

**Sunday, February 12, 2017**

## Five questions for USTA presidential candidates

*Freddie Hudson, Ryan Macedonio, Joe Pennacchio, Jason Settlemoir  
and Russell Williams tackle some of the biggest issues facing the sport.*

compiled by Bill Finley



Can't make up your mind who you will vote for or support for the presidency of the United States Trotting Association (USTA)? Maybe this will help. Harness Racing Update (HRU) asked each of the five candidates — Freddie Hudson, Ryan Macedonio, Joe Pennacchio, Jason Settlemoir and Russell Williams — to give their answers to five questions that cover some of the more important issues facing the sport.

USTA directors will elect a new president on Feb. 27 at the Association's annual meeting in Las Vegas. For more information, please see:

<http://www.ustrotting.com/usta-elections.cfm>

### The questions:

1. Do you believe the industry should do more to market sport and, if so, who should pay for it?
2. How serious do you believe the problem of illegal drugs is in the sport and what can or should be done to combat it?
3. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the sport's future? Why?
4. While the USTA is not a commissioner's office, some believe it should take a greater role in leading and promoting the sport. Has the USTA done all that it can for the betterment of the sport? In what areas would you like to see it do more?
5. Aside from a lack of marketing and drug issues, what do you think is harness racing's biggest problem and what should be done about it?

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### FREDDIE HUDSON

**1. Do you believe the industry should do more to market sport and, if so, who should pay for it?**

"We need to substantially fix our

product/sport before we can effectively market it. I can spend an hour on this one question. On-track racing is repetitive with long wait-times between races, there's no entertainment or live drivers/trainers/horses to interact with, and suffers from a general lack of excitement. The atmosphere in many racetracks is not conducive to an evening out experience, particularly for couples and/or families. Often, the upkeep of the restaurants and facilities is lacking in comparison with other venues and can be relatively deserted in terms of attendance. An improved betting system, fans closer to the race and paddocks for viewing, interesting food choices and possibly tailgates and specialty-nights. The facilities need upscale outdoor patios and seating that encourages patrons to get away from a proliferation of indoor monitor watching. We'll need faster action on the track and entertainment indoors, such as live music. Our current product, unfortunately, is nearly the same as it was 30 years ago. Our fans have pretty much left us and we now have to develop a new fan base and bring some of the ones back who have left us. In order to fix the product/sport, we are going to need the cooperation of the racing commissions, racetracks, owners, trainers, drivers, journalists, judges, veterinarians, officials, horsemen associations, and everyone involved in the sport. We have to do a complete overhaul and re-invent our sport from the race itself, including the on-track and the on-line experience. After we fix the sport/product we can address how to pay for the marketing of the sport. We will have to tap into the casino money to assist in the marketing and hopefully fixing the sport would generate other sources of revenue through increased betting, charging admissions for special events including parking, and possibly open up a door to selling merchandise. It would be good to see harness horses on ads on buses and subways. It would be interesting to bring the sport to the people by adopting Europe's approach of ad-hoc,

two-horse races in the heart of a city or in a town. These races offer unlimited possibilities for close viewing by fans and people who have never seen harness racing, with the true excitement that horse racing is. I have spoken with a CEO of one of the most successful worldwide marketing companies who is ready to assist us. I also have a strategic planner available to put together a one-year, two-year and five-year plan for the USTA."

**2. How serious do you believe the problem of illegal drugs is in the sport and what can or should be done to combat it?**

"The problem of illegal drugs and the bearded trainers is a significant problem and it does fall into the category of fixing our product/sport. We have to stop it. Currently our penalties are too light. We also need to hold the owners responsible when a horse comes back positive. I know of too many owners that have moved a horse to a trainer knowing that the trainer drugs his horses. My initial thoughts on this is to change our licensing policies to applicants agreeing to arbitration in a dispute, an added fine that would increase

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with more drug positives, and the possibility of a lifetime ban and criminal charges being filed. This issue and all others will be developed into a strategic plan with collaboration.”

### **3. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the sport's future? Why?**

“I see two futures for our sport. If we continue on our current path, we will pretty much be out of business within five years. I do not think that our sport is going to entirely disappear and stop altogether, but, it will be of a much smaller scale and probably only have short race meets, fair racing, and the Grand Circuit racing at fairs and some tracks. It will be similar to as it was in the 1930s. The other future I see is new fans coming out to the harness races with our races focused as events. I see the new fans paying to attend our events. There are many event-themed ideas to bring our fans out to the tracks and also to have them betting on-line.”

### **4. While the USTA is not a commissioner's office, some believe it should take a greater role in leading and promoting the sport. Has the USTA done all that it can for the betterment of the sport? In what areas would you like to see it do more?**

“I have attended the steeplechase races in Northern Virginia. They have these races every weekend in the spring and fall. I am amazed at the attendance – the places are packed. At the smaller events, they have 5,000 – 10,000 people and at the bigger events over 50,000 people – all paying \$30 for parking and \$40 per person for general admission and others paying thousands of dollars for VIP

sections. The tailgating is very big and that gave me an idea to have a Tailgate at the Track event. The USTA has never had the required financial resources to do large-scale marketing. When you take that into consideration they have done an excellent job in promoting the sport with the limited amount of resources available to them. After we fix our product, we need a national commercial promoting our sport in the targeted markets of our country that have harness racing. We also need to have our Hambletonian as our flagship race on a network broadcast station such as NBC, CBS, ABC or FOX. Other races that need to be promoted are the Yonkers International Trot, The Meadowlands Pace, The Breeders Crown, The Grand Circuit and all six of our Triple Crown races. We also need to continue using other marketing sources that are available to us, including social media and print ads.”

### **5. Aside from a lack of marketing and drug issues, what do you think is harness racing's biggest problem and what should be done about it?**

“It comes back to the fact that we have to fix our product. We also have a horse shortage, with breeding in decline. I feel if we fix our product we will, in turn, fix half of all of our other problems, and more people will want to be in the industry. A substantial benchmark of our business is financial success and what level of revenues we can reach in implementing changes. We will assess how effective funding is from casinos, in purses, in fan betting, and in all other aspects to determine what works the best. Our collective livelihoods depend on this planning and action. We will need

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### RYAN MACEDONIO

**1. Do you believe the industry should do more to market sport and, if so, who should pay for it?**

"I think that marketing shouldn't be a cost. We

should have long-term goals in place to add different revenue streams so that we aren't pulling from our pockets. Our advertising, promotions, and commercial space do not bring in nearly enough as it should. All track websites and broadcast can be renovated to include a better home for outside advertising. We cannot continue to advertise among ourselves without advertising to the world beyond harness racing. There is not enough data to determine advertising rates. We need to learn how many consumers we have watching our product, which can translate into a definitive Ad Rate that we can search out."

**2. How serious do you believe the problem of illegal drugs is in the sport and what can or should be done to combat it?**

"I'm unsure if you mean banned substances or drugs that are legal but administered in an illegal time window close to

the race. Drugs will always be a problem in every sport. The public perception isn't as harsh as it used to be. Nowadays you see football players being shot up with Toradol at halftime and the media barely blinks an eye. The younger generation isn't as outraged about Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds allegedly using Human Growth Hormone. Andy Pettitte sobs and says that he's sorry and all is forgiven. We are too small of an industry to try and go outside of the box or innovate in anyway, so I suggest we follow what tests are already in place and make sure that all of the procedures are carried out in the most effective way. This includes transfers and retrieval in the paddock. I would like to hope that we can figure out a way to put aside money to further research, but we can't go about that alone. I think reaching out to other sports and joining their cause would be the best method."

**3. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the sport's future? Why?**

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do anything, nothing will happen. I force change and I work towards positive behavior. I do not hope or wish. I am not superstitious. There hasn't been one thing in my life that has happened, positive or negative, that I couldn't find a chain of events to lead to that result. I'm going to fight for what I believe in and I'm not going away."

**4. While the USTA is not a commissioner's office, some believe it should take a greater role in leading and promoting the sport. Has the USTA done all that it can for the betterment of the sport? In what areas would you like to see it do more?**

"I don't know if the USTA has done all that it can, mostly because I believe that their actions haven't been made public enough. We can all use a good dose of transparency, pull back the curtain, and see what really goes on. A quick example, we have recently had district meetings discussing rule changes, yet there were no discussion reports or any media coverage. Just short press releases saying which rules what accepted, tabled, or rejected. No acknowledgment of which directors sided where and what the actual talking points were. How can the membership elect a proper district representative when they can't find info on how their elected directors voted or their stance on each issue? This is the world we live in now, people want more info and data. Speaking of data, I think Pathway needs to be seriously evaluated as a free service, or at least offer different subscription packages."

**5. Aside from a lack of marketing and drug issues, what do you think is harness racing's biggest problem and what**

**should be done about it?**

"The biggest problem in harness racing is the complacency and apathy towards innovation along with the failure in cultivating the younger generation into fans, drivers, trainers, vets, breeders, administrators, USTA Directors, Horseman's Reps, etc, etc. etc."



### JOE PENNACCHIO

**1. Do you believe the industry should do more to market sport and, if so, who should pay for it?**

"Quite obviously, the answer is 'yes.' It is very

important to create a revenue stream dedicated solely to the marketing of our sport. I have a track record of doing this several times in the past with some of the nation's leading retailers."

**2. How serious do you believe the problem of illegal drugs is in the sport and what can or should be done to combat it?**

"It is serious, no doubt. Let's not be naïve about this. Other sports have taken notice and have serious penalties with relation to the problem. We can follow their lead and improve on them. Personally, my stand is that there is no room for illicit drugs in sport, especially one where the public's trust is paramount."

**3. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the sport's future? Why?**

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"Of course, I am optimistic. That is why I am seeking the USTA Presidency. I am hoping my enthusiasm will rub off on the naysayers. This is a grand sport with both human and equine athletes as participants. There are no prejudices in this sport. Whether you are a man or woman, whether you are 16 or 97, as Leo Burns was when he won a race a few years ago. This is a grand sport for all. If I weren't optimistic, I wouldn't have spent money at the recent sale to add to my stable and I certainly wouldn't be engaged in the sport as an amateur driver. With proper, enthusiastic leadership, hard work and programs designed to attract new fans and owners, there is, no doubt, that this sport can reach higher plateaus of success."

