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Father Patrick and Nuncio Meet Still Again

By Bill Finley

They've been going after one another for nearly two years now and their fights have at times been epic. Now, Nuncio and Father Patrick meet again, this time in the 3-year-old male trotting division of the Matron Series at Dover Downs.

The race is one of eight Matrons on a Thursday night card at the Delaware track. But for the first time in their rivalry the momentum appears to be on the side of Nuncio. When the two last met, he beat his rival for the first time this year when gamely fighting back in the stretch of the Kentucky Futurity at the Red Mile. Since he picked up easy



Nuncio will try to beat Father Patrick for the second time this year when the two meet tonight at Dover

wins in the Yonkers Trot elims and the Yonkers Trot, giving him two-thirds of the Trotting Triple Crown. In the meantime, Father Patrick picked up another loss, finishing second on a miserable night at Hoosier Park in the Carl Erskine Stakes.

Yet Jimmy Takter, who trains both, hasn't wavered in his opinion. To him, both are special, it's just that Father Patrick is a little more special. When asked at the Harrisburg sale if he thought Nuncio had finally proved he was the better of the two Takter simply shook his head.

He did, admit, though that would matter most from here to the end of the racing season was which of the two remained in top form.

"It is getting toward the end of season and it is just a matter of who is in form and where we stand with all these horses," he said. "In a couple of weeks a lot of things change."

That said, Takter said he is not down on Father Patrick at all after the loss at Hoosier.

"Just draw a line through that race," he said. "That was not the real Father Patrick."

Takter said the star son of Cantab Hall was colicky after the race and clearly not himself.

Another thing in Father Patrick's favor tonight will be the posts. He drew the one while Nuncio drew post eight.

"Nuncio got the eight hole and that should impact the race," he said. "Especially with the Breeders Crown coming up I don't think (driver) John (Campbell) is going to do anything too crazy. He'll probably try to come from behind. I doubt he'll bust him out of there from the eight hole."

Campbell agreed that his post position is a problem. "Obviously, the draw is against us," he said. "Especially at Dover, it's a problem because that's a track where you need to be near the front. It's a front-end, speed track. But I am really confident that he will race well. This horse never lets me down. There's nothing that leads to me to believe he won't be as good Thursday night as he always is."

Campbell had predicted that Nuncio would beat Father Patrick at some point in the year but he remains deeply respectful of his opponent.

"Not necessarily," Campbell said when asked if he were more confident about beating Father Patrick again now that he has accomplished it this year. "It's not like I've got his number. They are two great horses and they have raced against each other a number of times this year and will race each other a number of times next year. I think over the course of what's left in their careers you'll see both come out on top from time to time."

This will be Nuncio's 26th career race and he has never finished worse than second.

"He never gives up, that horse," Takter said. "He hates to lose. Horses like that you always have to watch out for. What makes him special is his consistency. He has no special up days and no special down days."

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- 917** Manofmanymissions - Spicy Image
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- 971** Cantab Hall - Keystone Vi Va
 Half sister to MAP OF HAWAII 3, 1:58.4h
- 1023** Explosive Matter - Amelia Hall
 Full sister to Annaliina 2, Q2:00.2f-14 (\$46,510).
 Second in Bluegrass S. at Lexington (9/25), race timed in 1:54.3.
- 1026** Explosive Matter - Andover Mermaid
 First foal from a half sister to GIANT MERMAID 4, 1:54.4 (\$365,039)
- 1040** American Ideal - Aspectofmusic
 From a half sister to MCMELODY p,2, 1:54.4; 1:52.3f (\$106,504).
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Harrisburg Sale Rebounds, Up 5.1 Percent on Third Day

By Bill Finley

The picture looked a little bit better yesterday at Harrisburg on the third day of the yearling sale as session-versus-session numbers when compared to last year increased by 5.1 percent. That wasn't, however, nearly enough to overcome a sluggish first two days as the sale overall is down 5.1 percent when compared to last year.

"We picked up a little bit of ground today, not enough to make up for the first two days, but it was stronger today," said the sales' president and CEO Pete Spears. "We do have certain consigners that like to backload their consignments and obviously, it's not a usual thing to have a

\$200,000 filly sell on Wednesday (hip # 751 High Fashion Model (Western Terror – Makes You Wonder bought by from the All American Harnessbred consignment.) so it's an example of that."



Hip 568, Pizza Queen, went for \$100,000 to Noel Daley (Cira Giunti photo)

John Como Jr. bought the session topper, who is out of a half-sister to his star older pacer Bolt The Duer.

Spears was still struggling to find an explanation for why the sale has not performed up to expectations.

"I've been walking around and asking people what they think of the sale and many

people have said to me that they're scratching their heads, too," he said. "Certain horses that they were going to bring too much money for them so they didn't bother to look at – suddenly they're bargains but because they didn't look at them, they didn't bid. Other horses that they wanted to go after they suddenly found they couldn't touch, so it's been a very schizophrenic sale.

