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Palema Training Center Report

By Dean Hoffman

VERO BEACH, Fla.--The newest Florida center for Standardbreds is a labor of love for Karl Erik Bender, a successful Swedish builder and businessman. He reached the pinnacle of American harness racing when his colt **Alf Palema** (Speedy Somolli) won the 1992 Hambletonian and later added the World Trotting Derby.



Staffan Lind (right) with son Christian (left) at Palema Training Center, Dean Hoffman photo

Palema Trotting Center is a 57-acre facility west of Vero Beach and east of busy I-95. Vero Beach is best known as the spring training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers for many years. The community is two hours north of Pompano Park, about halfway to Daytona Beach.

The largest stable now at the new facility is Celebrity Farms, trained by 46-year-old Swedish native Staffan Lind. He is assisted by his son Christian, 19, while his wife Marie is the most valuable caretaker for Celebrity Farms.

"I have 18 horses in training now," says Lind. "There are stalls for 92 horses and plans for 18 more stalls."

The Celebrity Farm contingent is augmented by some smaller stables, some of whom race at Pompano Park.

Because Palema Trotting is still under development, there was no rush to fill all the stalls this winter, but Lind says that several trainers have already inquired about locating there next winter.

"We have a 5/8-mile Euro-track," he says. "The turns spiral into the stretches and you really don't even feel you're coming out of a turn. Here we have a straight track that we use for speed and a 5/8-mile jog track with a deeper surface. There are 26 paddocks."

Staffan Lind has enjoyed great success training the horses of Celebrity Farms, which is owned by New York businessman Sam Stathis. Stathis and Lind enjoyed an upset victory over **Deweycheatumhow** (Muscles Yankee) with **Celebrity Secret** (Yankee Glide) in a heat of the 2008 Kentucky Futurity.

Stathis operates a major electrical contracting firm in New York and has fallen head over heels in love with harness racing. His exuberance is palpable and he loves to spend time at Palema Trotting sitting behind his horses while tending to business on his cell phone.

Karl Erik Bender has long had a home near the ocean in Vero Beach, and liked the area so much that he realized that it would make an ideal winter training base. Then he found a suitable tract of land.

"Mr. Bender has started three horses in the Hambletonian," notes Lind. "He owned a piece of **Armbro Goal** (Speedy Crown) when he won in 1988. Then Alf Palema won the Hambo in 1992. And he owned part of **Symphonic Hanover** (Cantab Hall) who won a Hambo elimination heat in 2009."

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It's doubtful if any horse will ever replace Alf Palema for Bender. Taken to Sweden for breeding duty, Alf Palema became a champion sire and generated substantial stud fees each year for Bender. He also owned the two best sons of Alf Palema: Gidde Palema (\$4.2 million) and Torvald Palema (\$2.8 million).

One hurdle that Bender had to clear before Palema Trotting became a reality is that local zoning regulations stipulate one home per five acres in that area, but he proposed to add grooms' living quarters at the center. In zooming terms, that's called "residential migrant house facility" and that prompted area residents to think that fruit pickers would be their new neighbors.

Bender, who does not speak English well, used experts fluent in English to assure the zoning board that the grooms would be caring only for the horses and would stay there during the winter season.

Bender's partner in Palema Trotting is Ake Svanstedt, the champion Swedish horseman who has been Bender's trainer in Sweden for many years. He trained and drove both Gidde Palema and Torvald Palema and has been the champion trainer in Sweden many times. Once again in 2010 Svanstedt was the leading trainer in Sweden as his horses won 326 times in 1,818 races. They earned almost 39.2 million kronor or \$6.1 million.

It's anticipated that Svanstedt will relocate some of his horses to Florida and train there in the future. Meanwhile, Lind is training a few prize trotters for Bender in addition to the Celebrity Farms' stock. One is the 2-year-old filly **Dream On Hanover** (Andover Hall), a sister to Hambletonian winner Donato Hanover. The growthy filly was a \$260,000 yearling acquisition.

Another hopeful that Lind is training for Bender is **Winbak Yankee** (Conway Hall), a half-brother to Muscle Hill. He was a \$77,000 yearling last fall.

Around May 1, Lind will ship his horses to Celebrity Farms near Goshen, N.Y., where he will put the finishing touches on them for the racing season.

Lind winter trained in New York for several years, but he and Stathis are sold on the advantages of the Palema Trotting Center.

"I really like it here and I'm looking to buying a home in the Vero Beach area," he says.

