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Takter on HOY Always B Miki: "He's my all-time favorite"

The landslide winner is the third Horse of the Year campaigned by the man who also was voted Trainer of the Year for the third straight time.

by Dave Briggs



Dave Landry

Always B Miki was the third horse trained by Jimmy Takter to win Horse of the Year. Takter was also voted Trainer of the Year for the third straight year and sixth time in his Hall of Fame career.

On Monday (Dec. 19), two days before he picked up his third straight Trainer of the Year award and sixth such honor in his career, Jimmy Takter became just the second person in harness racing history to lay claim to training three different Horse of the Year (HOY) winners when Always B Miki won both the 2016 title and Pacer of the Year honors by a landslide in voting conducted by the U.S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA).

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Always B Miki's driver, David Miller, was voted Driver of the Year for the second straight year and third time in his Hall of Fame career.

Yet, despite his success, the Hall of Famer pointed out it has been 17 years since he had a Horse of the Year.

"I haven't had one since '99," Takter said, referring to Moni Maker who won in 1998 and 1999. In 1997, Malabar Man was the first Takter trainee to be named the HOY. "It's not that easy to get Horse of the Year. It's really tough."

Takter said he was happy to have his first Pacer of the Year.

"Every year we have two or three divisional winners, this year we have four, but getting Pacer of the Year... it's the first time for me, it's great," he said.

Takter's other divisional winners were Miki in the older pacers, Idyllic Beach in the freshman pacing filly group, Pure Country in the three-year-old pacing fillies' division and Ariana G in the two-year-old trotting fillies' class.

"I do maybe 30 per cent of purses in pacing now. Three of my award winners are pacers this year. Things changed quite a bit... It's a tough game, these pacers... I've never had the best pacers, so this is really exciting. I wish I had another one to campaign for 2017 at that level, but they are really tough

to get, these kind of horses."

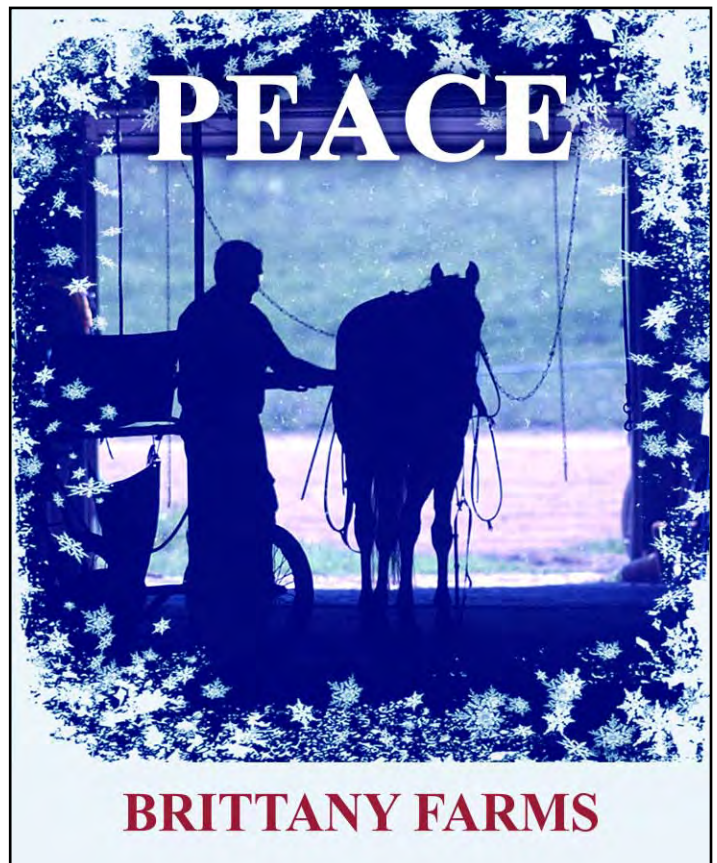
Takter joins Stanley Dancer as the only trainers to condition at least three different Horse of the Year winners. In addition, Takter is the fifth trainer to have both a pacer and trotter receive HOY honors. He joins Dancer, Blair Burgess, Billy Haughton, and Clint Hodgins in that group.

Always B Miki defeated 4-year-old gelding Wiggle It Jiggle It in the voting for Pacer of the Year, 109-37, and 102-32 for Horse of the Year. Wiggle It Jiggle It was the 2015 Horse of the Year.

"I thought he deserved it," Takter said, referring to Always B Miki. "You could argue other horses deserve it, but he stands out a little bit."

Always B Miki, who was twice sidelined by injuries that forced him to miss the end of his 3-year-old season and the majority of his 4-year-old campaign.

"I would say I put a lot of work into this guy. His ability, that's what God gave to him, but to keep him there through the year hasn't been easy," Takter said. "I'm pretty sure if I had this horse 15 years ago I wouldn't have been able to do it. It's experience, you know. When you work with a horse like that you know he has ability, but I had to really, really, really listen to the horse every day with this guy. What he did given the problem he had, was just amazing."



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"If he wouldn't have issues, this horse, he would have smacked at least another second off the record, I'm pretty sure about that," Takter said.

In addition to becoming the fastest horse in history, Always B Miki shares the world record of 1:47 for the fastest mile by a horse on a five-eighths-mile track. Always B Miki paced 1:47 on a five-eighths oval on three occasions, an unprecedented feat. He also holds the record of 1:47.1 for the fastest mile ever paced in Canada.

Always B Miki was driven by Hall of Famer David Miller, who was voted the Driver of the Year for the second straight year and third time in his career.

The pacer, a five-year-old son of Always A Virgin out of the mare Artstopper, was bred by Joe Hurley's Roll The Dice Stable, which owns the stallion with Bluewood Stable and Christina Takter.

Veteran caretaker Rufino Telon looked after Always B Miki.

"He's been with me many, many years," Takter said of Telon. He took care of Father Patrick, Costa Rica. He's had a number for me. He's a big guy and Miki's a big horse. He was just the perfect person to care for that horse."

Always B Miki won 12 of 18 races this year and finished worse than second only once. His victories included the Breeders Crown, Ben Franklin, William Haughton Memorial, and TVG Series championship for male pacers. He earned \$1,487,292 on the track in 2016 and has been retired to stud at Diamond Creek Farms in Pennsylvania with a career record of 30-13-3 in 53 starts and earnings of \$2,715,368. His book is already full and closed for 2017.

"He's my all-time favorite," Takter said. "He is the greatest. He has such charisma, it's unbelievable. I love this horse, just to be around him, playing with him. There's just something about him. You can see it in his eye. He's a very friendly horse, extremely friendly. He pretends that he can be tough, but he's actually the biggest sweetheart ever. You think he's going to eat you up when he goes at you, but he never bites with his teeth. He bites with his lips."

