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Hambletonian top threat Ready For Moni latest example of Antonacci clan's French program

Winning a record sixth Hambletonian would be reward enough for the Antonacci family, but Ready For Moni's breeding takes the story to whole new, international level.

by Dave Briggs



Winning a record sixth Hambletonian as owners would be reward enough, but Ready For Moni will represent much



Dave Landry

The Moni Maker Stable's Frank "The Elder" Antonacci (left) and David Reid bred Nothing But Moni – a daughter of the famed Moni Maker – to French stallion Ready Cash and the result was Hambletonian finalist Ready For Moni.

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The late, great Moni Maker (shown in her last pari-mutuel start in Montreal in 1999 with her regular driver Wally Hennessey) took the Moni Maker Stable around the world and showed them that combining French and American blood had the potential to produce a better standardbred.

more than an opportunity for the Antonacci family to enhance its incredible Hambletonian legacy when the trotter goes to post Saturday afternoon as one of the favorites in the \$1 million final at The Meadowlands Racetrack.

The son of French stallion Ready Cash out of Nothing But Moni — a daughter of the famed Moni Maker — is the latest example of the Antonaccis' attempts to produce a superior

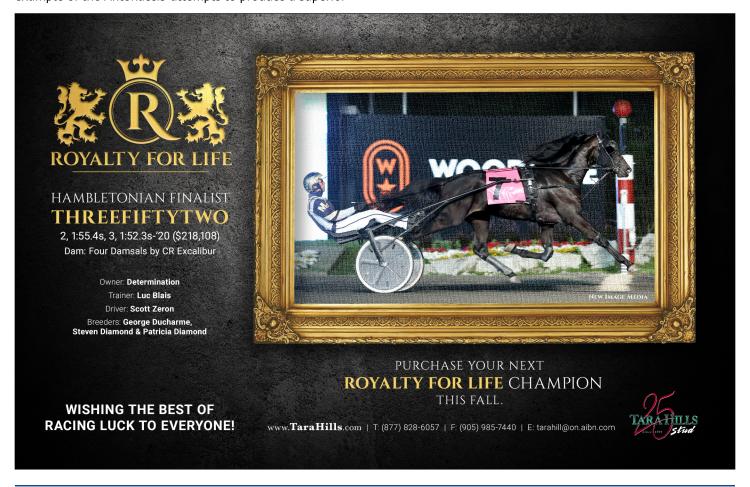


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The first successful example of combining French and American blood was International Moni (shown winning a Bluegrass at Lexington in 2017 with driver Scott Zeron wearing Lindy Farms colors). International Moni is a son of French stallion Love You out of Moni Maker.

standardbred by combining European and North American blood.

Three years ago, a similar breeding effort by Ready For Moni's breeder the Moni Maker Stable — the Antonacci clan and their partner David Reid — landed Moni Maker's son International Moni in the Hambletonian. The talented son of French stallion Love You went off as the bettors' second





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Ready For Moni (shown winning his Hambletonian elimination last week with Yannick Gingras) is the second choice in the morning line for Saturday's \$1 million Hambletonian final at 3-1.

choice after winning his heat earlier that afternoon. But that was where the good news ended that day. International Moni was interfered with in the first turn and made a break that caused him to finish last in a race where even the first horse across the wire (What The Hill) was disqualified, elevating Perfect Spirit to the winner's circle.

A year before that God-awful mess on our holiest of days — when International Moni was just a precocious 2-year-old — Frank "The Elder" Antonacci opined about what he and his partners were attempting to do by breeding quality mares to French stallions.

"It just makes common sense that if you can breed our horses to their horses, then possibly you could come up with a superior individual, considering they are two different bloodlines," Antonacci said in 2016.

"I'm trying to add a little variety in the pedigree, so that a guy comes here and says, 'Listen, I go and buy all these Muscle Hills and they're all the same, but if I buy this horse and this is the only pedigree in America that might have this and this is a significant family that produces racehorses, I might have a chance to have a better horse."

Antonacci stressed such thinking wasn't a new concept,



just one that, to that point, had not been explored as much in recent history, especially during the long period when the French stud book was closed to mares from outside the country.

"It's really not a new concept," Antonacci said, referencing the fact that Jean-Pierre Dubois bred French mares to U.S. stallions such as Speedy Crown and Super Bowl to try to improve the French standardbred — the theory being that American speed with French endurance will one day produce a superior trotter. A great example of that logic is when Dubois' son, Jean-Etienne Dubois, bred Super Bowl mare Armbro Glamour to French stallion Quouky and produced superstar trotter and sire Coktail Jet.

"All the heavy lifting has been done for us in that we need second and third generations of French-American cross-breeds so we get the cleaner gaited horses. You think it's any accident that [full-sisters and Hambletonian Oaks champs] Ariana G and All The Time are from the same family as Workaholic? It's probably the line in France that gives it all the speed."

On this side of the Atlantic, International Moni and now Ready For Moni — who is owned by the Antonaccis' Lindy Farms, along with John Fielding, Herb Liverman and Bud Hatfield and is pegged at 3-1 in the Hambletonian's morning line odds — are likely the two most successful recent examples of mixing French and American blood.

Ready Cash, one of the pre-eminent trotting sires in the world and the sire of two Hambletonian starters this year — Back Of The Neck being the other — was the gold standard overseas even in 2016 for Antonacci, who around that time was starting to see positive results from breeding mares with frozen semen from the French stud. Just as Antonacci was talking with pride about 2-year-old International Moni and a breeding program he and Reid labelled The French Connection, Nothing But Moni was confirmed in foal with, you guessed it, Ready For Moni, whose feet first touched ground on April 5, 2017, four months exactly to the day before International Moni contested the Hambletonian.

That Ready For Moni is a grandson of the famed, beloved Moni Maker, who trounced the boys worldwide to the tune of nearly \$5.6 million, makes the story even more of an international one.

That Ready For Moni is out of Moni Maker's daughter and is trained by Nancy Takter, the daughter of Moni Maker's trainer Jimmy Takter, makes the story that much better when the theme is trying to improve equine bloodlines over generations.

Despite the Antonaccis winning five Hambletonians with various members of their family — Lindys Pride (1969), Speedy Crown (1971), Probe (1989), Harmonious (1990) and Victory Dream (1994) — they and Reid are perhaps best known for campaigning Moni Maker around the world and relishing every second of it.

Antonacci said those jaunts across Europe certainly convinced him of the viability to mix French and U.S. blood.

"I think it just cemented the program," he said. "You see that (European) horses are as good as our horses and better in some cases."

Some 20 years after she stood astride the world, Moni Maker is gone and her son, International Moni, is already a popular sire whose first crop have hit the ground this year.

Saturday, The Moni Maker Stable hopes to further that legacy and be rewarded for its endless patience, a rigid commitment to excellence and, most notably, thinking beyond the confines of North America.









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Hambletonian Day picks for the biggest races on a stellar card

by Brett Sturman

In the span of a quarter mile last week, the question shifted from if **Ramona Hill** could beat the colts, to if any of the colts can now beat Ramona Hill.

Stuck behind gapped cover while fourth over at the back of the pack in her elimination, Ramona Hill stormed home in :25.4 from a near impossible trip and pass by Back Of The Neck shortly before the wire. In the process, she out-closed most of that field by nearly two full seconds and that race will make her a deserving favorite; possibly even at odds-on.

Ramona Hill went into that elimination race as the favorite on the heels of her win in the Del Miller, which was almost as impressive in its own right. In that race, she was used hard and pressed throughout from post 10, including fending off a first-over try from the heavily-backed Sorella, and still won with comfort. When you add it all together, she's resembled a machine so far this year and will unquestionably be tough to beat in the Hambletonian on Saturday.

As an upset alternative, Back Of The Neck should offer something around his 4-1 morning line, if not even a tad higher possibly. The connections have been high on this one since the start of last year and he's been solid thus far in 2020. In fact, going back a couple of weeks, he may even have been considered the Hambletonian favorite after his win here in the Reynolds. His rally in that race wasn't all that different from Ramona Hill's last week in that he wasn't even on the television screen at the top of the stretch and was able to get up despite coming from nowhere into a slow earlier pace. It's true that he was soundly out-kicked by Ramona Hill last week but was still a couple lengths clear of all others. Interestingly, both of his losses this year have come to fillies, and both have come after having open length leads in the stretch. It'll really be interesting to see how Zeron approaches his strategy as he goes for his second

Hambletonian in three years. I'd think that he may want to race Back Of The Neck from off the pace and could accomplish that from post 2, but on the other hand he's not going to want to give Ramona Hill too much of a head start provided that she leaves from her mid-pack post 5.

For other contenders, **Ready For Moni** is an obvious threat from the rail. Going for can't miss connections who look to complete a Meadowlands Pace—Hambletonian sweep, he won his elimination in measured fashion. This is the race that hasn't been particularly kind to driver Gingras, but I'd expect him to be aggressive for a colt that can win but would need a career-best mile. **Threefiftytwo** invades for trainer Blais, who won this race last year with Forbidden Trade. It didn't look like he was ever going to get to Ready For Moni in his elimination last week, but he still showed good trot on both ends of the mile and can surprise.

Sister Sledge is the "other" filly in the field and she raced short of expectations in her elimination despite getting the pocket trip in behind the race winner. Trainer Burke noted this week that she was feeling the effects of having to race without Lasix and that adjustments would be made this week to account for that; bigger problem may be the outside post. Speaking of outside posts, Amigo Volo was just 4-1 last week against Ramona Hill and will now be a big longshot from post 10. He wasn't terrible in that elimination and don't forget that he was last year's 2-year-old Breeders Crown winner; stranger things have happened.

Picks: Back Of The Neck, Ramona Hill, Amigo Volo

Hambletonian Oaks

This race has featured some great rivalries in recent years and this could preview another in pitting **Sorella** against **Hypnotic Am**.

Sorella wasn't at her best in the Del Miller, though I think that can be excused based from seeing what Ramona Hill has gone on to do since that race. Her two races prior to the Del Miller were strong including a win against colts in the open when she beat Back Of The Neck. She was under recent consideration to enter the Hambletonian; will be my selection to win the Oaks.

Hypnotic Am continues to do little wrong, and it'll be up to Sears to navigate post 12 for trainer Melander. It's worth noting that the same connections overcame post 13 a couple weeks ago with Gimpanzee, though that horse was a walkover and this race will be more competitive. **May Baby** debuted at the Meadowlands last week for Yoder after racing

throughout her career in Indiana and made a good showing for herself. Coming first over from before the half against Hypnotic Am, she did well to stay on for second and proved she belongs; not bad for a filly that cost just \$8,500 as a yearling. **Next Level Stuff** is likely a step or two below the top pair but lands the post edge; would be fitting if she were to win following the untimely passing this week of her sire, Sebastian K.

Picks: Sorella, Gimpanzee, May Baby

Sam McKee Memorial

Dancin Lou was brave and determined in winning the Haughton last month and gets the tepid call in a typical wide-open field of FFA pacers. You could make a case for more than half of the horses in here but this one for Camilleri and Sears has been the most consistent. Century Farroh slugged it out with the top choice in the Haughton but will have to be used hard to find a way into; likely will be blasting. Bettor's Wish had first run into that wicked :52 pace in last week's open, but tired late after looking the most likely winner in mid-stretch. Hurrikane Emperor was surprised by Shake That House in the non-betting NJ Maturity last week; beat very similar a month ago in the Graduate. American History kept coming last week to have mowed them down for the fast win; another hot pace aids his cause.

Picks: Dancin Lou, Hurrikane Emperor, American History

John Cashman Memorial

Has there ever been a race that's included three Hambletonian winners? I'd have no think not, but such is the case in this year's Cashman as three of the last four Hambletonian winners (Forbidden Trade, Atlanta, Marion Marauder) square off and the race favorite might be none of them. Gimpanzee has made easy work in all his races this year including the Hambletonian Maturity when he jogged from the seldom-seen post 13; this will be his toughest race to date this year. Atlanta won the Cutler FFA trot against males a month ago and has been her usual impressive self in every start this year; no disgrace in not being able to get to Manchego in that 1:49:3 mile at Plainridge. Guardian Angel As didn't get the trip in the Cutler and was scratched sick in his subsequent start; his best would give him a fighting chance at a price. Soul Strong was vastly overlooked for top connections in the Hambletonian Maturity and now lands another potentially good post to rally from. Don't Let Em remains impossible to predict but wouldn't be a total shock

if he keeps it all together for team Takter. 2016 Hambletonian winner **Marion Marauder** enters off a 1:50.2 career best mile.

Picks: Guardian Angel As, Atlanta, Gimpanzee

Cane Pace

Maybe that Meadowlands Pace win in which Tall Dark Stranger fought back in the stretch took a little something out of him and that's why he wasn't as strong last week in the Geers — or, maybe it was time to give him a softer trip, especially in a lesser race and from post 10. Whatever the case, Captain Kirk was out of this world (sorry, another Star Trek pun) last week when taking no prisoners en route to a wire-to-wire score in 1:48.3. After parking a hopeless longshot, Captain Kirk held off all comers including Allywag Hanover and I don't think that race was a fluke. He was a formidable second in his Meadowlands Pace elimination and while it's always hard to accept a vastly shorter price one week later, a case could be made that he's the sharpest horse at the moment.

Tall Dark Stranger remains the one to beat despite finishing off the board last week as the 3-5 favorite. Gingras eased up towards the end of that mile once it was apparent that he wasn't going to get there and now being right back in, one could reasonably expect that the usual "Stranger" will be back. The road still goes through him. **Chief Mate** shook loose at the head of the line in the Adios and then accelerated and flew to just miss as a 53-1 bomb. Stablemate **Capt Midnight** was over-bet in that race and was sixth in a blanket finish; it's a toss-up at this point as to which of these two is better. **Moneyman Hill** seems outmatched but lands the rail and makes his second start for Auciello.

Picks: Captain Kirk, Tall Dark Stranger, Moneyman Hill FULL TRACKMASTER PAST PERFORMANCE LINES (courtesy of HRU) AVAILABLE HERE.











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Betting races on Hambletonian Day equals the value of your opinions

by Frank Cotolo

Handicapping pari-mutuel racing means relying upon your expression of what is probable — for our purposes, in a horse race. You can trace the word "probable" to the Latin root of the word "probare," meaning test or prove. One way we express probability is through numerical values. That's right, rag tags; I'm talking "odds."

Enter the science of handicapping — expressing, by using odds (percentages), the chances of competitors' success in a contest, equalizing their chances of winning. It's a mathematical appraisal that even a bonehead (title courtesy my dad) like me can master.

In this edition of Bettors Banquet (BB) I will appraise the seminal contest for standardbreds — the Hambletonian, raced on the Meadowlands' Aug. 8 program. Many classy stakes races that challenge our handicapping orbit before the main event. However, no matter the type of race, we appraise the Hambletonian with the same tools.

Let me get to the appraisal immediately. It contains all I need to express about this race (and any). Peruse the chart below.

Reading the chart is simple. Blah, blah, the posts, horses, drivers, trainers. The odds on the right, however, need



explaining. The first set of odds is the Morning Line. The next set of odds is my personal odds line (POL).

A Morning Line (ML) is not for betting. We know this for two reasons. First, the line-maker's job is to estimate how the betting public will be drawn to horses in the field. The ML never equals 100 percent. In the case below, on the left, the ML equals 128 percent. My POL equals 100 per cent.

\$1 million Hambletonian final

- 1. Ready For Moni (Yannick Gingras, Nancy Takter) 3-1
- 2. Back Of The Neck (Scott Zeron, Ake Svanstedt) 4-1
- 3. Hollywood Story (Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander) 15-1
- 4. Big Oil (Andy Miller, Julie Miller) 15-1
- 5. Ramona Hill (Andrew McCarthy, Tony Alagna) 5-2
- 6. Threefiftytwo (Scott Zeron, Luc Blais) 6-1
- 7. Capricornus (Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander) 15-1
- 8. Rome Pays Off (Mattias Melander, Marcus Melander) 15-1
- 9. Sister Sledge (Brian Sears, Ron Burke) 12-1
- 10. Amigo Volo (Dexter Dunn, Nifty Norman) 12-1

By definition, there is nothing more than 100 per cent of anything, so my POL must equal 100 per cent. In essence, the odds on my POL indicate my opinion turned into percentages that reflect how many times each horse could win this race if it were run 100 times. Not an more times. Looking at my POL, then, here is a list of how many times I estimate each horse would win out of 100 times (from most to least):

Ramona Hill (39); Ready For Moni (29); Back Of The Neck (14); Threefiftytwo (5); Rome Pays Off (3); Big Oil (3); Capricornus (2); Sister Sledge (2); Amigo Volo (2); Hollywood Story (1). Add those numbers; they equal 100.

It's important to understand I am not picking a winner; the chart is handicapping by definition. It is my objective measurement, which may be right or wrong, translated into math (probability); and it accomplishes a few things.

It tells me the price(s) I demand for the only three horses worthy of win wagers. (I never bet a horse I give less than a 14-percent chance [6-1] to win because as I estimate, the margin of error increases — the higher in odds, the lower in chances), therefore it tells me the horses I would never bet.

It reveals the true value of a wager. Value is not always a horse that pays a lot to win; value is a horse that pays to win either on or, hopefully, over what you express it is worth.

It tells me, too, if I will wager on single-race exotics because I must have a valuable win bet to play any exotic.It tells me if I handicap (make a POL) the other races in a

multi-race exotic, my ticket will be dead-aimed on the horses I express have the best chances. I have to spitball some numbers on my ticket (because I cannot see the odds of races that are not being bet real time), but I won't be wasting money buying numerous combinations that are "just-in-case" toss ins.

How much I wager, no matter how I decide to wager at all, is a topic all its own (money management), which BB will cover in the future, but for now, know that I'm certain the wager amounts work in league with my POLs, and the bets guide me financially; so if I win, I cash well, and if I lose, the impact is minimum. Of course if I pass I win nothing, but, more importantly, I lose nothing.

The 2020 Hambletonian program is loaded with high-performance horses, the sport's current stars, strewn over fields going for six-digit purses. For the bettor, it is an ultimate banquet, with doubles and triples and exactas and "Pick" 3s and 4s and so on. Your opinion in each race is imperative, so knowing how to truly express your opinions in odds is the strongest tool you can use. In fact, in the long run, your success rests in the balance.