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He, Too, Has Defected To Thoroughbreds

(Second in a series highlighting the thoughts of harness bettors)

By Bill Finley

Kevin Power says he's not that big a bettor. But he's big enough—and the struggling harness game needs him. But like Seth Rosenfeld, the first horseplayer profiled in Harness Racing Update's series on bettors, Power has largely abandoned harness racing and now bets thoroughbred racing.



Kevin Power and a four-legged friend

"I grew up exclusively standardbreds and never even watched thoroughbreds outside of the Triple Crown races," said Power, who is 50 and resides in Newfoundland. "For the last year and a half or so, I have bet next to nothing on harness racing. Before, I'd follow the harness races every night. I have a dish and still get the Woodbine and Meadowlands feeds and a lot of

nights I never even turn it on."

During his peak betting years, Power said he bet "a couple of million a year." In a down year, he says he will still wager in the high six figures.

With Power, the decision to abandon harness betting for thoroughbreds wasn't about any one thing. Rather, he says a number of factors came together and made him realize the gambling end of the sport was no longer for him.

"The primary thing, and this goes back to the fact that I am not a wheel-heeled person and don't have a big bankroll, was that the game just got a lot tougher," he said. "My objective was to break even and over a number of years it became a tougher game between the takeout issues and the supertrainer phenomenon, where you get a lot of low-priced horses winning because everyone is betting on the super trainer. It became harder to keep your head above water.

"The best example: two bets I used to like a lot were the Pick 4 and superfectas. Two things killed me with those two bets, particularly at Woodbine.

"Woodbine, about four or five years ago, raised their takeout significantly on the Pick 4. I am one of these guys who likes to analyze things and I would religiously track what kind of bets were showing a positive ROI for me. The Pick 4, for me, was slightly positive. When they raised the takeout it took me from a positive ROI and immediately took me to a negative ROI. That really annoyed me. I decided I just was not going to bet the Pick 4 anymore. When I bet the Pick 4, I always bet a couple hundred dollars minimum. I am not a big whale, but that is still a nice chunk.

"With superfectas, the problem arose when they started letting people bet 10 cents or 20 cents on it. That just killed me. I am not a chalk bettor. I go for value and I used to be good at finding value in superfectas. What I found was that with the onslaught of the 10-cent and 20-cent bets when longshots came in the value was lost. It is now easy for people who are betting 10 cent-tickets to take a random longshot or hit the all button. I saw payouts on longshot winners go ridiculously low at times. That discouraged me."

As a fan, he is bothered by integrity issues and wishes the game could be free of them, but says that from a betting standpoint that doesn't really change anything.

"With harness racing there have always been integrity issues," Power said. "I am not one of those people who think the majority of people cheat or that the sport is rotten. I believe 90 percent-plus are hard working and are honest. It's the small percentage of the bad apples that are hurting the sport. That discourages the fan part of me more than as a bettor. As a bettor, you can deal with that. You can even take advantage of that to a degree by betting on the juicers. "

He's not ready to give up on harness racing, but says the industry has to change to get him back. In some respects, he likes what he has seen of late, with tracks offering guaranteed pools and in some cases, lower takeouts. He also says he thinks the Meadowlands, though not nearly what it once was, is on the upswing and that the racing department has done a good job putting cards together thus far this year. But Power says a lot more needs to be done.

"I know this is more about thoroughbreds, but look what they did in California and raised takeout," he said. "To think anyone thinks that is a solution is ridiculous. That was like stabbing yourself in the heart. The industry needs to understand they are no longer working in a monopoly situation. They have to do things to compete."

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Today's News cont.

Report: New Slots Efforts Being Made in Illinois

According to the Illinois Statehouse News, State Rep Lou Lang is again pushing legislative efforts to allow Illinois tracks to have slot machines. To read the full story click [here](#)

