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With Saturdays soon free, expect top Yonkers drivers to race at The Big M

A change in Yonkers' schedule to race only on weekdays means its top reinsmen will be free to augment the already talented Meadowlands driver colony on Saturday nights.

by Debbie Little

MEADOWLANDS MATTERS



with DEBBIE LITTLE

If you ask them, they will drive.

Since Yonkers Raceway has submitted a Monday-through-Friday schedule for 2021 to the New York State Gaming Commission, their top drivers don't want to be home alone on a Saturday night and may race at The Meadowlands.

"For the winter, I'd rather be driving than sitting at home," said driver Jason Bartlett. "As kids, you always dreamed of winning races and racing [at The Meadowlands]. It's something different for me, too, because I've always been a half-mile track driver, so it's something new for me to get better at."

"I'd imagine it's going to be pretty full of drivers," he added with a laugh.

Bartlett, George Brennan, Jordan Stratton and Jim Marohn, Jr. are the top four drivers in the standings at Yonkers and have all won races at the Meadowlands this year.

Brennan remembers what the driver colony was like when he first went there in the mid-1990s.

"Looking at [John] Campbell in front of me, [Bill] O'Donnell, Jackie Mo [Moiseyev], Mike Lachance, Cat Manzi, Ronnie Pierce," said Brennan. "I was like, 'Oh My God, I'm never going to get a drive at this place.'"

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Brennan looks forward to racing Saturday nights at The Big M if his connections want him there.

"It'll be like, 'Oh wow, George Brennan still is alive?'" he said with a laugh.

"If Scotty DiDomenico's got something in and he asks me to go or Nik Drennan, Nifty Norman or Ronnie Burke, of course, I'll be there, but I'm not just going there to be penciled in."

Just like many other trainers, DiDomenico has a go-to driver at different tracks.

At Yonkers his first call is Brennan, while at the Meadowlands it's Tim Tetrick, but since Tetrick isn't planning to race at The Big M during the winter, Brennan will get the call.

"He's the most constant professional I know," said DiDomenico of

Brennan. "He's the most level-headed guy you come into contact with night in and night out. He's such an advantage."

"When you win a race at The Meadowlands, it's hard to do. It's very tough racing. It's competitive racing and the horses have to be on their toes to win there."

Brennan and DiDomenico agree that it's not just the quality of the horses and drivers that make the mile oval so outstanding, it's also the track itself.

"The Meadowlands has a racing surface that's second to none and it's a pleasure racing over a great surface like the Meadowlands has," said Brennan. "You can't even hear the horses' footsteps on that track. You can win from any post position, if you have the right horse and it's a great place to race."

Trainer Andrew Harris, who races regularly at both Yonkers and The Meadowlands, thinks the presence of the Yonkers drivers on Saturday nights will be huge and should help the betting at The Big M.

"They're established names, so they're going to pick up drives," said Harris. "You're going to have a lot more options, which is huge for racing. Period."

"Because we all know that this is a drivers' game at the end of the day, so the more competition in the drivers' room is actually where we're going to get better racing."

Harris regularly uses George Napolitano, Jr. in Pennsylvania, Bartlett at Yonkers and mostly Andy McCarthy at The Meadowlands.

With all three of those drivers available this winter at the East Rutherford oval, it makes Harris' job a little tougher.



Dave Landry

Yonkers regular George Brennan joked that he expects some at the Meadowlands to say, "Oh wow, George Brennan still is alive?" if he gets the chance to drive at The Big M on Saturday nights.



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"It's a very complicated situation, because you don't want to offend these guys and when they're all meeting up in the same place it does make it very difficult to maintain all these relationships and still be able to coordinate what's best for the owner," said Harris. "There's always the risk of another COVID shutdown. Nobody wants to stay inactive, because they never know when that next shutdown will come."

In a normal year, Stratton would be going away on vacation, but with everything going on is choosing a staycation instead.

Since his daughter Chelsea is only 2, spending more time at home is always good.

"Especially in this business, you hear too often, 'I wish I was around more when they were growing up,'" said Stratton. "If I have anything to do with it, I'm not going to be saying that."

Stratton does, however, know the value of driving at The Meadowlands whenever possible.

"I happened to pick up Crystal Fashion and Manticore this year when Yonkers was shut down, so it worked out really good," he said.

Marohn, Jr. has won titles at several different tracks including the 2017-2018 meet at The Meadowlands and like his fellow Yonkers drivers, is just a phone call away.

He also thinks showing up early on Saturday nights could be an advantage.

"The Meadowlands is probably the best place to go to for qualifiers because there are always quality horses qualifying there," said Marohn.

All the drivers appreciate that The Big M raised purses in November and will have an earlier post time of 6 p.m. starting on Saturday, Dec. 26.

"We had cut purses after we came back from COVID to make sure that we would be okay through the rest of the year and we raised the purses back up because we were in a finance meeting and they said we could raise the purses again, so that's what we did," said Jason Settlemoir, Meadowlands' chief operating officer and general manager.

Settlemoir acknowledges that COVID-19 has changed people's normal schedules and even though they are staying home they are also going to bed earlier and not wagering as much on the final few Meadowlands races, the last of which typically goes off at 11:58 p.m.

"We're hoping to be all wrapped up and done between 11 and 11:15 p.m., depending on what happens," he said.

"We've already got the best drivers in the world, as far as I'm concerned, at The Meadowlands, but with [Yonkers] not racing on Saturday night I look forward to seeing the increase in handle that hopefully we'll be able to realize."

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Zero redefined: post time drag in perspective

The case for and against horse racing's controversial post-time drag.

by Melissa Keith

On Nov. 12, an Ontario track announcer made a statement that would briefly rock North American harness racing Twitter: "At Rideau Carleton, you don't have to wait another five minutes when it says 'zero minutes to post.' At Rideau Carleton, post time means post time."

John MacMillan repeated the "zero minutes to post means zero minutes to post" Nov. 15 on the track's live simulcast. His words evoked mostly positive reaction online, quoted verbatim on Twitter by the @USHWACanada chapter account, which this article's author manages.

"I will name you another track that goes right at post time and does pretty well in terms of handle. That track is: Del Mar. They don't mess around where the turf meets the surf," replied Murray Slough, race-caller at Alberta's Century Downs and author of "Bet Like a Chicken, Eat Like a Chicken: A Guide to Winning at the Harness Races."

Former Northlands Park racing manager Les Butler responded, "Yes! Finally. Congratulations @RideauCarleton for not taking bettors for granted or pretending this continued ridiculousness of contrived urgency works to elicit incremental wagering."

Sports betting Twitter account Crush the Bookie (11.6K followers) replied "GREAT JOB LOVE IT!!!! Woodbine post time 7pm ET means 7:08pm ET so you have to give credit to the rarity that Rideau Carleton has with them actually running when it's post time. I don't understand why it's so hard for tracks to stick to a post time."

The question of whether Rideau Carleton was actually implementing a no-drag policy was answered by racing manager Peter Andrusek. "It's actually a funny thing. It beguiles me," he told HRU. "[MacMillan] kind of mentioned it, but it really was not the case." He said he avoids "the racing blogs," but people contacted him about it. "They brought it to my attention: 'Everybody's talking about Rideau Carleton not dragging races!' Well, I think every track needs to drag races to an extent, because at some point, if you try to go off right at zero, you are going to impair your handle."

It's a view similar to that expressed by Greg Gangle, raceway manager of The Raceway at Western Fair, in the Twitter conversation about Rideau eliminating drag: "Over 90 per cent of wagering comes in after 0 minutes."

Andrusek said that drag is a fact of life. "I know this, because on a live night, I'm the mutuel manager here and the coordinator. I set the post times and coordinate the cards. Our horses used to come out of the paddock at two minutes [to post]; by the time they all paraded around, it was about zero; and the car used to sit there for two to three minutes, that I'd instruct, and then of course they'd marshall up the horses and go. So the total drag at zero minutes was about four."

He added that Rideau Carleton had a past flirtation with drag-free racing: "I remember years ago, we used to have this thing where the clock would hit zero and the gate would open, but we're talking 20 years ago."

And there's some ambiguity in the present: "As a pure coincidence, we did [recently] change our policy: Instead of bringing the horses out at two minutes, we bring them out at zero, and that drag went from four minutes to about six. Then I'll tweak it, because, quite frankly, my priority at Rideau Carleton Raceway is to ensure that I don't go off at the same time as Flamboro [on Sunday nights]. My primary goal, when I set post times, is that Rideau Carleton and Flamboro are separated as far as possible, and I try to stay off of Northfield too. It's not so much of a coordinated drag; it's me going, 'I need two minutes here, because they have an inquiry at Flamboro,' or maybe the other way around – I'll pull the drag in a bit, because this will set up perfect with Northfield and Flamboro. When you're going with Mohawk [Thursday nights], I can tell you: You want to cut your handle by four-fifths? Go off with Mohawk."

Andrusek said it wasn't rumoured adherence to a strict definition of "zero minutes to post" that sent his track over the top on the night of its all-time record handle Nov. 26. "I can tell you what's behind that: I knew it was going to be an amazing day, because it was American Thanksgiving, and the American [thoroughbred] tracks all started early, at 11:30, and they were pretty well done by 4 o'clock, which was our post time," he said, adding that COVID-19 restrictions on other sports and gatherings meant more attention for the tracks racing that night. "To be honest with you, we had a monopoly from 4 o'clock until 6:30, when Flamboro started. And we racked up numbers. The old record was from 1983: \$477,000. So we broke the record by race six! The manager at the time, Glenn Pearson, he said to me, 'You finally broke my track record!'"

Heavy fog obscured the 12 races; on-track attendance was not permitted. "We bet three-quarters of a million dollars, and I swear to you, if it wasn't for that fog, we would have done over a million," said the racing manager. "It was an

amazing day, and I think it elevated Rideau Carleton onto another level in terms of reputation, and certainly added to our status as a Signature track.”

Why does drag persist?

“There was a time and a place for it,” said Les Butler. “PT Barnum said you can fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can’t fool all of the people all the time. And I think that racetracks have fallen into the belief that they can fool all of the people all of the time, with a false ‘minutes to post’. I do think that there was a time when it would accelerate or allow for more betting, but I think those times have long gone.”

The days of standing in a physical line to wager had already been in steep decline before COVID-19. “I can queue a bet, I can cancel a bet; there’s no excuse for me to ever miss a post time. I certainly don’t need another minute to study the program,” said Butler. “When I managed Northlands, if we had a feature race that drew a lot of attention and usually a lot of incremental betting in the [win/place/show] pools, that’s when we needed more time.”

And more time there was, on demand when crowds packed the track that was then home to Canada’s highest betting per capita. “I knew lots of tracks that had signals; for example, we did,” said Butler. “We had a signal on the announcer’s booth. We’d phone the announcer, or the pari-mutuel manager could control it, to flip a light switch that would go on under the announcer’s booth. Nobody could see it except the harness racing starter, and then he’d say [to the drivers], ‘Guys, take another turn.’”

Drag accompanied certain races, not entire cards. “We had a trainer/driver, Steve Schedlosky, who was quite famous in Saskatchewan. Steve would stop his horse, get off, and adjust something, for no reason,” said Butler, who also managed racing at Queensbury and Marquis Downs. “He’d adjust it, and adjust it back. It was all designed to allow the limited number of tellers to process the extra wagers for that particular race. It wasn’t something done for every race; it was only done for big races. Invariably those were the times when people would misjudge how long the lines would be, and they wouldn’t get there soon enough.”

Butler told HRU that medication rules may vary today, but when he was at Northlands, “we had to be very cognisant that if there was an incident or a reason for a delay, the window of efficacy for Lasix is relatively narrow. If you were delayed 40 minutes – if you’re late for six consecutive races – you’re outside the window of efficacy for Lasix, and you’re cheating the bettors, cheating the horsemen, and doing a disservice to the horse.”

Yonkers Raceway’s long-time publicity director said that when “zero minutes to post” could mean anything, “nobody trusts what zero means.” Frank Drucker explained that “Even with the [countdown] clocks they put up, to me, you’re treating the people like idiots. Maybe you’ve trained them to be idiots, but the fact that Gulfstream now has to put up a graphic that says ‘we’re going to load them in at post time’, as if that’s some “man-bites-dog” news, that shows you where the industry is at.” (Gulfstream Park’s 2020-21 championship meet, now underway, introduced “zero minutes means zero minutes”.)

Drucker said that while horseplayers expect drag, it’s been taken too far as a strategy to boost handle. “It was always a given that you’d get a two-minute drag. That was okay, nobody ever thought anything of it. But now, they come out, and at a place like Northfield, when they put up zero, half of those horses haven’t even been sired yet. I mean, who are they kidding?”

There’s no reason to prolong the wait between races today, said Drucker, who remembered “misspending [his] youth” waiting in line at Yonkers to place underage bets for his father. “You can retrain people, and I suspect that’s what Gulfstream is trying to do: ‘We tell you we’re loading at post time’, except for stake races and carryover pools and whatnot. Did they lose people the first day? Perhaps, because Gulfstream were notorious: They’d drag it an hour-and-a-half.”

A consequence of drag is races going off at the same time, at undetermined minutes after declarations of “zero minutes to post.” Drucker said that Yonkers “for any number of years led the league in it, and invariably what also happens is you go on top of somebody else. You see everybody sitting on zero, and it’s: ‘When are you going?’ ‘I don’t know, when are you going?’”

Post time overlaps were tough to avoid when “zero” was undefined. “There were times we ran so many races on top of The Meadowlands, we might as well have contested our races in their infield,” said Drucker. “I think what Gulfstream is doing, at least among the thoroughbred people, is to try to get some semblance of trying to stay off one another, so when they say post time, they’re going to go at post time. If they say 3:51, they’re going to load them in at 3:51, save for stakes races, carryovers, and whatever TV commitments they may have.”

Bettors watching the board until the last minute don’t necessarily benefit from prolonged “zero minutes to post”, said Drucker. “What’s the definition of ‘late money’ if you don’t know what ‘late’ is? The casual guy might want to see

what they're betting late, because if they're betting late, maybe they know something. Maybe they don't want to bet early to kind of tip their hand, or they've bet early as red herrings, or whatever they're doing, but if all the money is coming in late, what's the definition of 'late'?"

Slough agreed that drag was a tradition that made little sense today. "I think it used to be thought that if you don't drag, you were really hurting your handle. You weren't playing the game the way the other tracks were, so that was going to hurt you," said the Century Downs race caller. "You would really have to show that your handle dropped a lot when you don't drag, to convince me that you should drag."

He said drag was more for on-track players wanting action before the next live race, a moot point with the largely spectator-less racing of 2020. "They sit in front of a huge bank of TVs, and then they bet whoever's next. Now with many tracks not being open, people don't really have that option as much anymore."

Except for special races, mandatory payouts or significant carryovers, "At the track I work at, Century Downs, we don't really drag," Slough said. "We have an extra minute or two. I know at Century Mile, for the thoroughbreds, they have a built-in drag there, because they're trying to compete with the big thoroughbred tracks and they're at night, but it's more like a two- to-five-minute thing. It's still, to me, too much, but it's definitely not as egregious as the ten-minute drags we've seen at other tracks."

"At Century Downs [harness], they're basically at least going to the gate at zero, or shortly after zero; we have a countdown clock, like most places," he said. "One thing about Mohawk is they drag like crazy, but at least when the countdown clock comes on, the gate is rolling and they actually go when that clock hits the zero. I don't like to see tracks that have a countdown clock that gets to zero and then they still don't do anything."

He's unconvinced that the sport's top tracks need to rely on the old-fashioned strategy. In fact, drag leads to a self-fulfilling prophecy: "At a track like Mohawk, everyone knows they're going to drag, so they can say, 'This much money came in after it hit zero'. But you cannot tell me that if you went to post on time, and everyone knew you were going to go to post on time, that that money wouldn't have come in earlier, if people knew that was the case, just like Gulfstream and Del Mar."

"Everybody sees through it now," said Slough. "Everyone knows what's happening. I don't think it's that effective a tactic anymore, and it should honestly probably be abandoned across every track, and hopefully will be as things

go on. A lot of the big thoroughbred tracks actually don't, so maybe one day, The Meadowlands and Mohawk will follow suit, and I don't think that would be a bad thing. It's just another way that you can be up front with the bettor."

Andrusek said that an average harness track following a "zero minutes to post means zero minutes to post" dictum would lose bettors. "You're compelled somewhat to do the drag. I think what's important if you are dragging is that you've got to be consistent, for those [late money] bettors." He added that customers want predictable drag, rather than drag being eliminated. "If you're regularly six [minutes drag] and then you go 12, the guy who makes his bets with six minutes drag has six more minutes, and he's watching the odds change and change and change. They can cancel and redo, but I don't think that's a healthy kind of development."

Rideau Carleton Raceway's handle is up 51 per cent for the year, which started June 7. The racing manager said introducing High Definition (HD) video in November, plus re-securing the California market where it had been absent this September/October, brought renewed attention to the track's wagering product. He said Del Mar and Gulfstream are so different from North American harness tracks that following their "zero minutes means zero minutes" example would decimate handle: "People are betting thousands of dollars [individually, per race] and want to have a damn good idea what the odds are that they're getting" at both venues. (Del Mar's five-week 2020 fall meet handled \$195.9 million (U.S.).) "I think for some of the larger tracks that would attract significant bet, that goes a lot into their thinking on keeping post time tight," said Andrusek.

Les Butler told HRU that he played Rideau Carleton Nov. 12 because he was motivated by what seemed, at first, to be a game-changing move. "I bet that track, that day, because I wanted to support them. I wanted to say to that announcer in Ottawa, thank you! I appreciate betting online on a track where they're going when they plan on it."

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HOLLYWOOD'S HITS



with **BOB HEYDEN**

A conversation with Mike Lachance on the occasion of his 70th birthday

by Bob Heyden

Mike Lachance turned 70 on Wednesday (Dec. 16), a quarter-century after he was inducted into the U.S. Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

Born in Quebec, Lachance was third in career earnings (\$190,781,434) as a driver when he retired in 2014 and 10th in wins (10,421).

Lachance won the Little Brown Jug five times, the Hambletonian four times, 10 million-dollar races and 27 Breeders Crowns.

He is the only driver to win the Jug in each of his first two tries (B J Scoot in 1988 and Goalie Jeff in 1989) and the first driver to better Niatross' 1:49.1 time trial mark from 1980 with a 1:48.2 TT with Matts Scooter eight years later.

Lachance has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"Cody has a nine month old, so I am now a great-grandfather," Lachance said, gleefully.

In case you're wondering, Cody was the little girl in the Hambletonian Bowl in 1999 when Self Possessed set the record of 1:51.3.

Looking back at some of the horses Lachance has driven is quite a list. Matts Scooter, Cantab Hall, Mystical Maddy, Continentalvictory, Cabrini Hanover, Cameron Hall, Camluck, Western Ideal, Bettors Delight, Western Dreamer, Self Possessed, Shady Daisy, Victory Dream, Imperfection, Artiscap, Four Starzzz Shark and many more.

"I was lucky. I had the opportunity for 20-25 years in a row to have a shot each year at some of the very best horses," Lachance said.

