

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Betting Line voted Canada's Horse of the Year

Saturday's O'Brien Awards also featured Marvin Katz winning a share of three trophies, Rick Zeron and Al Libfeld taking home two each and Sylvain Filion and Richard Moreau winning the driver and trainer of the year titles, respectively.

by Jeff Porchak / Standardbred Canada



Dave Landry

Betting Line won the Jug and North America Cup in 2016 and now has been named Canada's Horse of the Year.

Betting Line was named Canada's 2016 Horse of the Year Saturday night (Jan. 28) in Mississauga, ON as Standardbred Canada handed out the O'Brien Awards honoring the best in the nation's harness racing industry from the past year.

Owner Marvin Katz earned a share of three O'Brien Awards, including the Armstrong Breeder of the Year Award in partnership with Al Libfeld. The two also teamed up to win the two-year-old trotting filly of the year award with homebred sensation Ariana G and Katz is among the owners of Idyllic Beach, the top freshman pacing filly of 2016.

Rick Zeron of Oakville, ON took home the O'Brien Award of Horsemanship and his two-year-old trotting colt, Mass Production, was also honored with an O'Brien.

Meanwhile, driver Sylvain Filion of Milton, ON and trainer Richard Moreau of Puslinch, ON added to their trophy

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collections, both winning national honors in their respective categories for the fourth time in their careers.

Betting Line, trained by Casie Coleman of Cambridge, ON, who shares ownership with Ross Warriner, Christine Calhoun and Mac Nichol, took home two O'Briens – one in the three-year-old pacing colt category and one as Canada's Horse of the Year.

Betting Line was almost perfect in 2016, finishing the season with 14 wins and a second in 15 races to go along with almost \$1.7 million in earnings. The Bettors Delight–Heathers Western colt's victories included the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup, the Battle of the Brandywine, the Milstein Memorial, the Little Brown Jug, the Simcoe Stakes, and a sweep of all of his Ontario Sires Stakes races, including his OSS Super Final.

For Katz and Libfeld, what started as a partnership that focused on buying yearlings and racing horses has evolved into one of harness racing's most respected breeding enterprises. Horses bred by this duo won 29 races and purses in excess of \$1.3 million in 2016. Their top horses were All The Time, O'Brien winner Ariana G, Princess Aurora and O Narutac Perfecto.

Ariana G won nine of 11 races and earned \$804,245 during her rookie campaign. Stakes wins for the Muscle Hill–Cantab It All filly included the Breeders Crown, Jim Doherty Memorial, Peaceful Way elimination and final, and New Jersey Sire Stakes Championship.

Idyllic Beach hit the board in all of her 14 races, boasted eight wins and almost \$730,000 in purse earnings. Major stakes wins for the Somebeachsomewhere–Idyllic filly included the Shes A Great Lady elimination and final at Mohawk, along with the Kentuckiana Stakes at Hoosier Park, and the International Stallion Stake at Red Mile.



Dave Landry

Sylvain Filion was voted the Driver of the Year for the fourth time.

Zeron continued to successfully compete as a trainer and driver on the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) circuit. Last year, he drove 116 winners and horses to almost \$2.6 million in purse earnings, while **training 49 winners** and horses to \$1.7 million in earnings, including **Mass Production**. The Muscle Mass–All Time Favorite colt won five of nine races and more than \$285,000 during his rookie campaign. His victories included four Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) wins

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Filion won Canada's Driver of the Year title in 2012, 2013 and 2015 before collecting his fourth bronze for the 2016 season. In 2016, he drove 310 winners and led all Canadian drivers in the earnings column with more than \$7.7 million, while joining the \$100 million club for lifetime earnings. Filion was the regular driver for O'Brien champion, two-year-old pacing colt Beyond Delight. The Bettors Delight–Outtathisworld colt **Beyond Delight** won three of 11 races and more than \$423,000 for his connections. His three wins were major ones as he swept the elimination and final of the Metro Pace and won a division of the Champlain Stakes, all at Mohawk Racetrack.

Moreau took home his fourth consecutive O'Brien trophy. He has been a regular on the WEG circuit for over 12 years, led all Canadian trainers in the wins column with 249 wins to his credit and trained the winners of nearly \$4.0 million.

Louis-Philippe Roy was recognized as the Future Star winner. In 2016, the Mont-Joli, QC resident put together some phenomenal numbers, winning 233 races and driving horses to earnings of more than \$1 million. Roy was the leading dash winning driver at Hippodrome 3R and Rideau Carleton.



Iron Horse Photo

It was the fourth straight Trainer of the Year title for Richard Moreau.

L A Delight (Bettors Delight–West Of L A) picked up her second consecutive O'Brien trophy after putting together another stellar season as a sophomore, winning nine races in 19 starts and more than \$787,000. The three-year-old pacing filly was perfect in the Ontario Sires Stakes events, sweeping six of six, including the season-ending Super Final. She posted a life's best 1:49.1 in winning the Nadia Lobell at The Meadows.

Lady Shadow (Shadow Play–Lady Camella) also won her second consecutive O'Brien Award in the Older Pacing Mare category. She put together another profitable season with 12 victories and more than \$945,000 in earnings. She was strong throughout the season, sweeping the elimination and final of the Roses Are Red, the Milton Stakes, and the elimination and final of the Breeders Crown before capping her year with a win in the TVG FFA at The Meadowlands.

Wiggle It Jiggleit (Mr Wiggles–Mozzi Hanvoer), the sport's richest harness horse last season with \$1.8 million bankrolled, was voted Canada's Older Pacing Horse of the Year. He never finished worse than third in his 24 races, which included 15 wins and a mark of 1:47.2 posted in the Graduate Final at The Meadowlands. The multiple stakes winner captured Canada's oldest stakes event, The Canadian Pacing Derby at Mohawk Racetrack and also secured

An advertisement for a filly named Sunshine Beach. The top half shows a brown filly standing in a grassy field. Below the photo, the text reads "Stunning filly out of Lady DM" in a script font, followed by "Sunshine Beach" in large, bold, green letters. At the bottom, there is a dark green banner with white text: "Seelster Farms" with a horse logo, "STUD FEE: (Discounts Available) \$5,000", and "519.227.4294 www.seelsterfarms.com Photography: Dave Landry".

runner-up finishes in the Confederation Cup and Prix d'Été on Canadian soil.

Caprice Hill (Kadabra—Bramasole) won her second consecutive O'Brien, after a profitable campaign in 2016 with eight wins in 15 starts and purses in excess of \$630,000 for her connections. The Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year won three of four Ontario Sires Stakes events, the Casual Breeze, Simcoe Stakes and was runner-up in the Hambletonian Oaks.

Marion Marauder (Muscle Hill—Spellbound Hanover) took divisional honors as Canada's Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year. He was a winner of 10 of 15 starts, became the ninth Trotting Triple Crown winner in 2016 -- and first since 2006 -- by sweeping the Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot, and Kentucky Futurity. The son of Muscle Hill won the Goodtimes Stakes and a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial en route to a season that amassed more than \$1.5 million in purses, topping North American earnings for all trotters.

The incredible trotting mare **Hannelore Hanover** (Swan For All—High Sobriety) won 17 of 20 races and earned \$1.1 million in purses, leading all female trotters in earnings and winning the O'Brien in her division. Her victories included the Breeders Crown Mare Trot and the Hambletonian Maturity, where she defeated male rivals. She also beat the boys in the Centaur Trotting Classic in addition to winning the Armbro Flight Stakes, TVG Series championship for female trotters, Fresh Yankee, Muscle Hill, and Miami Valley Distaff. Her mile time of 1:51 in winning the Armbro Flight equaled the world record for a four-year-old trotting mare.

Flanagan Memory (Kadabra—Classy Stacy) was recognized as Older Trotting Horse of the Year. The seven-year-old won six of 14 races including the Allerage, and the Breeders Crown Championship, and banked more than \$663,000 last season. This was his second O'Brien Award as he won Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt honors in 2013.

The Media Excellence Awards and Outstanding Groom Award were also presented at the O'Brien Awards gala.

Teesha Symes, 27, of Cambridge, ON, was recognized with the **Outstanding Groom Award** for 2016. Symes has worked for O'Brien Award winner Dr. Ian Moore for the last decade, and full-time since 2012. The Springhill, NS native cared for State Treasurer, Canada's Horse of the Year in 2015, throughout his racing career.

In addition to State Treasurer, Symes went on the road to care for Rockin In Heaven the past two years and also cared for many of the Moore Stables' two-year-olds.



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Keith McCalmont of Toronto won in the **Outstanding Written Work** category for his contribution to the 'Remembering Those Lost' feature, published in the February 2016 issue of TROT Magazine. McCalmont talked to some of the trainers and owners most affected by the tragic barn fire at Classy Lane Training Centre and asked them to share some memories of their beloved horses.

Woodbine Entertainment's 2016 Pepsi North America Cup broadcast in HD won the Media Excellence Award in the **Outstanding Video, Film or Broadcast** category.

'The Pepsi North America Cup' aired across Canada on the TSN2 television network on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 10:00 – 11:00 p.m. The 60-minute special broadcast of the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup aired in high definition and featured live race coverage of the main event as well as a feature on Emprize Hanover and her two foals.

