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# Rob Key's social media crusade

*This weekend the USTA will vote whether to continue investing in the campaign that produced the Harness Racing Fan Zone, an app, video content and more.*

by Dave Briggs

Rob Key calls it the “existential question about the future of the sport.” Namely: will the United States Trotting Association (USTA) vote this weekend to continue on with the harness racing social media campaign Key’s company Converseon has mounted for the past two years?



**Social media marketing expert Rob Key with his father’s millionaire trotter Break The Bank K.**

“Is it better to build on top of momentum we already have and make adjustments and double down? Or, is it better to do nothing at all?” Key asked.

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In his case, it's a rhetorical question, of course. The USTA will give its answer this weekend at its annual Board of Directors meeting in Columbus, OH. The USTA has invested \$250,000 in the campaign in each of the last two years. Now, tight budgets have placed investment in Key's campaign at a crossroads.

"We're moving into a critical moment around this entire initiative," Key said. "It's a social marketing and digital transformation initiative, because it isn't just likes and tweets. It's about, 'How does the sport become repackaged for a digital environment where people are living on their iPhones and iPads and look like a major league sport so we can become relevant?'"

Key said those looking for tangible results and an obvious return on the investment are missing the point, especially so early in the campaign. Key said his company had to start from scratch to market harness racing to the digital world.

"If you were looking for harness racing online you might find the USTA site, but that's inside baseball. It's good, quality content, but it isn't for a new or potential crossover fan. So, we had to build all that," Key said. "We built the Harness Racing Fan Zone. We did some key video content like the Harness Racing History video and the This Is Harness Racing video and we have mobile apps for both Android and IOS.

"We also did some support for some major races and we tested some things like 360-degree video. We also piloted a couple of things that are more specific. For example, for the Hambletonian this year we did this idea of online coupons that people could download that they could then take to the track to redeem for a mystery voucher. We piloted targeting people online with high incomes, like thoroughbred owners to see if they were interested in

becoming owners. On a limited basis we tested those things and had some success with those things."

Adriano Sorella, a standardbred owner who owns the digital media company Union Ad Sales that specializes in online advertising, recently wrote a letter in support of Key's initiative.

"I have had the pleasure of working with many experienced digital marketers that are leaders in what we do," Sorella wrote. "In the past few years I have begged, preached and followed the digital movement in our racing industry (or lack of). And I have brought up the fact that we as an industry need to move swiftly and quickly to 'catch up' with the current digital marketplace.

"From my experience we have a ways to go, but I do believe we need to back the current platform that has been created in the past two years. I have had the pleasure of speaking with many industry leaders, trainers, owners and feel that everyone agrees we need a digital presence. The current platform, with the Harness Racing Fan Zone and its social presence, is the foundation for a strong movement... Building a foundation is one of the hardest parts, and resources and funding are essential to the path and direction. Once the proper platform is built, the future results are endless... we need to fully support this right now."

Key acknowledges it hasn't gone perfectly and, "being self critical, I think we could be doing a better job of continuously informing the industry more broadly about what we're doing so that people know." Yet, he stressed the successes have outweighed the hiccups.

He said more than 21 million people viewed harness racing content online last year from this initiative and an analysis of Facebook fans at the Harness Racing Fan Zone compared with Standardbred

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Canada, Meadowlands and USTA shows that about 62 per cent of the Fan Zone's fans are wholly unique.

"That indicates that we are, indeed, reaching out and engaging new people," Key said.

Critics question whether the campaign has, yet, provided good value for the investment and it's been difficult to track whether it has brought new fans or owners to the game.

Key pointed out the \$500,000 spent so far had to cover technology, media, web and app development, production, services and strategy. He said his company has personally contributed over \$200,000 in additional services to the campaign and he has not billed for his personal time.

He said he originally approached the Meadowlands, Yonkers, the USTA and Hambletonian Society about financially supporting the social media campaign.

"The original vision was for the USTA to fund the foundation and then other groups would join in. The USTA did its job and the foundation is in place. Others didn't follow through," Key said. "We're at a critical moment and, in my view, we're either going to really get more serious and double down and expand on what we're looking to do, which was always the plan, or there's a chance we may kill it. If we kill it, I'm not sure how we begin something again."

Key said the money exists in the sport for this kind of marketing effort, it just may need to be redirected.

"There's a tremendous amount of money sloshing around the system right now in terms of marketing dollars that are being spent... but it's not being pointed in the same direction. There's not

an over-arching strategy. It's not working in cohesion with each other. I would simply say just taking the money the sport is spending right now and bringing it together for greater cohesion and strategy would have significant upside," he said.

The son of noted owner/breeder Bob Key, Rob said he comes at this campaign from "an interesting vantage point" as a former groom, trainer, owner and breeder who then became a marketing professional first at Young & Rubicam and then founding Converseon in 2001.

"Seeing things from this 360 degree view simply helps me see the opportunities for the greater good if we can get past our often short term limited perspectives that pervade the industry," Key said. "With a large group of mares and horses – via my father – I have a strong vested interest in seeing this sport succeed and grow over time. That's my motivation."

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# Is JL Cruze on cusp of a huge year?

*Having solved the mystery of the trotter's late-season struggles, trainer Eric Ell is expecting big things in 2016.*

by Bill Finley

JL Cruze clearly wasn't himself as he finished up his 2015 campaign with three straight losses, but trainer Eric Ell now understands why the son of Crazyed went so badly off form. Tests performed after last year's Maple Leaf Trot revealed that JL Cruze was suffering from a heart valve problem that was restricting his breathing.



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**JL Cruze (shown winning the Graduate final at the Meadowlands last July) is poised for an even bigger year in 2016.**

"We took him up to the New Bolton Center after we got home after the Maple Leaf Trot because he just wasn't himself," Ell said. "Soundness-wise, he was as good as I had him all year. John (Campbell) said it was something internal, that he just couldn't finish. At New Bolton, they put him on the treadmill and they hooked him up to all the monitors and all the breathing apparatuses and they got him up to a mile in 2:05 or so and they said he only had 60 per cent of the oxygen intake he should have had. One of the valves of his heart wasn't working correctly, which they attributed to a bad virus."

The vets at New Bolton told Ell that JL Cruze would be fine with rest, which Ell had already planned on giving him.

"To find this out was absolutely a big relief because we didn't know why he was having problems," Ell said. "In The Maple Leaf Trot, he left right out of there, went the first quarter in :26.3, and looked great doing it. Turning for home he was just empty and the same thing happened in the elimination."

JL Cruze finished last of 10 in the Maple Leaf Trot final and was fifth in the elimination. Before appearing at Mohawk, he finished fourth in the Sebastian K Invitational at Pocono. Prior to that race, he was having a sensational year. He had won 16 of 18 races and became the first trotter in history to break the 1:50 barrier on a one-mile track, which he accomplished in the Graduate Series final at the Meadowlands. Though just four, he proved to be the top older male trotter on the year and was rewarded with a Dan Patch Award.

Ell said his first major goal in 2016 with JL Cruze will be the May 8

Elitlopp Playoff at the Meadowlands. Though a win there could mean an invitation to the Elitlopp, Ell isn't sure yet if he will send his gelding to Sweden.

"I'm not sure about the Elitlopp," he said. "I need to think about it and consider the size of the tracks over there. He's not the best on the turns, so I like racing him on the bigger tracks and we'd like to keep him on the bigger tracks as much as possible this year. I wouldn't race him on a half-mile, but on a five-eighths (the circumference of the racetrack at Solvalla, the home of the Elitlopp) I think he'll be okay. He's already handled Pocono pretty well."

Whether JL Cruze goes to Sweden or not, expectations are that he could have a huge year. To win a Dan Patch Award as four-year-old is a notable accomplishment and Ell is among those who believe JL Cruze can only be better at five.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed," he said. "He had a lot of issues last year, including a stifle problem. He also grabbed a quarter and had some major foot problems. Right now he seems very, very good. John told me he'd make a much better racehorse as a five-year-old and told me he'd develop a lot this year coming up. We could have a lot of fun this year."

