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Stu Berman

Next Saturday, 93-year-old Duke Burke will sit behind his teller's window at Freehold Raceway for the last time.

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The end of the line for the Duke of Freehold

Through 73 years and 19 U.S. presidential terms, 93-year-old teller Duke Burke has been a stalwart at The Afternoon Delight. His seven-decades long tenure will come to an end when the track closes permanently next Saturday.

by Debbie Little

With Freehold Raceway set to close on Saturday (Dec. 28), many have shared their memories about the Central New Jersey half-mile oval.

It's hard to imagine that anyone has as many memories as 93-year-old Charles "Duke" Burke.



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~ Duke Burke

“When I graduated from Freehold High School, I went into the service,” Burke said. “I served as a Marine for three years, and then when I got out of the service, my mother and father were both working at the track at the time, and so they got me a job, and I’ve been there ever since.”

It was 1952, and Burke was just 21 when he started his lifelong journey at Freehold.

Now in his 73rd year at “The Afternoon Delight,” Burke is a teller by trade, but he takes after both of his parents.

“Back in those days, we had sellers and we had cashiers,” Burke said. “So, my mom was a cashier, but my father was a teller at that particular time. Nowadays we can do both, tellers can cash, or they can sell.”

Stu Berman, 72, a friend of Burke’s, was a teller at The Meadowlands on Opening Night in 1976.

“I’ve been doing it for a long, long time,” Berman said. “He started when I was born; 1952 he started.”

Berman retired last year after over 47 years at The Big M, climbing the ranks to director of mutuels. During his tenure,

Berman said he had plenty of interaction with Burke, especially in the ’80s and ’90s

“He was working The Meadowlands at night and Freehold during the day,” Berman said. “Back then, everybody was going six days, and he worked every day, day and night.”

In addition to The Meadowlands, Burke also worked at New Jersey’s Garden State Park and Monmouth Park, as well as Liberty Bell Park in Philadelphia, PA, but Freehold was always his home base.

Burke’s early days at Freehold were a different time, when going to the track was almost an event.

“Yeah, they were getting dressed up to come to the track, whether they bet, you know, \$2 or \$200 or more,” Burke said. “We lost all of that. I mean, it’s not for me to say, but the quote, unquote, grownups, nowadays come whichever way they want to, whether it’s shorts or sneakers or whatever.”

Burke was there in 1967 when the track was rebuilt so that eight horses could go behind the gate. Prior to that, Freehold was only able to accommodate six noses on the gate with two trailers.

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Stu Berman
Stu Berman (left) and Duke Burke.

He was also there before and after the fire in 1984 that claimed the track's grandstand and dining room.

Prior to the fire, Burke had a popular and elite window.

"He had a \$50 window, which now, there's no such thing as a \$50 window at a racetrack... and he had a line, in the '80s and '90s, out the door," Berman said. "I mean, just visualize it. He had a great, great spot there."

Burke said the track did try to give some privacy to the big bettors at his \$50 window.

"They had partitions put up on either side, so people couldn't get too close," he said.

Although Burke lives near Freehold Raceway, he didn't actually witness the fire, but afterwards, to him, it was mostly business as usual.

"You know, we had the fire, they built the building, and I just went to work," he said. "[Right after] the fire, we had tents that we all stayed in outside, and we had windows out behind the tote board, but that was it. We all just came to work."

“ It’s sad, you know, and I feel bad for the horsemen and all the people working there. I think 73 people are going to be out of jobs. I feel bad for all the guys and the horses at Gaitway and all the farms down there. Where are they going to go? ”

~ Stu Berman

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“ Well, let me put it this way, we had fun, all the clerks, we would come to work with 103-degree temperatures just to be there, and just to be around and enjoy each other, that’s the whole thing. ”

~ Duke Burke

“I was able to get some photographs [of the fire] that the track photographer took at the particular time, and I still have them someplace, somewhere, I don’t throw anything away.”

Berman, who just saw Burke a week ago, plans to be there for Closing Day.

“I go to Freehold quite often and the first place I go is to see him,” Berman said. “He’s always happy to see me because I’m a trustee on the pension and he’s always asking me, ‘How’s the pension?’”

“I say, ‘Duke, you’ve been collecting that pension longer than anybody else, so stop it! How’s the pension? It’s fine.’”

On a more serious note, Berman is concerned for those currently working and racing at Freehold.

“It’s sad, you know, and I feel bad for the horsemen and all the people working there. I think 73 people are going to be out of jobs.

“I feel bad for all the guys and the horses at Gaitway and all the farms down there. Where are they going to go?”

Through 19 U.S. presidential terms, Burke has been happy working at Freehold.

“Well, let me put it this way, we had fun,” he said. “All the clerks, we would come to work with 103-degree temperatures just

to be there, and just to be around and enjoy each other, that’s the whole thing.”

Burke said he expects to see a lot of familiar faces on Dec. 28 just to say “Hi” one last time.

At this time, the nonagenarian has no plans to look for work elsewhere.

“No, this is going to be it for me,” Buke said. “I know some people have gone to other tracks. I know another person who is going to go to another track, but not me. I’m just going to just take it easy from here on out.

“It did hit me quite a bit when I found out that they were going to close down. And I guess I’m just going to have to pull my bootstraps up and just go through everything else after that.

“Truthfully, I never thought of retiring. I was going to stay until, quote, unquote, I died. But they’re forcing me to take it easy.

“All I can say is it’s a shame. If I was a betting man, I would have bet that Freehold Raceway would never close, but I would have lost, because now they’re going to close.”

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A Freehold Christmas with my alligator friend

by David Mattia

Mosey is the name I've given to the alligator who lives in the preserve behind my new house. He's still small, but his presence commands respect, a reminder of the power lurking beneath his calm, deliberate movements.

Sometimes I think that Mosey wants to eat me, but for the time being, I suspect he has his yellow-eyed crosshairs trained on my neighbor's white poodle. Come to think of it, didn't my neighbor used to have two white poodles?

Anyway, Mosey glides through his world with quiet certainty, unburdened by the complexities of human existence. But his life is shaped by forces beyond his control, just as mine has been. In Mosey's steady gaze and patient demeanor, I see a reflection of my own journey — one marked by adapting, enduring, and finding meaning in the spaces between survival and growth.

When I moved into this house, Mosey was one of the first to welcome me — though not with the kind of warmth you might expect. He appeared one evening at the edge of the pond, watching me through the glass as though sizing me up. Over time, we've formed an unspoken bond. He stays on his side of the preserve, and I stay on mine. There's something oddly comforting about his presence, even though I know his days

here are numbered. Once he grows too large, the alligator wranglers will come to relocate him, and this pond — his sanctuary — will no longer be his. He'll be thrust into a new world, much like I was when I stepped into Freehold Raceway for the first time after spending a greater part of my youth working with horses on a private farm.

It was Dec. 24, 1985, and I was just a kid, arriving at the backstretch of Freehold Raceway with equal parts excitement and fear. I remember the cold bite of that winter morning and the intimidating buzz of activity around me. Everyone seemed to know their place, their purpose. I felt like an intruder, much like Mosey might feel if he ever ventured beyond the safety of his preserve. Yet, slowly but surely, Freehold became my home, a place where I found my footing and forged connections that would shape the course of my life.

The people at Freehold were as much a part of its ecosystem as the horses and the track itself.

Joyce, the guard at the shack who checked your license, was one of the first to leave an impression. With her sharp eyes and Trixie Norton-like hair, she was the gatekeeper, ensuring only those who belonged could pass. At first, she seemed stern, almost unapproachable, but over time, I came to see her

David Mattia

Mosey the alligator's arrival in the author's life was the conduit for deep memories about Freehold Raceway.





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softer side. Joyce reminded me of Mosey in a way – watchful, protective, and steadfast in her role. She was the kind of person who might have wrestled Mosey herself if he dared to cross her threshold without the proper credentials. Does anyone remember Joyce?

Then there was Debbie Huebsch, whose family was part of Freehold's foundation. Her father, Ken, was the epitome of old-school charm, a handsome man whose presence demanded respect without ever raising his voice. He reminded me of an actor from another era, Buster Crabbe, the guy who played Flash Gordon in the 1930s film serials which were then airing on Saturday morning kids TV. Though, by then, Buster was doing infomercials for senior citizen products. Ken had that same timeless quality, the kind of quiet strength that could anchor a room – or a racetrack.

Debbie's son, Bobby Cotton, was the opposite of his grandfather. Where Ken was steady and composed, Bobby was a whirlwind of energy and mischief. At just 8 or 9 years old, Bobby, a real-life Dennis the Menace, was already a fixture at the track, darting around with the exuberance of someone who knew he belonged.

I became something of an unofficial babysitter for Bobby, and though he could test my patience, I couldn't help but be charmed by him. Watching Bobby grow was like watching a sapling stretch toward the sky. Full of promise, Bobby was well on his way to becoming the harness racing driver his pedigree suggested he'd be. When he died in a car accident at just 22, it felt like the entire track went into mourning. Bobby's life, though short, left a mark on everyone who knew him. His spirit lingers, a reminder of how fragile and fleeting our time can be.

Steve Oliwa, who was stabled in the very first barn, was another figure who stands out in my memory. In fact, if it weren't for Steve, I would never have met Mike Russo who instantly became my best friend and remains my best friend to this very day. Sadly, Steve left us much too soon, but we all remember him, don't we?

Let's not exclude another guy I met on my very first day. His name was Mike Gale. Does anyone remember him?

He offered to care for my horse on Christmas Day when I was torn between my responsibilities at the track and my family's expectations at home. It was an act of kindness that I'll never forget. Gale was the kind of person who made Freehold feel less like a workplace and more like a community. He didn't just help with the horses; his help offered me the time to organize my life.

His generosity was as steady as the rising and setting of the sun, and though he charged a fee for his services, he never pressed anyone for payment. His trust in people was a rare and beautiful thing.

And then there were the unsung heroes – Helga Lentine, the official who handed out the saddle pad numbers and ran the

equipment room in the paddock, Mrs. Hundertpfund and her successor Peggy Seamon, and Sonny, the paddock judge. They weren't in the public spotlight, but their roles were vital to keeping Freehold running smoothly.

Lentine and Mrs. Hundertpfund are no longer with us but try not to forget them. Odds are that at least once they kept many of us from making a mistake that could have been catastrophic.

Lentine's meticulous attention to detail, Mrs. Hundertpfund's casual exactitude, and Sonny's relaxed-yet-efficient approach to moving along 100 horses in three hours, were all pieces of the puzzle that made Freehold what it was. Their work reminded me of the way Mosey navigates his pond, each movement purposeful and contributing to the greater whole.

The drivers, of course, were the stars of the show. Racing alongside legends like Cat Manzi and Herve Filion was both intimidating and inspiring. These were men whose names carried weight, whose skill and courage defined the very essence of the track. Yet, they were approachable to an extent, and they were willing to share their wisdom and stories with a newcomer like me. They reminded me that greatness doesn't have to come at the expense of humility. Truth be told, they weren't all that humble, but given the nature of their profession, they were humble enough.

Then there were the trainers. Most of their names are long forgotten, but not by the folks who once called Freehold home.

Remember Tom VanOstrand? He could train a horse and pick out a yearling as good or better than anyone in the history of the sport.

Or what about Jacqueline Ingrassia? Robert Colasanti? Joe Rizzo? We could go on all day.

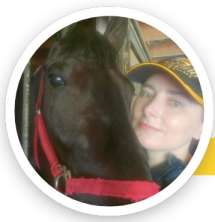
Mosey, in his quiet way, embodies the spirit of all these people. His life is a testament to resilience, adaptability, and the connections that sustain us. Just as Mosey's pond shaped him, Freehold shaped me, teaching me lessons about friendship, perseverance, and the beauty of finding your place in the world.

This Christmas, as I sit here watching Mosey glide through his pond, I think of all those who touched my life at Freehold. They were my sanctuary, my preserve, much like this pond is for Mosey. And like Mosey, I've come to understand that life is not just about survival – it's about the moments and the people who make the journey worthwhile. It's about the ripples we leave behind, long after we've moved on to other waters.

Merry Christmas.

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THE VIEW FROM WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

with **MELISSA KEITH**

Mohawk fan favorite Woodmere Stealdeal retired

by **Melissa Keith**

Woodbine Mohawk Park fan favorite Woodmere Stealdeal (p, 5, 1:48.4s; \$290,753) has reached the finish of his five-year racing career.

On Thursday (Dec. 19), Camille Brundle told HRU that the decision followed the 6-year-old pacer's start at Mohawk on Monday (Dec. 16). Despite setting the pace and leading to three-quarters, the Steelhead Hanover—Very Ideal Hanover gelding was overtaken late in the mile, finishing seventh as the beaten 6-5 favorite.

"He's been through so much, we're just going to retire him now, and maybe in the spring, turn him into a riding horse," Brundle said. "He's coming home today [Dec. 19] and he's going to be at our house, permanently."

Last Friday (Dec. 13) at Mohawk, driver Jonathan Drury remarked on the gelding's atypical recent performances at Mohawk.

"You know, I just don't think he was himself [finishing sixth on Dec. 9]," Drury said. "He's back in to go Monday [Dec. 16], but I had schooled him the week before and I was really happy with him. I'm not sure if it was just the 'off' [track] conditions or if he had a little sickness or something going on, but he's a special little horse and I really enjoy driving him. I'm always looking forward to the next time I sit behind him."

Brundle has frequently looked after the record-setting Atlantic Canadian champion ever since Woodmere Stealdeal first came to the East Garafraxa, ON, farm of her father, Frank Brundle, in late 2021.

She stressed that the gelding's retirement was not due to injury or illness.

"It's not because he's lame or has any issues," Camille said, as she awaited Woodmere Stealdeal's arrival at her family's farm Thursday (Dec. 19). "He's perfectly sound. He is good and healthy and happy. He's done so well in his life and paid his way so much in his life for us."

The gelding came to Ontario sporting an impressive resume from the Maritime provinces. He had gone 13-for-13 in an all-stakes season at age 2, setting several divisional track records, that still stand today. In his sophomore season on the track,

Frank Brundle
Woodmere Stealdeal
with Camille Brundle.



Woodmere Stealdeal hit the board in all of his 18 starts, winning half. He stepped up from the Maritime stakes circuit to debut at Mohawk on Dec. 4, 2021, leaving the stable of Truro Raceway's Danny Romo to join new trainer Carmen Auciello.

Racing for owners Frank Brundle; Glenn MacDonald of Ajax, ON; and Robert Sumarah of Halifax, NS, Woodmere Stealdeal had his first Mohawk victory on Dec. 26, 2021, overcoming older pacers and post position 10 to upset at 10-1 for driver James MacDonald.

Woodmere Stealdeal quickly rose to the Mohawk preferred level in January 2022, then ventured to Yonkers Raceway for

“Probably one of the best things for a standardbred is to put them in a second career [when they retire], because a lot of the time they’re still sound, just older. I definitely recommend it.”

~ Camille Brundle

the MGM Borgata Series, in which he went winless. He finished fifth after experiencing interference in a 2022 Charles Juravinski Memorial elimination at Flamboro Downs. Resting until August, “Steal” came back a winner at Mohawk on Sept. 17, 2022 with Drury in the sulky.

