

Perfection and Redemption in Breeders Crown
By Brett Sturman

EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ - There was no shortage of storylines on Saturday as the Breeders Crown kicked its second night at the Meadowlands into high gear all throughout the night. In the end, JK She'salady successfully completed a magical season and both Father Patrick and Commander Crowe found redemption.

Horse of the Year was most likely decided by virtue of JK She'salady's gritty win and Nuncio's loss later in the night.

Yannick Gingras won two Crown races with Pinkman and Father Patrick while harness racing legend John Campbell also won two races with longshots Thinking Out Loud and Shelliscape.



Pinkman's near world record (image by Lisa Photo)

2-year-old trotting colt Pinkman and perhaps even 3-year-old pacer McWicked nailed down divisional honors with thrilling scores in their respective Crown divisions.

Trainer PJ Fraley won the Open Pacing Mares Crown with Shelliscape and trainer Corey Johnson won the 2-year-old Pacing Crown with Traceur Hanover; both trainers of which may not have been welcome at the Meadowlands under normal overnight conditions.

Always B Miki who was the favorite to win the 3-year-old pacing Crown had to be scratched moments before the race after coming up lame in what was a shocking announcement. This announcement came on top of news earlier in the day that fellow contender Limelight Beach too would be a scratch.

Commander Crowe topped off the flurry of events with a spectacular front-end score for Swedish connections to old off the mare racing against the boys, Maven.

Total handle for the 13 race card exceeded \$4 million, coming in at a total of \$4,088,391.

Pinkman Near World-Record Time In Victory
By Perry Lefko

(Race 4) There was a time when the connections of Pinkman didn't think much of him and, in fact, were quite prepared to part with him a year after buying him for \$77,000 as a yearling. But trainer Jimmy Takter decided to castrate the son of Explosive Matter hoping to turn him around and the rest as they say his history.

Pinkman won the \$500,000 Breeders Crown for two-year-old colts and gelding trotters Saturday night at the Meadowlands in 1:53 2/5, tying the stakes record and track record and narrowly missing Outburst's world record time of 1:53 1/5.

Pinkman went into the race after prevailing in his elimination race the week before as the 6-5 favorite and went into the final as the even-money favorite. Yannick Gingras sent the gelding to the front early in the race, but was overtaken by 8-1 long shot Guess Whos Back after a quarter mile clocked in 27 4/5. Gingras quickly hustled his horse back into the front and never looked back following fractions of 56 3/5, 1:25 3/5 and finishing in 1:53 2/5.

Gingras had to keep busy at the end because Muscle Diamond, driven by John Campbell, made a late charge. But Pinkman hung tough to win by a half length.

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At one point, Gingras was driving Habitat for trainer Ron Burke, but decided to go with Pinkman heading into the eliminations.

"Pinkman was coming into this race super sharp," Gingras said. "He just kept getting better and better every week and I thought he was my best chance."

He won the Valley Victory at 7-1 odds a month ago at Woodbine and has been solid since.

"I qualified him two starts ago and he was so good on the front and last week (in the elimination race). Ron Pierce came at me with (Uncle Lasse) and I let him go, but tonight it was his race to lose and I wanted him up on the front."

Pinkman is owned by brothers John and Jim Fielding, Christina Takter, Joyce McClelland and Herb Liverman.

"I always love the Breeders Crown," said John Fielding, who is one of the top-winning owners in Breeders Crown history. "We didn't have much confidence in (Pinkman) early on in the early stages, but boy has he ever come on since September. He's really turned into a different horse. We had him for sale in (Harrisburg) and the magical Jimmy Takter got him figured out and he's gone straight forward since then and he's been a real great surprise."

Pinkman has won six of eight starts and more than \$560,000.

He paid \$4 to win, \$2.80 to place and \$2.20 to show. Muscle Diamond paid \$4 and \$2.80. French Laundry, one of five horses Takter had in the race, finished third and paid \$3.20.

The exactor paid \$19 and he trifecta \$69.00.

4, M, \$500,000, T, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL 2 Year Old Colts & Geldings, M, 27.4, 56.3, 1:25.3, 1:53.2, FT 1-Pinkman (g, 2, Explosive Matter--Margie Seelster, by Angus Hall), \$77,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Christina Takter & John And Jim Fielding, CA & Joyce A Mc Clelland & Herb A Liverman. B-O Narutac Equine Nursery. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Yannick Gingras, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, \$316,960

2-Muscle Diamond (c, 2, Muscle Hill--Windylane Hanover, by Lindy Lane), \$40,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Charles E Keller III & Charles E Keller IV & E Daniel & Brett Douglas Bittle. B-Odds On Nourrir. T-Brett Bittle. D-John Campbell, \$125,000

3-French Laundry (c, 2, Muscles Yankee--Creamy Mimi, by Conway Hall), \$115,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Christina Takter & John And Jim Fielding, CA & Marvin Katz, CA & Al J Libfeld, CA. B-Marvin Katz, CA & Al J Libfeld, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Brett Miller, \$60,000

Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 2Q, H - Finish Order: Habitat, Uncle Lasse, The Bank, Walter White, Piercwave Hanover, Suit And Tie, Guess Whos Back

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JK She'salady Completes Perfect Season
By Brett Sturman

(Race 5) JK She'salady can be summed up in just one word. Perfect.

The undefeated Art Major filly was put to the test in the \$500,000 Breeders Crown for 2-year-old fillies, but showed her tenacity to fend off Sassa Hanover to win in 1:50:2, both a track and stakes record. As a result of her win coupled with a loss by Nuncio later in the card, it would be near impossible at this point to deny horse of the year honors to JK She'salady.

JK She'salady was reserved early from post three as Bettor Be Steppin gunned to the lead with Corey Callahan through a fast opening clip of :26:3. In between quarter calls, Tim Tetrick made a controlled and precise move with 'She'salady' to the top, clearing before the :54:4 half.

Tetrick explained the move by saying, "I wanted to see how the race was going to work out. I got away where Yannick was on my back on the first turn and I didn't want to be first up with him on my back so I went ahead and made the quarter move and it worked out."

Approaching the three quarter mark JK She'salady faced a stiff test from Yannick Gingras and Sassa Hanover. Already used twice earlier in the mile, Sassa Hanover continued a strong first over move to pull even turning from home. Whether it was a combination at that point of the trip taking its toll for Sassa Hanover or determination from JK She'salady (or both), the great lady inched away under Tetrick urging and whip taps by the wire to win by almost two lengths.

Of any concerns of Sassa Hanover around the final turn, Tetrick said "You never know. I went :54 to the half which is plenty and she showed me how good of a horse she really is to draw off after that."

Not to be lost in the unbeaten season for JK She'salady is the performance that Sassa Hanover delivered. Yannick Gingras took a good amount of heat for opting away from JK She'salady, predominantly out of loyalty to trainer Ron Burke and had the trips Friday had been reversed she might have gotten there first.

For trainer Nancy Johansson, this was her first ever Breeders Crown win. Asked if she thought that her favorite lady deserved horse of the year, Johansson said "She's

perfect. I don't know what anybody else could have expected her to do. She's tied the world record. She's beaten everybody and I think she deserves it. So many different things can go wrong in a race and she's always overcome everything."