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Hollywood's Hambletonian Day preview

by Bob Heyden

Nancy Takter had seven Hambletonian Day starters in 2019 and has 14 this year. Her powerful barn figures prominently on this year's Hambletonian Day card — especially with Manchego. The brilliant daughter of Muscle Hill is looking for her fourth straight Hambletonian Day stakes win — having taken the 2017 Doherty, the 2018 Oaks in record time of 1:50 and then the Steele Memorial last year. Maybe the toughest thing to believe is that Manchego was just 6 1-0-0 (\$68,093) entering the action last year on Hambletonian Day. She had five off the board finishes in six tries. That day turned her around and she hasn't looked back since.

Jim Campbell's unique daily double

Only Jim Campbell will appear as a trainer on both the 1981 Meadowlands Hambletonian card and the 2020 one.

This year, Campbell will send out:

#2 Fashion Charmer in the 4th race

#4 Beyond Kronos in the 5th



Claus Andersen

The Hambletonian trophy.

#2 Next Lane Stuff in the 9th#11 Crystal Fashion in the 10th

In 1981, Campbell sent out:

6th #9 Jefs Eclipse who finished 9th in the 6th 10th #1 Mostest Yankee who finished 3rd in the 10th Keep in mind, in 1981, Jim was only 19.

20-somethings

Twenty-somethings on the 2020 Hambletonian Day card include: Austin Siegelman, 28, Mattias Melander, 23 and Joey Bongiorno, 26

Back in 1981 on the very first Hambletonian Day at The Meadowlands, you also had three drivers under 30: Branch Buxton 28, Jack Parker, Jr. 26 and Phil Carbone at 29.



Best of Luck to the Hambo and Oaks contenders born and raised at Concord Stud Farm!

BACK OF THE NECK

3, 1:52-'20 (\$230,060) Ready Cash - Big Barb by Andover Hall *HAMBLETONIAN FINALIST*

ROME PAYS OFF

3, 1:52.3-'20 (\$436,512) Muscle Hill - Order By Wish by Cantab Hall HAMBLETONIAN FINALIST

BIG OIL

2, 1:52.1 (\$143,933) Father Patrick - Cee Bee Yes by Muscles Yankee *HAMBLETONIAN FINALIST*

SORELLA

3, 1:50.2-'20 (\$203,376) Muscle Hill - Kadealia by Kadabra *HAMBLETONIAN OAKS FINALIST*

This fall, we will offer 75 yearlings including

- · a Muscle Hill brother to Back of the Neck
 - · a Father Patrick brother to **Sorella**
 - a Muscle Hill sister to Rome Pays Off



Gath got the ball rolling

Down Under wonders Andrew McCarthy and Dexter Dunn figure prominently in this year's Hambletonian, but in 1981, Brian Gath came all the way from the southern hemisphere to drive Voloriki (6th) for Barry Abrams and Genghis Khan for Eddie Cobb. Genghis Khan finished off the board, but in 1982 would become the Meadowlands' HOY en route to 16 victories locally. Gath had driven the Meadow Skipper colt before — to a fifth-place finish in the 1978 Woodrow Wilson final won by Scarlet Skipper.

Numbers

- 39 \$100,000 yearlings on this year's Hambletonian Day card
 - 10 \$200,000+ yearlings
 - 2 \$400,000 + yearlings
 - 1 \$600,000 yearling

36/100 — Hambletonian starters in the last decade that were trained by a conditioner born in the USA — last year being the only year that U.S. trainers were shut out of any check.

- 151 horses carded.
- 1:47 the fastest speed mark for 2020 so far (Mark MacDonald and Hurrikane Emperor). This is the 15th anniversary of Mark's Hambletonian Day debut in 2005 when he set the track record for sophomore colts that day with a 1:48.1 scorcher with American Ideal at the expense of HOY to be Rocknroll Hanover.
- 23 the age of driver Mattias Melander, the youngest to compete on this year's card.
- 61 the age of driver Ake Svanstedt, the oldest to compete on this year's card.
- 39 of 151 horses are trained by a conditioner born in Sweden.
 - 23 of 151 horses are trained by a female trainer.
- 28 number of sons and daughters by Muscle Hill on the card.
- 13 number of sons and daughters by Somebeachsomewhere on the card, the most by a pacing sire.
- 9 of 11 number of horses in the Cashman that have raced in the Hambletonian final. Only Lindy The Great and Run Director did not.
- 0 number of trainers that have won the Meadowlands Pace and the Hambletonian in the same season. Nancy Takter

could be the first.

Twelve unusual moments since the Hambletonian has been in New Jersey

- 1. Rainbow Blue making a break her only loss of the year in the 2004 Mistletoe Shalee. She overcame it, though, going 20-for-21 on the season and winning HOY honors over Triple Crown winner Windsongs Legacy. Legacy had a great day winning the Hambletonian en route to recording the first trotting Triple Crown in 32 years (Super Bowl 1972).
- 2. 1982 Hambletonian. Both faves make late breaks in their Hambletonian elims and don't advance Mystic Park and Arndon. But it is pretty safe to say they later atoned for that day. Mystic Park's first crop yielded Mack Lobell, and Pine Chip became the most outstanding son or daughter of Arndon, second in the 1993 Hambletonian and later a time trial world record setter at 1:51 flat. Pine Chip was also a two-time Hambletonian winning sire with Scarlet Knight and Chip Chip Hooray in 2001 and 2002, respectively.
- **3.** Three Georges stole the day in 2006 CEO of the Meadowlands George Zoffinger was front and center, boxing champ George Foreman made the first of his two appearances on the sport's biggest day and George Brennan drove Holborn Hanover to a world record 1:46.4. Let's not forget the new Hambletonian mark was set: #6 for John Campbell in record time 1:51.1 with Glidemaster.
- **4.** In 1992, Alf Palema started the day 2-for-17 lifetime. Mickey McNichol drove for Per Eriksson. But his life-and career-changed that day. He not only got up to win the Hambletonian, he later became one of the elite sires in Sweden.
- **5.** Falcon Seelster was second best on Hambletonian Day to consecutive Horses of the Year in 1985 and 1986. First, the Tom Harmer trained and driven speedster was second by a couple lengths in the first ever sub-1:50 race mile by Nihilator in 1985 (1:49.3). Then, in 1986 in the U S Pacing Championship that turned out to be a match race, Falcon Seelster was again second to a HOY, this time Forrest Skipper.
- **6.** Historic Freight won the 1984 Hambletonian in the second race-off in Meadowlands history. Ben Webster is the oldest winning driver in Hambletonian history and is still with us at age 80. Fifty days before the Hambletonian, Historic Freight won a claiming race at the Big M in for a \$52,500 tag. Luckily for trainer Skip Lewis, there were no takers. He won it in 1:57.3 from post 10 wire to wire.
- **7.** What were the odds of this? In 1984, Delvin G Hanover became the highest priced winner in Meadowlands history

upsetting at \$367. It still stands. Then, on Hambletonian Day that same year, he again upset the apple cart, taking his elim and returning \$126. Two times, same meet ,same track. If that wasn't enough of a parlay, how about this: What would you say the odds would be of a colt paying \$367 and \$126 and then being the Hambletonian favorite in the raceoff? He was 90 cents on the dollar and finished third to Historic Freight and Gentle Stroke.

- **8.** Jimmy Takter's Hambletonian debut, as a driver was with 132-1 Classic Air in 1989 that finished seventh. Things changed a touch in the ensuing three decades.
- **9.** In 1995, the top two in the HOY had their own summer adventures certainly HOY C R Kay Suzie did as she made a break and did not qualify for the Hambletonian final. HOY runner-up Jennas Beach Boy missed the entire summer due to injury, but he came back at the end of September to set the new world 3YO mark of 1:48.4 at the Red Mile.
- **10.** That same year, 1995, Eric Adielsson tried his luck in the Hambletonian at age 20 with Easy Lover. He had no luck though as he finished seventh in his elimination at 13-1.
- 11. In 1987, all eyes were on Mack Lobell. He dominated the Meadowlands Hambletonian, the first for Chuck Sylvester (of four victories) and for John Campbell (who won six). Not a lot of attention was being paid to Mack's stablemate last-place finisher Waikiki Beach, who was to make some noise, but a bit later on (being the sire of Varenne has a way of doing that. Varenne had career earnings of \$5,636,225). The horse who passed Varenne on that list of trotting earnings was Ready Cash who has two finalists in the 2020 Hambletonian Ready For Moni and Back Of The Neck.
- **12.** The last ever horse driven by Billy Haughton in the Hambletonian was Gallant Pro in 1984. He eighth at 59-1. Billy was around for only one more Hambletonian. He died three weeks before the 1986 edition.

40th anniversary

Thursday (Aug. 6) marked the 40th anniversary of the 1980 Woodrow Wilson for 2-year-old pacers that carried a purse of \$2,011,00.

It occurred three weeks after Niatross won the first ever million-dollar race.

Sire Meadowlands Skipper, then 18 and with 17 more months to live, was responsible for the entire field and both AEs, counting sons and grandsons.

Land Grant, a son of Meadow Skipper, won it at 69-1 (\$141.80) for Del Insko. Stephen Lang and Yizhar Glaser owned the instant millionaire. He keyed an exacta worth \$1,549.60-no trifecta or superfecta wagering on the race.

The fractions were: :28, :57,1:26 and 1:56.4.

The attendance, for a Wednesday night, was 27,441. They bet \$3,599,817.

Four years later there would be one more \$2 million race (\$2,161,000) and that was won by a great-grandson of Meadow Skipper — Nihilator. A grandson was the runner-up — Praised Dignity — meaning both runners-up in the only two \$2 million races in standardbred history are sons of Albatross.

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Hambletonian Elim Winner RAMONA HILL

Muscle Hill-Lock Down Lindy

Owned by Bradley Grant, Crawford Farms Racing, Robert Leblanc and In The Gym Partners and trained by Tony Alagna. Sold by Preferred Equine, agent for breeder Crawford Farms.

Hambletonian Elim Winner READY FOR MONI

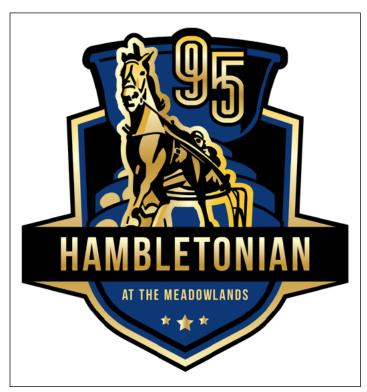
Ready Cash-Nothing But Moni

Owned by John Fielding, Lindy Farms, Herb Liverman & Bud Hatfield and trained by Nancy Takter. Sold by Preferred Equine, agent for breeder Moni Maker Stable.

And last weekend the celebration was for Lexington grad and \$375,000 Adios winner CATCH THE FIRE, owned by Charles Taylor's CT Stables, trained by John Ackley and sold by Kentuckiana Farms, agent for breeder Fred Kruszelnicki.

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A primer for Hambletonian Day

Harness Racing's Greatest Day is set for Saturday at The Meadowlands Racetrack. Full **TrackMaster past performance lines, courtesy of HRU, are available here.**

by Meadowlands media relations

The stream of stakes races will overflow as a small creek would after a tropical storm, just like the money that will flood the pools at The Meadowlands on Saturday (Aug. 8), when the 95th edition of the \$1 million Hambletonian takes center stage on "Harness Racing's Greatest Day". Post time for the first race is noon.

Sitting atop the list of betting opportunities will be the 20-cent Super High-Five. With Saturday bringing a mandatory payout, a low 15 per cent takeout and a \$109,280 carryover, the sky's the limit for the wager's total pool since the race will have a bulky field of 11.

"We have a unique wagering and investment opportunity for all players caused by the low takeout and big carryover," said Big M chief operating officer and general manager Jason Settlemoir. "We have placed the wager on Race 14, which will take place 30 minutes before the prestigious Travers Stakes at Saratoga.

"The opportunity for the player is superb, as the mathematics of this carryover wager have swung the advantage to the player, arguably making the mandatory payout on the High-Five the best bet offered at any racetrack or sports book on Hambletonian Day. There will be more



Dave Landry

Meadowlands track announcer Ken Warkentin will call his 21st Hambletonian on Saturday.

money paid out Saturday than the money wagered on the High-Five if the final pool is under \$800,000."

His point is a valid one. In the event there is \$190,720 in "new money" bet into the High-Five, which is a low-end guess, that would create a total payout of \$271,392 (good for a surplus of \$80,672), which would result in a staggering 42 per cent edge for the bettor.

If there is \$290,720 in new money, that would create a total payout of \$356,392 (surplus, \$65,672), creating a 22 per cent advantage for the player.

But, naturally, on the 16-race program that will conclude The Big M's "Championship Meet", that opportunity to make a score is merely one of many.

In fact, there will be five other wagers on the program which will undoubtedly take big action while offering the small 15 per cent rake:

- 20-cent Pick-6 (Race 1)
- 20-cent Pick-5 (Race 3, \$75,000 guaranteed pool)
- 50-cent Pick-4 (Race 8, \$100,000)
- 20-cent Pick-5 (Race 11, \$50,000)
- 50-cent Pick-4 (Race 13, \$50,000)

CHECK YOUR WATCH: Tonight's (Aug. 7) night's races will begin at the usual 7:15 p.m., but on Saturday (Aug. 8),

Hambletonian Day, the huge 16-race program gets underway at noon.

The Hambletonian Oaks has a post time of 3:30 p.m., while the Hambletonian is slated to go at 4:35 p.m.

NATIONAL TV: The Hambletonian and the Hambletonian Oaks will be presented on a tape delayed one-hour broadcast that will be seen on the CBS Sports Network beginning at 6 p.m.

The show will be hosted by Gary Seibel remotely, with the Big M's TV team of Dave Brower and Dave Little serving as the primary on-site players. Gabe Prewitt, Ashley Mailloux and Jessica Otten will handle interviews during the 60-minute show. Ken Warkentin will call the race for the 21sttime in his career as the voice of The Big M.

STAKES MENU: In addition to the \$1 million Hambletonian, the \$600,000 Hambletonian Oaks, \$273,125 Cane Pace, \$90,525 Shady Daisy, \$229,660 Sam McKee, \$177,100 Lady Liberty, \$284,200 John Cashman, \$166,550 John Steele, \$339,000 Peter Haughton and \$350,300 Jim Doherty will also be on the Saturday card.

WANT TO BET THE HAMBLETONIAN TODAY? Wagering on the entire Hambletonian Day card will be available all day long today (Aug. 7). Check wherever you normally get your action as all 16 races should be available for those who want to bet 24 hours in advance.

WANT TO BET THE HAMBLETONIAN "ON THE GO"? The Meadowlands will offer wagering for those who need the convenience of a walk-up window given the track's reduced capacity.

There will be a betting window in Lot M off Berry's Creek Road. Tellers will take action from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Programs will be available for sale for not only the Meadowlands races, but for simulcast action as well.

COMING TO THE TRACK? For those interested in coming out to the track on Hambletonian Day, they should go to this **link for complete information**.

FREE STUFF: For free past performances, go to **playmeadowlands.com**, where race fans can access Races 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 for Friday. For Friday's PPs, **go to this link**. Saturday's entire 16-race program will be available free of charge. For those PPs, **go to this link**.

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**.

Additionally, track announcer 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), Little (@DaveLittleBigM), Warkentin (@kenvoiceover), Otten (@JessicaOtten1), Prewitt (@gabe_prewitt) and Mailloux (@ashley_mailloux). 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, tvg.com or your favorite ADW (advance-deposit wagering) platform.

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2, 1:55.1f-'20 (\$101,483) Dam: Ilia by Windsong's Legacy

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ETHAN T HANOVER (Dam: Emmylou Who by Ken Warkentin) finished third in this division. His sister by Muscle Hill, EMMYLOU ME HANOVER, sells in Harrisburg this fall.

AFTER WORK

2, 1:56.3f-'20 (\$17,600) Dam: One Girl Show It by Andover Hall

\$20,000 PA Stallion Series division winner for two-year-old trotting colts in 1:56.3, August 5 at Harrah's Philadelphia.

OWNED BY: Goran Falk
TRAINED BY: Nancy Takter
DRIVEN BY: Yannick Gingras
BRED BY: Goran Falk

MISTER BOINGA

2, 1:58.2f-'20 (\$15,200) Dam: Boinga by Windsong's Legacy

\$\$20,000 PA Stallion Series division winner for two-year-old trotting colts in 1:58.2, August 5 at Harrah's Philadelphia.

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Why more American trainers aren't winning the big trotting races

Plus, thoughts on Josh Marks' apology, the debut of big-ticket yearlings, the betting public and more.

by Ron Gurfein

Tidbits: With the Hambletonian eliminations in the books, and the final tomorrow, some thoughts about what we are about to witness.

No favorite has won the race since Royalty For Life in 2013. Not one of the three fillies to find themselves in the winner's circle in modern times — Duenna, Continentalvictory, or Atlanta — went to post as the favorite. Mission Brief, the last filly to start the race as the public's choice, finished second.

Unfortunately, I will not predict the outcome of this year's edition as I was perfect last week and do not want to hurt my average. I will say we are in for a hell of a race and if the weather is right we may well see the first sub-1:50 Hambletonian final.

Please take note that I will have a special Sunday column: Hambletonian 95 — The Good, The Bad and the Ugly.

Amazingly, all of the three big-ticket yearlings of 2019 appeared on the same morning last Saturday at the Meadowlands and to this writer they didn't disappoint.

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Did they look like \$2.9 million? That's well above my pay grade.

Maverick, who has always appeared great gaited to me but dull finishing, looked strong coming first up for team Alagna and Andy McCarthy to win in 1:58.

Damien made a break just past the quarter in his first attempt at qualifying for Per Engblom and the "White Knight," but it was definitely not his fault as the horse he was following stopped to a walk in a heartbeat on the way to the half. After coming back trotting, he looked great finishing. On the pacing side, the Nancy Takter, Yannick Gingras combo have what looks like a killer colt in One Eight Hundred. The Somebeachsomewhere colt had me scratching my head when he was hammered down for \$800,000. He is the third foal of the dam with a full brother that was a winner of just \$100,000. I found the price hard to believe. Someone far smarter than I was quite an astute buyer. I won't say he was worth the price but he looked fabulous winning in 1:52.3 under severe restraint.

