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Takter stoked to train Lazarus

The Hall of Fame trainer said he craves conditioning star horses such as the New Zealand-bred known as The Wonder from Down Under who will contest the \$600,000 Canadian Pacing Derby tonight at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

by Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications



Dave Landry

Lazarus (at Jimmy Takter's farm in New Jersey) has proven to be a delightful project for the Hall of Fame trainer.

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Will all of the \$104.8 million go to race purses?

The majority of the funding is designated to race purses—a total of \$95.4 million dollars between Racing Operations and Purse Enhancements.

Why does the government provide funding to this industry?

Supporting jobs in rural communities and strengthening local economies is part of the overall objective to keep Ontario strong.

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Takter said Taylor Made Sales and Stallions have been fantastic new additions to the standardbred game. The farm is operated by brothers (from left) Mark, Duncan, Ben and Frank Taylor and Pat Payne.

Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter has done everything and more during his career in harness racing.

The 58-year-old has trained and managed some of the sport's greatest champions for more than two decades and every year continues to add names to his list of All-Stars.

With \$130 million in career earnings and too many award winners to list, it's fair to ask what keeps Jimmy Takter motivated and excited for his work.

Enter Lazarus.

The Wonder from Down Under is Takter's latest project and exactly the kind of challenge he seeks at this stage in his career.

"When you've had as many top horses as I've had over the last 20 years, that's what I crave, that's my excitement," said Takter of training Lazarus. "When they send me a horse they paid big money for, it's a great challenge.

"There are a lot of things that can go wrong, it's a million things that can go wrong. You can question am I too tough on him. That's why you've got to have a feeling for it."

Takter is a king of his craft and has taken horses to the top in every way. His ranking among the greatest trainers of

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all-time is backed by his ability to get horses to the top, whether they started with him, like Ariana G, or arrived in his barn with more to accomplish, like Always B Miki.

"I've been dealing with great horses and I think at my age I've developed into maybe one of the best in the world to manage a great horse," Takter said. "It's one thing to get a great horse there and then another thing to keep it there and keep it going."

"I still have my Great Vintage and Sunfire Blue Chip winning races. Great Vintage winning the open at Yonkers at 10 years old. That's what I'm good at. They are great horses, but they start getting a little older, so you've got to manage them right, put them in the right races, race them when you know they are ready."

Taylor Made Stallions, the leading consignor of thoroughbreds, purchased Down Under champion Lazarus earlier this year to bring the 6-year-old to North America with hopes to conquer the best older pacers in Canada and the U.S.

It was no shock to fans and industry participants that Takter was the trainer selected by the thoroughbred breeding powerhouse to prepare and manage Lazarus.

"Taylor Made, they are new customers in my operation, they've given me 100 per cent free hands how to manage this horse," Takter said. "They are absolutely first-class owners, they love this."

The addition of Taylor Made into the standardbred game made headlines throughout the sport ([full story here](#)) and has been a breath of fresh air. Duncan Taylor, CEO of Taylor Made Sales and Stallions, leads the team that has been bold in promoting their star and working with racetracks.

"They're not regular owners," Takter noted. "Taylor Made is the biggest thoroughbred seller in the business. They've sold yearlings over \$2 billion in sales and another additional \$1 billion privately."

"I wouldn't be surprised if they have someone land with a parachute with Lazarus on it. They are great people. They give away things. They are givers not takers."

Lazarus has just one star under his belt in North America, but the son of Bettors Delight has been the talk of the sport in both Canada and the U.S. He arrived in North America with 35 wins and more than \$2.6 million earned in 45 starts Down Under.

The Wonder from Down Under arrived in Takter's barn with a lengthy list of accomplishments, but with the look of a horse that had just traveled across the world.

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"He's a good-looking horse, but not 'wow,'" Takter said. "He came up and he had about two and a half days of flying, it's like a horror trip to get here."

Lazarus adjusted to his new environment and entered Takter's training routine, growing stronger with each week. "He adapted to it very fast and I started feeling this horse is ready."

Lazarus took to the track at The Meadowlands on July 28 and more than proved his trainer's judgement, qualifying in 1:48.3. Next step was a race and the six-year-old made an even bigger statement defeating many of the division's best on Aug. 10 in the Dan Patch at Hoosier Park.

Viewed as an equine rockstar Down Under, Lazarus has impressed Takter with his attitude.

"Every day I see him he gets more personality coming out of him and he talks a lot this horse," Takter said. "It's so funny when you're training him, he talks the entire mile."

"I've never seen a horse that talks as much as he does." The Hall of Fame trainer is no stranger to media requests, but the following Lazarus receives is unlike anything seen in North America.

"Every time he races I have to do something," Takter said.

"When he won in Indiana he made the headline news (in New Zealand) on national TV, not just the sports."

The hype surrounding Lazarus continues to grow and the pacer is by far the star of the show at Woodbine Mohawk Park tonight for the \$600,000 Canadian Pacing Derby. Fans attending tonight's card will receive a special poster and rally towel to commemorate Lazarus' Canadian debut.

Takter believes Lazarus is the boost North American harness racing needs.

"We need this in harness racing, we really do need a horse that is special and people want to come out and it's a great horse for racetracks to promote," Takter said. "People will say 'I need to go out and see this horse from New Zealand.'"

As expected, Takter is confident heading into the Pacing Derby and enjoying the journey managing another champion.

"I know this horse is very special."

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Jimmy Takter said he craves working with star pacers such as Lazarus.

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Retirement of a power couple

After a lifetime in the game working with, and for, a slew of Hall of Famers, Larry and Jackie Drysdale have officially retired together from Winbak Canada, ending careers that also included a long stint at Armstrong Bros.

by Dave Briggs

More than a month after retiring as Winbak Canada's farm manager, Larry Drysdale said he still hasn't been able to sleep in. After nearly 50 years in the game, his internal alarm clock seems destined to ring early.

"I like the life. I never got sick of working all days a week. It never bothered me, waking up at 6:30 on Sunday morning and heading to the barn," he said.

Drysdale, one of the industry's true good guys, joked he's been around the industry so long he can remember showing yearlings to Hall of Famers Frank Ervin (born 1904) and Harry Pownall (born 1902).

"That's when you know you've been around a while," Drysdale said, laughing. "They were up there in age then, but they were still around."

Before working for Joe and JoAnn Thomson at Winbak, Drysdale worked at the famed Armstrong Bros. farm.

"I worked for two great operations — the Armstrong family and Joe and JoAnn Thomson at Winbak," he said. For most of the last 40 years, Drysdale's wife, Jackie, has worked right by his side. They even retired the same day.

Their contributions did not go unnoticed by the Thomsons.

"Larry and Jackie were the face of Winbak Canada and I never once doubted their loyalty or efforts in doing what was right for Winbak or the standardbred industry," Joe said. "They are the kind of people you can count on."

In turn, Larry said he has long appreciated the Thomsons' faith in both himself and Jackie.

"I always thought it was really good that they had the trust in Jackie and I to run the operation because Joe was so busy



Claus Andersen

Larry Drysdale (left, with Winbak yearling manager Jimmy Ladwig) has retired as the farm manager of Winbak Canada.

(with his financial services company Pacer Financial)," Larry said. "He never got much time to come up and see the farm. He was up enough, but not as much as you might think."

Larry took his first job in the horse industry in March of 1970 when, at age 18, he was hired to work at Armstrong Bros. farm.

"I grew up in Acton and there was a farm behind me that had horses," he said. "I used to hang around there a bit, but didn't have a lot of experience."

That experience came quickly when he joined Armstrong Bros., first working with the farm's famed broodmare band, then with yearlings.

The plan was just a short-term one at first. After the Harrisburg Sale, Larry left to go to California to work for Hall



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of Fame trainer Joe O'Brien.

Larry remained in California until 1974 when he returned home to California when his dad died of a sudden heart attack.

Around the same time, Larry met Jackie and the two of them took jobs working for Hall of Fame trainer Jack Kopas.

"I was there when all his good horses were there, Jate Lobell, Nat Lobell, Jade Prince and all them... and Super Clint," Larry said. "(Kopas) was such a great horseman, he was amazing."

Looking to escape the racetrack life and settle down, Larry went back to work at Armstrong Bros. in the fall of 1976.

Larry said Armbro founders, brothers Ted and J. Elgin Armstrong (a dual Hall of Famer), "were good guys to work for. Elgin was a businessman and farmer. You never got to see him that much, but he would sometimes come around. He loved his mares. His broodmares were his pride and joy."

It wasn't long before Jackie began working at the famed Brampton, ON farm, as well. The two have worked together at farms pretty much ever since.

In his second stint at Armbro, Larry worked with yearling manager Jim Hammond. When Hammond retired in the early 1980s, Drysdale took over as yearling manager. Under the farm leadership of Hall of Famer Dr. Glen Brown, Larry also began handling stallion promotion and, during the Mohawk Racetrack fall meet, he would also be at the track four nights a week trying to get clients to make appointments to go out to the farm to look at yearlings.

"That's back when they used to come to the farms to look at yearlings," Larry said, laughing. "We had appointments booked because we had the Canadian Classic (sale), plus the Kentucky Standardbred (sale) at Lexington and we were quite busy. We had appointments almost every day, somebody coming in looking at yearlings."

Along the way, Larry developed a deep admiration for leading sires Speedy Crown and Abercrombie.

"We used to laugh sitting around the boardroom at Armstrongs when we were doing the matings. We'd talk about a mare and if she had a couple of individuals that weren't the best, we used to always say, 'Well, breed her to Abercrombie and if she doesn't have a good individual, then it's time to go,'" Larry said, laughing. "That's about the way it was with Speedy Crown, too."

Larry had an even deeper attachment to the horses he

helped raise.

"At Armstrongs, I was involved with them from the time they foaled until the time they sold, so when the last yearling would step through the ring at Lexington, it was pretty emotional. It always felt like you raised them, you knew them. There was a time when I could go back and tell you who the fourth dam was, go all the way back... I always loved pedigrees and I still follow that," Larry said.

Having helped raise thousands of horses, Larry said it's difficult to pick out favorites, but he has fond memories of some champions.

"I still think Armbro Cadet (a winner of nearly \$700,000) was one of the best-looking ones ever," Larry said. "He was an Abercrombie and had that Abercrombie look to him. God, he was a great-looking colt and he was a nice colt to be around. He just had that presence. Every time you took him out to show a buyer, he just stood perfect every time. He was something else."

"Then there were others, like Armbro Goal. He was tough yearling, but he ended up winning the Hambletonian. He was a handful as a yearling — Phew, he was tough."

Dr. Moira Gunn, who succeeded Dr. Brown as farm president, said Larry was instrumental to the economic success of the farm.

"With a premier farm like Armstrong Bros., our number one revenue source was the yearling sales crop every year," Dr. Gunn said. "Larry oversaw the development of the finished product, from the weanling stage right through to the sales ring for every yearling we had, so Larry's job was critical to the financial success of Armstrong Bros. and he did it extremely well."