JL Cruze is training at Kenwood Farm in Denton, Maryland. Ell said that his gelding could have "one or two" overnight races before appearing in the Elitlopp Playoff.

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## Decoupling: Harness racing's newest scary word

by Dave Little

When Bill Finley wrote his piece in last Friday's HRU on the possible end of racing at Florida's Pompano Park, a new term that no track operator, horseperson or breeder wants to speak, hear or read was added to harness racing's lexicon: Decoupling.

Basically, decoupling is legislation that ends the marriage between racing and slots, leaving racing to fend for itself. Since many venues that have both racing and slots are owned by entities that couldn't care less about racing, decoupling is one scary word.

"It's a very palpable fear," said Tom Grossman, owner of Blue Chip Farms, a major breeding player in New York. "The cycle really is that way back when we first got VLT (video lottery terminal) legislation passed, the politicians became well versed in what the economic and environmental benefits are of having a vibrant breeding business in the state — the sale of hay and grain, blacksmiths, and all that. We have impact studies in New York and Pennsylvania that

have very impressive numbers that indicate what it adds to the economy.”

But politics plays a vital role in the entire process. And it's that process that Grossman finds frustrating.

“Then, everyone gives themselves a pat on the back, myself included, and we go about our business,” he said. “We invest in a stallion, in which you are hoping for a seven or eight-year pay back when you spend six or seven million dollars, and you fall asleep at the wheel a little bit. And guess what? You then have new politicians who did not go through that process who certainly don't fully appreciate at all those arguments we just went through and they just turn around and say, ‘Why are horse people getting all this money instead of school teachers?’ and whatever else. It's a very, very dangerous situation. I've spent millions of dollars on political lobbyists and what I did not realize at the time – and I do realize now – is that it's not a one-time effort, it's a continuing effort to keep politicians educated. It's a scary situation.”

Alan Schwartz is the president of the Monticello Harness Horsemen's Association. Remarkably, his group has contracts that guarantee racing at the Mighty M for the next nine years. And he's still concerned about decoupling. Clearly, if decoupling has decimated the sport nearing the end of the contract, how many horses and horsemen would be left by then?

“Absolutely, it concerns me,” said Schwartz. “It would be a tragic mistake if the state were to adopt it. What I fear now is that with full gaming casinos coming, (to get them) the law is written as such that these casinos must maintain racing. But I fear that down the road that racing would be in jeopardy. Ours is a dying sport. I think when these casinos get operational and the money starts flowing from the casinos to the politicians, anything can happen, and that's my biggest fear.

“We had some politicians that we thought were absolutely in favor of the horsemen. When this last situation came up at Monticello, with the contract dispute, some of the politicians turned their backs on us. It was extremely disappointing. I fear that it's going to be the same thing in the future.”

At least the Monticello horsemen can take solace in their current contract situation. They have an interim contract at Monti that lasts until the completion of a full-fledged casino at the Catskill region's Concord Hotel (about two years). Once the Concord – which is being built by Monticello owner Empire Resorts in partnership with Entertainment Properties – is complete, a seven-year horsemen's deal kicks in.

Even with that in place, Schwartz knows where racing stands in the eyes of ownership. “The people that bought Monticello Raceway did not buy it for racing. We are nothing but a burden to them.”

Meadowlands chairman Jeff Gural doesn't have to worry about decoupling at the Big M. The matter of alternate gaming at the New Jersey mile has been moving like an earthworm through molasses for several years. But he still has his New York properties, Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs, to be concerned with.

“It's hard to say (if decoupling will come to New York),” said Gural. “I really think that the horsemen in New York have good political contacts and I think it would be difficult for that to happen. But eventually, I guess it will. At some point, I think the handle and the number of people betting on the product get so low, it would be difficult to justify continuing to subsidize it.”

Would Gural cease racing operations at his New York properties

were decoupling to come to the Empire State?

“I probably wouldn't stop racing because I'm a horse racing guy,” said Gural. “But if something were to happen to me, my children would probably discontinue it. They have no interest in racing at all. Why would they want to take \$2.3 million (what Vernon and Tioga lost last year) out of their pocket to have racing?”

“The argument hasn't changed at all,” said Grossman. “The economic and environmental impact of breeding farms in New York State is as high, or higher, as it's ever been. It's not hypothetical, but factual. But it's not readily apparent to anyone who just walks in and looks at where all of the money is going.

“I think we have a two or three-year window moving forward where the slot revenue is guaranteed. To invest multi-millions in stallions, like we've done, you need five or six years of visibility, and we don't have that.”

So what does Grossman see in the future for Blue Chip if decoupling made it into law?

“I'd build a housing development.”

Five scary words, to be sure.

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Terry Morgan winning a race with Prove Up at the Meadowlands in mid-February at age 72 brings to mind some others who were north of the 60 threshold when posting significant moments in the sport's history:

- John Campbell was 60 in 2016 when JL Cruze posted the first sub-1:50 trotting mile in Meadowlands (or mile track) history with a 1:49.4 score.
- Mike Lachance was 61 and 62 when winning back-to-back Kentucky Futurity titles with My MVP and Creatine in 2012 and 2013, respectively.
- Howard Bessinger was 64 when he won the 1987 Breeders Crown with Defiant One.
- Carl Allen was 69 when he set the world freshman trotting mark with C R Commando in the 1998 Breeders Crown at Colonial.
- Stanley Dancer was 64 when he won the 1991 Merrie Annabelle with Super Nice.
- Earle Avery was in his late 60s when he had success with the one and only Meadow Skipper in the early 1960s.

#### Ya Never Know Dept.

Twenty-two months after Land Grant won the sport's first \$2 million race (August of 1980), he won a NW \$7,500 at the Meadowlands in the slop in 2:03.2.

#### HOY without the most top votes

Stenographer won the 1954 Horse of the Year title, but didn't get the most first-place votes, the only time this has happened in 69 years. Stenographer earned 22 first-place votes and 464 points overall, while Scott Frost earned 23 first-place votes, but had 423 points. Adios Boy finished third with 17 first-place votes and 280 points overall.

#### Did you know...

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## Remembering the late, great trotting king Mack Lobell

by Dean A. Hoffman

Trainer Chuck Sylvester and driver John Campbell never quite knew which Mack Lobell would show up when he went behind the gate.



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### The late, great Mack Lobell and John Campbell

When Mack was good, he was great. No trotter could touch him.

When Mack was bad, he presented challenges that took all the skills of Hall of Famers Sylvester and Campbell.

I saw Mack at his best and his worst moments and he never ceased to marvel.

After Mack won the Elitlopp in Sweden in 1988, a European journalist said to me in the pressroom at the Solvalla track in Stockholm, "He's like a horse from another planet."

But I also saw Mack when his mind would wander and he lost – or nearly lost – races he should have easily won.

The internationally renowned trotter was put to sleep earlier this week at age 32. His home for many years was Menhammer Stud in Sweden, where he was treated like the royalty he truly was by owner Margareta Wallenius-Kleberg.

Mack won the Hambletonian, the Elitlopp twice, and set all sorts of speed records back in the 1980s. Most importantly, he won the admiration of every person lucky enough to see him. He was an outstanding sire, despite suffering from compromised fertility that was the birthright of many males from the Victory Song line. He will likely be best known for the contributions of his daughters as they are found in the pedigrees of many European stars.

He was not, however, a horse that inspired awe when you saw him. He didn't look like a world champion. He didn't look like much of anything. But Mack had the motor of a Maserati inside him.

Mack showed promise early as a freshman in 1986 and finished second in the Peter Haughton Memorial behind Ditka Hanover. A month later, the two met again at DuQuoin, IL.

I was standing at the finish line just inside the rail taking photos, and watched as Mack held a comfortable lead nearing the wire. Then suddenly he broke into a gallop.

I later told Campbell that I feared that I'd spooked Mack.

"Oh, no, his mind just starts to wander at times," Campbell replied.

That wasn't the only time Mack's mind wandered. Like a bored but brilliant kid in a classroom, Mack often simply didn't pay attention. He was at his best when he was in a dogfight with another horse's nose right at his throatlatch.

Mack lowered the speed standard for freshman trotters to 1:55.3 at The Red Mile and later took the Breeders Crown handily. But it was his sophomore season that was truly remarkable.