Clive Cohen's photo of October racing at Mohawk Racetrack in Campbellville, Ont. was the winner in the **Outstanding Photography** category. This marked the third time that Cohen has won in this category. Cohen's photo was taken on October 1, 2016, at Mohawk Racetrack and published later that night on the WEG Standardbred Instagram feed. Cohen is the resident track photographer for standardbred racing at Mohawk and Woodbine Racetracks.

This was the 28th edition of the O'Brien Awards, named in honor of the late Joe O'Brien, an outstanding horseman and member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

Here is a complete list of winners and their respective owners:

HORSE OF THE YEAR

Betting Line

Trained by Casie Coleman

Owned by West Wins Stable, Cambridge, ON, Christine Calhoun, Chatham, ON and Mac Nichol, Burlington, ON

Bred by Fair Winds Farm Inc., Cream Ridge, NJ

PACERS

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACER

Idyllic Beach

Trained by Jimmy Takter

Owned by Christina Takter, East Windsor, NJ – John Fielding, Toronto, ON – Brixton Medical Inc., Matawan, NJ and Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON

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Al Libfeld (left) and Marvin Katz were named Breeders of the Year as part of a big night for the duo.

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Beyond Delight

Trained by Tony O'Sullivan

Owned by Jeffrey Snyder, Michael Snyder, New York, NY and Four Friends Racing Stable LLC, Moorestown, NJ

Bred by White Birch Farm, Allentown, NJ

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACER

L A Delight

Trained by Bob McIntosh

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Bred by Robert McIntosh Stables Inc., Windsor, ON – CSX Stables, Liberty Center, OH, and Al McIntosh Holdings, Inc., Leamington, ON

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Bred by Winbak Farm, Chesapeake City, MD

OLDER PACING HORSE

Wiggle It Jiggleit

Trained by Clyde Francis

Owned by George Teague Jr Inc., Harrington DE – Teague Racing Partnership, Boynton Beach, FL

Bred by James Bernstein, Boynton Beach, FL, Theresa Bantle, Vernon, NY, Eric Felter, Vernon, NY and Vincent Tancredi, Herkimer, NY

TROTTERS

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROTTER

Ariana G

Trained by Jimmy Takter

Owned by Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON & Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON

Bred by Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON & Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON

TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT TROTTER

Mass Production

Trained by Rick Zeron

Owned by Rick Zeron Stables, Oakville, ON- James Walker, Port Perry, ON- Bruno Dipocce, Wasaga Beach, ON and Rene Allard, Matamoras, PA

Bred by Stan Klemencic, Trenton, ON

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROTTER

Caprice Hill

Trained by Tony Alagna

Owned by Tom Hill, Hamilton, ON

Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA

THREE-YEAR-OLD COLT TROTTER

Marion Marauder

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Flanagan Memory

Trained by Rene Dion

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Bred by Michel Flanagan, Repentigny, QC

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Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON / Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON

DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Sylvain Filion, Milton, ON

TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Richard Moreau, Puslinch, ON

FUTURE STAR AWARD

Louis Philippe Roy, Mont-Joli, QC

ADDITIONAL AWARDS PRESENTED

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Teesha Symes, Cambridge, ON

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Arrogate, ridden by Mike Smith, won Saturday's \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park in Florida.

At Pegasus World Cup, harness horsemen wonder: why not us?

by Bill Finley

It was several races before Arrogate would win the \$12 million Pegasus World Cup, but harness owner Mac Nichol was already soaking in what was an incredible scene Saturday afternoon at Gulfstream Park. Though a small facility, Gulfstream was packed, people willing to pay a minimum of \$100 just to get in the building, and the electricity was palpable. This was a totally new concept, 12 stakeholders putting up \$1 million each to secure a starting spot in the richest horse race ever run. And that \$12 million drew the two glamour horses in thoroughbred racing in Arrogate and California Chrome for a rematch of the Breeders' Cup Classic.

Nichol didn't have a horse in the Pegasus World Cup, but he was the co-owner of Madefromlucky, who would finish third in the \$400,000 Poseidon Stakes. He knows both games and like many harness horsemen he wonders why the standardbred business is so stuck in its ways, a status quo that, frankly, isn't really working.

"This is just unbelievable, what's going on here today," he said. "There's a super turnout. The crowd is amazing and everyone is super-charged."

Could harness racing even so much of dream of having a day like this?

"They may dream about it, but it won't happen because they don't do anything," Nichol answered. "When you compare standardbreds to thoroughbreds it's whole different world because they promote it so much more in order to get people to come to the track."

And that's the problem. In harness racing, who is thinking

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**DRIVERS: YANNICK GINGRAS, TIM
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big? Who is willing to try something this daring?

The Pegasus World Cup was the brainchild of Gulfstream owner Frank Stronach, who isn't afraid to try anything. A lot of his ideas are outlandish and a lot don't work. But what separates Stronach from everyone in the standardbred business, with the possible exception of Jeff Gural, is that he isn't sitting around counting the money from his slot machines. He believes in the sport and believes if you try hard enough, work hard enough and have enough good ideas you can make the game thrive.

The inaugural Pegasus World Cup had some hits and some misses. California Chrome, who finished ninth, had virtually no chance after he drew the 12 post (the equivalent of the eight hole at Yonkers), and this race never should have been run at a mile-and-an-eighth because of a severe post position bias at that distance. They had to pay to put the race on television. They bragged in a press release about the celebrities that were attending the race, failing to realize that most were people no one had ever heard of.

But they handled a Gulfstream record \$40 million on the day and they created something unique that can only grow and get better. The Pegasus World Cup was, as they say, good for the game.

"This is just great," said trainer Tony Alagna, who said he came to Gulfstream for no other reason than to witness a spectacle "I'm really glad I came."

"This is a great event," said another spectator, trainer Paul Kelley, who was sharing a box with, among others, Steve Stewart and Ross Croghan. Peter Wrenn was also spotted in the crowd.

"I like the concept," Kelley said. "I'm a fan and I wanted to be here to see California Chrome run one last time."

So could this be done in harness racing?

In some respects, the answer is clearly no. You're never going to handle anywhere close to \$40 million on a harness racing card and no one is going to pay \$100 to get through the turnstiles of a harness track. And it's doubtful, but not impossible, that you could find 10 people (which would be the right number) to put up \$1 million each to secure a spot in a harness race... even one that would be worth \$10 million.

But Kelley and Alagna were in agreement. Try it, they said. Even if it is a smaller version of the Pegasus World Cup.

"I think there are a lot of owners who would be willing to put the money up and have a race like this," Alagna said. "I think it would be great for our business. Look at what they've done here today. I think it's one of those things that people

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would be willing to try because it's something that would be for the betterment of the sport. People like George Segal and Marvin Katz are sportsmen. I know they'd like to see a race like this because it would good for the whole industry. In thoroughbreds, more people are looking to do great things, not necessarily just to pay their mortgage. They're looking for glory."

"I think harness racing could pull this off," Kelley said. "We would need at least two big marquee names, like Always B Miki and Wiggle It Jiggleit, and we'd need the Meadowlands as the venue. You can accomplish a lot with star power, like California Chrome and Arrogate."

You can also accomplish a lot when you believe in your sport. They actually closed down the poker room here yesterday to free up space for the fans and no one in the slots parlor seemed to care about anything but the racing. This day was all about the racing.

"Sometimes you have to think big," Kelley said "There are thoroughbred people who aren't afraid to think big. That's what we don't do in our sport – think big."

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The world won't end if the sport eliminates inquiries

A cousin I hadn't heard from in a while called me this week. Doug's a football bettor and he wanted to talk about the NFL playoffs, and the chances of the two remaining teams.

At one point we circled back to the "Dez Bryant catch/non-catch" a few years ago in the Dallas-Green Bay divisional championship.

"I hate replay," he told me forcefully.

"Me, too," I replied.

We both felt that replay timeouts have made the game longer, and have negatively influenced something important to both of us – smooth game flow.

Doug and I also agreed that in the last two minutes of a close game – a "two minute drill" that depends on quick thinking and a quick pace – was being ruined with these fits and starts. Often, a two-yard completion (that's completely inconsequential) is sent upstairs to the booth for review and there's a delay, probably accompanied by a commercial, right when the game is at its drama zenith.

"Goodell says it's most important to get things right, but I think that's missing the point," said Doug. "One, they still get calls wrong, and two, I can handle an official being wrong once in a while, because it changes the entire viewing experience for me. It doesn't feel like football."

That got me thinking about a change some horseplayers have floated from time to time in horse racing: The need to eliminate inquiries. No, not limit the time it takes to post a placing change, or tweak them, but completely take them out of the betting side of the sport. This is heresy to many in the sport of harness racing – major change is not usually met with open arms by those in charge – but I always thought the idea had merit.

The current inquiry system is something we're all familiar

with. A driver veers out and possibly interferes with a horse. The horse might've finished third with no interference, but came fifth. The potential offending horse finished fourth, and his number flashes.

Then, the watching begins.

We watch as the video advances, and rewinds, and rewinds, and advances again. Sometimes it slows, like the judges are analyzing the Zapruder film, then speeds up when the judges seem to lose their place.

