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State Treasurer named Canada's Horse of the Year

Richard Moreau wins third straight Trainer of the Year award; Sylvain Filion wins third career Driver of the Year title.

by Dave Briggs



**Canada's Horse of the Year
State Treasurer
photo by Dave Landry**

State Treasurer was named Canada's 2015 Horse of the Year and Older Pacer of the Year and his trainer, **Dr. Ian Moore**, was honoured with the O'Brien Award of Horsemanship Saturday night at the 27th annual O'Brien Awards in Mississauga, ON. **Richard Moreau** won his third straight Trainer of the Year Award and **Sylvain Filion** won his third career Driver of the Year title.

The Horse of the Year title capped an amazing rise for State Treasurer, a six-year-old son of Real Desire out of Ideal Treasure who was purchased for just \$6,500 at the 2010 Standardbred Horse Sales Company's 2010 yearling sale in Harrisburg, PA by Sally and

Alan MacDonald of Prince Edward Island and their nephew Paul MacDonald of Toronto.

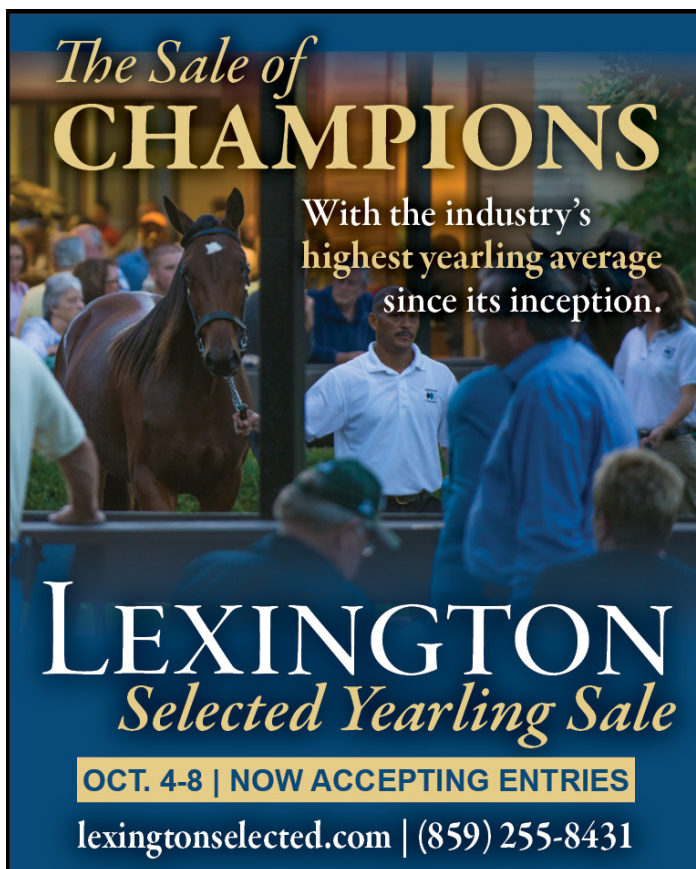
State Treasurer scored his richest career payday winning the Canadian Pacing Derby, Canada's oldest stake event, Sept. 5 at Mohawk Racetrack. The Derby was one of nine victories for the pacer who also added more than \$986,000 to a bank account that sports over \$1.9 million lifetime. He also posted his third victory in the Molson Pace at The Raceway at the Western Fair District.

"It's been quite a thrill having him all these years," Moore said the night State Treasurer won the Canadian Pacing Derby. "He raced in the Metro (at two). He raced in the North America Cup. He raced in all the big ones, but he's been an underdog all along. He got a fifth in the North America Cup as a three-year-old and he's still going."

The night of the Derby win, when asked what it would mean for State Treasurer to be named Canada's Horse of the Year, Paul MacDonald said, "That would be fantastic, but, of course, there's a

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Wakizashi Hanover

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Richard Moreau won his third consecutive Trainer of the Year award

ton of great horses out there. This is a very tough category."

Moore said the secret to State Treasurer's recent success is maturity.

"He got older and mature and more endurance and can rough it a lot more than he used to," said Moore, adding the real key to the pacer's success was soundness and intelligence.

Moore, a veterinarian and native of PEI won the Horsemanship award after guiding his relatively small stable to 62 wins and over \$2.1 million in 2015.

It was a three-peat for winners of both Driver of the Year and Trainer of the Year awards.

Filion, 46, of Milton, ON took home his third trophy as Canada's Driver of the Year. The Quebec native won this award in 2012 and 2013. In 2015, he drove 343 winners and horses to earnings in excess of \$6.9 million. On Nov. 16, he recorded another career milestone when he recorded his 8,000th driving victory at Woodbine Racetrack.

Moreau, 51, of Puslinch, ON, took home his third consecutive O'Brien bronze as Canada's Trainer of the Year. Moreau, who has been a regular on the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) circuit for over 11 years, led all Canadian trainers in the wins column, posting 271 victories in 2015 and finished second in the earnings column with his stable earning more than \$3.6 million.

In the Armstrong Breeder of the Year category, partners **Al Libfeld** of Pickering, ON and **Marvin Katz** of Toronto, ON took home their very first O'Brien as breeders. What started as a partnership that focused on buying yearlings and racing horses has evolved into one of harness racing's most respected breeding enterprises. Horses bred by the Katz/Libfeld partnership won 59 races and \$2.2 million in 2015.

Ron Adams, 28, of LaSalle, ON won The Future Star Award. Adams trained 43 winners and horses to more than \$950,000 in earnings while racing primarily on the WEG circuit. He also trained Lady Shadow, winner in the Older Pacing Mare division.

Early in the evening, **William (Bill) Andrew** of Calgary, AB was presented with the prestigious Cam Fella Award in honor of his recent contributions and meritorious service to the Canadian standardbred industry. Andrew has been involved in harness racing for nearly four decades and has made tremendous impact on the Canadian standardbred industry for many years, especially in the provinces of Alberta, and Prince Edward Island where his two breeding operations, Meridian Farms are based. He launched charity stables in Alberta, PEI and Nova Scotia, where the purse earnings from his horses benefitted local charities, and he also donated the money from two yearlings he sold last year to local charities. Andrew has also provided financial support to provincial stakes programs in Nova Scotia and the Matinee Racetrack Development Program in PEI.



