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The Curmudgeon's Baker's Dozen

My list for the greatest drivers in history when they were at the pinnacle of their talents.

by The Curmudgeon

In the more than half a century that I've been in this business I've been privileged to have seen thousands of drivers and most certainly a lot more horses.

I've chosen a baker's dozen of those drivers who I believe at their best were the greatest that I've ever seen.

Obviously this is a purely subjective topic with which I am sure there will be a significant degree of disagreement.

Before I get to the main topic, I think I should address two other categories.

Those who may not necessarily have been the very best in the driver categories, but were nonetheless very good and had an undue influence on the sport and those who followed them:

Keith Waples - The teacher of several of those who are on the main list. Waples did not teach as a teacher might to his students, but many of them studied him and learned from watching.


Stanley Dancer - Maybe the first driver to realize the shortest way to get around a racetrack was to go to the front and have others come and get you. This was especially effective on the New York half-mile tracks.

Hughie Bell - The first catch driver that I am aware of. He could make speed like no one else in his era and invariably improved a horse he was driving for a trainer driver.

The next category consists of those who are missing from the main list but may have the credentials to be on it. If anybody put up a strong argument saying that they deserve to be ranked among the very best, I couldn't say that they were wrong.

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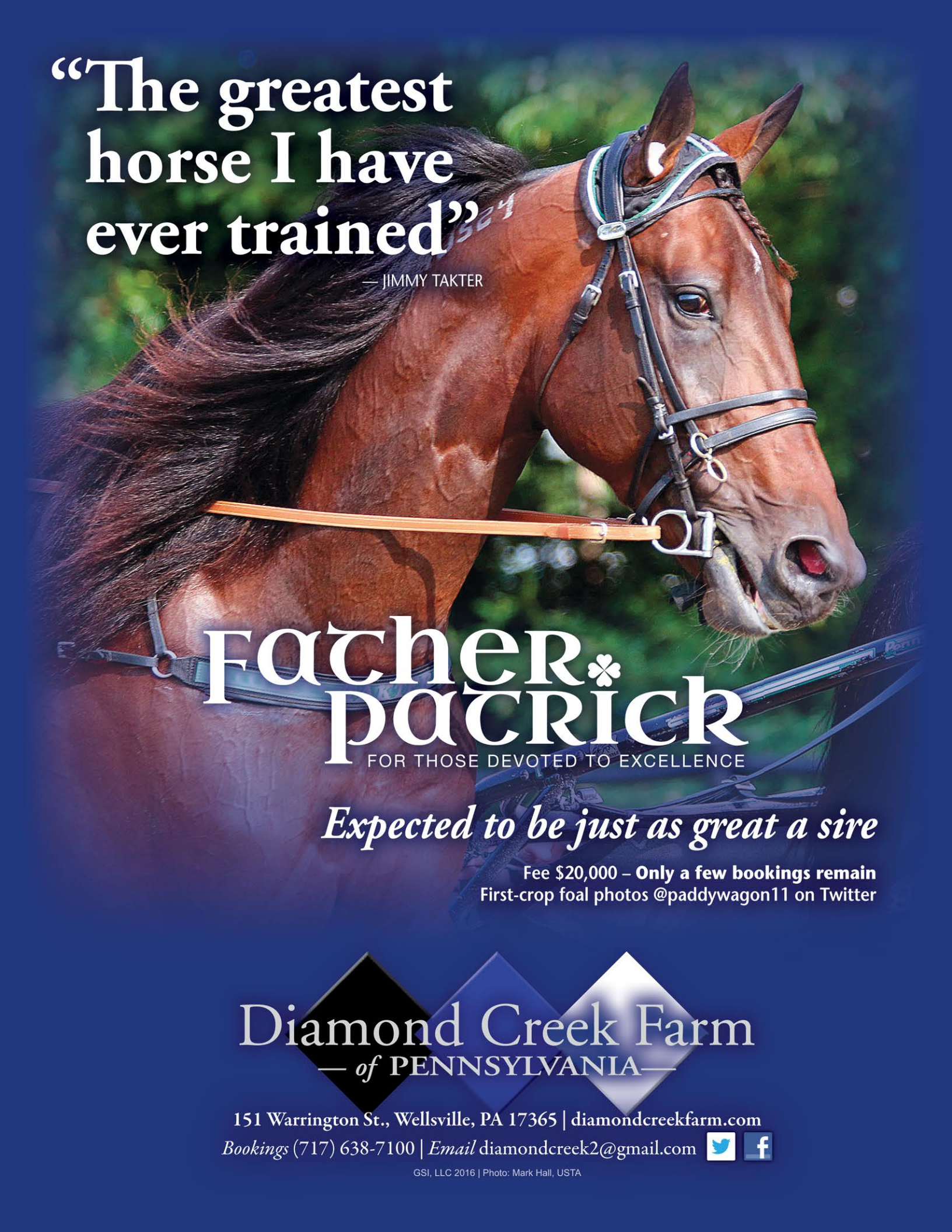
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I'm sure I've left off some who deserve inclusion and I apologize for their omission.

Here are my top 13 and one also eligible.



Dave Landry

"The Magic Man" Bill O'Donnell

1. Bill O'Donnell — At his best, albeit in a relatively short time frame of maybe four or five years, O'Donnell was the very best these eyes have ever seen. In his prime, he was truly "The Magic Man". The amazing thing about Billy as opposed to all of the others on this list is that he did not become what I feel was a truly professional driver until he turned 30 or thereabouts. Prior to that, when he had his own stable at Foxboro, he used Teddy Wing as his catch driver. When Wing went to the Meadowlands, Billy O moved his stable to Saratoga where he first seriously began to drive. One night when he won seven of eight starts, he decided it was to move to The Meadowlands and try his luck in the big time.

- 2. John Campbell** — What else can be said about J. C. Superstar? He is the all time leading money winner. He has won more classic events than any man in the history of the sport. He is great beyond great. Now in his sixties, he is still one of the fiercest competitors to ever sit behind a horse. If I had my choice between O'Donnell and Campbell at their best, I'd be more than happy to get second pick.
- 3. Herve Fillion** — I could be accused of being a tiny bit prejudiced here. Growing up, he was my idol. I thought he was a harness racing God. I believed he was half horse. He could speak horse before he learned English. Great soft hands and one always had a horse after he handed the lines back to you. A pupil who learned from Keith Waples. As my late friend Andy Grant would say of him, "He was likely born in a feed bucket."
- 4. Michel Lachance** — Iron Mike. Maybe the toughest competitor I've ever known, both in and out of harness racing. He was always prepared, a true professional. If he told you something about a horse, he would be invariably right. I think that if I wanted a driver's opinion about a young horse's potential, he would be the person I'd go to. Another graduate of the Keith Waples school.

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5. **Brian Sears** — One of the greatest that these eyes have ever seen. Even in the days when he raced at The Meadows, invariably finishing second to Dave Palone, I thought he was fantastic. As great as his accomplishments have been, I've always felt he could have been better, if he had the fire and ambition of a John Campbell or Mike Lachance.
6. **Tim Tetrick** — The future is now. Although still quite young, he is already one of our sport's greatest drivers ever. Timmy has it all. Great hands, a great head, excellent judge of pace and everything else that a great driver requires. As one of the sport's most accomplished gamblers recently said on Facebook "one of the best bets in harness racing today is first time Tetrick." Who am I to disagree?
7. **Carmine Abbatiello** — In my opinion, it's a push between Abbatiello and Walter Case as the greatest half-mile track driver ever. First time Carmine was always a great bet. In his time, he could make more speed than any driver I had previously seen. It seemed to these unknowing eyes that for the most part, he was quite content to more or less restrict his driving to the New York metropolitan area. Thus, the largest number of his wins came aboard overnight and fast class horses.
8. **Ron Pierce** — The greatest instinctive driver ever. He could and often would do things on the track that one might question only to see his actions confirmed with another trip to the winner's circle. More than any other driver that I can think of, as he got older, he got better, much better. He was in my opinion the only driver who could possibly have defeated Somebeachsomewhere in The Meadowlands Pace as he did with Art Official.
9. **Buddy Gilmour** — Great, soft hands. A great mind. He was half-horse in the bike. Not only a great driver but a great horseman as well. Another Keith Waples school graduate.
10. **David Miller** — Although it seems somewhat inane to refer to a Hall of Famer as being under rated, I believe that term very much applies to Dave Miller. Perhaps it's his quiet demeanor, but, in my opinion, he rarely gets the respect he deserves. Instead of being the forth or fifth choice in many of the top events, I believe he is every bit as competent as the first or second picks.
11. **George Sholty** — In his prime he could make a horse

go as fast as anybody I've ever seen. It was pure poetry seeing his movements in the bike in perfect sync with those of the horse he was steering. His racing of Sonsam and Bengazi Hanover really stand out in my mind. A great driver, but quite possibly a better all around horseman.