5, M, \$500,000, P, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL 2 Year Old Fillies, M, 26.3, 54.4, 1:22.4, 1:50.2, FT

1-Jk She'salady (f, 2, Art Major--Presidential Lady, by Presidential Ball) O-3 Brothers Stables. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Nancy Johansson. D-Tim Tetrick, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 11-11-0-0, \$633,330

2-Sassa Hanover (f, 2, Rock N Roll Heaven--Sayo Hanover, by Allamerican Native), \$50,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & The Panhellenic Stb Corp & Weaver BrusceMI LLC & Lawrence R Karr. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$125,000

3-Bettor Be Steppin (f, 2, Bettor's Delight--Two Steppin' Sally, by Western Hanover), \$70,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Val D'Or Farms & Rojan Stables & Theodore Gewertz. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Joe Holloway. D-Corey Callahan, \$60,000

Calls: 4, 1Q, HD, 1, 1T - Finish Order: Divine Caroline, Ideal Nuggets, Heart Major, Bettor N Better, Heavenly Bride, Southwind Roulette, Well Hello There

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Thinking Out Loud Makes McIntosh Proud

By Perry Lefko

(Race 6) Trainer Bob McIntosh has won 15 Breeders Crown races, but number 16 may indeed be the most special of all.

When Thinking Out Loud won the \$400,000 Breeders Crown for all-age pacers Saturday night at the Meadowlands, McIntosh won with the ultimate homebred. He raced the sire, Ponder, whom he has long felt is underrated as a stallion, and the dam, Los Angeles.

And after the race, the Hall of Fame horseman from Windsor, Ontario, wearing a Detroit Tigers' cap, felt as proud as a father.

"It's really very special," he said.

McIntosh owns the colt with his brother Al and CSX Stables.

Thinking Out Loud, steered by the all-time leading Breeders Crown driver John Campbell, looked well out of the race at the top of the stretch trailing by more than four lengths, but he kicked into gear and nipped Sweet Lou, the 8-5 favorite, at the wire.

As has been the case for this division, numerous horses in the compact field of seven came into the race with a chance to win. Foiled Again, the indomitable 10-year-old who won last year's race, grabbed the lead in the opening quarter timed in 27 3/5 after overtaking Bettor's Edge, who had the rail. But Sweet Lou, at one point the dominant

horse in this class this year, was given the go-ahead by driver Ron Pierce. Sweet Lou led through a half in 54 2/5. But he was hounded on the outside by Modern Legend, driven by Brett Miller. After taking the field to the three-quarter mark in a sizzling 1:20 4/5, Sweet Lou was all out to get to the wire. Campbell charged hard with Thinking Out Loud and won in a photo finish in 1:48 3/5.

"Bob had him great (for the race)," Campbell said. "He is a closer. We've tried to race him up front different times, but it just doesn't work. He's just a real good closer and always has been."

McIntosh savored the hard-fought win.

"I knew it was going to be very tough," McIntosh said of the field. "I think this is the best bunch of free-for-allers I can remember in my 40 years in the business. You've got four horses from one stable (trainer Ron Burke) and it's tough. At the quarter pole, I was using the F word a little bit because it didn't look good when they were stacked up in 27 and a bit. But thank God Brett Miller came with his horse (Modern Legend) and mixed it up a little bit. That really made it a better race. It was a hell of a race, a hell of a finish."

McIntosh was asked if Thinking Out Loud would race next year as six-year-old.

"We're just going to enjoy tonight," he said,

Thinking Out Loud won his fifth race in 21 starts this year and upped his earnings this season to more than \$485,000.

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Pinkman

g, 2, Explosive Matter-Margie Seelster-Angus Hall
2, 1:53.2M (\$566,960)

Explosive Matter's son Pinkman likely sewed up a Dan Patch Award with his win in the Breeders Crown for 2-year-old male trotters.

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The exacta paid \$52.40, the trifecta \$401.00.

6, M, \$400,000, P, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL Open, M, 27.3, 54.2, 1:20.4, 1:48.3, FT

1-Thinking Out Loud (h, 5, Ponder--Los Angeles, by Camluck) O-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & C S X Stables & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & C S X Stables & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-Robert McIntosh. D-John Campbell, \$200,000, Lifetime Record: 53-15-7-10, \$1,672,358

2-Sweet Lou (h, 5, Yankee Cruiser--Sweet Future, by Falcons Future), \$38,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Phillip Collura. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Ron Pierce, \$100,000

3-State Treasurer (h, 5, Real Desire--Ideal Treasure, by Western Ideal), \$6,500 2010 SHS-HBG O-Sally A & Paul G Macdonald, CA. B-Brittany Farms. T-Dr. Ian Moore. D-David Miller, \$48,000

Calls: 6, 4, 4Q, 4Q, HD - Finish Order: Modern Legend, Foiled Again, Clear Vision, Bettor's Edge

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Traceur Hanover Beats Arsenal in Wild Crown
By Brett Sturman

(Race 7) Traceur Hanover made the 2-year-old pacing colts take notice last week when he descended from Canada and dominated these at odds of 22/1. On Saturday, there were no such surprises.

Trained by Corey Johnson, Traceur Hanover benefitted from an early break by Franzo, attacked the race leader, faced pressure and never wavered, winning the Breeders Crown in 1:51.

The complexion of the race was changed around the first turn when Franzo (Scott Zeron) went on a gallop scattering many in his wake, including contender Go Daddy Go and race favorite In The Arsenal. Once the confusion settled, Sears revved up his charge with In The Arsenal and made the front past a snappy :26:2 opening quarter.

With driver Andy Miller, Traceur Hanover avoided early trouble by being down at the pylons and immediately slipped out to begin the outer flow once there was clearance. Elimination winner Go Daddy Go and John Campbell who was already two wide, ended up brushing three wide uncovered while Traceur Hanover advanced in the two path uncovered.

Traceur Hanover cleared In The Arsenal with little resistance by Sears, and at that point wouldn't yield to Go Daddy Go. In The Arsenal did slip out at the top of the lane and had every chance as he closed steadily, but Traceur

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c, 3, Cantab Hall-Gala Dream-Enjoy Lavec
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Hanover was too good and held sway.

Last week in the elimination was the first time that winning driver Andy Miller had seen the horse. Miller said, "He (Corey) told me he thought the horse was really getting good and the he really showed up last week." Regarding the trip in the Saturday's Crown final, "It was a little tight there for a minute with the breaker but I was able to slide through it and move on up. I wasn't too worried with John's horse (Go Daddy Go) even though I thought he was the one to beat because he had already been out a long ways and I thought my horse was pretty strong still."

Trained by Corey Johnson, it was uncertain if Traceur Hanover would even be allowed to race. Johnson was just handed an indefinite suspension by the Ontario Racing Commission for another alleged positive drug violation on one of his horses, but since the horse was racing tonight in a new jurisdiction (New Jersey), a trainer cannot be barred from racing until he has a hearing.

With the win, Traceur Hanover increased his bankroll to over \$400,000 on the season for owner Richard Berthiaume.

