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The Guru's guide to the Hambletonian

Plus, McDuffee will do what's right for Papi Rob Hanover and thoughts on vets that are experts on hind end problems.

by Ron Gurfein



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Tidbits: I personally have witnessed the demise of great horses i.e.: Barbaro and Ruffian, but never was disturbed as after hearing the news — as first reported by HRU [here](#) and further elaborated on [here](#) — that Papi Rob Hanover had suffered a broken coffin bone.

I am very close to David and Maryanne McDuffee. They are as wonderful as any couple I have known. They truly didn't deserve this. David was plagued by his ownership of the brilliant jumping jack filly Pizza Dolce, and was savoring a smoother ride with Papi Rob Hanover. Then after suffering a questionable call at the end of last year with the DQ in the Breeders Crown, he starts out in 2020 with no place to race and horrid postpositions when he did get in. And now this.

I haven't called him since HRU broke the news because I am sure he would prefer some respect for his privacy at this moment in time.

I will however speculate and say that there is no question as to what to do going forward — he will do what's right for the horse. There are no guarantees in recovery from any injury. If the information available is that of a great prognosis then we would all like to see the colt back on the track as he could prove to be the fastest horse of all time. If the prognosis is questionable then Mr. McDuffee will have ownership of one great stallion prospect. One way or another I wish him well.

Richard Parsons asks: My 3-year-old trotting colt is sore behind. I know it's up high because when I push on his rump he




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p,2, 1:54.1s-'20 (\$10,000)

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tries to lay down. I have had him injected with iodine twice and he doesn't respond. What should I do next.

All veterinarians are not alike. It is my experience that some are good with backs and others not quite as effective solving hind end problems.

Let me start by saying that most hind end muscle soreness come from front end problems. So once you eliminate the original problem make sure your colt's knees are not sore.

That said, there are three veterinarians that stand out in the hind end category. Hopefully you are in close proximity to one of them. If one of them cannot fix your colt, my guess is that he can't be helped. That is doubtful.

John Cummins specializes in equine acupuncture and to me this is a great means to an end. He is in Lexington, KY, but can be found from Chicago to New Jersey at various times.

Jim Mitchell specializes in equine chiropractic and does adjustments to the spinal column that have been very successful. He has been fixing broken backs for more years than he would like me to say. He is located in New Jersey.

Rick Balmer located at The Meadows in Washington, PA is just the Back Guru. I cannot even begin to tell you the success I personally have had with what I refer to as Balmer miracles. Not only has he never failed to correct a hind end issue for me, but he has kept some horses with congenital bad backs going for ages. Best of all, he will tell you in two minutes if he can help your horse or not. I have never in 30 years with Rick ever heard him say, "I can fix this one," that he didn't fix immediately.

As promised, I will devote most of this week's column to:

THE GURU'S GUIDE TO THE 95TH HAMBLETONIAN ELIMINATIONS

The big dance attracted 17 entries and as usual many have me scratching my head. I was certain that the amount of speculative entries would be slowed by the COVID-19 problem, and as usual I was wrong.

Trainers of 12 of the 17 horses will enjoy their first Hambletonian win if victorious.

On the other hand, many of the owners have found themselves in the winner's circle on numerous occasions starting with Lindy Farms in 1969 with Lindys Pride through Determination's win with Forbidden Trade in last year's event.

A race that three week ago seemed relatively boring has exploded into a major event overnight. The success of the two Ready Cash colts and the entry of the two fillies have really brought the excitement to a peak. The eliminations are part of the Saturday (Aug. 1) card at The Meadowlands.

RACE 6 – HAMBLETONIAN ELIMINATION #1

7 RAMONA HILL – 5-1

Driver: Andy McCarthy

Trainer: Tony Alagna

Owners: Brad Grant, Crawford Farms, Robert LeBlanc and In The Gym Partners

Breeder: Crawford Farms.

CONGRATS

GIMME SHELTER

2, 1:58f-'20 (\$20,114)

Father Patrick - Skara Brae

**\$18,922 Arden Downs division winner (2yotf)
in a life best of 1:58f, July 29 at The Meadows.**

**Owned by Lone Wolf Stable,
Nicholas Catalano**

Trained by Michael Palone

Driven by Dave Palone

Bred by Marsh Valley Standardbreds



Looks like a stud colt on the track. Has won 7 of 9 races lifetime and over \$500,000. Was crazy good in a 1:50.3 win in the Miller last week from post 10. In that amazing display of speed she defeated two of the best fillies in the country, both of whom their connections at times had aspirations of entering the big race. Thirty four years young Andy McCarthy has been no stranger to the winners circle on the big stage and this could well be a major moment of glory for both he and trainer Tony Alagna. For those of you with the opportunity to bet the morning line go for it as she will be closer to 2-1 come post time.

1 BACK OF THE NECK – 2-1

Driver: Scott Zeron

Trainer: Ake Svanstedt

Owners: Judy and Howard Taylor and Order By Stable

Breeder: Order By Stable

Has been quite impressive winning his last two starts, a division of the Dancer and the Reynolds. There is little I can say bad about him. I just think the filly may be a bit faster and I say just a bit and he may well turn the table and it certainly would not be a shock. He comes to post with a trainer and driver both of whom have found the Hambletonian winner's circle in the last three years and Scotty has won the race twice in the last four with Atlanta and Marion Marauder.

8 BEADS – 9-2

Driver: Jimmy Takter

Trainer: Per Engblom

Owners: Rene Spahr and Christina Takter

Breeders: Atlantic Trot and Steve Stewart

He trotted an awesome mile two back parked the entire mile finishing second in 1:51.2. However, they walked home in that event. He rode the rail in the Dancer and could not be better than third. He seems the type that can trot all day without much of a brush. He can surely be a part of this considering his connections, but hard to recommend on the top of the ticket.

5 MAESTERAMON – 12-1

Driver: Brian Sears

Trainer: Marcus Melander

Owner: SRF Stable



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FLAWLESS COUNTRY

2, 1:56.1f-'20 (\$34,680)

Southwind Frank - Aleah Hanover

\$19,322 Arden Downs division winner (2yotf)
in a life best of 1:56.1f, July 29 at The Meadows.

Owned by **Ake Svanstedt Inc.,
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Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms

Shows no early foot and that has hurt him thus far. He did make up almost eight lengths in his division of the Dancer from post 10 to get the last check. If they mix it up at all on the front, which is doubtful in an elimination, he could hit the board with the talented White Knight in the bike.

2 THIRD SHIFT – 8-1

Driver: Ake Svanstedt

Trainer: Ake Svanstedt

Owners: Melby Gard and Ake Svanstedt

Breeder: Winbak Farm

Colt is 9 for 11 lifetime with over \$300,000 in earnings. Most of his wins have been in indigenous races where Ake is a master of making money. He would have to step his game up considerably to win here but he is truly on the upswing and it's not impossible.

3 AMIGO VOLO – 7-2

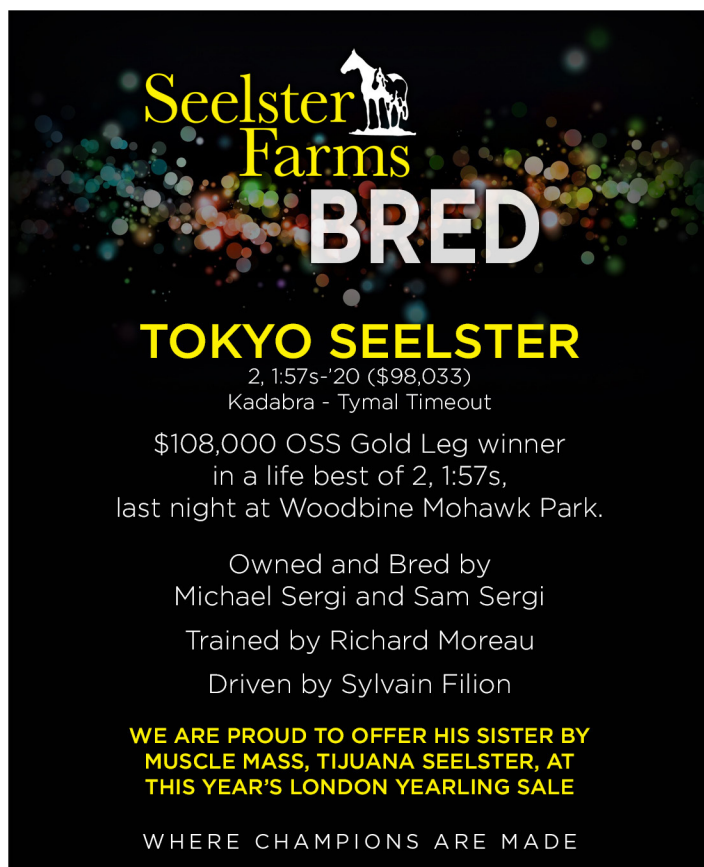
Driver: Dexter Dunn

Trainer: Nifty Norman

Owners: Penske Stable and David J. Miller

Breeders: Kentuckiana Farms and Jorgen Jahre Jr.

Gelding has just not returned to his freshman form that would have made him a prohibitive choice in here. He has done his best work on the smaller tracks and seems unable to be a factor on the big oval at the Meadowlands. Great trainer-driver combo and Dunn is hot as can be, but will need a miracle in form reversal to win this one.



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6 HOLLYWOOD STORY – 10-1

Driver: Tim Tetrick

Trainer: Marcus Melander

Owner: Courant Inc

Breeder: Southwind Farm

He was second in his division of the Dancer at 17-1 and never came off the wood. His only wins this year came in non-winners events. This very well bred colt needs to step up big time to make the final.

4 BIG OIL – 10-1

Driver: Andy Miller

Trainer: Julie Miller

Owners: Jason, Douglas, and Ronald Allen

Breeders: Jason and Douglas Allen

Colt has won two of his three starts in 2020 at odds on against far lesser competition. He was weak at the end of his lone start at the Meadowlands in a division of the Dancer. He hasn't shown one quick last quarter all year. Will I say he can't make the final? Absolutely not. Julie and Andy seem to get there every year why should this year be different. Needs a ton of luck.

RACE 8 – HAMBLETONIAN ELIMINATION #2

8 READY FOR MONI – 5-2

Driver: Yannick Gingras

Trainer: Nancy Takter

Owners: John Fielding, Lindy Farms of Conn., Herb Liverman and Bud Hatfield

Breeder: Moni Maker Stable

Colt enters the Hambletonian with all systems go. All his qualifiers and one race have been fabulous. Nancy and Yannick enter as the hottest trainer-driver combo on the planet. To top that off, my opinion is that he is in the softer of the two divisions. You won't get 5-2, but I wouldn't look elsewhere for a prospect. Just the fact that Yannick picked off a Burke horse he won a ton of money with goes a long way telling me how good the colt is.

2 SISTER SLEDGE – 3-1

Driver: Brian Sears

Trainer: Ron Burke

Owners: Burke Racing Stable, J. Melillo, J&T Silva, Purcell & Libby and Weaver Brussemi

Breeders: Sergeant Stables and Andray Farms

Filly has a beautiful card. The change in drivers is of absolutely no consequence. She has \$600,000 in earnings and has won 11 of 16 races and never back of third lifetime. She has been managed perfectly this year and has had many easy races avoiding the Meadowlands till her impressive 1:51.2 win in the Geers last week. However, I do not like the loss in the PASS, the race before where she was five cents on the dollar. The Burke Brigade obviously did not have a colt

with better credentials than her and on paper the Oaks is pretty tough in its own right so they decided to go for the bigger money. I must say I have attempted that myself.

3 JULA TRIX TREASURE – 6-1

Driver: Ake Svanstedt

Trainer: Ake Svanstedt

Owner: Julia Racing

Breeders: J.Beaver,J.Wolkomir and M.Carter

Lightly-raced colt has talent but I question what happened in his disappointing fifth-place finish in the Geers last week at 2-1. He was surely hurt by the pedestrian half but should have had more trot. That said, his win in 1:51.2 in the Reynolds's was a beaut. It is off that performance I rate him third.

5 THREEFIFTYTWO – 8-1

Driver: Scott Zeron

Trainer: Luc Blais

Owner: Determination

Breeder: G Ducharme and S & P Diamond

This might seem an odd call placing this colt so high as he has only beaten some non-descript horses north of the border. That said, Luc Blais is one of the smartest trotting horse trainers in the business and just the fact that he thinks enough of the colt to send him this far tells me he will be in the hunt.

9 MOON BRIDGE – 20-1

Driver: Andy Miller

Trainer: Ake Svanstedt

Owners: E. Lahtinen,J. Korpi and J. Hietalahti

Breeders: Overseas Farms and J. Korpi

To choose the last spot for a ticket to the big dance I may as well use a dart board or pull names from a hat because any one of the five remaining can get a ticket. The question here would be can they get money next week if they make it?

I picked this colt because he had a great race against no one but the clock with Andy at the controls. He also is the lone speed horse in here with the exception of the filly and could well end up with a two hole journey behind the second choice.

6 CHESTNUT HILL – 6-1

Driver: David Miller

Trainer: Nifty Norman

Owners: Melvin Hartman ,David McDuffee and Little E LLC

Breeders: Hartman, Liverman, McDuffee

This impeccably-bred \$410,000 yearling has shown signs of greatness but has yet to put it all together. There would

be no better time than tomorrow to see him do it. His owners have put tons of cash into this business and for them to land in the winner's circle would be wonderful. On paper it looks like he just isn't fast enough right now.

4 ROME PAYS OFF – 9-2

Driver: Mattias Melander

Trainer: Marcus Melander

Owner: SRF Stable

Breeder: Order By Stable

Colt comes off two nice wins. The connections SRF and the Melanders have taken the trotting world by storm in the sales ring and on the racetrack. I fear they will have to wait another year to hoist their banner at the Hambletonian. He is just a nice colt and I feel he hasn't got the speed to overhaul this group.

1 CAPRICORNUS – 15-1

Driver: Tim Tetrick

Trainer: Marcus Melander

Owner: Jj Racing Stable

Breeder: Windsong Stable

This was a major reach for Team Melander. The colt is 0 of 4 with earnings of \$10,000 in 2020. He did win \$200,000 in his freshman year and with post 1 maybe they know something I don't. I cannot recommend.

7 SKY CASTLES – 20-1

Driver: Corey Callahan

Trainer: Andrew Harris

Owner: Robert J Key

Breeder: Robert J Key

Winner of the 1993 Hambletonian with American Winner, Bob Key is without doubt the gamest owner in the sport. He has put millions into the sport and always has a plethora of horses in training. The Key school says if you make the payment you race. This Conway Hall colt has not hit the board in Sires Stake races. I am very close to Andrew and Corey and would love to see them in the Hambletonian winner's circle, but I seriously doubt this horse will get them there.