"I raced against three generations of the top drivers. Starting in the late '60s with Del Miller, Dancer, Haughton, Sholty and then that followed with Campbell, O'Donnell, Manzi, Jackie Mo and then against Yannick and Tetrack and David Miller and Brian Sears. I'd like to think I earned the respect of them all. That means a lot to me. I'm proud of that."



Claus Andersen

Hall of Famer Mike Lachance turned 70 on Wednesday.

Lachance said he has had no desire to be a full-time trainer.

"Right now with my sons Martin and Patrick I am at the barn every day. Martin races in Canada and I am part-owner of 15-16 horses with him and Patrick. I help out all the time. I like that. But as far as training for outside owners, no. No amount of money could get me to do that."

Asked if he knew when his last drive was upon him in October of 2014 at the Red Mile, Lachance said, "Yes and no. I was winding down... I knew I would be stopping soon. I won with Propulsion for Tony Alagna. I always got along well with Tony. That was not an easy horse to get going. But that was it for me. I packed up all my stuff and said my goodbyes. I got in the car and looked at (my wife) Micheline and said that that was it. I would not be driving anymore. I felt I was losing it a bit and it's much, much better to be leaving 2, 3, 4 years early than too late like some people have done. I never wanted anyone to say I was getting in the way out there. The time was just right."

Do you feel you raced at the very best time WITH the best?

"Yes, I really do. I know a lot of people would say the same thing, that they raced at the best time to race. But I really feel fortunate to

have done so, and against this caliber of drivers. I was spoiled for a lot of years. I felt comfortable out there, in charge. I was able to change accordingly, too. If I needed to be a finesse driver for a certain situation I could do it, then a power driver. I could flip the switch there, too."

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"Yes, they were very, very good to me. Horses always ready, class operation. George Segal and Art Zubrod. When I stayed with Firm Belief in the 1996 Jug in the second heat even though I won the first with Armbro Operative, it was because of Brittany."

Let's take a look at some of those horses you had never driven before, yet still won a million-dollar race with.

Amigo Hall - 2003 Hambletonian "I always stayed around for the very last qualifier. One day in late July, 2003 — and it was about 100 degrees — there were 22 or 23 qualifiers and Blair Burgess needed a driver in either the last or next to last qualifier for Amigo Hall, who they were intending on taking a shot in the Hambletonian with. I qualified him in 1:54 and a piece. Blair told me that Trevor Ritchie had the Hambletonian FINAL drive. Fine. (John Campbell would be the one to qualify him in the elims, but wound up choosing the eventual Hambletonian favorite Power To Charm). I had a couple I was racing in the elims, too. Blair asked me what I thought of his chances, would he look foolish putting him in the Hambo. I said by all means put him in. Pull his shoes and put him in. As it turns out my elimination horses didn't make it, and Trevor chose another one. So I wound up with the drive on Amigo Hall (\$57). I never would have gotten that drive if I hadn't been there at the end of the qualifiers."

Mach Three - 2001 Metro "Bill Robinson won both eliminations that year for the Metro and my two horses just weren't good enough. The next day, I'm in my car and Bill, who always called me "Lucky", asked me if I wanted to drive one of his in the final and to pick which one. I told him I would drive one, but to wait until AFTER the post-position draw and let Randy Waples, who drove them BOTH in the elims, to pick first. Red River Hanover drew the 2 — Randy's choice — and Mach Three the nine if I remember right. I wound up winning it, the final. Randy has joked to me through the years that it took him a LONG time to get over that one."

Safely Kept beat Western Hanover in the 1992 North America Cup first time Mike. Straight Path upset in the 1998 NA Cup first time, too. And All American Theory won the 2003 Meadowlands Pace (\$17) for trainer Des Tackoor, not only first time Mike, but giving Mike the sweep of the Hambletonian and Meadowlands Pace that year both with horses he had never driven in a race prior — at 7-1 and 27-1.

"There was also Righteous Bucks in the 1987 Cane Pace for Richard Marine. First time I sat behind him. And Laughs in the 1985 \$600,000 Sheppard Pace at Yonkers. First time."

But wait, Laughs won the 1986 million-dollar Meadowlands Pace at 10-1 for Buddy Gilmour. Why no Mike Lachance and that would have been your first million-dollar win.

"Because I was racing at Yonkers, exclusively. I had an agreement with the owners that I drove all the half-mile stakes."

(Note: It would be two Meadowlands Pace editions later (1988 with Matts Scooter) for Lachance to get the first of 10 million-dollar wins in his career. He moved full-time to New Jersey on May 1, 1988).

One more just to set the record straight. Mike drove Peace Corps only once — in the 1988 Merrie Annabelle that went for \$484,000 (now called the Jim Doherty Memorial) — and won with her.

But you did make it to the Meadowlands in 1986 for the Hambletonian.

"Billy Haughton had passed away 18 days earlier. Tommy wanted me to drive. I did — Shane Scottseth (12th at 20-1). The reason I was there is that I had one of my own in. Plus, it was afternoon racing and it didn't affect my 10-12 drives at Yonkers."

What do you remember from your long career?

"I remember 1967, Quebec City, watching Denis Larochelle with his collar all straight and changing into his colors — in those days you changed in your barn — looking very neat and classy. Wonderful guy, a gentleman, like a Dave Magee. Beyond belief good guys. I remember when I was at Liberty Bell in 1975 with Pierre Touchette working for me. I was 24 and had 40 horses. Back then, the owners I had from Montreal treated me like I was the King of England or something. They had confidence in me. I worked for my brother Gilles when I was very young. I miss those days."

What about COVID-19? How has that impacted your life in 2020?

"For the first four months I didn't go to the barn once. Then in June, I did, but was always very careful, just like I am now. I missed the sale at the Red Mile this year for the first time in 53 years. I did go to Timonium for a day or so, but felt uncomfortable and was glad to get back."

Do you still have the fire for the horses?

"Yes. I am as involved as I have ever been. I think I always will be. I watch pretty much all of Patrick and Martin's races, but if I miss a stake race somewhere, I watch it the next morning. I am still in love with the horse business. It is still a big part of my life. I wouldn't want to be on the turnpike every night or battling the extreme cold weather all the time, but I do miss seeing the guys. Talking. I had a nice chat in Florida with Bob McClure last year. He sought me out. Twenty minutes, very enjoyable. I would love to catch up with Ronny Pierce. I talk to him a couple times a year."

Last question: You and Ron Gurfein...

"I know Ronny didn't get along with everyone, but he and I did. We were always on the same page."

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Of Stanley Dancer, Billy Haughton, Joe O'Brien and Delvin Miller, which one was the best driver?

That and much more in this week's edition of harness racing's favorite advice column.

by Ron Gurfein

Tidbits: The harness world was saddened with the passing of Joe DeFrank, who was truly a giant force in the industry. He was a man that I would refer to as a good friend and in his own way a guidance counselor.

There will be many words written in the following days and weeks but I think that he changed the industry for the horsemen in a way that was a true necessity.

Until Joe was instrumental in opening the Meadowlands, most, if not all, race offices were good ole boys clubs. Many trainers on the outside looking in found themselves begging for stall space even if they had quality stock. If you were lucky enough to be granted at least one stall to get in the door you then became financially indebted to the stall man to increase your count. If you weren't an insider it was an evil system.

And then came Joe DeFrank. Not only did he attract the creme de la creme from all tracks but he broke the mold of the system. With Joe at the helm of what was to become the greatest harness track in history, all horsepeople were welcome. Everyone got the opportunity to compete. I really believe that instead of telling a trainer his horse would not do he would let the fellow find out for himself. That said, he gave me all the stalls I asked for in 1976 for the opening and I was 0-56 the initial year of the Meadowlands. I learned quickly what you needed between the shafts to compete.

I am not sure that Joe's kindness went very far in changing the attitudes in the neighboring race offices as from that year forth I never raced anywhere else aside from my home base in Monticello, nor did I ever have to beg for stall space again.

R.I.P. my friend. You will be missed.

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Let's stop beating a dead horse and end the Justify/Hopertunity discussion here and now. We must bring our mindsets to 2020 instead of looking at trainer's responsibility the way we did in 1960.

Horse racing has come a long way and responsible reporting should be a hallmark of the industry. I hate conspiracy theories and to me sportswriters are as guilty as news anchors in certain

instances. Last week I pointed out that with new discoveries of environmental contamination my only major penalty of 50 years ago would have been thrown out.

Kudos to the veterinarians, and the commissions for coming full circle on the subject.

The naysayers have been frying Bob Baffert in the press and on social media.

One writer whom I respect wrote, "a rule is a rule" in regard to the California Horse Racing Board's (CHRB) decision that in fact went against the rule claiming that the two Scopolamine positives were a result of Jimson weed as I reported to you last year.

He went on to say it all happened behind closed doors and was discarded because Justify needed the Santa Anita Derby points to be Derby eligible. What a bunch of idle gossip. Please chase the bad guys, don't beat up on the innocents.

The CHRB has spoken, loud and clear. If you believe differently you have a right to your opinion. That said, I am sure they got this one right.

As far as the messy way the board handled the situation, I agree that it could have been handled in a better fashion but no one is perfect and getting to the proper outcome was, to me, of the utmost importance.

In essence, this is a landmark decision that throws the entire trainer responsibility rule under the bus, something that should have happened years ago. The rule was ridiculous in scope from the beginning as are zero tolerance rules. We live in a complex world and trying to simplify something that is not at all simple does nothing but wreak havoc on the participants.

This is not a hall pass to cheat. This opens the door for the honest trainer to be able to provide defense in cases that are not black and white.

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In what I would call an unprecedented move, the Kentucky Sires Stakes have added a 50 per cent bonus program to the 2021 breeding season. Foals from Kentucky-based stallions from mares that remain in the state for 180 days will receive a 50 per cent bonus to all earnings first through fifth in all sires stakes events.

This may well be the significant reason for the lofty stud fee announced for Gimpanzee of \$30,000. He will stand his first year in the state at Diamond Creek Farm in 2021.

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Shout out to Chris Lakata and Lisa Palmiter (Team Lakata) doing a fabulous job. They are winning at many tracks and doing so often. My congratulations to winning owner Paul Negito, master of Joie de Vie Farm. He is a truly great guy. I remember when I trained for Paul's mother Antoinette. She was a wonderful lady who would have a van sneak her horses out of my barn in the middle of the night to take them to a mystery soothsayer and return them before dawn. All those years she never thought I knew. How could I not give a lady like that free reign on what was of true importance to her?

Merry Christmas to the Lakata stable and all of their owners. Keep up the good work.

Redwood Taylor asks: Why is it that standardbreds can race 40 times

a year and thoroughbreds only six on average?

You as a handicapper have looked at many horses up close and personal. All one has to do to answer that question is study the difference in the body style of the individual animals.

The legs of the standardbred match his body. They are thicker boned and when you stand back and get the overall picture they appear to have the ability to support the body above them. On the other hand, the underpinnings of the thoroughbred are slight and fine in comparison to the massive body they support.

They are simply much more brittle. They only train once a week and usually at distances much shorter than they race. Therefore, they are nowhere near as fit as our horses are.

That said, it's most likely a Catch 22 because they are not sturdy enough to survive much in the line of morning works.

As one of my thoroughbred friends told me, it's a great business if you stick to breeding and selling. Racing not so much.

I am not one for statistics, but the breakdown rate differential between the two breeds is staggering and the fatality rate is even worse. Standardbreds are much less likely to break down or die on the track.

Robert Smolin asks: Is it fair for harness drivers to be excluded from a track even though they are licensed and have no previous violations in the state? Why is it that management or race secretaries can say yes or no without merit?

Unfortunately, you selected the wrong writer to answer your question. I myself have been a crusader for many of those whom you speak, and I have been proven wrong by management 99 per cent of the time.

The power of private ownership affords management to pick and choose as they please and in most cases they are right on the money.

Be thankful I am not a presiding judge or a track owner. I would consider banning any trainer that wins at a 35 per cent rate in a heartbeat.

Remember one thing. The powers at the top know who the rotten apples are more often than not. You don't have to have an arrest record to be a criminal.

These decisions are never without merit as you claim to be the case. And please don't come down hard on race secretaries. They

may be the ones to give a trainer his walking papers or refuse admission in the first place, however these decisions come from above.

I remember being in Ralph Swalsky's office at Monticello Raceway when a driver was literally water skiing in the lake (standing up holding his horse back). Ten seconds later the phone rings and it was Leon Greenberg (track president). "Tell him he has 24 hours to leave the grounds."

Jaclyn Morrison asks: We know Stanley Dancer, Billy Haughton, Joe O'Brien and Delvin Miller were the royalty of our sport. They were great overall horsemen in every sense of the word. Who do you think was the best driver?

This was my easiest question to answer thus far in my career. Without any reservation it was Joe O'Brien.

Not that the others weren't capable reinsman and I will say that Stanley and Billy were more than capable, but Joe was comparable to the catch driver of today. It is very difficult to make comparisons 60 years apart but this writer honestly believes that Joe O'Brien could drive a horse with any man that ever lived. There were days when Joe would time trial 75 per cent of all the horses on a given day at the Red Mile. Just to give you an idea of how highly regarded he was by his fellow trainers.

Billy Bigler asks: What was your first Hambletonian experience like?

In a word: frightening. I know this is hard to believe, but I was quite shy of public speaking and was forced into many television interviews. I was an oddity to say the least. A boy born and raised in Manhattan, now on the world's biggest stage for farm raised horsemen. Add to that, I had the favorite in the race with a horse that in my mind couldn't be the favorite in any race.

His name was MB Felty, and he was by far the most difficult horse to train I ever started in a Hambletonian and maybe any race for that matter. My friend Frank "The Elder" Antonacci called me in early March of '91 to inform me he was sending a very fast 3-year-old Hambletonian eligible. I was excited, until I looked at his papers. He had a half dozen qualifiers and made at least one break in every one. There were so many X's on his card it looked like a chicken ran across the page.

To call this a project was an understatement. The colt was a Prakas, and a dumb one at that, which may be in and of itself an oxymoron.



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MB Felty definitely had speed, but he would run in so badly he needed a bigger track than the Meadowlands. A track that didn't exist.

I won't bore you with the details because I don't want PETA on my back, but he did go to sleep a few nights a week with a huge burr headpole resting on his neck.

Unfortunately, his race records are too old to be accessible on the USTA's Pathway system now and my memory is vague at best. He did have a good enough card going into the race to be the favorite with many thanks to his talented pilot Sonny Patterson. I recall he won the Founders Gold Cup in Vernon and was fifth mortally locked in in the Beacon Course (now the Stanley Dancer) as a 4-5 favorite in the start before the Hambletonian at the Meadowlands. He won his elimination easily and was beaten a neck by Giant Victory in the final after a very good trip.

The biggest mistake came after the race. Frank and I went back to the barn and were looking over the stall door of a very tired colt. Unfortunately, feeling bad for the distressed colt, we decided to send him to the farm for a few weeks to recover from the two-heat ordeal. He was in the paddock about a half hour and got a leg hung up in a fence. I am not 100 per cent sure, but I don't think he ever raced again.

From where he was just five months previous to the race I would call the MB Felty story a minor miracle.

To all my friends, thank you for all the kind words. Please keep the questions coming in. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

Have a question for The Guru?

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Joe DeFrank funeral set for Saturday in Saratoga Springs

Joseph A. DeFrank Jr. (DeFrancesco) of Lake Pleasant, NY passed away peacefully at home on Dec. 12 at the age of 87. He was born in Holley, NY on Aug. 27, 1933 to Joseph, Sr. and Florence DeFrank. He was a proud member of the U.S. army and a 50-year member of the American Legion Post 529 Holley, NY.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Beryl DeFrank; his children Greg DeFrank (Beth), Doug DeFrank (Betsy), Michelle Goudreau (Mike), Terri Fanton (Gary); grandchildren Shelly Goudreau Jr. (Samantha), Jamie Fanton, Dani Fanton, Nicala Visscher, Scott Visscher (Tiffany); his great grandchildren Noah Goudreau, Taryn Fanton, Korban Goudreau, and his siblings Madelyn Welsh, Dale DeFrank (Ellen), Scott DeFrancesco, and Todd DeFrank.

Joe was predeceased by son-in-law Shelly Goudreau, daughter Beverley Visscher, and siblings Gary DeFrank and Roger DeFrancesco (Kathy).

Beyond the racing world, Joe's main priority was his family which he loved wholeheartedly. Joe and Beryl loved gardening and cooking together. They spent their retirement years enjoying the beauty of the Adirondacks, from their lovely home Butternut Hill in Lake Pleasant. From the garden came many vegetables and herbs to complete the home cooked pasta dishes the family enjoyed so much.

Joe fell in love with harness racing at Batavia Downs and that is where he met his mentor and lifelong friend, Don D'Andrea. In 1956, Don recommended to the late Hall of Famer Jim Lynch, that Joe be given a chance as an assistant in the race office at Hilliard Raceway in Ohio.

That 40-day "gig" was the start of a long career that took him to the race offices at many other tracks, including Baltimore Raceway, Green Mountain Park, Grandview Raceway, Painesville Raceway, Northfield Park, Windsor Raceway, Freehold, Brandywine and Ponce DeLeon. Joe was hired by the late Delvin Miller to help start The Meadows in 1963.

In 1976, general manager Bob Quigley and hiring chief Jack Feketic were on the hunt to staff a newly-built east coast racetrack with rising stars and the sharpest racing minds they could find. Joe was director of racing at Windsor Raceway and Quigley came calling with the offer of the same position at the new racetrack located across the Hudson River from New York City; The Meadowlands, which came under the auspices of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority.

Joe took the job and convinced several of Windsor's up-and-coming drivers to relocate as well – Lew Williams, Shelly Goudreau, Greg Wright and Ray Remmen among them – along with a young driver named John Campbell, who along with Joe fast-tracked to eventual induction into harness racing's Hall of Fame in Goshen, NY.

While at the Meadowlands, Joe created innovative stakes and early-closers as well as \$100,000 claimers, events such as Million Dollar Babies and the internationally renowned Statue of Liberty Trot. His legacy includes high-priced races such as the Meadowlands Pace and Woodrow Wilson, both of which offered purses of more than \$1 million. The Woodrow Wilson purse reached as high as \$2 million, the most ever offered in the sport. He was also instrumental in bringing the Hambletonian from the Midwest to the Meadowlands, where it has been raced since 1981.

In addition to his duties at the Meadowlands, when Garden State Park Racetrack in Cherry Hill, NJ opened in 1985, Joe was named director of racing. One of the major races he brought to that track was the 1988 March of Dimes Trot. The field included the North American star Mack Lobell and foreign standout Ourasi, with the event turning out to be what many consider to be the sport's greatest race ever.

Joe was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1994, with presenter Stan Bergstein, a former race secretary himself, noting, "I realized quickly and instinctively that he was going places. I simply underestimated how far he was going, how fast he was going, and how impressively he would get there."

"No one in our business has mastered his craft more completely, elevated its power and stature, introduced more new ideas, commanded more respect or ruled with such absolute power as the man we now honor."

Throughout the years, Joe received many awards, including the Good Guy of the Year in 1991 by the US Harness Writers, and in 2001 was given the Van Lennep Award by the Hambletonian Society which honored his talent and innovative style for the sport of Harness Racing which he loved so much.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Joe may be made to the Michael J Fox Foundation (Parkinson's Research) and The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame, Goshen NY.