All winners will be honored at the Dan Patch Awards banquet presented by Hoosier Park on Feb. 26 at the Planet Hollywood casino in Las Vegas. Information is available at; www.ushwa.org.

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HRU Holiday Publishing Schedule

Note to readers: Due to Christmas, this will be the only issue this weekend.

HRU will return to a twice-weekly schedule beginning next weekend with issues on **Friday, Dec. 30** and **Sunday, Jan. 1**.

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Trotting Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder (Scott Zeron) edged Hannelore Hanover by one vote in the closest Trotter of the Year contest in the award's 46-year history.

Keeling on Trotter of the Year award: "That's the one we really wanted"

Trotting Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder edged Hannelore Hanover by a single vote in the closest margin in the 46-year history of the award.

by Dave Briggs

The first indication that Marion Marauder had been named Trotter of the Year came when Paula Wellwood's Twitter feed began to blow up on Monday (Dec. 19) around lunch time, said her husband, Mike Keeling, who was busy playing darts

with their son, Devin, when the word came.

"Paula immediately heard Twitter dinging like crazy...and she yelled, 'He got Trotter of the Year!' so we just all high-fived and jumped," said Mike, who shares Marion Marauder's training duties with Wellwood. "Then we got on the computer and actually watched the production that Hoosier Park did (to announce the winners). It was probably better to do it that way than to sit there biting our fingernails, waiting to see," Keeling said.

The vote, conducted by the U.S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA), was indeed a nail-biter with Marion Marauder edging Hannelore Hanover by a single vote to make it the

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closest margin of victory in the 46-year history of the award.

"That's the one we really wanted for (Marion Marauder)," Mike said. "We thought it was going to be a tough one. It seemed like there was a little momentum for Hannelore Hanover and so, you know, being that we are quiet people from Canada, we thought that maybe (Marion Marauder) was going to get looked over. And it was a close battle...one vote."

The son of Muscle Hill out of Spellbound Hanover became the ninth horse in history to win the Trotting Triple Crown. Marion Marauder edged 4-year-old mare Hannelore Hanover in the voting for Trotter of the Year, 73-72. The previous closest finish for Trotter of the Year was in 1971 when Speedy Crown defeated Fresh Yankee, 71-68.

"We were nervous about Trotter of the Year. We thought he deserved it and it's the one we were probably the most anxious about," Mike said. "It just felt like, we wanted it for the horse and we wanted it for ourselves, of course, it's a little ring in the belt. The horse has done so much and he gets overlooked a little bit."

Marion Marauder was bred by William Mulligan and is owned by Devin, along with Wellwood's mother, Jean Wellwood of Stratford, ON. Jean is the widow of Hall of Famer Bill Wellwood. Scott Zeron was the colt's regular driver.

Hannelore Hanover finished third in Horse of the Year balloting, with 10 votes, while Marion Marauder was tied with 3-year-old male pacer Betting Line with four votes apiece.

Marion Marauder, who was named the sport's best 3-year-old male trotter last Thursday, was the first Trotting Triple Crown winner since 2006, sweeping the Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot, and Kentucky Futurity.

"Jim Takter hasn't yet trained a Triple Crown winner, and he's done everything. He's won every race in the Triple Crown, but never had one horse do it. So that tells you just how big of a deal it is for the horse" Mike said.

In addition, Marion Marauder won the Goodtimes Stakes and a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial on his way to \$1.48 million in purses. His earnings led all trotters in North America. He won 10 of 15 starts and finished second three times this season.

Hannelore Hanover, who was named the sport's best older female trotter, won 17 of 20 races and earned \$1.11 million in purses, leading all female trotters in earnings.

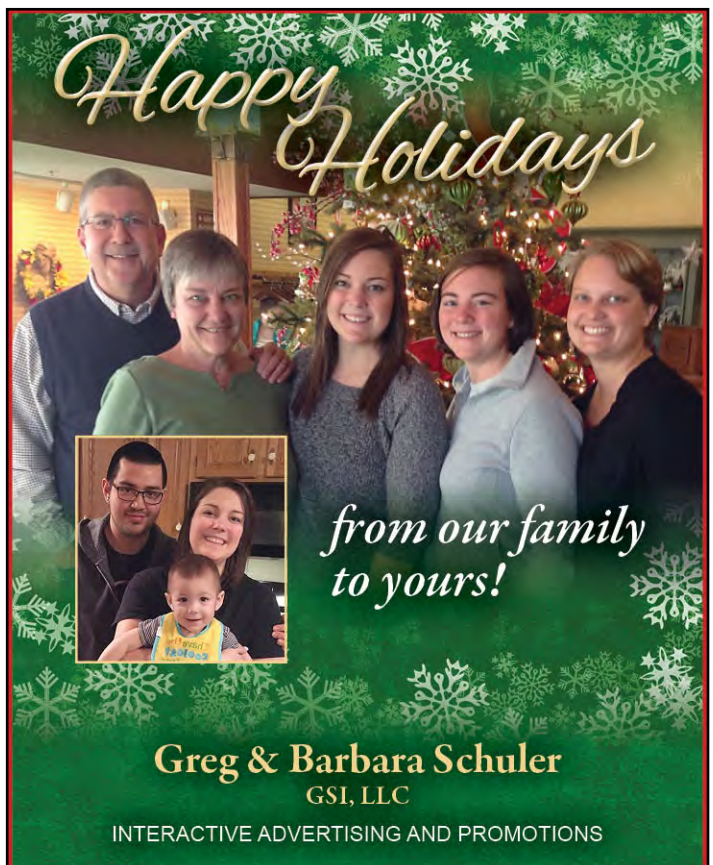
Marion Marauder and the Wellwood/Keeling family are

now in North Carolina for the winter. Mike said the trotter will begin preparations for his four-year-old campaign sometime in February.

"He's great. We got him to his turnout farm in North Carolina, where he's spent the last two winters and he has settled in great," Mike said. "He's only 10 minutes from Pinehurst here, so we get to see him regularly. He's a happy boy. Everyone at Pinehurst can't wait to see him. All the guys have been watching him and it's a great following down here. It's just marvelous."