"I think we kind of obsess a little too much about average some times and I think that's part of the reason we are so focused on the average of each and every single day.

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Hip 1377 CRAZED FOR LINDY

The half-sister to Pizza Dolce, dam of the 2014 Lexington co-sale topper at \$400,000 (pictured at right), IFT Cantab Hall [PEDIGREE]

Hip 1443 BENEARTHEBEACH




The Somebeachsomewhere full sister to this year's Little Brown Jug winner Limelight Beach, IFT Well Said [PEDIGREE]



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When I talk to people, they're still looking for horses and as I say some are still puzzled. Some of them have told me they're going to intensely re-review tomorrow in more detail because of what has happened to them this – so they don't overlook a good horse tomorrow."

Spears is still hoping that there are enough people who need horses and have yet to buy them that today's final day of the yearling sale will show a big gain.

Thanks largely to Muscle Hill, New Jersey bred remained the most expensive item in the sale. Sixty nine have been sold for an average of \$47,384.

Como Buys Bolt The Duer's Relative

John Como Jr. couldn't resist going back to a family that has been very good to his family.

Como owns Bolt The Duer, the son of Ponder who has made \$1,826,955, so when a filly out of his half-sister showed up in the Harrisburg catalogue he was obviously interested. When the bidding was over Como was the new owner of that filly, High Fashion Model, paying \$200,000. She is by Western Terror and was consigned by All American Harnessbreds.

"She looks like Bolt The Duer, only a little bigger," Como said. "Her features are a lot like his. Certainly there was an emotional attachment to this one because of Bolt The Duer and we are happy



Session topper High Fashion Model

to get her."

Como said that Pete Foley, Bolt The Duer's trainer, would get the Western Terror filly.

"She was a very nice filly and has a very good pedigree," All American's Rob Tribbett said. "It was a little surprising to get this much for a day three horse but she is very nice and there was a lot of action on her."

Tribbett believes having the filly in on Day Three was a plus.

"I was asked about 10 times how come we were in on day three," he said "We felt that's where she fit a little bit better and then she exceeded our expectations. We had no problem with having her on the third day. It's always nice to have one of the better horses on the day."

Comparative Sales Stats–Day Three

	Sold	Gross	Average
14 Pacing Colts	59	\$1,214,500	\$20,584
13 Pacing Colts	70	\$1,493,500	\$21,336
14 Pacing Fillies	81	\$1,403,000	\$17,320
13 Pacing Fillies	80	\$1,220,000	\$15,250
14 Trotting Colts	75	\$1,721,000	\$22,946
13 Trotting Colts	56	\$1,205,500	\$21,527
14 Trotting Fillies	59	\$1,1016,00	\$17,220
13 Trotting Fillies	62	\$1,218,500	\$19,663
14 Totals	275	\$5,541,500	\$20,150
13 Totals	268	\$5,137,500	\$19,170

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Day 4 Highlights
Harrisburg Select 11/3-11/6

Pacers

#877, INFINITY PLUS, F, PA

Quik Pulse Mindale-Sanabelle Island-In The Pocket
Dam is **Sanabelle Island**,
p, 1:50.4s (\$1,641,527)

#956, SHARK TUG, C, PA

Shark Gesture-Tug River Della-Die Laughing
1/2-brother to **Rub N Tug**, p, 1:50.3s (\$441,048)

#1027, PLAYING GAMES, C, ON

Shadow Play-Angel Place-Artsplace
1/2-brother to **All Pro Hall**, p, 1:51.4f (\$227,843)

Trotters

#899, SPARK BUSINESS, C, ON

Striking Sahbra-Sierra Fortune-Sierra Kosmos
1/2-brother to **Winbak Dream**,
1:56.4s (\$441,684)

#1010, OVERPREPARED*, C, NY

Broad Bahn-About Half Quick-Sierra Kosmos
1/2-brother to **Off The Wall**, 1:57.2h (\$258,288)

#1017, ALMOND BARK*, F, NY

Broad Bahn-Almond Chip-Pine Chip
1/2-sister to **Streakin Star**,
1:53.2f -'14 (\$190,512)

#1051, LUCKY REGION, F, NY

Lucky Chucky-Baltic Region-Baltic Speed
Dam is **Baltic Region**, 3, 1:55 (\$528,124)

