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McKee on the mend after surgery

The Hall of Fame race caller had a massive stroke on Thursday and is recovering in a New Jersey hospital.

by Dave Briggs



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Sam McKee (interviewing Christina Takter after Pinkman won the 2015 Hambletonian at the Meadowlands) is one of the most beloved and respected personalities in the game. McKee is currently recovering in a New Jersey hospital after suffering a massive stroke Thursday.

Hall of Fame race caller Sam McKee, 54, is recovering from surgery in a New Jersey hospital after suffering a major stroke on Thursday (Feb. 2).

McKee's sister, Sally, reported via email that Sam's family and friends have gathered to support him. Sam is currently

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stable and the immense outpouring from the industry has been deeply appreciated by those close to Sam.

McKee, the director of television and a long-time race caller at the Meadowlands Racetrack, is expected to have a long road to recovery.

"There will be a challenging road ahead for his emotional and physical recovery," said a Meadowlands press release issued Friday. "Sam will most likely require months of physical rehabilitation.

"The McKee Family would like to invite everyone to continue sharing their thoughts and prayers with Sam.

A GoFund Me account has been

established to help his family during the long road to recovery. The medical fund can be accessed via GoFundMe (click here for link)."

As of 10 p.m. Saturday, the GoFundMe account had already exceeded its goal of \$100,000 and had over 400 donations totaling more than \$106,000.

Meadowlands CEO and GM Jason Settlemoir visited McKee in hospital Saturday afternoon.

"Sam has had a major surgery and he is early in his recovery," Settlemoir reported by text after the visit. "Sam is responding to stimulation. Nothing is unusual at this time for what he has been through. Please continue to pray for Sam and his family as his long road to recovery has begun."

McKee has worked at the Meadowlands since 1998 and was inducted into the Communicators Hall of Fame in 2012.

"His knowledge, devotion and love for harness racing is simply unmatched," said the Meadowlands press release. "Anytime he walks into a room, his energy and excitement is infectious. Sam is a tireless worker and gives all of himself to

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"While Sam has touched and influenced countless people in the industry, his character and reputation stand above all else. He is the most kind, genuine person you could meet and is tremendously generous to all that know him.

While the family continues to appreciate the outpouring of support from so many people, they ask that

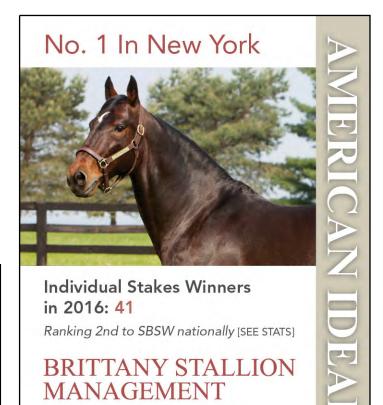
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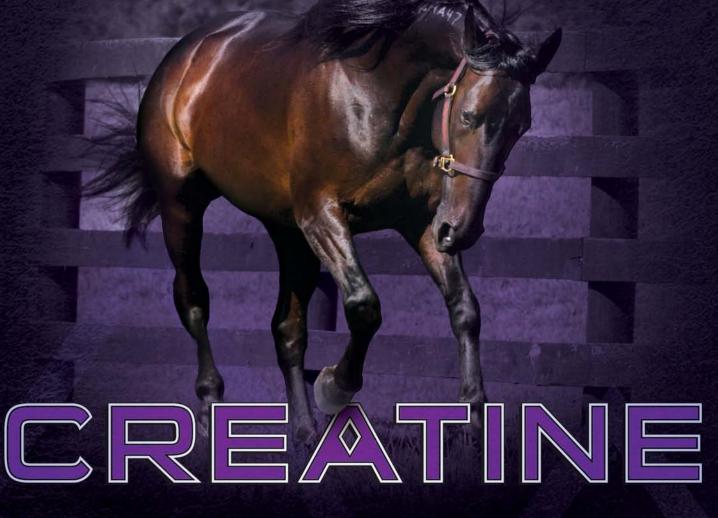




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Gural's Stallion Rule Under the Microscope

Despite going it alone and three prominent new four-year-old stallions earning medical exemptions, the owner of the Meadowlands, Tioga and Vernon Downs is vowing to continue with his rule in the hope of developing future fans.

by Dave Briggs



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Jeff Gural insists his Stallion Rule will attract more fans to the game.

Racetrack owner Jeff Gural said he's disappointed the Hambletonian Society and Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) no longer are supporting his Stallion Rule, but he plans to continue with it, undaunted.

"I'm sticking to it and I think we'll really find out (how effective it is) in the next couple of years when these horses are sold," Gural said Friday.

The rule bans the first crop of any stallion that goes to stud at four — and does not receive a medical exemption — from ever racing at the three Gural-owned racetracks — the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, NJ, Tioga Downs in Nichols, NY and Vernon Downs in Vernon, NY.

"It's a lifetime ban (on the first crop)," Gural said, referring to stallions such as Artspeak that went to stud at four and did not receive a medical exemption "(It applies) even to overnights. (The first-crop offspring) can't race."

Recently, three four-year-old stallions — Betting Line, Southwind Frank and Control The Moment — received a medical exemption that allows their first crops to be eligible to race at Gural's tracks. Despite that somewhat weakening the impact of the rule, Gural said he still feels it is important to continue with it.

Gural launched the rule in 2011 with the support of WEG and the Hambletonian Society to try to keep star horses on the track longer in the hope of attracting more fans.

"We just saw in harness racing last year, the excitement that was generated when (older pacers) Always B Miki and Freaky Feet Pete and Wiggle It Jiggleit raced, especially the first time they raced. Everybody was probably watching and there was real anticipation every time these horses raced against each other. There were big crowds and big handle," Gural said. "There is no question that you can't possibly expect to create new, younger people as fans if you have a mediocre product. We just saw that (in the thoroughbreds) with California Chrome and Arrogate (in the inaugural \$12 million Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park)... I'll bet you next year, unless there is another good horse that comes along, the handle on that race will drop way down if they





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Breeder and owner George Segal said the Stallion Rule has hurt the breeding industry.

don't come up with a rivalry like the one they had this year for that race."

Prominent breeder and owner George Segal of Brittany Farms fame said Thursday that he has the utmost admiration for Gural, but disagrees with Gural about the Stallion Rule.

"I'm a big supporter of Jeff, personally, and in many of the things he's done in harness racing," Segal said. "I think he did a great service to everybody in coming in and saving the Meadowlands. I know he's been through a lot of problems because of the lack of horses and the lack of purse funds. The Meadowlands is still the most important racetrack —

along with the Woodbine Entertainment Group and The Red Mile, in my opinion — in North America.

"I also think (Gural has) done great things in pursuing and trying to catch people that are cheating on the drug end and barring them from his racetrack, but I think he's 100 per cent wrong on two things: fighting with drivers because they leave the Meadowlands to race other places – not good – and I'm 100 per cent against The Gural Rule.

"I think what he's trying to achieve with both of them is he wants to put on the best product at the racetrack, but he cannot force people to race there who are trying to earn a living."

Hambletonian Society CEO Tom Charters said the society's board wasn't overly enthusiastic about the rule, but it agreed to a two-year trial. For those two years, that meant the first crop of any stallion that went to stud at four — that did not receive an exemption — was ineligible to Hambletonian Society stakes.

"I think we showed good faith, but after two years, we felt the way it would have to be implemented was unfair to those lucky enough to have (star) horses, especially the smaller owners that get a great horse, a great three-year-old," Charters said, adding other tracks and stakes programs never even gave the Stallion Rule a trial run. "We are partners with Jeff and we feel very strongly that partners don't always agree, but can work things out and continue the partnership."

Both the Hambletonian Society and WEG stopped supporting the rule in 2015.

Jamie Martin, WEG's executive vice-president of racing, said Friday that the Toronto racetrack company withdrew support for Gural's Stallion Rule for two reasons.

"First of all, we knew the Hambletonian Society was not

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continuing to support it and we kind of struggled with it. We wanted to support the Meadowlands, but after a couple of years I just don't think it made any difference," Martin said.

"I'm just more of the view of letting the market decide. I would have loved to see Betting Line race next year. I know that's a different issue because he's got a vet waiver and he wasn't going to race anyway, but I don't think racing him next year would have moved the needle on our business. So then why would I want to put restrictions on the owners of that horse on what they do with him?