"I think it's an obvious pitch," says Pete.

"They'll leave the horse up," says Jane.

"I saw the same thing happen at Cal Expo last week and they left the horse up," says Bob. "But, I saw the exact same infraction at Monticello two weeks ago and they threw out the horse."

Everyone else at the OTB just shrugs their shoulders ("oh, it's an inquiry") and looks for another track to bet.

Then the number stops flashing and the video is stopped. They left the horse up.

"That's criminal!"

"Harness racing is fixed."

"I think it's the right call."

"The judges are blind!"

"The judges are great!"

I swear, if Hollywood filmed these customer exchanges and made a documentary, the general public would think we're all crazy.

Interference is and always will be a judgment call. A good deal of the time the result is near a coin flip and it's not science or fact. There were arguments and hand-wringing; the flow of the card was interrupted almost nightly, while the result is almost random at the best of times. In the worst case scenario - because the judges are under time restraints to make a call - sometimes they make the wrong one, and it's turned over a month later on appeal. Really, what purpose does this serve?

Maybe inquiries – for bettors – shouldn't even exist.

I don't think this would even remotely shake the foundations of horse racing. Customers lose bets all the time when a positive test is called a month after the event and another horse is moved up to the winner's slot. You don't hear people complaining about it, because everyone is used to it. They'd get used to this change, too.

Clearly, horse owners and participants are a different kettle

of fish. Inquiries would still happen (and the rules of racing still adhered to) but they would be adjudicated after the race, or even after the card. This not only gives the judges more time to accurately make a decision, the trainers, drivers and owners involved could sit in as the judges review the footage. This system would probably stop appeals, which we see periodically, saving the harness racing business much-needed funds.

Again on the participant side, I suspect it is perfectly reasonable to leave the current system the way it is for stakes racing. Getting a picture taken, having a clear winner chosen and the racing media reporting the correct winner in real-time seems logical.

If this policy was enacted tomorrow I think it has its benefits.

Who knows, in 20 years some young harness fan on the tarmac might utter the words, "what's an inquiry?" At that point an old timer would look over and tell him a story about the way things were.

"You sure did weird things in the old days," the whippersnapper might reply.

Yes, perhaps we did.

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Memories of Beat The Wheel

Watching Hannelore Hanover last year and knowing that Mission Brief is back and training well, reminded me of Beat The Wheel and the night she beat Pine Chip on July 8, 1994 and set a 1:51.4 world record in the process for trainer Ron Gurfein.

Even more amazing is what Beat The Wheel's driver Cat Manzi had to say after the race. "She threw a shoe at the quarter pole. It hit her and cut her a bit on the stifle. It's amazing she stayed trotting. I never even thought about beating Pine Chip," Manzi said.

When the Crown was king

Before all the big races offered to the sophomores nowadays, the pacing Triple Crown offered the three biggest pots for three-year-olds. In 1965, Bret Hanover won the \$151,242 Messenger, the \$125,236 Cane and the Jug for \$71,447. The next highest purse that year for three-year-olds was the \$50,639 offered to the fillies in the Lady Maud.

Remembering Peter Haughton

Wednesday (Jan. 25) marked the 37th anniversary of the sport losing Peter Haughton, just 25 and with a world of

promise.

He had already done plenty in his career, which included driving divisional champion Armbro Omaha in 1974 at age 19-20, winning the Roosevelt International the last two years he was it in (1978-1979), and becoming the first driver to ever win with a female horse in a sub-1:55 mile (he won with Handle With Care in 1:54.4 at Hollywood Park beating the boys — Sir Dalrae and Armbro Nesbit were in the field). Peter had just turned 20 when he did that. His godfather, Stanley Dancer, was the only other driver ever who recorded a faster race mile (1:54.3 with Albatross).

The Mach Three - Most Happy Fella link

Mach Three's passing is indeed a sad one. He was a very underrated racehorse whose legacy shall forever be linked to his prized son Somebeachsomewhere. It evoked memories of the sport losing Most Happy Fella the second week of December of 1983 at the age of 16. Ironically, it was at the same time his most prized son Cam Fella, retired as the richest ever pacer with \$2.041 million. Mach Three was a couple of years older at 18, but both suffered paddock injuries that necessitated their being put down.

Muscle Beach

Speaking of Somebeachsomewhere, are the average-earnings-per-start records of he and Muscle Hill unbreakable?

SBSW in 2007-2008 earned \$153,395 per start.

Muscle Hill in 2008-2009 earned \$155,875 per outing

Both were 20-for-21 lifetime, both were named Horse of the Year at three and this past November at Harrisburg they sold nine of the top 10 yearlings on Opening Day.

Far out, Farrington

Bob Farrington will forever be known as the man behind Rambling Willie, the horse with 128 wins, over 300 starts and a book written about him, "The Horse That God Loved." But did you know that Farrington previously had a horse that started more often than Willie? Dusty H Forbes went to the post 365 times and was retired in 1972.

Another great from Chuck and John

When you think Chuck Sylvester and John Campbell, you're talking Mack Lobell and Pine Chip, then maybe Britelite Lobell, Armbro Keepsake and Lucky Chucky. But in 2000-2001 Chuck and John had a talented trotter, one who would set a world record of 1:52 from post 10 on June 22, 2001 at odds of 27-1. Later, he was second to Varenne in the \$1 million Breeders Crown in that epic 1:51.1 world record mile. He was a son of Pine Chip named Dream Vacation.

"(Dream Vacation) had a limited three-year-old season," Sylvester said. "He broke his knee for the second time-and we're sure he did it in the stall. He was like that. Anything that happened was self-inflicted. He had a lot of talent, and he never hurt himself on the racetrack."

Sylvester is currently training nine horses: seven two-year-olds, a three-year-old and a four-year-old. This year marks the 20th anniversary year of his Hall Of Fame induction.

Another un-breakable record?

When talking to anyone about un-breakable records, be sure to include John Campbell's streak that spilled into four different decades. Campbell had 24 straight years of being first, second or third in North America in earnings and 23 of those years he was first or second. Campbell scored 16 national titles from 1979-2002.

Not so much of Terror at first

Did you know that impact stallion Western Terror won just three of his first 18 races lifetime?

Waco's legacy

The Waco Hanover feature recently seen on TV about the 40-year-old horse hit home. He was foaled May 4, 1977, five weeks after Niatross, and was born on the same May 4 as Billy O'Donnell, who remembers driving Waco Hanover.

It USED to be commonplace...

...to lead North America in earnings back-to-back years. Bye Bye Byrd did it in 1959 and 1960 with \$199,933 and \$187,512, respectively. Three years later, Speedy Scot followed in 1963-1964 with \$244,403 and \$235,710. That was immediately followed by Bret Hanover in 1965-1966

leading with \$341,784 and \$407,534, respectively. Then, five years later, Albatross led in 1971 and 1972 with \$558,009 and \$459,921, respectively.

Now, 43 years later, Wiggle It Jiggleit has done it back to back with a realistic chance of becoming the only three-peater ever in this category.

Respect for Jaguar Spur

Jaguar Spur was a very talented horse whose name you hardly hear mentioned any more. He won \$1,806,473 and was history's first ever winner of \$500,000 three straight years – at three, four and five. But he never really fancied the home cooking in East Rutherford. Check out his record at the Meadowlands as opposed to all other venues:

Lifetime slate: 78 49-8-8 \$1,806,473

Meadowlands ONLY record: 20 5-2-1 \$338,400

Everywhere else: 58 44-6-7 \$1,468,073

Half-dozen defeats and still HOY

2016 – Always B Miki 12-for-18

2006 – Glidemaster 8-for-15

2005 – Rocknroll Hanover 12-for-18

2000 – Gallo Blue Chip 19-for-29

1999 – Moni Maker 14-for-21

1989 – Matts Scooter 23-for-30

1984 – Fancy Crown 13-for-21

1983 – Cam Fella 30-for-36

I'll say it was a depression

How in the world could Greyhound have a career slate of 82 71-5-2 and make just \$38,952? And that includes the 1935 Hambletonian for \$33,321. No competition forcing exhibitions and it was smack in the middle of the Great Depression. For those doing the math at home, that is \$475 a start for a horse some consider the greatest ever.

By the way, Greyhound outlived his driver/trainer Sep Palin, his owner, Colonel Baker, and his breeder, Henry J Knight.

