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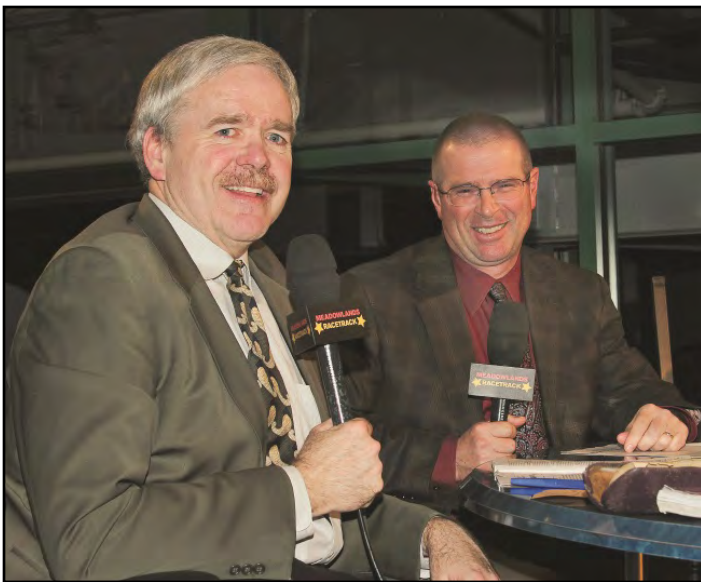
Sam McKee 1962-2017
An Exceptional Life

Friday, March 10, 2017

Remembering my friend, Sam McKee

A tribute to the incomparable legend penned by his friend, long-time co-worker and fellow Hall of Famer Bob Heyden.

by Bob Heyden



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Friends, co-workers and fellow members of the Communicators Hall of Fame, Bob Heyden and Sam McKee.

The harness racing world lost Sam McKee on Tuesday (March 7), just 17 days before his 55th birthday. Words cannot accurately express the feelings, the outpouring, the sadness and the loss we – and the industry – collectively feel. For those uninitiated, here are a couple of Sam McKee facts as we remember our cherished friend who leaves behind his wife, Chris, and three daughters – Meagan, Lindsey and Melissa.

Many commented on their relationship and dealings with Sam through the years.

*Meadowlands mutuels manager **Stu Berman**: "The best guy ever. Nobody was better to work with. An unbelievable loss for the industry. He was well-respected all over – in the States, in Canada, overseas – Sweden especially – and Down Under too,*

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Foals of 2015 to Race in 2017

PAYMENT SCHEDULE EVENT #6

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

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in New Zealand and Australia. He also did a lot of things behind the scenes that nobody ever knew about."

A Michigan native, Sam worked at Saginaw, Sports Creek, Raceway Park, Detroit Race Course and Northville Downs in the early days, as well as on the fair circuit. He made his way to the Meadowlands in 1998 on a part-time basis that turned into a full-time job in 1999. Along the way, he also worked with thoroughbreds, calling the 1991 Michigan Mile – a Grade 2 event – with Black Tie Affair winning it prior to taking the Breeders' Cup.

Sam's passing, five weeks after a massive stroke, has left a void of unimaginable proportions. It has left us, certainly for now, searching for meaning, yearning for comfort, begging for this somehow not to be true; reaching for the phone to call someone, anyone, to see if the unification of our grief can somehow make it a touch better. For Sam's family, there's not a lot we can do or offer at the moment, but we can cushion the path ahead. We, as Sam's co-workers and friends, are extended family. Sam saw to that.

Trainer Paul Kelley: "Sam was so much more than just a race caller. He was universal – known all over. Those fortunate enough to know him, to see him smile, always upbeat, left feeling better when they were around Sam. I knew he had an uphill battle ahead of him – somehow I thought he'd fight it and win – but I also knew he had some issues leading up to this. He'll be missed in all aspects of the game as a person and a friend. He brought a lot of joy and will never be forgotten. Right now, I'm going to find some of his best race calls and sit and listen to them."

I've worked with Sam the past 16 Harrisburg sales and for 18 years at the Meadowlands. Ken Warkentin has been right there also in the announcing booth alternating with Sam. I had a long-standing joke – mostly based in truth – that goes something like, "I never knew how much work I did at the Meadowlands between 1984-1999 until Sam and Ken showed up." It is true.

Misty Miller, wife of Hall of Fame driver David Miller: "One of a kind. Always had a smile on his face. A nice way about him."

Trainer Julie Miller: "We've lost a great man. What a class act. An ambassador. An honest and decent man for sure."

Sam had a well-deserved reputation for doing it all. In a sense, he donned a Superman cape – willingly – and never did take it off. Consider the 15 hours or so a week of commuting from Blairstown to East Rutherford, barrel racing with his girls on weekends, cleaning stalls every morning, going to Red Mile and Delaware, Ohio every year, driving

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11-12 hours each way to see his father in Michigan – you get the picture. Remember that guy on the old variety shows who used to keep the plates spinning on stage for the entire act? That was Sam, but he did it smiling, and always asking if he could do more.

*Like he did with **John Emmons**, a real harness fan and friends with Eric Ell of J L Cruze fame. "Around the time the New Meadowlands opened, my friend Gary and I got there one night around 4:30 or 5:00, and we saw Sam," Emmons said. "I said, 'Hey, Bob Heyden said you'd give us a tour if we saw you.' He dropped everything he was doing and showed us all around the new building – and I mean everything. The sky boxes, the restaurants, he couldn't have been better. The few times I stopped by the set, he was always willing to talk and appreciate the fact that I was a big fan and followed it closely."*

***Paul MacDonell** best known for driving the outstanding colt Somebeachsomewhere: "I'm devastated by this news. He was the ultimate positive guy. Seems to me he went out of his way to get to know as much as he could about the horses. A positive guy who, in my opinion, was head and shoulders above the rest as far as calling a race. During the years of Somebeachsomewhere, we had a great rapport. Totally positive. He was totally impressed by Somebeachsomewhere and a complete backer of the horse. We stayed at the same hotel a couple years after Beach at Lexington. We'd walk over to the track together occasionally. He loved the sport— every bit of it."*

Sam just automatically seemed to spread good will. Here, overseas, Canada, Down Under. I could tell by the visitors from all over the world who came to the set mostly to see Sam. His gracious presence was boundless.

*Bloodstock agent **Bob Boni**, part-owner of Always B Miki: "Very, very sad. Sam was extremely thoughtful to everyone and in everything he did. However limited your exposure to Sam was, he always had a good nature about him— a natural, for sure. On a personal level, I had a joke with him the past few months of 2016 into this year about getting his call of 1:46 world record for Always B Miki as my ring tone. I was told that they played that tape for him in the hospital and he smiled. I think I have to get that done."*

***Trish Sheppard** worked on many Jug telecasts with Sam through the years. She said: "Genuine. So enthusiastic to be around. Loved on the job. He was enthusiastic with a certain glow. A gentleman. Classy."*

***Ellen Taylor**, the executive director of the Harness Horse Youth Foundation (HHYF) had a suggestion following Sam's passing that might catch on. Because of Sam's upbeat personality and*



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constant smile, she suggested a "Happy Fund", one that could raise money and sponsor those doing things that make them happy. I suggested "Happy Campers" concerning the 12-18-yr-old campers that travel during the summer with HHYF.

Four-time Hambletonian winner and Hall Of Famer **Chuck Sylvester** has known Sam longer than most of us. "I met him at Raceway Park (Toledo). My cousins owned the place, and I talked to him a few times there. That goes way back. There's nobody I know as enthusiastic and who studied the sport the way he did. He remembered everything. He talked to everybody. There was never enough he could do for you."

Wendy Ross had her television debut at the Meadowlands in 2012 and worked with Sam for the next four seasons. "He made me better. He just cared so much. And he'd fight for you, too."

Sam was so unique. Ask yourself this question: How many people do you know were doing the same thing at age 14 and age 54 and excelling at it all along? Sam was, calling races as a youngster at the fairs — helped along by his early mentor Roger Huston — and his energetic enthusiasm never waned from 1976 to 2016 into this year.

Trainer John McDermott: "How heartbroken can you get? I was going out on the track this morning (March 8) and heard the news and went right back, put the horse away and called my wife. I couldn't believe it. The classiest person. The last time I talked to him, I had just been asked by Mike Posner to qualify my old horse, Stormin Rustler, and I did. I came off the track and Sam starting joking with me. You see, I didn't have the proper footwear, and he kept yelling over, 'New boots?' What a fun guy to be around."

Sam was humble, almost to a fault. In 2006, after I had done the eulogy for Stanley Dancer at the end of 2005, we put together a video tribute as 2006 would be the first



Dave Landry

McKee, interviewing Hambletonian winner Christina Takter in 2015, brought joy to virtually everyone he met.

Stanley Dancer Memorial. With Sam directing the ship, and with Marjorie Roman's outstanding assistance, the video won the year-end awards and one of the judges called it "The best video I've ever seen — and I've been judging these for years, it turns out Marjorie and myself were named on the plaque, and we went to Atlantic City in February of 2007. Needless to say, Sam shied away from any of the credit, or



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the spotlight, and was more than content to let others reap the awards. If you had a room with 75 people in it, Sam would be more than happy being #72B.

Ted Wing the leading driver at the Meadowlands in 1978: "I didn't know Sam that well, but when I did see him, he always made me feel special and remembered the title I won and everything. He made me feel right at home. This is horrible, horrible news. A rare guy."

Per Henriksen won the Hambletonian at the Meadowlands 13 years before Sam arrived there full-time, but that wasn't about to stand in the way of their being good friends. "A gentleman and a good friend. If you only heard his voice, you'd have missed something special. Such a good guy with unbelievable talent."

Some people are born good. Sam was. It's as if he was on a life's mission to make everyone else's better. Well, mission accomplished. Everybody mattered to Sam — caretakers and stakes-winning owners. He'd jog with you in the morning, he remembered everyone's name, he'd have a present for your daughter's birthday and would haul in your mail if you were showing signs of slowing down a touch. He made what was good better. There was no need to fancy up or doctor your bio around Sam, it was the person that mattered. He ignored any and all class distinctions. He'd take the seats in the mezzanine so you could sit closer. He was the guy who'd bring you coffee after not seeing him for a few months — don't even ask how he knew how you liked it.

Connie Hochstetler goes way back with Sam to the fairs. "I know him from way back at the New Adrian County Fair. I was 16, and I think he was 10. Around that time, I found a cologne that I thought (my husband) Homer would like called Cool Water Cologne. So that was the joke through the years between us and every now and then you'd hear Sam mention it in a race, or the winner's circle. We've lost a very special person; one who left a lot of memories."

Homer Hochstetler: "You won't be able to replace that voice and his knowledge of the game. One of a kind. Maybe there's a youngster out there right now who'll grow up and be Sam McKee. Let's hope so."

When Sam first started at the Meadowlands, I was talking four-to-five times a week with Stanley Dancer — as I had done for a decade or so and would continue until late in 2003. Sam was fascinated by this. He grew up idolizing Dancer and never thought he would get the opportunity to know him. So, needless to say, I got the two of them together and Sam was a kid on Christmas morning. What Sam never did get, or figure out, was that by this point Dancer was

happy talking to Sam. It was Sam's race calls that Dancer was listening to at night and he was just as happy to be chatting with Sam.

Trainer Mark Harder: "I feel like I just got punched in the gut. Our careers kind of intertwined. (Sam started full time at the Meadowlands in 1999; Harder went on his own as a trainer in 2000 — and by 2001 had both Camcracker and Rair Earth, two claimers that would go on to million-dollar careers). Sam meant everything to the sport. I'm around the same age as he (55). It makes you feel that sometimes nothing matters. No matter how good you take care of yourself, how you eat, how you exercise, there are times you wonder what it all means. To lose a man like this, it really hurts."

Richard Silverman, at one time the youngest driver to ever win a million-dollar race, the 1990 Woodrow Wilson with *Die Laughing* at age 25. "There's not a nicer guy in the business. He did everything, he did it correctly with incredible personal knowledge. There's not a person anywhere who's got a single bad word to say about him. The industry has lost an unbelievable person. I'm heartbroken here. The loss of a true gentleman. He was a friend and a horseman. The business has lost an icon — one that can never be replaced. It's devastating."

It was amazing what a presence Sam McKee had become. A

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devoted husband, a father to three wonderful girls, a calming presence just when you needed one, a steady and sturdy presence when that was called for. In 2013, when he and I were inducted into the harness racing Communicators Corner of the Hall of Fame, in my speech I made a point to mention something that not everyone knew. Sam was the single most versatile person to ever set foot at the Meadowlands. I never knew anyone who could do as many things well as he could. Ever. Anywhere. Willingly.

Trainer Chris Ryder: "A super friendly guy who filled up the room. Great guy. There's pretty much of a lost feeling right now. He pulled everybody and everything together. I have nothing but admiration for him. Five-to-six weeks ago we all went barrel racing and I remember we were all in the parking lot afterwards taking pictures. A nice way to remember him."

Irish Joe Hanney: "It wasn't the race calling that made him stand out. That was his job and he was good at it. It was meeting you, shaking your hand, making you feel like you really were a part of the action. He had a way of making you feel better about yourself."