In 2023, Woodmere Stealdeal had three wins at Mohawk, taking his 1:48.4 lifetime mark for Drury on a June 24 class drop from the preferred. The pacer was scheduled to make an appearance on a special Woodmere Stealdeal Day at Truro Raceway before going to Red Shores Charlottetown to take his best shot in the 2023 Gold Cup and Saucer Trials, but he was found to have fractured a sesamoid bone in a hind leg.

After surgery at Ontario Equine Hospital, in Mississauga, ON, in Sept. 2023, Woodmere Stealdeal gradually recovered with help from his human family. Drury “played a huge part” in the decision to retire the gelding after 92 starts and 30 wins, said Camille.

“He’s the driver who knew Stealdeal as well as all of us did,” she said. “[Drury] had him for three or four months; in his first month post-surgery, he did all of that work. Stealdeal was with JD that entire time.”

Woodmere Stealdeal won the hearts of racing fans and those who worked with him throughout his career. His final win was Nov. 6, 2024 at Flamboro for driver Travis Cullen.

On the pacer’s last trip home from the Auciello Stable, it was fittingly Drury who did the driving.

“He’s the one who went to pick him up,” said Camille. “JD and his fiancée, Victoria, they frequently come up to our place to see the horses and hang out, because he and dad are good friends. They have another horse together, Dovuto Hanover [p, 3, 1:48.4m; \$680,825], who’s retired at our house. [Drury] drove him a lot as well, and now the two of them [Woodmere Stealdeal and Dovuto Hanover] will be living out their days together.”

Camille said she looks forward to Woodmere Stealdeal’s next chapter.

“It will be just me who will be looking after him and caring for him, going forward,” she told HRU. “I’m going to break him [to saddle] in the spring.

“He’s such a happy-go-lucky, lovable horse that even in the [racetrack] paddock, he would fall asleep, he was so chill. Other horses would be freaking out sometimes, and he would be like, ‘I’m just hanging out. I’m good!’”

Camille said that standardbreds are often and unfairly overlooked as potential saddle horses when they retire from harness racing.

“My first-ever [riding] horse was a standardbred that I broke, showed, did the green hunter [horse show class] with, and everything; ‘Frankie,’” she said. “I think I was 14, but the first time I sat on a horse, I was 6, and I’m 23 now.”

She added that at the age when racehorses’ best performances are in the past, horses are typically just blossoming in other equestrian sports.

“Stealdeal is so young, and a lot of riding horses don’t have their big career wins until they’re 13, anyway,” Camille said. “That’s exactly when they start to show their true colors.”

Her dad maintains ownership of “about 30” horses currently racing, said Camille. Many are in partnerships with friends. Some recent success stories include a Dec. 7 Mohawk victory by 6-year-old Mystifying (p, 5, 1:49.1s; \$219,047), co-owned with Glenn MacDonald, trained by Susie Kerwood, and driven by Tyler Borth. It was the mare’s second 2024 win, in just her eighth start this season.

Three-year-old Mikki Sixx (p, 3, 1:52.2s; \$51,527) captured the first leg of the Niagara Series Dec. 6 at Mohawk for the same connections, her seventh seasonal win in just 10 starts.

“She had an injury, so she was at my house for two or three months, on stall rest,” Camille said. “My dad and his friend Ryan Bender bought her off Chris Bush, raced her once or twice, and then she hurt herself out in the paddock.”

Back with a vengeance at Mohawk, the filly Camille called “the big girl” finished second for trainer Gregg McNair and driver MacDonald in the most recent (Dec. 13) Niagara leg.

When it comes to standardbred retirement, the experienced English rider said many former racehorses make willing, adaptable saddle horses. Instead of wondering whether they can learn, Camille suggested giving a horse a chance.

“I say do it,” Camille said. “Probably one of the best things for a standardbred is to put them in a second career, because a lot of the time they’re still sound, just older. I definitely recommend it.”

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Dave Landry

The 2024 O'Brien Award winners will be announced on Feb. 8 at a gala in Toronto.

2024 O'Brien Award finalists announced

by Jeff Porchak / Standardbred Canada

Standardbred Canada is pleased to announce the finalists for the 36th O'Brien Awards, honoring Canada's best in harness racing over the past season.

There are two finalists in each category, which includes 12 divisional horse categories and five people categories. One of the divisional champions will also be recognized as the Somebeachsomewhere Horse of the Year.

The winners will be announced at the O'Brien Awards Gala on Saturday (Feb. 8, 2025), which will take place at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowdale.

This year marks the 36th edition of the O'Brien Awards, named in honor of the late Joe O'Brien, an outstanding horseman and Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame inductee.

2-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLY DIVISION FINALISTS – CHANTILLY AND WICKEDPACE

Canada's fastest 2-year-old filly this past season, Chantilly finished her freshman campaign with an impressive nine wins from nine starts for conditioner Nick Gallucci. The daughter of Big Jim bankrolled \$761,000, collecting the Shes A Great Lady and Eternal Camnation stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park along with six Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) victories. In her final start of the season, Chantilly dominated her competition in the OSS Super Final, winning by 6½ lengths while stopping the clock in 1:50.2 to equal her lifetime mark.

The McWicked filly Wickedpace had an impressive 2-year-old campaign. In five starts in the Ontario Sires Stakes, the Paul Cameron trainee posted two wins and three seconds, all coming to Chantilly. Also, a second-place finisher in the Battle of the Belles, Wickedpace concluded the season with three wins and \$284,372 in earnings from nine starts.



2-YEAR-OLD PACING COLT DIVISION FINALISTS – CRACK SHOT AND STONEBRIDGE WIZARD

A regally-bred son of Bettors Delight, Crack Shot raced almost exclusively in the Ontario Sires Stakes program. He earned \$238,825 from eight starts, posting five victories. Winning two OSS Grassroots early in the year, the Gregg McNair trainee caught fire near the end of the season, winning the Grassroots final before moving up to the Gold ranks. Success followed, with a second-place finish in his Gold debut before capturing the OSS Super Final at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Stonebridge Wizard enjoyed a successful freshman campaign, picking up two Ontario Sires Stakes Gold events for trainer Jared Bako. Collecting \$284,100 from nine starts, the gelded son of Dancin Lou won five of those appearances, including a hard-fought triumph in the Battle of Waterloo at Grand River Raceway where he earned his 1:51.2 lifetime mark.

3-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLY DIVISION FINALISTS – ITS A LOVE THING AND ODDS ON PLATINUM

An O'Brien Award finalist as a 2-year-old, Its A Love Thing looks to collect the award this year after falling short last year. As a sophomore, Its A Love Thing was a model of consistency, winning half of her 14 starts while missing the board only twice. She scored notable victories in the Fan Hanover Stakes and the Jerry Silverman Memorial. The daughter of Bettors Delight amassed \$843,884 throughout her campaign for trainer David Menary.

Odds On Platinum posted another fruitful campaign for conditioner Dr. Ian Moore. The well-travelled sophomore by Bettors Delight collected \$751,389 in 19 starts, counting the Courageous Lady at Northfield Park, James M. Lynch Memorial at Pocono Downs, and OSS Super Final at Woodbine Mohawk Park among her seven seasonal victories.

3-YEAR-OLD PACING COLT DIVISION FINALISTS – LEGENDARY HANOVER AND NIJINSKY

Capturing the O'Brien Award as a 2-year-old, the Anthony Beaton-trained Legendary Hanover returned for another successful campaign at 3. The son of Huntsville collected \$1,075,535 from 14 starts with nine wins and 12 top-three finishes. Impressive wins included victories in the Meadowlands Pace and Cane Pace, both at The Meadowlands, as well as the Empire Breeders Classic at Tioga Downs.

After only winning once as a freshman in 2023, Nijinsky stamped himself as a major player in the glamour boy division in 2024. Another Anthony Beaton trainee, the Bettors Delight son captured the \$1 million North America Cup in June en route to bankrolling \$1,665,887 this season. From 17 starts, Nijinsky collected 11 wins, including the Somebeachsomewhere, Simcoe Stakes and Monument Circle. A dominant force in his Ontario Sires Stakes division this season, Nijinsky was a perfect four-for-four, capped with a win in the OSS Super Final.

OLDER PACING MARE DIVISION FINALISTS – SYLVIA HANOVER AND TWIN B JOE FRESH

Reigning Somebeachsomewhere Horse of the Year, Sylvia Hanover will hope to add more hardware to her already full cabinet. The daughter of Always B Miki dominated her opposition in the Clara Barton Distaff Pace at Plainridge Park and Allerage Mares Pace at The Red Mile. Although only winning three times from 17 starts, the Shawn and Mark Steacy trainee posted 12 top-three finishes and accrued \$492,700 in purses throughout her season to eclipse the \$2 million mark in lifetime earnings.

A daughter of Roll With Joe, Twin B Joe Fresh was the dominant force in the older mares division this season. With 11 wins

from 13 starts, the Chris Ryder trainee collected \$1,231,252 with notable wins in the Breeders Crown, Dayton Distaff Derby and FanDuel Open Mare Pace as well as the Roses Are Red Stakes and Milton Stakes to sweep the 'Canadian Older Mares' double.

OLDER PACING HORSE DIVISION FINALISTS – ABUCKABETT HANOVER AND TAURASI

Trained by Andrew Harris, Abuckabett Hanover found his footing in the open division as a 6-year-old and had the best year of his career in 2024. Totaling \$1,144,111 in seasonal earnings, the son of Betting Line posted major stakes victories in the William R. Haughton Memorial and FanDuel Open Pace at The Meadowlands along with two preferreds at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

A gelded son of Racing Hill campaigned by three trainers, Taurasi was the dominant force in the preferred ranks this season at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Racing almost exclusively on the WEG circuit, Taurasi won the preferred pace in nine consecutive appearances – winning 11 in total – to boost his bankroll of \$304,963.

2-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLY DIVISION FINALISTS – LASTING DREAM AND MONALISHI

The well-bred Luc Blais trainee Lasting Dream impressed many in her rookie season. The daughter of Cantab Hall won the Pure Ivory final at Woodbine Mohawk Park and followed up that performance with solid runner-up finishes in the Peaceful Way and Mohawk Million. Although only winning two of nine appearances, Lasting Dream was a model of consistency as she picked up a check in all nine starts and finished the season with \$393,615 in earnings.

Monalishi posted an impressive freshman campaign for trainer Blake MacIntosh, making the Ontario Sires Stakes program

her own personal playground. From five starts, the daughter of Green Manalishi S scored four wins and a lone second by a neck. Her most impressive and lucrative score came in the Peaceful Way final at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Monalishi finished her season with \$562,811 from 10 starts, hitting the board in eight of those.

2-YEAR-OLD TROTTING COLT DIVISION FINALISTS – MARYLAND AND YOU GOT IT KEMP

Rookie trotting sensation Maryland had as successful a freshman campaign as one could hope. A son of Chapter Seven, Maryland dominated the division with six wins and amassed \$1,675,697 in purses from nine starts. The Marcus Melander trainee collected the William Wellwood Memorial and Mohawk Million in Canada, as well as the Breeders Crown and Peter Haughton Memorial south of the border.

A gelded son of Muscle Mass, You Got It Kemp dominated his Ontario Sires Stakes division in 2024. From only six starts, the Dan Lagace-trained trotter went to the winner's circle five of those times and all of those victories came at the OSS Gold level. The campaign was capped off by an impressive score in the OSS Super Final at Woodbine Mohawk Park to finish his freshman season with \$378,167 in purses.

3-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLY DIVISION FINALISTS – DRAWN IMPRESSION AND WILLYS HOME RUN

In a rematch of last year's 2-Year-Old Trotting Filly division, Drawn Impression hopes to flip the script this year. Although lightly raced, the Muscle Hill filly still picked up stake scores in the Casual Breeze and Simcoe Stakes while earning a new lifetime mark in her Breeders Crown elimination. A model of consistency, the Luc Blais trainee earned \$373,615 in her limited starts and only missed the board twice.

Last year's winner as Canada's 2-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year, Willys Home Run had another successful campaign picking up \$431,311 from her 13 starts. The daughter of Archangel collected more Ontario Sires Stakes hardware, winning two Golds and repeating as the OSS Super Final champion for trainer Kyle Fellows.

3-YEAR-OLD TROTTING COLT DIVISION FINALISTS – HIGHLAND KISMET AND PAQUET

Not raced at 2, Highland Kismet began to turn heads as soon as he hit the track as a 3-year-old. Winning the Goodtimes Trot at Woodbine Mohawk Park in just his fifth career start, the Mark Etsell trainee finished the season with stakes wins in the Simcoe and Bluegrass Stakes at The Red Mile while also posting a second-place finish in the Hambletonian at The Meadowlands. A gelded son of Father Patrick, Highland Kismet finished his season with \$727,850 in earnings and eight wins from 17 starts.

Much like his fellow nominee, Paquet was also unraced at 2 and only went behind the gate eight times this season for trainer Carl Jamieson. The son of Muscle Mass was undefeated in the provincial program going a perfect three-for-three, including an impressive multi-length score in the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final. Paquet finished his season with four wins, only one off-the-board finish and a bankroll of \$344,432.

OLDER TROTTING MARE DIVISION FINALISTS – CALL ME GOO AND M-MS DREAM

A daughter of Googoo Gaagaa, Call Me Goo became a serious player in the open mare ranks this season as a 4-year-old. The Jason Skinner trainee won Canada's richest race for older trotting mares, the Armbro Flight at Woodbine Mohawk Park, and added the Allerage Mare Trot

and Breeders Crown to her mantle after a late-season sale and shift to trainer Ake Svanstedt. Call Me Goo won seven of her 14 starts and collected \$729,869.

M-MS Dream enjoyed another successful campaign for the Ron Burke stable in 2024, collecting \$533,276 in 18 starts with seven wins. The 5-year-old daughter of Swan For All won multiple legs of the Miss Versatility Series and was second in the Armbro Flight. Her most lucrative victory of the year came at The Meadowlands in the Dr. John R. Steele Memorial.

OLDER TROTTING HORSE DIVISION FINALISTS – AMIGO VOLO AND LOGAN PARK

A divisional champion stateside as a 3-year-old in 2020, Amigo Volo enjoyed another successful campaign in 2024. The 7-year-old gelded son of Father Patrick collected 11 seasonal wins – 10 in the preferred class at Woodbine Mohawk Park for trainer Meg Crone – and amassed total earnings of \$316,706.

The O'Brien Award winner in this division a year ago, Logan Park had a career year in 2024. The 6-year-old, who hails from the Kyle and Rob Fellows stable, made history this year as he became the first Canadian-sired trotter to post a sub-1:50 victory with his 1:49.2 Allerage Open Trot tally at The Red Mile. Other major victories for the son of Archangel included the Dayton Trotting Derby, the Earl Rowe Memorial, and the FanDuel Trot. Logan Park posted 12 wins from 17 starts and collected \$940,240 in purses.

