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Coughlin tops Spring Mixed Sale with \$65,000 bid; sale average down

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Three-year-old trotting colt Coughlin, a recent winner of a New York Excelsior event at Tioga Downs, fetched a sale-topping bid of \$65,000 from Vito Cucci of Belmar, NJ.

Coach Tom Coughlin led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles. Sunday, just across the parking lot from the Giants and Jets' MetLife Stadium, Coughlin's equine namesake was the star of the Tattersalls Spring Mixed Sale in the paddock at the Meadowlands Racetrack.

Coughlin the three-year-old trotting colt, topped the sale with a bid of \$65,000 made by Vito Cucci of Belmar, NJ.

Coughlin, a son of Credit Winner out of Kelly Hall, has a record of 4-0-1 in six starts this year and won a \$15,000 New York Excelsior test in his last start (May 29) at Tioga Downs for trainer Ron Burke.

Three horses tied for the next highest priced sold at the Spring Mixed Sales with identical bids of \$50,000 – Rockin Ronnie a three-year-old son of Rockroll



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Hanover—Flibbertigibbet sold to Terry Langille of Brantford, ON as agent for Maple Leaf Racing; Roll Away Joe a three-year-old gelded son of Roll With Joe—Chatelaine purchased by Howard Taylor of Philadelphia and Better Said, a four-year-old Well Said—Ultimate Bet mare who has earned nearly \$170,000 lifetime was purchased by Kyle Spagnola of Saratoga Springs, NY.



Langille also bought the next highest priced horse sold — three-year-old Somebeachsomewhere—Be Bop A Lula mare Jump Jive And Jam — for \$47,000 and was the sale's leading buyer with \$97,000 in total expenditures.

Preferred Equine Marketing was the sale's leading consignor with 61 horses sold for a gross of \$1,267,200 and an average of \$20,774. Preferred also sold all seven of the horses that fetched bids of \$40,000 or more.

"We had a strong consignment," said Preferred's David Reid. "We were pleased with the results and our clients are pleased with the results. Horses were traded at fair market value and I'm very pleased with the results of the sale."

Technically, the highest bid on the day also belonged to Preferred, but it was a \$77,000 buy-back for Summer Side, a Well Said—Beachy Lady two-year-old who finished second in his baby race Saturday (June 4) in a race timed in 1:55 and a last quarter in :27.3

"Summer Side failed to meet the reserve, but we had a lot of interested parties bidding on that horse and we just fell a little short. We're working on something to consummate a deal post-sale," Reid said.

The second-highest price fetched was the \$67,000 Northwood Bloodstock bid to buy back Capela, a

four-year-old Sportswriter—Capelo Rose mare that also failed to meet her reserve price.

"As in most sales, the ones that are okay, have reasonably good lines and look good, I thought sold very well," said Northwood's Bob Boni. "We weren't dealing with anything that could go for a lot of money, off the charts or so much more than would be anticipated."

In all, 85 horses went through the ring. The sale grossed \$1,621,100 and the average price was \$19,072, down 19 per cent from the average of \$23,556 fetched at the 2015 Spring Mixed Sale when 101 horses grossed \$2,378,200 total. This year's average is down 8.8 per cent from the 2014 average of \$20,921 (from 110 horses selling for a total gross of \$2,301,300).

Reid, the general manager and director of operations of the sale said, "Tattersalls sales management appreciates all the buyers who came, inspected and bid on horses today. The sale ran smoothly and at a good pace and, at the end of the day, the results for the horses sold indicated it was a good sale.

"Comparatively speaking year over years, obviously we're disappointed in the number of horses sold and equally disappointed in the number of outs (33) that we had. Sales company management tries to limit that as best as possible, but sometimes it's just out of our control. Some of these horses may not have been performing up their ability or may have been battling some sickness and some of these horses may be back in our next sale, the upcoming July 31 Mixed Sale at the Meadowlands."

Boni said, "Unfortunately, there was a fair amount of outs. I had a couple of tough breaks on outs."

Northwood was the sale's second leading consignor, selling

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Tattersalls Spring Mixed Sale - Totals

Year	Sold	Gross	Average	% Change Over Previous Year
2016	85	\$1,621,100	\$19,072	- 19.0 %
2015	101	\$2,378,200	\$23,556	+ 12.6 %
2014	110	\$2,301,300	\$20,921	

Tattersalls Spring Mixed Sale - Yearlings (\$40K or more)

Hip	Yearling Name <i>Color, Sex, Sire - Dam</i>	Buyer <i>Consignor</i>	Price
55	Coughlin <i>H, BR, Credit Winner - Kelly Hall</i>	Vito Cucci , Belmar, NJ <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., agent</i>	\$65,000
36	Rockin Ronnie <i>H, B, Rocknroll Hanover - Flibbertigibbet</i>	Terry Langille , agent for Maple Leaf Racing, Brantford, ON <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., agent</i>	\$50,000
37	Roll Away Joe <i>G, B, Roll With Joes - Chatelaine</i>	Howard Taylor , Philadelphia, PA <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., agent</i>	\$50,000
214	Better Said <i>M,B, Well Said - Ultimate Bet</i>	Kyle Spagnola , Saratoga Springs, NY <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., agent</i>	\$50,000
60	Jump Jive And Jam <i>M, B, Somebeachsomewhere - Be Bop A Lula</i>	Terry Langille , agent for Maple Leaf Racing, Brantford, ON <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., agent</i>	\$47,000
212	Newcastle <i>G, B, Cantab Hall - Blushed</i>	Paul Kelley , Gansevoort, NY <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., agent</i>	\$45,000
46	This Day Forward <i>M, BR, Bettor's Delight - Bridesmaid Hanover</i>	Andrew Harris , East Windsor, NJ <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., agent</i>	\$40,000