Purse increase announced at Tioga Downs

Tioga Downs has announced that with the opening of live racing in 2011, the condition sheet will reflect a 10 percent purse increase across the board. The top class at Tioga Downs in 2010 was going for \$15,000 and will now be racing for \$16,500 in 2011. Stall applications can be found online at www.tiogadowns.com along with a list of Tioga's early and late closing events for 2011. "This goes to show how hard work between management and the horsemen's group can pay off," said Jason M. Settlemoir, VP of Racing and Simulcast. "We feel that Tioga's purses are very competitive with many of the locations around us in New York and Pennsylvania and give horsemen another great place to race." Tioga Downs will host a 61-day race meet in 2011 that kicks off on Saturday, May 7 (Kentucky Derby Day) and continues through Saturday, Sept. 10. Tioga will continue with its Friday, Saturday and Sunday race schedule and will also race on eight Mondays in 2011. The marquee event of the race season at Tioga Downs, the fifth annual Drivers' Championship, has been moved back later in the year for 2011 and will now fall on Sunday, Aug. 28. The Drivers' Championship will co-highlight one of the biggest race days for the Empire State with the \$420,000 (est.) Zweig Memorial Trot. "We are looking forward to Aug. 28, as we feel it is going to be one of the biggest race days that we have ever had at Tioga," said Settlemoir. "The Drivers' Championship, paired up with the Zweig, is going to be a great day for fans to be in Nichols, New York, to watch the sport's best drivers and horses compete for a lot of money." Another date to mark on the calendar is Monday, Aug. 1, as Tioga Downs will take part in the World Drivers' Championship. Drivers from all over the world including Australia, Denmark and New Zealand will compete in a five round Championship at five different tracks on the East Coast. Tioga Downs will be the second round of the championship on Aug. 1 with a post time of 6 p.m. For more information on Tioga Downs or Vernon Downs, along with racing calendars, visit www.tiogadowns.com or www.vernondowns.com.

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Meadowlands Report

By Mike Farrell

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Hall of Famer Ray Remmen, like everyone in harness racing, is rooting for the Meadowlands to pull through its survival crisis. The signs are encouraging. Jeff Gural submitted his proposal to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Thursday to assume operation of the existing facility while launching construction of a smaller replacement grandstand. It is the best, and undoubtedly last, hope to keep the Meadowlands alive, preserving a tradition that began when Remmen won the very first race at the brand new track on Sept. 1, 1976.

Along with Jim Doherty, Remmen and his brother Larry are last of the original Big M pioneers still competing here who answered the call from race secretary Joe DeFrank to help launch the glittering new track in northern New Jersey just minutes from New York City. "We're still here." Remmen said. "We'll be here as long as the doors are still open. We'll be the last ones here when they turn out the lights."

After all these years, the Remmens are still a factor with seven wins at the current meet from only 24 starters. They have already captured a winter series, the Aquarius with Allthatgltrsisgold (Cam's Card Shark). On Saturday night they aim for another final with the duo of Jimmie Hanover and Art Professor in the \$100,000 Four Leaf Clover. Both 4-year-olds are sons of Art Major.

It's been a good winter, and Ray Remmen is hopeful there will be many more seasons at the Meadowlands. While hope is a valuable commodity, at heart, Remmen is a realist.

"I've lost a lot of owners over that," Remmen said. "They tell me to be more optimistic. I just want to tell them where they're at. That's just kind of my style. Sometimes it doesn't go over very good."

He looks at the cold reality of the Meadowlands today and wonders if the economics can work.

"He (Gural) is a pretty brave man to take this on." Remmen said. "I'm optimistic that it's going to come. But it is a big job to take this thing over. I don't know how we'll generate enough for purse money to keep it going. With less money, it will be hard to hold the caliber of horses."

Rounding up quality horses was rarely a problem during the Meadowlands golden era. Remmen had his fair share, winning the very first Hambletonian at the Meadowlands with Shiaway St. Pat in 1981 and the Meadowlands Pace with Beach Towel, the 1990 Horse of the Year.

The barn is the track's all-time leader in wins as it closes in on 1,600. While the stable is smaller now than in the past, Remmen hopes to keep chipping in. **Cont. p5**

"It will be great if they can do it." Remmen said of the Meadowlands rescue. "If he does it, we'll do our best to back him even though we don't have that much as far as racehorses. We just have a few colts to race in Sires Stakes in New York and New Jersey."

Remmen had a front-row seat for the entire Meadowlands experience, from the heady early days when the track minted money to today's desperate fight to stay alive. Many things have changed in that time span.

"People just lost interest in our product," Remmen said. "I think our product is still pretty good. It started 15 to 20 years ago with the competition for the entertainment and the gambling dollar cannibalized the business. People have too many options and we're not what people are looking for. Everyone knows we've had a problem for a long time and everybody says we've got to do something different. There are a lot smarter people out there than me but no one seems to come up with an idea to draw people to the track.

"It just slowly, slowly slid away on us. People talk about how the racing is different, with the speed and not as much movement in races. I don't think that's the reason they don't come. I just think they're not as interested as they used to be."

Two for the Money in the Four Leaf Clover...