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- 867 Igocrazy Without U *filly* Crazed–Rosa Parks *NY*
- 868 Pondering Princess *filly* SJ's Caviar–Rosemont Princess *PA*
- 884 Valentine Matter *filly* Explosive Matter–See Her Majesty *PA*
- 895 Salinas Hall *colt* Deweycheatumnhowe–Shipp's Empress *ON*
- 906 Mystical Mission *colt* Manofmanymissions–Six Figure Dreams *ON*
- 925 Kronwall *colt* Majestic Son–Swedish Babe *ON*
- 929 Mystical Breeze *filly* Manofmanymissions–Sweet Emotion *ON*
- *949 Love Mission *filly* Manofmanymissions–Secret Harmony *ON*
- 1001 Holiday Bro *colt* Holiday Road–Armbro Xanadu *ON*
- 1035 Chuckys Nightlite *colt* Lucky Chucky–Aretha Blue Chip *NY*
- 1072 Rose Run Rocco *colt* Crazed–Bloodstock's Star *NY*
- 1079 Rose Run Rudi *colt* Manofmanymissions–Bonyoldkneesofher *ON*
- 1086 Rose Run Ransom *colt* Crazed–Bring It On Lindy *NY*
- 1096 Uf Musclemass Star *colt* Muscle Mass–Calchips Choice *ON*

Pacers Selling Thursday, November 6

- 883 Spring Luck *filly* Camluck–Spring Joy *ON*
- 888 Cruise She Can *filly* Yankee Cruiser–Shanaia Hanover *PA*
- 898 Its Just A Kiss *filly* Big Jim–Shutupandkissme *ON*
- 918 Mclassic *colt* McArdle–Timeless Classic *PA*
- 919 Rose Run Rascal *colt* American Ideal–Star Of The Show *NY*
- 968 Home James *colt* Big Jim–Village Blush *ON*
- 970 Graceful Vision *filly* Yankee Cruiser–Vision Of Grace *PA*
- 1028 Uf Dragons Angel *colt* Dragon Again–Angels Have Wings *PA*
- 1033 Aphro Star *colt* Up The Credit–Aphrodiva *ON*
- 1059 Century Chancellor *colt* Western Terror–Beachy Girl *PA*
- 1090 Ashley's Credit *filly* Up The Credit–Brokenstar *ON*
- *1114 Upfront Supersonic *filly* Dragon Again–Cedar Yankee *PA*
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13 Pacing Colts	222	\$10,273,500	\$46,277
14 Pacing Fillies	217	\$6,460,000	\$29,770
13 Pacing Fillies	215	\$6,307,000	\$29,335
14 Trotting Colts	205	\$8,933,000	\$43,576
13 Trotting Colts	187	\$8,335,500	\$44,575
14 Trotting Fillies	177	\$6,089,500	\$34,404
13 Trotting Fillies	161	\$6,292,000	\$39,081
14 Totals	810	\$30,551,500	\$37,718
13 Totals	785	\$31,208,000	\$39,753

Sales Toppers

Hip 751 High Fashion Model \$200,000
 f, Western Terror-Makes You Wonder-Jenna's Beach Boy
 Consigned by All American Harnessbreds
 Purchased by John Como Jr.

Hip 739 All Time Lindy \$130,000
 c, Cantab Hall-Love To Lindy-Kadabra
 Consigned by Preferred Equine
 Purchased by Brixton Medical

Hip 568 Pizza Queen \$100,000
 f, Credit Winner-Armbro Domino-Self Possessed
 Consigned by Peninsula Farm
 Purchased by Noel Daley

Hip 832 McPhil \$90,000
 c, by McArdle-Philadelphia-Western Hanover
 Consigned by Northwood Bloodstock
 Purchased by Ed James

Color's A Virgin Will Supplement to the Breeders Crown

The red hot 3-year-old pacing filly Color's A Virgin will be supplemented to the Breeders Crown at a cost of \$62,500, her owner Bruce Trogden reports.



Jugette winner Color's A Virgin will go in the Crown

The Jugette winner earlier in the year, she is coming off a win in the Nadia Lobell at Hoosier Park. She is by Always A Virgin.

"This isn't something I would normally do and I said after the Jugette that there's no way I would do this," Trogden said. "Being that she's