7, M, \$500,000, P, BREEDERS CROWN- FINAL 2 Year Old Colts & Geldings, M, 26.2, 55.2, 1:23.0, 1:51.0, FT 1-Traceur Hanover (c, 2, Western Ideal--Transference, by Camluck), \$100,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Richard Berthiaume, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Corey Johnson. D-Andy Miller, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, \$162,520

2-In The Arsenal (c, 2, American Ideal--Ladyotra, by On The Road Again), \$7,500 2013 SHS-HBG O-In The Arsenal Racing. B-White Birch Farm. T-Kelvin Harrison. D-Brian Sears, \$125,000

3-Lyons Levi Lewis (c, 2, Well Said--Tongue In Cheek, by Artsplace), \$32,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Joseph Lyons-Mound, EN. B-Edwin J Gold. T-Ron Burke. D-Ron Pierce, \$60,000

Calls: 5H, NS, NS, 1H, H - Finish Order: Sicily, Go Daddy Go, Cooperstown, Lost For Words, Tomy Terror, Soto, Franzo

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Shelliscape Defends Title In Open Pacing Mares Race

By Perry Lefko

(Race 8) There's something about the Breeders Crown that brings out the best in Shelliscape. Saturday night at the Meadowlands, the five-year-old daughter of Artiscap defended the Open Pacing Mares victory she won last year. In four races in the Breeders Crown, she has two wins, a second and a fourth.

Steered by Hall of Famer John Campbell, Shelliscape made a furious seven-wide move down the centre of the track to win by a half length in 1:49 4/5 in the \$281,250 race. Rocklamation came second, followed by Charisma Hanover and the great Anndrovette.

"She made up a lot of ground. She's a real good closer," Campbell said.

It was a crazy race which saw Voelz Hanover lead through a quarter mile in 26 and found herself battling Krispy Apple, who had a first-over trip and led by a nose after a half in 55 1/5. Voelz Hanover led by 1 1/4 lengths over Somwhoverarainbow after three quarters in 1:21 4/5, but was clearly spent at that point. Anndrovette looked to be in position to lead, poking her nose in front at the top of the stretch, but then Rocklamation appeared to be first to the wire, only to have Shelliscape make the dramatic winning move by Campbell. Shelliscape had been fifth at the top of the stretch by 2 1/4 lengths.

Campbell came into the 2014 Breeders Crown with 45 wins, more than any other driver, and Shelliscape gave him No. 47 after winning with Thinking Out Loud two starts earlier in the card.

"When I got away so bad, I was sure hoping the fractions were stiff up front because I was nowhere near where I wanted to be," Campbell said.

Shelliscape was 10th by 10 1/2 lengths and 10th by 7 1/4 lengths after a half. She was actually last and double parked after three quarters.

"When I moved over at the head of the stretch, I knew she was going to get a real good piece of it," Campbell said. "Sometimes you've got to race off the pace and it worked out for both these horses tonight."

Trained by Paul Fraley for Jeff Bamond, his son Jeffrey and Joseph Davino, who collectively bought the horse privately in September 2013, Shelliscape upped her seasonal earnings to more than \$290,000 and pushed her career total to more than \$1.1 million.

Shelliscape, sent off at more than 10-1, paid \$23.00, \$8.60 and \$6.20. Rocklamation paid \$8.40 and \$6.60. Charisma Hanover, a whopping 90-1, paid \$25.20 to show. The exacta paid \$163.60 and the trifecta \$3996.90.

8, M, \$281,250, P, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL Open Mares, M, 26.0, 53.1, 1:21.4, 1:49.4, FT

1-Shelliscape (m, 5, Artiscap--Shell I Scoot, by Direct Scooter), \$25,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Pj Fraley. D-John Campbell, \$140,625, Lifetime Record: 72-15-6-18, \$1,011,977

2-Rocklamation (m, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Art Sale, by Artsplace), \$50,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Our Horse Cents Stables & Stable 45 & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$70,312

3-Charisma Hanover (m, 4, Dragon Again--Caught The Bouquet, by Jate Lobell), \$15,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$33,750

Calls: 10H, 7T, 4T, 2Q, H - Finish Order: Anndrovette, Yagonnakissmeornot, Camille, Venus Delight, Regil Elektra, Voelz Hanover, Somwhoverarainbow, Krispy Apple

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Father Patrick Finds Redemption in Crown

By Brett Sturman

(Race 9) The last time prior to Saturday that Father Patrick was at the Meadowlands, the temperature was a lot warmer and he was unbeaten on the season, a cinch to easily best his outmatched foes and capture the Hambletonian. On Saturday in the Breeders Crown, Father Patrick got his well-deserved redemption.

Leaving from post six as the slight 6/5 second choice in the wagering behind even money favorite and familiar stable mate Nuncio, Father Patrick made the top fairly easily through an opening fraction of :27:2. From there it was a walk in the park as the duo strolled through middle splits of :56:1 and 1:24:2 before being asked to trot through the stretch.

Surprisingly, the stretch challenge didn't come from Nuncio who was empty from the pocket but rather from E L Titan, a rival that had just recently defeated Father Patrick at Hoosier Park. Trained by Riina Rekila and driven by Ron Pierce, E L Titan had been parked from post 10 since the word 'go' and still continued a dead game stretch charge. In the end, Father Patrick staved off E L Titan by a diminishing neck to win in a stakes record time of 1:51:4.

Nuncio's driver John Campbell had recently said that despite winning the Matron and Dover in his last start, he felt Nuncio wasn't at his best. It showed tonight. "I was still hopeful that he would bounce back," Campbell said. "We made some equipment changes and we were hoping that would be enough to get him right but he's just tired. It's been a long year and he just hasn't been as sharp in his last two starts. He got a great trip tonight and had all kinds of room down the stretch and he couldn't do it. The year finally took its toll on him."

By Nuncio finishing third, it was remarkably the very first time in 27 lifetime starts that he failed to finish first or second.

While some had begun to sour on Father Patrick, Yannick Gingras always remained supremely confident. When asked if he still had the same belief in 'Patrick' that he always had, Gingras replied "Oh, absolutely. At Dover he really felt super in the post parade and I think he would have crushed that day and unfortunately made a mistake for no reason at all. I've always felt he's the best 3-year-old colt and it's not even close in my mind."

The Breeders Crown was also redemption for both horse and driver. "It definitely is", said Gingras. "Not just for myself but for the horse. And not only Hambletonian Day but the way in which some people have been doubting him. I don't think there's anyone close to him."

9, M, \$500,000, T, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings John Cashman Jr Memorial Trophy, M, 27.2, 56.1, 1:24.2, 1:51.4, FT

1-Father Patrick (c, 3, Cantab Hall--Gala Dream, by Enjoy Lavec), \$105,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Father Patrick Stable. B-Brittany Farms. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Yannick Gingras, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 27-21-4-0, \$2,187,138
2-E L Titan (c, 3, Muscle Hill--Courtney Hall, by Garland Lobell) O-Erkki Laakkonen, FI. B-Erkki Laakkonen, FI. T-Riina Rekila. D-Ron Pierce, \$125,000

3-Nuncio (c, 3, Andover Hall--Nicole Isabelle, by Lindy Lane), \$7,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Stall Tz Inc. B-Russell C Williams. T-Jimmy Takter. D-John Campbell, \$60,000
Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Harper Blue Chip, Hillustrious, Odds On Amethyst, Il Sogno Dream, Don Dorado, Sumatra, Datsyuk

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McWicked Survives Depleted Three-Year-Old Colt & Geldings Pacing Race

By Perry Lefko

(Race 10) In a season in which there has been numerous lead changes in the battle for the division lead for three-year-old pacing colts and geldings, it all came down to the Breeders Crown.