Of his two horses in the Four Leaf Clover, **Art Professor** is Remmen's best prospect. Ben Wallace sent to horse to Remmen for the Meadowlands winter series, a move that has worked out nicely. He has won three races this season, including a leg of the Aquarius series. Art Professor has had an interesting journey through the Four Leaf Clover. He made a break in the opening round, a miscue Remmen can explain.

"He saw something on the racetrack," he said. "On the replay, there was something there he stepped over." Last week, Art Professor overcame the second tier to get third. He made a bold move turning for home before flattening out a tad in the final strides.

"He didn't get a good run at it," Remmen said. "He was caught back in traffic. He just had to go a little too far. He had to go three wide a little early. He just flattened out in the last few steps. It was almost three-eighths of a mile and he needed to get dragged into it. If he's in play somewhere along the line, I think he'll be real competitive."

Remmen co-owns **Jimmie Hanover**, a productive winner of \$199,739 last year with much of that coming on the New York Sires Stakes circuit, with longtime client John Lichtenberger. Remmen took a calculated gamble, having Jimmie Hanover make his season debut in last week's second round. He finished seventh in a race he clearly needed. More importantly, the race got him a spot in the final which drew only seven starters.

"I don't know if he's quality enough to go with them, but I was pleased enough with his first start," Remmen said. "It was just by luck, and we usually don't figure these things out right. We didn't think there would be that many in there. I didn't think it would just be seven. We didn't get a check but it was good enough to get him into the final. We didn't rush him for this series. Last week was like his second qualifier."

Jimmie Hanover drew the rail with John Campbell set to drive. Ron Pierce will again handle Art Professor from post No. 7.

The two Remmen entrants are up against a trio from the Ron Burke barn: **Code Word** (Western Terror), **Get It Now** (Western Hanover) and **Windsong Gorgeous** (Rambaran). Simon Allard, a rising driving star in Canada, makes his Meadowlands debut this weekend. He will steer **Strand Hanover** (Modern Art) in the Four Leaf Clover. **Valentino** (Rocknroll Hanover), last week's winner, completes the field. The seven horses are uncoupled in the wagering.

Saturday, March 19, Meadowlands

Four Leaf Clover, \$100,000, pace, race 5

PP	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Jimmie Hanover	John Campbell	Remmen
2	Code Word	Yannick Gingras	Burke
3	Get It Now	Brian Sears	Burke
4	Valentino	David Miller	Surick
5	Windsong Gorgeous	Brandon Simpson	Burke
6	Strand Hanover	Simon Allard	Rene Allard
7	Art Professor	Ron Pierce	Remmen

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Friday's Results:

6, M, \$129,000, Pace, OVERBID - Final Free For All

Mares, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.3, 1:50.4, FT

1-Not Enough (m, 5, Grinfromeartoear--Party Planner, by Presidential Ball) O-Bulletproof Enterprises.

B-Tactical Armor Ents. T-Chris Oakes. D-Ron Pierce, \$64,500, Lifetime Record: 40-19-8-6, \$1,287,911

2-Laughandbehappy (m, 5, Badlands Hanover--Zinful, by Arturo) O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Mentally Stable Inc & Robert Cooper Stables LLC & Jerry Silva.

B-Linwood M & Amy M Higgins. T-Ross Croghan. D-David Miller, \$32,250

3-Ginger And Fred (m, 5, Real Artist--Graceful Motion, by Beach Towel), \$25,000 2007 LEX-SEL. O-Howard A Taylor & Robert M Feldman & Edwin J Gold & Jerry Silva.

B-Ronald Mersky. T-Ron Burke. D-Brian Sears, \$15,480

Calls: 1Q, 1, 2, 4, NK

Finish Order: Omen Hanover, Cuz She Can, Ideal Newton, Jasperthat A, On The Glass, Western Graduate

Not Enough had just enough left in her tank to hold on to victory in the \$129,000 Overbid final on Friday night at Meadowlands Racetrack. First to the lead, Not Enough made On The Glass work hard to clear the top in a :55.1 opening half before popping back out to re-take command. She opened up to a three-length lead at the top of the stretch and barely held off Laughandbehappy by a neck for the victory in 1:50.4. Ginger and Fred sat third the whole way and picked up the show money. Sent off the 8-5 favorite, Not Enough paid \$5.20 to win the sixth race feature with Ron Pierce in the sulky. The 5-year-old mare, trained by Chris Oakes, improved her record to three wins in four starts this season. At three, Not Enough won the 2009 Mistletoe Shalee in a then-world record time of 1:49 at the Meadowlands. "I figured [Ron Pierce] would race her a little more aggressively than he did last week," Oakes said. "I knew tonight he would put her in a spot where it was 'catch me if you can.' I just knew he was going to feed her race-track, and I thought she was the best mare in the race. We had a few anxious moments late, but thank God, she hung on and got the job done." --Amy Silver