There has been talk — right from the first flash of news — about tracks naming a race in Sam's honor. Let's all hold off for the moment on that. Somehow, at least in this corner, that seems insufficient. The enormity of his presence and impact would be more suited into the naming or re-naming of a race-TRACK.

Trainer Ross Croghan: "I loved the guy. Everybody knew the guy. He's the greatest race caller in the game and I've said that for some time. You close your eyes and listen and it's like you were right there. So precise. His demeanor at Lexington helped make the meeting there better. In the post parades, he's giving out yearling prices and breeding information. He really did make it a better place."

A couple of years after Sam McKee established his presence at the Meadowlands, I used to joke, "I thought I was a good guy, until Sam McKee started here." Proud of it then, and now.

Hall Of Famer Dave Magee, who was favored in his lone Hambletonian drive in 2000 with Dreamaster (fifth). That would have been Sam's first full year in East Rutherford: "My condolences. I didn't have that many dealings with Sam. He was always welcoming when I did come into the area. His calls are embedded forever. Clear and concise. Descriptive. You could visualize the race."

Nobody wanted a future that did not include Sam McKee. Yet all of us have been bolstered by his 54 plus years, a time

in which he gave totally and unselfishly towards making our lives better and easier and more fulfilling. A time of making our lives more defined.

Finally **Joe Hurley,** the breeder and part-owner of Always B Miki: "Sam was my primary contact at the Meadowlands. I remember the feeling when I first met him, that it was like we were old friends. He had this acceptance, this openness, this goodness and decency. Instantaneous. A one of a kind guy. And I'm not an easy guy to make a first impression on. You kind of have to prove yourself to me first. I never said this, but he would have made a great politician."

Little did us East-Coasters know in 1999 that the McKee was heading our way. Certainly we had no clue of the impact he would have on both the sport and us individually — that it would benefit us more than him.

Thank you McKee family, and please promise us that you will remain in our lives and a part of the harness racing community, forever. Sam would want it that way.

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Sam McKee obituary



McKee was a fixture at the Meadowlands since 2000.

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Samuel (Sam) A. McKee, 54, died unexpectedly from stroke complications Wednesday (March 8) in the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. McKee was born March 24, 1962, in Mount Pleasant, MI, the son of Alton E. and Donna J. (Viola) McKee and was raised in Linden, MI. He married Christine M. Wilson April 29, 1988, in Smiths Creek, MI.

Sam grew up on a farm where he trained and raced horses with his father and grandfather. He

was calling races at county fairs by age 14 and in 2012 he was inducted into harness racing's Communicators Hall of Fame. His immense passion for the harness racing industry goes unmatched to the love of his family. Sam enjoyed nothing more than spending time on their small Blairstown, NJ farm, riding and caring for the horses.

He is preceded in death by his mother and survived by his wife; three daughters Meagan, Melissa and Lindsey; sister Sally; father Alton and step-mother Theresa.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 12 at the Newbaker Funeral Home in Blairstown, NJ, from 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A service will be held Monday, March 13 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard, also in Blairstown, at noon.

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Meadowlands honors McKee on first card after his death

The final Thursday Meadowlands card of the season began with heavy hearts as the Big M paid tribute to its Hall of Fame announcer Sam McKee, who passed away Wednesday following complications from a stroke. A touching tribute video was played and the first race of the night was raced in silence.



Tribute video courtesy of The Meadowlands broadcasting dept.

Joe Bongiorno won three of the first five races on the nine-race program including minor upsets with Man of

Muscle and Keystone I Wish in a division of the Dash for the G-Notes series. Bongiorno won the first race and tipped his whip to the heavens in honor of McKee.

Brett Miller won a pair of races including the night's featured trot with O U Sexy Guy. O U Sexy Guy won for the 19th time in his career for trainer Jack Franklin.

The final broadcast of "Meadowlands Harness Live" on SNY featured Nancy Johansson, trainer of 2014 Horse of the Year JK She'salady, as a special co-host.

Total handle was \$1,453,434 on the 9-race card.

Live racing continues tonight with an 11-race program. Post time is 7:15 p.m. For more information, visit www.playmeadowlands.com.

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For the handicapping customer, Sam was a magician

A couple of years ago, I received an email from an announcer, right out of the blue. I was struck by the email, because this man – a wonderful race caller – asked me (not an insider, but a paying customer) what I was looking for in his calls. He wanted to get better at his craft and he wanted to chat with an everyday horseplayer.

I humbly answered that me – as someone betting hard-earned dollars – wanted first and foremost, accuracy. I also wanted our announcers to have a good idea what was happening in the race, with a special attention on the favorite, since most of the money was bet on them. Detailing other happenings, like horses who are live, or others who are struggling, were important to me as a bettor, too.

Today, as I think about that conversation, I was describing Sam McKee.

It goes without saying Sam was accurate. He was like an accountant that never transposed a number wrong. But, more broadly, I've never heard an announcer (for as long as I've been watching harness racing) who was so in-tune with what was happening during the race itself.

Sam watched everything and had a keen eye for race flow and in-race dynamics. Along with his encyclopedic knowledge of the sport, it was a powerful exacta. He knew exactly who was live, who was struggling on the turns, which horse was locked and loaded, or who was prematurely tipping three high with spinning wheels. And he knew it before a lot of us did. Most races I half-expected Sam to blurt out which horse needed a murphy blind or a set of spreaders at the half. He'd have probably been right.

Sam was that good. And I can say without equivocation, we as customers of this sport appreciated every second of it.

I'm convinced Sam was this perfect at his craft because he was so passionate about harness racing. When people are passionate about a subject, the studying, the handicapping, the honing one's skills, is not work. It's something that's just happily done.

I think that was very apparent when Sam called races, and I don't think I'd get too many arguments. But I think it was also front and center when he handicapped.

Some time ago I shut down work early to do some handicapping. I wanted to play the Friday night card at the Big M and was scanning the program, looking for some prices. I came across a sneaky looking horse in one of the later races that rung a bell – but which bell it was I simply could not remember. I watched replays, dug into the horse's lines and it dawned on me that I seemed to remember this horse racing once at the Meadowlands a year or two or three earlier. I dove into a database and saw just that – the trainer had shipped the horse to the Big M, landed a top driver, and the horse was super-live, just missing at long odds.

It took awhile, and some work, but I had my sneaky price horse to focus on.

An hour or two later, while chatting with a friend,

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mentioning that I liked this ship in, he blurted out, "Sam loves your horse."

I flipped on the simulcast feed and sure enough, there was Sam, "this horse was here a couple of years ago and..."

That man had a mind like a steel trap, and he could handicap. What took him 10 seconds took me a half-hour.

If the above was only one instance, I could chalk it up to serendipity or coincidence. But over the years it happened frequently. He'd find these strange horses that most of us couldn't find with Sherlock Holmes as our handicapping partner. He was just that good.

Last year I found myself in need of information for a column here at Harness Racing Update. Justin Horowitz suggested I give himself and Sam a call at the Big M, and they'd be happy to answer a question or two. I had never spoken to either of them in real life, and I was looking forward to it; I like Justin, and Sam was always like a warm harness racing blanket. I felt he was an old friend, even though he didn't know me from Adam.

I called and Sam answered. Three minutes into the call I learned something everyone else already knew. Sam was everything everyone said he was; warm, happy, engaging and fun. I had the information I needed for my column in about two minutes, but the call went on and on and on as Sam and I spoke about harness racing, like two old friends sitting on a back porch. Poor Justin could not get a word in edgewise.

I'll never forget the joy Sam gave me as an everyday horseplayer. I'll fondly remember his calls, the big races, and his sneaky, obscure handicapping angles. And I'll never forget last year's phone call, where I learned he was not only great at his job, but was everything I hoped he was.

I feel for his wife and daughters at this difficult time. I thank them for sharing their husband and father with us, for all too brief a time.

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Ken Warkentin, Sam McKee's race-calling partner at the Meadowlands, reflects on Sam's life and career.



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Sam McKee on his induction to harness racing's Communicators Hall of Fame in Goshen, NY in 2012.

by Ken Warkentin

This is undoubtedly one of the saddest days in the sport in a long time. Many, like myself, are in shock, devastated, in a state of disbelief and just plain sad.

Sam was the modern day Mr. Harness Racing. It always seemed like he knew everybody

and everything about the sport.

And Sam could do it all.

He was talented, passionate, positive and an inspiration to all and everybody knew it.

He was so much fun to work with, he just made people and everything around him better.

He was a true Hall of Famer.

A great person, honest and pure.

An amazing family man.

A true friend to many and a real gentleman.

When I first heard of his passing I said it couldn't be possible. And the first thing I thought was he wasn't going anywhere. He's always going to be here with us in so many ways.

We will never forget Sam McKee.

My deep condolences to his family.

Settlemoir: The harness racing world is devastated over Sam

Plans for a long-term tribute to McKee in the works.

by Dave Briggs

Jason Settlemoir said Sam McKee's death is devastating to the harness racing community the world over.

"Sam was loved all over the world. I've gotten emails from people from Sweden, Canada, all over the United States, Australia, New Zealand, from people that Sam had touched throughout his career," said Settlemoir, the CEO and general manager of the Meadowlands Racetrack where McKee worked. "This is definitely devastating."

Settlemoir said he visited McKee at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in New Jersey on Tuesday afternoon. McKee died unexpectedly from stroke complications on Wednesday.

"This one is very, very hard. Sam was more than just a colleague. He meant so much more to so many, including myself," Settlemoir said. "Sam had a way of lighting up a room when he walked into it and he always had a knack for knowing if I was having a bad day. He would come into my office or I'd go to his office and every time we'd have a great conversation and I'd walk out of that conversation feeling better thanks to having a different perspective. Sam was quite an amazing human being and he's going to be missed by so many. It's very, very hard."

Settlemoir said discussions have begun about the best way to honor McKee's memory long-term.

"We'll be honoring his amazing legacy, both short-term and long-term, and looking at all the ideas. I've got a bunch of ideas and we'll sit down and come up with something that's truly fitting for Sam for all of our memories," Settlemoir said. "I just keep praying for his wife Christine and his daughters and all of his family, including his harness racing family as well. There's just been an outpouring from people all over the world. People sending me notes, emails, Facebook messages, text messages. It's just been overwhelming. Certainly, Sam is going to be greatly missed."

"The whole thing is just devastating and a total shock. This one is going to take awhile. This one hurts, very badly."

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Reid: McKee was a talented pedigree reader, too

As gifted as he was as a race caller, Sam McKee also was a star on the auction stand.

by Dave Briggs

David Reid said one of Sam McKee's under-appreciated talents was as a long-time pedigree reader at horse sales.

"I know he was the voice of the Meadowlands and he was very instrumental in the Jug, but one of the small pieces that he did was being a pedigree reader at a lot of auctions," said Reid, the general manager of the Tattersalls Sales Company that has held sales at the Meadowlands for many years. "He was just a pleasure to have in the auction stand and, more importantly, he was a pleasure to have for a pedigree reader for the horses that we were selling. You never had to worry because Sam would always be on top of his game. He was always there.

"He just knew the industry, inside and out. He had that golden gift – that great voice – and that gift could make

rust look like gold, without even flinching. I think he was the same way with people... I don't think people realize all of the things he did for the sport of harness racing. And, as good as he was in the industry, I'm sure he was an even better father."

Reid said McKee was as talented as the industry has ever seen, but was an even better person.

"He was just a beautiful guy," Reid said. "He had extreme class, was never arrogant and was very down-to-earth. Those were probably just his roots from growing up on a farm in rural Michigan. They always say, 'You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy' and I think that probably applies to Sam a little bit, because he was such a down-to-earth, good-natured human being.

"It's obviously a devastating loss for his family, the Meadowlands and racing as a whole."

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McKee left an indelible mark on harness racing

by Ken Weingartner / Harness Racing Communications / USTA

It is impossible to put a figure on the number of lives touched by Sam McKee. Whether through his race calls, studio interviews, work at horse sales, or personal interactions, Sam left an indelible mark on harness racing and the people in and around the sport.

And it would be difficult to find a person more respected and universally liked than Sam McKee. When news of Sam's passing at age 54 due to complications from a stroke suffered in early February filtered through the industry Wednesday, the outpouring of admiration, love and support to his family on social media and beyond was a testament to Sam's ability to make, as harness racing writer Dave Briggs wrote on Harness Racing Update's Facebook page, "everyone feel like the biggest person in the room, when in truth, it was always him."

Ken Warkentin, Sam's colleague at the Meadowlands Racetrack and fellow announcer, spoke for many when he said, "This is undoubtedly one of the saddest days in the sport in a long time... He was so much fun to work with. He just made people and everything around him better."

Hall of Fame driver John Campbell, who has called the

Meadowlands home for decades, echoed those sentiments.

"We were so fortunate that Sam chose harness racing," Campbell said. "With his talent, personality and knowledge, he could have been an announcer in any sport, whether it was NASCAR, football, or whatever. We were very fortunate that he turned his talents and abilities toward harness racing. He was such a shining light.

"He just had that bubbly, exuberant personality for what he was doing. When he was doing interviews, I think it rubbed off on a lot of people. I know it did me. He was always very upbeat. The interaction I had with Sam, whether it was on camera or off camera, was always fun and it was always something I felt good about. It was genuine. His enthusiasm for harness racing and people was right from his heart.