Funeral Home: William J. Burke & Sons Bussing & Cuniff, INC. Funeral Home located at 628 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518)584-5373.

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A private interment service will be held in the Spring at Lake Pleasant, NY.



Beryl Evans DeFrank

by Victoria M. Howard

Editor's note: On Dec. 12, harness racing lost one of its most influential men in the sport when Joe DeFrank died. This column about his wife, Beryl, was written in advance of Joe's death and was intended to be published on Dec. 28. In tribute to the family and Joe's memory, we have decided to publish it early. Joe's funeral is scheduled for this Saturday (Dec. 19) in Saratoga Springs, NY.)

When I contacted Beryl about writing her story she said, "I'm flattered, but I don't consider myself a superstar."

I disagree for Beryl and her husband Joe De Frank are one of harness racing's influential couples who have done so much for harness racing by dedicating their lives promoting and enhancing our sport.

Beryl Evans came from a country where many acclaimed people hailed from — such as The Beatles, Princess Diana, William Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth and Victoria.

"I was born in a town called Dagenham in England. Most people living there were from London and other bombed out cities across Britain," Beryl said.

"I say 'bombed out' because the influx was during and after WWII. The major employer in our town was Fords of Dagenham which employed many people, including my father."

Making a career in harness racing was the furthest thing from young Beryl's mind for she and her family never heard of the sport or experienced it.

"I'm sure harness racing was probably contested at country fair grounds and farms, but we never saw it.

"We did watch thoroughbred racing, such as The Grand National and such. Granddad would always have a daily



Courtesy Beryl DeFrank

Beryl DeFrank with her late husband, Joe.

flutter on the horses and there was a man who lived on granddad's street known as a bookie's runner who would take the bets from people and deliver them to the local bookies. Although this was illegal, nobody seemed to mind."

After leaving England, Beryl moved to Canada. It wasn't long until she would not only observe harness racing, but would become actively involved and remained so for many, many years.

"In 1973, I was introduced to harness racing at Windsor Raceway. I got a job as a secretary working for William Rowe, who was the president of the track. The Rowe family had been involved in harness racing for years.

"There were a lot of great people who worked at Windsor, including a man named Joe DeFrank who was the director of racing. Our paths barely crossed, for he worked the front side and I worked the backside. But when they finally did — well, the rest is history, as they say," she said, laughing.

Joe De Frank was a well-respected man known for bringing many future superstar drivers and trainers to the Meadowlands with him when he located there.

"We both loved Windsor Raceway and my husband began scouting for horses and horsemen —recognizing the superb talent in many, such as Ray and Larry Remmen, and Greg Wright.

"When we moved to New Jersey and got jobs at the Meadowlands Racetrack these talented horsemen followed. Soon after, an up-and-coming driver from Canada named

John Campbell would head to New Jersey. How lucky were we, and the sport, to have these talented men follow.

"I worked in the race office and wore various caps. I ordered supplies for the paddock and did the usual routine office jobs, but my main job was taking care of the stake races. I also dealt with the governing bodies, booked flights and hotels, and designed the horse coolers and loved to watch the horses coming up to the front paddock wearing them.

"In those days we were not computerized. It was old school and everything was done by hand and calculator until we finally had some software installed, which helped a lot.

"My favorite races were our biggest races and early closers like The Meadowlands Pace, The Woodrow Wilson and The Sweetheart Pace, etc. The purses were huge at that time.

I helped Joe with the Statue of Liberty Trot and really loved doing it."

Beryl was one of the lucky ones who was at the Meadowlands when harness racing was at its best.

"I was around when the greatest drivers and horses were on the track. Yes, I had my favorites with the oldest and the newest, but some of my favorite drivers never even made a serious stake race. If I met a driver and liked him, I became his biggest fan and would cheer my head off for him. And I am not being diplomatic with that statement, for it's just the way it is.

"But of course I was fortunate in that I watched the 'cream of the crop'; each driver having their own style of racing. It was an incredible experience.

"Now when it comes to my favorite horse, that's more difficult for there were so many. There was Rambling Willie – the great campaigner /aka 'the horse that God loved!' And of course, Mack Lobell, Niatross, and Ghengis Khan; but I loved all the horses that created interest and the 'wow' factor.

"I've had many great times and thrills in the sport, but my greatest high was when my husband was inducted into Harness Racing Hall of Fame. The memory still makes me smile."

The De Franks retired in 2001 about the time harness racing started to decline.

"Our track attendance and handle began to dwindle, and then came the money-saving cutbacks. I believe that

off-track betting played a major role in the death toll of attendance and handle at the racetracks.

"And off-track betting was just the beginning, for casinos began popping up everywhere and tracks needed a part of the action to stay afloat. Advertising was drastically cut and many other factors added to the decline. But I'll say it again – who wants to go to a half-empty racetrack when you have a packed OTB parlor?

"In the first Camelot years of the great Meadowlands, my husband Joe would say, 'Even Mickey Mouse could do this job,'" she said, laughing.

"What he meant of course was when everything was right, the track was golden."

Although the DeFranks have never owned horses, they were and always will be a significant and influential part of racing, especially at the Meadowlands.

Luckily for the sport, the DeFrank name continues as Joe's son, Doug was a valued assistant in the race office for many years and is still actively involved.

"Doug was in his 20s when he started working there and he's never looked back. He is still working in the race office at the Meadowlands today, and we are so proud of him."

What does Beryl think the future is for harness racing?

"The horse sales have soared the past few years and people are paying huge amounts. I am a little confused for with all the track closures, perhaps all that will be left are stake races with minimal overnights.

"I know everyone is still praying for casino money, but it won't bring back our attendance at the track and attendance is the only thing that can keep us alive. Casino money will definitely help the horsemen with increases in purse money, but I see all of this as a band aid, for it will not fix the public's lack of interest in our sport."

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GRASSROOTS PERSPECTIVE



with **CHRIS LOMON**

Besim Odza relishing the education of being Brett Pelling's second trainer

by Chris Lomon

Besim Odza can recall the precise moment, nearly 10 years ago, when he looked up at his father and said, "I know that one day I can do this."

Whenever he wanted to visit the racetrack, Dzemail Odza never needed to ask his son if he wanted to join him for a

day at the races.

For the kid who hadn't yet reached teenager status, watching the horses and drivers whizz by at the Meadowlands was always a huge thrill.

While most 12-year-olds had no idea what they wanted to do for a career, it was a decidedly different story for the youngster from Garfield, NJ.

"My dad is a big fan of the sport. I really owe him for what I have been able to do. I remember that one day we went to the races and I told him that I wanted to be in horse racing when I was older. He said that if I can figure out the path on how to do it, he'd be happy to help me along the way."

Nearly one year after that conversation, the younger Odza enrolled in the Harness Horse Youth Foundation chapter in Goshen, NY.

Not long after that experience, he was helping out high-profile horseman Mark Ford and other big names in the sport.

Although Besim was the one doing the work, his father was



Vicki Wright

Besim Odza and Can't Beach That in Lexington.

happy to come along for the ride.

In this instance, literally.

“We lived an hour away from the farm, and my dad would drive me, then wait in the car for a couple of hours when I was working. He’d do that on the weekends and then every day in the summer. I think early on, he was more invested than I was.”

That, however, would soon change.

In 2017, a then 18-year-old Odza launched his training career, winning his first race, at Freehold with Steady Pulse, that year. After the single victory in his rookie campaign, he made nine trips to the winner’s circle in 2018.

He then made the decision to change the trajectory of his career path.

“I had a three or four horse barn, and I was getting out of training around January of 2019,” said Odza. “I asked [multiple stakes winning trainer] Brett Pelling for a job and he mentioned he had a groom position open. So, I took it. People told me this was someone I could learn a lot from. I did the groom role and after six or so months, Brett mentioned that he wanted a second trainer and he’d like me to be it.”

Odza gladly accepted.

While the vast majority of his time is spent tending to Pelling trainees, the now 21-year-old still keeps one horse of his own.

“I like to have at least one horse to train on my own,” said Odza. “If the horse gets claimed, I’ll just claim another one. The horse I recently claimed, his name is Western Redhot [a 7-year-old son of Western Ideal]. I was very fond of the horse last year, and my other horse, Dashboard, got claimed, so it worked out perfectly that I could get this guy. He has some issues, but I think once those are resolved, then give him some time and train him up, I think he’ll be something solid.”

The signs are already there.

Western Redhot hasn’t contested a race for Odza yet, but from his vantage point in the race bike, he likes what he’s seeing.

“Mostly, I was looking for a big, strong horse. I grew up around the Meadowlands and that’s kind of been home to me. If I can get a Meadowlands-type quality horse, even if it’s a claimer, to race there and be competitive, that’s what I’m looking for. I always look for a strong last quarter in a horse, and he always is strong in that final push. I thought putting him in a farm atmosphere, rather than a barn at the

racetrack, would be good for him. And it seems to be working. I trained him and he was strong, and paced through the wire.”

The veteran pacer lining up behind the gate in race action isn’t all Odza has to look forward to.

Working in the Pelling barn continues to be the ideal classroom for a young horseman looking to sharpen his skills.

“We have a great relationship. He’s very professional and he loves to teach. I worked with a bunch of people before, and with him, his main thing is keeping everything simple. Condition the horses the right way, feed them right, and then everything will work out. He never jumps the gun and thinks everything through. For a young guy, that is so helpful.”

So, too, is Pelling’s education and experience when it comes to the claiming game.

Tapping into that wisdom has been a game changer for Odza, who one day hopes to use what he’s learned from Pelling and training his own claimers to become a full-fledged trainer himself.

“When you get these horses, especially these claimers, you have such a short time – literally, five or six days – to figure them out and know everything about them. I had trouble doing that, but being around Brett, he does a hell of a job conditioning, keeping them on top for a long time. I learned that from him. With the claimers, you just have to keep them happy and healthy. I’ve learned so much from Brett. I don’t think I’d be claiming a horse without the knowledge I got from him.”

Nine years after he told his father that he believed he could make it in the standardbred worlds, Odza, who now calls Cream Ridge, NJ, home, has no doubt lived up to those words.

He’s happy to still have his dad along for the ride.

“My dad owns the horses with me and it keeps us on our toes. He always told me that his dream was for me to make it in harness racing. But him owning horses and watching them race, I can see he always looks forward to that. In many ways, I think we are both living our dream.”

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Reports of Balmoral's revival are grossly overstated

by Neil Milbert

Balmoral Park, which has been out of racing since Dec. 26, 2015, last week was back in the news for the second time in just over 12 months, but it appears there are no racing ramifications.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported that the property is on the market with an asking price of \$4 million, a puzzling development in view of the fact that last December the property was under contract to be sold by New York-based Horse Shows in the Sun (HITS) to Team Real Estate Development, LLC, a group headed by suburban Chicago real estate developer Phil Goldberg.

HITS purchased the track out of bankruptcy for \$1.6 million in 2016 and transformed it into a show-jumping venue, starting in 2017.

Goldberg's plans called for the resumption of racing and the addition of casino gambling, which was legalized in Illinois in 2019.

But there are major barriers to both racing and casino gambling.

- Balmoral is in Will County and the 2019 legislation mandates that any harness track/casino must be located in Cook County in one of six south suburban Chicago townships;
- Balmoral's deed stipulates that neither racing nor gambling of any sort can be conducted at the site until 2026;
- The Illinois racing statute prohibits locating new tracks less than 35 miles from existing tracks and Hawthorne Race Course is within that boundary, seemingly precluding a Balmoral venture.

Neither HITS nor Goldberg has responded to requests for comment.

"Nothing has changed, it's a rehash of an old story and for us it's a non-story," Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association executive director Tony Somone told Harness Racing Update.

"I think Goldberg put down some money and had a hold on it with the option to buy within a year. Then, just before it was to go through, he pulled back and said 'Never mind.'"

"There was a half-hearted attempt last spring to change the legislation (and allow a racino in Will County) but nothing came of it. Although I'd love to race at Balmoral it's no longer a good spot for a casino and there are those big hurdles facing anyone who tries to bring back the track."



Hawthorne is the state's only remaining pari-mutuel harness track and is in the process of renovating to incorporate a casino on the premises in 2021. The 63-night May 7-Sept. 26 meeting will be sandwiched between two thoroughbred meetings, March 6-April 25 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31.

The unprecedented harness track shortage in Illinois was created after Balmoral and its sister track, Maywood Park, were forced into bankruptcy in December, 2014 because of an \$84 million judgement awarded to the state's four largest casinos.

The lawsuit stemmed from 2006 legislation that levied a 3 per cent impact fee surcharge on the casinos' adjusted gross revenue and directed that the funds go to the state's racetracks to be used primarily for purses. When the impact fee expired in 2008 the legislature passed an extension but Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was in office at the time, didn't sign it.

When Balmoral president John Johnston asked one of the governor's top aides the reason for the foot-dragging, the aide attempted to shake him down for a \$100,000 campaign contribution. The phone call was being wire-tapped by federal investigators and after Blagojevich finally signed the extension they concluded Johnston was complicit — even though he never made the contribution.

The four casinos then launched their successful lawsuit.

Blagojevich, meanwhile, was found guilty of trying to sell president Barack Obama's Illinois Senate seat and was sent to prison. His sentence was commuted by president Donald Trump this year.

With Balmoral and Maywood shut down, and with Hawthorne time-sharing with the thoroughbreds, Illinois harness racing encountered serious problems and its once-lofty national stature nosedived.

The legislature sought to rectify the situation through the massive racing/gambling expansion bill in the spring of 2019.

Supported by Hawthorne president Tim Carey, real estate developer and video gambling magnate Rick Heidner then announced plans to buy a former mental health center in south suburban Tinley Park and build a state-of-the-art racino.

But a month after the Illinois Racing Board in the fall of

2019 approved Heidner's request for a Dec.6-29, 2020 harness meeting, the sale of the property was called off by Gov.J.B. Pritzger and the dates were revoked.

Since then, the only proposal for a harness track/racino has been Goldberg's bid from last December that faced enormous and seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Nevertheless, Someone believes that "things will heat up a bit" in 2021.

"There are at least three or four groups out there who want to be a presence in Illinois," he explained. "They are waiting to see who is awarded the casino licenses in Chicago and in Waukegan (near the Wisconsin border). Whoever loses Chicago and Waukegan will still want to be in Illinois and they'll pursue the standardbred racetrack angle.

"I'm confident that by March, April or May we'll have a clearer picture of what is happening and who the horsemen will end up being partners with."

Potential "partners" already involved in racino ventures elsewhere in the country might include MGM Resorts International and Hard Rock, which is owned by the Seminole Tribune of Florida. In January, Hard Rock got a foothold in Illinois with the announcement that it is planning a \$310 million development in Rockford.

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Double-gaited Delight Kate is just what Northfield's race office needs

In her last eight starts over 38 days, ultra-adaptable pacing-bred Delight Kate has raced five times on the pace and three times on the trot for Nick Clegg.

by Bob Roberts

Most owners and trainers aren't moved by racing department requests over the backstretch loud speaker system to help close the entries. Tradition dictates that track officials, when the box isn't full enough, turn to the microphone to hustle horses. Rarely is there an ensuing stampede of horsemen waving entry slips.

But at Northfield Park, horse owner Nick Clegg was recently listening when the racing office took to the airwaves in search of able-bodied pacers and trotters. His attentiveness has led to a racing rarity – a horse not only racing three times in eight days, but doing so twice pacing and once trotting.

"(The racing office) kept calling for a non-winners of one trot every single day," said Clegg. "I joked to myself that one of my pacers must be able to trot."

Clegg accepted the challenge, then took shedrow inventory. He selected Delight Kate, a 4-year-old old spayed mare that he recently purchased, to become North America's newest double-gaited threat.

It didn't matter to him that Delight Kate was strictly bred to be a pacer, being by McArdle, out of the Bettor's Delight mare, Delightfully Cam

"She jogs on the trot, anyway," said Clegg. "I put trotting



boots and bell boots on her and went out and jogged her. The next morning, I entered her in a qualifier on the trot. It was the first time she's been in a competitive trotting race."

That was on Oct. 29 and Delight Kate, a winner of 16 of 60 starts and \$90,825 as a pacer, recovered from a break at the start to finish third, beaten four lengths in 2:01.2.

Two nights later, she was in a Northfield pacing race. After being prominent early, she faded to finish seventh, beaten a dozen lengths.

Five days later, on Nov. 5, Clegg wheeled her back in another trot qualifier. She had a smooth trip, finishing second in 2:02 4/5.

"The only reason she ever makes a break is when the gate folds, she's going forward at 100 miles per hour," said Clegg. "She's done so her whole life as a pacer, but now as a trotter, without any hobbles, she still thinks she can go that fast. But on the trot, that first quarter is around 30 seconds. It's like two totally different animals."

Delight Kate returned to the pacing wars on Nov. 7, but the start was compromised by broken equipment. She finished seventh, beaten four lengths.

Clegg then answered the call for the "non-winners of one" and Delight Kate made her pari-mutuel trotting debut at Northfield on Nov. 10. She was heavily-favored at odds of 3-5 but came up short, finishing fifth, beaten two lengths.

A week later, Delight Kate again tackled trot non-winners at Northfield but she got ahead of herself at the start and broke stride. She ended up sixth, nearly 50 lengths behind the winner.

Clegg then backed off his experiment. Delight Kate returned to pacing for her next four starts, posting a second and a third. But consecutive dismal finishes on Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 had Clegg switching her to the maiden trotting ranks this past Tuesday (Dec. 15).

She responded by stalking the pacesetters, then sweeping by them in the stretch to win by a length in 2:00. Clegg took the triumph in stride.

"After the race, 20 people said to me, 'Wow what did you do with that horse?' I didn't do anything to make her a trotter, it just comes naturally to her."

Delight Kate has little time to rest on her trotting laurels. She's back in Saturday night (Dec. 19) at Northfield on the pace.

"With her racing schedule, she doesn't need much training between starts," said Clegg. "And, no, neither one of us is confused. I think we're both pretty smart. We know where we are in life."

Clegg purchased Delight Kate at Hoosier Park in late September on the recommendation of a close friend, driver

Sam Widger.

"I asked him to let me know if there were horses for sale," said Clegg. "Sam drove her once and asked the owner (Pasco Vucinaj) if she was for sale. He said yes and I bought her."

Clegg doesn't want to say what he paid for Delight Kate, but in her scheduled start this Saturday, she's eligible to be claimed for \$15,000.

"You could say that's in the neighborhood of what I paid for her," he said. "I wouldn't be upset if somebody gives me that much for my pacer-trotter."

TERROR OF THETRACK UPDATE

The 14-year-old pacer that was featured in last Sunday's Harness Racing Update ([full story here](#)) made his 499th career start Wednesday night (Dec. 16) at Northfield and scored as the race's longest shot at odds of 44-1. He will make his 500th and final career start at Northfield on Monday (Dec. 21). Trainer/driver Keith Kash says Terror Of Thetrack will most likely begin a second career as a member of the Summit County (Oh.) Mounted Sheriff Dept.

