

**Friday, January 20, 2017**

# Weather woes at Western Fair

*Unusually warm winter weather has already forced the London, ON track to cancel four-and-a-half cards of racing since Boxing Day.*

by Dave Briggs



Dave Landry

**Winter racing at Western Fair often has its share of weather-related challenges, but a sudden thaw brought on by rain and unseasonably warm temperatures is unheard of for January.**

Greg Blanchard said he doesn't know how many pairs of shoes he's ruined in the last few weeks while walking the water-logged half-mile track at The Raceway at the Western Fair District in London, ON while trying to determine whether to cancel yet another card of racing. Already, the track's raceway manager has had to scratch four-and-a-half cards of racing due to unseasonably warm January weather that has turned the track to glop.

"Winter racing, monitoring weather and making those decisions is probably the most stressful part of my job," Blanchard said Thursday, a day after cancelling Wednesday night's card. "You're trying to make the best decision you can based on a number of variables. You're trying to make a lot of people happy, which isn't possible. When we get in a stretch like this, for me it's just consuming because you're not only worried about that day and trying to make the decision, but

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Dave Landry

**The track has already had to cancel four race cards in January and more than half of its lucrative Boxing Day card.**

as soon as you do, you're already thinking ahead to the next day, or later in the week based on the forecast."

The Raceway cancelled its lucrative Boxing Day card (Dec. 26) after five races and then lost its Jan. 2, 3, 10 and 18 cards due to unsafe track conditions.

"We expect there's a chance we'll lose days in January and February, typically for snow storms, freezing rain, extreme cold. So, to be losing days in January for milder temperatures that are leading to frost coming out of the track, is a tough pill to swallow... I hate cancelling. It bothers me to cancel," said Blanchard, who said the decision to cancel or not is made more challenging by a number of factors.

"We've got people trucking two and three hours to get here. Some have to get here early for Lasix, so they're leaving earlier. You're trying best to make a decision and if you're going to cancel you're trying to make that decision early enough that people aren't already out on the road and trying to get here, weighing that against trying to give it as long as you can to see. As we know, the weather can change, as well. We try to see how the track is going to react. Sometimes the track has to tell us if it's going to react positively. If we start to see that early in the morning then we feel a lot more confident that it might be okay that night based on the forecast. If it's going to get colder at night, we know it's going to tighten up. There's a lot of different variables, so you're weighing that all day. You make your decision and you know whatever way you go, it's probably 50/50. Fifty per cent think you're making the wrong decision, 50 per cent are thinking you're making the right decision."

Though the track has undeniably lost business, Blanchard

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said he feels most badly for the horsepeople.

“I feel bad for the horsepeople more than anything who are losing out on that chance that week to race. For us, there’s certainly a loss, as well, but I don’t think it’s as significant as it is for the horsepeople,” he said.

Blanchard (above) said the track had forecast to run 10-race cards in January and February and is making up for the lost dates by extending most cards to 11 races. Western Fair may go to as many as 12 races in the next few weeks if the horse population can support it.

Having to cancel the Dec. 26 card after five races was particularly difficult, Blanchard said.

“Boxing Day was the one that hurt because, typically, it’s our second best day of the season (behind the Molson Pace card) in terms of on-track attendance and wagering. We had a full dining room. We got almost half of the card in that day, but you hate to have that happen when you’ve got so many new people there on that particular day,” Blanchard said.

The aborted Boxing Day card came just three days after the track produced an all-time record handle when \$765,685 was bet on a special 16-race Dec. 23 card. That was almost \$70,000 more than the track’s previous best set on the same date in 2014.

Blanchard said he’s worried the recent spate of cancellations will result in a loss of momentum on the wagering front.

“I’m a big believer in momentum. I certainly believe that has an impact. Customers after three or four cancellations in a short period of time, they could certainly start to turn their attention to another product,” he said, adding the track crew has been diligently fighting the weather problems.

“Our guys, I wouldn’t trade them for anybody,” Blanchard said. “They work tirelessly on this track, but, sometimes, Mother Nature gets the upper hand. We’ve been pretty fortunate. It’s been a long time since we’ve had a winter like

this. It’s a different time. Collectively, horsemen and horsewomen just won’t race on tracks that we used to race on. Like anything, times change and industries evolve. Safety is more paramount. That’s a good thing.”

Though the forecast in southwestern Ontario still is predicted to be well above freezing for the next week or so, Blanchard is hoping maybe poor track conditions now will allow the track to avoid problems closer to spring.

“Maybe the fact that we’re having problems now, there won’t be that deep frost in the spring. We might get lucky on that end, but, typically, this is what we deal with in the latter part of March into April when the weather starts to really warm up suddenly,” he said, fingers clearly crossed.

“I can’t remember seeing a January like this with these long stretches of mild weather and rain.”

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## BETWEEN THE LINES

### How fair is the fair start pole?



by Brett Sturman

What constitutes the start of a harness race?

The answer that you probably would give to this seemingly obvious question is that a harness race begins when the starter gives the word "go." This answer would be supported by the fact that wagering for harness races close as the starter releases the field. But is it really that simple?

While wagering on a race ceases once the starter sends horses on their way, wagering remains open throughout an extended period of time in the run-up to the release where a race could already have been lost for a horse. In the one-eighth mile stretch leading up to the official start of a race where horses follow the starting gate, there is the potential for circumstances to occur that could change the total complexion of a race. In this sense, the race itself already has begun yet wagers can still be accepted.

In what other sport or form of gaming are wagers still accepted after the wheels for that event have already been put in motion?

I was watching a race from Flamboro Downs this past Sunday and as a disclosure I did have a vested interest in the subject horse. In this race, the #8 horse Liseberg (who couldn't possibly lose under normal conditions; take my word for it) wasn't able to get on gait until the starting gate was well on its way and found himself hopelessly distanced by the time the race started.

The image (above right) is critical for two reasons related to this column. First, it shows what the last flash of the odds were for each horse prior to wagering closing and second, it shows the presence of a fair start pole.

The odds of Liseberg at this time was 4-5 and the odds of second choice #4 Frankly Speaking was 2-1. However, instead of getting bet down further to somewhere in the area of 3-5 which is what would have likely happened for Liseberg, he drifted up to even money while Frankly Speaking went from 2-1 all the way down to 6-5 (and subsequently led every step for the win).



Is this "fair?"

The overwhelmingly majority of people who play the races today are doing so remotely and across different countries, often on time delays and don't have the opportunity to make the last second adjustments that potentially those people on-track may have the ability to do. This is a clear example of wagers being modified by a select few where it's beyond doubt that the complexion of the race has already been altered.

As for the fair start pole, this is something that Flamboro



and other tracks across Canadian provinces should be commended for. For those unfamiliar, the fair start pole is a designation where if a horse has not reached a certain point at the time the starter begins the race, then refunds are to be issued for those horses. Essentially it was designed as a way to protect the interest of bettors who have wagered on a horse with no realistic chance to even compete.

In the case of Liseberg, refunds were not issued as judges determined he indeed had a fair start despite visual evidence that could arguably suggest otherwise. Perhaps the fact that he miraculously loomed around the final turn and actually hit the board played into the factor, too. But while the fair start pole isn't perfect as demonstrated in this case, it does typically offer a safeguard towards horses that are for all intents and purposes not participating in the race.