Thanks to all of you for all the kind words. I know your busy but please remember to ask some questions. Enjoy this wonderful weekend of racing and have a wonderful week.

Have a question for The Guru?

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Harrah's Hoosier Park announces purse increase of \$35,000 per card

Wagering at the Indiana track is up 21 per cent compared to a year ago.

by Emily Gaskin / Harrah's Hoosier Park

Although the start of the 2020 racing season was put on hold for 3 ½ months, it hasn't taken long for Harrah's Hoosier Park's 27th year of live harness racing to produce encouraging gains from all facets of its wagering operations. With that, officials with Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino have announced purses will increase by approximately \$35,000 per day, effective today (July 31). This increase will be felt throughout the entire purse structure as a result of conservative revenue projections and increased casino, ADW and export revenues.

"After starting off the meet with very cautious purse projections we are so pleased that our gaming and pari-mutuel revenues are now allowing us to make this very significant purse increase," Harrah's Hoosier Park's vice president and general manager of racing Rick Moore said. "We want to thank all of our partners, most notably the horsemen and racing fans throughout the country that have contributed to our successes to date. I would also like to personally thank ISA president Joe Putnam for working with us to implement this purse increase in such an expeditious manner."



With a renewed focus on fresh marketing efforts, specialty wagers, full fields and competitive racing, through the first 30 days of the meet at Harrah's Hoosier Park, all-sources wagering has shown a 21 per cent increase over the previous year's figures.

"The horsemen have done an outstanding job of providing us with a great racing product," Moore continued. "The competitive fields have offered outstanding value to horseplayers and the bettors have shown up in full force. All of these factors make it possible for us to proudly announce this purse increase."

The racing action continues to heat up on the track as the 2020 crop of Indiana-sired horses recently opened their Indiana Sires Stakes series in impressive fashion. Harrah's Hoosier Park will play host to an extended open stakes schedule throughout the 2020 racing season worth nearly a combined \$8 million. Harrah's Hoosier Park's premier pacing event, the \$300,000 Dan Patch Stakes, is slated for Friday, Aug/ 14. The 2020 season will be highlighted by the return of the coveted Breeders Crown events on Friday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31.

With a daily post time of 6:30 pm, live racing will continue to follow a Tuesday through Saturday schedule and be conducted through November 21. For more information on the live racing schedule, please visit www.harrahshoosierpark.com.



BETWEEN THE LINES



with BRETT STURMAN

Jimmy Takter explains why female trotters can compete against the boys better than female pacers

by Brett Sturman

Two fillies have been entered in this weekend's Hambletonian eliminations, Ramona Hill and Sister Sledge. If either were to the followings week's Hambletonian final, which would be a career accomplishment in itself, the headlines are sure to include some variation of the girls beating the boys, but I'd say that angle is becoming less and less impressive.

The best female trotters are already no worse than the males. And in some cases, they are better.

Even though when Atlanta won the Hambletonian two years ago it was the first time since 1996 that the filly Continentalvictory turned the trick for my colleague The Guru, the sophomore filly trotters have been nothing less than outstanding in recent years. In 2016, the fastest 3-year-old trotter was a filly, Broadway Donna. 2017 featured Ariana G who was the second fastest 3-year-old, only behind Walner. The 2018 crop of 3-year-old fillies was generational with Manchego, Atlanta, Plunge Blue Chip, Phaetosive, and the lesser notorious Impinktoo, though she trotted a 1:49:4 mile that year.

With that being said, the question for me isn't so much why are the fillies and mares adept at trotting against their male trotting counterparts, but why doesn't the same hold true on the pacing side in harness racing? Sure, there have been some fast mares in recent years, including Shartin N right at this moment, but rarely do they have the same level of success against pacing males. In fact, it's hardly even tried because of its difficulty.

In the opinion of one of the most masterful trainers in the history of the sport, Jimmy Takter points to an answer found in the differences in gait.



Dave Landry

Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter has a theory about why female trotters can compete better against their male counterparts than female pacers.

"It's hard to explain why, but [I think it is the] difference between the trotting gait and pacing gait," Takter said. "If you get a trotter to have a great technique, they can go against the colts. The trotting gait is more of a technique gait. A pacer doesn't interfere like a trotter does, that's the big difference. The key with the trotters is to make sure they clear themselves, so that they're not shorting their stride and then not becoming the great horse that they potentially could be."

"For example, if you find the key for a trotter, you can [reduce] seconds. I've had trotters, I've been lucky, where I'll suddenly find the right key and they can go three seconds faster. You would never see that with a pacer. It's like the horse I own a piece of that I'm racing in the Hambletonian,

Beads. The horse was scared and had no confidence, and now I've been driving him for three starts and I see that every start he's a little more comfortable and he's stretching out a little bit. He went from breaking in almost every start to now suddenly going into the Hambletonian as a contender. You don't see that in the pacing industry."

In describing the phenomenon exhibited by trotters but not pacers, Takter's reasons amount to the fact that a trotting gait relies more on technique rather than a more straightforward pacing gait, and thus the purely genetic and physical components of male and female become lesser emphasized on the trot.

He did note, however, on the pacing side that the reigning horse of the year wouldn't be without a chance if she elected at some point to take on male rivals.

"I'm sure a horse like Shartin N wouldn't embarrass herself against the colts. It would be interesting to see how she does against the top-level pacing colts and she's very exceptional, a great mare. She would definitely compete."

Takter did try the Hambletonian once with the filly Pampered Princess in 2007. He doesn't regret that decision as the trip in the race won by Donato Hanover just didn't work out, but he also notes another characteristic he's seen in exceptional trotting females.

"It must have to do with the gait, but the great fillies that I've had, they've also had a hell of a determination. They never give up and they're really, really tough," he said.

Looking at the fillies in this year's Hambletonian, Takter believes that the fillies in the Oaks will be just as tough as the colts. In naming fillies that could be competitive with the colts, Takter named Ramona Hill, Sister Sledge, Sorella and Panem.

"Sorella is owned by Crawford [Farms] and I said that if [Crawford bred and owned] Ramona Hill had gone in with the fillies, we would have put Sorella in with the colts. It's basically as tough to win the Oaks as it is the Hambletonian. It wouldn't shock me if on Hambo day the trotting fillies go faster than the colts, but I think there are a couple of colts that could be sleepers in that haven't yet shown their full capacity."

With the change starting last year in which the Hambletonian format went from same-day heat racing to eliminations and then a final a week apart, it would seem to be another factor that could aid a filly in a race against colts. It's entirely possible that either Sister Sledge or Ramona Hill could win the Hambletonian, and never before would it be lesser of a surprise for a filly to do so.

ADIOS PICKS

I liked **NO LOU ZING** last week and noted him as a rapidly improving colt; was shocked that he went off at the odds that he did, though they were no doubt inflated due to the amount of 1-9 money on Papi Rob Hanover. He was used early last out trying to secure a frontwards position through that :25:3 opening quarter, looks to avenge the defeat of his sire Sweet Lou from this race in 2012. He can win. **CATCH THE FIRE** lasted in his elimination and similar to **CAPT MIDNIGHT**, was much improved when finally getting away from a couple of the 3-year-old killers. **THE GREEK FREAK** won his elimination easily but I think it was the weaker of the three, it's still Burke though. **CAPTAIN BARBOSSA** lost touch from the pocket in his elimination to Papi Rob Hanover but that's okay; he may last longer now and will offer a price from the outside.

Picks: No Lou Zing, Captain Barbossa, Catch The Fire

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Fabulous fillies highlight Hambletonian eliminations

by Bob Heyden

The two fillies entered in Saturday's (Aug. 1) Hambletonian eliminations may end up favored when the fields go to post.

Sister Sledge and Ramona Hill were 1-2 in the 2YOFT balloting from 2019. This is similar to what happened on 1983 and 1996, the only other times where two fillies dropped in to tackle the boys:

In 1983, Duenna was second choice and Winkys Gill third choice in their elims. Winkys Gill was third and Duenna won. In the final they finished 1-2 at odds of 9-5 and 18-1, respectively.

In 1996, Continentalvictory won at 3-5 and 6-5 second choice Act Of Grace was second in their elim. Both fillies were daughters of Valley Victory.

The combined stats for the two prominent fillies are: 25 starts and 25 times on the board with a combined record of 18-4-3 and combined earnings of \$1,155,913.

Both of their sires were odds-on favorites to win the Hambletonian-40 cents to the dollar for Father Patrick (Sister Sledge) and 30 cents on the dollar for Muscle Hill (Ramona Hill).

The 1:50.3 mark for Ramona Hill is 4/5ths faster than any other. The 1:51.2 mark for Sister Sledge is the co/second fastest mark of any of the other 16 (Jula Tris Treasure).

The Sledge edge

Only Sister Sledge, of the 17 entered in the elims, has double digit wins lifetime. She is 11-for-16. Ron Burke is one of only two trainers in Meadowlands Hambletonian history to have a favored filly in the Hambletonian final. Mission Brief finished second in 2015 at 4-5 to Pinkman.

Chuck Sylvester is the other trainer. In 1992, he sent out 2-1 favorite Ambro Keepsake who wound up fourth. Sylvester is also the only trainer to race a filly two times in a Hambletonian final. In 1985, he was third with Britelite Lobell at 5-1.

Granted

Brad Grant is one of the owners of Ramona Hill. His father, John Grant, gone 11 years, was the owner of the sports #1 stallion ever – Bettors Delight – and he also competed on the very first Hambletonian Day in New Jersey, finishing seventh with Composite for trainer Don Sider.

A Father Patrick double?

Father Patrick has three offspring in this year's elims: Big Oil, Amigo Volo and Sister Sledge. If any advance and one of those three is favored in the Hambletonian final, it would be the first time a stallion has been favored in the Hambletonian in each of his first two crops in 20 years (Greenshoe last year). Back in 1999-2000, the first two crops of Victory Dream were favored – Self Possessed, the winner in 1999 at odds on and then again in 2000 with 9-5 choice Dreamaster, who wound up fifth.

Tim Terrific

This year, driver Tim Tetrick has Hollywood Story in the 6th race Saturday (Aug. 1) and Capricornus in the 8th – both for

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trainer Marcus Melander.

Capricornus was bred by the Pete Spears' Windsong Stable, who bred the 2004 Hambletonian/Triple Crown winner Windsongs Legacy. Though he passed away March 1, 2008 at age 7, he sired the 2010 Trotter of the Year Lucky Chucky and the 2012 Horse of the Year Chapter Seven.

Tetrack has won a Hambletonian elim in eight of the 13 years he has competed, not missing a year since he debuted in 2007. He has won a heat/elim in each of the last four years – a streak unmatched in Meadowlands Hambletonian history. No other driver has done it more than twice consecutively. He also won with Bar Hopping in 2016 and Crystal Fashion in 2018, both favored in the final.

Tetrack has driven in 24 of the 30 Hambletonian elims held since 2007. His record is: 24 8-3-1 – 50 per cent in the money, 33 per cent winning percentage.

He won elims with Green Manalishi last year and Enterprise in 2017 – both for Melander.

Taylor made

Back Of The Neck races for Howard Taylor and his mother Judith. Back in 1977, completing the first full year of the Meadowlands, Judith was the owner of a 5-year-old named H A Taylor, named for her son, which she owned with her late husband Jerome.

Blais-ing into the winner's circle again?

Can Luc Blais do it again? The Determination Stable?

A year after winning the Hambletonian with Forbidden Trade, they are back with Threefiftytwo.

Six times in Hambletonian history have trainers won it back to back:

6 times:

- Jimmy Takter – 2014 2015

- Per Eriksson – 1991-1992
- Billy Haughton – 1976-1977
- Frank Ervin – 1966-1967
- Ben White – 1942-1943
- Henry Thomas – 1937-1938

On the ownership side, you have to go back to WWII (1942-1943) when W H Strang Jr. did it with The Ambassador in 1942 and Volo Song in 1943.

It only happened one other time, back in 1937-1938 for Hanover Shoe Farms with Shirley Hanover and McLin Hanover.

Julie Miller's remarkable consistency

Julie Miller trains Big Oil. She is the only female trainer to hit the board in three straight Hambletonians:

2016 – Sutton was third beaten a neck at 48-1

2017 – Devious Man was second as the only favorite ever sent out by a female trainer (2-1).

2018 – Mets Hall was second another at boxcar odds of 29-1.

Harris and Sky Castles

Trainer Andrew Harris sends out Sky Castles, a son of Conway Hall, 16 years after Conway Hall sired the Triple Crown winner Windsongs Legacy.

Harris debuted with Waitlifter K in 2016 getting fourth money at 14-1 with Matt Kakaley.

Svanstedt loaded

Ake Svanstedt has a four-pack in the elims. Jimmy Takter was the last trainer to have four in a Hambletonian final (2015):

- Pinkman 1st
- Uncle Lasse 3rd

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Sylvester's fearsome foursome

Chuck Sylvester is the last trainer to go 1-2 in both elims twice in the same year.

In 1998, his Muscles Yankee won over Armbro Rotary as the 1-9 favored entry. Also, Silver Pine won over David Raymond as 2-5 favored entry.

Note: they were the four favorites in the final as separate betting interests:

Muscle Yankee 30 cents 1st

David Raymond 6-1 2nd

Silver Pine and Armbro Rotary were last and next to last as the 9-2 second choice in the betting.

Melander's quartet

Marcus Melander sends out four in the elims. At just 28, he has earned a check in the final the last three finals:

2017 – Enterprise 3rd

2018 – Evaluate 5th

2019 – 2nd 3rd and 5th with Greenshoe, Gimpanzee and Green Manalishi, respectively.

He also sent out four in the elims last year – Gerry, along with the aforementioned three. Gerry did not advance.

Muscle Hill and Valley Victory

Muscle Hill is in the midst of a streak where he has had the Hambletonian or the Oaks winner in five of the last six years, which is close to Valley Victory's streak from 1994-1998. Take a look:

1994 – Victory Dream – Hambletonian winner

1995 – Lookout Victory – Hambletonian Oaks winner

1996 – Continental victory – Hambletonian

1997 – Must Be Victory – Hambletonian Oaks

1998 – Muscles Yankee – Hambletonian

Those are all Valley Victories.

Note: his grandson Self Possessed won it in 1999.

