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Lou Pena Cleared to Race at Cal-Expo

By Bill Finley

With his license having been restored by a New York court, Lou Pena is ready to get back into business. The trainer told Harness Racing Update yesterday that officials at Cal-Expo have told them they will accept his entries immediately. Currently, Pena does not have any horses, but said he has already talked to some prospective owners and hopes to

make his first start "in a week or two."

Pena has been sidelined for about nine months due to charges from the New York State Racing and Wagering Board that he illegally medicated horses. Pena had a hearing before the NYSRWB in late August, yet a decision on his case has yet to come down. Charging that Pena's due process rights had been violated by the NYSRWB, his attorney Andy Turro was able to get a court to order that his license be reinstated, at least temporarily.

"I have checked in with a bunch of former clients and people who have heard the news have called

me, have been touching base," the trainer said. "I told them that it would take me a week or two to get things in order but after that I would be ready to go. How many horses will I have? I don't have a clue."

Prior to his suspension Pena was racing primarily at Yonkers, Chester and Pocono, but has been living in his California since the suspension. He said would start up at Cal-Expo and then decide from there whether he wanted to return East. He said he has not reached out to any tracks but Cal-Expo to inquire whether or not his entries will be accepted.

"This is not going to be easy," he said. "I am starting from scratch and it is an uphill climb. These last few months have been difficult for me. I couldn't work, couldn't make money and have a family to support."

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Track	Race	Purse	
Meadowlands	6 th , Aquarius	\$35,000	pps
Meadowlands	11 th , Jr. Trendsetter	\$48,000	pps
Yonkers	6 th , Open	\$35,000	pps
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Pena may have gotten only a temporary reprieve. A spokesperson for the New York Gaming Commission (which now handles racetrack matters after the NYSRWB was shut down) is reviewing the matter. It is likely that the Gaming Commission will stand pat until March 15.

Another hearing has been scheduled on that date in which the Gaming Commission can argue before the judge that Pena should in fact not have been allowed back.

The unresolved mystery of the Pena case is why hearing officer Clem Parente never issued a ruling. According to Pena's attorney it is normal for the Board to reach a decision within 30 days. Because hearings before racing boards and racing commissions are tried and judged by the same organization, defendants lose virtually every time. But Pena's attorney could not have argued his client's innocence in a normal court until the NYSRWB issues a ruling.

Pena was charged with 1,719 medication violations, which were discovered after a review of his vets' records. However, none of the horses involved tested positive for any banned substances, which is sure to be at the core of Turro's case if and when it is taken up by the court system.

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CRISIS IN ONTARIO

A LOOK AT BROKEN DREAMS, BROKEN LIVES AND HOW A ONCE-THRIVING INDUSTRY WAS KILLED BY POLITICS.

(First in a series: Today's report, an up close and personal look at a couple whose lives have been turned upside down by the end of the SARP program in Ontario)

By Perry Lefko

The Ontario Liberal government's decision to drastically reduce the slots at racetracks program at the end of March, 2013 from the setup that began at the end of 1998 is literally starting to hit home. People such as Andy McLenaghan and his wife Christine Arlidge, both of whom have collectively worked in the horse racing business for almost 50 years, are struggling just to pay the monthly rent money on a house.



The Arlige-McLanaghan children get cozy in their father's colors

And the Cambridge, Ontario couple is likely not alone in its predicament. Many among the 60,000 people who make their living directly or indirectly from horse racing in Ontario are

facing financial peril because they have little or no education outside of the horse racing business.

For some, working with horses is all they know. Some are living in racetrack dormitories that are slated to close. These people are more than numbers which the government claimed was grossly miscalculated and misstated by the horsemen while trying to defend themselves against an Armageddon that has already had catastrophic effects. The government claimed the slots at racetracks program was a subsidy, even if brought the province \$1.1 billion in revenues last year and some \$9 billion since the partnership began. The horsemen and racetracks got \$335 million last year as their cut from the slots and have netted \$3.7 billion overall. The objective of the program - to promote horse racing, create economic development in the agricultural sector and improve racetracks with infrastructure improvements that would stimulate customer usage - appeared to be working well.

But the government, straining under a massive deficit, started to look for ways to generate revenue, in this case taking away from the racetracks and horsemen and keeping more of the slots money for itself to redistribute to areas the consider more in need.

The government has announced a three-year transition period that will provide the tracks and horsemen with \$50 million, but it is a mere pittance and some tracks have already reduced costs - including payroll - to prepare for the

financial shortcomings.

The government elected to protect the health and welfare among the people who put it in power and in whose trust they placed has turned their lives upside down.



No one is too young to fight for the future of Ontario racing.