"Most people won't realize that Larry and his dedicated crew that worked with the yearlings, from the fall of the weanling year right through to the spring in the yearling barns, in very cold temperatures, were the ones responsible for not only training those yearlings through the winter to stand, cross-tied, pick up their feet, be amenable to the blacksmith and even loaded them onto the trailers until every yearling was easy to load. That would be before the yearlings ever came down for final prep in the yearling barns. So anybody who has had an Armstrong yearling and had it break to harness the very first time they had it on or load in the trailer without balking the very first time, they really had Larry to thank for that and, of course, his dedicated team."



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In the fall of 2004, Armstrong Bros. closed after selling its last weanlings, yearlings and trotting broodmares.

Winbak Canada opened on the same location in January of 2005 with Larry Drysdale at the helm. Jackie came along, too, to work in the office.

"Joe (Thomson) approached me at Harrisburg... I still wasn't sure what I was going to do (after Armstrong Bros. closed) and then he flew me to the farm in Maryland and I had lunch with him and JoAnn. Then, I took the job," Larry said.

Dr. Gunn said she was pleased to see Larry and Jackie get hired at Winbak.

"With the business decision to liquidate Armstrong Bros. for the owners, it was a wonderful opportunity for Larry to join Winbak Farms and become farm manager for the Canadian operation of Winbak," Dr. Gunn said. "Throughout Larry's career, Jackie has been right there beside him. To see two wonderful people, happily married, working on the same farm has been exceptional and a benefit to both Armstrong Bros and Winbak."

Winbak keeps most of its mares at its main farm in Maryland, so Larry's job at Winbak Canada was mostly one of overseeing stallions, though everyone pitched in on all facets of the operation.

"At Winbak, it was going from stallions right to yearlings. It wasn't like with Armstrongs where you had a stallion crew, a broodmare crew, a yearling crew. At Winbak, we did it all," Larry said. "At first, it was almost run like a stallion station. We didn't have many mares or maybe just mares coming into breed or a handful of teaser mares. The next year we foaled out two mares and then next year it was four, until it got up to about 16 mares."

Larry and Jackie made the decision last year that it was time to retire and informed Joe and JoAnn of their intentions at the Harrisburg sale, telling them the 2019 breeding season would be their last.

Their final day was officially July 20. Pat Woods is now the farm manager of Winbak Canada.

"It was strange," Larry said of their last day. "You know what it feels like? The breeding season is over and I'm on holidays and then, after my holidays are over, we'll be going back at it. That's what it feels like right now."

"It was pretty emotional that last day, just walking out and knowing that it was the last day. But it still just felt like we were on a couple weeks holidays and we'd be going back."

When yearling time comes around, Larry and Jackie will be on the other side of the world.

"We're planning to go to Australia and New Zealand," Larry said. "I've never been, but I've been in touch with a few of the people and I am looking forward to getting to Alabar Farm and seeing Shadow Play and Betterthancheddar and then

going to New Zealand to see Bettors Delight.

"I would just like to see if there's much difference between them and how we do it. I'm kind of curious. That's the plan right now. We've got our VISAS and our flights booked."

Other than that, Larry said he plans to play more golf and Jackie will get more time to visit her mother in Florida.

"Jackie's mother is 97 and in Jacksonville, Florida. She's still going and as good as ever, so Jackie plans on going down there after the New Year to spend some time with her. Hopefully, we'll maybe buy an RV trailer and do some traveling," Larry said.

Still after a lifetime in the game, Larry said he hopes he can be of service to someone for breeding advice. After all, he said the thing he will miss the most about the game is the people.

"I've made so many great friends in this business and that's what I'll miss the most," Larry said, "sitting in that office and having somebody call up and say, 'Who do you think I should breed my mare to?'"

"I just love that part of it. I felt like I was knowledgeable and I could help people with that."

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Dave Landry

Hannelore Hanover (Yannick Gingras, setting the 1:49.2 world record) is looking to rebound from a recent slump and defend her 2017 Maple Leaf Trot title tonight at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Hannelore aims for Maple Leaf repeat; Marauder for home win

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Ron Burke is hoping to see a change in Hannelore Hanover for tonight's Maple Leaf Trot final. Mike Keeling is hoping to see no change in Marion Marauder.

Hannelore Hanover, the 2017 Horse of the Year in the U.S. and Canada, enters the \$651,000 Maple Leaf Trot for older trotters at Woodbine Mohawk Park off three consecutive third-place finishes after beginning her campaign with six straight wins. She was beaten by 2-3/4 lengths by Ariana G in her Maple Leaf Trot elimination.

A 6-year-old mare, Hannelore Hanover is one of three mares in the final, with 4-year-old Ariana G and 5-year-old Emoticon Hanover. Hannelore Hanover won last year's Maple Leaf Trot and is trying to become the first repeat winner of the event since San Pail, who captured three consecutive trophies in 2009 through 2011.


Hannelore Hanover, who has won 42 of 67 career races and \$2.75 million, will start from post seven with regular driver Yannick Gingras and is 4-1 on the morning line. She is one of only two horses returning from last year's race. Warrawee Roo is the other.

"My horse hasn't been good; I need a big turnaround," said Burke, who trains Hannelore Hanover and owns the mare with the Weaver Bruscelli partnership, Frank Baldachino, and J&T Silva Stables. "We haven't gotten a handle on it yet. She's gone through little lulls before in her career and we've always figured it out. She's a good horse. We'll figure it out. She'll come back around. It's just that I want her to be back by Saturday and I don't know yet what it's going to be.

"Post seven doesn't bother me. She can put herself in position, but she needs to be better. End of story."

Marion Marauder, trained by the Canadian-based husband-and-wife team of Mike Keeling and Paula Wellwood and owned by their son Devin Keeling and his grandmother Jean Wellwood, won his Maple Leaf Trot elimination by a length over Dancer Hall in 1:53.1. He will start the final from post three with regular driver Scott Zeron and is the 3-1 morning-line favorite.

"He's having a great week," Mike Keeling said. "He's happy,



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Marion Marauder (Scott Zeron) cruised to an easy victory last Saturday in his Maple Leaf Trot elimination.

he's sharp, he's healthy. The weather has been up and down, and that always scares you. We've had some extreme heat and now we've chilled right off. But we can only control what we can control and we're really pleased with how he's going into it."

Following Marion Marauder's elimination, Zeron said in the winner's circle he let his horse "coast" to the finish.

"It was not a stressful race for him," Keeling said, adding with a laugh, "It was probably more stressful for us to watch than it was for the horse. Scott is so relaxed with him.

"He came out of the race fantastic. When you don't have to go to the bottom of the well just to win an elimination it certainly bodes well going into a final."

Marion Marauder's appearance in the elimination was the 5-year-old stallion's first race in Canada since an eighth-place finish in last year's Maple Leaf Trot eliminations, when he failed to advance to the final. He has competed in Canada only five times in 30 starts since winning the Goodtimes Stakes at age 3.

"He doesn't get to perform as much at home," Keeling said. "It means a lot to win at home. It would be kind of special to do that. This is a great race with a great history. I think only great horses have ever won it. It's a race that means a lot historically and personally. It's not an easy race to win. None of the top ones are, but this one seems really difficult.

"This is a really good bunch of trotters. There's early speed, late speed, everything in there. It's interesting for sure."

Ariana G, a two-time Dan Patch and O'Brien awards-winner, won her Maple Leaf Trot elimination in 1:52.4 by a neck over Will Take Charge. She is one of two horses in the race for trainer Jimmy Takter, with 2015 Hambletonian winner Pinkman.

Tonight's card at Woodbine Mohawk Park also includes the \$600,000 Canadian Pacing Derby for older pacers, where New Zealand-bred sensation Lazarus is the 7-5 morning-line favorite.

Racing begins at 7:10 p.m. (EDT). The Canadian Pacing Derby is race eight, set for 9:45 p.m., and will air on TSN GO during a 9:30-10 p.m. broadcast. The Maple Leaf Trot is race 10, with a 10:35 p.m. post time.

Following is the field in post-position order for the Maple Leaf Trot. The connections of elimination winners selected their starting spots.

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- 1-**Crazy Wow**-Jody Jamieson-Marcus Melander-10-1
- 2-**Dancer Hall**-Sylvain Filion-Paul Reid-5-1
- 3-**Marion Marauder**-Scott Zeron-Mike Keeling-3-1
- 4-**Ariana G**-David Miller-Jimmy Takter-9-2
- 5-**Will Take Charge**-Tim Tetrick-Jeff Gillis-7-2
- 6-**Warrawee Roo**-James MacDonald-Luc Blais-10-1
- 7-**Hannelore Hanover**-Yannick Gingras-Ron Burke-4-1
- 8-**Emoticon Hanover**-Bob McClure-Luc Blais-12-1
- 9-**Guardian Angel AS**-Brett Miller-Anette Lorentzon-12-1
- 10-**Pinkman**-Andy McCarthy-Jimmy Takter-20-1

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Focus on the Messenger, Yonkers Trot and the Triple Crown

by Bob Heyden

The first time that both the Yonkers Trot and Messenger were held at the same oval same night was 1988 at Yonkers. Southern Newton and Matts Scooter were the winners, respectively.

Huge longshot to four favorites

From post 10 in the second tier at Roosevelt Raceway, 71-1 Thor Hanover lit up the board (1-5 favorite Adoras Dream was second) in the 1962 Messenger, but he was not the longest shot on the board. 77.80-1 Buxton Hanover was sixth for Billy Haughton.

Following the \$144.00-winner Thor Hanover in 1962, the next four Messengers went to the odds-on favorite:

1963 – Overtrick (\$3.20)

1964 – Race Time (\$3.80)

1965 – Bret Hanover (\$2.40)

1966 – Romeo Hanover (\$2.60)

Father and son

In the 1956 Messenger, Billy Haughton drove Belle Acton to victory. In 2013, his son, Tommy Haughton, trained the winner Ronny Bugatti. Tommy was born the year after the Messenger debuted in 1956.

Ronny Bugatti had twice as many 2-year-old wins as 3-year-old wins going into the 2013 Messenger. But, he picked a very good time to get hot. His 1:52.1 Yonkers qualifier— his lifetime mark — came the start before his Messenger win that year.

It all began in the Messenger

Hall Of Famer Blair Burgess kicked off his major race-winning career with a 1986 Messenger win with Amity Chef.

Redskin's Messenger moment

Redskin set the 2-year-old earnings record of better than \$1.4 million in 1986 that still stands. His lone Triple Crown win came in 1987 in the \$447,310 Messenger for John Campbell, one of Campbell's eight wins in this Triple Crown event, more than any other driver in any other Crown event.

Messenger on the move

The first six years of the Messenger the race was contested in a different month each time.

Twenty-three times a harness racing Triple Crown event has been held at a different track, with six of those being Messenger sites:

1956-1987 – Roosevelt

1988 – Yonkers

1989 – Freestate

1990-1994 – Rosecroft

1995-2003 – The Meadows

2004 – Harrington

2005-current – Yonkers

Triple Crown droughts

If Stay Hungry does not win the 2018 Messenger, it will mean that we'll have gone at least 15 years without a pacing Triple Crown winner, the longest gap of all time on the pacing side. (It was 32 years between Trotting Triple Crown winners Super Bowl in 1972 and Windsongs Legacy in 2004).