HORSEMANSHIP AWARD FINALISTS – GUY GAGNON AND CARL JAMIESON

Guy Gagnon, a winner of this award in 2018, dominated the 2024 season at Rideau Carleton Raceway. The Gatineau, QC, resident was once again top driver on the Rideau Carleton circuit, Gagnon surpassed the \$1 million mark as a

driver for the third year in a row while also amassing his largest win total as a trainer in 2024. Stable stars I Ama Rocket, The Light Speed, and All Wrapped Up dominated the preferred class ranks in the nation's capital. This season marks the second time in Gagnon's training career that he topped the \$600,000 mark in purses for the season, and he sports the highest UTRS of his career (0.436) in a season with more than 250 starts.

Carl Jamieson enjoyed a resurgence in 2024, with the Puslinch, ON, resident posting his best season as a conditioner in nearly a decade. The Jamieson barn was led by O'Brien Award finalist Paquet, from unraced at 2 to the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final winner at 3. Jamieson also enjoyed success with 2-year-old pacing colt Fifth And Five, a \$32,000 yearling purchase who banked \$173,175 this past season with wins in the Ontario Sires Stakes Gold series and a Battle of Waterloo elimination. Jamieson also developed 2-year-old pacing colt Power Code, a \$40,000 yearling purchase who was three-for-three with two New Jersey Sire Stakes victories before a private sale to stateside owners.

FUTURE STAR AWARD FINALISTS – TODD RATCHFORD AND BRADY SWEET

In just his second year as a full-time driver, 28-year-old Todd Ratchford of Caledonia, ON, had a breakout season in 2024, surpassing the \$1 million mark in seasonal earnings. Ratchford's most notable achievements came courtesy 3-year-old trotting filly Winning Alliance. As the regular pilot for the Matt Bax trainee, Ratchford scored his biggest win of the season at Vernon Downs in a New York Sire Stakes event, while also pairing with Winning Alliance for multiple Grand Circuit appearances.

The term 'breakout season' also applies to 22-year-old Brady Sweet. Hailing from

Springfield West, PEI, the young horseman nearly tripled his annual purse total this season as a driver in less than double the starts from the prior year while becoming a regular reinsman on the PEI circuit, listed to drive by many of the established stables. Sweet picked up multiple stakes victories with 3-year-old pacing filly Thinkingofeddie, a horse he also trains, en route to his best season as a conditioner.

TRAINER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS – NICK GALLUCCI AND DAVID MENARY

Nick Gallucci of Stouffville, ON, enjoyed another successful season in 2024 with stable stars such as Chantilly, Silver Label, and Allstar Maniac. Chantilly, a finalist in the 2-year-old pacing filly division, was perfect in nine starts with wins in the Shes A Great Lady and her Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final. Gallucci has won more than 26 per cent of his races this year and seeks his first O'Brien Award as a trainer.

A resident of Cambridge, ON, David Menary is in the midst of one of the best years of his career. Menary is on pace to eclipse his previous career-best for earnings, thanks to stable stars the likes of Its A Love Thing, Pass Line, and Lil Sweet. Counting victories in the Fan Hanover and Jerry Silverman Memorial by Its A Love Thing, an Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final from Lil Sweet and multiple preferreds from late-season powerhouse Ervin Hanover, Menary is also looking to win his first O'Brien Award as a trainer.

KEITH WAPLES DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS – JAMES MACDONALD AND LOUIS-PHILIPPE ROY

After taking home this honor in 2021, 2022 and 2023, James MacDonald is looking to become the first driver to win

the award for four consecutive years since Hall of Famer Doug Brown (1993-96). MacDonald also made history when he became the first Canadian-based driver to achieve more than \$12 million in purses in a single season. The native of Prince Edward Island and resident of Guelph, ON, has been the regular pilot for five O'Brien Award finalists: Chantilly, Its A Love Thing, Legendary Hanover, Willys Home Run and Monalishi. Some of his seasonal accomplishments are winning the Meadowlands Pace, two Breeders Crowns, the Cane Pace, Peaceful Way, Delmonica Hanover and Shes A Great Lady.

Louis-Philippe Roy will be looking to capture the fourth O'Brien Award of his career and third Driver of the Year title after winning in 2018 and 2019. In 2024, Roy set a career-high in earnings, with just under \$8.3 million. The Quebec native, currently based in Campbellville, ON, has won a multitude of Grand Circuit events this season as the regular pilot of North America Cup winner Nijinsky. Roy also added notable wins in the Somebeachsomewhere, Camluck Classic, multiple Simcoes, and the USS Indianapolis. Roy is the regular driver for 2024 O'Brien Award finalists Nijinsky, Drawn Impression, and Lasting Dream.

ARMSTRONG BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS – DETERMINATION AND MILLAR FARMS

Horses bred by Determination of Montreal, QC, found the winner's circle 30 times in 2024 while bankrolling \$1,277,012. Their top performers included O'Brien Award finalists Drawn Impression and Lasting Dream.

In 2024, horses bred by Millar Farms won 77 races and accrued \$1,889,456 in earnings. Top performers from the Stouffville, ON, nursery included O'Brien Award finalist Chantilly and 2022 O'Brien Award winner Silver Label.



BETWEEN THE LINES

with **BRETT STURMAN**

Reliving Southwind Amazon's 10 best wins

by Brett Sturman

Harness racing's all-time win leader, Southwind Amazon is in-to-go tomorrow (Dec. 23) in what could be either his last, or second-to-last career start. Facing mandatory retirement in less than 10 calendar days, the 14-year-old would hit the 400-mark in career starts should he make it to post two more times.

Of course, **Southwind Amazon set the sport's record** for wins when he won early in November at Northfield for win number 138. He added another just for good measure when he won last week. Of the 139-and-still-counting wins, here are what I see as his 10 most notable. In date chronological order:

JULY 4, 2012

It was a "warmish-Wednesday at Flamboro Downs" as described in the race call by track announcer Gary Guy to kick off the 8th race on the card that day, an Ontario Sire Stakes Grassroots that would see Southwind Amazon win his career debut as a 2-year-old for Gregg and Doug McNair. In the race, Southwind Amazon having started from the rail, got away third, quarter-moved to the lead and comfortably led every step from there to a score in 1:56.2. Little did anyone know at the time what the future would hold for 12-and-a-half more years.

AUG. 13, 2012

Following bad posts in the Battle of Waterloo in his preceding starts, Southwind Amazon made his first start at Mohawk in another Ontario Sire Stake Grassroots race. This time, it was Mike Saftic who picked up the catch drive and piloted Southwind Amazon to a perfect second-over trip to get up in deep stretch establishing a new mark for the freshman in 1:54.4. It would be his only stakes win at that track.



Chris Gooden
Southwind Amazon (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.) winning at The Meadows in 2019.

NOV. 15, 2013

In the fall of his 3-year-old season, Southwind Amazon was overlooked as a 25-1 longshot in the first leg of the Autumn Series at Woodbine Racetrack when he pulled the big surprise over the heavy 1-5 favorite that night Thorn In Your Side. Southwind Amazon was able to save ground the entire way until mid-stretch when he tipped out from third and used a :26.3 final quarter to move past the top pair. His win time of 1:52.3 would remain his best until two years later when he'd win four times at Mohawk during the summer of 2015, his best time of which during that run was 1:50.

SEPT. 18, 2017

Southwind Amazon won the open handicap at Northfield Park in a time of 1:49.3 by 9½ lengths. It was his first of many times breaking the sub-1:50 mark on a half-mile track and outside of a near 15-length win at Canton, OH years later, his margin of victory in that Northfield race was his widest career win margin.

JULY 11, 2020

In an open at Scioto Downs, Southwind Amazon accomplished his lifetime best mark of 1:48.3. In the race as the 9-5 second choice, he set the pace from the onset and braced for the challenge of 6-5 race favorite Sectionline Bigry around the final turn. In the stretch, Southwind Amazon continued to dig in to fight off the challenge from Sectionline Bigry and was relentless in not letting that rival by; one of the more game wins of his career for sure.

JAN. 25, 2021

Southwind Amazon picked up career win 100 when he crushed at Pompano Park in a time of 1:49.3. That race came five years following his first stint at Pompano Park from back in 2016, which was where he broke 1:50 for the first time in his career when he won in a time of 1:49.2 after blazing through a three-quarter fraction that night in 1:21.4.

JUNE 26, 2021

Two races removed from a torturous trip in the Battle of Lake Erie, Southwind Amazon prevailed in a late closing series final at Northville Downs. In that race, Southwind Amazon was parked to the quarter in :26.2, faced new pressure through an unheard of half mile for that track of :53.4 and went on to hold on and win in a track record 1:52.

MARCH 13, 2022

Making just his third start back following a layoff due to injury between October 2021 and February 2022, Southwind Amazon won at Northfield in a time of 1:49.4. Remarkably – maybe even more impressive than his all-time win mark – is the fact that this race marked the sixth straight year he set a season's mark of 1:49.4 or better all on half-mile tracks. Five of those wins came from posts 7 or 8 to boot. That will never happen again.

MAY 20, 2023

A tremendous and emphatic race call marked this race as Southwind Amazon's final win at now-defunct Northville Downs in Michigan. The win was particularly special due to the Michigan connections of Southwind Amazon's owner and trainer. This race made the track seem alive as Southwind Amazon unleashed a huge three-wide brush on the backstretch as his winning move to get the victory and move to within one win of Rambling Willie.

NOV. 5, 2024

Dismissed at 7-1 odds, this wasn't the night Southwind Amazon figured to break the all-time win mark, but it was fitting this was the race in which he did it. Getting away sixth and sitting off a hot :26 opening quarter, Southwind Amazon got into the cover flow third over, then was second over while three-wide and was almost four-wide when he made the big move turning for home "with history on the line" as the race call went, it was awesome watching him pace in isolation through the stretch.

What a race. What a horse. What a career.

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TALES FROM THE CURMUDGEON

with MURRAY BROWN

What drives Aaron Merriman?

Whether it is horses or cars, the Ohio native racks up the miles.

by Murray Brown

Look at the numbers. As of this past Tuesday, Aaron Merriman, at the age of 46, has driven the winners of 16,121 races which have earned \$121,179,923.

As astounding as those numbers may be, that ranks him only second in winning races behind long-time leader Dave Palone, 62, who has had 21,033 trips to the winner's circle.

When asked if he hopes to one day surpass Palone in wins, Merriman's response is that it is not something to which he ever gives thought. It isn't even a high priority item for him. He loves what he does. His primary mission is to just keep on keeping on.

In any event, as long as Palone continues to drive at the level he does, there is no reason to think that he could even come close to achieving his numbers, at least not for many years to come.

Year after year, you continue to commute between your two home tracks of Northfield Park and The Meadows, usually driving 20 or more races in any given day. Just the car driving alone might be something that would exhaust most humans. Then add to it eight or more hours of driving horses of all rank and ability in all sorts of weather conditions. What motivates you to subjecting yourself to doing it?

"You've got it all wrong. You speak of it as a chore that is totally demanding of both my body and mind. I see it as a great privilege.

"I'm a lucky guy. My work is also my greatest pleasure. I truly love harness racing and everything that goes with the sport.

"Firstly, I love the horses – from the lowliest of claimers to the fastest and best ones that I'm put behind.

"I love racing, not only the competition, but also the camaraderie associated with the sport. I love it all, the trainers and owners I work for, the grooms who take care of the horses and, believe it or not, my colleagues out on the racetrack, my fellow drivers. They say that friendship ceases out on the racetrack. That is true. But some of my best friends in this life are also those with whom I have engaged in some of the fiercest battles while racing. But once the race is over, we turn the page.

"The car driving can get to be a bit of a chore, especially in the winter months when the road conditions can get challenging. The trip from my home in Ohio to The Meadows takes about two hours in either direction. It can get to be demanding, but it really isn't that bad. The roads are good, much better than they used to be. I'm a big sports fan, so I'm often listening to sports radio as I drive.

"Best of all, my best friend of over 30 years, Wyatt Irvine, often drives with me. Time goes a whole lot faster when we get to BS'ing with each other.

"To a lesser extent, extreme weather may also apply to driving horses. I guess I may be one of the lucky guys whose comfort level is not significantly affected by bad weather. I've never felt the need to cover my face and my ears regardless of how cold it gets. Don't get me wrong. I'd much sooner be racing on a mild spring day with the temperature in the 70s than in near blizzard conditions. But I've learned to accept whatever nature decides to bestow on us."

Dave Landry
Aaron Merriman.





Dave Landry
Driving at two tracks
daily means Merriman is
constantly in the sulky.

You mentioned being a sports fan. Do you have any favorite sports or favorite sports teams?

“My two favorite sports are football and basketball. But I pretty much enjoy watching all sporting events. The teams I really like are Cleveland centric. I’m a Browns season ticket holder and I also go to a lot of Cavaliers games. In summer, I follow the Guardians (I’m still having some trouble not calling them the Indians). Like you, I also follow college hoops and I am a big Duke fan.

“Of course, being an Ohio native, I’m a big Ohio State fan. I’ll admit that hasn’t been easy the last four years. If you are a Buckeye fan, your year begins and ends with the game against that team from up North. You can win all your other games, but if you lose to Michigan, your season has been a monumental failure. Conversely if you beat them, it matters very little how you have fared with the rest of your schedule. You’ve had a great year.”

Let’s get back to harness racing. You have driven against and watched most of the great drivers of the last three decades. How do you rate them?

“I guess most would rate John Campbell as number one. I’m not about to disagree with anyone who rates him on top.

“But I’ve got my own personal GOAT. That would be ‘The Buckeye,’ David Miller. I look upon him as defying most of the laws of nature. He just turned 60 a few days ago. He is driving at least as well and perhaps better than he ever did. He is

just amazing. It matters little, if at all, whatever horse you put him behind. He is almost always going to drive it as well as it can possibly be driven. He is just amazing.

“Another amazing ‘old’ guy is Dave Palone, here at The Meadows. Dave is even older than David at 62, but he is still as hard-nosed a competitor as you are going to find anywhere.

“Another great driver named Miller is Brett. Ronnie Wrenn can compete with just about anyone anywhere. Give him the right horse and he will do well with it. Of course, the down under guys, Dexter Dunn and the McCarthy brothers, are exceptional as is James MacDonald in Canada.

“A kid with tremendous potential in my opinion is Hunter Myers who has joined Ronnie Wrenn and myself in doing double duty at both Northfield and The Meadows.

“I think that there are more great drivers than there ever were. Wherever you go, there are guys who can make horses go fast. Of course, the horse itself has to have the ability to be able to do that. It’s up to us guys to try to help them show it.”

How about horses – pacers and trotters?

“To me the pacer that impressed me the most ever was Wiggle It Jiggleit. I thought he was a truly amazing horse. He had it all. He was extremely fast and oh so very game. It’s a shame that he became unsound and we were robbed of not seeing how great he might have become. His story was also exceptional. He showed that the little guy, be it, a breeder, owner, driver or trainer can do it at the highest level.

“Among trotters, I’d go with Muscle Hill. Not only was he great, maybe beyond great. Not only did he stand out, but he was never even seriously challenged. It’s somewhat of a shame that he didn’t race beyond the age of 3 and gone overseas and shown the world how great an American-bred trotter really could be. I suppose the counter argument to that could be that if he didn’t enter the stud when he did, our breed might have been robbed of a great deal of its destiny.”