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2016 Dan Patch Voting Totals

Horse of the Year

Always B Miki	102
Wiggle It Jiggleit	32
Hannelore Hanover	10
Betting Line	4
Marion Marauder	4

Trotter of the Year

Marion Marauder	73
Hannelore Hanover	72
Ariana G	3
Resolve	2
Walner	2
Bar Hopping	1
Obrigado	1

Pacer of the Year

Always B Miki	109
Wiggle It Jiggleit	37
Betting Line	7
Lady Shadow	1

2yo Colt Trotter

Walner	151
Snowstorm Hanover	3

2yo Filly Trotter

Ariana G	152
Magic Presto	1
Overdraft Volo	1

3yo Colt Trotter

Marion Marauder	146
Bar Hopping	7
Southwind Frank	2

3yo Filly Trotter

Broadway Donna	129
Caprice Hill	19
All The Time	4
Flowers N Songs	2

Older Trotter

Obrigado	88
Resolve	58
Musical Rhythm	3
Flanagan Memory	2
Maestro Blue Chip	1
Wind Of The North	1

Older Mare Trotter

Hannelore Hanover	151
Bee A Magician	4

2yo Colt Pacer

Huntsville	118
Downbytheseaside	33
Beyond Delight	2

2yo Filly Pacer

Idyllic Beach	120
Someomensomewhere	31
Agent Q	1
Roaring To Go	1

3yo Colt Pacer

Betting Line	123
Racing Hill	29
Control The Moment	1
Sintra	1

3yo Filly Pacer

Pure Country	138
Call Me Queen Be	6
Darlinonthebeach	5
L A Delight	3
Kiss Me Onthebeach	1
Newborn Sassy	1

Older Pacer

Always B Miki	115
Wiggle It Jiggleit	40

Older Mare Pacer

Lady Shadow	145
Krispy Apple	2
Solar Sister	2
Velocity Vespa	1

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Woodbine Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout set for tonight

by Mark McKelvie / WEG standardbred communications

Christmas will come early for horseplayers tonight (Friday, Dec. 23) at Woodbine Racetrack in the form of a mandatory payout on the Jackpot Hi-5 in race 12.

The Jackpot Hi-5, which requires bettors to select the top-five finishers in order, has a carryover of \$548,396.96 heading into tonight's mandatory payout.

The current Jackpot Hi-5 carryover has been growing since early-October at Mohawk Racetrack.

Horseplayers will have to get creative with their Hi-5 tickets, as the race office has put together a field of 12 overnight pacers for the mandatory event.

The last mandatory payout offered on the WEG standardbred Jackpot Hi-5 was on June 18, 2016 at Mohawk. On that evening, more than \$1.2 million of new money was wagered into the Hi-5 pool, bringing the total pool to \$1,694,983.

The \$0.20 Jackpot Hi-5 payout on June 18 was \$1,307.60.

Mandatory payouts on the WEG standardbred Jackpot Hi-5 have generated total pools of more than \$2 million on multiple occasions.

A mandatory payout on Oct. 24, 2015 at Woodbine generated a total pool of more than \$2.2 million, with \$1.6 million of new money wagered into the Hi-5 that evening. The \$0.20 payout was \$12,746.60

On Aug. 30, 2014 at Mohawk, the Jackpot Hi-5 total pool was \$2.5 million, while a mandatory payout on May 17, 2014 at Woodbine had a total pool of \$2 million.

A \$2 million total pool is a strong possibility on tonight's Jackpot Hi-5.

The Jackpot Hi-5 has a \$0.20 minimum and a low takeout of 15 per cent.

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Handicapping WEG's Jackpot Hi-5

Tonight, WEG will have a mandatory payout of its Jackpot Hi 5 wager in race 12. There is a carryover of \$548,396 and some are projecting a further \$2 million may be bet.

by Brett Sturman

In what's become a staple of the close of a Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) meet, tonight offers a mandatory payout of the Jackpot Hi 5 wager in race 12. After accumulating a carryover amount of \$548,396, wagering on the bet was suspended last week as to ensure a windfall to the total handle figure on closing night. Twelve horses comprise this mid-level conditioned event and the field appears so evenly matched that it might just be easier at this point to throw darts, but we'll take attempt a more practical look in a race that is going to require some luck to successfully hit.

ELECTRIC WESTERN paced the back half of his mile last out in :54.1 and in his race prior to that paced the last half of his mile in 53.4; albeit accomplished off respective slow first half miles but an impressive feat nonetheless. These foes

don't appear any better than what this one has been up against of late and he plays the role of beaten favorite tonight; lands about as good a starting post you could hope for in this bulky field. **YS LOTUS** makes his third start here since arriving from Pocono for Allard; hard to think it he won't be heard from at some point on the move back to the inside following a no shot race. **GRATIAS DEO** is another making his third start over the track and he hasn't been this low in class since arrival; the obvious problem is landing post 10 in a field of this size. I expect we'll see some early speed tonight from his corner tonight from Moreau and Filion. **REGAL SON** fits on paper and was a tripped out winner at this level five back; Christoforou will somehow have to avoid traffic woes from the second tier. **A COOL CARD** steps back up after a confidence-building win last out against lesser; his 1:49:1 mark taken earlier this year at Hoosier is easily the fastest seasonal clocking of anyone in here for what that's worth. **AUDREYS DREAM** probably should have been better well positioned last out with the plunge in class but what can you do? I'm largely indifferent to this one but he does show some superior rivals on recent view and figures to land on the ticket in some capacity.



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SHADOW MARGEAUX put in a game first over try last out when hiked up to this level; seems a step or two slower than some of these on paper but goes for a capable barn. **THE REV** is generally better than his last couple races show for team McNair, and **HALF A BILLION** at least gets Jamieson back in the bike. **PAPARAZZI HANOVER** is another short priced morning line type that I'm not sure what to do with; early speed likely coming but he could face a long road to the top from out here for a horse that's now come up short twice in a row as the favorite.

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BETWEEN THE LINES



In search of back class

by Brett Sturman

This past Friday at the Meadowlands, a non-descript bottom level condition race was won by a horse that resurfaced in these parts after once making waves at the East Rutherford oval years ago. Statesman N made a name for himself in 2013 when the Down Under import arrived in North America for trainer Mark Harder. The soon to be 10-year-old Christian Cullen gelding immediately worked his way to the top of the class ladder at the Meadowlands that year before becoming a consistent open winner at multiple mid-Atlantic tracks including Yonkers and Chester. Fast forward to today, he arrived back at the Meadowlands for trainer Larry Remmen after spending almost all season racing largely unenthusiastically in mid-to-lower conditions at Flamboro Downs, a "B" track in Canada. So the question becomes from a handicapping perspective, how much should

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we consider back class against current form.

In the case of Statesman N, his two starts prior to this night were at the Meadowlands, but both of those resembled what we saw coming out of Flamboro more-so than the horse that we remembered around here from the past. The field he was racing against on Friday however was going to be outmatched if you based it on nothing else other than class, and the Meadowlands faithful were betting this race as if Statesman N could win the race based on his memory alone.