And then it got a little bit crazy.

Limelight Beach, who had won one of the two elimination races last weekend, was announced as a scratch before the race because he came up sick.

Then Always B Miki, the winner of the other elimination and clearly the leader of the pack going into the race, was scratched by trainer Joe Holloway after coming up lame minutes before the scheduled start, leaving David Miller without a drive in which he had a solid shot to win.

Always B Miki, who had won his last five races, was the 8-5 morning-line favorite and was the favorite at the time he was scratched. So that reduced the scheduled field of 10 to eight. McWicked, who at one point during the summer had a five-race win streak with key victories in the Hempt and the Adios, became the 8-5 second choice behind 7-10 favorite JK Endofanera.

Luck Be Withyou had the lead after a quarter mile in 26 after making a sweeping move from the outside going around the first turn. JK Endofanera took over the lead briefly on the outside but was passed by McWicked, driven by Brian Sears, on the outside by three quarters of a length in a half in 54 1/5. He led by 1 3/4 lengths after three quarters in 1:21 3/5 and staved off the challenge of 36-1 outsider Somesizesonmestyle, to prevail by a half length in 1:49 flat. JK Endofanera finished third.

It was a sweet win for Ontario-based trainer Casie Coleman, who picked up the horse this year from owner Ed James of Boston, who races as S S G Stables.

"It really changed the race complex a lot," Coleman said of the two scratches. "I didn't expect 'Wicked' was going to be on the front. He started the year awesome and then he



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wasn't so good in the (Little Brown) Jug and then we had some subpar starts. But he really bounced back good last week and this week he was awesome."

Coleman said there's a possibility the son of Mcardle may race once more this season.

In winning the \$531,250 race, McWicked upped his 2014 earnings to more than \$1.1 million. He has won 10 of 21 starts this year after winning three of `10 last year and about \$180,000.

He paid \$5.60 to win, \$3.80 to place and \$2.20 to show. Somesizesomestyle paid \$16.40, \$6.20. JK Endofanera, the 7-10 favorite, \$2.10 to show. The exacta paid \$78.20, the trifecta \$183.40.

UPDATE: Following the scratch of Always B Miki, trainer Joe Holloway told Harnessracingupdate that while he wasn't certain, it was possible that Always B Miki broke a bone in a stall incident because of the severity of how lame the colt was. Holloway said, "Best case scenario is that he kicked a wall and that he just has a stinger and he could be OK but we don't know yet. I even jogged him this morning because he was just jumping in his stall and he was really good, but I don't know. I would have to think he probably broke a bone kicking. We'll see."

10, M, \$531,250, P, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings Hugh Grant Jr Memorial Trophy, M, 26.0, 54.1, 1:21.3, 1:49.0, FT

1-McWicked (c, 3, McArdle--Western Sahara, by Western Ideal), \$35,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-S S G Stables. B-Andray Farm. T-Casie Coleman. D-Brian Sears, \$265,625, Lifetime Record: 30-12-10-5, \$1,218,649

2-Somesizesomestyle (c, 3, Somebeachsomewhere - Honey Bunny, by Precious Bunny), \$50,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscermi LLC & Frank D Baldachino & Stable 45. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$132,812

3-Jk Endofanera (c, 3, Art Major--Presidential Lady, by Presidential Ball) O-3 Brothers Stables. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Ron Burke. D-Ron Pierce, \$63,750
Calls: 1H, T, 1H, 2H, H - Finish Order: Doo Wop Hanover, Luck Be Withyou, Somestarsomewhere, Let's Drink On It, Capital Account, Limelight Beach, Always B Miki
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Third Time a Charm for Euro Legend

Commander Crowe

By Brett Sturman

(Race 11) Commander Crowe has been to North America twice previously when he was third to San Pail in the 2011 Breeders Crown and then in 2012 when he was third to Chapter Seven. On Saturday, the 11-year-old Swedish born gelding finally got his due.

'Crowe' left from post nine and had to wait until Creatine with Ron Pierce worked his way to the lead before driver Orjan Kihlstrom could make his move to the front. Both horses were parked past the quarter and Commander

Crowe didn't get much of a breather as the U.S. trotting mare came calling first over through a half of :54:4.

From there, Commander Crowe and Maven essentially had it to themselves the rest of the way and despite vigorous urging from driver Yannick Gingras, Maven could never quite reach in a stakes record-tying 1:51.

Some wondered how Commander Crowe driver Kihlstrom would adapt to his surroundings at the Meadowlands mile sized oval at what the strategy might be. Said the winning driver, "I wanted to go forward at the start because the horse is old and if he's in the back of the field, I don't think he'd like that anymore. I wanted him to be fighting in front." Through the stretch Kihlstrom said "I thought that I had some horse left but I didn't know what the other ones behind me had so I was felt pretty good."

With the win, Commander Crowe moved from fifth to fourth among all trotters in history in earnings at now over \$5 million USD, while notching his 61st lifetime win from 105 career starts.

The win was particularly sweet for Commander Crowe trainer Fabrice Souloy. He said, "Everybody doesn't know how difficult it is to come from Europe to win a race because it's not the same system or the same tempo in the race. I'm really so happy to win here and it's a big day."

Although there were reports in the day that this would be Commander Crowe's final race, the win at least created the possibility that the Crowe connections would give an immediate retirement another look. Said trainer Souloy, "You know, tonight probably was his last race but we'll see over the next week. This horse is so good and still so fresh, we'll have to see."

11, M, \$500,000, T, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL Open, M, 27.0, 54.4, 1:22.4, 1:51.0, FT

1-Commander Crowe (g, 11, Juliano Star--Somack, by Mack Lobell) O-Snogarps Gard, SD. B-Snogarps Gard, SD. T-Fabrice Souloy. D-Orjan Kihlstrom, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 107-60-18-8, \$4,849,590

2-Maven (m, 5, Glidemaster--M Stewart, by American Winner), \$37,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Herb A Liverman. B-All La Nuova Sbarra S.R.L. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Yannick Gingras, \$125,000

3-Creatine (h, 4, Andover Hall--Berry Nice Muscles, by Muscles Yankee) O-Diamond Creek Racing. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Bob Stewart. D-Ron Pierce, \$60,000
Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1, 1H, T - Finish Order: Flanagan Memory, Arch Madness, Intimidate, Wishing Stone, Market Share, Archangel, Your So Vain

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It All Came Down to the Breeders' Crown; Well Kinda

By Dean Towers

The Breeders' Crown is never uninteresting. This year was no exception.

We had driver choices, where the top driver in North America booked off a horse who just might be Horse of the Year. We had a fellow (you'd know him, he has a moustache and has won a lot of races) who has not gotten as many stakes drives as we usually see him get, taking a few of the younger boys to school and winning two Crowns. We had a form reversal, where the most hyped trotting colt of 2014, looked more like his old self than he had looked the past few months. Meanwhile, his nemesis was the one who came up flat. We had a Euro win the Crown Open Trot, and his name was not the usual Euro trotter we think of, but Commander Crowe. He was 11 years old.