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Rideau Carleton Raceway wraps up the 2024 season with strong yearly handle

by **Matthew Lomon**

After nearly 10 months and 71 race dates (70 completed), Rideau Carleton Raceway put a bow on its 2024 harness racing season on Sunday (Dec. 15).

While the 11-race finale was not spared from the bitter cold that is Ottawa, ON in mid-December, the frigid temperatures did not deter the Rideau faithful from showing their support on the last live card of the 2024 meet.

“It was quite a cold day, but we still had a strong turnout,” said race announcer Melissa Keith. “There were plenty of people indoors in our simulcast area, but there’s always a devoted bunch out by the fence in all weather. They’ll even show up to watch the qualifiers at Rideau.”

That unwavering loyalty and dedication to the five-eighths-mile oval translated into a strong handle of \$306,739 on the night.

Wagering stood out as a bright spot throughout the 2024 campaign. For the year, total handle at Rideau reached \$18,447,308 (pending confirmation of Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency).

November and its eight race dates – headlined by a fruitful American Thanksgiving card (\$537,643) – was the track’s most prosperous wagering month with a handle of \$2,486,507.

The one race date that reigned supreme was Sunday (March 31), which generated a stunning \$666,360 in wagers. This figure ranks as the second-highest single-card handle ever recorded at Rideau Carleton.

The all-time record of \$752,899 was set on Nov. 26, 2020.

“The horseplayers who like Rideau continue to play Rideau, and the fact that we’ve had good handle throughout the year is a testament to the people who like it, and who keep coming back in person or online,” said Keith. “There seems to be a good following.”

As for the one cancellation that foiled Rideau’s otherwise perfect attendance record, it came on July 25 after lightning struck a transformer that powered the track.

However, the brief delay did not in any way sap the competitive spirits of Guy Gagnon and Mandy Archer, who finished the season as Rideau’s leading driver and trainer, respectively.

Landing atop the Rideau leaderboard has become routine for Gagnon, who capped off another dominant campaign with a grand slam in the season finale. Overall, the Gatineau, QC-based reinsman collected 174 wins to go along with 121 seconds and 82 thirds across 599 starts.



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The grandstand at Rideau Carleton Raceway.

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Gagnon, once again, found tremendous success with 6-year-old pacer The Light Speed, Rideau Carleton’s 2024 Horse of the Year, as announced by the National Capital Region Harness Horse Association on Sunday (Dec. 15).

Gagnon has teamed up with the gelding 113 times over the years for owner/breeder Michel Nolette of Princeville, QC.

Also trained by Gagnon, the son of Moon Beam—Jayma captured the last three preferred handicap paces at Rideau.

“He’s just so dominant, that horse,” said Keith. “Even assigned post 7, which is not a statistically helpful post, he’s still coming out on top. He’s that kind of horse.

“Anyone who’s been around him knows he’s not a pet, he’s not a kid’s horse, but he loves to race, and certainly gets along with Guy Gagnon.”

Gagnon was recently named a top-three finalist in the 2024 O’Brien Award of Horsemanship Award category.

The Light Speed and Gagnon added to their lengthy list of accolades on Aug. 4 when the bay gelding, alongside Jet Rock and driver Robert Shepherd, set the Canadian record for the fastest-ever dead heat on a five-eighths-mile track (1:51.1).

It was an equally memorable season for Archer, who competed with and against Gagnon on a nightly basis.

“The Mandy Archer stable, throughout the season, kept coming up with great horses to take on The Light Speed in the preferred,” said Keith. “They have a nice one in Early Action.”

The gelding is owned by Jamie Copley of Kenmore, ON, and Kimberly Eaton of Brockville, ON.

“That barn brings in a lot of horses to compete at different levels at Rideau Carleton, and sometimes they work out right away,



Melissa Keith
John MacMillan and
He's Got A Vendetta.

and sometimes they don't," said Keith. "But Early Action gave The Light Speed a run for his money in the preferred handicap pace in the second half of 2024. Also, Speaker Nancy was Canada's fastest mare on a five-eighths-mile track this year."

As Rideau's top conditioner, Archer coached her trainees to a 99-64-56 line from 385 starts.

The aforementioned Early Action (68 17-13-11 with over \$672,000 banked) and Meadowbranch Noble (140 24-24-22 with earnings north of \$311,000) stood as two of the Kenmore, ON-based trainer's most dynamic horses.

Keith recounted in great detail the latter's journey from middling results at Woodbine Mohawk Park to resounding success at Rideau.

"When he came here at the start of the season, he rose very quickly through the ranks into the preferred handicap level," said Keith. "He had a four-race win streak, three of them in the preferred early in the season, and then he got assigned [post] 7 but came back and won again one week later."

Meadowbranch Noble has since been purchased by A 1 Racing, an operation out of Gilbertsville, PA. The 7-year-old trotter's last three starts have come at Northfield Park in Ohio.

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Back at 4837 Albion Rd, Rideau saw one of its most beloved figures, John MacMillan, reach an impressive milestone of his own.

The former Rideau track announcer remains a dedicated horseman, surpassing 1,800 training wins this past season when he won with pacer Hes Got A Vendetta on Nov. 14. The gelding is owned by Elizabeth Adam of Kingston, ON, and Aidan Keeley Griffiths of Odessa, ON.

“John’s still quite involved, and he’s had horses racing here,” said Keith. “He warms them up, and he’s even been guest-calling some races. He’s still fighting cancer, but he’s just such a fighter and loves the sport.”

MacMillan called race 4 on Sunday night from his old post in the announcer’s booth.

Several other special moments graced Rideau’s 2024 schedule, including the Coville Cup, which MacMillan helped establish in 2007.

The annual driving tournament for reinsman with fewer than 100 career victories is named after the most revered driver in Rideau history, Darrell Coville, who retired in 2019 with 6,678 triumphs to his name.

This year’s edition of the Coville Cup was won by Jeff Taylor of Gloucester, ON, who maintains the Rideau racing surface and just began catch driving in 2024.

Another highlight came on June 23, when the Ontario Sires Stakes rolled into town. The scintillating second-leg Gold contest for 3-year-old fillies that went to Odds On Platinum was one Keith won’t soon forget.

“It was a catch drive of a lifetime for Stephane Brosseau,” said Keith. “Odds On Platinum nearly equaled the Rideau Carleton and Canadian record for 3-year-old pacing fillies on a five-eighths-mile track. She won in 1:50.3 and the record is 1:50.2. She was very dominant, and it shows the depth of our driving colony as well.”

From milestone moments to feel-good stories, Rideau Carleton’s most recent racing season certainly did not lack character.

And as Keith describes it, the final card encapsulated exactly what betting on Rideau’s on-track product is all about.

“There’s always value at Rideau Carleton,” she said. “It’s not a string of \$2.10 winners, and 1-9 doesn’t always win. I’ve had people say, ‘Oh, Guy Gagnon wins everything.’ Guy Gagnon wins a lot, but he is up against several very strong competitors, including Pascal Berube, Jimmy Gagnon, Robert Shepherd, and Marie-Claude Auger, who’s probably the most successful female driver in the country right now.”

Interestingly, or “paradoxically” as Keith coined it, the final three winners of the 2024 Rideau meet were all driven by Guy Gagnon but each paid well beyond what one would expect for the track’s driver of the year.

Beach Journey paid \$10.60 in race 9, Midnight Mood \$18.80 in race 10, and Woodmere Gaelic \$6.50 in race 11.

While the 2024 Rideau Carleton meet concluded Sunday (Dec. 15), there is a year-round, on-track handicapping contest running Saturday nights in the trackside simulcast area. The contest is free to play, and the jackpot was at \$2,200 for the Dec. 21 edition.

The Rideau backstretch played a significant role in maintaining field size at the track throughout the season.

“There’s a good horse population,” said Keith. “A lot of them are competing regularly and it makes a big difference.”

Expect to see the completed Hard Rock Hotel and other new additions at Rideau Carleton Raceway in the new year. Simulcast wagering and grandstand dining are open year-round, with live harness racing returning on Sunday (March 23, 2025) at the usual 6:30 p.m. post time.

Wednesday evening racing will replace Thursday afternoon cards this meet, starting on Wednesday (April 23, 2025) with a 6 p.m. post time. Seventy-one 2025 Rideau race dates were approved by the AGCO on Tuesday (Dec. 17).

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The merry mile

by Mary Holiday

Douglas Pettibone and Lucinda Gales enjoyed each other's company.

Douglas was 97, born six miles from his room at the Newmarket Falls Assisted Living Facility on the northern thumb of Michigan's mitten. His once strong arms were frail, but his mind and brown eyes were surprisingly clear.

Lucinda, a petite nurse with oversized glasses and a brown ponytail, worked the 3 to midnight-shift. She was only 24 and had recently transferred from downtown Baltimore. She left an abusive relationship to come to rural Newmarket Falls for what she referred to as her restart in life.

For the past six months, Lucinda has enjoyed the quiet of the small town and the friendly people. She also enjoyed learning about the residents. Each life was a different story, a movie waiting to happen. One afternoon in early November, in the lobby near the aquarium, Douglas inched his wheelchair in Lucinda's direction as she removed Halloween decorations from the lobby windows.

"Hello Mister Pettibone."

"Young lady, in the blink of an eye, you'll be taking down Christmas decorations."

She smiled and dropped a black cardboard witch hat into a plastic bin with the words Halloween/decorations written on the lid. She shut the lid and said, "Time goes too fast. How about you and I slowing it down over a cup of decaf?"

She pushed his chair to a table in the empty dining hall and brought two mugs to the table. After taking a sip, Lucinda said.

"I never asked you what you did for a living."

"How about you guess?"

"A truck driver?"

"Sort of."

"A farmer?"

"Sort of."

"A businessman?"

"Sort of. I was a harness racehorse driver, trainer, breeder, and racetrack maintenance man."

"Really?"

"That was a long time ago before television ruined the world, and don't get me started on the internet." At that moment, Lucinda's phone chimed. He pointed a gnarled finger and said, "See what I mean? Another moment ruined."

She raised her hands, "See, I'm not answering. You can amaze me with your life in horse racing."

He chuckled, "The best I can say is that I was a big fish in a little pond for a short time. I spent the best part of 70 years pretending to work with harness horses. Do you know about harness racing, where a driver sits behind the horse?"

"No, not really."

"It used to be a big deal. Once upon a time, Michigan was home to six harness racetracks, Jackson, Sports Creek, Hazel Park, and the others, all gone. And we used to have fairgrounds with racing, lots of them."

"Were you famous?"

"No, I never caught the brass ring, but I enjoyed going round and round and don't regret a single day. Especially the second Saturday of each December."

"Which was?"

"I forgot you only just moved here. Ask folks around town and check old newspapers. Newmarket Falls kicked off the Christmas season with the Merry Mile every year. The festivities started



in 1930, during the hard times of the Great Depression. Oh, it was quite a sight, a tradition. The horse racing people got the idea and arranged everything for a day that brought all the townspeople together. The entire town bundled up. We lit a bonfire, and the ladies made chili and hot cocoa. The men folk had their little flasks. We sang Christmas carols from borrowing songbooks from the Methodist Church. When I close my eyes, I can see those days.”

“And there was a big horse race?”

“No, there was no racing. We didn’t even clear the fairground racetrack of snow. Our motto was the more snow, the merrier. All afternoon, we hooked toboggans to a jog cart behind the trotters, and the horses pulled everyone round and round. They were big toboggans, big enough for six or eight people to ride. It was not just the kids; adults took a turn, too. Sometimes, we hooked up two sleds to two horses and made the miles into fun races. Lordy, the hooting and hollering from the riders and the crowd was something to behold.”

“That sounds magical.”

“It was. We had the Merry Mile every year until about 10 or 12 years ago. Like a lot of things, it faded out. The last few years were just a few of us old-timers and maybe a dozen kids they could pry away from their infernal iPads.”

They continued talking until the end of her shift.

Four weeks later, on the second Saturday of December, the air was crisp at 2 in the afternoon at the Newmarket Fairgrounds. A blanket of new fallen snow covered the trees around the track, creating a picturesque winter wonderland. The world seemed peaceful as if nature had stopped for a moment in time.

The crunching footsteps in the snow belonged to Lucinda and Lester Givens, a co-worker from the 3 to 11 shift. The couple assisted a man bundled in an oversized green snowmobile suit topped with a jaunty red ski cap pulled tight on his head. The man in the red cap had his arms over the shoulders of the young people. After about a hundred yards journey, the couple gently situated the man in the center of a wooden toboggan. Lucinda sat in front of the wizened man, and Lester sat behind. Lester then put his fingers to his lips and broke the silence with a whistle.

The trio on the sled turned to see a man lead a stout young trotter from the barn at the top of the oval. A small group from the nursing home and a few people more from the fairgrounds began to trudge through the snow toward the racetrack. Lucinda turned her head towards Douglas Pettibone and said, “Let’s spread the word the Merry Mile is back, and we may have a big crowd here next year.”

This week’s fines and suspensions

HRU is providing links to publicly-available fines and suspension lists for convenience.

Readers are reminded that because a person’s name appears on the list does not necessarily mean they are guilty of an offense. Many times, cases are not finalized and many of the accused are still entitled to due process.

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Bartlett reflects on memorable season

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

When driver Jason Bartlett looks back on his 2024 campaign, it is with a great deal of satisfaction and gratitude.

Bartlett's list of accomplishments this year have included setting a career high for purses, with nearly \$12.5 million, and winning more than 600 races for the third consecutive season, the longest such stretch of his career. Along the way, he captured the MGM Yonkers Trot for the first time, one of 445 victories at Yonkers Raceway that propelled him to his 13th driving title at his longtime home track.

Among his numerous other highlights were winning the Bob Miecuna Invitational Trot and three New York Sire Stakes championships on the same day (Sept. 7) at Yonkers, becoming the first driver to twice win the Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial at Saratoga Casino Hotel in the event's 15-year history, and winning his first Matron Stakes.

All totaled, Bartlett won 14 times on the Grand Circuit, which tied for 11th among all drivers in North America. In addition to his success at Yonkers, the 43-year-old is eighth in the driver's standings at The Meadowlands, with 47 victories, and finished ninth at Mohegan Pennsylvania's Pocono Downs, with 60. His 17.1-per cent win rate at The Big M is second to only Yannick Gingras among drivers with more than 115 starts there.

"I had a bunch of really good nights that were memorable this year," Bartlett said. "I want to say thank you to all the trainers and owners for giving me the opportunities. I picked up some really nice horses and things worked out pretty well.

"I've always liked to stay home with Yonkers, but I got hooked up with some of these horses and it kind of took me places that I hadn't gone before. I've driven at a lot of tracks this year. It was a lot of work but a very successful year."

Bartlett's top horse this season was 3-year-old male trotter Sir Pinocchio, who delivered the driver to the winner's circle in the Yonkers Trot, Matron, Dexter Cup, and NYSS final. The gelding finished no worse than second in 15 of 17 races this season, winning 11 and earning \$640,902 for trainer Ed Hart and breeder/owner Carolyn Atherton.

Earlier this month, Sir Pinocchio received the USTA District 8 Horse of the Year Award at the Monticello-Goshen Chapter of the U.S. Harness Writers Association's annual awards banquet.