12. **Benny Webster** — Speed should have been his nickname instead of "The Whip". He could make it as well as anybody that ever lived. Another great driver who's horsemanship is sometimes forgotten. He played a great part in the success of No Nukes and Flak Bait.

13. **Yannick Gingras** — The most aggressive driver of today's youth core. If you are a gambler and want to get the most for your money when making a bet, Yannick is probably your best shot. He keeps getting better. In my opinion, he isn't near as good as he will one day be.

Also Eligible — Walter Case Jr. — Likely the most purely-talented driver to ever sit behind a horse. His worst enemy was himself and he has only himself to blame for all his misfortunes and those he caused to others. What a terrible loss to himself and the sport.

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USTA approves \$250,000 for social media, forms advisory committee

with files from the USTA

Following the conclusion of the U.S. Trotting Association Board of Directors' Annual Meeting on Monday (Feb. 29), USTA President Phil Langley announced the formation of a Social Media Advisory Committee to assist in the industry's social media initiative.

The USTA is in the third year of its partnership with **Converseon**, an award-winning, national social media agency located in New York City.

"We are entering a pivotal year in our social media campaign," said Langley. "I think most of the people in our industry understand that social media is our best chance to reach a new audience and grow the interest in harness racing."

"It is time for more involvement from the people and organizations in our sport," added Langley. "We are counting on this committee to assist us in taking the important next steps."

Following are the members named by Langley for the new USTA Social Media Committee:

Allison Conte (Chairperson—USTA social media and publicity manager)

Tony Alagna (trainer, more than \$25 million in lifetime purses)

Emily Gaskin (Hoosier Park Racing Publicist)

Nick Salvi (Gural Racetracks Stakes Consultant)

Ashley Tetrack (operator of www.tetrackracing.com)

Gabe Wand (USTA director, chairman District 4)

Heather Wilder (Meadows Standardbred Owners Association Marketing Director)

USTA Director of Marketing and Communications Dan Leary will act as staff liaison between Converseon and the committee.

"We suggested that a steering committee could help us get greater involvement throughout the industry and help us identify the most important priorities at this critical time," said Converseon founder and CEO Rob Key. "There are exciting opportunities and some significant challenges ahead and we are pleased to have this impressive group to assist us. We need everyone to get involved and paddle in the same direction."

Plans for the first meeting of the Social Media Committee are underway.

Columbus, OH - Funding for the social media, digital marketing initiative as well as monetary support for major-race television broadcasts were approved at the final general session of the USTA Board of Directors annual meeting Monday (Feb. 29).

A lengthy and emotional discussion preceded the votes for both spending measures. Directors presented their cases for and against allocating \$250,000 of USTA money to work in partnership with Converseon Inc., a nationally-acclaimed New York City social marketing agency founded by Rob Key. The program will enter its third year in 2016, with goals including increasing online engagement by 80 percent and generating 2,000 leads to target for potential ownership of harness racehorses.

The final general session of the USTA Board of Directors annual meeting was held on Monday.

Some directors -- who prefaced their statements by saying that they ultimately supported the project and voted as such -- voiced their concerns about not seeing specific results from the first two years of the partnership with Converseon.

"This is something we've got to build upon and continue to impress upon Converseon as well over the next year that if we want certain metrics from them, then let's get that information to Mike Tanner, to Dan Leary, so they can present it to Rob (Key). That way, he knows exactly what we are looking for in 2016," said Jason Settlemaier (District 8, New York).

Gabe Wand (District 4, Wisconsin) echoed those concerns, calling for more accountability from Converseon and the USTA in the next year.

"They are really giving us no concrete metrics," he said. "I want to know how many non-horse racing people are we reaching? Or are we just building a platform for ourselves?"

"If we continue to go forward with this, if by this time next year can directors be guaranteed some type of a score sheet on how we're doing -- and if we have a plan B?"

Those who voted against the funding raised questions

about spending money when the 2016 budget approved by the board shows a projected deficit in 2016. The 2015 budget projected a deficit of \$108,947, but finished with a surplus of \$348,357 due to decreases in office expenses and unused budgeted funds allocated to such projects as television production, Save Our Standardbreds, investigative services and Strategic Wagering shortages.

"I don't think there is any question that we need to be in social media," said John Brennan (District 12, New Jersey). "I think the question is: Can this be done in-house? I just don't think that with the deficit that we have, that we are in a position to be spending this money."

USTA Executive Vice President and CEO Mike Tanner explained that the USTA did not have the resources to go from managing to monetizing social media.

"There seems to be a fundamental misunderstanding as to what the social media initiative is," said Tanner. "The social media is not Allison Conte and Dan Leary and Ken Weingartner just tweeting a whole lot and posting things on Facebook. The social media initiative is doing those things while having the infrastructure to read where those messages are going, to determine who is receiving those messages, to get the demographics and build content for them so we can branch out into a CRM (customer relationship management) initiative, just like the casinos do to build customers."

Before a roll-call vote was cast for the social media and television spending, Brennan made a motion to instead conduct a secret-ballot vote. The motion needed approval of two-thirds of the directors in attendance, but the roll call vote for that motion was defeated with 23 voting "yes" and 21 voting "no."

The roll-call vote to approve the funding for social media passed by a measure of 36-4. (Editor's Note: A previous version of this story listed the results as 36-3.)

Prior to the social media vote, a roll-call vote to approve a \$120,000 fund to help support harness racing television broadcasts passed by a measure of 39-3. The monies in the fund would be made available to any racetrack or group that applied to coordinate the production and broadcast of one or more of their major races.

USTA/Mark Hall photos

Members of the USTA Finance Committee met in the morning.

In order to address the deficit questions outlined in brief above, a price increase for selected USTA services was approved by a voice vote in both the general session and the

Finance Committee meeting prior. Starting in 2018, fees for individual USTA memberships would increase from \$50 to \$75; and from \$140 to \$200 for three-year memberships. Member racetrack dues would be increased according to a scaled amount based on purses; and eTrack services would rise from \$168 per day to \$200 per day for most tracks. According to Chairman Ivan Axelrod, the measures would increase revenue some \$600,000 per year after the third year of implementation.

The price increase was met with concerns from some directors in the Finance Committee.

"Do you think that instead of raising fees -- especially in the membership category -- that we could maybe go back and pick through the budget and 'trim the fat?'" asked Mark Ford (District 8, New York). "Regardless of how you put it, a rate increase at this point in time is not going to be well-taken."

Tanner responded by reminding directors that employee count has reduced from 60 to 49 in the past few years and any cuts to the budget would result in the elimination of the myriad sponsorships and staff support that the USTA provides across the industry.

"You can always get leaner, but you are going to lose services by doing that," he said. "The rest of the industry is shrinking and the expectations put on the USTA are greater than ever. We jump in and we jump in quietly to provide support, doing things that 20 years ago we were never expected to do."

The Rules Committee met in the first session of the morning, and made the following decisions to the submitted rule changes for 2016.

Rule Change No. 1: Tabled

No. 2: Approved

No. 3: Approved

No. 4: Rejected

No. 5: Rejected

No. 6: Rejected

No. 7: Approved as amended to 60 days

No. 8: Rejected

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No. 10: Approved

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Where Rob Key has it wrong

The USTA has approved customer relationship and marketing spending, but what happens next is the big industry question

by Dean Towers

It was a whirlwind weekend at the annual USTA member meetings. A number of items were talked about, but the main discussion seemed to be centered on the industry's customer relationship management and digital marketing initiative, implemented by Rob Key of Converseon.