Sylvain Filion won his third career Driver of the Year award | photo by Dave Landry

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L A Delight, who was recognized as the Two-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year. The daughter of Bettors Delight was almost flawless last season, winning 11 of 12 starts and \$704,000-plus in purses. After a third-place finish in her lifetime debut, she put together an 11-race win streak, knocking off many stakes including a season-ending personal best 1:51.2 effort in the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final at Woodbine Racetrack.

The Well Said colt **Control The Moment** dominated the freshman male pacing ranks, winning eight of nine starts, more than \$461,000 and was recognized as Canada's Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year. The highlight of his year was defeating North America's best colts when he scored a season's best 1:49.4 victory in the Metro Pace at Mohawk Racetrack.

Canada's Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year, **Solar Sister**, won eight races and more than \$554,000 with several stakes victories including the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final at Woodbine Racetrack.

Wakizashi Hanover, a winner of 11 races and purses exceeding \$1.2 million, was voted Canada's Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year. The \$23,000 yearling purchase won Canada's richest harness race, pacing to a three-quarter length career-best 1:48 win in the Pepsi North America Cup at Mohawk Racetrack. It was his richest victory and worth a \$500,000 pay check.

Caprice Hill, voted Two-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the year, was never worse than third in 10 starts in 2015, while scoring seven wins and bankrolling more than \$593,000. She put together an impressive five-race win streak that kicked off with an Ontario Sires Stakes

Gold event at Georgian Downs in June, and concluded with an OSS Super Final Win in October.

Southwind Frank's incredible season earned him top honours in the Two-Year-Old Trotting Colt category. He was almost invincible in 2015, winning 11 of 12 races, including a Breeders Crown championship and \$941,000 in purse money.

Mission Brief, voted Canada's Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the year, earned more than \$1 million and racked up 10 wins including the elimination and final of the Eleganceimage.

Pinkman, North America's richest trotter in 2015, was voted Canada's Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the year after a phenomenal season. The son of Explosive Matter won 11 races and purses exceeding \$2 million. He scored his richest payday in winning the \$1 million Hambletonian at The Meadowlands in a career best 1:51, a world record for sophomore gelded trotters on a one-mile track.

Bee A Magician, Canada's Horse of the Year in 2013, added another O'Brien trophy to her war chest, this time in the older trotting mare division. The Kadabra mare had an incredible season winning 10 races, \$1.1 million-plus in purse earnings. Her season was highlighted by a spectacular victory in the prestigious Maple Leaf Trot at Mohawk Racetrack.

Older Trotting Horse honours went to **Resolve**, a winner of four races and \$780,000 in purses with one of his most impressive victories coming in the TVG Free for All Trot at The Meadowlands.

Cindy Acton, 29, of Woodstock, Ont., was honoured with the Outstanding Groom Award for 2015, which was sponsored by the

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— with files from *Standardbred Canada*

Yonkers moves closer to commingled betting with France

by Tom Pedulla

Yonkers Raceway appears to be on the verge of a major breakthrough by establishing commingled wagering pools with Pari Mutuel Urbain (PMU) that would enhance the appeal of races simulcast from the half-mile oval to France.

Joe Faraldo, president of the Standardbred Owners Association (SOA) of New York, said fans in France may begin wagering into North American pools as early as April or May.

"Once we can do that, you change the whole dynamic of our game of harness racing," Faraldo said, "because you are adding tremendous amounts of money to the pool."

Alex Dadoyan, executive director of the SOA, was less sure of the "April or May" timeline. "That is sort of our target," he said. "But anything can go wrong, anything can push things back. I'm just being cautious."

Dadoyan is convinced that commingled wagering on trotting races being transmitted from Yonkers to France on specified Sundays and Tuesdays will become a reality. Matinee cards are used to accommodate the six-hour time difference.

"I was just there and met with a bunch of people on this subject," Dadoyan said. "Everything is moving along. I don't see any major problems or anything."

Bob Galterio, chief operating officer at Yonkers, shares the SOA's optimism. "We're still working on it," he said. "We've answered all of their questions, and alleviated some of their concerns."

If, and when, commingling arrives, it should help to attract major players since hefty wagers will not alter the odds nearly as much. Faraldo noted that many serious handicappers have been looking elsewhere for value.

"It comes to a point where the pool is so small, the bettor is inclined not to bet because he's betting against his own money," Faraldo said. "And there is very little return on his money."

The PMU's willingness to commingle would not be new. It agreed to that some years ago in connection with the Hambletonian and other contests at Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, NJ. The effort was abandoned, though, when bureaucratic red tape mounted and became difficult to overcome.

Yonkers, strengthened by the opening of the thriving Empire City Casino operation in 2006, has worked for the last two years to develop a relationship with the PMU and its avid players. Beginning in November, 2014, trotting races were beamed to Paris and elsewhere with an expanded field of 10 starters at distances greater than the U.S. standard of one mile in a concerted effort to appeal to French fans. The first 134 races sent there produced a gross handle just shy of \$20 million.



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Galterio said of the boost commingling can provide: "All of a sudden our fans here in the states, instead of betting into a pool that may have \$500,000 in it on a Tuesday afternoon, may have a total pool of \$2 million for just six races. That's important."

Dadoyan noted, though, that expectations will always be limited due to time differences and a French interest confined to trotting. Pacing races remain an important element at Yonkers. "There are a bunch of things that can keep it from being an everyday home run," he said. "Having said that, it has the potential of being really good."

In an important prelude to potential commingling, Yonkers restored the \$1 million International Trot last October after a 20-year absence. Tim Rooney, whose family has owned the track since 1972, said before the renewal that he expected to lose money because of the inevitable high expenses associated with the prestigious race, won by Papagayo E of Norway. The International, viewed by Rooney as a necessary long-term investment, will be run this year on Oct. 15.

In addition, Galterio said Yonkers will soon announce a Drivers' Challenge, matching U.S. drivers against their French counterparts. "That should be fun and interesting," he said. "It will help the French learn more about our drivers, and will help our drivers learn more about the French."

Yet another step in advancing the relationship would be the simulcasting of trotting races in France to Yonkers. "We've only been talking about going the other way," Galterio said. "But it's a conversation we'd like to have."

Yonkers' ambitions extend beyond France. Faraldo suggests opportunities may exist in Finland, Norway and Sweden. "There is interest in the American product, and I don't think we've capitalized on that interest as we could and should," he said.