"Sir Pinocchio was special for the people that I drove him for," said Bartlett, who was the USTA District 8 Driver of the Year. "He came a long way from being an Excelsior [Series] champ last year to what he did this year. The Yonkers Trot was something that I really wanted to get; I'd been so close before. Finally, I got it done."

Bartlett's other NYSS champs were 3-year-old female pacer Tarrific, trained by Chris Ryder, and 2-year-old female pacer The Last Martini, trained by Jared Bako. Tarrific later finished second in the Breeders Crown, missing by a neck to My Girl EJ after starting from post 10.

"A lot of times, the New York Sire Stakes horses don't really venture to the Grand Circuit much," Bartlett said. "I had a couple this year that did that. They were dominant in New York and then very competitive on the Grand Circuit. Sir Pinocchio, Tarrific; they were really special this year.

"I always knew [Tarrific] was very capable of going with those fillies. I'd driven in Pennsylvania against some of those fillies, so I knew them a little bit. Knowing Tarrific, I knew she could hold her own against them."

Bartlett notched his win in the Miecuna Invitational with Ari Ferrari J for trainer Tony Alagna and his victory in the Gerrity Memorial with Coaches Corner for trainer



Per Engblom. Coaches Corner's 1:49.3 score was the fourth-fastest mile in Saratoga history.

He also won five of eight New York Excelsior Series finals at Vernon Downs in September.

Overall, Bartlett's 620 wins this year rank second in North America and his \$12.47 million in purses are third. For his career, Bartlett has won 10,947 races (14th best in North American history) and \$161 million in purses (10th best).

"If you're winning races, you're making money; it kind of goes hand in hand," Bartlett said. "I do focus on the money, but the wins are going to come."

Friday (Dec. 20) was the final race night of the year at Yonkers, and Bartlett is looking forward to about a monthlong break before getting back to work in 2025.

"I always feel this way at the end of the season, that I've got to get turned out," Bartlett said. "It's a lot of miles up and down the road. But as much work as I put into it this year, the results were great, so there's no complaints on my part for working long hours and being on the road and traveling as much as I did. I think the trainers and grooms have it a lot harder than I do.

"I'm not the type of person that likes to sit down or stay idle, so once I get a couple weeks in me, I'll be ready to go back at it again. It doesn't take me long to recharge. I guess the competitiveness and winning races kind of pushes you. You've got to love it, or you'd never do it."



Delaware SIRE STAKES REPORT

Captain Pete prevails in Dover DSBF final

by the Delaware Standardbred Breeders' Fund

Off the strength of a 1:52.2 win in the second preliminary round, **Captain Pete** capped a sweep of the Delaware Standardbred Breeders' Fund (DSBF) series for 3-year-old male pacers with a 1:52.4 win over **Beat Cop** in Thursday's (Dec. 19) \$110,000 series championship at Bally's Dover.

In line to Allan Davis, Captain Pete asserted himself to force **Beat Cop** (driven by Tim Tetrick) into the pocket amid a :26.3

first-quarter duel. The pair traveled one-two through a :56 half before **Lovenbury** (Troy Beyer), who was bothered by a breaking **Boris Badenov** on the first turn, began a long first-over advance out of fifth to press the pace midway up the backstretch.

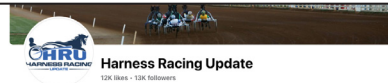
Captain Pete held his ground through the far turn and, after parrying **Lovenbury's** challenge, dug in through the stretch to keep pocket rival **Beat Cop** a neck at bay at the winning post. **LL Julio** (Cody Poliseno) finished third, beaten 1½ lengths, after saving ground behind the top pair.

Jason Johnson trains **Captain Pete**, an 11-time winner with \$184,382 in career earnings from 17 starts, for Mulligan Stables, Calcutta Stable and Denise Davis. As the 1-5 favorite, the **Roddy's Bags Again—Capitana** gelding paid \$2.60 to win.

The \$20,000 DSBF consolation saw **Bryan Truitt, Jr's Rowdy Dragon** spring a 14-1 upset, clearing from post 7 through a :27.2 first quarter before yielding to 1-9 favorite **Papas Son** and emerging at the top of the stretch to overpower the pacesetter by a widening 1½ lengths in 1:55.1. **Russell Foster** drove the **Roddy's Bags Again—Delightful Play** gelding, who paid \$30.40 to win, for trainer **Bryan Truitt**.

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E L Platinum new to Winbak Farm of Delaware

Winbak Farm of Delaware is proud to welcome E L Platinum, 3, 1:53.4 (\$29,760), in 2025.

"E L Platinum is a correct and outstanding looking individual with a royal pedigree," said owner, Sonja Booth. "He's a full-brother to proven stallions, EL Ideal and E L Titan."

E L Platinum is a full-brother to Bluegrass Stakes winner, EL Ideal, 1:52.1f (\$830,857), who has found success as a stallion in Italy, and Carl Erksine Stakes winner, E L Titan, 1:51.2f (\$702,473), who has sired multiple North American stakes winners and is now standing in Australia. He is a half-brother to Appomattox, 3, 1:52.2 (\$619,886), and Charles Smith final winner, E L Rocket, 1:53.4f (\$379,414).

"When E L Platinum became available to stand at Winbak Farm of Delaware, we were excited for the chance to add him to our Delaware lineup," said Joe Thomson, Winbak Farm owner. "His pedigree is stacked from top to bottom with proven sires."

His dam, Bluegrass Stakes winner, Courtney Hall, 3, 1:55.4 (\$118,986), is a full-sister to USHWA and O'Brien Award winner, Cameron Hall, 1:53.4s (\$1,816,236), and to the dam of Cantab Hall, 3, 1:54 (\$1,442,303).

"E L Platinum's pedigree has some of the best trotting stallions of all time," said Jack Burke, Winbak Farm general manager. "He is already a proven cross with Chocolatier, CR Commando, Credit Winner, Donato Hanover, Glidemaster and Kadabra mares."

Also in his maternal family are Andover Hall, 3, 1:51.3 (\$870,510), Angus Hall, 3, 1:54.3 (\$830,654), Conway Hall, 3, 1:53.4 (\$818,884), and Trixton, 3, 1:50.3 (\$947,057).

"E L Platinum offspring have been phenomenal in Delaware the past two seasons," said Burke. "I was personally impressed by the seven-straight wins that Melvin G had this year that included two \$110,000 DSBF finals."

E L Platinum, a son of Muscle Hill, has two crops of racing age. He is the sire of five winners of Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund final winners, including Platinum Proposal, 3, 1:57.3f-'24 (\$311,331), Going Platinum, 3, 1:57.1f-'24 (\$295,374), Worklikeacharm, 3, 1:56.3f-'24 (\$197,560), Melvin G, 2, 1:57.2f-'24 (\$162,437), Lovies Place, 3, 1:57.3h-'24 (\$127,700), and Lady Burg, 2, 2:00f-'24 (\$94,150). Platinum Proposal and Going Platinum won finals at both 2 and 3.

"E L Platinum is currently ranked fourth in the United States for average earnings per 2-year-old performers with 11 of his 16 eligible foals making it to races," said Booth. "He is ranked right behind top sires, Chapter Seven, Gimpanzee, and Googoo Gaagaa, and his average is ahead of Walner, Greenshoe and Muscle Hill."

E L Platinum will stand for \$3,000 in 2025. There will be multiple mare discounts available. For more information on E L Platinum and Winbak Farm of Delaware's 2025 lineup, please visit www.winbakfarm.com.

"E L Platinum's Delaware statistics speak for themselves," said Thomson. "We look forward to standing this handsome stallion and giving the Delaware breeders another fantastic option for their trotting mares in 2025."

Elizabeth Cheesman / Winbak Farm of Delaware

Stockade Seelster syndication nearing completion in Ohio

The syndication process for new Ohio stallion Stockade Seelster p, 2, 1:49.3; 3, 1:48.4 (\$1,279,127) is nearing completion and is subject to close. Many outstanding Ohio breeders will be shareholders in the exciting new stallion, including Rose Run Farm, Prolific Equine, Spurwood Farm, LMN Bred Stables, Crystal Springs Stables, Winterwood Farm, Bernie Cave, Matt Rowe, and many others. Only a few available shares remain and when syndication closes the balance will be retained by Cornerstone Stock Farm. Shareholders are entitled to breed two mares per year for the first three seasons of Stockade Seelster's career, followed by one per year thereafter. Interested parties may contact Jeff Fought with CSF at 260-463-1649, or via email at jeffreyfought81@gmail.com.

Limited non-shareholder bookings will be available, so those wishing to **submit an application** should do so promptly. Applications are available at cornerstonestockfarm.com.

Jeff Fought / Cornerstone Stock Farm, LLC

Boxing Day Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout at Woodbine Mohawk Park

Woodbine Mohawk Park will offer a mandatory payout for the Jackpot Hi-5 this Thursday (Dec. 26 - Boxing Day).

The Jackpot Hi-5 carryover currently sits at \$246,591.97.

Woodbine will continue to offer Jackpot Hi-5 wagering on each card leading up to Thursday's mandatory payout.

The Jackpot Hi-5 requires horseplayers to select the top-five finishers in order. A horseplayer can only win the entire jackpot if they hold the only winning ticket for that evening's wager. If there are multiple winning tickets, half the pool is paid out, while the other half is added to the carryover.

The entire carryover will be paid out, plus new money wagered, during the mandatory payout. The Jackpot Hi-5 has a \$0.20 minimum and a 15 per cent takeout.

The Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout race will be the final race on the Boxing Day matinee program. First-race post time is 1 p.m.

The draw for Thursday's Boxing Day card took place on Saturday (Dec. 21).

Mark McKelvie / Woodbine communications

2024 meet comes to an end at MGM Yonkers Raceway

Live racing for 2024 at MGM Yonkers Raceway came to a conclusion on Friday night (Dec. 20), with Jason Bartlett and Per Engblom once again leading driver and trainer, respectively.

Bartlett capped off his third straight and 13th overall driving crown at MGM Yonkers Raceway in style, capturing eight of the 11 races on the program to give him a total of 454. He was followed by George Brennan (297 wins), Brent Holland (247), Matt Kakaley (218) and Jordan Stratton (212).

Engblom, who was tops in the trainer standings for the second consecutive season, had five triumphs on Friday to end up with 211 in all for 2024. Travis Alexander (166 victories) was next, with Scott Di Domenico (108), Ricky Bucci (101) and Ron Burke (100) coming in third through fifth.

Pending final approval by the New York State Gaming Commission, the 2025 meet will begin at MGM Yonkers Raceway on Monday (Jan. 20). To start the year, live racing will be held on Monday through Friday nights with post time at 7 p.m. (EST).

All of us at MGM Yonkers Raceway would like to thank the horses, horsepeople, staff, management, and bettors for your continued support in making the year a success. We hope everybody has a happy holiday season, a happy and prosperous New Year, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2025.

Yonkers Raceway media

Andrew, Case, Jr., Switzer, Sr., Varney elected to New England Harness Writers Hall of Fame

The New England Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association is proud to announce the 2024 inductees to the New England Harness Writers Hall of Fame.

The esteemed group includes Walter Case, Jr. and Kevin Switzer, Sr., as well as posthumous honorees Mike Andrew and Bill Varney. The four individuals will be formally recognized at the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association annual banquet on Dec. 28 in Auburn, ME.

Michael Andrew (1938–2022)

Michael Andrew was a man of extraordinary talents and contributions across education, agriculture, and harness racing. Born in Gorham, ME, he grew up on the family farm where he could hear, and was called to racing by the race calls at nearby Gorham Raceway.

Andrew's love for harness racing was evident in his work as a breeder and owner, where he built a stable of Maine Sire Stakes champions, focused on trotters. With a keen knowledge of standardbred breeding and bloodlines, he was often consulted for his expertise, including for the U.S. Trotting Association and Hoof Beats for the educational series "Breeding Basics."

Andrew's horses, many initially trained and developed by Gordon Corey, have competed and excelled at the highest levels, including million-dollar winner Likeababoutahell, a winner of the Joseph Ricci Memorial at Scarborough Downs in 2008; Obrigado, a world champion who was named a Dan Patch Award winner as the best older male trotter of 2016 by the U.S. Harness Writers Association; and Rebuff, a Breeders Crown and Kentucky Futurity winner.

Beyond racing, Andrew was a skilled blacksmith, an award-winning Hampshire sheep breeder, and founder of the Downeast Polo Club. Known for his love of art, poetry, and music, he balanced elegance and humility, moving seamlessly between formal events and farm work. His profound influence spanned education, where he mentored countless professionals, and harness racing, where his vision and expertise elevated Maine's profile in the sport.

Andrew's legacy is defined by his character, accomplishments, and dedication to family, friends, and his community. He will be remembered as an exceptional breeder, educator, and family man, leaving a profound impact across his many worlds.

Walter Case, Jr.

When driver Walter Case, Jr. and pacer Hotrod Falcon rocketed past the quarter pole in :26.3 during a New England-record mile at Scarborough Downs in 1993, track announcer Lloyd Johnson called out, "You've never seen it here before!"

"You've never seen it" captures the unique place that Walter Case has achieved in harness racing. With more than 11,490 career wins, he ranks 12th all-time with an astonishing career UDR of .364.

Born and raised in Lewiston, Case once said that as soon as he sat behind a horse at the age of 10, "It was what I wanted to do. Other kids were playing baseball and basketball, I wanted to be out on the racetrack sitting behind a racehorse. I just thought that was the ultimate thing." He began driving in 1977, winning no races in 16 starts. The next year he won 16, then 113, and 192 in the next, his UDR jumping from .236 to .329.

A true phenom, he was the youngest driver to hit most driving milestones, including the youngest, at age 30, to win 5,000 races, in 1992.

As Case quickly achieved driving success, he advanced from Maine to New York and to New Jersey's Garden State Park and The Meadowlands, and then Chicago. He drove many top horses of his time including Cambest, Gallo Blue Chip, and Anniecrombie, driving the great mare to a mile of 1:55.4 at Sportsman's Park in 1987, at the time the fastest mile by a filly or mare over a five-eighths track in racing history. In 1993, he drove Captain Pantastic to a huge upset (\$182 to win) over Little Brown Jug winner Life Sign at Freehold Raceway in the James B. Dancer Memorial.

Earning multiple Harness Tracks of American Driver of the Year honors, Case made history in 1998 by becoming the first driver to achieve 1,000 wins in a single year, setting a record with 1,077 wins with a gaudy UDR of .506. That year, Case won an astonishing 36 per cent of the time while hitting the board at a 67 per cent clip. In 2000 at Northfield Park, he became the first driver to win 10 races (out of 13), and was the leading driver nationally in 2002.

Kevin Switzer, Sr.

In the late summer of 1984, an unheralded young horseman named Kevin Switzer arrived in Maine from Jamesburg, NJ, with two cheap horses, Pine Jet and Just For Practice. Having grown up on a thoroughbred farm, Switzer had worked in home construction. But he longed to get back in the racing business, and trekking to Maine put Switzer on the path to success.

From auspicious and humble beginnings, Switzer seized opportunities along the way to develop into a consummate harness racing professional, excelling in all facets of the sport: as a driver, a trainer who excels with both colts and older horses, and a breeder.