There was a quarter-century between trainer Jerry Silverman winning the Messenger with Romeo Hanover in 1966 and Die Laughing in 1991.

Stellar field

In 1964, eight of the top nine drivers in the Messenger made the Hall Of Fame:

1. Ralph Baldwin

2. George Sholty

3. Vernon Dancer

4. Del Insko

5. Billy Haughton

7. Stanley Dancer

8. John Chapman

9. Clint Hodgins

(Clarence Martin finished 6th)

Girl power

Continentalvictory was the last female to win two Trotting Triple Crown legs. She won the 1996 Yonkers Trot and Hambletonian.

The richest

Marion Marauder is the only Triple Crown winner in standardbred history to surpass \$3 million in lifetime earnings.

Golden anniversary

This is the 50th anniversary year of Rum Customer and Nevele Pride winning their respective Triple Crowns in 1968. It was the only year it happened on each gait. Nevele Pride was 67 57-4-3 \$873,238 lifetime and a three-time Horse of the Year. Rum Customer set the record for most starts by a Triple Crown winner in either standardbred or thoroughbred racing – 141 52-27-27, \$1,001,648.

Two-horse Triple

Trainer Jimmy Takter won the 2014 Trotting Triple Crown for with two different horses – Trixton and Nuncio.

And finally...

The two speed marks – maybe the two most notable ever – were Niatross' 1:49.1 time trial of 1980 and then, eight years later, the 1:48.2 mark by Matts Scooter, also in a time trial, to lower the all-time standard. In both cases, their first start after was the Messenger. In 1980, Niatross won the Triple Crown en route to his second straight HOY title. Matts Scooter entered the 1988 Messenger with earnings of \$1,248,289 – more than double the entire field – yet his HOY title would come the following year.

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Hall of Fame-bound Toscano aims for Yonkers Trot win with Helpisontheway

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Linda Toscano felt as though she had her wings clipped when at the age of 13 her family moved from Brooklyn to Long Island. But the teenager soon fell in love with horses, which led her soaring to historic heights in harness racing, topped most recently by her election to the sport's Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2019.

Toscano, though, is not finished flying. The trainer will be looking to add to her résumé when she sends Helpisontheway to tonight's \$500,000 Yonkers Trot for 3-year-olds, the second jewel in the Trotting Triple Crown, at Yonkers Raceway. Toscano has started only one horse previously in the Yonkers Trot, Market Share, who finished third in 2012.

Helpisontheway was not staked to the event, but was entered for a \$30,000 supplemental payment. Toscano's Camelot Stable co-owns the colt with Andrew Cohen's The Bay's Stable and Jeff Gural's Little E LLC.

"It's exciting," Toscano said. "It's even more exciting to own part of one (in the race). He has been the biggest and most pleasant surprise we've had in a long time."

Helpisontheway won one of eight races last year, when he was more likely to gallop behind the starting gate (three times) than hit the board (twice). His victory, a 1:55.4 score at Vernon Downs in the New York Excelsior Series, and a third-place finish in the Kindergarten Classic championship were enough to maintain Toscano's hope for the future.

The future arrived this year, with Helpisontheway winning six of 10 races and finishing second twice. He brings a four-race win streak to the Yonkers Trot, including a career-best 1:51.4 triumph from post 12 in the Dennis Drazin Trot on Hambletonian Day, Aug. 4, at The Meadowlands.

"He had tons of ability, but mentally he was just not there," Toscano said. "When he came back this year, right off the bat his qualifiers were good, he behaved himself every start. He just basically grew up. That's all. He mentally matured. And he's been a pleasure through the whole year. He's done everything I could ask of him, and then some."

Among Helpisontheway's victories this season is a 1:55.3 win in a division of the New York Sire Stakes at Yonkers. In the Yonkers Trot, he will face a field that includes Empire Breeders Classic winner Six Pack, NYSS stalwart The Veteran, and last year's Kindergarten Classic champ Tito.



Dave Landry

Trainer Linda Toscano will be inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2019.

"Because we're playing with house money at this point, (the Yonkers Trot) was a reasonable supplement for the amount of money you get to race for," Toscano said. "We tested him around Yonkers and he seemed to get around the track real well. The group decided to give it a shot."

"He's got some real competition. We know what we're up against, but at the same time, he deserves the chance."

Toscano is no stranger to success with trotters, conditioning four Dan Patch Award-winners including 2012 Horse of the Year Chapter Seven and 2012 Hambletonian winner Market Share. Her other trotting honorees were Walner in 2016 and Giant Mermaid in 1995. She also won an award with pacer Heston Blue Chip in 2012.

She was the first female trainer to win the Hambletonian, first to be honored as Trainer of the Year (in 2012) and now first to be elected to the Hall of Fame.

"I don't think any of us do this with any intentions of ever

thinking toward Hall of Fame,” Toscano said. “I think we start because we love what we do. You can’t dream this big. I don’t know how to explain how much it means to me.

“While it’s a single honor, it’s a collaborative effort that gets you here. I thank all my owners, and the people who have been behind me, and Brad (husband Brad McNinch), who works side-by-side with me and gets no recognition or accolades while I get it all.”

Toscano was introduced to racing through trips to Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga with her father. After the family moved to Long Island, her mother suggested riding lessons and several years later Toscano got a job at Roosevelt Raceway. She worked for trainer Buddy Regan before starting her own stable in 1984.

“I was 13 years old when we moved to Long Island,” Toscano said. “My wings were clipped. I basically had freedom in Brooklyn. I had a bus pass. I traveled. I could get anywhere I needed to go. I couldn’t get a thing (on Long Island) without a ride from my parents. I was not a happy kid. I was just miserable.

“My mom asked if I would like to take horseback riding lessons. I thought I would try it, and I was immediately bitten

by the bug. I had a friend who started working (at Roosevelt) in 1975 and she said she knew I was thinking of becoming a vet, but why not go to the racetrack for a different type of experience. I went down to the racetrack and the rest is history. I just fell in love with the standardbreds.”

Tonight’s card at Yonkers also includes the \$500,000 Messenger Stakes, where Stay Hungry will try to add the second jewel in the Pacing Triple Crown to his collection, as well as the \$129,014 Hudson Filly Trot and \$112,904 Lady Maud.

Following is the field for the Yonkers Trot in post-position order.

PP-Horse-Driver-Trainer

- 1-**Helpisontheway**-Jim Morrill Jr.-Linda Toscano
- 2-**Lindsey’s Pride**-Marcus Miller-Erv Miller
- 3-**Lindy’s Big Bang**-Dexter Dunn-R. Nifty Norman
- 4-**Six Pack**-Ake Svanstedt-Ake Svanstedt
- 5-**Maxus**-Mark MacDonald-Jimmy Takter
- 6-**Mississippi Storm**-Jason Bartlett-Tom Fanning
- 7-**Tito**-Jason Bartlett-Erv Miller
- 8-**The Veteran**-Jordan Stratton-George Ducharme

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Whitney Bell – fourth generation horsewoman

by Victoria M. Howard

Once it's in your blood, it never leaves. Just ask trainer/driver/groom Whitney Bell – a fourth generation horsewoman who has been in the business all her life.

Bell said she owes it all to her dad.

"My father's side of the family came from Delaware, OH," Bell said. "They raced primarily on the east coast. (New York, New Jersey, Vermont and Pennsylvania tracks). My dad followed my granddad to Buffalo then to Saratoga where he met my mom whose family had the track restaurant at Saratoga racetrack.

"I was born there, but we moved when I was four years old to Vernon Downs. Primarily we spent summers in Vernon and winters in Pinehurst, North Carolina and Florida.

"My parents never wanted me in the biz – they said to go to school to be a veterinarian – but hindsight is 20/20."

Bell had a few ponies and riding horses when she was young, but her first racehorse was one named Ideal Future.

"I owned and won my first pari-mutuel race with him at Vernon Downs when I was 25 years old," she said. "It's hard to pick one favorite, for I loved them all. I groomed a horse named Sugarcane Hanover when he was a 2-year-old. I trained and groomed Theater Production who was a top trotter on the east coast, and the classy trotter, Earlivic."

Bell said she is blessed to have worked under some of the best trainers in the business such as Hall of Famer Chuck Sylvester.

"Chuck is an A plus trainer. He's the last trainer I worked for and treats horses and his employees with respect. Another big influence was trainer Gary Lewis who had a soft hand with his horses," she said.

Asked what part of the business she prefers, Bell said, "I enjoy the whole aspect of the biz. Grooming, because of my

love for the horse; training, for I love being able to teach a horse, and I love to drive for I'd much rather sit behind one in a race than actually watch. It's a lot less nerve wracking to me."

Lately, harness tracks have missed seeing Bell's pretty face. "About five years ago I made a major life decision, which was very difficult for me. It was very hard to move twice a year, never knowing where you will be stabled each spring. There were fewer opportunities to train and racehorses, unlike when I was younger, and harness racing was the only show in town. But today with the Internet and the casinos it is not the same. Sadly, harness racing hasn't really grown with the times," she said.

Regardless, horses and harness racing is still in her blood.

"I truly miss the interaction with the horses and people, but luckily I have a lot of friends that I help out at Vernon Downs. I will never NOT be around them. In fact, I'm looking to buy and train one soon."

Lucky for us, Whitney Bell is not going anywhere.

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Huge \$1.5 million card on tap Sunday at Pocono

by PHHA / Pocono

The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono is pleased to present an outstanding card this Sunday night, with \$1.5 million in purses at stake: four \$252,000 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes (PASS) championship events for 3-year-olds, and their attendant \$50,000 consolations, along with three \$100,000 Championships for the three divisions in the Great Northeast Open Series (open pacers, open trotters, and mare pacers), with the GNOS races going at the distance of 1¼ miles.

The luck of the entry box (and who did or not drop in) and the luck of the post position shake are likely to be storylines in many of these races. Here's a look at each division, with the fields of the four Sire Stakes Championships and the three Great Northeast Series Championships listed afterward by post, horse, driver, and trainer.

\$252,000 PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES CHAMPIONSHIPS – 3-YEAR-OLDS

TROTTING FILLIES (race 9)

The post position draw for this division would almost make it seem like a handicap race, as the two horses who tied for first in the point standings drew the far outside: Piranha Fury (post eight) and Live Laugh Love (post nine).

The likely favorite in this contest is Phaetosive, a daughter of Explosive Matter starting from post two for trainer/driver Trond Smedshammer and the Purple Haze Stables LLC. Phaetosive has never finished off the board in 13 career starts, has often been mentioned alongside “super fillies” Manchego and Atlanta, and comes into this race with four victories in her last five starts, including two wins in Sire Stakes action – and only Live Laugh Love in this field duplicated the double victories during the Sires prelims.