He set a Hambletonian record of 1:53.3 in winning in straight heats, but kept things lively by scoring down on the pace before one heat and then breaking into a gallop the moment after he crossed the wire. Mack's feet were stinging him, but he still got the job done.

Two weeks later, he became the fastest trotter ever with a remarkable 1:52.1 mile at Springfield.

By then harness racing had come to expect the impossible from Mack. His victories were expected and often routine. It was his defeats and close calls that made things memorable.

Two weeks after setting the all-time speed standard, Mack dropped two heats in the World Trotting Derby to Napoletano. Three weeks later, he just edged out Spotlite Lobell at Delaware.

He'd won the Yonkers Trot and Hambletonian and was expected to become the first Triple Crown winner since Super Bowl in '72 by winning the 1987 Kentucky Futurity. But Napoletano nailed him deep in the stretch that day to deny Mack the crown.

Was Napoletano now the better colt? Anyone who suffered from those illusions learned otherwise in the Breeders Crown at Pompano when Mack won by an astonishing 12-and-three-quarter lengths in a record time of 1:54.1.

With '87 Horse of the Year honors in hand, Mack went off to stud bearing a genetic handicap as his patrimony. His great-great grandsire Victory Song was never a robustly fertile stallion and the same was true for his son Noble Victory. It was a curse that carried on through Mack's grandsire Noble Gesture and sire Mystic Park.

When fertility tests were poor, Mack was put back in training and aimed at Mission Impossible across the ocean. He would have some prep races in May and cross the Atlantic to tackle the monsters of Europe in the Elitlopp.

I recall seeing Mack's '88 debut at Raceway Park and clearly trainer Chuck Sylvester was nervous. He is a native of northwest Ohio and got his start at Raceway and the Ohio fairs. He felt enormous pressure in front of his old friends and was positioned to make a quick escape if Mack did something silly.

Chuck need not have worried. Mack was supersonic, not silly. I watched the race with a trainer/driver who'd left the harness business and he was simply at a loss for words. "Campbell drove him like Mack was a free-for-all pacer," he marveled.

Mack arrived in Sweden carrying a substantial reputation, and when Sylvester slated a training mile, there was a media frenzy to watch the marvel from America go.

But Mack didn't go. Instead he went on strike. No amount of coaxing from Chuck, no amount of pushing or pulling from grooms, could make Mack move. Sylvester took him back to the quarantine area and called it a day. But later Sylvester told me that he "educated" Mack a bit the next day when they were not in the spotlight.

Mack was meeting one of the best Elitlopp fields ever. Expatriate Sugarcane Hanover had become a sensation in Norway and a friend told me at the time that Norwegian trotting fans had no doubt that they were seeing the best trotter in the world when Sugarcane humiliated his rivals in early spring.

Also, there was the indefatigable mare Grades Singing, International Trot winner Callit, and, yes, there was Mack's old nemesis Napoletano.

Mack's team was clearly worried. Not about his ability, but instead about his attitude. Veterinarian Ken Seeber was summoned to Stockholm to fire up Mack. Kenny told me later that prior to the race he shadowboxed with the champ to animate Mack's mind and get him fired up.

I was standing in the infield near the middle of the backstretch before Mack's elimination heat. Campbell jogged Mack the wrong way of the track, then slowed Mack to turn him.

Mack planted his feet, and didn't move. Campbell, ever the professional, yelled at his horse and shook the lines. He didn't want Mack to have much time to think.

Campbell won. Mack moved.

Mack really moved in the Elitlopp, totally destroying the best Europe had to throw at him.

I had breakfast the next morning at the Grand Hotel in Stockholm with Sylvester and owner Lou Guida, and they were deservedly basking in the moment.

"A horse named Mack," mused Guida. "It's so American."

That horse named Mack broke Nevele Pride's 19-year-old mark in early August on a twice around with a 1:56 win in the Breeders Crown at Saratoga.

If Mack could trot in 1:56 at Saratoga at night, how fast could he go over the soup-bowl at Delaware, OH, during the day?

Sylvester brought back to Delaware to find the answer. Campbell sent him to the front and set comfortable fractions for the first lap.

Then he put the whip on Mack's tail. Mack's hindquarters dropped noticeably and he began to flat-out fly. It was a stunning sight and he quickly opened a sizeable lead.

Into the far turn (near where Mack stabled), however, Mack began to slow and his margin narrowed.

In true Mack fashion, he'd simply lost interest. He couldn't hear other horses, so he probably figured the race was over. Campbell had to remind him otherwise, and Mack rallied to win. But there was no world record.

Mack met his European foes again that fall in the March of Dimes Trot. Campbell sent him to the front and soon found the French monster Ourasi on his flank.

Rather than worrying about the pressure, trainer Chuck Sylvester was delighted.

"That's just what Mack needed," he said. "Another horse right at him to keep him interested."

In deep stretch, however, Ourasi wore down Mack, but then both were swooped by the late surge of Sugarcane Hanover.

Mack was thereafter a Swedish horse, being purchased prior to the Elitlopp by a partnership headed by John-Erik Magnusson.

Mack spent much of the rest of his career in Europe, burning the candle at both ends by breeding and racing.

His daughters show up in the pedigrees of many top trotters such as Commander Crowe, Jaded, On Track Piraten, Sanity and Malabar Circle As.

The late Olle Jonsson, a longtime fixture at the ASVT (Swedish breeders association) told me he once advised Margareta Wallenius-Kleberg never to part with a daughter of Mack.

Mack even sired a daughter from a thoroughbred mare. When that daughter was bred to Mack's old rival Spotlight Lobell, she produced the remarkable Human Behaviour, a trotting winner 40 times in 66 starts.

Many of Mack's records have been erased, but those who saw Mack will never forget his brilliance.



## Campbell on Mack Lobell: "He was ahead of his time"

by Dave Briggs

John Campbell has never wavered. Nearly 30 years after Mack Lobell ruled the harness racing world, the sport's greatest driver still considers the trotter the greatest horse he's ever piloted.



Dave Briggs

**Three decades on, the sport's greatest driver says his greatest horse remains Mack Lobell**

he won the Elitlopp and was the only four-year-old to ever do that, plus the Breeders Crown and breaking Nevele Pride's half-mile track record. Then to come back and win the Elitlopp at six, to me, is just a phenomenal achievement."

Campbell said the Chuck Sylvester trainee, owned by Lou Guida, simply was ahead of his time.

"He was ahead of his time athletically and gait-wise," Campbell said. "Trotters today are gaited the way he was, but there weren't many that were gaited like that then. He just moved so athletically. There

was no wasted motion. Valley Victory changed the way trotters move in the United States and Canada. They moved differently, but that's the way Mack Lobell was gaited before Valley Victory."

Campbell said he was fully conscious of the fact he was driving a superstar from the time Mack Lobell was a two-year-old. The trick was keeping the trotter's mind from wandering.

"The first time I drove him was in the Peter Haughton as a two-year-old and he finished second and Chuck said, 'You'll have to watch him finishing. His mind will wander. He might roll off. He might bear out.' He did bear out, but he trotted very fast," Campbell said.

As Mack Lobell matured, Campbell said the trotter developed another quirk that stemmed more from intelligence than absentmindedness.

"The older he got, the smarter he got. He looked to get out of work," Campbell said.

"We were going for a big world record at Delaware when he was four. He was trotting along there and he opened up by 10 or 12 on the backstretch. He couldn't hear the horses and he took to walking. They caught up and when he heard them he went on again and won the race, but he gave up like three seconds with just not wanting to go.

"We tried time-trialing him one day at Freehold, but he was too smart for that. He knew that didn't mean a whole lot, either, so we couldn't get a whole lot out of him that day."

Still, when Mack was on, there was no trotter better.

Campbell said Mack Lobell's greatest performance likely came in the 1988 Elitlopp.

"He had so many great races, obviously, that's what made him great. But I think him winning the Elitlopp stands out," Campbell said. "When he raced (in the United States), a lot of times he was just better than the competition, especially at two and three. At four when he went over there — and he's still the only four-year-old to win the Elitlopp — he went against the world's best and beat them. I think that maybe stands out a little bit more than anything else, just because of the competition and, historically, if you look back, nobody else has ever done it. So, I think that one would have to be his greatest moment from a historical standpoint."