Gural disagreed and said, "the name of the game is stars" and breeders would benefit, long term, from developing more younger fans who are more likely to be enticed by seeing star horses.

"I don't know who (the breeders) are going to sell these horses to, to be honest with you, because the customers that they think are going to be there are old like me and we need to find new ones," Gural said,

"He may be right," Martin said, "but I wish we had horses that drove attendance up at the racetrack. I'm not convinced there's a standardbred that can do that."

Gural he is more disappointed in WEG than the Hambletonian Society because the latter's board is predominantly comprised of breeders.

"(WEG) is in the (racing) business and if they don't think it's important to get people in the grandstand then they should be in a different business," Gural said.

Martin said WEG is trying to develop more stakes events for four-year-olds to naturally entice more owners to keep horses on the track longer, but admits, "we've just done okay on that, we haven't done a very good job. We did bring back the Confederation Cup for four-year-olds and we do take a leg of Jeff's Graduate series, so we are trying to be supportive, but because of other issues we haven't been able to put much funding towards four-year-old races, yet."

Gural's Stallion Rule will get a good test in the fall of 2018, when Artspeak's first crop of yearlings go to the sales.

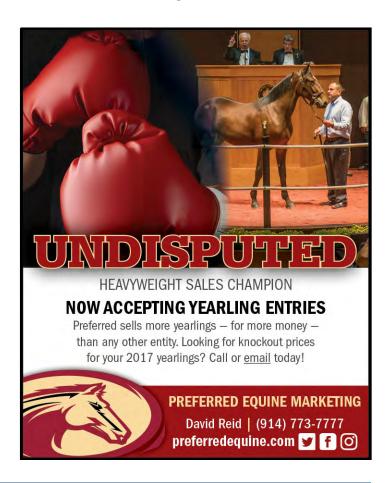
"Obviously, people don't seem to care about my rule and we'll see how that works out when those horses go in the sales ring and when they are two-year-olds and the people that bought them realize that they can never race at my three tracks," Gural said.

"I don't wish anybody ill, I hope Artspeak does fine. (Artspeak's part-owner) Myron (Bell) is a friend of mine and I hope he does fine. Truthfully, they were very supportive of



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Jamie Martin, WEG's executive vice-president of racing, said the Toronto racing company stopped supporting the Stallion Rule because it restricted free enterprise.



me with Captaintreacherous (returning to race at four), but once WEG and the Hambletonian Society bailed (on the rule) it made it less onerous, so they look at it as not being that important."

Segal said bringing back Captaintreacherous and Father Patrick to race at four was a gamble that did not pay off for himself and his partners on those horses.

"Captaintreacherous raced at four, a big mistake. Father Patrick raced at four, a big mistake. It hurt him, even though he bred at four — raced and bred. It was a bad idea and he got half the number of mares and many less involved. Thank goodness the next year he did well, but it could hurt him. All the owners of these horses put money back into it," Segal said.

"Why do people buy horses? At the top end, they buy them to have a champion, a stud. To put horses in and have them not perform in the four-year-old year — which has nothing to do with their ability in the breeding shed — costs them a year of breeding and maybe diminishes them, somewhat, in the eyes of people who are going to breed. It's ridiculous.

"The people supporting the industry are the people (Gural) is hurting and I'm just against it."

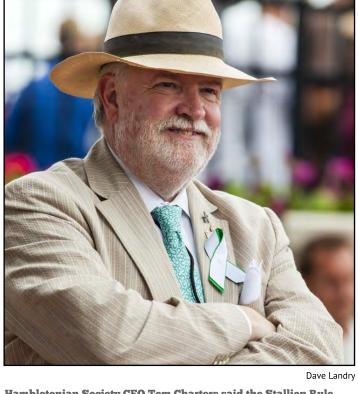
Segal said the Wiggle It Jiggleit / Always B Miki example of drawing fans to the track isn't a fair one because neither horse would have been subjected to the Stallion Rule. Wiggle It Jiggleit is a gelding and injuries had a great deal to do with Always B Miki racing in 2016 as a five-year-old. Segal stressed, again, his respect and admiration for what Gural has done to help the game. Yet, it doesn't change Segal's assessment that Gural's Stallion Rule has, "hurt the breeding industry. He has curtailed the production of horses and he has hurt the owners of these horses, all of which are owners who put money back into the game with what they get from a successful stallion."

Gural said, "The breeders disagree, but I only care about the future of the sport because we have a lot of young people and, to be honest with you, those young people have no future. I don't know what they are thinking... There are people writing in your magazine about how to get handle and how to get people. I've tried them all and nothing works because no one knows we exist. That's a big problem."









Hambletonian Society CEO Tom Charters said the Stallion Rule was unfair to those lucky enough to have a star horse.



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Racing's self-driving cars and halftime shows

On Feb. 27, USTA directors will be voting for their next president. After reading the ideas and resumes of all the candidates, I can honestly profess that I am very impressed with the entire field. Each man has a lot of strengths, and few weaknesses. The sport should be very proud it has attracted such talented people.

While examining the platforms of the candidates (you can read them all here), one item did intrigue me; from Jason Settlemoir:

"Arrange a shareholders' meeting to discuss a funding mechanism for marketing the harness racing industry... Follow the Racing Development and Sustainability Plan that was presented in 2010 by Standardbred Canada as a stepping stone."

Jason, along with others, have floated this idea before, and it hasn't gained much traction, but I think we may want to open our minds a little bit and think of how important something like this is to debate.

For me, halftime at the Super Bowl is the same every year. It's my time to refresh a drink, chat with some friends, or see how my bets are doing. When the bell rings for the second half kickoff I become Pavlov's dog and dutifully find my chair.

I'm clearly not normal, because at halftime most everyone else is watching U2, or Springsteen or Coldplay.

This year when Lady Ga Ga takes the stage at halftime it's important to remember it wasn't always like this. For over 20 years, Super Bowl halftime consisted of marching bands; not much unlike a halftime at a West Texas high school game. In 1991, the NFL decided that halftime could be part of the game's branding, and since so many were watching at home, exploiting it had revenue potential. That year, the New Kids on the Block were paid to perform, and it has gotten bigger and bigger since.

For years, the NFL spent a good deal of cash (at a loss) to

put on the halftime show, but that's come full circle. Lady Ga Ga will be receiving nothing from the NFL for her performance, and last year it was floated that artists actually pay the league to perform. In addition, Pepsi will pay the NFL \$12 million this year for halftime sponsorship rights.

The NFL created revenue by investing in a 'nothing'. They made a silk purse from a sow's ear.

We can profess this is something unique, the NFL was just much smarter than everyone else, or that this was inevitable, but I think that would be wrong. This strategy – in some way – happens in every sharp company or firm.

Google is the most valuable company in the world. The revenue stream that makes this possible is not – on the surface – tech related; their cash flow comes from you, consumers, clicking paid text ads in search results. There's a slight problem with that, though. This revenue (as the world changes with products like Amazon's Alexa, voice enabled search, and virtual reality) won't always be there in present form and numbers, and Google knows it.

To respond, Google has been investing for years through something called "Google X". Google X has nothing to do with search, and everything to do with (at times) just about everything else. It explores dozens of new ventures, including self-driving cars, Fiber, wired homes (through Nest)



and personal health tech through Verily. Yes, one day soon your car will be driving you home, your fridge will be messaging that you need milk, and since you're diabetic, your contact lenses will alert you that your blood sugar is low. All of this may be courtesy of this so-called 'search company'.

Slowly but surely, this investment has been driving business. In Q4, revenue for this unit reached \$262 million, which was up from \$150 million the previous year. The operating loss (no, it's not yet profitable, and won't be for some time, no doubt) is about three per cent of revenues.

While looking at Jason's proposal, the three per cent of revenues number is one that strikes me. If the largest company in the world can see that the world is changing, its core revenues may not be there forever, and it wants to remain relevant by investing three pennies of every dollar into finding new streams, why can't harness racing?

Harness racing, since about 1998, has received (in the U.S. and Canada) over \$10 billion dollars of slot money. How much of that has been invested in a 'Google X'? How much of that has been invested in a Super Bowl halftime show? This sport's core-revenue from slot machines won't be here

forever, but we see little alarm at this simple fact.