Muscle Hill:

2014 – Trixton – Hambletonian

2016 – All The Time – Oaks and Marion Marauder – Hambletonian

2017 – Ariana G – Oaks

2018 – Manchego – Oaks

2019 – When Dovescry – Oaks

Nifty trick

Nifty Norman has never won a Hambletonian final, yet he won the Oaks in back-to-back years:

2012 – Personal Style \$116.40

2013 – Bee A Magician \$2.40

He also had the beaten favorite in the 2010 Oaks – even money shot Poof She's Gone, the dam of Chestnut Hill.

He has a pair in the Hambletonian elims: Breeders Crown winning Amigo Volo and Chestnut Hill.

He had longshot Reign Of Honor in a year ago

Other numbers

- There have been 89 Hambletonian eliminations held at The Meadowlands and favorites have won 47 times (54 per cent).
- From Abundance upsetting in 1995 (\$104.20) in his elim to Victory Same at \$29.40 in 2001 in his elim, 12 straight favorites won their Hambletonian elim.
- Hollywood Story has the fewest starts of any in this year's elims. His record is: 6 4-1-0.
- Seven of the 17 entered in the elims are coming in off a victory
- Three of the 17 trainers in the elims were born in the USA. No USA-born trainer has won a Hambletonian in seven years: 2013 – Royalty For Life for George Ducharme. Since then it has been Takter twice (Sweden), Svanstedt once (Sweden) Blais once (Canada) Rick Zeron once (Canada) and Wellwood once (Canada) The three this year born in the USA are Ron Burke, Tony Alagna and Julie Miller.

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with SANDRA SNYDER

Dream of Glory at Hanover, Battles at Grand River highlight first big stakes weekend of 2020 in Ontario

by Sandra Snyder

In a normal year, the stakes season in Ontario swings into high gear in June with the Somebeachsomewhere at Woodbine Mohawk Park. In 2020, the schedule changes necessitated by COVID-19 will see things start to heat up this weekend as the Dream Of Glory, Battle Of Waterloo and Battle Of The Belles finals go postward at Hanover and Grand River Raceways.

A group of eight 3-year-old trotters, all colts and geldings this year, square off in the \$76,300 Dream Of Glory Final at Hanover Raceway on Saturday (Aug. 1) and general manager Steve Fitzsimmons is anticipating a speed duel.

"They could challenge the track record of 1:56.4 for 3-year-old colts and geldings that's held by Hemi Seelster from 2015," said Fitzsimmons. "Certainly based on **Hot Wheelz** 1:57 under wraps performance, you would think he or someone else might have a shot at that."

Hot Wheelz cruised to a one and one-quarter length win in his \$7,500 elimination last weekend off a picture-perfect second-over trip. The win was the second of the season for the Wheeling N Dealin son, who has twice finished second to **HP Royal Theo** in Gold Series action including the July 21 leg.

"When I saw it coming up and it was four days after the Gold, I made a decision, I decided that I was going to try him in it," said Jody Jamieson, who drives and owns the gelding, while his wife Stephanie Jamieson handles training duties. "And, you know, we would have been better off in a slower division probably, but he came right back after trotting in 1:52.2 and four days later win in 1:57 up there, so I think so far it's been a good decision and we'll see how it goes from here."

Jamieson will steer Hot Wheelz from Post 3 in Saturday's



Senator Rob Black will be at Grand River Raceway on Monday for the 30th anniversary of its Industry Day card.

final while the other elimination winners, Grassroots Series regulars **Lexus Markus** and **Field Gunner**, start from Posts 5 and 8, respectively. Lexus Markus was a one-half length winner in 2:01.2, while trailer Field Gunner got a neck in front in 1:59.2.

All three colts will make their first appearance in a stakes final on Saturday. Field Gunner was unraced at two, Lexus Markus made four starts and Hot Wheelz made two. Both Jamieson and Shannon Henry, who trains Lexus Markus, have been delighted with the progress their charges have made this season.

"Obviously I wasn't expecting anything, or I wasn't expecting too much, so what we've got so far is, I wouldn't say a dream come true, but it's damn close. He's been a real, real good horse for us so far," said Jamieson, who offered up \$15,000 to acquire the trotter at the 2018 London Selected Yearling Sale. "To have the results we've been having with him, I mean, hopefully we have a great summer and into the fall and he can strut his stuff, and hopefully he stays good, but if he doesn't, he doesn't owe us anything."

Henry has her doubts that Lexus Markus can collar Hot Wheelz in Saturday's final, but the Arthur resident said the Amigo Hall gelding surpassed her expectations by winning the elimination and anything he earns Saturday is a bonus.

"The truth is, I didn't even know if he was going to be competitive at Mohawk. He's just surprised me really. I actually thought I just had a half-mile trotting colt, is what I had, and then he just come out swinging," said Henry, who conditions Lexus Markus for her husband, and the gelding's driver, Trevor Henry, breeder Norm Dunstan of Caledon Village, ON and Dave Hudson of Dallas, TX. "He's never missed a cheque for me, and that's a good horse as far as I'm concerned. We're happy with him.

"And Dream Of Glory night, it's a big night, we try to race in it every year for the last, well probably even when Trevor's dad was in it. It's been a big part of us."

In addition to the Dream Of Glory Final, Hanover also has a \$10,000 invitational pace on Saturday's card that will honor long-time assistant race secretary Gail Murray.

"She's worked here for the past 32 years and she's just a wonderful lady and she has, in that time, missed only one race date ever, and that was for her niece's wedding. She is as dedicated and hard working as people come and she is the face that people know in our race office that they've dealt with for 32 years," said Fitzsimmons. "She's watched little kids like Bob McClure and Doug McNair and these guys who have been around here and now become fantastic drivers, so she's kind of seen it all. We just wanted to recognize her wonderful efforts on behalf of our Raceway and so we thought this was a nice way we could do it."

The Dream Of Glory card gets underway at 2 pm on Saturday with programs and a link to the live stream available on Hanover Raceway's [website](#).

Battle finals on tap Monday

The Battle Finals are the highlight of Grand River Raceway's annual Industry Day program on Civic Holiday Monday, Aug. 3, which also features Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Gold and Grassroots action for the 3-year-old pacing fillies.

This is the 30th anniversary of Grand River's celebration of Ontario's harness racing industry and director of operations Jamie Martin said, while it will certainly have a different feel

than the tail-gating, face-painting, ice cream eating event it has been in past years, there will still be an effort to recognize the province's horse people.

"Senator Rob Black, who lives in Fergus, is actually coming to the races at the invitation of Standardbred Canada. He's going to come out and speak and meet the horsepeople, as much as you can meet people in this environment," said Martin. "We'll have the Facebook Live show and Curtis (MacDonald) is doing that, they'll do a great job. Greg Blanchard and Mark McKelvie will be on site, on the broadcast. People can watch and wager from home, just like they have all the rest of the year.

"And if somebody wanted to come and park their rig on the backstretch like they used to in other years, they can still do that, as long as we know they are coming and we include them in our 100. Just give us a call, because we are going to make sure we accommodate as best we can."

Trainer Gregg McNair has five starters on the \$669,000 program, including Battle Of Waterloo elimination winner **Bettor Sun** and fifth-place finisher **Watch My Beverage**, Battle Of The Belles runner-up **Siri Blue Chip** and Gold Series starters **Karma Seelster** and **Beach Sports**.

Two-year-old pacing colts Watch My Beverage and Bettor Son will benefit from Posts 1 and 2 in their \$200,964 Final, while Siri Blue Chip gets Post 3 in the \$128,149 freshman filly showdown, which McNair won last year with Karma Seelster and in 2013 with Lady Shadow. The rural Guelph, ON resident is also a three-time Battle Of Waterloo winner with Magnum J in 2015, Three Of Clubs in 2013 and Trail Boss in 2008.

"We've got the two colts in the Battle and the one filly. They had a pretty good draw. I think last year the one mare win the elimination, and drew the outside, so I mean it's not impossible, but it's a better spot to start from the inside, makes you feel better anyways, going in," said McNair. "We've had a lot of starters in it, we've done good there sometimes, but it's a hard race to win."

Karma Seelster will put her undefeated record over the Elora oval on the line from Post 4 in the first \$105,600 Gold division, while Beach Sports, returning to the site where her freshman career came to an end, will start from Post 7 in the second division.



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“She’s suited for a half pretty good, she gets around things real good there, good gaited mare,” said McNair of Karma Seelster. “She’ll only have one shot at her this year, to get a good chunk of it over there.”

“Beach Sports had trouble with the track there last year, the half-mile track, but she’s trained down a lot of fairly good miles down in Florida and back here when we couldn’t get into the tracks to train them,” he added. “She’s getting around halves pretty good now. I think she’ll be all right.”

Grand River Raceway’s Industry Day program kicks off Monday at 12:30 pm with programs and a live stream available on their [website](#).

Stakes action July 31 to Aug. 6

July 31

- Woodbine Mohawk Park – OSS Gold Series (2ft)

August 1

- Hanover Raceway – Dream Of Glory Final
- Hiawatha Horse Park – Prospect Series (2ct)
- Georgian Downs – Prospect Series (3fp)

August 3

- Grand River Raceway – Battle Of Waterloo & Battle Of The Belles Finals; OSS Gold Series & Grassroots (3fp)
- Dresden Raceway – OSS Grassroots (2ct) & Prospect Series (3ct)
- Woodbine Mohawk Park – Dream Maker Series, Leg 2

August 4

- Woodbine Mohawk Park – Whenuwishuponastar Series, Leg 2

August 6

- Woodbine Mohawk Park – Millard Farms & Pure Ivory Series, Leg 2

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Fillies grab the limelight for Hambletonian eliminations

Sister Sledge and Ramona Hill are the talk of the 95th Hambletonian 24 years since the last time two fillies took on the boys in harness racing's biggest trotting event.

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Sister Sledge might not have attracted overwhelming attention heading into this year's Hambletonian, but as one of two fillies in Saturday's (Aug. 1) eliminations at The Meadowlands, she should find plenty of eyes on her now.

The Ron Burke-trained filly has won three of four races this season and 11 of 16 lifetime. She has hit the board in every start, finishing worse than second only once, on her way to \$622,058 in purses.

Sister Sledge finished second to Ramona Hill in Dan Patch Award voting for best 2-year-old female trotter of 2019. Ramona Hill also was entered in the Hambletonian.

This is the first time multiple fillies will take on the boys in the Hambletonian since Act Of Grace and Continentalvictory in 1996, and only the second time since 1983. Continentalvictory won the 1996 Hambletonian and was the last filly winner until Atlanta in 2018.

Sister Sledge is the 3-1 second choice on the morning line in the second of Saturday's two \$50,000 Hambletonian



eliminations. She will start from post two in a nine-horse field. Ready For Moni, trained by Nancy Takter, is the 5-2 favorite after winning his only start of the season, a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial on July 18, in 1:51.4.

The top-five finishers from each elimination advance to



Chris Gooden

Sister Sledge (Yannick Gingras), one of two fillies entered in the Hambletonian, shown winning a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes event at The Meadows in 2019.

the \$1 million Hambletonian final Aug. 8 at The Meadowlands.

“We’re in a very good spot,” Burke said. “(Post two) gives her options. It’s going to be tough, but I at least like where we’re starting.”

Burke decided Tuesday morning to put Sister Sledge up against the boys in the Hambletonian, rather than entering the fillies-only Hambletonian Oaks, but it was something he had been considering all year.

“I don’t think the Hambo is any tougher than the Oaks,” Burke said. “I think if you graded the races out, they would be equal. If anything, I thought the fillies were a tad tougher. So even if you say they’re even, one race goes for \$1 million and the other goes for (\$600,000). It doesn’t take a lot of brain work to realize that if I can race for a million in basically the same class, I’m going to go for the million.

“I think there are a lot of very nice horses (in the Hambletonian) but I don’t think anyone is tons better than the others. So, I’ll take my shot. It wasn’t like you were going to go to the Oaks and just go a training mile around there.

They’re going to go, too. Hopefully, we get past the elimination. I like the decision I made. Even if it doesn’t work out, in my mind, I put time into it and thought it out and I had reasons for what I did.”

Another factor was the return to Hambletonian eliminations being contested the week prior to the final, rather than the single-day format for elims and final in recent years.

“If there had been two heats, it would have been a different decision,” Burke said.

In the build-up to this year’s Hambletonian, several fillies were mentioned as possible contenders to challenge the boys, with Ramona Hill, Sorella, Hypnotic AM, and Panem among that group. Sister Sledge was not.

“I don’t know where she fell out of favor,” Burke said. “To me, she was the best filly last year; you could rate her or Ramona Hill. This year, everyone is talking about different horses. We beat all of them last year and all we’ve done basically this year is win. If you look at her lines, she’s consistently good. Even when she’s been beat, there have



Lisa Photo

Ramona Hill (Andrew McCarthy) winning at The Meadowlands.

been excuses. I think she's classy. I think she deserves the shot."

Sister Sledge, a daughter of Father Patrick out of Behindcloseddoors, won her first two races this season at The Meadows, both Grand Circuit stakes, by a total of 10 lengths. She finished second by a quarter-length in a division of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes at Harrah's Philadelphia before winning a division of the Tompkins-Geers Stakes by 4-3/4 lengths in 1:51.2 at The Meadowlands last weekend.

"We've gone where her races are," said Burke, who trains the filly for Burke Racing, Jason Melillo, J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby, and Weaver Brusceci. "She's a Pennsylvania-bred, I'm not going to race her at The Meadowlands every start. I've got to make money with her. The money was in PA, knowing I would come (to The Meadowlands) the week before the Hambo.

"She's been great. Maybe she didn't get around Philly great, but she was great at The Meadows and, to me, she has every right to improve off that (last start). She's only been (at The Meadowlands) one week and she needed to stretch. I think you'll see her be better."

Among the 17 Hambletonian entrants, Sister Sledge's 1:51.2 mile is tied for second fastest this year. Ramona Hill holds the fastest win time in the group, 1:50.3.

Ramona Hill is 5-1 in the first Hambletonian elimination, starting from post seven in the eight-horse field with Andy McCarthy driving for trainer Tony Alagna. Back Of The Neck, trained by Ake Svanstedt, is the 2-1 favorite. Amigo Volo, last season's male 2-year-old Breeders Crown champion, is 7-2 and Beads is 9-2.

Last year, Ramona Hill won six of seven races, capped by her victory from post 10 in the Breeders Crown for 2-year-old filly trotters at Woodbine Mohawk Park. She has raced twice this year, finishing third in her debut before winning the Del Miller Memorial with her 1:50.3 score from post 10 on July 18 at The Meadowlands.

"I have a lot of confidence in Ramona Hill; she'll get me where I need to go," McCarthy said. "When you have a horse that you know whatever happens, I know I'm going to leave fast enough to either make the front or get close and we can figure it out after that, it does make you feel better no matter what the draw is.