Indeed that was the case. Despite recent form suggesting otherwise and other horses rating similarly based strictly on race times, Statesman N brushed comfortably first over to the lead past the three quarter mark and held easily to the wire to score as the 2-1 race favorite.

The very next race that night saw another Meadowlands veteran, K-Lees Shakenbake, make his first start back at the track in a couple of years; this one invading from Hoosier Park and most recently The Meadows. A horse first known here as a 3-year-old for his patented late kick, he was able to reach back in time and take advantage of an apparent drop in class on the move back to the Meadowlands and reverse form while easily out-closing everyone to win going away with a :26:4 final quarter.

Back class can be highly subjective and it isn't always as easy to find as in these two examples, but it can be considered a useful angle when using it as justification to take a swing with a longshot. Similarly in the case of longer-priced horses, I feel it is worth noting if a horse has had prior success over the track he is racing at tonight, these things have a history of repeating.

In Race 5 on the same Meadowlands card, Mister Truth paid \$198.40 to win as the longest of longshots from post 10 and this was a horse that was one of the better horses on the grounds in 2015; many times knocking heads during that time with horses far superior than this group. I realize anyone can look at a race after the fact and I was not sharp enough to select Mister Truth beforehand, but those who know the horse's capabilities at his best weren't shocked by this race result.

Almost anywhere today you can find a race card filled with horses who were once very good. With an amount of ever-increasing slot money to race for, it's not un-common to find one time stars now racing in their advanced years at all types of obscure tracks. In almost all these instances, there has been so much water under the bridge that no matter how talented a horse was at one time in the past has little to no bearing on how he'll do today.



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A photograph of two dogs sitting on a stone step in front of a wooden door and a brick wall. The dog on the left is brown and the dog on the right is black. Both are wearing red velvet scarves with white fur trim and red reindeer antlers with gold bells. The brown dog is looking up and to the right with its mouth open, while the black dog is looking directly at the camera.

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An exception to this point, I would argue, is a change in scenery. We see it all the time where horses that may have soured in one barn, move to another and form is reversed immediately, sometimes inexplicably. Of course the reasons for this could be debated in another column, but a return to a horse's better form can't be ruled out when a change in environment occurs.

Back class stays with a horse throughout its career and the key is to assess that class against what the reality of today suggests.

Speaking of back class

Sometimes when you're just that much better than everyone else, nothing else matters. Not even an 18-month layoff could stop Modern Legend, as he returned last week for the first time since May of 2015 to take the Woodbine preferred at first asking off the bench. I'm one of many that thought the 2014 Canadian Pacing Derby winner would at need at least a single start back to re-acclimate but he proved me wrong with a strong 1:49.4 score coming off a cozy second over trip and capped off a subpar week of handicapping for yours truly. Paying \$10.60 win, it will probably be the last time he offers a double digit mutual for the foreseeable future.

Elsewhere

Over the last three racing nights at Western Fair, drivers Bob McClure and Alfie Carroll have combined to win 17 of the 32 races contested at the Raceway. Included in that total were races from this past Sunday in which some combination of these two drivers combined to form the exactas in four of the 11 races.

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Jean Wellwood and grandson Devin Keeling voted Owners of the Year

by Jerry Connors / USHWA

They were the pairing that seemed to be almost too good to be true – combining a proud family tradition, a love of the trotting horse, a woman pursuing the dream that her late husband never quite attained, and a young man, a college student, with sparkling “bloodlines” on both sides of his pedigree.

But it was this perfect harness team – Marion Jean Wellwood and Devin Keeling – who owned Marion Marauder, winner of the Triple Crown of Trotting and Trotter of the Year honors during 2016. And they loved every minute of it.

Now, they have been voted Owners of the Year for 2016 by the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), the sport’s leading trade group for communicators.

“Jean,” as she is generally known, is the wife of the late Canadian Hall of Famer Bill Wellwood, a “trottin’ horse” man who trained many quality horses during his distinguished career, but never won the big one – the Hambletonian. Devin, a college sophomore at McMaster University in Hamilton, ON, is Jean’s grandson and the son of her daughter Paula and horseman Mike Keeling, who had been a caretaker for Bill Wellwood.

This living of a dream started in Lexington in 2014, where Jean picked a royally-pedigreed horse (Muscle Hill–Spellbound Hanover) via a catalogue, with daughter Paula haltering the colt for a bargain \$37,000.

Then came patient development under the tutelage of

Paula Wellwood and Mike Keeling (improving from start to start), perfect handling by driver Scott Zeron, and Marion Marauder realizing that he could be the type of colt that Bill Wellwood and those in his family always wanted, all resulting in a sensational sophomore campaign in 2016. He ended up the season with a record of 15-10-3-0, and he led all North American trotters with earnings of \$1,484,532.

Marion Marauder became only the ninth horse to win

Trotting’s Triple Crown, and the first since Glidemaster in 2006. The “Marauder” was certainly the right horse at the right place at the right time – winning the Hambletonian by a nose and the Yonkers Trot and Kentucky Futurity by a head each – and Jean Wellwood and Devin Keeling climbed to the pinnacle of success as



Dave Landry

Devin Keeling and his grandmother, Jean Wellwood, have been voted the Owners of the Year.

harness horse owners.

Jean Wellwood and Devin Keeling (along with Marion Marauder) will be honored at the “Night Of Champions,” the Dan Patch Awards Banquet Presented by Hoosier Park, which will take place on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Planet Hollywood hotel/casino in Las Vegas. Information about the banquet and the entire weekend, which will also contain the annual meetings of USHWA, can be found on the communicators’ website, www.ushwa.org – including links for making hotel reservations at special rates at Planet Hollywood; banquet tickets; and congratulatory or acknowledgment ads in the keepsake Souvenir Banquet Journal, annually one of the best chronicles of a year in North American harness racing.





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Part of the Bergstein/Proximity Award winning Team Teague (from left): driver Montrell Teague, trainer Clyde Francis and part-owner George Teague, Jr. with champion Wiggle It Jiggleit.

Team Teague wins Bergstein Proximity Award

Team captain George Teague, Jr. also named the winner of USHWA's Good Guy award.

by Jerry Connors / USHWA

Team Teague, a group of horsepeople based in Harrington DE who have been masterful in both their care and campaigning of the charismatic \$3.9 million-winning pacer Wiggle It Jiggleit over the last two years, has won the top honor that the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) solely votes on – the Stan Bergstein Proximity Award, “presented annually to those who have made outstanding contributions to harness racing.”