For a couple of years now, Key seems to enter the building, cap in hand, asking for \$250,000. 250 large is quite a bit of money – a well-bred trotter at a yearling sale, 25 per cent of the purse for the North America Cup (maybe less, because the Canadian dollar's getting whacked), a decent house in New York City, check that, upstate New York.

But just how much is \$250,000?

\$250,000 is 0.016 per cent of the amount wagered on harness racing in the U.S. in 2015.

\$250,000 is 0.055 per cent of the amount of purses for harness racing distributed in the U.S. 2015

In fact, \$250,000 is only 0.76 per cent of the purses offered [so far this year](#).

In contrast, \$250,000 is a drop (a teeny, tiny drop) in the bucket when compared to the \$26.5 million of marketing revenue the Swedish harness racing industry employs. Sweden's population is about 20 per cent smaller than the state of Pennsylvania.

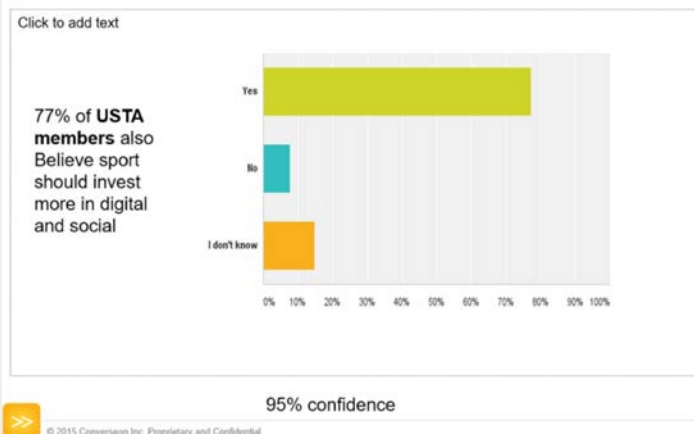
Overall, in the entire sport of harness racing in North America (worth billions), marketing and CRM spend – remember this includes everything in every sector; every alphabet, every track, every wagering company – are estimated by Robert Scarpelli of HLT advisory, at 1.7 per cent of revenues.

Compare that to your neighborhood Bingo which spends up to 30 per cent of revenue on outreach; casinos are right around 20 per cent.

What about for other industries and companies? Well,

there's generally a rule of thumb that you might've heard in business class: 10 per cent of revenues should be spent on some sort of marketing, or customer relationship management. That's the magic number, and the magic number is close. According to a Gartner Research study in 2015, the average marketing spend per company in business to consumer was about 13 per cent. All sectors ranged from a low of 10.1 per cent to a high of 16.3 per cent.

Do you think harness racing should invest more in digital and social media?

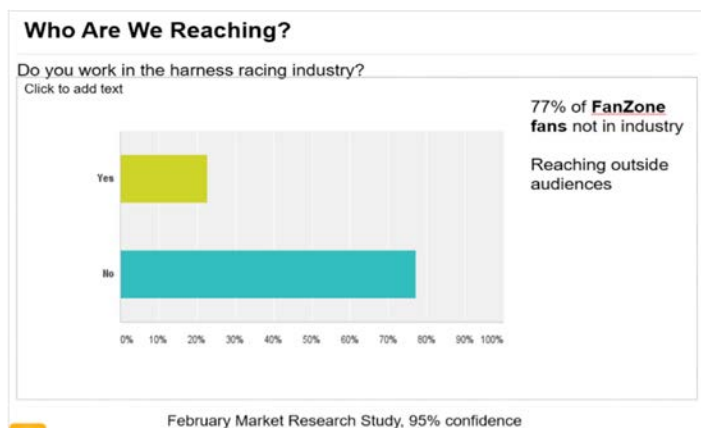


Rob Key – God bless him – comes to industry meetings asking harness racing the wrong question. He should not be asking for \$250,000, he should be asking for a couple of million. Two million would not get the sport anywhere near where it probably needs to be when compared to your neighborhood casino, and that ask from the industry might be akin to pulling teeth from non-sedated giraffe without a ladder. But, one would think if the sport checks a few boxes it would be something worth working towards.

First, you need backing from the people who pay the bills; the people who allow governments to hand over slot money, the people who supply the horses to race for everyone to bet on.

According to a survey, yes you read this right, 77 per cent of USTA members agree the sport should invest more in digital. I don't know about you, but I can't remember the last time 77 per cent of the members of any harness racing alphabet group agreed on anything. The rank and file want to spend money – **their money** – to do this. Why does their leadership find this so difficult?

Second up, something we as marketers work through each day is infiltrating new markets. New users are tough to find, tough to engage, and very difficult to reach. Well, apparently we're seeing some decent numbers here too from Key's work.



I don't particularly buy the point that somehow this has to be "new people". The Pittsburgh Steelers spend oodles of money on engaging fans that already are a part of "Steeler Nation". Energizing the harness fan and participant base for meet-ups, watching races, betting on races, working social media through word-of-mouth, or banding together to fight decoupling (or other industry items) is good spend in itself. However, if you are one of the people who are worried about too much overlap, three in four Fan Zone fans are outside the industry. 62% of the Fan Zone's Facebook followers are not fans of the USTA or the Meadowlands. Those are the most impressive numbers I've seen in this sport when it comes to outreach, and I've been at this awhile. Next, harness racing itself – participants, fans and bettors – are not getting any younger. I think everyone agrees the sport has to reach those demographics. How's that been going?

Thirty-four per cent of the reach is under the age of 44 and they're seeing almost equal numbers of men and women participating. Remember the last time you were at the OTB? Did one of three people in the joint look like that?

Who Are We Reaching?



We can keep going with these metrics, but you get the picture. Next year at this time, Rob Key will be going back to the USTA and arguing "his" case. Frankly, the arguments made have nothing to do with the story. Harness racing complains that it's getting overtaken by lotteries, sports betting, casinos, bingo, and thoroughbred racing. That's fair. However, ask yourself why. One of reasons is that lotteries, bingo, thoroughbred racing et al, have been doing what Rob wants to do, and have done so for many, many years. This isn't new, or additional spend, this is basic spend the industry should've done long ago to just keep pace with competitors.

CRM spend, marketing spend, database management, community outreach, sponsorship cultivation, and inside-industry engagement is not radical; it's not something to argue about. It's something that needs to be done as a matter of course. This is wrapping a horse's legs for a long van trip; it's staking the two-year-old colt who just went 2:04 under a hold; it's what needs to be done.

No, next year Rob Key should not have to ask the \$250,000 question. He should not have to ask an industry to come on board for 0.03% of industry revenue; 0.03% of revenue for an average family in the USA is less than \$2 per year, not even the price of a cup of Starbucks coffee. The industry – horsemen, racetracks, alphabets, racinos – should be lining up right this minute with a plan to at least quadruple that figure. The future of harness racing is worth more than a cup of coffee. If you don't believe that, hang up the harness, sell the racebikes, put all the horses into claimers and dust off the resume. Everyone might as well all go home.

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Meadow Skipper's first crop of two-year-olds was in 1969 and yielded a Triple Crown winner in 1970 (Most Happy Fella) and very nearly two in a row when Albatross just fell short in 1971 in the Jug.

In 1977, the Woodrow Wilson debuted for a purse \$280,000 (won by No No Yankee). Thirty-nine horses were in the elims, and only two were Meadow Skippers, and neither made the final. But Meadow Skipper would soon make up for his inauspicious start in a very big way. He sired the winners in 1978 (Scarlet Skipper) and 1980 (Land Grant), was the grandsire of the 1979 champ (Niatross) and the great-grandsire of the 1981 winner (McKinzie Almahurst).

But let's go back to 1980 for what I consider the greatest siring feat of all time. Remember, in 1977, Meadow Skipper did not have a single finalist, nor did his sons. In 1980, for the sport's first \$2 million race, the entire 12-horse field was comprised of Meadow Skipper sons or grandsons — every single finalist.