9, M, \$27,500, Pace, Fillies and Mares Preferred Mares

That Raced N/W \$12,000 or Less Last Start To Draw

Inside, 27.0, 54.3, 1:23.0, 1:51.2, FT

Delightful Diva (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Mellowood

Abby, by Abercrombie), \$47,000 2006 SHS-HBG. O-Kdm Stables Corp.. B-Walnridge Farm Inc. T-Lou Pena. D-Brian Sears, \$13,750, Lifetime Record: 104-24-14-18, \$401,033

*1/2 to Duke of Abby (Dexter Nukes), \$944,694

8, M, \$20,000, Trot, N/W \$16,000 (Mares \$18,500) in Last 5 Starts AE: N/W \$75,000 (Mares \$90,000) Lifetime Optional Claiming Price \$50,000 AE: N/W \$100,000 in 2011 to Draw Outside, 27.4, 56.4, 1:25.2, 1:53.4, FT

All About Justice (g, 7, Sjs Caviar--Justeen Hall, by Victory Dream), \$20,000 2005 SHS-HBG. O-John A Furfaro & Michael H Simons. B-Jayne G Cummins. T-Gail Wrubel. D-Andy Miller, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 42-15-14-3, \$204,213



Friday's Results:

5, YR, \$32,500, Pace, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-4 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 5-8

DRAWN, 7, 26.3, 55.0, 1:24.0, 2:00.0, FT

1-Save My Shark (m, 5, Four Starzzz Shark--Save My Life, by Life Sign), \$25,000 2007 SHS-HBG

O-Joe Sbrocco & Frank Dettore Horse Racing LLC & James Russell Arledge. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-Tony Alagna. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$16,250, Lifetime Record: 74-13-9-13, \$210,837

2-Up Front Kellie Jo (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Life's Highway, by Life Sign), \$40,000 2007 LEX-SEL

O-C Ed Mullinax & Mark S Ford. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Mark Ford. D-Cat Manzi, \$8,125

3-Twin B Tiara (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Hawaiian Giggles, by Die Laughing), \$20,000 2005 SHS-HBG

O-Robin Bruce Batcho & Monico P Stanislaio. B-Twinbrook Limited, CA. T-Monico Stanislaio. D-Jeff Gregory, \$3,900

Calls: NS, 1, H, 1H, NK

Finish Order: Monochromatic, Headpoles R Us, Hula's Z Tam, Giveittoemstaight, Legerdepan

Favored Save My Shark (Jim Pantaleano) was both active and effective Friday night, winning Yonkers Raceway's co-featured \$32,500 Filly and Mare Open Handicap Pace. Leaving from post position No. 5, she was in the early fray through quick fractions. Save My Shark played leapfrog on the lead with Giveittoemstaight (George Brennan) in between intervals of :26.3 and :55. She had a first-up challenger in Twin B Tiara (Jeff Gregory) going toward the 1:24 three-quarters. Save My Shark disposed of that one, taking a length-and-a-quarter lead into the lane. She found the mile in 1:52.3, getting the mile and one sixteenth a neck to the good in two minutes flat. Up Front Kelli Jo (Cat Manzi) rolled into second, with Twin B Tiara, Monochromatic (Jason Bartlett) and Headpoles R Us (Ryan Anderson) completing the cashers. For Save My Shark, a 5-year-old daughter of Four Starzzz Shark trained by Tony Alagna for co-owners Frank Dettore Horse Racing, Jim Arledge and Joe Sbrocco, she returned \$4.60 for her third win in seven seasonal starts.--Frank Drucker

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7, YR, \$32,500, Trot, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-3 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 4-8 DRAWN, 7, 27.3, 57.1, 1:26.4, 2:02.2, FT

1-Neighsay Hanover (h, 5, Muscles Yankee--Nan's Conway, by Conway Hall), \$120,000 2007 LEX-SEL
O-Raymond W Schnittker & Theodore Gewertz & Leif Alber, DE & Charles V Iannazzo. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Ray Schnittker. D-Jeff Gregory, \$16,250, Lifetime Record: 49-11-7-8, \$732,409