The team “captain” is of course owner/trainer George Teague Jr., the 2015 Owner of the Year, through whom the major decisions are made, but George would be the first to credit the many others who have been integral parts of the success of Wiggle It Jiggleit, 2015 Horse of the Year and second in this year’s voting, and indeed all the way back to 2004 Horse of the Year Rainbow Blue and beyond. These folks would include George’s sister Brenda, his right-hand woman for many years and an outstanding horsewoman in her own right; his stable’s owners, many of them from his home base of Delaware; and Jim Bernstein, a former horseman turned successful businessman, who helps keep Team Teague on sound financial footing.

There is also George’s son Montrell, last year’s Rising Star Award winner, who has shown both ability and “cool” in the

sulky well beyond his 25 years, and who in his intelligence, horsemanship, and enthusiasm has become as public a standardbearer of Team Teague as anybody.

There is the veteran Clyde Francis, who oversees the day-to-day care of “Wiggle,” and “Big Mike” Taylor, honored as 2015’s Caretaker of the Year, who has developed a rapport with his charge while also keeping his respect – many a chaotic winners circle, definitely NOT Wiggle’s favorite place to go, has been avoided by Mike’s patient yet firm handling of the horse just after the races. Add in other stable employees and front office workers, and you have a group of individuals who have all had a part in the success of a horse who has commanded a major portion of the harness spotlight for two full seasons now – Team Teague has indeed made “an outstanding contribution” to the sulky sport.

Besides winning the prestigious Bergstein/Proximity Award, George Teague, Jr. himself was selected by the chapters of USHWA for individual recognition as the organization’s Good Guy Award winner, for outstanding cooperation with the media and in helping to showcase the sport. That makes George the first two-time winner of the Good Guy Award in the 53-year history of the honor (he also won in 2004, the year Rainbow Blue was named Horse of the Year).

One example given of George’s desire to serve and better harness racing came when he was asked to bring Wiggle It Jiggleit, last year’s Little Brown Jug winner, to the Delaware OH Fair to make an appearance this season – in the middle of a grueling racing campaign. George oversaw the preparations to get the horse to central Ohio for Jug Day, and Wiggle led the post parade for the Triple Crown pacing event. (An irony here: Wiggle It Jiggleit won the 2015 Jug with a stirring stretch surge that edged out Lost For Words – who was trained by Brian Brown, the Delaware-based conditioner who finished second to Teague in this year’s Good Guy voting!)

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Holiday harness racing respect

Harness racing has a lot of ongoing issues, and we explore those often here in this column. But sometimes we tend to forget that this sport has a great deal of wonderful happenings, whether it comes via the horses, the people, or the business itself. Sometimes I think I don't show the 'good' the respect it deserves.

This holiday season (in my small space here; thanks for reading this year, as always) please allow me to share a few things I respect greatly in this business, of late.

First, I watched the Horse the Year announcement with little anticipation this year; I think we all knew that Always B Miki was going to win, and he deserved to. But for most of the year this vote was a question mark because of Always B Miki's main foe, Wiggle It Jiggleit.

I – and I do not think I am alone here – respect both of these horses so, so much.

Always B Miki has always had a persona about him, from as far back as his miraculous Meadowlands Pace finish where a mortal horse would've folded badly. From there on, the colt had about every bad break – literally and figuratively. He was patched together, did not miss a beat and had few races handed to him with easy trips, or with nine other drivers grabbing leather. His Franklin elimination proved how tough he is and it was one of the most amazing miles I have ever witnessed.

One year his junior, Wiggle It Jiggleit did things no one expected him to do. Many (along with yours truly), saw him early as a three-year-old – this growthy, oddly-gaited, somewhat strangely bred gelding – and thought he was beating up on sub-par stock and would not last long.

Crack egg, on face.

Wiggle It proved many wrong. His gait smoothed out and he raced tough mile after tough mile after tough mile as a three year old. He went to all the dances he could and dominated, and then strapped on the harness for a four-year-old year to do it all again. He not only held his

own, he excelled; racing Miki and others with extreme speed and toughness reserved for the all-time greats in this game. He earned every penny.

I can't say enough about these two horses. They're horses you run out of adjectives to describe. They have my respect.

Second, I follow harness racing from across the world, and I saw a headline this week from New Zealand that I really liked. They, through their regulatory and management arm, put forth a new directive. The plan is focused on investing not in purses, or more subsidies, but in the customer. From 2017 to 2019 New Zealand racing is placing almost 20 per cent of their revenues – up to \$75 million – into three main areas: Customer and channel strategies, optimizing the racing calendar (scheduling meets and races to maximize betting revenues and customer satisfaction) and building a new fixed odds betting platform.

They project that increased betting handle will boost

PROJECT	INVESTMENT
Customer & Channel Strategy	~\$30-37 million
Offshore Betting	~\$0.5-1.0 million
Optimise the Calendar	~\$1.0-2.0 million
Fixed Odds Betting Platform	~\$29-35 million
Total	~\$60-75 million

revenues enough to pay for the investment within three years.

The New Zealand Racing Board, for their forward thinking and investment in long-forgotten customers, earns my respect.

Third – and back with the Dan Patch voting theme – I love that this business voted for Trotter of the Year with a deep respect for the Triple Crown of Trotting. This is not a slight on Hannelore Hanover who just missed winning it; she is a fantastic mare and she clearly deserved to win. But the fact that Marion Marauder got the nod made me smile.

Unlike the Pacing Triple Crown, the Trotting Triple has cache in today's world. Your colt or filly needs to win the Hambletonian in heats, the Yonkers Trot on a half-mile track, and then travel to Kentucky to again race heats in the Futurity. This is as close to a test as you'll find to the

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thoroughbred Triple Crown. It's difficult, it's tough. Any horse who does it earns my respect. I'm glad the voters respected it, too.



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Next, I have a great deal of respect for the new blood in this sport, and the people who hire them. Just a few weeks ago **Pompano Park hired Gabe Prewitt** (left), a past Rising Star award recipient, as Director of Racing. This is an amazing hire.

Gabe loves this sport, understands it, and most importantly to me, understands the customer. With people like Gabe in

charge, the sport's future is in good hands.

Last but not least, a hearty dose of respect for everyone in harness racing – track owners, stud farms, owners, trainers and others who make their living in the sport – for jumping in the boat to row the 2017 Meadowlands' stake program that was announced this week. Sponsorships of stake events help the ecosystem of the sport, and keeps harness racing on the fan and betting customer radar. That was very well done.

While writing this, I realized I picked five items to speak about. It could've been forty-five. Yes this sport has its problems, but there's a great deal of good in harness racing. Thanks for letting me share a few.

From my family to yours, please have a very happy and safe holiday season.