Dazzling dozen

A little known fact on each of a dozen of history's most famous horses:

1. Nevele Pride, the only three-time trotting Horse of the Year, won 57 times in his award-winning seasons of 1967-1969 — and not once was any rival within a length in any victory.
2. Foiled Again, the richest performer of all-time is now 12. The last time a 12-year-old finished in the top five in balloting for Horse of the Year was in 1968 when Cardigan Bay was fourth.
3. Bee A Magician (17-for-17 in 2013) is one of two undefeated Horses Of The Year driven by Brian Sears, who also drove Muscle Hill to a perfect 12-for-12 record in 2009. No other driver has ever had a pair of unblemished HOYs.
4. Moni Maker's fastest Meadowlands race was her last one (1:52.1) at age seven in 2000 in the Nat Ray. It was her third win in that classic
5. Artsplace, the 1992 undefeated Horse Of The Year made more money in the previous two years than he did in his HOY year.

6. Eternal Camnation was from the last crop of Cam Fella and turned out to be his richest performer with earnings exceeding \$3.7 million. Cam Fella also had a double millionaire from his very first crop (Camtastic — 1987-1989).
7. Fools Goal made \$3,057,070 in his career, but \$2.3 million of it at ages six, seven and eight.
8. Bonefish, the 1975 Hambletonian winner, is the only winner of that race never to race again.
9. Wesgate Crown banked \$2,574,045 in his career without winning a race as a sophomore. He is the richest horse ever to be blanked as a sophomore.
10. Su Mac Lad was the last Horse of the Year to miss a complete season prior to winning the award. He won it in 1962 at age eight. He missed his entire three-year-old season in 1957 due to a broken bone.
11. No Sex Please banked \$1,884,392 in his career from 1987-1993. He was the only three-year-old to appear in the March Of Dimes Trot in 1998 won by Sugarcane Hanover over Ourasi and Mack Lobell.
12. Kramer Boy made \$2,055,735 in his career. He was the 1997 Horse Of The Year in Sweden. Jimmy Takter also had the 1997 Horse Of The Year in the U.S. (Malabar Man) making him the only trainer to have the HOY on two continents in the same year.



Koch says Meadowlands facing tough stretch

by Dave Little

Normally, winter slowly transitioning to spring is a joyous time. The heavy coats get packed away, out come the shorts and t-shirts. Ice and snow melt, giving way to green grass and flowers in bloom.

But amid all of this euphoria comes the reality of racing at the Meadowlands, and the challenges the track faces in the coming months.

With the warm weather, tracks start opening up, which heats up competition for horse flesh throughout the industry. Saratoga Harness, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs and Harrah's Philadelphia are either already racing or will be within the month. All three of those tracks, plus Yonkers Raceway — which pretty much races year round — all have slot-machine bloated purse accounts ready to burst, which will now put Big M racing secretary Peter Koch to the test.

"I was feeling pretty good until yesterday," joked Koch Tuesday afternoon, referring to the results of his double draw on Monday. "The reality of the situation now in racing is, we are good for horses in the winter, and when the other tracks start opening up, it becomes a struggle."

The Meadowlands publicity department sent out a release late Wednesday afternoon telling of a fabulous February, one that featured a nightly increase in handle of nearly \$500,000 over the same period the year before.

Exacta pools that averaged \$66,000 continued to be the backbone of the wagering, while a low winning favorites percentage of 30 helped create an average Pick 5 payout of \$21,594 for a 50-cent ticket. Total handle exceeded \$3 million on every February card, and the track has topped that magic betting figure on nine straight occasions.

Extending that streak to 10 might prove difficult.

The Meadowlands' formula for cold-weather success has been field size. There have not been many open handicap events. High-priced claimers? About as common as a Halley's Comet sighting.

No, Koch kept the racing going, and the handle flowing, by carding lower-class racing with 10-horse fields. And it worked to perfection. Betting was just over \$6.5 million for last weekend's racing programs despite 13 of the 28 races carded being for non-winners of two races lifetime, non-winners of \$5,000 in their last five starts, or \$10,000 claimers. The masses have spoken: Give them full fields, and

they will bet. With verve.

March isn't starting as Koch might have hoped, but things aren't that bad. At least for now. The Big M will have 26 races this weekend (down from the normal 28) and there will be some short fields (there will be six races with seven starters). "We lost 20 per cent of the horses that were entered from last week to this week," said Koch. "We are not leaving horses out, we just don't have access to as many."

On top of the horse population problem, the Big M is also playing catch-up with its purses.

"We are in a purse overpayment situation," said Koch. "Which is part of the reason we dropped the late closers (such as the Exit 16W and Clyde Hirt Series). We paid out more in purses than we were contractually obligated to over the last two years and so we've had to lower purses to make up for that overpayment. Part of it was to stay competitive. We were paying more than we were generating to try and keep horses here. It's just a situation where we kind of have to dig ourselves out of a hole."

So where does that leave Koch moving forward?

"There are adjustments done to get horses raced," said Koch of the necessity of altering conditions. "It's all about making adjustments. You have to get horses raced and put them in a spot where they can land and be competitive."

"You also have to get them raced to keep them. If a horse doesn't get in for a couple of weeks, they then are going to look for someplace else to go and we may never get that horse back. Basically, right now, if you enter here, you are going to get in, and hopefully the horse will be in a spot where he can make some money. And, if a horse is in a bit steep this week, maybe we can take of them down the road where they can make some money."

But when you are putting races together, sometimes you have to look big picture.

"Field size is definitely important," said Koch. "But in order to get a 10-horse field, take a non-winners of two that doesn't have 10 starters, for instance. Since no trainer races at just one track nowadays, he might see that race go, and then hopefully, he can plan on coming here for the following week."

"You can never really look at one week. You have to look at the week after and the week after that. I put out a new

condition sheet (Tuesday), and included on the sheet was a \$7,500 claimer and a non-winners of \$3,500 in their last five starts. Obviously, for the fans, it'd be nice if I was writing a non-winners of \$25,000, but that's unrealistic, I'm not going to get those horses."

Once April 1 hits, things will get even tougher, since both Pennsylvania tracks will be up and racing.

"We're going to be up against it," said Koch. "Our purses are just okay, they're not great. It's hard racing here, thank God for the people who do support us. I think the one reality is, I've got to go a little cheaper and try and race the cheaper ones."

Koch is hopeful of being able to card 24 races each weekend after the Pennsylvania tracks open and plans on doing what he must to make that happen.

"If we can get eight horses in a field, and that's the difference between us having 12 races or 11, it's clearly in our best interest to go with the eight horses," he said.

After a difficult two-month stretch, things figure to pick up some as stakes season rolls into East Rutherford. When the Big M has two or three stakes events on a given night, that's two or three fewer overnight races that need to be filled, which will clearly help. Freehold closes in June, and those horses will have some Meadowlands races written for them.

"It's frustrating," said Koch. "The rules have changed.

Forever in horse racing, handle generated purses and whoever handled the most had the best purses, and that's not the case anymore. I've always made the analogy that we're trying to play poker and have no wild cards while the other people at the table do."

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Merriman nabs 8,000th win

Aaron Merriman scored the 8,000th win of his driving career while driving Watcha Got Abby in Northfield Park's sixth race on Tuesday (March 1).

Merriman, 37, keeps a torrid schedule, regularly competing at Northfield Park and The Meadows. He is the reigning North American dash champion and his talents have been noticed on the national stage.

In August, 2013, Merriman became the youngest inductee into the Northfield Park Wall of Fame. Merriman started driving at the age of 21 and appreciates the successful 16-year career he has experienced so far; accomplishing the 8,000-win milestone and purse earnings in excess of \$46 million.

"I've had a great run for a long time," Merriman said. "There are so many owners and trainers that have given me opportunities and I will be forever grateful to them. The chances I have been given are unbelievable and I wish I could thank them each individually. The horses deserve credit too — they are the ones who carry us around the track and deserve the real credit for my 8,000 wins."

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58 nominated to the Pepsi North America Cup

The Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) announced Wednesday (March 2) that 58 three-year-old pacers have been nominated to the 33rd edition of the Pepsi North America Cup.