"Pulling up after that mile (in the Del Miller), and it doesn't happen very often, but I actually got goosebumps. Hats off to the horse. I've just got so much respect for her. She's just a game, tough horse, and will do whatever you ask her to do. And she enjoys it."

Ramona Hill, a daughter of Muscle Hill out of Lock Down Lindy, is owned by Brad Grant, Crawford Farms Racing, Robert LeBlanc, and In The Gym Partners.

Racing begins at 7:15 p.m. (EDT) Saturday at The Meadowlands. The Hambletonian eliminations are races six and eight on the 13-race card. Eliminations for the Aug. 8 Hambletonian Oaks were unnecessary, but eight Oaks finalists will be in action in an open for 3-year-old filly trotters. Also in action will be Meadowlands Pace champ Tall Dark Stranger in the Tompkins-Geers Stakes for 3-year-old male pacers.

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Back Of The Neck leads strong Svanstedt foursome in Hambletonian

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Ake Svanstedt believes Back Of The Neck has got it all, which is everything a horse needs in the Hambletonian.

Back Of The Neck is the 2-1 morning-line favorite in the first of Saturday's two \$50,000 Hambletonian Stakes eliminations at The Meadowlands. The colt is a nose from being unbeaten in three races this season and will start from post one with Scott Zeron in the sulky for trainer Svanstedt.

The top-five finishers from each elimination advance to the \$1 million Hambletonian final Aug. 8 at the Big M. Elim winners draw for post one through five for the final.

Svanstedt will send out a total of four horses in the eliminations, with Third Shift joining Back Of The Neck in the first, followed by Julia Trix Treasure and Moon Bridge in the second.

First post is at 7:15 p.m. (EDT) and the Hambletonian eliminations are races six and eight on the 13-race card.

Back Of The Neck, trained by Marcus Melander in 2019, won three of nine races last year, including a division of the W.N. Reynolds Memorial and an elimination of the William Wellwood Memorial. He finished third in the Wellwood final.

This year, the colt was second in a 3-year-old open before winning divisions of the Reynolds and Stanley Dancer Memorial, both in 1:52. All three starts were at The Meadowlands.



Claus Andersen

Trainer Ake Svanstedt is loaded with Hambletonian talent again this year.



Lisa Photo

Back Of The Neck (Scott Zeron, winning their Stanley Dancer elimination) is likely the best of trainer Ake Svanstedt's four Hambletonian entries.

"He has won with power left every time," Svanstedt said. "He feels good and he trains good. I think he's in good condition."

"He is a strong horse. He has a big engine and is good gaited. I think he has a good head also. I think he has everything. But for a horse to have a chance to win the Hambletonian, they must have everything. They must have the power, they must have the speed, and they must have the heart. They must want to win."

Back Of The Neck raced on the lead in his first start in 2020, but from off the pace in his most recent outings, winning with strong stretch drives.

"Scott said he was grabby the first time, but the last two races he hasn't been grabby," Svanstedt said. "It was no problem to back off. He is very nice to drive and he can come home very fast."

Zeron is already a two-time winner of the Hambletonian at the age of 31. He won in 2018 with Atlanta and in 2016 with Marion Marauder, who went on to sweep the Trotting Triple Crown (Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot, Kentucky Futurity).

Back Of The Neck is owned by Howard Taylor, Judy Taylor, and breeder Order By Stable. The colt is a son of French star Ready Cash out of Big Barb. Ready Cash also sired the favorite in the second Hambletonian elimination, Ready For Moni.

Third Shift heads to his Hambletonian elim off a second-place finish behind Back Of The Neck in the Dancer. In his other two starts this season, he won a division of the New York Sire Stakes and a division of the Empire Breeders Classic.

Last year, the son of Chapter Seven-Overnight Command won three of eight races, including the New York Sire Stakes championship. He will start from post two in his Hambletonian elim, with Svanstedt driving.

"I think Back Of The Neck is a better horse, but Third Shift is not so bad," said Svanstedt, who owns Third Shift with Mellby Gard Inc. "I raced him (on the lead) last time, drove

him tough, because I wanted to stretch him out before the Hambo. I think he can do better."

Svanstedt also will drive Jula Trix Treasure in the second Hambletonian elimination. Jula Trix Treasure, by 2014 Hambletonian winner Trixton out of Victory Treasure, won a division of the Reynolds on July 11 in 1:51.2, which is tied for the second-fastest victory time by any of the 17 horses entered in the Hambletonian.

For his career, he has won four of 10 races for owner Jula Racing. He enters his Hambletonian elim off a fifth-place finish in the Tompkins-Geers Stakes last week. He will start from post three and is 6-1 on the morning line.

"The last race he wasn't a hundred percent gaited and lost ground in the last turn," Svanstedt said. "We're going to do some small changes to try to make his gait better. He's always been strong and comes home good. He's a fighter."

Moon Bridge, who will have Andy Miller in the sulky, has a win and a second in three starts this year. His triumph came in his most recent race, July 17, by 12-1/4 lengths in 1:52.2. The Hambletonian elim will be his first Grand Circuit race of the season.

Last year, he won two of eight races, including the Ontario Sire Stakes championship. Moon Bridge, a son of E L Titan-Classic Belle, will start Saturday from post nine and is 20-1. He is owned by Esa Lahtinen, Janne Korpi, and Jussi Hietalahti.

"He's good gaited and he always does the job," said Svanstedt, who won the 2017 Hambletonian with Perfect Spirit as the result of What The Hill's disqualification for interference. "I think he's as good as he can be. We'll see how far he can go."

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This weekend will tell trainer Julie Miller a lot about her hopes for the Hambletonian this year and next

She will send out Venerate in tonight's lone elimination for the Peter Haughton and Big Oil in Saturday's Hambletonian eliminations.

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

On Saturday (Aug. 1), trainer Julie Miller will experience her Hambletonian present. One night earlier, maybe she will get a glimpse at her Hambletonian future.

Miller sends out **Big Oil** in the first of Saturday's two \$50,000 Hambletonian eliminations at The Meadowlands. The top-five finishers from each elim advance to the \$1 million final for 3-year-old trotters Aug. 8 at The Big M.

Tonight, she will watch **Venerate** in the lone \$20,000 elimination of the Peter Haughton Memorial for 2-year-old male trotters at The Meadowlands. The top-seven finishers will join bye recipients **Locatelli**, **Spy Booth**, and **Type A** in the final, also Aug. 8.

Big Oil is 10-1 on the morning line in his Hambletonian elimination. Andy Miller will drive the colt, who starts from post four. **Back Of The Neck** is the 2-1 favorite, followed by **Amigo Volo** at 7-2, **Beads** at 9-2, and Dan Patch Award winning filly **Ramona Hill** at 5-1. **Ready For Moni** is the 5-2 favorite in the second elimination.

"I'm proud just to be in the race, first of all," Miller said. "I think that's a really deep group. I think it's the tougher (elimination), but it's going to be even tougher next week, so



Claus Andersen

Trainer Julie Miller has finished on the board in each of the last three Hambletonians.

we might as well get it figured out this Saturday. I just hope we have a little luck. Actually, a lot of luck."

Big Oil, a son of Father Patrick out of former Miller standout and world-record-setter Cee Bee Yes, won two of eight races last year and hit the board a total of six times. He finished in a dead-heat for win with Real Cool Sam in a division of the International Stallion Stakes at Red Mile in 1:52.1, a clocking that was the second fastest of the year for a 2-year-old male trotter.

This season, Big Oil opened with wins in a conditioned race and division of the Pennsylvania All-Stars before finishing third behind Back Of The Neck and Third Shift in a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial.

"I've been trying to manage him and get ready for this race," Miller said. "I just hope I've got my I's dotted and my T's crossed. I think he's special, but of course because he's mine, I think that way. I just hope I've got him the best he can be and he can leave it all on the racetrack.

"When Andy gets behind him and they start to go, he gives 110 per cent. He's handy, it's not like he's got to be raced from behind or he's got to be up front or he's got to have this or that. He has a good relationship with Andy and when Andy asks, he's going to deliver."

Big Oil, a homebred owned by Jason Allen, Doug Allen, and Ron Allen, also owns a big personality.

"No matter what is going on, he never loses his zest for life," Miller said. "He has this whinny where he doesn't open his mouth, it's like an internal one; it's the weirdest thing I've ever seen. He's got such a personality. Anybody that comes in the barn, everybody knows him. He makes sure his presence is felt. He's just a fun horse in that respect."

Prior to last year, Miller posted three consecutive top-three finishes in Hambletonian finals. In 2018, Met's Hall finished second to Atlanta. In 2017, Devious Man was third-placed-second and a year earlier Sutton was a fast-closing third, beaten only a neck, in the race won by Marion Marauder.

As for the Haughton elim, Venerate won his only start this year, a 1:55.1 triumph in a conditioned race at The Meadowlands on July 17. The colt is 7-2 on the morning line, second choice behind 3-1 Caruso from Hall of Famer Joe Holloway's stable.

"He's just been a pleasure," Miller said. "He doesn't realize what he's doing yet and it's fun to see his development. He's a big good-looking colt. People always ask me, 'Who is that?' He's eye-catching on the track."

Venerate is a son of standout French sire Love You out of

Peaceful Kemp. He sold for \$90,000 at last fall's Lexington Selected Sale and his family includes 2014 Hambletonian winner Trixton as well as Dan Patch Award winners Andover Hall and Conway Hall. He is owned by Pinske Stables and Andy Miller Stable Inc.

Carter Pinske had the colt in Florida for the winter before sending him north to Miller's stable in New Jersey.

"We went down a couple times to train with Carter and we were really impressed with him," Miller said. "As luck would have it, he is Kentucky sired, which starts (its sire stakes series) after this race, so we really just babied him along. I was happy with his race, for him to get stretched out a little to see what we've got. I think he deserves a chance in (the Haughton)."

In addition to the Haughton elimination tonight, there are two \$20,000 elims of the Jim Doherty Memorial for 2-year-old female trotters. Insta Glam, 2-for-2 on the Pennsylvania stakes circuit for trainer Nancy Takter, is the 7-5 favorite in the first; New Jersey Sire Stakes champion Altar, from trainer Per Engblom's stable, is the 8-5 choice in the second.

Racing begins at 7:15 p.m. (EDT) both nights at The Meadowlands.

[Tonight's entries](#) and [Saturday's entries](#).

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STAKES DATE	PURSE **	RACE	TRACK	AGE/SEX/GAIT	RACE #'S	1ST RACE POST
Friday, July 31	\$73,867	Ontario Sires Stakes - Gold	Woodbine Mohawk Park	2YOFT	1, 4, 8	7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$34,000	Indiana Sires Stakes - Leg 3	Harrah's Hoosier Park	3YOCP	11, 13	6:30 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$20,000	Jim Doherty Memorial eliminations	Meadowlands	2YOFT	4, 6	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$20,000	Peter Haughton Memorial eliminations	Meadowlands	2YOCP	8	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$40,000	Home Grown	Meadowlands	2YOFP	5	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$40,000	Home Grown	Meadowlands	2YOCP	12	7:15 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$24,000	New Jersey Maturity final - Non-Betting	Meadowlands	4YOHP	1 - Non-Betting	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$32,000	New Jersey Maturity final - Non-Betting	Meadowlands	4YOMP	2 - Non-Betting	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$60,000	Ohio State Fair	Scioto Downs	3YOFP	1, 11	6:15 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$50,000	Ohio State Fair	Scioto Downs	2YOFP	2, 7, 10	6:15 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$61,800	Ohio State Fair	Scioto Downs	3YOFT	3, 9	6:15 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$6,800	Summit County Fair	Northfield Park	3YOCT	2, 4	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$7,300	Summit County Fair	Northfield Park	2YOFP	3	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$6,200	Summit County Fair	Northfield Park	3YOFP	5, 6	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$6,700	Summit County Fair	Northfield Park	2YOCP	7, 9	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$11,200	Summit County Fair	Northfield Park	2YOFP	8, 15	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$6,300	Summit County Fair	Northfield Park	2YOCT	10, 12	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$6,000	Summit County Fair	Northfield Park	3YOFT	11, 14	6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31	\$11,700	Summit County Fair	Northfield Park	3YOCP	13	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$375,000	Adios final	The Meadows	3YOOP	15	11:25 a.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$107,320	Adios Volo	The Meadows	3YOFP	10	11:25 a.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$93,591	Pennsylvania Sires Stakes	The Meadows	3YOFT	7, 13	11:25 a.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$35,690	Arden Downs	The Meadows	2YOFP	6	11:25 a.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$19,896	Arden Downs	The Meadows	2YOCP	3, 4, 9	11:25 a.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$20,000	Pennsylvania Stallion Series	The Meadows	3YOFT	1, 5, 11, 14	11:25 a.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$50,000	Hambletonian eliminations	Meadowlands	3YOOT	6, 8	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$84,800	Tompkins Geers	Meadowlands	3YOCP	4	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$53,100	Tompkins Geers	Meadowlands	3YOFP	7	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$40,000	Miss Versatility - 4th Leg	Meadowlands	OPEN MARE TROT	10	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$122,000	Ohio State Fair	Scioto Downs	3YOCT	5	6:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$118,000	Ohio State Fair	Scioto Downs	3YOCP	9	6:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$52,500	Ohio State Fair	Scioto Downs	2YOCP	2, 3, 10	6:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$53,100	New York Sires Stakes	Tioga Downs	2YOCP	13, 15	3 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$15,000	New York Sires Stakes - Excelsior A	Tioga Downs	2YOCP	9, 10, 11, 14	3 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$6,600	New York Sires Stakes - Excelsior B	Tioga Downs	2YOCP	8, 12	3 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$76,300	Dream Of Glory final	Hanover Raceway	OPEN TROT	8	2 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$10,000	Gail Murray Apperception Pace	Hanover Raceway	OPEN PACE	7	2 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$32,000	Indiana Sires Stakes - Leg 3	Harrah's Hoosier Park	3YOFP	7, 13	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$10,500	Minnesota Sired	Running Aces	3YOFP	3	1 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	\$10,500	Minnesota Sired	Running Aces	3YOCP	5	1 p.m.

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Post time and date changes for Tioga and Vernon Downs

Tioga and Vernon Downs racetracks are feeling the pinch from casinos at both properties not being permitted to open. With more than 90 per cent of the revenue for purses funded by the casino, purse money is running out at both venues.

Management opened both tracks in early June, as soon as allowable by New York state Executive Order, to get the horses racing and earning for the owners and trainers after the long dry spell caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time, the hope was that the casinos at both properties would soon be up and running. Sadly, that has not occurred.