Christine, 35, lost her job as a groom last October and has had to stay at home to look after the couple's two children - daughter, Taylor, about to turn three in April, and 1½-year-old son Andrew -

because the couple could no longer afford to pay for day care. Andy, 37, was working for trainer Paul Reid, but with Reid in Florida for the winter and in the process of downsizing his stable, McLenaghan was forced to look for a new job. He only began working again a few weeks ago, for trainer Rod Boyd, but knows that job could be taken away from him at any time because of the problems Ontario racing is facing.

They have required financial assistance from family members because one income is simply not enough to make ends meet.

Even with two incomes and having to pay for daycare, the couple strained to stay financially above water, but the love of horses buoyed their spirits enough to want to stay in the business, working long hours, basically seven days a week during the stakes schedule in the summer and fall.

"It's a crazy life, but I love it," Andy said in a phone interview with Harness Racing Update on Wednesday. "I know it sounds insane and the general population wouldn't understand it, but if you love it, you love it."

Now they are hoping for some kind of miracle to restore the industry to what it was or at least to keep people actively working.

"With the slots at racetracks ending in a month's time, I don't know how long my husband will be able to work," Christine said. "That's going to impact us big-time. We have rent to pay, bills to pay, utilities, looking after the kids. Our main concerns are to put food on the table and keeping a roof over our heads. If you don't pay rent you're out of there."

"The situation right now...I could use words that are probably appropriate but it's not well," added Andy. "The big thing right now is the unknown. What's going to happen? I have a background in horses, but I'm actually a concrete finisher by trade. It pays great money, but I love the horses and right now I just can't turn my back on it. It's just one of those things when you love something so much you're stuck. It's hard to explain. Pretty much everybody I

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know is struggling. They don't know what to do. They own racehorse and they don't know whether to sell them or keep them. They don't know what to do. The people that are living at the dormitories at Mohawk Racetrack, some of them are friends of mine and the dorms are getting ready to close May first. Some of them don't have bank accounts. Some of them don't even have a driver's license or a car. What are they going to do? They're going to be forced to go to shelters. Most of them don't even have a high school education."

Christine said she didn't foresee the damage which the government's plan would have when it first announced last year the decision to end the program at the end of March. The closer the day has moved forward, the more real the situation has become, particularly with key racetracks such as industry giant Woodbine Entertainment Group, which operates Woodbine and Mohawk and annually plays hosts to major races such as the North America Cup, slashing its expenses, including paring its payroll.

Christine has become actively involved to fight the political force that many feel will cripple the industry, if not kill it all together. She has written a document called Broken Promises that addresses what the government has done to the horse racing industry by giving it some solid financial footing and then knocking it off balance. She has also written an emotionally-gripping personal story entitled Into The Unknown that articulates what the business has meant to her and her husband and children. She sent the letter out to various newspapers and to Members of Provincial Parliament.

"Knowing that they have already felt what joy and tranquility these kind hearted animals can bring into one's life and knowing they may not have the privilege of working along side them is what kills me the most inside," she wrote in her letter."

She also created a Twitter called @TheSoundingBoard_OHR, and along with Lori Ferguson and Kathy McBride created a Facebook site (Ontario Horse Racing - The Sounding Board) to provide a non-partisan medium to revitalize the industry.

"I had never been politically involved in anything before and I just kind of took it on myself because I thought this is going to impact a lot of my friends mostly and me as well," she told HRU. "I think of all my friends that have been in the business all their lives and have no schooling to fall back on. Everybody that I grew up with and worked with through all the years, they're all impacted for sure. They're taking our choices away from us. We don't have a choice on what we want to do. I'm not really sure what I'm going to do. I do have a background in veterinary work, but I'm not really certified to do it. I was hired because I had hands-on experience with horses. Usually if you work with even small animals they require certification. Then you have to think about schooling expenses. Because my background has been so scattered nobody is going to help me out in that regard."

Andy is hoping that somehow a miracle will happen to cause the government to rethink its decision.

"That's why I haven't given up, that's why I'm still in the horse business," Andy said. "I do think that eventually

something will come and save this horse racing industry. It's hard for me to think there won't be. As hard as Christine and other people have been working to save this industry, it's hard for me to turn my back and say, 'We're done.' It's just hard. It's the horses. Both of us love horses. It's just not something we're willing to give up the fight for. It's something we believe in and something we love. Our daughter, from the time she was born, she took to horses. She's not scared of them. She loves them. They are animals that need people to take care of them. They know what their job is, but they're loving, compassionate and they do appreciate everything we do for them."

Christine summed it up passionately in her letter.