The \$1 million (Cdn) Pepsi North America Cup, the richest race in Canadian harness racing, will be contested on Saturday, June 18 at Mohawk Racetrack.

The group of 58 eligible three-year-olds is led by O'Brien Award winner Control The Moment. The Brad Maxwell trainee won eight of nine starts as a rookie, including the \$685,000 Metro Pace.

Control The Moment sports a 1:49.4 mark set while winning the Metro Pace.

Dan Patch Award winner Boston Red Rocks also headlines the list of nominees. The Steve Elliott trainee finished off his two-year-old campaign with victories in the Breeders Crown at Woodbine and the Governor's Cup at The Meadowlands.

Boston Red Rocks won four of nine starts, while never finishing off the board.

Ontario Sires Stakes stars Betting Line (1:51.4), Nvestment Bluechip (1:51.1) and Voracity (1:51.2) are all eligible to the 'Cup', while New York Sire Stakes champion Travel Playlist (1:49.2) is also one of the 58 nominees.

Sustaining payments to the Pepsi North America Cup are due March 15, April 15 and May 16. Eliminations for the Pepsi North America Cup are scheduled for Saturday, June 11.

Nominations have also been collected for several major WEG stakes events.

World champion Southwind Frank headlines a group of 77 three-year-old trotters nominated to the \$700,000 (Cdn) Canadian Trotting Classic.

O'Brien Award winner Caprice Hill and Dan Patch Award winner Broadway Donna are two of 98 three-year-old trotting fillies nominated to the \$400,000 (Cdn) Elegance.

Superstar pacing fillies L A Delight and Pure Country lead a group of 63 nominees to the \$480,000 (Cdn) Fan Hanover for three-year-old pacing fillies.

The nominations are also in for the two-year-old Fall Four Stakes.

The \$565,000 (Cdn) Governor's Cup for two-year-old pacers has attracted 199 nominees, while 200 two-year-old pacing fillies have been nominated to the \$425,000 (Cdn) Three Diamonds.

The \$525,000 (Cdn) Valley Victory for two-year-old trotters received 185 nominations, while 184 two-year-old trotting fillies compile the list of nominees to the \$465,000 Goldsmith Maid.

To view the full list of nominees to these WEG stakes events and more, click here.

The list of nominees to the Alliance Racetrack stakes events, including the Confederation Cup and Battle of Waterloo, can also be found by clicking the above link.

- Mark McKelvie, WEG Communications

TheStable.ca to stage ownership seminar at Big M

TheStable.ca, a new fractional ownership group headed by respected Canadian horseman Anthony MacDonald, will host a new owner seminar and informational night at the Meadowlands on March 12 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Pink Skyboxes. The event is free to attend although advanced reservations are required by sending an email to media@playmeadowlands.com. Light refreshments will be served.

In MacDonald's concept, anyone can purchase any percentage of the horses available in his stable and pay a flat rate each month for that percentage. In addition, MacDonald provides weekly HD videos of the horse's training plus access to the training center and racetracks. It is all designed to attract new owners to the sport and provide a unique experience that only the sport of harness racing can provide, all while doing so in an affordable manner.

The Stable has already attracted 46 investors.

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| | OPEN | FILLY |
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| March 15 | \$500 | \$300 |
| a) Supplemental Payment due March 15 | \$1,000 | \$500 |

a) Those horses not nominated to these events by the yearling payment may be made eligible by making the two-year-old supplemental payment of the fees designated above.

#6) International Stallion Stakes #114

Foals of 2014 to Race in 2016

#7) Bluegrass Series #42

Foals of 2014 to Race in 2016

PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENT #6

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| March 15 | \$300 |
| April 15 | \$400 |
| May 15 | \$500 |
| b) Supplemental Payment due March 15 | \$1,000 |

PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENT #7

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| *March 15 | \$350 |
| April 15 | \$450 |
| May 15 | \$550 |
| b) Supplemental Payment due March 15 | \$550 |

b) Ineligible two year olds may be supplemented to these events in 2016 by making the payment designated above on March 15 plus the April 15 and May 15 payments.

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\$70,000E Sunday, October 9

#11) OPEN MARE TROT*

\$70,000E Sunday, October 9

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| March 15 | \$1,500 |
| April 15 | \$2,000 |
| Declaration Fee | \$2,500 |

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| March 15 | \$1,000 |
| April 15 | \$1,500 |
| Declaration Fee | \$1,500 |

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| March 15 | \$1,500 |
| April 15 | \$2,000 |
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RACE RESULTS

CAL EXPO *report*

Sunday's Results:

5, CalX, \$15,000, T, California Sire Stake Three Year Olds, 29.2, 59.3, 1:28.2, 1:57.2, FT

1-My Little Susie (f, 3, Claudius Augustus--Sue's Photo, by S J's Photo) O-A Piece Of The Action LLC. B-Michael W Oke. T-Gene Vallandingham. D-James Lackey, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 15-6-1-6, \$27,708

2-Lodi Bank Robber (g, 3, New Age Hanover--Bankers Babe, by Armbro Rotary) O-Mary L Harris & Pierre Girard. B-Mary L Harris. T-Pierre Girard. D-Luke Plano, \$3,750

3-Cw Raisinette (f, 3, Claudius Augustus--Name That Prune, by Inquirer) O-A Piece Of The Action LLC. B-Michael W Oke. T-Gene Vallandingham. D-Steve Wiseman, \$1,800

Calls: 2Q, 2Q, 1T, T, 4 - Finish Order: Kissed The Boys, Delta Breezeoflodi, Sixstringsandapick

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DOVER DOWNS *report*

Monday's Results:

10, DD, \$30,000, P, Open Preferred Handicap Post Positions 1 thru 3 Drawn Post Positions 4 thru 8 Drawn, 26.0, 54.1, 1:21.4, 1:49.0, 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-Corey Callahan, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 78-20-16-13, \$825,626



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2-Doctor Butch (h, 6, Art Major--Classical Yankee, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$55,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Kenneth E Jacobs. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Linda Toscano. D-Anthony Morgan, \$7,500

3-Mustang Art (g, 9, Artescape--Paula Seelster, by Camluck) O-Max R Walton & Gregory H Papaleo. B-Almost Doesnt Count Stb, CA. T-James Mc Guire. D-Sean Bier, \$3,600

Calls: 1, 2, 1, 3, 2H - Finish Order: Atta Boy Dan, Dapper Dude, Sweet Rock, Bushwacker, Sparky Mark

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13, DD, \$15,500, P, HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of \$50,000 that are Non Winners \$80,001 Lifetime, 26.4, 55.1, 1:22.3, 1:50.2, 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, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 32-12-2-5, \$87,721

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-Tim Tetrack, \$3,875

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: 4T, 1, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Skyway Gladiator, Silver Fox J, Time Out I'm Tired, Zoez Boy Henry, Denslow Hanover, Provenance

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Tuesday's Results:

8, DD, \$15,000, P, FILLIES/MARES 5 Year Olds & Under Non Winners \$81,001 Lifetime (DSBF Races Excluded), 26.3, 56.0, 1:24.1, 1:53.4, FT

1-Caviart Scarlett (m, 4, Sportswriter--Caviart Sydney, by Dragon Again) O-Richard M Lombardo & Cory A & Carl L Atley & Jj&M Stable. B-Caviart Farms. T-Josh Green. D-Corey Callahan, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 20-8-1-2, \$64,131

2-Spin Vision (m, 4, No Spin Zone--David's Art, by David's Pass) O-Virginia L Louthan. B-Virginia L Louthan. T-Virginia Louthan. D-Tim Tetrack, \$3,750

3-I'm Won Rum Wiser (m, 5, Headmaster--La Gloria Cubana, by Albert Albert) O-George & Tina Dennis Inc & The Wiz Kids Stable LLC. B-George & Tina Dennis Inc. T-George Dennis. D-George Dennis, \$1,800

Calls: 1, 2, H, HD, NK - Finish Order: Naty, Nice Trip, Cover Up Hall, Northern Rocknroll, Lady Beth

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10, DD, \$20,000, P, FILLIES/MARES Winners Over \$12,000 in Last 6 Starts or \$50,000 Lifetime / Open Handicap Post Positions 1 thru 4 Drawn Post Positions 5 thru 8 Drawn, 27.2, 55.4, 1:23.3, 1:51.1, FT