Currently one candidate wants to "arrange a shareholders' meeting to discuss a funding mechanism for marketing the harness racing industry," and "follow the Racing Development and Sustainability Plan that was presented in 2010 by Standardbred Canada as a stepping stone." But I hope each and every candidate embraces at least the exploration of this concept.

This idea is not radical, nor is it out of the mainstream. It's how most of the world works.

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Bards, Bargains and Bars

by Trey Nosrac

I just returned from meeting with a group of writers. We met at a local tavern after they kindly agreed to judge a small mountain of harness racing poems. While this was far from my first tavern, this was my first poetry judging experience. The day was interesting and the Medina County Writers Club proved to be a lively, fun bunch.

Their task was to whittle down 52 poems to three. The process was much like speed dating. Each of the five judges spent about 30 seconds reading a poem, jotting down a score from 1-10 on a score sheet, and then, in unison they passed the poem onto the next judge. At the conclusion, the scores were tallied and a much more manageable group of 10 entered the next round. The poems that made the cut were read orally. After hearing the poems read out loud, and a bit of discussion, the judges re-voted.

It was fun to watch people who placed a five on a poem look in amazement at a fellow judge who placed a 10 on the same poem. It was sort of like the presidential election where some people looked at others and thought, "What are they thinking?" When others do not see what you see it is annoying. My two personal favorites did not even make the cut, a fact that ticked me off. The activity was quite the "Battle Royale" where beauty is indeed in the eye of the beholder.



"I'm not arguing, I'm simply forcefully explaining why I amright."

Eventually, they got down to a total of four. In order to avoid bloodshed, I made the executive decision to send Diamond Creek four instead of three. And the winner is...taa dumm...Lisa Dunn. Here is her poem:

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Walter "Boots" Dunn really took the initiative to build a solid band of broodmares during his lifetime. For the past ten years, we have concentrated solely on trotters. I look forward to spring 2018 and sending you pictures and updates on this new foal.

And let's meet Chaka Khan.



The mare I nominated for the contest is Chaka Khan. She was foaled at our farm on April 20, 2003. Her dam, Armbro Delmonica came to us through hall of famer Delvin Miller; he and Dad were great friends. She is

a half-sister to Yourworstnightmare who was a 3 year old champion and then was exported to Italy. He successfully continued his racing career in Europe and then stood at stud for a time. Chaka Khan never raced, but dad had the unbelievable ability to know what mares to keep and make into broodmares. Some of our best broodmares never raced or were very lightly raced. Chaka Khan has produced six foals

of racing age. All of them were starters and five of them are winners. Two of her foals, SJ Better Days and Redder Than Red, have each earned over \$300,000 and two of her foals have sub-1:55 marks. I am excited to breed her to Creatine. I think it is a very promising cross as we get three crosses of Speedy Crown in the fifth generation, as well as some other historically good crosses. Speedy Crown still holds the number one spot in overall total foal earnings and has nine direct descendants in the top 25 for trotters

Nobody loses when Diamond Creek is involved. For example, the runner-up Stacey Ruddick, will be offered the chance to choose Creatine for half price.

Name: **Stacey Ruddick**

Mare: **Miss Risktaker** (isn't Miss Risktaker a perfectly appropriate name for entering this nutty contest!)

Here's Stacey's poem:

Carefully studying the pedigrees
Raising a hand to spend the cheese
Early lessons with work and rest
Always ready for the test
Time to come out on the stage
Ideally win and earn the wage
Never think of looking back
Ever first around the track

The rest of the top 10 were:

Name: Cynthia Graham

Trotting mare: Dance Hall Wendy

Name: Jessica / Howie Okusko
Trotting Mare: Cocoa Psycho
Name: Steve / Rebecca Titus
Trotting mare: Fox Valley Sommer

Name: Neil MacInnis

Trotting mare: **Gracies Harmony**

Name: **Brian Kleinberg** Trotting mare: **Donarella**

Name: **Terry / Ann Long**

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Name: Lori Manke

Trotting mare: **Contessa Leigh**

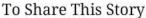
Name: Levi Miller

Trotting mare: Celebrity Sweedie

These eight trotters and trotting poets will have the opportunity to dance with Creatine for \$4,000.

And stay tuned poets. Next week, at the same time, on the same station, when we cross the finish line with this project, a few more poems will be published... and every other poetry participant will be interested because the rewards and tomfoolery will keep on coming.











Awesomeness and Xelene Bayama take Winter Series finals

A pair of Winter Series finals for three and four-year-old pacers headlined Friday evening's 10-race card at chilly Woodbine Racetrack.

The \$39,400 Snowshoe Series final featured a field of seven, while a group of 10 fillies and mares competed in the \$37,600 Blizzard Series final.

Awesomeness lived up to his name by completing a dominant sweep of the Snowshoe Series.

The Ryan Maxwell trainee was fired off the wings of the gate by driver Doug McNair, but had to take a step back and sit second rounding the first turn, as Lyons Sands, who was also going for a sweep of the series, sprinted to the lead.

Lyons Sands posted an opening-quarter of :27.2, but was quickly knocked back to second when McNair circled around to the lead with Awesomeness entering the backstretch.

Awesomeness, who went off at odds of 1-9, posted middle-half fractions of :56.3 and 1:25. A stretch duel



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Awesomeness and Doug McNair dominated the Snowshoe Series.

between the two red-hot pacers seemed likely, but Awesomeness quickly put those dreams to bed by pulling away from Lyons Sands at the top of the lane.

Awesomeness powered home in :28 to win by five-lengths in 1:53. Lyons Sands held on for second, while Big Yellow was third and Clouseau Hanover was fourth.



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Xelene Bayama and Rick Zeron won the Blizzard final.

A four-year-old gelding, Awesomeness has quickly gained notoriety this winter by turning in stunning efforts regularly.

The son of Mach Three—Fancy A Dream made the first start of his career on Oct. 4 at Mohawk, for then-trainer Dave Keyes, and finished seventh. Since his debut, Awesomeness has won eight of 13 starts and has never finished worse than second.

Purchased privately in November by Martin Scharf, Awesomeness has banked \$41,700 this season to bring his career earnings total to \$104,300.

A \$2 win ticket on Awesomeness Friday returned \$2.30.

The Blizzard Series final was the opposite of the Snowshoe, as the pacesetter couldn't hold on late and a longshot stole the spotlight.

Xelene Bayama held her own in preliminary round action, but picked the perfect time to step up and strike in the \$37,600 Blizzard final.

Driven by Rick Zeron, Xelene Bayama got away seventh, as Jimbelina paced out to the lead and posted hot opening fractions of :26.4 and :55.2. An outer-flow was established early by the favorite I Deal In Kisses heading down the backstretch and this allowed Zeron to jump into a third-over spot heading towards the far turn.

Jimbelina, who was 2-1, kept motoring around the far turn and reached the three-quarter pole in 1:24.3. The outer-flow stopped advancing on the final bend and Zeron was forced to go three-wide to stay within striking range of the leader.

In the stretch, Jimbelina attempted to muscle out the victory, but Xelene Bayama was full of pace and charged by the leader in the final-sixteenth to win by a length and three-quarters in 1:54.3. Jimbelina just held on for second over Senseless Beauty, while Collective Wisdom was fourth.

A four-year-old daughter of Bettors Delight—Westwin Breeze, Xelene Bayama entered Friday's series finale off a fourth and third-place effort in the preliminary legs. The

Stephane Larocque trainee had just a single victory in eight career starts before Friday.

Owned by Bayama Farms Inc. and Zoom And Fish Stable Inc., Xelene Bayama earned \$18,880 for her Blizzard Series victory, which brings her career earnings total to \$31,235.

Xelene Bayama paid \$47.50 to win.

Three and four-year-old pacers, who were non-winners of two-races or \$30,000 lifetime as of Oct. 31, 2016, were eligible for nomination to the Snowshoe and Blizzard Series.

Also on Friday, Sandbetweenurtoes stretched her current win streak to three with a front-end score in the \$30,000 Mares Preferred.

The Richard Moreau trainee was sent to the front by driver Doug McNair and the duo never looked back en route to a 1:52.3 score. Sandbetweenurtoes has now won the last three editions of the top-level event for pacing mares.

Owned by Brad Grant, Sandbetweenurtoes has three wins in four starts this season for earnings of \$52,500. Her career totals now sit at 24 victories and \$832,722 earned.