"The most important thing was the friendship I had with him. He was a very good friend."

A native of Michigan, Sam's interest in harness racing and announcing can be traced to his earliest days, virtually from the time he could speak. His family raced standardbreds as a hobby at the county fairs and small tracks. Sam more than once told the story about being four or five years old and "calling races" with toy horses that had numbers taped to them.

When he was 10, Sam began writing letters to horsemen and others in the industry. He began a letter-writing



Claus Andersen

McKee and Meadowlands owner Jeff Gural.

friendship with legendary announcer Roger Huston, who became instrumental in helping launch Sam's career behind the microphone. Huston invited Sam to The Meadows, where Sam had the opportunity to call qualifiers and a junior driving championship. After hearing Sam's work, Huston persuaded Bobby Williams, the speed superintendent at the Clinton County fair in Ohio, to give the then-14-year-old Sam a job announcing races there.

"I was just flabbergasted at how good he was," Huston told hosts Mike Bozich and Mike Carter last month on a "Post Time with Mike and Mike" podcast. "He had the voice of a 13-year-old, but he was seasoned even without ever being on the PA system. He was born to be an announcer, there's no question in that. The amount of advice I had to give him was very minimal.

"It's very seldom that somebody at the age of 6 determines what they want to do in life. He made it happen. He knew what he wanted to do and we were just so happy we had a part in getting him started."

When he learned of Sam's passing, Huston posted on Facebook yesterday, "A part of me will never be the same." A day after graduating from high school, Sam was hired as the track announcer at Saginaw Valley Downs and later

Sports Creek Raceway. From there he moved to Raceway Park, where he called races and worked as director of group sales in addition to being involved in the publicity and television departments. A stint in the publicity department and announcing booth at Ladbroke's Detroit Race Course followed and in the early 1990s he served as director of operations at Northville Downs.

In the late 1990s, Sam was hired at the Meadowlands. He shared race-calling duties and soon added the role of TV coordinator at the track. In 2007, he also became the director of simulcasting.

Sam also worked the Grand Circuit meets at the Delaware County Fair, where he hosted the Little Brown Jug week simulcast, and The Red Mile. He was elected to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association Hall of Fame in 2009. In 2012, he received the sport's highest honor when he was elected to the Communicators Hall of Fame in Goshen, NY.

Mike Tanner, the U.S. Trotting Association's executive vice president, first met Sam when he was working at Detroit Race Course. Tanner was an intern at the time.

"It was my first front-side job in racing, and I was kind of in awe of him," Tanner said. "He was a terrific announcer, even back then. But he was so kind, encouraging, and down to

earth, and we became friends. When I got hired there on a full-time basis the next year, he might have been happier for me than I was for myself. That's just the way he was.

"I can't think of anyone in our industry better liked or more respected. I feel badly for anyone that never had the chance to meet him, and worse for those of us that did, because we know what we've just lost. He was special."

The stories of Sam helping others, encouraging others, are countless. Gabe Prewitt, the executive secretary of the Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association and a multiple-track announcer, first heard Sam calling races at The Red Mile in the early 2000s — Prewitt's introduction to harness racing — and acknowledged Sam's role as a mentor, "so supportive of me from Day One," on last month's Post Time with Mike and Mike podcast.

Sam's influence stretched beyond the announcer's booth, Prewitt said. "Just on a personal level, his kindness, his class, how he treats everyone; I learned as much from him on a personal basis — just by observing him for that matter — as I have professionally."

Jason Settlemoir, the chief executive officer and general manager at the Meadowlands, told Mike and Mike that Sam always had the ability to sense when someone was having a bad day. And he was always there to discuss the situation and help in any way possible.

"By the time the conversation was over you always felt enlightened by him," Settlemoir said. "You'd walk out of talking with him being much happier."

Meadowlands broadcaster and statistical guru Bob "Hollywood" Heyden, who was inducted to the Communicators Hall of Fame with Sam, recalled seeing Sam several years ago helping a lady who had fallen in the parking lot following a snowstorm during a Saturday night card at the Big M. Because the snowstorm hit during the card, the parking lot was not yet plowed. Heyden later found out that Sam had fallen several minutes prior to helping the woman, who was a waitress at the track, and injured his back.

"The only way I found out was by seeing the pills he was taking the following weeks," Heyden said. "He didn't say anything, and wouldn't, because he was once again Sam being Sam."

Beyond the racetrack, Sam was an accomplished horseman (see sidebar following this story) and a go-to choice as a pedigree reader at the industry's horse sales, where his

knowledge, expertise and demeanor made him a natural.

"Sam had an exacting job — make a good impression for the horse in 15 seconds or less, give current update information about the horse with perfect accuracy, and be ready to jump back in at any moment if the auctioneer decides to pause the auction for emphasis," said Russell Williams, the newly elected president of the U.S. Trotting Association as well as chairman of both the Standardbred Horse Sales Co. and Hanover Shoe Farms. "Sam's work in this area was virtually flawless, and he did it with that wonderful voice of his."

"We at Standardbred Horse Sales Company have lost a great announcer, but we're conscious now that we've lost a cherished friend. We offer our condolences to Sam's family. You will be in our thoughts."

Sam's surviving family includes his wife Chris and daughters Meagan, Melissa and Lindsey.

Sam McKee was a part of so many of harness racing's greatest moments and biggest events. Here, we remember him with a few of our favorite Sam McKee moments, and some that were his favorites as well.

To view the videos, click on [this link](#).

McKee was an accomplished horseman

Sam McKee was as accomplished on top of a horse as he was skilled behind a microphone. He often competed in speed events, such as barrel racing, with his retired standardbred Who's Your Buddy, or simply, Buddy.

Helene Gregory, the vice-president of the Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization of New Jersey, recounted the following story about Sam and his competition with renowned equine advocate and author Alex Brown: "One year, Sam was at the National Standardbred Show with Buddy and I had my retired Standardbred JB (Jambalayabar Man) there as well. My friend Ellen Harvey had earlier approached me asking if a friend could get on JB. He was an exercise rider for some thoroughbred racing trainers, but had never been on a standardbred before. His name is Alex Brown and not only has he ridden thousands of thoroughbreds, he is also an author of a book (Greatness and Goodness: Barbara and His Legacy) and had a big social media following. I thought it was a great idea because it would bring some attention to our standardbreds. So we entered Alex and JB in the 'Ride a Buck' class, which is ridden bareback with a dollar bill under the rider's knee.

"The riders then have to follow the commands of a judge —

walk, trot and canter (if they get that far). It was a big class, always a fun class to watch. One by one the riders lost their dollar bills, but two riders were not giving up. Sam had just interviewed Alex the night before at the track about his book and less than 24 hours later they were facing each other in what quickly became a two-man contest.

"They were battling it out, Sam joking with Alex to please give up because he couldn't hold on to his dollar much longer and Alex saying he would never give up. The audience was cheering them on and the judges gave more and more commands, turn right, turn left, trot, turn without stopping and go the other way, to try to force them in to a mistake. Finally they got up to a canter and Sam's dollar floated to the ground, while Alex's was right where he put it. JB and Alex were victorious, but Sam was grinning from ear to ear. It was a joy to see these two grown men have fun and laugh like little kids.

"This was what Sam was, always a good sport, always smiling and always had kind words to everyone he met. Whenever I would see him he always stopped for a few words, didn't matter if he was on the run, in the TV studio at the Meadowlands or anywhere else. He always made time to listen. He will be deeply missed by the entire harness racing community."

The following anecdote, recounted by Ellen Harvey, the director of the USTA's Harness Racing Communications division, further demonstrates Sam's ability, knowledge and thoughtfulness:

"In 2011, the World Trotting Conference came to the U.S. and the USTA was host for leaders of harness racing from all over the world. They visited a variety of farms in New Jersey in between meetings and I was asked to put together a demonstration of standardbreds in other disciplines showing off their athletic ability.

"I asked Sam if he would show off his ex-racehorse Buddy's skill in barrel racing and he very nicely obliged. Sam and Buddy were the last team in the demo; they screeched around the barrels and came to a full stop, kicking up a spray of dirt, right in front of the audience, from a dead run.

"When they got over their shock and horror at being nearly run over, the audience gave him a big round of applause.

"My then 86 year-old dad, Harry Harvey, lived near the site of the demo – at the Standardbred Retirement Foundation's facility. I invited him and my mom to come see the demo and they were tucked away in chairs in a corner of the ring, watching. Walking on an uneven surface was hard for my dad

by then. After Sam was finished greeting the guests, I asked him to bring Buddy over and show dad that he had controlled that horse at maximum speed with no bit – he used a bitless bridle that put pressure on the horse's nose, not his mouth.

"Sam brought the horse so close he was almost in dad's lap. Dad struggled to his feet to watch intently as Sam explained all the things he'd tried to control Buddy, how he finally arrived at the bitless bridle and showed dad every part of it and the mechanics of how it worked. My father was transfixed – learning something new about training horses at age 86. He talked about that day for months afterward.

"The next time I saw Sam at the track, I thanked him for taking the time to show my dad this new gizmo for riding horses. His response was typically modest, 'I couldn't believe that I was teaching a Hall of Fame trainer something about rigging a horse.'"

– Ken Weingartner

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Jackpot Hi-5 mania at Woodbine

by Brett Sturman

For the second time since December, Woodbine Racetrack is set to issue a mandatory payout on Saturday for its popular Jackpot Hi-5 wager. The wager has increased greatly in popularity in recent years and is expected to close with over \$2 million in the Hi-5 pool once new money on Saturday is added to the current carryover of over \$578,000.

The Hi-5 is offered at Woodbine in the final race each night and entails a person correctly selecting the first five horses in order of finish. But the main difference between the Jackpot Hi-5 and a standard pentafecta is that the Jackpot Hi-5 is paid out in full only if there is a single winning ticket. If there are either multiple winning tickets or no winning tickets, a portion of the pool or the entire pool will carry over to the next racing card.

The bet has soared in popularity because in theory a person with a limited bankroll can walk away with a ton of cash. Offered in 20 cent base wager increments, a smaller player can afford enough combinations that give them a realistic chance to be competitive in selecting the first five horses in order of finish as opposed to having little to no chance at all if the base wager were \$1 or \$2.

Average handle for the Woodbine Jackpot Hi-5 remains far more popular than the same wager offered at other tracks. At the Meadowlands for example, nightly handle on the final race superfecta (selecting on the first four horses in order of finish) easily beats their Hi-5 handle more often than not, but at Woodbine it's just the opposite with the Hi-5 dominating the superfecta in terms of handle.

The popularity of the wager seems to speak for itself, but the bet also has its share of detractors from the more serious horseplayers.

Most dissent to the wager comes from the issue of takeout.

Woodbine advertises a "low 15 per cent takeout", but that number can be misleading. Of all money wagered into the bet on a given night, 50 per cent of the pool automatically is added to the jackpot provided there are multiple winning tickets (if there are no winning tickets, 100 per cent of the pool is added to the jackpot). What it means is that when the 15 per cent standard takeout is applied to the 50 per cent of the pool that goes to the jackpot, the effective takeout rate balloons to a 57.5 per cent takeout rate (15 per cent of 50 per cent is 7.5 per cent, and then that 7.5 per cent is added to the 50 per cent remaining to be divided out to the multiple winners).

Since the start of a new wager in January following the Dec. 23 mandatory payout, it's no coincidence that the jackpot has never been paid out. In a 10-horse field there are 30,240 possible winning combinations (10x9x8x7x6), but with a 20 cent wager and let's say an average of \$50,000 of new handle each night, the public is playing 250,000 different combinations each night. Based on that, all remotely reasonable winning combinations are going to be hit by more than one person.

Pompano Park offers a Jackpot Hi-5 in their concluding race each night similar to Woodbine, but the main difference between the two tracks is that the handle of the Hi-5 at Pompano is less than what Woodbine does. In this case, it works towards the horseplayers' advantage because it decreases the chances of having multiple winners if naturally there are fewer people playing. Just this past Wednesday at Pompano, the Jackpot Hi-5 was hit and a winner walked away with \$70,000 off a total wager of \$2.40 in a race where the winning horse went off at a reasonable 4-1 odds.

Back to Woodbine, while the takeout statistics and overall miniscule odds of being a sole jackpot winner deter the more serious and high rolling type customers from the bet, it doesn't have even close to the same impact to the novice

players. In fact, the bet structure seems to attract even more money from the lower volume bettors who appear undeterred from the 57.5% effective takeout rate.

On mandatory payout nights such as Saturday, the typical effective takeout rate becomes moot. Because the bet must be paid out and there is no more carryover to be had, the bet will carry a total takeout rate of 15 per cent. With the guaranteed low takeout rate and a massive carryover, the bet will produce one of the most unique opportunities for a bettor in harness racing and anyone - whether it be a big time player or a 10 cent bettor - will be gunning for a piece of the prize.

When all bets are in for the Saturday nightcap, the race is bound to result in a rare and super bettor-friendly negative takeout scenario. In this instance, even when the track takes 15 per cent of the new money bet on Saturday, it won't be enough to offset the existing carryover and at least part of the \$578,231 will essentially become free money that will be paid out to winners of the bet Saturday on top of what the ticket would pay normally.