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I realize the racing season is in full scale and sports are back on TV, but I still get requests for book suggestions and television series suggestions. I honestly have still not read one book that I would recommend. I liked Countdown 1945 by Chris Wallace about how Truman and the government handled the Manhattan Project in the days running up to the actual deployment of the first Atomic Bomb over Hiroshima. It is very exciting till after the second bomb is dropped on Nagasaki. The problem is that this occurs at the halfway point of the book. From there on in it is nothing short of just plain DULL. So reading half the book is worth the effort.

As for television, I really love Yellowstone, and find the new version of Perry Mason quite compelling. The first few episodes are a challenge but it gets really good the further you go.

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My readers are constantly asking me to write about the dark side of the business — some spicy stuff I witnessed along the way. To me there is no dark side. After 60 years in the business, have I been around some unsavory characters or witnessed things it didn't approve of? Of course I have. But to be perfectly honest, not for a long, long time. Ninety-nine percent of my experience has been positive. I don't like to single out anyone for making a mistake, only the chronic trouble makers.

My dad taught me something we all should live by: Intelligent people talk about ideas, average people talk about things, dull people talk about other people.

It's not fun, but I have no trouble admitting when I am wrong. I loved Crucial as a yearling. She ended up way out of my price range, but her failure to live up to expectations thus far does hurt my ego a bit.

Along comes the 2019 version — Ineffable, the next filly from Jolene Jolene and a \$600,000 yearling. I was very surprised at the price she was hammered down for as were most of the onlookers at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. Somebody seemed much smarter than me after she appeared a filly possessed of rare talent in her first test behind the starting gate. However that was all she wrote. Her wonderful performance that start has yet to be duplicated. My question is why does this happen? I am not going to sit on the sidelines and point fingers or criticize because I have gone through the same situation with Vernon Blue Chip and Miss Wisconsin. However, they both won the Merrie Anabelle before the wheels fell off.

I will on the other hand say, in my opinion, it is not a fault of training or racing pressure as most critics are saying. It is however an over-estimate on the depth of pedigree. To me, all pedigrees have a governor, the progeny under normal circumstances can only go so fast. That to me is the rest of the story of Jolene Jolene.

Andy Richardson asks: I root for the home team and life in harness racing gets more and more difficult year after year with my home team American trainers getting beaten up by their Swedish counterparts in all the big races in the last few years. Why are there not more American trainers winning the big trotting races?

There are numerous answers to your query. The first of which is that the sport has become a business in the U.S. way more than a sport. The trainers that were ruling the roost in the trotting divisions have long since departed. From 1940 to 1980, there was no Hambletonian-winning trainer not born in North America. From 1980 to 2020, there were

12 Swedish trainers and two races were won by an Argentinian.

In this year's event, only three of the 10 entrees are represented by American-born trainers. It means nothing for these Swedish stables to plunk down fortunes to buy horses. They represent wealthy industrialists and Internet entrepreneurs. In America, these mega millionaires are mostly attracted to the thoroughbred game. In the 1930s and before there were many crossovers (thoroughbred and standardbred owners). However, there are not nearly as many today as "Old Money" has dried up considerably in both venues.

Add to these circumstances, the continued great success of Ake Svanstedt and Marcus Melander have brought to them an avalanche of financial backing.

Soren Nordin came to America with powerful connections but had almost all his success with 2-year-olds and never was a factor on the Hambletonian scene. Hakan Walner, Jan Johnson and Bernie Linstedt (Continental Farm) were the first on their scene. They had many Classic 3-year-olds and lots of potential buying power.

Jimmy Takter was next to attract the big spenders and made the most of that power for sure. Melander is a Takter disciple.

It hurts to say this, but this is not a passing fad. The Melanders are young, Ake is a workaholic and not that old (Sara keeps him young), they will be a force for many years to come. On top of them, Nancy Takter has a powerhouse.

The major American trainers just cannot compete. Sure, Tony Alagna has a great filly in Ramona Hill. She cost under \$100,000. Tony is a wonderful trainer, but trains very few trotters, possibly less that 10 per cent of his barn. Unless his numbers increase, no matter how good he is, he can't fight the Swedish machine. Similarly, Julie Miller, Ron Burke, Joe



Holloway, Linda Toscano, Nifty Norman, Erv Miller, and Chris Ryder, among many others, have the talent to make a mark, but lack the major buying power.

Another formidable problem (I hate to beat a dead horse) is the lack of the use of the straight track by the American trainers and those that make use of it lack the knowledge as to how to use it to their best advantage. I have covered this before and won't bore you with a dissertation again.

Until the money flow changes direction, the Swedes will have a great run.

John Bruno asks: Were you surprised at DEXTER'S public apology printed in HRU last week?

"Nothing DEXTER does surprises me. I want no harm to any human being. I sympathize with the fight he is having within himself. You are always alone taking on mental problems until you reach out for help. I respect Tom Grossman a lot and he stands up for the guy and I will accept his opinion graciously. What I don't truly understand is the correlation between mental health and "better horse racing through chemistry."

Phillip Coole asks: In the fifth race Friday at the Meadowlands, please explain to me how Caviart Audrey was not the favorite over Grace Hill? How on earth could the betting public make Grace 2-5?

The betting public like horses that win. Grace Hill was on a roll, however I tend to agree with you, with the :25.4 last quarter Caviart Audrey displayed in her qualifier the \$280,000 daughter of Darlin's Delight was daunting.

I think it's in part due to the connections saying to the TV audience we will leave a little from the outside, but it's her first start and we won't be gunning to the top. Which in truth is exactly what Yannick did and he was victorious anyway.

The more you go to the races you will find that the opinion of the betting public is only sound about 30 per cent of the time.

With the Meadowlands giving away \$3,600,000 plus in purses this Saturday I am certain that there attendance quota will be filled. If you are one of the lucky ones to be there please remember that Governor Murphy is on top of the virus and it is important that you observe all the necessary protocols to keep racing alive and well in the state of New Jersey.

That said, keep the questions coming and have a wonderful week.

Have a question for The Guru? Email him at GurfTrot@aol.com.

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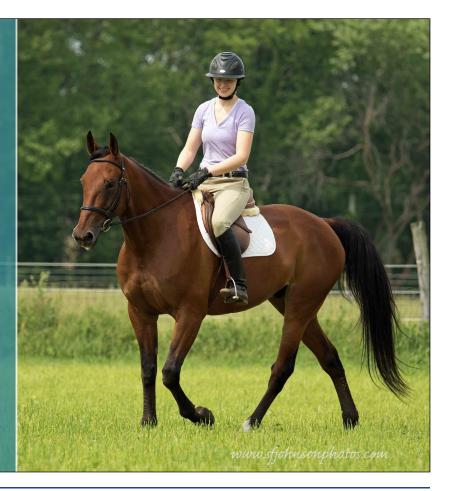
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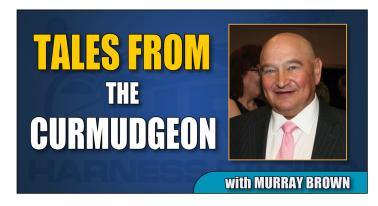
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31	Burn It Down Ås	С	Conway Hall	Perfect View Ås	Like a Prayer	ACL Farm
35	Rescuer	С	Magic Tonight	Unika Wind	Muscle Hill	SRF Stable
53	Oh Mandy Pellini	f	Father Patrick	Little Sis Pellini	S.J.'s Photo	Pellpac
55	Javeline Jaune	f	Bold Eagle	Almondi Am	Chocolatier	Am Bloodstock
58	Pure Fortune	С	Walner	Pure Kemp	Muscle Hill	Göteborg Smart Repair Center
62	Catharsis	С	Trixton	Caviar Sisu	S.J.'s Caviar	Sansiro
63	Never Mind'Em	С	Propulsion	Face'Em	Offshore Dream	Em Stables
70	Revolution Tile	f	Walner	Natalie De Vie	Muscle Hill	Vestmarka
71	Alpha Dog	С	Southwind Frank	Ms Stone	Enjoy Lavec	Lina Alm
73	Luca Barosso	С	Propulsion	Zara Barosso	Ready Cash	Ecurie Barosso
77	Jinx	f	Django Riff	Contrarian	Conway Hall	Am Bloodstock
86	Rainbow Tile	f	Walner	Hot Mess Hanover	Cantab Hall	Vestmarka
88	Halley Wania (FI)	f	EL Titan	Rialba RL	Kadabra	Wania Racing
90	Fix You	С	Magic Tonight	Spoil Me	Going Kronos	SRF Stable
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After paying his dues, Tony Alagna's dreams have come true

by Murray Brown

Imagine this: You have spent your whole life around horses — all sorts of horses.

You feel you are ready. You've paid your dues. You've worked with and tried to emulate some of the greatest horsemen on the planet. You think you are ready to go out on your own.

Your dream is to have a stable of yearlings that you hope you can help develop into quality racehorses and hopefully have a great one or more along the way.

That's your dream. Sometimes dreams do come true, but so often does reality.

The year is 2009. You have decided you are going to go out on your own.

For the last six years you have been second trainer for Erv Miller, one of the top horsemen of this generation.

You mention going out on your own to Myron Bell, who together with George Segal's Brittany Farms had some horses in training with Erv.

Bell's response was "What the hell took you so long?".

Thus, Tony Alagna's climb to where he is now reached its mid-point.

He was looking for his big break and now he thought he had got it.

He told Bell that his plan was to assemble a group of well-bred yearlings, take them to Florida and hopefully assemble a stable of what would become Grand Circuit horses.

Bell told him that he was making a mistake. "What if your yearlings don't make it?" he asked. (How prophetic that was going to be). "What you need to do is establish a stable of racehorses in New Jersey. You need for people to see you and become acquainted with what you can do. You need a mix of



Dave Landry

Trainer Tony Alagna.

racehorses to fall back on if the yearlings don't make it."

Alagna went to the yearling sales with the backing of Bell and Brittany. They studied their lessons and bought several what they believed were high quality yearlings, a few of them weren't cheap. None of them turned out to be what Tony hoped they would become.

Thank goodness Alagna had some success with his racehorse stable. Eric Cherry had purchased a filly who had been racing well in Iowa named Laughandbehappy. Eric's trainer, Ross Croghan, asked Alagna if he would race her for them at The Meadowlands to get some idea of how good she was. Alagna responded, "I'd baby sit a German Sheppard for you if you asked me." She turned out to be very good. She swept all the legs and the final of a winter series at The Meadowlands. Tony, hopefully, was on his way.

The next fall he felt he had blown his chance with yearlings.

After the way his 2-year-olds had under-performed, he felt that there was no way Segal and Bell would reinvest with him. He was wrong. Bell told him, "It wasn't your fault. We just picked bad horses. We'll try it again this year."

That year they had much more success. Among their



Dave Landry

Alagna (right) with owners John Fodera (left) and Myron Bell at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale in 2016.

purchases were the stakes horses Major Bombay and Nicki Beach.

The next year, lightning struck. His name was Captaintreacherous.

What brought Tony Alagna to that point?

He grew up in Illinois with his mom Donna Lee. Then, and to this day, she has been the biggest asset in his life.

He was always involved with horses.

Among his fondest memories were traveling the Illinois Fair Circuit with his mom and their small stable.

In that time frame, he also showed Morgans and American Saddlebreds.

He began to assemble a wealth of knowledge about horses, the chief being to keep them healthy and happy.

His first job working for a high-powered stable was with his dear friend and mentor Brian Pinske.

Pinske taught him a great deal, but perhaps most important to Tony Alagna, Pinske placed a great deal of trust in him and his ability to get the job done.

"Brian had it all. He could do everything there was to do with a horse. He was a great yearling picker. He was a great trainer. He was also a good farrier and driver. Most importantly, he was a wonderful person. He loved life and people. I didn't know Billy Haughton, but from what I experienced with him, he was as close to being someone like him than anybody since. Tragically, for all who knew them, they were both taken from us far too soon.

"After Brian passed away, I went back to school for a short time hoping to become a vet. I realized that wasn't for me. I then trained Pat and Doc Walker's Fox Valley Farms horses for four years. They made it well known that if their yearlings didn't bring what they thought they should, they would retain and train those. I was put in charge of their racing stable. They, in effect, became a victim of their own success with the horses that they bred doing so well, the prices rose to the point that they didn't need to train near as many.

"It was then that I went to work for Erv. I worked with Erv for six years. Erv operates a huge stable and does it extremely well. I think I learned a great many things from working with him, among them being the ability to be able

to manage more than a small number of horses and people.

You have assembled a great group of owners, let's talk about some of them.

Myron Bell and George Segal - "I'm sure that I'd have attained some degree of success without them, but I'm fairly certain it would be nowhere related to the scale and the amount of time it's taken. There are people who consider Myron to be abrasive and he certainly can be that. But at heart, he is a kind, caring person who if you are his friend, he will be at your back whenever and wherever. I speak with him just about every day, sometimes several times and not always about horses.

"George is a great person as well, but in a different manner. He is the relatively rare sort of person who is able to compartmentalize and prioritize his life. He knows what he knows and what he doesn't know or even want to know. He works with good people and has trust in their abilities. I speak with him occasionally, but not that often. As some may have experienced, when speaking with George, one may not know that the conversation is over until you have a dead phone in your hand."

Brad Grant - "One great guy. I first came to know him when his Apprentice Hanover was racing against
Captaintreacherous. I sold him a few horses over the years that we both made out well on. I remember him asking me about a filly he was trying to buy, 'If she is this good, why are you selling her to me?' I responded 'because I race and sell horses for a living and you do something that enables you to buy these horses.' That filly turned out to be
Sandbetweenurtoes who is still racing and has earned
\$1,049,148. Eventually Brad approached me and said, 'Why don't we cut out the middle phase of this relationship and have you buy them as yearlings that I can own from the beginning.' Of course, I loved his thinking on that."

John Fodera and Steve Winnick - "I'm grouping these two together because they are great friends of each other and great friends of mine. If you see John's name on one of mine, Steve's is usually there as well. John has been a dear friend for as long as he has been with me. He has been almost like a father figure. Our relationship transcends racing."

Dana Parham - "An absolutely brilliant man. When he decides to do something, he is focused on doing it as well as he can possibly do it. When I first became acquainted with him, he was almost entirely out of the business. He had spent untold millions of dollars with very little success. I got perhaps his last racehorse, Odds On Equluus to train for him. I think it was more than that he had an emotional attachment to him that he decided to keep him racing. We



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Tony Alagna said the faith of Brittany's George Segal and Myron Bell has elevated the Alagna Stable to new heights.

did quite well. Dana had become friends and partners with Eric Cherry with whom he learned to focus on quality race fillies — particularly well-bred pacing fillies. He is into buying the best available yearling pacing fillies on the market. I have no doubt that within a reasonable period of time he will have assembled one of the greatest broodmare bands in the industry."

Robert Leblanc - "Another great guy. Actually, there is probably nobody in my present ownership group that I wouldn't consider to be a wonderful person. Robert is extremely bright and very personable. He loves the business and is thirsty for knowledge. I think he might be a trifle spoiled though, having Ramona Hill as one of the first horses that he has owned."

Al and Michelle Crawford - "Two wonderful people. They are involved in virtually every phase of the business. They breed, raise, race, sell, buy and find homes for horses. They are extremely kind and generous and wonderful to have in the stable."

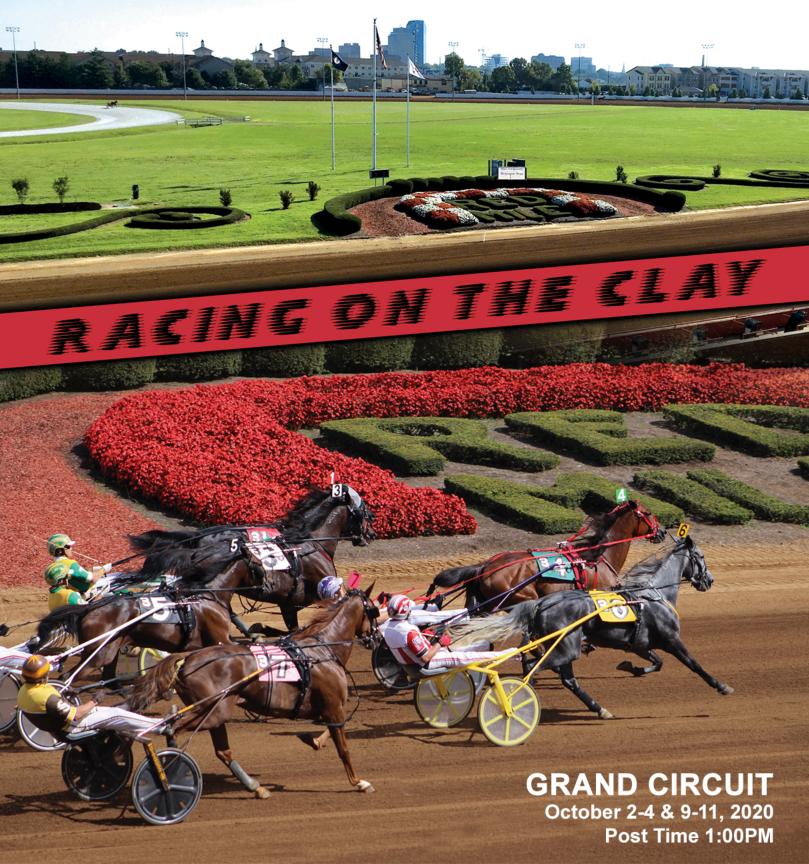
Mom - "She is the best, despite sometimes being a pain in the ass. She pretty much supervises the business aspect of the operation. She carries a whole load off of my shoulders by running the Canadian segment of the stable. In addition, I know that when I send a horse there it will be trained and treated in the same way as if I were with it. She has her own people who work with her there and has had them for some time."

How about a few of the horses?