Presidential trivia

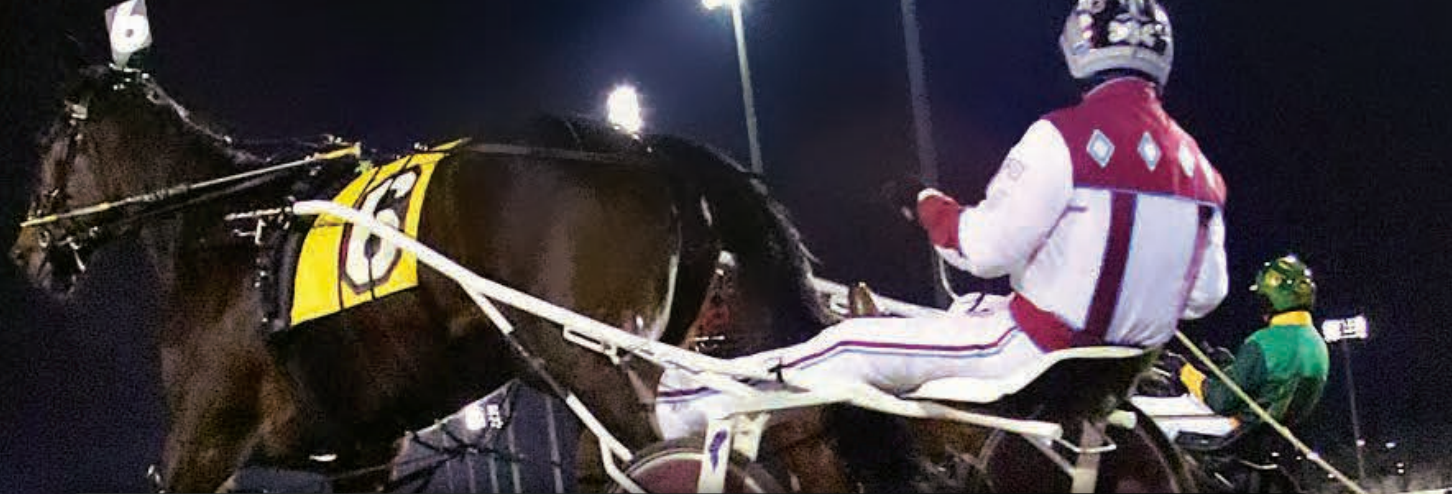
Finally, since there is no Presidential Series anymore, how about some Presidential trivia?

Did you know that George W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Donald Trump were all born in 1946?

Did you also know that, for the first time, four consecutive presidents lived into their 90s? Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

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A conversation with the director of racing operations and race caller at Pompano Park

Courtesy Horseplayer Monthly

Q. Handle has been trending upwards at Pompano Park of late, what do you think is the main reason?

A. I think it is very difficult to pinpoint a single reason, as it is almost like baking a cake. If you miss

one ingredient, it can ruin the entire thing. We truly care about the numbers, and we sweat the details. We try to race at the most opportune times, both by hanging strategic post times throughout race nights and by choosing the best nights of the week. We have tried a lot of things that have worked tremendously, and many things that did not. The absolute best suggestions I get are from our patrons on track and on social media. I can learn a lot more listening to my guys that play regularly than I can from anyone else. If someone is kind enough to reach out to me to discuss the racing or an issue, I always make time to respond and consider their suggestion. Furthermore, we have been blessed with a very competitive racing product and a top-notch driving colony with familiar names from many different jurisdictions across North America.

Q. Your 12 per cent takeout Pick 4 has been doing well. What's been the evolution of that bet, and do you hear from players that they're playing it regularly now?

A. A few years ago, we weren't on many horseplayers' radars across the country. We were routinely missing \$2,500 guaranteed pools as recently as two years ago. We wanted to make a splash with the lowest takeout in the industry, and I believe that we have made our impact and the players have responded. If you listen to our broadcast on any type of regular basis, you are likely well aware of the fact that we promote it as our signature wager and always mention the takeout and guarantee for any particular night. Also, we were never satisfied as the momentum started to build. When we started to routinely hit our \$5,000 guarantee, we opted to

bump it to \$7,500. After we began hitting \$7,500 on a regular basis, we bumped it to \$10,000, and I am proud to say we are able to offer a \$20,000 guarantee each and every Sunday at the current time. And believe me, if I am convinced we can raise the bar any higher we will be doing so in the near future. A lot of my Twitter followers seem to play the Pick 4 on a regular basis, and many have made some nice scores, which is always good to see.

Q. Most harness tracks have had a horse shortage. Is it the same at Pompano? What are you doing to ensure you card bettable racing?

A. This is the first year where this has been a major problem for us in Florida, but we have certainly felt an impact from prior seasons. We are doing our best to work within the parameters, and it does appear that the cards are getting stronger with many horses beginning to return to the races to begin their 2017 campaigns. I think it is extremely difficult to fill five nights per week anywhere in the country, and obviously we don't get anyone shipping down to Florida

for overnight racing this late in the season. Our race office has done a tremendous job given the shortage, and I plan on turning into John Calipari in the off season and recruiting as many people as possible for the 2017-18 season. Who wouldn't want to come spend the winter where it is 80 degrees and sunny every day? There is no substitute for not having full and competitive fields.

Q. You're a horseplayer as well as track executive. Do you think that helps you in

your job?

A. There is NO QUESTION it is a huge asset. Whenever I get a complaint or suggestion, I know exactly where the person is coming from as I have likely been in the same situation. Hardly a night goes by that I do not get a 'bad beat' story on Twitter. There is no substitute for experience when it comes to wagering, and I do think a lot of players respect the fact that I am on the home team.

Q. You use your Twitter feed to talk to players, announce carryovers etc. Has that been a good medium for you? Do you enjoy it?

A. I absolutely love interacting with the twitterverse. I have found it to be extremely helpful in getting the word out on carryovers, or other fun things that may happen on a nightly basis. As you likely know, I do not tweet out



results/prices/times that you see a lot of these tracks send out EVERY single race. That is the exact sort of thing that I would not want to see as a horseplayer/follower. I try to mix things up and keep it interesting. I have had several people comment to me that they followed and/or played the races on a given night solely because they saw something on twitter. That is always good to hear!

Q. When can players bet Pompano, and is there anything you think they'd need to know to help them out?

A. We are currently racing five nights per week, Saturday-Wednesday with a 7:20 first post each evening. As a horseplayer, I would remind new players to Pompano that post five wins at nearly a 25 per cent clip as it starts right in

behind our Hummer starting gate which really seems to provide a nice advantage. Also, you will get very familiar with the name Wally Hennessey, who is by far and away our leading driver and takes a LOT of money each race. There is no question you can hardly overlook him in any given race, but you will find many situations where the public seems to 'overbet' a particular horse just because Wally is on. Otherwise, feel free to reach out to me on Twitter with any specific questions and I will be glad to try to help. We appreciate everyone that supports our racing product, and all of the new players we have picked up over the last couple of seasons. #SendItIn

This interview was published in the January issue of Horseplayer Monthly. To read the free issue [visit here](#).



Introducing HRU's new columnist Merv Oswalt

by Merv Oswalt

Pleased to meet you. I'm Merv Oswalt and I'm an old-timer and proud of it.

I'm probably the last person you'd expect to find writing a 'blog. In fact, before today, I thought a blog was just something that I used to cough up back in the good old days, after a smoky all-nighter at my local teletheatre. But those days are gone now, too, I guess.

I know horses and tracks and I learned how to read a program back when the rest of the kids in my class were tearing up over a pig and a spider web, but, technologically speaking, I basically got left at the hitching post around the time that fax machines and VCRs came into fashion. And I still can't get my head around email. How is it that I can check messages meant for me on your computer? Are they in my computer or not? How does the computer down at the library have my messages on it? I don't trust it, but my wife, Bernie, and the kids say that it's okay.

They also think that it's okay to put my credit card number in that thing. I may have been born in the 1940s, but the last

time I checked that wasn't yesterday.

Anyway, as you can tell, I'm not much for technology. I'm also not much for, in no particular order: cowboy drivers, horses that don't try a lick and robot betting machines.

I want a real, live person teller to take my bet and I want them to get it right and placed in time, even if there is a long line and I wait until zero minutes to post to get up from my seat and join the line.

I don't want to fiddle with all of the buttons and have to take off my bifocals to read the tiny letters on the screen. I want to tell my bet to a teller have them hand me a ticket and give me cash, not a voucher, if my ticket wins.

By the way, I also wish real banks still worked this way too, instead of these ATM things or them telling me it would be easier for me if I had telephone or online banking. Easier for me? I don't think so. Easier for me was when I went to the bank every Friday and took out all the money that I would need for the following week. That was easy. No card, no code, no 'what's my mother's maiden name?', just a nice lady in a pretty blouse who handed me my money. What was wrong with that system?

I guess that's all my time for today, but stick with me because I will always give it to you straight. I don't have a journalism degree, a facebooker account and, as God is my witness, I will never have online banking, but I do have an opinion.

And I'll keep sharing it with you, just as soon as Bernie types it up for me.

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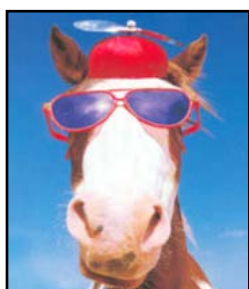
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The verse is yet to come

by Trey Nosrac



I have always believed that writing advertisements is the second most profitable form of writing. The first, of course, is ransom notes... Philip Dusenberry

"Trey, why did you do something so stupid?"

If I had a dollar for every time that question has fallen on my ears I would not be driving three Lithuanian tourists to the airport in my Prius.

My answer for the poetry contest is the same as it was in the 10th grade for the great poultry caper. Assistant principal Dowler barked the question at me after Alan "Weasel" Wilson squealed that I was the culprit who placed a live chicken above the plastic drop ceiling in Mr. Marshall's science class: "It seemed like fun and I wanted to see what would happen."

