kind of a smart ass," Billy said.

Billy Gill had been raised in the horse business at the old Louisville Downs as his parents traveled and raced almost everywhere, and he easily ticks off a list of tracks — past and present — spanning North America where he worked.

In 1977, Gill ran into Delvin Miller's assistant Aime Choquette at Pompano and signed on as a groom in the Miller Stable. In the fall of 1978, he was assigned a \$220,000 Most Happy Fella yearling colt named Tyler B.

Both colts evidenced some quirks.

"Niatross was always a nippy kind of colt," Marie says. "I always had bruises on my arms."

Billy adds, "Tyler B could be a little mean. He sure wasn't a

kid's horse, and he knew he was big. He was scared of tractors and went over the hubrail several times.

"I trained him myself often and I always waited until the tractors came off the track."

Niatross took right up winning when the 1980 season started and some may have wondered if anyone could beat him.

It turned out that only Niatross could beat himself.

He was predictably a heavy favorite before the Battle of Saratoga in early July and was leading into the stretch when the hub of his left sulky wheel caught the inside rail and pulled horse and sulky over the rail.

The harness racing world turned upside down – just like Niatross. Fortunately, he was unhurt in his fall from grace.

"When I got to him, he just had a little mud on his Kant-See-Bak blind," Marie said.

In the Meadowlands Pace elim a few weeks later, onlookers were astonished as Niatross began galloping after a quarter-mile.

"His hock hit the bike and he took off running," Marie says. "That spooked him. He wasn't a runner."

A forlorn Galbraith said that they'd simply have to tie him out further from the sulky. And they did so for the remainder of the year.

Niatross got post eight in the final.

Marie admits she was nervous before the Meadowlands Pace, but adds, "I was nervous every time he raced. After the elimination, I wondered if Niatross would ever win again."

Billy still knew Niatross was the king.

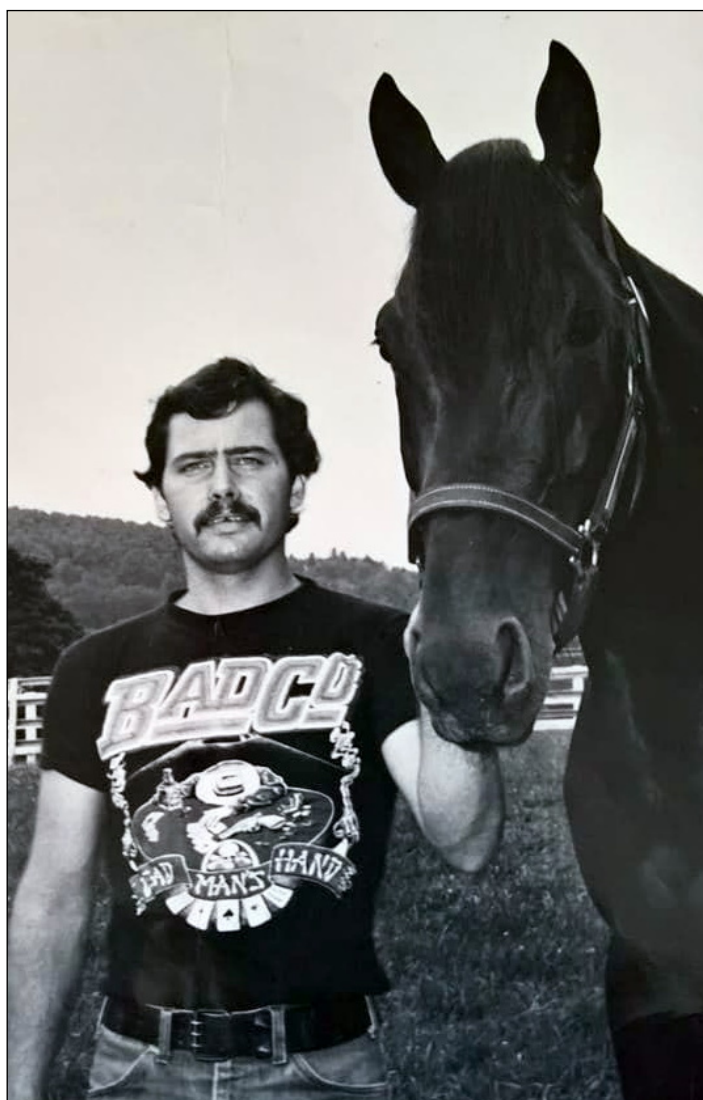
"I never really thought Tyler B had a real shot of beating Niatross," he admits. "Niatross was just so much better. That's why I enjoyed racing Tyler B in the New York Sires Stakes. He was the best there. He won everywhere we went in New York."

In the Meadowlands Pace final, Tyler B had the rail and driver Billy Herman left alertly with him to seize control. Storm Damage was caught outside around the first turn with Niatross behind him.

Storm Damage worked his way to the front down the backstretch and that's when Galbraith stepped on the gas.

Niatross rocketed to the fore and played "catch me if you can" with his pursuers.

They simply couldn't catch him. Storm Damage fought valiantly but lost ground behind the champion and Tyler B held for third.



Courtesy Marie Gill

Tyler B and caretaker Billy Gill.

Niatross paced in splendid solitude and hit the wire in a stake record 1:53.1.

The rest of the 1980 season played out predictably, Niatross paced in 1:52.4 at Syracuse and then won the Jug in effortless straight heats, pacing the first sub-1:55 mile in Jug history.

Then came the assault on the 1:52 world record for standardbreds at Lexington. It was set for the first week, but bad weather postponed the time trial until the following week.

Marie watched the time trial from the paddock out the outside the far turn,

"There was so much noise that I couldn't hear the time," she said. Then someone told her.

1:49.1.



Courtesy Marie Gill

Billy and Marie Gill more recently in the Canadian Rockies.

It dropped the record by almost three seconds. She hitched a ride on a golf cart to meet her horse as he returned to the thunderous accolades of the spectators. Horsemen had flooded the track.

“Get out of the way! Get out of the way!” she shouted. Marie just wanted to congratulate her colt.

Looking back, she says modestly, “I was pretty proud of him that day.”

She was also proud the rest of the year as he won the

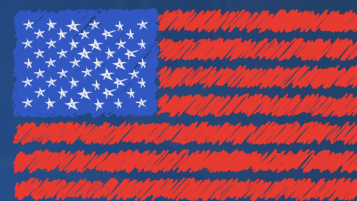
American Pacing Classic over older horses at Hollywood Park and ended the year on Dec. 31 winning at Pompano.

Forty years later, she is still proud of Niatross — and Marie doesn’t need to remind her husband that her horse was better than his.

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Does blasting a 2-year-old off the gate and going a hellacious first quarter compromise the horse's long-term ability to race?

That and much, much more in this week's edition of harness racing's most popular advice column.

by Ron Gurfein

Tidbits: What a fabulous week for racing – both thoroughbred and standardbred.

At Keeneland, the well regarded 2-year-old Fauci, owned by Lindy Farm and David Reid and trained by Wesley Ward, romped in a maiden race on the grass. Pressured from the start he handily pulled away mid-stretch for the score.

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Sorella, the Nancy Takter trainee I made my choice last week to beat the boys in the Hambletonian was an impressive winner over stablemate Panem in 1:50.2 on a bad track at the Big M. My suggestion to Ms. Takter is to race Sorella against the boys and Panem in the Oaks. What a scenario that would be.

Tall Dark Stranger, also a Takter trainee, was excellent as the prohibitive favorite in the elimination to the

Meadowlands Pace. His main rival, Papi Rob Hanover, had to race a mile and a quarter from the 10 hole and was never a serious threat. Unfortunately, he has drawn outside again in the final. This streak of bad posts better end soon.

Bettors Wish, the other victim from a 10-post magical mystery tour, reportedly bled and will miss the Haughton on Saturday. After the horrid journey he suffered, it is not a surprise.

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It always helps to give the handicapper all the pertinent information. For example, those with experience saw the trips some of the favorites suffered from outside posts on Saturday night at the Big M. Why not interview the trainers of those horses between races and get the whole story? I know it's not fun to go on TV after a loss, but it is good for the sport. It's just another addition to transparency.

The runners always have an interview with the jockey on a 2-5 shot that was off the board and rarely is the conversation completely understandable. Our trainers are usually great on camera. In the case of Bettors Wish, if Chris Ryder saw blood after the race it would have been a big plus to relay the situation to the betting public.

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To all of you that condemn the Meadowlands drag time, I have limited Internet in my area so if I don't want to miss a race I watch on TV and my iPad and noticed that the telecast from the Big M waited for TVG to finish their important \$5,000 claiming races so that their coverage will be live to the harness audience instead of five minutes after the race has been completed. That is way more of a reason than just a drag.

That said, what I do not like is that the horses start the Post Parade with ZERO minutes to post. What is that all about?

An advertisement for Waterhays Alliance. It features a photograph of a dark horse and driver in a sulky racing on a track. To the right of the photo, the text 'ADD YOUR VOICE TO OURS AND JOIN TODAY!' is written in large, bold, white and red letters. Below this text is a red octagonal sign with the word 'WHOA' in white. At the bottom, the website 'www.waterhaysalliance.com' is written in white.



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I watched a new program on TVG Sunday morning called Across The Tracks. It's hosted by Todd Schrupp the voice of TVG and to say he does a wonderful job with this new endeavor is an understatement.

The show will cover places of interest that are in the area of many racetracks around the country.

The first show was about Lexington, KY, home of Keeneland Racetrack. He did an interview with Ouita Michael, owner of Holly Hill Inn. It is probably the best restaurant in the Lexington area and is mentioned often in this column by yours truly. He covered subjects from bourbon to the Big Blue Nation. Sadly, no mention of our fabulous Red Mile that gets underway in about two weeks. However, that is consistent with TVG's attitude toward harness racing.

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I want to thank Nikolaus Matzka for his very informative letter explaining the history of trotting in Vienna, a subject I was totally unaware of. It was very long, but I will give you some of the highlights.

There are paintings of trotting races dating back to 1382 in a Vienna Trotting Club.

The Austrian Derby dates back to 1884, a few years after a Trotting Club was born in Baden about 20 miles south of Vienna, a summer hotspot.

Many famous trotters raced in Vienna, including Meadow Road and Florestan (brother to Florican).

Frank Stronach built a beautiful complex of tracks southeast of Vienna—two thoroughbred and one standardbred in 2007 at a cost of 100,000,000 euros. But shortly thereafter, Magna Entertainment walked out leaving him with the problem of funding the races out of his own pocket.

I found the history very interesting and anyone interested email me. I will forward you the various links to the entire story.

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To the many Canadian owners that contacted me about the

Top 10 money earners eligible to race in a stake, I have simple advice: The earnings list is available to all. Before you put your horse on the truck make sure you will be entered by calling the racing secretary. If you are on the bubble and there is a chance you will not race do not ship till after the draw. At the Meadowlands, Tuesday at 9 am you can get information about in or out. That leaves you plenty of time to get there.

Leslie Robinson asks: Social media has erupted with suggestions for induction to the Harness Racing Hall Of Fame. Two drivers, Tony Morgan and Billy "Zeke" Parker Jr. have been mentioned weekly. What is your take?

I get these questions all the time and to me if everyone that was suggested was in there would be more in than out LOL.

Both of them are very talented, there is no question of that. Zeke is one of the most personable drivers I have ever dealt with on a day-to-day basis. He could make horses go that many others could not, and probably could get more out of a bad horse than anyone I have seen.

Tony is very much the same kind of driver. Not as aggressive, but very talented. He is also a very intelligent man.

Here is my problem with them. WHY DID Tony leave Chicago and a career that was flying high? WHY DID Zeke stay in Monticello when his reputation could have gotten him plenty of clients in the major leagues. Please no conspiracy theories.

Good story of my relationship with Billy Parker: I had a horse in the final of the Yonkers Trot that was about 1,000,000-1 from post 8. Mike Lachance was scheduled to drive and the helicopter he was on coming from the Meadowlands was in the vicinity but hadn't landed. The presiding judge forced me to immediately name a replacement. I put Billy down and Mike and I watched him steer the colt perfectly to a fourth-place finish from an impossible spot.

Joel Kravet asks: Does blasting a 2-year-old out of the gate and going full tilt early on compromise his long-term ability to race?

I would say unequivocally YES. However, the degree of affect will depend on the durability of the horse.

Most trainers try to race their babies frugally. Unfortunately, there are those that don't relish the control. Continentalvictory was a great example. The filly loved the front end. The few times she raced in a hole she was less than impressive. In fact, in the Beacon Course (now the Stanley Dancer) Michel Lachance opted to race her in a hole and it was far from her finest hour. It was the week before the Hambletonian and I am sure Michel was thinking ahead to the big dance and wanted to keep a few cards in his pocket.

I believe every quick quarter a horse is forced to go does some damage somewhere whether it be bone, soft tissue, lung damage or mental stress. Over time, they add up.

Therefore, it's good to believe the more you leave in the tank the longer the racing career will be. My favorite example of this theory was one of my all-time favorite horses: Hardesty — or as my partner Roy Brown would call him “the old man.”

He basically couldn't leave a step, until Billy Parker taught him to at 12 years of age. He raced 40 starts at 12, the most of any year in his career that started as a 2-year-old. In all, he raced about 250 times and won more than 50 races. Billy O'Donnell gave him his lifetime record at 10 in the Meadowlands. He was a Dream of Glory out of the good mare Bustle dam of some of Doug Ackerman's finest colts.

Fiona Reynolds asks: I hear trainers and drivers claim “he ran for no reason” pertaining to a trotter making a break. Is this possible?

As I have learned in all phases of life, nothing happens without a reason. When someone says no reason, he just doesn't know the answer. Usually, the cause is so subtle the driver is totally unaware.