Campbell said his career got a huge boost from driving Mack Lobell.

"I got a lot of exposure and fame just riding along the coattails of Mack Lobell — worldwide exposure when you think about it," Campbell said. "I was just very fortunate to be along for the ride, because he was definitely the star of the show."

Never was that more apparent than in the summer of 2014 when Campbell flew to Sweden and was reunited with his greatest horse.

"He looked great, he felt great and he had just the best home a horse could have. I went over to race at Solvalla and they took us out to see him at the farm and then we brought him in and paraded him in front of the fans," Campbell said. "When we walked him down there, they treated him like a rock star. It was phenomenal. They stood and cheered and clapped. It was never ending walking him down the whole homestretch there at Solvalla. It was special."

As was Mack.

## Ontario's \$100 million per year funding plan extended

Ontario's horse breeders, in particular, were relieved Thursday when the province's Liberal government announced its five-year \$100 million-per-year funding deal, that was set to expire in April of 2019, has been extended two years.

As well, the government committed to continue support for horse breeders through its Horse Improvement Program that includes the lucrative Ontario Sires Stakes.

The news came from Ontario Finance Minister, Charles Sousa, while presenting the province's Budgetary Policy in the Ontario Legislature.

The budget also made reference to the government's commitment to the horse racing industry under Premier Kathleen Wynne.

"This extension will give confidence to the industry to make investments and business decisions for the coming years," Sousa announced. "It will also contribute to the continued support of rural jobs and economic development in the agricultural sector, particularly as they relate to the horse breeding sector... Beyond this time, the intention would be for OLG (Ontario Lottery and Gaming) to establish a future, longer-term funding arrangement with the industry. The arrangement would be subject to government approvals, and further integrate gaming with horse racing to support industry sustainability."

Sue Leslie, chair of the Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association (OHRIA), said, "This is good news and we thank the government for this commitment. While we have not yet resolved certainty in our future, I have assurances from the Premier that the provincial government will continue to support and fund horse racing for many years to come."

— with files from OHRIA

## PA overhauls its regulatory structure

On Tuesday (Feb. 23), Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed House Bill 941, which includes reforms of Pennsylvania's equine racing industry.

The new law, now referred to as Act 6, combines the two racing commissions into one unified commission that strengthens the governance of the industry, yet retains the ability to render decisions on breed-specific issues. The new nine-member commission will be composed of five members appointed by the governor (one veterinarian, one representative of a thoroughbred horsemen's organization, one representative of a thoroughbred breeder organization, one representative of a standardbred horsemen's association and one representative of a standardbred breeder organization) and four members appointed by each of the four legislative caucuses. The Secretary of Agriculture, or a designee, will be a non-voting, ex-officio member.

The new law also makes the industry, rather than taxpayers, responsible for bearing the cost of drug-testing horses, and it institutes new license fees for racetrack operators and for businesses that offer electronic wagering.

Act 6 repeals the 10 per cent advanced deposit wagering tax on horse races that had been challenged in the courts, and the law calls for a comprehensive industry study to assess the financial,

regulatory and market factors of the horse racing industry. The Joint State Government Commission, with assistance from the Independent Fiscal Office, is responsible for conducting the study.

"Racing today is drastically different than what it was 35 years ago when the last reform effort was put into law," Wolf said right after signing the bill. "It was clear that the status quo was no longer sufficient to maintain the integrity of the industry, to protect the wagering public, and to ensure proper oversight of racing in the commonwealth. Simply put, the system was broken. We were operating under a structural deficit that undermined our ability to regulate the industry properly and maximize the economic opportunities of this industry."

In Oct., 2015, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture announced it no longer had the financial resources necessary to maintain operations at the state's two racing commissions – the Horse Racing Commission and the Harness Racing Commission – or to operate the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology Research Laboratory at West Chester University where samples from thoroughbred and standardbred horses are tested for performance-enhancing substances. As a result, the state faced the difficult prospect of suspending racing in Pennsylvania.

The structural deficit in the State Racing Fund was the result of a 71 per cent decline in wagers on live horse racing in the state since 2001. Pari-mutuel taxes on those wagers fund the oversight of racing in the state. That persistent imbalance had been noted by the Wolf administration, the administrations of previous governors, as well as the state auditor general and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

In response to this challenge, the Wolf administration convened a working group of state officials, members of the General Assembly, and stakeholders from the equine industry and the state's six licensed racetrack operators to develop a solution. The results of those negotiations are reflected in Act 6.

"Getting to this point was not easy," Agriculture Secretary Redding, "but thanks to the involvement of the stakeholders, we were able to arrive at a sound compromise that accomplishes our objectives: strengthening the integrity of horse and harness racing in the commonwealth, and putting in place a financial model that will allow for the long-term viability of the State Racing Fund. I want to thank all of the stakeholders, particularly the members of the General Assembly, including the four chairs of the Senate and House Agriculture and Rural Affairs committees, for their leadership and continued engagement on this issue."

For more information about racing in Pennsylvania, visit [agriculture.pa.gov](http://agriculture.pa.gov) and search 'racing.' To view House Bill 941 in its entirety, [click here](#).

— Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture



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## Woodbine announces Pick-5 guaranteed pool

The Standardbred Pick-5 wager has been picking up momentum since being introduced to the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) betting menu last October and soon it will feature a guaranteed pool.

Beginning Mon., Feb. 29, WEG will offer a guaranteed pool of \$30,000 for the Standardbred Pick-5 on each race card.

The Pick-5 begins on the opening race of each card of live racing. The wager features a minimum bet of \$0.20 and a low 15 per cent takeout.

Strong payouts have been a common trend for the Pick-5, including last Saturday's (Feb. 20) \$12,758.17 payout for those who connected with a \$0.20 ticket.

The Pick-5 guaranteed pool of \$30,000 will become the second guaranteed pool on each card of live racing, joining the \$50,000 Early Pick-4.

— Mark McKelvie - WEG Communications

## Hall of Famer's granddaughter wins training debut

Taylor Fritz, the 'soon-to-be 21' year-old grand-daughter of Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Famer William 'Bud' Fritz, made her career debut as a trainer a winning one this past week at The Raceway at Western Fair District in London, ON.

Her trainee Major Wager (driven by Alfie Carroll), won by three-quarters-of-a-length in 1:58 on the Monday (Feb. 22 card).



Courtesy Fritz family

**Trainer Taylor Fritz with Major Wager**

"There are no words that can describe how proud I am of MJ (Major Wager)," Fritz said. "He's 10 years old and he gave it his all on the track that night... He is absolutely amazing!"

Major Wager was winning for the 29th time in his career and has now earned almost \$180,000 lifetime. He's been a member of 'Team Fritz' — on and off — since the Fall of 2011.

"Our family has had to claim him back three

times," said the young conditioner. "I'd like to say that he'll never carry a price tag again, but it's the nature of the business we're in and we have to put them in where they belong."

Taylor grew up around the horses and still remembers her first 'trip' in the cart with her father, Brad, aboard G Thanks as a child.

"He was a good one," she said. "He was likely the horse that sparked my interest in racing when he picked up the 'Aged Pacer of the Year Award' in Windsor for 2002!"

Now Fritz says Major Wager is her main man — as far as horses go... "I'm very happy with him," she said. "He had three months off to freshen up and he's starting to come back to himself now. We've got the rail with him Monday in London and we're liking our chances."

Her trainer's license was obtained in the Fall of 2015.

"I have to pass along a huge thank-you to my parents (Brad and Anita) for giving me this opportunity and for providing me with the tools I've used to accomplish my dream of becoming a trainer," Fritz said. "My boyfriend Jared and his dad (Laurie Bako) have been there for me too — getting me moved and now set up here in London. And lastly to Alfie, thank you for the great drive on MJ!"