- Mark McKelvie / WEG standardbred communications

New Hoosier auction venue for '17

Hoosier Classic Sale Company officials have announced their intent to add a new auction venue for the 2017 season. The auction, created conjointly with Indiana's existing Hoosier Classic Select Yearling Sale, will be held in the all new Michiana Event Center (MEC) in Shipshewana, IN. The date for the inaugural Michiana Classic Yearling Sale is Saturday November 25.

Citing the upward trend in the number of mares bred to Indiana stallions, company officials have determined a second yearling sale in the state may be viable. According to auction manager Steve Cross, "Indiana breeders have been voicing their concern the past few years about the need for a second site. With the new MEC complex being constructed, we thought now is the time to move ahead. The Hoosier Classic Select Yearling Sale in Indianapolis will remain as the primary Indiana sale and this new venue will follow up with additional opportunities for both breeders and buyers."

Hoosier Classic Sale Company also conducts the Buckeye Classic Yearling Sale at Springfield OH (Sept. 26) and Hoosier Classic Select Yearling Sale (Oct. 20 and 21).

For more information contact the Hoosier Classic Sale Company office at (574) 825-4610 or visit the website at www.hoosierclassicyearlingsale.com.

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Top WFR caretakers named

The Raceway at Western Fair District has announced its five finalists for its 2016 Caretaker Of The Year award. They will be recognized at the annual awards night on Feb. 11.

Horsepeople were asked to submit nominations throughout the month of January and the five finalists chosen were voted on by horsepeople this week at The Raceway.

The five deserving finalists are Laurie Hicks, Dawn Walker, Krystel Simard, Tyler Benson and Evelyn Harms. All five will be invited to attend the awards celebration with winner taking home the Caretaker Of The Year trophy.

Tickets for the awards night are still available at the race office or by contacting Amy O'Toole at aotoole@westernfairdistrict.com. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$45 at the door and the evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner, awards ceremony and DJ. and dance to follow.

– Western Fair

Filion to attend Milton Sports Celebrity Dinner

Fresh off winning his fourth O'Brien Award as Canada's Driver of the Year, Sylvain Filion will be a celebrity guest at the upcoming Milton Sports Celebrity Dinner on Tuesday (Feb. 7).

The 15th annual Milton Sports Celebrity Dinner is coordinated by the Milton Chamber of Commerce and will be held at Rattlesnake Golf Club. The dinner and auction is hosted by Ken Reid of Rogers Sportsnet.

Filion joins an impressive list of celebrity athletes that will be attending this year's event, including Hockey Hall of Fame members Paul Henderson and Paul Coffey, former Toronto Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston, curling champion Rachel Homan, former NHL player Shayne Corson and Olympian Melissa Bishop.

The Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction has become one of Milton's most talked about events, raising the profile of the Milton Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Scholarship Fund. The Sports Celebrity Dinner & Auction brings together sports heroes and sports enthusiasts alike.

Organized by a volunteer committee of Chamber members, the evening's program includes an autograph signing session, a cocktail reception, a gourmet meal, and a silent and live auction.

Bidding on the live auction items, which in past years has featured golf packages, spa packages, autographed jerseys and sports memorabilia, is one of the highlights of the evening.

The festivities conclude with the celebrity athletes on stage for a question and answer session led by Reid.

Proceeds from the event go towards the Chamber Scholarship Fund, which helps fund post-secondary education for local high school students.

The Woodbine Entertainment Group is a proud sponsor of the Milton Sports Celebrity Dinner.

Tickets are \$175 and can be purchased by emailing **Cheryl@miltonchamber.ca** or by **clicking here**.

- Mark McKelvie WEG standardbred communications

Nominations wanted for Canadian Hall of Fame

The Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame reminds the horse racing community the deadline to nominate horses or people for the Class of 2017 is less than four weeks away. Nominations of those who have made a significant contribution to Canadian horse racing, are being accepted for the following categories:

MALE HORSE: Stallions or geldings whose contribution to Canadian racing occurred in the past 20 years.

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VETERAN PERSON: Trainers, Drivers, Jockeys whose careers have been concluded for 20 years, but less than 50 years.

All nomination submissions to be made by completing the online form available on the CHRHF website (click here). A copy of the form may also be obtained by contacting admin@horseracinghalloffame.com. Complete eligibility criteria is also available on the CHRHF website (click here).



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Quebec unveils '17 dates, stakes

Management at the Hippodrome 3R in Trois-Rivieres, QC has released its new race dates, stakes schedule and special events for the 2017 race season.

There will be 40 live race days and nights at 3R this season and opening day comes early to Trois-Rivieres on Sunday, April 23. The season goes through to Sunday, Nov. 5.

The highlight of the season will be the annual \$200,000 Prix Dete for four-year-old standardbred pacers on Sunday, Aug. 20. This is the fourth renewal of one of the most prestigious stakes races in the history of Canada.

Last year, Horse of the Year Wiggle It Jiggleit was upset by Rockin Ron over a sloppy track in one of the most dramatic races in 3R history.

First nomination payment must be made by March 15, 2017. New for the 2017 Prix D'Ete is that horses that finish sixth through eighth will be getting a check for \$1,000.

Post time on Sunday's program has changed to 12:50 pm and post time for Tuesday nights live program remains at 7 p.m. The first Tuesday program takes place on May 30.

There will be two major driver's tournaments this season. The second annual All-Star Tournament takes place on Sunday, June 4 and will again feature world class drivers participating.

Then on a lone special Wednesday night program set for

Aug. 16, the Hippodrome 3R will play host to a division of the World Driving Championship.

This special competition takes place once every two years and brings together the top drivers from around the world. Featured will be the reigning champion, Dexter Dunn from New Zealand, along with Canada's representative, Brandon Campbell.

For the first time at 3R, there will also be a special live racing program on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, Oct. 9. Post time has been set for 12:50 pm.

The Quebec Sire Stakes program for 2, 3, 4 & 5-year-old pacers and trotters gets underway starting May 14 with the Quebec Series four and five-year-old pacers and May 30 for the trotters. There will be three weeks of preliminary rounds with all the finals to be held on Sunday, June 25.

Both the Breeders Cup Series for three-year-olds and the Future Stars Series for two-year-olds are featured throughout July. The finals of all eight divisions, which is annually the richest race program of the season at 3R, is set for Sunday, Sept. 3.

The Lucien Bombardier Stakes for two-year-old fillies will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10.

This year 3R will also feature an \$8,000 Open Trot and Pace each week provided the races can be filled.

Further details about the race meet will be forthcoming. For more information and the 2017 stakes calendar, visit www.quebecjockeyclub.com.

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Gural responds to Dante

While I agree with most of Vic Dante's **comments**, I did not want to give your readers the impression that the Meadowlands was empty last Saturday night. We had 177 guests in our trackside dining room Pink, we had a party of 35 and a party of 40 in our skyboxes and 45 guests in Trotters, our private club for horsemen. In addition, we had several hundred people in the food court area for our second annual homestyle chili & salsa cookoff and we handled over \$1,300,000 in the building on our live races and other imported signals. Obviously, I wish we had more, but the place is far from empty and the temperature was in the 30's

- Jeff Gural / Chairman Meadowlands Racetrack

Howard Taylor v. Jeff Gural

There are times when Jeff Gural suffers from bouts of foot-in-mouth disease. His tactics have rubbed people the wrong way. However, he continues to grind out day by day at the Meadowlands for the benefit of the sport and the hopes for alternative gaming. Although everyone knows the real money is in a Meadowlands casino, Gural still keeps the plant open with no guarantee that inept government officials and deep pocketed casino opposition in NJ will ever allow a casino to happen outside Atlantic City.

Now comes Howard Taylor (Feb 3rd HRU - pgs 10-11).

How it's possible to sue a track to force the running of a race is absurd. Anyone who has seen the demise of the NJ breeding program knows that the NJ Classic and Miss NJ have been utterly worthless for years. As has been pointed out, the race can barely fill and it makes absolutely no business sense to run the race. It's not as if the race was worth a half a million dollars like it was in the hay day either. The Meadowlands wisely scrapped the winter series of the past when it became evident they couldn't fill properly and were bad for business. The same goes for the Classic and the

Miss NJ. It's absolutely the right thing to do. Also, why isn't Mr. Taylor suing the group in PA that controls the Colonial, Battle of Brandywine, and Valley Forge? Those races went for far more money. Their departure is a real loss for the industry. Not a meaningless non-bettor and a race that draws five or six.