Without casino revenue, both tracks are currently racing for casino-generated purse money that had accumulated from the end of the 2019 live meet until the shutdown order was given. The level of that funding has now reached the point where decisions must be made on future dates.

Tioga Downs has been racing three days per week on a schedule that was to continue through Sept. 19. It has become necessary to reduce to two days per week, Saturday and Sunday, beginning Aug. 1 with the goal being to continue to race through mid-September.

Vernon Downs is currently racing two days per week scheduled through Nov. 21. Without casino revenue, the money for purses will run out and racing will end there in early September.

In the event the casinos are permitted to open, the above plans would change.

Starting Aug. 1, both tracks are also moving to an earlier post time. Vernon will race on Friday and Saturday at 3 p.m. both days. Tioga will race at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. All of the above is pending regulatory approval.

—Nick Salvi

Art Major offspring take both NYSS divisions Tuesday at Yonkers

Sire Art Major had two pacers in Tuesday night's New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) divisions for 3-year-old colt and gelding pacers and both came away victorious.

In the \$75,900 first division, **Major Betts** led all the way to a two and a half-length score in 1:51.1. Dexter Dunn was the winning driver for trainer Mark Harder and owners Jannuzzelli, Harder and Frost.

Major Betts started in the Meadowlands Pace final in his last race but the return to NYSS action got him back to the winner's circle.

In the \$77,300 second division, **Genius Man** got up by a nose in an eventful stretch battle in 1:52.3. Save Me A Dance was second with Splash Brother a neck back in third.

Marcus Miller drove the Art Major gelding to victory for trainer Erv Miller and owners Michelon and Plouffe.

Racing at Yonkers Raceway continues tonight (July 31). The first race is 7:12 p.m.

—Alex Dadoyan / Yonkers

Palone sweep four Grand Circuit splits at The Meadows

Dave Palone, harness racing's all-time "winningest" driver, had a Palone-like day Wednesday (July 29) at The Meadows, collecting seven wins that included a sweep of four Arden Downs Grand Circuit stakes splits. He shared the spotlight with Dancinginthedark M, who turned in a breathtaking career debut in setting a stake record. Here are the highlights:

\$37,644 Edward M. Ryan — 2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trotters

Few freshman trotters have debuted as impressively as **Dancinginthedark M**. He was sitting fifth at the half when Palone cut him loose. The son of Readly Express—Leila responded by gobbling up the field and scoring in 1:55.3, shattering the previous stake mark of 1:56.2 held jointly by Federalreservenote and Billy Flynn.

"There's a lot of quality there," Palone said. "He's had some learning hiccups. But he was able to sit almost two turns, and when I moved him, he was all business. As soon as he cleared, he was on shutdown."

To Be Frank was a distant second, beaten 11 lengths, with

Clancy's Bar third. Marcus Melander conditions the winner for Menhammar Stuteri AB.

In the other Ed Ryan split, **Make Sure Its Cold** moved first over from third and prevailed in 1:59, 3/4 lengths better than Killer Instinct. Flemsteen completed the ticket.

"When we saw him as a yearling, he reminded us of a horse from our past named Dark Magic," said winning trainer Leslie Zendt, who owns the Bar Hopping—Malibu Breeze gelding with Bill Zendt. "He's a little green behind the gate, and he's a little scared of things, but he likes being a racehorse. That's half the battle."

\$38,244 Judge Joe McGraw – 2-Year-Old Filly Trotters

Flawless Country zipped to the front from post 4 and had nary an anxious moment, downing the pocket-sitting Lexa Hanover by x lengths in 1:56.1. Dearly S earned show.

"I was able to get her around the track in our own fractions," Palone said. "There was plenty left in the tank."

Ake Svanstedt conditions the daughter of Southwind Frank—Aleah Hanover and owns with Wolfgang A Stable and Borje Nasstrom.

It was much the same scenario for Palone and **Gimme Shelter**. The daughter of Father Patrick—Skara Brae won on the front in 1:58 for trainer Mike Palone and owners Lone Wolf Stable and Nick Catalano.

"Mike has liked this filly all along," Palone said. "She's been push button since the word go. I think she has a good future. She responded when I spoke to her at the head of the stretch and did it all on her own."

Myreanna was 5 lengths back in second, with the rallying Mother Lin third.

Live racing at The Meadows resumes Saturday when the card features the \$375,000 final of the Delvin Miller Adios Pace for the Orchids. The Adios, which goes as race 15 with an approximate post time of 4:02 p.m., anchors a powerhouse card that also features the \$107,320 Quinton Patterson Adioo Volo for 3-year-old filly pacers, a \$59,088 Arden Downs stake for freshman colt and gelding pacers, and a \$35,690 Arden Downs event for 2-year-old filly pacers. Other highlights include a pair of stakes for 3-year-old filly trotters: a \$187,182 Pennsylvania Sires Stake and an \$80,000 PA Stallion Series event.

On the wagering front, The Meadows has added a Super Hi-5 for the Adios with a \$50,000 guarantee and a mandatory payout. In addition, the program offers two total-pool carryovers: \$2,441.84 in the Early Pick 4 (race 3), \$1,908.78 in the Early Pick 5 (race 2).

The Adios Day card gets underway at the special post time of 11:25 a.m., with advance Adios wagering available beginning at noon Thursday.

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While the Adios will be staged without spectators, the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association (MSOA) is keeping the event festive with a number of digital activities. First, the MSOA will live stream from the winner's circle beginning at 11:15 a.m. Adios Day. The live stream, which will feature celebrity guests, will be available on the MSOA's Facebook and YouTube pages.

The MSOA also will offer free Adios Day programs and a virtual hat contest (sponsored by Altmeyer Wilder Racing) with a \$250 top prize. Visit meadowsharnessracing.com for your free program and the chapeau competition. And if you enter, think orchids, think purple.

The Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association is sponsoring the live stream and events along with: Altmeyer Wilder Racing; Amulet Equine Rehab & Conditioning Center; Betts Racing; Billboards on Wheels; Buxton Racing; Corkboard Concepts; Dentons Cohen & Grigsby; Dirk Simpson Stable; Hambletonian Society; Kahrig Racing; Keystone Films; Kristen's Beauty Salon; Pacing for the Cure; Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association; Saxton & Stump; Silverstone Decorative Concrete; Twaddle Racing; Visit Washington County PA; Washington Wild Things and Winbak Farm.

The MSOA gratefully acknowledges the support of all sponsors.

Here's the field with post positions, trainers, drivers and morning line odds:

\$375,000 Delvin Miller Adios Pace for the Orchids

1. Later Dudes Brian Brown David Miller 8-1
2. Capt Midnight Tony Alagna Andrew McCarthy 4-1
3. Catch The Fire John Ackley Mike Wilder 3-1
4. The Greek Freak Ron Burke Matt Kakaley 5-1
5. No Lou Zing Nancy Takter Josert Fonseca 7-1
6. Sweet Truth Ron Burke Yannick Gingras 12-1
7. Chief Mate Tony Alagna Scott Zeron 20-1

8. Captain Barbossa Tony Alagna Brian Sears 6-1
9. Elver Hanover Ron Burke Chris Page 10-1

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—*Evan Pattak for The Meadows Standardbred Owners Association*

Swan For All fillies sweep ISS at Hoosier Park

Rock Swan and **Swan Bomb**, a pair of trotting fillies sired by Indiana's leading trotting stallion Swan For All, were victorious in their respective \$31,500 divisions of the Indiana Sires Stakes for 3-year-old trotting fillies at Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino on Wednesday (July 29). It was the third round of the seven round series for the sophomore fillies.

Rock Swan and Trace Tetrack continued their winning ways and delivered as the heavy 1-9 favorite in the opening division of the stakes action. Stopping the timer in 1:54.2, Rock Swan recorded her second straight stakes victory and equaled her established lifetime mark.

Leaving from post seven, Rock Swan was not hustled early and found a spot along the rail in fourth through the opening panel in :27.3. Tetrack gave his filly the green light just before the half in :57.3 and she ranged up to match strides with the pacesetter Skyway Tinacious and Peter Wrenn at the third station in 1:26. When the field turned for home, Rock Swan was on top by three lengths and appeared to cruise to the wire effortlessly finishing three lengths in front of Skyway Tinacious.

"She's always been very professional," Tetrack noted of his mount. "She has grown up a little this year and grown into herself. She's a very handy to filly to drive and knows her job."

Trained by Erv Miller, the daughter of Swan For All—Jolly Jessica has now won two of four seasonal outings and 11 of 15 lifetime. Owned in partnership by S&R Racing and Anthony Lombardi, Rock Swan pushed her lifetime bankroll to \$441,106. The victory was also one of five wins on the evening's 14-race card for Harrah's Hoosier Park's leading driver, Trace Tetrack.

In the second division, Swan Bomb and Ricky Macomber Jr. utilized the long Hoosier Park stretch to their advantage to pull the 8-1 upset. Scoring in 1:55.4, Swan Bomb recorded her first stakes win and established a new lifetime best.

Leaving from post two, Swan Bomb was uninvolved in the early stages of the race and waited patiently along the rail in fourth. The 6-5 post time favorite, Hotel Whiskey and John

DeLong dictated fractions of :57.2 and 1:26.3 while the field remained in single file line.

Turning for home, Macomber Jr. was able to find late racing room and urged Swan Bomb forward. Using a :28 final panel, Swan Bomb was able to track down the leaders and trot strong to the wire to get the win over a hard charging Laney and Sam Widger.

Trained by Jamie Macomber, Swan Bomb recorded the second win of her sophomore season from six outs. The daughter of Swan For All—Tilly Bomb has now earned \$34,685 in lifetime purse earnings and is owned by Dreamville Stable.

—*Emily Gaskin / Harrah's Hoosier Park*

Hambletonian Day Backyard dining details

The 95th Hambletonian on Saturday, Aug. 8 has a great Backyard dining option available to guests.

Reservations must be pre-paid and are \$25 per person. By making a reservation for the Backyard, guests are guaranteed track admittance and seating. The \$25 is also a food credit that can be used at the Backyard BBQ & Grill and Backyard Bar.

The Backyard BBQ & Grill will have waitress service. Guests can dine on delicious summer-time grilled fare including burgers, sausage and hot dogs along with brisket, ribs and mac & cheese.

\$15 brunch specials will also be served and include:

- Brisket and Eggs with choice of home fries, French fries or hash browns
- Huevos Rancheros with corn tortillas, sunny side up eggs, salsa ranchera, refried beans & queso fresco
- Waffles and Pulled Pork with spicy maple syrup
- House Smoked Bacon & Eggs with any-style eggs and choice of home fries, French fries or hash browns

Reservations for Backyard dining can be made by emailing Jennifer Jordan at jjordan@arkrestaurants.com. Please include your phone number in the email.

Backyard diners will be able to enter via the Backyard Entrance on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. All must wear face coverings while not at their table, 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. All updated racing and dining information can be found at [PlayMeadowlands.com](https://www.playmeadowlands.com).

—*Meadowlands media relations*

OHHA's Saturday Night At The Races returns to Scioto

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) will host "Saturday Night at the Races" presented by the Galbreath Equine Center at The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center on Saturday, Aug. 1, from Eldorado Scioto Downs on Facebook live. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and feature coverage of the Ohio State Fair races.

Hosted by OHHA Brand Ambassador Roger Huston and harness racing expert Allison Conte, Saturday Night at the Races will include live coverage of the Director of Agriculture Pace for 3-Year-old colts and the Governor's Cup Trot for 3-Year-Old colts.

Saturday Night at the Races will include interviews with drivers, trainers, and owners as well as analysis of the races.

OHHA Outreach and Public Relations Coordinator Frank Fraas says this is another event in the association's outreach program. "During the COVID-19 pandemic we are continuing to find ways to deliver our product to fans that might not feel comfortable attending the races in person. It also gives us the opportunity to present our sport to others that might not follow it on a regular basis."

Saturday Night at the Races is sponsored by Midland Acres and Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supplies.

—*Frank Fraas / OHHA*

Pick-5 and Pick-6 carryovers sure to create Big M buzz

At the conclusion of last Saturday's (July 25) Meadowlands program, the Big M faithful were no doubt already looking forward to the next race card since both the 20-cent Pick-5 and 20-cent Pick-6 failed to produce any winning tickets, creating huge possibilities tonight (July 31) when racing resumes at 7:15 p.m.

A total of \$270,000 in guaranteed money will be up for grabs and you won't want to be late, as last week's Pick-5 carryover of \$52,665 has led to Big M management offering up a \$150,000 instant guaranteed pool for this week's Pick-5, which gets underway in the first race.

An example of why carryovers are so precious to the player: If tonight's Pick-5 takes in \$150,000 in "new money", for a final pool of \$200,000, the player's edge is 20 percent.

The mathematics: When 15 percent of \$150,000 is taken out, you are left with \$127,500. Add in the \$52,665 carryover, the total pool is \$180,165, thus, a "surplus" of \$30,165.

Fans of the 20-cent Pick-6 are also in for a Fabulous Friday, as that pool has a \$30,000 instant guarantee, the result of last week's \$13,524 carryover. The wager begins in Race 4.

Horseplayers can get an awful lot of bang for their buck, as they can play the same amount of combinations they used to play for 50-cent minimums for 60 percent less or play 2½ times more combinations for the same amount of green.

A typical 50-cent base bet might use a 1x4x4x4 spread for a total of \$32. Betting with a 20-cent base, one could spend the same \$32 but have a ticket with a 1x2x4x4x5 spread.

The Big M's signature bet, the 50-cent Pick-4, will offer up its usual double dose on tonight's and Saturday's programs. The Early Pick-4 kicks off in Race 6 and has a guaranteed pool of \$50,000, while the Late Pick-4 (Race 10) offers a \$40,000 promise.

The Late Pick-4 has been the hot ticket of late, with three straight pools exceeding \$100,000 in action.

The 13th race 20-cent Jackpot Super High-Five has a carryover that continues to bloat. That pot will start out at \$102,563 for Friday's finale.

THIS WEEKEND: Tonight at The Meadowlands features big action at the windows, and on the track as well, as there will be two eliminations for the Jim Doherty Memorial for 2-year-old fillies on the trot, while the male freshmen trotters will go at it in one Peter Haughton Memorial elim.

Saturday night's card is packed with star power. There will be two eliminations for the 95th edition of the \$1,000,000 Hambletonian for 3-year-olds on the trot, where Stanley Dancer Memorial winners Back Of The Neck and Ready For Moni are favored in their respective splits.

In addition, Meadowlands Pace winner Tall Dark Stranger makes his return to the races in a division of the Tompkins Geers.

NEXT WEEKEND: Friday (August 7) night's races will begin at the usual 7:15 p.m., but on Saturday (Aug. 8), Hambletonian Day, a huge 16-race program gets underway at noon.