The fair start pole only resolves the most egregious instances of horses being distanced behind the starting gate, but doesn't account for horses who are already within the fair start pole, yet are either still lagging behind other horses or who are not on stride. I'm not saying by any means that refunds should be issued on these instances as well, but rather illustrating another imbalance between circumstances impacting a race "before" it starts and only a small number of people being able to adjust for it.

Aside from saying tough luck (to put it mildly), other dissent to a fair start in harness racing is that if a refund is issued on one horse, then the odds of all other horses go down. This is true, but had that horse been able to compete as normal then the race outcome itself would have very likely been different. Thoroughbred racing deals with this constantly with late scratches at the gate and no one disputes that a horse for example that refuses to load in the gate should not be counted as a runner.

Despite the United States Trotting Association (USTA) and

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) differing on the implementing of a fair start pole across their tracks, they do have identical language in their rules when it comes to the starters issuing recalls.

The most common reasons for a recall are either broken equipment or interference, but from a bettor's standpoint why is there protection in the case of broken equipment or interference (only before a race, by the way), but no protection at U.S. tracks for a horse that isn't present at the start of a race? I understand, of course, that tracks would incur a loss of revenue from refunds on wagers that included the scratched horse, but the integrity of the race and protecting the wagering public really should be paramount.

What it comes down to is that the outcome of a harness race can be directly related to events that take place before the starter says "go." As such, wagering should be shut off following a countdown that clearly defines when horses are to begin assembling behind the starting gate.

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**Race 3:** READY ANY TIME came up short last week as the big favorite despite getting a nice second over tow into the race. It's not one of my favorite angles, but the winner of that race came from one of the better barns going right now and this one's races from two or three back would clearly be good enough to make amends in this spot; bounces back.

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**Race 7:** In the F&M Preferred, PL HURRICANE has proved of late that she can go with these and needs to be respected in her current form. This one got the trip two back to win the Preferred in a lifetime best 1:50:4 and last week was locked in through the stretch with all sorts of pace. Waples is back again and she's enticing on the 6-1 morning line; will probably offer something close to that value.

SANDBETWEENURTOES was inching in last out when she ran out of room; figures odds-on once again while making her second start back since the qualifier. MS MAC N CHEESE was able to take them coast to coast last week but might be pressed harder now. ARTISTIC MADISON looks sharp from the rail for Menary; tough call on WAASMULA if the price is short.

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**Race 10:** JJs DELIVERY was a near 4-1 winner selected here last week and I'll be happy to come right back with him once again for reasons similar to last week. He's clearly thriving since the Dec. 19 claim and his 1:50:3 mile last week was super; easily sharp enough to handle the next step up. CARRACCI HANOVER is a player on the move back to the inside but is likely to be a tad overbet. ERLE DALE N is typically a threat against these but makes first start since November.

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## Supreme Court ruling keeps Jersey sports betting hopes alive

by Bill Finley

*Courtesy Thoroughbred Daily News*

While not quite the victory the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NJTHA) was looking for, a decision made Tuesday (Jan. 17) by the United States Supreme Court means the fight to bring sports betting to New Jersey's racetracks and casinos will continue.

Having lost its case in a lower court, the NJTHA, which operates Monmouth Park, asked the Supreme Court to hear the case regarding whether or not sports betting can be made legal in New Jersey. In most cases, the Supreme Court either rejects a case or agrees to hear it. Instead, the court put the case in temporary limbo and asked the Solicitor General to weigh in with its views of the merits of the legalities of New Jersey sports betting before deciding whether to hear the case.

"Their decision to ask for input from the Solicitor General means that one or more judges thinks there is some merit to the position and they want to know what the Solicitor General has to say," said Dennis Drazin, the head of the team that runs Monmouth. "If they didn't think there was any merit at all they would have denied the petition. Instead they came out with an order on Tuesday that invited the Solicitor General to file a brief with their position, which is good news. This is still a long shot and it does not mean they are definitely going to hear the case."

The Supreme Court justices met Friday to consider the merits of hearing roughly 100 possible cases. The sports betting case was the only one they did not deny to hear.

At this point, in order for sports betting to become a reality in New Jersey the Supreme Court has to both agree to hear the case and then rule in favor of the horsemen in a case that is officially known as *New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen v. National Collegiate Athletic Association*. Among the NCAA and the four major sports leagues, only the NBA has shown signs of siding with those who want to legalize sports betting in the U.S. outside of the four states that are now allowed to accept some forms of betting on games.

Drazin said there are several reasons he believes the court should side with his position, including what he calls the "commandeering argument." In 2011, New Jersey voters overwhelmingly approved an amendment legalizing sports betting in the state. The leagues successfully sued on the

grounds that the New Jersey law could not circumvent federal laws, and the case has been bouncing back and forth in the courts ever since.

"The 'commandeering argument' is an argument that says the Federal Government can't commandeer or compel a state to enforce a law or spend resources on something that its voters and legislators have decided to repeal," Drazin explained. "It is a state's rights issue. What the Federal Government is saying in effect is you have repealed this law and it's not okay with us that you repealed it. The courts have said you are required to enforce a federal law even though your voters have said we don't want this law on the books anymore."

The pro-sports betting forces also argue that it is unconstitutional for the Federal Government to allow for sports betting in four states (Nevada, Oregon, Delaware and Montana) and ban it in the other 46 states.

President-Elect Donald Trump has yet to name a new Solicitor General, but if the appointee is in sync with Trump's feelings about sports betting that should be a good thing for the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen. Not only has Trump been involved in the gambling business as a casino owner, but he is on the record supporting legalized sports betting throughout the U.S.

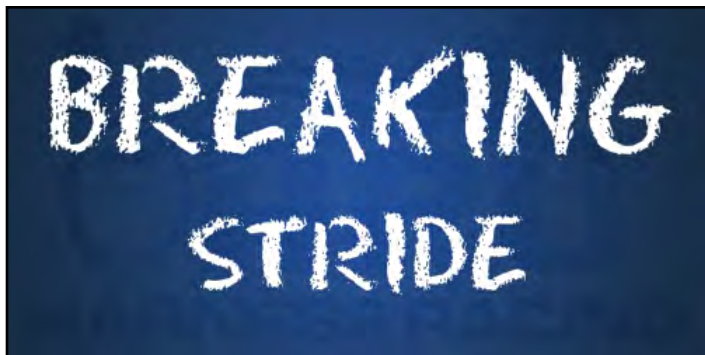
"I'm okay with [sports betting and daily fantasy sports] because it's happening anyway," Trump told Fox Sport's Colin Cowherd in a 2015 interview. "Whether you have [legalized sports betting] or you don't have it, you have it."

In an ironic twist, Trump's older sister, Maryanne Trump Barry is a senior judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the last court to hear the case prior to it being sent to the Supreme Court for consideration. Barry voted against the horsemen.



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## Creatine poetry contest update: It's not spam or a scam

by *Trey Nosrac*

The [poetry contest for a free breeding to Creatine](#) ends on Monday evening (Jan. 23). Entries are trickling in nicely. Reading the poems is entertaining. People are as different as snowflakes. A few of us are flakey. No doubt a segment of our harness racing choir views such nonsense with rolled eyes.

Not me. If I get a link with a note that says, "Trey, if you still own that trotting mare, I found this contest where you just need to send in an eight-line poem and you can win a valuable breeding," I am all over that opportunity. Something for nothing is my favorite business plan.