Yonkers is scheduled to simulcast 188 races over 33 days to France this year as part of a relationship that grew dramatically since an inauspicious debut. Enthusiastic bettors never saw the first race that was simulcast, reportedly because an operator in London forgot to flip a switch.

Stallion selection: seek performance, not just pedigree

by Dean A. Hoffman



Not long ago, a man contacted me asking for an opinion.

He and some partners owned a nice young broodmare and they were casting about for a consort for her for 2016. Like all breeders, he looked covetously upon the brightest stars in the stud barns of North America. The man summed up their options as follows:

Problem: The partners just weren't ready to cough up the

premium stud fees necessary to breed to the best.

Solution: Do the next best thing. Breed to a lesser known brother of a famous stallion.

The man reasoned that he and his partners were buying the exact same bloodlines at a bargain price. Why not go for the bargain? The

pedigree framework of the resulting foal would be the same.

I advised him to slam on the brakes.

While he was buying the same bloodlines, he wasn't buying the same horse. One had earned millions; the other had earned peanuts. There was a reason for that. You don't always know the reason. It could have resulted from unsoundness. It could have resulted from the fact that the lesser brother was simply no bloody good.

This owner indicated to me that the second choice was an older stallion that was not great, but that had demonstrated his ability to sire good horses and had maintained his appeal over many seasons.

That's the kind of stallion you want, I told him.

The history of standardbred breeding is replete with stallions that were full or half-brothers to the high and mighty headliner horses. They might not have had a career of the rich and famous, but they had the same mommy and the same daddy and thus seemingly the same potential.

But it just never works out that way.

Invariably, however, the full and half-brothers to famous horses or successful stallions get a shot at stallion success. Even if they couldn't go fast on a downhill slope, their pedigree alone often merits them a chance at a small stock farm. After all, they have the same bloodlines that produced a champion.

(In this article I'm not referring to brothers that each had noteworthy accomplishments of their own. For example, I dubbed Conway, Angus, and Andover Hall as the "Band Of Brothers" a decade ago and each has become very successful. But each was also successful on the track. For this article, I'm referring to the stallions whose only real claim to fame is being related to a famous horse).

The best explanation for this is that great racehorses and stallions are sui generis — that is, in a class by themselves and unique. In the lottery of equine genetics, the traits that made them great were often not bestowed on their siblings.

Two mares foaled in the first half of the 1960s each left a son with enormous impact on the breed. The 1962 Florican filly Missile Toe's first foal was Speedy Crown, while the 1964 Dancer Hanover filly Voodoo Hanover's first foal was Albatross.

Unless you have been living under a rock, you know full well the impact of Speedy Crown and Albatross on modern pedigrees.

Missile Toe had two other sons to sire foals in addition to Speedy Crown. Boss Lobell got 93 foals in Ohio and never sired a horse to earn more than \$37,000. Glencoe Pride sired a quartet of foals in Canada.

"Most of those brothers to Speedy Crown didn't look like him at all," said Howard Beissinger, the breeder/trainer/driver of the great trotter.

Voodoo Hanover produced six males in addition to Albatross. One was gelded, three were never used for breeding, but two full brothers to Albatross earned a spot in the stud ranks despite the fact that together they earned less than \$6,500 while their famed brother earned \$1.2 million.

Ambro Valiant went to stud in Illinois and got respectable books initially, but quickly flamed out. He went to stud in 1981 and by 1988 he was down to breeding only 14 mares.

Mariner, another full brother to Albatross, had a breeding career

Stallion selection: seek performance, not just pedigree continued

that paralleled Ambro Valiant's, but he went downhill even faster despite siring Boomer Drummond (\$859,822) in his first crop. Boomer Drummond was a foal of 1980 but by 1987 Mariner bred only five mares.

We should look at the case of Baron Hanover and Bret Hanover, both sons of Adios from Brenna Hanover. Baron Hanover was the highest-priced yearling of 1962 and accomplished little on the track. Bret Hanover was the highest-priced yearling of 1963 and accomplished everything.

Bret enjoyed a long and successful stud career at Castleton Farm while Baron Hanover stood at Pickwick Farm in Ohio. He was a dominant sire in the Buckeye State, but few of his pacers made it to the big time. Some notable exceptions were Whata Baron and his brother Baron Gerard, Count Kef, Pickwick Baron, and Myakka Prince.

There are many other examples that I could cite, but breeding to a proven stallion, even if he is not a great stallion, is usually far better than gambling on an unknown stallion whose only claim to fame is his registration certificate.



This week, the Woodbine Entertainment Group's executive vice-president of racing handicaps the future of the sport.

Handicap the chances the following will occur:

Total handle on WEG's standardbred product will continue the upward trend and be up in 2016 over 2015 — **JM: 4-5. "Off to a great start, so far."**

Short horse supply will have a serious impact on filling races at WEG sometime this year — **JM: 4-1. "Supply will be reduced, but I don't anticipate a serious impact this year."**

The horse supply issue will be serious enough for WEG to have to cancel some harness racing cards this year — **JM: 20-1**

The low Canadian dollar will lead to a decrease in the number of U.S.-based horses being kept eligible to this year's major stakes at WEG — **JM: 2-1. "I would expect it, but not materially down."**

The expanded casino at Woodbine will open **in the next three years** — **JM: 20-1. "Will need more time."**

If a casino comes to Mohawk, WEG will make major capital improvements to Mohawk — **JM: 1-1 (Setting The Odds Best Bet)**

If a casino comes to Mohawk, the Breeders Crown will return to that track in the next five years — **JM: 8-1**

WEG will conduct harness racing year-round at Mohawk in the next five years, **if a casino comes to Mohawk** — **JM: 4-1**

WEG will conduct harness racing year-round at Mohawk in the next five years, **if a casino does not come to Mohawk** — **JM: 25-1 (Setting The Odds Longshot)**

WEG will cease live racing at Mohawk within five years and race only at Woodbine **if a casino does not come to Mohawk** — **JM: 3-1**

The Ontario government will continue to directly fund the industry after the current five-year, \$500 million deal runs out in April of 2019 — **JM: 2-1. "Optimistic comments at the OHR sessions."**

If there is funding from the government beyond 2019, the announcement of further funding will come sometime this year — **JM: 2-1**