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: 51-18-6-8, \$198,005

2-Duneside Chella (m, 5, Duneside Perch--Graceful Model, by Armbro Mackintosh) O-Robert L Bailey Sr. B-Derek C Jacobus. T-Ryan Bailey. D-Anthony Morgan, \$5,000

3-Springforth (m, 6, Artescape--Spring Morning, by Western Ideal), \$1,400 2011 BHS O-Jeffery B Clark. B-Brittany Farms & Val D'Or Farms. T-Jeffery Clark. D-George Dennis, \$2,400

Calls: 1, 1H, 1, 1H, T - Finish Order: Sage N, No Respect, B Stern, Matinee Dragon, Hearts N Flowers

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11, DD, \$15,000, P, FILLIES/MARES 5 Year Olds & Under Non Winners \$81,001 Lifetime (DSBF Races Excluded), 26.4, 56.2, 1:25.0, 1:54.4, FT

1-Casa Miasa (m, 4, Driven To Win--Casa Dulce, by Artsplace), \$3,200 2013 ATL-CL O-Frank E Chick. B-Darren A Smith & Ernest A Smith, CA. T-Kevin Lare. D-Tim Tetrack, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 40-7-3-12, \$58,834

2-Playncardswitroddy (m, 4, Roddy's Bags Again--Fancy Cards, by Cam's Card Shark)

O-George & Tina Dennis Inc & Ask W Stables Inc. B-George & Tina Dennis Inc & Ask W Stables Inc. T-George Dennis. D-George Dennis, \$3,750

3-Fabulous Frieda (m, 5, Nuclear Breeze--So Advanced, by Glowing Tribute) O-Brian S Malone. B-Roger B Hans. T-Brian Malone. D-Jonathan Roberts, \$1,800

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1T, Q, H - Finish Order: Michelle Rocks, Maby Bonkey, Gititgotitgone, Flying Nun

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RACE RESULTS

Wednesday's Results:

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 & 6 Assigned, 27.4, 56.3, 1:25.3, 1:54.3, FT

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: 81-24-13-19, \$475,583

2-War Cry Hall (g, 7, Cash Hall--Winners Only, by Credit Winner), \$37,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-R.B.H. Ventures Inc. B-Walnut Hall Limited & Kenneth E Jacobs. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick, \$5,000

3-Winemaster Hanover (g, 6, Donato Hanover--Wishful Me, by Yankee Glide), \$45,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Alton E Lynch Jr Inc. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-A Toby Lynch Jr. D-A Toby Lynch Jr, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, 2, 2, 3, H - Finish Order: Panamanian Hanover, Six Gun Hall, Five Towns

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14, DD, \$15,000, T, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of 5 Races that are Non Winners \$85,001 Lifetime, 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.3, 1:55.4, FT

1-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, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 34-7-8-6, \$75,290

2-Stirling Diva (m, 4, Muscle Massive--Shan Riches, by Armbro Goal) O-Triple D Stables Inc & Cc Racing LLC. B-Stirling Brook Farms Inc. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Tim Tetrick, \$3,750

3-Kolbee's Star (g, 4, Lear Jetta--Ultimate Star, by Muscles Yankee) O-Pcf Stable LLC. B-Four J's Stable LLC. T-Joe Holloway. D-Corey Callahan, \$1,800

Calls: 2, 2, 3, Q, NK - Finish Order: Inner Peace, Royal Status, Machuca, Winmando

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MIAMI VALLEY report

Sunday's Results:

6, MVR, \$20,000, T, OPEN HCP PP'S 1-5 DRAWN; 6-8 DRAWN; 9 ASSIGNED, 26.3, 56.0, 1:24.4, 1:55.3, FT

1-Blackwolf Run (h, 6, Credit Winner--Frisky Fury, by Muscles Yankee), \$32,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Matthew K Bencic & Jodi L Schillaci. B-Gary S Machiz & Barry Rubenstein Farms LLC. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Randy Sharps, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 75-14-21-12, \$296,402

2-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, \$5,000

3-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, \$2,400

Calls: H, 1, 1, 1, HD - Finish Order: Il Mago, Tag Up And Go, Cimeronken, Ci's Buckeye, Elin, Penn

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POMPANO PARK report

Sunday's Results:

6, PPK, \$15,000, P, Open 1 Handicap Post Positions 1 - 3 and 4 - 7 Drawn, 26.1, 55.0, 1:23.0, 1:50.2, FT

1-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-Wally Hennessey, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 85-37-14-6, \$303,427

2-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, \$3,750

3-Domethatagain (h, 7, Bettor's Delight--Road Sign, by Life Sign), \$67,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Robert L Hamather, CA & Bruce A Soulsby. B-White Birch Farm. T-Rene Allard. D-Simon Allard, \$1,800

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1Q, 1Q, 1 - Finish Order: Dedi's Dragon, Bluehourpower, Duc Dorleans, Arthur Blue Chip

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THE MEADOWS report

Monday's Results:

8, Mea, \$20,000, P, F&M NOT LISTED / PREFERRED HCP (1-2 DRAWN & 3-6 DRAWN), 27.0, 55.3, 1:23.2, 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: 65-24-11-9, \$405,171

2-Set Me Up (m, 7, Shark Gesture--Moccasin Flight, by Run The Table) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Gregory G Drew, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$5,000

3-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, \$2,400

Calls: 4H, 4H, 2H, H, T - Finish Order: Medusa, Phone Terror, Coffee Addict

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Tuesday's Results:

8, Mea, \$20,000, T, F&M W/O \$10,000 LIFE, M, 27.0, 55.3, 1:24.1, 1:54.2, FT

1-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, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 96-27-12-17, \$218,461

2-Anaffairetoremember (m, 6, Angus Hall--Val Lee Woman, by Valley Victory), \$18,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-William T Bercury. B-Quantum Farms Corp. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$5,000

3-E R Ellie (m, 7, Southwind Elan--Miss Marino, by Armbro Marino) O-Tyler V Stillings. B-Eash Racing Stable Inc. T-Tyler Stillings. D-Tyler Stillings, \$2,400

Calls: 6, 6, 1H, 2H, 5H - Finish Order: Boo's Party Girl, Appropriate Attire, Mistress Valentine, Scented Roses, Sam's Princess

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Wednesday's Results:

9, Mea, \$22,500, T, **WINNERS OVER / PREFERRED HCP** (1-6 DRAWN, 7-8 DRAWN, 9 ASSIGNED), 28.2, 57.4, 1:25.1, 1:54.3, FT
1-Trustworthy Kid (g, 7, SJ's Caviar--Penn Worthy Lane, by Lindy Lane) O-Dunn Stable. B-Dunn Stable. T-Lisa Dunn. D-Brian Zendt, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 102-30-29-16, \$388,002
2-Tamarind (h, 8, Angus Hall--Spicegirl Kosmos, by S J's Photo), \$50,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-William T Bercury. B-Christopher F Beaver & David S Lang. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$5,625
3-Redder Than Red (g, 7, SJ's Caviar--Chaka Khan, by American Winner) O-Dunn Stable. B-Dunn Stable. T-Lisa Dunn. D-Christopher Shaw, \$2,700

Calls: 4H, 4H, 3, 1H, H - Finish Order: Southwind Warsaw, Rompaway Galaxy, Tsm Photo Bugger, Doc's Tebow, Kirty Dream, Cantab Lindy

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WOODBINE report

Monday's Results:

2, Wdb, \$34,000, T, PREFERRED. 28, 56.4, 1:25.3, 1:55.3
1-Etruscan Hanover(b,g,6 - Donato Hanover-Exotic Destination - Dream Vacation) O-Santo Vena, Nunzio Vena, Claude Hamel, Benoit O Baillargeon B-Hanover Shoe Farms T-Benoit O Baillargeon D-Mario O Baillargeon, \$17,000, Lifetime Record: 54-18-5-1, \$228,610