The divisional defending champion Manchego raced only once in the PaSS this year, and coming off her epic win over Hambletonian champion Atlanta, she did not drop in.

3TF CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD: 1. Megadolce (David Miller, Nifty Norman); 2. Phaetosive (trainer-driver Trond Smedshammer); 3. Miss Jubilee Hill (Tim Tetrick, Mark Steacy); 4. Lily Stride (Tim Tetrick also listed, Mark Steacy); 5. Seviyorum (Andy Miller, Julie Miller); 6. Courtney Hanover (Scott Zeron, Rick Zeron – Team Atlanta); 7. Lima Charisma (Andrew McCarthy, Ake Svanstedt); 8. Piranha Fury (Dexter Dunn, Nifty Norman); 9. Live Laugh Love (David Miller also listed, Nifty Norman).

Consolation (race 3) – Hey Blondie, just a neck off in her only Sire Stakes start, will probably attract the most attention for Andrew McCarthy and Chuck Sylvester.

PACING FILLIES (race 10)

Kissin In The Sand, the Somebeachsomewhere filly who needed a win in her final prelim to ensure herself a spot in this field – and got it – is the likely favorite in this contest despite post seven for driver Scott Zeron, trainer Nancy Johansson, and owners Marvin Katz and the Hatfield Stables. Ranked in the Hambletonian Society / Breeders Crown Top 10, Kissin In The Sand has six wins and three seconds in nine seasonal starts, and Pocono fans will long remember her gutty victory in the Lynch Final earlier this year despite being parked most of the mile.

Interesting note: Sidewalk Dancer was the 2017 PA Stallion Series champion; this year she “stepped up,” won two Sires prelims, and is a major danger here, along with Alexa's Power.

3PF CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD: 1. Aldine Hanover (Marcus Miller, Erv Miller); 2. Sidewalk Dancer (Brett Miller, Chris Oakes); 3. Alexa's Power (Tim Tetrick, Jim Campbell); 4. Double A Mint (Matt Kakaley, Ron Burke); 5. Parisian Blue Chip (Tim Tetrick also listed, Mark Steacy); 6. Serene Stride, #1 in points (Corey Callahan, Mark Harder); 7. Kissin In The Sand (Scott Zeron, Nancy Johansson); 8. Sansovina Hanover (Yannick Gingras, Ron Burke); 9. Scuola Hanover (David Miller, Andrew Stafford).

Consolation (race 4): Apple Hanover was a hard-charging second in a Sires event last time and will be among the principals from the rail for trainer-driver Eddie Dennis.

TROTTING COLTS (race 11)

A Hambletonian heat winner, the Earl Beal winner, and a double winner in the Sire Stakes prelims, Crystal Fashion certainly brings impressive credentials to this championship. A winner seven times in eleven seasonal outings, the Cantab Hall gelding, trained by Jim Campbell for Fashion Farms LLC, is likely to be favored despite drawing post eight, with Tim Tetrick slated as usual for sulky duty.

Whats The Word, starting just inside Crystal Fashion, was the only other finalist to record two PaSS prelim triumphs, but must be on his best behavior to have any shot here.

3TC CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD: 1. Hill Street (Yannick Gingras); 2. Exarch (Dave Palone, Ron Burke); 3. Donatover (trainer-driver Trond Smedshammer); 4. Patent Leather (David Miller, Jim Campbell); 5. Scirocco Rob (Corey Callahan, John Butenschoen); 6. Evaluate (Brian Sears, Marcus Melander); 7. Whats The Word (Simon Allard, Rene Allard); 8. Crystal Fashion (Tim Tetrick, Jim Campbell); 9. Make It A Double (Andy Miller, Julie Miller).

Consolation (race 5): Fashionwoodchopper, last year's Sire Stakes champion in this division, could only make the consolation this year, and if he wins it will be for the first time in 2018.

PACING COLTS (race 12)

Dorsoduro Hanover, victorious in his only three Sire Stakes starts and also the Adios champion, was the top pointwinner, and he should attract major attention here. The Somebeachsomewhere gelding starts from post four for driver Matt Kakaley, trainer Ron Burke, and the partnership of Burke Racing Stable LLC, Silva, Purnel & Libby, Weaver Brussemi LLC, and the Wingfield Five.

Done Well, starting from the rail, has never lost in five PA Sire Stakes starts: three last year, and then a double in his last two races.

3PC CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD: 1. Done Well (Tim Tetrick, Brian Brown); 2. This Is The Plan (Andrew McCarthy, Chris Ryder); 3. Macadoodledoo (David Miller, Mark Silva); 4. Dorsoduro Hanover (Matt Kakaley, Ron Burke); 5. Wes Delight (Corey Callahan, Mark Harder); 6. Hayden Hanover (Andy Miller, Julie Miller); 7. Captain Deo (Brett Miller, Tony Alagna); 8. I'm A Big Deal (George Napolitano Jr., Chris Ryder); 9. Albergo Hanover (Joe Bongiorno, Jennifer Bongiorno).

The consolation for this event did not fill.

\$100,000 GREAT NORTHEAST OPEN SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

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This summer-long series produced outstanding racing between Harrah's Philadelphia and The Downs in the classes of open pacers, open trotters, and mare pacers. The talent of the horses is such that the world records for 1¼ miles over a 5/8-mile track, both set at Dover Downs, could well be in serious jeopardy: trotters, 2:24.3, Magician, 2001, and pacers, 2:19.4, Boulder Creek, 2006.

These GNOS championships are also a great showcase for the Pennsylvania-sired program: entrants who have also been PA champs include Agent Q and Caviart Ally (mare pace), double winning-mare Broadway Donna and Lagerfeld (open trot), and open pacer Donttellmeagain – unique in his story because while the others won their Sire Stakes final, he won his Stallion Series Championship last year, and then has stepped right up into the limelight.

MARE PACE (race 6)

Even though the top four point winners drew post five or inside, it's the mare who finished 11th in the points and got in by others not declaring who will command the most interest – Shartin N. And why shouldn't see with her credentials – ranked #3 in the North American polls, with a seasonal record that shows \$759,111 in earnings, best in U.S./Canada, and 14 wins, one off the lead, with two of those victories her only starts in the GNOS. The daughter of Tintin In America will have to overcome post eight for driver Tim Tetrick, trainer Jim King Jr., and owners Richard Pollucci and Jo Ann Looney-King, but he has shown the ability to do it.

GNOS MARE PACE CHAMPIONSHIP – 1. Diva's Image, #1 in points (Joe Bongiorno, Jennifer Bongiorno); 2. L A Delight (Yannick Gingras, Nancy Johansson); 3. Agent Q (David Miller, Chris Oakes); 4. Bettorhaveanother (Matt Kakaley, Ron Burke); 5. Tequila Monday (Eric Goodell, Hunter Oakes); 6. Nike Franco N (Tim Tetrick, Jim King Jr.); 7. Blue Moon Stride (Corey Callahan, Mark Harder); 8. Shartin N (Tim Tetrick also listed and likely to drive, Jim King Jr.); 9. Caviart Ally (Andrew McCarthy, Noel Daley).

OPEN TROT (race 7)

Homicide Hunter, the only horse in all the GNOS to win four races and (surprise!) his division's point leader, was devastating last week at Pocono, winning in 1:51.4 without appearing to draw a labored breath. Already a two-time world champion, the Mr Cantab gelding may add another line in the tables to his credit here as he begins from post seven for driver George Napolitano Jr., trainer Chris Oakes, and Crawford Farms Racing.

GNOS OPEN TROT CHAMPIONSHIP – 1. Satin Dancer (Tim Tetrick, Travis Alexander); 2. Muscle Diamond (Andrew McCarthy, Brett Bittle); 3. Broadway Donna (David Miller, Jim Campbell); 4. Tight Lines (trainer-driver Jeff Gregory); 5. In Secret (Matt Kakaley, Ron Burke); 6. Smalltownthrowdown (Simon Allard, Rene Allard); 7. Homicide Hunter (George Napolitano Jr., Chris Oakes); 8. Lagerfeld (Yannick Gingras, Jimmy Takter).

OPEN PACE (race 8)

This championship drew the GNOS prelim's top seven point winners, but it's the two horses "from the bubble" who are very interesting: the aforementioned Dragon Again gelding Donttellmeagain, beaten a head last week to miss out on an automatic spot, but still getting in through non-declarations for driver Tim Tetrick, trainer Jim King Jr., and Paton Racing Stables Inc., and Western Joe, a recent winner of the McKee Memorial (at 1 1/8 miles) and a 1:47.2 outing – the Western Ideal entire was 26th in the standings but is in here because of nobody else declaring, good luck for driver Scott Zeron, trainer Chris Choate, and Anthony Ruggeri and Richard Tosies. These two start from post two and three, respectively; just inside them in this "handicap" is the #7 pointwinner, More The Better N, who insured his own spot with a neck victory at Pocono in his last start.

GNOS OPEN PACE CHAMPIONSHIP – 1. More The Better N (Corey Callahan, Ross Croghan); 2. Donttellmeagain (Tim Tetrick, Jim King Jr.); 3. Western Joe (Scott Zeron, Chris Choate); 4. Rodeo Romeo, #1 in points (George Napolitano Jr., Chris Ryder); 5. Rockeyed Optimist (Brett Miller, Jake Leamon); 6. Highalator (Eric Carlson, Jenny Bier); 7. Mach It So (George Napolitano also listed, Jeff Bamond Jr.); 8. Bettor's Edge (Scott Zeron also listed, Jennifer Lappe); 9. Sunfire Blue Chip (Yannick Gingras, Jimmy Takter).

Post time for this great Pocono card on Sunday is 7 p.m.



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Kings County (Scott Zeron) won his \$69,107 Champlain division in 1:54.4 Friday at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Trotters shine at Mohawk Park

Grand Circuit week continued Friday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park with four events for trotters.

A trio of Champlain divisions for 2-year-old colts and geldings and a single Simcoe division for 3-year-old fillies were contested.

Muscle Hill—Brooklyn colt **Kings County** kicked off the evening's stakes action with a stunning 1:54.4 victory in the \$69,107 first Champlain division.

Driven by Scott Zeron, **Kings County** got away fourth and began his move towards the lead just before the half. The Domenico Cecere trainee powered to the top on the far turn and led the field by three-quarters in 1:26.4.

In the stretch, Kings County was able to hold off Southwind Avenger, who got a two-hole trip, to win by half a length. Trix And Stones was third, while Knight Angel was fourth.

Kings County is owned by Lindy Farms of Connecticut and was a \$210,000 yearling purchase at Harrisburg. The Muscle Hill has now won three in a row and overall is three for five with \$55,753 earned.

A \$2 win ticket on Kings County returned \$5.

Father Patrick—Lantern Kronos colt Hudson River took advantage of soft opening fractions to win the \$70,107 second Champlain division in 1:55.3.

Driven by Yannick Gingras, **Hudson River** made the front in the second-quarter and led the field by the half in :59. The Jimmy Takter trainee then got a :29.1 third-quarter, which set him up perfectly to sprint home in :27.2 for the victory.