"This past eight months has made us realize how truly lucky we were, Waking up every morning at 4 a.m. in our warm, comfy beds with a roof over our heads and heading off to work with coffee in hand," she wrote. "Mucking stalls, lugging water pails, jogging in the rain, sleet and snow, working day and night, seven days a week including holidays, this may not appeal to the average Joe, but for a horseman we wouldn't have it any other way. The way jogging on a crisp morning feels, a nuzzle on your neck with a muzzle on your shoulder, a nibble on the small of your back when you're tacking on a shoe, the exhilaration and adrenaline rush of a training mile and the thrill of watching the product of your hard work brush past the leader in the final strides of a race make it all worthwhile and will be the feelings I'll miss the most.

"The not knowing what will happen to our life-long companions and our families are hard to take. While the ones that put us in this situation are sipping lattes in the confines of their big, cozy office, eating prime rib dinners, and swirling brandy...we'll be worrying about whether or not we can feed our children, pay our utilities or our rent. They'll be worrying about what to buy as Christmas presents for their loved ones and we're left wondering if we'll even have a Christmas tree.

"Who knew that with one swipe of a pen our lives could be turned upside down? We'll keep on fighting for what we've worked so hard for until the bitter end, but at this time next year if you drive by a farm with an empty field where the horses used to be, please remember it didn't have to be this way."

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When Pete and others like him head to the track with that \$100, they sure are up against it. Some tracks have 30% takeouts, others have short fields where they have no chance at making any money. Sometimes there's something funny going on (thankfully this happens much less than in the old days). Sometimes their trotter breaks in what seems like thousands of feet behind the gate, and racing happily takes their money.

"Sorry Pete, it's part of the game. See you next week, I hope."

Breaking trotters, high rakes, short fields and many of the big issues are not immediately fixable. They might never be fixable. But there are things that can be fixed that will help the customer experience, if we put our minds to it.

Over the last several years we've seen more and more horses win off 30 day breaks in their schedule, or off longer layoffs (Bob Pandolfo wrote a column about the change recently in the DRF). It's not like it was in the 1980's or 1990's where you'd see a four week break and the horse was an auto-pitch because he needed a tightener. Nor is it an automatic throw out seeing a trotter come off a 4th by 4 qualifier two weeks ago, with six seconds to drop to be competitive.

Times have changed. But once again, as times change, the industry doesn't.

What's happened in harness racing with layoffs is not magic, nor is it a sinister plot to mess around with its customers. Horse's still need to be trained to race at race speeds, they need to be ready and fit, they need to be qualified to win off a layoff. What is different is that it has become a practice in harness racing to "school" horse's between starts, at race speeds most times, and in company, just like a qualifier. That 158.2 reported qualifier on March 16th, was followed by an unreported 155.3 scorcher a week later. For the horse's March 31st race, he's ready, despite the line being unreported.

Before the Meadowlands Pace, twitter and the industry press was abuzz that Sweet Lou schooled (or trained) in

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MUSCLES YANKEE



GREAT SIRES LIKE GREAT WINE RIPEN WITH AGE

Adios was 22 when both Bret Hanover and Adios Vic were foaled. Speedy Crown was actually 25 when the great Moni Maker came along. Western Hanover was 17 when Well Said happened and Gene Abbe was all of 30 when his all time best Big Towner arrived on the scene.

Consequently, there's every reason to expect that Hambletonian sire Muscles Yankee may indeed have another Muscle Hill or two in the immediate cards.

MUSCULAR 2-YEAR-OLDS

Muscles Yankee wound up as the 2nd leading trotting sire in the all important category of 2:00 2-year-old trotters with 19 trailing Donato Hanover but ahead of Credit Winner, Cantab Hall and Kadabra. Muscles Yankee, with three consecutive Hambletonian champions to his credit, will stand for 2013 at Perretti Farms of Pennsylvania.

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1:49. It wasn't reported, so no one knows for sure, but that was the scuttlebutt. I guess we should figure as handicappers that Ronnie Burke would do something like that going into a \$600,000 race to have Lou ready, so maybe that's just fine.

However, what about the other times it is not reported, or times we need that information. Say when a \$15,000 claimer has been off a month, with no qualifier. He wins by five and Pete from Brooklyn says "what just happened?"

We may have seen this in the Breeders Crown elimination for three year old colts this past fall at Woodbine.

Panther Hanover raced on September 8th and won in 149.1. Then it seems he had several issues. He was off 35 days and entered October 13th in an overnight, but was scratched sick. He was then entered 7 days later in the Breeders Crown elimination.

Unbelievably (the late Tom Ainslie would have trouble figuring this out), off a vet scratch and 42 days between starts, he was on green from the get-go and came second in 149.4.

What happened?