We saw a horse named after a character in an AMC show who was supposedly not very good; so not good he might've been entered in Harrisburg. He won his Crown at even money. We saw a scratch of a Jug Champ early in the day and in the same race, the fastest horse we've seen at three in some time, be a scratch at post time.

Like I said, it's never uninteresting.

Unlike past Crowns where things seemed to be settled immediately after the big night, I really don't know how much was.

Who is the Three Year Old Trotter of the year? Do we make it Father Patrick for winning the Crown, or does Nuncio's performance since Hambletonian Day trump that. I really don't know. All I do know is that EL Titan was probably the best trotter tonight - he was hung in no horse land with a brutal trip and put a scare into the winner, with a cheap middle half - and Nuncio has been the best trotter for awhile. Before him, well, let's not forget about Trixton. It's a shame we never saw each of them at their very best, by the way. I love all three.

JK She'salady slammed the door, if we can call slamming a door that was already pretty much shut, slamming, for her division. Is she Horse of the Year? I really don't know. We've always wondered what her bottom was and it was kind of her mystique, but you found out tonight. Tetrick went to the well pretty hard. The bottom was 50 and change. We don't give this award to two year old fillies unless they do something crazy good and generational do we?

As for the two year old pacing colts, we saw an excellent

race, but it didn't really settle much did it? Artspeak wasn't there, and the "new" divisional leader (In the Arsenal) lost after getting a pretty nice trip after the three wide flashing of the swords that occurred near the half.

The Three Year Old Colt pacing trophy is as muddled as it ever was. Mcwicked won, almost not holding off a 40-1 shot. JK Endofanera looked a little lost out there tonight and Always B Miki joined the Jug Champ on the bench.

How about what I think is the most talented trotter to set foot on North American soil since possibly Varenne, Sebastian K? Well, he wasn't there because he is prepping for the TVG, so we hear. If he wins that race lights out, is he not the Horse of the Year?

The Breeders' Crown Saturday was entertaining, not even remotely dull, and once again reminded us all why we love this event; especially when it's at the Meadowlands. But did it all come down to the Breeders' Crown? I don't think so; not this year. We have a little ways to go to compile our final tallies.

Other Brush and Crush Crown Notes:

- - Darin Zoccali was happy with the handle: "The two night format was a proven success producing a combined handle of over \$7 Million. Both Pick 4 pools on Saturday were over \$100,000. We couldn't be happier with how these races were received by the betting public." He noted via email.

I agree. That's a pretty good number and the races on Saturday were compelling. In addition, the undercard was quite good, spawning some decent pools, along with a fairly well bet Pick 5. It's important for this event to be bet, because it's how the sport is showcased, and how well it is bet is the way we keep score.

- - I postulated last week that I would like to see the Trot Crown races raced in the morning, to export the signal overseas. One of the reasons for that was because of the chalk we see in the Trot races; overseas won't care as much as North America does when it comes to these payouts. We saw a little of that again on Friday. The first three races were 5-2, 2-5 and 1-9 and they were the trots. Filling up a pick 4 with those prices is generally not what the sport wants to promote. As well, the Open Trot was carded on Saturday very late - like 4 in the morning in Sweden late. That's something to think about, should this ever be exported in earnest.

- - I believe that the industry has to get together and set a plan in motion to get Breeders' Crown handle up to \$6 million for the assorted races. Getting people together, on the same page, rowing the boat to a destination, is important for any business.

- - I was sorry to see Gallie Bythebeach scratched Friday. She was scratched for last year's Crown final, too. She's a really nice filly. I feel for the owners of Limelight Beach and Always B Miki as well. How disappointing for them. As a horse owner I know how hard everyone works to get a horse to the races, and to have them not make it on such a big night is downright sad.

- - Entertainment value of Saturday versus Friday? It was off the charts. The fractions were big, the racing was tough; a middle half of 53 in the Open pace, and a huge battle in the Open mares, for example. That was electric.

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With Tom Charters



As the President and CEO of the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown, Tom Charters is the man most responsible for putting on the show when it comes to the Breeders Crown. Since the first Breeders Crown in 1984 the sport of harness racing has changed dramatically and part of Charters' job is to adapt to the times. HRU sat down with Charters earlier in the week to get his thoughts on many of the issues and challenges he must deal with:

HRU: In 2010, the Breeders Crown went to a single-night format, with all the races being run at one track on the same card. Most seemed to feel it was a successful move. Yet this year you are going back to a two-night format, with four races on Friday and eight on Saturday. Why?

TC: Jeff Gural wanted to try it this way. We felt the one-day format is better and we disagreed with him. But this is a partnership and we agreed to it. One thing you can say about the Breeders Crown, it's always been a dynamic event and we're not afraid to change. Jeff is a good partner, not only for Breeders Crown but for the Hambletonian and other events, so we respected his opinion and his position.

HRU: After this year do you see the Breeders Crown going back to the one-day format?

TC: Woodbine already indicated they want to do a one day format. As for Hoosier, it's still a point for discussion. We're always happy to listen to what the host tracks want. Personally, I'd like some consistency. But I've also in the past talked about even doing doubleheaders...if we could make the European model work. There are a lot of moving parts to that. You'd have to have more than one Commander Crowe; you'd have to have some other European interests in the races. We talked about doing filly night and tying it to special promotions. Over the years we've looked at a lot of different formats.

HRU: What's the biggest challenge to putting on a successful Breeders Crown?

TC: The first challenge is always the support of the industry since all the purses are made up from participants, stallion owners, breeders, etc Scheduling is always another major challenge, and it's foremost in our minds. I am always conscious of this, you have to find an appropriate facility, which is becoming harder all the time. First thing I think of is hospitality and dining, which is a big challenge this day and age. There are some other things like stabling and detention, which are also challenges in this day and age.

HRU: The sport was able to get a few additional races on television this year, but not the Breeders Crown. What are the prospects for getting the Crown on TV in the near future?

TC: If the Breeders Crown were in the middle of the summer, it would be a layup, we would be on TV. But the bread and butter for the sports networks this time of year is college football and that presents a problem. I point out to people that in the initial years of the Breeders Crown we were a Friday, Sunday night event because those were the time slots ESPN had for us. We continue to explore ways to get on TV, as well as how to get the funding to make it happen.

HRU: With the foal crop declining each year it stands to reason you're not taking in as much money from stallion and yearling nominating fees. Is this a problem? How have you maintained the purses at the levels you have?

TC: Over the years we tried to build a reserve so we could guarantee purses. We don't have the income the Breeders' Cup has in terms of simulcasting. Last year we made an adjustment to the top end stallions so far as their nomination fees as well as the yearling fees. We continue to make tweaks with some of the race horse fees.

HRU: It seems every time you get top European horses in the Breeders Crown you have an easier time reaching out to an international audience, and that can open a lot of doors so far as foreign simulcasting dollars go. Is there anything that can be done to get more European participation?