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Leading Sires of Pacers

Average (Sold)	Sire
\$63,288 (52 Horses)	Somebeachsomewhere
\$60,000 (1 Horse)	Big Bad John
\$45,516 (32 Horses)	Bettor's Delight
\$44,900 (15 Horses)	Rock N Roll Heaven
\$41,233 (15 Horses)	Western Terror
\$40,344 (32 Horses)	Western Ideal
\$39,536 (28 Horses)	Art Major
\$38,645 (38 Horses)	Well Said
\$38,611 (9 Horses)	Sportswriter
\$36,111 (27 Horses)	Roll With Joe
\$33,700 (10 Horses)	Mach Three
\$33,038 (13 Horses)	Big Jim
\$32,917 (24 Horses)	Rocknroll Hanover
\$32,417 (6 Horses)	McArdle
\$28,000 (1 Horse)	Art Colony
\$25,462 (26 Horses)	American Ideal
\$24,984 (31 Horses)	Dragon Again
\$20,667 (3 Horses)	Camluck
\$20,231 (13 Horses)	Yankee Cruiser
\$20,000 (1 Horse)	Art Official
\$17,136 (11 Horses)	Shadow Play
\$15,000 (1 Horse)	Up The Credit
\$14,900 (15 Horses)	Badlands Hanover
\$13,875 (4 Horses)	Cams Card Shark
\$11,000 (2 Horses)	Badlands Nitro
\$10,000 (1 Horse)	Delmarvalous
\$10,000 (1 Horse)	Artiscape
\$9,500 (2 Horses)	Lear Jetta
\$8,400 (5 Horses)	Shark Gesture
\$8,000 (3 Horses)	Quik Pulse Mindale
\$8,000 (3 Horses)	Vintage Master
\$7,500 (1 Horse)	Nuclear Breeze
\$4,000 (1 Horse)	Artistic Fella

Leading Sires of Trotters

Average (Sold)	Sire
\$67,571 (21 Horses)	Credit Winner
\$66,200 (30 Horses)	Muscle Hill
\$56,625 (8 Horses)	RC Royalty
\$46,803 (33 Horses)	Kadabra
\$46,477 (43 Horses)	Donato Hanover
\$44,288 (33 Horses)	Cantab Hall
\$44,161 (28 Horses)	Andover Hall
\$35,000 (1 Horse)	Master Lavec
\$33,154 (13 Horses)	Conway Hall
\$32,900 (15 Horses)	Muscles Yankee
\$32,000 (1 Horse)	Jailhouse Jesse
\$31,083 (12 Horses)	Yankee Glide
\$30,538 (13 Horses)	Lucky Chucky
\$30,188 (24 Horses)	Explosive Matter
\$28,400 (10 Horses)	Broadway Hall
\$27,333 (6 Horses)	Crazed
\$27,208 (24 Horses)	Muscle Massive
\$26,038 (13 Horses)	Manofmanymissions
\$25,667 (12 Horses)	Deweycheatumnhowe
\$25,000 (1 Horse)	Swan For All
\$19,333 (3 Horses)	Broad Bahn
\$17,429 (7 Horses)	Muscle Mass
\$17,429 (7 Horses)	SJ's Caviar
\$17,333 (6 Horses)	Majestic Son
\$14,833 (3 Horses)	Holiday Road
\$13,000 (1 Horse)	Tom Ridge
\$12,188 (8 Horses)	Angus Hall
\$9,000 (1 Horse)	Striking Sahbra
\$3,500 (1 Horse)	Amigo Hall

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Indiana eligible we were conservative with the way she was staked this year and I normally don't like to race them long in the year."

Trodden admitted he was not making a good gamble but said his filly deserved a chance to prove what she can do on the big stage that is the Breeders Crown.

"This is a very expensive gamble but this is a generational kind of horse," he said. "She's just a helluva horse and I think sometimes she doesn't get the credit she deserves because she's an Indiana bred. This is our chance to show everyone how good she is."

Trodden believes a Breeders Crown win will sew up a Dan Patch Award for his filly.

"If we didn't try the Breeders Crown I'm not sure she could have won the championship," he said. "But if we win she should get it and to deny her her chance of making history would have been unfair of me."

Western Vintage to Stand in Ohio (press release)

Owners Perry Soderberg and Marvin Katz, are proud to announce that Western Vintage, by Western Ideal, out of the Art Major Mare, Major Harmony, will be standing the 2015 breeding season at Abby Stables in Sugarcreek, Ohio.



Western Vintage is Ohio bound

yearling. I have evaluated over 35,000 yearlings, selected many top horses for Jimmy Takter and others. Western Vintage is one of my all-time favorites and probably the one horse in his crop with the highest ability, in my opinion. As he is a standout individual with a great gait, raw speed and an awesome attitude, I will breed to him and I am excited to buy his yearlings!"

Western Vintage swept the NJSS, winning the first two legs and then the Final to become the NJ State Champion for 2-year-old colt pacers. He won the Metro Elim., finishing second in the final. He comes from a long line of Champions including Adios winner, Vintage Master, Great Vintage and Silk Stockings.

Nancy Johansson trained Western Vintage throughout his racing career, she states, "Western Vintage is a charismatic and a naturally great gaited individual. His quick turn of speed, good confirmation, determination and athleticism make him an obvious choice as a sire." Driver Yannick Gingras concurs, "Western Vintage is a great gaited horse with very good manners and an incredible turn of speed."

Sire of Western Vintage, Western Ideal, shows again this year that he is very current through his son Artspeak, 2,

1:50.2.