No one knows for sure I guess, but on a chat board after the race I read the colt "schooled" really fast the week before his elim. It was also noted driver Jody Jamieson, who took some flack from bettors for sitting behind Panther Hanover with the very-fast Warrawee Needy, was in the same schooler and knew the horse was ready. That might've explained why he sat the two hole.

The horse was 12-1 and a trip handicapper's nightmare, so if the above was true, Pete from Brooklyn was out of the loop.

No matter if this chat board rumor was valid or not (it really doesn't matter either way), James Dean, Sylvain Filion, Jim Carr and Jody Jamieson did nothing wrong - and I want that made perfectly clear. They, in fact, did everything right from a training and tactical driving perspective based on the knowledge it appears they had at hand. They didn't fail Pete from Brooklyn in the least by doing their jobs right, harness racing failed Pete from Brooklyn by not doing its job right.

Saying "Pete should've known he was ready or he would not have been in the box" is not a response, it's an excuse. Any decent handicapper could've easily expected a tightener, trying to get 5th to qualify for the final, not a front end scorch with a horse off 40+ days and a vet scratch.

When I ask myself tough racing questions like the above, I think "what would Hong Kong Racing and Bill Nader do in a situation like this?" Hong Kong, as most people know, takes things pretty seriously when it comes to wagering. Vet reports aren't "none of anyone's business", they are published in the racing form and on the HKJC website. Penalties are not minor or hidden, they are published in the newspaper. "Schooling" races are unreported works, and they'd take that seriously too. I would wager they'd have a policy in place about workouts, and if a trainer tried to pull a fast one by ignoring said policy, he would be on a boat to Thailand in the morning.

While an industry response to this article in North America might be "how do we find a way to publish these unrecorded

workouts in the past performances; it's impossible", Hong Kong would be asking "how do we not find a way to publish an unrecorded workout in our past performances; we have to make it possible". There are only a few words different in those two sentences, but they are an important few words for our customers. One is a dodge, the other shows respect for a customers' hard-earned betting bankroll.

Figuring out logistically how things like schoolers, or first time geldings, or vet work, or fifty other things our customers complain about are recorded and published is not an easy task. It certainly is well above my pay grade. But when we ask ourselves "how do we make the game of handicapping better for Pete from Brooklyn" we might stumble upon a solution that does make it better for Pete from Brooklyn. And I think we can all agree that harness racing needs more Pete's from Brooklyn, not fewer.

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Charters Expects French Bettors to Pour Millions into Hambletonian Day Handle

By Bill Finley



Fort Lauderdale-The Hambletonian Society is close to finalizing an agreement with French racing authorities that will create commingled pools among U.S. and French bettors on Hambletonian Day. With the French being able to bet into the U.S. pools, Hambletonian Society President and CEO

Tom Charters expect total handle on the day will rise considerably.

"For 20 years now we've been working toward common pooling and we think we are finally there," Charters said yesterday after a Hambletonian Society Board meeting. "A couple of things can still knock it off the track, but this could be a remarkable development for us. They want to take as many as eight trotting races. And they can add, off top of my head, a half million dollars to every pool. The numbers are staggering."

Charters said the French do not want to take wagering on any pacing races.

French officials are so enthusiastic about Hambletonian Day that Charters said they have added a second meeting
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to that day's race schedule so that live racing will still be going on in France while the Hambletonian is being conducted.

"They have added a second meeting to that day to interface with the Hambletonian races coming in from the Meadowlands. It's a big plus for us to have something going on in French market. When there is no live racing there is obviously a much smaller potential for us to get a large handle from them."

Trying to Find Homes For Breeders Crown Not Easy

By Bill Finley

FORT LAUDERDALE- The 2013 Breeders Crown will be held at Pocono Downs. And after that? It's anyone's guess.

The Hambletonian Society, which operates the Breeders Crown is exploring its options when it comes to future homes for the event and is having trouble coming up with obvious solutions.



The last two Breeders Crowns were held at Woodbine, but with racing in Ontario in deep trouble after the slot money was taken away, Woodbine is no longer a viable option. Hambletonian Society President and CEO Tom Charters said he would love to bring the event to the Meadowlands, which will begin racing again in the fall later

this year. But Meadowlands owner Jeff Gural said he only would want a handful of Breeders Crown races and not the entire card. Since 2010, all 12 Breeder Crown races have been held at the same track on the same night.

"I hope Jeff will see that the Meadowlands in the fall, especially with their new dates, is the perfect place for the Breeders Crown," Charters said. "We've got a good partnership with him with them with Hambletonian. As things improve at the Meadowlands I hope we will be back there from time to time."

Charters said other options that have been discussed are having Pocono become the permanent site of the Breeders Crown and having the event held in the near future at The Meadows.