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I'll stand on seventeen

Three Triple Crown winners, thoroughbred and harness, had just 17 career starts:

Gallant Fox 17 11-3-2 \$328,164

Seattle Slew 17 14-2-0 \$1,208,726

Windsongs Legacy 17 10-2-4 \$1,744,644

Indiana rising

The year after Indiana-sired horses finished 1-2-3 in the 2016 Horse of the Year balloting – Always B Miki, Wiggle It Jiggle it and Hannelore Hanover – the state will play host to the Breeders Crown. Hoosier Park will be the 31st site to play host to the Crown.

\$100,000+ per start

The first Horse of the Year to earn \$100,000 per start was 1994 winner Cams Card Shark.

The first trotting HOY to average six figures per start was Malabar Man in 1997.

Today, nine Horse of the Year have earned more than \$100,000 per start.

Muscle Hill, at some \$200,000 per start in 2009, was the all-time best.

In 2017, Racing Hill led all performers in earnings per start (\$99,651), but didn't win his division.

HOY lineage

Jimmy Takter and his daughter, Nancy Johansson, have won two of the last three Horse of the Year titles.

Brothers Don and Clint Galbraith both drove Niatross in 1979.

Brothers Andy and Luke McCarthy both drove the outstanding Muscle Hill in his career.

Paula Wellwood was the winner of the 1994 Dick Baker Second Trainer of the Year award. Father Bill Wellwood was the 1997 Glen Garnsey Trainer Of The Year.

Johnny Takter drove Moni Maker at times in 1999 for brother Jimmy en route to her second straight HOY title.

Quiz

Q. David Miller is now just the second driver to have driven a pacer to HOY honors both before and after going into the Hall Of Fame. Who is the other driver?

A. Bill O'Donnell. He had Nihilator in 1985, went into the Hall of Fame in 1990 and had Staying Together in 1993.

Did You Know?

That the Triple Crown began the same year that John Campbell was born? 1955

Youth is served

2014 – The only two-year-old pacing filly to win the HOY was J K She'salady.

2015 – The only 24-year-old driver to pilot a HOY was Montrell Teague

2016 – The only 27-year-old driver to have a Triple Crown winner, in either gait, was Scott Zeron, driver of Marion Marauder.

Another photo...

...goes the way of Marion Marauder

The Hambletonian, Kentucky Futurity and the Yonkers Trot winner by less than a half-length combined, now he's voted Trotter Of The Year 73-72 over Marion Marauder.

A dozen cuzzin

That was how many wins the first two Horses of the Year had.

In 1947, Victory Song won 12 of 20 starts.

In 1948, Rodney was 12-for-13

That's also how many wins Always B Miki had in 2016 when he went 12-for-18.

The dozen wins is the most common number for victories for any of the 70 Horse of the Year. It has happened eight times.

Three times a lady

For the first time, three different women sent out divisional winners:

Linda Toscano trained Walner. Paula Wellwood conditions Marion Marauder and Casie Coleman is the trainer of Betting Line.

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Of Pogues and Ponies and Possibilities for Christmas

The glimmer of racetrack redemption as told through a brilliant, drunken Christmas classic.

by Dave Briggs

Put aside, for a second, that the protagonist in the greatest Christmas song of the modern era ends up in the drunk tank on Christmas Eve. The fact he got on a lucky one at the racetrack that came in at 18-1 is what always catches me.

A major score, no matter how dire your situation, has the magic ability to fuel belief that anything is possible and dreams may yet come to fruition.

I've got a feeling

This year's for me and you

So happy Christmas

I love you baby

I can see a better time

When all our dreams come true

We could all use that kind of optimism, as misguided as it appears to turn out in the end for Shane MacGowan's character in *Fairytale of New York*, the 1988 song by MacGowan's band of celtic punk godfathers, The Pogues, that

is as brilliant as it is crushing.

MacGowan, who in real life has done little to dispel the stereotype of the drunken Irish poet that leads the pub in song and enjoys taking a flutter on the ponies, makes you believe every slurred

syllable. Amazingly, he is still with us and should turn 59 on Christmas Day as he continues to buck the fact he's the chalk in a lot of people's rock star dead pools.

Born in England, MacGowan was raised in the family home in Tipperary that doubled as a safe house for the Irish Republican Army (IRA) during the Irish War of Independence. It is here MacGowan learned to embrace many vices at a young age.

"I was smoking and drinking and gambling before I could talk," he told [The Guardian newspaper in 2013](#).

MacGowan credits his Aunt Nora for his many fascinations.

"(She) combined gambling on the Irish sweepstakes with teaching me my catechism for my first Holy Communion. She



was a religious maniac. And she liked a drink and she chain-smoked. We used to pray on every horse. And we used to win again and again and again. My first horse came in at 10-1 when I was five. And that is how I became a religious maniac and a total hedonist at the same time,” he said.

Religion is a constant theme in Pogues songs, but MacGowan also never lost that obsession with horse racing. He once wrote an entire ramshackle tune called *Bottle of Smoke* with fellow Pogue and *Fairytale of New York* co-writer Jem Finer that gloriously – and profanely – details cashing a huge bet at 25-1 on a horse named Bottle of Smoke that wins the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

I had the Bottle of Smoke

Slip a fifty to the wife

And for each brat a crisp new five

To give me a break on a Saturday night

When I had the Bottle of Smoke

A true wordsmith and punter, MacGowan astutely noted later that Bottle of Smoke was “the sort of weird impossible name that always wins a race.”

(You can listen to *Bottle of Smoke* [here](#) and because MacGowan is notoriously difficult to understand, you can read his lyrics [here](#), but be warned the tune is laced with f-bombs)

Similarly, *Fairytale of New York* is no schmaltzy, diabetes-inducing Christmas ditty you play for your kids – thinking of you Andy Williams. It is a catchy, gritty and heart-tearing duet between MacGowan and Kristy MacColl that tells the fictional tale of their ill-fated love affair.

Musically, it builds from a crestfallen piano in keeping with his predicament, into a swelling celtic soundscape that augments both the couple’s flashback of better days and the promise of Utopia awaiting Irish immigrants in America. The lyrics are concise and powerful – a complete literary narrative of dreams dreamed and dashed told in little more than what it takes to race a couple of miles.

The good days begin promising enough. When he first takes her hand on a cold Christmas Eve, he promised that Broadway was waiting for her. They kissed on the corner and danced through the night to Frank Sinatra until the bells began to ring and the fictional NYPD Choir bursts into an old Irish pub song on Christmas morning. Fast forward and the relationship has dissolved into addiction, acrimony and insults – including a needle-scratching slur some in Ireland insist is a word they use for lazy people, not homosexuals. As

their lives fall apart in spectacular fashion, she accuses him of the biggest crime of all – robbing her of her dreams.