**4. While the USTA is not a commissioner's office, some believe it should take a greater role in leading and promoting the sport. Has the USTA done all that it can for the betterment of the sport? In what areas would you like to see it do more?**

"Look, there has never been any successful company that

has 'rested on its laurels,' so to speak. Great companies and great organizations continually strive for new plateaus of success. So, to answer your question, the USTA has not done all it can for the betterment of the sport simply because there is always progress that should lie ahead. Again, that is where the creation of a viable revenue stream comes into play. I have the time, energy and will to do that."

**5. Aside from a lack of marketing and drug issues, what do you think is harness racing's biggest problem and what should be done about it?**

"The biggest problem is lack of cooperation from all sides of the fence — from track owners with attached casinos to the technological advances provided to the bettor so they do not have to come to the track to make a wager. Lotteries, even with their 50 per cent take-outs, simulcasting, cable television, cell phones and attrition as our fans age and pass on, are just a few of the situations that face our sport. New programs targeting the younger generation are a must and we need leadership that will embrace the future, not fear it."

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### JASON SETTLEMOIR

**1. Do you believe the industry should do more to market sport and, if so, who should pay for it?**

"Yes. I believe that we have to spend more time

and money focused on marketing our sport. Most outside of our sport do not even know harness racing even exists. We must all work together locally, regionally, and nationally to let people know we exist as a gambling sport. I believe that all shareholders including racetracks and horsemen need to step to the plate to work on an equitable marketing plan between industry stakeholders. We need to take five per cent of the gaming money and form a major marketing effort if we are to have any chance of a long-term future."

**2. How serious do you believe the problem of illegal drugs is in the sport and what can or should be done to combat it?**

"This is the first issue we need to combat! We need a system that works between the regulatory bodies that has the same types of rules and enforcement. I believe that we need to be effective in out-of-competition testing in all jurisdictions, as well. If done correctly, out-of-competition testing can be our biggest asset against those that try to skate the rules."

**3. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the sport's future? Why?**

"I am a glass half-full type of guy; I am never done until it's completely over. I believe that we need realistic and attainable goals and we need to stop the bleeding and start to rebuild the fundamental building blocks from the ground up. We did not get here overnight and Rome was not built in a day; it's going to take a lot of time and effort but I believe with the right tools in place we can move the needle back in the right direction. We must focus on creating new fans while keeping our current fan base happy. It is also critical to recruit prospective owners that will eventually evolve into customers for the yearling breeders. A modern approach through social media is an important component of this initiative, along with fractional ownership programs and much, much more."

**4. While the USTA is not a commissioner's office, some believe it should take a greater role in leading and promoting the sport. Has the USTA done all that it can for the betterment of the sport? In what areas would you like to see it do more?**

"I believe the USTA has met its core mandate over the years and the employees of the USTA are some of the hardest-working individuals I have ever met, with a great passion for our sport. I also believe that the USTA can do more – a new mission statement, a new vision, and our objectives need to be updated. With a new leader these issues should be tackled with input from the staff of the USTA and the executive board. We must begin thinking that the USTA is more than a record keeping organization. The USTA, in my opinion, is uniquely positioned to once again lead us in the right direction."

**5. Aside from a lack of marketing and drug issues, what do you think is harness racing's biggest problem and what should be done about it?**

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"We don't understand our customer (the gambler) and their wants and needs. I believe we must get our customer into meetings with the USTA and listen to their logical ideas and if it makes sense try to implement. Without understanding this customer we will never succeed again."



### RUSSELL WILLIAMS

#### 1. Do you believe the industry should do more to market sport and, if so, who should pay for it?

"Marketing includes market research, sales

strategy, public relations, advertising and social media, customer support, and community involvement. The USTA has done foundational work in all these areas. Tracks, horsemen and breeders have also done considerable work on marketing. These efforts take place on the local, or track level, and the national, or USTA level. We are progressing pretty rapidly towards a unified and comprehensive marketing strategy that incorporates best practices at all levels. It has to be paid for somehow, so we're constantly debating how to fund it all. The better the plan, though, the easier it will be to get its components funded. Common sense tells us that a specific track and its horsemen (in some appropriate ratio) should pay for marketing specific to that track, while more general costs should be borne by regional or national entities. Where the USTA comes in, I think, is in harmonizing all the moving parts and getting us to that comprehensive marketing strategy and making sure that it is executed well. We're already working towards that, and the USTA is paying for its role in the process. I don't think there's a lack of marketing at all. We're just in the phase of assembling it, revving it up, and making it work."

#### 2. How serious do you believe the problem of illegal drugs is in the sport and what can or should be done to combat it?

"Doping shows up even in today's most sacred sport program of all: the Olympics. Who knows, maybe Coroebus, who was a cook, had a jug of wine before winning the 192-meter run in 776 B.C.E. This is a serious problem, but I think we're combating it effectively. In fact, we've arrived at a good coordination of national and local activities as described in my answer to the marketing question. The USTA

monitors and, in certain instances, funds general medication research. The racing commissions conduct testing and apply their rules to obtain compliance. The USTA also plays a role of communicating best practices. Two things should get done as soon as possible. First, out-of-competition testing has tremendous (and obvious) value, and the commissions to put it into effect. Second, penalties should be extended in appropriate cases to owners, where they are complicit in violations. Both the first and the second things would go far to eliminate the use of rogue, unlicensed trainers in order to circumvent the authority of the commissions."

#### 3. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the sport's future? Why?

"Easy one: optimistic. When dealing with the popular taste, you tend to have slow downturns but, if you can make them happen, dramatic upturns. I saw a great talk on TED.com recently about classical music. Their marketing experts said that classical music could achieve an increase from about three per cent of the population to four per cent. But the

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evolving efforts to promote classical music are seeing much more dramatic increases, at least so far on the local level. If something is good, and people like it, it can beat expectations. Horse racing is good, people like horses, and if we keep developing our contact with the culture, we'll see surprisingly good results."

**4. While the USTA is not a commissioner's office, some believe it should take a greater role in leading and promoting the sport. Has the USTA done all that it can for the betterment of the sport? In what areas would you like to see it do more?**

"The USTA is a customer service organization. The membership and other segments of the sport use a simple, but effective, method to determine what our role is: they pay for it. Everything the sport has asked us to do over the years we've done extremely well. Harness racing is fortunate to have such an asset; in fact, maybe we've been too busy with everything else to stop and communicate our successes. I'm very happy with what's on our agenda right now. I would

change this first: I'd like to see every one of our 60 directors function at his or her maximum productivity. There's considerable untapped potential on our board."

**5. Aside from a lack of marketing and drug issues, what do you think is harness racing's biggest problem and what should be done about it?**

"Our biggest problem is history. The horse has been passing out of the public consciousness for a century. For example, about 268,000 left here for Europe when the U.S. got into World War One. How many of those horses do you suppose came back? In that conflict, motorized transport defeated equine transport once and for all. The solution, to paraphrase one of our greatest Presidents, is to be the change we'd like to see in the world. People still have a natural love for and interest in horses."

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## **Harness racing has changed, but its people never will**

*How Sam McKee's illness is yet another reminder of how great a game this is.*

I thought about something this week; something that feels like it is from a lifetime ago.

On various Saturday mornings as a boy in Northern Canada I would find myself bundled up, sitting in the back of an old beater of a pickup, with a half-dozen or so other kids. We were going door-to-door collecting bottles on a bottle drive; the proceeds of which would go to the only church in the immediate area. It needed cash to keep the lights on, and was always looking for a few dollars to help those in need.

The man behind the wheel of the truck was Father Les Costello.

Father Les was a member of the 1948 Stanley Cup Champion Toronto Maple Leafs, but quickly returned home to dedicate his life to his calling. He worked 24/7 for the community and its people, regardless of their religious affiliation. He delivered a donated stove to the 77-year-old lady who was cooking only in a crock pot. He brought food to the family whose breadwinner just lost their job. He started the "Flying Fathers" hockey team to raise money for charity. If you were down and out, he was there.

Perhaps the pinnacle anecdote of Father Les was the fact that we were sitting in the back of an old pickup on this cold and snowy morning not because we had to. No, the community bought him a brand new truck, but he asked if he could sell the vehicle back because others could better use the money.

When Father Costello asked for help, your parents asked you to help. You got in the back of the truck and went to work.

Although a few of us were Catholic – and a couple of those, like in my case, were of the non-practicing variety (i.e. we didn't go to church much, if at all) – most of the kids weren't. This hodge-podge assortment – the non-religious, the new East-Indian boy who just arrived in town, the girl whose parents would make a long drive to the United church each Sunday – were all there because as a community that's

who we were and that's what we did.

Last week I was reminded – for what seems like the umpteenth time – that despite the big changes that have gone on in the world since my bottle drive escapades, today, it isn't a whole lot different in the sport of harness racing.

When word of Sam McKee's stroke hit the community, you could hear a pin drop. An entire industry had a sick feeling in the pits of their stomachs. After the initial shock – and answers to everyone's question, "will Sam be okay?" started to filter in – on came the accolades. If I had a dollar for every time I saw, or heard, "Sam is one of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet", I'd be rich.

Then – as we've seen so often in this sport, whether it is barn fires, personal tragedy, sickness, or family trouble – everyone's question became "what can I do to help?"

A [GoFund Me page](#) was created for Sam, and the sharing started. After seeing an initial \$1,000 or \$2,000 raised, I was happy to see that just a few hours later there was \$40,000, then \$60,000, then north of \$140,000 (where it stands today).

Reading a [GoFund Me page](#) tells you a lot about a person, and a community. Some pages are filled with messages so real and heartfelt that if you don't tear up reading them, you might want to check if you're still alive. Sam's page is one of them.

*'I knew you were a Hall of Famer the day you first walked into Raceway Park those 30-plus years ago.... \$100'*

*'Sam and your beautiful family we are sending you all our prayers..... \$150'*

*'Get well soon and get back to the track where you belong.... \$200'*

*'Keeping you in my daily prayers. You have more friends and fans than you could ever know... \$100'*

*'Wishing a speedy recovery to one of the nicest and classiest men I've ever had the pleasure of knowing.... \$125'*

And on, and on and on.