The other tracks in Pennsylvania, especially The Meadows, have expressed their interest," Charters said. "One of the problems you have now days is that facilities are smaller and it's something you have to try to compensate for. I'd love to have three or four venues involved in a rotation and get the support of the local horsemen from those regions."

Charters said a decision on the location for the 2014 Breeders Crown will be made later this year.

Judge Shoots Down Sports Betting in NJ

By Alan Carraso

Efforts to bring sports betting to the state of New Jersey suffered a major setback late Thursday, when a federal judge upheld the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PAPSA) of 1992, which declares sports betting legal only in the states of Nevada, Montana, Oregon and Delaware.

New Jersey voters passed a referendum on the issue in 2011 and the state Legislature approved a law last year that would allow sports betting in Atlantic City and at the state's racetracks. The state challenged PAPSA on constitutional grounds, and argued that the grandfathering of the four states violated state sovereignty and equal protection provisions.

Professional sports organizations, including the NFL, MLB, NHL and the NCAA sued the state of New Jersey in 2012 and the NCAA threatened to and then moved any of their championship events out of New Jersey.

But in an order issued late Thursday night, U.S. District Judge Michael Shipp stated, "judicial intervention is generally unwarranted no matter how unwise a court considers a policy decision of the legislative branch. As such, to the extent the people of New Jersey disagree with PASPA, their remedy is not through passage of a state law or through the judiciary, but through the repeal or amendment of PASPA in Congress."

Legislators from New Jersey expressed disappointment in the decision, but vowed to press on, indicating that an appeal is likely.

"This is a huge disappointment for all of us who continue to believe that New Jersey should have the right to allow sports betting," State Senator Raymond Lesniak, sponsor of the bill, said in a statement. "Along with online gaming, sports betting would allow New Jersey to be in the forefront of the modern gaming industry, creating jobs and providing both immediate and long-term economic benefits."

"No one thought this was a case that wasn't going to go to the 3rd District Court," said Dennis Drazin, Chairman of Monmouth Park, commented. "We reviewed the judge's decision. We do think we have a good chance on appeal and we intend to move forward swiftly. I am confident that at some point we will be successful. At the end of the day, it was not a victory for the U.S. How can four states be permitted to engage in this practice and not other states? We are looking forward to hearings at a higher level."

Drazin does not anticipate a significant impact on racing operations for the upcoming meet.

"We certainly knew this was a decision that would not end here and that we are probably looking at a year and a half to two years before resolution," he continued. "This decision will not affect racing at Monmouth Park this year and we intend to put on a good season and have a good meet. We think we have a bright future ahead for Monmouth Park and this will not effect purse levels at Monmouth Park in any way."

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Governor Chris Christie remains committed to pursuing sports betting as well.

"We believe firmly in the principles of our position on sports betting and that the federal ban is inequitable, violates New Jersey's rights as a state and is unconstitutional," he said in a statement Friday. "Even the trial judge has noted that he was not likely the final arbiter in the matter. We are confident that the federal court of appeals will conclude that New Jersey should be treated equally with other states."

Earlier this week, Christie signed a law making New Jersey the third state in the U.S. to allow Internet gambling. That initiative, along with sports betting, is seen as a means of shoring up the state's casino industry, which has seen its revenues decline over the years in the face of competition from nearby states.

Horse Adoption Statistics Should Compel Changes (from the Standardbred Retirement Foundation)

Twenty-four years of statistics compiled by a horse adoption organization show that 76% of horses adopted for the first time need another adoption, and 49% need more than two homes in their lifetime.

"These numbers are a little higher than expected, but not surprising," stated Judith Bokman, wife of racehorse veterinarian Dr. Stephen Bokman, one of the founders of the Standardbred Retirement Foundation (SRF). "Unlike dogs, horses are now living into their 30's. People have lifestyle changes, get divorced, their kids move on to other hobbies, some have financial issues, there are so many reasons a person can no longer provide good care for a horse. Very few organizations take on a horse for life where only the animal's natural passing, or required humane euthanasia by a veterinarian ends the responsibility of the organization to the horse."

The SRF keeps track of every horse in their program for the life of the animal. They require semi-annual reports on the condition and the care of the horse from the adopter's veterinarian. Horses adopted are never released from the safety net of the organization. Should an adopter no longer be able to provide good care the horse must be returned to the SRF. The design of the program made the compilation of the statistics possible.

Paula Campbell, SRF's co-founder refers to adoption without follow-up as Hospice. "These numbers show that just finding a home is not the solution. When 76% need help beyond their first adopted home and no one is there to provide it, not much is different from the common practice of horse disposal. This is precisely what prompted the growth of adoption programs. Starvation, abuse, neglect, and slaughter are just postponed a little longer."