The real reason is, to my mind, most likely slight

interference. It could be jumping over a matchstick, a little soreness or even stepping in a soft spot on the track. There are a myriad of reasons none of which in my opinion would include the words NO REASON.

Thanks again to all of you for your kind words. Since racing has resumed I have been spared the evil emails. Most of the attacks now are printed on social media and I find it less personal and easier to dismiss.

Enjoy the fabulous program presented by the Meadowlands this weekend. Saturday's card is not to be missed.

Maverick will have another qualifier this morning (July 17) at the Big M. Hopefully, team Alagna will right the ship. His previous efforts were more than okay for the average horse, but till now he lacks the fire of his brother Greenshoe. If the project can be fixed, Tony will get the job done.

Have a wonderful week.

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GRASSROOTS PERSPECTIVE



with CHRIS LOMON

Kyle Ater says being resilient is a trait that came from his father

by Chris Lomon

It was just over nine years ago when Kyle Ater went to great lengths, more specifically, one length, to get the better of his role model on the racetrack.

Rewind to June 19, 2011, at Scioto Downs for the Battle of the Generations on Father's Day, a three-race event that showcased top younger drivers competing against their famous fathers.

In the final event of the series, Ater, aboard pacer Noble Jet, rallied from third at the stretch call to cross the wire a length winner in a time of 1:55.4.

The runner-up, Doc's Bonanza, was in rein to Ater's father, Dan.

"I rubbed it in pretty good," recalled Kyle. "I couldn't resist. But he wasn't too upset about it."

Hardly the type of gift a father would anticipate on a day named in his honor, but the result wasn't that much of a surprise.

After all, the younger Ater learned everything he knew from an Ohio harness racing legend.

Involved in the sport for more than 40 years as a trainer/driver, Dan Ater counts driving titles at Lebanon Raceway, Scioto Downs, Northfield Park and Balmoral Park among his numerous successes. His top horses include Western Resolve, Firm Belief, Capital Request, Cruzin Inya Jammys, Mystique Cruiser and Dancin Yankee. In 2016, he was inducted into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

It's been anything but a drama-free journey.

Serious health issues, including lengthy battles with prostate and pancreatic cancers, sent Ater to the sidelines at various points in his career.

But, just like his horses have earned a reputation for, he's



Courtesy Kyle Ater

Ohio's Ater family (from left) Hunter Hubbard and his fiancée Mackenzie Ater, Wyatt Ater, Dan Ater, Sarah Ater and Kyle Ater.

never thrown in the towel, even when he was told at one point that he had five years to live.

Kyle has adopted that very same never-give-up attitude both on and off the racetrack.

After he was struck down by a serious bout with the flu six years ago, causing him to miss all of his Monday drives at Dayton Raceway, Kyle was back in the race bike two nights later.

The end result was a four-win evening, all double-digit payouts, including a pair of 23-1 triumphs with trotters Bad Habit and Northmedo Esther.

"I guess I should get the flu more often," quipped Kyle.

With over 2,100 driving wins and counting, the 43-year-old has recently added the role of trainer to his repertoire, taking over the reins from his father, who recorded 1,697 wins as a driver, and nearly 1,700 more as a trainer (he recorded a career-high 150 victories in 2017).

This year, Kyle is campaigning the string of 26 horses the pair has under their care.

And the results are hardly surprising. As of July 10, he has 12 wins and 32 top-three finishes from 71 starts.

Like father, like son.

"My dad has made this [racing career] a lot easier on me," said Kyle, who posted a career-high 208 driving wins in 2017.

"He's definitely my role model. He's the one who taught me that nothing is easy and you've got to work for what you want. That's what I live by. Dad is getting to the age where he wants to turn things over to me. With the coronavirus, he can't get to the races because of his prior health problems. He can't take the chance of getting sick. He decided when Scioto opened to turn it over to me."

The two, based in Clarksburg, OH — about 40 minutes from Scioto Downs — remain close, both literally and figuratively.

“He still comes to the barn, but he’s doing a lot of fishing on Lake Erie, and I think he’s ready to move on to other things,” said Kyle. “We talk racing every day. He’s taught me so well. I’m sure there are a lot of people who wish they had someone like that in their life. We’ve got some good horses, so we’ll just keep doing our best to get them into the winner’s circle.”

They don’t have to travel far to have conversations, racing or otherwise.

“We bought a house right next to the farm where the horses are,” said Kyle. “I take my golf cart there every morning to see them. It was my dad’s grandpa who originally owned the farm. My grandma grew up on that farm and my dad ended up buying it in the early 1990s. In 1997, we built a five-eighths mile track. There’s also a swimming pool, turnouts, an Equiciser, a spa — we’ve got everything. It’s a very nice facility. There’s about 63 acres there. We’re out in the country on an old back road.”

The serene surroundings could perhaps inspire another Ater to follow in the family horse racing footsteps.

Kyle, and his wife, Sarah, are the parents of a 3-year-old son, Wyatt, who is already showing an affinity for standardbreds.

“I love spending time with my family,” said Kyle. “Sarah and Wyatt come over to the barn a lot. They’re involved and they both love it. Wyatt, he loves his grandpa. Him and dad are buddies. Dad, his house is right there on the farm. So, it’s a big family deal for us.”

Keeping the Ater name front and center in Ohio racing is a source of pride for Kyle. These days, he’s working hard to get their pacers and trotters back in form after COVID-19 shuttered live racing for part of the racing season.

“Some of the horses didn’t come back quite as sharp, but they’re starting to come around now. The older horses, they have more problems. The break didn’t hurt them, but it didn’t help them. The old warhorses, they’re used to going to the gate every week. It takes them a little while longer to readjust, but they’re coming along.”

Enduring any adversity, past or present, doesn’t prompt a break in stride for Kyle’s steady-handed approach.

Staying resilient is a trait he comes by naturally.

“When times were tough and we didn’t have slot machines, it was rough. It was hard to make a living back then, but you just had to keep grinding away. There will be good times and bad times, but my dad taught me no matter what, you always



Courtesy Kyle Ater

The Ater family's 63-acre farm in Ohio features a five-eighths mile track and is home to Dan Ater. Kyle and Sarah Ater and their 3-year-old son, Wyatt, live next to the farm.

have to keep going on with it. We’ve been lucky to have good owners throughout it all. The bottom line is that I really love what I do.”

Even if it means — at least on one occasion — crossing the wire ahead of your role model.

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A promotional graphic for the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame. It features a photograph of a large, multi-story building with a gabled roof and many windows. Overlaid on the image is the text "Are You a Member?" in a large, white, serif font. Below this, in a smaller white font, is the text "Help support the effort to preserve and celebrate harness racing's history by joining the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame." Further down, it says "Membership levels start at just \$35!". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "Make your check payable to the: Harness Racing Museum and mail to: 240 Main St., Goshen, NY 10924" and "or **CLICK HERE** to join online at: harnessmuseum.com". On the right side, there is a green vertical banner with the text "HARNESS RACING MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for the museum featuring a horse and the text "HARNESS RACING MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME".

THE O-ZONE

Ontario's Racing Scene



with SANDRA SNYDER

Trainer Andrew Moore batting .500 at Rideau with his small stable

by Sandra Snyder

Since racing returned to Rideau Carleton Raceway in June, trainer Andrew Moore is batting .500 with his small stable. The Russell, ON resident has sent out eight starters and netted four wins, one second and one third.

Three of those wins have come from Déjà Vu Seelster and the other was courtesy of Springbridge Jim. Both horses were

sired by Big Jim, but that is the only thing they have in common. Moore says Springbridge Jim is the fastest horse he has ever trained and Deju Vu Seelster is the most aggravating.

"The colt, I would have to go on record, he's the fastest horse I've trained. He paced 1:49.1 his last start at Mohawk (July 4 - Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Leg)," said Moore, who shares ownership of Springbridge Jim with his father Allan Moore of Stratford, PEI, cousin Tommy Godfrey of Charlottetown, PEI and father-in-law Charles Farrell of Spencerville, ON. "And I guess it would be three weeks ago (June 18) he won over Rideau Carleton in 1:51.3 with Robbie (Robinson) driving, which anybody that comes to Rideau, they'll recognize that's a pretty good mile."

Moore and Robinson stable alongside each other at Rideau Carleton Raceway, train their young horses together and lend each other a hand as needed. When it came to Déjà Vu Seelster, Moore says the assistance of Robinson and a few other friends was not just supportive, it was essential.

"Of all my years training horses she turned it around the



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Springbridge Jim (James MacDonald) winning his Ontario Sires Stakes Gold leg on July 4 at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:49.1.

most from 2 to 3, and I owe that to Robbie and Louis Gilchrist especially, and Al Thibert. She wasn't my favourite, we'll put it that way. There wasn't a lot of love there some days, so the boys knew I wasn't really too enthused or too happy with her so they took the lines most of the days for her," said Moore with a laugh. "But physically she's changed, mentally she's changed, and I hate to say it, but she can rock and roll now. I didn't know for a while, she liked to put me in snow banks or just do – what you didn't want to do she would do – so I owe it really to them, they did a lot of good work with her."

In four lifetime starts the filly has won three, pacing her fastest mile, 1:55.4, in her June 18 debut. Moore is sole owner of Déjà Vu Seelster, who was an \$11,500 acquisition at the 2018 London Selected Yearling Sale. Springbridge Jim was a \$14,000 purchase from the same sale.

"The last seven, eight years it's been primarily just buying yearlings at the London Sale, Harrisburg or Lexington. And you know being a small guy, and sometimes I've bought them on my own, the budget's not real big," said the horseman. "But we do our homework, and one of my first baby purchases on my own was a mare named Maplelea (Sportswriter–Maple Lady). We were able to buy her for \$7,000 and in her short career (2014-17) she was able to bang out a few dollars shy of \$250,000."

At present Moore has six horses in training. In addition to Springbridge Jim and Déjà Vu Seelster he has 4-year-old Shadow Play mares Springbridge Vision and Just My Shadow and two 2-year-old pacing fillies, one by Sportswriter and the other by Hes Watching.

"For the last number of years, and I don't know why, but I seem to have more luck with pacing fillies. So in my stable right now there's six horses in training and five of them are females. It's kind of ironic, my daughter's pony had a foal yesterday, it was filly, and our second is coming here any day and it's another girl. I'm loaded with females," said Moore with a laugh, noting that daughter number two was one day overdue as of July 14.

Moore and his "better-half", Dr. Tiffany Richards, who co-owns the Russell Equine Clinic, were grateful for the support of Robinson, Gilchrist and Thibert this spring for reasons that went far beyond their handling of Déjà Vu Seelster.

"We've all had struggles with the whole COVID situation, but if it wasn't for Robbie Robinson, Louis Gilchrist and Al Thibert I wouldn't be in the position I'm in, because they've helped me out," said Moore. "I had no day care, and my little girl Clara, she's only three years old. It was kind of a strain, I

guess you could say, to get the horses worked sometimes."

With the impending arrival of Clara's sibling, Moore has been sticking close to home since racing resumed, competing primarily at Rideau Carleton Raceway. While that has worked out well for Déjà Vu Seelster and Springbridge Jim, Springbridge Vision and Just My Shadow have not enjoyed the staycation quite as much.

"They raced in the Grassroots last year, and a couple Golds. They picked away, one made \$107,000, the other one made \$92,000," said Moore of the two mares. "And right now one problem we're having down here at Rideau, or I'm in a predicament I guess you could say, there's no real place to race a mare. I gotta race the boys, so I'm getting no relief. I finished last the other night and last the start before, like she still paced in 1:54 and raced good, but when you're in against the boys it's a little different."

As a result, Moore expects the pair will find themselves in a new home before the summer is over.

"My dad's an accountant, cash is king," said Moore, who co-owns both mares with his father, Godfrey and Farrell. "I have six there, in a perfect world I'd sell two or three of them."

Moore has always owned horses with his father, who introduced him to harness racing as a child. On Saturday mornings, the young Moore would be in the passenger seat on the way to the Charlottetown Driving Park or to neighbor Ralph Frizzell's Blue Meadow Farm. Moore's interest grew in his teenage years, and after completing his post-secondary studies to become a teacher he and his dad went into partnership on two yearlings, Western Ideal daughter Habit Hanover and Island Fantasy colt Rigio Hanover.

"My father bought two, a colt and a filly, in Harrisburg for the grand total of \$10,000 combined with the advice of Earl Smith from Prince Edward Island," recalled Moore.

"I probably owe the way I train my young horses, and how I train a lot of horses, to Earl Smith. He was a very good teacher and a very good mentor," said Moore. "Rigio Hanover was a bit of a challenge to get there, and Earl helped me with him. He was going all right and then he didn't want to really pay attention and I thought he should be a gelding. Earl went with him and he said he was okay, and then he happened to get in the infield the next day, and he said it's probably a good idea to geld him, and after that he was good. That's one thing, I've been lucky with Robbie and Louis or different people around, you can't teach experience. If they tell you something – they've driven more horses than I have to this point – you've got to take their advice."

Rigio Hanover would compete at the Gold Series level in 2004, winning a Gold Elimination and a Flamboro Breeders division, and bank \$156,000 in his five-year racing career. Habit Hanover earned \$18,000 at 2, including a sweep of the Lady Slipper Stake Gold events at Summerside, but died suddenly at the start of her 3-year-old season.

“When she was trucking in in March as a 3-year-old she dropped dead in the trailer. So yeah, that’s why I say when the times are good... you know,” said Moore. “And to this day it’s the only horse my step mother Sandra owned. We felt pretty bad, my father and I.”