Dream Nation finished a length and three-quarters behind in second, while Union Forces was third.

Hudson River is co-owned by Christina Takter along with breeder Goran Falk. The Father Patrick colt collected his second win in four starts Friday and pushed his earnings to \$80,114.

The Takter trainee was making his first start since Aug. 4.

"This race today is a set up for next week (Wellwood eliminations)," said Per Engblom, assistant trainer of Hudson River. "We knew he needed a race, but he's been training good and is a really nice horse and we were really confident he was going to race good anyways."

A \$2 win ticket on Hudson River paid \$3.80.

Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Gold winner **CT Conabra** completed the Champlain action with a coast to coast victory in the \$70,107 third division.

Driven by Jody Jamieson, CT Conabra shot out to the lead and avoided a second-quarter confrontation when race-favorite Royal Rob made a backstretch miscue. CT Conabra posted fractions of :28.4, :58.3 and 1:27 before trotting home in :28.4 to win in 1:55.4 for trainer Stephanie Jamieson.

Jumpshot finished second, beat a length and three-quarters, while Okeanos was third.

A son of Kadabra—Conway Connie, CT Conabra picked up his second win for owners Carl and Jody Jamieson. The \$18,000 Harrisburg yearling purchase has now earned \$76,717 in four starts.

"This colt from the first day dad (Carl) threw the harness on him he's been telling me how great he was," said Jody Jamieson following the victory. "That's why my dad is in the Hall of Fame. He develops these horses and finds them. He's a perfect example this horse."

"He found him at the sale and \$18,000 for a horse that just won a Champlain Stake and you can't do that all the time."

CT Conabra paid \$26.20 to win.

The lone Simcoe Stakes division for 3-year-old trotting fillies saw **Repentance** and driver Scott Zeron defeat seven rivals in the \$153,996 contest.

The Linda Toscano trainee got away fifth going into the first turn and was angled to the outside nearing the half. Repentance quickly trotted by a stopping leader to grab the top-spot on the far turn and led the field at three-quarters in 1:25.4.

In the stretch, Repentance sealed the victory by holding off Blonde Magic by a length in 1:55.1. Sneeker Hanover was third, while Ex Hanover was fourth.

Notably absent from Friday's Simcoe Stakes were superstars Atlanta and Manchego. Toscano took a chance the top-fillies would skip Friday's event and entered Repentance.

"We thought about whether to bring her up or not and I wondered if Atlanta or Manchego were going to come this week and thought maybe there might be a spot for her up here," said Toscano. "She got a good trip and Scott (Zeron) gets along with her and it worked out."

A daughter of Chapter Seven—Swan Hot Mama, Repentance collected her fourth win in nine outings this

season and fifth overall. Her career earnings now sit at \$206,280 for owner/breeder Diamond Creek Racing.

A \$2 win ticket on Repentance returned \$3.90.

Live racing continues tonight at Woodbine Mohawk Park with the \$600,000 Canadian Pacing Derby and \$651,000 Maple Leaf Trot co-main events. Post time is 7:10 p.m.

— *Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications*

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Who’s Better tops strong Blooded Horse Sale at \$72,000

Horsepeople flooded the Champions Center in Springfield, OH on Aug 28 & 29 seeking racehorses and yearlings among the 686 catalogued in the Blooded Horse Sale. It was the strongest Summer Sale in its 63-year history with a lot of satisfied sellers and optimistic buyers. “The racehorse market is on fire and that also drives demand for breeding stock and yearlings,” said sale manager Jerry Haws. “People love to come to a horse sale, and consignors were well rewarded for bringing their horses. We are real pleased with the new location, too. The stalls are safe and bright; the facility is accommodating and easily accessible.”

Young competitive, conditioned horses were especially in demand and dominated the upper end. The sale topper at

\$72,000 was the handsome 4-year-old Who’s Better that had been competing in open stakes company, but is still a NW 4. Consigned by Brian Brown agent, the son of Bettor’s Delight was purchased by William Hart of Maine. Hart also signed the ticket for the 3-year-old Always A Virgin gelding, Roan Color, at \$37,000. The beautiful roan consigned by Spring Haven Farms for Emerald Highlands was eligible to NW 3.

Shellie De Vie, a Bettor’s Delight NW 3 filly consigned by Michael Timpano was purchased by Howard Taylor for \$35,000. Burke Racing sold the NW 5 Stark Hanover for \$32,000 to Les Givens of DE followed by the Cantab Hall daughter Mother May I a NW 2 for \$27,000 to Louis Peachy of PA. Louis Peachy also picked up the 5-year-old Muscles Yankee daughter Catch All, a stakes winner at two from the family of Moni Maker, for \$32,000.

Following that trend at \$30,000 each were Icingon de Cupcake, a Dejarmbro NW 3 gelding purchased by Brian Downing and Always Close, a 2-year-old Always A Virgin NW 2 gelding purchased by Mark Goldberg; both were consigned by Spring Haven Farm, Agt. Z Tam Stable LLC brought a nice five horse consignment that averaged \$21,800, led by Trevor Z Tam at \$30,000, a 3-year-old American Ideal NW 2 filly that was purchased by Josh Green.

For complete sale results and information on the Fall Blooded Horse Sale Nov 13-15 visit www.bloodedhorse.com Entries for the black type yearling session Tues. Nov. 13, close Oct 1.

— *Dot Morgan / Blood Horse Sale*

Unbeaten Gimpanzee strolls to easy NYSS win at Vernon

Gimpanzee (Brian Sears) wins the first of two divisions of New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) for freshman trotting colts & geldings at Vernon Downs on Thursday (Aug. 30) for a purse of \$53,500.

Chapter Fashion (Jason Bartlett) charged to the front and hit the first quarter in :27.4. Gimpanzee (\$2.10) followed in the pocket. Trained by Marcus Melander for owners Courant Inc., and S R F Stable, he would take over just before getting to the half first in :57 and cruise into three-quarters in 1:25.4. Chapter Fashion would stay close in second. As they hit the stretch, Gimpanzee found another gear and recorded a lifetime best mark to win in 1:54.3. Chapter Fashion was easily second best. Our White Knight (Jim Morrill Jr.) came up to finish third.

Gimpanzee is a colt by Chapter Seven—Steamy Windows. He is a perfect five for five in his career.

Thunder (Jason Bartlett) takes the second division (\$54,500) of the NYSS for trotting colts & geldings.

Thunder (\$6.30) went right to the front but Brady Bunch

(Andy Miller) went first-over and took the lead before hitting the first quarter in :27.4. Thunder, who is trained by John Butenschoen for owners Crawford Farms Racing, Jeremy Day, and VIP Internet Stable LLC., re-claimed the lead and led them to a half of :57.4. He would lead them to three-quarters in 1:27.1. Chip Chip Conway (Jim Taggart Jr.) came up to challenge around the last turn but Thunder was too strong and flew home in the stretch to win in a lifetime best of 1:55.4. Chip Chip Conway would settle for second with Brady Bunch earning third money.

Thunder is a colt by Conway Hall-Cr Oh Suzanna. It was his third win in six lifetime starts.

— *John Horne for Vernon Downs*

Champlain stakes off and trotting

Grand Circuit week kicked off Thursday at Woodbine Mohawk Park with three divisions of the Champlain Stakes for two-year-old trotting fillies.

A total of 28 rookie trotting fillies competed Thursday in three divisions totaling \$202,476.

Jimmy Takter trainee **Susy** took advantage of calling the shots on the front to win the first division in 1:55.4.

Driven by Yannick Gingras, Susy trotted out from post-five to claim the lead without an issue and posted a :29 opener. Gingras didn't face any pressure in the second-quarter and got away with a :30.3 panel to put the race to bed.

Susy opened nearly six-lengths on her rivals to reach three-quarters in 1:28 and finished the mile strong in :27.4 to win by 5 ³/₄ lengths.

Sisters Promise also trotted a :27.4 final-quarter to finish in the Place spot after moving from fifth to second on the far turn. Champagne Jane was third.

"She's very nice and did everything right," said Gingras after driving Susy for the first-time. "I was able to have a real cheap half and at the point we just took off and it was catch me if you can."

A daughter of Father Patrick, Susy is the eighth foal from Solveig. She is now two for five and has earned \$44,163 for owners Christina Takter and Solveigs Racing Partners.

Susy paid \$4.40 to win.

Ted MacDonnell trainee **Teddys Littleangel** converted off a second-over trip to win the second division in 1:57.1.

Driven by Paul MacDonell, Teddys Littleangel got away sixth and was able to angle out in the second-quarter to follow the race-favourite Fraulein Blucher. Sette Deo rushed fourth to first on the backstretch to lead the field at the half in :59.2 and three-quarters in 1:28.1.

Teddys Littleangel was tipped three-wide turning for home and surged by rivals to trot home in :28.2 and win by 3 ¹/₂ lengths. Princess Deo followed the winner to grab second, while Cambridge Kate, who led at the opening-quarter, was third.

"She's come a long way in a short time," said MacDonell. "It looked like there was few leaving and I saw Chris' horse duck in, so I thought maybe I'll just get in behind him."

"I had to wrestle her a little bit and once I got her settled in behind his helmet she was pretty good. She swelled up nice on the last turn and had lots coming home."

A daughter of Archangel, Teddys Littleangel is now three for five and all three victories have come in different levels of stakes action (OSS Grassroots, OSS Gold and Grand Circuit). She has now earned \$81,755 for owner/breeder Leonard Gamble.

Teddys Littleangel paid \$14.70 to win.

Dustin Jones trainee **Tommi Canu Hearme** capitalized on miscues from the favourites to win the third division in 1:58.1.

Driven by Chris Christoforou, Tommi Canu Hearme got away fifth in the field of 10. Race favorite The Ice Dutchess and second-choice Speed Titan made breaks before the first turn to change the landscape of the race.

Angies Luckeyleady called the shots on the front, posting fractions of :28.2, :59.4 and 1:29.2.

Tommi Canu Hearme was moved to the outside on the far turn, as Angies Luckeyleady was confronted by Avalonia.

In the stretch, Tommi Canu Hearme shot by her rivals to snag the lead entering the final-eighth and trotted on to win by three-quarters of a length. Evident Beauty rallied from seventh to finish second, while Grimmie Hanover was third.

Tommi Canu Hearme was making her first start with trotting hoppers after breaking in an OSS Gold on Aug. 10.

"I was a little bullheaded, I should've put them on a few weeks ago and finally we broke down after that last break and put them on," said Jones, who expects Thursday's victory to have a good impact on his filly going forward.

"She wears an open bridle, so she can see everything going on around her. She knows she won."

A daughter of Royalty For Life, Tommi Canu Hearme broke her maiden with Thursday's Grand Circuit victory. She is now one for four and has earned \$40,952 for owners Dustin Jones Stables Inc, Hebert Horses Inc and Sjoblom Racing Stable.

Tommi Canu Hearme returned \$81.50 to win.

— *Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications*

RACE RESULTS

HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in Harness Racing Update: U.S. and Canadian races with a purse of 15K and over, plus stakes races 10K and over.