Hanover ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

2-Zeus Lightning (b,g,9 - Pegasus Spur-Graceful Action-Speed In Action) O-Larocque Racing Stb Inc B-Poppe Lane Farm T-Stephen Charlton D-Jody Jamieson

3-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-Martin Lechance D-Sylvain Filion

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5, Wdb, \$20,000, T, NW \$10,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$23,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$25,000. 27.4, 55.4, 1:25, 1:55.1

1-Burnin Money (b,g,8 - Cash Hall-Sister Shuzy-Sir Taurus) O-Wheelhouse Racing Stable B-Morrisville Col Fdn Inc T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 166-31-13-24, \$526,436

2-Murmur Hanover (b,g,6 - Majestic Son-Mrs Ronerail-Donerail) O-Richard Berthiaume B-Hanover Shoe Farms T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Mario Baillargeon

3-Nowucit Nowudont (br,g,7 - Kadabra-Dibrizzi-Malabar Man) O-Carly L Roman B-Harvey Fried & Patricia Stable T-Toni Freitas D-Michiel Vanderkemp

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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. 27.1, 57.1, 1:26.2, 1:55.3

1-Grana Padanno (b,g,4 - Andover Hall-Her Culese-Muscles Yankee) O-Claude Hamel B-Hanover Shoe Farms T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Jody Jamieson

Hanover ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

2-Hldontghttoyourdrms (b,g,7 - Muscles Yankee-Sweet Gabriella - Malabar Man) O-Frank Spagnolo B-Carolyn Atherton T-Richard Moreau D-Johnathan Drury

3-In Secret (b,g,4 - Deweycheatumnhowe-Secret Magic-Cantab Hall) O-Andrea Lea Racingstables Inc B-Brittany Farms T-Per Henriksen D-Chris Christoforou

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YONKERS report

Sunday's Results:

1, YR, \$26,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, I, 28.3, 1:29.3, 1:58.1, 2:26.2, FT

1-Dot Dot Dot Dash (m, 6, Classic Photo--Ringside Gigi, by Giant Victory) O-William C Vandervort Jr. B-William C Vandervort Jr. T-Shae Vandervort. D-Matt Kakaley, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 49-13-10-5, \$182,382

2-Home'n Dry (g, 4, Credit Winner--Beyond Blue, by Cantab Hall), \$19,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-J L Sadowsky LLC. B-Order By Stable, SD. T-Robert Bresnahan. D-George Brennan, \$6,500

3-Clementine Dream (m, 6, Infinitiv--Catch Fortuna, by Speedy Crown), \$27,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Racing Team Of America. B-Reve Avec Moi Dreamwithme, CA. T-Mark Harder. D-Scott Zeron, \$3,120
Calls: 7Q, H, 1Q, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Andy Ray, Headsaregonna Turn, Allagera Star, Detroit Rapper, Brandos Muscle Man, Bentley Karan, Red Hot Herbie

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2, YR, \$21,200, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, I, 29.3, 1:28.3, 1:57.0, 2:26.4, FT

1-Cash Me Out (g, 5, Cash Hall--China Victory, by Valley Victory), \$11,500 2012 MORRIS O-Traylor Racing LLC. B-Lawrence S Smith. T-Kyle Spagnola. D-Tyler Buter, \$10,600, Lifetime Record: 60-14-16-6, \$457,749

2-Tober (g, 8, Credit Winner--La Tapatia, by Cumin) O-Kristie Leigh Farm Inc & Joseph V Betro. B-Bernard J White & Kristie Leigh Farm Inc. T-Edward Hart. D-Jason Bartlett, \$5,300

3-Hasty Proffitt (g, 6, Honeydott Hanover--Hasty Spring, by Hastings Lobell) O-Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC & Bill K Lambos & Dionisios Liberatos & Anastasios P Karabinis. B-Raymond S Mast. T-Richard Johnson. D-George Brennan, \$2,544

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1T, 1Q, H - Finish Order: Watkins, Tweet Me, You're Majestic, Lorenzo Dream, I'm Fabulous, Warrawee Onyx, Lucky Colby

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3, YR, \$18,800, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$12,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$120,000 IN 2015/16 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, I, 28.4, 1:29.2, 1:58.4, 2:28.3, FT

1-Bas J (g, 8, Castleton Bass--Kwikkie, by Imposant) O-Jesmeral Stable. B-G Jetten, NE. T-Monique Cohen. D-Tyler Buter, \$9,400, Lifetime Record: 86-17-12-10, \$126,697

2-Soul Train (g, 5, Trainforthefuture--Dances On Air, by Muscles Yankee) O-Blindswitch Racing Stable. B-Gbw Breeding Farms Inc. T-Jose Godinez. D-Matt Kakaley, \$4,700

3-Paris Princess N (m, 7, Diedre Don--Paris Belle, by Sokys Atom) O-Friendship Stables LLC. B-Mrs F P Fletcher, NZ. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Scott Zeron, \$2,256

Calls: 1T, 1H, 1Q, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Pasadena Star, Brickyard Classic, Karets, Ladys Big Stormont, Sim Brown, Spider Blue Chip, Bwt Taj

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4, YR, \$18,800, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$12,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS
WINNERS OVER \$120,000 IN 2015/16 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL
CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, I, 28.4, 1:27.3, 1:57.1, 2:26.1, FT

1-Escuela (m, 6, Abc Garland--Donven Fury, by Incredible Abe)
O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Harald Lunde. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera.
D-Matt Kakaley, \$9,400, Lifetime Record: 81-24-10-10, \$182,626

2-Zorgwijk Nova (m, 6, Armbricochet--Zorgwijk Amarillis, by Garland Lobell) O-George M Kehm. B-Zorgwijk Stables LTD, CA.
T-Michael Forte. D-Scott Zeron, \$4,700

3-Theresademoninme (g, 5, Kadabra--Tortoni, by Andover Hall),
\$23,000 2012 CAN-YS O-Douglas W Millard, CA. B-Tara Hills Stud
LTD, CA. T-Julie Miller. D-Eric Carlson, \$2,256

Calls: 6H, 1H, NS, 1, 1Q - Finish Order: Mugshot Jess, Extracurricular,
Time Will Tell All, On The Podium, Mojito As, For You Almostfree,
Bingo Queen

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5, YR, \$17,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$8,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS
WINNERS OVER \$80,000 IN 2015/16 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL
CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 AE. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD
NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., I, 29.3, 1:29.1, 1:59.0, 2:28.4,
FT

1-Latoka (g, 5, Groton Hall--Dew Drop Dolly, by Donerail)
O-Marissa L Russo. B-Andrew S Lapp. T-David Russo. D-Matt Kakaley,
\$8,500, Lifetime Record: 68-14-12-7, \$103,005

2-Explosiveday (g, 4, Explosive Matter--Hollanday, by Malabar Man)
O-Kjell Magne Andersen, NO & Camilla F Hegdal. B-Moni Market
Breeders. T-Oyvind Hegdal. D-Eric Abbatiello, \$4,250

3-Lily's Swan Pond (g, 4, Swan For All--Flawless Lily, by Striking Sahbra)
O-Second Chance Stable Inc. B-Second Chance Stable Inc.
T-Nick Surick. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,040

Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1Q, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Scottish Cross, Adrenalin
Junkie, Valley Glider, Linda Marie, Keenan, Dream Rocker, Forever As

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6, YR, \$17,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$8,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS
WINNERS OVER \$80,000 IN 2015/16 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL
CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 AE. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD
NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., I, 29.2, 1:29.3, 1:58.4, 2:28.2,
FT

1-Kick A Lot (g, 4, Deep Chip--Mac's Dream, by Bj's Mac) O-R.B.H.
Ventures Inc & Spagnola Racing LLC. B-Pius J Soehnen. T-Kyle
Spagnola. D-Tyler Buter, \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 30-13-4-3,
\$202,798

2-Bastille (g, 10, Revenue S--Another Spice, by Cumin)
O-Ronald F Knigge. B-Ronald F Knigge. T-Ashley Knigge. D-George
Brennan, \$4,250

3-Vegliantino (m, 5, Kadabra--Armbricochet Rosalind, by Speedy Crown)
O-Whitney E Richards. B-Hamstan Farm Inc, CA. T-Michael Marx Jr..
D-Scott Zeron, \$2,040