Captaintreacherous - "Myron went to the sale knowing that his group was either going to own him or that whoever did was going to have to pay a whole lot more than what he actually brought. On



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a scale from one to 10, we considered him to be at least a 12. He had everything going for him. We looked at all the Somebeachsomewhere yearlings in his first crop. He was in our opinion not only the best looking one, he was also the best bred one. George Segal has a group of different people independently looking at yearlings for him. He then assembles all that information in his great mind. The conclusion of all, was that he was 'the one.' Of course, he went out and did everything and more than that was expected of him on the racetrack and is now doing the same in the breeding shed."

Ramona Hill - "She was a gorgeous filly as was her dam Lock Down Lindy. She was a heat winner in the Hambletonian Oaks, but at times just couldn't put it all together. She comes from a strong Canadian family, the one that produced Majestic Son. A self-professed pedigree snob like Myron probably wouldn't even have bothered to look at her. I'm guessing he just would have turned her page. I fell in love at first sight. As soon as I first saw her, I knew in my mind that I was going to buy her. I'd worry about owners later. Her ownership group of Brad Grant, Al & Michelle Crawford, Robert Leblanc, John Fedora and Steve Winnick quickly came together.

"She was a late foal, so we didn't rush her. She always showed some brilliance. We decided to skip the Doherty Memorial at The Meadowlands and instead shipped her to Lexington. Dr. Mitchell did some work on her back which I believe helped her a great deal.

"We raced her in the Kindergarten Series to give her some racing experience. She finished the year by winning the Breeders Crown in spectacular fashion.

"Her win in the Hambletonian elimination just might have been the greatest performance I've seen in all my years in harness racing. What happened before and right after the half didn't please Andy McCarthy very much."

Maverick - "He's the one most people talk about given his price. He's a big horse that needs a little time. People have asked if I'm disappointed. Decidedly not. He has a lot of talent, but I'm not about to push him beyond what I think he might be physically and mentally prepared for. Thankfully, the partners all agree. I'm probably going to take him to Lexington, maybe race him there a few times and then probably turn him out and allow him to grow, fill in and become the horse that I believe he is supposed to be."

Who is the best horseman you've ever been around?

"Most people of this generation would probably say Jimmy Takter and I certainly could not argue with them. He is a great talent, a hard worker and someone who is not glued to the past. He is not afraid to try something new or even somewhat revolutionary. But I'm probably going to surprise you with my choice.

"I think I learned more by working for three months with Dan Altmeyer than I did in a small period of time with anybody else in the horse business.

"In addition to being a great guy and a great horseman, he does everything the right way. If a young person came to me and asked me where he could go to work and learn a great deal, I wouldn't hesitate to recommend Dan and now his son in law Mike Wilder.

"I never knew Keith Waples. So many speak of him with great reverence as a great teacher. He taught not by showing or telling you what to do, but by example. If you watched and followed what he did, you couldn't help but learn. The same is the case with Dan.

* Author's Note – It's not a surprise to me at all. I've known Dan Altmeyer for decades. I've also had horses with him. He personifies the word class.

When we spoke, you were just coming from looking at yearlings. Two questions

1. What's it like looking at yearlings without Myron?

"It's certainly less time consuming. It's also less edifying. Looking at horses with Myron exposes you to a wealth of information, much of it the result of an incredibly great memory, but also some that will help you in deciding your choices."

2. Where do you see the yearling market going this year?

"One thing that is fairly certain to me is that there will be no million-dollar yearlings this year.

"The market will definitely be down. I'm guessing somewhere from 30 to 40 per cent. In addition to the problems we have in the world today, I think that not having some of the buyers at the sales in person will detract from the emotion that being at a horse sale generates. The thought of 'just one more bid' or 'that guy cannot outbid me' will not occur. There will also be a surplus of young horses who didn't pay their way, but of which not enough is known that will be retained, thus taking the stall of a yearling that could be bought. I'm still going to do my homework as well as I can so that I am prepared when opportunity presents itself."

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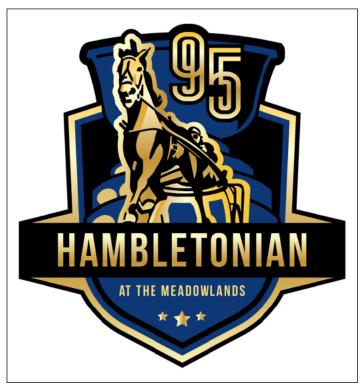
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Crawfords seek Hambletonian Déjà vu with Ramona Hill

by Rich Fisher / USTA web newsroom senior correspondent

It has been one heck of a roller coaster ride for Ramona Hill where the Hambletonian is concerned. The journey has gone from uncertainty, to bleak dismay, to sheer euphoria, to odds-on favorite. And the race is still a day away.

In short order, the connections waited until the last minute to enter the filly, then watched disconcertingly as she fell into last place with just over a quarter-mile to go in last Saturday's elimination. Amazingly, Andrew McCarthy drove her to victory from that point, sending shock waves through upstate New York.

The result is that Ramona Hill has been made the 5-2 morning line favorite for Saturday's 95th Hambletonian for 3-year-old trotters at The Meadowlands.

"No pressure there, huh?" said co-owner Michelle Crawford with a laugh. "I think (fellow owner) Brad Grant has to drive his truck down from Ontario so he can hold my hand through the whole thing."

Crawford and her husband Al own and operate Crawford Farms in Syracuse, NY where Ramona Hill was bred. They also have a stake in Atlanta, the last filly to win the Hambletonian in 2018.

Ramona Hill sold for \$70,000 at the 2018 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale to the Crawfords, Grant, Robert LeBlanc and In The Gym Partners.

"We liked her at the sale," Crawford said. "You never know who's going to buy your horses. We said 'If you guys would have us, we'll take it.' It just worked out well we were able to get back in on 25 per cent and be the breeder."



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Albert and Michelle Crawford bred Ramona Hill and retain a share of the filly that has been pegged as the favorite in Saturday's Hambletonian.

A daughter of Muscle Hillout of Lock Down Lindy, Ramona Hill took six firsts and a third last year in seven starts while being trained by Tony Alagna. The season culminated with a victory from post 10 in the Breeders Crown for 2-year-old filly trotters at Woodbine Mohawk Park. She was then named the Dan Patch Award winner as 2-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year in 2019

Due to COVID-19, she only raced twice this year prior to the Hambletonian eliminations, finishing third in her debut in the Reynolds Memorial before winning the Del Miller Memorial in 1:50.3 from post 10 on July 18 at The Meadowlands.

"Pulling up after that mile — and it doesn't happen very often — but I actually got goosebumps," driver McCarthy said of the Del Miller. "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."

When it came to entering her in the Hambletonian, Crawford said the decision was basically going to be made by Alagna and Grant, since he was the majority owner. But, she added, everyone would have a voice.

"We said, 'Tony, you're the trainer, you're going to tell us if she can handle this; and we respect Brad's opinion and value that," Crawford said. "I think we were all just of the opinion of 'Yeah, why not.' Of course, as a breeder, you're like 'No way, this is not happening.'

"But it happened last weekend right before the draw. It wasn't like it was pre-planned and premeditated, we just let it play out. We all made the decision together. That's how it should be."

So, this past Saturday night, the Crawfords lit a bonfire on their back deck and gathered around a TV with friends Chad and Heather Marshall. Chad is operations manager for Crawford Farms while Heather (formerly Reese) is a breeding manager. The foursome, which always gathers for big races, had their excitement turn to disbelief once the race got underway as Ramona Hill fell to the back.

"I had a little pit in my stomach," Crawford said. "I was like 'Whew, this isn't going like I thought it would be going.' I think everyone just wants to see their horse do well and draw the one through five for the final. I think that was on my mind at first, and then it felt like everything was just slipping away and at that point I'm like 'Look, we just need to get in."

And then it happened. After trotting dead last over the first three-quarters, Ramona Hill exploded for a :25.4 final quarter to overtake the field and, unknowingly, scare the



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Ramona Hill (shown winning in Lexington in 2019) has put up two amazing performances in the lead-up to the Hambletonian.

heck out of Crawford's neighbors.

"I'm pretty sure my neighbors thought I was dying over here, or something was happening to me," Crawford said. "It was really kind of crazy. When she came flying home, we were crazy. We were all screaming and jumping up and down. It was so exciting. I can't imagine it coming out any other way. The feeling we had when she won, it was like she won the Hambo. It was definitely an 'ah hah' moment.

"I wish I were there. The people who were there were screaming 'girl power' as she was coming from the stretch, which gave me goose bumps. From everything I've read and heard, it's your proud parent moment."

The deck got so loud, Crawford thinks the noise carried 250 miles.

"I'm pretty sure Tony could hear me at The Meadowlands," she said.

The victory guaranteed Ramona Hill a one-through-five post for the Hambletonian, and she ended up in the five hole. Getting good draws prior to that is one thing the horse could not seem to master.

"Tony said she might be blinded by the tote board if she ever draws a one or two," Crawford said.

Unlucky posts have yet to deter Ramona Hill, as she gives the Crawfords another filly with a chance to make her name against the sport's top male 3-year-old trotters. This situation is slightly different, though, as they bought into Atlanta just months before the 2018 Hambletonian. The emotional attachment is a little stronger this time with Ramona Hill.

"Of course it is, because we bred her," Crawford said. "We





love Lock Down Lindy, so I'm super attached to her mom. She's actually back in foal with a full brother or sister in the belly, a Muscle Hill. We brought her to the new farm we're building. She's turned out up here. So you're closer because you're attached to the family."

Crawford added that they have grown attached to Atlanta since they have been together for three years, but their relationship started as a financial venture.

"It was overwhelming we could buy into a filly for the price we did and then win the Hambo," she said. "It was almost like 'Oh my God I threw myself on the ledge and now I can peel myself back off the ledge.' It was a lot of overwhelming feelings for a filly to win a Hambo but it was a financial relief that we made the right decision buying her at the price we did."

In comparing the two, Crawford feels that Ramona Hill needs a little more attention.

"Atlanta always just put her head down and just did it," she said. "She's super sound all the time. I think that we've had to take a little bit of time with Ramona. Tony's been very cautious since we started her as a 2-year-old. We've had to watch her knees. He was very calculated in her 2-year-old year. He saw signs of greatness there and managed her carefully.

"It's the same thing coming back this year. She's got some ouches and she just goes with it. Her heart just keeps going. Tony's always watching, making sure she comes out of the race well."

Because of those "ouches" it may be a blessing that Ramona Hill has not raced often this year.

"She hasn't been over-raced and I think we've been aggressively getting race ready," said Crawford, who plans on being at The Meadowlands this Saturday with her Ramona Hill face masks. "With what she's shown us, she definitely deserves a shot. And you can't leave out Andy McCarthy, who knows her so well. He's a great judge. He and Tony have a great relationship. We rely heavily on them. And at this point I don't see anybody jumping up and down thinking 'You're crazy thinking she can go with the boys."

After the horse's incredible effort in the eliminations, Crawford is not surprised Ramona Hill is the morning line favorite. She knows, of course, that doesn't guarantee anything.

"Obviously she's still got some super-stiff competition in there," Crawford said. "She's in tough, nobody's going to take that for granted. I think we had a tough division on Saturday and she drove like a rock star. The fact she was dead last and rallied and came home in :25.4 tells me she's capable of anything.

"I just always wish everybody good luck. It's a big day for everybody. I'm sure everybody has the same angst and anxiety as I do. We're going to drive down, stay isolated as well as we can, but enjoy it live and in person. We have quite a bit of racing that day. We've had a pretty exciting couple of months right now."

And a very exciting two weeks leading up to Saturday.

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PP-Horse-Driver-Trainer-ML

- 1-Ready For Moni-Yannick Gingras-Nancy Takter-3-1
- 2-Back Of The Neck-Scott Zeron-Ake Svanstedt-4-1
- 3-Hollywood Story-David Miller-Marcus Melander-15-1
- 4-Big Oil-Andy Miller-Julie Miller-15-1
- 5-Ramona Hill-Andrew McCarthy-Tony Alagna-5-2
- 6-Threefiftytwo-Daniel Dube-Luc Blais-6-1
- 7-Capricornus-Tim Tetrick-Marcus Melander-15-1
- 8-Rome Pays Off-Mattias Melander-Marcus Melander-15-1
- 9-Sister Sledge-Brian Sears-Ron Burke-12-1
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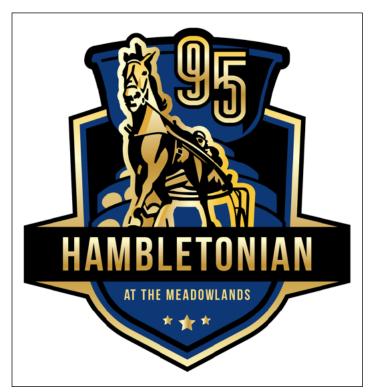
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Nancy Takter aims for history in Hambletonian

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

No trainer has ever won the Meadowlands Racetrack's top events for 3-year-old pacers and trotters — the Meadowlands Pace and Hambletonian Stakes — in the same year. Just being in the position to accomplish the feat is rare enough, but that is the spot in which Nancy Takter finds herself this year.

Takter won the Meadowlands Pace in July with Tall Dark Stranger. On Saturday, she sends out Ready For Moni in the \$1 million Hambletonian final at The Big M. The only other trainer this century to win the Pace and have a Hambletonian finalist was Ray Schnittker in 2010, when One More Laugh captured the Pace and Cassis was eighth in the Hambletonian.

Schnittker is among seven trainers to win both the Pace and Hambletonian during their careers. The others are Billy Haughton, Ray Remmen, Chuck Sylvester, Blair Burgess, Steve Elliott, and Linda Toscano.

"I think that would be pretty awesome," Takter said about winning the Pace and Hambletonian in the same year. "That would be pretty cool."

Ready For Moni, with Yannick Gingras in the sulky, is the 3-1 second choice on the Hambletonian morning line. He won his elimination last weekend by three-quarters of a length over Threefiftytwo in 1:51.3. The colt is 2-for-2 this year, with his first victory coming in a division of the Stanley



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Trainer Nancy Takter won the Meadowlands Pace in July with Tall Dark Stranger. A victory in the Hambletonian with Ready For Moni would make her the first trainer to win both events in the same year.

Dancer Memorial in 1:51.4.

Ramona Hill, one of two fillies taking on the boys in the Hambletonian, is the 5-2 favorite. The Hambletonian is the first jewel in the Trotting Triple Crown. CBS Sports Network will air a delayed one-hour broadcast of the Hambletonian from 6-7 p.m. (EDT) Saturday. The stakes-filled card at The Meadowlands starts at noon.

"Ready For Moni trained really good Wednesday morning," Takter said. "He came out of the elim really good and seems like he's gotten a step better. Maybe he'll be a little sharper after training and he's as close to peaking as we can get him off of two starts for the year. But sometimes less is more. I think he'll be fine.

"You want them to be fresh. Some horses do need a race, horses that are a little laid back. Horses that are racehorses, they show up on race day. As long as they have a foundation and conditioning, they don't need a lot of racing."

Ready For Moni is a son of French star Ready Cash out of Nothing But Moni. For his career he has won six of 10 races and \$374,020. He is owned by John Fielding, Lindy Farms of Connecticut, Herb Liverman, and Bud Hatfield.

In addition to the Hambletonian, Takter has two horses in



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Ready For Moni is the 3-1 second choice in the Hambletonian morning line odds.

the \$600,000 Hambletonian Oaks for 3-year-old female trotters. Sorella is the 7-2 second choice and Panem is 6-1. Marcus Melander-trained Hypnotic AM is the 5-2 favorite.

Only two trainers have ever won the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks in the same year, Takter's father Jimmy and Jan Johnson.

Sorella has won three of four races this year, including a division of the W.N. Reynolds Memorial in 1:50.2, and five of 13 races lifetime. She is owned by breeder Elmer Fannin, Crawford Farms Racing, and Brent Fannin. A daughter of Muscle Hill out of Kadealia, she starts the Oaks from post seven with driver Gingras.

"She trained really well; I was really happy with her, she looked awesome," Takter said. "She looks like she could be in top condition for Saturday. I know Yannick is kind of happy with her spot behind the gate, so I think all systems are go with her. We just need some luck."

Panem, a daughter of Father Patrick out of Katniss, has a win and three seconds in four starts this year. For her career, the homebred filly has won three of 14 races for Diamond Creek Racing. She will start the Oaks from post 11, in the second tier, with driver Dexter Dunn.

"She also trained very well," Takter said. "The biggest obstacle is going to be the 11-hole, but it is what it is and I'm sure Dexter can figure out how to get her out at some point from there. If anybody can do it, he can.

"I'm looking forward to that race. I think both my horses are very good; we tossed around the idea of putting them in against the colts (in the Hambletonian). I think they're both in a good spot."

Takter has a total of 14 horses racing on Hambletonian Day, including Manchego in the Dr. John Steele Memorial, Tall Dark Stranger in the Cane Pace (the first jewel in the Pacing Triple Crown), Kissin In The Sand in the Lady Liberty, and Locatelli and Type A in the Peter Haughton Memorial.

"That's good, it'll keep me busy," Takter said. "There's no time for nerves then, you just have to keep getting your job done."

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Kevin Benn: "I still get goose bumps" watching great horses

by Sandra Snyder

It has been 40 years since Kevin Benn earned his trainer's license and the things that first drew the Napanee, ON resident to the business as a teenager are still the things he enjoys most about it today — teaching young horses, racing talented horses and watching great horses compete.

"When everybody else is sleeping in on Saturday, you're up at 5 a.m. after getting home at 1 a.m., but I love it, I've always loved it," said Benn. "I love, like the Meadowlands Pace card, watching Tall Dark Stranger and Gimpanzee. I still get goose bumps watching that kind of horse."

Benn was introduced to harness racing by his father Glenn, who trained a few as a hobby, racing at Kingston Park

Raceway and Belleville's Quinte Exhibition. He earned his trainer's license at 16 and his driver's license at 18, spent one winter working in Florida for Jim Miller in the Barr M operation and then started training full-time from the family farm.

The seven-stall barn Benn started with has more than tripled in size over the years and it has seen hundreds of young horses come through its doors.

"I started breaking horses, I've probably broken eight horses a year since I was 16 and I'm 56 now, so...," said Benn. "We've had as many as 22 years ago, but lately we get 14, 15 every winter.