Years ago a large, national canine feed company launched a program for shelter dogs. The idea seemed very promising, place them with elderly citizens for mutual companionship. But what happened, because there was no follow-up, was that many dogs starved, some were left tied to trees when their owners forgot that they had a pet, others were neglected because they were unable to provide the care, and so the program was ended. Writing a precaution

into the design of the program may have been difficult for dogs, but for horses there are ways to do so.

It's a difficult mission when you love them for life like SRF, it is more costly as well, but it is money well spent. One hundred and eight horses are now retired with the organization where they live out their lives in pasture. Some are not sound enough for pleasure work, others are elderly and unattractive to adopters, most came back into the program during the course of their lives; had they not, their fate would have been at great risk.

It's not that the concept doesn't work, but so many horses find themselves in the same disturbing situation as before a charity stepped in to help, just at a later date. Adoption programs that do not extend their mission beyond one adoption should feel compelled to do so based on these findings.

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By Brett Sturman

Race 7, A-2/Preferred Pace

DIAL OR NO DIAL returns fresh from the Presidential a month ago where he made a bold first over challenge into Golden Receiver that race. Deserving for his first win of the season and I'd be surprised if he doesn't end up as Miller's pick over half the field. ABELARD HANOVER was the trendy alternative to Golden Receiver last week and had little shot of closing into that rival off the slow half mile. Beat a similar group two back at odds on. ROCKIN THE HOUSE is an obvious threat for the track's leading trainer and driver; aggressive try should be coming. SHOOBEE'S PLACE has won at the top level here before and RIVER SHARK is another that shouldn't be discounted entirely.

Race 8, B-2 Pace

I know that FREDDY DAY HANOVER is yet to deliver the goods this year, but I'm willing to give him one more look from the rail in his second start at the reduced B-2 level. He tired last out when brushing to the lead through a :54:2 half; winner of that race already came back to easily beat better at Yonkers. This isn't the most difficult spot. RECENT NEWS had too much ground to make up last out; either of his last two and three races back against sharp Burke trained winners would be good enough to figure in here. JOHNNY Z loomed in his most recent as the slight favorite but flattened late in a night the track was off. DR C'S Z TAM was loaded late after being hopelessly driven early; chance if pilot chooses to get him involved.

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Race 9, C-1 Pace

PRINCE SHARKA lands the rail while dropping from that competitive Exit 16W series and any number of his recent tries are hard to overlook. Was right there against the likes of Mr Dennis and Holdingallthcards in those races and there aren't many hotter drivers than Callahan right now. Only knock is low percentage trainer; they're that way for a reason. ALEX BULVILLE couldn't have had a more possible dream trip last out and still couldn't reach to the longshot winner; figures to take action again. ANDY BARAN is one I would have liked but Dauplaise chooses to drive himself tonight; at least will offer a price because of that. BLUE CLAW could win I suppose with a trip; goes from Miller to MacDonald.

Race 10, Claiming \$15,000 Pace

VEAL MARSALA drops from the Survivor Series final for team Allard where he didn't stand much chance in fending off Oil Magnet; this field is far less talented from what this one saw throughout that series. First realistic chance to shine since the layoff; I hate to critique but his 10/1 programmed line has zero shot of sticking. WALL E returns at the reduced level for Burke and Gingras; no stranger to the winner's circle here. WILLIE BOOTS was first over two back and then closed well in his last; will be moving forward late again. WESTERN TRADEMARK makes his second start back from the layoff; first start over this track and it looks like something went amiss from when we saw him here throughout last year. Andy knows him well and even he opted off; that can't be good.

The Plays

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Dover Report

Thursday's Results:

8, DD, \$35,000, Pace, Open Preferred Handicap Post Positions 1 thru 4 Drawn Post Positions 5 & 6 Drawn, 26.4, 54.1, 1:22.0, 1:50.1, FT

1-Versado (g, 6, Dragon Again--Beach Jenny, by Beach Towel) O-Kdm Stables Corp.. B-Joseph C & Nancy L Vander Heyden. T-Nick Surick. D-Pat Berry, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 105-32-14-10, \$852,278

2-Summer Camp (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Roman Art, by Artsplace), \$28,000 2008 SHS-HBG O-Baron Racing Stable & Vip Internet Stable LLC. B-Perretti Farms. T-Josh Green. D-Jonathan Roberts, \$8,750

3-Adventure Bound (g, 5, Camluck--Unchained Speed, by Ball And Chain) O-Wm Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Iaquina. B-Millar Farms, CA. T-Eric Ell. D-Jim Morand, \$4,200

Calls: Q, 1H, 1H, 2H, 1Q - Finish Order: Mainland Key N, Im Fulla Luck N, Powerful Mist