The fact is that Mr. Taylor is an attorney. There is little cost in it for him to sue. His suit has nothing to do with fairness or even his business partners. As it has been mentioned, he's made significant money in the game. It seems to me the suit is just a way to make Gural spend money defending in court. The track is already losing money and Taylor knows that. It's just a petty move. Mr. Taylor should be noted also as the go to attorney for almost every juice trainer. He's also a frequent user of some those trainers, as well. Tom Milici and Tracy Brainard were some of his recent trainers. He also defended the immortal Lou Peña. It's a shame that he's one of the sport's biggest owners.

This was one issue in which Mr. Gural was totally correct. However, he did make a poor mistake in threatening to cancel the two mare races that would obviously hurt Mr. Taylor. As I mentioned, Gural has a case of foot-in-mouth disease and it clearly looked petty and personal. It might have been wiser to suggest a different race(s) — even a prestigious one. In my opinion, that may have rallied more industry support to get Mr. Taylor to pipe down. I believe peer pressure was the best way to go as opposed to a clear retaliation. As it stands now, this fight looks more like a pissing contest between two wealthy men because of the retaliation threat. Definitely a mistake by Gural.

- Christopher Fenty / Mount Kisco, NY

Editor's Note: HRU asked Jeff Gural for his thoughts on Howard Taylor's lawsuit and Gural provided the following quotes:

"It's really, really, really upsetting to me that the whole industry has rallied around us to try to keep us afloat and keep the stakes races and along comes Howard Taylor, who, by the way, horses he owned all or a piece of last year made \$900,000 in our stakes program... He comes along and make



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Dr.McDreamy

Ghee's House

If I Can Dream

Flex The Muscle

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Rubenstein & Bonley Farm 2,000

Jeffrey Brooks & T.Brainard 2,000

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a big issue out of something. His four partners on this horse, I think the purse for the colts would be \$110,000, maybe \$115,000. They would net out \$50,000 divided by four people... so for \$12,000, you would think that these people that love the game and would benefit from having all of these stakes and having the Meadowlands open would not have sued, not only me but the Standardbred Owners of New Jersey, The Sires Stakes.... The Sires Stakes, what are they supposed to do, put on a three-horse race so he can win \$50,000? It's ridiculous.

"He loses either way because the two races I may be canceling (Golden Girls and Lady Liberty) are the two where his horse would be the favorite and those races go for \$250,000 each. I would think that if Howard wins this case he's going to have some very unhappy partners on that horse... They were the last two races that we added when we saw we had enough sponsorships. You could easily have a six or seven-horse races for those, so they have very little impact even though I'd like to see those races. I think there were some good three-year-olds so I think they'd be good races, but the fact is that... the Golden Girls was the last race we added and I added it myself saying, 'Let's take a chance that we can muddle through.' I didn't do that knowing that Howard and his partners were the main beneficiaries."

RE: Betting Line voted Canada's Horse of the Year

Perhaps his first lucrative endorsement will be vogurt.

- Jeffrey Biever / Somers, NY

More on Canada's HOY

Complete joke. (Marion Marauder) wins triple crown and loses HOY?

- @teamsracing to HRU via Twitter



RE: Towers suggesting eliminating inquiries

As a fan (and bettor) of the sport, I totally disagree with Dean's take on the elimination of inquiries after a race (full story here). Dean may have better insights on inquires however I appreciate the current system and its rules prior to a race becoming official EVEN if it costs me my wager. Why? Because it lends something to the sport the same way it always has, and is the reason other sports have adapted the video review. Inquiries lend integrity to the sport.

Time after time, through the years, I have seen the inquiry sign posted after a race and although I don't have the facts to back it up, it seems that when the inquiry is posted, when there is possible violation of the rules during the race, more often than not (I'd guess 80-85 per cent of the time), there is a change to the final running order and the offender is penalized. The reason I support inquires is that, as a bettor, I feel protected to a degree, that someone is looking out for myself, as well as other bettors' financial interests. I don't mind if it adds several minutes to the evening's card for the decision to be made.

What bettors want is a fair and correct posted result of a race and for someone to take a look and determine that it was, in fact, run according to the rules of the sport. Years ago in the NFL, viewers griped about calls that were incorrect. Today, they complain about the length of time it adds to a game, but you'll be hard pressed to find them complain that the use of instant replay is without merit.

Now I will agree with Dean about judges. Sometimes it makes you wonder what they are looking at. What is acceptable at one track, may not be at another. What is a violation to one judge, may not be to another. However, at least it has been reviewed. Without this system in place, this short court of inquiry before a race is made official, will tell me that no one in the sport cares about the interest of the bettor, the person that helps keep this machine going in a financial sense.

So far as results being overturned a month after a post race test comes up positive, well sadly, that is one of the aspects of the sport everyone has to abide by. As a bettor, I



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can't expect to be compensated for something that has already been paid out on weeks ago. This is why suspension for offenders that knowingly violate certain should always be strictly enforced. It seems to work although I am certain many horsemen out there can cite valid instances where penalties haven't been fairly applied. To that end, I admire someone like Jeff Gural banning repeat violators from his tracks when the evidence is solid. It helps maintain the integrity of the sport where, for generations, integrity of horse racing has been questioned and as a result, has cost the sport countless legions of fans here in North America.

Are things always right? Are things always fair? No, they are not. However, there has to be some type of guidelines, some type of rules established that as in the case of an inquiry, provide quick remedy to a suspected race violation.

Finally, something newer to the sport I would like to see revisited and standardized within the industry is breakers on starts. That is something that needs to be more standardized across the industry. Too often, I have noticed horses on a break and lagging way too far behind and the horse is left in the betting pool at one track and not at another. I won't profess to knowing the answer to this question today and I'm not saying bring back the recall rules as they used to exist, but as a bettor, it kills me to see a horse an 1/16th of a mile back, an 1/8 of a mile before the gate swings open. Of course, that is another discussion.

- Bill Noesges via HRU Facebook page

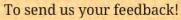
RE: Merv Oswalt's introductory column

If Merv was from NJ he probably went to Weekaque Park in Newark in the 1950s and took the bus to Yonkers before the Big M was built in 1976. He should write a column about Carmine Abbatiello's kid, Eric. Kid? He's probably in his 50s by now. Good luck on the column.

- Allan Gatto via HRU Facebook page



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Can HRU readers help?

I read your article regarding Robert Farrington and Dusty H. Forbes (full article here). I took care of, groomed and hot walked Dusty H. Forbes prior to his sale to Bob Farrington. I was about 15, I worked for Robert Searle in Plymouth, Wisconsin. A gentleman by the name of Less Zahn of Cedarburg, Wisconsin bought him as an unbroken two-year-old from Pete Pauley of Slinger, Wisconsin. Searle had to lasso him just to catch him. He wasn't halter broke, basically semi-wild.

He had to be registered non-standard as Mr. Pauley could not prove which of his mares foaled him. In effect, he was a "said to be." Because he was foaled in Wisconsin and had his first few starts here before we shipped to Michigan, I truly believe I have a case for his eligibility to be nominated for our Wisconsin Harness Horse Hall of Fame.

I am looking for anything I can get my hands on to put together a strong argument for his eligibility. I know Bob Farrington has passed away, I am sure he could have provided me with some of his success with Dusty H. Forbes.

If someone at Harness Racing Update can assist me in my quest I would be very grateful.