TC: Europeans recognize the brand. I am a great fan of International racing. I don't want to overwhelm the card with international horses but I do think an international presence is great for the event and adds a new dimension to it. We're always trying to massage things to help them and to get them to come over, like helping with quarantine issues.

HRU: The Breeders Crown schedule is set through 2017. Conspicuously absent from the list is Pocono Downs. What is their future as a Breeders Crown host site?

TC: I'd love to have Pocono back. Our people in Pennsylvania would love to see them come back. We wanted to get a minimum of three tracks set through the next three years and Pocono just wasn't in the mix at this time. But I have not crossed them off the list, as well as some other tracks.

Hollywood Heyden's Top 10 Breeders Crown Moments

| Horse | Horse |
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| 1. Varenne | 2001 |
| 2. Peace Corps | 1992 |
| 3. Artiscap | 1998 |
| 4. Artsplace | 1990 |
| 5. Malabar Man | 1997 |
| 6. Call For Rain | 1988 |
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Varenne winning the 2001 Breeders Crown

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Yonkers, French Looking to Expand on Cross-Atlantic Simulcasts in 2015

With the first two weeks of the experimental simulcasts of Yonkers races to France having been a rousing success, plans are already in the works to expand the project into next year.

So far, the French and Yonkers have agreed only to a six-week experiment that expires Dec. 9. But with the French having bet more than \$3.5 million on the 10 races offered to them so far it's clear this is a win-win situation that needs to continue.

"We've been pleased with the results so far and so have the French," said Alex Dadoyan of the Standardbred Owners Association of New York. "We have talked to them about what 2015 might look like and we do have some preliminary dates that have been proposed."

Dadoyan said nothing concrete can happen until Yonkers' 2015 dates are set. Once that is done the two sides will sit down and work out a schedule. Dadoyan said it is entirely possible that Yonkers will have a matinee card one day a week whenever it is open with the trotting races sent over to France via simulcasting.

"They've been very happy and have come back to us proposing more days, so it's just a matter of a schedule that makes sense for both sides," he said.

Dadoyan said one possibility is that some, if not all, of the matinees could be switched to Tuesdays.

"We're looking at Tuesdays as well," he said. "What we've learned and what we already knew and is being reinforced is that the time of day you come in and the day of week is really the most important factor in terms of what kind of business you will do. We are relying on them to say this is a good spot that we have available. We are definitely looking at Tuesday as well."

Dadoyan said it is unlikely there will be more than one Yonkers-to-France matinee a week.

Sebastian K Qualifies, Eyes TVG

Sebastian K came out to get some pre-TVG Final work in and he looked sharp in a 1:55 win for Ake Svanstedt during yesterday morning's qualifiers at the Meadowlands. Sebastian left the gate alertly with ears pricked, then allowed Svanstedt to rate him through a kind 59.4 half with Lindy's Tru Grit in close pocket attendance. The pair of

trotters finished the mile out with a final quarter of 27 flat, Sebastian K held to be a comfortable three-quarters length winner over a very willing Lindy's Tru Grit who closed it up a bit near the wire for Tetrick.

Gural Looks To Create TVG Final For Trotting Mares

By Perry Lefko

Meadowlands owner Jeff Gural is looking to create a TVG final specifically for open trotting mares next year as a "companion" race for the TVG finals that already include races for both the older trotters and pacers, Harness Racing Update has learned.

"I just wish I had more purse money to work with," Gural told HRU on Saturday.

Gural announced earlier this month the creation of The Graduate Series starting next May for four-year-old pacers and trotters, part of his plan to keep horses from retiring after their sophomore seasons. The series will include three legs with purses gradually increasing from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and a final worth a guaranteed \$250,000 in July at the Meadowlands. But it would still mean quality fillies turning four have to battle male counterparts because of the absence of a series with significant money just for their own sex. Moreover, in the year-end TVG final races, mares would have to race against colts.

Mel Hartman, one of the owners of Bee A Magician, last year's U.S. Horse of the Year and winner of the Breeders Crown Open Trotting Mares final on Friday night, has been quite critical of the schedule that has few races for four-year-olds of the same sex. Several other horsemen share that viewpoint because four-year-olds are at a disadvantage racing against older horses who are more experienced racing in open company. It's one of the reasons Gural has created the Graduate Series.

"It needs to be fixed up having more stakes races for four-year-old horses (of the same sex)," Hartman said. "We raced against the boys a few times and did okay, but if they want the older horses to race they need to have better stakes for four-year-olds. Captaintreacherous didn't have the greatest year and it's tough whether you're a pacer or a trotter to go from three to four. You're racing against horses that are more developed. It's a big disadvantage in a way."

Jimmy Takter, trainer and one of the owners of Shake It Cerry, the dominant three-year-old trotting filly this year, expressed similar concerns about the absence of a rich four-year-old series specifically for mares after his horse easily won her Breeders Crown final Friday night. He plans to race Shake It Cerry next year.

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Judges Get It Right

Glad to see the Meadowlands judges take approximate, disqualification action, against the blatant and dangerous driving tactics of Yannick Gingras in the 11th race on Saturday night, Nov. 15, 2014.

He attempted his signature move, again, of progressing two wide from mid pack (which he has so elegantly perfected) and lolly gaged along, "half in & half out" as to, wait for cover, collapse and or intimidate, the rest of the field behind him. This time Tim Tetrick was full of horse and was going around a "half in half out" Gingras. Gingras continued forward "half in & half out" (where this time, there was no room for his selfish antics) and he disrupted the momentum of Tetrick horse, that never recovered. And also made the driver behind him have to check up abruptly, eliminating that horses chances.

Gingras has been racing at the Big M, and using these corrosive race altering tactics for years at the Meadowlands. He started out with just questionable, subtle driving intimidations that have blossomed into outright recklessness that distracts from the spirit of the competition. If he doesn't get his way in a race, he will test the judges interpretation of what is fair, foul, or malicious.

Besides the judges keeping a keen eye on Gingras performances, for my money, the Meadowlands need Sears and Brennan back on a full time basis, to complement the already stellar driving colony this year meet has started out with, and as too keep Gingras surrounded, and in check, by constant outstanding barracuda like talent.

And again, for my money if Gingras doesn't reevaluate and tone down his dangerous, overzealous approach to the outstanding Big M product, he may just be watching the dust of Matt Kakaley driving Mr. Burke's elite horses. Thank you.

- *Nicholas Cantarella*

The Definition of Kicking

When is "kicking" not kicking...when a driver allows his foot to drop down from the race bike stirrups and brush the horse. This is "failure to keep both feet in the stirrups", not kicking. Kicking is "a blow or thrust with the foot or feet". If I was a harness horse, I would much rather have a driver's foot dropped down and brush my hocks instead of using a whip on me. The negative connotation on the issue of kicking is overblown by some, and does nothing but create

an untrue image of drivers hurting their horse. I have never seen any harness driver "kick" a horse in my 50 years of attending harness races.

Thank you.

- *Edward Richardson*

Questions About 2-YO Male Pace

I just want to ask a simple question.

How does a horse in a standardbred horse race:

- go offstride?
- go inside the pylons/leave the course?
- interfere with a horse behind him?
- not lose ground while offstride?
- Not get disqualified?