The Creatine poetry contest is fun and we will see what happens. Reading the entries has been interesting and occasionally hilarious. Some may scowl at such tomfoolery, but my motto is that a dash of lunacy never hurts. Well, thinking back, the chicken escapade did result in a somewhat draconian paddling.

In horse racing, which appears often as a rather grim business, humor, diversion, sarcasm and farce can be useful. They can help within our little outpost and they can help us reach the big wide world.

Harness racing publications, websites and handicapping sites are not exactly the National Lampoon or Mad Magazine. But if you notice, silliness plays well in other venues: The New York Times crossword puzzle is mandatory for many readers. Dancing monkeys and talking horses are used to sell products every day. Borowitz satire pieces spice up political discussion. Clever cartoons are a huge draw for the stately New Yorker and the first pages that many newspaper readers

visit are the comics.

Each day, we spend more time with Flo from Progressive and the Geicko lizard than some relatives. Super Bowl ads are basically a comedy review. Most advertising is as silly as silly gets – for a reason. Businesses know that consumers tend to like brands that use humor. Making someone smile is always tricky. You just have to have a thick skin to write it or publish it. You just have to let humor fly and not over-analyze. As Mark Twain said, "Trying to figure out why some things are funny is like dissecting a frog. You'll come up with the answers, but the frog always dies."

Dead frogs or not, in advertising, humor that grabs attention and improves the image of the product. If you ask the average non-horse racing fan about our wonderful sport, they do not visualize laughing and fun people – which is a shame because we have a lot to offer.

This poetry contest in HRU is a bit more than just nonsense, it was meant to be a little funny business and a bit of a real challenge.

This whole thing started with a conversation. My harness pal, Eddie "Shady" Laski, opined, "I'm telling you man, after the first wave of buyers who love your sire, it must be damn near impossible for a breeder to sell other breedings. There are way too many stallions out there, way too much competition, and way too few customers. If you don't have an ace, that game is impossible."

Some of us hate it when somebody says that something is impossible. That word triggers a reflex action that makes us sit up and say, "Oh yes, I can."

My adventure began at Los Gringos Loco Mexican Bar and Grill on a snowy Taco Tuesday. Equipped with a pitcher full of frozen lime margaritas, a salt rimmed glass, and my iPad, I waited for my muse. Instead of a muse, Shady Eddie showed up to dive into my pitcher and offer some consultation. After a little guesstimating before the third pour, my first ever equine marketing plan was conceived.

My basic starting positions were:

- A. People enjoy fun activities.
- B. People enjoy good deals.
- C. And if you do not get the attention of your audience, you may as well be speaking in Swahili to an empty swamp.

My vehicle for creating Creatine attention was to fashion a contest tinged with humor. People enjoy entering contests, especially when they have nothing to lose. Those who summon up the courage to try are curious to see other ideas. The entire process is social and has the potential to spread. Also, the mere thought of a grizzled horseman writing poetry

makes some of us smile.

Contests have long been a workhorse in the attention game. Years ago, people solved a riddle and sent away for a Captain Marvel decoder ring. Today, contests and trivia are used as clickbait. Poetry contests are especially popular. Not only do you create a contact list, but if the sponsor charges a \$10 entry fee, gets 1,000 entries, and pays a \$1,000 first prize, those calculations indicate that running poetry contests might be a better gig than driving for LYFT, writing or trying to sell a stallion breeding.

Ours is a real contest, with real judges and a real prize. A somewhat astonishing 52 poems were dropped into the entry box! They covered the ground from quirky to serious to funny to clever. Apparently, the harness horse racing ranks do have plenty of potential poets. We also have many folks who would love to send their mare to the Creatine court.

The names were removed and the poems were

hermetically sealed and given to a panel of poets from the Medina Country Writers Club. At this very moment, the semi-professional poets are selecting their top three to send to Adam at Diamond Creek.

Exactly what will happen with the poetry silliness is yet to be seen. What success will the newest semen salesman have with this madness? Will some of these poems make you laugh, wince, smile or sigh? Will Trey entice some customers to take a good hard look at this fine stud and fill the pages in Creatine's book?

Stay tuned. On Feb. 5, the winner, our inaugural Harness Horse Racing Poet Laureate, will be announced. At that time, more serious horseplay will be unveiled.

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Five in running to be USTA president

When the official deadline for declaration to run to be a U.S. Trotting Association officer passed at 4:30 p.m. on Friday (Jan. 27), there were 12 candidates for the five open officer positions. Among those candidates are five for USTA president, two for chairman of the board, three for vice-chairman of the board and one each for treasurer and secretary.

Fred (Freddie) Hudson, Ryan Macedonio, Joe Pennacchio, Jason Settlemyer and Russell Williams are running for USTA president. The election for president had not been scheduled until 2019, but when former president Phil Langley announced his resignation effective at the end of 2016, it required this election. Current USTA chairman of the board Ivan Axelrod has been serving as interim president since Jan. 1, 2017 in accordance with USTA Bylaws. Therefore, the presidential election winner will complete the remainder of Langley's term through 2018 and there will be another election in 2019.

The other four officer elections are held on an annual basis.

In the race for chairman of the board, Gabe Wand will contest the incumbent, Axelrod. The three candidates for vice-chairman are Alan Leavitt, Don Marean and Steve Oldford. In the other two races, incumbent Dick Brandt will run unopposed for treasurer and Sally Stauffer will be the only candidate for secretary to replace Barbara Brooks, who

retired at the end of 2016 after 62 years of service at the USTA.

The elections for the five officers will take place at the USTA annual meeting on Monday (Feb. 27) at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Voting in each of those elections will be conducted among USTA Board members in attendance at the meeting.

Next week, the USTA will launch a special election section on www.ustrotting.com with information on each of the candidates, which will include their bios, candidate's platforms and contact information.

— *USTA Communications Department*

Vegas Vacation wins first race since 2013

Vegas Vacation, the 2013 Little Brown Jug champion, returned to the winner's circle for the first time since the end of the 2013 season on Saturday night at the Meadowlands.

The pacer was making the sixth start of his most recent comeback in a \$13,000 conditioned pace after missing 16 months due to a soft tissue injury.

Jim Marohn, Jr., who won four races on the card, put the seven-year-old millionaire Bettor's Delight gelding on the front end through a :55.1 half and three-quarters in 1:22.4. Vegas Vacation opened up four lengths at the top of the stretch and cruised to victory as the 1-5 favorite in 1:50.2. It is his first win since Nov. 17, 2013 when he won The Matron

at Dover Downs.

"I was thrilled with him," said trainer Andrew Harris. "I think that's the first time in his career he cut a mile. So to me that shows he's back. It took four starts to get him race ready but now he seems keen, alert, and very happy to do his work."

Harris added that this win confirms to him that Vegas Vacation could have some stakes engagements this season.

"I think I'll talk with the crew, but I would imagine he may get staked up some," said Harris. "As for the Levy Series, I believe he's come back good enough to get the nomination but it's up to the owners. He owes them nothing and nothing is expected of him going forward. Whatever he tells us to do, we'll listen."

Hillbilly Hanover moved past the \$900,000 mark in career earnings with third win in his last four starts in the \$15,000 featured pace. Hillbilly Hanover, one of three winners on Saturday night for Brett Miller, held off the late charge of millionaire Alexie Mattosie.

Total handle on the 13-race program was \$3,028,082 – the third time this year that total handle surpassed the \$3 million mark.

– Justin Horowitz / Meadowlands media relations

RE: Between the Lines – It's a trainer's game



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If you have been to the track more than two or three times, you get the point.

The most disturbing part of the article ([click here to view](#)) is the "beard" mention. And it happens A LOT.

I won't go down the list, but I've said before that if the fans, from the serious to the less serious/more than casual type bettor, know who is bearding, then why don't the people who are supposed to be in charge know?

When a guy who has a tough time hitching up a sulky and figuring out where the bit goes comes to town and in his first 50 races has 23 wins, 18 seconds and a few thirds, it's not beginner's luck. And it's not hard to take care of.

After some due diligence, the phrase "We are not accepting your entries" should be in the vocabulary or the racing secretary at your track.

Rookie quarterbacks don't win playoff games in the NFL, and at any harness track today other than "Bozo Downs" or "Fantasyland Raceway" does a guy who still doesn't own his own tack box win 45 per cent of his (first) races.

To say that the bettors were neglected for too long is a GROSS understatement. There aren't many left.

Last night at the Meadowlands, you couldn't have gotten together a softball game with the number of people in attendance.

When your game reaches a point where you can blindly use the horse of a certain trainer "just because," then you are way past the point of no return.

Rene Allard has appealed and received a stay of his one-year suspension.

What happens next is anyone's guess, but it matters not.

You can bet on the proverbial "sure thing" that there will be another just like him, and right after him. There always is.

And the people keep going away, and most of the handle at most of the tracks not named The Meadowlands or Woodbine/Mohawk keeps declining, and places keep closing.

THAT, Mr. Racing Commissioner, and Mr. Track Manager and Track owner, is the cold reality, not all of the nonsense of "Wow, we export the signal to France and Greenland and Zimbabwe now and our handle grew by 147 per cent!!" Nobody believes it, and the product didn't improve.