2-In Focus (g, 6, S J's Photo--Beverly Crusher, by Balanced Image), \$21,000 2006 NJ-CL. O-Christina Takter & John D & Jim H Fielding, CA. B-Steve D Organ, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Daniel Dube, \$8,125

3-Shoeless White Sox (h, 6, Mr Lavec--Northern Style, by Earl) O-Chris Alexander Stbls Inc, CA. B-Chris Alexander, CA. T-Mark Harder. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$3,900

Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1, 2, H

Finish Order: New Hampshire Boy, Salutation Hanover, Friendly Amigo, I Know Magic, Trottin Troy

Friday night's \$32,500 Open Handicap Trot found Neighsay Hanover (Gregory) two-moving to the lead, then fighting off a late charge by 4-5 choice In Focus (Dan Dube) in a track-record effort. Leaving from post No. 3, "Neighsay" and Shoeless White Sox contested the :27.3 opening quarter-mile. The former retook, then rated a :57.1 half before lone lass Friendly Amigo (Bartlett) made her second move. Neighsay Hanover continued through a 1:26.4 three-quarters, with a couple of lengths turning for home. "Neighsay" hit the mile marker in 1:55.2, then fended off a furious foray by In Focus in a new added-distance standard of 2:02.2. In Focus missed a half-length, with Shoeless White Sox, New Hampshire Boy (Brennan) and Salutation Hanover (Manzi) rounding out the payees. For Neighsay Hanover, a 5-year-old son of Muscles Yankee co-owned by (trainer) Ray Schnittker, Charles Iannazzo, Ted Gewertz and Leif Alber, he returned \$5.40 (second choice) for his first win in three '11 tries. The exacta paid \$14.20, the triple returned \$134 and the superfecta paid \$422.50.--Frank Drucker



Neighsay Hanover

Yonkers photo

1, YR, \$12,500, Pace, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 1ST DIVISION, 28.0, 57.4, 1:26.4, 1:56.0, FT
Free Fi Girl (m, 4, The Panderosa--Catherine Renee, by Laag) O/B-Richard Bogen. T-Paul Jessop. D-George Brennan, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 25-4-5-2, \$56,279

2, YR, \$12,500, Pace, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 2ND DIVISION, 28.4, 58.2, 1:26.4, 1:54.4, FT
Lorrie Please (m, 4, Western Ideal--National Gallery, by Artsplace), \$15,000 2008 SHS-HBG. O-Allen H & Ira S Kaplan & David M Sheib. B-Gary S Machiz & Barry Rubenstein Farms LLC. T-Michael Hall. D-Jason Bartlett, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 20-9-3-2, \$75,600 *1/2 to Smithsonian (Western Hanover), \$446,240

4, YR, \$12,500, Pace, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 3RD DIVISION, 29.1, 57.3, 1:26.3, 1:55.2, FT
Virgin Mary (f, 3, Village Jolt--Sistermarymargaret, by Dragon's Lair), \$4,000 2009 LEX-SEL. O/B-Howard A Taylor. T-Tom Shay. D-George Brennan, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-0, \$51,896

6, YR, \$12,500, Pace, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 4TH DIVISION, 29.0, 58.4, 1:26.4, 1:55.4, FT
Hank's Queen (m, 4, Real Artist--Roses For Sammie, by Cam's Card Shark), \$6,500 2008 SHS-HBG. O-Brian S Gordon. B-Arlene L & Jules J Siegel. T-Julie Miller. D-Jason Bartlett, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 40-4-5-4, \$42,823

8, YR, \$12,500, Pace, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 5TH DIVISION, 29.0, 58.0, 1:26.2, 1:54.4, FT
Full Picture (m, 4, Artsplace--Heather's Western, by Western Hanover), \$52,000 2008 SHS-HBG
O-Marvin J Rounick. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Jerry Silverman. D-Jason Bartlett, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 29-4-5-5, \$298,391

9, YR, \$12,500, Pace, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 6TH DIVISION, 28.2, 58.4, 1:27.3, 1:56.4, FT
Mystical Diva (f, 3, Western Ideal--Schoolofcardknocks, by Cam's Card Shark), \$80,000 2009 LEX-SEL
O-Mystical Marker Farms LLC & Sandra J Dyer & Louis A Willinger. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Tony Alagna. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$37,670