Ricocheting inside my brain is the thought that a Creatine breeding would be a serious upgrade from my current candidates. Since my checking account usually hovers around zero when stud fees come due, a free breeding would be welcome. I like this stallion, but I don't necessarily have to use him. I could have a chit to trade with somebody else. I could hold it for a year. I could sell it on E-bay. If I win, I have the option of doing several things. What do I have to lose? Entering does not even cost me a stamp and for me, it would be fun.

Alas, others have their reasons for sailing past this nonsense. Some people believe poetry is for sissies. In fact, women have authored the majority of poems received so far. Some people expect a scam, or fear that the contest is rigged. Heaven knows this can happen. We all have innocently stuck our nose into a piece of clickbait and found ourselves barraged with a typhoon of spam. This contest is not rigged. The plan is to have the entries submitted without names on them to a poetry group who does not know a yearling from Yogi Bear, or Muscle Hill from Fabio. The finalists will be sent to Adam Bowden at Diamond Creek.

Some people do not think they can write a poem. This is ridiculous. Poetry is not nuclear physics. Carl Sandburg, a great poet and one of only four human beings who made a living as a poet, described a poem as "an echo, asking a shadow to dance." What the heck does that mean? Seriously, if you look at some "great poems" they look like a scrabble board. They can rhyme or not rhyme, have two words or two volumes. A poem can roam far afield. Our topic is harness racing and the form is vaguely an acrostic – but both of those leave a lot of wiggle room.

A more likely reason for reticence is that some people are reluctant to make a fool of themselves in public. That's a shame. Looking foolish in front of a large audience is remarkably enjoyable. Some may not like to lose and view failure to be selected as some kind of scarlet letter. And some consider our sport as serious business. For them, wacky does not fly.

Only a few days remain to board the wacky plane.

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**Winner will be announced in HRU on Sunday - February 5, 2017.**

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*Put the word "Contest" in the subject.*

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**Your name:**

**The name of your registered trotting mare:**

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*Creatine Contest 2017*



# 19th Annual Stallion Auction to Benefit New Vocations

Conducted through OnGait.com Monday Feb 7th – 2:00 pm Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>  
in an “Open Ended Format”

**Additional breedings will be added!**

View updated list at [NewVocations.org](http://NewVocations.org) or email [dot@horseadoption.com](mailto:dot@horseadoption.com)

## DELAWARE

Delmarvelous	John Celii/3JsStable	3,000
Dream Away	Winbak of Delaware	2,500
Rustler Hanover	Winbak of Delaware	2,000

## INDIANA

Aracache Hanover	Ivy Lane	2,500
Big Stick Lindy	Pond Acres/Black Creek Fm	3,000
Class Included	Owners of Class Included	2,500
Fred and Ginger	Howard Taylor	2,000
Guccio	Guccio Syndicate	5,000
He's Gorgeous	Tom Hudson	2,500
Hypnotic Blue Chip	Fran Azur	2,500
Jailhouse Jesse	Al Libfeld	3,000
Jereme's Jet	Ivy Lane Farm	2,500
Musclesprincetonian	Libby Myers	2,500
Mr Cantab	Mr Cantab Syndicate	3,000
Net Ten Eom	Net Ten Grp, JonasGraber	2,500
Panspacificflight	Jacob Miller	2,500
Panther Hanover	Darlene Carr	2,500

## MARYLAND

Charlie DeVie	Fox Den Farm	1,500
Four Starz Robro	Kelly Rogers	1,000
Rusty's For Real	Fox Den Farm	1,500

## NEW YORK

Art Major	Blue Chip Farms	9,500
Lucky Chucky	Perretti Farms	4,000
Manningly	Morrisville College Fdn Inc	2,500
So Surreal	Jon Kurnit	2,500
Third Straight	Morrisville College Fdn Inc	1,000

## OHIO

Art Official	Muscara Racing Trust	2,500
Big Bad John	Winchester Baye Acres Inc	5,000
Cheyenne Rei	Rei's Gang & Bonley Farm	2,000
Deep Chip	R. Kevin Greenfield	2,500
Dejarmbro	Hickory Lane Farm	5,000
Dragon Again	Ed Mullinax	5,000
Ghee's House	Rubenstein & Bonley Farm	2,000
If I Can Dream	Jeffrey Brooks & T. Brainard	2,000
Manhardt	Snow Ridge Farm	2,000
McArdle	R. Kevin Greenfield	6,000
Mister Big	Muscara Racing Trust	2,500
My MVP	Joe Sbrocco	4,000
Nob Hill High	B. Mondillo & D. Robinson	2,000
Pet Rock	Joe & Maria Bellino	6,000
Powerful Toy	Zion Hill/Jeff Stacy	1,500
Shark Gesture	Norman Smiley	3,000
Stormin Normand	Christina Takter	3,000

Spring Goal	Michael Miller/Abby Stbbs	1,500
Three Olives	Zion Hill/Jeff Stacy	1,500
Triumphant Caviar	Triumphant Caviar Syn	5,000
Western Hero	John Green/Green Acq Corp	1,500
Western Terror	Terry Brooks	4,500
Western Vintage	Lars Perry Soderberg	3,500
We Will See	S. Depinto/E. Smith/J. Silva	3,500
Winning Fireworks	Daniel & Wayne Schlabach	2,000
Wishing Stone	Deo Volente Farms LLC	3,000
World of Rocknroll	Dave McDuffee	2,250
Yankee Cruiser	Burke Racing Stable LLC	4,000

## PENNSYLVANIA

Artspeak	Hanover Shoe Farms	5,000
Creatine	Diamond Creek Farm	6,000
Delmarvelous	John Celii/Three J's Stable	3,500
Donato Hanover	Hanover Shoe Farms	10,000
Googoo Gaagaa	Richard Hans	5,000
Muscle Massive	Al Libfeld	4,000
Possess The Will	Fashion Farms LLC	3,500
Ponder	John D. Fielding	3,500
Well Said	Jeff Snyder	7,500
Western Shore	Delaware Valley University	3,000

## ONTARIO

Big Jim	Big Jim Syndicate	4,000
Crazed	Blue Chip Farms LLC	4,000
Holiday Road	Deo Volente Farms LLC	3,500
Justice Hall	Ecurie Gaetan Bono, Inc	3,500
State Treasurer	Paul & Sally MacDonald	4,000
Sunshine Beach	Sunshine Beach Syndicate	5,000
Thinking Out Loud	Seelster Farms	4,000
Wheelin N Dealin	Determination	4,000

**How To Bid:** Bid online at [www.ongait.com](http://www.ongait.com) February 7th through 2:00 p.m. Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> up to five minutes after the last bid comes in. (Open ended format) Minimum raise is \$100. Winning bidders owe a refundable 10%, min \$100 deposit. Balance is due with a live foal. **(Please do not bid for mares over 20 yrs old, ones that have been barren two + consecutive years, ones due to foal after May 15, or those that are already booked.)** FMI or an updated list, call (937) 947-4020 or email [dot@horseadoption.com](mailto:dot@horseadoption.com) [www.NewVocations.org](http://www.NewVocations.org)

## A rollicking ride through harness racing history

*Reviewing Victoria Howard and Bob Marks' book about the life of HRU's resident Curmudgeon.*

*by Joe FitzGerald*

*Murray Brown: Book Full and Closed* by Victoria M. Howard and Bob Marks gives us a glimpse into the personal and professional life of the self-proclaimed “curmudgeon” who has been public relations director at Hanover Shoe Farms for more than a half century and was sales manager for the Standardbred Horse Sale for 41 years.