Woodbine had a near identical setup for the wager back on Dec. 23, where a \$548,396 carryover resulted in over \$2 million in brand new money in its last mandatory payout. It's possible that \$2 million in new money will be wagered once again on Saturday and if there were to be a single winner it would result in one of the largest payouts in either thoroughbred or harness racing in North America.

Even if there are multiple winners, as I expect there will be, those people will be getting paid out far more than they would if not for the half-million dollar carryover created by the jackpot bet over the last two months. Bettors everywhere should be, and will be playing on Saturday.

Woodbine, Saturday March 11

Race 10 Jackpot Hi-5: It's another 12-horse field for the Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout and let's hope this race provides more action than the Dec. 23 version of the race when most horses that night never had a chance due to a non-existent cover flow in the oversized field. THE REV actually won that mandatory jackpot race from December and he's in a position with this group that a repeat is possible. He's faced better than most of these in recent weeks and it's okay that he lost touch a bit last week in that race won on the front end by JJs Delivery who would crush these anyway; will be firing early. MACH ON THE BEACH had some sneaky pace when free last out and is another that drops. Typically I'd be swayed away by post 10 in a field like this, but coming from Moreau with an aggressive emerging driver I think we'll be seeing speed; good enough to beat these and certain looms for a share. DIALAMARA lands the role of lukewarm morning line favorite but hasn't done much since pouncing three back off a blistering pace against lesser; seems in line to hit the ticket though in some fashion. CHAMPAGNE PHIL was used a couple of times last out through early fractions of :25:3 and :54:2 last out; he rates well against most of these on paper for trainer Nixon who is a decent 13 for 48. BANK SHOT HANOVER goes first start off the claim for Puddy after being trained previously by Allard; I wouldn't be shocked with a overachieving performance at likely double digit odds. ERLE DALE N is a classy type that's been having a bit of trouble when hiked to this level in recent weeks; his best would give him a chance at the top prize if he fires. CASIMIR OVERDRIVE is another fresh claim although I'd prefer #12 as the better claim to compete in this spot. SINGLE WHITE SOCK aims high but hasn't missed the board in his last four starts. HALF A BILLION can close if the race sets up for him; DARCEE N goes for a barn running well these days.

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Young Guns Blazing

Louis-Philippe Roy in Canada and Drew Monti in the U.S. are two 20-something drivers making an impact on the continent's top circuits.

Louis-Philippe Roy

by Paul Delean

Things haven't gone exactly as planned in 2017 for driver Louis-Philippe Roy, and so far, that's been a good thing.

Instead of trying to make a name for himself in the U.S., the 27-year-old native of tiny Mont-Joli, Quebec, has already done it on Canada's premier harness-racing circuit, sitting second to Doug McNair in the win column at Woodbine two months into the year.

Even Roy is surprised how smoothly and quickly he's made the transition from the small tracks of eastern Ontario and Quebec, less than three years after his first professional win at Hippodrome 3R in Trois-Rivieres, QC in August of 2014. He'd begun his journey on Quebec's fair tracks at age 18, winning his first race in the village of Pabos in just his second start (after being disqualified from first in his debut for interference on the last turn). Growing up, his racing idol is someone few people outside Quebec have ever heard of – Pascal Berube – a longtime leading driver at Quebec City's now-defunct Hippodrome de Quebec, who also hailed from Mont-Joli.

"So far, the move to southern Ontario has been way beyond my expectations. What helped me was having a trainer like Rene Allard provide me with good stock right away," said Roy. "In a way, it was actually harder for me to break in at Hippodrome 3R (in 2014). There were a lot of established veteran drivers from Montreal there and it was difficult for a young unknown to get drives."

Eventually, he got them, and by the fall of 2016 he was leading driver at both Hippodrome 3R in Quebec and Rideau-Carleton Raceway in Ottawa, earning an O'Brien Award as Canada's 'future star' on the strength of his 237-win, \$1.1-million season.

He could have dominated those tracks for years to come, but Roy already had other plans.

With the encouragement of Allard, he decided to take his shot south of the border, a move that had already paid big dividends for fellow Quebecers Michel Lachance, Daniel Dube and Yannick Gingras.

The catalyst was his August victory in the 2016 Gold Cup



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Louis-Philippe Roy with the world champion pacer Strokin at Hippodrome 3R last summer.

& Saucer, Prince Edward Island's showcase race.

"I started going to that race about five years ago, as a spectator," said Roy. "The island is about a six-hour drive from Mont-Joli."

Roy had met Allard – another Quebecer who advanced his career with a U.S. move – during Gold Cup & Saucer festivities five years ago, but they were still just acquaintances. He'd never driven a horse for Allard.

Two days before the entry box closed for the 2016 race, Roy got a call from Allard asking if he was going to Charlottetown again, and if so, would he be interested in driving one of his entrants?

"How could I say no? I'd been going to this race as a fan. I know how big a deal it is there."

For his Gold Cup & Saucer debut, Roy was assigned five-year-old pacer YS Lotus.

"Before the elimination, Rene told me to get out in front of Foiled Again, if I could, That would improve our chances."

Roy gunned YS Lotus to an early lead he never relinquished. But in the \$60,000 final the next week, they sat back off a hot early pace, then wore down Allard's favored entry, Go Daddy Go, and cleared off by six lengths in a track-record time of 1:50.1.

"It was special because my parents were there, my

girlfriend was there, my brother and sister were there. And I had about 30 minutes to enjoy it before jumping into a car for the 10-hour drive to Hippodrome 3R for the Prix 'D'Été the next afternoon." (He finished last behind Rockin Ron with longshot Asap Hanover).

The Gold Cup & Saucer victory convinced Roy he wanted more than small purses and overnight races and persuaded Allard that Roy had the stuff to make it state-side. Allard even recommended a lawyer to help Roy with the paperwork.

But it has proved more complicated than expected, and six months later, Roy is still waiting for clearance. He hasn't completely abandoned his American dream, but for now at least, it's on hold.

That's because Allard decided to race more horses on the Woodbine Entertainment Group circuit, and asked Roy if he wanted to drive them.

"He called me on a Sunday night after the Rideau races. It took me about three seconds to say yes," said Roy, though it meant saying goodbye to Quebec and to Telus, the Canadian télécommunications company that had employed him as a financial analyst since he graduated from the University of Quebec at Rimouski.

For the first two years of his driving career, he juggled both jobs, "but it was time to choose, and I chose my passion. I love the excitement of racing, the strategy of it, the calculations you have to make... all of it, really. To be able to make a living from it just makes it that much better."

Allard calls Roy "a natural," which is why he made the relative newcomer the number-one driver for his 44-horse Ontario string this winter.

"He's calm, intelligent and humble, all things that will help him. He adjusts easily to different horses and you never have to tell him twice how a certain horse is. He retains what you said, I've been watching him for a few years now and he just keeps learning and getting better. He reminds me of Scott Zeron that way. He can be one of the top ones," Allard said.

From the start, Roy made his presence felt at Woodbine with Allard's horses, notably scoring a runner-up finish behind Lady Shadow with Yagonnakissmeornot in the \$311,000 Milton Stakes at Mohawk.

Other trainers took notice of his good hands and calm demeanour and quickly filled his dance card. Longtime WEG leader Richard Moreau was one of his early boosters, and now is his landlord as well.

While he felt like an outsider at first on the WEG circuit, Roy said he never sensed resentment and considers himself

part of the driving fraternity now. If there are any hard feelings toward the newly-arrived catch-driving sensation, his rivals will have a chance to get their shots in at the annual horsemen's hockey tournament in Ontario next month. Roy — all five-foot-eight and 145 pounds of him — will be in the tournament for the first time, playing the same position as during his junior-hockey days: goalie.

Drew Monti

by Tim Bojarski

In a brief four-year driving career racing predominantly in western New York, 22-year-old Drew Monti has accomplished quite a bit. While attending college full time over the same period, Monti was able to establish himself as one of the best drivers on that circuit while earning a bachelor's degree in business and finance.

At the conclusion of the 2016 Batavia Downs summer-fall meet, Monti claimed his first driving title. This was the



Steve Roth

At 22, Drew Monti is already making an impact at the Meadowlands.

highlight of a year that also saw him win his first New York Sire Stake, set career bests for earnings (\$1.2 million) and UDR (.275), and register 220 wins overall.

When the Christmas break hit and a void in the local racing calendar was at hand, Monti decided it was time to expand his horizons and try to take his game to another level. And the move he decided to make was to the Meadowlands.

With urging and support from family and friends, Monti spoke with the Big M's CEO and general manager Jason Settlemoir to express his desire to compete there for the winter. Settlemoir added his endorsement to the already strong backing and told him he would be a welcomed addition to their driver colony.

"It's the track I watched as a kid and always aspired to compete at and where all the champions have raced. If I was going to take a shot, I was going to take it there" Monti said.

Monti's first start was the weekend of Christmas and the experience was one he will long remember.

"It was definitely eye opening because of what it was. Not intimidating, but hey, this was the big leagues," said Monti. "Everybody there was great from day one. It took a couple weeks to earn my spot with the drivers, but after winning some races, everybody was unbelievably cool and as welcoming as you could want them to be.

"The atmosphere at the Meadowlands is a lot different than what I am used to; there is a noticeable level of professionalism there. There is no fighting or arguing among the drivers; everybody just comes in, does their job and tries to win. It was very easy to get along with everybody there."

Monti pointed out it took a couple weeks to get accustomed to driving on a mile track after years on a half. Making a small mistake early in the race may have cost him money at the end. But by the second or third week, he had gotten a rhythm and it kind of fell into place.

"In the beginning I was fortunate to get solid drives coming in as the new guy. I knew some trainers racing there (like Rick Dane Jr. and Jodi Riedel) who used me right away and then other people put me up on their horses," Monti said. "Plus the judges were very helpful using me in races where drivers were needed. And after I started winning a few races, more trainers put me up because they had a reason now."

After four years of racing half-milers, the mile track experience was very fulfilling for Monti, and lining up next to some of the best drivers in the business every night helped him to improve his game.

"I absolutely loved racing on the big track. Every night,

driving with superior drivers improves your skills. It's not like I gained any more talent from being there, but I think I became more polished by watching those other guys and how they did it. You get better, if you can, because you have to," said Monti.

"The last four weeks were really great because I had developed some good friendships with Vinnie (Ginsburg), Joe (Bongiorno) and Marcus (Miller). We would stop out for a bite and hang before and after the races. I still talk to those guys a couple times a week since I've left and look forward to competing against them again very soon."

After nine weeks on the road, the commute from western New York to New Jersey began to take a toll on Monti's "other job" commitments and he had to make a choice.

Although he has his degree, Monti needs to gain three state licenses in order to work full time as a financial advisor. So the time required to study and take the tests meant staying home for now and taking care of those requirements.

His run at the Meadowlands was relatively short, but Monti made it known he was there. He registered two driving triples, blew up the tote board with a 54-1 shot (Abbijade Hanover, \$110), won his fastest race ever (Somesizesomestyle 1:50.3) and drove his horses into check-getting positions about 50 per cent of the time.

In 163 starts, Monti had 18 wins, 22 seconds and 18 thirds for a total of just under \$200,000 in purses. And even though he has been gone since February 18, he still ranks as the sixth leading driver at the current Meadowlands meet.

"The time I spent down there was fun. I learned a lot and I want to thank everyone who supported me for the opportunity to be successful. If I can get back to the Meadowlands before the winter meet, I will certainly go. But if I have a shot at another title at home I will try to win it and then head back down in December," Monti said.

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Woodbine Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout set for Saturday

Horseplayers can start studying immediately, as the draw is out for Saturday's (March 11) Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout race at Woodbine Racetrack.

A carryover of \$578,231.58 is being brought into the Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout, which is offered on Race 10.

A 120-horse field has been put together for the Jackpot Hi-5 race. Overnight pacers meeting the conditions of Non-Winners of \$10,500 last five or \$18,000 last 10 will battle for an increased purse of \$25,000.

All starters in Saturday's Jackpot Hi-5 race will receive money. The winner of the race will receive 50 per cent of the purse, while horses finishing sixth through 12th will receive one per cent. The remainder of the purse will be split up as usual to the horses finishing second through fifth.

The current Jackpot Hi-5 carryover has been growing since the last mandatory payout on Dec. 23.

On that evening, a carryover of \$548,396 was brought into the mandatory payout and horseplayers wagered \$2,081,441 of new money into the Jackpot Hi-5 pool.

Gregg McNair trainee The Rev won the Jackpot Hi-5 race on Dec. 23 and once again will be competing in Saturday's mandatory payout race, starting from post position nine. Dialamara (PP6) and Half A Billion (PP7) join The Rev as the only three horses from the most recent mandatory payout race to compete in Saturday's event.

A \$0.20 winning ticket on the Dec. 23 mandatory payout returned \$4,842.70.

If previous mandatory payouts are any indication, a total pool well over \$2 million is very likely on Saturday's mandatory payout.

This Saturday will be the seventh major mandatory payout on WEG standardbred racing since the Jackpot Hi-5 was introduced to the wagering menu in the fall of 2013.