If there is further direct funding beyond 2019 (not counting new gaming products, etc.), that funding will be less than \$100 million a year — **JM: "No idea."**

In the next three years, Ontario's standardbred breeding industry will have grown from where it is today (more stallions, more breedings, etc.) — **JM: 8-1 "Depends on last two questions."**

In the next three years, the purse level will be increased at the signature (middle) level tracks included in the Standardbred Alliance — **JM: 8-1 "Not under the current arrangement."**

In the next three years, one or more Ontario racetrack will close — **JM: 20-1**

One or more of the 10 biggest harness racetracks in North America will close **in the next three years** — **JM: 10-1**

In the next three years, total harness race dates in Ontario will continue to decline — **JM: 10-1 "Eventually, horse supply should affect dates."**

In the next three years, the OLG will roll out a gaming product in which the horse racing industry will receive a direct cut of revenue — **JM: "No idea."**

In the next five years, Standardbred Canada will amalgamate with the USTA — **JM: 15-1. "Not sure either party is interested."**

In the next three years, the Canadian Yearling sale and the Forest City Yearling Sale will combine forces to have one major sale in Ontario — **JM: "No idea, but definitely fewer horses to sell."**

In the next five years, the races that make up the Pacing Triple Crown will change — **JM: 20-1. "The current format has survived this long."**

In the next five years, a major bonus exceeding \$1 million will be established for the connections of a horse winning three or four of the sport's biggest races (ex. NA Cup, Meadowlands Pace, Jug and Breeders Crown) — **JM: 20-1. "Not sure of the interest, or if it's a priority for the parties."**

In the next five years, tracks in Canada and the U.S. will work with breeders to shift more money from lower-end overnights into races that give more opportunities for young horses (i.e. maidens, etc.) — **JM: 4-1. "It will happen organically, but not at the pace some hope for."**

In the next five years, harness racing will adopt something similar to thoroughbred racing's graded stakes system — **JM: 20-1**

STORMIN NORMAND

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The fastest son of Broadway Hall, out of the multiple stakes winner, Idole Normand, 1:56.3 (\$394,570), STORMIN NORMAND had an incredible, but unfortunately short, racing career beating horses such as My MVP, Uncle Peter, GooGoo GaaGaa, Guccio, Money On My Mind, Lightning Storm, and many more.

At 2, he won 9 in a row, which included 2 qualifiers. He was the winner of six of seven purse starts, including the \$200,000 PASS Championship Final, where he took his 2-year-old mark of 1:54.3.

As a 3-year-old, he took his mark of 1:51.4 by winning an elimination of the Earl Beal Memorial, finishing second in the Final. He also won a PASS leg, and finished second (timed in 1:54.2h) in the \$445,594 Yonkers Trot Final to Archangel in his 1:54.1h world record-setting win.



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First crop are yearlings in 2016

Hudon Enjoying Turn at the Top

Fellow Woodbine reinsmen may be good-naturedly teasing Phil Hudon about being the track's leading driver, but Hudon says he's appreciating his run of success.

by Chris Lomon



Phil Hudon (shown at the Meadowlands driving Big Jim) is the leading driver at Woodbine
Dave Landry photo

They sport the same colours and mutual desire to succeed, but veteran driver Phil Hudon insists he's not channeling his inner Peyton Manning during his recent wave of Woodbine prosperity.

The man in white, blue and orange — in this instance, Hudon — is no doubt at the top of game these days, finding himself battling it out for bragging rights atop the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) standings.

On this morning, Hudon is at home, watching morning sports highlights, including clips of a recent Super Bowl champion and future NFL Hall of Famer.

"We do wear the same colours, but maybe that's where the comparison ends," laughed Hudon, of Manning, the Denver Broncos two-time Super Bowl champ quarterback. "He's definitely someone who can inspire you, though."

Hudon, whose first victory came with a horse trained by his father, Joe, has an inspiring story of his own in 2016.

On Feb. 11 at Woodbine, Hudon surpassed the \$50 million in career earnings when he drove Charlie Badlands to a third-place finish in the second race. Through that card, Hudon has 28 wins on the year to lead the 2016 WEG driver standings going toe-to-toe with some of the biggest names in the game — from decorated drivers, to multiple O'Brien Award winners, and more than a few up-and-coming stars.

"It's really beyond my expectations," said the 41-year-old reinsman, who began his career in the sulky in 1993. "I've never been a top 10 guy on this circuit, so to have the start I've had, obviously, I'm pretty happy about it."

And, if good-natured ribbing and lighthearted barbs from his fellow drivers are a form of flattery, the 5'7", 155-pound Hudon must be ecstatic.

"The guys, they've been teasing me pretty good," said the lifetime winner of over 4,100 races. "I hear things like, 'Hey, everyone, look

who it is coming our way, it's the leading driver.' It's all in good fun. We all get a laugh out of it."

Hudon, unprompted, admits it hasn't always been this enjoyable.

With success has come perspective.

"I've always loved driving and I've always loved racing," said the native of Winnipeg, MB, who won a career-best 407 races in 2002. "But, in the last few years, I don't think I've appreciated it the way I should have, and a lot of that is self-inflicted. I do appreciate it so much more now. When I come to the track, there's a bounce in my step. I'm champing at the bit to get there. Maybe I'm like wine, and I get better with age."

Hudon's hopeful his vintage year yields even more trips to the winner's circle.

"I tell the other drivers, 'Talk to me 10 months from now.' If I'm still on top then, I can't even imagine how that would feel."

The keys to seeing it come to fruition, Hudon notes, is in keeping a short-term view and in maintaining one key aspect of his daily approach.

"I feel very focused," he said. "And I need to keep that focus going. Things are just clicking for me. Maybe it's because I'm being more patient. I'm just seeing all of it differently. I feel sharp. I guess you can say I'm bringing my 'A' game."

"I don't want to look too far down the road. It's about taking each drive as it comes, being thankful, which I am, for the opportunities that you get when you are winning. I'm grateful for all of the support from owners, trainers, my dad, and so many other people."

It's why Hudon doesn't break stride, so to speak, after a narrow nose loss or an off-the-board finish with the tote board choice.

There was one recent moment, however, when Hudon showed up at Woodbine looking noticeably different.