More than 560 individual donations have been made to Sam, thus far. There are fans and bettors. There are drivers. There are trainers, and those who sweep the shedrow for the trainers. There are OTB owners, and those who take the bets for the OTB owners. There are restaurants and car dealerships. There are breeders, sales services, and racetrack companies. There are track executives, and people who are paid to sweep the racetrack floors by track executives.

It doesn't matter how much you have in the bank, what races you've won or lost, if you've just sent five mares to Muscle Hill or if you could never dream of such a thing; each and every one of you is represented.

Harness racing has changed, and there's no doubt about that. Small mom and pop stables are slowly being phased

out while the largest stables grow larger. Tracks are being closed, the stands are less full. Betting handle and the popularity of a track have taken a back seat to how much money the slot machines are bringing in. It's a completely different world.

But one thing that hasn't changed about harness racing is its people. Harness racing people – despite their different backgrounds, wealth or stead in life – still climb into the

back of a truck for a bottle drive. That's who they are, and that's what they do.

Get well soon, Sam. The entire community is pulling for you.

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## Famous fours in harness history

Let's look at some famous four-year periods in harness racing history:

In the four straight years from 1984-1987, Mike Lachance led the nation in wins, a feat he never accomplished before or since.

In that same four-year span, John Campbell won the Sweetheart four consecutive times – the first two were worth \$1 million. The first, with Armbro Dazzler in 1984, came in at 12-1, the highest win price of any of Campbell's million-dollar race wins. He followed that up with Sweetheart wins by Follow My Star (1985), Nadia Lobell (1986) and So Cozy (1987).

Yet, the Campbell stat that may never be topped is his four straight North America Cup wins in the 1990s (nor is it likely someone will top the six NA Cup wins he earned in that decade).

Going back to Lachance, he has won the Hambletonian four times in his career:

1994 with Victory Dream for trainer Ron Gurfein  
1996 with Continentalvictory for Gurfein  
1999 with Self Possessed, also for Gurfein  
2003 with Amigo Hall for Blair Burgess

### Takter's foursome

Jimmy Takter has won the Hambletonian four times with four different drivers:

1997 – Malabar Man with noted amateur Mal Burroughs  
2010 – Muscle Massive with Ron Pierce  
2014 – Trixton with Takter himself in the bike  
2015 – Pinkman with Brian Sears

### Foiled's Four

Iron horse Foiled Again, at age four, had his busiest season ever. He made 40 starts, had a record of 13-8-2 and earned \$337,139.

### Real Desire at Four

Real Desire at age four in 2002 was the Horse of the Year and last year he was elected to the U.S. Hall of Fame.

### Fourth Chapter

Chapter Seven at four in 2012 was also the Horse of the Year and last year had talented youngster Walner from his first crop.

### Four is tops

The record for wins for any of the 70 winners of "Horse of the Year" is from a four-year-old named Cam Fella (in 1983). He went 30-for-36 that year and the starts are also an all-time high for any Horse Of The Year.

### Four-year-old year for the ages

Wiggle It Jiggleit comes off back-to-back seasons of leading all horses in earnings – trotters or pacers. He is the first horse since Albatross in 1971-1972 to do this. He comes off a four-year-old season for the ages. It was so good, in fact, that he and Horse of the Year Always B Miki became the first HOYs to go 1-2 in the balloting who raced against each other.

### Undefeated fours

Four was the age of two undefeated Horses Of The Year – 1986 Forrest Skipper and 1992 Artsplace.

### Triple Crown four

Four is also the current age of Marion Marauder, the 2016 trotting Triple Crown winner. His return to the races is the first time a trotting Triple Crown winner has returned to race at four since Lindys Pride in 1970.

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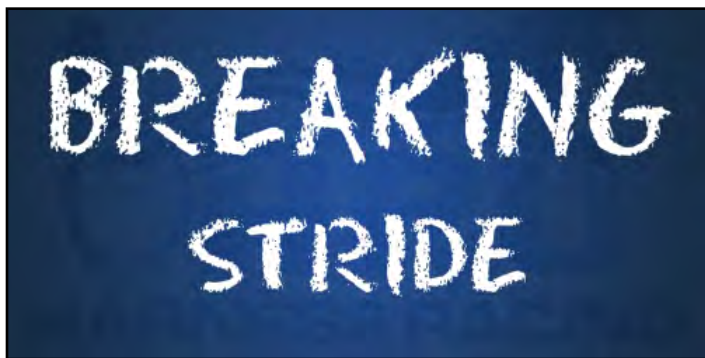
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## Finish Lines

by Trey Nosrac

As this little poetry series heads into the barn, here are a few odds and ends.

One poem that did not win a breeding was sent from Jerry R. who owns a Swedish registered mare named Radysin America. Jerry wrote that he would be donating the breeding to the SRF if he won. His poem made everyone laugh and I was pulling for this one.

**Could it be possible?**

**Really, how improbable**

**Existentially or otherwise**

**Awarding such a generous prize**

**To, let us hope, is an experienced breeder**

**Important because, born boy or girl, you have to feed her.**

**No more need be said, Bowden, command your trotting machine!**

**Ejaculate... Creatine!**

It was refreshing to see the latent interest and enthusiasm in our little harness racing choir. Expecting between a dozen to 20 poems, we received 52, including several from foreign lands. The pace of entries really picked up as we neared the deadline. Many poems included nice notes thanking HRU and Diamond Creek for the contest. Roughly females submitted two-thirds of the poems. I have a sneaky suspicion that men are a bit squishy when it comes to writing poetry and that at least a few of these women were acting as "Poetry Beards" for shy male acquaintances.

We sometimes fail to remember how exotic we are in the world of harness horse racing to civilians. The judges were poets and writers and as far as I could tell only a couple of them had knowledge of our sport. I tried to give them a quick primer on harness racing and sent them a link to HRU. But when some judges read poems with terms such as "Hambo" "Futurity" "First Over" "Snaffle" "Cross of Gold" or "Spit Box" – the humor or relevance may have been elusive. To some, snaffle is a beverage and Hambo is a sandwich.

Besides a little fun and a changeup from hardcore harness racing news there was a purpose in this project. We all understand the deal.

In sales and in writing, good leads are gold. Giving away stuff and making people smile can be good business. Contacting people who may have interest in your product can help make a deal. For example, the author of one of our poems was Rich V. Rich did not win, but he sees value in Creatine, he owns a trotting mare and he appears to be a fun guy. So I am going to send him the following letter.

Dear Rich,

*I can't believe your poem did not win the Creatine Breeding! I loved it. The line you wrote, "Trotting boldly through the wind" – awesome! The vote must have been rigged! Trotting Boldly – wow, that would make a great name for a baby trotter.*

That ice-breaker paragraph is as self-serving and transparent as a string bikini, but page 86 of "Marketing for Dummies" said that I need to, "establish a bond and establish a relationship with the customer."

*Now that we are friends, a Lost Photo to Creatine match has real possibilities and might be a great move. Creatine is a sleeper, an under-the-radar sire, but if you take a peak, these two make a promising cross. We would love to see the match happen.*

This note is about as subtle as a four AM Trump tweet, but hold on to your socks because you were brave enough to enter the Creatine contest, you and all of our poets will receive a \$1,000 credit!

This means that if your mare successfully has a Creatine foal, you will officially have made a \$1,000 for writing an eight line poem. This is unbelievable, something that has not happened since... well, ever. Profit and poetry rarely appear in the same sentence. Edgar Allan Poe, Emily Dickinson, Lord Byron and Walt Whitman didn't come close to making that kind of money, and they wrote really long poems.

We are interested if you are. Diamond Creek and Creatine are first class. Breeding to sell or breeding to race, you get great value and a little extra panache from a fun group. And don't forget... farm trips and fruit baskets are distinctly possible!

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**Send up a flare**

**Kick the tires**

**Eat fruit and travel**

PS. The "Marketing for Dummies" book said to, "create a sense of urgency." So act fast because the Creatine book is closing faster than a hummingbird on amphetamines.

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Well, this poetry lark has been fun but all good things must come to an end. Driving for Lyft, playing video games, attending court mandated meetings, handicapping harness races and keeping the latest flame flickering all fill my schedule. Concocting this ridiculous contest, reading and cutting up 52 poems, arranging for judging, making multiple phone calls, driving 50 miles to retrieve the poems from the judges and paying for their lunch is getting far too close to serious employment.

Emailing all of the remaining breeding poets with a personalized note is a bridge too far, so I am suggesting that each of our poets help me out. Place your name, the name of your mare, and the name of your poem in the appropriate underlined spaces in the above letter. Then imagine that you have received an email contact letter.

Rest assured, everything is on the table for every qualified poet or poetess – a promising top tier sire, fruit, visits, discounts, prizes, races to win, fun to be had and stories to tell. And remember, if you raise a Creatine foal that races to stardom (which is very possible) you can write another poem

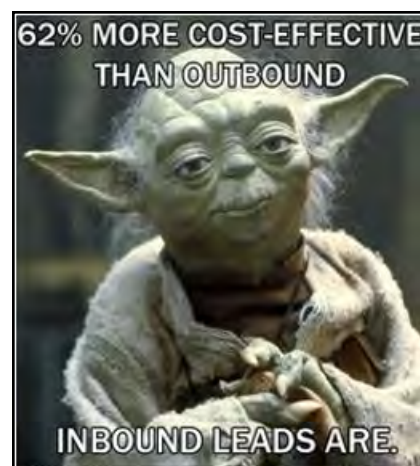
about the adventure. In that poem you can explain how little eight-line poem that you wrote evolved into raising and harnessing a champion.

The contest is done

Gosh it was fun

Should a million dollar foal bring you huge purses

You'll really be glad that you wrote a few verses.



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## Aarts fends off alligator with golf club

Former horse owner Tony Aarts of Dorchester, ON was golfing in Fort Myers FL earlier this week when he was attacked by a 10-foot alligator.

Aarts, who has owned a long list of horses, including \$1.7 million-winning pacer Camotion (1:48.3), was approaching the fourth green at Magnolia Landing Golf & Country Club Wednesday when the beast emerged from the water and latched onto his right ankle.

"As I was walking about five to six feet away from the water I heard a splash, and as soon as I heard that splash I knew it was an alligator, and he got me," Aarts told WINK TV.