Tattersalls Spring Mixed Sale - Leading Buyers

Buyer	Purchased	Gross	Average
Terry Langille	2	\$97,000	\$48,500
Vito Cucci	1	\$65,000	\$65,000
Howard Taylor	2	\$60,000	\$30,000
Kyle Spagnola	2	\$58,000	\$29,000
Carmen Auciello	2	\$45,000	\$22,500
Paul Kelley	1	\$45,000	\$45,000
Andrew Harris	1	\$40,000	\$40,000
Adam Bowden, Agent	1	\$35,000	\$35,000
Mark Ford	1	\$34,000	\$34,000
Rocco Ruffolo	1	\$33,000	\$32,000
Brent Davis	2	\$32,000	\$16,000

Tattersalls Spring Mixed Sale - Leading Consignors

Consignor	Sold	Gross	Average
Preferred Equine	61	\$1,267,200	\$20,774
Northwood Bloodstock	20	\$315,900	\$15,795
Frank Chick	3	\$32,000	\$10,667
Tim Wolf	1	\$6,000	\$6,000



There was a good crowd on hand in the Meadowlands paddock for Sunday's sale.

20 horses for a gross of \$315,900 and an average of \$15,795.

Boni said he is “a little frustrated” more people from smaller racing jurisdictions didn’t attend the sale. “I think there’s opportunities there for horses that maybe don’t fit (in New Jersey/New York), or don’t fit the ownership here, that would suit others at different racetracks a whole lot better,” Boni said.

Reid said Tattersalls “will continue to work hard and recruit horses for our upcoming summer mixed sale,” despite a decline in horses.

“It’s challenging now and it’s going to continue to be challenging for a few more years because the foal crops have declined,” Reid said. “Several buyers told me today they came to the auction because they just can’t find horses out there. It’s the marketplace.

“Truthfully, that’s where sharp people should take advantage of the marketplace at a public auction and just try to work their skill and become traders. There is no typical owner. Some owners may like overnights and they may like stakes horses. There are certain owners who buy yearlings strictly for stakes racing. If the horses don’t perform at the top level of the stakes performers, those horses are finding homes with the racehorse guys. It’s the cyclical nature of the business. But the overall numbers are concerning just

because of the reduction of the foal crops of the last few years.”

The next Tattersalls Mixed Sale will be held on Sunday, July 31 at the Meadowlands during Hambletonian Week. Entries are now being accepted.

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Jody Jamieson wins Hippodrome 3R driver's tournament



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Jamieson kisses the trophy with second-place finisher John Campbell (left) and third-place finisher Sylvain Filion looking on.

It came down to the very last race of the competition with four drivers, John Campbell, Jody Jamieson, Tim Tetrick and Sylvain Filion all able to win the inaugural Hippodrome 3R All-Star Driver's Tournament Sunday in Trois-Rivieres, QC with a triumph in the ninth race.

And when the dust (mud actually) settled, it was Jamieson's second-place finish in the ninth race with Matts Phil that won him the tournament.

Also in the tournament were: Yannick Gingras, Daniel Dube, Mario Charron and Denis St-Pierre. They all competed in eight championship races with \$10,000 in prize money on the line.

Jamieson, with his 25 points in the last race, ended with 160 points. John Campbell was second with 135 points and Sylvain Filion third with 128 points.

"This victory is just extra special," Jamieson said. "Going against John Campbell and Tim Tetrick, local stars Denis St-Pierre and Mario Charron, Yannick, Daniel and Sylvain, I'm just ecstatic with this trophy.

"I had no idea of the scores going into the last race. And maybe that was the best strategy going forward. I went into the last race not know, just trying to win it."

Tetrick said he was impressed with Hippodrome 3R. "What a super facility this is," he said. "The turns here are banked perfectly. Even in the rain my horse flew around the turns as if it was a fast track. It is my first time here and I am impressed with this racetrack. The fans get right up on the

fence and you can hear them cheering and shouting for you down the stretch and right to the finish."

Jamieson added, "I must of signed hundreds of autographs and the management at 3R are top notch. Harness racing has such a great following in Quebec and I hope they really do well this season."

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HRU's Dave Landry picture-perfect in media race

Local media celebs swapped headlines for driving lines on Friday (June 3) in Grand River Raceway's third annual Media Race.

Each media personality was paired with a professional driver in a custom two-person jog cart for the half-mile exhibition race.

Award-winning equine photographer Dave Landry of Harness Racing Update fame was the victor alongside pro driver Bruce Richardson. The pair piloted 16-year-old Killlean Sweep in the half-mile dash.



Iron Horse Photo

HRU photographer Dave Landry (arm raised) won Grand River Raceway's third annual Media Race with help from driver Bruce Richardson.

Darryl Law of The Morning Buzz on 107.5 DAVE ROCKS was a half-length back with top Grand River Raceway driver Bob McClure and Little Miss Sporty. Morning show host Lisa Richards of Magic 106.1 FM was close behind with Brad Forward and Callie Magoo. Last year's champ, Barry Finn, the editor at *The Rider* newspaper rounded out the field with Robert Shepherd and Calamar.

Law captured an entertaining POV Facebook Live video of the entire race and winners circle, which can be viewed [here](#).

— Kelly Spencer / Grand River Raceway