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HARRAH'S PHILLY report

Friday's Results:

2, Phl, \$16,000, Pace, Fillies and Mares 4 Years Old and Under Non-Winners 5 Ext. PM Races or \$50,000 Lifetime (PA Preferred), 27.4, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:52.0, FT

1-Special Kay Deo (f, 3, American Ideal--Little Miss K, by Artsplace) \$8,000, \$50,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-1, \$51,650

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

 **Preferred Equine** YEARLING SALE GRADUATE

O-Northfork Racing Stable. B-Deo Volente Farms LLC. T-Chris Oakes. D-Corey Callahan.

2-Believe In Me (f, 3, Roll With Joe--Fit N Fancy, by Life Sign) \$4,000, \$20,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 19-4-4-2, \$66,602

O-Bay Pond Racing Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-Brett Pelling. D-Andrew McCarthy.

3-Zutopia (f, 3, Somebeachsomewhere--Mezubah Hanover, by McArdle) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-4, \$43,100

O-John Cancelliere. B-John Cancelliere. T-Thomas Cancelliere. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

Replay - Calls: 8, 6H, 1H, HD, T - Finish Order: Betterthangraduate, Come Get The Cash, Hepburn Hanover, Lil Miss Gorgeous, Dark Force

HOOSIER report

Friday's Results:

7, HoP, \$16,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$30,000-\$40,000 (W/A), 26.2, 56.4, 1:25.0, 1:52.1, FT

1-Coal Hanover (g, 6, Dragon Again--Calgary Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$8,000, \$50,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 104-18-18-9, \$204,282

O-Jana L Cromer. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Charles Stewart. D-John De Long.

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

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

2-Feelin Lika Winner (g, 8, Feelin Friskie--Naughty Sunflower, by Live Love Laugh) \$4,000, \$16,000 2011 BHS, Lifetime Record: 130-21-23-15, \$389,216

O-Cassandra D & Rebecca L Uppal. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Cassandra Uppal. D-Michael Oosting.

3-Regal Hope (g, 8, Stonebridge Regal--Hope For Life, by Fit For Life) \$1,920, Lifetime Record: 178-31-26-16, \$362,103

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-William Robinson Stables Inc, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Sam Widger.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 1H, 1T, 2Q, 2H, Q - Finish Order: Elite Awards, Sporty Redhot, Hot Art, Hollywood Sign A, Buff's Image

9, HoP, \$21,000, Pace, Open / Invitational, 26.0, 53.1, 1:22.0, 1:48.3, FT

1-Endeavor (g, 5, American Ideal--Jett Diamond, by Falcon Seelster) \$10,500, \$18,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 73-21-9-9, \$330,972

O-Thomas J Pollack & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Barbara J Muschera. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Trace Tetrack.

2-New Talent (g, 5, Mach Three--You See L A, by The Panderosa) \$5,250, Lifetime Record: 67-18-15-7, \$281,763

O-Thomas J Pollack & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & C S X Stables & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Sam Widger.

3-Jet Airway (h, 7, Jerome's Jet--Aromatic, by Artiscape) \$2,520, \$36,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 95-31-22-8, \$658,160

O-Michael Casalino Jr & Dylan P Davis. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-Dylan Davis. D-Lewayne Miller.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 11Q, 10H, 5Q, Q, 1H - Finish Order: Beckhams Z Tam, A Bettors Risk, Allmyx'sliventexas

RACE RESULTS

SARATOGA HARNESS *report*

Friday's Results:

1, Stga, \$78,750, Pace, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - Declaration fee - \$1,517.86, 28.2, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:55.0, FT

1-Money Shot Hanover (f, 2, Art Major--Marinade Hanover, by Bettor's Delight) \$39,375, \$85,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$90,908
O-Rick D Phillips & Deena Rachel Frost & Mark A Harder. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Mark Harder. D-Tyler Buter.

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

2-Topville Angelina (f, 2, American Ideal--A Fiasty Affair, by Camluck) \$19,687, \$26,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$35,141
O-Ervin Miller Stable Inc & Michael A Anderson & George T Golemes. B-Robert L Hamather, CA. T-Erv Miller. D-Marcus Miller.

3-Jk American Beauty (f, 2, American Ideal--Jk Black Beauty, by Bettor's Delight) \$9,450, Lifetime Record: 8-0-3-5, \$68,453
O-3 Brothers Stables. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Nancy Johansson. D-Matt Kakaley.

Replay - Calls: 3Q, 3Q, H, Q, 2H - Finish Order: Simone, Hurrikane Norakane

3, Stga, \$15,000, Pace, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - Excelsior Series - Division A Declaration fee \$317.86, 29.0, 58.3, 1:28.1, 1:57.2, FT

1-Dorothy's Legacy (f, 2, Art Major--Put On A Display, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$7,500, \$50,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$21,293
O-R.B.H. Ventures Inc & Capital Call LLC & Joe Sbrocco. B-Melvin P Segal. T-Kevin Mc Dermott. D-Daniel Dube.

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

2-Under The Hood (f, 2, Art Major--Myluvmylife, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$3,750, \$41,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 5-0-2-2, \$16,120
O-Engel Stable Of Il LLC & Louis A Willinger & Irwin Samelman Estate. B-Allan Saul, CA & Albina Montini, CA. T-Erv Miller. D-Marcus Miller.

3-Chase You (f, 2, American Ideal--L Diz, by Artiscape) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 8-0-2-3, \$7,541
O-Ted W Cupp. B-Ted W Cupp. T-Perry Simser. D-Bruce Aldrich Jr.

Replay - Calls: 6H, 6Q, Q, 1Q, 2H - Finish Order: Zinfurreal, Joe's Girl, Weallgottrumped, Sewonandsewforth

4, Stga, \$78,750, Pace, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - Declaration fee - \$1,517.86, 28.2, 57.0, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT

1-So Awesome (f, 2, So Surreal--Teddy Ballgirl, by Kassa Branca) \$39,375, Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$149,115
O-William A Hartt. B-The Ok Corral. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Tim Tetrick.

2-St Somewhere (f, 2, American Ideal--Somstreetsomewhere, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$19,687, \$55,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, \$113,870
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Phillip Collura & J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley.

3-Brooklyn Lilacs (f, 2, Rock N Roll Heaven--Sombodhiatustono, by Tell All) \$9,450, \$12,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$55,245
O-Crawford Farms Racing. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Joe Holloway. D-Jim Morrill Jr.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 3, 3 - Finish Order: Ladybeluckytonite, Gia's Surreal

6, Stga, \$15,000, Pace, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - Excelsior Series - Division A Declaration fee \$317.86, 27.3, 57.3, 1:26.1, 1:55.2, FT

1-Boogie Roll (f, 2, Roll With Joe--Boogie Woogie Flu, by Armbr Mackintosh) \$7,500, \$25,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$36,533
O-Joseph D Lee & Diamond Pride LLC & Sholty Racing LLC & Irwin H Goldfarb. B-Winbak Farm. T-G Buzzy Sholty. D-Tyler Buter.

 **ANOTHER WINBAK FARM WINNER!** 

2-Apple Tina K (f, 2, American Ideal--Art Tina, by Artsplace) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 8-0-3-0, \$25,775
O-Robert J Key. B-Robert J Key. T-Andrew Harris. D-Marcus Miller.

3-Cash Crazy Express (f, 2, Art Major--Crazy Eights, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,800, \$20,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 8-0-1-2, \$7,225
O-James S De Armond & David Earl Towne. B-Lauren B & Robert A Tucker. T-Jessica Okusko. D-Frank Coppola Jr.

Replay - Calls: 3H, 1H, 1H, 1T, 3 - Finish Order: Stay Beautiful, Final Escape, Heavens Challenge

7, Stga, \$15,000, Pace, New York Sire Stakes - 2-Year-Old Fillies - Excelsior Series - Division A Declaration fee \$317.86, 28.3, 58.1, 1:27.0, 1:56.3, FT

1-Major Frost (f, 2, Art Major--Permafrost, by Western Hanover) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, \$17,693
O-Jeffery E Ruch, CA. B-Jeffery E & Dr Terry Ruch, CA. T-Mark Harder. D-Tyler Buter.

RACE RESULTS

2-Hoopla Hanover (f, 2, Roll With Joe--Holding Court, by Life Sign) \$3,750, \$29,000 2017 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$20,400
O-Latz A Luck Stable. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Dennis A Laterza. D-Daniel Dube.

3-Sun Viser (f, 2, Heston Blue Chip--Beach Bonnet, by Camluck) \$1,800, \$15,000 2017 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, \$22,920
O-Triple D Stables Inc. B-Winbak Farm. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Tim Tetrack.

Replay - Calls: 4, 3H, 1Q, Q, NK - Finish Order: Siesta Beach, Eos N Rock, Ashlee Sparkles

SCIOTO DOWNS *report*

Friday's Results:

2, ScD, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES AND MARES CLAIMING HANDICAP \$20,000-25,000-30,000, 26.2, 55.3, 1:23.2, 1:52.3, FT

1-Clarebear (m, 5, World Of Rocknroll--Late Nite Arrival, by Hawaiian Cowboy) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 76-10-10-7, \$165,048
O-Rushcreek Stables. B-Louis E & Andrew J & John J Carlo. T-James Byers. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-Rock Is Sweet (m, 4, Rockin Image--Sweet Electric, by Electric Yankee) \$4,500, \$42,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 37-8-5-3, \$68,312
O-Joshua Sutton. B-Victory Hill Farm Inc. T-Jim Arledge Jr. D-Josh Sutton.

3-Allthatjazz De Vie (m, 6, American Ideal--Todal, by Artsplace) \$2,160, \$4,000 2013 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 130-23-17-14, \$217,238
O-Steven C Price. B-Joie De Vie Farm LLC. T-Tyler George. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

Replay - Calls: 3H, 2H, 1, NS, 1 - Finish Order: Stirling Cameo, Layer Cake, Bazooka Terror, Mischievousgirls

4, ScD, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES AND MARES NON WINNERS OF \$9500 IN THE LAST 4 STARTS AE: NW OF 8 PMRLT OHIO OWNED AND Sired PREFERRED, 26.4, 56.0, 1:23.4, 1:52.3, FT

1-Melanies Sharkette (m, 6, Shark Gesture--Bordeaux Nourrir, by Western Hanover) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 126-25-13-19, \$258,581
O-Shining Mprb Stable. B-Francis H Azur. T-Joe Putnam. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-Keystone Riptide (m, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Keystone Rebecca, by Artsplace) \$3,750, \$57,000 2014 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 71-15-14-12, \$238,930
O-Randall B Bendis & Thomas J Pollack. B-Estate Of George F Hempt Trust. T-Randy Bendis. D-Dan Noble.

3-Youlookhot (m, 5, Kilowatt--Firethorn Shirley, by Look Sharp) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 96-22-15-16, \$198,672
O-Charles D Stovall. B-Charles D Stovall. T-Joseph Essig. D-Jeremy Smith.