"I was growing a beard and did well one night," he said. "The next night, I had a crappy evening, so I shaved it off. I'm not that superstitious, but in this case, I just decided to shave it off."

As for what things will look like the rest of the year, Hudon is content in his card-to-card approach, meticulously preparing for the next race, committed in keeping the momentum going.

Win or lose, he's happy and humble for his stellar start to 2016.

"It's like what Sylvester Stallone said in Rocky," said Hudon, in reference to the 1976 Hollywood blockbuster about an underdog boxer. "It's not how many times you get knocked down, it's how you find a way to get back up."

Something the men in white, blue and orange know a thing or two about.

Pennsylvania closer to new Commission

A bill that calls for Pennsylvania's existing two racing commissions to be dissolved and replaced by a new solo commission that would operate under the Department of Agriculture has passed all legislative hurdles and is poised to be addressed by Governor Tom Wolf.

As an article by Law 360 explains, on Feb. 11, the Pennsylvania Senate voted 48-0 in favor of House Bill 941, which calls for the amendment of state law to allow the change of structure for racing

regulation and oversight.

The Law 360 piece states that Sen. Elder Vogel is behind the legislation. The bill will see 'essential funds' moved into the State Racing Fund, which, according to Sen. Vogel, will see a multi-million-dollar surplus in just a few years' time.

As per the article, the bill calls for the new commission to establish a Board that would feature, among others, four Gov. Wolf-appointed members that would represent breeders and horsepeople in the state. The new Board would also feature a Gov. Wolf-appointed veterinarian, along with one member that is appointed by the majority and minority leaders from both of the state's legislative chambers.

The article also states that the bill contains language that will see costs associated with drug testing permanently provided from the Race Horse Development Fund.

Vogel also said, "the bottom line is that we face the real possibility of losing a multimillion-dollar industry. It was imperative that we take care of the Racing Fund's current financial instability, but provide for the long-term protection of the racing industry in Pennsylvania."

— *Standardbred Canada*

Fifth straight \$3 million card at Big M

Horseplayers located both on-course at The Meadowlands and from other outlets worldwide teamed up to wager \$3,100,745 on the Feb. 12 evening program at the Big M, marking a fifth consecutive card with over \$3 million in all-sources handle.

"I just want to thank the horseplayers who support the Meadowlands," said Jason M. Settlemyer, CEO and general manager of Meadowlands Racing and Entertainment. "What else can you say? Friday handle was up over \$800,000 from this day last year, and we hadn't had five straight \$3 million handles in 12 years. I would say the betting public is loud and clear about how much they love our product. Thanks again to all our customers."

From the corresponding Friday in 2015, live handle saw an increase of \$41,606 while \$801,792 more was wagered on Meadowlands races from off-track.

— *James Witherite*

Lonewolf Currier tops strong Blooded Horse Sale

In spite of the cold, bidding was hot for racehorses and broodmares at the 53rd Annual Winter Blooded Horse Sale in Delaware, OH this week. Classy Open pacer Lonewolf Currier topped the two day sale at \$37,000. Consigned by Rene Allard, the handsome son of The Panderosa was purchased by Frenchy Fuller of Ohio. Hot on his heels was the striking brown trotter Marzipan at \$31,000. Consigned by Mark Goldberg, agent, the ultra-consistent son of Chocolatier was hammered down to Frank Chick of Delaware.

Spring Haven Farm was the consigning agent on a pair of popular pacers from Pompano Park. Both solid conditioned competitors, Manhattan Benn was purchased by A Piece Of The Action of California for \$24,000 and Sir Jake's Z Tam went to Robert Lasky, agent for \$15,000. The winning \$17,000 conditioned claiming trotter Charming Charlie moved to Joe Seekman's barn on a \$19,000 bid.

Good broodmares were in equally high demand with the Deweycheatumnhowe filly Affair Hall topping that division at \$35,000. In foal to Uncle Peter, the granddaughter of the great Amour Angus was purchased by Rob McNiven of Canada. White Birch Farm sent a nice consignment that was led by Delighted Again in foal to A Rocknroll Dance for \$18,000. Larry Miller of Ohio signed the ticket for the Bettor's Delight mare. A pair of half-sisters to My Little Dragon, Pretty Major and My Little Art, went respectively to Kenneth Slabach and Jim Ladwig for \$17,000 each.

Visit BloodedHorse.com for complete sale results. The Blooded Horse Spring Sale is May 9 with entries closing April 11.

— *Dot Morgan*

Colville named chair of Standardbred Canada

On Feb. 12, Standardbred Canada elected its Officers & Executive Committee for 2016.

Joanne Colville of Moffat, ON is the new chair of Standardbred Canada.

Also elected to office are:

- Mike Woods (vice-chair)
- Diane Bertrand (chair of Breeders Committee)
- Kent Oakes (past chair)
- Bill O'Donnell (executive committee member)
- Vincent Trudel (executive committee member)
- Jackson Wittup (executive committee member)

Currently the Events Coordinator for the Ontario Standardbred Adoption Society (OSAS), Colville boasts an impressive list of accomplishments. Colville currently owns and operates High Stakes Farm, a 30-acre property specializing in breeding, boarding, rehabilitation and racing stock. Colville is also a director of the Central Ontario Standardbred Association.

Ever ambitious and dedicated to the equine industry, Colville's past experience includes corporate roles within Standardbred Canada and the Woodbine Entertainment Group, where she also served as the full-time parade marshal for eight years.

Having ridden in every discipline, and won numerous awards for speed events, Colville also worked at the Hendervale Equestrian Complex covering the Olympic Trials.

— *Standardbred Canada*



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p,2, 1:49.4, p,3, 1:49.4 (\$402,478)
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Western Vintage swept the NJSS, winning the first two legs and then the Final to become the 2013 NJ State Champion for 2-year-old colt pacers. He then won the Metro Elim, finishing second in the final.

Being a Western Ideal, like Rocknroll Hanover, American Ideal, Always A Virgin, and Artspeak, out of a great family of Champions, Western Vintage will be a top choice for breeders looking for extreme early speed! Western Ideal has success as a sire of sires, noting the fantastic Always B Miki is from the same sire line.

Owners Perry Soderberg and Marvin Katz are very excited to be standing Western Vintage in 2016 for his second season at Abby Stables in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Stud fee will remain at \$3,500.