— Shannon "Sugar" Doyle

## Musical Rhythm sets General Brock stakes record



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**Musical Rhythm (Mario Baillargeon) rewrote the General Brock record book with a 1:53.4 score Monday at Woodbine.**

Musical Rhythm continued his win streak with his most impressive victory to date in Monday (Feb. 22's) \$50,000 General Brock Series Final at Woodbine Racetrack.

A field of 10 four-year-old trotters met up for the final of the General Brock, but

all the focus surrounded Ben Baillargeon trainee Musical Rhythm.

The son of Cantab Hall—Musical Victory entered the series final on a four-race win streak, while also winning eight of his last nine starts. The public sent the Baillargeon trainee off at odds of 3-5 from post nine.

Driven by Mario Baillargeon, Musical Rhythm sprinted off the wings of the gate searching for the front. Hillsonator, who won a leg one division, also left hard from post two, but the public's choice had the most trot and grabbed the front to post an opening-quarter of :26.4.

Musical Rhythm caught a breather in the second-quarter of :30.1, before stepping it up to trot by the three-quarter pole in 1:26.2. At the top of the stretch, Baillargeon let his charge loose and the son of Cantab Hall responded by quickly leaving his rivals far behind.

Musical Rhythm stormed home in :27.2 to score an eight-and-a-half length blowout victory in a series record time of 1:53.4. Hillsonator finished second, while Five Below grabbed third.

The clocking of 1:53.4 erased the previous series record of 1:54.2 set by E W Fisher in 2011.

Owned by Santo and Nunzio Vena, Claude Hamel and Ben Baillargeon, Musical Rhythm's series-sweeping victory improves him to four for four in 2016. He has also now won eight of nine starts since joining the Baillargeon barn in November.

Musical Rhythm's career record now sits at 13 wins from 27 starts, while his career bankroll has exceeded \$150,000. A \$2 win ticket on the Baillargeon trainee returned \$3.20

— Mark McKelvie - WEG Communications

# Bad Public Policy is Like a Disease . . . **It Spreads.**

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# RACE RESULTS

## HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in Harness Racing Update: US races with a purse value of \$15,000 and over, and Canadian races with a purse value of \$20,000 and over.

## DOVER DOWNS report

### Monday's Results:

**7, DD, \$15,000, P**, HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of \$50,000 that are Non Winners \$80,001 Lifetime, 26.3, 56.0, 1:24.0, 1:52.2, FT

**1-Silver Fox J (g, 4, Kenneth J--Fox Valley Backoff, by Sportsmaster)** O-George & Tina Dennis Inc & The Wiz Kids Stable LLC. B-Kenneth E Jacobs. T-George Dennis. D-George Dennis, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 29-6-3-4, \$57,860



### PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-Totally Dreamy (g, 5, If I Can Dream--Almost Vital, by Camluck)** O-Frank E Chick. B-Jeffrey R Brooks. T-Kevin Lare. D-Corey Callahan, \$3,750

**3-Time Out I'm Tired (h, 4, Artescape--Badlands Laura, by Badlands Hanover)** O-William L Mears & Janine E Mc Ilvain. B-William L Mears & Robert A Mc Ilvain Jr. T-David S Rearic. D-Montrell Teague, \$1,800

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1, T - Finish Order: Coaster, Mcjagersonthemove, Provenance, Atta Boy Bones, Casey At Bat

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**10, DD, \$30,000, P**, Open Preferred Handicap Post Positions 1 thru 3 Drawn Post Positions 4 thru 7 Drawn, 26.2, 55.3, 1:23.0, 1:51.2, FT

**1-Lucan Hanover (g, 6, Western Ideal--Lauren Order, by Dragon Again),** \$47,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-West Wins Stable, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 77-19-16-13, \$810,626



### ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

**2-Dapper Dude (h, 7, The Panderosa--Dress To Suggest, by Camluck)** O-Richard Poillucci. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-Jim King Jr. D-Victor Kirby, \$7,500

**3-Sparky Mark (h, 9, Astreos--Luckbealadytonite, by Camluck)** O-Fouk Stables Inc. B-Leo J Thibodeau, CA. T-Dylan Davis. D-Jonathan Roberts, \$3,600

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1Q, T, NS - Finish Order: Sweet Rock, Mustang Art, Captive Audience, Bushwacker

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**11, DD, \$15,000, P**, HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of \$50,000 that are Non Winners \$80,001 Lifetime, 27.0,

56.1, 1:24.2, 1:52.2, FT

**1-Blazing Bobby Sox (g, 5, The Panderosa--Liamatters, by Matt's Scooter),** \$20,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Arthur C Stafford & Arthur C Stafford Jr. B-Doris E Martin. T-Art Stafford Jr. D-Art Stafford Jr, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 31-11-2-5, \$79,971



### PREFERRED EQUINE Yearling Sale Graduate

**2-Sectionline Rock (g, 4, Yankee Cruiser--Armbro Alto, by Jenna's Beach Boy)** O-Joshua L Green & Baron Racing Stable & Richard M Lombardo. B-Harold Lee & Harold L Bauder. T-Josh Green. D-Allan Davis, \$3,750

**3-Apollo Seelster (g, 5, Camluck--April Three, by Mach Three),** \$4,000 2012 FOREST O-Kapildeo Singh. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Dylan Davis. D-Yannick Gingras, \$1,800

Calls: 4Q, 3T, 1H, Q, 1H - Finish Order: Denslow Hanover, Skyway Gladiator, Warp Factor Three, Zoez Boy Henry

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### Tuesday's Results

**10, DD, \$20,000, P**, FILLIES/MARES Winners Over \$12,001 in Last 6 Starts or \$50,000 Lifetime / Open Handicap Post Positions 1 thru 5 Drawn Post Position No. 6 Assigned, 26.3, 55.1, 1:23.3, 1:51.1, SY

**1-Fashion Showdown (m, 6, Village Jolt--Catch The Show, by Real Artist)** O-Chris A White. B-Arlene L & Jules J Siegel. T-Craig Mc Innis. D-Corey Callahan, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 50-17-6-8, \$188,005

**2-Scandalicious (m, 5, American Ideal--The Company Store, by Ameripan Gigolo),** \$17,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Jfe Enterprise LLC. B-Albert C & Michelle C Crawford. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Anthony Morgan, \$5,000

**3-Duneside Chella (m, 5, Duneside Perch--Graceful Model, by Armbro Mackintosh)** O-Robert L Bailey Sr. B-Derek C Jacobus. T-Ryan Bailey. D-George Dennis, \$2,400

Calls: 2H, 1H, 1, 6, 6T - Finish Order: Matinee Dragon, No Respect, Hearts N Flowers

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**15, DD, \$15,500, P**, FILLIES/MARES 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of \$50,000 that are Non Winners \$80,001 Lifetime, 28.0, 57.4, 1:26.1, 1:55.0, SY

**1-Nice Trip (m, 4, Jereme's Jet--Nice Package, by Grinfromeartoeart)** O-William L Sartin & Mark Salerno. B-Andrew S Demetrious, CA. T-Joseph Hundertpfund Jr. D-Allan Davis, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 25-9-2-3, \$66,786

**2-Northern Rocknroll (m, 4, Rockin Image--Northern Lei Ann, by Lease On Life),** \$13,000 2013 HOOSIER O-Leah A & Darrell W Lewis. B-Northern Lane Farm. T-Darrell Lewis. D-Anthony Morgan, \$3,875

**3-Lady Beth (m, 4, Kenneth J--Lady Major, by Art Major)** O-Lorie S Davis & Paul Ray Davis Jr. B-Kenneth E Jacobs & Slo-Down Stable & Edmund Namiotka Jr & Vincent J Tancredi. T-Paul Davis Jr. D-Corey Callahan, \$1,860

Calls: Q, 1H, 2, 1H, T - Finish Order: Mildred's Button, Gititgotitgone, Hardscrabble Tilly, Cover Up Hall, Dvc Kolor Me Crazy, Gators Ben Winning

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

# RACE RESULTS

## Wednesday's Results:

**9, DD, \$15,500, T**, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of 5 Races that are Non Winners \$85,001 Lifetime, 28.0, 57.2, 1:26.0, 1:56.2, SY