"We have a mare of our own, we have a foal off of her every year, a homebred, and then I have some for Glen B Farms (Lynn Prentice) in Glenburnie, she's been sending me two or three a year, and then Synerco Ventures (Costa Athanassoulias), he's been sending me a couple a year. I'd buy one a year or two if I had to, but the last few years I haven't had to buy any because I didn't want to get any more horses around."

Benn's primary owner for many years has been Eric Baker's Stormont Meadows. The men have campaigned a series of successful horses including \$875,082 winner Stormont Tuscany (Balanced Image-Principessa Susi), the 1998 O'Brien Award winner in the 3-year-old trotting colt division, and \$325,277 winner Stormont Ventnor (Justice Hall-Lady



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Trainer Kevin Benn's Stormont Ventnor (Phil Hudon) winning at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Sept. 11, 2018.

Grenville), the runner-up for the 2018 3-year-old trotting colt O'Brien Award. Those two horses rank high on Benn's list of favourites, with Stormont Ventnor coming out slightly ahead.

"I love that horse. He can accelerate like pacer," said Benn of the 5-year-old horse, who is prepping for a return to the races after missing most of his 4-year-old season.

"He would have been back sooner, but he was booked into Cornell University and then COVID hit and they shut the University down. So by the time they opened it back up, like two months later, Rick Bodie took him down for us. He's a broker, so we got the (throat) surgery done," explained Benn. "He's had a lot of problems with his throat. He's got a lot of ability, like last year when he come back he only raced four or five times and I think his second or third start he trotted in 1:52, so he's got lots of ability if we can get him straightened out."

In addition to Stormont Ventnor, Benn is currently training nine other horses, both trotters and pacers. Most of them start their careers at either Kawartha Downs, 150 kilometres west of his Napanee farm, or Rideau Carleton Raceway, 200 kilometres to the east, before graduating to the Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) or Woodbine Mohawk Park.

"I give them until they're halfway through their 3-year-old season and if they can't get to Mohawk, then I move them along," said Benn. "Everybody says, 'Oh I don't know how you do it'. (Bob) McIntosh has always trucked as far as me, or farther, and he's made a living. He's got a little more help than me that's all. He doesn't do it himself, where I am generally in the truck and trailer most of the time."

Among the horses that have recently made the leap to the OSS or Woodbine Mohawk Park are Stormont Muffin, an Angus Hall half-sister to Stormont Ventnor who finished third in her July 26 3-year-old trotting filly Grassroots division at Rideau Carleton Raceway, Stormont Barbeque, another Angus Hall daughter who finished fifth in her 2-year-old trotting filly Gold Series division at Woodbine Mohawk Park, and 2-year-old pacing colt Jim Blue, who is headed to Woodbine Mohawk Park on Aug. 6 off a 1:58.3 victory at Rideau Carleton on July 23.

While Benn has developed a few American-breds over the years, he prefers to concentrate on Ontario Sired horses.

"You've got to realise what you can do and what you can't do. You can't do everything," said the horseman. "I have colts where you get them ready for the stake program, so you might race 10 or 15 races a year with a horse, but these guys that put 30 or 40 starts on a horse, I couldn't do that where I am. I'm a colt, a stakes horse stable, I'm not a stable that can

race hundreds of starts a year.

"Last winter I raced a couple, but I pick and choose if I thought it was going to be a nice night. If it's calling for a snowstorm I wouldn't enter. I might race one or two this winter because we got backed up so bad because of everything going on with COVID."

For many years, the Benn Stable consisted of Kevin and his brother Barry, but with Barry's retirement from the business five years ago Kevin's wife Tammy has stepped into a full-time role.

"She worked at a bank for 31 years and then they downsized and she wanted out of the bank," said Benn. "As you get older, it'd be no good if I'm away racing every night and she's sitting at home. It's good that she loves the horses as much as me, as we get older we can do it together."

The couple have been assisted over the last year by 24-year-old reinsman Ryan Guy, who lends a hand with jogging and training.

"Ryan moved home to Spencerville and he comes up a couple times week and helps me train, and he comes help me qualify and stuff. He's been a big help to me," said Benn. "He's been driving all my horses and doing a great job."

The trio are off to a solid start in 2020 and Benn is hopeful that the young horses currently racing, and those waiting in the wings, continue to progress.

"This Jim Blue, he has some ability, and Stormont Ventnor's full sister (two-year-old Stormont Shannon), she's going to be a good one," said Benn. "Right now they have the most promise, so we'll see. They can make liars out of you."

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Aug.9 - Leamington Raceway - Prospect Series (2fp)

Aug.10 - Woodbine Mohawk Park - Dream Maker final

Aug.11 - Woodbine M. Park - Whenuwishuponastar final

Aug.13 – Woodbine Mohawk Park – OSS Gold Series (3ft); Millard Farms and Pure Ivory Series finals

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107 wins and counting for 15-year-old T Red

The pacer that was once sold for \$800 and a jog cart is closing in on Foiled Again's 109 career wins — and 10thplace on the all-time wins list — as he continues to race on the Ohio fair circuit.

by Bob Roberts

Racing has been known to impact many lives. But should it make the difference between receiving a celebratory donut or no donut at all, pending the results of \$800 races at assorted county fairgrounds around Ohio?

And how in the name of Dan Patch and Adios can those races play a dramatic role in determining the order of the all-time Top 10 North American winning harness horses?

Feel free to bet double or nothing on your favorite jelly donut, because the answer to both questions is a resounding yes.

T Red, the ultimate oldster among senior citizen pacers – he's 15 and still competing and winning – is the reason donuts get delivered following victories by Emily Hay, his regular driver, and why Henry Gulley, his owner/trainer, can't believe the chestnut gelding's lofty win total ranking.

"Are you kidding me? That's crazy," said Gulley.

T Red has won 107 of his 481 starts and currently stands 11th among the winningest horses in harness racing history. With at least a half-dozen starts remaining before he calls it a career this fall, the son of Cams Eclipse could leap over the fabled Foiled Again (109 wins), the sport's all-time money earner at \$7.6 million.

And, speaking of money, T Red qualifies as one of the greatest buys in the pari-mutuel horse trading.

"Two guys I knew bought him and a jog bike for \$800, but they decided they really didn't want the horse, so they offered him to me for \$800," said Gulley. "I didn't want him, either, but I started jogging him and we've been together ever since."

In tandem on the track and at the bank.

T Red has earned \$480,293, pocketing nearly a grand a start with victories at 24 different tracks. His favorite venue has been Northville Downs (26 scores), followed by Northfield Park (24 wins).

"He's done good," said Gulley. "He's bought a lot of cars for my grandkids and paid their tuitions, too. He's helped me out a lot."

With racing rules dictating that horses must retire at age 14, T Red's final start was scheduled for last Dec. 26 at Northfield Park, but he was scratched because of snow and icy roads made the trip from Michigan to Ohio too treacherous to attempt.

"After that, I pulled his shoes. I thought that was it," said Gulley.

But a conversation with Hay, who calls racing her hobby and participates in the Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series, led to T Red's shoes going back on.

"He didn't know that horses that are 15 can race at county fairs," said Hay, who lives in Celina, OH and works in the distribution center at Crown Lift Trucks in nearby New Bremen.

"I thought I'd give it a try and it's worked out," said Gulley.

With Emily driving, T Red has won his last three Ohio county fair starts, all on the Ladies Driving Series circuit, at Marion, Oak Harbor and Tiffin.

Hay is so thrilled to be part of Team T Red that she refuses to take a nickel of the purse money, usually \$800 a race (\$400 to the winner), for sitting behind him.

"He's a superstar, with many, many fans" she said. "I really appreciate him. He's a complete gentleman, but he can be lazy, so I have to get after him in our races."

And nobody pulls for T Red like the gang back at Crown Lift Trucks. That's because the mornings after his wins a Ladies Driving Series race, Hay arrives with three dozen donuts.

"My co-workers pay close attention to the fair results," said Hay. "They know when T Red wins and donuts are coming."

The crullers and bear claws may continue for the rest of the summer and fall as T Red continues to feel his oats.

"If you'd look at him, you'd think he was no more than four of five," said Gulley. "He doesn't have a blemish on him and has never been sick a day in his life. I haven't even heard him cough."

Gulley is dreading T Red's retirement, but he does have an idea to keep his favorite pupil in the spotlight.

"I've been thinking about how he'd make a good movie," said Gulley. "Maybe I'll call Disney."

In the meantime, T Red's next start is scheduled for Wednesday (Aug. 12) at the Attica Independent Fair in Attica, Oh. The race can be viewed live on the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association's Facebook or YouTube pages.









HRU - Upcoming Stakes Races

STAKES DATE	PURSE **	RACE	TRACK	AGE/SEX/GAIT	RACE #'S	1ST RACE POST
Friday, August 7	\$40,000	Garden State	Meadowlands	2YOFT	2, 4, 12	7:15 p.m.
Friday, August 7	\$30,000	Continentalvictory	Meadowlands	3YOFT	6	7:15 p.m.
Friday, August 7	\$50,000	Muscle Hill	Meadowlands	зуост	10	7:15 p.m.
Friday, August 7	\$60,000	Garden State	Meadowlands	2YOCT	12	7:15 p.m.
Friday, August 7	\$50,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Northfield Park	2YOFP	1, 3	6 p.m.
Friday, August 7	\$40,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Northfield Park	2YOFT	2, 4, 6	6 p.m.
Saturday, August 8	\$1 million	Hambletonian	Meadowlands	зуоот	11	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$600,000	Hambletonian Oaks	Meadowlands	3YOFT	9	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$350,000	Jim Doherty Memorial	Meadowlands	2YOFT	6	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$319,000	Peter Haughton Memorial	Meadowlands	2YOFT	8	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$291,350	John Cashman Memorial	Meadowlands	FFA TROT	10	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$273,125	Cane Pace	Meadowlands	ЗУОСР	13	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$229,660	Sam McKee Memorial	Meadowlands	FFA PACE	7	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$177,100	Lady Liberty	Meadowlands	FFA MARE PACE	15	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$166,550	Steele Memorial	Meadowlands	FFA MARE TROT	3	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$90,525	Shady Daisy	Meadowlands	3YOFP	2	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$30,000	Continentalvictory	Meadowlands	3YOFT	4	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$50,000	Muscle Hill	Meadowlands	зуост	5	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$25,000	Vincennes	Meadowlands	PREF TROT	12	Noon
Saturday, August 8	\$50,000	Ohio Sires Stakes	Scioto Downs	2YOCP	3, 8	6:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 8	\$15,000	Minnesota Sired	Running Aces	ЗУОСР	5	1 p.m.
Saturday, August 8	\$7,500	Alberta Sires Stakes	Century Downs	ЗУОГР	5, 6	2:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 8	\$7,500	Alberta Sires Stakes	Century Downs	ЗУОСР	7, 8, 9	2:15 p.m.

** Purses are approximate | Subscribe for PPs @ www.harnessracingupdate.com



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Colic claims world champion trotting stallion Sebastian K

It is with great sadness that Knutsson Trotting announces that Sebastian K. has passed away from colic. He arrived in Melbourne, Australia, on Tuesday morning (July 28) to stand stud and he had seemingly taken the flight from USA well. The next few days he ate and drank as normal, but on Saturday (Aug. 1) he developed colic and whilst every effort was made at the Mickleham Quarantine and Veterinary Centre to save his life the attending physicians were unsuccessful in their endeavours. Given the time elapsed since the flight, it is unlikely the colic was caused by air travel, but the exact cause of the colic will most likely never be known.

'Sebastian' won numerous Group I and Group II races around the world, but he will most probably be best remembered for that 'command performance' at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in July 2014 when he shattered the existing all-aged world record in a blistering 1:49. It is still the fastest trotting mile ever recorded on a five-eighths mile track. He was voted Horse of the Year in Sweden in 2012 and won the Dan Patch Trotter of the Year award in 2014. Sebastian K was bred and owned throughout his career by Knutsson Trotting, who also bred his dam Gabriella K.

Upon retiring from racing in 2015 he stood at Hanover Shoe Farms for four years before relocating to Abby Stables in Ohio for the 2020 North American breeding season. From his first North American crop, the filly Next Level Stuff (out of Nantab) 1:53.2F \$221,461 will compete in the Hambletonian Oaks from post 2 on Saturday (Aug. 8) at The Meadowlands. Needless to say, we will keep all our fingers crossed for her and her connections.

-Knutsson Trotting

Lexington Selected announces mixed sale

Lexington Selected Sales Co. announced Thursday (Aug. 6) that it plans to hold a mixed sale after the company's Oct. 6-10 Selected Yearling Sale at the Fasig-Tipton Pavilion. The specific date and time for the mixed sale is to be announced.

This will be the company's second mixed offering. Before a hiatus last year, the company's first mixed venture in 2018 grossed nearly \$5 million and was led by the sale of world champion Impinktoo for \$300,000.

Bringing back the mixed sale this year, according to sale managers Randy Manges and David Reid, was important, especially considering the times we're in.

"With the large number of breeders in Kentucky, and the trainers who are expected in Lexington for the Red Mile meet, it's a great spot to sell," Manges said. "Many breeders have said they prefer to sell close to home, and trainers will be operating more from a Midwestern base this fall, with Lexington followed by the Breeders Crown at Hoosier.

"This sale will give them some assurance on having a great marketplace close at hand for their breeding stock and racehorses."

Another plus for bringing back the mixed sale, according to Reid, is the sale facility itself.

"We're fortunate in these times to have the Fasig-Tipton sales grounds at our disposal," Reid said. "It's not only a world-class facility, but one that's spacious enough inside and out to accommodate in-person attendance, while maintaining safe social distancing standards."

Along with in-person attendance, the sale will offer the options of "live" online bidding plus enhanced phone bidding.

Entries of racehorses, race fillies and mares, breeding stock and stallion shares are now being accepted. Those interested should contact David Reid at (914) 773-7777 or Randy Manges at (859) 255-8431.

- Lexington Selected Yearling Sales Co.



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Zammit named executive director of Ontario Racing Management

Ontario Racing Management (ORM) is excited to announce the appointment of Jonathan Zammit as its new executive director. Zammit, the former vice-president of thoroughbred racing for Woodbine Entertainment, becomes ORM's second executive director, succeeding Katherine Curry who held the position since the formation of Ontario Racing in 2018.

"We are excited to welcome Jonathan's leadership, experience and financial acumen as we work with all stakeholders to further advance our efforts in sustaining a vibrant and financially sound horse racing industry for decades to come," said John Hayes, independent chair of Ontario Racing's board of directors. "On behalf of Ontario Racing, I would like to thank Katherine for her dedication and hard workin establishing and securing the administration and management of the entire provincial horse racing industry under Ontario Racing."

ORM is a wholly owned, Woodbine Entertainment subsidiary that implements the approved business plan of Ontario Racing's Board of Directors.

"I look forward to working with Ontario Racing's Board of Directors and the ORM team to execute the vision and strategic plan that will support, sustain and grow the sport of horse racing across the province," said Zammit.

Zammit was most recently the vice-president, racing finance for Woodbine Entertainment. Prior to joining Woodbine Entertainment as the vice-president of thoroughbred racing in 2017, Zammit was the director of finance for Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

"Jonathan brings a wealth of experience in financial management that positions him well to deliver Ontario Racing's strategic plan to grow and sustain the sport of horse racing that supports tens of thousands of jobs throughout the province," said Jim Lawson, CEO of Woodbine Entertainment and a member of the Ontario Racing board of directors. "He will also benefit from the strong foundation that Ontario Racing has built, in large part thanks to the leadership and efforts of Katherine Curry."

Curry will now solely focus on contributing to Woodbine Entertainment's strategic growth priorities as vice-president of legal and compliance and a member of the executive team. Curry has been with Woodbine Entertainment since 2015.

-Chris Lomon for Ontario Racing

Woodbine's top jockeys and drivers team up in Heinz Challenge for charity

Woodbine Entertainment, in partnership with Kraft-Heinz Canada, today announced the launch of the Heinz Challenge, a six-week series to be contested during Racing Night Live on TSN (in Canada only).

The Heinz Challenge pairs a top Woodbine Racetrack jockey with a top Woodbine Mohawk Park driver to create four teams competing for a \$5,000 charitable donation from Woodbine.

Every time one of the participating jockeys or drivers competes during a race aired on Racing Night Live, they have the opportunity to earn points towards their team's challenge score.

All eight participating athletes are ranked among the best in their sport and are well-known personalities at Woodbine Racetrack and Woodbine Mohawk Park. The four competing jockeys are Rafael Hernandez, Kazushi Kimura, Justin Stein and Emma-Jayne Wilson, while the participating drivers are Jody Jamieson, Bob McClure, Doug McNair and Louis-Philippe Roy.

The team with the best 'Points Per Race' average at the end of six-weeks will win the challenge. The point system is as follows: 10 points for a Win, 5 points for a second-place finish and 2 points for a third-place finish.

(Example: Team A earns 50 points over 10 races: Team A's Points Per Race is 5)

Each member of the winning team will select a charity and Woodbine Entertainment will make a \$2,500 donation on their behalf to make up the \$5,000 winning prize.

Woodbine Mohawk Park driver James MacDonald was originally scheduled to participate in the Heinz Challenge. MacDonald unfortunately suffered an injury in a racing accident on Aug. 1 and will be unable to participate. Louis-Philippe Roy has been selected to replace MacDonald and the two will split the donation should their team win.

Here are the teams for the Heinz Challenge:

Team E=MC²

Jockey: Emma-Jayne Wilson

Driver: Bob McClure

#TeamEMC2

Team Club DJ

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Jockey: Justin Stein Driver: Doug McNair

#TeamClubDJ

Team Island Boyz

Jockey: Rafael Hernandez

Driver: James MacDonald (unable to participate due to injury)

Driver: Louis-Philippe Roy

#TeamIslandBoyz

Team Double Double

Jockey: Kazushi Kimura Driver: Jody Jamieson #TeamDoubleDouble

The Heinz Challenge is the latest feature on the weekly Racing Night Live program on TSN.

Racing Night Live, which airs every Thursday at 6 p.m. ET on TSN, showcases the world-class racing from the Thoroughbreds at Woodbine Racetrack and Standardbreds at Woodbine Mohawk Park over an action-packed two hours.

The Heinz Challenge will run from Aug. 6 to Sept.10.