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Perry fires back at The Curmudgeon

(Editor's note: This letter was written prior to the, as-yet-unsubstantiated rumors of positive tests in New York)

Sometimes stupid is just stupid as Forest Gump would say. I am frankly surprised with Murray Brown's love-fest with Ron Burke. What was sited were facts not accusations. Anytime we see major upticks in results in one direction, which are followed by upticks in the opposite direction that coincide with factors such as relevant changes in testing protocol they need to be called out. To ignore the facts is one factor which has contributed to the decline in harness racing industry. Mr. Brown's comments might have worked in the '80s and '90s, but have no place in today's world where information, facts and figures are readily available through the Internet. Harness racing today is in a fight for survival and ignoring the facts is a recipe for further decline.

Further, where have the racing commission officials been that are charged with oversight? And, why are they AWOL till after a problem occurs. Where are the pro-active actions? Why do track owners like Mr. Gural have to lead them by the nose? It would seem that if other tracks were really concerned for survival they would be leading and implementing 21st century changes.

— David Perry, Dearborn, MI

Perry is "spot on" and more

There was a couple of subjects which interested me in your comment section. I was not going to add my opinion but I just read about the (alleged) Burke and Miller positives.

Anyway, D. Perry's two opinions on Burke were spot on. I have been going to the races since 1963 betting serious money, and I have seen them all.

Burke's horses have always done much better at the Philadelphia or Yonkers tracks than at the Meadowlands. Especially when they come first time in to the barn. I have not seen that kind of performance at the Meadowlands.

There is an old saying, "If it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck and walks like a duck, it's a duck." Now by jimminee, we have a positive at Yonkers. Say it isn't so Murray. This is not the first infraction in the Burke family. I also read M. Brown reply to Mr. Perry. Since I believe he is connected in some way to breeding etc., it is no wonder. They always try to protect their own for ulterior motives and probably think anybody that bets on horses is a schmuck.

Anyway, while I support Jeff (Gural) and his operations 200 per cent, I am going to follow this very closely. It is one thing to bar Pena, Oakes, Lambert, Herrera, etc. It's another thing to bar Burke and Miller. We shall see...

Reading D. Little's column when he interviewed J. Settlemoir and Jason was talking about how great the handle is. This is a good thing, but I believe it has peaked. I know it's not their fault now because they have not got the money, but the caliber of horses is horrible. I compare this to the A/C casinos that went belly up because they could not survive on the old bus people playing penny and nickel slots. Same thing here.

Until the racing gets better — and with that attract bettors that "send it in" — the handle is not going to increase much. Speaking from experience, am I going to "send it in" on NW2 NW5000L5, especially the trotters when not only I have to have the right horse/horses but I've got to hope they do not break. Give me a diet of NW20000L5 opens and I will bet much more as will the heavy hitters the Meadowlands will attract. Then you might get some of the "flat" whales because the pools will be large enough.

— John Christiansen, Flanders, NJ

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MEADOWLANDS *report*

Friday's Results:

8, M, \$20,000, P, Fillies & Mares N/W \$16,500 in Last 5 Starts AE: N/W 7 Extended PM Races or \$100,000 Lifetime AE: Open Mares Drawn Outside, 27.2, 57.0, 1:24.3, 1:51.4, FT

1-Gweneeee J (m, 4, American Ideal--Shot Togo Bluechip, by Cam's Card Shark), \$145,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Kj Stables LLC. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Linda Toscano. D-Scott Zeron, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 21-7-5-2, \$94,357

2-Gallie Bythe Beach (m, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Galleria, by Artsplace) O-Fashion Farms LLC. B-Arlene L & Jules J Siegel. T-Jim Campbell. D-Tim Tetrick, \$5,000

3-Purity (m, 5, Always A Virgin--Aeromiss, by Allamerican Native), \$20,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Michael Casalino Jr. B-Bluestone Farms LLC. T-Vincent Fusco Jr. D-Austin Siegelman, \$2,400

Calls: 3, 3, 2T, 2, HD - Finish Order: Not Before Eight, Clear View Hanover, Lightning Paige, Girllookatthatbody, Inittowinafortune

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11, M, \$15,000, T, N/W 6 Extended PM Races or \$105,000 Lifetime, 28.1, 57.0, 1:25.3, 1:53.3, FT

1-Celebrity Pegasus (h, 4, Andover Hall--Celebrity Athena, by Yankee Glide), \$27,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Karen A Lamay. B-Andray Farm & John A Carver. T-Bob Davis. D-Anthony Napolitano, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 14-7-1-1, \$74,680

2-Ulster (g, 5, Glidemaster--Armbo Definition, by Self Possessed), \$2,500 2012 SHS-HBG O-Joseph D Facin Jr & Joseph D Facin. B-Robert B Burgess, CA & Karin B Olsson Burgess, CA. T-Kyle Spagnola. D-Brett Miller, \$3,750

3-Forever As (m, 4, Conway Hall--Evensong As, by Mack Lobell) O-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. B-Acl Stuteri Ab, SD & John Erik Magnusson. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Tim Tetrick, \$1,800
Calls: 4T, 3T, 2, 1Q, 1H - Finish Order: Paris Princess N, Its Huw You Know, Hot Summer Knight, Charles VII, Never Ever Clever, Massive Lightning, Soboro Hanover

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13, M, \$16,000, T, N/W \$15,000 in Last 5 Starts or or N/W \$80,000 in 2015/16 AE: N/W 7 Extended PM Races (State Bred Excluded) AE: N/W \$16,000 in Last 5 Starts Drawn Outside, 28.0, 56.3, 1:25.1, 1:52.4, FT

1-B Yoyo (g, 6, Striking Sahbra--B Joyflo, by Enjoy Lavec) O-Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos. B-Ben F Robards. T-Richard Johnson. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 87-17-13-11, \$192,375

2-Crosbys Clam Bake (g, 6, Kadabra--Pacific Elegance, by Donerail) O-Randall B Bendis & Jack B Piatt II & Thomas J Pollack. B-Edward H Lohmeyer & Patricia M Hogan. T-Andrew Federico Jr. D-Scott Zeron, \$4,000

3-Born To Fight (g, 6, Cantab Hall--China Tea Party, by Muscles Yankee), \$42,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-James F Snyder. B-Herb A Liverman. T-Mark Ford. D-Anthony Napolitano, \$1,920