I won't even mention the winning trainers story which has already been discussed. What a disgrace.

- *Dino Miliucci*



1, M, \$20,000, P, B-2/B-1 Handicap Horses & Geldings
Post Positions Drawn According to Class, M, 27.3, 56.4,
1:24.2, 1:51.1, FT

1-Texican N (g, 6, Bettor's Delight--Bury My Heart, by In The Pocket) O-Harry von Knoblauch. B-Mrs M Carson, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Ron Pierce, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 64-19-10-5, \$375,494

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2, M, \$25,000, P, A-2/A-1 Handicap Horses & Geldings
Post Positions Drawn According to Class, M, 26.3, 54.2,
1:22.2, 1:49.2, FT

1-Wake Up Peter (h, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Lovely Lady, by Die Laughing), \$20,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Bradley J Grant, CA. B-White Birch Farm. T-Larry Remmen. D-Brett Miller, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 58-13-9-13, \$793,631

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3, M, \$40,000, T, 4 Year Old Open, M, 26.4, 55.2, 1:24.4, 1:53.2, FT

1-Tirade Hanover (g, 4, Crazy--Teagarden Hanover, by Royal Strength), \$10,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Leigh A Raymer & Stephen M Moss & Harold & Helane R Solomon. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Leigh Raymer. D-Corey Callahan, \$20,000, Lifetime Record: 47-19-9-6, \$577,945

2-Modest Prince (g, 4, Rc Royalty--In To Me, by Self Possessed), \$25,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Richard S Gutnick. B-Robert Rosenheim Stbs LTD. T-Linda Toscano. D-Tim Tetrick, \$10,000

3-Crosbys Clam Bake (g, 4, Kadabra--Pacific Elegance, by Donerail) O-Randall B Bendis & Jack B Piatt II & Thomas J Pollack. B-Edward H Lohmeyer & Patricia M Hogan. T-Andrew Federico Jr. D-Ron Pierce, \$4,800
Calls: 7Q, 2T, 1, 3, 3 - Finish Order: Dewycolorintheline, Nf Happenstance, Master Of Law, Andie Sophia, Crazy About Pat, Deadliest Catch, Sweet Justice

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4, M, \$500,000, T, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL 2 Year Old Colts & Geldings, M, 27.4, 56.3, 1:25.3, 1:53.2, FT
1-Pinkman (g, 2, Explosive Matter--Margie Seelster, by Angus Hall), \$77,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Christina Takter & John And Jim Fielding, CA & Joyce A Mc Clelland & Herb A Liverman. B-O Narutac Equine Nursery. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Yannick Gingras, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, \$316,960

2-Muscle Diamond (c, 2, Muscle Hill--Windylane Hanover, by Lindy Lane), \$40,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Charles E Keller III & Charles E Keller IV & E Daniel & Brett Douglas Bittle. B-Odds On Nourrir. T-Brett Bittle. D-John Campbell, \$125,000

3-French Laundry (c, 2, Muscles Yankee--Creamy Mimi, by Conway Hall), \$115,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Christina Takter & John And Jim Fielding, CA & Marvin Katz, CA & Al J Libfeld, CA. B-Marvin Katz, CA & Al J Libfeld, CA.

T-Jimmy Takter. D-Brett Miller, \$60,000
Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 2Q, H - Finish Order: Habitat, Uncle Lasse, The Bank, Walter White, Piercewave Hanover, Suit And Tie, Guess Whos Back

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5, M, \$500,000, P, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL 2 Year Old Fillies, M, 26.3, 54.4, 1:22.4, 1:50.2, FT

1-Jk She'salady (f, 2, Art Major--Presidential Lady, by Presidential Ball) O-3 Brothers Stables. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Nancy Johansson. D-Tim Tetrick, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 11-11-0-0, \$633,330

2-Sassa Hanover (f, 2, Rock N Roll Heaven--Sayo Hanover, by Allamerican Native), \$50,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & The Panhellenic Stb Corp & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$125,000

3-Bettor Be Steppin (f, 2, Bettor's Delight--Two Steppin' Sally, by Western Hanover), \$70,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Val D'Or Farms & Rojan Stables & Theodore Gewertz. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Joe Holloway. D-Corey Callahan, \$60,000

Calls: 4, 1Q, HD, 1, 1T - Finish Order: Divine Caroline, Ideal Nuggets, Heart Major, Bettor N Better, Heavenly Bride, Southwind Roulette, Well Hello There

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6, M, \$400,000, P, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL Open, M, 27.3, 54.2, 1:20.4, 1:48.3, FT

1-Thinking Out Loud (h, 5, Ponder--Los Angeles, by Camluck) O-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & C S X Stables & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & C S X Stables & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-Robert McIntosh. D-John Campbell, \$200,000, Lifetime Record: 53-15-7-10, \$1,672,358

2-Sweet Lou (h, 5, Yankee Cruiser--Sweet Future, by Falcons Future), \$38,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Phillip Collura. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Ron Pierce, \$100,000

3-State Treasurer (h, 5, Real Desire--Ideal Treasure, by Western Ideal), \$6,500 2010 SHS-HBG O-Sally A & Paul G Macdonald, CA. B-Brittany Farms. T-Dr. Ian Moore. D-David Miller, \$48,000

Calls: 6, 4, 4Q, 4Q, HD - Finish Order: Modern Legend, Foiled Again, Clear Vision, Bettor's Edge

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7, M, \$500,000, P, BREEDERS CROWN- FINAL 2 Year Old Colts & Geldings, M, 26.2, 55.2, 1:23.0, 1:51.0, FT

1-Traceur Hanover (c, 2, Western Ideal--Transference, by Camluck), \$100,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Richard Berthiaume, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Corey Johnson. D-Andy Miller, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, \$162,520

2-In The Arsenal (c, 2, American Ideal--Ladyotra, by On The Road Again), \$7,500 2013 SHS-HBG O-In The Arsenal Racing. B-White Birch Farm. T-Kelvin Harrison. D-Brian Sears, \$125,000

3-Lyons Levi Lewis (c, 2, Well Said--Tongue In Cheek, by Artsplace), \$32,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Joseph Lyons-Mound, EN. B-Edwin J Gold. T-Ron Burke. D-Ron Pierce, \$60,000

Calls: 5H, NS, NS, 1H, H - Finish Order: Sicily, Go Daddy Go, Cooperstown, Lost For Words, Tomy Terror, Soto, Franzo

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8, M, \$281,250, P, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL Open Mares, M, 26.0, 53.1, 1:21.4, 1:49.4, FT

1-Shelliscape (m, 5, Artiscape--Shell I Scoot, by Direct Scooter), \$25,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Pj Fraley. D-John Campbell, \$140,625, Lifetime Record: 72-15-6-18, \$1,011,977

2-Rocklamation (m, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Art Sale, by Artsplace), \$50,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Our Horse Cents Stables & Stable 45 & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$70,312

3-Charisma Hanover (m, 4, Dragon Again--Caught The Bouquet, by Jate Lobell), \$15,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC.