- George Woodbridge / Oregon, WI



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

MEADOWLANDS report

Friday's Results:

6, M, \$18,000, T, N/W \$15,000 in Last 5 Starts (Mares \$16,000) AE: N/W \$125,000 Lifetime AE: N/W \$15,000 in 2017 Drawn Outside, 28.0, 57.0, 1:26.0, 1:53.4. FT

1-Muscle Diamond (h, 5, Muscle Hill--Windylane Hanover, by Lindy Lane), \$40,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Charles E Keller III & Charles E Keller IV & E Daniel & Brett Douglas Bittle. B-Odds On Nourrir. T-Brett Bittle. D-John Campbell, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 27-9-8-3, \$644,639

A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY. THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

2-Crosbys Clam Bake (g, 7, Kadabra--Pacific Elegance, by Donerail) O-Randall B Bendis & Jack B Piatt II & Thomas J Pollack. B-Edward H Lohmeyer & Patricia M Hogan. T-Andrew Federico Jr. D-Jim Marohn Jr, \$4,500

3-B Yoyo (g, 7, Striking Sahbra--B Joyflo, by Enjoy Lavec) O-Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos. B-Ben F Robards. T-Richard Johnson. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$2,160

Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 2Q, H - Finish Order: Wing Flash, Luck O The Irish, Alexander Hanover, Vegliantino

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Saturday's Results:

7, M, \$16,000, P, N/W \$16,000 in Last 5 Starts, 27.2, 55.1, 1:23.1, 1:50.3, FT

1-Somesizesomestyle (h, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Honey Bunny, by Precious Bunny), \$50,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Bradley J Grant, CA. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Larry Remmen. D-Drew Monti, \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 97-14-14-16, \$459,535



2-K-lees Shakenbake (g, 7, Raycer Thad--Apple Turnover, by Abercrombie) O-Randall B Bendis & Thomas J Pollack. B-Kallen B Mouw. T-David M Smith. D-Brett Miller, \$4,000

3-Parnu Hanover (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Panned Out, by Jate Lobell), \$140,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Ervin Miller Stable Inc & Alva A & Sara K Miller. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Erv Miller. D-Marcus Miller. \$1.920

Calls: 8T, 10, 5T, 4H, NS - Finish Order: Elrama N, Ontario Success, Doctor Butch, Alberto Contador N, Calvin B, Alexie Mattosie, El Bloombito

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MIAMI VALLEY report

Friday's Results:

12, MVR, \$22,000, P, FILLIES & MARES OPEN, 27.0, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:53.0, FT

1-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, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 74-27-9-14, \$674,467

A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.



PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

2-American Girl (m, 8, Art's Chip--L Dees Lourdes, by Dragon Again), \$6,000 2010 HOOSIER O-Darla D Gaskin & Stanley L Rosenblatt. B-Gardner Farms LLC. T-Tyler George. D-Trace Tetrick, \$5,500 3-Igottafeelinfran (m, 7, Feelin Friskie--Fran Anna, by Expensive Scooter) O-Jerry Zosel & Kathy Ratcliff & Kimberly A Dailey. B-Jerry Zosel & Kathy Ratcliff. T-Jim Dailey. D-Dan Noble, \$2,640 Calls: NS, 1, 1Q, 1Q, 1T - Finish Order: Noone To Depend On, Little Santamonica, Tarport Belle, Velocity Lana, Rolling Going Gone, State Street Liz, Aniston Seelster

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Saturday's Results:

7, MVR, \$16,500, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN II, 27.0, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:51.4. FT

1-Smoke Up Johnny (g, 4, Big Bad John--Leda's Twoeleven, by Bettor's Delight), \$20,000 2014 OH-SEL O-Keith J Pippi. B-Conquest Acres Lp. T-Barry Langley. D-Tyler Smith, \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 36-9-4-4, \$151,137

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-Lewayne Miller, \$4,125

3-Swing City (g, 5, United Ace--Cyber Cities, by Arizona Jack) O-John E Mcgill & Brian K Carsey. B-Stanley W Miller. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$1,980

Calls: 5, 3, 2, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Regal Hope, A True Rock Star, Over Friskie, Gotmoneyinmypocket, Ardyne Ace, Savage Seelster, Sonofa Sizzle

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11, MVR, \$15,500, P, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$30,000 W/ALLOWANCES, 27.1, 55.2, 1:22.3, 1:50.3, FT

1-Rock Out (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Yankee Icon, by Artsplace), \$40,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Laverne S Gales II & Eleven Star Stables. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Jeff Brewer. D-Jason Brewer, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 83-17-11-12, \$206,238

2-Sparky Mark (h, 10, Astreos--Luckbealadytonite, by Camluck) O-Foulk Stables Inc. B-Leo J Thibodeau, CA. T-Clarence Foulk. D-Chris Page, \$3,875

3-Franzo (g, 5, Rockin Image--Trinity Islands, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$67,000 2013 HOOSIER O-Adam B Short. B-Steve Schmucker. T-Adam Short. D-Greg Grismore, \$1,860

Calls: 1, 1, Q, NS, HD - Finish Order: Jack Reacher, Feelin Lika Winner, Cosmicpedia, Mosee Terror, Hokuri Handrail N, King Harvest, Andy Roo

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12, MVR, \$22,000, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN I HCP. PP'S 1 & 2 DRAWN; 3-10 DRAWN, 26.2, 54.4, 1:23.0, 1:50.0, FT

1-Latest Desire (g, 7, Real Desire--Latest Design, by Western Hanover), \$17,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Aws Stables & Fairway Stables & Milton J Leeman. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Simon Allard, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 92-30-12-8, \$379,936





2-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, \$5,500

3-Angelo J Fra (g, 5, The Panderosa--Caila Fra, by Artsplace), \$15,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-The Fra Stable LLC. T-Kris Hinchcliff. D-Chris Page, \$2,640 Calls: 5, 2, 1, 1T, 1Q - Finish Order: Astreo's Love, Fancy Creek Elusiv, My Buddy Ninkster, Freedomformysoul, Heza Thrill N, Granite, Vague Traces

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THE MEADOWS report

Saturday's Results:

4, Mea, \$20,000, T, *PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1-6 DRAWN; 7-9 DRAWN, 28.1, 58.2, 1:26.2, 1:55.0, FT

1-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, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 124-35-34-17, \$457,697

2-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, \$5,000

3-Nothinbutanallstar (g, 6, Allstar Hall--Gia Hall, by Garland Lobell) O-Lester Raber. B-Gary D Graber & Dale R Wittmer. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Brady Brown, \$2,400

Calls: 3, 3, 3, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Tsm Photo Bugger, Tricky Nick, Show Ticket, Well Spiced, Cantab Lindy, Angels Ransom

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WOODBINE report

Friday's Results:

2, Wdb, \$39,400, P, SNOWSHOE - FINAL - 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS. NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016, 27.2, 56.3, 1:25, 1:53

1-Awesomeness (b,g,4 - Mach Three-Fancy A Dream-Camluck)

O-Martin Scharf B-Norman & Julie Keyes T-Ryan Maxwell D-Douglas McNair, \$19,700, Lifetime Record: 14-8-5-0, \$104,300

2-Lyons Sands (b,g,4 - Somebeachsomewhere-Ozmopolitan-Artsplace) O-Geoffrey Lyons Mound B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Bruce Goit D-Bradley Harris

3-Big Yellow (br,g,4 - Big Jim-Up N Coming-Artsplace) O-Wallacestandardbreds Inc, James Geis, Jeffery Ruch, Madigan Ruch B-Benjamin Wallace, Jeffrey Ruch T-Benjamin Wallace D-James MacDonald

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7, Wdb, \$37,600, P, BLIZZARD - FINAL - 3 & 4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES. NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016, 26.4, 55.2, 1:24.3, 1:54.3

1-Xelene Bayama (br,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Westwin Breeze-Western Hanover) O-Bayama Farms Inc, Zoom And Fish Stable Inc B-Zoom and Fish Stable Inc T-Stephane Larocque D-Richard Zeron, \$18,800, Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$31,235

2-Jimbelina (b,m,4 - Big Jim-Buddys Gal-Bettors Delight) O-Roland Trudel B-Karry Howard T-Rene Bourassa D-Sylvain Filion

3-Senseless Beauty (b,m,4 - Vintage Master-Ms Ladyshark-Four Starzzz Shark) O-Let It Ride Stables Inc, Dana Parham B-Robert Burgess T-Tony O'Sullivan D-Douglas McNair

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8, Wdb, \$22,000, P, FILLIES & MARES NW \$17,500 LAST 5 STARTS OR \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$110,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$35,000, 28, 57.1, 1:24.1, 1:53.1

1-Bernadette (b,m,4 - Big Jim-Matilda-Artiscape) O-David Kryway, Ronald Adams B-Ronald Mersky T-Ronald Adams D-Douglas McNair, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 35-6-7-5, \$133,700

2-Wanda Bayama (b,m,5 - Western Ideal-Joyce Bayama-Run The Table) O-Bayama Farms Inc B-Bayama Farms Inc T-Stephane Larocque D-Sylvain Filion

3-Kiwi Focus N (b,m,7 - Jeremes Jet-Kiwi Summer-Miles Mccool) O-Albina Montini, Kwong Sum Low, Vincent Albanese, Joseph Rogers B-A S Donaldson T-Anthony Montini D-Phillip Hudon