An average of \$1.7 million in new money has been wagered on each of the previous six major mandatory payouts.

The Jackpot Hi-5 requires horseplayers to select the top-five finishers in order. The minimum wager is \$0.20, while the takeout is 15 per cent.

To view early program pages for Saturday's card, [click here](#).

Post time for Saturday's card at Woodbine is 7:30 p.m.

Below is the field for Saturday's Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout race.

Race 10 – Saturday, March 11 – Purse: \$25,000

PP. Horse (Driver - Trainer)

1. Machal Jordan (Roger Mayotte – Kenneth Switzer)
2. Casimir Overdrive (Doug McNair – Carmen Auciello)
3. Panedictine (Colin Kelly – Laurie Bako)
4. Single White Sock (James MacDonald – Ted MacDonnell)
5. Erle Dale N (Doug McNair – Ron Adams)
6. Dialamara (James MacDonald – Pat Fletcher)
7. Half A Billion (Louis Philippe Roy – Corey Giles)
8. Champagne Phil (Paul MacDonell – Dean Nixon)
9. The Rev (Doug McNair – Gregg McNair)
10. Mach On The Beach (Louis Philippe Roy – Richard Moreau)
11. Darcee N (Travis Cullen – Travis Cullen)
12. Bank Shot Hanover (Trevor Henry – Victor Puddy)

– **Mark McKelvie / WEG standardbred communications**

Two top Italian trotters kidnapped

The 4-year-old mare Unicka, who last year won the Italian Trotting Derby and was the best trotter in her crop and the 3-year-old colt Vampire Dany have been kidnapped from the stables of trainer Erik Bondo in Tuscany during the night.

As Bondo arrived around 6 a.m. this morning to feed his trotters, he found that Unicka and Vampire Dany were missing from their stalls at the Scuderia Wave, who owns not only the farm, but also the two top trotters.

So far, no ransom has been demanded.

Unicka (sired by Love You) has raced 15 times and won 13 races. Besides the Italian Trotting Derby she has won the prestigious Gran Premio Orsi Mangelli and has earnings of more than \$500,000.

Erik Bondo had planned to return her to racing later this month.

Vampire Dany (sired by [Conway Hall](#)) raced eight times, winning six races, among them.

– **Karsten Bønsdorf, USTA Newsroom Senior Correspondent**

Plainridge unveils \$250,000 trotting stake

Plainridge Park Casino announced Thursday (March 9) the inaugural \$250,000 guaranteed Spirit of Massachusetts Trot that will take place on Friday July 28, 2017. The Spirit of Massachusetts Trot will be the richest race ever in New England harness racing history.

The success of Plainridge Park Casino, the Commonwealth's first expanded gaming facility, is the catalyst for such an event.

"The day in, day out racing program at Plainridge Park has been solidified over the past couple of years and we wanted to take the next step and create an event that let the industry know harness racing in Massachusetts was back on the map," said Steve O'Toole, director of racing. "This is a starting point, and in future years we anticipate adding other stake events around this race along with races for local participants while creating a fun atmosphere to build an exciting on-track experience for our racing fans as well."

Plainridge Park racing secretary Paul Verrette believes he has found a sweet spot in the national stake schedule for the race. "The timing of the race fits well and should attract a very nice field. There is a need for a race for open trotters toward the end of July leading into the Cashman Memorial on Hambletonian Day the following weekend (Aug. 5)," said Verrette.

Nominations for the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot are being handled by The Hambletonian Society, Inc. and will close April 15, 2017 with an initial \$1,000 nomination fee. The race will be part of the season long Grand Circuit series of major stakes races from tracks across North America.

The 2017 racing season at Plainridge gets underway on Monday, April 10. The track will play host to 125 days of live racing this year with the season concluding on Nov. 24.

Opening round of Sagamore Hill Series

Yonkers Raceway's stakes season continued Tuesday night (March 7), with five divisions beginning the Sagamore Hill Pacing Series.

The series, named for Long Island estate of Theodore Roosevelt, is open to 3- and 4-year-old gentlemen who are/were non-winners of four races and/or \$40,000 through this past Dec. 1.

Never Say Never N (Jason Bartlett, \$2.70) made it three-for-three stateside with an off-the-pace, 1:55.2 victory in the opening, \$20,000 division. From post position five, he moved from fifth to the lead down the backside, opening a couple of lengths in the lane.

He held off a cone-skimming Western Tyrant (Yannick Gingras) by a neck, with Bass Player (Jordan Stratton) a rallying third.

For Never Say Never N, a 4-year-old Down Under Bettor's Delight—Maid In Splendor gelding co-owned by Thomas Lazzaro and Gerard Stuchbury and trained by Heidi Rohr, it was his fourth win in eight career starts. The exacta paid \$12, with the triple returning \$57.50.

Canadian interloper Awesomeness (Scott Zeron, \$2.10) was the second 1-20 proposition in as many nights, winning the night's final series event (from post No. 5) in a down-the-road 1:55.

The four-year-old Mach Three—Fancy A Dream gelding, who invaded after beating up Woodbine's Snowshoe Series, defeated 43-1 Wishiwasagigolo (Stratton) by a couple of lengths for a fifth (consecutive) win in six seasonal starts. Rock Power (Bartlett) was third. The exacta paid \$29, with the triple returning \$47.80.

The winner is owned by Martin Scharf and trained by Aaron Lambert.

Tuesday night's other Sagamore Hill sojourns went to...

- Prejudice,g,4 (Western Terror—Woman Rebels); co-owners William Sartin,Mark Salerno/trainer Joseph DeCarlo/driver Stratton; (life-best) 1:53/\$3.50;
- Ideal Son,g,4 (American Ideal—Sunduel A); owner Howard Taylor/trainer Tom Fanning/driver Bartlett; 1:54.3/\$7.50;
- Artmagic,g,4 (Art Major—Sammy's Magic Girl); owner Bamond Racing/trainer Jeffrey Bamond Jr./driver Brent Holland; (matches life-best) 1:54.1/\$13.20.

The opening-round hunch play, the Teddy Roosevelt-coined phrase Bully Pulpit, was a non-factor fifth in the fourth division.

On Monday (March 6), Vintage Babe (Yannick Gingras, \$2.10) did indeed win her fourth and final, \$20,000 division of the opening round of the Petticoat Series, though it was far from attractive.

Leaving from post position two, she jumped in the first turn, then righted the ship, Vintage Babe made the lead from Southwind Ion (Joe Bongiorno) right at a :28.4 opening quarter-mile. The 1-20 proposition did complete her

appointed rounds (:57.3, 1:26.4, 1:57.2), holding off Southwind Ion by a half-length. Phyllis Jean (Matt Kakaley), as the 47-1 rank outsider, was third in the field of six.

"It became more interesting than I wanted," Gingras said of his minus-pool miss. "(Vintage Babe) just seemed to get excited in the first turn and outpaced herself. Fortunately, she caught herself and was able to make the lead.

"It was her first start on a half (-mile track), so we're going to have to play around the hobbles before next Monday."

For Vintage Babe, a 4-year-old daughter of Vintage Master—Bunkhouse Babe, co-owned by her driver, her trainer (Ed Gannon Jr.), Frank Canzone and Ronald Sabatini, it was her fifth win in eight seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$6.90, with the triple returning \$49.20.

Monday night's other Petticoat events went to:

- Real Diva,4 (Real Desire—Pop Diva); co-owners (as Burke Racing) (trainer) Ron Burke,Weaver Brussemi,Knox Services/driver Gingras; 1:56.1/\$3.70;
- Cousin Mary,4 (by Camluck—Chianti Seelster); owner Jeffrey Williamson/trainer Andrew Harris/driver Jordan Stratton; 1:54.1/\$3.50;
- Northern Soiree,4 (Western Ideal—Yankee Celebration); owner Seth Rosenberg Racing/trainer Scott Blackler/driver Kakaley; 1:56/\$9.70.

— *Frank Drucker / Yonkers Raceway publicity director*

HHYF announces 2017 summer program dates

Baseball training camp has started and spring is just around the corner. That can mean only one thing, the Harness Horse Youth Foundation (HHYF) summer camp schedule and applications are now available. Complete details are at <http://hhyf.org/schedule-applications>.

In a road trip that puts other pro athletes to shame, the HHYF Trottingbreds and their human cohorts will kick off the season June 17-21 with a trip to Harrington Raceway for a five-day overnight camp. In July, HHYF heads to Vernon Downs July 11-15 and Pocono Downs July 18-22, for a pair of overnight camps. After a stop at the Delaware State Fair, Gaitway Farm in New Jersey will host a day camp from July 29-August 2. First level five-day camper fee is \$150, which includes meals, materials and lodging where applicable.

HHYF will also hold its popular Leadership Camp at Goshen Historic Track July 5-9. That camp, for students who

have attended previous HHYF events, is always a home run, filling up quickly. That camp carries an all-inclusive \$200 fee.

Camp applications are due May 15, 2017, so don't strike out. Get that application in. Additional dates will be announced as they are added. For questions or more details go to the website or email executive director Ellen Taylor, ellen@hhyf.org.

Now in its fifth decade of service to harness racing, the Harness Horse Youth Foundation is a charitable 501(c)3 organization dedicated to providing young people and their families educational opportunities with harness horses, in order to foster the next generation of participants and fans. The Foundation has been making a difference in young people's lives since 1976, and its programs include interactive learning experiences with these versatile animals, scholarship programs, and creation and distribution of educational materials. For more information on opportunities through HHYF, or to support its mission, go to www.hhyf.org.

— *Keith Gisser / HHYF*

London horsepeople assist long-time employee

Horsepeople at The Raceway at The Western Fair District in London, ON are once again showing their generosity in support one of their own.

Longtime Raceway paddock employee Bobby Mitz recently underwent surgery after suffering a heart attack and is currently at home and on the mend.

Mitz is one of the first faces that horsepeople see each night when they arrive at the London oval, always there to meet them with a smile and a helping hand as they unload horses that are entered to race that night.

A donation box has been set up in The Raceway paddock and will be there all week long for those who wish to donate.

In response, several of The Raceway's drivers and trainers have graciously offered to donate a portion of their earnings from next Monday night's program to Mitz. The money raised will assist Mitz as he continues his road to recovery.

— *Greg Blanchard / Western Fair*

WEG releases stakes nominees

The lists of eligible horses for all Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) and Alliance stakes in 2017 has been released by the Mohawk race office.

Nominations for most stakes events were due on Feb. 15 and with a sustaining payment quickly approaching on March 15, the full lists of nominees to each event are now available for public viewing.

As announced last week, the Pepsi North America Cup attracted 60 nominees, up from 58 in 2016.

Many events saw numbers hold steady, while several marquee events saw a jump in nominees.

The \$650,000 Canadian Trotting Classic for three-year-old trotters attracted 89 nominees, up from 78 in 2016.

Dan Patch Award winner Walner is among the nominees to Canada's feature race for sophomore trotters. The son of Chapter Seven—Random Destiny won seven of eight starts as a rookie and trotted a world record mile of 1:51.3 at Red Mile for trainer Linda Toscano.

O'Brien Award winner Mass Production, Wellwood Memorial winner Seven And Seven and Valley Victory winner Snowstorm Hanover are also among the eligible trotters.

The 2016 Canadian Pacing Derby winner Wiggle It Jiggleit is eligible to defend his title, as he is one of 42 older pacers nominated to the 2017 event. George Teague's stable star won 15 of 24 starts in his four-year-old season to improve his career record to 38 wins in 51 starts.

The \$600,000 Maple Leaf Trot has attracted 45 nominees, up from 36 in 2016.

Defending champion Resolve is on the list once again. The Ake Svanstedt trainee won a thrilling 2016 Maple Leaf Trot over superstar mare Hannelore Hanover, who is also nominated to this year's event.

The 2016 Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder will jump up to the older ranks this season and is eligible to the Maple Leaf Trot.

The group of 45 nominees also includes a pair of European trotters. Tuonoblu Rex, a five-year-old son of Cantab Hall—Eternity Rex, and Pasithea Face, a five-year-old trotting mare by Muscle Hill, have both been nominated to the Maple Leaf Trot.

Tuonoblu Rex is owned by Stable Why Not from the Netherlands. The trotter has won six of 14 career starts with his most recent start taking place in Germany during

October.

Pasithea Face is owned by Courant AB of Sweden and trained by Lutfi Kolgjini. The five-year-old trotting mare recently won her 2017 debut on February 25 to give her seven wins in 27 career starts.

Nomination numbers for WEG's marquee two-year-old events saw increases for the colts, while the fillies held steady.

The \$700,000 Metro Pace for two-year-old pacing colts saw the biggest leap, as 205 rookies have been nominated to the 2017 event, up from 169 in 2016.

The \$350,000 William Wellwood Memorial for two-year-old trotting colts jumped from 162 nominees in 2016 to 174 nominees for this year's edition.

The \$500,000 Shes A Great Lady for two-year-old pacing fillies attracted 159 nominees for the 2017 edition, down just slightly from 162 in 2016.

The \$350,000 Peaceful Way for two-year-old trotting fillies saw neither an increase nor decrease in nominees, as 164 trotting fillies were nominated for the second consecutive year.

The rest of the nomination totals for WEG stakes are listed below.