In addition to The Hambletonian, the \$600,000 Hambletonian Oaks, \$285,000 Cane Pace, \$100,000 Shady Daisy, \$230,000 Sam McKee, \$183,500 Lady Liberty, \$280,000

John Cashman, \$186,000 John Steele, \$324,000 Peter Haughton and \$310,000 Jim Doherty will also be on the card.

COMING TO THE TRACK? Tonight and Saturday, Big M visitors can make reservations and dine on the West Deck for \$29.95. For reservations, contact Marianne Rotella at 201-842-5059 or mrotella@playmeadowlands.com.

Fans are welcome to come to the track who prefer not to dine, but with an outdoor social-gathering limit of 500 people, as long as they wear their masks and adhere to other safety precautions, or they can watch the action from the backyard, where there will be additional dining options.

Hambletonian Day will have special conditions for those wanting to attend the races. If you would like to come out, you should [read the full details here](#).

FREE STUFF: For free past performances, go to playmeadowlands.com, where race fans can access the entire Friday card by going [here](#).

On Saturday night, Races 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 will be offered, so that in addition to the Early Pick-4, racing fans will also have access to the pages for the Tompkins Geers, Hambletonian eliminations and Miss Versatility.

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 Brower's selections and commentary. [Click on this link to check out Friday's card here](#).

Additionally, track announcer Ken Warkentin's blog is available on the site and offers his picks and analysis.

On race nights, access picks and plays from the Big M TV team at [#playbigm](#) or at [@TheMeadowlands](#).

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

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

READ ALL ABOUT IT: Check the following harness racing outlets on the internet for everything Hambletonian, before and after the race: playmeadowlands.com, harnessracingupdate.com, ustrotting.com, drf.com/harness/,

harnessracing.com, standardbredcanada.ca and harnesslink.com.

— *Meadowlands Media Relations*

Muscle Mass misses sweep of Grassroots at Grand River

Muscle Mass daughters swept a trio of \$23,150 2-year-old trotting filly Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Grassroots divisions at Grand River Raceway on Wednesday (July 29), with **Imextraspecial**, **Tipsy In Dixie** and **Top Of The Bar** reaching the winner's circle.

Imextraspecial kicked the evening off with an effortless gate-to-wire victory, her second in Grassroots action, for driver Trevor Henry of Arthur, trainer Paul Walker and owner Keith Coulter. Starting from Post 2, the fan favorite rolled through fractions of :30.1, 1:01.2 and 1:31.1 on her way to a personal best 2:00. HP Mama B finished second and All Muscle N Sass was seven more lengths back in third.

"I've never been able to just put a handle on her. Although she won at Mohawk (July 13), I wasn't totally impressed with her. Tonight was a better race; she put in a better performance," said Walker. "She looked well in hand actually. She's got us thinking now whether we'll move into the Gold for a race and see what she can do."

Coulter offered up \$95,000 to purchase Imextraspecial from last fall's London Selected Yearling Sale, with the assistance of Walker's brother Larry. Walker was initially asked to take the filly to his winter base in Georgia to train, but when he returned to Ontario the engagement was extended.

"First of all, he asked me to take her to Georgia, break her in and train her, and then he said well you might as well keep her then too," said Walker with a chuckle. "That's fine, we don't take too many outside horses now, but you don't often get somebody handing you one that's that kind of calibre. She's been good to work with, I mean really she's quite professional in every way. That part I really like about her, so we're hoping that she's maybe going to come and reach expectations yet."

The second division saw Tipsy In Dixie and driver James MacDonald emulate the example set by Imextraspecial and Henry. Also starting as favorites from Post 2, MacDonald sent Tipsy In Dixie to the front where she rang up fractions of :29.4, 1:01.3 and 1:31.3 and then cruised home to a two and three-quarter length victory in 2:01.3. Mag N Lady and Salome finished second and third.

“She’s a nice little filly. She qualified good and she’s just great gaited, so I knew coming here it would suit her. And she trained down on a half so I knew that wouldn’t be a problem,” said MacDonald, who drove Topsy In Dixie to a second-place result in the Grassroots season opener. “Harry (Poulton) had her good, she just coasted to the lead and I never really had to open her up much. It’s a good win for her.”

Topsy In Dixie is trained by Harry Poulton of Milton for fractional ownership group TheStable Topsy In Dixie, based in Guelph, ON, and a few of her delighted owners were there to greet her when she arrived in the winner’s circle. A total of 100 owners were permitted in the outdoor area alongside the racetrack for the first time on Monday, July 27 and [TheStable.ca](https://www.thestable.ca) members were quick to get their names on the list for Topsy In Dixie’s second start.

“It’s great to see some owners in the grandstand and hear them cheering and stuff for their horses,” said MacDonald. “There’s always a good row when a Stable horse goes by, that’s for sure.”

Top Of The Bar captured the final division with a late rush that saw her get a head in front of pacesetting favorite Fortune Tellers K for the 2:03.2 win. Liminary Hanover completed the top three.

Trainer Mark Etsell of Rockwood drove Top Of The Bar to her first lifetime win for his co-owners Robert Newton of Walkerton, Graham Hopkins of Chesley and Peter Porter of Port Dover, ON. The filly, a \$25,000 purchase from the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, finished third to Imextraspecial in the July 13 Grassroots leg.

“I had her sister, Tymal Tempest, so I kind of knew what the family was like. This one is a lot nicer than the other; Tymal Tempest was a terror, just nasty. She could go, but she was handful,” said Etsell of Top Of The Bar’s half-sister, who earned \$146,847 in her career. “She’s not an aggressive filly like some Muscle Mass’s, she’s pretty laid back, pretty lazy, but she’s willing and she’s good gaited. I think she’ll get nothing but better, but she just does what she has to do and that’s fine with her.”

The freshman trotting fillies will make their third Grassroots appearance at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Aug. 17, while those that opt to step up to the Gold Series will be back at Grand River Raceway on Aug. 19.

Ontario Sires Stakes action continues at Grand River Raceway on Monday, Aug. 3 as the 3-year-old pacing fillies compete in five Grassroots and two Gold Series divisions on the Elora oval’s annual Industry Day program, which is highlighted by the \$128,149 Battle Of The Belles Final for

2-year-old pacing fillies and the \$200,964 Battle Of Waterloo Final for 2-year-old pacing colts.

Video replays:

[Race 1 – Imextraspecial](#)

[Race 4 – Topsy In Dixie](#)

[Race 6 – Top Of The Bar](#)

— *Sandra Snyder / OSS publicity*

Card drawn for 30th Industry Day at Grand River Raceway

The afternoon card is set for Grand River Raceway’s 30th annual Industry Day event on Monday, Aug. 3. The lineup boasts purses of \$669,663 with nine stake races, featuring the track’s marquee dashes — the Battle Of Waterloo and Battle Of The Belles — and sophomore pacing fillies in the Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS).

23rd annual Battle Of Waterloo

The Battle Of Waterloo is the 10th and final dash of the day. Elimination winner Bettor Sun drew the rail in the \$200,964 contest for freshman Ontario-sired pacing colts.

A 35-1 champ in his maiden-breaking effort, Bettor Sun’s 1:54.1 finish with Doug McNair set a Canadian season record for 2-year-old pacing geldings over a half-mile oval. Gregg McNair trains the Sunshine Beach colt for breeder/owner Willow Oak Ranch.

The runner-up by a head in that elimination dash was betting favorite Springbridge Duel. He starts from the second tier (post nine) in the final. Trained by Casie Coleman Herlihy, the son of Big Jim is owned by West Wins Stable, Steve Heimbecker and Mark Kantrowitz and is the richest of the field with \$110,150 banked in three starts, including two OSS Gold wins.

The other elimination race winner, Candy Trader, starts from post seven. His second consecutive victory for trainer Anthony Beaton came in rein to Sylvain Filion when the pacer popped out from the rail to rush by stretch leader Avion Seelster (post six in the final), winning by a neck in 1:55.2. This mile was also a Canadian season record for two-year-old pacing colts over a half-miler.

Past winners of the Battle Of Waterloo contending in this year’s final include: Blake MacIntosh, trainer of Armor Seelster (post three) who won the race with Sports Column in 2016; and the McNair father-son duo won with Magnum J in 2017, Three Of Clubs in 2013, and Trail Boss in 2008.

12th annual Battle Of The Belles

Andra Day was an impressive four-length winner in her elimination division, capturing her third consecutive win for trainer Dr. Ian Moore. The in 1:55 clocking set a Canadian season record for rookie pacing fillies over a half-mile track.

She did it all after leaving from the far outside (post eight), which is where she starts again for the \$128,149 final. The Shadow Play filly is owned by Let It Ride Stables and Bottom Line Racing.

Scarlett Hanover wired the field to capture her maiden win in her elimination division. With Ed Hensley in the bike, the pair clocked the mile in 1:55.3. She'll start from the second tier (post nine) in Monday's big dance.

Ashleigh Hensley trains the Bettors Delight daughter, a \$45,000 yearling purchase and winner of \$37,781 in three career starts for owners Burke Racing Stable, Frank Baldachino, Jandt Silva Purnel & Libby, and Weaver Brussemi LLC.

Trainer Anthony Beaton was third in the 2018 edition of the Battle Of The Belles with Village Joules and has two fillies in contention this year. Ring Of Kerry (Betterthancheddar) and Turning The Table (Bettors Delight) leave from posts one and two, respectively.

Gregg McNair won last year's edition of the Battle Of The Belles with Karma Seelster. In 2013, he won this race (with Lady Shadow) and the Battle Of Waterloo (with Three Of Clubs). This year he campaigns Siri Blue Chip, a runner-up in her elimination division. She leaves from post three in the final.

OSS undercard

The day starts with a bang at 12:30 p.m. with the first of two OSS Gold races, this one headlined by current division leader Sex Appeal and last year's freshman division champ (and O'Brien Award winner) Alicorn.

Undefeated in both OSS Gold starts this year, Sex Appeal drew the rail for Monday's \$105,600 contest with Trevor Henry for trainer Bob McIntosh who shares ownership of the homebred daughter of Bettors Delight with Al McIntosh. She has finished first or second in all six season starts for earnings of \$115,583. Her last OSS victory at Woodbine-Mohawk Park established a new career mark and Canadian season record of 1:50.2.

Starting the race to Sex Appeal's right from post two, Alicorn is currently tied for third in the OSS standings and jogged in a seven-length qualifying win over the Elora, ON track last week in 1:55.2 (a Canadian season record over a half-mile track). Trained by Chantal Mitchell and driven by Louis Philippe Roy, the Bettors Delight filly is a current track

record holder at Grand River Raceway. In 2019, she matched the 1:54.2 clocking for rookie pacing fillies during her elimination win in the Battle Of The Belles.

Alicorn was second in that final, beaten a half-length by 27-1 shot Karma Seelster. She too is back in Elora for this 2020 Industry Day opener, leaving from post four with Doug McNair for trainer Gregg McNair.

The second OSS Gold division is carded as Race 7 and includes all of the fillies currently holding division standings from second through sixth. Rod Boyd trainee Rose Run Victoria is the most recent OSS Gold winner of the bunch. She set a new career best of 1:51.2 two weeks ago over Woodbine-Mohawk Park and leaves from post two with Robert Shepherd in Monday's outing.

Five divisions of three-year-old pacing fillies in the OSS Grassroots division round out the action-packed card.

Wagering and broadcast details

The 10-race Industry Day card kicks off at 12:30 p.m. EST. The Early Pick 4 (starts in Race 3) and the Late Pick 4 (starts in Race 7) both feature guaranteed pools of \$7,500 each.

Race programs and live streaming video in HD are available for all cards at www.grandriverraceway.com and wagering is available through www.hpiabet.com.

COSA-TV (managed by the Central Ontario Standardbred Association) will present exclusive Industry Day coverage in a live two-hour special hosted on its social media platforms. The show is hosted by Greg Blanchard, Mark McKelvie and Jaimi MacDonald and will include coverage of the Battle of Waterloo and Battle Of The Belles, feature stories about the contenders and prizing opportunities for viewers.

—*Grand River Raceway*

NYSS heads to Tioga on Saturday

Tioga Downs welcomes two divisions of the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) for 2-year-old colts & geldings on Saturday (Aug. 1). Both divisions will race for a purse of \$53,100.

The Mark Harder-trained Southwind Petyr (Tyler Buter) is the 2-1 morning line favorite in the first division. The colt by American Ideal—Southwind Paris will make his career debut after an impressive qualifier in 1:55.2 at Harrah's Philadelphia.

His main rivals will be Major Bean (Jason Bartlett) and Carrythetorchman (Marcus Miller). Major Bean (Art Major-Lismorebella) is trained by Blake MacIntosh. The colt

has two seconds in three starts including a second place finish in the NYSS at Saratoga. Carrythetorchman (American Ideal-Kattimon) has a win in three career starts. Trained by Erv Miller, he also had a second place finish at Saratoga.

Unbeaten American Courage (Matt Kakaley) should be the big favorite in the second division. American Courage (American Ideal—Nota Fool Bluechip) is four-for-four including a win in the MGM Springfield Stakes final at Yonkers. The colt trained by Travis Alexander also has a win in the NYSS at Saratoga.

The Mark Harder-trained King James Express (Jason Bartlett) should be the major rival. The gelding by Art Major-More Diamonds won a leg of the NYSS at Saratoga. He is one for two lifetime.

The 15-race card starts at 3 p.m.

For more information go to www.tiogadowns.com

—John Horne for Tioga Downs

\$250,000 Carl Milstein Memorial to be raced at MGM Northfield Park

MGM Northfield Park's premier event on the racing calendar, the Carl Milstein Memorial, a by-invitation-only event for the sport's top 3-year-old pacers, will be raced for a \$250,000 purse on Saturday night, Aug. 15.

Uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of two of Northfield's earlier stakes events in 2020, the Battle of Lake Erie and the Cleveland Trotting Classic.

"All of us at MGM Northfield Park are pleased that the Carl Milstein Memorial is a go on August 15," said Dave Bianconi, Northfield's director of racing operations. "I have been in contact with the connections of many top 3-year-olds across North America to assemble a great field for our top night of racing this year."

The undercard for the Milstein will include the \$50,000 Myron Charna President's Pace, an Invitational for top Ohio-sired veteran pacers. Ohio Sires Stakes legs for both 3-year-old filly pacers and 3-year-old colt trotters will also be contested.

Post time for Milstein night at Northfield is 6 p.m. (ET) on Saturday night, Aug. 15.