- **9, Wdb, \$30,000, P,** FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED, 27.2, 55.2, 1:23.2, 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: 61-24-9-6, \$832,722
- **2-P L Hurricane** (b,m,6 Jeremes Jet-Taylorlane Action-Village Jiffy) O-David Brown B-Onlineharnessowner Com 17 T-David Brown D-Randall Waples
- **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, \$20,000, P,** 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 5 RACES OR \$92,000 LIFETIME, 27, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:52.2
- 1-Jimmy Be Good (b,g,5 Art Colony-Jos Peach Pie-Northern Luck)
 O-Percy Elkins B-Candice Morel T-Carmen Auciello D-Douglas
 McNair, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 69-16-7-3, \$96,680
- **2-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-Richard Zeron
- **3-P L Jackson** (b,h,4 Mach Three-Kg Katriona-Jennas Beach Boy) O-Travis Cullen, Jodie Cullen B-Prince Lee Acres T-Travis Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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- **3, Wdb, \$34,000, P, PREFERRED, 26.4, 55.4, 1:23.1, 1:51**
- 1-Jins Shark (b,g,6 Four Starzzz Shark-Gordons Jin Ms-Real Artist)
 O-Aaron Waxman B-Craiq Mc Evoy T-David Menary D-James

MacDonald, \$17,000, Lifetime Record: 75-14-11-14, \$208,449

- **2-American Virgin** (b,g,5 Always A Virgin-Flyfly Judith-Presidential Ball) O-Bradley Grant B-Ohio State Ati T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair
- **3-J Js Delivery** (b,g,5 Jeremes Jet-Table For Seven-Artsplace) O-David Glazer, Robert McMillan B-Robert Hamather T-Robert McMillan D-Travis Cullen

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- **5, 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, 26.2, 55.4, 1:24.1, 1:52.1
- 1-Nirvana Seelster (b,g,6 Camluck-No Strikes Against-Western

Hanover) O-Bruce Davy B-Seelster Farms Inc T-William Budd D-Richard Zeron, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 118-25-15-21, \$546,756

- **2-The Wayfaring Man** (b,g,5 Dragon Again-Armbro Wichita-Western Hanover) O-Bruno Comegna B-98 Degree Farm, Midland Acres T-Nicky Comegna D-Michael Saftic
- **3-Sportsmanship** (b,g,5 Sportswriter-Lady D M-D M Dilinger) O-Stephen Klunowski, Auciello Stables B-Parkinson Farms T-Carmen Auciello D-Douglas McNair

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- **9, Wdb, \$25,000, P,** NW \$21,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$55,000. AE: NW \$140,000 LIFETIME, 27.3, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:53.2
- **1-Domethatagain (br,h,8 Bettors Delight-Road Sign-Life Sign)**O-Allard Racing Inc, Rene Allard, Robert Hamather, Bruce Soulsby
 B-White Birch Farm T-Rene Allard D-Louis Philippe Roy, \$12,500,
 Lifetime Record: 115-26-21-17, \$1,154,775



ANOTHER WINNER FROM WHITE BIRCH FARM, 2012 & 2013 BREEDER OF THE YEAR





PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling Sale Graduate

- **2-Traceur Hanover** (b,h,5 Western Ideal-Transference-Camluck)
 O-Richard Berthiaume B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Richard Moreau
 D-Sylvain Flion
- **3-Mr Carrotts** (b,g,5 Mach Three-Cueless-Run The Table) O-Melvyn Varcoe B-Melvyn Varcoe T-Murray Brethour D-Jack Moiseyev *To watch the race replay click here*

YONKERS report

Friday's Results:

- **7, YR, \$45,000, P,** F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-7 ASSIGNED, 27.3, 57.1, 1:25.2, 1:54.1, FT
- **1-Set Me Up (m, 8, Shark Gesture--Moccasin Flight, by Run The Table)** O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC. B-Gregory G Drew, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$22,500, Lifetime Record: 126-33-25-15, \$510,855
- **2-Bedroomconfessions** (m, 5, American Ideal--Turnoffthelights, by Jenna's Beach Boy) O-Riverview Racing LLC & Alagna Racing LLC. B-Riverview Farms & Tony P Alagna & Minisink Farms LLC. T-Tony Alagna. D-Scott Zeron, \$11,250
- **3-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, \$5,400

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, H - Finish Order: Hidden Land, Empress Deo, Regil Elektra, Bettor N Better

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- **8, 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, 27.2, 57.1, 1:26.3, 1:55.3, FT
- **1-Caviart Cari Ann (m, 5, Sportswriter--Caviart Cameron, by Western Hanover)** O-Howard A Taylor & Abraham N Basen. B-Caviart Farms. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 62-15-11-10, \$144,978
- **2-Albany Girl** (m, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Twin B Beachbaby, by The Panderosa), \$55,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Mark S Ford. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Mark Ford. D-Matt Kakaley, \$4,500
- **3-Dune In Red** (m, 7, Duneside Perch--She Has The Look, by Jate Lobell), \$7,700 2011 ILL-CL O-Hero Stables. B-Fair Meadow Farm. T-Robert Krivelin. D-Tyler Buter, \$2,160

Calls: 6, 6Q, 3Q, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Angel Or Terror, Millwood Faith N, Chilled Desire A, Keene Olivia, Narcian Jewel

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, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:55.0, 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: 132-22-20-26, \$396,734



ANOTHER WINNER FROM WHITE BIRCH FARM, 2012 & 2013 BREEDER OF THE YEAR





PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Bazooka Terror (m, 8, Western Terror--Lucky Liz, by Dragon Again), \$4,500 2010 SHS-HBG O-Jonathan H Newman. B-Perfect World Enterprises. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$4,500

3-Deuces For Charity (m, 6, Armbro 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, \$2,160 Calls: 3Q, 5T, 1, 1, H - Finish Order: Fanticipation, Alhambra, Carobbean Pacetry, Strings, Icommandmyspirit

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10, **YR**, **\$26,000**, **P**, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$25,800 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.3, 57.0, 1:25.2, 1:54.1, FT

1-Arielle Lynn (m, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Ladyking, by Cam's Card Shark), \$50,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Francis H Azur. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Kevin Mc Dermott. D-Scott Zeron, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 34-10-3-5, \$129,421

A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY. THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

2-Delightful Dragon (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Little Miss Dragon, by Dragon Again) O-Noel M Daley. B-Adam Victor & Son Stble LLC. T-Noel Daley. D-Matt Kakaley, \$6,500

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, \$3,120 Calls: 5T, 7Q, 2H, 2Q, NK - Finish Order: Certified Ideal, So Nice, Jaclyn Hanover, Truth And Liberty, Velocity Vespa

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Saturday's Results:

1, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.1, 57.1, 1:25.0, 1:53.2, FT

1-Bullet Bob (g, 8, Tell All--Erasable Art, by Artsplace) O-Fox Hollow Farm. B-Fox Hollow Farm. T-Mark Harder. D-Brent Holland, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 164-34-24-16, \$411,455

2-Theartofconfusion A (g, 7, Riverboat King--Theartofillusion, by Perfect Art) O-Saddle Rock Stables. B-K L Cotterill, AS & F Ibraimi, AS & B A Carter, AS & G A Jackson, AS. T-Jeffrey Smith. D-Scott Zeron, \$4,500

3-Machtu N (g, 7, Mach Three--Letatalk, by Holmes Hanover) O-Nick Surick Stable LLC & Kdm Stables Corp.. B-J M Davie, NZ & D J & P T Cummings, NZ. T-Nick Surick. D-Steve Smith, \$2,160 Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, HD, NS - Finish Order: Pass Them By N, Rancousy, Reasonable Force, Rollin Ring Afire

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2, YR, \$18,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 29.0, 59.1, 1:28.4, 1:58.3, FT **1-Zooming (g, 9, Classic Photo--Merit Lane, by Lindy Lane),** \$15,000

2009 LEX-SEL O-Stephen E Oldford & Gene Oldford Farms LLC & Tyler L Buter. B-Brittany Farms. T-Amber Buter. D-Tyler Buter, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 194-50-34-25, \$892,078

Another BRITTANY FARMS Bred Winner!

A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.