**1-Eskimo Joe (g, 4, Credit Winner--New Hampshire Girl, by Conway Hall)**, \$70,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Rev Trust Of Barbara Boese. B-Raymond W Schnittker & Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc & Stephen W Demeter. T-Joseph Skowyra. D-Montrell Teague, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 28-7-6-4, \$89,753



## PREFERRED EQUINE Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-Royal Becca J (g, 4, Rc Royalty--Becca J, by Sir Taurus)**, \$10,000 2013 MORRIS O-James D Moore III. B-Kenneth E Jacobs. T-Jack Parker Jr. D-Jack Parker Jr, \$3,875

**3-Marzipan (g, 5, Chocolatier--Muscleline, by Muscles Yankee)** O-Frank E Chick. B-Christine A Czernyson. T-Kevin Lare. D-George Dennis, \$1,860  
Calls: 2H, 3, 3H, H, NK - Finish Order: Royal Status, Winmando, Inner Peace, Someway Same Hall, Tymal Signature, Myclaimtovictory  
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**10, DD, \$20,000, T**, Winners Over \$12,000 in Last 6 Starts or \$50,000 Lifetime / Open Handicap Post Positions 1 thru 4 Drawn Post Positions 5 thru 7 Drawn Post Position No. 8 Assigned, 27.4, 58.0, 1:25.1, 1:54.2, SY

**1-Somebody As (g, 7, Striking Sahbra--Noblesse As, by Mack Lobell)** O-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. B-Acl Stuteri Inc. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Corey Callahan, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 80-23-13-19, \$465,583

**2-Five Towns (g, 7, Andover Hall--Southwind Maywood, by Valley Victory)**, \$95,000 2010 LEX-SEL  
O-L. A. Express Stable LLC. B-Marvin Katz, CA & Al J Libfeld, CA. T-Douglas Lewis. D-Jonathan Roberts, \$5,000

**3-Six Gun Hall (h, 6, Deweycheatumnhowe--S B Fuchsias Image, by Balanced Image)**, \$13,000 2011 SHS-HBG  
O-Robert R Shahan & Donald L Marine. B-Walnut Hall Limited. T-Robert Shahan. D-George Dennis, \$2,400  
Calls: 1H, 2, 5, 8, 8H

Finish Order: War Cry Hall, Drinksforthehouse, Panamanian Hanover, Winemaster Hanover, Bluebird Reverend

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## THE MEADOWS report

### Monday's Results:

**1, Mea, \$20,000, P**, \*\*\*LC - WINTER CLAIM SERIES\*\*\* F&M CLAIM \$10,000 W/A - FINAL, 28.0, 56.1, 1:24.2, 1:54.1, FT

**1-Regil Meg (m, 5, Artistic Fella--Theoras Path, by Straight Path)** O-Mark Alan Goldberg. B-Dr Reginald R Westgarth. T-Mark Goldberg. D-Mike Wilder, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 78-7-9-12, \$160,901

**2-Lindysbathinbeauty (m, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Sunshine Sister, by Real Artist)** O-Stacey M Nisonger. B-Adam Victor & Son Stble LLC & Lindy Farms Of Conn. T-Jeff Nisonger. D-Aaron

Merriman, \$5,000

**3-Last Minute Cindy (m, 8, Metropolitan--Lady Lawrence, by Western Hanover)**, \$2,700 2009 BRDS-SEL O-Keith J Pippi. B-John P Hurtgen. T-Paul Kennedy. D-Eric Goodell, \$2,400  
Calls: 1H, 1, H, H, NK - Finish Order: Adelita Hanover, Everymileamemory, Springvalley Belle, Pc's Vixen, Larjon Laura, Elizabeth Bluechip

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**3, Mea, \$30,950, P**, \*\*\*LC - WINTER CLAIM SERIES\*\*\* F&M CLAIM \$20,000 W/A - FINAL, 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.2, 1:53.2, FT

**1-Mandy's Mattjesty (m, 6, His Mattjesty--Astra Destiny, by Armbr Mackintosh)** O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Lawrence R Karr & Phillip Collura. B-Ben E Yoder. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$15,475, Lifetime Record: 40-13-5-4, \$224,660

**2-Champagne Shower (m, 5, Santanna Blue Chip--Flyingtomoon Rayno, by Yankee Cam)**, \$2,000 2012 CAN-YS O-Mark J Jakubik. B-Sotirios Anastasopoulos, CA. T-Paul Kennedy. D-Eric Goodell, \$7,737

**3-Prima Dragon (m, 6, Dragon Again--Zacharysprimadonna, by Western Ideal)**, \$17,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Phoenix Rising Stables LLC. B-White Birch Farm. T-Michael Dowdall. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$3,714

Calls: 2, 1H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Non Pareil, Destiny's Desire, My Caroline, Highland Rockstar, Americangirlfriend, Schmatie

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**9, Mea, \$20,000, P**, F&M NOT LIST PREFERRED, 27.3, 57.0, 1:24.4, 1:52.3, FT

**1-Spreester (m, 5, American Ideal--Rodeo Spree, by Dream Away)** O-Renee J Bercury. B-Kimberley M Zabielski. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 64-23-11-9, \$395,171

**2-Certified Ideal (m, 6, Western Ideal--Areba's Last, by Cam's Card Shark)** O-Randall B Bendis & Michael E Novosel Jr & Thomas J Pollack & James P Walton. B-Arthur Rudolph & Rudolph Stables Inc & Bernard G Owen. T-Randy Bendis. D-Tony Hall, \$5,000

**3-Macharoundtheclock (m, 6, Mach Three--Summers Soul, by Artsplace)**, \$50,000 2011 FOREST O-Birnam Wood Farms. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Tim Twaddle. D-Mike Wilder, \$2,400  
Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, T - Finish Order: Doubelieveinmagic, Tipitina, R Marie Hanover, Life Is A Beach, Phone Terror

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

### Tuesday's Results:

**6, Mea, \$21,250, T**, \*\*\*LC - WINTER CLAIM SERIES\*\*\* CLAIM \$10,000 W/A - FINAL, 27.4, 57.4, 1:26.3, 1:56.2, FT

**1-Skyway Cruiser (g, 9, Keep It A Secret--Chartley, by Tabor Lobell)**, \$8,000 2008 HOOSIER O-Harry L Travis Jr. B-Kenneth E Slabach. T-Jimmy Salerno. D-Mike Wilder, \$10,625, Lifetime Record: 188-34-17-17, \$434,866

**2-Mateo M (g, 6, Cr Excalibur--Sierra Wine, by Sierra Kosmos)**, \$3,500 2011 BHS O-Justin E Pirillo. B-En Mar Stable. T-Justin Pirillo. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$5,312

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**3-Crazy Eyes** (m, 6, Crazyed--Eyecon, by Conway Hall), \$7,500 2011 MORRIS O-Wendy L Ross. B-Steve Jones. T-Kris Hite. D-Dan Rawlings, \$2,550

Calls: 3H, 1H, H, H, NS - Finish Order: Parnell, Don Swan, Hollywood Rusty, Tough Call, Stardust Memories, Bob N Tony

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**8, Mea, \$32,700, T, \*\*\*LC - WINTER CLAIM SERIES\*\*\* CLAIM \$20,000 W/A - FINAL, 27.2, 57.2, 1:26.0, 1:56.0, FT**

**1-Upfront Charlieboy (g, 8, Cantab Hall--Southern Puff, by Donerail),** \$14,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Moira P Fahy. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-William Fahy. D-Dan Rawlings, \$16,350, Lifetime Record: 169-23-25-11, \$241,473

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

**2-Pembroke Castaway** (g, 5, Current Cast--Phoenicia Hanover, by Lindy Lane) O-Randall B Bendis. B-Richard C Hartley. T-Randy Bendis. D-Aaron Merriman, \$8,175

**3-Pittstop Kip** (g, 5, Rc Royalty--Supreme Decision, by Royal Prestige) O-Blackhorse Six Stables. B-Todd M Van Alstyne & Margaret Waterbury. T-Phil Goldwater. D-Tony Hall, \$3,924  
Calls: 7H, 6, 3H, 3H, H - Finish Order: Brenway Dixie, Queens Lonely Earl, Otto, Dizzy Rizzy, Quillz, Billie Jo, Drift Away