His first big splash was in 1989, making the most of a catch drive in a leg of the North American Pacing Series at Lewiston Raceway when driver Jack Moiseyev was unable to drive. Switzer sent the longshot Out To Score to the lead, scoring the win in a startling time of 1:55.1 – a state record. "I wanted that record," he said afterward. "I was rocking, hollering, and screaming in the lane to keep him alive."

Then there was his success with the notorious My Bill Troy, an unruly Maine colt by the great My Bill Forwood that other trainers refused to work with. Seizing the opportunity, Switzer used patience and DIY creativity, including a specially designed race bike to protect him from the colt's kicks, to create a blazing fast competitor. Cementing Switzer's training reputation, My Bill Troy won eight of 10 races as a 2-year-old in 1990 and was undefeated (16-for-16) as a 3-year-old in 1991.

A perennial leading trainer in Maine in the 1990s, capturing Trainer of the Year honors at Scarborough Downs, he established in 2000 KDK Standardbreds, an initialism that stands for Kevin, Denise (McNitt, his wife, who is a veterinarian), and his son Kevin, Jr.

KDK Standardbreds has produced many talented homebreds. Perhaps the best was Apple Bottom Jeans, a top stakes filly in Delaware who became a top open mare along the East Coast with earnings of over \$1 million, a mark of 1:50.1, and 32 wins from 104 starts from 2015 to 2020.

In his career, Switzer has 1,261 training wins from 5,494 starts, for a UTR of .353 and \$7.4 million in earnings. Now retired as a driver, he won 3,446 races from 21,431 starts for a UDR of .268 and earnings of \$9.2 million.

The secret of his success? "I just love horses," he once said.

Bill Varney (1941–2024)

William "Bill" Varney was a lifelong advocate for harness racing and an accomplished standardbred breeder who left an indelible mark on the sport.

As a little boy growing up during World War II, he lived with his grandparents in Pembroke, ME, while his father was in the U.S. Navy. After chores were done at his grandparents' general store and feed business, Varney and his grandfather, Leavitt Hatch, headed to the local harness track in West Pembroke to work with Hatch's stable. Thus began Varney's deep love for harness racing and a deep respect for the sport's family roots in Maine.

Varney became one of the most prominent breeders in the industry with a substantial operation based at his Bangor farm that has produced more than 100 standardbreds under the "Pembroke" name. Developed by the driving and training team of Heath Campbell and Valerie Grondin, Varney's Pembroke horses have been dominant performers in the Maine Sire Stakes year after year and gone on to become backbone overnight performers in Maine and across North America. Three times, Varney's horses won the prestigious Joseph Ricci Memorial

Invitational at Scarborough Downs, twice with Star's Photo and a third time with his homebred Pembroke Prayer, whose 1:57.3 win equaled the all-age track record at Scarborough Downs.

Beyond breeding, Varney played an influential role in the governance and promotion of harness racing. As a commissioner on the Maine State Harness Racing Commission, he worked tirelessly to enhance the industry in Maine, advocating for better support for breeders and trainers. His commitment to the sport extended to ensuring the humane treatment of retired racehorses. Varney's passion for harness racing was matched by his generosity, as he supported countless stakeholders in the industry, helping them achieve success and sustain the legacy of the sport.

Jay Burns for New England Chapter USHWA

Virginia horse owner Adam Ainspan's pair of \$500,000 stakes wins came with a thoroughbred and a standardbred

When retired Virginia small animal veterinarian Adam Ainspan purchased his first racehorse 22 years ago, he most likely had a dream – as any new owner would – to someday win a stakes race say, with a \$500,000 purse. That dream turned into reality for Ainspan on Aug. 31, 2023 when his thoroughbred horse Harlan Estate captured the \$500,000 Tapit Stakes at Kentucky Downs after being sent off at odds of 37-1.

Fast forward 14 months to Oct. 26, 2024 when Ainspan again found himself in the winner's circle of a race that carried a near \$500,000 purse, this time at The Meadowlands. His horse Call Me Goo, a Virginia-Certified standardbred, won the \$496,000 Breeders Crown Mare Trot on harness racing's grandest stage.

Two wins each at or almost at a half million dollars, within nearly a year of each other and most interestingly, with different breeds. Not an everyday occurrence but to Ainspan, who races under the Graham Grace Stable moniker – named after his children's middle names – it wasn't a complete surprise.

"I was shocked a bit, but I wasn't totally surprised," he said. "A friend called me up recently and asked for advice about

his daughter who was going into the entomology field. I said you can be successful based on whatever you are passionate about. My passion early on in life was horses and always thought if I owned a horse someday I would do well no matter what the breed was. I conduct interviews with many trainers before buying a horse to find one who best matches my personality. You've got to build the right team."

Ainspan grew up in Albany, just south of Saratoga where he said everybody was into horses.

"I had friends who owned standardbreds and always knew it was something I wanted to do," he said.

After grade school, he went to veterinary school in Tennessee and graduated in 1990. After completing an internship in Rochester, NY, he relocated to Washington, DC where his wife worked at the International Monetary Fund.

"A vet can get a job anywhere," he said. "Being in DC, I would go to Rosecroft Raceway sometimes and finally saved up some money, bought my first horse, and it happened to go well."

Ainspan had immediate success with that 2002 standardbred purchase, No Wishes, a foal out of the great foundation mare Classic Wish.

"I bought him at the Harrisburg sale for \$26,000 and even though he didn't turn out to be a Hall of Fame-type horse like some of his offspring, he was a nice horse that competed in winners over company for \$10,000 purses," Ainspan said. "He was a smart horse and I had him for six or seven years. His success allowed us to buy a similar horse, which was followed by our third, Great George Two.

"He is the background for what we have going today. Great George Two is the father to Call Me Goo's mom and he has had some good ones in between which has kept the cash flowing well. If the first horse wasn't so successful, I'm not sure we'd be where we are today. With 'George,' I thought his bloodline would eventually click because he had come close before. Some of his horses have had the talent but not the mindset and others have had the right mindset but not the talent. Call Me Goo has put it all together."

Call Me Goo gave Ainspan an especially big thrill this year, with more to come he believes. That's saying something. The 4-year-old Googoo Gaagaa mare has won 23 of 37 races with earnings of \$945,898 so far. Trainer/driver Ake Svanstedt joined Ainspan's team in September – as a co-owner as well – and was in the sulky for Call Me Goo's Breeders Crown win.

"I don't think she has reached her peak yet," Ainspan said. "Give Ake a full year to train her and we might see her endurance improve even more toward the end of next year. I have a lot of confidence in the people around me, their character, ability and passion."

Ainspan speaks volumes about the care and training Call Me Goo got early in her career courtesy of Jason and Sharon Skinner. Trainer Bib Roberts, who Ainspan has used almost exclusively – especially early on with No Wishes and Great George Two – recommended that Skinner train ‘Goo’ initially. From 32 starts under Skinner’s watch, the mare won 21 times and bankrolled \$583,768.

“The Skinner team deserves a ton of credit for her development,” Ainspan said. “Jason, Susan and their kids are incredibly talented people with impeccable character.”

As for some of his horse’s names – like Call Me Goo, Googoo Gaagaa and Agoo – it is not by coincidence. And Ainspan does not have a fascination with the band Goo Goo Dolls.

“My older sister tells the story that if I got in trouble as a child, I would blame everything on my imaginary friend Agoo,” he said. “I’ve had some fun with the name since.”

After achieving success with both breeds, Ainspan was asked which he prefers at this point.

“I can’t say I like one over the other but I’ve had more success with standardbreds,” he said. “The breeds are very, very similar but different at the same time. I can’t say that the Kentucky Downs win was any less thrilling than the Breeders Crown win. And I get the same feeling from the wins I’ve had in Canada with Call Me Goo...”

“Standardbreds are more blue collar, but in a very positive way. Everybody helps out if you have a question or issue. In thoroughbreds, the people are just as great but everyone stays much closer to the vest. Another difference is that trainers on the thoroughbred side are never actually on the horse and rely on others to tell them how the horse is doing. On the harness side, the trainer is sitting behind the horse. I think that aspect leads to a different level of understanding and they are more intimately involved in training of the horse. When it comes to purchasing a horse though, I’m a little better at judging a thoroughbred horse’s conformation myself where in harness, I need to rely on other people’s judgment.”

Heading into 2025, Ainspan has a combined stable of 30 horses from both breeds. His home base is Clifton, VA, though his horses reside elsewhere based on whether or not they are racing. His competing thoroughbreds are at Fair Grounds and the rest are in Kentucky. His standardbreds are in both New Jersey and Maryland. Ainspan is sole owner of his thoroughbred horses but he has partners in some of his standardbreds.

“In partnerships, I ultimately decide issues that arise but everybody has input and an equal say if not more. It’s a very positive experience that way.”

Darrell Wood



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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA *report*

Friday's Results:

7, Phl, \$15,000, Trot, Winners Over \$20,000 Lifetime Post Positions Assigned, 28.4, 57.4, 1:26.2, 1:54.0, FT

1-Benjamin Hanover (g, 4, Sebastian K S--By A Neck Hanover, by Chapter Seven) \$7,500, \$27,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 31-18-3-1, \$151,440
O-Angela Cornell. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Johnathan Ahle.

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-All Wrapped Up (g, 8, Archangel--Jukebox Jackie, by Hard Rock N Roll) \$3,750, \$11,000 2017 LONDON, Lifetime Record: 190-37-22-23, \$495,278
O-Jennifer Bongiorno Stable LLC & Howard A Taylor. B-V Edward Hayter, CA & Lesley J Lawton, CA. T-Joe Bongiorno. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

3-Platinum As (g, 6, E L Titan--Jarette As, by Striking Sahbra) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 76-20-11-13, \$339,995
O-Acl Stuteri Ab. B-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Brett Beckwith.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2, 1H, 1T, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Yanks Dugout, Eurobond, Asteroid

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS *report*

Friday's Results:

9, Mea, \$19,200, Pace, **OPEN HANDICAP** P.P. 1-2 DRAWN, 3-6 DRAWN, 27.4, 57.2, 1:25.4, 1:53.1, SY

1-Surreal Ideal (g, 6, So Surreal--Jkmusicofthenite, by Western Ideal) \$9,600, Lifetime Record: 102-30-21-17, \$363,778
O-518 Group LLC & Gitup Racing. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Scott Cox. D-Hunter Myers.

2-Liteningonthebeach (g, 4, Downbytheseaside--Peanutbettor Shake, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,800, \$72,000 2021 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 62-22-12-8, \$365,081
O-Renee J Bercury. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman.

3-Timeisonmyside (g, 3, Captain Crunch--Macharoundtheclock, by Mach Three) \$2,304, \$165,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 26-9-5-3, \$281,744
O-Thestable Timeisonmyside. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Tim Twaddle. D-Anthony Macdonald.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1, 1H, H, H, T - Finish Order: Crooked Smile, Wicked Character, Gung Ho

HOLLYWOOD GAMING DAYTON RACEWAY *report*

Friday's Results:

1, Dtn, \$18,000, Trot, CONDITION CLAIMER N/W 10 (FM 11) (OH 11, FM OH 12) PM RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME CLAIMING PRICE \$50,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 28.0, 57.0, 1:26.1, 1:55.3, SY

1-Rose Run Zoom (g, 3, Uncle Peter--Loconotion, by Crazed) \$9,000, \$33,000 2022 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 36-12-9-6, \$200,990
O-Cass P Gallagher. B-Rose Run Farm. T-Steve Carter. D-Dan Noble.

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Headoverboots As (g, 5, Lionhunter--Kayla As, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 80-11-25-7, \$179,146

O-Johnny C Stant. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Chris Mc Guire. D-Trevor Smith.

3-Dash Of Luck (h, 4, Helpisontheway--Demons N Diamonds, by Muscle Hill) \$2,160, \$22,000 2021 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 63-8-8-5, \$141,698

O-Therese L Defabis & Dolne Farm Services LLC & Mark E P'pool. B-Luckiana Farm. T-Mark P'pool. D-Sam Widger.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1T, 2, 4 - Finish Order: Swan So Fine, Jaqen H'ghar, Gypsy Hill, Bidenurtime, Said N Done As, Lindy's Coyotito, Topville Master

3, Dtn, \$18,000, Trot, CONDITION CLAIMER N/W 10 (FM 11) (OH 11, FM OH 12) PM RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME CLAIMING PRICE \$50,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 28.1, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:55.3, SY

1-Carrera Hanover (g, 3, Bar Hopping--Cankeysto, by Cantab Hall) \$9,000, \$37,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 33-9-8-5, \$134,665

O-Arrhythmic LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Christi Noble. D-Dan Noble.

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-Till I Collapse As (g, 4, Uncle Peter--Kayla As, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 54-9-15-3, \$167,085

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Ron Burke. D-Chris Page.

3-Count On Cody (g, 9, Full Count--Caviar Forthe Lady, by Sj's Caviar) \$2,160, Lifetime Record: 49-8-14-11, \$218,964

O-Lori L Manke. B-Acadia Farms Inc. T-Al Manke III. D-Al Manke III.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 2H, 3H - Finish Order: Guessiforgotim, Magic Hill, Ira Who, K J Alexander, Over And Back, Vintage

6, Dtn, \$19,000, Trot, N/W \$10,001 (FM \$12,001) LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 9 (FM 10) (OH 10, FM OH 11) PM RACES OR \$75,000 LIFETIME AE: CLAIMING \$40,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 28.3, 56.3, 1:26.1, 1:55.1, SY

1-Sweet Mr Pinetucky (g, 10, Pinetucky--Sweet Stockings, by Sweet Wiz) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 271-46-29-35, \$561,228

O-Floyd D Raber. B-Floyd D Raber. T-Lester Raber. D-Marvin Luna.

2-Herecomescharlie B (g, 7, Full Count--Jetterbug, by Chip Chip Hooray) \$4,750, Lifetime Record: 148-28-24-23, \$390,948

O-Daniel J Venier. B-Daniel J Venier. T-Dan Venier. D-Austin Hanners.

3-My Pal Sparky (g, 6, Uncle Peter--Gee O'keeffe, by Holiday Road) \$2,280, \$16,000 2019 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 89-12-16-13, \$171,299

O-Jessica M McCown. B-Wilbur Stoll Lang & Christopher F Beaver. T-Jessica McCown. D-Cameron McCown.

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11, Dtn, \$17,000, Trot, N/W \$8001 (FM \$9601) LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 8 (FM 9) (OH 9, FM OH 10) PM RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME AE: CLAIMING \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 28.0, 56.2, 1:25.2, 1:55.2, SY

1-Stride The Hill (g, 5, Muscle Hill--Open Access, by Credit Winner) \$8,500, \$45,000 2020 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 54-14-9-10, \$281,361

O-A Piece Of The Action LLC. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Katie Remmerswaal. D-Tyler Smith.



PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Toy's For You (g, 8, Airzoom Lindy--Tarport Lauren, by Credit Winner) \$4,250, \$9,700 2017 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 142-31-30-14, \$377,322

O-Richard C Plano. B-Luckiana Farm. T-Rick Plano. D-Marvin Luna.