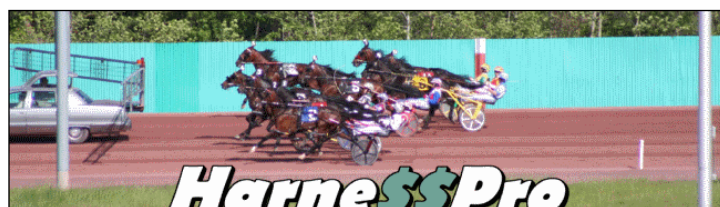
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Friday, December 18	\$17,000	Valedictory Series - 2nd leg	Woodbine Mohawk Park	3YOCP	2, 8	7 p.m.
Saturday, December 19	\$17,000	Niagara Series - 2nd leg	Woodbine Mohawk Park	3YOFP	2, 6	7 p.m.
Saturday, December 19	\$10,000	The Joe Alto	Cal-Expo	Fillies & Mares FFA Pace	4	4:50 p.m.

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Face Time Bourbon ready for Prix d'Amerique

by Thomas Hedlund

Sébastien Guarato's champion trotter **Face Time Bourbon** (Ready Cash) showed no mercy in Sunday's (Dec. 13) \$115,000 Prix du Bourbonnais at Vincennes in Paris. The big favorite could even afford a short break in the race's opening, when driver Björn Goop tried to move up three wide in hunt for a position in front of the 15-horse field.

Face Time Bourbon regained his gait pretty quickly and Goop once again aimed for the front position, which was found with approximately 2,000 meters to go. The pace was ridiculously slow in the Prix du Bourbonnais. The first mile was passed in 2:04, so it's understood that the pace during the last kilometer was quick since the mile rate over 1.7 miles landed at the 1:58.4 mark.

Behind the heavy favorite, Victor Ferm and Moni Viking both finished strongly in second and third, respectively, which makes all three horses ready for Prix d'Amérique on Jan. 31.

An accident happened in connection to a start attempt and Fakir du Lorault had to be scratched from the race. The recall made Face Time Bourbon a little anxious and that could be the reason why the horse made a break after 100 meters into the race.

"Face Time Bourbon is not used to recalls and he became a bit stressed. When we were on our move to accelerate, he lost his gait, but found it quickly again and it was well done. When we came to the front, I didn't want to get Chica de Joudes on our outside too early and the last kilometer went really fast," said Goop.

Face Time Bourbon will not race in the \$105,000 Prix Tenor de Baune for 5-year-olds on Dec. 27. Instead, the horse's entourage will aim for \$115,000 Prix de Bourgogne a week later.

Prix d'Amérique horse Bahia Quesnot (Scipion du Goutier)

went to Naples, Italy on Sunday afternoon and impressed a lot in the \$134,000 Gran Premio Royal Mares over the mile. Junior Guelpa's horse had to do the heavy job three wide during the last kilometer and had enough courage to disarm horses on the inside at the home stretch in 1:54.4.

[Prix du Bourbonnais replay.](#)

Horses already qualified for Prix d'Amérique 2021:

Prix de Bretagne (Nov. 22):

Diable de Vauvert (1), Feliciano (2), Bahia Quesnot (3)

Prix du Bourbonnais (Dec. 13):

Face Time Bourbon (1), Victor Ferm (2), Moni Viking (3)

Sophomores leave USA for Sweden

Marcus Melander-trained trio Rome Pays Off (Muscle Hill, \$454,778), Fifty Cent Piece (Muscle Hill, \$141,698) and Maesteraemon (Andover Hall, \$119,189) will leave America for Sweden and owner SRF Stable has opted for Robert Bergh and Stefan Melander as new trainers for his horses.

Rome Pays Off and Fifty Cent Piece will both arrive in Bergh's barn, while Maesteraemon will go to Marcus Melander's uncle Stefan.

Green Grass in \$105,000 Prix Ariste Hemard

Sébastien Guarato-trained **Green Grass** (Bold Eagle) came to the lead after three quarters of a mile when the \$105,000 Prix Ariste Hemard for 4-year-old mares was held at Vincennes on Sunday afternoon. From that position, the Bold Eagle mare was outstanding in a mile rate of 1:58.3 over 1.6 miles.

The day before, 4-year-old colts battled in the \$105,000 Prix Octave Douesnel and winner Gu d'Heripre (Cocktail Jet) noted a new stakes record. Frank Nivard placed Philippe Billard's horse behind leader Galius and found room to sprint in mid home stretch, which was enough to claim the victory in mile rate 1:57 over 1.6 miles.

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To be shut down again at Woodbine Mohawk Park would really hurt us all

by Matt Bax

I've always said that you can't be in horse racing if you don't love it. Each morning and every night, I am reminded of just how much I love it. And the thought of it being taken away from us again [due to another COVID-19 lockdown] – worries me so much. Both in the short term and how a shutdown may impact the industry in the long term.

We totally appreciate that many other industries are being impacted by the pandemic, too. When people say 'buy local' – that's us. Everything we do to run our racing operation is supported locally. We buy feed and equipment and use veterinarian and blacksmith services.

When you look at those big manufacturing plants that employ thousands of people and are an engine for the local economy – that's us, too. Without spectators, we are merely working the craft we love and providing a product to the public. We have our health and safety protocols that we all follow and none of us want to be the one person who is responsible for a COVID-19 outbreak, so we take those protocols very seriously. We are so extremely thankful to be racing during these difficult times.

I'm so thankful and grateful for the opportunity to be a standardbred trainer – and to do something I love. I'm grateful to work with some of the finest equine athletes in the world. I'm fortunate to be able to provide for my family. I take great pride in being in an industry that employs thousands of hard-working people, and I'm proud to be part of something that contributes significantly to the economy, locally and provincially.

Through good times and bad, the horse racing community has always been bound together by a passion for our craft. The amount of hours and dedication required to be successful is unlike any other industry. Even when you're not

working, you're watching the races or reading stories about racing – it's something you live and breathe.

The first thing I do when I wake up – 5:30 every morning, seven days a week – is to go down to the barn on our farm and feed all the horses. The horses always come first. Then I'll come home, get a coffee, have breakfast and get the kids ready. My wife and I get one on the bus, and then I take my 3-year-old son down to the barn, and start the day there.

The horses are always happy to see you when you come out every morning, and I'm just as happy to see them. It gives you a great feeling every morning that you're connecting with the horses, seeing what's going on with each one, and knowing that they are all okay.

The longer you go in the business, the more you understand the little things can go wrong each day. When you get that baseline off of feeding them, it helps relieve any anxiety you might have. You worry about them because in every way, they are your family – all 24 that we have with us, plus the broodmares, the young ones and the retired ones that are on our farm.

In many ways, the horses are just like people, just like your family and friends. You want to make sure they are happy, healthy and loved.

Like any business, you also need to have a strategy in place, both short and long term. With horses, it takes meticulous planning to ensure each one is given the best opportunity to succeed.

We have a board where it maps out when each horse is racing, their pre-race training and routines. You set that up each week. I sit down with my dad [long-time successful trainer and owner John Bax] and we talk about what we want to do with the horses. Some have ended their 2-year-old season, so then you start having to map when they're going to come back. From there, it changes day-to-day for every horse. If the horse isn't feeling well, or is feeling sore, it's critical that you are able to care for them. You have to be able to adapt to every situation that comes your way.

Every day is different. Every day has its challenges and every day has its rewards.

There is always running around to do, whether you have to go to the tack shop or the bank to do all the books. You have little jobs to do in the afternoon. I pick my daughter up when the bus drops her off and then her and her brother get half an hour of quiet time, whether that's reading or schoolwork. Then it's on to bringing in all the horses from outside, and feeding them.

Being able to share my love of horses with my family is one of the most cherished things I have in my life.

My kids are pretty well-versed in the barn because they've been able to spend a lot of time there the past while because of the pandemic. They have a little pony named Licorice that they take care of. At night, they'll run out to the paddock and bring her inside. It's nice that they have an animal to take care of. It teaches them responsibility.

They learn those tough lessons, too, like taking care of her, feeding her and things like that. Then there's joy of it. They dressed Licorice up for Christmas and they jogged her outside. That's pretty cute to see and I hope to be able to see much more of that for years to come.

It's one of many reasons why I hope that live horse racing continues on at Woodbine Mohawk Park and other racetracks across Ontario. In a business where so much goes into the animal, us, as well as the majority of horsepeople, are on a shoestring budget as it is. To be shut down again would really hurt us all, as it's such an unscheduled stoppage of income. There are no corners to cut.

Horse racing isn't simply a source of joy for all of us – it's also our livelihood.

The pandemic has had a devastating effect on so many industries in Ontario, across Canada, and around the world, horse racing included.

Woodbine Entertainment has done a fantastic job in establishing strict COVID-19 protocols at racetracks throughout the pandemic, as have the other racetracks in the province. Everyone has done an outstanding job to ensure the safety and welfare of the horses and horsepeople. The racetracks have adapted so well throughout the pandemic, in establishing new protocols and also making it a top priority that everyone adheres to them, so that we can keep racing. They know how vital it is for people in this industry to have racing continue. We cannot afford to shut down again.

People in the horse racing industry, they don't take sick days. If you're not at the barn taking care of the horses, there aren't a lot of people to pick up the slack. And if we don't have racing, then it would be devastating for all of us. For those who work in the industry, and for the love of animal, we need racing to continue.

What we do is tremendously impactful in terms of contributing to the economy. You think about how many times the dollar changes hands coming from horse racing. It's a

very economically diverse industry. There aren't too many like it. A lot of people don't see the economic plusses from horse racing, just how wide and diverse it is in the economic sense. You have farms, farriers, feed people, harness racing equipment makers – this industry supports and is supported by so many other businesses and sectors. We're very lucky to have such a vibrant horse racing industry in Ontario, with thousands of people working hard every day to make it a world-class sport.

When I made the decision to have a career in horse racing, I knew I was going to be part of something special.

Many years later, I know I still am.

You have to be all-in with horse racing. And that's why people are in it. You fall in love with the horses, the people and everyone that contributes to it. It's something I think of the moment I open my eyes each morning, right before I fall asleep, and every time I watch one of my horses line up behind the starting gate.

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An advertisement for 'Foal of the Week'. It features a central image of a brown foal with a white blaze on its face, standing against a background of radiating blue lines. Above the foal, the text 'HRU WANTS YOUR BEST FOAL PHOTOS FOR OUR NEW FEATURE' is written in a bold, stylized font. Below the foal, the text 'Foal of the Week' is written in a large, red, cursive font. At the bottom, there is a box containing the text 'SEND PHOTOS AND AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOAL & FAMILY AS POSSIBLE TO: DAVE BRIGGS · HRUEDITOR@GMAIL.COM'. To the right of this box is the HRU logo, which includes a silhouette of a horse and the text 'HRU HARNESS RACING UPDATE'.

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ALL NORTH AMERICAN TRACKS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - All Tracks

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
James Morrill Jr	22	9	41%	2	3	14	64%
Scott Knight	31	12	39%	6	5	23	74%
Guy Gagnon	28	11	39%	5	5	21	75%
Samuel Widger	29	11	38%	3	4	18	62%
Brady Galliers	11	4	36%	0	2	6	55%
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	116	41	35%	17	18	76	66%
Walter Hennessey	74	23	31%	14	13	50	68%
Marc St Louis Jr	26	8	31%	4	3	15	58%
Paul Langille	13	4	31%	1	2	7	54%
Michael Hennessy	42	12	29%	11	7	30	71%

Who's Hot - All Tracks

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Clyde Francis	7	6	86%	0	0	6	86%
David Carey	6	4	67%	0	0	4	67%
Jason Mitchell	5	3	60%	1	0	4	80%
Steven Cook	5	3	60%	0	1	4	80%
Jose Godínez	5	3	60%	1	0	4	80%
Douglas Dilloian Jr	7	4	57%	0	0	4	57%
Guy Gagnon	16	8	50%	3	2	13	81%
Leslie Givens	10	5	50%	2	0	7	70%
Nelson Willis	8	4	50%	3	0	7	88%
Thomas Miller	6	3	50%	0	0	3	50%

Who's Not - All Tracks

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jeremy Indof	30	0	0%	1	1	2	7%
Tyler Shehan	23	0	0%	2	1	3	13%
Bryce Brocklehurst	21	0	0%	3	1	4	19%
John Wagner	18	0	0%	3	2	5	28%
Blaine Chappell	18	0	0%	0	1	1	6%
Tylor Lough	17	0	0%	1	1	2	12%
Shane Taggart	17	0	0%	3	0	3	18%
John De Simone Jr	17	0	0%	0	2	2	12%
William Carter	17	0	0%	1	2	3	18%
Thomas Jackson	17	0	0%	2	0	2	12%

Who's Not - All Tracks

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jessie Pacheco	23	0	0%	2	3	5	22%
Kayne Kauffman	22	0	0%	0	2	2	9%
Patrick Shepherd	19	0	0%	2	1	3	16%
Sarena Evans	18	0	0%	3	2	5	28%
Andy Rickert	18	0	0%	1	1	2	11%
James Dunn	17	0	0%	1	1	2	12%
Nicholas Callahan	16	0	0%	2	2	4	25%
Gaston Lareau	16	0	0%	1	1	2	13%
Patrick Melloy Jr	16	0	0%	0	2	2	13%
Brent Bodor	16	0	0%	0	3	3	19%

DAYTON - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Dayton

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Brady Galliers	11	4	36%	0	2	6	55%
Trace Tetrick	87	20	23%	14	13	47	54%
Brett Miller	119	24	20%	19	17	60	50%
Joshua Sutton	101	15	15%	14	13	42	42%
Shawn Barker II	54	7	13%	4	2	13	24%
John De Long	31	4	13%	6	2	12	39%
Tyler Smith	107	12	11%	19	11	42	39%
Jason Brewer	36	4	11%	4	7	15	42%
Brandon Bates	28	3	11%	3	3	9	32%
Chris Presley	60	6	10%	6	5	17	28%

Who's Hot - Dayton

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Nelson Willis	8	4	50%	3	0	7	88%
Kris Hinchcliff	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Benjamin Davis	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Scott George	11	4	36%	3	1	8	73%
Ronald Burke	15	5	33%	4	1	10	67%
Thomas Blankenship	6	2	33%	1	1	4	67%
Jay Hochstetler	6	2	33%	0	2	4	67%
Timothy Maier	10	3	30%	0	2	5	50%
Ross Leonard	7	2	29%	1	0	3	43%
Art Gillum Jr	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%

Who's Not - Dayton

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Tylor Lough	17	0	0%	1	1	2	12%
Patrick Melloy Jr	14	0	0%	0	2	2	14%
Joseph Putnam	22	1	5%	3	3	7	32%
Kayne Kauffman	68	4	6%	4	8	16	24%
Austin Hanners	35	2	6%	0	3	5	14%
Cameron McCown	68	5	7%	10	6	21	31%
Trevor Smith	105	8	8%	11	11	30	29%
Jeremy Smith	78	6	8%	9	11	26	33%
Chris Page	46	4	9%	7	4	15	33%
Chris Presley	60	6	10%	6	5	17	28%

Who's Not - Dayton

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Kayne Kauffman	22	0	0%	0	2	2	9%
Patrick Melloy Jr	16	0	0%	0	2	2	13%
Kenneth Rucker	13	0	0%	2	1	3	23%
Robert Cook	12	0	0%	1	1	2	17%
Roy Murphy Jr	11	0	0%	1	2	3	27%
David Lough	11	0	0%	1	1	2	18%
Walter Haynes Jr	10	0	0%	0	3	3	30%
James Arledge	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Bobbie Brewer	7	0	0%	1	0	1	14%
James Atwell	7	0	0%	1	1	2	29%

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DOVER DOWNS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Dover Downs

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Bret Brittingham	10	3	30%	2	1	6	60%
Tim Tetrick	102	30	29%	24	9	63	62%
Montrell Teague	81	18	22%	8	14	40	49%
Victor Kirby	53	8	15%	9	3	20	38%
Dexter Dunn	28	4	14%	1	3	8	29%
Allan Davis	99	12	12%	12	18	42	42%
Andrew McCarthy	17	2	12%	4	3	9	53%
Patrick Berry	95	10	11%	10	11	31	33%
Arthur Stafford Jr	90	10	11%	11	10	31	34%
Anthony Morgan	85	9	11%	10	9	28	33%

Who's Hot - Dover Downs

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Clyde Francis	8	6	75%	0	0	6	75%
Leslie Givens	9	4	44%	2	0	6	67%
Scott Di Domenico	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Joshua Green	12	4	33%	1	2	7	58%
Victor Kirby	12	4	33%	3	1	8	67%
Donald Brittingham	6	2	33%	2	0	4	67%
Shane Long	10	3	30%	2	1	6	60%
Melvin Givens	21	6	29%	2	2	10	48%
Jeffrey Stafford	7	2	29%	0	1	3	43%
Charles Crissman Jr	36	10	28%	2	4	16	44%

Who's Not - Dover Downs

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Barton Dalious	14	0	0%	2	0	2	14%
Jonathan Roberts	22	1	5%	4	3	8	36%
Jason Thompson	14	1	7%	1	2	4	29%
Corey Callahan	90	7	8%	10	8	25	28%
Russell Foster	70	6	9%	8	10	24	34%
Ross Wolfenden	46	4	9%	5	13	22	48%
Michael Cole	72	7	10%	7	12	26	36%
Patrick Berry	95	10	11%	10	11	31	33%
Arthur Stafford Jr	90	10	11%	11	10	31	34%
Anthony Morgan	85	9	11%	10	9	28	33%

Who's Not - Dover Downs

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Nicholas Callahan	20	0	0%	2	2	4	20%
Brian Wright	16	0	0%	1	1	2	13%
Martin Davis	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
James Porter	12	0	0%	1	2	3	25%
Bryan Truitt	10	0	0%	3	0	3	30%
William Dalious	10	0	0%	1	0	1	10%
John Wilkerson	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Ryan Bailey	9	0	0%	0	1	1	11%
Robert Reeser	8	0	0%	0	2	2	25%
Brenda Teague	8	0	0%	2	2	4	50%

FLAMBORO - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Flamboro

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jean Plante	34	10	29%	7	5	22	65%
Ed Hensley	12	3	25%	3	0	6	50%
Nicholas Steward	19	4	21%	2	0	6	32%
Anthony Haughan	16	3	19%	1	3	7	44%
Scott Coulter	30	5	17%	5	3	13	43%
Daryl Thiessen	24	4	17%	1	1	6	25%
Travis Henry	74	11	15%	7	8	26	35%
Brett Macdonald	72	11	15%	10	8	29	40%
Paul Mackenzie	61	9	15%	8	10	27	44%
Travis Cullen	43	6	14%	8	7	21	49%

Who's Hot - Flamboro

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Vernon Cochrane	6	3	50%	0	1	4	67%
John Bax	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Sylvain Lacaille	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Jason Mitchell	5	2	40%	1	0	3	60%
Jean Plante	9	3	33%	3	3	9	100%
Thomas Riley	9	3	33%	1	1	5	56%
Caleb Stephens	6	2	33%	0	1	3	50%
Anita Ouellette	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%
Paul Mackenzie	11	3	27%	3	2	8	73%
Jodie Cullen	23	6	26%	5	3	14	61%