Moore’s mother Rose passed away in 1999 and as a tribute to her his gold, black and white racing colors are adorned with a gold rose on the shoulder. A sense of family and a connection to his roots seems to permeate the 39-year-old’s approach to both life and horse racing. The decision to stay close to home this summer and enjoy the new addition to his

and Richards’ family was an easy one. He will admit however, to relishing the opportunity to race Springbridge Jim in a Gold event on his hometown oval when the three-year-old pacing colts make their stop at Rideau Carleton Raceway on Aug. 16.

“It’s a big advantage for me to be able to race on my home turf because now I don’t have to truck, and you know in July and August it can get quite tropical,” said the horseman. “Growing up Dr. Ian Moore was my father’s vet. He’s tough to race against; I’d love to beat him. We were in the same race (July 4), obviously he won with Tattoo Artist, and he says, ‘You know, your colt raced good.’ And I said, ‘Oh, maybe my luck will happen, and you can settle for second.’”

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Courtesy Andrew Moore and family

Moore’s wife, Dr. Tiffany Richards (co-owner of the Russell Equine Clinic) with their daughter Clara on her pony Holly with cousin Hudson doing the leading.

EUROPEAN REPORT



with **THOMAS HEDLUND**

Finland's \$160,000 St Michel-ajo on tap for Sunday

by *Thomas Hedlund*

The \$160,000 St Michel-ajo in Finnish Mikkeli is known as one of the most spectacular mile races there is in Europe during the summer. Thanks to the surrounding environment and the surface of the 5/8 mile track, many great trotters have performed miles in times that they never were close to in previous races – at least this has been true in past years.

Lately, Mikkeli presents a track where more moderate and common miles are performed and how it will end up this year remains to be seen on Sunday afternoon, when eight trotters gather around the track in Finland.

Title defender Makethemark draw a perfect two-hole and

Ulf Ohlsson is the driver trying to repeat last year's 1:53 win.

Varenne's 1:51.2 performance from 2002 is still the fastest mile in the race.

A spot in \$350,000 Hugo Åbergs Memorial at Jägersro on July 28 is at stake in Mikkeli.

St Michel-ajo 2020

Horse – Driver

1. Sobel Conway – Olli Koivunen
2. Makethemark – Ulf Ohlsson
3. Vernissage Grif – Alessandro Gocciadoro
4. Hotshot Luca – Pekka Korpi
5. Next Direction – Iikka Nurmonen
6. Missile Hill – Johan Untersteiner
7. Moni Viking – Hannu Torvinen
8. Antonio Tabac – Mika Forss

Melander dominates \$530,000

Stochampionatet

The Stochampionatet for 4-year-old mares is scheduled at Axevalla racetrack on Sunday afternoon and after the eliminations (at Axevalla on July 10) it's a fact that Stefan Melander dominates the final with five mares qualified for the race.

Scarlet Knight daughter Resudial Thrust and Muscle Hill



Martin Langels / ALN

Ecurie D (Björn Goop) winning in Eskilstuna on July 15.

mare Ganga Bae won their eliminations, respectively, while Digital Literacy (Super Photo Kosmos), Fuel Burn (Scarlet Knight) and Sideslip (Scarlet Knight) qualified by being runner ups in their eliminations.

Ganga Bae, owned by Courant Stable, was first choice in \$220,000 Drottningpokalen in May, but couldn't reach Hard Livin mare Diana Zet that day. Ganga Bay will most probably be the bettor's choice once again, even though Diana Zet (who won her elimination from the lead) starts from post inside of Ganga Bae.

Stochampionatet is one of the most prestigious races for 4-year-olds in Sweden and what makes the race hard to win is the distance, 2.640 meters or 1.6 miles with eliminations only nine days ahead of the final.

Ganga Bae was the fastest elimination winner with a mile rate of 1:59.3.

\$530,000 Stochampionatet 2020

2.640 meters

Horse (Sire) – Driver (trainer)

1. **American Hill** (Muscle Hill) – Marc Elias (Conrad Lugauer)
2. **Waiting Hill Hall** (Muscle Hill) – Steen Juul
3. **Diana Zet** (Hard Livin) – Örjan Kihlström (Daniel Redén)
4. **Resudial Thrust** (Scarlet Knight) – Erik Adjalsson (Stefan Melander)
5. **Ganga Bae** (Muscle Hill) – Jorma Kontio (Stefan Melander)
6. **Digital Literacy** (Super Photo Kosmos) – Rikard N Skoglund (Stefan Melander)
7. **Award Kronos** (Father Patrick) – Adrian Kolgjini (Daniel Redén)
8. **Fuel Burn** (Scarlet Knight) – Emilia Leo (Stefan Melander)
9. **Mahma Lane** (Maharajah) – Peter Untersteiner
10. **No Limit Queen** (Trixtion) – Carl Johan Jepson (Björn Goop)
11. **Sideslip** (Scarlet Knight) – Per Lennartsson (Stefan Melander)
12. **Mellby Hawaii** (Going Kronos) – Peter Ingves (Björn Goop)

Gocciadoro wins it all in Italy

Alessandro Gocciadoro is hard to beat when he's racing in Italy. In Cesena, on Saturday night (July 11), his horses were outstanding in world record performances in \$57,000 Gran Premio Citta' di Cesena for 3-year-olds.

In the division for mares, Bairussa Jet (Pine Chip) claimed her third victory in 12 starts and won in world record mile rate 1:58 over 2.060 meters (1.3 miles).

Bigbusiness Arc (Varenne) won in 1:58.3 and that mile rate was also a world record performance for a 3-year-old trotter over 1.3. miles on a half mile track.

Gocciadoro left Cesena and went on to Trieste on Sunday night. There, he continued his triumphal journey in Italy and claimed \$57,000 Gran Premio Citta' di Trieste Filly paired with Apple Wise As (Royalty For Life) and followed up by

winning the colts division with Al Capone Stecca (Napoleon Bar).

Ecurie D. continues to impress

Danish bred Ecurie D. (Infinitif), trained in Norway by Frode Hamre, and most often driven by Björn Goop, is definitely one of the most exciting trotters in the world right now. The 4-year-old star is unbeaten after 11 starts and in \$44,000 Fyraåringstestet in Eskilstuna, Sweden, the 4-year-old champion played with his opponents and came home in mile rate 1:57 over 1.6 miles.

Björn Goop aimed for the lead after less than a half-mile into the race and Goop solved the trouble he had when the car accelerated from the field without big concerns. Ecurie D. Started from nine-hole, behind horses and that was a fact that could have made the race more spectacular, but Ecurie D. Is something special as an individual and the question is: how good can he be? The star trotter has a spot in \$350,000 Hugo Åbergs Memorial on July 28, but it's not definitely nailed that Ecurie D. will take up the fight against older elite trotters, yet.

Green Manalishi was one of the hottest challengers ahead of the race, but his performance was really mysterious and his gait was nothing more than miserable, especially in the turns. The horse finished last in mile rate of 1:59.

Brother Bill (Breeders Crown winner in November last year) made his comeback and finished second to Ecurie D. after a pocket trip.

Aramis Bar wins \$55,000 Norrlands Grand Prix

On Thursday (July 16), Björn Goop went north, to Bergsåker, Sweden, where he had his Italian-bred Aramis Bar (Napoleon Bar), partly owned by former hockey professional Peter Forsberg, in the \$55,000 Norrlands Grand Prix for 4-year-olds over 1.3 miles.

Goop served his horse a second-over trip while driver Mika Forss let Timo Nurmos-trained Acciaio keep too high a pace in front. That meant that Goop could wait to attack when merited trotters such as Global Adventure and Hail Mary started their attacks up the backstretch.

Aramis Bar took over the lead at the home stretch and held strong finisher Hail Mary in a safe distance at the wire. The mile rate of 1:54.1 is a new Swedish record over 1.3 miles for 4-year-olds bred outside of Sweden.

Global Adventure was third behind Aramis Bar and Hail Mary.

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New Jersey



Sorella is maturing like a fine wine

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

One night a couple years ago while enjoying dinner with a friend, horse owner Elmer Fannin had a thought. If the yet-to-be-raced homebred filly trotter he had in his stable was as good as the wine they were enjoying, she would be something special.

"So, I decided I was going to name her Sorella for the bottle of wine," Fannin said. "That's how it happened. It was just an enjoyable dinner, enjoying some good wine, and now I've got a good horse."

Sorella is showing signs of maturing like a fine wine. Last season at age 2, she went off stride in three of her nine starts. Her remaining six races, though, included two wins and two seconds. She won divisions of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes and Arden Downs and both runner-up efforts came to Sister Sledge, including in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship.

This year, she is three-for-three. She won the lone division of the W.N. Reynolds Memorial for 3-year-old female trotters last week, when she scored in 1:50.2, the fastest mile of the season by any 3-year-old trotter. One start earlier, she beat a group of Hambletonian-eligible boys in 1:51.2.

"She was good last year but she was shying away from stuff," Fannin said about Sorella, who in 2019 was trained by Staffan Lind and this year is in the stable of Nancy Takter. "She just wasn't settled down and was making some breaks. But when she didn't make a break, she was really good."

"Nancy has done a tremendous job with her. You never know how far up the ladder they'll go before they stop. But she's certainly been an amazing filly. She didn't look like she was all out in her last race. It wasn't like she was waiting for the finish line to come to her, she was okay going to the finish line. That was great."

Sorella makes her next start Saturday in the \$253,500 Del Miller Memorial for 3-year-old filly trotters at The Meadowlands. Sorella will leave from post one with driver Yannick Gingras and is the 7-2 second choice on the morning line. Empire Breeders Classic winner Hypnotic AM is the 3-1 favorite.

All but one of the 11 fillies in the Miller Memorial are eligible to August's Hambletonian Oaks, but could be entered against the boys in the Hambletonian. Has Fannin given that scenario any thought?



Michael Lisa

Sorella (Yannick Gingras) winning at The Meadowlands.

"Yeah, probably all of my life," he said with a laugh. "To have a filly and beat the boys, who wouldn't be thinking about it. A lot of people, like Nancy and Yannick, would have a say in that, but we'll see. She's got a race this week and we'll see how she does. You don't want to get overanxious and get in over your head and not do yourself or the industry, or the filly, any favors."

Sorella is a daughter of Muscle Hill out of Kadealia. Fannin raced Kadealia, best remembered for a 75-1 upset in the 2008 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old fillies, and retained her as a broodmare following her career on the track. Sadly, the mare died earlier this year while in foal to Father Patrick.

"All of her foals made it to the races, and I thought at some point she was destined to have a good one," Fannin said. "I'm certainly happy to honor Kadealia with Sorella doing so well. Hopefully Sorella continues on and does well and the Father Patrick (yearling) colt I have will do well next year."

Fannin, a Delaware resident who with his wife Mary Ann founded custom home builder Country Life Homes a little more than 25 years ago, owns Sorella with Crawford Farms Racing and Brent Fannin.

"We're just happy to have her," Fannin said. "We're just all enjoying it and I've got nothing but praise for the trainers, drivers, partners, and, of course, the filly. With her out of the equation, there ain't any fun for anybody."

The Miller is part of a big night of racing at The Big M, headlined by the \$636,650 Meadowlands Pace for 3-year-old male pacers.

In addition, Saturday's racing includes two \$142,250 divisions of the Stanley Dancer Memorial for 3-year-old male trotters, the 13-horse \$464,900 Hambletonian Maturity at 1-1/8 miles for 4-year-old trotters, the 11-horse \$391,300 William R. Haughton Memorial for older male pacers (as well as a \$123,100 consolation), \$172,850 Dorothy Haughton Memorial for older female pacers, the 11-horse \$194,400 Mistletoe Shalee for 3-year-old female pacers, and the third leg of the Miss Versatility Series for older female trotters.

Complete entries available [here](#).

New Jersey



Real Cool Sam to make 2020 debut in Stanley Dancer Memorial

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Real Cool Sam, the 2019 Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male trotter, makes his seasonal debut Saturday in the first of two \$142,250 divisions of the Stanley Dancer Memorial at The Meadowlands.

The Dancer, the penultimate stakes prep at The Big M for 3-year-old male trotters ahead of August's Hambletonian, is part of a stakes-packed card headlined by the \$636,650 Meadowlands Pace for 3-year-old male pacers. Pace elimination winner Tall Dark Stranger, also a Dan Patch Award recipient in 2019, is the 7-5 morning-line favorite.

First race post time Saturday is 45 minutes earlier than usual, at 6:30 p.m. (EDT).

Real Cool Sam, who was **named in honor** of late Meadowlands announcer Sam McKee, won nine of 10 races last year for trainer Jim Campbell and owner Jules Siegel's Fashion Farms. The homebred son of Muscle Hill—Cooler Schooner counted the Peter Haughton Memorial and Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship among his victories and set multiple world records along the way.

The colt is among 17 Hambletonian eligibles in the two 10-horse Dancer divisions. He will start from post one with driver David Miller and is 4-1 on the morning line. Amigo Volo is the 3-1 favorite followed by Big Oil at 7-2.

Real Cool Sam enters the race off second-place finishes in his two most recent qualifiers, June 27 and July 3, at The Meadowlands. He was timed in 1:52.4 last time.

"I was real happy with his last two qualifiers," Campbell said. "A few of these other horses have gotten a couple starts ahead of him, but we're just looking to get him prepped and ready for the Hambo. So far so good."

Real Cool Sam, who is No. 4 behind Amigo Volo. Sorella and Back Of The Neck in Meadowlands announcer/analyst Ken Warkentin's Road to the Hambletonian rankings, will attempt to become the first returning Dan Patch Award winner since Pinkman in 2015 to win the Hambletonian.

"There wasn't too much that didn't make us happy last year," Campbell said during the winter about Real Cool Sam. "He's good mannered in a race, good gaited, he's got speed. He's obviously going to have to carry his speed a lot further at 3 than at 2. That's the main thing, just carrying your speed



Dave Landry

Real Cool Sam (David Miller) winning the Peter Haughton Memorial last year at The Meadowlands.

further."