Purses at Yonkers are great, but the bettors hold their nose and turn away and don't bet on it. Why?

Those who have either been betting the game for years or who have ever raced horses there know the answer. No need for me to write it here, you can guess.

"Get caught once and you get no second chance" should be the mantra of any of the tracks that want to clean up their product and the game in general.

– Vic Dante / Belleville, NJ

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Musclesprincetonian	Libby Myers	2,500
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MARYLAND

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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

Arthur Blue Chip	MooreSavardMcGroupCoolWd	2,500
Art Official	Muscara Racing Trust	2,500
Big Bad John	Winchester Baye Acres Inc	5,000
Bring On The Beach	Bringonthebeach & CoolWinds	2,500
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Deep Chip	R. Kevin Greenfield	3,000
Dejarmbro	Hickory Lane Farm	5,000
Dragon Again	Ed Mullinax	5,000
Dr. McDreamy	Ohio State ATI	1,500
Ghee's House	Rubenstein & Bonley Farm	2,000
Harley D Hanover	Ohio State ATI	1,500
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
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My MVP	Joe Sbrocco	4,000
Nob Hill High	B. Mondillo & D. Robinson	2,000
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Powerful Toy	Zion Hill/Jeff Stacy	1,500
Rockin Amadeus	Lothlorien & Cool Winds	3,500
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Three Olives	Zion Hill/Jeff Stacy	1,500
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Western Hero	John Green/Green Acq Corp	1,500
Western Terror	Terry Brooks	4,500
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Western Shore	Delaware Valley University	3,000

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RACE RESULTS

HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in
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MEADOWLANDS *report*

Friday's Results:

8, M, \$16,000, P, Fillies & Mares N/W \$11,850 in Last 5 Starts (N/W \$8,500 in Last 5 Drawn Inside) AE: N/W \$55,000 in 2016/17 Drawn Outside, 27.1, 55.2, 1:24.0, 1:52.0, FT

1-The Summer Wind (m, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Sundowner Lilly, by Artsplace), \$30,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Charles M Rowe & Lewis W Whitaker Jr. B-Stormi And Bruiser Stable. T-Gregory White. D-Jim Marohn Jr, \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 128-26-24-13, \$338,181

2-Caribbean Pacetry (m, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Cupcakecraze, by Artsplace) O-Meir Israel Geller. B-Belle Amore Stable, PR. T-Meir Geller. D-Drew Monti, \$4,000

3-Fanticipation (m, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Real Fanfare, by Real Desire), \$13,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Ricky A Bucci. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ricky Bucci. D-John Campbell, \$1,920

Calls: 1, 1H, 1Q, 1, 2Q - Finish Order: Abbijade Hanover, Beautiful Lady, That Woman Hanover, Weekend Getaway, Uf Dragon's Queen, Whiskersonkittens

[To watch the race replay click here](#)

Saturday's Results: Results for tonight were unofficial at the time of publication & will be published in tomorrow's edition

MIAMI VALLEY *report*

Friday's Results:

8, MVR, \$22,000, P, FILLIES & MARES OPEN I HCP PP'S 8 & 9 ASSIGNED, 27.3, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:55.0, FT

1-Cast No Shadow (m, 5, Shadow Play--Hypnotize, by Artiscap), \$13,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Millard D Adams. B-Winbak Farm. T-Millard Adams. D-Tyler Smith, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 56-13-11-12, \$242,569



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2-Aniston Seelster (m, 5, Mach Three--Angelina Seelster, by Astreos), \$25,000 2013 FOREST O-Kara S Witt. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr., \$5,500

3-Safe From Terror (m, 5, Western Terror--In A Safe Place, by Artsplace), \$7,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Winchester Baye Acres LLC. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-Mike Conklin. D-Chris Page, \$2,640
Calls: 5, 2T, 2Q, 1, NS - Finish Order: Igottafeelinfran, Little Santamonica, Lease Ness Monster, Climate Hanover, Cas Art Apparel, Ryleigh's Lilly

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11, MVR, \$20,000, P, FILLIES & MARES CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.1, 56.2, 1:24.4, 1:54.4, FT

1-It's A Miracle (m, 7, Always A Virgin--Iva Miracle, by Electric Yankee) O-Marissa L Russo. B-William R Huggins. T-Dan Noble. D-Aaron Merriman, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 126-24-26-13, \$345,074

2-Avila Beach (m, 5, Hi Ho Silverheel's--Bj's Beach Fire, by Beach Towel) O-Black And White Stable & Sara Merea Haynes. B-Wayne E & Rodney W Knittel. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$5,000

3-Sly Velocity (m, 5, Art's Chip--Meredith Hall, by Cambest) O-Cc Racing LLC. B-Velocity Standardbreds. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrack, \$2,400

Calls: 2, 1, 2H, T, 1H - Finish Order: Your Beautiful, Make Three Wishes, Art I Sweet, Stirling Cameo, Ginger Tree Alexis, Prima Dragon, Brookletssuprsonic

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12, MVR, \$27,100, P, LATE CLOSER - CHAMPIONSHIP HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$12,500 W/ALLOWANCES (NO CLAIMING IN FINAL), 27.3, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:53.4, FT

1-Kiss Of Terror (g, 5, Western Terror--Kissed By A Fool, by Jenna's Beach Boy) O-Eric A Prevost. B-Vae LLC. T-Charles Stewart. D-Chris Page, \$13,550, Lifetime Record: 66-14-11-5, \$160,694

2-Splended Party (h, 6, Party At Artsplace--Park Lane Splendor, by Laag), \$3,500 2012 ILL-CL O-John Turigliatto. B-Albert L Jeffers. T-Jeffery Hollis. D-Michael Oosting, \$6,775

3-Poison Oak (g, 6, Always A Virgin--Dgs Straightflush, by Blissfull Hall), \$11,000 2012 HOOSIER O-L & L Stables. B-John R Miller. T-Clarence Foulk. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$3,252

Calls: 3, 2, H, NS, 2 - Finish Order: Thisdeuceiswild, Bridge Jumper, John Jay, B R Flying Dali, Smithers, Summons

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RACE RESULTS

Saturday's Results:

4, MVR, \$16,500, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN II, 26.4, 55.0, 1:22.3, 1:51.2, FT

1-Lucky Lime (g, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Cupcakesnwhipcream, by Camluck), \$25,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Kirk L Nichols. B-Stephen Perrine Dey. T-Dan Ater. D-Kyle Ater, \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 148-27-19-18, \$298,418



PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Astreo's Love (g, 7, Make My Day--Luvsux Bluegrass, by Dorunrun Bluegrass), \$1,000 2011 IN-PREM O-Eash Racing Stable Inc. B-Ora Wayne Miller. T-Don Eash. D-Andy Shettler, \$4,125

3-Freedomformysoul (g, 5, If I Can Dream--Hello Grin, by Grinfromeartoe), \$12,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Rocco S Ruffolo. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-James Ellison. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$1,980

Calls: 7H, 2Q, 1H, Q, H - Finish Order: Swing City, Yankee Bounty, Stonebridge Adam, Regal Hope, Rockin Finish, Smoke Up Johnny

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6, MVR, \$22,000, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN I HCP PP'S 1-6 DRAWN; 7-8 DRAWN, 26.3, 56.0, 1:23.3, 1:51.1, FT

1-Angelo J Fra (g, 5, The Panderosa--Caila Fra, by Artsplace), \$15,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-The Fra Stable LLC. T-Kris Hinchcliff. D-Chris Page, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 55-16-9-6, \$179,944

2-My Buddy Ninkster (g, 5, Dali--Sporty Ellie, by Sportsmaster) O-John G Krasnican Jr & Mary E Krasnican. B-Mary E Krasnican. T-Robert Phillips. D-Tyler Smith, \$5,500

3-Fancy Creek Elusiv (g, 7, Sportsmaster--Elusive Image N, by Miles Mccool), \$7,000 2011 WALKER O-Todd A Rosenberg. B-Pb Racing Stables Inc. T-Jeffery Hollis. D-Michael Oosting, \$2,640
Calls: 1, 1, 1, 1Q, 1Q - Finish Order: Vague Traces, Jd's Macca Lodge, Meadowbrookthunder, Latest Desire, E R Rudy

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8, MVR, \$34,500, P, CLAIM TO FAME SERIES LATE CLOSER - CHAMPIONSHIP HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES (NO CLAIMING IN FINAL), 26.0, 55.2, 1:23.1, 1:52.1, FT

1-Savage Seelster (g, 7, Camluck--Slick Gaited, by Artsplace) O-Clinton B Lugar. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Daniel Maier. D-Chris Page, \$17,250, Lifetime Record: 69-19-15-9, \$149,729

2-Mosee Terror (h, 9, Western Terror--Shimmer, by Life Sign) O-Laurie M Patistas. B-Jeffrey R Brooks. T-Daniel Maier. D-Michael Oosting, \$8,625