Aarts was turned onto his back and waist-deep in the water.

Thankfully, he had his trusty putter in his hand.

"He was looking at me with his big eyes, and I kept hitting him," Aarts told WINK TV. "And I'm thinking I'm getting deeper and deeper, and I thought you're not gonna get me."

Aarts smashed the gator in the eye socket three times before the animal let go and retreated into the water.

Officials from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission captured the alligator and put it down.

Aarts is currently at his Fort Myers home recovering from injuries to his foot.

"I guess a golfer should always keep a club in his hand," Aarts joked to WINK TV.

– *CTV London*

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## Chapter Seven book closed

Blue Chip Farms is pleased to announce that Chapter Seven's book is full and closed for 2017.

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## Nadia Can Go, Ross Battin honored at WFR

Longtime local horseman Ross Battin and pacing mare Nadia Can Go were the headliners at Saturday's awards banquet at The Raceway at Western Fair District which celebrated the best on and off the track over the past racing season.

Ross Battin has had many honors over the years at the London, ON racetrack. He topped the drivers' standings on four occasions, was named horseman of the year in 1992 and was inducted to the track's Wall of Fame in 2010. Ross has won the Lampman Cup, which recognizes the leading driver in the Ontario Sires Stakes program a record seven times.

Saturday, he added another honor as he was presented with the Walltyme award which is given annually by Dave Wall's stable and recognizes outstanding service to the industry.

Nadia Can Go was crowned the 2016 Horse of the Year. The now five-year-old daughter of Major In Art—Canada put together an impressive winning streak at The Raceway from Feb. 17 to April 20 during which time she was undefeated through eight races. Heather Toll trains Nadia Can Go for owner Brydown Farms of Clinton, ON.

The other award winners who were revealed this evening were caretaker of the year, which was won by Laurie Hicks, and the Ruth Herbert Horsewoman of the Year which went to Sue McNeight.

The complete list of award winners is as follows:

Older Pacing Horse – **Irvine James**  
Older Pacing Mare – **Nadia Can Go**  
Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt – **Overthinkenit**  
Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly – **Uptown Woman**  
Older Trotting Horse – **Raising Richard**  
Older Trotting Mare – **Daylon Mermaid**  
Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt – **On The Ridge**  
Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly – **Shes All Muscle**  
Claiming Pacer – **Mighty Mouse**  
Claiming Trotter – **Jimoris Tigeress**  
Driver – **Alfie Carroll**  
Trainer – **Vic Puddy**  
Owner – **Keith Cassell**  
Caretaker – **Laurie Hicks**  
Walltyme 'Outstanding Service' – **Ross Battin**  
Ruth Herbert 'Horsewoman' – **Sue McNeight**  
Horse of the Year – **Nadia Can Go**  
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## Gural responds to Katz and Segal

Let me begin by making it perfectly clear that I have the utmost respect for George Segal and Marvin Katz and consider them friends. On the issue of the "Gural Rule" ([February 5](#)) and ([February 10](#)) we simply do not agree.

The only reason I implemented the rule is because I feel that industry leaders have a moral obligation to insure that the sport has a long-term future. There are hundreds of young people working in the sport, including some of the best drivers like Yannick Gingras, Tim Tetrick, Scott Zeron, Jason Bartlett, Joe Bonjorno, Jimmy Marohn, Jordan Stratton and Matt Kakaley. All of these young people deserve to have a career that lasts longer than another 10 years when, in my opinion, it is very unlikely that we will have a viable industry that would allow these young people to stay employed. We have mistakenly taken all of the slots money and used it for purses and simply assumed that this money will be there forever. Over the next few years, we will see purses at slots tracks increase dramatically as the number of races and race dates slowly decline because of the horse shortage. Unless we find a way to get younger people interested as older people like myself age out, we will reach a point where the handle and the live attendance will be so miniscule that the politicians will have no choice but to pull the plug. The only way I know of that could get younger people interested is to create a better product and to hopefully persuade the horsemen that it is in their best interest to use five per cent of the slots money for marketing and get us on TV on a regular basis and hope that we can duplicate what happened with poker years ago when they suddenly became a TV hit.

For Marvin to say that he and George have lost a couple of million dollars may be accurate, although I would think that because there are so few Father Patrick yearlings in the sale that the price will be sky high as it was when Valley Victory had fertility problems and had a limited number in the sale. I think the races last year between Always B Miki, Wiggle it Jiggle it and Frisky Pete showed how exciting the sport can be when you have that type of product. I just hope I am

wrong, but I think anyone can see the handwriting on the wall. To pretend that just because purses are so high that everything is fine is very short sighted.

At least 10 years from now, when these drivers are unemployed, hopefully they will look back and say at least Jeff Gural tried. There is no other reason for the rule. I just want to give these young people a chance at a long-term future.

– *Jeff Gural / chairman Meadowlands, Vernon and Tioga Downs*

## **Racing at four is mandatory for greatness**

I support the Gural Rule. No one was a bigger fan of Captaintreacherous than me, but he didn't have success as a four-year-old.

With so many stakes races all over the country, someone has to win them. Does that make them great horses? Should that guarantee them a great stallion career?

Great athletes have a career, not a season or two. Are there any baseball players in the Hall of Fame after two great seasons?

A champion is someone that builds a record over time. Flash in the pans happen all the time. Horse racing has become a breeders' sport. There aren't many stars. Most that are, are geldings. What sports survives without stars?

Horse racing needs fans, but, more importantly, needs stars. People come to see stars, not the sons or daughters of stars. I have never heard anyone say, let's go to the track to see Artspeak's son race tonight!

Captaintreacherous to me was a great horse. Was he an all time great, no. His achievements as a two and three-year-old was tremendous. Not many ever have achieved what he did. But an all-time great? No. Longevity is the key to greatness. The four-year-old season is mandatory in achieving greatness.

Someone has to win two and three-year-old stake races. Those wins do not prove greatness and deserve millions in the breeding shed.

– *William Hartenstine via HRU Facebook page*



## **The Curmudgeon weighs in on Gural Rule**

I wrote the following letter after reading the Feb. 5 edition of Harness Racing Update ([full story here](#)). As a courtesy to Jeff Gural, who is a friend and someone I consider to be, overall, a great benefactor to the sport, I sent him a copy of the letter before sending it.

Although I have on more than one occasion disagreed with his policies, I have never doubted that Jeff has always acted on what he believes to be best for the sport – emphasis on "what he believes."

After a little give and take with Jeff, he wrote that although he felt that his intentions were up front, from the beginning, he could see where they might have been misinterpreted or that they were not clearly stated from the onset.

Thus he modified the rule to allow for participation for those horses previously barred from his racetracks, to just participation in stakes events.

That, at least in my mind, put to rest the notion that Jeff is totally inflexible. Inflexible, he might be. But its totality is not a definite.

I understand where Jeff is coming from on the rule. In theory, it sounds fine. However in reality, it just has not worked. It has not helped racing. Yet it has hurt several owners, most of them being Jeff's friends and fellow investors in The Meadowlands

I would hope that going forward, Jeff will reconsider the rule and allow the marketplace and the individuals who own these horses to determine whether or not they should continue to race. Here is my original letter:

To The Editor:

I have no skin in this particular game.

However, I have reached the point where these intramural, suicidal duels between major participants in the sport, such as the recent episode involving Howard Taylor and Jeff Gural, do not do much more than just piss me off.

Christopher Fenty, in his recent letter regarding the quarrel has his facts wrong.

He comes across as saying that the cancellation of the New Jersey Classic and Miss New Jersey is the same as the decision by the PHHA and Pocono Downs to discontinue the major events at Pocono Downs this year. THEY ARE THE FURTHEST THING FROM BEING THE SAME!

The New Jersey Classic races are stakes events – races into which money has been paid by owners and breeders.

The Pennsylvania events are Late Closers – races which are or are not carded on a year to year basis with nobody, to my knowledge, having paid any money to support them.



They are two separate entities.

Should the dispute between Taylor and Gural have reached the point where it is now? Of course not. They should have sat down and reached a reasonable and satisfactory conclusion. The two operative words are "reasonable" and "satisfactory". But this is harness racing in the 21st century. What else can we expect?

With regard to the so-called Gural Rule, Jeff Gural asked his close ALLIES, PARTNERS and FRIENDS, the Hambletonian Society and WEG to support his efforts to at least give the rule a chance. I might add that many, if not the majority, of the directors of the Society are also investors in The Meadowlands and have been among Jeff's greatest supporters and good friends.

They agreed to give the rule a chance on a two-year trial basis. Jeff Gural was apparently in agreement. He at least voiced no objections to them when the trial was instituted. Everything was up front. For whatever reasons, the Society and WEG decided not to carry on with the restrictions. Jeff Gural, as was his right, decided to continue the rule.

Here's the rub! The rule as originally implemented by Mr Gural to me and everybody who I have discussed it with forbade the foals from the first crop of stallions not in sync with the rule from participating in stakes and closers at his tracks. To my knowledge, there was never any mention of these horses not being allowed to race in overnights, qualifiers or even denied access to these tracks.

I'm sure I'm not alone, but this comes across to me and I am sure others as being done for reasons of pure spite.

The shame of this is that the people that Mr. Gural is causing the most harm to are his investors, his strongest supporters, both financially and otherwise and perhaps most importantly his friends.

If this is the way he treats his friends and supporters, I'd sure as hell hate to be his enemy.

– *The Curmudgeon / Hanover, PA*

## **Marvin, don't blame Gural**

Nice that Marvin Katz ([full story here](#)) wants us to feel sorry for him since both Captaintreacherous and Father Patrick were failures in the aged ranks. Of course, if either had had a monstrous Horse of the Year type season at four, like a Matts Scooter or Artsplace, he would have put a million plus in purse money in his pocket in addition to increasing the stallion values. They didn't, so let's lay blame on Jeff Gural.

Speaking of blame, when is the Hambletonian Society going to drop three-year-old divisions of the Breeders Crown? Why can't three-year-olds face older horses in November like the thoroughbreds do?

Wouldn't there have been some juice to see a healthy Betting Line put his 14-race streak on the line against Always B Miki and Wiggle It Jiggle It?