Campbell will decide Real Cool Sam's next start following the Dancer. He could race once more or go directly to the Hambletonian eliminations Aug. 1 at The Meadowlands.

"I'll play it by ear," Campbell said. "Our goal all along was to keep him at The Meadowlands until after the Hambletonian."

Campbell also will send out Beyond Kronos in the second Dancer division. Beyond Kronos, by Muscle Hill out of Oyster Kronos, was a three-time winner in the Pennsylvania Stallion Series last year and runner-up to EL Ideal in the Kindergarten Classic final. He is winless in three races this season, but trotted 1:51.4 in a fourth-place finish in a division of the W.N. Reynolds Memorial last weekend at The Meadowlands.

"I've been real happy with the way he's gone," Campbell said. "He's gotten into tough races every start but he trotted (1):51.4 last week and I was real happy with the way he did it."

Beads is the 3-1 morning-line favorite in the second Dancer division.

In addition to the Dancer and Meadowlands Pace, Saturday's racing includes an 11-horse \$253,500 single division of the Del Miller Memorial for 3-year-old female trotters, the 13-horse \$464,900 Hambletonian Maturity at 1-1/8 miles for 4-year-old trotters, the 11-horse \$391,300 William R. Haughton Memorial for older male pacers (as well as a \$123,100 consolation), \$172,850 Dorothy Haughton Memorial for older female pacers, the 11-horse \$194,400 Mistletoe Shalee for 3-year-old female pacers, and the third leg of the Miss Versatility Series for older female trotters.

Complete entries available [here](#).

HRU - Upcoming Stakes Races

STAKES DATE	PURSE **	RACE	TRACK	AGE/SEX/GAIT	RACE #'S	1ST RACE POST
Friday, July 17	\$107,200	Ontario Sires Stakes - Gold	Woodbine Mohawk Park	3YOFP	6, 8	7 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$23,150	Ontario Sires Stakes - Grassroots	Grand River	2YOFP	1, 2, 3, 6, 8	6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$25,000	New Jersey Sires Stakes	Meadowlands	2YOCT	2, 3, 4	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$25,000	New Jersey Sires Stakes	Meadowlands	2YOFT	7, 11,	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$20,000	New Jersey Sires Stakes - Non-Betting	Meadowlands	2YOFP	1 - Non-Betting	6:15 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$20,000	New Jersey Sires Stakes - Non-Betting	Meadowlands	2YOCP	2 - Non-Betting	6:15 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$40,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Scioto Downs	2YOFT	1, 7, 10, 12	6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$40,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Scioto Downs	2YOCT	2, 3, 14	6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$17,500	Buckeye Stallion Series	Scioto Downs	3YOFP	4, 6, 11, 13	6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$33,000	Indiana Sires Stakes - Leg 2	Harrah's Hoosier Park	3YOFP	12, 13	6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 17	\$17,500	Incredible Finale - Leg 2	Hawthorne	2YOCP	9	7:10 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$636,650	Meadowlands Pace final	Meadowlands	3YOOP	9	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$391,300	William Haughton - final	Meadowlands	OPEN PACE	7	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$364,900	Hambletonian Maturity - 1 1/8ths miles	Meadowlands	4YOOT	8	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$253,500	Delvin Miller	Meadowlands	3YOFT	3	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$194,400	Mistletoe Shalee	Meadowlands	3YOFP	6	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$172,850	Dorothy Haughton	Meadowlands	OPEN MARE PACE	10	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$142,250	Stanley Dancer	Meadowlands	3YOCT	4, 5	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$123,100	William Haughton - consolation	Meadowlands	OPEN PACE	11	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$40,000	Miss Versatility - 3rd Leg	Meadowlands	OPEN MARE TROT	2	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$107,200	Ontario Sires Stakes - Gold	Woodbine Mohawk Park	2YOCP	4, 6	7 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	\$50,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Scioto Downs	3YOCP	3, 8	6:30 p.m.

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Countdown to the Meadowlands Pace is on at Big M

The “Biggest Night in Harness Racing” takes place Saturday (July 18) at the track known as the Big M. And for bettors, Meadowlands Pace Night 2020 is now even bigger.

The action and stakes racing will be excessive Saturday at North America’s top venue, with the marquee event – The Meadowlands Pace, a 3-year-old open for a purse of \$636,650 – scheduled as Race 9, with a post time of 9:55 p.m.

“Every year, Meadowlands Pace Night sports one of the truly special race cards of the year,” said track chief operating officer and general manager Jason Settlemoir. “The 13-race program has many stakes events, and the wagering opportunities are numerous. On Saturday, we will be offering a mandatory payout on our 20-cent Jackpot Super High-Five, so the total pool should be huge.”

Tonight’s (July 17) Early 20-cent Jackpot Super High-Five will not be offered so that Saturday’s can start out with a carryover of \$65,089 in the 11th race.

“It is our hope that our players will go after the Saturday Super High-Five in a big way,” said Settlemoir. “Hopefully, we can get \$200,000 into that pool and get one – or several – players a nice score.”

Saturday’s wagering menu will be expanded. Here is a look at what – and when – players will be playing the track’s popular puzzles, all of which offer a low 15 percent takeout:

- 20-cent Pick-5 (Races 1-5, \$50,000 guaranteed pool)
- 50-cent All Stakes Pick-4 (Races 6-9, \$100,000 guarantee)
- 20-cent Pick-6 (Races 8-13)
- 20-cent Pick-5 (Races 9-13)
- 50-cent Pick-4 (Races 10-13)
- 20-cent Jackpot Super High-Five (Race 11, \$65,089 carryover, mandatory payout, estimated pool \$200,000)

The Big M has good momentum heading into this weekend’s racing, with \$3,440,248 having been wagered last Saturday, the high at the mile oval this year for a 13-race card, on which the track set a per-race average best of \$264,634.

Despite the absence of the Early 20-cent Jackpot Super High-Five tonight, fans of the wager will still have a big opportunity in the 13th race, as that JSH5 will start out with a carryover of \$80,368. Tonight’s program begins at the usual 7:15 p.m.

STAKES-STACKED CARD: Saturday’s Meadowlands Pace Night program gets underway a little earlier than usual, with a first-race post time of 6:30 p.m.

In addition to The Pace, the card also offers the \$40,000 Miss Versatility (featuring Manchego), \$253,500 Del Miller Memorial (Hypnotic AM), \$284,500 Stanley Dancer Memorial-two divisions (Amigo Volo and Beads), \$194,400 Mistletoe Shalee (JK First Lady), \$391,300 William Haughton Memorial (Dancin Lou), \$464,900 Hambletonian Maturity (Gimpanzee), \$172,850 Dorothy Haughton (Shartin N) and \$123,100 William Haughton Memorial Consolation (Sintra).

OWNERS BACK IN THE WC: For the first time since before the coronavirus shutdown in early March, owners will be welcome back in the winner’s circle on Saturday night, with masks and social distancing strictly enforced.

PACE CARD LIVE ON FACEBOOK: The entire Meadowlands Pace card can be seen live on the Meadowlands’ Facebook page.

The races can also be seen on the Roberts Television Network (rtn.tv) or on the Television Games Network (TVG). To bet the races go to 4njbets.com, tv.com or your favorite ADW (advance-deposit wagering) platform.

“We are looking forward to an international viewing audience on TVG on Pace Night,” said Settlemoir. “But we also look forward to seeing our fans at the track as well.”

For those who want to come out to the races, grandstand capacity is 25 percent with more patrons allowed outside on the apron. Theweatherchannel.com is forecasting fabulous conditions for Saturday night, with temperatures in the mid-70s, a few clouds and light winds.

ASHLEY RETURNS: The Meadowlands’ Dave Brower, Dave Little, Ken Warkentin and Jessica Otten will be joined for a second straight weekend by Ashley Mailloux, the paddock analyst and handicapper at Ft. Erie Racetrack, who will be on hand to bolster the Big M’s TV presence.

Mailloux 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).

Otten spent the early part of the week out at the farms of some of The Pace contenders, and her reports will be shown throughout the weekend.

Tonight, Mailloux will sit beside Brower and serve as co-host of the live simulcast presentation at 6:45 p.m. Saturday's show will have Brower and Little on set, with an earlier-than-usual start time of 5:45 p.m. Otten and Mailloux will have features and interviews all weekend long, and, of course, Warkentin, the voice of The Big M, will call all 26 races.

Due to the cancellation of racing at Del Mar, Meadowlands management is anticipating more coverage on TVG's live presentation of the races. Little will be on TVG duty tonight, and Mike Bozich, the track announcer at Harrah's Philadelphia, will take the microphone Saturday.

FREE STUFF: For free past performances, go to playmeadowlands.com. Tonight, the Late 50-cent Pick-4 and Late 20-cent Jackpot Super High-Five (races 10-13) will be available.

On Saturday, bettors can access the entire Meadowlands Pace Night card.

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

TWEET THE TEAM: Stay in touch on Twitter with the Big M's Brower (@eedoogie), Little (@DaveLittleBigM), Warkentin (@kenvoiceover), Otten (@JessicaOtten1) and Mailloux (@ashley_mailloux). Check in everyday for Meadowlands news and updates at those handles, as well as @TheMeadowlands, #playbigm and #paceyourself20.

FOLLOW THE FAVORITES: Want to know what the trainer and driver of Meadowlands Pace 7-5 morning-line favorite Tall Dark Stranger are saying? Follow trainer Nancy Takter (@NancyTakter) and driver Yannick Gingras (@Gingras3) on Twitter.

—*Meadowlands Media Relations*

Pace Night dining protocols at the Meadowlands

Outdoor dining continues this weekend at the

Meadowlands. Tonight (July 17) has a 7:15 p.m. post time while Saturday (July 18) has a special post of 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the stakes filled Meadowlands Pace card. The Clubhouse entrance will be open both nights for those dining on the West Deck or in the Backyard or betting in the FanDuel Sportsbook.

Guests are encouraged to make dining reservations for guaranteed seating, especially for Saturday, July 18 – Meadowlands Pace night. All guests must 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. All are also encouraged to download and fill out the required the health questionnaire ([available here](#)) to speed up the check-in process. There is no valet parking available for live racing this weekend.

The Backyard BBQ & Grill with waitress service is open for Pace weekend and features two specials. From 4-6pm 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 & cheese.

Reservations for Backyard dining can be made by emailing Jennifer Jordan at jjordan@arkrestuarants.com

Tonight, the West Deck has a \$29.95 pre fixe menu featuring a variety of cold salads, grilled flank steak and salmon, homemade manicotti and grilled to order chicken, burgers and hot dogs. 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. The West Deck is sold out for Saturday for general reservations.

The grandstand is open for live racing and simulcasting. 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.

To adhere to all COVID-19 protocols the Meadowlands has implemented 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

—*Meadowlands Media Relations*

NYSS releases revised schedule

The New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) program has released an updated racing schedule with changes to four upcoming events for Sire Stakes and Excelsior Series competitors. The revised schedule can be found [here](#).

Two of the changes come as a result of the delayed opening of Monticello Raceway. The first two events originally scheduled at that track on July 27 and Aug. 3 are being relocated. While the hope is that Monticello opens soon, should the uncertainty of opening continue, there is a plan in place to relocate the remaining two NYSS dates in the future, if necessary.

The date changes at Saratoga Hotel and Casino come as a result of a change in the track's racing calendar.

The changes by division are listed below:

- **2-Year-Old Colt Trotters**

- Monday, July 27 at Monticello changed to Sunday, July 26 at Tioga Downs.

- Saturday, Aug. 8 at Saratoga changed to Monday, Aug. 10 at Saratoga.

- **3-Year-Old Colt Pacers**

- Thursday, Sept. 3 at Saratoga changed to Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Saratoga.

- **3-Year-Old Filly Pacers**

- Monday, Aug. 3 at Monticello changed location to Yonkers Raceway on same date.

To receive the latest updates from the NYSS, you are encouraged to register for the newly implemented **NYSS Text Alert System**, which sends updates directly to your phone. To receive updates from NYSS via text message: TEXT "NYSS" to 31996. International Numbers TEXT "NYSS INT" to (833) 498-1158.

—*Jason Politi for NYSS*

Kent Sherman notches 2,000th training victory

Kent Sherman harnessed the 2,000th winner of his training career on Wednesday (July 15) at MGM Northfield Park when Stanley K held off all challengers to win the evening's 11thrace in 1:53.2.

Sherman began training in 1991. In addition to his 2,000 victories, he has earned purses approaching \$15 million.

—*Ayers Ratliff / Northfield Park*

May Baby is undefeated in 2020 at Hoosier Park

May Baby continued her winning ways at Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino after capturing the co-featured event of the evening, a split of the \$32,000 Indiana Sires Stakes for 3-year-old trotting fillies, on Wednesday, July 15. Stopping the timer in 1:53.4, May Baby coasted to her third straight stakes win and remains undefeated this season for driver, trainer James Yoder.

Using her customary front-stepping tactics, May Baby followed the wings of the gate and went straight to the front while Hotel Whiskey and John DeLong benefitted from a pocket trip. May Baby was able to stroll through pedestrian fractions of :28.3 and :58 while the rest of the field followed in single file line.

When May Baby hit the three-quarters in 1:26.2, she began to put her talent on display and simply trot away from the rest of the field. Turning for home, May Baby was on top with a six length lead. Using a :27.2 final quarter, May Baby finished nearly 10 lengths in front of La Nancio and Jared Finn. Hotel Whiskey and John DeLong rounded out the trifecta. As the heavy 1-9 favorite, May Baby returned \$2.10 across the board.