3-Perrito Caliente (g, 10, Art Major--Maryland Beauty, by In The Pocket), \$40,000 2008 LEX-SEL O-Richard M Lombardo. B-Ross G Bonafield. T-Tyler George. D-Sam Widger, \$4,140
Calls: 6Q, H, H, 1, NK - Finish Order: Supreme Z Tam, Stamkos, Hokuri Handrail N, Frankandjoanne, Southwind Indy, Cinderella Guy

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THE MEADOWS report

Saturday's Results:

6, Mea, \$20,000, T, *W/O \$10,000 LIFE/PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1-6 DRAWN; 7-8 DRAWN, 28.1, 58.0, 1:26.1, 1:56.0, SY

1-Tsm Photo Bugger (g, 10, S J's Photo--Rewarding Wink, by Yankee Glide) O-Theodore A Tomson. B-Theodore A Tomson. T-Karen Fread. D-Mike Wilder, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 202-42-40-26, \$629,667

2-Trustworthy Kid (g, 8, SJ's Caviar--Penn Worthy Lane, by Lindy Lane) O-Lisa A Dunn. B-Dunn Stable. T-Lisa Dunn. D-Dave Palone, \$5,000

3-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, \$2,400

Calls: 6, 6H, 1H, 1H, 2T - Finish Order: Valley Of Sin, Angels Ransom, Maximum Credit, Call To Post, Sixteen Mikes

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WOODBINE report

Friday's Results:

10, Wdb, \$30,000, P, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED, 27.3, 56, 1:24, 1:52.3

1-Sandbetweenurtoes (b,m,6 - Somebeachsomewhere-Als Girl-Artsplace) O-Bradley Grant B-John Carver T-Richard Moreau

D-Douglas McNair \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 60-23-9-6, \$817,722

2-Sayitall Bb (br,m,6 - Tell All-Challo B B-Nobleland Sam) O-Travis Cullen B-Robert Bendel T-Travis Cullen D-Travis Cullen

3-Request For Parole (b,m,7 - Badlands Hanover-Give Me Life-Life Sign) O-Ashleigh Hensley B-Winbak Farm T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

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Saturday's Results:

1, Wdb, \$22,000, P, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$15,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$110,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$35,000, 26.3, 56.1, 1:24.4, 1:52.2

1-Rubis Prescott (b,m,7 - Mach Three-Reunion-Cams Card Shark)

O-ICR Racing B-Randy Zane T-Dan Nixon D-Jody Jamieson, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 113-21-22-11, \$359,320

2-Dazzling Rockette (b,m,5 - Rocknroll Hanover-Sweet Smilin Lady-Grinfromeartoe) O-Ashleigh & Ed Hensley B-Perretti Farms T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

3-Hot Spot Hanover (b,m,4 - Well Said-Hottie Hanover-Real Desire) O-Karen Carroll B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Mike Bishop D-James MacDonald

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HARNESS RACING UPDATE

RACE RESULTS

3, Wdb, \$25,000, P, NW \$20,500 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$31,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$55,000. AE: NW \$140,000 LIFETIME, 26.1, 55.1, 1:22.4, 1:51.2

1-Mach Code (b,g,5 - Mach Three-Early Dismissal-Village Jiffy)

O-Jeffrey & Lori Thomson B-Jeffrey & Lori Thomson T-Jeffrey Thomson D-Trevor Henry, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 48-10-9-8

2-The Rev (br,h,7 - Western Paradise-Red Sea-Beach Towel) O-Jeffrey Skinner B-Arnold Wj Fitzgerald T-Gregg McNair D-Douglas McNair

3-Erle Dale N (br,g,9 - Western Terror-Cath Hanover-Vance Hanover)

O-David Kryway, 1362313 Ontario Ltd B-W D Keeler T-Ronald

Adams D-Mario Baillargeon

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7, Wdb, \$22,000, P, NW \$14,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$25,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$45,000. AE: NW \$120,000 LIFETIME, 27, 56.2, 1:24.1, 1:52.2

1-Vegas Rocks (b,g,5 - Rocknroll Hanover-Stonebridge Hugs-

Artsplace) O-Copley Stables, Jody Sanderson, Dean Larkin B-Angie Stiller T-Katie Gangell D-James MacDonald, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 92-20-9-10, \$226,883

2-Mach On The Beach (b,g,5 - Mach Three-Shannon Deja Vu-Jennas Beach Boy) O-Ecurie Gaetan Bono Inc B-Rejean Lassonde T-Richard Moreau D-Trevor Henry

3-Shadow Margeaux (blk,g,6 - Shadow Play-Joyeux-Artsplace)

O-Keith Cassell, Dr John Tobin, Limco Inc, Victor Puddy B-Perretti Farms T-Victor Puddy D-Phillip Hudon

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8, Wdb, \$20,000, P, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 5 RACES OR \$90,000 LIFETIME, 27.4, 56.3, 1:25.1, 1:53.3

1-Highlandbeachycove (b,h,4 - Somebeachsomewhere-Rockn

Highland-Rocknroll Hanover) O-Travis Cullen, Ronald Cullen, Keith Hannah B-Highland Thoroughbred Frm T-Travis Cullen D-Ed Hensley, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 14-6-0-2, \$76,195



PREFERRED EQUINE
Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Dragon Strikes (b,h,4 - Art Official-Dragon Flier K-Dragon Again)

O-Robert Key B-Robert Key T-Rod Boyd D-Michael Saftic

3-Migrate Blue Chip (b,h,5 - Rock N Roll Heaven-Gro-Pro Bono Best)

O-Determination B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-Luc Blais D-Chris Christoforou

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9, Wdb, \$34,000, P, PREFERRED, 27, 54.2, 1:22.1, 1:50.4

1-Fine Diamond (b,h,4 - Rock N Roll Heaven-Yellow Diamond-

Western Terror) O-9099 3833 Quebec Inc, GAAR Racing Stables B-Steve Jones, Fair Winds Farm T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair, \$17,000, Lifetime Record: 38-7-8-12, \$379,947



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PREFERRED EQUINE
Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Nickle Bag (b,g,7 - Rocknroll Hanover-Buckle Bunni-Four Starzzz Shark) O-Linda & Harry Loyens B-Nicholas Malcolm T-William Robinson D-Trevor Henry

3-Alexas Jackpot (b,g,7 - Million Dollar Cam-Michelles Jackpot-Artsplace) O-Marty Fine, Highland Thoroughbred FRM B-Jeffrey Snyder T-Marty Fine D-James MacDonald

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YONKERS report

Friday's Results:

6, YR, \$45,000, P, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1&2 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 3-6 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 7&8 ASSIGNED, 26.3, 56.0, 1:24.4, 1:54.3, FT

1-Wrangler Magic (m, 5, Mach Three--Ja El Shamrock, by Rustler

Hanover) O-Rene M Allard & Kapildeo Singh. B-Dr Maurice N & Maureen H Stewart, CA. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$22,500, Lifetime Record: 50-11-10-9, \$714,042

2-Motu Moonbeam N (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Top Tart, by Live Or Die) O-Friendship Stables LLC. B-Motu Lodge Stud LTD, NZ. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Mark Macdonald, \$11,250

3-Set Me Up (m, 8, Shark Gesture--Moccasin Flight, by Run The Table) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC.

B-Gregory G Drew, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$5,400 Calls: 7H, 6H, 4, 3Q, T - Finish Order: Empress Deo, Delightful Dragon, Hidden Land, Bettor N Better, Massive Attack A

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8, YR, \$22,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$21,750 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 28.0, 57.0, 1:25.3, 1:54.3, FT

1-So Nice (m, 7, Ponder--Nice Package, by Grinfromeartoeat)

O-Gene Oldford Farms LLC & Stephen E Oldford & Tyler L Buter. B-Andrew S Demetrious, CA. T-Amber Buter. D-Tyler Buter, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 121-27-23-22, \$445,688

2-Truth And Liberty (m, 5, Total Truth--Jazzy Hall, by Cambest)

O-Tracy F Moss. B-Only Money Inc & Theodore Gewertz & George Teague Jr Inc.. T-Robert Lounsbury. D-Jordan Stratton, \$5,500

3-For The Ladies N (m, 8, Jereme's Jet--For The Don, by Christian

Cullen) O-Ettore Annunziata. B-D J Anderson, NZ & Kevin Brookfield, NZ. T-Ettore Annunziata. D-George Brennan, \$2,640

Calls: 1Q, 1T, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Certified Ideal, Tyra, Velocity Vespa, Nerida Franco N, Tipitina

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RACE RESULTS

9, YR, \$18,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE.
OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 27.1, 56.4, 1:25.3, 1:54.0, FT

1-Deuces For Charity (m, 6, Armbr Deuce--Chat On Line, by Keystone Raider) O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Ameer Najor. B-Michael E Lee & Kelly F Goodwin. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 90-21-18-14, \$183,854

2-Analyze (m, 5, Neutralize--Analytical, by Blissfull Hall) O-Lrl Racing LLC. B-Richard C Hartley. T-Amber Buter. D-Tyler Buter, \$4,500

3-Momas Got A Gun (m, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Benear, by Badlands Hanover) O-Geoffrey M Martin, CA. B-Gregory J Martin, CA. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brent Holland, \$2,160
Calls: 6, 5Q, 1H, H, 3H - Finish Order: Caviart Cari Ann, Our Els Dream N, Alhambra, Chilled Desire A