– *Caesar Fiorini / Maywood, NJ*

## **Where is the loss Katz laments about?**

I read the article in which "Katz speaks out" ([full story here](#)) and decided to do some further research on the subject.

Father Patrick raced as a four-year-old in 2015 and had a record of 5 1-2-0 and 121K in earnings to total \$2.6 million lifetime. He also has 46 foals produced as a four-year-old. At \$20,000 a breeding he earned another \$920,000.

Captaintreacherous raced as a four-year-old in 2014 and had a record of 7 2-2-1 and 177K in earnings with lifetime earnings of \$3,153,541. He did NOT breed any mares as a four-year-old. Why not? That was not a good business decision, which has nothing to do with the Gural Rule.

Breeding and racing is an accepted practice in Europe where the sport is much healthier then here in North America. They have many stars that compete at the highest levels and well beyond their years. These horses have a large fan base and loyal following which can be observed when they race.

The numbers here (foal crop, attendance and handle) indicate that we have an industry in decline, yet the establishment believe the status quo will fix every thing.

We seem to be our own enemies when solutions to our problems are put forth with the usual infighting.

The point is, what are we arguing about here? Why are these four-year-olds not being bred and raced at the same time? Where is the economic loss that Katz is lamenting about?

Comparing harness to thoroughbred racing is much like comparing Nascar to F-1 racing. Both attract a significantly different clientele. A much better and more accurate comparison would be our harness industry to Europe's.

Finally I was not satisfied with WEG's reasons to not go with the Gural rule. Jamie Martin ([full story here](#)) stated two reason's why and the first was that the Hambletonian Society did also? How is that a valid reason? Because they did, we did? REALLY? Would someone at the Society have a conflict of interest?

All I see here is people arguing to argue and make life difficult for others. The Gural Rule is unequivocally the way forward for the industry.

– *Norm Brunet / Ottawa, ON*



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## **Dante returns serve**

Mr. Gural, the letter I wrote ([January 29 Feedback](#)) that you responded to ([February 5 Feedback](#)) was written and sent by me on January 27 and related to the evening prior, which would have been January 26.

A good softball game could not have been played by the people in the building that were there as it was that empty.

I will not comment on the dozens of people you had in the restaurant on the following Saturday night as none is necessary. Did you ever have dinner on a Saturday night at the old Pegasus Restaurant 20+ years ago? I'm not trying to live in the past, but it's inevitable for me to compare today and yesterday in my mind, and, well, you can figure out how that goes.

The product that is being offered on Thursday nights is, at best, not very good. If you were honest, you would agree.

My purpose is not to throw rocks at your operation. I respect what you have tried to do, and while your grand vision of a casino in East Rutherford may not be realistic at this time, it is a plan that will one day come to fruition, no doubt.

You and your "team" have done some good things to try and advance harness racing.

Here's something that you have not done very well: Reach out to the guys that are left who were there years ago when the Meadowlands was the greatest harness track ever seen.

Never has any of your management or staff (those that I did not know personally) approached me or introduced themselves to me or my friends, nor asked my opinion about anything.

I don't pick up garbage tickets off the floor, I don't scour the garbage cans, and I don't beg for dollar bills as quite a few do on site.

I don't dress as though I climbed out of a dumpster, and I don't arrive and leave on a NJ Transit bus.

I pretty much expect nothing and as a result I get nothing.

A business that is trying to survive would probably need to cultivate and keep EVERY customer that walks in with cash yet I've never seen that.

I do see a push to try to bring in 25-year-old kids who seem to be more interested in "wowing" the nightclub crowd than in betting consistently on harness races.

Yes, they will be around long after I'm dead. I understand that, but I'm still very much alive and I'm still a good number of years away from retirement, which makes me an extremely viable customer to you.

I root for you and your staff to succeed. I root for the

survival of harness racing, but I am a realist and I know that without slot machines and casino games that harness racing would have been done 10 years ago. For that reason, I would think it would behoove any business owner to hold onto (with a tight fist) any regular customer.

In any event, I continue to hope that you will figure it out and keep one of the last tracks alive that people care about.

– *Vic Dante / Belleville, NJ*

## **I see growth in harness racing**

I have always followed harness racing, meaning I knew where the tracks were, knew about The Hambletonian and The Little Brown Jug and some of the other events that the sport offers. I never ignored it, but I didn't follow it on a regular basis.

Last summer, I really dove in and became enthralled with the sport. Events like Hambletonian Day with its 10 stakes races, the International Trot at Yonkers and the Breeders Crown brought me in. I am a feature race guy. Sure, I like the small purse races, but I look for the features and keep my eye on them at the big tracks. I think harness racing offers plenty, both for bettors and those who love sport for sport.

We all know that every sport has its problems. Baseball had The Steroid Era, and as we have seen recently with the NFL, The Concussion Era has raised some concerns about "America's Game." But, those sports have always tried to both retain and grow its fan base, something harness racing needs to do more of.

That said, why does harness racing spend so much energy on the negatives? We read about Jeffrey Gural and his struggles at the Meadowlands; the infighting that takes place between those who race and those that breed. And, of course there are the critics who point out the halcyon days of the sport "back in the day," when it and boxing were at the height of popularity. There are those who also point out that sports like harness racing and boxing will be extinct in the not-too-distant-future.

We know that society can be full of negativity and most recently, hatred. It seems like you can't like more than one of anything. If the Yankee fan doesn't hate the Mets, something is wrong with them. If you like thoroughbred racing, you can't like harness racing. If you like the New York Jets, then you can't admire the brilliance of Tom Brady, Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots, and if you do, here comes the venom.

Harness racing is a sport that to me is well-suited for the future. Many harness tracks are at casinos and racinos. At Saratoga, there are far more patrons playing the video gaming machines than there are watching and wagering on

the races. And, we know that a portion of VGM revenues goes to support harness racing; in fact what would happen to harness racing if the casinos weren't there? To me, this is where our great sport drops the ball. These racinos offer a little bit of everything. At Saratoga there is a casino, a steakhouse, another restaurant, a night club and harness racing. It's the perfect venue; something for everyone. The harness tracks should be doing more to get young people to come on out and enjoy a day/evening at the races AND the other things that a Saratoga Casino Hotel can offer. Too often racing is the forgotten stepchild of the operation.

The key is not to get one person to a harness track 12 times a year; it's to get 12 people there three times a year. Young people like to go out. They like good food, they like to dance and yes, they like to consume (responsibly, of course) alcohol. Harness racing needs to plant the seeds to the youngsters so the racino becomes an option for them. The goal is for a 20-something to say, "Hey, let's go to the Racino tonight and have some fun." We all know if they go, bet on a few races, they will enjoy it. We also know if they win, they'll enjoy it more. We just want a racino to make it into the rotation of what young people like to do. Why can't they travel, go to a football game, a movie or a road trip AND go the racino two to four times per year?

I truly believe that there is room for growth for harness racing. As life becomes busier and busier, the need for "one-offs," increases in importance. We need not look any further than Super Bowl. It's the most-watched event of the year, because it happens once a year. The Kentucky Derby gets the most watchers in horse racing. No matter what happens there, the one certain is that ratings for the Preakness drop. Even when the Triple Crown is on the line at The Belmont, the Derby ratings are still a bit higher. Why? Because Americans like traditions and big events and though the Preakness is a big event, the Kentucky Derby is a bigger one. The Breeder's Cup is a big event, but not as big as the Derby, or for that matter — ratings wise — the Preakness. Why can't harness racing showcase its big events? Let's do more to lure the casual sports fan.

Young people are the future. They need to be exposed to harness racing. If they aren't we know that the numbers will decrease over time. Young people don't watch baseball games from beginning to end anymore, but they'll go to a game or two each year. If they do that, why can't they go to the harness track once or twice per year?

The answer is they can and they will if those who own the tracks go out, get them and bring them in. It's all about marketing and creating a quality product. There will always be tracks like Yonkers that race five times each week all year long, but some are cutting back their racing days. This can create demand and a sense of urgency. One of the reasons

the Saratoga Race Course does so well is that you only have 40 chances to get there. Buffalo Raceway runs Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and when the weather warms, Sunday. You can't sit home and say, I'll go tomorrow, or next week, because before you know it, the horses are off to Batavia, 45 miles to the east. Less means more but it also means that the time is now.

Harness tracks of course, can't be like Saratoga Race Course; they need more than 40 days. But, they could use more special nights, more events and more one-offs. Sure they have stakes races and features, but those need to be marketed and packaged better. Why not incentivize the masses? If they bet \$5 on the feature race, they get \$5 to spend anywhere in the racino. I'm not a marketing genius, but I know there has to be a way to get people more interested in the racing. This isn't 1979, when the diehards had to go to the track to for live racing and for simulcasting. Today, there is more to do at these harness tracks but why not market the live sport, not the electronic machines in the room where there are no windows?

I came back to the sport, but there aren't enough people like me to make the sport flourish and more importantly, survive long-term. But, there is a market out there, I can feel it, but it needs be tapped and prodded correctly and it is time for those who run the harness tracks to get that done. It's a bet that they can win.

— *John Furgele / Glenmount, NY*

## **Why does OMTP mean 12MTP?**

I know that to some, this critique of harness racing might seem petty and/or trivial when it comes to the subject of how to improve the sport, but believe me when I tell you that the one thing that drives me bat-s--- crazy is never knowing when the race is going to start. Can ANYONE please tell me why the race doesn't start when there are zero minutes to post? Woodbine Racetrack is the only track where this happens. There are a few more that come close, but for the most part, most of the American tracks seem indifferent about the actual post time clock. In fact, on several occasions, the horses are just coming on to the track when the clock says zero minutes to post (Northfield being the worst offender). ALL tracks should adopt the Woodbine policy and procedure of starting the race when the clock says to. It would make betting so much easier. I can't count the number of races I've missed (which would have translated into revenue for the particular track). Please adopt a universal policy which would have ALL races start when the clock says 0 min to post. Again, can anyone tell me why they don't?

— *Robert Hunter / Barrie, ON*



## Potpourri of suggestions

My father once told me, "there are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the view is always the same!" In the case of harness racing, that could not be any clearer. As a harness racing enthusiast and a customer of the business, I feel compelled to speak to these paths if the leadership ever intends to make it again to the top. Of course, any path might get you there if you do not know where you are going!