Fans can join the conversation, track the leaderboard and cheer on their favorite team through Social Media by using the hashtag #HeinzChallenge. All eight of the participating athletes can be found on various social media platforms and will be engaging with fans over the course of the six-week event.

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(Instagram)

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Bob McClure: @BobMcClure2 (Twitter)

Louis-Philippe Roy: louisphilippe.roy.12 (Facebook)

Justin Stein: @justin_steinjockey (Instagram)
Emma-Jayne Wilson: @EJWilson81 (Twitter)

- Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications

Favorites flourish in ISS at Hoosier

Indiana Sires Stakes (ISS) action rolled on at Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino on Wednesday (Aug. 5) as two divisions for the freshman pacing fillies and two divisions for the freshman trotting colts were featured on the evening's 14-race card. The betting favorites delivered in three of the four divisions as the 2-year-old competitors squared off in the second round of their six round series.

The only upset of the night was found in the opening division for 2-year-old pacing fillies as **DP Spookytooth** and Michael Oosting pulled the slight upset to get the win by the head. Stopping the timer in 1:53.4, DP Spookytooth converted a second-over trip into a maiden breaking win.

DP Spookytooth sat fourth through the early stages of the mile while Soul Kitchen and Trace Tetrick dictated fractions of :26.4, :56.1 and 1:25.3. When the field turned for home, Oosting had DP Spookytooth well placed second-over and when he tipped the filly off cover, she used a :28 closing panel to get the win by a head over Martha Bigrig and Jared Seekman. Sent off at odds of 9-2, DP Spookytooth returned \$11.60 to her backers at the betting windows.

Trained by Bill Webb, DP Spookytooth recorded her first win from five lifetime outs. The daughter of Tellitlikeitis—Straitequilanite has now earned \$30,280 in her young career for owners Diamond D P Standardbreds.

Somethingbeautiful and LeWayne Miller extended their win streak to three in the second split for pacing fillies after a decisive gate to wire effort. Stopping the timer in 1:52.2, Somethingbeautiful established a new lifetime best and remains undefeated in three starts.

Leaving from post two, Miller sent his filly to the front through the opening quarter in :27.3. Odds On Dead Heat and Peter Wrenn benefitted from a pocket trip while Hot Mess Express and Sam Widger sat third. Approaching the three-quarters in 1:25.4, Somethingbeautiful drifted out in the turn but Miller was able to quickly get her back on course.

Using a :26.3 closing kick, Somethingbeautiful paced strong to the wire and repelled a late surge from Hot Mess Express to get the victory. As the 2-5 favorite, Somethingbeautiful returned \$2.80 to her backers at the betting windows.

Trained by Dylan Davis, the daughter of Always A Virgin—Summer N Sand is a perfect three for three this season. Somethingbeautiful now sports a lifetime a bankroll

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of \$44,250 for her ownership group comprised of H. Taylor, E. Gold, A. Basen, and R. Lombardo.

On the trotting side of the action, **Brookview Bolt** and Sam Widger turned in a decisive gate-to-wire effort to capture the first division for 2-year-old trotting colts and geldings in 1:58.1. With the win, Brookview Bolt recorded the first stakes win of his young career and established a new lifetime best. Sent off as the even money favorite, Brookview Bolt returned \$4.20 at the betting windows.

Trained by Ron Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services, J&T Silva, and Weaver Bruscemi, Brookview Bolt pushed his lifetime bankroll to \$32,650. The Swan For All—Witty's Winner gelding lifetime record stands at 3-2-1-0.

Swingforthefences and Peter Wrenn recorded their second consecutive ISS victory after a 1:57.3 score in the final division for 2-year-old trotting colts and geldings. Grabbing a pocket seat early, Swingforthefences moved first-over around the final turn and trotted strong to the wire to get the win by a quarter of a length over a hard-charging All The Truth and Ricky Macomber Jr. Sent off as the 6-5 favorite, Swingforthefences returned \$4.40 at the betting windows.

Trained by Melanie Wrenn, Swingforthefences has now won two of three lifetime outs and \$41,125 in lifetime purse earnings. The son of Swan For All—Sunday Yankee is owned in partnership by David McDuffee and L&L Devisser LLC.

-Emily Gaskin / Harrah's Hoosier Park

Captain Corey ties 2yo trot colt mark of 1:55 in PASS at Philly

A second purse start, a second win, a second divisional track record. The racing game must seem easy to **Captain Corey**, as he won his \$103,361 section of the second preliminary of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes (PASS) for 2-year-old trotting colts Wednesday afternoon (Aug. 5) at Harrah's Philadelphia, matching his divisional colt record of 1:55.

Handled by trainer Åke Svanstedt, Captain Corey ranged frontward after a :28 quarter, then with long strides the big colt stepped to the lead at the 3/8 and got a breather to the :58 half. Captain Corey came home easily on his own in :57 - :28.1, defeating stablemate Johan Palema by 1½ lengths while equaling the Philly track record for colts set by Rome Pays Off last year. That colt goes in the Hambletonian on Saturday; this one has already shown the talent to say that he would belong there.

Captain Corey is a son of Googoo Gaagaa-Luv U All;

ironically, Googoo Gaagaa's sire, the pacing-bred Cam's Rocket, died recently, as did Svanstedt's own world champion Sebastian K S. But Captain Corey is the kind of horse that will get people looking forward, especially his ownership – Åke Svanstedt Inc., S R F Stable, Knutsson Trotting Inc., and Midnight Sun Partners Inc.

In the other \$103,361 Sire Stakes section, the Bar Hopping – Ilia colt **In Range** went an atypical Philly winning trip, coming from second-over in keeping in his record unblemished after three starts in 1:56.1. A name quite familiar as a trainer of top trotting colts, Marcus Melander, conditions In Range, who like Captain Corey was a repeat Sire Stakes winner; Tim Tetrick had sulky duty for AMG Stable Inc., Kenneth Kjellgren, Tomas Hans Asell, and Rick Wahlstadt.

Bar Hopping also had two siring credits in the six \$20,000 companion Stallion Series divisions. Tim Tetrick drove one, the gelding **Mister Boinga** (dam: Boinga), who was briefly wide around a first turn breaker, got to the lead and then equaled his mark of 1:58.2 in his second straight win for trainer Jill Roland and owner Bernard O'Brien. The other Bar Hopping StS winner was the fastest winner in the Stallion Series, the colt **After Work** (dam One Girl Show IT), who held off a monstrous closing move by New Legacy (who trotted his own last half in :56.1) to take a maiden mark of 1:56.3 for driver Yannick Gingras, trainer Nancy Takter, and owner Goran Falk

Team Orange Crush, trainer Julie Miller and driver/husband Andy, accounted for two StS divisions. The faster was with the Father Patrick–Moonlight In Miami colt **Sunny Crockett**, who is now 3-for-4 in his young career after lowering his mark a tick to 1:57.1 for owners Willow Oak Ranch. Also winning for the Millers was the Cantab Hall–Crazy In Lindy colt **Lindys Goin Crazy**, who joined his stablemate in being the only two-time Stallion Series winners in this section after a 1:59.2 win for the Andy Miller Stable, Gty Stable, Jean Goehlen, and L Berg Inc.

Cantab Hall earned a second sire credit with the maiden-breaking colt out of Demoiselle Hanover, **The Irishman**, who was timed in 1:58.4 to driver David Miller, trainer George Ducharme, and the partnership of William Donovan, Thomas Dillon, Purnel & Libby LLC, and Joe Sbrocco. The other StS victor was the Andover Hall–Ardwin Hanover colt Ceffyl Dwr (named after a mythological Welsh horse), whose 2:00 first triumph was very real for trainer Frank Ingrassia and driver/wife Jackie, the latter sharing ownership with Donna Franchetti and Thomas Doran.

- PHHA / Harrah's Philadelphia

Talented freshmen extend win streaks at Hoosier

Tuesday (Aug. 4) was a night filled with stakes action at Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino. With five events in total on the evening's 14-race card, the 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings were featured through three divisions and the 2-year-old trotting fillies went in two. The night saw victories from Virgo, What's Your Beef and Hello Sweetie Boy for the pacing colts and Country Girl Charm and FantasiaFlurry for the trotting fillies. With dominant performances from both, Country Girl Charm and What's Your Beef both extended their win streaks to four and remain undefeated this season.

Setting the stage for a night of stakes action, Virgo rallied from mid-pack to dig in for a close victory with Trace Tetrick at the lines. When the gate opened, Madelines Blk Jack with Ricky Macomber Jr. took the lead and were looking for a back-to-back stakes victory. Virgo wasted no time in his quest for the front and began moving just after the first quarter in :27:1. He sat second-over through the half in :57:2, then maneuvered into second behind new leader, Jewel's Virgin with John DeLong.

Virgo was able to grab command just after the three-quarters in 1:24:4 but his biggest threat was still behind him. Using a :27 final quarter, Virgo was able to hold of a hard-charging Jk Going West and LeWayne Miller, who had patiently sat in third most of the mile. In a heart-charging effort for the wire, Virgo got the win by a head and stopped the clock in a new lifetime best of 1:51.4. Jk Going West was second and Madelines Blk Jack fended off the field for third. Virgo paid \$4.80 to win.

Virgo, the son of Always A Virgin—Star Of The Show, has won two of three lifetime starts. With the win, he now sports a lifetime bankroll of \$24,125 for owners Howard Taylor, Jeffrey Billings. The gelding is trained by Dylan Davis and was bred by Dustin Miller.

Tetrick found the winner's circle once again in the second split for the freshman pacing colts and geldings while steering What's Your Beef to his fourth consecutive win. When the wings of the gate opened, Skyway Victor with Sam Widger paced ahead of the field to reach the first quarter in :26:4. Just before the half, What's Your Beef grabbed the lead, while the field remained in straight formation through fractions of :55:3 and 1:24:0. Fiercely defending his win streak, What's Your Beef crossed the wire and stopped the clock in 1:52:0, paying \$3.20 to win. Skyway Victor settled for second while Bettorrock with Peter Wrenn held on for third.

"He races on the front mainly, but he's pretty versatile," Tetrick said after the win. "Racing that way seemed like the best decision tonight, and that's how we got there. He really dug in late in the stretch."

What's Your Beef is the son of Jk Endofanera—Kats Treasure and was bred by Jeff Jones and Scott Lester. Owned by W. Donovan, Joe Sbrocco, Kirk Nichols and Jaf Racing LLC, the colt has won all four lifetime starts and boasts a lifetime bankroll of \$37,000. He is trained by Brian Brown.

The final division for the pacing colts and geldings saw a minor upset by way of Hello Sweetie Boy with John DeLong when the gelding grabbed his first career win. When the gate opened, Hello Sweetie Boy took a spot toward the back of the pack. In the lead, Never Easy Z Tam with LeWayne Miller called the shots, setting fractions of :27:0,:56:1 and 1:25:2 and braced for attack from the rest of the field. Hello Sweetie Boy waited until the stretch to make his attack and with a final quarter of :26:3, surge past the field. Hello Sweetie Boy scored his maiden breaking win in 1:52:4. He was followed by PBR Street Gang with Trace Tetrick in second and TJ's Indy Pacer with Sam Widger who staged a late rally for third. Hello Sweetie Boy paid \$9.60 to win at the betting windows.

"He's a tricky colt to drive," DeLong revealed after the win. "Kim (Roth) has done a great job helping him relax so I can drive him. I wanted to race him off the cover and he really likes to chase horses in the stretch."

The son of Aracache Hanover—Murvys Lady recorded his first win from three starts, now holding a lifetime bankroll of \$17,825 for owner/trainer Kimberly Roth. Hello Sweetie Boy was bred by Mary Lea and Adele Jeffers.

Kicking off stakes action for the fillies, Country Girl Charm with trainer/driver LeWayne Miller maintained her undefeated status while establishing a new lifetime mark of 1:56:3. Going off as the heavy post time favorite, Country Girl Charm grabbed a spot in the middle of the pack through fractions of :27:3, :58:1 and 1:27:2.

As the field turned for home, Miller gave Country Girl Charm the go-ahead and she began to challenge the leading Guccio's Lady with Melvin Schmucker. When the mile looked to belong to Guccio's Lady, Country Girl Charm dug in and found a :28.1 closing kick to get the win. She was followed by Queen Of All with Doug Rideout who had also staged a gutsy rally in the stretch while Guccio's Lady held on for third.

"For a filly, she's very easy going," Miller said. "She loves her job and so far, has shown she can race any way you want."

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The daughter of Whom Shall I Fear—Tymal Tatiana was bred by Daniel Frey Jr. The win was her fourth, giving her a perfect record out of four starts. Country Girl Charm now boasts a lifetime bankroll of \$44,500 for owners Ryan Raber, Darvin Wagler, LeWayne Miller and Susan Garrels.

Wrapping up the action for the fillies, Fantasia Flurry recorded her first lifetime win with Ricky Macomber Jr. at the lines. Fantasia Flurry started the race taking a comfortable seat in third while Four Under Par with Doug Rideout and Treasure Gems K with Trace Tetrick swapped turns on the front through fractions of :28:2, :59:0 and 1:28:3. As the fillies turned for home, Macomber steered Fantasia Flurry into the passing lane where she was able to surge past the leaders, crossing the wire in 1:57:3. Four Under Par held on for second while Treasure Gems K settled for third. Fantasia Flurry paid \$16.80 to win in the minor upset.

"It was my first time driving her and the only advice I was given was not to get out on front," Macomber Jr. laughed in the winner's circle. "It was a good trip; I knew I just had to get her in the passing lane and she'd make it."

Fantasia Flurry, the daughter of Swan For All—Northern Mystique, sports a lifetime bankroll of \$25,140 with her first win out of four starts. She is owned in partnership by trainer Christopher Beaver, William Rufenacht, Donald Robinson and RBH Ventures Inc. Fantasia Flurry was bred by Alan Troyer.

-Rose Flood / Harrah's Hoosier Park

Fillies battle at Northfield in Ohio Sires Stakes

Five Ohio Sires Stakes (OHSS) divisions of freshmen fillies will line up behind the Northfield Park starting gate tonight (Aug. 7). Two \$50,000 divisions of pacing fillies and three \$40,000 divisions of trotting fillies are slated to go postward in round three of the four-leg series, with a first race post of 6 pm, ET.

Sixteen OHSS-eligible pacing fillies passed the Northfield Park entry box, with those events slated as races one and three. Ohio-registered stallions represented in these events include five by first crop sire Racing Hill, three by Well Said and two by Nob Hill High. The stallions Arthur Blue chip, Domethatagain, McArdle, Rockin Amadeus, The Panderosa and Western Vintage are represented by one foal each.

In the first OHSS pacing division, a trio of previous winners return to wage war, including the Ron Burke trained Summer Touch, who was second in leg one to the winning Lady Arthur in 1:53.2, and then captured leg two in 1:53.4. Owned

by Burke Racing, Knox Services, Slaughter Racing and Weaver Bruscemi, this homebred daugther of Well Said, out of the Real Desire mare Real Touch has amassed \$55,000 thus far in her brief career. She starts from post five with Chris Page in the driver's seat.

The aforementioned Lady Arthur drew the eight-hole for trainer Dr. Ian Moore and driver Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. Owned by Moore in partnership with the RG McGroup and Serge Savard, this daughter of Arthur Blue Chip-April Three—Mach Three was third in leg two, beaten only a length, after winning leg one in 1:53.2. The homebred lass has \$52,188 in her coffers from two wins, a second and a third in four career starts.

Leg two winner (1:54.1) Rainy Day Chic starts from post four in this same division for driver Brett Miller, trainer Dan O'Mara and owner/breeder Marjorie Polhamus. A winner of \$31,781 lifetime, Rainy Day Chic is by Rockin Amadeus, out of the Always A Virgin mare Fritzie Chic.

Sentimental heads up the second pacing division despite drawing the eight-hole for driver Tyler Smith and trainer John Ackley. Bred by Marvin Raber, the daughter of The Panderosa is out of the Nobleland Sam mare Downwyn Kate, and is unbeaten thus far in the OHSS series—with a 1:56.1 triumph in leg one and a 1:53.2 victory in leg two. Owned by the CT Stables, LLC, Sentimental sports career earnings of \$43,750.

Fierce rival **Winella Hanover** drew the rail for driver Chris Page and trainer Ron Burke. This Racing Hill—Western Duel—Western Hanover lass won leg one in 1:54.4, but was a disappointing sixth in leg two for owners Burke Racing, Weaver Bruscemi, J. Melillo and J&T Silva-Purnel&Libby. Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, Winella Hanover has \$97,800 in her bankroll.

Sentimental is the current leader in the OHSS 2-year-old pacing filly division through the first two legs with 102 points; followed by Summer Touch and Leave Her Wild—who are tied for second with 77 points each; followed by Lady Arthur with 65 points; Winella Hanover with 52 points and Rainy Day Chic with 51 points.

Among the diagonally-gaited distaffs, the stallions My MVP, Triumphant Caviar and Uncle Peter are represented by four foals each, with Break The Bank K, Cash Hall, Full Count and Southwind Spirit all represented by two foals each. The stallions Coraggioso, Credit Fashion, Dontyouforgetit and Winning Fireworks each have one foal competiting in these OHSS contests.

The Ron Burke-trainee Merry Ann heads up the first of the

three OHSS contests for trotting fillies (Race 2) from post five with Chris Page driving. Owned by Burke Racing, Knox Services and Weaver Bruscemi, this daughter of Southwind Spirit-Witty Girl-SJ's Photo finished second in leg one in 1:58.2 before winning leg two in a career best 1:57.4. The homebred Merry Ann now has two wins and a pair of second-place finishes with \$55,200 in career earnings.

A Doll Face, who leaves from post seven in this same division, won leg one in 1:59.4 then finished second to Merry Ann in leg two for trainer/driver Kayne Kauffman and owner Doug Millard. Bred by Spring Haven Farm, A Doll Face is by Dontyouforgetit, out of the Muscle Massive mare Alliomi and has \$33.704 in her bank account.

Swizzle Hanover is the clear standout in the second OHSS trotting division (Race 4), having won leg one in 1:57.1 and leg two in 1:57.4. The daughter of Uncle Peter—Seducedbychocolate—Chocolatier was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and is owned by trainer Randy Bendis and Reed Broadway. From three career starts Swizzle Hanover has two wins and a second and leaves from post two with Mike Wilder at the controls.