Armbro Flight (Trotting Mares) – 31

Casual Breeze (3YO Trotting Fillies) – 83

Elegantimage (3YO Trotting Fillies) – 79

Eternal Camnation (2YO Pacing Fillies) – 142

Fan Hanover (3YO Pacing Fillies) – 69

Goodtimes (3YO Trotters) – 74

Milton (Pacing Mares) – 48

Nassagaweya (2YO Pacers) – 164

Roses Are Red (Pacing Mares) – 47

Somebeachsomewhere (3YO Pacers) – 52

To view the lists of eligible horses for each stakes event, [click here](#).

The first round of sustaining payments for these events is quickly approaching. Sustaining payments are due next Wednesday (March 15). For more information, [click here](#).

— **Mark McKelvie / WEG standardbred communications**

Tioga payments due

Payments to make two-year-olds eligible to and sustain or supplement three-year-olds for the Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) are due by March 15. The annual [stallion nomination](#) payment to make 2017 yearlings eligible to the 2019 EBC is also due.

Also due are the nomination payments to the Roll With Joe FFA pace, Crawford Farms FFA trot, Artiscap FFA mare pace and Joie De Vie (formerly known as the Muscle Hill) FFA mare trot all of which will be raced at Tioga Downs in 2017.

Nomination forms complete with conditions and other pertinent info are available [here](#).

The Tioga Downs [Late Closing series](#) that begin during the month of May also require a \$300 nomination payment by March 15.

Check the [website](#) for information on these stakes and while you're at it, download a stall application and mail it on in so you may enjoy a summer racing at the "Jewel of the Southern Tier" of New York.

— Nick Salvi / Tioga Downs

Monticello to hold leg of World Harness Handicapping Contest

Monticello Raceway in conjunction with the Monticello Harness Horseman's Association will play host to a qualifying leg for the \$50,000 World Harness Handicapping Championship on Thursday March 30, the winner of the qualifying leg will compete in the \$50,000 final at the Meadowlands on April 29, valued at \$800. The Monticello Harness Horseman's Association will provide \$200 for travel expenses to the Meadowlands. Participants will have to select one horse in each of the card's 10 races, there is no entry fee for the contest and participants are allowed one entry per person. Cash prizes in the form of a betting voucher will be awarded to those who finish second (\$125) and third (\$75).

Rules for the contest can be found on www.monticelloraceway.com

— Shawn Wiles / Monticello



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Tuesday's Results:

8, DD, \$15,000, P, FILLIES/MARES 5 Year Olds & Under Non Winners
\$100,001 Lifetime, 27.0, 55.4, 1:22.3, 1:51.1, FT

1-Barbara's Shadow (m, 4, Shadow Play--Bababababarapan, by Artsplace), \$17,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Leigh A Raymer & Victor Kirby & Brian R Hoffecker. B-Winbak Farm. T-Leigh Raymer. D-Victor Kirby, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 41-10-3-5, \$90,636



A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.

THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

2-Westsluckycam (m, 4, Camluck--Terror Of The West, by Western Terror) O-Ctc Stable. B-Harness Horsepower Inc, CA. T-Douglas Lewis. D-Tim Tetrack, \$3,750

3-On Your Six (m, 4, Yankee Cruiser--Armbr Winter, by Camluck), \$7,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-David L Banks & Layfield Horses LLC. B-William L Jones. T-Richard W Lewis. D-Allan Davis, \$1,800
Calls: 1H, 1H, HD, 2, 2 - Finish Order: Bad Lightning, Barefoot Julie, Wiggle It J, Pandaman Sea, In The Shadows

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

10, DD, \$20,000, P, FILLIES/MARES Open Handicap Post Positions
Assigned, 26.2, 55.1, 1:23.1, 1:51.3, FT

1-Scandalicious (m, 6, American Ideal--The Company Store, by Ameripan Gigolo), \$17,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Jfe Enterprise LLC. B-Albert C & Michelle C Crawford. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Tim Tetrack, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 99-24-12-17, \$382,653

A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.

THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

2-Enhance Your Mind (m, 5, Riggins--Enhance The Night, by Western Ideal) O-Bryan J Truitt. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-Bryan Truitt. D-Victor Kirby, \$6,000

3-Sayulita (m, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Fresh Idea, by Western Hanover), \$12,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-David L Banks & Layfield Horses LLC. B-Brittany Farms. T-Richard W Lewis. D-Allan Davis, \$2,400

Calls: 3T, 4H, 1, Q, HD - Finish Order: Mischief Maker N, Sweet Bobbie, K J's Caroline, Nat A Virgin

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

Wednesday's Results:

8, DD, \$15,000, T, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners over \$80,000
Lifetime Non Winners \$80,001 Lifetime to Draw Inside, 27.3, 57.1, 1:26.0, 1:55.1, FT

1-Celebrity Pegasus (h, 5, Andover Hall--Celebrity Athena, by Yankee Glide), \$27,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Wm Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Iaquina & Minisink Farms LLC. B-Andray Farm & John A Carver. T-Eric Ell. D-Art Stafford Jr, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 48-15-8-5, \$171,010

2-United Bi (g, 4, Manofmanymissions--No Ifs Here, by Conway Hall), \$35,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Frank E Chick. B-M Biasuzzi Stable Inc. T-Kevin Lare. D-George Dennis, \$4,500

3-Lucky Ten K (g, 5, Lucky Chucky--Promising Deal, by Promising Catch), \$50,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Donald L Marine. B-Winbak Farm. T-Kyle Moore. D-Ross Wolfenden, \$2,160

Calls: 7Q, 5, 1H, 1, 1T - Finish Order: Charmedndangerous, Bluebird Reverend, Uncle Mack, Myclaintovictory, Bowdie De Vie

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

10, DD, \$20,000, T, Open Handicap Post Positions 1 & 2 Drawn Post
Positions 3 thru 6 Drawn Post Position No. 7 Assigned, 26.2, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:53.1, FT

1-Tough Mac (g, 8, Lockkeeper--Traditional Lady, by Self Possessed)
O-Michael Casalino Jr. B-David W & Carol L Vanderhyde. T-Dylan Davis. D-Corey Callahan, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 117-29-17-12, \$359,399

2-Frost Free Hanover (g, 6, Cantab Hall--Free Spirit, by Dream Vacation), \$15,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Richard Poillucci. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jim King Jr. D-Victor Kirby, \$5,000

3-Market Share (h, 8, Revenue S--Classical Flirt, by Yankee Glide), \$16,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Richard S Gutnick & T L P Stable & William J Augustine. B-Hayley A Moore. T-Linda Toscano. D-Tim Tetrack, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1, 1, NK - Finish Order: Gural Hanover, Buddy Hally, Il Mago, I'm So Striking

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RACE RESULTS

Thursday's Results:

5, DD, \$15,500, P, HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS 5 Year Olds & Under
Non Winners \$100,001 Lifetime, 26.3, 54.2, 1:21.4, 1:50.2, FT

1-All The Cookies (g, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Queen Otr, by Artsplace), \$30,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Richard J Stansbury. B-White Birch Farm. T-Kenneth Mitchell. D-Yannick Gingras, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 31-8-2-5, \$87,705



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PREFERRED EQUINE
Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Tip It On Back (g, 5, Rockin Image--Yasmeen Blue Chip, by Western Hanover), \$9,000 2013 IN-PREM O-Elizabeth Y Brittingham. B-Birnam Wood Farms & Concord Stud Farm LLC. T-Donald Brittingham. D-Bret Brittingham, \$4,650

3-Mcjagersonthemove (g, 5, McArdle--Grand Fancy, by Historic) O-Mark R Howard. B-Tyler J Raymer. T-Willard Reynolds. D-Tim Tetrick, \$1,860

Calls: 1, 1H, 2, 2, NS - Finish Order: White Rolls, Imkeepnthistguy, Big Place, Denslow Hanover, View Land, Machine Team

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10, DD, \$27,500, P, DELAWARE Special Handicap Post Position No. 8 Assigned, 25.4, 54.0, 1:21.2, 1:49.3, FT

1-Emeritus Maximus (h, 7, Rocknroll Hanover--Eternity's Delight, by Bettor's Delight), \$20,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Donald L Marine & Brent E Hall. B-Arlene L & Jules J Siegel. T-Kyle Moore. D-Yannick Gingras, \$13,750, Lifetime Record: 80-21-9-12, \$480,125

A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.
THIS WINNER WAS SOLD AT THE LEXINGTON YEARLING SALE.

2-Sweet Rock (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Penny For Nickel, by Artsplace), \$65,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc & Reginald A Hazzard II & Gary P Calloway. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Wayne Givens. D-Allan Davis, \$6,875

3-Blazing Bobby Sox (g, 6, 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, \$3,300

Calls: 1T, 1H, HD, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Im Supersonic A, Mustang Art, Remember Me Vk, Captive Audience, Seventh Secret

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11, DD, \$15,500, P, HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS Non Winners \$16,001 in Last 6 Starts AE: Claiming \$30,000 With Allowances, 26.4, 55.3, 1:23.0, 1:50.3, FT

1-Poisonous (h, 5, Art Major--She's Poison, by Western Ideal), \$70,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Joshua L Green. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Josh Green. D-Ross Wolfenden, \$9,300, Lifetime Record: 39-7-12-5, \$115,209



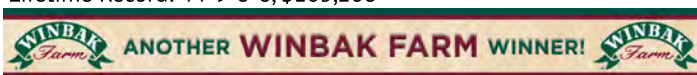
2-Rangers Sureshot (g, 6, Palone Ranger--Cadie's Sure Shot, by Gunthatwonthebest) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Richard H Copp. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$3,875

3-Little Ben (g, 6, Jereme's Jet--Honey's Bud Lite, by Park Place) O-Janet L Hudson & Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Luc R Ouellette, CA & McMaster Stables Inc, CA. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick, \$2,232
Calls: 8H, 5Q, 2T, Q, NK - Finish Order: Go Collect N, Quick Shot, Framed Art, Forty Five Red, Star Messenger, Ballinrobe

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13, DD, \$15,500, P, HORSES/COLTS/GELDINGS 5 Year Olds & Under
Non Winners \$100,001 Lifetime, 26.4, 54.0, 1:21.3, 1:50.1, FT

1-Cloud Speed (g, 4, Dragon Again--Cams Exotic, by Cam Fella), \$17,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Benjamin C Stafford & William O Daggett Jr.. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ben Stafford. D-Art Stafford Jr, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 44-9-8-6, \$105,208



2-Baby Kitty (h, 5, Mister Big--Steph Cress, by Nobleland Sam) O-Eric L Foster. B-Virgil V Morgan Jr. T-Eric Foster. D-Yannick Gingras, \$3,875

3-Fashion Bythebeach (g, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Don'tknocktherock, by Rocknroll Hanover), \$125,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-David D Miller. B-John A Carver & Kenneth W Duffy & Ronald C Michelin. T-Vince Copeland. D-Vince Copeland, \$1,860
Calls: 2T, Q, 1H, 2, 1 - Finish Order: Time Out I'm Tired, Sonny At The Beach, Suchasenseofhumor, Somewhereonthebeach, Jw Renegade, Inforce

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MIAMI VALLEY report

Tuesday's Results:

3, MVR, \$20,000, T, OPEN, 27.3, 56.2, 1:25.1, 1:56.0, SY

1-Dont Rush (h, 5, Infinitif--Color Me Pretty, by Muscles Yankee)

O-Richard M Lombardo & Carl L Atley & Jj&M Stable. B-Dustin Jones Stables Inc, CA. T-Jim Dailey. D-Dan Noble, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 51-18-3-5, \$560,795



2-He's Got Pizazz (g, 5, Jailhouse Jesse--She's Not Red, by Emile Angus), \$8,500 2013 IN-PREM O-Last Laugh LLC. B-Ron E Anderson & Scott B Mogan & William Jeff Johnson II. T-Randy Owens. D-Chris Page, \$5,000

3-Parkhill Lancelot (g, 5, Muscle Mass--Harlequin Seelster, by Duke Of York) O-Brian Witt. B-Parkhill Stud Farm, CA & Betty Bax, CA & Kenneth J Andrews, CA. T-Keri Brammer. D-Michael Oosting, \$2,400
Calls: 4H, 3, 2H, NS, 2 - Finish Order: Penn, Somebody As, I Know My Chip

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RACE RESULTS

THE MEADOWS *report*

Monday's Results:

6, Mea, \$20,000, P, **F&M PREFERRED HANDICAP P.P.1-3 DRAWN; 4-7 DRAWN; 8 ASSIGNED, 26.4, 56.1, 1:23.3, 1:52.2, FT**

1-Spreester (m, 6, 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: 103-35-19-20, \$594,656

2-Lakeisha Hall (m, 4, Third Straight--Lantana Hall, by Art Major)
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Jack B Piatt II. B-Walnut Hall Limited. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$5,000

3-Medusa (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Mythical, by Artsplace), \$60,000
2012 SHS-HBG O-Randall B Bendis & Thomas J Pollack. B-White Birch Farm. T-Randy Bendis. D-Tony Hall, \$2,400

Calls: 6H, 4H, 1H, 1H, H - Finish Order: Show Runner, New Joez, Classic Carpet, Seeyouatthefinish, Rockin Rum Springa