Who's Not - Flamboro

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Michael Whelan	12	0	0%	2	1	3	25%
Jason Ryan	50	2	4%	3	11	16	32%
Tyler Moore	39	2	5%	6	6	14	36%
Robert Shepherd	48	3	6%	3	5	11	23%
Pascal Berube	32	3	9%	3	7	13	41%
Austin Sorrie	54	6	11%	7	8	21	39%
Nicholas Boyd	33	4	12%	3	2	9	27%
Colin Kelly	61	8	13%	8	6	22	36%
Travis Cullen	43	6	14%	8	7	21	49%
Travis Henry	74	11	15%	7	8	26	35%

Who's Not - Flamboro

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Patrick Shepherd	12	0	0%	1	1	2	17%
Sheldon Rose	10	0	0%	2	1	3	30%
Paul Davies	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Dale Heard	8	0	0%	1	2	3	38%
Kenneth Oliver	8	0	0%	3	0	3	38%
Lyle Macarthur	7	0	0%	0	2	2	29%
Patrick Rouleau	7	0	0%	1	1	2	29%
David Holliday	7	0	0%	2	1	3	43%
Gary Kingshott	6	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Alan Fair	6	0	0%	0	0	0	0%

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FRASER DOWNS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Fraser Downs

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Scott Knight	76	24	32%	12	16	52	68%
Kelly Hoerd	42	10	24%	9	6	25	60%
Anthony Kerwood	65	14	22%	9	14	37	57%
Rod Therres	42	8	19%	9	3	20	48%
William Tainsh Jr	21	4	19%	3	5	12	57%
Richard Lancaster	12	2	17%	3	1	6	50%
Dennis Johnston	13	2	15%	3	2	7	54%
Glenn White	15	2	13%	5	0	7	47%
David Hudon	63	7	11%	11	10	28	44%
John Abbott	62	6	10%	6	12	24	39%

Who's Hot - Fraser Downs

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Kelly Hoerd	39	18	46%	8	7	33	85%
James Burke	8	3	38%	2	0	5	63%
Dennis Johnston	12	4	33%	1	3	8	67%
Andrew Baird	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%
Jennifer Sifert	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%
Rick White	8	2	25%	4	0	6	75%
Clinton Warrington Jr	26	6	23%	1	4	11	42%
Margaret White	18	4	22%	4	2	10	56%
Justin Currie	9	2	22%	3	1	6	67%
Paul Tolmazoff	14	3	21%	0	1	4	29%

Who's Not - Fraser Downs

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Travis Tracey	20	0	0%	2	2	4	20%
Blaine Chappell	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
John Vukelich	57	2	4%	2	6	10	18%
Garry Schedlosky	20	1	5%	2	2	5	25%
Robert Scrannage	18	1	6%	4	1	6	33%
John Abbott	62	6	10%	6	12	24	39%
Allan Molloy	48	5	10%	5	6	16	33%
David Hudon	63	7	11%	11	10	28	44%
Glenn White	15	2	13%	5	0	7	47%
Dennis Johnston	13	2	15%	3	2	7	54%

Who's Not - Fraser Downs

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Kenneth Dorman	25	0	0%	1	3	4	16%
Brent Bodor	14	0	0%	2	1	3	21%
Allan Molloy	11	0	0%	1	2	3	27%
Paul Urquhart	9	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Donna Cunningham	9	0	0%	1	2	3	33%
Jerome Bouvier	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Diana Davie	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Glenn White	7	0	0%	1	0	1	14%
Robert Galarneau	5	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Sandra Roberts	5	0	0%	0	2	2	40%



FREEHOLD - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Freehold

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
James Marohn Jr	76	20	26%	13	10	43	57%
Tyler Miller	43	10	23%	6	2	18	42%
Austin Siegelman	95	18	19%	14	10	42	44%
Eric Abbatiello	90	15	17%	12	18	45	50%
Mitchell Cushing	25	4	16%	3	1	8	32%
James Marshall Iii	84	10	12%	11	11	32	38%
Stephen Smith	89	9	10%	21	9	39	44%
Vincent Ginsburg	93	8	9%	10	12	30	32%
Luke Hanners	66	6	9%	6	12	24	36%
Leon Bailey	11	1	9%	3	0	4	36%

Who's Hot - Freehold

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Allie Reynolds	11	5	45%	2	3	10	91%
John Bavosi	7	3	43%	0	0	3	43%
Terry Morgan	10	4	40%	3	0	7	70%
Julie Miller	10	4	40%	1	0	5	50%
John Novello	8	3	38%	1	1	5	63%
Kenneth Tisa	10	3	30%	3	0	6	60%
Randolph Taft	7	2	29%	1	0	3	43%
Michael Fiumenero	7	2	29%	1	0	3	43%
Christopher Height	15	4	27%	0	1	5	33%
Alexandra Urbanski	8	2	25%	0	0	2	25%

Who's Not - Freehold

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Mark Sheridan	12	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Jack Pelling	44	2	5%	2	6	10	23%
Richard Bilach	20	1	5%	0	2	3	15%
Michael Pollio	13	1	8%	3	0	4	31%
Ray Baynes	12	1	8%	0	3	4	33%
Vincent Ginsburg	93	8	9%	10	12	30	32%
Luke Hanners	66	6	9%	6	12	24	36%
Leon Bailey	11	1	9%	3	0	4	36%
Stephen Smith	89	9	10%	21	9	39	44%
James Marshall Iii	84	10	12%	11	11	32	38%

Who's Not - Freehold

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
John Pyott	9	0	0%	0	2	2	22%
Dennis Watson	9	0	0%	0	2	2	22%
Kelvin Harrison	8	0	0%	1	3	4	50%
Karen Garland	8	0	0%	4	4	8	100%
Don Niccum	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%
Alfredo Collazo	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Joseph Eisenhower Sr	8	0	0%	0	2	2	25%
Mathew Aubin	8	0	0%	2	1	3	38%
Thomas Lail	8	0	0%	2	1	3	38%
Paul Stratton	8	0	0%	1	0	1	13%

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MEADOWLANDS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - The Meadowlands

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Dexter Dunn	112	26	23%	15	15	56	50%
Andy Miller	37	7	19%	1	4	12	32%
David Miller	81	13	16%	12	9	34	42%
Andrew Mccarthy	90	13	14%	13	13	39	43%
George Napolitano Jr	86	11	13%	6	8	25	29%
Todd Mccarthy	102	11	11%	15	8	34	33%
Yannick Gingras	101	9	9%	18	16	43	43%
Corey Callahan	67	6	9%	5	6	17	25%
Scott Zeron	65	6	9%	9	5	20	31%
Mark Macdonald	45	4	9%	1	7	12	27%

Who's Hot - The Meadowlands

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Julie Miller	6	4	67%	0	2	6	100%
Joseph Pavia Jr	6	2	33%	2	0	4	67%
Adrienne Hall	6	2	33%	2	0	4	67%
Vincent Stallworth	13	4	31%	0	0	4	31%
Christopher Ryder	10	3	30%	0	3	6	60%
Nancy Takter	14	4	29%	2	1	7	50%
Christopher Lakata	7	2	29%	1	1	4	57%
Janice Connor	8	2	25%	0	2	4	50%
Israel Estrada	8	2	25%	0	0	2	25%
Edwin Quevedo	22	5	23%	1	5	11	50%

Who's Not - The Meadowlands

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Vincent Ginsburg	19	0	0%	0	5	5	26%
Stephen Smith	15	0	0%	2	0	2	13%
Brian Sears	11	0	0%	1	1	2	18%
Anthony Napolitano	59	1	2%	8	7	16	27%
Marcus Miller	67	5	7%	3	5	13	19%
Simon Allard	53	4	8%	2	2	8	15%
Tim Tetric	24	2	8%	3	4	9	38%
Billy Dobson	13	1	8%	1	1	3	23%
Alek Chartrand	13	1	8%	1	0	2	15%
Yannick Gingras	101	9	9%	18	16	43	43%

Who's Not - The Meadowlands

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Paul Blumenfeld	16	0	0%	1	0	1	6%
Scott Di Domenico	16	0	0%	2	4	6	38%
Edward Sager	15	0	0%	0	2	2	13%
Steven Brabrook	15	0	0%	2	4	6	40%
Michael Posner	14	0	0%	4	1	5	36%
Amanda Kelley	12	0	0%	3	3	6	50%
Marissa Chadbourne	11	0	0%	0	1	1	9%
Richard Johnson	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Randolph Taft	9	0	0%	3	1	4	44%
Gary Levine	9	0	0%	1	2	3	33%

THE MEADOWS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - The Meadows

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	25	7	28%	3	4	14	56%
David Palone	104	22	21%	13	12	47	45%
Tony Hall	109	17	16%	18	14	49	45%
Wilbur Yoder	25	4	16%	1	6	11	44%
Brady Brown	97	15	15%	14	15	44	45%
Aaron Merriman	78	12	15%	16	9	37	47%
Dan Rawlings	101	13	13%	15	7	35	35%
James Pantaleano	84	9	11%	16	13	38	45%
Ridge Warren	76	8	11%	6	9	23	30%
Aaron Johnston	10	1	10%	1	1	3	30%

Who's Hot - The Meadows

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Shawn Johnston	6	3	50%	1	1	5	83%
Joelene Christman	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Kevin Johnson	14	5	36%	1	3	9	64%
Brandon Presto	23	8	35%	4	4	16	70%
Richard Magee	6	2	33%	0	0	2	33%
Brady Jensen	14	4	29%	3	2	9	64%
Paul Kennedy	7	2	29%	2	0	4	57%
Ronald Burke	62	16	26%	8	6	30	48%
James Rothfuss	8	2	25%	0	0	2	25%
Jason Robinson	8	2	25%	0	4	6	75%

Who's Not - The Meadows

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jeremy Indof	36	0	0%	2	3	5	14%
Bryce Brocklehurst	27	0	0%	5	2	7	26%
Hunter Myers	11	0	0%	2	3	5	45%
Christopher Shaw	93	2	2%	2	3	7	8%
Brian Zendt	49	4	8%	2	9	15	31%
Daniel Charlino	37	3	8%	4	2	9	24%
Aaron Johnston	10	1	10%	1	1	3	30%
James Pantaleano	84	9	11%	16	13	38	45%
Ridge Warren	76	8	11%	6	9	23	30%
Dan Rawlings	101	13	13%	15	7	35	35%

Who's Not - The Meadows

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Marcus Marashian	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
Peter Stratton	12	0	0%	2	0	2	17%
Karen Fread	12	0	0%	4	0	4	33%
Michael Brocklehurst	11	0	0%	2	2	4	36%
Angela Porfilio	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Neil Balcerak	10	0	0%	4	1	5	50%
Ashley Brown	9	0	0%	0	1	1	11%
Lonnie Graber	9	0	0%	2	0	2	22%
William Provost	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Gerald Lee Jr	8	0	0%	1	0	1	13%

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MOHAWK PARK - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Mohawk Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Sylvain Filion	88	20	23%	16	8	44	50%
James Macdonald	84	17	20%	8	9	34	40%
Douglas Mcnair	88	16	18%	11	12	39	44%
Ed Hensley	18	3	17%	0	2	5	28%
Michiel Vanderkemp	12	2	17%	2	2	6	50%
Bob McClure	41	6	15%	5	6	17	41%
Jody Jamieson	73	8	11%	8	10	26	36%
Jonathan Drury	66	6	9%	10	9	25	38%
Robert Shepherd	22	2	9%	1	2	5	23%
Paul Macdonell	11	1	9%	2	3	6	55%

Who's Hot - Mohawk Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Donald Lindsey	15	8	53%	1	3	12	80%
Mark McKinnon	6	3	50%	2	0	5	83%
Benjamin Wallace	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Meg Crone	7	2	29%	0	1	3	43%
Dagfin Henriksen	7	2	29%	2	0	4	57%
Shawn Steacy	8	2	25%	0	1	3	38%
Ashleigh Hensley	13	3	23%	0	1	4	31%
Alan Fair	5	1	20%	0	0	1	20%
Craig Gilmour	5	1	20%	0	1	2	40%
Colin Johnson	5	1	20%	0	0	1	20%

Who's Not - Mohawk Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Michael Saftic	17	0	0%	3	0	3	18%
Mario Baillargeon	10	0	0%	1	1	2	20%
Scott Young	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Chris Christoforou	46	1	2%	7	3	11	24%
Phillippe Hudon	36	1	3%	3	6	10	28%
Travis Cullen	50	2	4%	5	5	12	24%
J Harris	26	1	4%	1	2	4	15%
Trevor Henry	88	4	5%	3	6	13	15%
Louis-Philippe Roy	89	5	6%	13	11	29	33%
Jonathan Drury	66	6	9%	10	9	25	38%

Who's Not - Mohawk Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Herbert Holland	14	0	0%	1	0	1	7%
Robert Fellows	14	0	0%	3	3	6	43%
Blake Macintosh	10	0	0%	3	2	5	50%
Anthony Montini	9	0	0%	2	3	5	56%
Jason Ryan	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Patrick Shepherd	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Scott West	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
David Brown	8	0	0%	0	1	1	13%
Chantal Mitchell	8	0	0%	3	1	4	50%
Kevin Benn	7	0	0%	1	1	2	29%



MONTICELLO - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Monticello

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Michael Merton	72	19	26%	11	11	41	57%
Justin Huckabone	12	3	25%	0	1	4	33%
Gregory Merton	55	11	20%	11	10	32	58%
Leon Bailey	11	2	18%	3	0	5	45%
Jay Randall	12	2	17%	0	2	4	33%
Bruce Aldrich Jr	93	15	16%	15	8	38	41%
Cory Stratton	82	12	15%	10	13	35	43%
James Devaux	84	12	14%	15	18	45	54%
Jim Taggart Jr	90	11	12%	13	18	42	47%
McGwire Sowers	82	7	9%	10	7	24	29%

Who's Hot - Monticello

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Justin Sodano	5	3	60%	1	0	4	80%
Justin Huckabone	7	3	43%	0	0	3	43%
Candace Brandstatter	10	4	40%	1	0	5	50%
Peter Tritton	5	2	40%	1	0	3	60%
Kyle Spagnola	5	2	40%	2	1	5	100%
Andrew Adamczyk	13	5	38%	4	1	10	77%
William Parker Jr	8	3	38%	1	0	4	50%
Christopher Petrelli	8	3	38%	2	1	6	75%
Robert Harmon	14	5	36%	2	2	9	64%
Mark Ford	10	3	30%	3	0	6	60%

Who's Not - Monticello

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
John De Simone Jr	20	0	0%	0	3	3	15%
Shane Taggart	19	0	0%	3	0	3	16%
Kyle Dibenedetto	58	2	3%	6	6	14	24%
McGwire Sowers	82	7	9%	10	7	24	29%
Renaldo Morales Iii	56	5	9%	3	5	13	23%
Jim Taggart Jr	90	11	12%	13	18	42	47%
James Devaux	84	12	14%	15	18	45	54%
Cory Stratton	82	12	15%	10	13	35	43%
Bruce Aldrich Jr	93	15	16%	15	8	38	41%
Jay Randall	12	2	17%	0	2	4	33%

Who's Not - Monticello

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Bruce Aldrich	13	0	0%	0	2	2	15%
Keith Haase	9	0	0%	1	0	1	11%
Hannah Miller	9	0	0%	0	1	1	11%
Frank Yanoti	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Joseph Nassimos	8	0	0%	2	1	3	38%
Joseph Moeykens	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%
Robin Di Benedetto	8	0	0%	2	2	4	50%
Raheim Strong	7	0	0%	0	1	1	14%
Mike Doherty	6	0	0%	0	1	1	17%
Shane Taggart	6	0	0%	2	0	2	33%

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NORTHFIELD PARK - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Northfield Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Samuel Widger	29	11	38%	3	4	18	62%
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	91	34	37%	14	14	62	68%
Aaron Merriman	108	17	16%	24	18	59	55%
Christopher Lems	113	17	15%	14	9	40	35%
Justin Irvine	14	2	14%	1	3	6	43%
Jason Thompson	56	6	11%	3	6	15	27%
Greg Grismore	94	9	10%	17	12	38	40%
Chris Page	49	5	10%	7	8	20	41%
Thomas Tharps Jr	40	4	10%	1	3	8	20%
Luke Ebersole	39	4	10%	3	4	11	28%

Who's Hot - Northfield Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Ronald Burke	29	11	38%	3	5	19	66%
Sean Smithpeters	12	4	33%	0	2	6	50%
Betty Clegg	28	8	29%	4	3	15	54%
Rosy Weaver	7	2	29%	3	1	6	86%
Marion Chupp	18	5	28%	3	2	10	56%
James Lupton	11	3	27%	2	2	7	64%
Sean Mapes	11	3	27%	2	0	5	45%
C Loney	29	7	24%	8	4	19	66%
Vernon Beachy	21	5	24%	3	0	8	38%
Charles Taylor	9	2	22%	0	2	4	44%

Who's Not - Northfield Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Patrick Beeler	13	0	0%	1	1	2	15%
Robin Miller	11	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
David Lake	70	1	1%	5	2	8	11%
Hunter Myers	81	3	4%	7	10	20	25%
Donald Irvine Jr	20	1	5%	2	0	3	15%
Nick Clegg	20	1	5%	3	4	8	40%
Tony Hall	16	1	6%	0	2	3	19%
Kurt Sugg	128	10	8%	17	22	49	38%
Ryan Stahl	118	9	8%	14	10	33	28%
Keith Kash Jr	69	6	9%	6	9	21	30%

Who's Not - Northfield Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Sarena Evans	18	0	0%	3	2	5	28%
Andy Rickert	15	0	0%	1	1	2	13%
B Umholtz	13	0	0%	5	1	6	46%
Crist Hershberger	12	0	0%	0	2	2	17%
Gregory Bateson	11	0	0%	1	2	3	27%
James Stiltner II	11	0	0%	2	1	3	27%
Raymond Farmer	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
John Wengerd	9	0	0%	1	1	2	22%
Calvin Hollar	8	0	0%	0	2	2	25%
Thomas O'donnell	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Harrah's Philadelphia

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Tim Tetrick	71	18	25%	5	6	29	41%
George Napolitano Jr	103	22	21%	17	17	56	54%
Yannick Gingras	70	14	20%	12	5	31	44%
Anthony Napolitano	36	7	19%	4	3	14	39%
Dexter Dunn	49	9	18%	3	10	22	45%
Joseph Bongiorno	30	5	17%	6	3	14	47%
David Miller	74	12	16%	16	15	43	58%
Andrew McCarthy	67	10	15%	13	11	34	51%
Todd McCarthy	97	11	11%	12	15	38	39%
Simon Allard	88	10	11%	11	17	38	43%

Who's Hot - Harrah's Philadelphia

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Darren Taneyhill	18	10	56%	3	2	15	83%
Steven Cook	7	3	43%	1	1	5	71%
Jenny Melander	10	4	40%	1	2	7	70%
Thomas Fanning	5	2	40%	1	0	3	60%
Mike Watson	5	2	40%	0	1	3	60%
Eli Scott Jr	9	3	33%	0	1	4	44%
Anette Lorentzon	9	3	33%	1	1	5	56%
Mark Silva	6	2	33%	0	0	2	33%
Stacy Chiodo	6	2	33%	1	0	3	50%
Dylan Davis	6	2	33%	1	1	4	67%