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10, YR, \$18,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE.
OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 27.1, 56.4, 1:25.2, 1:54.3, FT

1-Know It All (m, 7, American Ideal--Canadian Culture, by Abercrombie), \$10,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Anthony M Crescio. B-White Birch Farm. T-Eric Abbatiello. D-Eric Abbatiello, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 131-21-20-26, \$387,734



2-Milky Way Rae (m, 4, American Ideal--Aurora Borealis, by Bettor's Delight) O-Fortunate One LLC. B-Fortunate One LLC. T-Heidi Rohr. D-George Brennan, \$4,500

3-Persuasive Hanover (m, 8, Cam's Card Shark--Perfect Patience, by Western Hanover), \$1,200 2010 NJ-CL O-Gary A Kay. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Carol Kaminsky. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,160
Calls: 3Q, 3, 1H, 1T, 2T - Finish Order: Strings, Bazooka Terror, Village Jessica, Sensationalgabby A, Narcian Jewel

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Saturday's Results:

3, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 27.1, 56.1, 1:25.2, 1:54.2, FT

1-Mariner Seelster (g, 8, Camluck--M T Freedom, by Albert Albert), \$102,000 2010 FOREST O-Mark S Ford. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Jordan Stratton, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 183-21-25-23, \$321,273

2-Statesman N (g, 10, Christian Cullen--Club Sport, by Sokys Atom) O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-B A Spurdle, NZ. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Brent Holland, \$4,500

3-Chantepleure (g, 6, American Ideal--Knock Yourself Out, by Artiscape) O-Rose Marie De Luca. B-Francine Funke. T-Al Annunziata. D-Mark Macdonald, \$2,160
Calls: 8Q, 9, 7, 7H, H - Finish Order: Bettor Rock On N, Burning N, Rollin Ring Afire, Kings Barns, Tyber Tyke

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4, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 27.4, 57.2, 1:25.3, 1:54.4, FT

1-Validus Deo (g, 7, Lis Mara--Madam Countess, by Art Major), \$50,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Mjg Racing Stables Inc & Louis A Willinger. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 115-22-14-11, \$447,571

2-Rancousy (g, 6, Western Paradise--Too Spicy For You, by Largo) O-Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC & Brian&Ira Wallach Racing. B-Donald Charles Smith, CA. T-Richard Johnson. D-Brent Holland, \$4,500

3-Sportskeeper (g, 5, Sportswriter--Keeper Flying, by Nuclear Flash) O-Matias S Ruiz. B-Merlin Howse, CA & Casie Coleman, CA. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,160

Calls: 4H, 5, 3H, 3Q, NS - Finish Order: Big N Bad, Escape The News, Dull Roar, Lettucerpita A, Big Surf

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5, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.1, 57.2, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT

1-Orillia Joe (g, 7, Western Ideal--Cup Of Jo, by Matt's Scooter) O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-B Michael Timpano. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Brent Holland, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 119-23-17-13, \$349,088



2-Pass Them By N (g, 9, Grinfromeartoear--Against The Wind, by D M Dilinger) O-Anita C Fialkow & Sandra Presciti. B-Steven B & Mrs A M Phillips, NZ. T-Lance Hudson. D-Jordan Stratton, \$4,500

3-Five Card Draw N (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Blistering Belle, by Butler B G) O-Saddle Rock Stables. B-Jayesh Hira & W S Abernethy, NZ. T-Jeffrey Smith. D-Daniel Dube, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1, H - Finish Order: Moonwriter, Uf Larry Alltheway, Windsun Stetson, Chucaro Acero Bc, Kid Pk

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6, YR, \$45,000, P, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1&2 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 3-6 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 7&8 ASSIGNED, 27.3, 56.2, 1:24.0, 1:52.2, FT

1-Caviart Luca (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Caviart Sierra, by Western Hanover) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Caviart Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$22,500, Lifetime Record: 82-15-16-16, \$329,970

2-Long Live Rock (g, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Perfect Gesture, by Beach Towel) O-Rene M Allard. B-James L Stambaugh. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$11,250

3-Lucan Hanover (g, 7, Western Ideal--Lauren Order, by Dragon Again), \$47,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-West Wins Stable, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Andrew Harris. D-Brent Holland, \$5,400
Calls: 1H, 2, 2T, 1Q, NK - Finish Order: Roland N Rock, Somewhere In L A, Givenupdreaming, City Hall, P H Supercam

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RACE RESULTS

**7, YR, \$35,000, P, PREFERRED HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1&2
ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 3-7 DRAWN POST POSITION 8
ASSIGNED, 26.2, 55.1, 1:23.4, 1:52.3, FT**

1-Milliondollar Wave (g, 6, Million Dollar Cam--Im Making Waves, by Beach Towel) O-Triple D Stables Inc & Cc Racing LLC. B-Yirribee Pacing Stud, AS. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Matt Kakaley, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 59-16-10-4, \$159,976



PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

2-E Z Noah (g, 8, Western Terror--Her Mattjesty, by Matt's Scooter), \$40,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Yves Sarrazin, CA. B-Seize The Day Industries. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$8,750

3-Blood Brother (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Blood Diamond, by Western Ideal) O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone & T L P Stable & P T Stable. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC & Exquisite Farms. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$4,200

Calls: 10, 8Q, 4T, 3Q, NK - Finish Order: Sports Bettor, Dynamic Youth, Phil Your Boots, In The Huddle, Ideal Cowboy

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**8, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS
WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.3, 57.4,
1:26.0, 1:54.1, FT**

1-Lone Survivor (h, 5, Art Major--Wenditions, by Rocknroll Hanover), \$14,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Jonathan H Newman. B-Perretti Racing Stb LLC. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 49-10-4-7, \$196,585

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PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Elwell (g, 5, Well Said--Temptress El, by Art Major), \$70,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Latz A Luck Stable. B-M Kenneth Weed & Kerry Feuker-Weed. T-Dennis A Laterza. D-Mark Macdonald, \$4,500

3-J T (g, 5, Badlands Hanover--Snowwhite Beach, by Presidential Ball) O-The Red Man Stable. B-Marmatt Farms, CA. T-Eric Abbatiello. D-Eric Abbatiello, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 2Q, 1Q - Finish Order: Justice My Way, Famous Western, Ziggy Sky, Diamond Cowboy, The Spy

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**9, YR, \$22,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS,
27.0, 55.1, 1:23.1, 1:51.3, FT**

1-Bettor's Edge (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Spring Wind, by Life Sign) O-Robert Santagata & Jennifer L Lappe. B-Brittany Farms & Val D'Or Farms. T-John Kokinos. D-Mark Macdonald, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 143-34-25-23, \$1,918,740

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2-Badiou Hanover (g, 5, Well Said--Blind Ambition, by Art Major), \$105,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Joe P Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Brent Holland, \$5,500

3-Lord Of Misrule (g, 6, McArdle--Ribbons And Bows, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$23,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Levit And Tritini Stable & Triple D Stables Inc & Robert A Palumbo. B-Pacey A Mindlin & Glen S Gross & Kenneth I Cohen. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan, \$2,640

Calls: NS, 1H, 1H, 1, 2 - Finish Order: Theartofconfusion A, American Rage, Cowboy Terrier, Alberto Contador N, Moonliteonthebeach

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**10, YR, \$22,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$21,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS,
27.2, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:53.4, FT**

1-Guantanamo Bay (g, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Up Front Gal, by Dragon Again) O-Brian & Ira Wallach Racing & Leonard A Sorge. B-James G Bagnell, CA & Glendon W Smith, CA. T-Daniel Renaud. D-Jordan Stratton, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 51-11-15-7, \$155,238



A RECENT Tattersalls MIXED SALE GRADUATE!



PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Beat The Drum (g, 6, Tell All--Pop Diva, by Western Ideal), \$17,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Howard A Taylor & Glen Goller & Abraham N Basen. B-Brittany Farms. T-Keith Armer. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,500

3-Ira Chief (g, 8, Chief Silverheels--Lady Susan B, by Kentucky Spur), \$19,000 2010 HOOSIER O-Cc Racing LLC. B-Trent Stohler Stable Inc & Travis K Theobald & Ralph E Birk. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Daniel Dube, \$2,640

Calls: 5H, 6H, 3T, 3, T - Finish Order: Bettorever, Class Six, Bullet Bob, Alta Leroy N, The Rock

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**11, YR, \$26,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS,
28.0, 57.1, 1:24.3, 1:52.4, FT**

1-Make Some Luck (g, 5, Camluck--Mustang Kensley, by Western Hanover), \$19,000 2013 CAN-YS O-Jody C Jamieson, CA & Rene M Allard. B-Stan Klemencic, CA. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 58-15-11-8, \$262,914



PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Limelight Beach (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Benear, by Badlands Hanover), \$25,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & M1 Stable LLC & Wingfield Brothers LLC. B-Gregory J Martin, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$6,500

3-Polak A (g, 9, Pacific Fella--Capture A Million, by Million To One) O-F Bellino & Sons LLC & Frank J & Joseph G Bellino. B-S R Lewis, AS & Terry Ferguson, AS. T-Michael Russo. D-Jordan Stratton, \$3,120

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