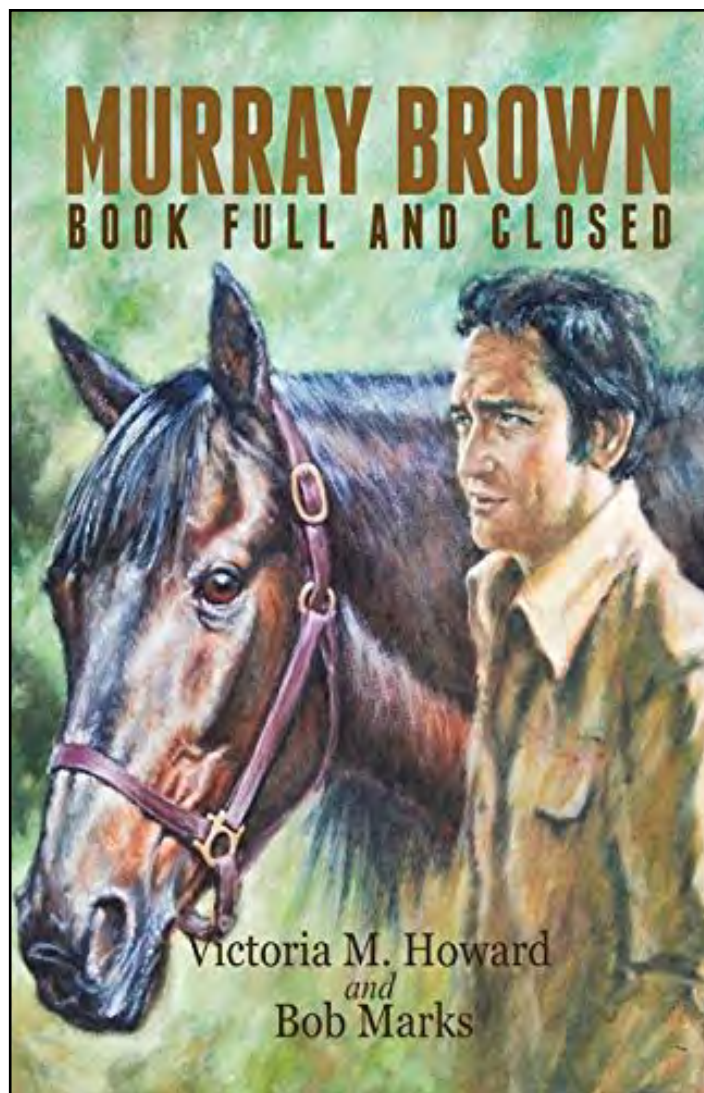
Brown's story is told in the first person, the content having been generated in conversation with long-time friend and fellow pedigree maven Bob Marks (Bobbo) and co-author Victoria Howard. As one might expect, strong opinions are plentiful. The book is heroin to a pedigree and breeding junky: the plethora of insights into and anecdotes about the horses and people who have dominated the sport — in both a good and bad way — for the 50 years are unmatched.

Murray, a native of Montreal, lost his dad at age two and his mother at 14. This obviously had a profound impact on his life, but he seemed to adapt to whatever came his way and, buoyed by his love of sports and related statistics, he seemed to emerge from childhood none the worse for whatever hardships he endured. This ability to accept and make the best of unexpected roadblocks played out repeatedly later in life during his long stint managing the Harrisburg sale: customers who didn't pay, horses that couldn't be found, consignors who made unreasonable demands — all were dealt with in some form or fashion.

He lived in close proximity to Blue Bonnets and was not averse to making the convoluted public transit sojourn to Richelieu so he became hooked on harness racing as a teen, often waiting for the admission price to be waived near the close of the program, or simply sneaking in via the backstretch.

Herve Filion was his favorite driver and Brown recounts a harrowing 130 MPH ride home in Herve's 1957 Ford Thunderbird convertible, with the dauntless reinsman standing up to adjust the antenna as they flew down the road.

Devouring the latest issue of *The Harness Horse* and reading the *USTA Sires and Dams* book from cover to cover led to a job doing pedigree work for the Miron Brothers when he was in his early twenties. They owned a 200-acre farm north of Montreal and bred horses with the “Mir” farm name. The brothers also owned the outstanding trotter Tie Silk, who was the 1962 Horse of the Year in Canada.



An encounter with Alan Leavitt while Brown was employed by the Miron Brothers led to a short-lived job at Lana Lobell in Pennsylvania when Brown was 26, and not long after that he was hired by Lawrence Sheppard and began his long career at Hanover. A couple of years later, Mr. Sheppard passed and John Simpson took charge.

The book begins and ends in the present, but delves into the past through a series of sub headings. We get “The Wonderful and not so wonderful People” which starts out with a series of tributes to 15 of the people he worked for and with at Hanover, including Russell Williams, Kenny Hamm and Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky.

In the “Legends” section that follows, Murray describes Mike Lachance as maybe the smartest trainer/driver he has ever known, as well as a great businessman. Bill O'Donnell is ranked the greatest driver he has seen at a point in time — a window of 3-5 years. Fifteen figures from North America, plus Brett Pelling, are covered here, as well as several Europeans such as Jean Pierre Dubois and Ulf Thoresen.



In the “Still Active” section Murray marvels at the success enjoyed by Blair Burgess, “considering his frugal spending tendencies on yearlings” and expresses surprise at Steve Elliott not being in the Hall of Fame.

Jimmy Takter, Ron Burke, Casie Coleman and Tony Alagna are explored in the “Soon-to-be-Legends” area, while friend and horse partner John Ferguson, Keith Waples and others fall into the “From North of the Border” section. He describes Bill Wellwood, who he respected as a horseman and designer of lucrative training centers, as the biggest curmudgeon he’s ever known.

There are 24 “Customers and Characters” profiles, including George Segal, “Wild Bill” Perretti, Lou Guida, the Antonacci Family and Bob Boni. His late brother-in-law Geoff Stein is also covered here.

David Brooks, who Brown said threatened to have him killed on three separate occasions, heads the “Rogues Gallery.” Bob Waxman, Jim Wheeler, Lee Tevis and, once again, “Wild Bill” Perretti also make this list. For some reason Alan Leavitt, who pops up several times in the book, always in an unflattering light, is not included. While exiting The Red Mile, after watching Albatross pace the fastest race mile ever in the Tattersalls Pace, Murray and John Simpson were incensed at the prospect that Leavitt would stand Super Bird instead of Hanover.

The Panderosa is tabbed as the most beautiful yearling Brown has ever seen, while Wendymae Hanover is the most impressive yearling pacing filly he has encountered. She, of course, is the dam of Hanover’s jewel Western Hanover, who Murray says is the most influential sire of the last quarter century. He takes great pleasure in seeing the wise guy labels “Little Ralph” for Western and “Simpson’s Folly” for Big Towner be proven laughable.

We’re told that the failed stallions Florida Pro and Prakas dealt such a blow to the Hanover broodmare band that the farm is still reeling from it.

Large Harrisburg dispersals for Allwood — in which all of the horses sold had strangles at sale time—Boardwalk, Walnut Hall, Lou Guida, Heffering-Brightstone, Harvey Gold, Yankeeland, Armstrong Brothers and Perretti are covered in depth.