"This year she seems to be a lot healthier and even more sound," noted Yoder after the victory. "We had some foot issues with her last year. This year, she has really impressed me in carrying her speed a lot longer.

"If all goes well, her next start will be in the Hambletonian Oaks elimination. She will need to be healthy but it's looking like we're going to take a shot at it."

Owned by Cheyenne Yoder, the daughter of Guccio—Free Wheeling improved her lifetime record to 13-9-1-1 while pushing her lifetime bankroll to \$274,240. May Baby, who finished fourth in her Breeders Crown elimination as a freshman, was bred by Oakwood Farms.

After playing the bridesmaid to May Baby in her first two starts of the season, **Rock Swan** stepped out of that role and back into the spotlight as she was able to draw away from her rival and trot to a decisive victory in the opening division of the stakes action. Sent off at odds of 1-9, Rock Swan went gate to wire to score her first win of the season in 1:54.2 and establish a new lifetime best in the process.

Leaving from post six, Tetrick wasted no time and sent Rock Swan straight to the front through the opening quarter in :27.2. J-S Miss Carly and Ricky Macomber Jr. grabbed a pocket seat while Pretzel Party and Sam Widger were third. Rock Swan looked flawless on the front as she continued to lead the field through fractions of :56.2 and 1:25.1. Turning for home, Rock Swan separated herself from the rest of the field and coasted to the wire to finish nearly two lengths in front of J-S Miss Carly. Pretzel Party held on for third.

For Rock Swan, a daughter of Swan For All—Jolly Jessica trained by Erv Miller, it was the first win of the season in three starts. Owned in partnership by S&R Racing and Anthony Lombardi, Rock Swan pushed her lifetime bankroll to \$425,356. The win was also one of seven wins on the program for Harrah's Hoosier Park's leading driver Trace Tetrick. Tetrick, who currently leads all drivers for the season with 56 wins, scored seven wins on the evening's 14-race card.

—*Emily Gaskin / Harrah's Hoosier Park*

Whose Blues lowers Philly track mark to 1:52.3 in PASS

Cantab Hall filly **Whose Blues** sat a pocket trip behind the favored Sherry Lyns Lady, then caught her rival up the inside to win her \$63,462 section of the first prelim of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes (PASS) for 3-year-old trotting fillies Wednesday afternoon (July 15) at Harrah's Philadelphia in a divisional track record time of 1:52.3.

Whose Blues and driver Daniel Dube pushed Sherry Lyns Lady past a :27.2 quarter, then yielded to sit the pocket as the leader hit the half in :55.3 and then had to dig in against outside pressure from second choice Creature Of Habit to the 1:24.3 three-quarters and beyond. Dube and his filly made it three to a drive, and after Sherry Lyns Lady got a little rough in the big fight home, Whose Blues produced enough kick to defeat the chalk by a half-length, with Creature Of Habit the same margin behind while settling for third.

The 1:52.3 clocking was also an individual best for the winner, now 6-of-11 lifetime. Luc Blais trains the filly for the Determination ownership group.

If the next Sire Stakes division had gone 20 minutes earlier, its 1:52.4 time would have set a Philly standard, but it wouldn't have been 2019 Sire Stakes champion Sister Sledge who would have gotten the ink – it would have been another pocket rocket, the Muscle Hill filly **Solsbury Hill**, who bettered her own previous best by 2 and 4/5 seconds. The scenario in the two races were similar, except this one was basically a two-horse battle: Solsbury Hill went to the lead in a :28.2 opener, let 1-20 favorite Sister Sledge complete a quarter-move which carried her past the midrace poles of :57.1 and 1:25.1, then came out and just got by her game rival by a neck.

Scott Zeron had the sulky duty behind the \$46.20 “second choice” for trainer/father Rick, with the latter's Rick Zeron Stables sharing ownership with Howard Taylor, the Rojan Stables, and William Donovan.

A pair of even-money shots clashed in the other Sires division, with slight favorite **Next Level Stuff** equaling her lifetime best of 1:53.2. The daughter of Sebastian K S, driven by Tim Tetrick for trainer Jim Campbell and the Runthetable Stables, pressed on past a :28 opener to get around main rival Crucial in front of the stands, and was able to provide the goods from there, hitting the next two poles in :56.1 and 1:25.1 before turning back a stretch challenge by Crucial by 1½ lengths.

Next Level Stuff has now won 9 of 13 lifetime starts, including seven in a row spanning her freshman and sophomore seasons, and has bankrolled \$210,786. For Tetrick, the filly was one of five winners on the program.

There were six \$20,000 divisions of Stallion Series action raced Wednesday afternoon. Three of them were won by daughters of Muscle Hill, including the two fastest: **Hannah**, who was very impressive setting the pace and taking a new mark of 1:53.3 for driver Andy Miller, trainer/wife Julie, and the partnership of Andy Miller Stable Inc., Dumain Haven Farm, and Little E LLC; and **Dune Hill**, who went a tick slower in being a pocket rocket for driver Yannick Gingras, trainer Ron Burke, and owner Joseph Di Scala Jr.

The third of the Muscle Hills was **Tuscany**, who is undefeated in two lifetime starts after a 1:55.1 romp for driver George Brennan, trainer Nik Drennan, and the ownership package of Joseph Davino, Brad Shackman, and Drennan Stable LLC.

A Father Patrick filly winning in impressive fashion was **Impressive Fashion**, whom Dexter Dunn drove to a 1:54.4 score for trainer Jim Campbell and Fashion Farms LLC. Impressive Fashion was the only StS winner who was not favored – she was the 6-5 second choice.

Tim Tetrick added a Stallion Series success onto his big day when he brought the Muscle Massive filly **Miss McKee** to a 1:54.1 success, reducing her lifetime mark for trainer Jack Baggitt Jr. and J L Sadowsky LLC.

Finally, trainer Susan Callihan pushed her lifetime UTR to .667 – two wins in three starts – when the Donato Hanover **Aunt Bee** went to the lead in front of the stands and lowered her mark a tick to 1:56.3. Wilbur Yoder was in the sulky; Susan Callihan and Gregory Callihan are the owners of the winner of three straight.

– PHHA / Harrah's Philadelphia

Mach My Kiss goes to head of the class with Grassroots win

Mach My Kiss was the only 3-year-old pacing filly able to replicate her opening round performance as the sophomore lasses returned to Woodbine Mohawk Park for their second Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Grassroots Leg on Tuesday, July 14.

Starting from Post 2, driver Doug McNair settled Mach My Kiss briefly in third before moving the filly to the lead just past the :27 quarter. Mach My Kiss led the field through a :56 half and a 1:24.3 three-quarters and then fought off fan favorite Kat in the stretch for a head victory in 1:53.1. La Belle Rebella rounded out the top three.

"She's been good all year. She was running out again tonight, but at least she's going forward," said McNair, who drives the Mach Three filly for trainer Robert Fellows.

Yolanda Fellows of Rockwood and Erna Corbeil of Beaumont, AB share ownership of Mach My Kiss, who cruised to a two-length victory in the June 26 Grassroots season opener. Mach My Kiss was a three-time winner at the Grassroots level as a two-year-old, with one of those wins coming in her Grassroots Semi-final.

McNair also posted a win with **Landry Seelster** in the fourth division. After leaving smartly from Post 5, McNair tucked the Mach Three daughter in behind pacesetter Big Myrtle, then manoeuvred her out in the stretch and let her sprint home to the 1:53.2 victory. Kit and Big Myrtle battled into second and third, one and one-quarter lengths behind the favorite.

"She raced good tonight. She has a lot of speed, but she's tough on herself some nights," said McNair. "The trip worked out great tonight."

Gregg McNair trains Landry Seelster for his co-owners Ilderton Boys Stable of London, ON and Dany Fontaine of Ormston, QC. The win gives Landry Seelster a total of 62

points in the race for a post season berth; she finished third in the Grassroots season opener.

May Kay, who dead-heated for second in the June 26 opening leg, went gate-to-wire from Post 1 in the first division on Tuesday, stopping the teletimer in a personal best 1:52.2. Fan favorite Saulsbrook Raven finished one-half length back in second, with High Roller Duke hot on her heels in third.

"Kay has been a pleasant surprise for us. I can't remember a horse that we have had that has transitioned so positively from two to three. Everything about her just matured and got stronger," said trainer Shawn Steacy. "I thought she raced super tonight, going a big mile on the front. Even though she can leave so well and get spotted, she prefers to follow, that's why I thought she was great."

Steacy conditions Mary Kat for David McDonald of Cornwall, A K Malik Stable of Ottawa, ON, and Diane Bertrand and Robert Gilhespy of Edmonton, AB. James MacDonald drives the Bettors Delight daughter, who qualified in late December of her 2-year-old season and made her racing debut in January.

In the second division, **Hit By A Bus** tracked fan favorite Smiling Dialing through fractions of :27, :56.2 and 1:24.4 before sneaking up the inside in the stretch to grab a neck victory in a personal best 1:53.1. Smiling Dialing settled for second and Whiskey To Wine finished third.

"I just got her a few starts ago. She's a nice size and well-mannered, and she got the trip behind the favorite," said trainer Richard Moreau. "Sylvain, from my understanding, when she first came he wasn't sure she was going to do, but she's fine, no problem."

Sylvain Filion engineered the Bettors Delight daughter's first win of 2020 on behalf of owners Thomas Kyron of Toronto, ON, Brian Paquet of Quebec, QC and his father Yves Filion's Bayama Farms Inc. of Saint-Andre-D'Argenteuil, QC. Yves Filion started the filly, giving her two outings at Rideau Carleton Raceway in June, before sending her to Moreau for the Ontario Sires Stakes season. Tuesday was her sophomore debut in the provincial program.

Free Flyin Ticket made the move from the Gold to the Grassroots for Tuesday's start and got just what trainer Tony Beaton hoped for – a confidence building victory.

"We weren't 100 per cent sure what happened the last start (June 29), she got a great trip in the Gold and she just didn't fire like she normally does," said Beaton. "Maybe it was just a little too quick for her, but we did get some much needed confidence back in her tonight."

Starting from Post 4, driver Paul MacDonell eased Free Flyin Ticket into seventh as Greystone Natali O and Odds On Vero Beach battled to a :26.3 quarter. MacDonell sent Free Flyin Ticket up the outside behind Mouth Watering heading for the :56 half and the pair were just two lengths behind the leaders at the 1:26 three-quarters. A :26.4 last quarter propelled Free Flyin Ticket home to the 1:52 victory. Favorite Greystone Natali O was three-quarters of a length back in second and pacesetter Bettorphanbobbi was third.

“Last year she was very high strung and this year, we made a couple of little tiny equipment changes, but she’s so much more manageable. Last year she was hard to get taken off the gate and she’d just take the race out of herself being so worked up, where this year we’ve been taking her off the gate – MacDonell says she’s just been a sweetheart to take off the gate – and then when you ask her to go she gives it her all,” said Beaton, who shares ownership of the Betterthancheddar filly with Gary Volpe of St. Thomas, George Quartarone of Claremont, ON and David Mercer of Sydney, NS. “She’s so much more manageable, which is going to make her a much better racehorse.”

Beaton will wait to decide whether the filly will remain in the Grassroots or return to the Gold for her next start, with both events taking place at Grand River Raceway on Monday, Aug. 3.

Race 1 – Mary Kat

Race 3 – Hit By A Bus

Race 7 – Free Flyin Ticket

Race 9 – Landry Seelster

Race 11 – Mach My Kiss

—*Sandra Snyder / OSS publicity*

Third Leg of Buckeye Stallion Series for 3-year-old trotter complete

The popular Buckeye Stallion Series made a stop at Eldorado Scioto Downs on Tuesday night (July 14) for the third leg of the 3-Year-Old Colt and Filly Trot. A total of nine divisions went to the post, five division of colts and geldings and four divisions for fillies.

It was a big night for owner Marion Beachy who had two wins with his gelding trotters. **Enforce The Law**, by Triumphant Caviar out of Shez Jailbait, was a winner with Ronnie Wrenn Jr for trainer Joseph Kramp in 1:56.2. The gelding got away second and was shuffled fourth only to come on and score by a neck. The other Beachy winner was **Exhibit Class**, by Triumphant Caviar out of Classic Blaze.

Ronnie Wrenn Jr. got the Sean Smithpeters-trained gelding away fourth and powered up three wide in the final turn to win by a neck in 1:56.1. The mile was the co-fastest of the night for the colts, 1:56.1.

The other fast mile was turned in by **Breakout The Gold** in 1:56.1 with Tyler Smith for Norm Parker. The Break The Bank K—Lady Sierra trotter is owned by Robert Key.

Rose Run Valor found the winner’s circle in 1:56.4 with Ryan Stahl for Eric Hamlet. The winner is sired by Uncle Peter out of Donven Promise. The gelding is owned by David Van Dusen and Michael Osborne.

Lucky Stormin was placed the winner in 1:56.4 with owners and driver/trainer Josh Slater and Elpidio Bernardi Jr. when Gabby’s Wild Child was disqualified for going inside pylons. The gelding is by Stormin Normand out of Fef Fef For Sure.

The fillies were led by **Susie D** who had the fastest win in 1:55.3 with Jeremy Smith for Bryan Weaver. The Uncle Peter filly out of Minor Skirmish is owned by Donna Anderson was a winner by a head.

Muskingum by Triumphant Caviar out of Abbey Craig, was a winner in 1:57.2 for trainer/driver Sandy Beatty. The filly was 8th at the half but circled the field to get the victory by 7 lengths. She is owned by Beatty along with Larry Riffe, William Johnson II and Ray Thacker Jr.

Lights Down Low by Uncle Peter out of Swing Anna Cash was a winner for Tyler Smith and Trent Stohler in 1:57.2. She is owned by Trent Stohler Stable, Tim and Benjamin Graber.