11, YR, \$12,500, Pace, PETTICOAT SERIES 3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES 1ST PRELIMINARY 7TH DIVISION, 28.4, 59.0, 1:27.3, 1:56.4, FT
A And G Desire (f, 3, Allamerican Native--Ever Running, by Run The Table), \$11,000 2009 SHS-HBG. O-John S Loiko & Richard N Bartlett. B-Winbak Farm. T-Scott Blackler. D-Jason Bartlett, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$15,105

10, YR, \$23,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 7, 27.2, 57.4, 1:26.2, 2:03.0, FT
Baby Boy Grin (g, 6, Grinfromeartoe--Orillia Babe, by Jate Lobell) O-Larry D Stalbaum & Michael Sorentino Jr. B-Perfect World Enterprises. T-Kimberly Asher. D-Larry Stalbaum, \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 59-16-8-6, \$196,937

13, YR, \$23,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$25,500 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 7, 27.0, 55.2, 1:24.2, 2:00.2, FT
Run On Luck (m, 8, Northern Luck--Yarmila, by Allwin Steady) O-Casie Coleman Stables Inc, CA & J Robert Darrow & Ron D Broadstone. B-Murray A Jones, CA. T-Casie Coleman. D-Daniel Dube, \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 101-34-13-9, \$358,010

3, YR, \$20,000, Trot, NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 7, 28.0, 58.4, 1:27.3, 2:03.3, FT
Benns Sure Thing (g, 10, Keystone Nordic--Stand On Ceremony, by Supreme Lobell) O-Kevin R Reynolds. B-Bennett Farms Inc Of Mi. T-Keith Armer. D-Cat Manzi, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 192-52-24-24, \$290,576

12, YR, \$20,000, Pace, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$18,000 IN LAST 6 STARTS, 7, 26.3, 56.2, 1:25.0, 2:00.2, FT
Mememe (m, 6, Dragon Again--Missy B Cool, by Jate Lobell), \$4,500 2006 CHESAP. O-Eric A Prevost. B-Wayne A Shaffer Jr & Wayne A Shaffer III. T-Kimberly Asher. D-Larry Stalbaum, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 68-23-8-14, \$146,479

The star-crossed \$100,000 Cam Fella Final takes place Saturday night at Woodbine. Nothing has gone quite right thus far in the stakes for 4 and 5-year-old pacers. For starters, the race lost the undefeated St Elmo Hero (Western Hero) when he went to the sidelines with an illness and an injury. His participation would have vastly stimulated interest in the race. A cancellation then delayed the elimination and the final by a week. Barring any additional mishaps, nine will line up for the final with **Meirs Hanover** (Artsplace) the one to beat as the 2-5 morning-line favorite from post No. 5. The 4-year-old is 5 for 7 this season with a pair of seconds. He had already banked \$104,400 in 2011, thanks to wins at the Meadowlands in the Clyde Hirt and Exit 16W finals for trainer Ron Burke. He switched to David Menary's care for his Canadian engagements, and kept right on rolling. He dominated last week's elimination, winning handily in 1:51.3 despite missing almost a month. Meirs Hanover, with Jody Jamieson at the lines, figures to be even sharper for the final. That spells bad news for the rest of the field. **Jackets Required** (Allamerican Ingot) would be better positioned for an upset if not for a recent dose of post-position blues. He was second last week to Meir Hanover from post 8. He landed te outside slot for the final with Randy Waples driving for trainer Bob McIntosh. --Mike Farrell

Friday's Results:

6, Wdb, \$100,000, Pace, DAMSEL - FINAL - 4 & 5 YEAR OLD MARES. NON-WINNERS \$100,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2010, 27.3, 55.3, 1:23.1, 1:51.4, FT

1-I Lady (m, 4, Western Ideal--Gorey Daze, by Presidential Ball) O-M And L Of Delaware Inc.

B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc, PA. T-J Gillis.

D-J Jamieson, \$50,000, Lifetime Record: 30-7-5-5, \$158,310.

2-Didrickson (m, 5, Keystone Raider--Strikadeeze, by Armbr Cadet) O/T-Kelly F Goodwin. B-Larry Cohen & Kelly F Goodwin, MI. D-Randall Waples, \$25,000.

3-Spirit To Spare (m, 5, Artsplace--Bust Out The Bid, by Hit The Bid) O-James R Switlyk. B-Winbak Farm & Lloyd F Arnold, MD. T-Ian Reid. D-Paul MacDonald, \$12,500.

Finish Order: Rub N Tug, Rockn Highland, Mcgain N Mcgain, Highland Dancer, Ardor Locke, Racino Star, L H Nenia.