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**9, Mea, \$22,500, T, F&M W/O \$10,000 LIFE / PREF HCP (1-5 DRAWN, 6-8 DRAWN, 9 ASSIGNED), 27.0, 55.2, 1:24.0, 1:52.4, FT**

**1-Cowgirl Hall (m, 7, Cash Hall--Centerfold Hall, by Garland Lobell),** \$23,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Jack B Piatt III & Michael H Rosenthal. B-Walnut Hall Limited & Lucky Shamrock Stable. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 102-45-16-15, \$805,803

**2-Boo's Party Girl** (m, 6, Yankee Glide--Chowda, by SJ's Caviar) O-Dunn Stable. B-Dunn Stable. T-Brian Zandt. D-Brian Zandt, \$5,625

**3-Homepage** (m, 6, Tom Ridge--Inside Edition, by American Winner) O-Murdock Racing Stable LLC. B-Earl E Beal Jr. T-Andy Rickert. D-Tony Hall, \$2,700

Calls: 1H, 1H, 3, 4, 3 - Finish Order: E R Ellie, Anaffairtoremember, Scented Roses, Vixy, Bessie, Whata Donato

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### Wednesday's Results:

**9, Mea, \$22,500, T, \*\*WINNERS OVER / PREFERRED HANDICAP\*\* (1-3 DRAWN, 4-7 DRAWN), 27.2, 57.0, 1:24.1, 1:54.0, FT**

**1-Tsm Photo Bugger** (g, 9, S J's Photo--Rewarding Wink, by Yankee Glide) O-Theodore A Tomson. B-Theodore A Tomson. T-Jan Fread. D-Mike Wilder, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 172-37-36-23, \$572,436

**2-Trustworthy Kid** (g, 7, SJ's Caviar--Penn Worthy Lane, by Lindy Lane) O-Dunn Stable. B-Dunn Stable. T-Lisa Dunn. D-Brian Zandt, \$5,625

**3-I Know My Chip** (g, 4, Deep Chip--Madeline's Crown, by Pegasus Spur) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Phillip Collura. B-Kimberly A Dailey. T-Ron Burke. D-Tony Hall, \$2,700

Calls: 3H, 2H, 2, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Kirty Dream, Rompaway Galaxy, Cantab Lindy, Final Breath

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## MIAMI VALLEY report

### Sunday's Results:

**12, MVR, \$20,000, T, OPEN HCP POST POSITIONS 6 - 9 ASSIGNED, 27.3, 56.2, 1:26.0, 1:54.4, FT**

**1-Penn (g, 6, Master Glide--Photo Queen, by S J's Photo),** \$4,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Barkley Counts. B-Brittany Farms. T-Bobby Brower. D-Josh Sutton, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 66-31-11-8, \$241,294

Another **BRITTANY FARMS** Bred Winner!

**2-Dancing Dynamite** (m, 5, Explosive Matter--Horizontal Mombo, by Malabar Man), \$17,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Lewayne L Miller. B-White Birch Farm. T-Lewayne Miller. D-Lewayne Miller, \$5,000

**3-Martz Time** (g, 7, Primetime Ranger--Beccas Best, by Super Pleasure), \$12,000 2010 HOOSIER O-John E Mcgill & Brian K Carsey. B-Katherine A Gibbs, CA. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-John De Long, \$2,400  
Calls: NS, 1, T, T, HD - Finish Order: Cimeronken, Blackwolf Run, Revenue Agent, Boy Meets Girl K, Boytown, Ci's Buckeye, Flight Of The Kiwi

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## POMPANO PARK report

### Sunday's Results:

**5, PPK, \$16,500, P, Open 1 Handicap Post Positions 1-4, 10 Drawn and 5-8 Drawn. Post 9 Assigned., 26.4, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:51.1, FT**

**1-Scott Rocks (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Plant A Kiss, by Blissfull Hall),** \$15,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Susan M Oakes & Chuck Pompey. B-Perretti Farms. T-Chris Oakes. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr, \$7,920, Lifetime Record: 73-22-15-13, \$345,025

**2-Panocchio** (g, 6, No Pan Intended--Panitarium, by The Panderosa) O-James L Mattison & Emile S Johnson Jr. B-Peter Pan Stables Inc. T-Jim Mattison. D-Dan Clements, \$3,960

**3-Heart Felt** (g, 5, Well Said--Btwnyurheartnmine, by Real Desire), \$40,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Winchester Baye Acres Inc. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Jerry Silva & Robert Cooper Stables LLC. T-Luanna Beeson. D-Rick Plano, \$1,980

Calls: 1Q, 3, 1Q, NS, 1T Finish Order: Four Socks, Bluehourpower, Dedi's Dragon, Duc Dorleans, Whogoesfirst, Maddysonofagun, Bandolito

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# RACE RESULTS

## Tuesday's Results:

**6, Ppk, \$15,000, T**, Open 1 Handicap Post Positions Assigned, 26.4, 55.4, 1:23.3, 1:53.2, SY

**1-Royal Max (g, 5, Rc Royalty--The Young Princess, by Yankee Glide)**, \$15,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Albert C Crawford. B-Albert C & Michelle C & Patricia D Crawford. T-Chris Oakes. D-Joe Pavia Jr, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 30-11-7-3, \$168,200



**2-Oho Diamond** (m, 5, Ken Warkentin--Friday's Gem, by Keystone Nordic) O-Daniel W Clements. B-Onlineharnessowner Com 8, CA. T-Renaldo Morales III. D-Wally Hennessey, \$3,750

**3-She's All In** (m, 7, Revenue S--Simply Royal, by Donerail) O-Richard C Plano. B-Richard C Plano. T-Rick Plano. D-Rick Plano, \$1,800

Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 2Q, 1T, 1 - Finish Order: Sailer Eddie, Uriel, Winding Hill

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## WOODBINE report

### Monday's Results:

**6, Wdb, \$50,000, T**, GENERAL BROCK - FINAL - 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS. NON WINNERS \$50,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2015. 26.4, 57, 1:26.2, 1:53.4

**1-Musical Rhythm (b,h,4 - Cantab Hall-Musical Victory-Valley Victory)** O-Santo Vena, Nunzio Vena, Claude Hamel, Benoit O Baillargeon B-Brittany Farms T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Mario Baillargeon, \$25,000, Lifetime Record: 27-13-2-2, \$150,121



**2-Hillsonator** (b,g,4 - Muscle Hill-Wilsonator-Kadabra) O-Michael L Pozefsky, Edward W Wilson B-Michael L Pozefsky, T-Robert Don Fellows D-Randall Waples

**3-Five Below** (br,g,4 - Andover Hall-Day Five-Donerail) O-1362313 Ontario Ltd, Ronald Adams B-Diamond Creek Farm T-Ronald Adams D-Jody Jamieson

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**9, Wdb, \$24,000, T**, NW \$18,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: NW \$130,000 LIFETIME. 26.1, 55.2, 1:25, 1:54.1

**1-Wild And Crazy Guy (br,g,5 - Crazy-My Babys Momma-Muscles Yankee)** O-Y Jean Brunet, Theodore Gewertz B-Mary Katz, Janice Rubin T-MartinLachance D-Randal Waples. \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 70-18-8-8. \$247,979

**2-Muscle Matters** (b,g,5 - Muscle Mass-Sister Mary Lindy-Conway

Hall) O-Nunzio Vena, Santo Vena, Benoit O Baillargeon, Richard J Thompson B-Reg & Donna Higgs T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Mario Baillargeon

**3-Charlie Is A Joker** (b,g,8 - Angus Hall-Keystone Caprice-King Conch) O/B-Thomas A Rankin-Elizabeth C Rankin T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Michael Saftic

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## YONKERS report

### Monday's Results:

**5, YR, \$15,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 28.1, 57.4, 1:27.0, 1:55.4, FT

**1-Clearedfortakeoff (m, 4, Real Desire--Pleasant Journey, by Artsplace)**, \$6,500 2013 BHS O-Richard A Polera. B-Brittany Farms. T-Robert Lounsbury. D-Tyler Buter, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 32-8-3-3, \$47,130