Western Vintage blazes into Ohio for the 2015 breeding season with the fastest 2-year-old mark of 1:49.4. He will be standing at Abby Stables in Sugarcreek, Ohio for an introductory fee of \$3,500 for the first mare, \$3,000 for the second mare and \$2,500 for any mare thereafter. Take advantage of breeding your mare to this high speed, talented stallion. Book early!

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World Champion Trotting Mare 'Perfect Alliance' Retires (press release)

Four-year-old retires with 13 wins and nearly \$250,000 in earnings

VERNON, NY (November 5, 2014) – Following a brief comeback attempt from sickness this summer, world champion trotting mare Perfect Alliance has been retired from racing by majority owner Jeffrey Gural of Little E, LLC. The four-year-old daughter of leading stallion Credit Winner, retired with 13 wins from 33 career starts and earnings of \$249,788. She last raced last Saturday in the Muscle Hill Mare Trot at Vernon Downs.

Perfect Alliance had an 11-race winning streak to start her 2014 season, including sweeps of the Charles Singer Memorial Series at the Meadowlands and the Bobby Weiss Series at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. Her win during a leg of the Miss Versatility at Woodbine made her a world record holder with a time of 1:51.2. In her next start, she established a new track record at Mohawk Raceway when she won an elimination of the Armbro Flight Stakes in a time of 1:51.4.

"Perfect Alliance gave me and my partners some real thrills as owners, none bigger than her world record in Canada," said Gural. "I only wish we could've seen her come back to her early season form, but now we're looking forward to her second career as a mother."

Gural purchased Perfect Alliance for \$75,000 at the 2011 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. Bred by Deo Volente Farms, she is a daughter of the Andover Hall mare Yalta Hanover. Bob Bencal trained Perfect Alliance until the end of her three-year-old season when Julie Miller took over

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Perfect Alliance will retire to Gural's Allerage Farms location in Stanfordville, NY. Breeding plans are still to be determined.

Meadowlands Qualifiers Now Available via Live Streaming

Beginning with the qualifiers to be held on Friday, November 7th, all qualifying races at The Meadowlands will now be made available to the public live on The Meadowlands website. Those wanting to watch Meadowlands qualifying action live can do so at www.meadowlandsracetrack.com/video.aspx?id=252.

Qualifiers this week will be held on Friday, November 7th with first post time at 9:30 A.M. Beginning with Saturday, November 15th, qualifiers will move to Saturdays at 9:30 A.M. until further notice

Accident at Pocono

By Jim Beviglia

Driver George Napolitano Jr. was injured in an accident during a race at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Wednesday night.

Napolitano, Pocono's leading driver once again this year, was driving No. 9 Waltzacrossthewire in the seventh race when Southwind Terror broke stride in front of them on the backstretch. Napolitano was dumped to the track as his

horse tried to avoid the breaking horse.

Napolitano was taken off the track by ambulance to a local hospital. No word on his condition was available directly after the race.



BITS ON BREEDING

Dean Hoffman

Double Duty for Father Patrick in 2015

Earlier this week it was announced that Father Patrick, the richest harness horse of 2014, will do double duty in 2015 by breeding mares and also racing.

The news sparked comments and controversy in online channels, but had that same announcement been made in Europe, it would likely have been greeted with a yawn.

The practice of breeding and racing a stallion in the same calendar year is not unusual at all in Europe, particularly in France, but it's a dramatic departure from the



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routine procedure in North America. Once a horse was retired, he was expected to concentrate on his breeding duty and leave his racing days behind him.

Some horsemen felt that "burning the candle at both ends" would result in a stallion being less successful in both. They believe that both racing and breeding performance will suffer, thus decreasing a stallion's reputation and value.

The announcement about Father Patrick was of particular interest because of the policy that Jeff Gural of the Meadowlands has implemented in an effort to keep harness racing's brightest stars on the track. The policy basically requires that for a stallion's offspring to be eligible to select Meadowlands races and events at other Gural tracks, he must compete at age 4.

The policy has sparked predictable feedback because some owners feel that it takes control of a young star away from them, and that it requires the horse to race at age 4 when they may not be in the best interest of the owner and the horse. Traditionally, many of the richest stakes stars have retired after their sophomore season to begin breeding service.

Many people in both harness and Thoroughbred worlds have lamented the loss of racing's brightest stars after their sophomore season, likening it to LeBron James retiring after two seasons in the NBA.

Jeff Gural reasoned that it's difficult to promote harness racing if the greatest stars spend so little time on the stage. Thoroughbred tracks have suffered from the same defection of their biggest drawing cards and have watched the Gural policy.

Gural's intention was to generate exciting and competitive events for the best older harness horses, the type of racing that captured him when he began following racing at Roosevelt Raceway on Long Island a half-century ago.

During harness racing's heyday, it was rare for a sound horse to retire after two years at the races. Among the legends that competed into their older years were Adios Butler, Bye Bye Byrd, Speedy Scot, Overtrick, Meadow Skipper, Bret Hanover, Noble Victory, Nevele Pride and Albatross.