3-Jusmakinyalook (m, 5, Pinetucky--Beldame Hanover, by S J's Photo) \$2,040, \$10,500 2020 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 73-16-20-9, \$415,527

O-Devon R Miller. B-John R Stoll. T-Robert Taylor. D-Jordan Ross.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1Q, 3, 2H, 2, H - Finish Order: Heart Stopping, Angel Nation, Diaboli Hanover, Scottish, Kinch

13, Dtn, \$21,000, Trot, N/W \$12,501 (FM \$16,001) LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 11 (FM 12) (OH 12, FM OH 13) PM RACES OR \$85,000 LIFETIME AE: CLAIMING \$50,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.4, 56.0, 1:25.1, 1:55.3, SY

1-Flemsteen (g, 6, Explosive Matter--Lost Symbol, by Yankee Glide) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 113-27-22-17, \$611,395

O-Christopher F Beaver & Bill G Manes, CA & R.B.H. Ventures Inc. B-James G Wilhite Jr. T-Christopher Beaver. D-Tyler Smith.

2-Wildfire Seelster (m, 8, Explosive Matter--Warrawee Lassie, by Kadabra) \$5,250, \$23,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 226-50-37-29, \$677,911

O-Anthony Miller. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Herman Hagerman. D-Dan Noble.

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Skyway Kon Man (g, 8, Conway Hall--Keystone Sadie, by Yankee Glide) \$2,520, \$12,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 193-27-30-31, \$408,739
O-Lorie S Davis. B-Arden Homestead Stable & Max J Hempt. T-Lorie Davis. D-Kayne Kauffman.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 3T, 3T, H, Q, 2Q - Finish Order: Abbey D, Spitfire Oversees, Breckenridge, Northern Rocks, Empire Builder, Er Kelly

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Friday's Results:

4, M, \$16,000, Trot, 4 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 Extended PM Races Life AE: 3YO, N/W \$1,700 in Last 4 Starts or TMR 73 or Less as of 12/17 (Wins \$2,800 1st Money N/C - Maidens Drawn Inside), 28.4, 57.1, 1:26.1, 1:56.2, GD

1-Chuck (g, 3, **Met's Hall--Abby, by Master Glide**) \$7,520, Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$9,000

O-Robert G Slowey Jr. B-Robert G Slowey Jr. T-Michelle Warner. D-Justin Irvine.



METS HALL Winner!



2-Rock My Universe (g, 3, Walner--Youlightupmyworld, by Explosive Matter) \$4,400, \$40,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 29-1-5-5, \$38,576

O-Carolyn Atherton. B-Kentuckiana Farms LLC. T-Edward Hart. D-Braxten Boyd.

3-Niccolo (g, 3, International Moni--Armbro Blusher, by Mr Lavec) \$1,440, \$31,000 2022 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 34-4-5-6, \$44,172

O-Bill Reepmeyer LLC. B-Max J Hempt & Christine Murphy. T-Paul Zabielski. D-Leon Bailey.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 6, 6H, 5T, 2T, T - Finish Order: Cold Feet, Bo Silas, Modigliani S, Race Me Shipyard, Howdoyoudew, Valued Credit, Evolving

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Friday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, FILLIES & MARES NW 2 RACES OR \$35,000 (OS \$59,500) LIFETIME. AE: 3 YEAR OLDS NW \$1,500 LAST 3 STARTS, 27.2, 57.1, 1:26.4, 1:56.0

1-Whats The Point (b,f,3 - **Lookslikeachpndale-Pointe Of Inquiry-Deweycheatumnhowe**) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 34-9-1-3, \$57,380

O-John Newell B-High Stakes Inc, Henry Stable T-Sara Baillargeon D-James Macdonald

2-Exciting Mia (b,f,3 - Muscle Mass-Exotic Dreams-Kadabra)

O-Camilla Christoforou B-Charalambos Christoforou, Banjo Farms T-Camilla Christoforou

3-Go Have Fun (b,f,3 - Kadabra-Lady Mary Lee-Angus Hall)

O-Etsell Newton, Graham Hopkins, Peter Porter, Lindsey Turner B-Christopher Coyle T-Mark Etsell D-Mario Baillargeon

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3, Wbs, \$21,000, Trot, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 (FM 6) RACES OR \$66,500 (OS \$75,000) LIFETIME. AE: 3 YEAR OLDS OPT. CLM. \$60,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE, 27.2, 56.4, 1:25.0, 1:54.1

1-Drebin (b,g,3 - **Walner-Mrs Frank-Kadabra**) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 30-9-4-7, \$119,352

O-Thestable Drebin Group B-Frederick Hertrich T-Dominic Gladu D-James Macdonald

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2-Fabulous Freddie (b,g,3 - Alarm Detector-Fondue-Muscle Hill)

O-Irvann Holdings Inc, Charalambos Christoforou B-Charalambos Christoforou, Banjo Farms T-Camilla Christoforou

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Oh Brother (b,g,3 - Greenshoe-Oh My Darlin-Glidemaster)

O-Richard Berthiaume B-Windsong Stable T-Marie Helene Dupont D-Tyler Jones

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5, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$36,500 LIFETIME, 27.3, 56.4, 1:25.3, 1:54.2

1-Swift Talker (b,f,3 - Mcwicked-Flibbertigibbet-Albert Albert) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-1, \$58,950

O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-John Pentland D-Bob McClure



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2-Forever Bettor (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Ladys Art-Art Major)

O-Kenneth Seastrom B-Kenneth Seastrom T-Blair Burgess D-Phillippe Hudon

3-Woodmere Delta (b,f,3 - Rollwithitharry-Very Ideal Hanover-Western Ideal)

O-Frank Brundle, Robert Sumarah, Brad Sumarah B-Woodmere Farms T-Carmen Auciello D-Jody Jamieson

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7, Wbs, \$18,000, Trot, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 (FM 3) RACES OR \$20,000 (OS \$25,750) LIFETIME, 28.4, 58.1, 1:27.4, 1:57.0

1-Steamer (b,g,3 - Resolve-My Juliette-Yankee Glide) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 20-2-2-2, \$35,790

O-Scott & Vivienne Dawney, Stephen Byron B-Glengate Farms T-Stephen Byron D-Stephen Byron



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-P C Peterbilt (b,g,4 - My Mvp-P C Cantore-Cornaro Dasolo)

O-Peter Clements B-Peter Clements T-Peter Clements D-Scott Young

3-Quickerthantheye (b,g,4 - Kadabra-Emillina-Emile Angus)

O-Robert Budd, Melanie Pfeffer B-Robert Budd T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Trevor Henry

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11, Wbs, \$21,000, Trot, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 (FM 6) RACES OR \$66,500 (OS \$75,000) LIFETIME. AE: 3 YEAR OLDS OPT. CLM. \$60,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE, 27.3, 57.4, 1:26.2, 1:54.3

1-Sid The Kid (b,g,3 - Alarm Detector-Miss Congeniality-Kadabra) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 31-6-3-4, \$85,305

O-Thomas & Elizabeth Rankin B-Thomas & Elizabeth Rankin T-Beniot Baillargeon D-Brett Macdonald



Another ALARM DETECTOR Winner!



2-Hungry Hill (br,g,3 - Kadabra-Chardonnay Hill-Muscle Massive)

O-Elizabeth Fai B-Tom Hill T-Alan Fair D-Tyler Jones

3-Goober Smack (b,c,3 - Flanagan Memory-Bluestone Muscles-Muscle Mass)

O-S&r Racing Stable Inc B-Susanne Kerwood, Rene Dion, David Nicol T-Susanne Kerwood D-Tyler Borth

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12, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 2 & 3 YEAR OLDS NW \$16,500 (ON SIRED \$28,900) LIFETIME, 27.2, 56.3, 1:25.2, 1:53.4

1-Rose Colordglasses (b,f,3 - Freaky Feet Pete-Run On Luck-Northern Luck) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$26,460

O-Leonard Rosene B-Daniel Schwartz T-Blair Burgess D-Tyler Borth

2-Absolution (b,f,3 - Mcwicked-Bet Ya-Jeremes Jet)

O-Joanne Colville, Nancy Macnevin B-Joanne Colville, Nancy Macnevin T-Jack Moiseyev D-Daryl Thiessen

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Love On Me (b,f,3 - Stag Party-Odds On Abba-Always B Miki)

O-David & Ben Holliday B-Odds On Racing T-David Holliday D-Travis Cullen

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YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

Friday's Results:

1, YR, \$17,000, Trot, NW \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" IN LAST START NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5." AE: OPT. CLM. ALLOW \$20,000, 28.3, 58.1, 1:27.1, 1:57.1, GD

1-Enola (m, 4, Resolve--Deweys Katie, by Deweycheatumnhowe) \$8,500, \$26,000 2021 ONT-SEL, Lifetime Record: 65-13-17-11, \$251,463

O-David Litvinsky. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA & Jeffery E Ruch, CA. T-Shane Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton.

TARA HILLS
stud

Another TARA HILLS-BRED Winner!

TARA HILLS
stud



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Creative Venture (g, 6, Creatine--Northern Grace, by Yankee Glide) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 97-11-18-22, \$223,665

O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-Robert A & Lynda R Stewart. T-Paul Stafford. D-Daniel Dube.

3-B Nicking (g, 7, Wishing Stone--B Nicki, by Like A Prayer) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 118-25-25-15, \$445,191

O-Ben F Robards. B-Ben F Robards. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1, 2, 2, 2, HD - Finish Order: Southwind Arturo, Barry Black, Bully Boy Hill, Crazyland, Passionate Promise

2, YR, \$19,000, Pace, F&M NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" AE: 3-5 YO F&M NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 27.4, 58.0, 1:27.0, 1:55.4, GD

1-Bee Okay A (m, 6, A Rocknroll Dance--Be Nice Huther, by Badlands Hanover) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 72-14-11-3, \$70,374

O-M T Stables Ontario Inc, CA. B-S A Clements, AS. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Two Pistol Annie (m, 4, Lazarus N--Magical Bestern, by Cambest) \$4,750, \$27,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 64-15-17-10, \$340,382

O-David Litvinsky & Bruce A Soulsby & Go For Glory Stable. B-Anvil And Lace Farm. T-Shane Tritton. D-Anthony Napolitano.

3-Lucky Artist A (m, 11, Artistic Fella--Corella Magic, by Ultimate Falcon) \$2,280, Lifetime Record: 222-48-31-31, \$736,919

O-Flatland Racing. B-Corella Investments Pty LTD, AS. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Steve Smith.

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6, YR, \$17,000, Pace, F&M NW \$10,239 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5". AE: OPT. CLM ALLOW \$20,000, 27.3, 57.2, 1:25.3, 1:54.3, GD

1-Atreacherous A (m, 7, Captaintreacherous--Lombo Sleek Streak, by Bettor's Delight) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 75-21-7-6, \$147,445

O-M T Stables Ontario Inc, CA. B-T S & W M Rivett, AS. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Rocknroll Annie (m, 8, A Rocknroll Dance--Miss Annie J, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,250, \$37,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 162-19-22-23, \$355,519

O-Flatland Racing. B-Lindwood Farm. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Steve Smith.

3-Village Jade (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Village Jest, by Jenna's Beach Boy) \$2,040, \$34,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 117-18-18-21, \$292,633

O-Peter Paul Venturini. B-Village Acres Limited, CA. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Jordan Stratton.

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

7, YR, \$19,000, Pace, F&M NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" AE: 3-5 YO F&M NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 27.4, 58.1, 1:25.4, 1:54.0, GD

1-Pass And Stow (f, 3, Betting Line--Ok Heavenly, by Sportswriter) \$9,500, \$28,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 27-8-4-2, \$147,222
O-West Wins Stable & Mark B Dumain. B-Stephen P Dey III & Dandy Farms Inc. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jason Bartlett.



BETTING LINE Winner!



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Sweet Gal (f, 3, Sweet Lou--Beach Gal, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$4,750, \$125,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 28-6-10-6, \$296,497
O-WJ Donovan & Mark C Mullen. B-Sergent Stables LLC. T-Brett Pelling. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Front Page Story (m, 4, Captaintreacherous--Wenditions, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$2,280, \$110,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 52-10-13-4, \$257,425
O-Hudson Standrbrd Stb Inc, CA. B-White Birch Farm. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance.

▶▶ Replay ▶▶ Calls: 1T, 1H, 2, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Chiapanecas, Factory Girl, Racey Rach N, Pembroke Southie, Wasted On You

8, YR, \$19,000, Trot, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW 10,000 L5." AE: 3-5 YO NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 28.2, 59.0, 1:27.4, 1:57.2, GD

1-Bellissimo Face S (g, 5, Raja Mirchi--Marita's Legacy, by Yankee Glide) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 51-11-3-6, \$167,201
O-Per Engblom & Kasper H Foget. B-Lutfi Kolgjini Ab, SD & Anna Svensson, SD. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Tachyon (g, 5, Muscle Hill--Ava Marion, by Cantab Hall) \$4,750, \$190,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 95-17-12-9, \$328,142
O-Flatland Racing. B-Little E LLC. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Steve Smith.

3-Lava Field (g, 4, Muscle Mass--Lucky Ava, by Lucky Chucky) \$2,280, \$75,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 56-11-15-8, \$167,787
O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Ake Svanstedt Inc & Little E LLC. T-Jeff Cullipher. D-Jordan Stratton.

▶▶ Replay ▶▶ Calls: 6H, 3T, 1Q, Q, H - Finish Order: P L Notsonice, Saint K, Mycrownmykingdom, Bontoni Degato S, Warrior One

9, YR, \$35,000, Pace, F&M INVITATIONAL POST POSITIONS 1-2: DRAW POST POSITIONS 3-5: DRAW POST POSITION 6: ASSIGNED, 26.2, 55.2, 1:23.4, 1:52.4, GD

1-Lloyd's Loves (m, 4, Rusty's All In--Southwind Wichita, by Bettor's Delight) \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 73-28-13-5, \$340,601
O-David A Dobbmann. B-Pamela E Wagner. T-Edwin Quevedo. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

2-Cheryls Shadow (m, 5, Shadow Play--Astrmowin, by Astreos) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 74-17-10-11, \$322,744
O-Kyle James Warren & Brian N Loman & Pit Bull Stable LLC. B-James P Downer, CA. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Anthony Napolitano.

3-Kobe's Gigi (m, 6, Jk Endofanera--Twin Oaks Tess, by Western Hanover) \$4,200, Lifetime Record: 81-23-23-8, \$866,184
O-Leander M Schwartz & Black And White Stable. B-Harvey E Fry. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan.

▶▶ Replay ▶▶ Calls: 5T, 5, 3Q, 2, NS - Finish Order: Coachellabound N, Easy To Please, Mcmarkle Sparkle

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

HOLLYWOOD GAMING DAYTON RACEWAY report

Saturday's Results:

1, Dtn, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES CONDITION CLAIMER N/W 10 (OH 11) PM RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME CLAIMING PRICE \$50,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 28.0, 57.2, 1:25.4, 1:55.2, FT

1-Illegal (f, 3, Western Vintage--Iemma Machine Baby, by Mach Three) \$9,000, \$11,500 2022 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 30-10-3-1, \$140,192
O-Mike J Polhamus & Kevin S Mc Quinn. B-Marion Beachy. T-Mike Polhamus. D-Kayne Kauffman.