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Tuesday's Results:

1, Mea, \$18,000, T, *F&M W/O \$10,000 LIFE/PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1 ASSIGNED; 2-5 DRAWN; 6 ASSIGNED, 28.1, 59.2, 1:27.2, 1:56.3, SY

1-Bessie (m, 6, Equinox Bi--Cantab's Chorine, by Cantab Hall), \$3,000
2012 BHS O-Paula J Clapper & Umholtz Racing Stable Inc & Kennedy Sports Corp. B-M Biasuzzi Stable Inc. T-Ricky Clapper. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 121-36-15-16, \$289,360

2-Barn Girl (m, 5, Cash Hall--Turquoise Sweetie, by Dream Vacation), \$8,700
2013 BHS O-Renee J Bercury. B-Morrisville Col Fdn Inc. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$4,500

3-Classic Belisima (m, 6, Crazy--Classic Yankee, by Muscles Yankee), \$30,000
2012 LEX-SEL O-William D Cantrell. B-Albert C & Michelle C & Patricia D Crawford. T-John Cabot. D-Eric Goodell, \$2,160
Calls: 1H, 1H, 2H, 1H, T - Finish Order: Homepage, Whata Donato, Elin

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Wednesday's Results:

8, Mea, \$20,000, T, **PREFERRED M, 28.1, 58.0, 1:25.4, 1:55.4, FT**

1-Cantab Lindy (g, 9, Cantab Hall--Lindy N Caviar, by Sj's Caviar)
O-Brent M Davis. B-K R Breeding LLC. T-Brent Davis. D-Mike Wilder, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 141-34-21-19, \$368,057



2-Tricky Nick (g, 5, Band's Gold Chip--Broader Ambition, by Broadway Hall), \$2,600
2013 ILL-CL O-Thomas G Mattingly. B-Dr Patrick Graham. T-Richard Perfido. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$5,000

3-Trustworthy Kid (g, 8, Sj's Caviar--Penn Worthy Lane, by Lindy Lane)
O-Lisa A Dunn. B-Dunn Stable. T-Lisa Dunn. D-Brian Zendt, \$2,400

Calls: 4H, 4, 3, 1H, H - Finish Order: Tall Cotton, Valley Of Sin, Better Caviar, The Triple Lindy

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WOODBINE *report*

Monday's Results:

3, Wdb, \$20,000, T, NW \$13,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$22,500 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$2,500 LAST 3 STARTS. AE: NW \$125,000 LIFETIME, 26.4, 56.2, 1:25.1, 1:53.2

1-Finish Line (b,g,5 - Yankee Glide-Calchips Finisher-Credit Winner)

O-Rene Allard B-Steve Stewart T-Rene Allard D-Louis Philippe Roy, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 45-12-8-5, \$133,466

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2-Major Athens (b,h,7 - Andover Hall-Miss Athens-Self Possessed)

O-Howard Taylor B-Thomas Brice T-Jeffrey Gillis D-Jody Jamieson

3-Odds On Amethyst (b,g,6 - Muscle Hill-Mystical Sunshine-Yankee Glide)
O-William Cripps, Charles Gazzola, Patrick Hudon, Adam Kean
B-Odds On Nourrir T-Patrick Hudon D-Patrick Hudon

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6, Wdb, \$20,000, T, NW \$13,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$22,500 LAST 10 STARTS. E: NW \$2,500 LAST 3 STARTS. AE: NW \$125,000 LIFETIME, 26.4, 56.1, 1:25.3, 1:54.4

1-Rockin With Dewey (b,m,7 - Deweycheatumnhowe-Silky Celine-Angus Hall)
O-Benoit Baillargeon B-Diane Ingham, Harry Rutherford
T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Mario Baillargeon, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 95-21-21-13, \$596,348

2-Big Rich (b,g,5 - Donato Hanover-Kidman Hall-Like A Prayer)
O-9099 3833 Quebec Inc, Frank Spagnolo B-Vieux Carre Farms
T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

3-Its Huw You Know (b,g,5 - Holiday Road-Lukes Elvira-American Winner)
O-Ashleigh Hensley B-Poole Farms, Waples Stable Inc
T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

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9, Wdb, \$25,000, T, NW \$24,000 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$60,000. AE: NW \$160,000 LIFETIME, 26.2, 55.4, 1:25.2, 1:53.4

1-A Rod Hall (b,g,5 - Deweycheatumnhowe-Armbr Archer-S Js Photo)
O-Ken Fitzgerald, William Latimer, Jeff McFadden, Jeff Roberts B-Walnut Hall Limited T-Michiel Vanderkemp D-Michiel Vanderkemp, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 52-12-3-6, \$150,710

2-Etruscan Hanover (b,g,7 - Donato Hanover-Exotic Destination-Dream Vacation)
O-Santo Vena, Nunzio Vena, Claude Hamel Benoit Baillargeon B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Mario Baillargeon

3-Fearless Man (b,g,7 - Elegant Man-Lasting Beauty-Yankee Glide)
O-Rick Zeron Stables, Noblock Racing Stable, Murray Greenfield, Cool Cat Racing Inc B-Bobby Brower T-Richard Zeron D-Richard Zeron

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10, Wdb, \$20,000,, T, NW 4 (FM 6) RACES OR \$72,000 (FM \$91,000)
LIFETIME, 26, 55.4, 1:24.4, 1:53.3

1-Batoutahill (b,m,4 - Muscle Hill-Miss Molly Tamale-Final Score)

O-Michael Andrew B-Michael Andrew T-Michiel Vanderkemp
D-Michiel Vanderkemp, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 33-9-4-6,
\$120,554

2-Free Willy Hanover (br,g,4 - Credit Winner-Free Spirit-Dream Vacation) O-Armando Cappuccitti, Robert Watson, Mike Bartram, Auciello Stables B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Carmen Auciello D-Jonathan Drury

3-Keegan Ho (b,g,4 - Mr Cantab-Helium-Mr Lavec) O-Joseph Cirasuola B-Keith Hough, Lyle Schember T-Joseph Cirasuola D-James MacDonald

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YONKERS report

Monday's Results:

1, YR, \$15,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 2 P-M RACES OR \$20,000
LIFETIME. 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 29.2, 59.2,
1:28.4, 1:58.1, FT

1-Itsnoproblemman (g, 4, General Aidid--Galows Angel, by Blissfull Hall) O-Seth Rosenberg Racing LLC. B-Triple C Stables LLC. T-Scott Blackler. D-Scott Zeron, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 34-6-7-5, \$33,031

2-Eye Candy (g, 4, Mach Three--Racin Pretty, by Nobleland Sam)
O-Gregory C Gardner. B-Diane L Stephenson. T-Donald Billings.
D-Matt Kakaley, \$3,750

3-Jk Nowornever (g, 3, American Ideal--Jk Majorette, by Art Major)
O-William A Hartt. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Lance Hudson. D-Jordan Stratton, \$1,800

Calls: 6, 7H, T, 1H, T - Finish Order: Fast N Victorious, Ka Mate,
Allegiance, Juxlivin My Dream, Rocks It Again

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3, YR, \$20,000, P, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 1ST DIVISION, 28.0, 56.2, 1:26.2, 1:56.1, FT

1-Real Diva (m, 4, Real Desire--Pop Diva, by Western Ideal) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Knox Services Inc. B-Knox Services Inc. T-Ron Burke. D-Yannick Gingras, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 49-8-4-11, \$99,092

2-Angelinmyway (m, 4, Dontgetinmyway--Ron's Blue Angel, by Panspacificflight), \$4,000 2014 HOOSIER O-Scott Tyler George. B-Frank D Baldachino. T-Tyler George. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,000

3-Rei's Star Cross (m, 4, Cheyenne Rei--Albercross, by Albert Albert)
O-Stephen H Davis. B-Joseph F Harris & Thomas C Dawson & Susan Kay Harris. T-Rob Harmon. D-Jim Marohn Jr, \$2,400

Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, T, 1Q - Finish Order: Hearts Wild, Twist Of Fate,
We're Gonna Rock, Dw'sblissfulthinkn, Gurl Band K

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4, YR, \$20,000, P, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 2ND DIVISION, 28.3, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:54.3, FT

1-Cousin Mary (m, 4, Camluck--Chianti Seelster, by Modern Art), \$10,000 2014 CAN-YS O-Jeffrey Williamson, CA. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jordan Stratton, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 22-8-7-2, \$66,543



PREFERRED EQUINE
Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Family Roll Call (m, 4, Roll With Joe--Family Love, by Western Hanover), \$12,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Bay Pond Racing Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-Chris Ryder. D-Daniel Dube, \$5,000

3-St Kitts (m, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Captiva Island, by Western Hanover), \$160,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Michael P Hall. B-Save H Stewart & Conquest Acres Lp. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, Q, 1T, 2T, 5T - Finish Order: Winners Over, Danish N Coffee, Fox Valley Bailey, Thewayulooktonight

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5, YR, \$20,000, P, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 3RD DIVISION, 28.3, 57.3, 1:26.2, 1:56.0, FT

1-Northern Soiree (m, 4, Western Ideal--Yankee Celebration, by Art Major), \$20,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Seth Rosenberg Racing LLC.

B-Anne K Santos. T-Scott Blackler. D-Matt Kakaley, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 45-5-14-6, \$118,199

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2-Mimosa Party (m, 4, Party At Artsplace--Cammosa, by Camotion)
O-Watson Stable. B-Trenton D & Brenda L & Braden A Watson. T-Pat Curtin. D-Jordan Stratton, \$5,000

3-Lucky Player (m, 4, Bettor's Delight--Pure Prize, by American Ideal), \$25,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Synerco Ventures Inc, CA. B-Brittany Farms. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras, \$2,400

Calls: 8, 8H, 2T, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Skinny Dipper, Angels Rockn Pink, Feelin Red Hot, Senseless Beauty, Pretty Real Desire

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1-Vintage Babe (m, 4, Vintage Master--Bunkhouse Babe, by Royal Mattjesty), \$25,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Edwin F Gannon Jr & Yannick Gingras & Frank A Canzone & Ronald A Sabatini. B-Winbak Farm. T-Edwin Gannon Jr. D-Yannick Gingras, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 22-12-4-1, \$97,191



2-Southwind Ion (f, 3, Sportswriter--Its Only Rocknroll, by Rocknroll Hanover), \$40,000 2015 LEX-SEL O-West Wins Stable, CA & Mac T Nichol, CA & Steve W Calhoun, CA. B-Southwind Farm. T-Andrew Harris. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$5,000

3-Phyllis Jean (m, 4, Henry Clay--Art On My Mind, by Artsplace) O-Alan J Beals. B-Thomas L Graham & Thomas L Graham Jr. T-Rick Dane Jr. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,400
 Calls: NS, 1T, 1, 1H, H - Finish Order: Roll With Josie, Doc's Diva, Rosy Outlook, Burden Of Proof, Viva La Voracious

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8, YR, \$20,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 28.2, 58.1, 1:26.4, 1:55.0, FT

1-Bering Sea Hanover (g, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Bold Pink, by Big Towner), \$50,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Chai-Five Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-3, \$31,195



2-Mr Bailando (g, 4, Western Ideal--Allamerican Celeb, by Pro Bono Best), \$15,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Kelly A Hastings. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Timothy Lancaster. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,000

3-Santiago Style (g, 4, Shadow Play--Stylish Smile, by Abercrombie) O-Marcos Ameralis. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Robert Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$2,400
 Calls: 1T, 2, 2, 2Q, 1 - Finish Order: Rocket J, Winning, Pawn Shop Junkie, Toy Cop, Imideal Hanover

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9, YR, \$25,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 27.4, 56.4, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT

1-Wagon Master (h, 4, Western Terror--Free At Last K, by Ball And Chain) O-Robert J Key. B-Winning Key Inc. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 41-12-3-7, \$92,357

2-Another Daily Copy (h, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Court Stenographer, by Artsplace) O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone & T L P Stable & The Gandolfo Stables. B-Carl Sackheim. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$6,250

3-Derecho (g, 4, Big Jim--Stonebridge Breeze, by Camluck), \$60,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Stephen Gordon & Gilberto Garcia-Herrera. B-Save H Stewart & David R Krol. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, \$3,000

Calls: 6H, 6Q, 3, 1H, T - Finish Order: Manny, All Down The Line, Nimble And Quick, Have A Parodi, Happy Andyversary

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10, YR, \$30,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 8 P-M RACES OR \$80,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 27.1, 56.0, 1:25.0, 1:53.0, FT

1-Divas Image (m, 4, Bettor's Delight--Rocknroll Diva, by Rocknroll Hanover) O-Our Horse Cents Stables & Stable 45 & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Mark E Steacy, CA & Bannon Stables, CA & Diane Bertrand, CA. T-Richard Johnson. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 25-8-5-3, \$172,910

2-Square Dancer (m, 4, Western Terror--Armbr Nashville, by Big Towner), \$20,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Michael P Hall. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$7,500

3-Franney Love Dat (m, 5, Major In Art--Who Dat, by Presidential Ball) O-Robert J Lovett. B-Robert J Lovett & Henry M Weinstein. T-Amber Buter. D-Matt Kakaley, \$3,600