Calls: 3, 2H, 3Q, 1, 2H - Finish Order: Opening Night, March Awareness, Cash Poor, Lauderdale, Hominy Hill

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THE MEADOWS *report*

Saturday's Results:

8, Mea, \$20,000, P, *W/O \$10,000/PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P. 1-2 DRAWN; 3-6 DRAWN, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:53.0, GD

1-Rockin Ron (g, 4, Real Desire--Im All A Roan, by Sportsmaster) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Rtc Stables Inc. B-Ronald L Phillips & John A Carver & Louis H Leinberger. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 32-11-2-4, \$146,168

2-Doctor Rj (g, 7, Real Artist--Informant, by It's Fritz) O-Keith J Pippi & Robyn Kennedy. B-Markus M Ernst. T-Paul Kennedy. D-Aaron Merriman, \$5,000

3-Dew N Doughnuts (h, 6, Real Desire--Arbitration, by Artiscape) O-Thomas L Klosky Jr. B-Thomas L Klosky Jr. T-Norm Parker. D-Tony Hall, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1, 1H, 4T - Finish Order: Capital Account, Bestinthebusiness, Mattamerican

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9, Mea, \$15,000, P, ***L.C - WINTER CLAIM SERIES*** H&G CLAIM \$20,000 W/A - 1ST LEG 1ST OF 3 DIVISIONS, 29.0, 57.3, 1:26.2, 1:55.1, GD

1-Valiente Stride (g, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Miss Stacey, by Artsplace) O-Lester R Peters. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ronnie Roberts. D-Aaron Merriman, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 35-9-8-3, \$35,334

2-Bombay Away (g, 8, Art Major--Armbo Bombay, by Western Hanover), \$80,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-Michelle L Yanek. B-White Birch Farm. T-Paul Corey. D-Tony Hall, \$3,750

3-Mach To The Max (g, 5, Mach Three--Thrilled, by Real Artist) O-A Piece Of The Action LLC. B-Christopher J Ryder & Max Wernick. T-Jeff Nisonger. D-Dave Palone, \$1,800

Calls: 3, 1H, 1H, 1, NS - Finish Order: Good Luck, Swift As A Shadow, Harnessnitencanada, Modern Gesture, I Dreamed A Dream

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11, Mea, \$15,000, P, ***L.C - WINTER CLAIM SERIES*** H&G CLAIM \$20,000 W/A - 1ST LEG 2ND OF 3 DIVISIONS, 28.4, 57.4, 1:26.1, 1:55.3, GD

1-George Jettison (g, 6, Jerome's Jet--Impressive Sign, by Life Sign), \$40,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Tommy L Mucci. B-David J Miller & Lindwood Farm & Andray Farm. T-Jason Robinson. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 108-12-24-13, \$250,027

2-Hickory Little Red (g, 6, Metropolitan--Atlanta Hanover, by No

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Nukes) O-Randall B Bendis & Michael E Novosel Jr & Reed Broadway & Thomas J Pollack. B-William A Gilliland. T-Randy Bendis. D-Mike Wilder, \$3,750

3-Amazon Art (g, 10, Artsplace--Can Du River, by Cam Fella), \$100,000 2007 LEX-SEL O-Harry Locke, CA. B-Frederick W Hertrich III & Lewis Arno. T-Tye Loy. D-Aaron Merriman, \$1,800
Calls: 4H, 1, 2, 2, H - Finish Order: Jins Dragon, Affluenza, Major Marcus, Silver Phantom, Major Monet

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13, Mea, \$15,000, P, *L.C - WINTER CLAIM SERIES*** H&G CLAIM \$20,000 W/A - 1ST LEG 3RD OF 3 DIVISIONS, 27.3, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:54.4, GD**

1-Big Game Hunter (g, 6, Geartogear--Penny's Fortune, by Four Starzzz Shark), \$7,000 2011 HOOSIER O-Keith J Pippi. B-Wilbur R Lengacher. T-Michael Dowdall. D-Aaron Merriman, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 99-15-12-12, \$153,905

2-Shadow's Image (g, 4, Shadow Play--Twin B Diva, by Camluck), \$2,000 2013 BHS O-Tommy L Mucci. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Jack Smith. D-Dave Palone, \$3,750

3-Mr Coolie (h, 10, No Pan Intended--Armbrro Vertical, by Presidential Ball) O-Wolf Creek Farm. B-R Gregg Mcnair, CA. T-John Zawistowski. D-Dale Hiteman, \$1,800

Calls: 4H, 3, 1, 1, HD - Finish Order: Shadows Dream, Want Me, Keystone Royce, Pv Coming Home, Vengeance, Desperation

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MIAMI VALLEY report

Friday's Results:

6, MVR, \$15,000, P, FILLIES & MARES CLAIMING HCP. \$20,000 OR \$25,000 W/ALLOWANCES POST POSITIONS DRAWN TO PRICE, 30.4, 1:00.2, 1:30.3, 1:58.3, FT

1-My Hare Lady (m, 7, Jereme's Jet--Hare Trigger, by Jenna's Beach Boy) O-Chris Choros. B-Schare D Adams. T-Jeff Brewer. D-Jason Brewer, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 98-19-15-10, \$131,002

2-Ginger Spice N (m, 9, Tinted Cloud--Secret Spice, by Sokys Atom) O-Michael Annunziata. B-P B Nixon, NZ & R J Limbrick, NZ. T-Aj Carlo. D-Randy Tharps, \$3,750

3-Gran Gabriel (m, 8, Dontgetinmyway--Meredith Hall, by Cambest) O-Trent Stohler Stable Inc & Benjamin & Tim A Graber. B-Jerry G Grant. T-Steve Carter. D-John De Long, \$1,800
Calls: 1Q, 1, HD, HD, T - Finish Order: Allstar Morning, Pipecreek Star, Allthatjazz De Vie, A Little Starstruck

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10, MVR, \$20,000, P, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HCP P.P. 9 ASSIGNED, 28.1, 56.2, 1:24.4, 1:54.1, FT

1-Buckeye Thea (m, 6, Dave Panlone--Gianna Girl, by Cambest) O-Richard P Paltani. B-Richard P Paltani. T-Steve Carter. D-Josh Sutton, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 105-24-11-18, \$195,552