“I could have been someone,” he insists.

“Well so could anyone,” she fires back.

It’s a killer line to be sure, but he insists he always put her dreams with his and built his life around her. Despite the collapse of his life and hers, he still harbors hope, as any good bettor should.

So – to steal from another bleak Christmas tune – this is Christmas? Well, certainly not the Christmas imagined by Coca Cola, but one some of us can, sadly, recognize.

At the very least, like watching the latest reality TV train wreck, *Fairytale of New York* can make you feel a lot better about your own life. That kind of appreciation for one’s blessings isn’t a bad message at Christmas. Neither is the song’s glimmer of redemption that happens to come at the racetrack just in time for Christmas. Sure, he drank away the winnings, but luck is always just around the corner.

I wouldn’t necessarily bet on it, but maybe, just maybe, it will work out in the end.

The boys of the NYPD choir

Still singing “Galway Bay”

And the bells are ringing out

For Christmas day



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2016 O'Brien finalists announced

On Tuesday (Dec. 20), Standardbred Canada announced the finalists for the 2016 O'Brien Awards, which honor Canada's best in harness racing over the past season.

The winners will be announced at the annual O'Brien Awards Black Tie Gala on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at the Hilton Mississauga / Meadowvale Hotel in Mississauga, ON.

This will be the 28th edition of the O'Brien Awards, named in honor of the late Joe O'Brien, an outstanding horseman and **member** of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

Twelve past O'Brien Award winners are looking to add to their trophy collections and are either defending titles or are nominated in a new division. Past winners include: Caprice Hill, Flanagan Memory, L A Delight, Lady Shadow and Solar Sister in the horse categories as well as Casie Coleman, Travis Cullen, Sylvain Filion, Richard Moreau, Rick Zeron, Seelster Farms and the partnership of Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld.

2016 O'Brien Award Nominees

Pacers

Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer

Idyllic Beach

Owned by Christina Takter, East Windsor, NJ – John Fielding, Toronto, ON – Brixton Medical Inc., Matawan, NJ and Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON

Yaris Bayama

Owned by Bayama Farms Inc., Saint-Andre-D'Argenteuil, QC

Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer

Beyond Delight

Owned by Jeffrey Snyder, Michael Snyder, New York, NY and Four Friends Racing Stable LLC, Moorestown, NJ

Sports Column

Owned by Hutt Racing Stable, Paoli, PA – Blake MacIntosh, Cambridge, ON – Daniel Plouffe, Bromont, QC

Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer

L A Delight

Owned by Robert McIntosh Stables Inc., Windsor, ON – CSX Stables, Liberty Center, OH, and Al McIntosh Holdings, Inc., Leamington, ON

Pure Country

Owned by Diamond Creek Racing, Wellsville, PA

Three-Year-Old Colt Pacer

Betting Line

Owned by West Wins Stable, Cambridge, ON, Christine Calhoun, Chatham, ON and Mac Nichol, Burlington, ON

Racing Hill

Owned by Tom Hill, Hamilton, ON

Older Pacing Mare

Lady Shadow

Owned by David Kryway, Amherstburg, ON, Carl Atley, Xenia, OH, Ed Gold, Phoenixville, PA and BFJ Stable, Philadelphia, PA

Solar Sister

Owned by David Willmot, King City, ON & Clay Horner, Toronto, ON

Older Pacing Horse

Shamballa

Owned by Rick Zeron Stables, Oakville, ON – Tao Racing LLC, Pompano Beach, FL – Howard Taylor, Philadelphia, PA – Cool Cat Racing Inc., Flemington, NJ

Wiggle It Jiggleit

Owned by George Teague Jr Inc., Harrington DE – Teague Racing Partnership, Boynton Beach, FL

Trotters

Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter

Ariana G

Owned by Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON & Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON

Magic Presto

Owned by Melvin Hartman, Ottawa, ON – Herb Liverman, Miami Beach – David Mc Duffee, Delray Beach, FL – Little E LLC, New York, NY

Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter

Mass Production

Owned by Rick Zeron Stables, Oakville, ON- James Walker, Port Perry, ON- Bruno Dipocce, Wasaga Beach, ON and Rene Allard, Matamoras, PA

Seven And Seven

Owned by June Durand- Tom Durand, Puslinch, ON & Allan Smith, Oakville, ON

Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter

Caprice Hill

Owned by Tom Hill, Hamilton, ON

Emoticon Hanover

Owned by Determination, Montreal, QC

Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter

Bar Hopping

Owned by Christina Takter, East Windsor, NJ- Hatfield Stables, Columbus, OH – Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON & Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON

Marion Marauder

Owned by Marion Jean Wellwood, Stratford, ON & Devin Keeling, Cambridge, ON

Older Trotting Mare

Charmed Life

Owned by Allard Racing Inc., Saint-Esprit – Yves Sarrazin, La Presentation, QC-VIP Internet Stable LLC, Piscataway, NJ

Hannelore Hanover

Owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC, Fredericktown – Weaver Brusceci LLC, Canonsburg, PA – Frank Baldachino, Clarksburg, NJ – J And T Silva Stables LLC, Long Beach, NY

Older Trotting Horse

Flanagan Memory

Owned by Liette Flanagan, Repentigny – Rene Dion, Saint-Lazare, QC

Musical Rhythm

Owned by Santo Vena, Brampton – Nunzio Vena, Bolton, ON – Claude Hamel, Ayer's Cliff, QC – Ben Baillargeon, Guelph, ON

People Awards

O'Brien Award of Horsemanship

Travis Cullen, Rockton, ON
Rick Zeron, Oakville, ON

Armstrong Breeder of the Year

Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON / Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON
Seelster Farms, Lucan, ON

Driver of the Year

Sylvain Filion, Milton, ON
Bob McClure, Elora, ON

Trainer of the Year

Casie Coleman, Cambridge, ON
Richard Moreau, Puslinch, ON

Future Star Award

Brett MacDonald, Embrun, ON
Louis Philippe Roy, Mont-Joli, QC

Canadian horse owner John Simmonds charged with fraud

Global News [reported this week](#) that a prominent Canadian businessman, standardbred horse owner and co-founder of Canada's largest golf club operator has been charged with eight business associates in connection with an alleged criminal organization that defrauded businesses, banks and investors of more than \$30 million.

In November 2014, York Regional Police launched an investigation into John Simmonds, 66, of King City, ON, and A.C. Simmonds and Sons Inc., of which he is the chairman and CEO.