2-Lucky Colby (g, 7, Jailhouse Jesse--Royal Two, by Royal Troubador), \$33,000 2011 IN-PREM O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Keith Ross. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, \$4,500

3-Clementine Dream (m, 7, Infinitif--Catch Fortuna, by Speedy Crown), \$27,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Racing Team Of America. B-Reve Avec Moi Dreamwithme, CA. T-Mark Harder. D-Scott Zeron, \$2,160 Calls: 4H, 5H, 2Q, NS, 2H - Finish Order: Jacks To Open, Zorgwijk Nova, Sim Brown, Pop I, Rockin With Dewey

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3, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.2, 58.0, 1:26.2, 1:54.3, FT

1-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-Scott Zeron, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 100-26-21-13, \$463,660

2-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, \$4,500

3-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, \$2,160 Calls: 1H, 2, 2, 1H, NS - Finish Order: J T, Justice My Way, Chucaro Acero Bc, Moonwriter, Sportskeeper



4, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.4, 58.0, 1:26.0, 1:54.1, FT

1-Bettor Rock On N (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Jingle Belle Rock, by Caprock) O-William A Hartt. B-Paul Yesberg, NZ & R & A Hemingway, NZ. T-Heidi Rohr. D-Scott Zeron, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 96-23-12-16, \$267,494

A RECENT Tattersalls MIXED SALE GRADUATE!



PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Big N Bad (g, 7, Badlands Hanover--Just Sassy, by Northern Luck), \$22,000 2011 ASHA O-Vincent J Laurenzo. B-William E Andrew, CA. T-G Buzzy Sholty. D-George Brennan, \$4,500

3-Mike's Powerhouse (g, 5, Camluck--Michelle's Jackpot, by Artsplace) O-P T Stable. B-Jeffrey S Snyder. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1H, T, T, NK - Finish Order: Macintosh N, American Venture, Killer Martini, Here We Go Again, Masterson

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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., 27.4, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:53.1, FT

1-Vegas Vacation (g, 7, Bettor's Delight--Don't You Smile, by Grinfromeartoear), \$32,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-West Wins Stable, CA & Anthony B Beaton, CA. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 43-13-16-2, \$1,139,022

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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-Pier Ho Temptation (g, 5, Mach Three--Tempting Delight, by Artsplace), \$8,500 2013 FOREST O-Brenda M Messenger & Scott D Woogen. B-Pascale Houle, CA & Jean Pierre Houle. T-Gary Messenger. D-George Brennan, \$2,160

Calls: NS, 1H, 1H, 2, 1T - Finish Order: Flem N Em N, Beachy Dream, Escape The News, The Spy, Diamond Cowboy

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6, YR, \$45,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 28.3, 58.3, 1:27.2, 1:55.3, FT

1-Allerage Star (m, 5, Angus Hall--Starry Eyed, by Muscles Yankee), \$18,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Little E LLC & Arthur S Geiger & David M Stolz & Jason M Settlemoir. B-Little E LLC. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller, \$22,500, Lifetime Record: 55-17-10-6, \$384,462

2-Rock Of Cashel (h, 7, Majestic Son--Fighting Irish, by Southwind Lustre) O-Joseph V Jannuzzelli & Jeffery E Ruch, CA. B-Alan J Richardson, IR. T-Mark Harder. D-Scott Zeron, \$11,250

3-Springbank Sam N (g, 10, Sondon--Niamey, by Chiola Hanover) O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-T G Casey, NZ & K M Barron, NZ & G S Allen, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton, \$5,400 Calls: 2, 2, 2, 2, 2 - Finish Order: Dot Dot Dot Dash, Hemi Seelster, Military Blue, Lily's Swan Pond, Tweet Me

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7, YR, \$45,000, P, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 26.4, 55.4, 1:24.4, 1:52.4, FT

1-Somewhere In L A (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--West Of L A, by Western Hanover) O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone & T L P Stable & The Gandolfo Stables. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & C S X Stables & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-Richard Banca. D-Matt Kakaley, \$22,500, Lifetime Record: 84-24-14-9, \$926.456

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-Caviart Luca (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Caviart Sierra, by Western Hanover) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Caviart Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$5,400

Calls: NS, 1T, T, T, NK - Finish Order: Roland N Rock, Givenupdreaming, Lucan Hanover, Milliondollar Wave, First Class Horse

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8, YR, \$35,000, P, PREFERRED HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 27.1, 56.0, 1:23.4, 1:53.1, FT

1-Sports Bettor (g, 5, Sportswriter--Shellys Delight, by Bettor's Delight) O-Verrazano Stables LLC. B-Frank Gentile. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Matt Kakaley, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 67-15-13-12, \$294,474



PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Limelight Beach (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Benear, by Badlands Hanover), \$25,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & M1 Stable LLC & Wingfield Brothers LLC. B-Gregory J Martin, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$8,750 **3-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, \$4,200 Calls: 9, 6, 4H, 3H, NS - Finish Order: Guantanamo Bay, Phil Your Boots, Blood Brother, City Hall, Bettor's Edge



9, YR, \$22,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.4, 56.0, 1:24.0, 1:52.1, FT

1-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-Jason Bartlett, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 152-30-28-21, \$365,377

2-Cowboy Terrier (g, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Wild West Show, by Western Hanover) O-Howard A Taylor. B-Raymond W Schnittker & Charles V Iannazzo. T-Richard Banca. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,500

3-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, \$2,640 Calls: 4H, 6Q, 3, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Class Six, Mariner Seelster, American Rage, Western Rockstar A, Pappy's Pal

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10, **YR**, **\$22,000**, **P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 26.3, 55.2, 1:24.4, 1:54.1, FT

1-Oh Jonny B Good N (g, 6, Mach Three--Maikona, by Sokys Atom)O-Ricky A Bucci. B-G M & Mrs J J Bowen, NZ. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Jordan Stratton, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 55-18-6-10, \$147,317

2-Keystone Honor (r, 6, Bettor's Delight--Heavenly Killean, by Astreos), \$2,500 2012 SHS-HBG O-Latz A Luck Stable. B-Estate Of George F Hempt Trust. T-Dennis J Laterza. D-George Brennan, \$5.500

3-Border Control A (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Contrapan, by Artsplace) O-Howard A Taylor & Andrew M Herzog & Eric A Prevost. B-Farquharson Pty LTD, AS. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,640

Calls: 4T, 7, 4T, 3H, H - Finish Order: Don'tcallmefrancis, Gibson Blue Chip, Orillia Joe, Theseyesrcrying, Ricimer A

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11, YR, \$35,000, T, PREFERRED HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1&2 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 3-8 DRAWN, 28.2, 58.1, 1:27.0, 1:55.3, FT 1-Newcastle (g, 5, Cantab Hall--Blushed, by Mr Lavec), \$50,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Andiamo Racing Stable. B-Christine A Czernyson. T-Cad Gregory. D-Daniel Dube, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 52-16-6-6, \$215,868

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2-Crazy About Pat (g, 7, Crazed--Dibrizzi, by Malabar Man) O-Patricia Stable. B-Harvey F Fried & Patricia Stable. T-Noel Daley. D-Jason Bartlett, \$8,750

3-Sumatra (g, 6, Muscles Yankee--Lola Seelster, by Credit Winner), \$9,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Joseph E Smith. B-Perretti Farms & Black Horse Racing. T-Tom Fanning. D-Jordan Stratton, \$4,200 Calls: 2Q, 2, 1T, 2, NK - Finish Order: Opulent Yankee, Lou Man, Xtatic Hanover, Summers Windsong, Uva Hanover

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12, YR, \$26,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.3, 1:53.0, FT

1-Sapphire City (g, 9, Metropolitan--Spectre Almahurst, by Justin Passing), \$27,000 2009 BRDS-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Bruscemi LLC & M1 Stable LLC. B-John P Hurtgen. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 232-53-43-18, \$1,293,617

2-In The Huddle (g, 5, American Ideal--Miss Two Pack, by Artiscape) O-Bigshow Racing Stable. B-Perry Racing Stable LLC. T-Joseph De Carlo. D-Jordan Stratton, \$6,500

3-Beat The Drum (g, 6, Tell All--Pop Diva, by Western Ideal), \$17,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Glen Goller. B-Brittany Farms. T-Keith Armer. D-Mark Macdonald, \$3,120

Calls: 1T, 1T, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Casimir Jitterbug, Lord Of Misrule, Bettorever, Sweet Talkin Satin, Badiou Hanover

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