Who's Not - Harrah's Philadelphia

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
William Carter	19	0	0%	1	2	3	16%
Patrick Lachance	12	0	0%	1	2	3	25%
Chase Vandervort	11	0	0%	1	1	2	18%
Ray Baynes	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Anthony Morgan	53	3	6%	11	5	19	36%
Patrick Berry	33	2	6%	2	2	6	18%
Vincent Ginsburg	13	1	8%	5	1	7	54%
Marcus Miller	99	10	10%	11	12	33	33%
Todd McCarthy	97	11	11%	12	15	38	39%
Simon Allard	88	10	11%	11	17	38	43%

Who's Not - Harrah's Philadelphia

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Ray Baynes	13	0	0%	0	1	1	8%
Clifton Green	12	0	0%	0	3	3	25%
Mark Akins	12	0	0%	2	3	5	42%
Jill Roland	9	0	0%	0	1	1	11%
Frank Ingrassia	8	0	0%	2	1	3	38%
James Guagliardo	8	0	0%	0	1	1	13%
Arthur Brewer II	8	0	0%	1	0	1	13%
Timothy Lancaster	8	0	0%	0	2	2	25%
Bruce Lauer	7	0	0%	0	1	1	14%
Ervin Miller	7	0	0%	3	1	4	57%

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POMPAÑO PARK - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Pompano Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Walter Hennessey	74	23	31%	14	13	50	68%
Kevin Wallis	50	9	18%	11	4	24	48%
Michael Simons	58	10	17%	10	4	24	41%
Richard Macomber Jr	23	4	17%	5	5	14	61%
Kenneth Holliday	18	3	17%	2	1	6	33%
Richard Plano	42	6	14%	4	5	15	36%
Andy Shetler	23	3	13%	3	2	8	35%
John Macdonald	57	7	12%	7	10	24	42%
James Meitinis	17	2	12%	0	1	3	18%
Andrew Santeramo	17	2	12%	2	1	5	29%

Who's Hot - Pompano Park

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Kelly Paver	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Jake Huff	21	7	33%	6	1	14	67%
Trent Stohler	6	2	33%	1	1	4	67%
Walter Hennessey	6	2	33%	2	0	4	67%
Marie Dupont	7	2	29%	2	0	4	57%
Myles Mc Nichol	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%
Michael Simons	15	4	27%	2	2	8	53%
Casandra Uppal	12	3	25%	3	2	8	67%
Dennis Whittemore	8	2	25%	0	0	2	25%
Devan Miller	8	2	25%	1	3	6	75%

Who's Not - Pompano Park

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Tyler Shehan	23	0	0%	2	1	3	13%
Thomas Jackson	17	0	0%	2	0	2	12%
Fernand Paquet Jr	15	0	0%	0	1	1	7%
Samuel King	11	0	0%	1	3	4	36%
Alessandro Spano	10	0	0%	0	3	3	30%
Corey Braden	23	1	4%	1	4	6	26%
David Ingraham	50	3	6%	3	6	12	24%
Joseph Chindano Jr	36	2	6%	4	8	14	39%
Bryce Fenn	16	1	6%	1	1	3	19%
Joseph Sanzeri	16	1	6%	3	0	4	25%

Who's Not - Pompano

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
James Dunn	17	0	0%	1	1	2	12%
Gaston Lareau	16	0	0%	1	1	2	13%
Tony Dinges	15	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Margaret Audley	12	0	0%	1	1	2	17%
Normand Dessureault	8	0	0%	4	0	4	50%
Bryce Fenn	8	0	0%	1	0	1	13%
Rob Rittorf	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Stacey McLenaghan	8	0	0%	0	2	2	25%
L Gilmour	8	0	0%	1	1	2	25%
Paul Holzman	7	0	0%	0	3	3	43%



WESTERN FAIR - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Western Fair

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Douglas Mcnair	21	9	43%	2	3	14	67%
Marc St Louis Jr	26	8	31%	4	3	15	58%
Anthony Haughan	10	3	30%	1	0	4	40%
Austin Sorrie	56	15	27%	11	6	32	57%
Travis Henry	68	14	21%	10	10	34	50%
Colin Kelly	36	7	19%	9	3	19	53%
Brett Macdonald	71	12	17%	9	9	30	42%
Daryl Thiesen	56	9	16%	7	10	26	46%
Paul Mackenzie	38	5	13%	6	5	16	42%
Garrett Rooney	50	6	12%	4	8	18	36%

Who's Hot - Western Fair

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Danielle St Louis	19	9	47%	2	0	11	58%
Trevin Shive	5	2	40%	0	0	2	40%
Peter Brickman	6	2	33%	1	1	4	67%
Ronald Macdonald	7	2	29%	1	0	3	43%
Jeff Graham	7	2	29%	0	2	4	57%
Stewart McQueen	7	2	29%	2	0	4	57%
Joseph Shaw	7	2	29%	0	2	4	57%
Lindsey Kerr	20	5	25%	3	3	11	55%
Daryl Roberts	8	2	25%	0	1	3	38%
Dennis Morrissey	8	2	25%	0	3	5	63%

Who's Not - Western Fair

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Michael Horner	15	0	0%	2	3	5	33%
Scott Wray	58	3	5%	4	10	17	29%
Lorne House	57	3	5%	8	6	17	30%
Natasha Day	22	1	5%	1	2	4	18%
Nicholas Steward	35	2	6%	3	2	7	20%
Donald Rankin Jr	17	1	6%	1	4	6	35%
Preston Shaw	17	1	6%	2	1	4	24%
Andy Moore	30	2	7%	6	7	15	50%
Ross Battin	14	1	7%	3	0	4	29%
Tyler Borth	80	8	10%	7	8	23	29%

Who's Not - Western Fair

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Jack Wray	16	0	0%	0	4	4	25%
Gordon McDonnell	15	0	0%	1	4	5	33%
John Yake	13	0	0%	1	2	3	23%
Jeffrey Obrien	11	0	0%	0	3	3	27%
Larry Fitzsimmons	10	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Mark Horner	9	0	0%	2	3	5	56%
Terry Gallant	9	0	0%	1	2	3	33%
John Kennedy	9	0	0%	1	2	3	33%
Jeffrey Williamson	9	0	0%	0	2	2	22%
William Moore	8	0	0%	1	2	3	38%

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YONKERS - WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Who's Hot - Yonkers

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
George Brennan	50	13	26%	6	5	24	48%
Jordan Stratton	80	18	23%	8	14	40	50%
Matthew Kakaley	71	15	21%	10	4	29	41%
Mark Macdonald	16	3	19%	1	0	4	25%
Brent Holland	54	8	15%	6	11	25	46%
Joseph Bongiorno	53	8	15%	10	7	25	47%
Jason Bartlett	89	11	12%	14	12	37	42%
Daniel Dube	57	7	12%	8	10	25	44%
James Marohn Jr	72	6	8%	10	7	23	32%
Patrick Lachance	12	1	8%	4	1	6	50%

Who's Hot - Yonkers

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Thomas Fanning	6	3	50%	0	0	3	50%
Douglas Dilloian Jr	6	3	50%	0	0	3	50%
Peter Tritton	9	3	33%	0	2	5	56%
Brandon Todd	6	2	33%	0	1	3	50%
Travis Alexander	10	3	30%	1	1	5	50%
Carl Tirella	7	2	29%	0	0	2	29%
Jackie Greene	11	3	27%	2	1	6	55%
Scott Di Domenico	27	7	26%	1	2	10	37%
Williams Hernandez	13	3	23%	0	3	6	46%
Lance Hudson	18	4	22%	2	4	10	56%

Who's Not - Yonkers

Drivers (min. 10 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Scott Zeron	46	1	2%	6	9	16	35%
Austin Siegelman	74	2	3%	10	9	21	28%
Larry Stalbaum	20	1	5%	0	2	3	15%
Tyler Buter	30	2	7%	5	3	10	33%
James Marohn Jr	72	6	8%	10	7	23	32%
Patrick Lachance	12	1	8%	4	1	6	50%
Jason Bartlett	89	11	12%	14	12	37	42%
Daniel Dube	57	7	12%	8	10	25	44%
Brent Holland	54	8	15%	6	11	25	46%
Joseph Bongiorno	53	8	15%	10	7	25	47%

Who's Not - Yonkers

Trainers (min. 5 starts)	Starts	Win	Win %	Plc	Shw	WPS	WPS %
Robert Harmon	22	0	0%	5	1	6	27%
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	13	0	0%	3	1	4	31%
Kenneth Koch	9	0	0%	2	1	3	33%
Thomas Corelli	8	0	0%	1	0	1	13%
Andrew Sardella	8	0	0%	0	2	2	25%
Sheena McElhiney	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Justin Sodano	6	0	0%	1	2	3	50%
Michael Forte	5	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Paul Fusco	5	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Anita Vallee	5	0	0%	0	0	0	0%

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Program available for today's TheStable.ca Virtual Winter Open House

An 86-page program is now available for TheStable.ca Virtual Winter Open House. The event will be delivered via livestream starting this morning (Dec. 18) at 10 a.m. EST.

The program is available at www.thestable.ca/openhouse

The livestream is available at <https://bit.ly/WatchTheStableLive> or on TheStable.ca Facebook page or YouTube channel.

The Open House will showcase many of the engaging features of the award-winning fractional horse racing ownership operation, including its bi-weekly live streaming video broadcasts of the horses in training.

Forty-seven yearlings will be shown jogging in eight sets throughout the event, captured by drone camera and presented with graphics and commentary.

The event is free but an RSVP is requested. Those who RSVP will be eligible to win one of nine prizes awarded between sets. The RSVP form includes an option to provide a donation (of any amount) for the Ontario Standardbred Adoption Society. The donation unlocks eligibility to win a 10th prize – a one per cent share of U Gotta Be Leaf and free monthly fees for one year. Among the yearling colt's current owners in TheStable.ca are NHL and Toronto Maple leaf alumni Doug Gilmour, Rick Vaive and Shayne Corson.

The trio will be featured on the Open House broadcast and will announce the name of the prize winner.

— Kelly Spencer / TheStable.ca

\$335,940 Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout Saturday at Woodbine Mohawk Park

It's the time for giving and Woodbine Mohawk Park is

treating horseplayers to a Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout this Saturday night (Dec. 19).

The Jackpot Hi-5 carryover sits at \$335,940.32 heading into the mandatory payout.

An overflow field of 11 overnight pacers will clash in the Jackpot Hi-5 race, which is set as Race 11 (post time approximately 11:10 p.m.) The field for the non-winners of \$5,200 last five or \$10,000 last 10 starts event is a collection of the "weekly warriors" that can be seen regularly at the Campbellville oval.

Eight-year-old Rockin In Heaven has been installed as the 3-1 morning-line choice in the \$18,000 race. The Teesha Symes trainee is nearing \$1 million in career earnings and comes in off a narrow defeat. J Harris will drive.

The Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout field is stacked with back-class. The field includes multiple Preferred winners, two horses with over \$820,000 in career earnings, seven with over \$250,000 in career earnings and six with a career-mark of sub-1:50.

Woodbine Mohawk Park has had several Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payouts this season, including \$1.1 million in "new money" wagered on an Aug. 29 payout. Just a month later, horseplayers wagered \$736,188 on a Sept. 26 payout.

The record amount for "new money" wagered on Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout at Woodbine Mohawk Park is \$2.8 million, set in May of 2019.

The Jackpot Hi-5 wager requires horseplayers to select the top-five finishers in order. The wager has a 15 per cent takeout and \$0.20 minimum.

Race handicapping resources, including free programs, can be found by visiting www.WoodbineMohawkPark.com. Horseplayers can watch and wager on the action through www.HPIBet.com.

Post time for Saturday's 11-race card is 7 p.m.

The full field for the Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout race is listed below:

Race 11 – Saturday, December 19, 2020 – Purse: \$18,000

NW \$5,200 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$10,000 LAST 10 STARTS.

AE: NOT AVERAGING \$1,100

PER START IN 2020. (MIN 10 STARTS)

(Post – Horse – Driver – Trainer – Morning Line)

1 **Dreamy Fella** – Jonathan Drury – Carmen Auciello – 15-1

2 **Mach Code** – Scott Young – Jeffrey Thomson – 10-1

3 **Rootin Tootin** – Bob McClure – Blake MacIntosh – 9-2

4 **Heavenly Sound** – Sylvain Filion – Stephane Larocque – 6-1

- 5 **Rockin In Heaven** – J Harris – Teesha Symes – 3-1
6 **Tigers Way** – James MacDonald – Martin Lachance – 8-1
7 **Sams A Champ A** – Louis-Philippe Roy – Taylor Fritz – 7-2
8 **Dreamfair Moxy** – Travis Cullen – Jodie Cullen – 4-1
9 **Osborne Seelster** – Jody Jamieson – Ted MacDonnell – 15-1
10 **Casimir Richie P** – Trevor Henry – Teesha Symes – 15-1
11 **American Virgin** – Doug McNair – Richard Moreau – 8-1
– *Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications*

Anthony Perretti buys farm

Anthony Perretti has purchased a 64-acre site in New Jersey just off exit 11 at Interstate 195 that used to be part of the White Birch Farms acreage.

“Michael Parisi raised many world champions in these fields Bob (Marks) and I hope to do the same,” Perretti said. “We have 64 acres, a spacious barn, plus three large fields with run in sheds and several smaller paddocks to accommodate turnouts.”

Since the closure of his father’s Perretti Farms about a mile down the road on route 526, Anthony Perretti has been active as a director of trot-pac for the SBOA of New Jersey and was a contributing factor in the newly installed New Jersey State subsidy for horse racing at The Meadowlands, and Monmouth Park. The new entity will be known as Anthony Perretti Farm.

– *Bob Marks*

Ontario horses must be enrolled in EIPH program

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) reminds horsepeople that to be eligible to race in Ontario, horses must be enrolled in (or opted out of) the Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH) program.

This includes horses coming from out of the province that have been racing on furosemide and are entered to race in Ontario without furosemide. These horses must opt-out of the Ontario EIPH Program by the time of entry.

To add a horse to (or remove a horse from) the EIPH Program, the trainer/owner/assistant trainer/veterinarian must submit the [EIPH Authorization Form](#) as an online regulatory submission at www.agco.ca/iAGCO. Horses coming from outside the province can opt-out of the EIPH program without the signature of a veterinarian.

To learn more about how to make a regulatory submission

[watch this helpful video.](#)

To ensure your horse is eligible to race, you are advised to go online and make your regulatory submission several days before you enter a horse. A regulatory submission must be made to enroll in the EIPH Program by time of entry.

Note: A regulatory submission is not required for horses that are already on the Ontario EIPH program and wish to remain on the program. You can use the online Horse Search feature on iAGCO to see if a horse is currently on the EIPH program.

All horses coming from outside of Ontario are automatically enrolled in the EIPH program if their last start (outside Ontario) was on an EIPH program. If the trainer wishes to race the horse without furosemide, a regulatory submission must be made by time of entry.

A certified horse must remain on the EIPH Program for 100 days calculated from the date of its initial or most recent certification.

For all transactions on iAGCO (including regulatory submissions) you will need a one-time access code. This access code is attached to your license and is sent to you in the mail or can be requested through the AGCO Help Desk Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at 416-326-8700 or toll free at 1-800-522-2876. You may also ask your AGCO licensing agent to help you obtain your access code, in person or via email at racinglicensing@agco.ca.

– *AGCO*

Ron Burke and Chris Page take 2020 Kaltenbach Honors

Trainer Ron Burke and driver Chris Page have captured the 2020 Kaltenbach titles for the second consecutive season.

The Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial Trophies were established in 1988 and are awarded annually to the driver and trainer who have earned the most dollars competing in Ohio Sires Stakes events in a single season.

Burke captured his third Kaltenbach training title in 2020, sending 95 youngsters postward in the 2020 Ohio Sires Stakes (OHSS) legs, championships, and consolations. His total money earnings from these OHSS events were \$1,392,500, surpassing his 2019 totals of \$1,121,50 in OHSS earnings.

Burke had captured the 2014 Kaltenbach crown with \$428,750 in OHSS earnings and was runner-up in 2018, before winning the 2019 title. This year his impressive assortment of 2- and 3-year-old pacers and trotters scored

20 wins, 19 seconds and six third place finishes in OHSS competition.

Finishing in the runner-up spot was conditioner Chris Beaver with \$791,600 in OHSS earnings with a 12-12-12 record from 79 starts, while trainer Virgil Morgan, Jr., had a 12-3-1 record in 29 starts, amassing \$508,500 in OHSS earnings.

A total of 130 trainers participated in the 2020 OHSS events, with eight earning between \$100,000 and \$300,000, and four conditioning the winners of \$360,700 or more. A full 56 trained the winners of \$10,000 to \$100,000, while 34 trainers saw their charges earn between \$2,000 and \$9,999.

Page captured the 2020 Kaltenbach title for the fifth time in seven years and for the second straight season. Page piloted 91 starters who scored 18 wins, 17 seconds and seven third to \$1,179,300 in earnings. Last year he had a 23-9-11 record from 94 starts and \$1,085,100 in earnings.

Brett Miller was second in command for the second straight season, with 16 wins, 14 seconds and eight thirds (\$1,068,600), while Danny Noble garnered a 10-10-8 record (\$764,900) from 55 OSS starts.

Of the 54 drivers who participated in the 2020 OHSS events, 44 garnered at least one purse check; 13 notched earnings of \$100,000 or more; ten earned \$200,000 or more; and six earned \$400,000 or better. There were 17 drivers whose OHSS purse checks totaled between \$10,000 and \$100,000, while 14 amassed \$9,999 or less.

In the 30 years the Kaltenbachs have been awarded, David Miller leads all drivers with seven trophies. In the training ranks, Virgil Morgan, Jr., has captured the title six times. Only two horsemen have won the Kaltenbachs in both the training and driving categories – Sam “Chip” Noble, III and Dave Rankin.

—*Kimberly Rinker / Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Administrator*

Batavia Downs handle skyrocketed during 2020 meet

Despite the many challenges faced in every aspect of the business from day one right through the final race due to the global pandemic, Batavia Downs was able to race safely throughout the duration of its dates and just completed one of its most successful meets with regards to nightly handle.

“The 2020 season was a rousing success because all parties involved in the racing product worked together to insure the health and safety of everyone on the grounds at

all times,” said Todd Haight, director/general manager of live racing at Batavia Downs. “With the help and cooperation of the New York State Gaming Commission and the Western New York Harness Horsemen’s Association headed by Bruce Tubin, we were able to formulate a safety plan that got us through the entire meet without incident. That in turn allowed us to engage our customers with quality racing all year and put up record breaking betting numbers despite the absence of a live crowd. That is an accomplishment that all of our racing participants should be proud of.”

Henry F. Wojtaszek, president and CEO of Batavia Downs added, “I am very pleased with another flawless race season at the Downs as everyone pulled together to ensure the facility was safe for our horsemen and horse women, staff and customers. Safety during COVID was our number one goal while still offering a fun, family-oriented and exciting harness racing atmosphere.”