—Ayers Ratliff / Northfield Park

Quebec Jockey Club: no spectators this season

Claude Levesque, president of the Quebec Jockey Club (QJC), sent a notice to all harness racing people in Quebec on Wednesday (July 29), stating that the QJC board members felt the risks are too great right now to allow spectators to attend the races at H3R this season.

"If admitting spectators were to lead to more cases of COVID-19 and the racecourse was then forced to suspend racing, it would be catastrophic for the industry, its jobs and even its survival," said Levesque.

For the moment, the Club Jockey will continue to apply the same policy that is currently in progress, i.e. presenting races without spectators and continuing to apply to the paddock the same protocol approved a few weeks ago by the Public Health of Quebec.

Two-year-old goes against older horses

Harness racing fans will take notice of the first race today (July 31) at the Hippodrome 3R. It's a trotting event that features a 2-year-old, X O X O (that's its name), taking on older horses. Something you don't see every day.

Breeder, owner and driver, Jerome Lombart of Bromont, owns just two broodmares, yet almost every year he has young horses ready to race. Over the years, Lombart has a track record, his horses have won series championships at H3R and now he has high hopes for X O X O (the symbol for hugs and kisses).

"She's a filly that does everything you want her to do well from the very beginning when I tamed her," Lombart said. "It doesn't guarantee anything, but at least it's going in the right direction."

"The dam of this filly is Promising Lavec, and she gives offspring which generally go well at 2 years old. Sometimes things go bad at 3, however. These days I only count on Promising Lavec and Fauvette Gale for my foals. The first gives more calm horse, the second more speed but less calmness."

X O X O is from the mare Promising Lavec, who is also the dam of Lucky Promesses, who also races today in the fifth race Preferred Trot.

"X O X O is the half-sister of Lucky Promesses," Lombart said. "She's sired by Lucky Fool, not by Angus Hall. In fact, the last three offspring of Promising Lavec are by Angus Hall (Silky Lavec, X OXO and a filly born this year that I called La Bromontoise).

"And the good progress of X O X O," Lobart added.

"prompted me to pay for its Ontario Sire Stakes eligibility. But there is still a long way to go. Keep in mind that last Saturday X O X O beat only two opponents. We will have a better idea this week."

X O X O starts from the rail. She is trained by Andreane Lapierre and in her first career start last week in the Quebec Regional Fair Circuit, led from start to finish in 2:05.3.

Today, she goes against That's Hooligan (post 5), a 4-year-old return winner, along with 3-year-old winners Miss Melodie (post 2) and Indi (post 4).

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

—*Quebec Jockey Club*

Bonilla and Hallett to receive Florida scholarships

The Florida Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association has announced two candidates who will receive awards this year from the Allen J. Finkelson Scholarship.

The scholarship was established in memory of Hall of Famer Allen J. Finkelson, the former vice president of public relations at Pompano Park and long-time chairman of the board of the national USHWA organization.

"Both Micaela Bonilla and Jessica Hallett will each receive \$500 from our Chapter," said committee chair Thomas H. Hicks. "Micaela is a senior at the University of Central Florida with a GPA of 4.0. She is a pre-veterinary science major, and Jessica is a college senior at Nova Southeastern University with a 3.33 GPA as a medical biology major. They are both outstanding students."

Preference for these scholarship awards were given to a student(s) majoring in journalism, communications or equine related studies. Applicants must be a resident of the state of

Florida and currently accepted or enrolled in a fully accredited college or university in the United States. Criteria for selection include community service, academic achievement, and leadership.

This year both scholarships were generously donated this year by Maggie Sinclair and Jay Farrar of Winter Park and Kathleen and Thomas Hicks of Margate.

Micaela Bonilla of Orlando is an upcoming senior at UCF going for her Bachelor's degree in biology. She then hopes to get into a university for her doctorate in veterinary medicine.

She is on the Dean's List and on Honor Society for Phi Kappa Phi. Micaela also volunteers at a local animal shelter and is a certified veterinarian technician, working part-time. She hopes to work as a veterinarian with horses.

Jessica Hallett of Margate, FL, has extensive leadership experience that includes President's 64 at NSU, Emergency Medical Technology Class Leader, NSU Dual Degree, United States Trotting Association Youth Delegate Executive Board and the NSU Hunt-Seat Equestrian Team.

In addition to her studies this past year, Jessica also received training in TSA Canine Decoy, Naloxone (Narcan) Administration, Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment, Active Shooter Training and NSU Colleges of Allopathic and Osteopathic Professionalism.

For more information about the Florida Chapter of USHWA and the Allen J. Finkelson Scholarship, visit their website at www.ushwa-florida.com or go to their Facebook page at Florida Chapter USHWA.

—*Florida Chapter of USHWA*



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RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY

GRAND RIVER RACEWAY *report*

Wednesday's Results:

1, Grv, \$23,150, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - 2 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT - GRASSROOTS #2 (STARTING FEE. \$350), 30.1, 1:01.2, 1:31.1, 2:00

1-Imextraspical (b,f,2 - Muscle Mass-I Am Special-Angus Hall) \$11,575, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$23,325

O-Keith Coulter B-Roger & Jesse Gebhardt T-Paul Walker D-Trevor Henry



2-Hp Mama B (br,f,2 - Royalty For Life-Winters Jewel-Self Possessed)

O-Guyline Picard, Celine Paquin B-Benoit Baillargeon T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Sylvain Filion

3-All Muscle N Sass (b,f,2 - Muscle Mass-Hallmarker T-Angus Hall)

O-Maggie Jones, Jody Simmons B-Jeffery Ruch T-Keith Jones D-Bob McClure

Replay Unavailable

4, Grv, \$23,150, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - 2 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT - GRASSROOTS #2 (STARTING FEE. \$350), 29.4, 1:01.3, 1:31.3, 2:01.3

1-Tipsy In Dixie (b,f,2 - Muscle Mass-Twin B Alibi-Angus Hall) \$11,575, Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$17,362

O-Thestable Tipsy In Dixie B-Shaffer And Sons T-Harry Poulton D-James Macdonald



2-Mag N Lady (b,f,2 - Royalty For Life-Ulittleripper-Muscle Mass)

O-Jean Francois Maguire, Julie Malenfant, Richard Legris B-Jeffrey Gillis T-Jean Francois Maguire D-Louis Philippe Roy

3-Salome (b,f,2 - Kadabra-Eight Bells-Conway Hall)

O-Harbor Racing Stable LLC, Sherri Meirs B-Steve Organ T-Meg Crone D-Trevor Henry

Replay Unavailable

6, Grv, \$23,150, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - 2 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT - GRASSROOTS #2 (STARTING FEE. \$350), 30.4, 1:02.2, 1:32.4, 2:03.2

1-Top Of The Bar (b,f,2 - Muscle Mass-Balance Bar-Conway Hall) \$11,575, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$14,395

O-Mark Etsell, Robert Newton, Graham Hopkins, Peter Porter B-Diane Ingham T-Mark Etsell D-Mark Etsell



2-Fortune Tellers K (b,f,2 - Angus Hall-Princess Fortune-Macs Crown K)

O-Robert Key B-Robert Key T-Rod Boyd D-Robert Shepherd

3-Liminary Hanover (b,f,2 - Muscle Mass-Loel Talnt Hanover-Majestic Son)

O-Robert Burgess B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

Replay Unavailable



RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

HARRAH'S HOOSIER PARK *report*

Wednesday's Results:

9, HoP, \$31,500, Trot, **INDIANA SIRE STAKES 3 Year Old Fillies - Leg 3, 27.3, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:54.2, FT**

1-Rock Swan (f, 3, Swan For All--Jolly Jessica, by Keep It A Secret) \$15,750, \$37,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 15-11-4-0, \$441,106
O-S&R Racing Stables & Anthony Lombardi. B-Bobby A Brower & Debra S Garland. T-Erv Miller. D-Trace Tetrick.

2-Skyway Tinacious (f, 3, Swan For All--The Magic Of Paris, by Kadabra) \$7,875, \$37,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 19-4-4-3, \$83,968
O-Wrenn Racing LLC. B-Lyle Dean Slabach. T-Melanie Wrenn. D-Peter Wrenn.

3-Pretzel Party (f, 3, Mr Cantab--Pretzel Hanover, by Lindy Lane) \$3,780, \$14,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 20-1-7-3, \$98,447
O-Denise L Dennis & John J Johannsen. B-Hoosier Standardbred Farm & Fair Meadow Farm. T-Jeff Edwards. D-Sam Widger.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 5Q, 4H, HD, 3Q, 3Q - Finish Order: Phabaj, Deswanslittellelorie, Bluebird Ladyluck, J-s Miss Carly

11, HoP, \$31,500, Trot, **INDIANA SIRE STAKES 3 Year Old Fillies - Leg 3, 28.1, 57.2, 1:26.3, 1:55.4, FT**

1-Swan Bomb (f, 3, Swan For All--Tilly Bomb, by Chip Chip Hooray) \$15,750, \$45,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-1, \$34,685
O-Dreamville Stable, CA. B-Jonas L Schlabach. T-Jamie Macomber. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.

2-Laney (f, 3, Mr Cantab--Jesse Lane, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$7,875, Lifetime Record: 18-1-3-3, \$25,000
O-Denise L Dennis & John J Johannsen. B-Denise L Dennis & John J Johannsen. T-Jeff Edwards. D-Sam Widger.

3-Amy Seay (f, 3, Mr Cantab--Lindmeyourvictory, by Valley Victor) \$3,780, Lifetime Record: 23-1-3-3, \$20,133
O-Michael R Bishop. B-Michael R Bishop & Michael B Maggard. T-Henry Lunsford. D-Brandon Bates.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 5Q, 6T, 5T, 3, T - Finish Order: Rjz First Lady, Woodside Datendiva, La Nancio, Hotel Whiskey

THE MEADOWS *report*

Wednesday's Results:

3, Mea, \$18,922, Trot, *JUDGE JOE MCGRAW*** ARDEN DOWNS - 2 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT 1ST OF 2 DIVISIONS, 29.1, 59.4, 1:29.0, 1:58.0, FT**

1-Gimme Shelter (f, 2, Father Patrick--Skara Brae, by Muscle Hill) \$9,461, \$75,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$20,114
O-Lone Wolf Stable & Nicholas A Catalano. B-Marsh Valley Standardbreds. T-Michael Palone. D-Dave Palone.

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2-Myreanna (f, 2, Cantab Hall--All That Sparkles, by Deweycheatumnhowe) \$4,730, \$20,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 4-0-3-1, \$18,478
O-Jps Racing Stables LLC. B-Millstream Inc. T-Jenny Melander. D-Tony Hall.

3-Mother Lin (f, 2, Father Patrick--Jonlinda, by Angus Hall) \$2,270, Lifetime Record: 4-0-0-1, \$2,814
O-Robert J Key. B-Robert J Key. T-Rich Gillock. D-Dan Rawlings.

►► *Replay* ►► Calls: 1H, 1H, H, 2H, 5 - Finish Order: Hip Hop Gracie, Sip Of Sunshine, Derailed Hanover, Crushworthy, Varerie Hanover

5, Mea, \$19,322, Trot, *JUDGE JOE MCGRAW*** ARDEN DOWNS - 2 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT 2ND OF 2 DIVISIONS, 28.2, 59.0, 1:28.0, 1:56.1, FT**

1-Flawless Country (f, 2, Southwind Frank--Aleah Hanover, by Donato Hanover) \$9,661, \$100,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$34,680
O-Ake Svanstedt Inc & Wolfgang A Stable Inc & Borje Nasstrom, SD. B-Christian K Stoltzfus. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Dave Palone.

2-Lexa Hanover (f, 2, Explosive Matter--La Boheme, by Andover Hall) \$4,830, \$17,000 2019 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 3-0-2-0, \$24,749
O-Leblanc Racing Inc & Douglas C Johnson & Glenn C Dyke. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Save Le Blanc. D-Aaron Merriman.

3-Dearly S (f, 2, Maharajah--Sincerely Yours S, by Cantab Hall) \$2,318, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$2,318
O-Menhammar Stuteri Ab. B-Menhammar Stuteri Ab. T-Marcus Melander. D-Marcus Schoen.

►► *Replay* ►► Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 2, 2T - Finish Order: Gold Stones, Night Flyer K, Slick Chick, Business Casual, Lucky Irish Babe, Katjusha Hanover



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RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

7, Mea, \$18,822, Trot, ***EDWARD M. RYAN*** ARDEN DOWNS - 2 YEAR OLD C&G TROT 1ST OF 2 DIVISIONS, 27.4, 57.4, 1:26.3, 1:55.3, FT

1-Dancinginthedark M (c, 2, Readly Express--Leila, by Andover Hall) \$9,411, \$70,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,411
O-Menhammar Stuteri Ab. B-Menhammar Stuteri Ab. T-Marcus Melander. D-Dave Palone.

A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY

THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

2-To Be Frank (g, 2, Southwind Frank--Kirsi Hanover, by Donato Hanover) \$4,705, \$15,000 2019 BHS, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-1, \$11,181
O-Olivia G Mcelrath. B-Cornerstone Stock Farm. T-Miles Wollam. D-Tony Hall.

3-Clancy's Bar (g, 2, Bar Hopping--Wen-mar's Memo, by Carry The Message) \$2,258, \$10,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-0-0-1, \$2,258
O-E & K Stable Inc. B-Hans G Enggren. T-Eddie Dennis. D-Eddie Dennis.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 5H, 6, 1H, 4, 11 - Finish Order: Alberts Dream, Ifnotnowwhen, Blues Harp, One Foot In Heaven, Donatello Fashion, Infamous

9, Mea, \$18,822, Trot, ***EDWARD M. RYAN*** ARDEN DOWNS - 2 YEAR OLD C&G TROT 2ND OF 2 DIVISIONS, 27.4, 58.4, 1:28.3, 1:59.0, FT

1-Make Sure Its Cold (g, 2, Bar Hopping--Malibu Breeze, by Sierra Kosmos) \$9,411, \$18,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$13,536
O-William Wilbur & Leslie Dunn Zendt. B-Shaffer & Sons. T-Leslie Zendt. D-Dave Palone.

2-Killer Instinct (g, 2, Southwind Frank--Wheely Quick, by Conway Hall) \$4,705, \$15,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-0, \$6,735
O-Brocious Racing Stable Inc & Lone Wolf Stable. B-Atlantic Trot Inc & Steve H Stewart. T-Robert Rougeaux III. D-Brian Zendt.

3-Flemsteen (g, 2, Explosive Matter--Lost Symbol, by Yankee Glide) \$2,258, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-2, \$7,930
O-Bill G Manes, CA & Christopher F Beaver. B-James G Wilhite Jr. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Aaron Merriman.