Woodbine Report

Saturday, March 19, Woodbine

Cam Fella--Final, \$100,000, pace, race 6

PP	HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	ML
1	Fitzs Z Tam	Oulette	McMaster	25-1
2	Sniper Seelster	Macdonnell	Lindsey	12-1
3	Aled Hanover	Zeron	O'Sullivan	8-1
4	Golden Time	McNair	R Allard	20-1
5	Meirs Hanover	Jamieson	Menary	2-5
6	Web Cam	S Fillion	Drew	15-1
7	Ideal Gift	Zeron	Zeron	15-1
8	Shifin Geartogear	Hudon	Brethour	25-1
9	Jackets Required	Waples	McIntosh	5-1

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6, Wdb, \$100,000, Pace, DAMSEL - FINAL cont.

On a night of upsets at Woodbine, I Lady and driver Jody Jamieson provided a 23-1 (\$46.00) upset in the \$100,000 Damsel Stakes final, equaling the stakes record. From the start, Mark MacDonald sent Rub N Tug quickly to command to lead her nine rivals past the opening panel in :27.3, ahead of I Lady and Spirit To Spare (Paul MacDonell).



I Lady gets it done in the Damsel

Woodbine photo

As the fillies marched towards the half, I Lady was on the move as Jamieson guided her to the front from the pocket, but that would not last long as Spirit To Spare was also on the move. Spirit To Spare, the heavy favourite, took over command from I Lady and led her rivals into the final turn. L H Nenia (Phil Hudon) committed first-over with Didrickson (Randy Waples) enjoying the second-over trip as Spirit To Spare led through three-quarters in 1:23.1. Turning for home, Spirit To Spare held a narrow lead, but she was hauled down by pocket-sitter I Lady, who kicked home in :28.2 to post the one-length decision in 1:51.4. Didrickson and Spirit To Spare tasted defeat for the first time in 2011 as they finished second and third, respectively.

In the second race on the card, a Fillies and Mares Preferred event for \$32,000, second choice Warrawee Koine (Astreos) defeated favored Pancleefandarpels (Noble Ability)--Greg Gangle

2, Wdb, \$32,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED,
28.1, 57.1, 1:39.2, 1:53.2, FT

Warrawee Koine (m, 5, Astreos--My Gal Hall, by Cambest) O-Dr Michael R Wilson. B-Warrawee Farm, ON. T-Colin Johnson. D-Richard Zeron, \$16,000, Lifetime Record: 42-15-4-5, \$298,758.

Mid-Atlantic Report

Friday's Results:

9, Chst, \$30,000, Trot, Winners Over \$25,000 Lifetime,
28.0, 56.3, 1:24.0, 1:52.3, FT

1-Winning Mister (h, 5, Angus Hall--Winning Missbrenda, by American Winner) O/B-Robert J Key. T-Walter Carroll. D-Matt Kakaley, \$15,000, Lifetime Record: 84-18-16-10, \$544,344

2-Pembroke Prayer (g, 7, Like A Prayer--Super Earl, by Earl) O-Mark S Ford & William L Varney. B-William L Varney. T-Mark Ford. D-Tyler Buter, \$7,500

3-Zitomira (m, 6, Donerail--Pinestruction, by Pine Chip), \$6,000 2006 NJ-CL. O-Jacqueline M Ingrassia. B-Dr John M Egloff & Arden Homestead Stable. T-Frank Ingrassia. D-Jim Marshall III, \$3,600

Calls: 1H, 1T, 3Q, 2T, 3H

Finish Order: Wind Surfer, Wuthering Hanover, Guiding Light

Winning Mister made a break in his first start of the year at Yonkers back in late January, but has been on a roll since, winning his next three. Tuning up for this with a qualifying score at the Meadowlands Mar. 4, the 5-year-old was the 3-5 choice to extend the streak. Racing wide into the first turn, he took command and got to the half in :56 3/5. He kept on motoring in advance of driver Matt Kakaley and established a new lifetime mark in a strong performance.

Australian Winners By North American-Based Sires

3-18, Gloucester Park--1/2 mile track

Caduceus Club 3yo Classic, 2,100 meters--\$40,000

Ohokas Bondy NZ (c, 3 by Bettors Delight out of Asabella). O-Bond, Carville, et. al. B-Creighton & Gillan. T-G.F.J. Bond. D-C.D. Brown. 2:00.9 (mile rate)--\$25,000

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