Replay - Calls: 3, 2H, 1H, 1H, H - Finish Order: U Doit B B, Our Miss Reese, Mimosa Party, Up Front Flor Ida, Ponda World, Golden Paradise

5, ScD, \$25,000, Trot, OPEN POST POSITIONS 1-4 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 5-9 ASSIGNED, 27.1, 56.2, 1:25.0, 1:54.1, FT

1-Cantab Lindy (g, 10, Cantab Hall--Lindy N Caviar, by SJ's Caviar) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 194-44-33-26, \$569,682
O-Brent M Davis. B-K R Breeding LLC. T-Brent Davis. D-Tyler Smith.



2-Jailhouse Sam (g, 4, Victory Sam--Jailhouse Broad, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 48-15-13-1, \$216,642
O-Casey Clemens. B-Casey Clemens. T-Hugh Beatty. D-Hugh Beatty.

3-Bridge To Jesse's (g, 5, Jailhouse Jesse--Bridge To Nowhere, by Angus Hall) \$3,000, \$28,000 2014 IN-PREM, Lifetime Record: 62-31-10-7, \$744,655
O-William C & William P De Long & Roger S Welch & Ray E De Long. B-Michael Bennett & Randy J Wilt. T-Roger Welch. D-Josh Sutton.

Replay - Calls: H, 1T, 1T, Q, H - Finish Order: Gloire Dream, Honey B, Fusion Man, Lady's Dude, Buckeye Boss, Another Breath

7, ScD, \$25,000, Pace, FILLIES AND MARES OPEN POST POSITIONS ASSIGNED, 26.2, 54.4, 1:22.3, 1:50.2, FT

1-Fox Valley Charm (m, 6, Yankee Skyscraper--Fox Valley Cherub, by Sportsmaster) \$12,500, \$2,500 2013 WALKER, Lifetime Record: 107-29-24-21, \$335,910
O-Peter J Karras. B-Fox Valley Standardbreds. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Aaron Merriman.

2-Caribbean Pacetry (m, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Cupcakecraze, by Artsplace) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 149-23-26-20, \$371,679
O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Kapildeo Singh & Gerrie S Tucker, CA. B-Belle Amore Stable, PR. T-Tyler George. D-Jeremy Smith.

3-Rock Me Baby (m, 5, Rock N Roll Heaven--Lover Of Art, by Artsplace) \$3,000, \$37,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 58-15-9-6, \$287,888
O-Carl T Howard & Carl L Atley & Milton J Leeman & Kara S Witt. B-Brittany Farms LLC & Brian P Monieson Revtrust. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Dan Noble.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 1, 1, 1, NS - Finish Order: Berazzled, Wild Wanda, World Apart, Endeavors Star, Rosemary Rose

RACE RESULTS

WOODBINE MOHAWK *report*

Friday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$28,500 LIFETIME, 26.2, 56.2, 1:25.1, 1:53

1-Dry Silk Flowers (ch,f,3 - Vintage Master-Silky Flower-Allamerican Native) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-1, \$37,390

O-Robert Key B-Robert Key T-Paul Reid D-Louis Philippe Roy

2-Precision Hanover (b,f,3 - Somebeachsomewhere-Phoenix Seelster-Camluck)

O-Keith Cassell, Ontario 1085195, Victor Puddy B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Victor Puddy D-Douglas McNair

3-Oxford Comma (b,f,3 - Sportswriter-Demotta Bing-Blissfull Hall)

O-John Werden B-Birnam Wood Farms T-Isabelle Darveau

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2, Wbs, \$69,107, Trot, CHAMPLAIN - 2 YEAR OLD OPEN. STARTING FEE \$1,000 CND \$800 U.S., 28.1, 58.1, 1:26.4, 1:54.4

1-Kings County (br,c,2 - Muscle Hill-Brooklyn-Conway Hall) \$34,554, Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$55,754

O-Lindy Farms Of Conn B-Order By Stable T-Domenico Cecere D-Scott Zeron

2-Southwind Avenger (b,g,2 - E L Titan-Auvergne-Windsongs Legacy)

O-Melvin Hartman, David Mc Duffee, Little E LLC B-Southwind Farms Llc T-Richard Norman D-Trevor Henry

3-Trix And Stones (b,c,2 - Trixton-Baby Bella-Raffaello Ambrosio)

O-Carl Jamieson, Joanne Morrison, Dr Robert Boyce B-Stephanie Smithrothaug T-Carl Jamieson D-Jody Jamieson

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3, Wbs, \$70,107, Trot, CHAMPLAIN - 2 YEAR OLD OPEN. STARTING FEE \$1,000 CND \$800 U.S., 28.2, 59, 1:28.1, 1:55.3

1-Hudson River (br,c,2 - Father Patrick-Lantern Kronos-Viking Kronos) \$35,054, Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$80,115

O-Christina Takter, Goran Falk B-Goran Falk T-Jimmy Takter D-Yannick Gingras

2-Dream Nation (br,g,2 - Archangel-Mississippi Dream-Dream Vacation)

O-Les Ecuries Dorleans Inc, Ecurie CSL, Gestion C Levesque 2005Inc, Marc Camirand B-Winbak Farm T-Jacques Dupont D-Louis Philippe Roy

3-Union Forces (b,c,2 - Cantab Hall-Southwind Catlin-Muscles Yankee)

O-Lindy Farms Of Conn, Robert Rudolph, David Anderson, John Fielding B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-Domenico Cecere D-Scott Zeron

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4, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, 2 YEAR OLDS, NW \$15,000 LIFETIME, 27.2, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:53.4

1-Ys Sunshine (b,g,2 - Sunshine Beach-Bolero Tallia-Arts Conquest) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$22,131

O-Yves Sarrazin B-Yves Sarrazin T-Joe Pereira D-Louis Philippe Roy

2-Shipshape (b,c,2 - Captaintreacherous-Fresh Idea-Western Hanover)

O-Brittany Farms LLC, Marvin Katz, Bradley Grant, Captain Trevor Racing B-Brittany Farms Llc T-Tony Alagna D-Douglas McNair

3-Arcane Seelster (br,g,2 - Big Jim-Angelina Seelster-Astreos)

O-Leonard Gamble, Tony Lawrence, Ted Macdonnell B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Ted Macdonnell D-Randall Waples

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5, Wbs, \$30,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED HANDICAP, 27.2, 55.4, 1:24.4, 1:51.2

1-Pure Country (b,m,5 - Somebeachsomewhere-Western Montana-Western Hanover) \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 56-26-9-6, \$2,513,675

O-Diamond Creek Racing B-Diamond Creek Farm Llc T-Jimmy Takter D-Yannick Gingras



2-Kendall Seelster (b,f,3 - Shadow Play-Kiddie Cocktail-Bettors Delight)

O-1187422 Ontario Inc B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Paul Reid D-Randall Waples

3-Sandbetweenurtoes (b,m,7 - Somebeachsomewhere-Als Girl-Artsplace)

O-Bradley Grant B-John Carver T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair

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6, Wbs, \$153,996, Trot, SIMCOE - 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES. STARTING FEE \$1,500 CDN \$1,200 U.S., 26.4, 56, 1:25.4, 1:55.1

1-Repentance (br,f,3 - Chapter Seven-Swan Hot Mama-Donato Hanover) \$76,998, Lifetime Record: 16-5-1-3, \$206,280

O-Diamond Creek Racing B-Diamond Creek Farm Llc T-Linda Toscano D-Scott Zeron



2-Blonde Magic (b,f,3 - Muscle Massive-Ally Oop-Kadabra)

O-June Durand B-Lynn Baker T-Thomas Durand D-Jody Jamieson

3-Sneeker Hanover (b,f,3 - Donato Hanover-Slow Dance Hanover-Conway Hall)

O-Sarah McCoy B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Duane Marfisi D-Paul Macdonell

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7, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 5 RACES OR \$80,000 LIFETIME, 25.3, 53.2, 1:21.2, 1:50.3

1-Cenalta Call Girl (b,m,4 - Allamerican Merlin-Cenalta Monica-Clintons Cigar) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 35-13-9-5, \$80,457

O-Dr Steve Taylor, Pam Forgie B-Gordon & Helen Empey T-Pam Forgie D-Douglas McNair

2-Quints Dream (b,f,3 - Shadow Play-Jollie Place-Artsplace)

O-Joseph & Karen Hudon B-Joseph & Karen Hudon T-Joseph Hudon Jr D-Joseph Hudon Jr

3-Just Her Luck (br,f,3 - Sportswriter-Just Luck-Camluck)

O-1187422 Ontario Inc B-1187422 Ontario Inc T-Paul Reid D-Trevor Henry

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8, Wbs, \$70,107, Trot, CHAMPLAIN - 2 YEAR OLD OPEN. STARTING FEE \$1,000 CND \$800 U.S., 28.4, 58.3, 1:27, 1:55.4

1-Ct Conabra (b,c,2 - Kadabra-Conway Connie-Conway Hall) \$35,054, Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1 \$76,718

O-Carl & Jody Jamieson B-Tymal Farms T-Stephanie Jamieson D-Jody Jamieson

2-Jumpshot (b,c,2 - E L Titan-Chef Heartsalot-Angus Hall)

O-Ecuries Richelieu Inc B-P G Van Camp STables T-Jean Francois Maguire D-Sylvain Filion

3-Okeanos (b,g,2 - E L Titan-Enjoy N My Lady-Enjoy Lavec)

O-Just In Time Stable, R A W Equine Inc B-Stephen Palermo T-Roger Mayotte D-Roger Mayotte

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9, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$16,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$29,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW 7 RACES OR \$110,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$35,000, 27, 55.4, 1:24, 1:51.4

1-Shower Play (b,f,3 - Shadow Play-Alice Emily-Bettors Delight) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 14-7-5-1, \$378,802

O-Rene Dion, Susanne Kerwood, Martin Leveillee B-Tara Hills Stud Ltd T-Rene Dion D-Louis Philippe Roy



2-Shezarealdeal (b,m,5 - Western Ideal-Shezarealcaesar-Real Artist)

O-Karen Carroll B-Debbie Surick T-Mike Bishop D-Sylvain Filion

3-Percy Bluechip (b,f,3 - Shadow Play-Advantest-Artsplace)

O-Shadow Two Stable, James & Wilma Mackenzie, Hudson Standrbrd Stb Inc B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-Dr Ian Moore D-Paul Macdonell

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11, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$7,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$16,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$18,000. AE: NA \$1,100 PER START IN 2017-18, 26.2, 55, 1:23.4, 1:52.1

1-Windsongmagnifique (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Jasper Avenue-Village Jasper) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 62-13-8-4, \$127,990

O-Yolanda Fellows, Erna Corbeil B-William Loyens T-Robert Don Fellows D-Bob McClure

2-P L Hurricane (b,m,7 - Jeremes Jet-Taylorlane Action-Village Jiffy)

O-David Brown B-Onlinehanessowner Com 17 T-David Brown D-Douglas McNair

3-Wanda Bayama (b,m,6 - Western Ideal-Joyce Bayama-Run The Table)

O-Travis Cullen B-Bayama Farms Inc T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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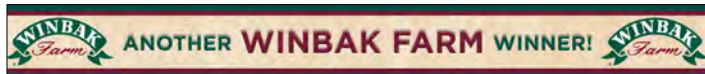
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Friday's Results:

2, YR, \$17,000, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 / \$25,000 HANDICAP 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 28.0, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:55.3, SY

1-Swift As A Shadow (h, 8, Bettor's Delight--Flibbertigibbet, by Albert Albert) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 143-29-16-17, \$452,419

O-Christopher B Temming. B-Winbak Farm. T-Michael Temming. D-Jim Marohn Jr.