For starters, practice transparency, get the names of the performance enhancing chemists (trainers and their beards) out in the open. I am sure the owner of the Meadowlands, Tioga and Vernon has an inclusive list of who cannot race at his tracks. It needs to be published to eliminate some of the negative press which really hurts this sport's future. And for those that are caught, naturally the sulky chasers will petition for a stay, so initiate a stop on these trainers USTA Online Entries until such time as the outcome is adjudicated. Let the owners feel the pain, they are the benefactors and subsidizers of their trainers unethical and illegal practices. And then if found guilty, the USTA needs to ensure they are not issued licenses. I realize that there is the contentious issue of state sovereignty and that many of these characters leverage that along with the head in the sand attitude of racing commissions to allow them to race in their respective states. They are bad for your business. Give them the door for a going away present and be done with them.

Your racing product as presented by the Director of Racing and/or Racing Secretary is at times (at some tracks it is all the time) mediocre at best. The sport is long overdue for a paradigm shift on this path. If change is so hard, then focus on innovation plus knowledge with a dash of customer satisfaction (translate increased handle) of your product and you just might be heading on the correct path. Most of the time you could use the acronym SALY... Same As Last Year to describe the conditions for each race card presented weekly. Now I know that claiming races are another matter, but that is not the issue because a card of claiming races is not going to generate the handle to get you to the top of the mountain. And stakes races are not included here either. An example is Dover Downs. I watch the races there regularly and it must be frustrating to the horsemen racing there to have to put up with the crew that hide behind the moniker of Director of Racing/Race Secretary. I was told that this office is supposed to classify the horses so that there are competitive and exciting racing which attract gambling dollars. In this day and age with all the technological tools available and you have one horse winning by 5-10 lengths and the rest of the field is left scrambling is not conducive to anything positive for the sport. I could understand a once-in-a-while occurrence, but this is nightly. And, oh by the way, it seems to

be always the same driver/trainer combo at 1-5. How many Super Bowl tickets would be sold if every year the winning score was 55-10 with the same coaches, teams and quarterbacks? And the real laughter for me is that the fillies and mares open races for \$10,000 less than their male counterparts. And why is that the case? I suspect the answer follows the path of that is the way we have always done it. (By the way, give me the tools to classify horse races and let's see how long it would take me to improve the bottom line on handle, those daily open lengths winners would find the following week classifications created to handle that situation).

Lastly, where is the marketing initiative? All of the racinos have enough money to support a national marketing initiative for harness racing. It would only take a small percentage (1-2 per cent) to promote this great sport. You need new owners, you need more horses, you need to increase the membership, it all goes hand-in-hand with marketing. Today, at least two states pay state owned or bred horses a 20 per cent and 50 per cent stipend in addition to purse money won and yet no funding for marketing. Yikes! And while you are at it, throw in a dash of transparency so that anyone interested in participating in your sport hears the unabashed truth and knows what the risk and rewards are associated with participating in harness racing. Look at the The Stable which is marketed as a way to participate in harness racing. One can go small or big depending on the degree desired. And you know what, the trainers associated with The Stable have publicized what it costs and what one gets for their investment. Now I realize you might not get to stand in the winner's circle at the Breeders Crown but who knows, at least you are enjoying the moment and feel like you belong to a viable organization. And winning/success brings more customers to the table. Exactly what is missing in the business today.

So, in your ascent to victory, bear in mind that I am your customer who could be a participant in your great sport if moved to do so. But for now, I will wait and see if you again make it to the view at the top.


Good luck!

— *Barbara Kuellmer / Carlisle, PA*

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### MEADOWLANDS *report*

#### Friday's Results:

**2, M, \$18,000, T, N/W** \$16,000 in Last 5 Starts AE: N/W \$25,000 in 2017 Assigned Outside Posts, 27.2, 56.3, 1:25.3, 1:53.0, FT

**1-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, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 122-26-20-15, \$309,995  
**2-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, \$4,500

**3-Opulent Yankee** (g, 6, Muscles Yankee--Opulent Bluestone, by Conway Hall), \$4,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Little E LLC & Arthur S Geiger & David M Stolz. B-Little E LLC. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller, \$2,160

Calls: 2H, 2H, NS, 1H, T - Finish Order: Classical Annie, Crosbys Clam Bake, War Cry Hall

*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:

**12, MVR, \$22,000, P, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HCP P.P.'S 8 & 9** ASSIGNED, 27.1, 55.3, 1:23.0, 1:51.0, FT

**1-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 Tetrack, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 147-39-32-36, \$754,388

**2-Endeavors Fantasy** (m, 4, Keystone Endeavor--Needlepan, by The Panderosa) O-Samuel R Samples. B-Samuel R Samples. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-Michael Oosting, \$5,500

**3-Jackie's Rocket** (m, 5, American Ideal--Bettor Wisdom, by Bettor's Delight) O-Galliers Racing LLC. B-Riverview Farms & The Bay's Stable LLC. T-Brady Galliers. D-Brady Galliers, \$2,640

Calls: 1, 1Q, 2, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Cast No Shadow, Safe From Terror, Igottafeelinfran, State Street Liz, Noone To Depend On, Aniston Seelster, It's A Miracle

*Replay unavailable*

#### Saturday's Results:

**8, MVR, \$15,500, P, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$30,000** W/ALLOWANCES, 27.1, 56.0, 1:23.3, 1:51.1, FT

**1-Franzo (g, 5, Rockin Image--Trinity Islands, by Jenna's Beach Boy),** \$67,000 2013 HOOSIER O-Adam B Short. B-Save Schmucker. T-Adam Short. D-Dan Noble, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 79-12-12-11, \$119,632

**2-Savage Seelster** (g, 7, Camluck--Slick Gaited, by Artsplace) O-Clinton B Lugar. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Daniel Maier. D-Chris Page, \$3,875

**3-Saulsbrook Astrobo** (g, 7, Astronomical--Shark Reef, by Cam's Card Shark), \$3,500 2011 NSPE O-Perry W Smith. B-William Allan Mcneil, CA & Louis A Willinger. T-Perry Smith. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$1,860  
Calls: 1, H, 1, 2, H - Finish Order: Jack Reacher, Rock Out, One Lucky Dragon, Splended Party, Stormy West, King Harvest

*Replay unavailable*

**9, MVR, \$22,000, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN I, 27.3, 55.1, 1:22.2, 1:51.0, 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: 93-31-12-8, \$390,936

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**2-Lucky Lime** (g, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Cupcakeswhipcream, by Camluck), \$25,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Kirk L Nichols. B-Stephen Perrine Dey. T-Dan Ater. D-Kyle Ater, \$5,500

**3-Meadowbrookthunder** (g, 4, Rockin Image--Lake Hills Susie, by Sportsmaster), \$30,000 2014 HOOSIER O-Peggy A Carter & Adam Friedland & Steven M Carter. B-Freeman Jay Bontrager. T-Save Carter. D-Trace Tetrack, \$2,640

Calls: 1Q, 2H, T, NS, NS - Finish Order: Sparky Mark, Fancy Creek Elusiv, Astreo's Love, Smoke Up Johnny, Angelo J Fra, Hickory Icon, Rocknroll Jewel

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**12, MVR, \$16,500, P,** HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN II, 26.2, 55.4, 1:23.3, 1:52.1, FT

**1-Return To Sender N (g, 7, Mach Three--Mainland Banner, by Christian Cullen)** O-Brian K Carsey & John E McGill. B-P J Chambers, NZ. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 72-12-9-14, \$116,083

**2-Sir Mammo (g, 5, Sand Shooter--Meeko Mania, by Kentucky Spur)** O-La Bella Vita Stables. B-La Bella Vita Stables. T-Ronnie Roberts. D-Simon Allard, \$4,125

**3-Account Rollover (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--All Accounted For, by Camluck)** O-Robert Silberberg. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Paul R Ysebaert, CA & C S X Stables. T-James Eaton. D-Randy Tharps, \$1,980

Calls: 7H, 1Q, H, H, HD - Finish Order: Heza Thrill N, Vague Traces, Regal Hope, Sonofa Sizzle, Freedomformysoul, Over Friskie, Speed Trap

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## THE MEADOWS report

### Saturday's Results:

**4, Mea, \$20,000, P,** \*W/O \$10,000 LIFE/PREFERRED HANDICAP\* P.P.1-7 DRAW W/O; 8 - PREFERRED, 26.3, 55.4, 1:23.3, 1:53.0, GD

**1-Gokudo Hanover (g, 5, Cam's Card Shark--Gifted Yankee, by Western Hanover),** \$17,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Sandbur Farms & Valarie E Sutton & Joseph A Hemingway. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Doug Hamilton. D-Eric Goodell, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 61-12-12-13, \$205,977

**Hanover** ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

**2-Kingofthejungle (g, 6, Well Said--Allamerican Calico, by Real Desire),** \$45,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Fox Racing Inc & Darius P Oshidar. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Jack Smith. D-Tony Hall, \$5,000

**3-Hawk's Red Chief (g, 6, I Scoot Hanover--Fancy Trouble, by Troublemaker),** \$15,000 2012 HOOSIER O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Michelle L Yanek. B-Frederick C & Carolyn K Shiery. T-Ron Burke. D-Dan Charlino, \$2,400

Calls: 7H, 5, 2, 1H, H - Finish Order: Believeinthspirit, Mykindachip, Shooter's Dream, Dew N Doughnuts, Unlocked

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## WOODBINE report

### Friday's Results:

**2, Wdb, \$25,000, P,** FILLIES & MARES, NW \$25,000 LAST 4 STARTS. AE: NW \$175,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$60,000, 27.2, 56.1, 1:24.1, 1:51.3

**1-Bernadette (b,m,4 - Big Jim-Matilda-Artiscape)** O-David Kryway, Ronald Adams B-Ronald Mersky T-Ronald Adams D-Douglas McNair, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 36-7-7-5, \$146,200

**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-Rubis Prescott (b,m,7 - Mach Three-Reunion-Cams Card Shark)** O-ICR Racing B-Randy Zane T-Dan Nixon D-Paul MacDonell

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**5, Wdb, \$22,000, P,** FILLIES & MARES, NW \$15,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$29,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$110,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$35,000, 26.3, 57, 1:25.1, 1:53.1