Herculisa is an undefeated daughter by My MVP owned by the Jesemeral Stable and leaves from post five in the third OHSS trotting test (Race 6). Out of the Andover Hall mare Herculotte, the bay filly won leg one in 1:58.1 and lLeg two in 1:56.2. Bred by Joe McLead, Billy Walters and Up Front Racing, Herculisa has amassed earnings of \$41,812 thus far.

Trainer Marty Wollam harnesses Celebrate With Me in this same division from post eight. Kurt Sugg drives the coal black daughter of Full Count—Glisten Hanover—Andover Hall for trainer Wollam, who owns her in partnership with Toni Dean. Bred by Marvin Raber, Celebrate With Me has \$48,622 in career earnings from two wins and two thirds in four starts. She was third in leg one to Swizzle Hanover and captured leg two in a lifetime mark of 1:56.4.

Swizzle Hanover and Herculisa are tied for first place in the OHSS 2-year-old filly division standings, with 102 points each, followed by A Doll Face and Merry Ann who are tied for second with 77 points each. Celebrate With Me has 64 points with Chip It In next with 57 points, followed by More Spirit and Magic Credit Card with 52 points each.

-Kimberly Rinker / Ohio Standardbred Development Administrator



Party Girl Hill heads PA sophomore pacing fillies Sunday at Pocono

Premium Pennsylvania-sired 3-year-old pacing fillies will be racing for over \$300,000 on the Sunday twilight card (Aug. 9) at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, including two \$93,542 divisions of the third preliminary round of the group's Pennsylvania Sire Stakes (PASS) and six \$20,000 divisions of their Stallion Series action.

Four different fillies bring victory in Sire Stakes action to Sunday's event, and even though three of them are in the race five division, it's likely that the tenth race will draw at least as much interest, as it contains the sole two-time Sire Stakes winner, the Captaintreacherous filly Party Girl Hill, unraced at two but unbeaten in five starts at three, who will begin from post two in a field of six for driver Dexter Dunn, trainer Chris Ryder, and owner Tom Hill.

Party Girl Hill's last race, a 1:49.4 triumph in the Adioo Volo over a sloppy track at The Meadows, is the one that really raised some eyebrows. Having to come first-over after a 30-second second quarter, she paced her back fractions in :53 - :26.2 without looking under strain, defeating last year's 2-year-old champion Lyons Sentinel.

Lyons Sentinel, another daughter of Captaintreacherous, is one of the three PASS 2020 winners to be squaring off in the fifth race division, starting from post three in a group of six for driver Tim Tetrick, trainer Jim King Jr., and Threelyonsracing. Never off the board in 18 career starts and with earnings of \$937,383, Lyons Sentinel was far from disgraced in the Adioo Volo, being used to get the lead in a :26.2 opening quarter, and holding well against the rampaging Party Hill Girl.

The other Sire Stakes winners in this field are Drama Act, beginning from post two for driver Aaron Merriman and trainer Krista Harmon, and Rocknificent, who won in the Geers Stake at The Meadowlands in 1:49.1 in her last outing and here will be going from the outside for driver Scott Zeron and trainer Linda Toscano.

No fewer than nine winners in the Stallion Series to date are back to try to further their reputations. Among them are The Bethinator, the only two-time Stallion Series winner so far, and a trio of single winners who are gathered in another division: Alexa Skye, Keystone Eureka, and Cowgirl Lilly, starting side-by-side-by-side in posts three through five in their cut.

Post time for Sunday's 14-race card at Pocono is set for 5 p.m.

- PHHA / Pocono

Freshmen Pacers vie in Ohio Sires Stakes

Twenty freshmen pacing colts are set to battle in two \$50,000 Ohio Sires Stakes (OHSS) on Saturday (Aug.) 8 at Scioto Downs. This is the third round of the four-leg series for foals sired by an Ohio-registered stallions. First race post time is 6:30 pm, ET.

Odds On Pick Six and I'm Sorry Man are previous leg winners who return in the first OHSS division (Race 3). Trainer Melanie Wrenn will bridle up Odds On Pick Six for driver Peter Wrenn and Odds On Racing. This son of Racing Hill, out of the Somebeachsomewhere mare Beach Party Hill, captured Leg One at Scioto in 1:54.2, then finished second at Northfield to I'm Sorry Man by half a length in leg two. Bred by Tom Hill, Odds On Pick Six has amassed \$80,450 and starts from post two.

I'm Sorry Man hails from the Mark Rowe Stable for owner/breeder Matt Rowe and will start from post three with Kayne Kauffman at the lines. The son of Mr Apples—Ridge Jumper—Ironridge was third in leg leg one before winning Leg Two impressively at Northfield on July 25 in 1:53.2. This bay gelding has \$47,000 in his coffers from his win and two third place finishes in just four lifetime starts.

Heart Of Chewbacca, who leaves from post six for trainer Ronnie Burke and driver Dan Noble, bears watching. The striking black colt by Bring On The Beach—Jt's Chewbacca—Four Starzzz Shark was plagued by breaking issues earlier this year but since transferring to the Burke Stable has rattled off a pair of impressive triumphs, with a

1:52.3 score on July 23 and a 1:51.3 victory on Aug. 1 at Scioto Downs. Bred by Spring Haven Farm, Heart Of Chewbacca is owned by Dennis Owens and Norman Rae Racing.

Charlie May, Laughagain Hanover and Hardt At Work will slug it out in the second OHSS division (Race 8). Charlie May is undefeated in this series thus far with triumphs in the first two legs in 1:54.2 and 1:53 for owner/breeder Don Tiger and trainer Steve Carter. From just three career starts the brown gelding by McArdle—Stipple Hanover—Western Hanover has earned \$115,000 and has been saddled with a tough task in this latest contest, leaving from post 10 for driver Danny Noble.

Laughagain Hanover will be harnessed by trainer Laura Searway for owners MJ Cimaglio, W. Richardson and RK Gilmartin. This son of McArdle—Laughing Once More—American Ideal sports a bankroll of \$55,373 from his victories in legs one and two, timed in 1:54.3 and 1:55. Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, this bay colt leaves from post three with Tyler Smith at the lines.

Trainer Mike Micallef will leave from post five with Hardt At Work. This son of Manhardt, out of the Keystone Raider mare River Bend Raider has garnered \$40,050 in earnings for Michigan owners Brett Boyd Racing and Anthony Formosa. Bred by Gene L. Miller, the brown gelding captured leg one in 1:55.1 before finishing second in leg two to Charlie May.

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RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY

HARRAH'S HOOSIER PARK report

Wednesday's Results:

- 2, HoP, \$39,500, Pace, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 2 Year Old Fillies Leg 2, 26.4, 56.1, 1:25.3, 1:53.4, FT
 - **1-Dp Spookytooth (f, 2, Tellitlikeitis--Straitequilanite, by Lease On Life)** \$19,750, Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, \$30,280 O-Diamond D P Standardbreds. B-Steven E Peterink & Randy Dickerhoof. T-Bill Webb. D-Michael Oosting.
 - 2-Martha Bigrig (f, 2, Riggins--Rd Rocknroll, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$9,875, \$15,000 2019 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$18,145
 - O-James D & Cheyenne E Yoder. B-John E Graber. T-James Yoder. D-Jared Seekman.
 - **3-Alexandria Z Tam** (f, 2, Always A Virgin--Electric Sparkle, by Electric Yankee) \$4,740, \$25,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$10,340 O-Z Tam Stables LLC. B-Victory Hill Farm Inc. T-Wilbur Eash. D-John De Long.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 6, 4H, 1H, H, HD - Finish Order: Baci Baci, Skyway Ideal, Soul Kitchen

- 7, HoP, \$38,500, Trot, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings Leg 2, 28.2, 58.2, 1:29.1, 1:58.1, FT
 - 1-Brookview Bolt (g, 2, Swan For All--Witty's Winner, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$19,250, \$52,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$32,650 O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Knox Services Inc & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Brookview Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Sam Widger.
 - **2-Flying Swan** (g, 2, Swan For All--Life Dream Hanover, by Dream Vacation) \$9,625, \$32,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 4-0-1-2, \$13,125 O-Panic Stable LLC. B-William A Graber. T-Jay Cross. D-Jay Cross.
 - **3-Jessie's Swan** (g, 2, Swan For All--Quick Hit Jessie, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$4,620, \$24,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$7,995 O-Alan L White & Dave Gamble. B-Oakwood Farms. T-Doug Rideout. D-Doug Rideout.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1Q, 1T, 3, 3T, 1Q - Finish Order: Gucci Goo, No Lingering, Tani, New Year No Fear, May I Xplain

- 9, HoP, \$39,500, Pace, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 2 Year Old Fillies Leg 2, 27.3, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:52.2, FT
 - **1-Somethingbeautiful (f, 2, Always A Virgin--Summer N Sand, by Sand Shooter**) \$19,750, \$30,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$44,250 O-Howard A Taylor & Edwin J Gold & Abraham N Basen & Richard M Lombardo. B-Aaron Dale Stutzman. T-Dylan Davis. D-Lewayne Miller.
 - 2-Hot Mess Express (f, 2, Panther Hanover--My Heart Was True, by Cole Muffler) \$9,875, Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$33,125

O-Samuel P Bowie. B-Amy E & Madeline Marie & Ethan T Giberson. T-Jamaica Patton. D-Sam Widger.

3-Jk She's Gordjus (f, 2, Jk Endofanera--Gordjus, by Dragon Again) \$4,740, \$10,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$4,740 O-Geis Enterprise LLC & George T Golemes & Hen-Shaut Stable. B-Adam J Eicher. T-Erv Miller. D-Trace Tetrick.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 2, 1T, 1, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Odds On Dead Heat, Poco's Lisa, Alwys At The Beach

- 13, HoP, \$38,500, Trot, **INDIANA SIRES STAKES** 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings Leg 2, 28.0, 58.2, 1:29.2, 1:57.3, FT
 - 1-Swingforthefences (c, 2, Swan For All--Sunday Yankee, by Muscles Yankee) \$19,250, \$100,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$41,125 O-David H Mc Duffee & L&L Devisser LLC. B-Concord Stud Farm LLC. T-Melanie Wrenn. D-Peter Wrenn.
 - **2-All The Truth** (g, 2, Swan For All--Little Bitty Lies, by Deweycheatumnhowe) \$9,625, \$20,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 2-0-2-0, \$12,125 O-Ob Stables & Fred Wittmer & Jamie Macomber. B-Steven E Mast. T-Jamie Macomber. D-Ricky Macomber Jr.
 - **3-D Swan On Call** (c, 2, Swan For All--Swedish Babe, by Yankee Glide) \$4,620, \$18,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,570 O-Lyle E Lehman & M & M Racing. B-Alan L White. T-Jamie Macomber. D-Sam Widger.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 2T, 1T, Q, 3T, Q - Finish Order: Mr Sunchip, The Papa Bear, Christians Court, Breckenridge, King Felix

RACE RESULTS - SUNDAY (CONTINUED)

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA report

Wednesday's Results:

- 2, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (Division 1 of 6), 28.2, 58.1, 1:27.0, 1:56.3, FT
 - 1-After Work (c, 2, Bar Hopping--One Girl Show It, by Andover Hall) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$17,600
 - O-Goran C Falk. B-Goran C Falk. T-Nancy Takter. D-Yannick Gingras.
 - 2-New Legacy (g, 2, Father Patrick--Monarchs Sequel, by RC Royalty) \$5,000, \$130,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-0, \$10,576 O-W J Donovan & Thomas R Dillon & Purnel & Libby LLC & Joe Sbrocco. B-Al J Libfeld, CA. T-George Ducharme. D-David Miller
 - 3-Goodashim (c, 2, Cantab Hall--Gala Dream, by Enjoy Lavec) \$2,400, \$240,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 3-0-0-1, \$2,950
 - O-Greathorse & Robert A Rudolph & David P Reid & Christina Takter. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Domenico Cecere. D-Jimmy Takter.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 4H, 1H, 1T, 2H, NK Finish Order: Maddys Leading Man, Hall It In, Ifnotnowwhen, Vincenti, Think I Can
- 4, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (Division 2 of 6), 27.3, 58.0, 1:27.4, 1:57.1, FT
 - 1-Sunny Crockett (c, 2, Father Patrick--Moonlight In Miami, by Muscles Yankee) \$10,000, \$35,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$25,200 O-Willow Oak Ranch. B-Marvin Katz, CA & Al J Libfeld, CA & Sam A Goldband, CA. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller.

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

- **2-Lepanto** (c, 2, Bar Hopping--Woman Of Character, by Andover Hall) \$5,000, \$13,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$15,000 O-Esa E Lahtinen, CA & Jussi Hietalahti, FI & Arvo Risto Ylitalo, FI. B-Dr William J Solomon. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Ake Svanstedt.
- **3-World Bank** (c, 2, Bar Hopping--Broadway Woman, by Broadway Hall) \$2,400, \$16,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-0-0-1, \$2,400 O-Dr William J Solomon. B-Dr William J Solomon. T-Steve Le Blanc. D-David Miller.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 2, 3, 2, 1H, H Finish Order: Lindys Booze Cruz, Armani Hanover, Z Sets The Pace, Scirocco Big John
- 6, Phl, \$103,661, Trot, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (Division 1 of 2), 28.0, 58.0, 1:26.4, 1:55.0, FT
 - 1-Captain Corey (c, 2, Googoo Gaagaa--Luv U All, by Angus Hall) \$51,830, \$150,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$86,483
 O-S R F Stable & Knutsson Trotting Inc & Midnight Sun Partners Inc & Ake Svanstedt Inc. B-Carter H Duer. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Ake Svanstedt.

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

- **2-Johan Palema** (c, 2, Bar Hopping--Sobti Hanover, by Cantab Hall) \$25,915, \$40,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 2-0-1-1, \$34,279 O-Bender Sweden Inc. B-Kentuckiana Farms LLC & Bender Sweden Inc. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Dexter Dunn.
- **3-Tart Tongue** (c, 2, Southwind Frank--Mariongotchocolate, by Chocolatier) \$12,439, \$12,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-2, \$28,255 O-Blair C & Erna R Corbeil, CA. B-Steve H Stewart & Kemppi Stables Oy Inc & Pond- A- Acres. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno
- ▶ ► Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 1, 1H Finish Order: Arnold N Dicky, Bacardi, Southern Mazzarati, Alberts Dream
- 8, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (Division 3 of 6), 30.0, 1:00.4, 1:29.4, 2:00.0, FT
 - 1-Ceffyl Dwr (c, 2, Andover Hall--Ardwyn Hanover, by Explosive Matter) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,832
 - O-Donna R Franchetti & Thomas Doran & Jacqueline M Ingrassia. B-Donna R Franchetti & Thomas Doran. T-Frank Ingrassia. D-Jacqueline Ingrassia.
 - **2-Halls Of Valor** (g, 2, Cantab Hall--Goddess Of War, by Muscles Yankee) \$5,000, \$20,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 1-0-1-0, \$5,000 O-Harmony Oaks Racing Stable Inc. B-Little E LLC. T-John Butenschoen. D-Tyler Buter.
 - **3-Capital T Storm** (c, 2, Father Patrick--Missys Mission, by Yankee Glide) \$2,400, \$20,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$2,400 O-Ake Svanstedt Inc & Gbg Smart Repair Center Ab, SD. B-Red Well Stables LLC. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Ake Svanstedt.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1T, 2H, 2, 3, H Finish Order: Reverse Smith, Massive Matter, Keepthetab Hanover, Glacier Hanover
- 9, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (Division 4 of 6), 28.4, 59.2, 1:29.0, 1:58.4, FT
 - 1-The Irishman (c, 2, Cantab Hall--Demoiselle Hanover, by Muscle Hill) \$10,000, \$65,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$10,000 O-W J Donovan & Thomas R Dillon & Purnel & Libby LLC & Joe Sbrocco. B-Steve H Stewart & Timot Stable Inc. T-George Ducharme. D-David Miller.



- 2-Mystical King (c, 2, Muscle Massive--Miss Imperial, by Imperial Victory) \$5,000, \$8,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$18,572
- O-Ervin Miller Stable Inc & Harmony Oaks Racing Stable Inc. B-Mystical Marker Farms LLC & Ervin Miller Stable Inc. T-Erv Miller. D-Marcus Miller.
- 3-Catello (c, 2, Sebastian K S--Shy That Way, by Lucky Chucky) \$2,400, \$4,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 5-0-0-2, \$5,832
- O-Robert Dinerman. B-Patricia M Hogan. T-Paul Jessop. D-Steve Smith.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 4H, 6H, H, 1, 3 Finish Order: Pecansandy Hanover, Ogalaram, Nimby Hanover, Ginger Tree Knox
- 10, Phl. \$103,261, Trot. Pennsylvania Sire Stakes 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (Division 2 of 2), 27.3, 57.3, 1:26.3, 1:56.1, FT
 - 1-In Range (c, 2, Bar Hopping--Ilia, by Windsong's Legacy) \$51,630, \$185,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$101,483
 - O-Amg Stable Inc & Kenneth Kjellgren, SD & Tomas Hans Asell, SD & Rick T Wahlstedt. B-Windsong Stable. T-Marcus Melander. D-Tim Tetrick.
 - 2-Take All Comers (g, 2, Creatine--Nantab, by Cantab Hall) \$25,815, Lifetime Record: 3-0-2-0, \$45,641
 - O-Runthetable Stables. B-Runthetable Stables & Chelsea A Batelli. T-Jim Campbell. D-Dexter Dunn.
 - 3-Ethan T Hanover (c, 2, Bar Hopping--Emmylou Who, by Ken Warkentin) \$12,391, \$130,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 3-0-0-1, \$17,356
 - O-Engblom Stable LLC & Douglas E Sipple & Mal & Janet Burroughs LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Per Engblom. D-Yannick Gingras.
 - ► Replay ► Calls: 7, 6, 1H, 1, 1 Finish Order: Fly Light, Padre, To Be Frank
- 12, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (Division 5 of 6), 29.0, 59.2, 1:28.4, 1:58.2, FT
 - 1-Mister Boinga (g, 2, Bar Hopping--Boinga, by Windsong's Legacy) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$15,200
 - O-Bernard M O'Brien. B-Anthony J Risi & Bernard M O'Brien. T-Jill Roland. D-Tim Tetrick.
 - 2-Father Pats Secret (c, 2, Father Patrick--Yalta Hanover, by Andover Hall) \$5,000, \$50,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 4-0-1-0, \$5,832
 - O-William C Wiswell & Jean A Goehlen & Eugene W Schick. B-Deo Volente Farms LLC. T-John Butenschoen. D-Tyler Buter.
 - **3-Clancy's Bar** (g, 2, Bar Hopping--Wen-mar's Memo, by Carry The Message) \$2,400, \$10,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 3-0-0-2, \$4,658
 - O-E & K Stable Inc. B-Hans G Enggren. T-Eddie Dennis. D-Eddie Dennis.
 - ▶ ▶ Replay ▶ ▶ Calls: 1, 1H, T, Q, 3H Finish Order: Redemptor, College Tuition, My Son Ty Hanover, By A Hoff Hanover
- 15, Phl, \$20,000, Trot, Pennsylvania Stallion Series 2 Year Old Colts and Geldings (Division 6 of 6), 29.1, 59.4, 1:29.2, 1:59.2, FT
 - 1-Lindys Goin Crazy (c, 2, Cantab Hall--Crazy In Lindy, by Crazed) \$10,000, \$75,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$22,400 O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Gty Stable & Jean A Goehlen & L Berg Inc. B-Lindy Farms Of Conn. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller.