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1T, HD - Finish Order: Klm Express, Western Credit,
Wild Smile, Brickyard Toots, Play The Justice, Photosavvy, Armor
Hanover

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9, YR, \$32,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-3 ASSIGNED
POST POSITIONS 4-7 DRAWN, 28.4, 58.4, 1:27.3, 1:56.1, FT

1-Not Afraid (g, 7, SJ's Caviar--Beverly Crusher, by Balanced Image)
O-Christina Takter & John D Fielding, CA & Goran N Anderberg, SD.
B-Save D Organ, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Daniel Dube, \$16,000,
Lifetime Record: 108-31-21-17, \$746,314

2-Major Athens (h, 6, Andover Hall--Miss Athens, by Self Possessed)
O-Howard A Taylor. B-Thomas A Brice & Charles E Receski.
T-Thomas Milici. D-George Brennan, \$8,000

3-Crazshana (g, 4, Crazy--Keystone Shana, by Andover Hall),
\$47,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe
Farms Inc. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$3,840

Calls: 1T, 1H, 1Q, Q, NS - Finish Order: Swishnflick, Zooming, Monroe
County, Money Maven

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Monday's Results:

4, YR, \$15,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000
LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 28.4, 58.0, 1:27.4, 1:57.1, FT

1-Little Miss Sporty (m, 4, Sportswriter--Love Scene, by Western Hanover), \$13,000 2013 FOREST O-Stacey M Reinsma, CA. B-James L
Avritt Sr. T-Andrew Harris. D-Scott Zeron, \$7,500, Lifetime Record:
41-4-7-6, \$77,099

2-Lispatty (f, 3, McArdle--Lisbella, by Camluck), \$20,000 2014
SHS-HBG O-Gilbert Garcia-Owen. B-Timothy J Rooney. T-Gilbert
Garcia-Herrera. D-Matt Kakaley, \$3,750

3-Arabella J (m, 4, Western Ideal--Shaky Cam Hanover, by Artsplace),
\$13,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Shaun F Vallee & D P V Racing Stable.
B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Anita Vallee. D-Jason Bartlett, \$1,800
Calls: 1Q, Q, 1Q, 1Q, 1 - Finish Order: Cameo Delight, Southwind
Mischief, Mollie Z Tam, Victoria's Munky, Juxta Antz Pantz

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6, YR, \$18,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000
LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 28.2, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:55.0, FT

1-Capela (m, 4, Sportswriter--Capelo Rose, by Camluck) O-Legacy
Racing Of De Inc & Reginald A Hazzard II. B-Enviro Stables LTD.
T-Wayne Givens. D-Scott Zeron, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 35-6-5-7, \$182,406

2-Float On By (m, 4, Art Major--Walk Softly, by Allamerican Native),
\$32,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Brad D Gray, CA. B-Winbak Farm. T-Thomas
Milici. D-George Brennan, \$4,500

3-Twin B Honour (m, 4, Sportswriter--Onherwaykilllean, by The Panderosa), \$11,500 2013 CAN-YS O-Percy J Elkins, CA. B-Twinbrook
Limited, CA. T-Carmen Auciello. D-Mark Macdonald, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1T, H - Finish Order: Mydelight Bluechip, Mystical
Treasure, Clearedfortakeoff, Heavenly Bride, Ok Heartbeat

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9, YR, \$32,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-3 ASSIGNED
POST POSITIONS 4-7 DRAWN, 28.4, 58.4, 1:27.3, 1:56.1, FT

1-Not Afraid (g, 7, SJ's Caviar--Beverly Crusher, by Balanced Image)
O-Christina Takter & John D Fielding, CA & Goran N Anderberg, SD.
B-Save D Organ, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Daniel Dube, \$16,000,
Lifetime Record: 108-31-21-17, \$746,314

2-Major Athens (h, 6, Andover Hall--Miss Athens, by Self Possessed)
O-Howard A Taylor. B-Thomas A Brice & Charles E Receski.
T-Thomas Milici. D-George Brennan, \$8,000

3-Crazshana (g, 4, Crazy--Keystone Shana, by Andover Hall),
\$47,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe
Farms Inc. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$3,840

Calls: 1T, 1H, 1Q, Q, NS - Finish Order: Swishnflick, Zooming, Monroe
County, Money Maven

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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, 28.1, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:53.3, FT

1-Masterson (g, 4, Bettor's Delight--Tug River Princess, by Badlands Hanover) O-Thomas G Milici. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Robert Cooper Stables LLC & Jerry Silva. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 23-6-3-3, \$85,495

2-Sports Bettor (g, 4, Sportswriter--Shellys Delight, by Bettor's Delight) O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc & Reginald A Hazzard II. B-Frank Gentile. T-Wayne Givens. D-Mark Macdonald, \$4,500

3-Am Magic Man (g, 4, Always A Virgin--Sapphire Classic, by No Nukes), \$14,000 2013 HOOSIER O-Allard Racing Inc, CA & Our Three Sons Stable LLC. B-John R Cummins. T-Rene Allard. D-Daniel Dube, \$2,160

Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1Q, 2H, 2H - Finish Order: Pistopackinpipe, Itsonlyrocknroll A, Southwind Masimo, Antar Phil, Paparazzi Hanover

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Tuesday's Results:

8, YR, \$15,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 30.1, 1:00.2, 1:30.1, 1:59.0, FT

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, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-1, \$46,171

Hanover ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

2-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, \$3,750

3-Explosive Victory (m, 5, Explosive Matter--Elena Victory, by Valley Victory), \$10,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Antonella Galie. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Antonino Gristina. D-Scott Zeron, \$1,800
Calls: 2Q, 1T, 1H, 1H, NS - Finish Order: Inukchuk Chuck, Gabe The Bear Dean, Insomniac, Affective Action, Arrakis

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10, YR, \$15,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 27.3, 56.4, 1:26.0, 1:54.2, FT

1-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-Scott Zeron, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 23-6-5-3, \$41,140

2-Pan Street Usa (g, 4, No Pan Intended--Disneypan, by The Panderosa) O-Howard A Taylor. B-Peter Pan Stables Inc. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$3,750

3-Mr Fantasy (g, 4, Bettor's Delight--L Dees Rainbow, by Rocknroll Hanover), \$60,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera & Barbara D & Donald G Arnstine. B-Lawrence S Dumain & Carlo J Lattinelli. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Matt Kakaley, \$1,800
Calls: 1H, 2, 1H, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Iwillmakeyousaywow, B Well, Dcs Better Life, Classy Hill, Maurice

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11, 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, 1:57.0, FT

1-Northern Obsession (m, 4, Conway Hall--Northernpossession, by Self Possessed) O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera & Barbara D & Donald G Arnstine. B-Allister Stables LLC. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Matt Kakaley, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 38-5-9-9, \$174,986

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-Massive Lightning (g, 4, Muscle Massive--Flash Lightning, by Dream Vacation), \$62,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Fred Monteleone Stbl LLC. B-Lightning Stable. T-Steve Elliott. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,160
Calls: 3Q, 4, 1, H, 2T - Finish Order: Covert Operative, Credit Creation, Soboro Hanover, Get To Doin It, Lady Windsor

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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, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:54.0, FT

1-Team Captain (g, 4, Cam's Card Shark--Panfastic, by Abercrombie), \$25,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Joseph Martinelli Sr. B-Cottonwood Farm Inc. T-Tony Osullivan. D-Jason Bartlett, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 26-4-4-3, \$54,545


2-Midnight Lightning (g, 4, Camluck--Twin B Intimate, by The Panderosa), \$20,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Shaun F Vallee & D P V Racing Stable. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Anita Vallee. D-Shaun Vallee, \$3,750

3-App Heaven (g, 4, Rock N Roll Heaven--Apple Delight, by Bettor's Delight) O-Fiddler's Creek Stables LLC. B-Fiddler's Creek Stables LLC. T-Travis Alexander. D-Tyler Buter, \$1,800
Calls: 1H, 3T, 1H, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Feeling Cam Lucky, Shane Adam, Ultimate G, Dancingwithdelight, Secret Delight

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