Lightning Belle was a winner in 1:58, in a wire to wire effort, with Ryan Stahl and Scott Cox. The daughter of Dejarmbro—Deborah Maroon is owned by G Peters.

Sires Uncle Peter and Triumphant Caviar each had three winners on the card.

The fourth leg for the 3-year-old filly trot is Wednesday, Aug. 19 at MGM Northfield Park. The fourth leg for the 3-year-old colt trot is Tuesday, Aug. 25 at Eldorado Scioto Downs.

—*Roger Huston / OHHA*

CT Stables to support Pacing For The Cure and Cell Phones For Soldiers

Pacing For The Cure is pleased to share this exciting announcement. Beginning July 18, CT Stables will be donating four per cent of winning purse money from the

3-year-old pacing colt Catch The Fire's Grand Circuit races in 2020 to two charities, [Pacing For The Cure](#) and [Cell Phones For Soldiers](#).

This donation will be split equally between both charities and will apply to any top three finishes earned by the 3-year-old colt; plus an added bonus if the colt wins any Grand Circuit races.

Pacing For The Cure is excited to join together with Cell Phones For Soldiers through the 3-year-old campaign of Catch The Fire. CT Stables is a strong supporter of Cell Phones For Soldiers and the colt's driver, Mike Wilder, is a strong supporter of Pacing For the Cure, thus a unique connection for both charities.

CT Stables owner Charles Taylor said, "I hope to see other stables, owners, trainers, drivers and breeders get involved in supporting these two great charities."

We welcome horsemen, racetracks, breeding farms, and standardbred horse sales across the country to consider placing cell phone recycling bins throughout their work places.

Pacing For The Cure is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization co-founded by Jeff and Janine Gesek of Southern New Jersey. Pacing For The Cure provides medical equipment and services to individuals living with Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS), and Cerebral Palsy in financial need. Pacing For The Cure also funds medical research to find cures for these debilitating diseases. For more information about Pacing For The Cure email Jeff@pacingforthecure.org.

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— *Pacing For The Cure*

Ohio Sires Stakes featured at Scioto Downs this weekend

Nine Ohio Sires Stakes (OHSS) divisions are set to be contested this weekend at Scioto Downs, with 2-year-old trotting colts and fillies featured tonight (July 17); and

3-year-old colt pacers in the spotlight on Saturday night (July 18). Post time each night is 6:30 pm, ET.

A total of 37 trotting fillies are set to battle in four \$40,000 Leg 2 divisions, while 25 trotting colts will wage war in three \$40,000 Leg 2 divisions. Stallions represented in these OHSS contests tonight include 18 by Uncle Peter (9 colts/9 fillies); seven by MVP (3 colts/4 fillies); seven by Triumphant Caviar (2 colts/5 fillies); five by Full Count (1 colt/4 fillies); and four by Break The Bank K (1 colt/3 fillies).

The stallions Cash Hall and Wishing Stone both have three foals each in these OHSS divisions, while Corragioso, Deep Chip, Dontyouforgetit and Southwind Spirit are represented by two foals each. As well, the stallions And Away We Go, Big Rigs, Credit Fashion, Spring Goal, Stormin Normand, Victory Sam and Winning Fireworks are all represented by one foal each.

In the first trotting filly division (Race 1), Swizzle Hanover leaves from post four for trainer Randy Bendis, who conditions the Uncle Peter lass for partner Reed Broadway. Swizzle Hanover won her OHSS Leg 1 handily in 1:57.1 on July 3 at Northfield Park.

Herculisa heads up the second filly division (Race 7) from post nine for trainer Virgil Morgan, Jr., and the Jesmeral Stable. A winner of two races lifetime with \$21,812 in earnings, the daughter of My MVP won her OHSS Leg 1 division in 1:58.1.

In the third filly trotting division (Race 10) a pair of Leg one winners return. More Spirit (post 2), a daughter of Southwind Spirit trained by Charles Myrick for the Second Chance Stable, won in 1:58.3, while the Break The Bank K lass Chip It In (post 7) scored in 1:58.2 for trainer Chris Beaver who co-owns her along with Meolia, Robinson and RBH Ventures.

A Doll Face starts from post three in the fourth filly division (Race 12) for trainer Kayne Kauffman and owner Doug Millard. This Dontyouforgetit lass captured her OHSS Leg 1 test in 1:59.4.

Among the colt trotters, returning OHSS Leg 1 winners include Spyder The Striker (Post 3) and Shouldaknownbetter (Post 7) in Race 3. Spyder The Striker is a son of Uncle Peter conditioned by Chris Beaver for the partnership of Beaver, Beaver, Fleming and VIP Stable. This youngster won his Leg 1 in 1:56.3 by 6½ lengths. Shouldaknownbetter, a Deep Chip colt, is trained and owned by Shane Arsenault and captured his division in 1:58.2.

Perron, a son of MVP who is also conditioned by Chris Beaver, heads up Race 14, leaving from post 7. Owned by

Stewart, Wright, Wilcox and Doherty, Perron won his Leg 1 division in 1:58.4.

On Saturday night, two \$50,000 OHSS divisions of sophomore pacers are set as races 3 and 8. Of the 14 OHSS eligibles moving postward, three are by Ohio stallions Dragon Again and Pet Rock, while two are by Rockin Amadeus. Stallions represented by one foal each include: Big Bad John, Big Risk, Mr Wiggles, Nob Hill High, Western Vintage and Yankee Cruiser.

In the first division (Race 3) Stanford Court, a son of Nob Hill High, leaves from post seven for trainer Brian Brown. Owned by Mondillo, Lombardo, Hen-Shaut and Lightning 5 Racing, Stanford Court was second in Leg 1 to Ocean Rock in 1:50.4 and captured Leg 2 in 1:50.2. He has career earnings of \$132,210.

Elver Hanover (Post 3) will face off against Ocean Rock (post 7) in the second division (Race 8). Elver Hanover, a son of Yankee Cruiser, is trained by Ronnie Burke for Burke Racing, Jablonskyk, Mellilo, J&T Silva-Purnel-Libby and won Leg 2 in 1:51 and sports a lifetime bankroll of \$388,450. Ocean Rock is a Rockin Amadeus colt trained by Christi Noble for breeder-owner Sandra Burnett. This colt captured leg 1 in 1:50.2 and was second in Leg 2 in 1:50.4 to Stanford Court, and has amassed \$201,677 lifetime.

—*Kimberly Rinker / Ohio Standardbred Development Administrator*

Harrah's Hoosier Park offers fall racing internships for 2020 season

Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino is currently accepting applications for two internship opportunities with the Race Marketing Department for the second half of the 2020 live harness racing season. The internships will be with the Race Marketing Department and are ideal for students

looking for an internship in the fall semester who will be pursuing careers in marketing, hospitality, communications, business, and any equine related fields.

The internship program is designed to give applicable marketing experience while simultaneously discovering and learning the many facets of the harness racing industry. The Race Marketing interns will have the opportunity to work alongside industry and media professionals in an exciting, fast-paced environment.

Each intern will be expected to assist the Race Marketing Department with a variety of promotional events, racing activities, and programs in a customer-service based atmosphere. The race marketing interns will assist with the daily production of the live racing program along with various group and charity events. The interns will also be challenged to write blog pieces, develop and maintain new marketing contests, along with public relations and social media assignments.

Interns in 2020 will also have the opportunity to assist with the preparation and execution of the 37th edition of the Breeders Crown, the world championship of harness racing that will be at Hoosier Park Friday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31. Interns will also assist with noteworthy nights of racing such as the Dan Patch Stakes on Aug. 14 as well as help with the execution of various events held at the track.

This opportunity is ideal for college students looking for an exciting fall internship in the horse racing industry or students seeking internship accreditation opportunities in related fields. The positions require an energetic, self-starter with strong communication skills, organizational skills and experience in social media applications. Applicants must have reliable transportation and be willing to work weekends and evenings. Experience in the horse racing industry is beneficial but not required.

This paid assignment will run throughout the second half

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of the live racing season. Hoosier Park's 27th season of live harness racing kicked off on June 16 and will be conducted through Nov. 21. With a daily post time of 6:30 p.m., Hoosier Park Racing & Casino will offer a very lucrative stakes program throughout the season highlighted by the Breeders Crown's return to Indiana.

To apply for the Race Marketing internship at Hoosier Park, please send resume and cover letter to:

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The application deadline for the Race Marketing internship is Aug. 1, 2020. For more information about Hoosier Park Racing & Casino, please visit www.harrahshoosierpark.com.

—Emily Gaskin / Harrah's Hoosier Park

Picard; "I am in better shape than ever"

That statement is said often by many people, but it is devilishly true for horseman Francis Picard. At almost 54 years of age, he has kept his youthful air, his calm: there is a quiet force within him which inspires many trainers to make him their regular harness racing driver at the Hippodrome 3R over the past few years.

This is particularly the case for three-time Quebec leading trainer Francis Richard, who Picard catch-drives for at H3R.

"Catch driving, I really like it," Picard said.

While talking to Francis, it becomes clear that driving horses is his passion: "At one time in my life, when I was younger, I almost made horses my livelihood. But at that time, I was also starting a great career in construction. I remember Dan Dubé, then in Quebec, who encouraged me to stay with racing. I passed close by, but it didn't happen.

"For several years I was satisfied with the horses in my stable to drive, to train with my brother or my father. I got a lot of satisfaction from it. Then, in the past few years, several drivers have left for other skies, and suddenly, I found myself with more demands, but above all, more quality horses to drive. This is what really makes a difference in the end. The more victories you drive, the more people notice you and the more trainers you attract. There is no secret. The average UDRS (Universal Driving Rating) is what ultimately counts. If you win 50 races a year, but drive in 800 races, it's not great.

"My luck these years is driving for Francis Richard's stable. He is an A team that works hard, in a team and that needs

results. It's fun for me to try to contribute with the experience I've gained over all these years. It's a working team, but also a team of friends and I'm happy to be a part of it often. When you can add your grain of salt, go with a suggestion and it works, it's rewarding and I love it. And this year, I am in better shape than ever, having solved some health problems."

To echo this growing popularity of Francis Picard, he will drive in all eight races today (July 17).

"I am happy with this situation," Picard said. "I have a good relationship with everyone, I talk to everyone and life is good for me, despite the special period we are going through. Believe me, wearing the mask in the paddock like last Friday is something. Fortunately, on the track, we can lower the mask a little."

You can't leave this gentleman without asking him about Rainbow Palace, his star mare who continuously beat her male rivals in the H3R open pace ranks. She already has a filly by Shadow Play by her side and the family is anxiously awaiting confirmation of a new gestation by Big Jim.

On Friday, Picard will be back aboard Outlaw Turn & Burn, who is trained by his brother, Dominique Picard. Outlaw Turn & Burn starts from post two in the seventh race co-feature preferred pace.

Last week, Picard gave Outlaw Turn & Burn a perfect two-hole trip and the 7-year-old gelded son of Blue Burner responded at the top of the stretch and came on to win by a half-length in 1:56.1.

Outlaw Turn & Burn takes on 1:56.1 return winner Hooter Shooter (post 5), Maracasso (post 6) and a newcomer from the USA, Always A Diamond.

Then in the sixth race preferred trot, Picard is driving Ice O Late, the aptly named horse, who was a 2:01 winner at H3R in late June. Other contenders in the field include Caroluzzo (post 4), Eau Naturelle (post 5) and Keepall (post 8).

Post time today is 4 p.m. For a free race program, visit www.hippodrome3R.ca.

—Daniel Delisle for the Quebec Jockey Club






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Wednesday's Results:

11, HoP, \$32,000, Trot, **INDIANA SIRE STAKES 3 Year Old Fillies - Leg 2, 27.2, 56.2, 1:25.1, 1:54.2, FT**

1-Rock Swan (f, 3, Swan For All--Jolly Jessica, by Keep It A Secret) \$16,000, \$37,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 14-10-4-0, \$425,356
O-S&R Racing Stables & Anthony Lombardi. B-Bobby A Brower & Debra S Garland. T-Erv Miller. D-Trace Tetrick.

2-J-s Miss Carly (f, 3, Guccio--Ciao Bela, by Credit Winner) \$8,000, \$8,500 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 20-12-3-1, \$76,440
O-Jack Myers Racing Stable LLC. B-Luckiana Farm. T-Jack Myers. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.

3-Pretzel Party (f, 3, Mr Cantab--Pretzel Hanover, by Lindy Lane) \$3,840, \$14,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 19-1-7-2, \$94,667
O-Denise L Dennis & John J Johannsen. B-Hoosier Standardbred Farm & Fair Meadow Farm. T-Jeff Edwards. D-Sam Widger.

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13, HoP, \$32,000, Trot, **INDIANA SIRE STAKES 3 Year Old Fillies - Leg 2, 28.3, 58.0, 1:26.2, 1:53.4, FT**

1-May Baby (f, 3, Guccio--Free Wheeling, by Credit Winner) \$16,000, \$8,500 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 13-9-1-1, \$274,240
O-Cheyenne E Yoder. B-Oakwood Farms. T-James Yoder. D-James Yoder.

2-La Nancio (f, 3, Guccio--Nancy Crater, by Credit Winner) \$8,000, \$6,000 2018 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 15-2-4-4, \$71,805
O-Samuel M Daddono & Jenna Lubeck. B-Devon J Slabach. T-J D Finn. D-Jared Finn.