Overlooked in the wake of the Father Patrick announcement was the fact that Wishing Stone, the compact son of Conway Hall, bred 28 mares in New Jersey earlier this year and then returned to the races.

Wishing Stone made his first start in a qualifier on June 20, then was bred to mares on June 23, 24, and 25. On June 27, he won his first start at the Meadowlands in 1:52.4. A month ago he was third behind Creatine and Sebastian K in 1:51.2 in the Allerage Trot at The Red Mile.

France has the strongest harness racing program in the world and one of the reasons for its vitality is that the sulky stars in La Belle France remain on the track for many years.

Ready Cash, the richest trotter in history with \$5.34 million, flashed his amazing speed early in his career and later lived up to expectations with a long list of major

trotting triumphs. He took time out from his racing, however, to begin his breeding career at age 4 in 2009. Ready Cash's accomplishments on the track only increased his appeal and value as a stallion. When his offspring began performing so successfully, he became a cash cow for his owners, breeding and still racing through age 8.

In 1996 the French stallion Cocktail Jet won the Prix d'Amerique in late January and began serving mares later that year when spring came to La Belle France. Four months after his Prix d'Amerique triumph, as I recall, Cocktail Jet served a mare in France on Thursday, was flown to Sweden on Friday, and defeated the best trotters in the world on Sunday in the Elitlopp.

This double duty has been eschewed by Americans, both in harness racing and Thoroughbred racing, with few exceptions. A half-century ago, the great trotting warrior Duke Rodney was bred and raced during the same season. Harlan Dean, the horse that beat Duke Rodney in the 1961, also returned to the races after starting his stallion career.

In 1986, Manfred Hanover, a son of Super Bowl, served 71 mares in Michigan and earned \$267,952 the same year. The next year he bred 42 mares and earned \$56,300.

In 1994, Bo Knows Jate bred 128 mares in Ontario and banked \$259,245 in 29 starts that season. The following year Bo Knows Jate made 24 starts and earned \$141,032.

Wesgate Crown, winner of the Peter Haughton Memorial and Breeders Crown as a juvenile, served a book of 64 mares in 1995 as a 4-year-old, then came back to the races in North America, winning seven times in 15 starts and banking \$128,210.

Father Patrick is expected to breed 60 approved mares in 2015 and to serve as a drawing card for tracks when he returns to the races.



Dover Stakes Analysis by Brett Sturman Race 1, \$203,800 Matron 2YO Filly Trot

After finishing second in her career debut WILD HONEY has reeled off eight straight for Takter and Gingras; the last three of which she's been favored at 1/9 while winning by a combined 15 lengths. Behind Mission Brief, this may be the next best freshman trotting filly. SMEXI took advantage of a break by Mission Brief last out in the Three Diamonds and popped at close to 80/1 on the perfect pocket trip; you don't see a Takter horse pay that type of price ever. Likely completes the chalky exacta. LILU HANOVER looked much stronger earlier in the season but it's still Takter after all; BRIGHT BABY BLUES looks to rebound off a break for Holloway and Miller who do good work together.

Race 2, \$237,500 Matron 2YO Colt Trot

CRUZADA DELA NOCHE goes for Johansson who is now the trainer of the top rated horse in the country, JK

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She'salady. This one makes her first start in a month when she last won at the Red Mile in 1:53:4 and handily beat a decent one in her return qualifier a couple weeks ago at Chester; worth a swing. UNCLE LASSE should have won last out at Woodbine considering that Pierce timed a good move in that race; he may be better suited to the smaller Dover track anyway. HABITAT makes his first start since coming up short at 3/5 in the Valley Victory at Woodbine; Yannick lands top call these days on every possible Burke and Takter youngster. BILLY FLYNN has seen some of his luster wear off with two straight defeats; I'm more concerned with that most recent one. HONOR AND SERVE gets Tetrick back from the rail and MUSCLE DIAMOND nearly got to both BILLY FLYNN and HABITAT three and four back, respectively.

Race 6, \$199,600 Matron 2YO Filly Pace

HEAVENLY BRIDE towed around last week in what was a loaded qualifier at Philly featuring many of these same Matron foes. Coleman's usual go-to Dave Miller qualified her that morning but it looks like it's back to Sears who has driven her in most of her career races; bound to take action off that 5/1 programmed line. BETTOR BE STEPPIN is the most accomplished of these on paper and was only a couple lengths back of She'salady a month ago; likely favorite. SASSA HANOVER is guaranteed to be blasting from the outside but she may not be given the easiest path to the top; 8 of 10 winner on the year is beatable. IDEAL NUGGETS has been outracing her odds in many of her recent tries and finds herself starting from the rail for Lohmeyer; upset chance.