2-Native Dream (m, 6, Allamerican Native--Eternal Optimism, by Artsplace), \$6,200 2011 HOOSIER O-Pacey A Mindlin & Kenneth I

Cohen. B-Pine Creek Stables LLC & Charles F Krippendorf. T-Jim Dailey. D-John De Long, \$5,000

3-American Girl (m, 7, 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, \$2,400
Calls: 1T, 2Q, 2, 1H, T - Finish Order: Addys Way, Fashion Fluzzy, Alibi Seelster, Albanian Era, Western Empress, Valerya

Replay unavailable

Saturday's Results:

11, MVR, \$15,000, P, HORSES & GELDINGS CLAIMING \$20,000 W/ALLOWANCES, M, 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:53.1, FT

1-Wilcox (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Dark Secret, by Western Hanover), \$110,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Philippe Belanger & Kenneth P Desjardins, CA. B-Hamstan Farm Inc, CA. T-Philippe Belanger. D-Josh Sutton, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 74-13-13-7, \$124,299

2-Machin Music (g, 7, Mach Three--Words And Music, by Sportsmaster) O-Larrywaderacingofohiolc. B-Dr Kenneth M Rucker MD & Jana Lee Rucker. T-Kayne Kauffman. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$3,750

3-Full Of Sand (g, 8, Full Of Fun--Soft Towel, by Beach Towel) O-B6 Racing Stable. B-White Creek Stable Inc. T-Travis Redden. D-Tyler Smith, \$1,800

Calls: 1, 1Q, 1Q, 1, 1 - Finish Order: Blueridge Doc, Real Winner, Malosi N, Flying Rocket, M G Kid, Mr Dennis, Fantaddy

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12, MVR, \$20,000, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN, M, 27.4, 56.1, 1:23.4, 1:52.3, FT

1-Mykindachip (g, 7, Art's Chip--Figmental, by Precious Bunny) O-Carl L Atley. B-John R Miller. T-Jim Dailey. D-Kayne Kauffman, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 114-31-21-15, \$536,467

2-Radar Warning (g, 8, I Am A Fool--Radar Tracking, by No Nukes), \$25,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Steve J & Nancie A Brannan. B-Joe Mar Farm LLC. T-Steve Brannan. D-Tyler Smith, \$5,000

3-My Temudjin N (g, 9, Christian Cullen--Mainland Reign, by Camtastic) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-A D & Mrs L M Douglas, NZ. T-Kris Hinchcliff. D-Chris Page, \$2,400
Calls: NS, NS, Q, 1, 1 - Finish Order: Bettor Than You, E R Oliver, Doctor Carter, Turbo Mach, Positively Perfect, Schoolkids, Fancy Creek Elusiv

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WOODBINE report

Friday's Results:

1, WDB, \$20,00, T, NW 3 (FM 5) RACES OR \$80,000 (FM \$120,000) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLD MARES. 27, 56.4, 1:26.3, 1:55.4

1-Hubby Number One (b,g,5 - Hard Rock N Roll-Meet My Ex - Keystone Nordic) O-Timothy W Cherwaiko, Trevor A Cherwaiko, Joel Gates B-Karen Greengard T-Timothy W Cherwaiko D-Douglas McNair, \$10,000, Lifetime Results: 55-16-7-7, \$88,541

2-Twiggys Twick (b,m,6 - Kadabra-Chelemark Twiggys-Angus Hall) O-Shirley M Halas B-Douglas Millard T-Joseph Cirasuola D-James MacDonald

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3-Flexie (b,m,5 - Federal Flex-Lewies Lulu-Armbr Rotary)
O-Melville V Giles B-Jeffrey Gillis T-Melville Giles D-Machael Saftic
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6, WDB, \$22,000, P, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$15,000 LAST 5 STARTS
OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$120,000 LIFETIME. AE:
OPT. CLM. \$35,000. 27.1, 56.3, 1:25.3, 1:54.3

1-Kayla Grace (b,m,5 - Hes All That-A Maze Of Grace-Cole Muffler)
O-E C S Racing LLC,Rockford-Kevin A St Charles B-Starwin Farms
T-Kevin St. Charles D-Phillip Hudon, \$11,000, Lifetime Record:
85-40-10-11, \$246,954

2-Regally Ready (b,m,5 - Royal Mattjesty-Jodi St Laurent-Life Sign)
O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T/D-Richard Zeron

3-Dazzling Rockette (b,m,4 - Rocknroll Hanover-Sweet Smilin Lady -
Grinfromeartoeart) O-Shirley M Halas B-Perretti Farms T-Joseph
Cirasuola D-DJames MacDonald

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9, WDB, \$30,000, P, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED. 27.1, 56.1,
1:24.4, 1:53.3

**1-Sandbetweenurtoes (b,m,5 - Somebeachsomewhere-Als Girl-
Artsplace)** O-Bradley J Grant B-John Carver T-Richard Moreau D-Jody
Jamieson, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 33-14-4-3, \$590,627

2-Ms Mac N Cheese (b,m,4 - Badlands Hanover-Mr Delis
Filly-Artiscape) O-L David Ratchford B-Winbak Farm T-Richard
Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

3-Our Hot Majorette (br,m,4 - Art Major-Shes So Hot-Richess
Hanover) O-Millar Farms B-Michael Witt T-Richard Zeron D-Randal
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YONKERS report

Friday's Results:

12, YR, \$16,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 5
STARTS, 27.4, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:55.2, FT

1-Alhambra (m, 6, Art Major--Bon Mot, by Allamerican Ingot),
\$17,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Joshua F Schwartz & Raymond C Hoegen
Jr. B-Lst Stables & William T Devan Jr. T-William Adamczyk.

D-George Brennan, \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 77-14-14-9, \$250,589

2-Delightful Dragon (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Little Miss Dragon, by
Dragon Again) O-Noel M Daley & William B Weaver III. B-Adam
Victor & Son Stble LLC. T-Noel Daley. D-Brent Holland, \$4,000

3-Icommandmyspirit (m, 6, Dragon Again--Artists Flower, by Real
Artist) O-Cheryl L Costello. B-Cheryl L Costello. T-Eric Abbatiello.
D-Eric Abbatiello, \$1,920

Calls: 1H, 2H, 3H, 1Q, 1 - Finish Order: Stormunn, Jonsie Jones,
Exhilarated, Gianna's Delight, Rockaround Sue

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