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RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY

HARRAH'S HOOSIER PARK *report*

Thursday's Results:

9, HoP, \$31,000, Trot, **INDIANA SIRE STAKES** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings - Leg 3, 27.1, 56.4, 1:25.2, 1:53.0, SY

1-Dude Included (g, 3, Class Included--Celebrity Faith, by Yankee Glide) \$15,500, \$19,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 14-3-7-1, \$129,485
O-Benjamin Graber. B-Lester A Beechy. T-Trent Stohler. D-John De Long.

2-Tj's Top Pick (g, 3, Swan For All--J A's Ayd, by Broadway Hall) \$7,750, \$40,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 14-9-1-1, \$328,923
O-Pollack Racing LLC & Jeffrey W Cullipher & Trace A Tetrick. B-Freeman Jay Bontrager. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Trace Tetrick.

3-Bluebird Deacon (g, 3, Swan For All--Little Revenue, by Revenue S) \$3,720, \$72,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$23,920
O-Panic Stable LLC. B-Daryl D Miller. T-Jay Cross. D-Jay Cross.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 2, 1T, 1T, Q, 2 - Finish Order: J-s Jasper, Speed Ball Swagger, Dr M

11, HoP, \$31,500, Trot, **INDIANA SIRE STAKES** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings - Leg 3, 28.4, 58.4, 1:27.3, 1:54.3, SY

1-Swan In Motion (c, 3, Swan For All--Keystone Sadie, by Yankee Glide) \$15,750, \$15,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 16-7-6-2, \$261,450
O-M & M Racing & Norbert Joseph Maza. B-Lyle Dean Slabach. T-Jamie Macomber. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.

2-Emma Town Bud (g, 3, Big Stick Lindy--Centerfold Lady, by Credit Winner) \$7,875, Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-2, \$138,456
O-Summit Pacing Acres LLC. B-Mervin D Lehman. T-Byron Hooley. D-Michael Oosting.

3-Anchors Away (g, 3, Whom Shall I Fear--Lima Simplicity, by Rocky Balboa) \$3,780, Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-3, \$27,740
O-Geis Enterprise LLC & Ervin Miller Stable Inc. B-Geis Enterprise LLC & Ervin Miller Stable Inc. T-Erv Miller. D-Trace Tetrick.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 4H, 4H, 4Q, 1T, 1Q - Finish Order: Flagman, Simply Swan, Brigotto, Givemeacookie

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RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

SCIOTO DOWNS *report*

Thursday's Results:

2, ScD, \$46,000, Trot, OHIO STATE FAIR 2 YEAR OLD COLT TROT, 28.2, 59.0, 1:28.2, 1:57.3, GD

1-Winning Ticket (c, 2, Triumphant Caviar--Lotto Winner, by Credit Winner) \$23,000, \$4,000 2019 BHS, Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$43,000

O-Christopher F Beaver & Steven J Zeelandar & Tim S Homan & Jim S Burnett. B-James W Bender. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-Elliottstone (c, 2, Wishing Stone--Don't Think Twice, by Andover Hall) \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 4-0-1-0, \$11,803

O-Rivers Stable Inc. B-Rivers Stable Inc. T-Dewayne Minor. D-Dewayne Minor.

3-Panzano (g, 2, Coraggioso--Grace N Charlie, by SJ's Caviar) \$5,520, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-1, \$17,520

O-Spaaaartners. B-Christopher C Coyle. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Brett Miller.

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4, ScD, \$47,000, Trot, OHIO STATE FAIR 2 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT, 29.0, 1:00.1, 1:28.4, 1:59.1, GD

1-My Jazz (f, 2, My MVP--Loving Jazz, by Incredible Abe) \$23,500, \$6,500 2019 BHS, Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$30,300

O-Thestable My Jazz Group, CA. B-Jake R Wickey Jr. T-Jason McGinnis. D-Anthony Macdonald.



2-Cash N Chips (f, 2, Cash Hall--Sugar N Chips, by Chip Chip Hooray) \$11,750, \$26,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-0-1-1, \$16,550

O-Alvira L Fassett & Steven B Bush. B-Walnut Hall Limited & Birnam Wood Farms. T-Steven Bush. D-Dan Rawlings.

3-Fiesty Pistol (f, 2, Triumphant Caviar--Franniegetyourgun, by Lucky Chucky) \$5,640, \$15,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-1, \$10,015

O-Christopher F Beaver & David A Meola & Donald E Robinson & R.B.H. Ventures Inc. B-Marion Beachy. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Josh Sutton.

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6, ScD, \$47,000, Trot, OHIO STATE FAIR 2 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT, 29.3, 1:00.0, 1:29.4, 1:59.0, SY

1-Merry Ann (f, 2, Southwind Spirit--Witty Girl, by S J's Photo) \$23,500, Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$55,200

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Knox Services Inc & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Knox Services Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

2-Fanciful Invention (f, 2, Triumphant Caviar--Reinvent, by Malabar Man) \$11,750, \$25,000 2019 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$19,748

O-Christopher F Beaver & James R Gallagher & Marion Beachy & Steven J Zeelandar. B-Marion Beachy & Christopher F Beaver & David S Lang & James R Gallagher. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Dan Noble.

3-Ti' Punch (f, 2, My MVP--Brandy Slush, by Crazy) \$5,640, \$8,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$15,690

O-Pasko Vucinaj. B-Robot Stable Inc. T-Pasko Vucinaj. D-Tyler Smith.

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8, ScD, \$46,000, Trot, OHIO STATE FAIR 2 YEAR OLD COLT TROT, 30.1, 59.3, 1:29.4, 1:59.4, SY

1-Peter's Royalty (g, 2, Uncle Peter--Dream Of Royalty, by Yankee Glide) \$23,000, \$28,000 2019 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$36,125

O-Mary A Mc Loughlin & Debra S Garland. B-Marsh Valley Standardbreds. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Josh Sutton.

2-Replica Hanover (g, 2, Uncle Peter--Reflection Hanover, by Donato Hanover) \$11,500, \$40,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-0-2-1, \$26,300

O-Trent Stohler Stable Inc & Tim A & Benjamin Graber. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Trent Stohler. D-Tyler Smith.

3-Dontforgetlittlman (g, 2, Dontyouforgetit--Gutsy Hall, by Cash Hall) \$5,520, \$5,000 2019 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$19,068

O-Deborah S Swartz. B-Elmer Dean Miller. T-Deborah Swartz. D-Dan Noble.

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11, ScD, \$46,000, Trot, OHIO STATE FAIR 2 YEAR OLD COLT TROT, 30.3, 1:00.4, 1:31.0, 2:00.0, SY

1-Lockbox (c, 2, Wishing Stone--Springaround, by Master Glide) \$23,000, \$27,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,000

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Purnel & Libby LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Atlantic Trot Inc & Steve H Stewart. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.



RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Perron (c, 2, My MVP--Long Island Tea, by Credit Winner) \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$41,500

O-Steve H Stewart & David W Wright & Greg Wilcoxon & Kevin J Doherty. B-Steve H Stewart & Paul Kelley Racing Stable & Black Creek Farm & Victor Wagler. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

3-Street Gossip (g, 2, Cash Hall--The Young Princess, by Yankee Glide) \$5,520, \$8,500 2019 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$32,214

O-Carl T Howard & Jesmeral Stable. B-Morrisville Col Fdn Inc. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brett Miller.

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13, ScD, \$46,300, Trot, OHIO STATE FAIR 2 YEAR OLD FILLY TROT, 31.0, 1:01.3, 1:31.4, 2:00.3, SY

1-Celebrate With Me (f, 2, Full Count--Glisten Hanover, by Andover Hall) \$23,150, \$22,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$48,622

O-Martin E Wollam & Toni A Dean. B-Marvin J Raber. T-Marty Wollam. D-Kurt Sugg.

2-Swizzle Hanover (f, 2, Uncle Peter--Seducedbychocolate, by Chocolatier) \$11,575, \$21,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$51,575

O-Randall B Bendis & Reed Broadway. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Randy Bendis. D-Mike Wilder.

3-Ozma (f, 2, Triumphant Caviar--Evanora, by Pilgrims Taj) \$5,556, Lifetime Record: 3-0-0-3, \$15,156

O-Sandra S Burnett & Christopher F Beaver. B-Sandra S Burnett. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Aaron Merriman.

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WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Thursday's Results:

2, Wbs, \$108,000, Trot, ONTARIO SIRES STAKES - GOLD - 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$800.00, 28.2, 58.3, 1:28.2, 1:56.4

1-Macho Martini (b,c,2 - Muscle Mass-Peach Martini-Striking Sahbra) \$54,000, Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$100,933

O-Determination B-Concord Stud Farm Llc T-Luc Blais D-Bob McClure



2-Master Grand (b,c,2 - Muscle Mass-Summersgrandlady-Conway Hall)

O-Paul Kelly B-Winbak Farm T-Aaron Byron D-Aaron Byron

3-Rookie Season (b,c,2 - Glidemaster-Georgia Baby-Mutineer)

O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Blake Macintosh D-James Macdonald

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3, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$15,000 LIFETIME, 27.1, 55, 1:23.2, 1:52.2

1-Going Fast (b,g,3 - Western Terror-Tootsie J-Real Artist) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 14-2-5-0, \$33,700

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

2-He Refuses To Lose (b,g,3 - Captaintreacherous-Fox Valley Zena-Richess Hanover)

O-Alagna Racing Llc, Bradley Grant B-Visionary Breeders Llc T-Tony Alagna D-Douglas McNair

3-Sirjamesthegreat (br,g,3 - Big Jim-Lovers Talk-Life Sign)

O-Dagfin Henriksen, Gary Volpe B-Lomangino Standardbreds T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

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6, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.1, 58.4, 1:29, 1:58.1

1-Titans Dream (b,g,3 - E L Titan-Uneeda Dream-Angus Hall) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$11,435

O-W G James Stables Ltd, Donald Smith, Donna Parker B-John & Susan Clark T-William James D-Douglas McNair



2-Magics Wizard (b,g,3 - E L Titan-Its All Magic-Kadabra)

O-Donald Leschied B-Donald Leschied T-Anthony Beaton D-Sylvain Filion

3-D Procrastinator (b,g,3 - Prestidigitator-Blasphemy-Duke Of York)

O-Deana Dambrosio, Dennis Morrissey B-Deana Dambrosio, Dennis Morrissey T-Dennis Morrissey D-Michael Saftic

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RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

8, Wbs, \$108,000, Trot, ONTARIO SIRE STAKES - GOLD - 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. STARTING FEE \$800.00, 29, 58.2, 1:29.1, 1:57

1-Tokyo Seelster (b,c,2 - Kadabra-Tymal Timeout-Royal Strength) \$54,000, Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$98,033

O-Michael & Sam Sergi B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion



Another KADABRA Winner!

2-Highland Mowgli (br,c,2 - Archangel-Gwyneth Hall-Malabar Man)

O-Amanda Fine, Highland Thoroughbred Frm B-Highland Thoroughbred Frm T-Amanda Fine D-Trevor Henry

3-Harry (b,g,2 - Royalty For Life-Dayshifter-Muscle Mass)

O-Brenda & Christine Walker B-Christine & Brenda Walker T-Paul Walker D-Paul Walker

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9, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, 2 YEAR OLD FILLIES, 28.4, 58, 1:28, 1:56

1-Annies Legacy (br,f,2 - Control The Moment-Mary Bits-Somebeachsomewhere) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$26,487

O-Leonard Rosene B-Century Spring Farms T-Robert Don Fellows D-Louis Philippe Roy



Another CONTROL THE MOMENT Winner!

2-Barefootnpregnant (br,f,2 - Shadow Play-Barefoot Beauty-Art Major)

O-James Avritt Sr B-James Avritt T-Gregg McNair D-Douglas McNair

3-Sportsdrink (b,f,2 - Sportswriter-Chardonnay-Badlands Hanover)

O-Catherine McClure, Ruth Hastie B-Chatharine McClure, Ruth Hastie T-George McClure D-Robert Shepherd

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10, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 27.3, 58.3, 1:28.4, 1:58

1-Mackjustice (b,g,4 - Justice Hall-Madison Airith-Royal Strength) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 19-1-3-3, \$18,678

O-Karen & Daniel Macintyre B-Joshua McKibbin T-Brent Belore D-Douglas McNair

2-Perpetuate (b,g,3 - Kadabra-Victory Bouquet-Balanced Image)

O-Srf Stable B-Steve Stewart T-Michael Keeling D-Paul Macdonell

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

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

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YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

Thursday's Results:

4, YR, \$33,000, Pace, F&M OPEN, 27.1, 56.4, 1:24.4, 1:52.2, FT

1-My Ruebe Star N (m, 6, Falcon Seelster--Zenola Star, by New York Motoring) \$16,500, Lifetime Record: 53-15-6-3, \$113,178

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

2-Snobbytown (m, 4, Nob Hill High--Shantytown Girl, by Townner's Big Guy) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 39-18-11-4, \$296,705

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

3-Lispatty (m, 7, McArdle--Lisbella, by Camluck) \$3,960, \$20,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 143-36-29-22, \$943,399

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

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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, 28.1, 57.1, 1:25.1, 1:54.2, FT

1-Gettin Messi (g, 4, Armbr Barrister--Hypnotic Kris, by Perfect Spiral) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 37-19-5-3, \$100,938

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: 25-7-5-4, \$213,121

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.

RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Mufasa As (g, 4, Lionhunter--Manteslajolie, by Daguet Rapide) \$1,980, Lifetime Record: 30-5-9-5, \$75,790
O-Jeffrey R Gillis, CA. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Cory Stratton. D-George Brennan.

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8, YR, \$17,250, Pace, F&M NW \$17,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 27.0, 56.2, 1:24.1, 1:53.1, FT

1-Tell Me A Joke (m, 5, Art Major--Camadian, by Camluck) \$6,468, \$75,000 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 71-11-5-16, \$192,194
O-Christopher B Temming. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Christopher Temming. D-Scott Zeron.

1-Baron Remy (m, 5, Yankee Cruiser--Riley Character, by Shady Character) \$6,468, \$6,500 2016 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 59-16-13-8, \$639,902
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Lawrence R Karr & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Baron Racing Stable. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.

3-Pammy Jo (m, 5, Roll With Joe--Angela, by Six Of Diamonds) \$2,070, Lifetime Record: 62-13-6-11, \$107,878
O-Marthe Drolet & James M Matheos. B-Jay C Sears. T-Marthe Drolet. D-Tyler Buter.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3H, 3H, H, 1, 2T - Finish Order: Gina Grace N, Neverforgetwhour, Pittstop Danika, Vorst, Sandy Win



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