3-Hotel Whiskey (f, 3, Bluto--Lw Jaynie Flyer, by Prague) \$3,840, Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-1, \$40,889
O-Cassidy Dawn Whitton. B-Cassidy Dawn Whitton. T-Cassidy Whitton. D-John De Long.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 2Q, 1T, 3H, 6T, 9T - Finish Order: Bluebird Ladyluck, Woodside Datendiva, Swan Fashion, Laney, Deswanslittletorie

14, HoP, \$15,000, Pace, **INDIANA SIRE MINI SERIES FINAL 2 Year Old Fillies - N/W 1 Ext PM Race Lifetime (purse reflects \$15,000 from SBDF) ***\$10,000 GUAR. HOOSIER HIGH 5 POOL*** 26.3, 56.2, 1:25.1, 1:54.0, FT**

1-Always At The Beach (f, 2, Always A Virgin--Myplaceonthebeach, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$7,500, \$8,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,500
O-Finn Racing LLC & Tami A Michl. B-Victory Hill Farm Inc. T-J D Finn. D-Jared Finn.

2-Skyway Ideal (f, 2, Jk Endofanera--I've Got A Feeling, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$3,750, \$17,500 2019 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 2-0-2-0, \$5,625
O-Therese L Defabis & Vern H Fisher & Dolne Farm Services LLC. B-Michael L Schlabach. T-Vern Fisher. D-Brandon Bates.

3-Dp Spookytooth (f, 2, Tellitlikeitis--Straitequilanite, by Lease On Life) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 3-0-2-1, \$5,550
O-Diamond D P Standardbreds. B-Steven E Peterink & Randy Dickerhoof. T-Bill Webb. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 10H, 10H, 8Q, 3H, 2H - Finish Order: Martha Bigrig, Uncut Gem, Frontier New Moon, Real Lady Sadie, Alexandria Z Tam, Jds Mammoth Dancer, Shelly Rockwell



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RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA *report*

Wednesday's Results:

2, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 1 of 6), 28.2, 58.4, 1:27.4, 1:56.3, FT

1-Aunt Bee (f, 3, Donato Hanover--Mayberry, by Kadabra) \$10,000, \$10,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$29,246

O-Gregory J & Susan Callihan. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Susan Callihan. D-Wilbur Yoder.

2-Syrinx Minx (f, 3, Muscle Massive--Syrinx Song, by Conway Hall) \$5,000, \$15,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-3, \$20,010

O-Jonas M Czernyson & Kitefield Stable & Aldebaran Park Inc. & L Berg Inc. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jonas Czernyson. D-Andrew McCarthy.

3-Andela (f, 3, Yankee Glide--I Believe, by Andover Hall) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 8-0-1-4, \$10,095

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

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1T, 1T, 1Q, 1, 1T - Finish Order: Contepartiro Deo, Witchey Woman, Hillbar, Moondust

4, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 2 of 6), 28.0, 57.0, 1:25.3, 1:53.4, FT

1-Dune Hill (f, 3, Muscle Hill--Quite Possible, by Revenue S) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-3, \$71,886

O-Joseph Di Scala Jr. B-Joseph Di Scala Jr. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

2-Heart N Soul Deo (f, 3, Muscle Hill--Yursa Hanover, by Windsong's Legacy) \$5,000, \$100,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-3, \$68,192

O-Thomas J Pontone & Richard S Gutnick & Joseph A Lozito Jr. B-Deo Volente Farms LLC & T L P Stable. T-Linda Toscano. D-David Miller.

3-Aldebaran Revani (f, 3, Donato Hanover--Coffeecake Hanover, by Cantab Hall) \$2,400, \$50,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 2-0-1-1, \$4,800

O-Aldebaran Park Inc.. B-Millstream Inc. T-Jonas Czernyson. D-Pat Berry.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 2, 1T, 1H, H, 2 - Finish Order: Coconut Kate, The Next One, Luv U Bye Click, Giulietta

6, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 3 of 6), 27.2, 57.0, 1:26.0, 1:54.4, FT

1-Impressive Fashion (f, 3, Father Patrick--Impressive Kemp, by Credit Winner) \$10,000, \$160,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$22,373

O-Fashion Farms LLC. B-Steve H Stewart & Black Creek Farm & Kemppi Stable. T-Jim Campbell. D-Dexter Dunn.

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

2-Cover Girl (f, 3, Muscle Hill--To Dream On, by Credit Winner) \$5,000, \$70,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$56,540

O-Paul Kelley Racing Stable & T L P Stable & S R F Stable & Lawrence S Thomases. B-Marvin Katz, CA & Al J Libfeld, CA & Sam A Goldband, CA.
T-Paul Kelley. D-Mark Macdonald.

3-Burberry (f, 3, Father Patrick--High Heels, by Kadabra) \$2,400, \$75,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 12-1-0-1, \$17,375

O-Rick Zeron Stables, CA & James H Walker, CA & Howard A Taylor. B-Diamond Creek Racing & Christina Takter & John And Jim Fielding, CA & Herb A Liverman. T-Rick Zeron. D-Scott Zeron.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 2H, 3, 1Q, Q, 3 - Finish Order: Do You Wanna Dance, Impulse Buy, Palm Springs, Keystone Candace

7, Phl, \$63,462, Trot, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 1 of 3), 28.0, 56.1, 1:25.1, 1:53.2, FT

1-Next Level Stuff (f, 3, Sebastian K S--Nantab, by Cantab Hall) \$31,731, Lifetime Record: 13-9-0-0, \$210,786

O-Runthetable Stables. B-Runthetable Stables. T-Jim Campbell. D-Tim Tetrick.

2-Crucial (f, 3, Father Patrick--Jolene Jolene, by Muscle Hill) \$15,865, \$200,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-4, \$175,452

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & W J Donovan & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Steve H Stewart & Maumee River Stables & Black Creek Farm & Martin Schmucker. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Sans Defaut (f, 3, Muscle Hill--Flawless Lindy, by Cantab Hall) \$7,615, Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, \$118,390

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Crawford Farms Racing & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Electrapedia, Fifty Cent Piece, Iron Mine Diva, Never Content, Dazzling Diva

9, Phl, \$63,462, Trot, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 2 of 3), 27.2, 55.3, 1:24.3, 1:52.3, FT

1-Whose Blues (f, 3, Cantab Hall--Bright Baby Blues, by Andover Hall) \$31,731, \$300,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 11-6-1-1, \$92,874

O-Determination, CA. B-Bluestone Farms LLC & Fredericka V Caldwell. T-Luc Blais. D-Daniel Dube.

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RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Sherry Lyns Lady (f, 3, Father Patrick--Demoiselle Hanover, by Muscle Hill) \$15,865, \$220,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 13-3-7-1, \$319,619
O-Coyote Wynd Farms, CA. B-Steve H Stewart & Timot Stable Inc. T-Jim Campbell. D-Tim Tetrick.

3-Creature Of Habit (f, 3, Donato Hanover--Habit's Best, by Muscles Yankee) \$7,615, \$130,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-3, \$83,331
O-Melvin Hartman, CA & David H Mc Duffee & Diamond Creek Racing. B-Fredericka V Caldwell. T-R. Nifty Norman. D-Dexter Dunn.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1, 1H, 1T, 2, H - Finish Order: Queen Of The Hill, Dip Me Hanover, Cocktails N Dreams, Aperfectcrystal, Sentebale

10, Phl, \$63,462, Trot, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 3 of 3), 28.2, 57.1, 1:25.1, 1:52.4, FT

1-Solsbury Hill (f, 3, Muscle Hill--Emmylou Who, by Ken Warkentin) \$31,731, \$120,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-2, \$95,726
O-Rick Zeron Stables, CA & Howard A Taylor & Rojan Stables & WJ Donovan. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Rick Zeron. D-Scott Zeron.

Hanover ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

2-Sister Sledge (f, 3, Father Patrick--Behindcloseddoors, by Andover Hall) \$15,865, \$35,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 15-10-4-1, \$600,708
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Jason V Melillo & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Sergeant Stables LLC & Andray Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Sweet Shirley Mae (f, 3, Muscle Hill--Mom's Millionaire, by Pine Chip) \$7,615, Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$19,675
O-Moni Market Breeders. B-Moni Market Breeders. T-Domenico Cecere. D-Tim Tetrick.

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11, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 4 of 6), 29.2, 58.3, 1:27.2, 1:55.1, FT

1-Tuscany (f, 3, Muscle Hill--Shes Gone Again, by Sj's Caviar) \$10,000, \$275,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$14,800
O-Joseph Davino & Brad Shackman, CA & Drennan Stable LLC. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC & Melvin Hartman, CA. T-Nik Drennan. D-George Brennan.

Diamond Creek Farm ANOTHER DIAMOND CREEK-BRED WINNER!

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2-Perth Angel De Vie (f, 3, Explosive Matter--Dream Angel, by Malabar Man) \$5,000, \$30,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 14-3-5-4, \$67,333
O-Double R Farms LLC & David L Obley & Richard G Williams. B-Joie De Vie Farm LLC. T-Harold Brocklehurst. D-Bryce Brocklehurst.

3-Margot (f, 3, Donato Hanover--I Wanted Wings, by Muscles Yankee) \$2,400, \$130,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-3, \$11,396
O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Jason E & Douglas W Allen & Crawford Farms Racing. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 2, 2, 1T, 3H, 2H - Finish Order: Bastion, Sweet Tea, Cathedral Belle, Will You Dance

13, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 5 of 6), 27.0, 56.1, 1:24.4, 1:54.1, FT

1-Miss Mckee (f, 3, Muscle Massive--Dazzling Deb, by Sj's Caviar) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$27,210
O-J L Sadowsky LLC. B-Glen J Vetrano & William M Duncan. T-Jack Baggitt Jr. D-Tim Tetrick.

2-Heaven (f, 3, Father Patrick--Blue Diamonds, by Deweycheatumnhowe) \$5,000, \$57,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 21-1-6-1, \$67,314
O-Ervin Miller Stable Inc & Louis A Willinger & George T Golemes & Happy Hour Racing. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Erv Miller. D-Marcus Miller.

3-Miss Kendra D (f, 3, Cantab Hall--Podagros, by Muscles Yankee) \$2,400, \$10,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-4, \$72,596
O-Christopher F Beaver & Donald E Robinson & R.B.H. Ventures Inc. B-Coyote Wynd Farms, CA. T-Christopher Beaver. D-David Miller.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, 3T - Finish Order: Allswell Hanover, Billie Claire, Devine Equine, Caviart Guilia

14, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 3 Year Old Fillies (Division 6 of 6), M, 27.4, 56.3, 1:25.3, 1:53.3, FT

1-Hannah (f, 3, Muscle Hill--Viva Las Lindy, by Dream Vacation) \$10,000, \$60,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-2, \$83,423
O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Dumain Haven Farm & Little E LLC. B-Kg Bertmarks Hingstdepa Ab, SD. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller.

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2-Alittlebitofsugar (f, 3, Donato Hanover--Sugarcane Yankee, by Windsong's Legacy) \$5,000, \$19,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-2, \$24,107
O-Peter F Barbato. B-Winbak Farm. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Tim Tetrick.

3-Devious Hanover (f, 3, Andover Hall--Devin Hanover, by Muscle Massive) \$2,400, \$10,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$26,446
O-Diane L Giuliano. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Trond Smedshammer. D-Dexter Dunn.

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RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

NORTHFIELD PARK *report*

Wednesday's Results:

10, Nfld, \$17,500, Trot, BUCKEYE STALLION SERIES 2 YEAR FILLIES 2ND LEG - 1ST DIVISION, 29.0, 59.3, 1:29.3, 1:59.4, FT

1-Wf Fire (f, 2, Dejarmbro--Capri Hall, by Conway Hall) \$8,750, \$6,000 2019 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$10,150
O-Herman Hagerman & Terrence D Smith. B-Wilker Family Farms. T-Herman Hagerman. D-Chris Lems.

2-Parabellum (f, 2, Deep Chip--Rare Gift, by Muscles Yankee) \$4,375, \$9,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$4,375
O-Timothy G Betts & Nicholas A Catalano & Keith J Pippi. B-Steve H Stewart & Oakwood Farms. T-Scott Betts. D-Hunter Myers.

3-Sewin Sue (f, 2, Wishing Stone--Sequin Hanover, by Sj's Caviar) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$2,100
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Phillip Collura. B-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Phillip Collura. T-Ron Burke. D-Dan Rawlings.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 4, 2, 2H, 2, 5Q - Finish Order: Boujee Girl, Hot Ice, Bathsheba As, Elegant Gigi, Twisted Sister, Rose Run Wassup

13, Nfld, \$17,500, Trot, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL BUCKEYE STALLION SERIES 2 YEAR FILLIES 2ND LEG - 2ND DIVISION, 30.0, 1:00.4, 1:31.0, 2:00.4, FT

1-Charming Nancy (f, 2, Uncle Peter--Caviar Forthe Lady, by Sj's Caviar) \$8,750, \$20,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$17,500
O-Christopher F Beaver & Joe Sbrocco & Mary A Mc Loughlin & Michael L Carter. B-Acadia Farms Inc. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-Kaelli Mae (f, 2, Uncle Peter--Mallelujah, by Malabar Man) \$4,375, \$10,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-0-1-0, \$4,975
O-Victory Hill Farm Inc & Debra S Garland. B-R Kevin Greenfield & Michael R Creps. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Chris Lems.