Race 7, \$193,200 Matron 2YO Colt Pace

I've been high on IN THE ARSENAL from the start and for some reason he still doesn't seem to get much respect despite slaying dragons Artspeak and YANKEE BOUNTY in back to back races. He's only two races removed from that 1:49:4 score at Lexington and Kelvin Harrison obviously has a real good one here. TOMY TERROR has now earned over \$200K for Butenschoen and exits a fast score at Vernon where he easily shattered that track's record for 2YO's; he's never been worse than second in ten career starts. It seems like it's been a long season for YANKEE BOUNTY and I'm tempted to now let him beat me if he can; RICH WISDOM and CARTOON DADDY are capable under the right circumstances for Burke.

Race 8, \$160,950 Matron 3YO Filly Trot

SHAKE IT CERRY has been a near model of perfection this year as well as almost her entire career and it looks like she now received a first place vote or two in the recent USTA top ten poll. She's proved too good for these time and time again this year; adds to her resume. LIFETIME PURSUIT will give it another go at the top choice but could only manage runner up finishes in her last pair; seeks that magic from the Hambletonian Oaks. CEE BEE YES is yet to come back to that shocking mile at Lexington and I still say would be a surprise if she seriously threatened in here; HEAVEN'S DOOR returns for Svanstedt.

Race 10, \$200,350 Matron 3YO Colt Trot

NUNCIO was selected correctly in this print a few races back to beat FATHER PATRICK and then was correct against last week when Patrick went down in defeat to E L Titan at Hoosier. NUNCIO has never been better in a remarkable career and is now starting to make some noise in the battle for Horse of Year; keeps it rolling in here despite the outside post. FATHER PATRICK may still end up favored in here starting from the rail; certainly not invincible at this point. He's another squarely in the middle of contention for HOY honors; needs a win to stay there. DATSYUK was much better at Yonkers last out to be second to NUNCIO; SUMATRA has been getting along well with Sears. HARPER BLUE CHIP goes second time Lasix and gets a new driver.

Race 11, \$186,500 Matron 3YO Colt Pace

LUCK BE WITHYOU proved his Messenger elimination win two back was no fluke when he came from hopelessly out of it to give late chase in the final. Don't forget this was the Crown champion last year and while it's been one thing or another this year, he's good now for Oakes and new pilot Tetrick. ALL BETS OFF will likely go off as the favorite when all is said and done for Burke. The amazing thing is that he'll go over \$1 million for the season with a win in here and he would be the quietest horse to accomplish that; has flown under the radar all year long. MCWICKED hasn't won in a while and is a couple steps slower than the monster we saw earlier in the summer. Yannick might as well blast with LYONSSOMEWHERE who hasn't done anything since that upset in the Cane. SOMETIMES SAID has been a tough luck horse; his A-1 best would give him a chance to upset and the longest of odds.

Race 12, \$179,200 Matron 3YO Fillies

ACT NOW was monstrous in the Lady Maud at Yonkers and is one of the only open stakes drives that George Brennan has gotten this year. This filly has always been a real good one and if her current form continues she'll be very tough in here. WEEPER goes back to the smaller track and gets Palone; he knows her well. GETTINGREADYTOROLL is more than capable if she keeps herself together but she's become difficult to accept at a short price; you have to guess with what you'll get from her. FANCY DESIRE exits a first over try and I have a hunch that UFFIZI HANOVER will be heard from at some point despite her outsider status.

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Thursday at Dover Downs

1st Race. \$203,800, Trot. Matron Stakes for 2-YO Fillies

Post	Horse	Sire/Trainer
1	Kaliska	Credit Winner Schnittker/Schnittker
2	Bright Baby Blues	Andover Hall Holloway/D Miller
3	Smexi	Explosive Matter Takter/Callahan
4	Gold Cora	Encore Encore Gillock/Tetrick
5	Soaring Flight	Chip Chip Hooray Loy/B Miller
6	Pad Princess	Explosive Matter E Miller/Pierce
7	Wild Honey	Cantab Hall Takter/Gingras
8	Lilu Hanover	Andover Hall Takter/Zeron

2nd Race. \$237,500, Trot. Matron Stakes for 2-YO Colts & Geldings

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Honor And Serve	Donato Hanover	Campbell/Tetrick
2 Muscle Diamond	Muscle Hill	Bittle/Campbell
3 Walter White	Cantab Hall	Takter/Sears
4 Cruzado Dela Noche	Muscle Massive	Johannson/D Miller
5 Uncle Lasse	Donato Hanover	Takter/Pierce
6 Habitat	Conway Hall	Burke/Gingras
7 Piercwave Hanover	Donato Hanover	Burke/Palone
8 Billy Flynn	Cantab Hall	Lind/B Miller