2-Starsky's Dream N (g, 8, Mach Three--Clifton Joan, by Falcon Seelster) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 105-24-12-15, \$245,511

O-Brittany M Robertson. B-N G Bennett, NZ. T-Brittany Robertson. D-George Brennan.

3-Ardie B Speed (g, 6, American Ideal--Panned Substance, by The Panderosa) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 135-18-17-27, \$234,034

O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Stephen Klunowski, CA. B-Fletcher A Davis & Stephen P Dey IV. T-Rene Allard. D-Brian Sears.

Replay - Calls: 7T, 8, 4, 2T, 1Q - Finish Order: Winds Of Change, Adonis Bay, Big Turn On, Mach One

3, YR, \$17,500, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$70,000 IN 2018 NOT ELIGIBLE., 27.3, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:54.0, SY

1-Durant (g, 6, Dali--Belize, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$8,750, \$10,000 2013 IN-PREM, Lifetime Record: 153-23-26-23, \$237,587

O-Margaret M Olmstead. B-George F Snyder Jr. T-Robert Lounsbury. D-Brian Sears.

2-Canbec Kingkazimir (g, 8, Jereme's Jet--Dragonosa, by The Panderosa) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 192-14-33-29, \$309,122

O-Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos. B-Tourmana Inc, CA & Claude Hamel, CA & Lapharmaciedekedgwick Inc, CA. T-Robert Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-I'm A Gift (g, 6, Muscle Mass--I'm A Checkmate, by Cumin) \$1,750, Lifetime Record: 109-18-14-14, \$141,360

O-Roy D Dobbins. B-Roy D Dobbins. T-Dennis J Laterza. D-Austin Siegelman.

3-Messi N (g, 5, Lis Mara--Enjoy, by Christian Cullen) \$1,750, Lifetime Record: 40-10-7-5, \$72,726

O-Arrhythmic LLC. B-P & M D Fraser, NZ. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jason Bartlett.

Replay - Calls: 3Q, 3H, 1, T, NS - Finish Order: Rainbow Romance N, Galactic Galleon N, Mr Hasani N, Winning Linc

4, YR, \$20,000, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.2, 57.1, 1:24.3, 1:53.0, SY

1-Twomacsoneshadow (g, 4, Shadow Play--Grace And Harv, by Dexter Nukes) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 53-17-7-4, \$87,929

O-Brittany M Robertson. B-Howmac Farms LTD, CA & Wayne C Mac Rae, CA. T-Brittany Robertson. D-Brent Holland.

2-Milliondollar Wave (g, 7, Million Dollar Cam--Im Making Waves, by Beach Towel) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 111-25-16-9, \$269,771

O-Matias S Ruiz & James Louis Mascola. B-Yirribee Pacing Stud, AS. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

3-Diamond Cowboy (g, 9, Six Of Diamonds--Money For Munchkin, by Raging Glory) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 219-41-48-25, \$596,470

O-Friendship Stables LLC. B-Penny L & William T Kelley. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Austin Siegelman.

Replay - Calls: 1Q, 1T, 1T, 2H, 2T - Finish Order: Solo Story, Ace Of Clubs, Indy Ingot, Jk Heaven Sent

5, YR, \$23,000, Pace, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 26.3, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:52.2, SY

1-Capozzo (h, 7, Bettor's Delight--Annie McGuire N, by In The Pocket) \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 129-24-17-22, \$348,010

O-Mark F Capone & Thomas R Finelli. B-Standardbred Equities LLC. T-Tom Shay. D-George Brennan.

2-Provocativeprincen (g, 8, Grinfromeartoear--Catherine Zeta, by Village Jasper) \$5,750, Lifetime Record: 95-14-20-13, \$281,387

O-Vonknoblauch Stable LLC. B-G Chin, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Ourlittlegeneral A (h, 5, Mach Three--Kabbalah Karen B, by Western Terror) \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 35-15-9-5, \$383,356

O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Kapildeo Singh & Stephen Klunowski, CA & Niss Allen Inc. B-Lauriston Bloodstock, AS. T-Rene Allard. D-Brian Sears.

Replay - Calls: 3H, 3H, NS, 1Q, 1 - Finish Order: Percy's Z Tam, Zach Maguire N, Tj Blast, Lord Of Misrule, Caviart Reagan

6, YR, \$44,000, Pace, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-7 ASSIGNED, 26.4, 56.1, 1:24.1, 1:53.1, SY

1-Newborn Sassy (m, 5, Western Ideal--Sass Newton, by Storm Compensation) \$22,000, \$38,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 75-31-15-9, \$985,445

O-Cc Racing LLC & Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jim King Jr. D-Jordan Stratton.



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2-Frost Damage Blues (m, 6, Western Ideal--Art Matters, by Artsplace) \$11,000, \$6,000 2013 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 39-15-7-4, \$305,500
O-William J Augustine. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Kyle Caulfield. D-Brian Sears.

3-Mach It A Par (m, 8, Mach Three--Taylorlane Action, by Village Jiffy) \$5,280, Lifetime Record: 135-45-21-21, \$944,687
O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone & T L P Stable & The Gandolfo Stables. B-Onlineharnessowner Com 17, CA. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett.

Replay - Calls: 4, 3Q, HD, 1Q, 1T - Finish Order: Lispatty, Angel's Pride, Caviart Cherie, Terror At Night

7, YR, \$29,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$30,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 28.1, 57.2, 1:24.1, 1:53.0, SY

1-Vorst (m, 5, Four Starzzz Shark--A Patchy Frost, by Ft Apache Hanover) \$14,500, Lifetime Record: 101-20-25-16, \$273,346
O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-James Henry Springer. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Brent Holland.

2-Keystone Wanda (m, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--I Will, by Western Hanover) \$7,250, \$30,000 2011 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 197-37-32-27, \$502,081
O-Allard Racing Inc, CA. B-Todd M Schadel & George F Hempt. T-Rene Allard. D-Brian Sears.

3-Pistol Packin Mama (m, 4, The Panderosa--Art Debut, by Artiscape) \$3,480, Lifetime Record: 32-15-11-3, \$356,335
O-Thomas J Pollack & Jeffrey W Cullipher. B-Brian J Doyle, CA. T-Edward Hart. D-Jordan Stratton.

Replay - Calls: 1Q, 1H, 2, 2, 3 - Finish Order: Dewar N Soda, All About Madi, Bronze Over N, Glenferrie Bronte N, Pasultimatedelite N

8, YR, \$23,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 27.2, 57.1, 1:25.0, 1:53.1, SY

1-Call Me Queen Be (m, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Preppy Party Girl, by Western Terror) \$8,625, Lifetime Record: 68-17-16-9, \$1,305,835
O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Mr Dana L Parham. B-John A Carver. T-Ross Croghan. D-Jason Bartlett.

1-Ambro Courage N (m, 9, Courage Under Fire--Ambro Isles, by Island Fantasy) \$8,625, Lifetime Record: 115-22-12-12, \$241,953
O-Eric A Prevost. B-M J Brown, NZ. T-Travis Alexander. D-Brent Holland.

3-Rockstar Angel A (m, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Arty Alice N, by Artiscape) \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 60-17-9-14, \$176,502
O-Northfork Racing Stable. B-C N & W E Radford, NZ & Mrs D E Richardson, NZ. T-Chris Oakes. D-Eric Goodell.

Replay - Calls: 4H, 5Q, 2H, 3H, 1Q - Finish Order: Sail To The Beach, Barynya A, Acefourtyfour Alex, Motu Moonbeam N, Oceania, Milady Denver A

9, YR, \$20,000, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.4, 58.2, 1:26.1, 1:54.1, SY

1-Track Master D (h, 8, Bettor's Delight--Queen Otra, by Artsplace) \$10,000, \$32,000 2011 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 191-33-26-24, \$441,361
O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Jack & Ferne Frydman, CA. B-White Birch Farm. T-Rene Allard. D-Brian Sears.



2-Feel The Need A (g, 9, Speed King--Jay Jays Stella, by Beach Towel) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 125-25-26-16, \$254,701
O-Cc Racing LLC & Mr Dana L Parham & Triple D Stables Inc. B-P C & D J Kerin, AS. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan.

3-Chucaro Acero Bc (h, 7, Shadow Play--Animals Can Sing, by Camluck) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 113-36-5-12, \$229,377
O-Howard A Taylor & D'Elegance Stable Ix & Richard J Banca. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett.

Replay - Calls: 1H, 2H, 2, 3, 3Q - Finish Order: Horsing Around, Lone Raider, Bb's Harley, Statesman N, R Caan

10, YR, \$23,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 27.2, 56.3, 1:24.2, 1:53.4, SY

1-Sally Fletcher A (m, 7, American Ideal--Im Off Limits, by Artiscape) \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 84-23-17-10, \$261,377
O-Blindswitch Racing Stable. B-D P Harvey, AS & K J & S M Smith, AS. T-Jose Godinez. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Twinkle (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Ashlee's Star, by Western Hanover) \$5,750, \$77,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 26-14-5-1, \$192,379
O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Mr Dana L Parham. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ross Croghan. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

3-Ys Tallia (m, 4, Western Ideal--Bolero Tallia, by Art's Conquest) \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 35-11-5-6, \$175,026
O-Yves Sarrazin, CA. B-Yves Sarrazin, CA. T-Rene Allard. D-Brian Sears.

Replay - Calls: 4H, 4, 2H, 2H, NS - Finish Order: Dongal Rundlsckr N, Do Your Job, Hooves On First, Bellatricks, Vintage Babe, Cheyenne Triengel



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11, YR, \$29,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$30,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 26.4, 56.0, 1:23.3, 1:53.2, SY

1-Magic Forces (m, 4, Art Major--Magic Of Michelle, by Presidential Ball) \$14,500, \$10,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 45-14-6-8, \$231,372
O-Frank T Porio Jr. B-Stephen P Dey III. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.



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2-Medusa (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Mythical, by Artsplace) \$7,250, \$60,000 2012 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 118-34-17-20, \$795,303
O-Randall B Bendis & Thomas J Pollack. B-White Birch Farm. T-Edward Hart. D-Brian Sears.

3-Sell A Bit N (m, 8, Julius Caesar--Nomorenuke, by Live Or Die) \$3,480, Lifetime Record: 117-29-24-15, \$890,626
O-Vonknoblauch Stable LLC. B-Mrs C M Hey, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.

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