**1-Dazzling Rockette (b,m,5 - Rocknroll Hanover-Sweet Smilin Lady-Grinfromeartoeat)** O-Ashleigh & Ed Hensley B-Perretti Farms T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 84-18-12-18, \$199,119

**2-Hot Spot Hanover (b,m,4 - Well Said-Hottie Hanover-Real Desire)** O-Karen Carroll B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Mike Bishop D-Louis Philippe Roy

**3-Lovethewayoulook (br,m,5 - Skydancer Hanover-Loves Art-Artsplace)** O-Lynn & Barbara Wilfong, Brett & Candice Wilfong B-Lynn & Brett Wilfong T-Mike Weller D-Trevor Henry

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### Saturday's Results:

**3, Wdb, \$34,000, P,** PREFERRED, 26.1, 55.3, 1:23.4, 1:51

**1-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, \$17,000, Lifetime Record: 70-15-22-10, \$350,036

**2-Jins Shark (b,g,6 - Four Starzzz Shark-Gordons Jin Ms-Real Artist)** O-Aaron Waxman B-Craig Mc Evoy T-David Menary D-James MacDonald

**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-Louis Philippe Roy

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**4, Wdb, \$20,000, P,** NW 5 RACES OR \$92,500 LIFETIME, 27.2, 56, 1:24, 1:51.1

**1-Major Hill (b,g,4 - Art Major-Bunnys Legacy-Western Hanover)** O-Matthew McManus B-Tom Hill T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas McNair, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 22-4-3-3, \$88,648



**PREFERRED EQUINE**  
Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-Mr Mach Jimmy (b,g,4 - Mach Three-Rosebud Stena-Artsplace)** O-Bruno Lepage B-Rejean Lassonde T-Susanne Kerwood D-Trevor Henry

**3-Artful Bliss (b,h,4 - Arts Chip-Cin N Bliss-Blissfull Hall)** O-Robert Key B-Robert Key T-Rod Boyd D-Phillp Hudon

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**6, Wdb, \$25,000, P,** NW \$25,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$55,000. AE: NW \$140,000 LIFETIME, 25.3, 54.4, 1:23, 1:50.4

**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: 116-27-21-17, \$1,167,275



**2-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

**3-Paparazzi Hanover (b,g,5 - Well Said-Paulas Best-Pro Bono Best)**  
O-Travis Cullen, Rachel Andrew, Keith Hannah B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Travis Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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**9, 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, 25.1, 54.3, 1:23, 1:50.3

**1-Audreys Dream (br,g,9 - Rocknroll Hanover-Belovedangel-Artsplace)** O-Ashleigh & Ed Hensley B-Susan Grange T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 163-37-25-21, \$462,333

**2-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-Philip Hudon

**3-Regal Son (b,g,6 - Stonebridge Regal-On This Day-Camluck)**  
O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc T-Donald Lindsey D-Chris Christoforou

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## YONKERS report

### Friday's Results:

**1, YR, \$18,000, P,** 3,4&5 YEAR OLD CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000  
3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 28.2, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:55.1, FT

**1-Nuclear Dragon (g, 5, Nuclear Breeze--Ms Dragon Flies, by Dragon Again)** O-Gideon Stables. B-Richard J Malone Sr & Casey W Foltz. T-Christopher Lakata. D-Matt Kakaley, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 49-9-6-5, \$74,673

**2-Lyons Again (g, 5, Dragon Again--A Filly To Fear, by Western Terror),** \$20,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Allard Racing Inc, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$4,500

**3-Dateline Hanover (g, 4, Rock N Roll Heaven--Don't Deny Me, by Allamerican Ingot),** \$40,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Gene Oldford Farms LLC & Tyler L Buter. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Amber Buter. D-Tyler Buter, \$2,160

Calls: 3Q, 3H, 1, NS, H - Finish Order: Lunatic Fringe, Classy Hill, Southwind Indy, Twinspeak, Given Up Terror

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**2, YR, \$22,000, 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, 28.3, 57.3, 1:27.1, 1:56.1, FT

**1-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, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 56-16-9-9, \$491,724

**2-Tyra (m, 6, McArdle--Pernilla, by Abercrombie),** \$10,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Cc Racing LLC. B-Ernest W Hartman. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,500

**3-Strings (m, 7, Hi Ho Silverheel's--Sharps N Flats, by No Nukes)**  
O-Little Bapa, LLC. B-Wayne E & Rodney W Knittel. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,640

Calls: 1Q, 1, 1H, Q, H - Finish Order: Hipnumberone, Jaclyn Hanover, Jaded Dream, Keene Olivia, Sensationalgabby A

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**3, YR, \$22,000, 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, 27.3, 56.2, 1:25.1, 1:54.3, FT

**1-Change The Rulz N (m, 6, Changeover--Victoria Rulz, by Badlands Hanover)** O-Larry J Fischer. B-R G Dellaca, NZ. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 59-8-10-13, \$90,632

**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, \$5,500

**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, \$2,640

Calls: 4H, 4Q, 2T, 1T, 1 - Finish Order: Milky Way Rae, Deuces For Charity, Our Els Dream N, Nerida Franco N, Persuasive Hanover

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**4, YR, \$22,000, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.2, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:54.0, FT

**1-Keystone Honor (r, 6, Bettor's Delight--Heavenly Killeen, 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, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 108-15-19-22, \$317,963



**2-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, \$5,500

**3-Rockin Robert (g, 9, Dragon Again--Rain Dance Kim, by Sportsmaster)** O-Thomas Ceraso Jr. B-Jeffrey R Franklin. T-Jack Franklin. D-Mark Macdonald, \$2,640

Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1Q, 1Q, T - Finish Order: Chevals Clivesdale, Killer Martini, Rainbow Romance N, Fort Knox, Dreamlands Art

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# RACE RESULTS

**5, YR, \$22,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS  
WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.2, 58.1,  
1:26.2, 1:54.0, FT

**1-Masterson (g, 5, Bettor's Delight--Tug River Princess, by Badlands Hanover)** O-Thomas G Milici. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Robert Cooper Stables LLC & Jerry Silva. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 54-15-8-6, \$191,770

**2-Reggiano (g, 5, Western Terror--Stonebridge Prima, by Camluck)** O-J M F Racing LLC. B-Black Horse Racing & Perretti Racing Stb LLC. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, \$5,500

**3-Wick N (g, 6, Panspacificflight--On The Double, by Holmes Hanover)** O-Joseph R Zicchino. B-I L Bennett, NZ. T-Newton (Yogi) Sheridan. D-George Brennan, \$2,640

Calls: 1H, 1H, NS, 2, 1T - Finish Order: The Rock, Kid Pk, Elwell, Cheyenne Jeffrey, Ransom Demand

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**6, YR, \$50,000, P**, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-3  
DRAWN POST POSITIONS 4-6 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 7&8  
DRAWN, 28.2, 57.1, 1:25.2, 1:53.2, FT

**1-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, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 55-12-18-11, \$745,420

**2-Empress Deo (m, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Little Miss K, by Artsplace),** \$27,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc. B-Mjg Racing Stables Inc. T-Wayne Givens. D-Matt Kakaley, \$12,500

**3-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-Brent Holland, \$6,000

Calls: 5Q, 3T, 3H, 2T, T - Finish Order: Motu Moonbeam N, Arielle Lynn, Hidden Land, Set Me Up, Wrangler Magic

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**7, YR, \$22,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS  
WINNERS OVER \$150,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE., 27.0, 55.3,  
1:23.2, 1:52.3, FT

**1-Provocateprincen (g, 7, Grinfromeartoe--Catherine Zeta, by Village Jasper)** O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-G Chin, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Jordan Stratton, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 47-8-7-8, \$77,542

**2-Fashion Delight (g, 9, Bettor's Delight--B J's Sunshine, by Artsplace),** \$35,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Robert Santagata & Jennifer L Lappe. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-John Kokinos. D-Matt Kakaley, \$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: 5H, 4H, 3H, T, 1H - Finish Order: Oh Jonny B Good N, Western Rockstar A, Windsong Jack, Macintosh N, Mojo Terror

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**8, YR, \$26,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS,  
28.0, 57.0, 1:26.0, 1:53.4, FT

**1-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, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 68-14-12-12, \$348,520

**Hanover**

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**PREFERRED EQUINE**  
Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-Te Kawanu N (g, 7, Bettor's Delight--Haylin Express, by Christian Cullen)** O-J L Sadowsky LLC. B-K R & Mrs S D Farrier, NZ. T-Robert Bresnahan. D-Matt Kakaley, \$6,500

**3-Tg's Divine Scene (g, 6, Artistic Freedom--Don't Make A Scene, by Storm Damage)** O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Terrance Grimes. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$3,120  
Calls: 1H, 2Q, Q, Q, NS - Finish Order: Gibson Blue Chip, Validus Deo, Polak A, Alta Leroy N, Dynamic Youth

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**9, YR, \$26,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS,  
28.2, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:53.0, 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: 60-16-11-9, \$278,554



**PREFERRED EQUINE**  
Yearling Sale Graduate

**2-Moonliteonthebeach (g, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Sweet Paprika, by Artiscap),** \$90,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Bamond Racing LLC.