B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$33,750

Calls: 10H, 7T, 4T, 2Q, H - Finish Order: Anndrovette, Yagonnakissmeornot, Camille, Venus Delight, Regil Elektra, Voelz Hanover, Somwherovrainbow, Krispy Apple

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9, M, \$500,000, T, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings John Cashman Jr Memorial Trophy, M, 27.2, 56.1, 1:24.2, 1:51.4, FT

1-Father Patrick (c, 3, Cantab Hall--Gala Dream, by Enjoy Lavec), \$105,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Father Patrick Stable. B-Brittany Farms. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Yannick Gingras, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 27-21-4-0, \$2,187,138

2-E L Titan (c, 3, Muscle Hill--Courtney Hall, by Garland Lobell) O-Erkki Laakkonen, FI. B-Erkki Laakkonen, FI. T-Riina Rekila. D-Ron Pierce, \$125,000

3-Nuncio (c, 3, Andover Hall--Nicole Isabelle, by Lindy Lane), \$7,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Stall Tz Inc. B-Russell C Williams. T-Jimmy Takter. D-John Campbell, \$60,000 Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Harper Blue Chip, Hillustrious, Odds On Amethyst, Il Sogno Dream, Don Dorado, Sumatra, Datsyuk
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10, M, \$531,250, P, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings Hugh Grant Jr Memorial Trophy, M, 26.0, 54.1, 1:21.3, 1:49.0, FT

1-Mcwicked (c, 3, McArdle--Western Sahara, by Western Ideal), \$35,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-S S G Stables. B-Andray Farm. T-Casie Coleman. D-Brian Sears, \$265,625, Lifetime Record: 30-12-10-5, \$1,218,649

2-Somesizesomestyle (c, 3, Somebeachsomewhere - Honey Bunny, by Precious Bunny), \$50,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Frank D Baldachino & Stable 45. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$132,812

3-Jk Endofanera (c, 3, Art Major--Presidential Lady, by Presidential Ball) O-3 Brothers Stables. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Ron Burke. D-Ron Pierce, \$63,750
Calls: 1H, T, 1H, 2H, H - Finish Order: Doo Wop Hanover, Luck Be Withyou, Somestarsomewhere, Let's Drink On It, Capital Account, Limelight Beach, Always B Miki
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11, M, \$500,000, T, BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL Open, M, 27.0, 54.4, 1:22.4, 1:51.0, FT

1-Commander Crowe (g, 11, Juliano Star--Somack, by Mack Lobell) O-Snogarps Gard, SD. B-Snogarps Gard, SD. T-Fabrice Souloy. D-Orjan Kihlstrom, \$250,000, Lifetime Record: 107-60-18-8, \$4,849,590

2-Maven (m, 5, Glidemaster--M Stewart, by American Winner), \$37,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Herb A Liverman. B-All La Nuova Sbarra S.R.L. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Yannick Gingras, \$125,000

3-Creatine (h, 4, Andover Hall--Berry Nice Muscles, by Muscles Yankee) O-Diamond Creek Racing. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Bob Stewart. D-Ron Pierce, \$60,000
Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1, 1H, T - Finish Order: Flanagan Memory, Arch Madness, Intimidate, Wishing Stone, Market Share, Archangel, Your So Vain
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3, PcD, \$21,000, T, NW \$22,500 in Last 4 Starts AE: NW \$70,000 in 2014, 27.3, 57.2, 1:25.3, 1:54.3, FT

1-Smoother Ride (h, 4, Yankee Glide--Mazda Hanover, by Andover Hall), \$22,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-4 Leaf Racing. B-Kenneth A Jackson & Robert M Brady & Lisa C Jackson & Rebecca L Brady. T-John Mc Dermott. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 64-17-10-7, \$290,892

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10, PcD, \$35,000, P, Open, 26.0, 55.0, 1:21.4, 1:50.0, FT

1-Somethinginthewind (g, 5, Three Olives--Something Windy, by Cambest) O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera & Michi Yvette Abday. B-Frank A Conductor & Robert Harold Myers. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Anthony Napolitano, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 95-24-12-11, \$206,036

2-Speed Again (g, 5, Dragon Again--Sand Speed, by Matt's Scooter), \$82,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Rtc Stables Inc.

B-Winbak Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Andrew McCarthy, \$8,750
3-P H Supercam (g, 7, Million Dollar Cam--Callwood Ivy, by Run The Table) O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Dr R James Shive, CA. T-Pj Fraley. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr, \$4,200
Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Mr Hasani N, I Like Dreamin, Mickey Hanover, Abelard Hanover
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Woodbine Report

2, Wdb, \$25,000, P, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$25,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW \$175,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT CLM. \$60,000. AE: NW \$100,000 IN 2014. 26.3, 55.1, 1:22.1, 1:50.2

1-Waasmula (br,m,6 - Million Dollar Cam - Waasmowin - Apaches Fame) O-Brent C Vincent B-Brent & Thomas Vincent T-Bruce Goit D-Trevor Henry \$12,500 Lifetime Record:78-17-9-15 \$541,960

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10, Wdb, \$27,000, P, NW \$28,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW \$250,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$75,000. 26.2, 55.1, 1:23, 1:51

1-Calgary Seelster (b,h,6 - Modern Art-Cmon Mama Cass - Threefold) O-Glenview Livestock Ltd B-Seelster Farms Inc. T-Andrew McCabe D-Douglas McNair \$13,500 Lifetime Record: 119-23-15-8 \$276,343

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Yonkers Report

6, YR, \$26,000, P, WINNERS OVER \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-7 DRAWN POST POSITION 8 ASSIGNED, 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.2, 1:53.0, FT
1-Machs Beach Boy (g, 5, Mach Three--Letsgo Sparkle, by Beach Towel), \$12,000 2010 CAN-YS O-Dan H Mogridge, CA & Jeffery Osborne, CA. B-Robert K & Lynda M Wilson, CA. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 101-22-13-14, \$385,341
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7, YR, \$21,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.4, 57.1, 1:25.2, 1:53.1, FT
1-Michael's Power (g, 5, Camluck--Michelle's Jackpot, by Artsplace) O-Jeffrey S Snyder. B-Jeffrey S Snyder. T-Mark Silva. D-Daniel Dube, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 55-26-6-2, \$1,645,771
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8, YR, \$23,500, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$32,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.1, 55.4, 1:23.4, 1:52.3, FT
1-Holdingallthecards (g, 5, Cam's Card Shark--Ivory Tower, by Jate Lobell), \$8,500 2010 SHS-HBG O-William G McIntyre & Richard A Mc Intyre. B-Robert T Unice. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Daniel Dube, \$11,750, Lifetime Record: 75-26-14-6, \$287,457
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11, YR, \$21,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 26.4, 55.2, 1:23.4, 1:53.0, FT
1-Upfront Countryboy (g, 5, Dragon Again--Cambloid, by Cambest), \$30,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Blindswitch Racing Stable & Santo R Farina. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Jose Godinez. D-Mark Macdonald, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 91-23-8-9, \$189,167
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12, YR, \$21,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 27.4, 56.4, 1:26.0, 1:54.3, FT
1-City Hall (g, 4, Metropolitan--Halle Hall, by Cambest) O-Oldford Farms LLC & Tyler L Buter. B-John P Hurtgen. T-Amber Buter. D-Eric Carlson, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 58-10-7-9, \$114,196
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