3-Docs Dilemma (f, 2, Broadway Hall--Rompaway Doczella, by Classic Photo) \$2,100, \$15,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-0-0-1, \$2,100
O-Timothy G Betts & Nicholas A Catalano & Keith J Pippi. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Scott Betts. D-Dan Rawlings.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: HD, 2, 2, 2, 1H - Finish Order: Wholelotatrot, I've Got The Will, Tulsa Bell, Sheza Witch, Shenzi As, Dot The I, Banker's Fortune

RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY

HARRAH'S HOOSIER PARK *report*

Thursday's Results:

7, YR, \$16,500, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF 8 P-M RACES OR \$100,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 29.2, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:55.4, FT

1-Gettin Messi (g, 4, Armbr Barrister--Hypnotic Kris, by Perfect Spiral) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 36-18-5-3, \$92,688
O-Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC & Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos. B-William E Andrew, CA. T-Robert Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

2-Purpose Blue Chip (h, 5, Chapter Seven--Munis Blue Chip, by Credit Winner) \$4,125, \$25,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 24-7-4-4, \$208,996
O-Ann-Mari Daley & James A Crawford IV & Donald W Brenner. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc & Raymond W Schnittker & Steven Arnold & Steve Jones.
T-Dan Daley. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Fashion Forever (g, 5, Credit Winner--Yalta Hanover, by Andover Hall) \$1,980, \$150,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 58-6-11-8, \$178,625
O-George Bullukian & Charles F Krippendorf. B-Deo Volente Farms LLC. T-Karen Garland. D-Steve Smith.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 3, 4, 1T, NS, 1H - Finish Order: Our White Knight, Miss You Kelly, Full Rights, Seven Knights, Cash Hit

13, HoP, \$60,500, Trot, **INDIANA SIRE STAKES** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings - Leg 2, 27.4, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:53.4, FT

1-Swan In Motion (c, 3, Swan For All--Keystone Sadie, by Yankee Glide) \$30,250, \$15,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 15-5-7-2, \$237,825
O-M & M Racing & Norbert Joseph Maza. B-Lyle Dean Slabach. T-Jamie Macomber. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.

2-Flagman (g, 3, Guccio--Magic Lindy, by Kadabra) \$15,125, \$14,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 15-3-5-1, \$55,349
O-Cinderella Stables. B-Pond-A- Acres. T-Rick Plano. D-Rick Plano.

3-Brigotto (g, 3, Bluto--Dream Act, by Deweycheatumnhowe) \$7,260, \$4,500 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-4, \$140,081
O-Steve D & Chester D Mullet & Rahda Adventures LLC & Jr E Miller. B-Pond-A- Acres. T-Dan Shetler. D-Sam Widger.

Unavailable - Calls: 7, 1T, 2T, 5, 3T - Finish Order: After All Paul, Simply Swan, Speed Ball Swagger, Givemeacookie, J-s Jasper, R Fromoutacherry, Emma Town BudReplay

RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Thursday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$23,150, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - GRASSROOTS - 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$350.00, 27, 56.4, 1:26.1, 1:56.2

1-Ripped And Ready (b,c,3 - Muscle Mass-Cumin First-Striking Sahbra) \$11,575, Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, \$62,853

O-Dr Ruth Irving B-Hamstan Farm Inc T-Thierry Vandenplas D-Jody Jamieson



2-Archies Star (b,g,3 - Archangel-Love Me Do-Conway Hall)

O-Ecuries Guy Gagnon Inc, Gestion Louis Latulippe Inc, Gestion Bruno Blouin Inc B-Tri Star Farms Ltd T-Guy Gagnon D-Guy Gagnon

3-Dart Guy (b,g,3 - Muscle Mass-Whitesand Electra-Angus Hall)

O-Home Stretch Holdings Inc, Lloyd Tylee, Barbara Tylee B-Joanne Wray T-Jerry Duford D-Phillippe Hudon

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2, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$15,000 LIFETIME, 26.3, 56, 1:24.4, 1:51.4

1-One For Julius (b,c,3 - Hes Watching-Claireabell-Jeremes Jet) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-1, \$91,035

O-Andrea Lea Racingstables Inc B-Andrea Lea Racingstables Inc T-Dustin Jones D-Chris Christoforou



2-Going Fast (b,g,3 - Western Terror-Tootsie J-Real Artist)

O-Elizabeth Fair B-Vae Llc T-Alan Fair D-Trevor Henry

3-Machpheus (b,g,3 - Mach Three-Cc Kloe-Precious Bunny)

O-E C S Racing Llc B-Chuck Campbell T-Debi Obrienmoran D-Jonathan Drury

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3, Wbs, \$23,500, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - GRASSROOTS - 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$350.00, 28, 57.1, 1:27, 1:56.1

1-Remember Titans (br,c,3 - E L Titan-Oaklea Samantha-Amigo Hall) \$11,750, Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-1, \$53,617

O-Landmark 12 Racing Stable, Dale Larson, A K Malik Stable B-Douglas Millard T-Shawn Steacy D-James Macdonald

2-Aussie Lover (b,g,3 - Angus Hall-His Mistress-Mutineer)

O-Gino Cicero B-Winbak Farm T-Gino Cicero D-Jody Jamieson

3-Kenogami Coco (b,g,3 - Wheeling N Dealin-Profound Wisdom-Ken Warkentin)

O-Jean Francois Reid, Marie Claude Reid B-Jean Francois Reid T-Dany Fontaine D-Louis Philippe Roy

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4, Wbs, \$23,150, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - GRASSROOTS - 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$350.00, 28, 59, 1:28.3, 1:57

1-Freedom Express (b,g,3 - Wheeling N Dealin-Windsong Nolwenn-Donato Hanover) \$11,575, Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, \$13,427

O-Charalambos Christoforou B-William Loyens T-Charalambos Christoforou D-Chris Christoforou

2-Mikey Mass (b,g,3 - Muscle Mass-Featured Image-Balanced Image)

O-Nick & Vince Gallucci, Frank Cirillo, Bruno Didiomede B-Denise Ball D-Nick Gallucci D-Bob McClure

3-Massman (b,g,3 - Muscle Mass-Palm Beach Chic-Conway Hall)

O-Susanne Kerwood, M And L Of Delaware Llc B-Little E Llc T-Susanne Kerwood D-Phillippe Hudon

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5, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, 3 YEAR OLDS, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 26.4, 55.4, 1:24.2, 1:51.4

1-Tint Of Mint (b,g,3 - American Ideal-Mintjulep Bluechip-Bettors Delight) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-1, \$20,070

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



RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Play Therapy (b,g,3 - American Ideal-Sportsmistress-Sportsmaster)

O-William Budd B-Concord Stud Farm Llc T-William Budd D-James Macdonald

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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6, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, 2 YEAR OLDS, 27.4, 58.4, 1:29.2, 1:57.1

1-Black Tie Bash (br,c,2 - Chapter Seven-Daylon Mermaid-Kadabra) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$13,022

O-Fred Brayford, Blake Macintosh, Mortgage Boys Stable, Black Tie Bash Stables B-Dan Khuns T-Blake Macintosh D-Jody Jamieson

2-Muscle Dynasty (b,c,2 - Muscle Hill-Miss Liv-Kadabra)

O-Dreamville Stable B-Steiner Stock Farm T-Michael Keeling D-Bob McClure

3-Father Corby (b,c,2 - Father Patrick-Cartier Hall-Garland Lobell)

O-Dustin Jones Stables Inc, Hebert Horses Inc, Sjl'n Racing Inc B-Steve Stewart T-Dustin Jones D-Chris Christoforou

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7, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, ONTARIO SIRE 3 YEAR OLD GRASSROOTS STARTERS IN 2020. W/O \$2,900 IN OSS EARNINGS IN 2020 NOT ELIGIBLE, 27.56.4, 1:24.3, 1:53

1-Mack (b,g,3 - Mach Three-Backstreet Sweetie-Dragon Again) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-2, \$22,167

O-Gregg McNair, Bloomingwood Farms Ltd, Mckinlay & Fielding, Ross Holmes B-Karen Carroll T-Gregg McNair D-Douglas McNair



Preferred Equine YEARLING SALE GRADUATE

2-Poseidon Seelster (b,g,3 - Sunshine Beach-Porsche Seelster-Artistic Fella)

O-Keith Cassell B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Matthew Dupuis D-Phillippe Hudon

3-Wind Blown (br,g,3 - Mach Three-Wind Warning-Camotion)

O-Douglas & Douglas Polley, Gordon & Joanne McComb B-Spring Haven Farm T-Teesha Symes D-Louis Philippe Roy

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8, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 29.58.4, 1:28.2, 1:57.3

1-Magic Cape (b,f,3 - Johnny William-Microwave Muscles-Muscles Yankee) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$16,875

O-Sonja Booth B-Sonja Booth T-Michiel Vanderkemp D-Michiel Vanderkemp

2-Alpina (b,f,3 - Archangel-Tymal Fireitup-Kadabra)

O-Synerco Ventures Inc B-R K Joe Miskokomon T-Rod Boyd D-Bob McClure

3-Meadowbranch Noble (b,g,3 - Explosive Matter-Wen Mars Memo-Carry The Message)

O-Debbie Element B-Hans Enggren T-Colin Johnson D-Scott Young

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9, Wbs, \$23,150, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - GRASSROOTS - 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$350.00, 28.4, 1:00, 1:28.4, 1:57.3

1-Awesomedabra (b,g,3 - Kadabra-Awesome Chrissy-Majestic Son) \$11,575, Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-1, \$67,486

O-Gary Lance B-Steve Stewart T-Gary Lance D-Chris Christoforou



Another KADABRA Winner!

2-Crossfit Mouse (b,c,3 - Muscle Mass-Zumba Mouse-Armbro Tropicana)

O-Determination B-Nick Surick Stable Llc T-Luc Blais D-Scott Young

3-Mr Arch (br,g,3 - Archangel-Moms Apple Pie-Striking Sahbra)

O-Randall Fulmer, Phillip Katcher B-Winbak Farm T-Randall Fulmer D-Michael Saftic

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10, Wbs, \$23,150, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - GRASSROOTS - 3 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$350.00, 28.1, 58, 1:28, 1:58.1

1-Royaltys Odyssey (br,g,3 - Royalty For Life-Miss Ridge-Tom Ridge) \$11,575, Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$27,360

O-Carl Jamieson, Joanne Morrison B-Joanne Morrison T-Stephanie Jamieson D-Jody Jamieson



Another ROYALTY FOR LIFE Winner!

RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Charmbo Prince (ch,c,3 - Royalty For Life-Hetties Charm-Angus Hall)

O-John & Randy Rier B-John & Randy Rier T-John Rier D-Michael Saftic

3-Ongoing Royalty (b,c,3 - Royalty For Life-Now Shes Gone-Kadabra)

O-Andre Desrochers, Sylvio Ravary B-Stan Klemencic T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Sylvain Filion

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YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

Thursday's Results:

4, YR, \$33,000, Pace, F&M OPEN, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.3, 1:52.0, FT

1-Snobbytoun (m, 4, Nob Hill High--Shantytown Girl, by Towner's Big Guy) \$16,500, Lifetime Record: 38-18-10-4, \$288,455

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Jason V Melillo. B-Scott W Hagemeyer. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.

2-Imprincessgemma A (m, 6, Village Jolt--Melody Stride, by In The Pocket) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 40-17-11-6, \$211,322

O-Jennifer Bongiorno Stable LLC & Joseph Bongiorno LLC & Steve M Manzi & Wish Me Luck Stables LLC. B-M G & J Davis, AS. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-Kendra N (m, 5, Sportswriter--Robyn Blue, by Man Around Town) \$3,960, Lifetime Record: 33-9-6-8, \$97,919

O-Vonknoblauch Stable LLC. B-G P & Mrs N M Hope, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.

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5, YR, \$20,250, Pace, F&M NW \$25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. 3&4 YO F&M NW 10 P-M RACES LT., 27.3, 57.1, 1:24.3, 1:52.3, FT

1-My Ruebe Star N (m, 6, Falcon Seelster--Zenola Star, by New York Motoring) \$10,125, Lifetime Record: 52-14-6-3, \$96,678

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

2-Lispatty (m, 7, McArdle--Lisbella, by Camluck) \$5,062, \$20,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 142-36-29-21, \$939,439

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

3-Miss You N (m, 6, Betterthancheddar--Woman In Black, by Courage Under Fire) \$2,430, Lifetime Record: 46-16-6-7, \$183,860

O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Bottom Line Racing LLC. B-M H Lemon, NZ & Mrs P C Kingston, NZ. T-Ross Croghan. D-Scott Zeron.

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6, YR, \$17,250, Pace, F&M NW \$17,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 27.4, 56.3, 1:24.2, 1:52.3, FT

1-Pammy Jo (m, 5, Roll With Joe--Angela, by Six Of Diamonds) \$8,625, Lifetime Record: 61-13-6-10, \$105,808

O-Marthe Drolet & James M Matheos. B-Jay C Sears. T-Marthe Drolet. D-Tyler Buter.

2-Baron Remy (m, 5, Yankee Cruiser--Riley Character, by Shady Character) \$4,312, \$6,500 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 58-15-13-8, \$633,434

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Lawrence R Karr & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Baron Racing Stable. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.

3-Tell Me A Joke (m, 5, Art Major--Camadian, by Camluck) \$2,070, \$75,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 70-10-5-16, \$185,726

O-Christopher B Temming. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Christopher Temming. D-Scott Zeron.

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7, YR, \$16,500, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF 8 P-M RACES OR \$100,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 29.2, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:55.4, FT

1-Gettin Messi (g, 4, Armbr Barrister--Hypnotic Kris, by Perfect Spiral) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 36-18-5-3, \$92,688

O-Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC & Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos. B-William E Andrew, CA. T-Robert Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

2-Purpose Blue Chip (h, 5, Chapter Seven--Munis Blue Chip, by Credit Winner) \$4,125, \$25,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 24-7-4-4, \$208,996

O-Ann-Mari Daley & James A Crawford IV & Donald W Brenner. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc & Raymond W Schnittker & Steven Arnold & Steve Jones. T-Dan Daley. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Fashion Forever (g, 5, Credit Winner--Yalta Hanover, by Andover Hall) \$1,980, \$150,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 58-6-11-8, \$178,625

O-George Bullukian & Charles F Krippendorff. B-Deo Volente Farms LLC. T-Karen Garland. D-Steve Smith.

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