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10, DD, \$30,000, Pace, DELAWARE Special, 26.2, 54.0, 1:22.1, 1:50.0, FT

1-Rusty's All In (h, 7, Western Hanover--Allamerican Nadia, by Dragon's Lair), \$70,000 2007 SHS-HBG O-Claim To Fame LLC & Carter Racing Stable LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Michael Hall. D-Corey Callahan, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 132-20-26-25, \$462,689

2-Wee Brother N (g, 7, Elsu--Wee Sister, by Holmes Hanover) O/B-V L & Mrs D L Devery, NZ. T-Peter Tritton. D-Ross Wolfenden, \$7,500

3-Samandar (h, 5, American Ideal--Lady Sammie, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$15,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-M And L Of Delaware LLC. B-Century Spring Farms, CA. T-Bruce Saunders. D-Eric Carlson, \$3,600

Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 2, 2H - Finish Order: Mustang Art, Catchmecullen A, Eagle All, Dirty Devil

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Meadowlands Report

1, M, \$18,000, Trot, THE HORSE & GROOM N/W 4 Extended PM Races or \$175,000 Lifetime Up to & Including 2/15/2013 1st Leg, M, 27.2, 57.0, 1:26.3, 1:54.1, FT

Dw's Ny Yank (g, 4, Dilbert Hanover--Nicky Mantle, by Muscles Yankee) O-Howard A Taylor. B-W D La Page Stable. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 37-8-6-5, \$98,798

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2, M, \$30,000, Trot, A-2/A-1/FFA Handicap Post Positions Drawn According to Class, M, 27.2, 57.0, 1:25.3, 1:53.2, FT

1-Sevruga (g, 5, SJ's Caviar--Stunning Lindsey, by Malabar Man), \$18,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Kdm Stables Corp.. B-White Birch Farm. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 41-19-7-4, \$417,991

2-Ice Machine (h, 5, Muscles Yankee--Icy Pleasure, by Super Pleasure) O/B-Robert J Key. T-Walter Carroll. D-Corey Callahan, \$7,500

3-Opening Night (h, 5, Broadway Hall--Rare Elegance, by Self Possessed), \$45,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Runthetable Stables. B-Robert A & Lauren B Tucker. T-Jim Campbell. D-John Campbell, \$3,600

Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 2, HD, NS - Finish Order: Photo King, Spice It Up Lindy, Don't Know Chip

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7, M, \$20,000, Trot, B-1/A-2 Handicap Post Positions Drawn According to Class, M, 28.3, 57.2, 1:27.1, 1:55.2, FT

Mugshot Jess (g, 6, Jailhouse Jesse--Photo Emmy, by S J's Photo) O-Walter Gower. B-Fred E Morgan Jr. T-Taylor Gower. D-Yannick Gingras, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 88-15-12-16, \$204,368

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8, M, \$22,500, Pace, Fillies & Mares A-2/A-1 Handicap Post Positions Drawn According to Class, M, 26.1, 54.3, 1:24.0, 1:52.2, FT

Ooh Bad Shark (m, 5, Cam's Card Shark--Ooh Bad Girl, by Badlands Hanover) O/B-Donna M Fedorak & William M Wiggins. T-William Wiggins. D-Ron Pierce, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 34-14-5-4, \$186,385

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12, M, \$18,000, Trot, THE HORSE & GROOM N/W 4 Extended PM Races or \$175,000 Lifetime Up to & Including 2/15/2013 1st Leg, M, 29.0, 58.1, 1:27.2, 1:54.1, FT

Modern Family (h, 4, Cantab Hall--Domestic Diva, by Yankee Glide), \$110,000 2010 LEX-SEL

O-Daryl Scott Bier & Charles A Dombeck & Richard Poillucci. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Daryl Bier. D-Tim Tetrack, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 24-8-0-3, \$106,272

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Woodbine Report

7, Wdb, \$20,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$72,000 LIFETIME. 13.2, 28.3, 58, 1:27.1, 1:41.3, 1:55.4

Sooo Windy (b,m,4 - Canyon Wind-So Hanover-The Panderosa) O-Osullivan Racing Inc, Foxyhall Racing B-Winwood Farm T-Tony Osullivan D-Chris Christophorou, \$10,000 Lifetime Record: 29-10-3-4 \$57,023

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8, Wdb, \$20,000 , Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$14,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$2,500 LAST 3 STARTS. 12.4, 26.4, 55.2, 1:24.2, 1:39, 1:53.3

Palm Patrol (b,m,4 - Mach Three-Top Time Patrol-Shore Patrol) O-Robert W Burgess B-Glenview Livestock Ltd. T-Carmen Auciello D-Tony MacDonald, \$10,000 Lifetime Record: 43-14-2-6 \$159,030