The last chapter and an epilogue bring the reader up to date on Brown’s personal life.

I can’t recall reading another book on this sport that covered such a wide swath of nuts and bolts breeding, selling and racing topics as well as this one does. This is a can’t miss for the genuine harness racing fan.

You can purchase *Murray Brown: Book Full and Closed* through Amazon in the U.S. ([click here for link](#)) and Canada ([click here for link](#)). At press time, the U.S. Amazon store listed the book as being out of stock.

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## Gural okays Control The Moment foals

Offspring of Control The Moment will be allowed to race at The Meadowlands, Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs, as he has been given a medical exemption to the 4-year-old restrictions currently in place.

Control The Moment is standing his first season at Tara Hills Stud in 2017.

For more information on this two and three-year-old champion, who is the richest and fastest son of Well Said, please contact Tara Hills Stud (877) 828-6057.

— *Tara Hills Stud*

## McNair shines in round one of Blizzard Series

Doug McNair has been off to a flying start in 2017 and Thursday night (Jan. 19) he continued his hot streak by sweeping round one of the Blizzard Series at Woodbine Racetrack.

McNair guided Stonebridge Pearl and Senseless Beauty to victories to take both \$17,000 first leg divisions of the series for three and four-year-old pacing fillies and mares.



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**After winning just once in 21 starts in 2016, Stonebridge Pearl (Doug McNair) kicked off 2017 in winning fashion by taking a round one test of the Blizzard Series Thursday at Woodbine.**

The first division saw all the attention go towards Niagara Series winner Jimbelina, but the heavy-favorite just couldn't go all the way over the "off-track".

Sent to the front from post 10 by driver Sylvain Filion, Jimbelina cut out fractions of :27.1, :57 and 1:25.2. However, Stonebridge Pearl and McNair stalked the leader's every move from the pocket and were able to pounce in the lane.

Stonebridge Pearl powered by Jimbelina in deep stretch to win by a half-length in a career-best 1:55. Sparkle finished third, while Franschoek was fourth.

A four-year-old daughter of Mach Three—Stonebridge Appeal, Stonebridge Pearl made her first start of the New Year a winning effort Thursday after winning just once in 21 appearances in 2016.

Owned by Mark Ford and trained locally by Gregg McNair, Stonebridge Pearl banked \$26,100 last season and her Blizzard opening leg victory now gives her three career wins and a bankroll of \$69,880.

She paid \$22 to win.

The second division saw McNair once again crossing the wire first, but this time he did it with the public's choice.

Senseless Beauty was pointed directly to the front right from the beginning by McNair and was able to clear Collective Wisdom for the lead just after the opening-quarter of :28.

After posting middle-fractions of :57.1 and 1:27, Senseless Beauty was tested in the lane by Collective Wisdom from the two-hole, but the favorite was able to turn aside the challenger and score a two-length victory in 1:55.4.

Kloof Street turned in a strong final-quarter to come all the way from ninth and last to finish second just ahead of Collective Wisdom. Xelene Bayama finished fourth.

A four-year-old daughter of Vintage Master—Ms Ladyshark, Senseless Beauty was making just the fourth start of her career Thursday. The Tony O'Sullivan trainee raced twice as a rookie in August of 2015, but didn't make another start until last month.

Owned by Let It Ride Stables Inc. and Dana Parham, Senseless Beauty has now won back to back starts at Woodbine and is on a three-race win streak after finishing second in her career debut. Thursday's victory increases her career earnings to \$24,500. She paid \$4.40 to win.

Round two of the Blizzard Series will take place next Friday (Jan. 26).

Three and four-year-old pacing fillies and mares, who were non-winners of two-races or \$30,000 lifetime as of October 31, 2016, were eligible to the Blizzard.

Live racing continues tonight (Jan. 20) at Woodbine with round one of the Snowshoe Series for three- and four-year-old pacers headlining the 11-race card. Post time is 7:30 p.m.

— **Mark McKelvie / WEG standardbred communications**



## **Yannick Gingras returns**

The Green Hornet – who won five races at Dover Downs on Thursday – returns to work at The Meadowlands tonight (Jan. 20) as Yannick Gingras will don his familiar green and white colors and drive in eight of the 13 races.

Gingras is driving several Ron Burke horses with a chance on Friday including the solid trotting mare Classical Annie in the featured second race and Abbijade Hanover in the top class for pacing mares (race 11).

Classical Annie starts from post six in the \$18,000 feature trot, just inside the main competition of Crosby's Clam Bake and Muscle Diamond. The now five-year-old mare was a winner two back and always gives an honest effort for Burke Racing, LLC.

Abbijade Hanover won this same class from well back at long odds last week and remarkably faces exactly none of the mares she vanquished on that occasion. Many in this field are moving up a class making a strong case for the possible repeat, leading to the role as morning line favorite for Abbijade from post six for Burke Racing and Weaver Brussemi.

It's another solid card with ample opportunity to continue the current string of \$3 million plus handle on that day which has been the case the past few weeks.

**Free program pages** for the Late Pick 4 (currently averaging over \$8,000 in payoffs) are available for those who plan ahead.

More money will be given away as the **"Pay Off Your Holiday Bills"** promotion continues, though there's nothing in the rules prohibiting the lucky winners from adding those funds to their gambling bankroll.

**Pink** offers exceptional fare for your culinary pleasure should you wish to make an evening of it. On Saturday night, former NY Knick star Larry "Grandmama" Johnson will play host to a **special Pink dinner** and wine pairing and you're all invited to join in the fun. Reservations are suggested.

Post time is 7:15 p.m.

– **Nick Salvi / Meadowlands media relations**

## **Stallion auction to benefit Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame**

Do you have a breeding that you won't be using this season? We have a home for it!

We are lining up our stallion roster for the 2017 season and invite you to put your breedings to work for the benefit of all – the breeding donor, the mare owner and the Harness Racing Museum. If you have not participated in this unique and important fundraiser by donating a breeding or placing a bid and would like more information, please contact Joanne Young at [development@harnessmuseum.com](mailto:development@harnessmuseum.com) or (845) 294-6330.

A complete list of the 2017 stallions, conditions and bid form will be posted in late January at [www.harnessmuseum.com](http://www.harnessmuseum.com) under the Fundraisers tab. There is no limit on the number of breedings we will happily accept and in return we promise professional, dedicated attention to making the best possible arrangements.

We want to thank those of you who have donated a breeding for the 2017 Harness Racing Museum stallion breeding auction. To date the list of stallions includes: Angus Hall, Artiscape, Class Included, Conway Hall, Coraggioso, Creatine, Dejarmbro, Dragon Again, Glidemaster, Great Vintage, Lucky Chucky, McArdle, So Surreal, Stormin Norman, Well Said, Western Shore, Western Vintage, We Will See, Whataworkout and Woodstock.

The list will be updated as additional breedings are donated.

Bids on these breedings must be called in, emailed or postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017. Any breedings not receiving successful bids may still be available after that date.

We are happy to receive breedings throughout the spring and duplicate breedings are acceptable.

– **Joanne Young / Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame**

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## Ohio stallion auction closes Saturday

Here is your chance to bid on some of Ohio's best stallions and you won't even have to leave your easy chair! There are 39 Ohio stallions in the annual P.A.C.E.R. fund raiser, 21 pacing stallions and 18 trotting studs. This year, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA), who manages the auction, is offering online bidding as well as bidding on site. The bidding is now open so just follow the instructions below to get started.