Despite racing 21 fewer dates than 2019, bataviabets.com, the online betting arm of Western Regional Off Track Betting (WROTB), saw a huge 67 per cent increase in total handle on Batavia Downs and the nightly handle average saw a spectacular 151 per cent increase during the 42-night schedule. The increase exhibited the strong following the track has via its export signal customers and their taking advantage of the generous monthly rewards of up to 8 per cent on their wagers through the bataviabets.com wagering platform.

Another contributing factor was the United States Trotting Association’s Strategic Wagering Program that Batavia frequently utilized during the meet. It helped expose the product to a greater audience through free program pages and enhanced betting pools and the track saw major handle increases on nights where the Strategic Wagers were offered.

The OTB handle which includes Batavia bets and our EZ-Bets rose by 52 per cent, the track’s export handle grew by 35 per cent and the total betting that included only very limited on-track betting in the clubhouse rose by 21 per cent.

Scott P. Kiedrowski, vice-president of operations said “We are thrilled with our numbers for the 2020 meet here at Batavia Downs. All of our staff did exceptional work under the most difficult circumstances.”

Haight added it was a record total betting number since WROTB reopened the track in 2002.

The dash winning driver of the meet was Jim Morrill Jr. who notched his third driving title at the Downs. In 408 starts Morrill won 102 races with 72 seconds and 53 thirds for a

.391 UDR and winnings of \$507,686 for the meet. Morrill also scored his 7,500th career victory at the Downs this past November.

Finishing second was Billy Davis Jr. who had 486 starts with 91 wins, 87 seconds and 54 thirds and \$422,477 in purses and Drew Monti who had 404 starts with 75 wins, 71 seconds and 62 thirds with \$374,608 in earnings rounded out the top three.

The dash winning trainer of the meet was Gerry Sarama who captured his first conditioning title at Batavia. Not only did he win 64 races, finish second 36 times and third 28 more for winnings of \$286,068, Sarama also registered career training win 1,000 at Batavia this year.

Shawn McDonough was second with 31 wins, 24 seconds and 39 thirds out of 214 starts with \$138,544 in purses and Maria Rice was third with 30 wins, 30 seconds and 20 thirds from 174 starts and \$184,833 in winnings.

Upon approval from the New York State Gaming Commission, live racing will resume at Batavia Downs on Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

— *Tim Bojarski for Batavia Downs*

Deadline rapidly approaching for Caretaker of the Year nominations

The deadline for nominations for the 2020 Caretaker of the Year, sponsored by Art Zubrod and Leah Cheverie's Fair Island Farm in conjunction with the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), is nearing on Monday (Dec. 21). The Fair Island Farm Caretaker of the Year Award recognizes the unsung heroes of the sport — the caretakers who maintain the health and welfare of the horses on a daily basis.

Any caretaker working for any stable or farm in North America is eligible to be the Fair Island Farm Caretaker of the Year. All that is needed to nominate is a letter or email, 200 words minimum, from an individual or group detailing the skills and special qualities of the caretaker.

"Leah and I were very honored to continue the tradition of recognizing the outstanding caretaker of the year last year and we look forward to again rewarding an exceptional individual this year," said Zubrod. "While the racing season may have been altered a bit with the covid-19 pandemic, caretakers continued to work as hard as ever. A caretaker's work is important to the success of not only the horse, but the entire stable."

The Fair Island Farm 2020 Caretaker of the Year will receive a cash prize of \$500 and a trophy that will include a

photo of the winning caretaker and a favorite horse.

"In 2020, caretakers have had to endure and persevere in spite of the overwhelming obstacles associated with the pandemic," said USHWA president Kim Rinker. "These folks are the backbone of our industry and have seen to it that racing has continued to not only survive, but thrive, in these troubled times. This award is a shout-out to grooms across North America and beyond who dutifully care for their equine athletes."

All nomination letters and emails must be received and/or postmarked by Monday, Dec. 21, 2020, and sent to committee chairman Tim Bojarski at a159star@gmail.com or mailed to Tim Bojarski, 7523 Maple Road, Akron, NY, 14001. With the deadline near, it is recommended to email all nomination letters at this point.

The winner will be chosen by a seven-person selection committee comprised of USHWA members, all of whom are former caretakers: Bojarski, Tom Charters, Moira Fanning, Dean Hoffman, Rob Pennington, Kim Rinker, and Shawn Wiles.

— **USHWA**

2021 Harness Horse Youth Foundation scholarship applications available

Applications are now available for the two scholarships offered by the Harness Horse Youth Foundation. Completed applications are not due until April 30, but early submission is encouraged. Log on to <https://www.hhyf.org/hhyf-scholarships.html> to access the applications and each scholarship's eligibility requirements and general information.

The HHYF scholarships are the \$2,500 Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship for students who have demonstrated a passion for harness racing and have financial need; and the \$1,000 Sweet Karen Scholarship for alumni of HHYF Summer Programs. HHYF has awarded over \$630,000 in scholarship grants since 1976.

The HHYF website also provides a comprehensive listing of harness racing-related scholarships available through other sources, which is frequently updated. That list is available at <https://www.hhyf.org/industry-scholarships.html>.

Executive Director Ellen Taylor will be happy to answer specific questions regarding the HHYF scholarships and/or the listing of racing-related scholarships. She may be contacted by email ellen@hhyf.org or by phone 317-908-0029.

— *Ken Weingartner on behalf of HHYF*




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RACE RESULTS - SUNDAY

NORTHFIELD PARK *report*

Sunday's Results:

10, Nfld, \$15,000, Trot, OPEN, 27.3, 57.1, 1:26.1, 1:56.0, SY

1-Workintonbroadway (g, 4, Broadway Hall--Working Girl, by Ken Warkentin) \$7,500, \$20,000 2017 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 56-15-13-11, \$168,362
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Way To Win Farms LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

2-Wind Of The North (g, 10, Cantab Hall--Talk To The Wind, by Pine Chip) \$3,750, \$5,000 2011 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 199-62-44-24, \$1,172,834
O-William T Bercury. B-Quantum Farms Corp. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.

3-Fashion Chocolate (g, 8, Chocolatier--Fun And Strokes, by Donerail) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 130-43-18-10, \$384,991
O-Stowaway Stables. B-Fashion Farms LLC. T-Jimmy Smith. D-Hunter Myers.

►► *Replay* ►► Calls: 4, 2T, 1T, 1Q, T - Finish Order: Winning Shadow, Lets Go Bucks, Get The Cash, Summit City Swan, Iron Mine Johnny, Swan Leader

11, Nfld, \$15,000, Pace, GUARANTEED \$10,000 PICK 4 STARTS HERE OPEN HANDICAP (DRAW POST POSITIONS 1-5; PPS 6-9), 26.4, 55.4, 1:23.2, 1:52.4, SY

1-Bambino Joe (g, 5, Dragon Again--Virtuous Western, by Western Hanover) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 67-15-10-11, \$133,508
O-Thomas S Mucci. B-Thomas S Mucci. T-Bill Rhoades. D-Sam Widger.

2-Bernie (g, 4, Big Jim--Matilda, by Artiscap) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 45-10-5-6, \$86,291
O-Pod Stable LLC & Jessica E Millner. B-Ronald Mersky. T-Jessica Millner. D-Kurt Sugg.

3-Itsmycheck Gb (g, 8, Check On Jack--Judy Hall, by Astreos) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 76-24-13-13, \$79,267
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Richard Walker, GB. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

►► *Replay* ►► Calls: 4Q, 2, 1T, 1Q, NK - Finish Order: Just Toyin With Ya, Diesel Accelerator, Oakwoodnitownit Ir, Bully Pulpit, World Of Secrets, Uncle Reimus

12, Nfld, \$25,000, Trot, PROGRESSIVE CLAIMING SERIES CLAIMING \$25,000 (WITH ALLOWANCES) FINAL, 27.4, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:56.4, SY

1-Big Box Hanover (g, 3, Uncle Peter--Box Of Dreams, by Donerail) \$12,500, \$13,000 2018 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 32-15-4-7, \$235,955
O-Bruce A Soulsby & Dalton L Walls. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Keith Kash Jr. D-Keith Kash Jr.

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2-Cool Clifford (g, 4, Kadabra--Cool Creek Breeze, by Angus Hall) \$6,250, \$60,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 49-7-13-6, \$166,998
O-D Racing Stable Inc & Bruce A Soulsby & Kapildeo Singh & Alan F Weisenberg. B-Diane N Ingham, CA & Harry A Rutherford, CA. T-Christi Noble. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

3-Perfect Chapter As (g, 6, Chapter Seven--Perfect View As, by Like A Prayer) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 109-16-23-20, \$195,773
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Acl Stuteri Ab, SD. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

►► *Replay* ►► Calls: 4T, 1Q, NS, NS, 1H - Finish Order: Stonebridge Gamble, Stonebridge Symba, Classy Guy, Ubanji, For A Dreamer, Moolah Begonia

13, Nfld, \$25,000, Pace, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL PROGRESSIVE CLAIMING SERIES CLAIMING \$25,000 (WITH ALLOWANCES) FINAL, 26.4, 55.0, 1:23.0, 1:52.4, SY

1-Kingstons Bad Boy (g, 5, Shadow Play--Kingston Who, by No Pan Intended) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 97-21-17-14, \$115,484
O-Richard Anthony Briskey. B-Mark E Searles, CA & Terry J De Matteo, CA. T-Bill Rhoades. D-Aaron Merriman.

RACE RESULTS - SUNDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Royal Regatta (g, 5, McArdle--Mary O Mel, by Stand Forever) \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 96-11-18-13, \$124,895

O-Jennifer N Asher & Ryan R Stahl. B-John F Burks. T-Kent Sherman. D-Ryan Stahl.

3-A Real Miracle (h, 10, Real Desire--I Need A Miracle, by Givemewhatineed) \$3,000, Lifetime Record: 260-47-55-36, \$502,429

O-Randall B Bendis & Pollack Racing LLC. B-Jw Standardbreds & Billie Schwartz & Michael L Graziano & Jay N Rosenberg. T-John Oliverio. D-Sam Widger.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3Q, 2H, 1Q, NS, 1H - Finish Order: Seattle Hanover, Absolut Rocks, Jojo's Place, Dashing To Da Wire, Lincolnjames, Takeittotheface

RACE RESULTS - MONDAY

NORTHFIELD PARK *report*

Monday's Results:

12, Nfld, \$18,500, Trot, PROGRESSIVE CLAIMING SERIES CLAIMING \$15,000 (WITH ALLOWANCES) FINAL, 27.2, 56.3, 1:25.4, 1:55.4, FT

1-Rockefeller Lindy (g, 6, Lucky Chucky--A Touch Of Lindy, by Credit Winner) \$9,250, \$18,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 128-19-27-20, \$189,172

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-K R Breeding LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

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 **Preferred Equine** YEARLING SALE GRADUATE

2-Need To Focus (m, 4, Ganache--Refocus, by Valley Victor) \$4,625, Lifetime Record: 52-13-9-10, \$73,326

O-Melinda D Kash. B-John A Carver. T-Keith Kash Jr. D-Keith Kash Jr.

3-Bloodstockshalltab (g, 10, Cantab Hall--Starlet Lane, by Lindy Lane) \$2,220, \$35,000 2011 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 239-44-42-40, \$440,892

O-James Ronald Otto. B-Bloodstock Farm & Stables. T-Lloyd Mansfield. D-Kurt Sugg.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3, 1T, NS, 1Q, H - Finish Order: Seal Sniper, Infrontandforgetit, Here Comes Moony, Forever Jesse, Pilgrims Tide, Stormont Wizard

13, Nfld, \$18,500, Pace, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL PROGRESSIVE CLAIMING SERIES CLAIMING \$15,000 (WITH ALLOWANCES) FINAL, 26.2, 55.1, 1:23.1, 1:51.1, FT

1-Tony Too Tall (g, 4, Big Bad John--Lismaraslady, by Lis Mara) \$9,250, \$22,000 2017 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 42-13-10-8, \$139,071

O-Nick A Clegg. B-Daniel H Hale. T-Betty Clegg. D-Sam Widger.

2-Vintage Grand (g, 6, Vintage Master--Foxye Gram, by Sportsmaster) \$4,625, \$32,000 2015 Forest, Lifetime Record: 138-22-21-14, \$166,363

O-Amy R Loney. B-Winbak Farm. T-C Brian Loney. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr..

3-Beach Pro (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Allamerican Toffee, by Western Hanover) \$2,220, \$85,000 2015 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 82-10-11-17, \$128,264

O-Marvin D Raber. B-Doug Millard Holdings Usa Inc., CA & Spring Haven Farm. T-Bill Rhoades. D-Chris Lems.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3Q, 1H, 2, 3Q, 3T - Finish Order: Indiana Cam, Intrepid Ivy, Naughty Maravu N, Blakemore, Mystical Wally, Gotti

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Monday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, 2 & 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES, NW 1 RACE OR \$9,200 LIFETIME. WITH ALLOWANCES, 27.4, 57.1, 1:27, 1:56.1

1-State Of Mind (b,f,2 - Roll With Joe-State Of Joy-Badlands Hanover) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$15,000

O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, Garth Bechtel. B-Frederick Hertrich. T-Donald Lindsey. D-Sylvain Filion

2-My Mother Pearl (b,f,3 - Big Jim-Artistic Melody-Artiscape)

O-Windsun Farm Inc. B-Windsun Farm Inc. T-Benjamin Hollingsworth. D-Jonathan Drury

3-The Kings Queen (b,f,2 - Sportswriter-Fbs Terror-Western Terror)

O-Harness Horsepower Inc. B-Harness Horsepower Inc. T-Gregg McNair. D-Douglas McNair

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2, Wbs, \$22,000, Trot, NW 5 (FM 9) RACES OR \$91,000 (FM \$100,000) LIFETIME. AE: ON Sired 3 Year Olds, 28.4, 57.2, 1:26.2, 1:55.1

1-Nimbus Deo (b,m,4 - Chapter Seven-Yalta Hanover-Andover Hall) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 13-7-1-2, \$77,790

O-Bayama Farms Inc, Ecuries R L Belanger, Zoom And Fish Stable Inc. B-Deo Volente Farms Llc. T-Benoit Baillargeon. D-Sylvain Filion



Preferred Equine YEARLING SALE GRADUATE

RACE RESULTS - MONDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Sweet Chapter (b,m,4 - Chapter Seven-Moms Sweetie Pie-Donerail)

O-Hutt Racing Stable, Blake Macintosh, Mortgage Boys Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Blake Macintosh D-Bob McClure

3-Hp Bruxelles (b,m,4 - E L Titan-Mikas Mazurka-Sjs Caviar)

O-Claude Hamel B-Claude Hamel T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Louis Philippe Roy

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3, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$25,000 TO \$30,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE & SEX. ENTER IN MULTIPLES OF \$1,000, 27.2, 56.2, 1:25.1, 1:54.1

1-Legal Bettor (b,g,5 - Bettors Delight-Legal Entity-Modern Art) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 82-15-10-7, \$177,495

O-Bobbie Jo Weinholdt Harris B-Robert Hamather T-Bobbie Jo Weinholdt D-James Macdonald

2-Jewels Dragon (br,g,4 - Custard The Dragon-Whitesand Jewel-Artiscape)

O-Paul Sanders B-Seaspray Stables Ltd T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

3-Rays Kredit (br,g,4 - Up The Credit-Casimir Hugs-Sir Luck)

O-Chris Matthews, Jessica Breese Karn, Glen Lyons, Chuck Miller B-Casimir Stables T-Chris Matthews D-Douglas McNair

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4, Wbs, \$20,000, Trot, NW 3 (FM 5) RACES OR \$45,000 (FM \$56,250) LIFETIME, 29, 58.1, 1:27.1, 1:57.2

1-Majestic Sunrise N (b,g,4 - Majestic Son-Petite Sunrise N-Sundon) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 25-5-4-1, \$44,983

O-MT Stables Ontario Inc B-Frank Weaver T-Michiel Vanderkemp D-Michiel Vanderkemp

2-Jula Shes Magic (b,f,3 - Kadabra-Windsong Soprano-Windsongs Legacy)

O-Jula Racing Inc B-White Birch Farm T-Susanne Kerwood D-Sylvain Filion

3-Toccoa Falls (b,g,3 - Trixton-Falls For You-Yankee Glide)

O-Timothy Murray, Bradley Maxwell, Kenneth Frieder B-Fair Winds Farm Inc T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

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6, Wbs, \$36,000, Trot, PREFERRED, 27.3, 55, 1:24, 1:52.3

1-Perfetto (b,g,5 - Majestic Son-Perfect Prelude-Cantab Hall) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 58-16-5-8, \$394,276

O-Gerald Haggerty B-Seawind Amg Stbs 2005 Inc T-Dagfin Henriksen D-Dagfin Henriksen

2-Zig Zag (b,g,4 - Royalty For Life-Lady Donato-Donato Hanover)

O-Benoit Baillargeon, Claude Hamel, Richard Thompson, Santo Vena B-Garth & Glenn Bechtel T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Sylvain Filion

3-Only For Justice (b,g,4 - Justice Hall-Intense America-Taurus Dream)

O-Ecurie Gaetan Bono Inc B-Ecurie Gaetan Bono Inc T-Dany Fontaine D-Chris Christoforou

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7, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 5 RACES OR \$90,000 LIFETIME, 28, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:53.3

1-Mary Kat (b,f,3 - Bettors Delight-Nanny Withafanny-Incredible Finale) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 28-8-8-4, \$130,418

O-David McDonald, Diane Bertrand, Robert Gilhespy, A K Malik Stable B-Stephen Dey T-Shawn Steacy D-James Macdonald



Preferred Equine YEARLING SALE GRADUATE

2-Tuapeka Jessie N (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Tuapeka Maddy-Christian Cullen)

O-Albina Montini, William Rogers, Kwong Sum Low, Vincent Albanese B-J M Davie, P T & D J Cummings T-Anthony Montini D-Jody Jamieson

3-Mach My Kiss (b,f,3 - Mach Three-Kisskissbangbang-Artsplace)

O-Yolanda Fellows, Erna Corbeil B-Blair Corbiel T-Robert Don Fellows D-Douglas McNair

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9, Wbs, \$22,000, Trot, NW 5 (FM 9) RACES OR \$91,000 (FM \$100,000) LIFETIME. AE: ON SIRE 3 YEAR OLDS, 27.3, 56.1, 1:25.1, 1:54

1-Buck Dancer (b,g,4 - Guccio-Shaken Not Stirred-Credit Winner) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 21-9-4-3, \$72,440

O-Fox Racing Inc B-Merle Yoder T-Carmen Auciello D-James Macdonald

2-Never Mind N (b,g,7 - Muscle Mass-Ashlyn Cr-Cr Commando)

O-MT Stables Ontario Inc B-J J & J B Geddes T-Michiel Vanderkemp D-Michiel Vanderkemp

3-Mikey Mass (b,g,3 - Muscle Mass-Featured Image-Balanced Image)

O-Nick & Vince Gallucci, Frank Cirillo, Bruno Didiomede B-Denise Ball T-Nick Gallucci D-Jonathan Drury

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RACE RESULTS - MONDAY (CONTINUED)

YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

Monday's Results:

7, YR, \$16,000, Pace, 3,4&5 YO C,H&G NW 6 P-M RACES OR \$75,000 LT., 28.0, 57.2, 1:25.1, 1:54.2, SY

1-Caliber (g, 3, Sweet Lou--Allstar Rating, by Four Starzzz Shark) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 22-6-3-1, \$154,744

O-Terrence D Smith & Anthony S Beltrami. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Williams Hernandez. D-Matt Kakaley.