2-Under The Desk (m, 4, Jk Endofanera--Velocity Trelific, by Pet Rock) \$4,500, Lifetime Record: 71-8-10-17, \$76,758
O-Patrick M Melloy Jr & Lisa M Gosselin. B-Trent Stohler Stable Inc & Tim A Graber. T-Pat Melloy Jr. D-Pat Melloy Jr.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Baywatch Hanover (m, 4, Betting Line--Beachbunny Hanover, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$2,160, \$33,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 59-8-12-13, \$90,875
O-Rick J Braun. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Chris Short. D-Sam Widger.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1H, 1Q, Q, 1H, H - Finish Order: Seaside Flirt, Madisons Angel, Seaside Party, Roknatnintythree, Sharp Looker, Galinaruckus

3, Dtn, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES N/W \$7501 LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 8 (OH 9) PM RACES OR \$75,000 LIFETIME AE: CLAIMING \$25,000
W/ALLOWANCES, 27.2, 56.3, 1:24.3, 1:52.4, FT

1-Marloe Hanover (m, 7, Captaintreacherous--Mesmerize Bluechip, by Sportswriter) \$8,000, \$47,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 179-47-36-28, \$1,262,848
O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Odds On Racing. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Tyler Smith.

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-Mel's Vicki Lou (m, 6, Riggins--Vicker, by Western Ideal) \$4,000, \$12,000 2019 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 122-23-19-17, \$192,402

O-J P Racing, LLC & Michael E Lee. B-Elmer L Yoder. T-Joe Putnam. D-Josh Sutton.

3-Hugs And Kisses (m, 5, Rockin Image--Stonebridge Hugs, by Artsplace) \$1,920, \$25,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 89-14-18-12, \$193,049

O-Howard A Taylor. B-Angie M Stiller, CA. T-Chris Mc Guire. D-Luke Hanners.

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5, Dtn, \$20,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES N/W \$11,001 LAST 4 STARTS AE: N/W 11 (OH 12) PM RACES OR \$85,000 LIFETIME AE: CLAIMING \$40,000
W/ALLOWANCES, 27.4, 57.3, 1:25.0, 1:52.4, FT

1-Utopia Blue Chip (m, 4, Sweet Lou--Reign On Me, by Well Said) \$10,000, \$100,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 38-11-11-3, \$139,720

O-D Racing Stable Inc & B & I Stables LLC & Donald G Mac Rae, CA & Earl Hill Jr, CA. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrick.

2-Gia's Surreal (m, 8, So Surreal--Nancy Irene, by Park Place) \$5,000, \$20,000 2017 MORRIS, Lifetime Record: 177-40-27-33, \$955,803

O-James P Graham & Edward P Peron & Lee R Winters. B-Black Knight Stables. T-Christi Noble. D-Dan Noble.

3-Rose Run Vision (m, 7, Time To Roll--A And Gs Finest, by Allamerican Native) \$2,400, \$18,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 177-38-30-24, \$496,221

O-Eash Racing Stable Inc. B-Rose Run Farm. T-Susan Miller. D-Lewayne Miller.

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9, Dtn, \$26,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 DRAWN 9 ASSIGNED, 26.3, 55.0, 1:22.2, 1:50.2, FT

1-Beautiful Seaside (m, 4, Downbytheseaside--Your Beautiful, by Your Nemesis) \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 47-16-7-3, \$216,635

O-Matt E Rowe. B-Matt E Rowe. T-Logan Rowe. D-Trevor Smith.

2-Do It Like Bobbi (m, 5, Downbytheseaside--Angels N Demons, by Artiscap) \$6,500, Lifetime Record: 66-25-11-6, \$398,337

O-Stephen H Sexton. B-Stephen H Sexton. T-Christi Noble. D-Dan Noble.

3-Penpaperpaige (m, 7, Pet Rock--Park Lane Paige, by Art Major) \$3,120, Lifetime Record: 113-26-27-21, \$735,371

O-Bet The House LLC & Tyler Alan & Maevyn M Smith. B-Shirley A Le Vin. T-Jeff Smith. D-Tyler Smith.

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MEADOWLANDS report

Saturday's Results:

1, M, \$16,000, Pace, Horses & Geldings - 4 Year Olds & Under N/W 2 (N/W L2 or NJSO 3) Extended PM Races Life (Wins \$4,300 1st Money Not Counted - Maidens Drawn Inside), 27.0, 54.4, 1:23.4, 1:53.2, FT

1-Jk Together Again (g, 3, Jk Endofanera--J K Pure Pearl, by Bettor's Delight) \$7,360, Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$30,105

O-3 Brothers Stables & Camelot Stable Inc. B-3 Brothers Stables & Camelot Stable Inc. T-Linda Toscano. D-Brett Beckwith.

2-Lazarus Star (g, 3, Lazarus N--High Fashion Model, by Western Terror) \$4,200, Lifetime Record: 25-1-4-8, \$44,025

O-All Star Racing Inc.. B-All Star Racing Inc.. T-Mark Silva. D-Braxten Boyd.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Notorious Hanover (g, 4, Always B Miki--New Album, by Western Terror) \$1,440, \$110,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 16-2-3-4, \$23,075
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Elizabeth R Jones & Frank A Canzone. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Justin Irvine.

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NORTHFIELD PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

7, Nfld, \$20,500, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP, 27.3, 57.1, 1:25.3, 1:54.4, GD

1-Lady Rita (m, 4, Always B Miki--Big City Betty, by Bettor's Delight) \$10,250, \$160,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 45-10-13-8, \$136,704
O-Paul M O'Neil. B-Bruce James Potter. T-Jessica Roegner. D-Greg Grismore.



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-A Delightful Act N (m, 8, Bettor's Delight--A Christian Act, by Christian Cullen) \$5,125, Lifetime Record: 136-35-29-13, \$523,678
O-Sam Bova Racing LLC & John W Manning. B-A Few Good Men Syndicate, NZ. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Aaron Merriman.

3-Majors Miracle (m, 5, Luck Be Withyou--Majors Centerfold, by Art Major) \$2,460, \$5,000 2020 MICHIANA, Lifetime Record: 115-17-16-17, \$249,650
O-Elson L Miller. B-Jonas Graber. T-Elson Miller. D-Luke Ebersole.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1Q, 1Q, NK - Finish Order: Think Of Galaxies, Kant Katch Kenzie, Rockin Bambi, Be My Rose N, Smothastenesewisky, Scorecard Dandy

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$4,550 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$8,500 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000. AE: N/A \$1,510 P/S IN 2024, 27.4, 55.4, 1:25.2, 1:54.3

1-Goudawon (b,m,5 - Betterthancheddar-Keystone Samurai-Camluck) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 68-16-4-15, \$313,519
O-Brenda & Mark & Anthony Lane B-Brenda & Mark Lane T-Amanda Riley D-Tyler Borth

2-One Last Bet (b,m,5 - Betting Line-One Last Bono-Pro Bono Best)
O-Roland Rey, Justin Rey, Arthur Rey, Mike Hordeski B-A Harris Racing Llc T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Louis-Philippe Roy

3-Powder Play (b,m,4 - Sportswriter-Laurels Lea-Western Terror)
O-Robert Woodburn B-Ray Compari T-Meg Crone D-Jody Jamieson

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2, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED, 27.3, 56.1, 1:24.1, 1:51.2

1-Silver Label (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Hidden Gem-Real Desire) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 61-26-17-6, \$1,678,857
O-Millar Farms B-Millar Farms T-Nick Gallucci D-James Macdonald

2-Dabarndawgswatchin (b,m,6 - Hes Watching-Addison Bay-Camluck)
O-Julia Ferguson, Lloyd Stone B-Julie Ferguson, Lloyd Stone T-David Menary D-Trevor Henry

3-Huntress (b,m,5 - Huntsville-Love And Honor-Art Major)
O-Let It Ride Stables Inc, WJ Donovan B-Doug Ackerman Stables Inc T-Tyler Moore D-Bob McClure

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3, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$14,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW OF 5 RACES LIFETIME. AE: N/A \$3,300 P/S IN 2024, 27.4, 56.4, 1:25.0, 1:53.2

1-So Much More (b,m,8 - Big Jim-Ladysai-Real Artist) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 183-75-39-19, \$1,706,947
O-Don & Kenneth Beatson, Cole England B-Doug Mac Phee T-Don Beatson D-James Macdonald

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Lee Loo (b,m,5 - Huntsville-Taiya Hanover-Rock N Roll Heaven)

O-Stonebridge Farm Ltd B-Crawford Farms Llc T-Gregg Mcnair D-Billy Davis

3-Angostura Hanover (b,m,4 - Betting Line-Armbro Amoretto-Artsplace)

O-Dr Peter Johnston, Craig Watkins B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Trevor Henry

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4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 2 & 3 YEAR OLDS NW \$22,750 LIFETIME, 28.4, 57.4, 1:25.4, 1:54.0

1-Hollywood Deo (b,g,3 - Captaintreacheraus-Miss L A-Bettors Delight) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$17,500

O-Frank Chiaravalloti, Colonel Schneider Jr B-Deo Volente Farms Llc, Inc Cool Cat Racing T-Robert Young D-Scott Young

Preferred Equine SALE GRADUATE



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Wicked Prince (b,c,3 - Mcwicked-Novel Writer-Sportswriter)

O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Murray Brethour D-Louis-Philippe Roy

3-T H Boomtown (b,g,3 - Captain Crunch-Ally Elizabeth-American Ideal)

O-Dr Don Ling, Wayne Macdougall B-Glenn Bechtel T-Tyler Moore D-Bob McClure

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5, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$8,800 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: N/A \$1615 P/S IN 2024. AE: STARTERS FOR A PURSE OF \$12,000 LAST START, 26.2, 55.0, 1:23.3, 1:52.2

1-Glenboro (br,m,4 - All Bets Off-Feelin Flush-As Promised) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 84-13-17-1, \$305,762

O-Travis Cullen B-Travis Cullen T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-Hes Express (b,m,4 - Huntsville-Taiya Hanover-Rock N Roll Heaven)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Crawford Farms Llc T-Carmen Auciello D-Billy Davis

3-Western Wish (b,m,6 - Betterthancheddar-Giannas Ideal-Western Ideal)

O-Aaron Waxman, Santo & Nunzio Vena B-Blaine Thibeau T-Carmen Auciello D-Tyler Jones

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6, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. WITH ALLOWANCES, 27.4, 58.1, 1:28.2, 1:56.4

1-Steelwheel Hanover (b,c,3 - All Bets Off-Scarlets Western-Western Hanover) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-2, \$13,978

O-Roderick Gillis B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Stephen Charlton D-Brett Macdonald

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-Controltheoutcome (b,g,3 - Control The Moment-Shine N Shimmer-American Ideal)

O-Dwayne Soulliere B-Howard Taylor T-Shayne Barrington D-Trevor Henry

3-Longshot Panic (b,g,3 - Betterthancheddar-Drift Panic-Shadow Play)

O-Wayne Smith B-Brian Paquet T-Wayne Smith D-Jody Jamieson

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7, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$37,500) LIFETIME. AE: 3 YEAR OLDS OPT. CLM. \$40,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE, 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.4, 1:54.0

1-Ulysses (b,g,3 - Racing Hill-Odysseus-Mach Three) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 35-9-7-5, \$113,774

O-John Davidson B-Kahrig Racing Stable Co T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Tyler Borth

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Zebs Krafty (b,g,3 - Betterthancheddar-Zebs Katrina-Bo Knows Jate)

O-Grant Kyte B-Lawrence Zebedee T-Chris Rogers D-Travis Cullen

3-Mcpleasant (b,c,3 - Mcwicked-Pleasant Roll-Roll With Joe)

O-Anthony Beaton, David Mercer B-Winbak Farm T-Anthony Beaton D-James Macdonald

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8, Wbs, \$17,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$8,500 LIFETIME. WITH ALLOWANCES, 29.0, 58.2, 1:27.3, 1:56.0

1-Redland Wrangler (b,g,4 - Artspeak-Queensland Beach-Somebeachsomewhere) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 69-2-20-11, \$63,389

O-Stephen & Kathleen Charlton B-Schooner li Stable T-Stephen Charlton D-Louis-Philippe Roy

2-Twin B Alliance (b,c,2 - Always B Miki-Twin B Epic-Shadow Play)

O-Twinbrook Limited B-Twinbrook Limited T-Francis Dumouchel D-Tyler Borth

3-Admiral Deo (b,c,3 - Captaintreacherous-Giver To Er-Rock N Roll Heaven)

O-Thestable Admiral Deo B-Deo Volente Farms Llc, Riverview Breeding Llc, Joseph Di Scala T-Harry Poulton D-James Macdonald

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9, Wbs, \$36,000, Pace, PREFERRED, 27.2, 55.1, 1:22.3, 1:50.1

1-Whatchulookin At (b,g,4 - Hes Watching-Oriane Blue Chip-Art Major) \$18,000, Lifetime Record: 50-13-6-8, \$413,392

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Gregg Mcnair, Jim Newton, Bloomingwood Farms Ltd, Paul Kidd T-David Menary D-Louis-Philippe Roy

2-Powertrain (b,g,6 - Shadow Play-Mmillion Blue Chip-Rock N Roll Heaven)

O-Millar Farms B-Millar Farms T-Nick Gallucci D-James Macdonald

3-Fortify (b,g,7 - Sweet Lou-Cant Stop Me Now-Western Ideal)

O-Daniel Gaudreault, Ecuries Maguire Inc B-Diamond Creek Farm Llc T-Rene Bourassa D-Tyler Borth

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11, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$61,500 LIFETIME. AE: 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS OPT. CLM. \$60,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE, 27.4, 57.1, 1:25.2, 1:53.1

1-Lamborghini Lou (b,g,3 - Mcwicked-Hnt Angel-Mach Three) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 34-14-10-3, \$143,355

O-Paul Mackenzie, Miriam Brown B-Kathy Mackenzie T-Paul Mackenzie D-Tyler Borth



MCWICKED Winner!



2-A Class Yankee (b,g,3 - Always B Miki-Classy Chris-Art Major)

O-Christopher Nicol B-Yankeeland Partners Llp T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan

3-Sergeant Slaughter (b,g,4 - Big Jim-Minettas Moonbeam-Lusty Leader)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Krista Thomas T-Carmen Auciello D-Brett Macdonald

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12, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, NW \$16,750 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$30,250 LAST 10 STARTS, 27.1, 55.2, 1:24.0, 1:51.3

1-Pacino Hanover (b,h,4 - American Ideal-Perfect Touch-Camluck) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 51-12-10-8, \$186,748

O-Paul Sanders, Ronald & Travis Cullen B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-Jack Panic (b,g,5 - Sportswriter-R We There Yet-Mach Three)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Brian Paquet T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

3-Myultimate Snowy A (b,h,5 - Sweet Lou-The Crystal Star-Badlands Hanover)

O-Jesse Dragojevic, Don Beanland, Scott Enman B-D J & J M Howe T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-James Macdonald

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