1. First register for the Online Silent Auction site at <https://wedoauctions.net/ohha/register>
2. Next, you will receive an email and text. In that text, click your blue personal bidding link. This will direct you to our organizations page to place bids.
3. From here you can either search horses by name or item number. You can also view the catalog of horse under your View All key.
4. Once you see a horse you would like to place a bid on, click on the item name and scroll down to the blue bid button. This will let you know the next minimum bid. You can choose to bid this amount by clicking the blue bid button and confirm your bid.
5. You will receive notification in email and text form if you get outbid. This will include the link for that item to place another bid. You will also have the choice to watch the horse. This will place this horse under your My Items key on your main screen.
6. If you would like to place a maximum bid, where the system will bid on your behalf until that amount is reached, you can click the Change bid amount or set a maximum bid button. Then type the amount you would like to set and place your bid. You will NOT receive outbid notifications until someone has outbid your maximum bid amount.

You may also bid on site during the OHHA/USTA annual meetings held at the Double Tree Columbus Worthington or by phone by calling (614) 221-3650.

More information about the meetings and banquet can be found at <http://www.ohha.com/annualmeetingandbanquet>

The auction will end on Saturday (Jan. 21) at 5pm.

Now is the time to invest in the lucrative Ohio racing program. Racing is plentiful, purses are high and the new Breeders Award program is just beginning. And now, bidding on this great group of Ohio stallions is even easier.

If you have any questions about the auction, you can call the OHHA office at (614) 221-3650.

— OHHA

## New Vocations standardbred stallion auction

Breedings to Donato Hanover, Art Major, Well Said, Creatine, Pet Rock, McArdle, Guccio, GooGoo GaaGaa, Triumphant Caviar, Sunshine Beach and Artspeak are among the 75+ seasons donated to New Vocations 19th Annual Stallion. Breedings are still being sought and can be added until the auction begins.

The auction runs Tues., Feb 7 through 2 p.m. Friday, Feb 10 at [www.ongait.com](http://www.ongait.com). The auction is conducted in an Open Ended format that allows for bidding slightly beyond the 2 p.m. deadline if less than five minutes have elapsed since the last bid on a particular breeding.

Participants are asked to be considerate and not bid for mares over 20 years old, ones that have been barren two or more consecutive years, any that are due after May 15, and those that are already booked.

— Dot Morgan / New Vocations

## Breeding Auction

**Wed.-Fri. Feb. 1-3**  
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**From 8am on Wed., Feb. 1st thru 8pm Fri., Feb. 3rd**

**Preliminary list - 90 breedings are anticipated.**

A Rocknroll Dance	All American Native	Angus Hall	Art Official
Artscap	Badlands Hanover	Badlands Nitro	BK's Stiff
Bolt The Duer	Cash Hall	Charlie de vie	Classic Card Shark
Conway Hall	Crazed	Deep Chip	Dejarmbro
Delmarvelous	Detour Hanover	Deweycheatumnhowe	Diamond Goal
Donato Hanover	Dream Away	Fourstarz Robro	Fred & Ginger
Glidemaster	He's Watching	Heston Blue Chip	Holiday Road
Hypnotic Blue Chip	I Can Only Imagine	Keystone Activator	Lis Mara
Lucky Chucky	Mach Three	McArdle	Mister Big
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- A 10% deposit within 3 days is required of winning bidders;
- Balance is due at time of live foal.
- For Info: **Tammy 732-446-4422; Admin@srffmail.com**



# RACE RESULTS

## HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in  
Harness Racing Update: U.S. and Canadian  
races with a purse of \$15,000 and over,  
plus stakes races \$10,000 and over

### DOVER DOWNS *report*

#### Tuesday's Results:

**10, DD, \$20,000, P**, FILLIES/MARES Winners Over \$12,000 in Last 6 Starts or \$50,000 Lifetime/Open Handicap Post Positions 1 thru 4 Drawn Post Positions 5 thru 8 Drawn, 26.1, 56.0, 1:24.2, 1:51.3, SY

**1-Enhance Your Mind (m, 5, Riggins--Enhance The Night, by Western Ideal)** O-Bryan J Truitt. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-Bryan Truitt. D-Victor Kirby, \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 31-11-6-7, \$128,090

**2-Nat A Virgin (m, 6, Always A Virgin--Nat-a-tat-tat, by Blissfull Hall),** \$9,500 2012 IN-PREM O-Robert Cooper Stables LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Dustin Jones Stables Inc, CA & William L Jones. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan, \$5,000

**3-Sweet Bobbie (m, 5, Art Major--Odds On Goby, by Western Hanover),** \$15,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Gary E Ewing. B-Odds On Nourrir. T-Gary Ewing. D-Art Stafford Jr, \$2,400  
Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 2, 2 - Finish Order: Mischief Maker N, Velocity Lana, Scandalicious, B Stern, Lightning Mach N

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#### Wednesday's Results:

**9, DD, \$15,500, T**, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners over \$80,000 Lifetime Handicap Post Positions 1 thru 5 & 9 Drawn Post Positions 6 thru 8 Drawn, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.2, 1:54.2, FT

**1-Tymal Signature (m, 5, Deweycheatumnhowe--Blossom Seelster, by Tagliabue),** \$17,000 2013 FOREST O-Andrew R Glassmeyer. B-Tymal Farms, CA. T-A Bobby Glassmeyer. D-Jonathan Roberts, \$9,300, Lifetime Record: 66-10-10-11, \$138,850

**2-Steel Reserve (g, 5, Credit Winner--Iron Lass, by Muscles Yankee),** \$22,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Christopher Giaccio & Victor Kirby. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Victor Kirby. D-Victor Kirby, \$4,650

**3-Earl's Speeder (g, 5, Earl Of Stormont--Trapezius, by Muscles Yankee),** \$13,500 2013 HOOSIER O-Michael Casalino Jr. B-Melvin J Schmucker. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan, \$1,860  
Calls: 1, 1Q, 4H, HD, NK - Finish Order: Go Byem, Celebrity Pegasus, Bluebird Reverend, Gillie The Kid, Doggone Slots, Royal Becca J

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**10, DD, \$20,000, T**, Winners Over \$12,000 in Last 6 Starts or \$50,000 Lifetime / Open Handicap Post Positions Assigned, 27.1, 56.3, 1:25.0, 1:52.4, FT

**1-Tough Mac (g, 8, Lockkeeper--Traditional Lady, by Self Possessed)** O-Michael Casalino Jr. B-David W & Carol L Vanderhyde. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 113-26-17-12, \$328,399

**2-Il Mago (h, 8, Kadabra--Northern Style, by Earl)** O-Cc Racing LLC. B-Chris Alexander, CA. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Pat Berry, \$5,000

**3-Winbak Charles M (g, 6, Cr Commando--Runaway Madonna, by Cr Renegade)** O-Edwin F Gannon Jr. B-Winbak Farm. T-Edwin Gannon Jr. D-Yannick Gingras, \$2,880

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 3, 3Q - Finish Order: Frost Free Hanover, Uva Hanover, Uwantapieceofme, Muscerene

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#### Thursday's Results:

**9, DD, \$21,000, P**, Open, 27.3, 56.0, 1:24.2, 1:51.0, FT

**1-Jet Airway (h, 6, Jereme's Jet--Aromatic, by Artiscape),** \$36,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Michael Casalino Jr & Dylan P Davis. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 59-18-11-5, \$456,030

**2-Te Kawanu N (g, 7, Bettor's Delight--Haylin Express, by Christian Cullen)** O-J L Sadowsky LLC. B-K R & Mrs S D Farrier, NZ. T-Robert Bresnahan. D-Daryl Bier, \$5,250

**3-Sicily (g, 5, Art Major--Capri Hanover, by Western Ideal),** \$75,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc & Reginald A Hazzard II. B-Brittany Farms. T-Wayne Givens. D-Allan Davis, \$3,024

Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Captive Audience, Screaman Seaman A, Star Messenger, Foiled Again, Silver Fox J, Special T Rocks

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**10, DD, \$30,000, P**, Preferred, 26.2, 54.1, 1:21.2, 1:49.3, FT

**1-Bushwacker (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Dolphins Can Talk, by Camluck),** \$135,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Henderson Farms. B-Black Horse Breeding. T-Chris Ryder. D-Corey Callahan, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 87-25-13-16, \$564,337

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**2-Sweet Rock (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Penny For Nickel, by Artsplace),** \$65,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc & Reginald A Hazzard II & Gary P Calloway. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Wayne Givens. D-Allan Davis, \$9,000

**3-Seventh Secret (h, 6, Allamerican Native--Secret Song, by Direct Scooter)** O-George & Tina Dennis Racing. B-Ruth A Altmeyer. T-Joseph Columbo. D-George Dennis, \$4,320

Calls: HD, 1H, 1H, Q, T - Finish Order: Little Ben, Ideal Cowboy, Soto, Clear Vision, Arsenic

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# RACE RESULTS

**12, DD, \$15,500, P,** HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS Non Winners \$16,001 in Last 6 Starts AE: Claiming \$30,000 With Allowances, 26.0, 54.2, 1:22.1, 1:50.3, FT

**1-Mustang Art (g, 10, Artiscape--Paula Seelster, by Camluck)** O-Max R Walton & Gregory H Papaleo. B-Almost Doesnt Count Stb, CA. T-James Mc Guire. D-Victor Kirby, \$9,300, Lifetime Record: 273-45-53-43, \$801,122

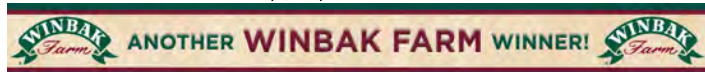
**2-Cajon Lightning** (g, 5, Mach Three--Tex In The City, by Magical Mike) O-Wm Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Iaquina & Minisink Farms LLC. B-John C Taylor, CA. T-Eric Ell. D-Art Stafford Jr, \$3,875

**3-Kindofabigdeal** (g, 6, No Pan Intended--Star Of Show, by Astreos), \$30,000 2012 FOREST O-Jeffery B Clark. B-R Peter & David B Heffering, CA. T-Jeffery Clark. D-George Dennis, \$1,860  
Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, Q, NK - Finish Order: Go Collect N, Skyful Of Lighters, Papa Ray, Totally Kissed, Toatsmygoats, Swappportunity

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**13, DD, \$15,500, P,** HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS 5 Year Olds & Under Non Winners \$100,001 Lifetime, 27.3, 55.0, 1:23.1, 1:51.0, FT

**1-Cloud Speed (g, 4, Dragon Again--Cams Exotic, by Cam Fella),** \$17,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Benjamin C Stafford & William O Daggett Jr. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ben Stafford. D-Art Stafford Jr, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 38-6-8-6, \$79,978



**2-Bad Gamer** (h, 4, Badlands Hanover--Kattimon, by Astreos) O-Edwin F Gannon Jr & Yannick Gingras & Frank A Canzone & Ronald A Sabatini. B-Winbak Farm. T-Edwin Gannon Jr. D-Yannick Gingras, \$3,875

**3-Caviart Skyler** (g, 5, Rockin Image--Caviart Sierra, by Western Hanover) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Caviart Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Montrell Teague, \$1,860

Calls: 2H, 2T, 3, 2, H - Finish Order: Denslow Hanover, Suchasenseofhumor, Poisonous, Postmaster, Sporty Mercedes, Ima Rebel

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**15, DD, \$15,500, P,** HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS 5 Year Olds & Under Non Winners \$100,001 Lifetime, 27.3, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:51.4, FT

**1-Manolito Montoya (g, 5, Western Terror--Devil Dancer, by Jate Lobell)** O-Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Jim King Jr. D-Ross Wolfenden, \$9,300, Lifetime Record: 42-11-4-7, \$70,743

**2-All The Cookies** (g, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Queen Otr, by Artsplace), \$30,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Richard J Stansbury. B-White Birch Farm. T-Kenneth Mitchell. D-Tyler Davis, \$3,875

**3-Kiss A Dragon** (g, 5, Dragon Again--Plant A Kiss, by Blissfull Hall) O-David And Goliath Racing. B-Perretti Farms. T-Eddie Dennis. D-Eddie Dennis, \$1,860

Calls: 3H, 2, 1, 3, 2H - Finish Order: Thespywholovedme, View Land, Double Miles, Yankee Heaven, Fashion Bythebeach, Machine Team

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## MIAMI VALLEY report

### Tuesday's Results:

**9, MVR, \$22,000, T,** OPEN, 27.2, 56.2, 1:25.3, 1:56.1, FT

**1-Martz Time (g, 8, Primetime Ranger--Beccas Best, by Super Pleasure),** \$12,000 2010 HOOSIER O-John E McGill & Brian K Carsey. B-Katherine A Gibbs, CA. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 156-36-21-29, \$437,016

**2-Rockinthepines** (g, 6, Pinetucky--Hurrikane Queen, by Yankee Glide) O-Rocking Meadows Stable. B-Leroy Kemp. T-Mervin Schmucker. D-Andy Shetler, \$5,500

**3-Cimeronken** (g, 8, Ken Warkentin--Ms Biynka, by Royal Strength), \$5,000 2010 FOREST O-Dan E Ater & Kirk L Nichols. B-Denise M Anderson, CA. T-Dan Ater. D-Kyle Ater, \$2,640

Calls: 9, 5, 4, 3, 1T - Finish Order: Insomniac, Revenue Agent, Tag Up And Go, Jackie Goldstein, Walter White

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## THE MEADOWS report

### Tuesday's Results:

**8, Mea, \$20,000, P,** \*F&M PREFERRED HANDICAP\* P.P.1-4 DRAWN; 5 ASSIGNED; 6-7 DRAWN, 27.2, 57.2, 1:24.1, 1:53.3, GD

**1-Show Runner (m, 7, Little Steven--Peace Runner, by Tyler's Mark)** O-A Piece Of The Action LLC. B-Alan M Kirschenbaum. T-Christen Pantaleano. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 106-46-23-12, \$394,431

**2-Spreester** (m, 6, American Ideal--Rodeo Spree, by Dream Away) O-Renee J Bercury. B-Kimberley M Zabielski. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$5,000

**3-Medusa** (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Mythical, by Artsplace), \$60,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Randall B Bendis & Thomas J Pollack. B-White Birch Farm. T-Randy Bendis. D-Tony Hall, \$2,400