B-Andray-Lindwood. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$6,500

**3-Dull Roar (g, 7, Mach Three--Village Jest, by Jenna's Beach Boy),** \$55,000 2011 CAN-YS O-James F Snyder. B-Village Acres Limited, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Mark Macdonald, \$3,120

Calls: 4H, 5, H, T, 3H - Finish Order: Pappy's Pal, Casimir Jitterbug, Theseyescrying, Talk Show, Lone Survivor

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**10, YR, \$30,000, P**, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$25,250 IN LAST 5  
STARTS, 28.0, 57.2, 1:25.1, 1:53.1, FT

**1-Regil Elektra (m, 7, Mach Three--Top Time Notcher, by Topnotcher)** O-Fred Monteleone Stbl LLC. B-Bruce M Wagg, CA. T-Keith Armer. D-Jordan Stratton, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 115-32-22-11, \$732,528

**2-So Nice (m, 7, Ponder--Nice Package, by Grinfromeartoe)** O-Gene Oldford Farms LLC & Stephen E Oldford & Tyler L Buter. B-Andrew S Demetrious, CA. T-Amber Buter. D-Tyler Buter, \$7,500

**3-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, \$3,600  
Calls: 2, 1Q, T, T, 2Q - Finish Order: For The Ladies N, Certified Ideal, Albany Girl, The Summer Wind, Massive Attack A

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# RACE RESULTS

## Saturday's Results:

**1, YR, \$18,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS  
WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3,4&5  
YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 28.0, 57.0, 1:25.0,  
1:53.3, FT

**1-The Onlyest One (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Canaco Lily, by Jeremys Gambit)** O-George J Hartman. B-Freida L Ivory. T-Mark Kesmodel.  
D-George Brennan, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 125-15-29-11,  
\$190,580

**2-Quick Shot** (g, 5, Art Major--Cannae Cindy, by Bettor's Delight),  
\$12,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Kathleen B Brewer. B-Robert A & Lauren  
B Tucker. T-Miguel Martz. D-Daniel Dube, \$4,500

**3-Ronny Bugatti** (g, 7, Art Major--Bet Your Life, by Bettor's Delight),  
\$25,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Eric A Prevost & Bridget T Mcneese &  
Thomas L Haughton. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Nicholas Devita.  
D-Mark Macdonald, \$2,160

Calls: 4H, 4H, 1T, 1T, H - Finish Order: Fameous Western, Aberdeen  
Hanover, Ang's Delight, Secret Delight, Late Night Joke

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**2, YR, \$18,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS  
WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL  
CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 AE. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD

NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 28.1, 58.0, 1:26.3, 1:56.0, FT

**1-Lauderdale (g, 7, Deweycheatumnhowe--Dornello, by Angus Hall),**  
\$80,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Millstream Stable LLC. B-Hanover Shoe  
Farms Inc. T-Jonas Czernyson. D-Matt Kakaley, \$9,000, Lifetime  
Record: 99-17-16-12, \$386,189



**2-Buen Camino** (g, 5, Cash Hall--Baby Bella, by Raffaello Ambrosio)  
O-Purple Haze Stables LLC. B-Ernest H Martinez II & Wcb Racing  
Stable. T-Trond Smedshammer. D-George Brennan, \$4,500

**3-Honor Above All** (g, 4, Muscles Yankee--Honorable Daughter, by  
Malabar Man), \$100,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Santo & Nunzio Vena, CA  
& Claude Hamel, CA & Benoit O Baillargeon, CA. B-Valley High  
Stable. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 2, 2, 2T, 2T - Finish Order: Georgina Corner, Stemilt Touch,  
Northern Obsession, Sevruga, Pasadena Star

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**3, YR, \$18,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS  
WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3,4&5  
YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 27.4, 56.4, 1:24.3,  
1:53.1, FT

**1-Burning N (g, 7, Mach Three--Sparks Under Fire, by Fake Left)**  
O-Kevin R Sywyk & Ronald L Cushing. B-Rankin Bloodstock LTD, NZ.  
T-Heidi Gibbs. D-Ron Cushing, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 57-19-10-7,  
\$121,561

**2-Windsun Stetson** (g, 5, Mach Three--Windsun Princess, by Cam's  
Card Shark) O-Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC. B-Windsun Farm Inc, CA  
& Murray L Brethour, CA. T-Robert Bongiorno. D-George Brennan,  
\$4,500

**3-Littlebitaswagger** (g, 5, Santanna Blue Chip--Aspirine Semalu, by  
Yankee Cam) O-Louis J & Thomas Frascella & Jack Harris, CA.  
B-Christine E Marion, CA. T-Andrew Harris. D-Andy Miller, \$2,160  
Calls: 5, 6, 1, HD, 1 - Finish Order: Snap To It A, Fool Me Once, Kings  
Barns, Urban Renewal, Versado

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**4, YR, \$22,000, 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, 28.2, 57.2, 1:26.3, 1:56.2, FT

**1-Noble Warrawee (g, 8, Angus Hall--Warrawee Fourleaf, by King Conch),**  
\$57,000 2010 CAN-YS O-Adrian A Weeks. B-Warrawee Farm,  
CA. T-Michael Latham. D-Scott Zeron, \$11,000, Lifetime Record:  
124-13-23-12, \$248,725

**2-Chipps Lake** (m, 7, Chip Chip Hooray--Lake Serena, by Deliberate  
Speed) O-Joseph Bongiorno LLC & David M Hoover. B-Donald L  
Wiest. T-Richard Johnson. D-Brent Holland, \$5,500

**3-Swishnflick** (m, 7, Kadabra--Village Babe, by Angus Hall), \$25,000  
2011 CAN-YS O-Allard Racing Inc, CA. B-Allen R & Dr J Keith  
Colquhoun, CA. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$2,640

Calls: 3H, 3H, 3, 4, HD - Finish Order: Lucky Colby, Monroe County,  
Jacks To Open, Anaffairtoremember, Tesaco Du Pont

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**5, YR, \$18,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS  
WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. 3,4&5  
YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 27.2, 56.3, 1:25.0,  
1:53.2, FT

**1-Tendtowin (g, 7, No Pan Intended--Garden Gate Creme, by Albert Albert)**  
O-Joshua F Schwartz & Raymond C Hoegen Jr. B-Seaspray  
Stables LTD, CA. T-William Adamczyk. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000,  
Lifetime Record: 128-32-18-20, \$204,645

**2-Ghost Pine** (h, 6, Badlands Hanover--Just Sassy, by Northern Luck)  
O-Blair C Corbeil, CA & Mike W Mcallister, CA. B-William E Andrew,  
CA. T-Ron Coyne Jr. D-Daniel Dube, \$4,500

**3-Exit Cam** (g, 7, Cambest--Fast Exit, by Towner's Big Guy)  
O-Mary E Stonack & Charles F Krippendorf & Joseph C Viggiano.  
B-John M Stonack & Charles F Krippendorf. T-Karen Garland.  
D-Save Smith, \$2,160

Calls: 3Q, 4H, H, 1, NK - Finish Order: P H Kenny, Settlemoir,  
Stonebridge Tonic, Democracy N, Lawgiver Hanover

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## RACE RESULTS

**6, YR, \$50,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITION 1 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 2-4 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 5-7 DRAWN POST POSITION 8 ASSIGNED, 28.0, 58.4, 1:27.0, 1:55.4, FT**

**1-Red Hot Herbie (g, 7, Here Comes Herbie--Six Red, by S J's Photo),** \$25,000 2011 IN-PREM O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Bruce A Soulsby & Edward Reppucci. B-John A Schmucker. T-Rene Allard. D-Jason Bartlett, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 128-35-18-26, \$607,223

**2-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, \$12,500

**3-Dot Dot Dot Dash (m, 7, Classic Photo--Ringside Gigi, by Giant Victory) O-William C Vandervort Jr. B-William C Vandervort Jr. T-Shae Vandervort. D-Steve Smith, \$6,000**

Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 1H, 2Q - Finish Order: Rock Of Cashel, Tag Up And Go, Springbank Sam N, Newcastle, Military Blue

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**7, YR, \$50,000, P, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 27.2, 56.1, 1:24.3, 1:52.2, 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-Scott Zeron, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 53-12-15-7, \$183,038**

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**2-Roland N Rock (g, 5, Rocknroll Hanover--Hank's Chip, by Cambest) O-Duane E & Connie Roland. B-Perretti Farms. T-Rob Harmon. D-Jordan Stratton, \$12,500**

**3-Sports Bettor (g, 5, Sportswriter--Shellys Delight, by Bettor's Delight) O-Verrazano Stables LLC. B-Frank Gentile. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Brent Holland, \$6,000**

Calls: 6T, 8T, 3, 3Q, 1Q - Finish Order: P H Supercam, Somewhere In L A, In The Huddle, Phil Your Boots, Sapphire City

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**8, YR, \$26,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 29.1, 59.3, 1:28.0, 1:56.4, FT**

**1-Lou Man (g, 6, Lou's Legacy--S A Relyea, by Sir Taurus) O-John E McGill & Brian K Carsey. B-Daniel R Beechy. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 88-18-14-15, \$227,592**

**2-Luck O The Irish (h, 5, Holiday Road--Kavita, by Kadabra) O-Brian C Kleinberg & Adv Racing Stable LLC & Seth Rosenberg Racing LLC. B-June J Durand, CA. T-Scott Blackler. D-Jordan Stratton, \$6,500**

**3-Money Maven (g, 8, Revenue S--The Raven, by Sierra Kosmos),** \$2,200 2010 NJ-CL O-Kapildeo Singh. B-Perretti Farms. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller, \$3,120

Calls: 5, 4T, 1, H, 1 - Finish Order: In Secret, Summers Windsong, Warrawee Preferred, Bentley Spur, Vegliantino

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**9, YR, \$30,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$30,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 28.3, 58.0, 1:26.0, 1:55.1, 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, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 195-51-34-25, \$907,078

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**2-Not Afraid (g, 8, SJ's Caviar--Beverly Crusher, by Balanced Image) O-Christina Takter & John D Fielding, CA & Goran N Anderberg, SD. B-Steve D Organ, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Daniel Dube, \$7,500**

**3-Crazy About Pat (g, 7, Crazyed--Dibrizzi, by Malabar Man) O-Patricia Stable. B-Harvey F Fried & Patricia Stable. T-Noel Daley. D-George Brennan, \$3,600**

Calls: 6, 5T, 2H, 2, HD - Finish Order: Wing Flash, Sumatra, Kelsey's Keepsake, Hemi Seelster, Tober

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**10, YR, \$30,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 28.2, 57.2, 1:25.2, 1:53.4, FT**

**1-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, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 88-20-19-15, \$1,240,209



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**2-E Street Plan (g, 8, Rocknroll Hanover--Plan On It, by Bettor's Delight),** \$57,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Michi Yvette Abday. B-Perretti Farms. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, \$7,500

**3-Ideal Cowboy (g, 6, American Ideal--Trend Setter, by Grinfromeartoe) O-Bamond Racing LLC & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Mac T Nichol, CA. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Scott Zeron, \$3,600**

Calls: 1T, 2, 2T, 3H, H - Finish Order: Hillbilly Hanover, Bullet Bob, Santanna One, Bettor Rock On N, Beat The Drum

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