**2-Mystical Nectar** (m, 5, Charley Barley--Sneakheravalentine, by Jenna's Beach Boy) O-Gregory C Gardner. B-Mystical Marker Farms LLC. T-Tony Farina. D-Matt Kakaley, \$3,750

**3-Silhouette** (m, 5, Shadow Play--Casino Miss, by Cam's Card Shark), \$20,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Sara J Kimelman. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Sara Kimelman. D-Daniel Dube, \$1,800

Calls: 1T, 1T, 2, 2Q, 1 - Finish Order: Gotta Be Me, American Filly, Gold Star Dynasty, Galley Wench, Beas Ideal

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**9, YR, \$18,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 27.4, 56.4, 1:25.1, 1:55.2, FT

**1-Twin B Honour (m, 4, Sportswriter--Onherwaykilleen, by The Panderosa)**, \$11,500 2013 CAN-YS O-Percy J Elkins, CA. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Carmen Auciello. D-Mark Macdonald, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 40-5-5-6, \$91,388

**2-Queen Of Denial** (m, 4, Hot Pans--Mysterious Magic, by Incredible Finale) O-Nick Royce Roland. B-Duane E Roland. T-Michael Forte. D-Matt Kakaley, \$4,500

**3-Bin N Heaven** (m, 4, Rock N Roll Heaven--Binions, by Bettor's Delight), \$75,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-David M Glazer, CA & John S Loiko. B-Newman Racing Stable. T-Heidi Rohr. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,160

Calls: 6Q, 8Q, 2Q, 1T, T - Finish Order: Mydelight Bluechip, Kelli Rachele, Rock My World, Inside The Glass, Ameritime

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**12, YR, \$18,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 29.1, 59.1, 1:27.2, 1:55.4, FT

**1-Beachy Dream (g, 5, If I Can Dream--Beachy Girl, by Real Desire)**, \$40,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Sara J Kimelman & Richard G Gayton. B-Goldfinger Enterprises. T-Sara Kimelman. D-George Brennan, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 41-8-8-7, \$66,399



# RACE RESULTS

**2-Aberdeen Hanover** (g, 4, Yankee Cruiser--Artistic Hanover, by Western Ideal), \$20,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Donald W Fraser & John S Moderack. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Paul Wojtowicz. D-Pat Lachance, \$4,500

**3-Itsonlyrocknroll A** (g, 5, Million Dollar Cam--Boldandbeautiful, by Albert Albert) O-Larry D Stalbaum. B-Yirribee Pacing Stud, AS & Scott Woodhouse, AS. T-Kimberly Asher. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,160 Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 2, 1H - Finish Order: Boris, Am Magic Man, Bell I No, Diabando, Oneisalonelynumber

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## Tuesday's Results:

**2, YR, \$18,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 28.3, 58.1, 1:27.3, 1:58.0, FT

**1-Stormont Park (g, 4, Earl Of Stormont--Mentelle Park, by Conway Hall)** O-Eldo R Leonelli. B-Melanie Wrenn. T-Rob Harmon. D-Daniel Dube, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 41-7-6-9, \$97,163

**2-Tapit** (m, 5, Justice Hall--Sturdy Speed, by Sturdy Sahbra), \$7,000 2012 IN-PREM O-Evan J & Connor C Hoagland. B-Midland Acres Inc. T-Kyle Spagnola. D-Tyler Buter, \$4,500

**3-El Diablo Hall** (g, 4, Windsong Espoir--El Mistress Chesea, by Andover Image), \$2,800 2013 BHS O-Bret M Pisarski. B-Walnut Hall Limited & Birnam Wood Farms. T-Melissa Beckwith. D-Steve Smith, \$2,160

Calls: 5H, 6, 3, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Lady Windsor, Northern Obsession, Doubleday, Federal Deputy, Summers Windsong

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**6, YR, \$15,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 28.2, 58.4, 1:27.3, 1:57.2, GD

**1-Opening Night Gem (g, 4, Rock N Roll Heaven--Yellow Diamond, by Western Terror)**, \$130,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Shannon J Murphy. B-Steve Jones & Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-George Brennan, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 23-4-4-2, \$32,051



**PREFERRED EQUINE**  
Mixed Sale Graduate

**2-Every Intention** (g, 4, No Pan Intended--Everybreathutake, by Western Hanover) O-Rene M Allard. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & C S X Stables. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$3,750

**3-Shane Adam** (g, 4, Western Ideal--Cheyenne Ava, by Camluck) O-Barry Rubenstein Farms LLC. B-G.R.J. Partners LLC & Eli Oxenhorn. T-Robert Siegelman. D-Mark Macdonald, \$1,800 Calls: 2, 2, 1H, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Dancingwithdelight, Touch Of Luck, Mr Julian, Jimmy C R, Uf Harder Hanover

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**7, YR, \$20,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, I, 30.4, 1:32.1, 2:02.2, 2:35.2, GD

**1-Keystone Bodacious (g, 4, Muscle Massive--Balanced Action, by Balanced Image)**, \$85,000 2013 SHS-HBG

O-Brian C Kleinberg. B-Estate Of George F Hempt Trust. T-Michael Forte. D-Matt Kakaley, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 32-3-5-6, \$74,877

**2-Insomniac** (g, 4, Crazy--Catch Some Zs, by Self Possessed) O-Triple D Stables Inc & Jeffrey S Epstein & Mario Audet, CA & Daniel Dube. B-Bloodstock Farm & Stables. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Daniel Dube, \$5,000

**3-Arrakis** (g, 4, Federal Flex--Kawartha An Worthy, by Worthy Bowl)

O-Robert W Burgess, CA. B-Robert W & Donna G Burgess, CA. T-Carmen Auciello. D-Mark Macdonald, \$2,400

Calls: 1T, 5, H, NS, T - Finish Order: Explosive Victory, Gabe The Bear Dean, Clifton Beach, Stayin Strong, J K Blaze, Party On The River, Affective Action

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**8, YR, \$17,000, T**, NON-WINNERS OF 3 P-M RACES OR \$20,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, I, 30.4, 1:35.2, 2:05.3, 2:36.0, SY

**1-Dominus Hanover (c, 3, Muscle Massive--Dornello, by Angus Hall)**, \$60,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Eric A Prevost. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-1, \$38,671



ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

**2-Inukchuk Chuck** (g, 3, Muscles Yankee--Sunshinenlollipops, by Garland Lobell), \$35,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-George Beck. B-White Light Farms, CA & The Camel Club Stable, CA. T-Donna Marshall. D-Jim Marshall III, \$4,250

**3-Iwantmytwodollars** (m, 4, Muscle Hill--Celebrity Deville, by Andover Hall), \$65,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Wrooong Again Stable. B-Steiner Stock Farm. T-Jose Godinez. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,040 Calls: 2, 2, T, 2, 8 - Finish Order: Global Revolution, Moonshine Balls, Playboy Rusty, Mugshots Bro, Caviar Court, Le Tissier, Royal Gypsy

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**12, YR, \$15,000, P**, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 29.3, 1:00.1, 1:29.4, 1:59.1, SY

**1-Frankandjoanne (g, 5, Rocknroll Hanover--Mezuzah Hanover, by McArdle)** O-Andy Miller Stable Inc. B-John Cancelliere. T-Julie Miller. D-Jason Bartlett, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 31-3-6-4, \$67,916

A RECENT **Tattersalls** MIXED SALE GRADUATE!

**2-Santanna Star** (g, 4, Santanna Blue Chip--Inauguration, by Presidential Ball) O-Lightning 5 Racing Stable & Howudoin Stable & Richard Lerner. B-Joanne Kathryn Pond, CA. T-Scott Blackler. D-Brian Sears, \$3,750

**3-Wild Again** (g, 4, Dragon Again--Wild Helen, by Beach Towel), \$77,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Rick D Phillips & Peter Paul Venturini & Mark A Harder. B-Dr John M & Judy A Egloff. T-Amber Buter. D-Tyler Buter, \$1,800

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1T, 2Q - Finish Order: Billabong Beach, Spirit Of Truth, Kiss Up, Lincoln Blues, Beckett Hanover

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