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- 2-Top Me Off (c, 2, Bar Hopping--Chiptomylou, by Chip Chip Hooray) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 5-0-1-0, \$6,832
- O-Todd M & Christine L Schadel & Richard C & Regina M Beinhauer. B-Richard C & Regina M Beinhauer. T-Todd Schadel. D-Todd Schadel.
- 3-Sumbigbank Hanover (q, 2, Explosive Matter--Secret Credit, by Credit Winner) \$2,400, \$12,000 2019 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-1, \$4,263
- O-Harmony Oaks Racing Stable Inc & Ervin Miller Stable Inc & Tangie L Massey. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-John Butenschoen. D-Marcus Miller.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 2H, 2H, 2, 1H, 1 Finish Order: Comeonover Hanover, Argento, Circuit Party, Double A's Journey

SARATOGA HARNESS report

Wednesday's Results:

- 4, Stga, \$15,000, Trot, New York Sire Stakes 3-Year-Old Colts & Geldings Excelsior Series Division A (Declaration fee \$319.90), 29.0, 59.2, 1:28.4, 1:58.1, FT
 - **1-Bronze Yankee (g, 3, Muscles Yankee--Brontease, by Balanced Image)** \$7,500, \$42,000 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$25,700 O-Hutt Racing Stable & Blake C Macintosh, CA. B-Winbak Farm. T-Blake Macintosh. D-Billy Dobson.



- 2-Mark Of A Beast (c, 3, Imagistic--Speeding Rosey, by Speedy Big Boy) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$12,450
- O-Andrew B Byler & Deborah Ann Smith. B-Andrew B Byler & Deborah Ann Smith. T-Andrew Byler. D-Phil Fluet.
- 3-Linger Hanover (c, 3, RC Royalty--Lady Bar, by Malabar Man) \$1,800, \$30,000 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 4-0-0-2, \$4,350
- O-Raymond W Schnittker & Howard A Taylor & Theodore Gewertz. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ray Schnittker. D-Mark Macdonald.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1T, 2, 1T, 2, 1 Finish Order: Rambler Blue Chip, Grosseto As, Party Boy Hanover, Bluffinner, Redneckerthenyou

- 5, Stga, \$15,000, Trot, New York Sire Stakes 3-Year-Old Colts & Geldings Excelsior Series Division A (Declaration fee \$319.90), 28.2, 58.1, 1:28.0, 1:56.3, FT
 - 1-Conquest As (g, 3, Conway Hall--Cordele As, by Kadabra) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 12-7-1-1, \$59,250

O-Acl Stuteri Ab. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Jason Bartlett.

- 2-Double Dealing (g, 3, RC Royalty--Heather Spur, by SJ's Caviar) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 14-3-4-4, \$73,030
- O-Raymond W J Campbell Jr. B-Raymond W J Campbell Jr. T-George Ducharme. D-Scott Zeron.
- 3-All Rise (c, 3, Conway Hall--Berdine Hanover, by Kadabra) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-5, \$53,496
- O-Homer J Hochstetler & Robert J Buddig & Allen N Schwartz. B-Connie J Hochstetler & Robert J Buddig. T-Homer Hochstetler. D-Tyler Buter.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1T, 1Q, 2, 2 Finish Order: Manruptcy, Bropain, Book Seven, Mid Chapter, Da Boogie Man
- 6, Stga, \$74,500, Trot, New York Sire Stakes 3-Year-Old Colts & Geldings (Declaration fee \$1,419.90), 28.3, 59.1, 1:27.3, 1:56.1, FT
 - 1-Chaptiama (g, 3, Chapter Seven--Crediama, by Credit Winner) \$37,250, Lifetime Record: 13-5-5-1, \$307,255
 - O-Purple Haze Stables LLC. B-Purple Haze Stables LLC. T-Trond Smedshammer. D-Trond Smedshammer.
 - 2-Ballcapsnbluejeans (c, 3, Chapter Seven--Mazda Hanover, by Andover Hall) \$18,625, Lifetime Record: 11-1-4-4, \$81,764
 - O-Kentuckiana Racing Stable & Crawford Farms Racing & David J Miller & Lawrence M Means. B-Kenneth A Jackson & Robert M Brady & Lisa C Jackson & Rebecca L Brady. T-John Butenschoen. D-Mark Macdonald.
 - 3-Beerthirty K (c, 3, Credit Winner--Venus Hall, by Conway Hall) \$8,940, \$23,000 2018 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-2, \$121,071
 - O-Don P Atlas. B-Arden Homestead Stable & Frank J Baldassare. T-John Berger. D-Tyler Buter.
 - ► Replay ► Calls: 1H, 2, 2, 2, 1T Finish Order: Sir Cromwell, Altus Hanover
- 7, Stga, \$74,500, Trot, New York Sire Stakes 3-Year-Old Colts & Geldings (Declaration fee \$1,419.90), 28.0, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:56.0, FT
 - 1-Hobbs (g, 3, Credit Winner--Cruella De Ville, by Yankee Glide) \$37,250, Lifetime Record: 16-5-2-3, \$265,568
 - O-Runthetable Stables. B-Runthetable Stables. T-Jim Campbell. D-Jason Bartlett.
 - **2-Barn Holden** (c, 3, Conway Hall--Barn Babe, by Cash Hall) \$18,625, \$45,000 2018 MORRIS, Lifetime Record: 16-5-4-5, \$192,778
 - O-Steven F & Nancy E Pratt & Purple Haze Stables LLC & Out In The Country Stable. B-Steven F & Nancy E Pratt. T-Steven Pratt. D-Mark Macdonald.
 - 3-Take The Credit (g, 3, Credit Winner--Love Tactics, by Tagliabue) \$8,940, \$42,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 13-0-4-3, \$94,567
 - O-Brixton Medical Inc. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ake Svanstedt. D-Trond Smedshammer.
 - ► Replay ► Calls: 1T, 1H, 1T, 2T, 1Q Finish Order: Bourbon Express, Berkery J

THE MEADOWS report

Wednesday's Results:

- 8, Mea, \$17,900, Pace, **F&M OPEN HANDICAP** P.P.1-3 DRAWN; 4-6 DRAWN; 7 ASSIGNED, 27.1, 55.1, 1:22.4, 1:50.3, FT
 - **1-Blue Ivy (m, 4, Captaintreacherous--Ali Blue, by American Ideal)** \$8,950, \$90,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 36-15-6-4, \$239,010 O-Renee J Bercury. B-Marvin Katz, CA & Sam A Goldband, CA. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.

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

- **2-Always Giggling** (m, 6, Always A Virgin--Giggles The Clown, by Sportsmaster) \$4,475, \$34,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 111-18-19-20, \$467,002 O-Jeff Fought Racing. B-Roger S Welch. T-Sarah Andrews. D-Mike Wilder.
- **3-Play For Pay** (m, 4, Tellitlikeitis--Fox Valley Ivy, by Incredible Finale) \$2,148, \$15,500 2017 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 40-9-10-10, \$216,823 O-Ira Steinberg. B-Diana L Wilson. T-Michael Arnold. D-Tony Hall.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H Finish Order: Camera Lady, Mcdazzle, Sansovina Hanover, Amelias Courage A



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RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK report

Thursday's Results:

- 2, Wbs, \$20,000, Trot, MILLARD FARMS 2ND LEG 2 YEAR OLDS, 28, 57.4, 1:27.1, 1:55.1
 - 1-Logan Park (blk,c,2 Archangel-Rite Outa The Park-Muscle Mass) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$20,518
 - O-Outofthepark Stable, Reg Higgs, Arpad Szabo B-Reg & Donna Higgs T-Robert Don Fellows D-Louis Philippe Roy



- **2-Warrawee Whisper** (b,c,2 Trixton-Karoon-Yankee Glide)
- O-Mark Steacy, Natasha Rivest, Stephen Klunowski, Dr Michael Wilson B-Warrawee Farm T-Shawn Steacy D-Shawn Steacy
- 3-Black Tie Bash (br,c,2 Chapter Seven-Daylon Mermaid-Kadabra)
- O-Fred Brayford, Blake Macintosh, Mortgage Boys Stable, Black Tie Bash Stables B-Dan Kuhns T-Blake Macintosh D-Jody Jamieson
- ► ► Replay ► ►
- 4, Wbs, \$17,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$20,000 (FM \$25,000) LIFETIME, 27.2, 58, 1:26.1, 1:54.3
 - 1-Angry Eyes (b,m,4 Father Patrick-Aiken For Clay-Conway Hall) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-5, \$58,070
 - O-Tony Basile, Brianna Fenn B-Al Libfeld, Marvin Katz T-Dean Nixon D-Jody Jamieson
 - **2-Shape Shifter** (b,f,3 Kadabra-Too Good For You-Yankee Glide)
 - O-Tom Crouch B-Atlantic Trot Inc T-Gerald Lilley D-Phillipe Hudon
 - **3-Magic Cape** (b,f,3 Johnny William-Microwave Muscles-Muscles Yankee)
 - O-Sonja Booth B-Sonja Booth T-Michiel Vanderkemp D-Michiel Vanderkemp
 - ► ► Replay ► ►
- 6, Wbs, \$20,000, Trot, PURE IVORY 2ND LEG 2 YEAR OLD FILLIES, 30.1, 1:01, 1:29.3, 1:57.2
 - 1-Donna Soprano (b.f.2 Donato Hanover-Windsong Soprano-Windsongs Legacy) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,000
 - O-Determination B-White Birch Farm T-Luc Blais D-Bob McClure





- 2-Rubys Are Nice (br,f,2 Muscle Mass-Lady Bling-Striking Sahbra)
- O-Blair & Erna Corbeil B-Blair & Erna Corbeil T-Robert Don Fellows D-Douglas McNair
- **3-Magic Beauty** (b,f,2 Kadabra-Magic Marker-Andover Hall)
- O-Melvin Hartman, David Mc Duffee, Little E Llc B-Melvin Hartman T-Meg Crone D-Trevor Henry
- ► ► Replay ► ►
- 7, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.4, 59.1, 1:28.4, 1:58
 - 1-Okayzoomer (b,f,3 Trixton-Mind Meld-Donato Hanover) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$8,250
 - O-Glenview Livestock Ltd, Cheryl Cherry B-D Farm Llc T-Shawn Steacy D-Paul Macdonel



- 2-Rowlen (br,m,4 Johnny William-Amoreena-Amigo Hall)
- O-Debra Jeffries B-Debra Jeffries T-Roy Jeffries D-Patrick Hudon
- **3-Master Of Affairs** (b,g,3 Kadabra-Massive Affair-Muscle Mass)
- O-Robert Mcintosh Stables Inc, C S X Stables, Gordon Wright B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc T-Robert McIntosh D-Trevor Henry
- ► ► Replay ► ►
- 9, Wbs, \$20,000, Trot, PURE IVORY 2ND LEG 2 YEAR OLD FILLIES, 29, 1:00.3, 1:29.2, 1:58.1
 - 1-Spruce Creek (b,f,2 Muscle Hill-Sahalee-Garland Lobell) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$12,400
 - O-Yolanda Fellows, Erna Corbeil, Edward Wilson B-Michael Pozefsky T-Robert Don Fellows D-Louis Philippe Roy

- 2-Ad Astra (br,f,2 Father Patrick-Muscle Amour-Muscles Yankee)
- O-Andrea Lea Racingstables Inc B-Diamond Creek Farm Llc T-Dustin Jones D-Jody Jamieson
- 3-Amazone Duharas (b,f,2 Muscle Hill-Cleopatre Duharas-Cantab Hall)
- O-Haras De L Estrie Inc B-Haras De L Estrie Inc T-Denis Gueriel D-Scott Young
- ► ► Replay ► ►
- 10, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, 3 YEAR OLDS, NW 1 RACE OR \$8,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 27, 56.2, 1:26, 1:54.1
 - 1-Shadow In Red (br,g,3 Shadow Play-My Red High Heels-Modern Art) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$7,500
 - O-Macks Stable B-Cesar Kowalski T-Jack Moiseyev D-Phillippe Hudon
 - 2-A Game Changer (b,c,3 Shadow Play-Too Hot To Handle-Camluck)
 - O-Linda Wellwood, Tammy Aspden, Mike Shunock B-Mike & Anne Shunock T-Lyle Macarthur D-Lyle Macarthur
 - **3-Perseus Seelster** (gr,c,3 Big Jim-Pantecostal-No Pan Intended)
 - O-Gestion Mastel Inc, Marcel Barrieau B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Marcel Barrieau D-Louis Philippe Roy
 - ► ► Replay ► ►
- 11, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$15,000 LIFETIME, 26.4, 55, 1:23.3, 1:51
 - 1-Aneto (br,c,3 Bettors Delight-Jk Sure I Can-Rocknroll Hanover) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 20-2-3-6, \$139,166
 - O-Synerco Ventures Inc B-Southwind Farms Llc T-Rod Boyd D-Jody Jamieson
 - 2-Bettor In Cash (b,g,3 Bettors Delight-Paid In Cash-Well Said)
 - O-Kevin Harvey B-Jeffery Ruch T-Tony Osullivan D-Bob Mcclure
 - 3-Tint Of Mint (b,g,3 American Ideal-Mintjulep Bluechip-Bettors Delight)
 - O-Daniel Lagace, Billy Joe Timmins, Christopher Nicol B-White Birch Farm T-Daniel Lagace
 - ► ► Replay ► ►

YONKERS RACEWAY report

Thursday's Results:

- 5, YR, \$18,000, Pace, F&M NW \$25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. 3&4 YO F&M NW 10 P-M RACES LT. AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$40,000, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.0, 1:51.4, FT
 - 1-Imprincessgemma A (m, 6, Village Jolt--Melody Stride, by In The Pocket) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 42-18-11-6, \$222,962
 - O-Jennifer Bongiorno Stable LLC & Joseph Bongiorno LLC & Steve M Manzi & Wish Me Luck Stables LLC. B-M G & J Davis, AS. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.
 - 2-Lispatty (m, 7, McArdle--Lisbella, by Camluck) \$4,500, \$20,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 144-36-30-22, \$947,899
 - O-Gilbert Garcia-Owen. B-Timothy J Rooney. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Austin Siegelman.
 - **3-Rockn Philly** (m, 4, A Rocknroll Dance--Philadelphia, by Western Hanover) \$2,160, \$27,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 33-9-10-6, \$310,701 O-Tim Tetrick LLC & Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Lindwood Farm. T-Jim King Jr. D-Jordan Stratton.
 - ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 2, 2, 1H Finish Order: I'm Very Special, Sally Fletcher A, Rockin The Boys A, Monica Gallagher, Saskatoon
- 7, YR, \$15,500, Pace, NW \$17,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 26.0, 54.1, 1:22.3, 1:52.2, FT
 - 1-Zach Maguire N (h, 8, Bettor's Delight--Zenola Starbuck, by Christian Cullen) \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 120-21-17-17, \$243,375
 - O-Donald Sider. B-R L & Mrs D C Kennedy, NZ. T-Donald Sider. D-Scott Zeron.
 - 2-War Dan Delight N (g, 5, Bettor's Delight--Miss Elsie, by Elsu) \$3,875, Lifetime Record: 27-8-6-3, \$81,337
 - O-Harmon Racing Stable LLC & Eldo R Leonelli. B-Brosnan Standardbreds, NZ. T-Rob Harmon. D-Tyler Buter.
 - 3-Reagan's Avenger (g, 5, Dragon Again--Up Front Foxy, by American Ideal) \$1,860, \$7,000 2016 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 71-13-8-6, \$143,812
 - O-Ricky A Bucci & Blue Meadow Farm LLC. B-Up Front Racing LLC & Mark S Ford. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Jim Marohn Jr.
 - ► Replay ► Calls: 8H, 6, 3, 3, T Finish Order: Wardan Express A, London Seelster, Proven Desire, Anthem N, Dragonology



- 8, YR, \$15,500, Pace, NW \$17,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE. OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 28.2, 57.4, 1:26.1, 1:54.1, FT
 - **1-Elwell (g, 8, Well Said--Temptress El, by Art Major**) \$7,750, \$70,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 120-21-14-23, \$377,738 O-Latz A Luck Stable. B-M Kenneth Weed & Kerry Feuker. T-Dennis J Laterza. D-Jordan Stratton.



- **2-Babes Dig Me** (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Western Babe, by Western Hanover) \$3,875, \$100,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 58-9-15-7, \$387,466 O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & T L P Stable. B-Rejean Lassonde, CA. T-Richard Johnson. D-Jason Bartlett.
- **3-Mcardles Lightning** (r, 8, McArdle--Winning Venture, by Jate Lobell) \$1,860, Lifetime Record: 96-22-11-14, \$435,779 O-Lightning Stable. B-Lightning Stable. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan.
- ▶ Replay ▶ Calls: 1T, 1T, 1H, 1H, NS Finish Order: Horsing Around, Sports Bettor, Killer Martini, Ideal Cowboy, Soho Lennon A