6th Race. \$199,600, Pace. Matron Stakes for 2-YO Fillies

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Ideal Nuggets	Western Ideal	Lohmeyer/D Miller
2 Bettor N Bettor	Bettor's Delight	Burke/Pierce
3 Bettor Be Steppin	Bettor's Delight	Holloway/Callahan
4 Well Hello There	Well Said	Burke/Kakaley
5 Bossers Joy	Art Major	K McDermott/Campbell
6 Heavenly Bride	Rock N Roll Heaven	Coleman/Sears
7 Southwind Roulette	Somebeachs'where	Burke/Tetrick
8 Sassa Hanover	Rock N Roll Heaven	Burke/Gingras

7th Race. \$193,200, Pace. Matron Stakes for 2-YO Colts & Geldings

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Tomy Terror	Western Terror	Butenshoen/Callahan
2 Cartoon Daddy	Art Major	Burke/Gingras
3 In The Arsenal	American Ideal	Harrison/Sears
4 Bet You	Bettor's Delight	Takter/B Miller
5 Rich Wisdom	Dragon Again	Burke/Kakaley
6 Yankee Bounty	Yankee Cruiser	Burke/D Miller
7 Lyons Levi Lewis	Well Said	Burke/Pierce
8 Traceur Hanover	Western Ideal	Johnson/Tetrick

8th Race. \$160,950, Trot. Matron Stakes for 3-Yo Filly Trotters

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Donatella Hanover	Cantab Hall	Takter/B Miller
2 Cee Bee Yes	Muscles Yankee	J Miller/Zeron
3 Lifetime Pursuit	Cantab Hall	Takter/Gingras
4 Sweetie Hearts	Angus Hall	Gillock/Tetrick
5 Shake It Cerry	Donato Hanover	Takter/Pierce
6 Highest Peak	Andover Hall	Svanstedt/Campbell
7 White Becomes Her	Angus Hall	Baillargeon/D Miller
8 Heaven's Door	Muscle Hill	Svanstedt/Svanstedt

10th Race. \$200,350, Trot. Matron Stakes for 3-YO Colts & Geldings

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Father Patrick	Cantab Hall	Takter/Gingras
2 Sumatra	Muscles Yankee	Fanning/Sears
3 Harper Blue Chip	Majestic Son	Stacey/Tetrick
4 Amped Up Hanover	Explosive Matter	Burke/Kakaley
5 Datsyuk	Explosive Matter	Norris/Norris
6 Don Dorado	Donato Hanover	Baggitt/Pierce
7 Hillustrious	Muscle Hill	Burke/D Miller
8 Nuncio	Andover Hall	Takter/Campbell

11th Race. \$186,550, Pace. Matron Stakes for 3-YO Colts & Geldings

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 All Bets Off	Bettor's Delight	Burke/Kakaley
2 Luck Be Withyou	Western Ideal	Oakes/Tetrick
3 McWicked	McArdle	Coleman/D Miller
4 Capital Account	American Ideal	Takter/B Miller
5 Jet Airway	Jereme's Jet	E Miller/M Miller
6 Big Boy Dreams	If I Can Dream	Burke/Pierce
7 Lyonsomewhere	Somebeachs'where	Takter/Gingras
8 Sometimes Said	Well Said	Campbell/Palone

12th Race. \$179,200, Pace. Matron Stakes for 3-YO Fillies

Post Horse	Sire	Trainer/Driver
1 Fancy Desire	Real Desire	Carr/Callahan
2 Uffizi Hanover	Well Said	Takter/B Miller
3 Act Now	Western Ideal	Drennan/Brennan
4 Major Dancer	Art Major	Coleman/Tetrick
5 Weeper	Allamerican Native	O'Donnell/Palone
6 Also Encouraging	Western Terror	Coleman/D Miller
7 Gettingreadytoroll	Rocknroll Hanover	Takter/Gingras
8 Skippin By	Shadow Play	Johnson/Sears

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3, PPK, \$26,000, P, Stallion Stakes FLORIDA-BRED ---
Two-Year-Old Fillies, 29.1, 59.0, 1:29.0, 1:56.3, FT

1-Gold Star Dynasty (f, 2, Six Of Diamonds--Goldstar Rosie, by Rock On) O-Thomas R Audley. B-Thomas R Audley. T-Thomas Audley. D-Walter Ross Jr, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$22,262
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7, PPK, \$28,500, P, Stallion Stakes FLORIDA-BRED ----
Three-Year-Old Fillies, 28.3, 58.0, 1:27.0, 1:55.3, FT

1-Limelight (f, 3, Cracking Light--Shez A Floridian, by Raging Glory) O-Beauty Bridle Rac Stb Inc. B-Nancy L & Joseph G Phelps. T-Rosalia Huff. D-Tom Sells, \$14,250, Lifetime Record: 18-8-2-1, \$56,274
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