2-Genius Man (g, 3, Art Major--Unred Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$4,000, \$87,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 27-4-7-5, \$202,495

O-Ricky A Bucci. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Austin Siegelman.

3-Mac's Big Boy (g, 3, Somebeachsomewhere--Michelle's Jackpot, by Artsplace) \$1,920, \$60,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 30-5-2-4, \$143,586

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby & Weaver Bruscelli LLC & Wingfield Five LLC. B-Jeffrey S Snyder. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 2, 2, 2H, 1H, T - Finish Order: Sports Obsession, Dina Bolt N, Western Vacation, So Many Roads, Patriot Nation

9, YR, \$18,000, Pace, 3,4&5 YO C,H&G NW 8 P-M RACES OR \$100,000 LT., 27.3, 58.1, 1:26.4, 1:56.1, SY

1-Tito Rocks (g, 3, Sweet Lou--Ticket To Rock, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$9,000, \$120,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 24-7-8-1, \$147,785

O-Royal Wire Products Inc. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Robert Cleary. D-Tyler Buter.



ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD
Selected Yearling Sale

2-Ehrmantraut (h, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Flirtiscape, by Artiscape) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 29-6-5-8, \$118,190

O-Lawrence K Keethe & John J Darrah. B-John J Darrah & Lawrence K Keethe. T-Deborah Daguet. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Can B Perfect (g, 3, Big Bad John--Perfect Gesture, by Beach Towel) \$2,160, Lifetime Record: 27-6-6-6, \$160,015

O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-James L Stambaugh. T-Paul Stafford. D-Brent Holland.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 9, 8H, 5, 3, 1 - Finish Order: Caviart Rockland, Epic Ace, Sawyer's Desire, Lying In Cash, Diamondbeach

RACE RESULTS - TUESDAY

DOVER DOWNS *report*

Tuesday's Results:

11, DD, \$17,000, Trot, WINNERS OVER SELECT HANDICAP WINNERS OVER \$9,000 OR WINNERS OVER \$125,000 LIFE POST POSITIONS 1, 2, 3, 9 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 4 - 6 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 7 - 8 ASSIGNED, 27.3, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:52.3, FT

1-Jack Vernon (g, 7, Muscle Hill--Vernon Blue Chip, by Sir Taurus) \$8,500, \$50,000 2014 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 108-30-19-11, \$447,403

O-Howard A Taylor & Michael Casalino Jr. B-Al J Libfeld, CA. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan.

ANOTHER LEXINGTON GRAD
Selected Yearling Sale

2-Northern Express (g, 4, Muscle Massive--Seducedbychocolate, by Chocolatier) \$5,100, \$16,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 39-13-3-3, \$103,033

O-Arty Foster Jr. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Arty Foster Jr. D-Russell Foster.

3-Magic Mvp (g, 5, My MVP--Mega Magic Vita, by Donerail) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 65-11-12-20, \$160,356

O-J Craparotta & P Berry Racing LLC. B-Midnight Stables LLC. T-Traci Berry. D-Pat Berry.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1, 1H, 1, 1H, T - Finish Order: Bluebird Jesse, Whimzical Chapter, Our White Knight, Sheez On A Cruze, Filled Donut, Yankees Beast



RACE RESULTS - TUESDAY (CONTINUED)

THE MEADOWS *report*

Tuesday's Results:

8, Mea, \$17,900, Pace, **F&M OPEN HANDICAP P.P.1-2 DRAWN; 3-6 DRAWN; 7 ASSIGNED, 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:52.3, FT**

1-Blue Ivy (m, 4, Captaintreacherous--Ali Blue, by American Ideal) \$8,950, \$90,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 46-19-8-4, \$281,310
O-Renee J Bercury. B-Marvin Katz, CA & Sam A Goldband, CA. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.

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2-Sports Flix (m, 4, Sportswriter--Moving Pictures, by D M Dilinger) \$4,475, \$13,000 2017 LONDON, Lifetime Record: 40-9-9-8, \$146,170
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Darlene L Hayes, CA & Casie Coleman Herlihy, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Jim Pantaleano.

3-Brooklyn Lilacs (m, 4, Rock N Roll Heaven--Sombodhiatustono, by Tell All) \$2,148, \$12,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 44-7-8-9, \$275,090
O-Crawford Farms Racing. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Stacey Van Huizen. D-Brett Miller.

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YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

Tuesday's Results:

10, YR, \$16,000, Pace, 3,4&5 YO F&M NW 6 P-M RACES OR \$75,000 LT., 27.0, 56.1, 1:25.2, 1:54.3, FT

1-Demeter N (m, 5, Art Major--Weka Lass, by Badlands Hanover) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 46-13-11-8, \$80,111
O-Martin R Budkey & A Harris Racing LLC. B-L J Smith, NZ. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-North Star Ideal (m, 4, Western Ideal--Northern Cameo, by Camluck) \$4,000, \$9,000 2017 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 24-10-4-0, \$77,685
O-Thomas G Milici. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Thomas Milici. D-Matt Kakaley.

3-Arden Hanover (f, 3, Captaintreacherous--Allamerican Coed, by Dragon Again) \$1,920, \$30,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 26-5-4-3, \$97,320
O-Odds On Racing. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brent Holland.

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RACE RESULTS - WEDNESDAY

DOVER DOWNS *report*

Wednesday's Results:

11, DD, \$20,000, Pace, FILLIES AND MARES OPEN POST POSITIONS ASSIGNED, 27.0, 54.0, 1:22.4, 1:50.1, SY

1-Soho Burning Love A (m, 6, Auckland Reactor N--Soho Bordeaux, by Western Terror) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 62-17-17-7, \$343,868
O-Richard Poillucci & Jo Ann Looney-King. B-R J Watson, WA. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick.

2-Machnhope (m, 5, Mach Three--Hope For Life, by Fit For Life) \$5,000, Lifetime Record: 93-26-15-9, \$337,279
O-Deo Volente Farms LLC & Thomas J Pontone & L. A. Express Stable LLC & Noel M Daley. B-Cmr Farms, CA. T-Noel Daley. D-Andrew McCarthy.

3-Sunny Dee (m, 4, Sunshine Beach--West Of L A, by Western Hanover) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 43-16-8-6, \$539,553
O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Bottom Line Racing LLC. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & C S X Stables & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-Michael Hall. D-Dexter Dunn.

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RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY

DOVER DOWNS *report*

Thursday's Results:

1, DD, \$15,000, Trot, EARLY NON-WAGERING - POST TIME 4:00 DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND CONSOLATION 3 YEAR OLDS, 29.2, 59.2, 1:29.2, 1:59.0, FT

1-Master Of Mine (g, 3, Master Lavec--Dilly Dally Delia, by Go Get Lost) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 23-3-2-3, \$68,678

O-Benjamin L Brooks. B-Samuel E Coblentz. T-John Wilkerson. D-Victor Kirby.

2-Saydence (f, 3, He's Spooky--Shannon Mon Ami, by Sir Taurus) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 17-0-1-0, \$9,900

O-Floyd A Pratt. B-Floyd A Pratt. T-Floyd Pratt. D-Corey Callahan.

3-Playoff Season (f, 3, CR Commando--Postseason, by Muscles Yankee) \$1,800, \$11,000 2018 SHS-HBGM, Lifetime Record: 14-2-0-2, \$26,844

O-Steven M Mullen. B-Winbak Farm. T-Clifton Green. D-Pat Berry.

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2, DD, \$15,000, Pace, EARLY NON-WAGERING - POST TIME 4:10 DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND CONSOLATION 3 YEAR OLDS, 27.4, 56.1, 1:25.0, 1:55.0, FT

1-Bebop On The Block (g, 3, Gamblers Dream--Seboomook Mao, by Badlands Hanover) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 19-5-1-3, \$99,760

O-Debbie J & Brendan D Cook. B-Garnet W O' Marrow. T-Chuck Crissman Jr. D-Montrell Teague.

2-Double Skip (g, 3, Dream Away--Dee's Art Girl, by Art Major) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 14-0-2-2, \$10,278

O-Robert A Winkelman. B-Forrest L Bartlett. T-Robert Winkelman. D-Allan Davis.

3-Foolish Dreamer (g, 3, Dream Away--Hot Summer, by No Pan Intended) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 6-0-1-1, \$4,050

O-Mark S Gray. B-Anne S McDonald LLC 2. T-Mark Gray. D-Mark Gray.

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4, DD, \$100,000, Trot, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND FINAL 3 YEAR OLD COLTS AND GELDINGS, 28.0, 58.1, 1:27.2, 1:56.4, FT

1-Air Time (g, 3, Dusty Winner--I Concur, by Revenue S) \$50,000, Lifetime Record: 22-9-6-3, \$219,861

O-Jane P Dunavant. B-Jane P Dunavant. T-Carlo Polisenio. D-Art Stafford Jr.

2-Touch Of White (g, 3, Keystone Activator--Staminetta, by Tagliabue) \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 28-7-5-5, \$130,638

O-Breakaway Racing. B-Aaron J Callahan. T-Nicholas Callahan. D-Corey Callahan.

3-Chauffeur (g, 3, Dusty Winner--Koala Kosmos, by S J's Photo) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 25-4-4-7, \$139,849

O-Jane P Dunavant. B-Jane P Dunavant. T-Carlo Polisenio. D-Tim Tetrack.

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6, DD, \$100,000, Trot, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND FINAL 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES, 28.1, 57.3, 1:26.0, 1:55.4, FT

1-Emmys Mayflower (f, 3, Anders Bluestone--Stirling Charisma, by Majestic Son) \$50,000, Lifetime Record: 14-9-0-4, \$178,224

O-Eric L Foster. B-Eric L Foster. T-Eric Foster. D-Russell Foster.

2-Dabigspooky Bootah (f, 3, He's Spooky--Annifer Jniston, by Weight Lifter) \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 17-1-7-2, \$69,530

O-Mark A King. B-Mark A King. T-Victor Kirby. D-Victor Kirby.

3-Katies Blu Diamond (f, 3, Anders Bluestone--Ringside Katie, by Dream Vacation) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 18-2-2-5, \$46,797

O-Arty L Foster III. B-E & K Stable Inc & Lois G & Earl J Walters. T-Arty Foster Jr. D-Pat Berry.

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8, DD, \$100,000, Pace, DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND FINAL 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES, 27.2, 55.4, 1:24.4, 1:54.3, FT

1-Sweet Lil (f, 3, Art Director--Blissfull Lil, by Blissfull Hall) \$50,000, Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-2, \$111,030

O-George S Minner. B-Josephine M Vincent. T-Jason Skinner. D-Anthony Morgan.

2-Spinferno (f, 3, No Spin Zone--Hurricane Jenna, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 21-6-7-1, \$82,669

O-Samuel D & Brendan D & Allen J Cook. B-Virginia L Louthan. T-Chuck Crissman Jr. D-Tim Tetrack.

3-Foolish Wisdom (f, 3, Gamblers Dream--Fleeting Flirt N, by Man Around Town) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, \$45,730

O-Jeffrey A Billings & Dylan P Davis. B-Johnny Waite. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan.

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HARNESS RACING
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RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

9, DD, \$15,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$25,000 - \$30,000 - \$35,000 POST POSITIONS DRAWN BY PRICE, 26.3, 54.4, 1:22.2, 1:52.1, FT

1-Stark Hanover (g, 5, Dragon Again--Summer Thriller, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$7,500, \$40,000 2016 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 86-11-17-9, \$151,603
O-Rodney M Long. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Chuck Crissman Jr. D-Tim Tetrick.

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2-Grand Teton (g, 5, A Rocknroll Dance--Western Montana, by Western Hanover) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 41-10-11-4, \$527,602
O-Christine M Crissman-Bier & Vincent P Ferriero Jr. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Crissy Crissman-Bier. D-Sean Bier.

3-Transitioning Joy (h, 5, Barber Pole--Joy's Choice, by American Ideal) \$2,160, Lifetime Record: 71-15-16-10, \$222,091
O-Ezy Ranch Inc. B-George Teague Jr Inc. & Theodore Gewertz & Joy L Teague. T-Donald Brittingham. D-Bret Brittingham.

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10, DD, \$100,000, Pace, DELAWARE STANDARD BRED BREEDERS FUND FINAL 3 YEAR OLD COLTS AND GELDINGS, 28.2, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:54.0, FT

1-Apple Valley Art (g, 3, Artzina--Shake Away, by Dream Away) \$50,000, Lifetime Record: 12-6-3-1, \$150,640
O-Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Jo Ann Looney-King. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick.

2-American Nitro (g, 3, Badlands Nitro--Jet America, by Allamerican Native) \$25,000, \$4,000 2018 SHS-HBGM, Lifetime Record: 19-7-5-2, \$196,830
O-Henry J Faragalli III & Nanticoke Racing Inc & Arthur M Feeney & Daniel T Doane. B-Winbak Farm. T-Les Givens. D-Victor Kirby.

3-Leonard's Legacy (g, 3, Tobago Cays--Mclovely, by McArdle) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-5, \$82,250
O-Leonard R Hubbard. B-Leonard R Hubbard. T-Nicholas Callahan. D-Corey Callahan.

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12, DD, \$24,000, Pace, PREFERRED HANDICAP POST POSITIONS ASSIGNED, 26.4, 54.4, 1:21.4, 1:49.0, FT

1-Let It Ride N (g, 7, Rock N Roll Heaven--Love A Gamble, by Bettor's Delight) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 58-22-6-8, \$346,958
O-Enzed Racing Stable Inc. B-N F Nixon, NZ & Mrs M Carson, NZ. T-R. Nifty Norman. D-Dexter Dunn.

2-Highalator (h, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Higher And Higher, by Western Terror) \$6,000, Lifetime Record: 87-39-12-8, \$636,984
O-Jenny Bier & Joann Dombeck & Midsize Construction Inc. B-Daryl Scott Bier & Charles A Dombeck. T-Jenny Bier. D-Rick Still.

3-Itsrockandroll A (g, 5, A Rocknroll Dance--Miss Worthy Whitby, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,880, Lifetime Record: 48-11-14-11, \$206,014
O-Michael Casalino Jr & Dylan P Davis. B-E Dewar, AS. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan.

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15, DD, \$15,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$25,000 - \$30,000 - \$35,000 POST POSITIONS DRAWN BY PRICE, 27.0, 55.2, 1:24.1, 1:53.0, FT

1-Twin B Speed Dial (g, 6, Well Said--Smart Card, by Cam's Card Shark) \$9,000, \$75,000 2015 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 118-23-15-14, \$303,235
O-Wade V Wyatt. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Crissy Crissman-Bier. D-Tim Tetrick.

2-Bluejeansnredwings (g, 5, Rusty's All In--Bessie B, by Our Bucephalus) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 93-19-15-8, \$131,639
O-Michael A Hill. B-Shaffer Standardbreds. T-Joseph Hundertpfund Jr. D-Allan Davis.

3-Toureg Seelster (g, 7, Shadow Play--That Day, by Camluck) \$2,160, \$12,000 2014 FOREST, Lifetime Record: 128-21-22-13, \$178,899
O-Ronald F Davis. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Brooks Gray. D-Anthony Morgan.

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HOLLYWOOD GAMING DAYTON RACEWAY *report*

Thursday's Results:

12, Dtn, \$18,400, Trot, OPEN, 28.1, 57.4, 1:26.3, 1:55.0, GD

1-Pass The Vape (g, 5, Dejarmbro--Vapor Rises, by Vaporize) \$9,200, Lifetime Record: 74-25-12-8, \$460,321
O-Lionel Ray Watiker. B-Lionel Ray Watiker. T-Derek Watiker. D-Trevor Smith.

2-Lady's Dude (g, 9, Victory Sam--Lady's Star, by Hi Noon Star) \$4,600, Lifetime Record: 140-50-19-18, \$845,990
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Johnny E Yoder. B-Duane M Lowe. T-Ron Burke. D-Josh Sutton.

3-Swan Chase (g, 6, Swan For All--Precisionist, by Muscles Yankee) \$2,208, \$15,000 2015 Hoosier, Lifetime Record: 79-29-8-12, \$535,867
O-John E Barnard. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. T-Luis Quevedo. D-Trace Tetrick.

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RACE RESULTS - THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Thursday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$15,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 28.4, 59.3, 1:29.3, 1:59.1

1-Mahone Seelster (b,g,2 - Muscle Mass-Daylon Melody-Pegasus Spur) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$13,050

O-Mardon Stables B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Bruce Macdonald D-Phillippe Hudon



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

O-Robert Key B-Robert Key T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Bradley Harris

3-Guard My Heart (b,f,3 - Archangel-Heartbeat Hanover-Donerail)

O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Tony Osullivan D-Douglas McNair

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2, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, 2 & 3 YEAR OLDS, NW 1 RACE OR \$7,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 27.4, 58.0, 1:27.0, 1:54.4

1-Fear The Shadow (b,g,3 - Shadow Play-Bali Seelster-Intrepid Seelster) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 24-1-4-4, \$34,090

O-Harry Martin B-Harry Martin T-Harry Martin D-Bob McClure

2-Bettors Donttell (b,g,2 - Bettors Delight-Donttellruss-Panspaciflight)

O-Troy Mark B-Troy Mark T-Jean Guy Belliveau D-Michael Saftic

3-Believe In Brian (b,g,2 - Believeinbruiser-How Is Carrie-Artistic)

O-Gerald Mijal B-Gerald Mijal T-Louie Eftimiadis D-Louis Philippe Roy

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3, Wbs, \$17,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$20,000 (FM \$25,000) LIFETIME, 28.3, 58.4, 1:27.3, 1:56.3

1-Gab In Motion (b,g,3 - Archangel-Call Me Hazel-Call Toll Free) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-0, \$29,890

O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Tony Osullivan D-Sylvain Filion



2-Hp Starlette (br,f,3 - Muscle Mass-Iwannabatrotstar-Ken Warkentin)

O-Claude Hamel, Guy Desautels B-Claude Hamel, Guy Desautels T-Jean Tourigny D-Louis Philippe Roy

3-Tuckers Out (b,g,3 - Royalty For Life-Ruling Class-Angus Hall)

O-Fred Naclerio B-Glengate Farms T-Gerald Lilley D-Phillippe Hudon

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6, Wbs, \$17,000, Trot, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$20,000 (FM \$25,000) LIFETIME, 28.4, 59.0, 1:28.2, 1:56.2

1-Sheswildnfree (b,f,3 - Muscle Mass-Fiery Manes-Angus Hall) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-2, \$54,708

O-Thomas & Elizabeth Rankin B-Thomas & Elizabeth Rankin T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Sylvain Filion



2-Talahasse Seelster (b,f,3 - Muscle Mass-Tymal Timeout-Royal Strength)

O-Celestey Hill B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Keelan Green D-Eddie Green

3-Spun From Magic (b,c,3 - Kadabra-Im A Munchie Girl-Muscle Mass)

O-Colonel Schneider Jr B-Diane Ingham T-Cassidy Schneider D-Chris Christoforou

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