Calls: 4H, 4H, 1H, 2, HD - Finish Order: Seeyouatthefinish, Skippin By, Regil Meg, Pop The Tags

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### Wednesday's Results:

**8, Mea, \$20,000, T,** \*F&M PREFERRED HANDICAP\* P.P.1-4 DRAWN; 5-7 DRAWN; 8 ASSIGNED, 28.0, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:56.4, GD

**1-Barn Girl (m, 5, Cash Hall--Turquoise Sweetie, by Dream Vacation),** \$8,700 2013 BHS O-Renee J Bercury. B-Morrisville Col Fdn Inc. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 58-29-9-11, \$377,796

**2-Whata Donato** (m, 7, Donato Hanover--Donven Promise, by Promising Catch) O-Frank T Poerio Jr. B-Arlene L & Jules J Siegel. T-Doug Snyder. D-Doug Snyder, \$5,000

**3-Unefoisdansmavie** (m, 10, Revenue S--Peace To The World, by Yankee Glide) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Jack B Piatt III. B-Ronald K Turcotte. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$2,400

Calls: 6, 7H, 5H, 3, 2H - Finish Order: Princess Pablano, Stirling Diva, Wendy's Girl, Pathian, Bessie

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# RACE RESULTS

## YONKERS *report*

### Tuesday's Results:

**2, YR, \$20,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 31.1, 1:01.1, 1:30.3, 2:02.1, SY

**1-Elusive Action (h, 5, Conway Hall--Yetta's Angel, by Credit Winner)**

O-John Grasso Stable Inc. B-John Grasso Stable Inc. T-John Grasso. D-Steve Smith, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 48-4-4-7, \$82,779

**2-Yolo Lindy** (m, 5, Credit Winner--Ya Ya Lindy, by Conway Hall), \$11,000 2013 MORRIS O-Alexandra Cynthia Tomson & Jon C Berube. B-Lindy Racing Stable. T-Jon Berube. D-Tyler Buter, \$3,700

**2-Best Turbo** (m, 4, Turbonator--Best Debt Yet, by Like A Prayer) O-Roy D Dobbins. B-Roy D Dobbins. T-Dennis J Laterza. D-Eric Abbatiello, \$3,700

Calls: 2Q, 5, 4H, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Y S Suzanne, Tomb's Angel, I'm Looking At You, Ooh Rah, Kash's Explosion

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**4, YR, \$20,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 30.1, 1:01.3, 1:32.0, 2:01.1, SY

**1-Alex In Front (g, 4, Swan For All--Fancy The Look, by Yankee Glide)**, \$12,000 2014 HOOSIER O-Anna Kristina Lorentzon. B-Daryl D Miller. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 23-4-2-6, \$59,058

**2-Mass Balance** (h, 4, Muscle Mass--Aimees Image, by Balanced Image), \$24,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Synerco Ventures Inc, CA. B-Glengate Farms, CA & Kesons Stables Inc, CA. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jordan Stratton, \$5,000

**3-Le Tissier** (g, 5, Yankee Glide--Celebrity Whisper, by SJ's Caviar) O-Camilla F Hegdal. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Oyvind Hegdal. D-Oyvind Hegdal, \$2,400

Calls: 6, 6Q, 2Q, 1H, H - Finish Order: Majestic Mistress, Bands Ariston, Mostinterestingman, Shez All Muscles, Starlingmoon

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**7, YR, \$25,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 28.3, 59.2, 1:28.2, 1:57.4, SY

**1-Golden Son (g, 4, Majestic Son--Dawn Dream, by Enjoy Lavec)** O-John Devito & Rocco Manniello. B-Martinez Equine. T-Jenny Melander. D-Scott Zeron, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 19-11-1-3, \$67,799

**2-Dewdle All Day** (m, 4, Deweycheatumnhowe--Winnie The Who, by Emile Angus), \$25,000 2014 FOREST O-Dustin Jones Stables Inc, CA & 9177 8720 Quebec Inc, CA. B-Olive Branch Farm & Birnam Wood Farms. T-Timothy Lancaster. D-Mark Macdonald, \$6,250

**3-Dynamic Edge** (g, 4, Muscle Mass--Shasta La Vista, by Angus Hall), \$28,000 2014 CAN-YS O-Mark S Ford. B-Jeffery E Ruch, CA & David P Reid. T-Mark Ford. D-Matt Kakaley, \$3,000

Calls: 3T, 5, NS, NS, 1H - Finish Order: Taco Tuesday, Promise Delivered, The Land Shark, Gids Passion, Miss Flora

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**9, YR, \$25,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 29.4, 1:00.1, 1:29.3, 1:59.1, SY

**1-Alvarez (m, 4, Andover Hall--Celebrity Athena, by Yankee Glide)**, \$18,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Trotter Lane LLC. B-Andray Farm & John A Carver. T-Monica Krist. D-Billy Dobson, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 28-6-3-5, \$67,280

**2-Zagster** (g, 4, Muscle Mass--This Way That Way, by Conway Hall), \$3,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Kapildeo Singh. B-Willow Oak Ranch. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$6,250

**3-Manhattan As** (m, 4, Muscles Yankee--There's A Way, by Credit Winner) O-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Jason Bartlett, \$3,000

Calls: 4Q, 4Q, NS, 1, 4 - Finish Order: Inukchuk Chuck, Tough Get Going, True Blue Stride, Moose Madness, Master Class

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### Thursday's Results:

**7, YR, \$16,000, P**, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$25,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.0, 55.4, 1:24.4, 1:53.4, FT

**1-Santanna One (g, 7, Santanna Blue Chip--Pro Bowl Best, by Cambest)** O-Joshua F Schwartz & Alexander Kantonist. B-Jeffrey R Gillis, CA. T-William Adamczyk. D-Mark Macdonald, \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 127-19-20-24, \$402,731

**2-Sky Mcfly** (g, 8, Jerome's Jet--N'vincible, by Keystone Raider), \$25,000 2010 FOREST O-Charles M Rowe. B-Gordon C & Claudia J Wright. T-Gregory White. D-Matt Kakaley, \$4,000

**3-Gypsy Leather** (g, 8, Admirals Galley--Bristol Lake Misty, by Broadway Express) O-Boss Racing Usa. B-Robin D & Danny L Roe. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Tyler Buter, \$1,920

Calls: 1Q, 1T, 1Q, H, 2Q - Finish Order: What I Believe, Styxit To Em N, Ardie B Speed, Sam's Escape, Western Alumni

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**8, YR, \$17,000, P**, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$25,000 / \$30,000 HANDICAP 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:53.1, FT

**1-Rock Absorber (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Promysquous Lady, by Pro Bono Best)**, \$19,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Brian&Ira Wallach Racing. B-Perretti Racing Stb LLC. T-Daniel Renaud. D-Scott Zeron, \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 104-14-11-14, \$167,905

**2-Spinarama** (g, 8, Cam's Card Shark--Marena Hanover, by Western Ideal), \$17,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Michael Casalino Jr. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Chris Marino. D-Matt Kakaley, \$4,250

**3-Coach Cal** (g, 8, Camluck--False Alert, by Artsplace), \$90,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Pb Racing Stables Inc & Boss Racing Usa. B-James L Avritt Sr. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Mark Macdonald, \$2,040

Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1H, 1T, HD - Finish Order: Western Bayama, Lucky Mctrucky, Fashion Delight, Rangers Sureshot, Stonebridge Tonic

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