Calls: 7, 8Q, 3H, 2Q, 2Q - Finish Order: Freeze Out, Cheyenne Triengel, Islay N, American Major, Chaxiraxi Hanover

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11, YR, \$30,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 8 P-M RACES OR \$80,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 27.2, 57.0, 1:25.3, 1:54.2, FT

1-Settlemoir (g, 4, Western Ideal--Dreams Are Great, by Dream Away), \$105,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Michi Yvette Abday. B-Dana L Steinberg & Joseph V Jannuzzelli & Philip S Steinberg. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 36-6-8-5, \$115,346



2-Rodeo Romeo (h, 5, Rocknroll Hanover--Southwind Vanna, by Artsplace), \$30,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Oompa's Farm Inc & Robert A Mondillo. B-Perretti Farms. T-Chris Ryder. D-Daniel Dube, \$7,500

3-Ballerat Boomerang (g, 4, If I Can Dream--Retail Therapy, by Art Major) O-Adriano Sorella, CA. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Rob Harmon. D-Jordan Stratton, \$3,600

Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 1H, NS - Finish Order: Grand Theft, Fight The Truth, Midnight Lightning, Father Sarducci, Final Justice

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2, YR, \$15,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF 2 P-M RACES OR \$20,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 29.0, 58.4, 1:28.1, 1:57.4, GD

1-Gustavo Fring (g, 3, Explosive Matter--Uf Annka Sister, by Donato Hanover), \$20,000 2015 LEX-SEL O-Gilberto Garcia-Herrera & Michi Yvette Abday. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Gilbert Garcia-Herrera. D-Mark Macdonald, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$27,452

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2-Theresnoway (h, 4, Broadway Hall--American Snowflake, by American Winner) O-Arlene E Cameron. B-Robert J Key. T-Arlene Cameron. D-Matt Kakaley, \$3,750

3-Trotamundo (g, 4, Rc Royalty--Pixie Dixie, by Broadway Hall), \$19,000 2014 MORRIS O-Howard Stables. B-Howard Stables. T-Guy Howard. D-Scott Zeron, \$1,800
Calls: 5H, 6Q, 2, 4, 7 - Finish Order: Stormont Dundas, Midnight Zette, Top Of The Line, I'm Looking At You, Little Macabee

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4, YR, \$20,000, P, SAGAMORE HILL SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS 1ST PRELIMINARY 1ST DIVISION, 28.0, 58.0, 1:27.0, 1:55.2, GD

1-Never Say Never N (h, 4, Bettor's Delight--Maid In Splendor, by Christian Cullen) O-Thomas A Lazzaro & Gerard Stuchbury. B-Breckon Farms LTD, NZ. T-Heidi Rohr. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$31,528

2-Western Tyrant (g, 3, Western Terror--Fans Bikini, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$10,000 2015 SHS-HBG O-Louis J Frascella & A Harris Racing LLC. B-Goldfinger Enterprises. T-Andrew Harris. D-Yannick Gingras, \$5,000

3-Bass Player (g, 3, Sportsmaster--Vavoom Hanover, by Camluck) O-William M Adamczyk & Joshua F Schwartz & Raymond C Hoegen Jr & Alexander Kantonist. B-Cottonwood Farm Inc. T-William Adamczyk. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,400

Calls: 5H, 7Q, NS, 2, NK - Finish Order: Dakota Jack, Magritte, Kentucky Nick

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5, YR, \$20,000, P, SAGAMORE HILL SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS 1ST PRELIMINARY 2ND DIVISION, 27.3, 55.3, 1:24.0, 1:53.0, GD

1-Prejudice (g, 4, Western Terror--Woman Rebels, by Art Major), \$32,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-William L Sartin & Mark Salerno. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-Joseph De Carlo. D-Jordan Stratton, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 25-6-3-2, \$65,480

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2-Declaration Of War (g, 4, Well Said--Loyal Opposition, by Cole Muffler), \$80,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Brandie L Woodley. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-John Woodley. D-Jason Bartlett, \$5,000

3-Quality Bud (g, 4, Quality Western--Rosebud-heather, by Cam's Card Shark), \$700 2014 BHS O-My Buddy Stables. B-Larry J Smith & Jason A Shuck. T-Carl Tirella. D-Vincent Ginsburg, \$2,400
Calls: 2, 1H, 2T, 4, 3H - Finish Order: Fashion Dragon, Roll With Fred, Spinstigator

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6, YR, \$20,000, P, SAGAMORE HILL SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS 1ST PRELIMINARY 3RD DIVISION, 27.1, 56.1, 1:25.0, 1:54.3, GD

1-Ideal Son (g, 4, American Ideal--Sunduel A, by Fake Left), \$26,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Howard A Taylor. B-Eugene Kurzrok. T-Tom Fanning. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 19-4-5-3, \$124,592

2-Stirling Escort (g, 4, Roll With Joe--Lovin A Fool, by Western Ideal), \$25,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Sandbur Farms & Valarie E Sutton & Joseph A Hemingway. B-W J Donovan. T-Linda Kakaley. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,000

3-Lukes Cowboy (g, 4, Brandon's Cowboy--Philotes Nourrir, by Dragon Again) O-Lester Gelardi Jr & Anthony C Passafaro. B-Philip T Valley, CA. T-Monique Cohen. D-Scott Zeron, \$2,400

Calls: 9, 6H, 2, 1H, 1H - Finish Order: Azul Pool, Magical Cowboy, Show The Fashion, Vegas Dream

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7, YR, \$20,000, P, SAGAMORE HILL SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS 1ST PRELIMINARY 4TH DIVISION, 28.1, 57.4, 1:26.1, 1:54.1, GD

1-Artmagic (g, 4, Art Major--Sammy's Magic Girl, by Western Hanover), \$70,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Bamond Racing LLC.

B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr., D-Brent Holland, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 25-5-7-4, \$205,717

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2-Breaktime Hanover (h, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Best Chance Hanna, by Western Ideal), \$50,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Mark S Ford. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Mark Ford. D-Jason Bartlett, \$5,000

3-Century Churchill (g, 4, Mach Three--Im Betting On You, by Bettor's Delight), \$20,000 2014 CAN-YS O-Carly L Roman. B-Century Spring Farms, CA. T-Robert Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$2,400

Calls: 5, 5Q, 5Q, 5, 1H - Finish Order: Home James, Bully Pulpit, Machiavelli, Shoreview

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9, YR, \$20,000, P, SAGAMORE HILL SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS 1ST PRELIMINARY 5TH DIVISION, 28.2, 57.4, 1:27.0, 1:55.0, GD

1-Awesome (g, 4, Mach Three--Fancy A Dream, by Camluck)
O-Martin Scharf. B-Norman J & Julie K & David S Keyes, CA. T-Aaron Lambert. D-Scott Zeron, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 16-10-5-0, \$96,294

2-Wishwasagigolo (g, 4, Ameripan Gigolo--West Wishes, by Western Hanover), \$5,800 2014 ATL-CL O-William L Sartin. B-James Whalen Jr, CA. T-Joseph De Carlo. D-Jordan Stratton, \$5,000

3-Rock Power (g, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Michelle's Power, by Camluck), \$70,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Richard J Banca & Kristen Marie Bartlett. B-Jeffrey S Snyder. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,400
Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 1, 2 - Finish Order: Sure Fired Bet, Michaels Boy, Caribou Beach, Allwillworkout

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10, YR, \$20,000, T, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 3,4&5 YEAR OLDS, 29.2, 59.1, 1:29.3, 1:59.3, GD

1-Casino Cutie It (m, 4, Muscles Yankee--Ginevra Bi, by Lemon Dra)
O-Marlene Taylor. B-Az Agr Biasuzzi, IT. T-William Mullin. D-William Mullin, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 47-4-6-6, \$69,545

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2-Archery (g, 4, Muscle Hill--Sister Sammy, by Yankee Glide), \$25,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Abraham N Basen. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Tom Shay. D-Jason Bartlett, \$5,000

3-Omg Hanover (g, 4, Cantab Hall--Oaklea Opal, by Mr Lavec), \$12,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Mark S Ford. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Mark Ford. D-Yannick Gingras, \$2,400
Calls: 7H, 7T, 3, 3, HD - Finish Order: Moon Dance, Dewtiful Lass, Pick Up The Tab, Bold Dresser, Ridgeway Springs

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Thursday's Results:

7, YR, \$18,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$100,000 IN 2016/17 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 AE. 3,4&5 YEAR OLD F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., 28.2, 58.1, 1:26.1, 1:54.2, FT

1-Rocknroll Vision (m, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Armbro Ophelia, by Cam Fella), \$60,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Michael P Hall. B-Highland Thoroughbred Frm, CA. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 29-7-5-4, \$104,398

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2-Canaco Star (m, 11, Yankee Cam--Dime A Minute, by Life Sign), \$4,500 2007 CANACO O-Brittany M Robertson. B-Marcel J Lacaille, CA. T-Brittany Robertson. D-Mark Macdonald, \$4,500

3-Macho Chick (m, 10, Mach Three--Caliterra, by Camluck), \$27,000 2008 SHS-HBG O-Edward Hall & James R Hall Jr. B-Kendal Hills Stud Farm LTD, CA & Dr David G Legge, CA. T-William Adamczyk. D-Tyler Buter, \$2,160

Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1, 3H, 5H - Finish Order: Nerida Franco N, Jaclyn Hanover, Albany Girl, Lucy's Pearl, Baby Remind Me

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8, YR, \$18,000, P, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.4, 58.0, 1:26.0, 1:54.4, FT

1-Flash Lauxmont (g, 6, Art's Card Trick--Vivid Color, by Art Major), \$1,000 2012 SHS-HBGM O-Brian K Carsey & John E McGill. B-Laumont Farms. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-George Brennan, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 100-15-18-15, \$130,948

2-Wynberg Courage N (g, 8, Courage Under Fire--Benallia, by Ok Bye) O-Durazzano Stable LLC. B-W N Hickey, NZ. T-Agostino Abbatiello. D-Jason Bartlett, \$4,500

3-Pams Legacy (g, 9, The Panderosa--Legacy Of Glory, by Artsplace), \$20,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-William A Hartt. B-Pamela Sue Wagner. T-Lance Hudson. D-Brent Holland, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1T, H, T, T - Finish Order: High Joltage, Natural Leda, Lucky Mctrucky, Mustang Mach N, Classiestar N

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9, YR, \$20,000, P, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$25,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.2, 56.4, 1:24.2, 1:53.1, FT

1-Ardie B Speed (g, 5, American Ideal--Panned Substance, by The Panderosa) O-Pb Racing Stables Inc & Boss Racing Usa. B-Fletcher A Davis & Stephen P Dey IV. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Brent Holland, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 77-14-9-17, \$130,309

2-Meetyouatmidnight (g, 6, American Ideal--Wind Storm, by Presidential Ball) O-Anthony C Passafaro & Lester Gelardi Jr. B-Mac T Nichol, CA. T-Monique Cohen. D-Jason Bartlett, \$5,000

3-Spinarama (g, 8, Cam's Card Shark--Marena Hanover, by Western Ideal), \$17,000 2010 SHS-HBG O-Melissa Guido Stables LLC & Howard Sotoroff. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Allie Reynolds. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,000

3-Durant (g, 5, Dali--Belize, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$10,000 2013 IN-PREM O-Arty L Foster. B-George F Snyder Jr. T-Eric Foster. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,000

Calls: 1H, 1Q, 2T, 3, 3H - Finish Order: Stonebridge Tonic, In Commando, Freeneasy Hanover, Im Drinkin Doubles

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10, YR, \$22,000, P, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 28.1, 58.2, 1:26.3, 1:55.0, FT

1-Dancin Hill (g, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Beyonce Blue Chip, by Art Major) O-Mark S Ford. B-Tom Hill, UK. T-Mark Ford. D-Matt Kakaley, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 80-14-11-8, \$217,400



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Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Nobles Finesse (g, 5, Feelin Friskie--Lady Lonesome, by Nobleland Sam) O-Anthony M Crescio. B-Sam O Noble III. T-Eric Abbatiello. D-Eric Abbatiello, \$5,500

3-Dalhousie Dave (g, 10, Astreos--My Precious Katie, by Precious Bunny) O-Howard A Taylor & Thomas A Lazzaro. B-John D Fielding, CA. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,640

Calls: 2Q, 2T, 3T, 3, 1 - Finish Order: Bettor Reason N, What I Believe, Gypsy Leather, Rock To Glory, Tendtowin

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1-Sweetnsinful (m, 6, American Ideal--Ali Badali, by Artsplace), \$15,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Rick A Dane Jr. B-A.C. Crawford Futures LTD.. T-Rick Dane Jr. D-Jordan Stratton, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 50-14-12-2, \$387,715

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2-Hipnumberone (m, 5, American Ideal--Duncans Artsplace, by Artsplace), \$45,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone. B-Denim Stable. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$4,500

3-Fanticipation (m, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Real Fanfare, by Real Desire), \$13,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Ricky A Bucci. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Brent Holland, \$2,160

Calls: 4, 3T, 3T, 3H, 1 - Finish Order: Millwood Faith N, Bring Me Diamonds, All About Madi, Hooves On First, Let Her Rock, Envious Hanover

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