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10, Wdb, \$30,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED.12.4, 26.2, 55.2, 1:24.1, 1:37.4, 1:51.4

1-Monkey On My Wheel (b,m,5 - Mach Three - Legislation - Presidential Ball) O-Mac Nichol, Travis Umphrey, Timothy Kane B-Mac Nichol T-Travis Umphrey D-Keith Oliver, \$15,000 Lifetime Record: 48-17-13-4 \$1,227,644

2-Greystone Ladylike (b,m,4 - Stonebridge Regal-Lady Courtalisa-Camluck) O/B-James F & A Jean Caddey T-Brent Belore D-Scott Zeron

3-Addison Bay (b,m,6 - Camluck-Mattersalls-Matts Scooter) O-Julie A Ferguson, Lloyd D Stone, Dr John C Tobin B-Larry Pollard D-Chris Christoforou

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Yonkers Report

6, YR, \$35,000, Trot, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-8 ASSIGNED, 28.1, 58.2, 1:27.0, 1:57.1, FT
1-Affirmed Action (h, 7, Conway Hall--Joann's Action, by Sir Taurus) O/B-John Grasso Stable Inc. T-John Grasso. D-Jason Bartlett, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 59-17-11-5, \$284,603

2-Brandos Muscle Man (g, 5, Muscles Yankee--Southwind Paradise, by American Winner), \$65,000 2009 SHS-HBG

O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-George Brennan, \$8,750

3-Fuel Cell (g, 6, Mutineer--Bossybutbeautiful, by Balanced Image), \$9,000 2008 FOREST
O-Lee G Cotroneo. B-Winbak Farm. T-Brandon Todd. D-Brian Sears, \$4,200

Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1H, H - Finish Order: Celebrity Bluechip, Master Pine, For You Almostfree, Big Sky Storm, Sugar Queen Gabby

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7, YR, \$21,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, M, 28.2, 58.1, 1:27.3, 1:57.1, FT
Wind Surfer (g, 8, Muscles Yankee--Windsurfing V C, by Balanced Image), \$4,000 2006 LEX-SEL O-James A Koran & Betty M Sherman. B-Docs Farm Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 136-32-27-16, \$774,475
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8, YR, \$35,000, Pace, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITION 1 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 2-8 DRAWN, M, 28.0, 58.3, 1:27.0, 1:55.4, FT

1-Feeling You (m, 6, Cambest--Ripreza Hanover, by Artsplace) O-Oldford Farms LLC & Stephen E Oldford & Tyler L Buter. B-Alan M Kirschenbaum. T-Amber Buter. D-Tyler Buter, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 75-26-12-10, \$606,983

2-Don't Point At (m, 6, At Point Blank--Lady Longlegs, by B.G's Bunny) O-William B Weaver III. B-Perfect World Enterprises. T-Noel Daley. D-Jeff Gregory, \$8,750

3-Campanile (m, 4, No Pan Intended--Campanita, by Artsplace) O-Michael Casalino Jr. B-Peter Pan Stables Inc. T-Chris Marino. D-George Brennan, \$4,200
 Calls: 3Q, 2Q, T, NS, H - Finish Order: Frontierpan, Argument Hanover, Naughtytilltheend, Chief Karen, Mystical Diva

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9, YR, \$21,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, M, 28.4, 1:00.0, 1:28.2, 1:58.1, FT
Lorenzo Dream (g, 6, Taurus Dream--Langala Dream, by Credit Winner) O-Vincent J Laurenzo. B-Reve Avec Moi Dreamwithme, CA. T-Julie Miller. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 73-30-12-14, \$360,017
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10, YR, \$26,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$32,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, M, 28.2, 58.1, 1:27.4, 1:57.2, FT
Equity (g, 7, Kadabra--Earl Of My Dreams, by Earl) O-Charalambos Christoforou, CA & Banjo Farms. B-Banjo Farms & Charalambos Christoforou, CA & William L Jones. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 87-25-18-14, \$741,908

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11, YR, \$24,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, M, 28.1, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:56.4, FT
Political Desire (g, 7, Tom Ridge--Your Hearts Desire, by Arndon) O-Randall B Bendis & Michael E Novosel Jr & Reed Broadway & James P Walton. B-Dunn Stable. T-Albert Meyer. D-Jason Bartlett, \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 130-30-25-18, \$352,547

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12, YR, \$21,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, M, 27.4, 57.3, 1:26.1, 1:55.2, FT
Marie's Z Tam (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Youmustbedreaming, by Jate Lobell), \$50,000 2007 LEX-SEL O-Seri S Reddy & Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-George Brennan, \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 116-13-16-17, \$314,301

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