Police and the Ontario Securities Commission said they received several complaints from people who claimed to have been defrauded by Simmonds and his co-accused.

A full list of the suspects charged is as follows:

- John Simmonds, 66, of King City, ON.
- Carrie Weiler, 57, of Nobleton, ON.
- Ian Bradley, 71, of Toronto
- Donald Fenton, 67, of Toronto
- Jason Williams, 44, of Severn, ON.
- Michael Grieco, 63 of Vaughan, ON.
- Deborah Simmonds, 56, of Aurora, ON.
- Tyrone Ganpaul, 67, of Mississauga
- John Mpardakis, 45, of Toronto

The accused face the following charges:

- Fraud Over \$5,000
- Conspiracy to commit an indictable offence
- Using a forged document
- Fraud by other means
- Laundering the proceeds of crime
- Possession of property obtained by crime
- Fraud affecting the public market
- False prospectus

— *Adam Miller / online journalist Global News, with files from Leslie Whyte*



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Truth and Liberty sweeps to feature win; Pick 5 carryover sparks massive payouts

A sustained three-wide push of the far turn propelled Truth and Liberty (\$15.60) to victory in Thursday (Dec. 22) evening's featured \$15,000 distaff pace at The Meadowlands, while Tony Ciuffetelli took top honors in the GSY Series final for amateur drivers on a night which proved to be a longshot player's paradise.

Truth and Liberty settled in mid-division on the first turn, well behind That Woman Hanover (Jim Marohn, Jr.) and Ideal Nuggets (Joe Bongiorno), who would duel through a :54.4 first half mile. As That Woman Hanover labored on the far turn after repelling a first-over challenge from Ideal Nuggets, Andy Miller moved the 4-year-old Total Truth mare first-over with three-eighths to go, and was carried three-wide around Caviart Shelly (John Campbell) amid her push to an upper-stretch lead. Truth and Liberty edged clear in the final sixteenth, and held clear of the late-rallying UF Dragon's Queen (Tyler Smith) by just over a length in 1:53.2 as the pace folded. Better Said (Vinny Ginsburg) just reached third over odds-on favorite Sheeza Shark N (Brett Miller).

Bob Lounsbury trains 14-time winner Truth and Liberty for owner Tracy Moss. For Miller, the featured win capped a natural hat trick.

In the \$12,500 final of the fall-winter GSY Series for amateur drivers, Tony Ciuffetelli and Avivas Winner (\$24.20) made every yard a winning one, successfully bottoming out the field for a 1:59.2 score over fast going. The 5-year-old Credit Winner gelding outsprinted Count Speed (Bob Heckhoff) into the first turn and immediately gained separation on the field through sectionals of :28.1, :56.2, and 1:26, at one point drawing clear to a 10-length lead. Despite Count Speed being unable to close any ground in upper stretch, Avivas Winner was fully extended off the far turn to hold sway of a sustained late charge from Ellen's Streak (Dr. John Kokinos), who angled out to claim second off the far turn and closed ground steadily to ultimately reach within a length and a quarter. Dream Rocker (Hannah Miller) was a staying third, just holding off a mild stand-side rally from Feisty Love (David Glasser).

The GSY final was the first leg of the night's 50 cent Pick 5, which attracted \$212,276 in new money in great part to a \$25,874 carryover. As four of five favorites in the sequence were vanquished—two of those defeated public choices being sent off at odds-on, the dividend ballooned to \$17,908.35 for the successful 6/2/7/9/3 combination.

Additionally, the fifth-race 20 cent Jackpot Super High Five was taken down for \$4,676.44 after Caribbean Pacetry (\$40.60) and Andy Miller successfully evaded odds-on choice Not Before Eight (John Campbell) to key the 3-2-9-8-6 combination. Miller came back immediately to team up with Sumatra (\$4.00) in the sixth and round out an early Pick 4 sequence which returned \$9,900.70 on a dollar ticket before continuing to capture the feature.

Total handle for the 12-race card was \$2,190,429. A Jackpot High Five carryover of \$8,321.98 will await players in tonight's closing race. Post time is 7:15 p.m.

— *James Witherite / Meadowlands media relations*

Hollywood Dayton adds make-up program

Due to recent weather-related cancellations, Hollywood Dayton has scheduled a make-up program on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 6:15 p.m. The condition sheet for that program is available online. Declarations are due today (Friday, Dec. 23) by 2:00 pm. as part of a double draw for both Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Wednesday, Dec. 28. Hollywood Dayton's meet ends on Friday night, Dec. 30.

— *Gregg Keidel / Hollywood Dayton*



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Mattia is a mensch

Thanks for doing such a magnificent job on the Sunday, **December 18 issue of HRU**. Dean Hoffman's "**Who Is the GOAT?**" was so informative and interesting. Your column on "**Fond Memories and Cherished Traditions**" was perfectly tuned to the season. My favorite piece, however, was David Mattia's "**A Cracker Jack Christmas**".

After an American political season characterized by bile and bitterness, it was so affirming to read a story portraying charity and kindness. David Mattia is a true mensch, and his mom clearly is a saint.

— *William Waters / Gloucester City, NJ*

RACE RESULTS

HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in
Harness Racing Update: U.S. and Canadian
races with a purse of \$15,000 and over,
plus stakes races \$10,000 and over

MEADOWLANDS report

Thursday's Results:

7, M, \$15,000, P, Fillies & Mares N/W \$11,500 in Last 5 Starts AE:
N/W \$15,000 Last 5 Drawn Outside, 27.2, 54.4, 1:23.0, 1:53.2, FT

1-Truth And Liberty (m, 4, Total Truth--Jazzy Hall, by Cambest)

O-Tracy F Moss. B-Only Money Inc & Theodore Gewertz & George Teague Jr Inc.. T-Robert Lounsbury. D-Andy Miller, \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 60-14-7-7, \$119,224

2-Uf Dragon's Queen (m, 6, Dragon Again--Queen Teen, by The Panderosa), \$50,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Up Front Racing LLC.
B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Mark Ford. D-Tyler Smith, \$3,750

3-Better Said (m, 4, Well Said--Ultimate Bet, by Bettor's Delight), \$50,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Michael E Polansky. B-Lindwood Farm.
T-Kyle Spagnola. D-Vincent Ginsburg, \$1,800
Calls: 6, 5Q, 2H, HD, 1 - Finish Order: Sheeza Shark N, Nerida Franco N, That Woman Hanover, Ideal Nuggets, Bullville Maggie, Blush Hanover, Caviart Shelly

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NORTHFIELD PARK report

Monday's Results:

8, Nfld, \$25,000, P, GUARANTEED \$10,000 PICK 4 STARTS HERE
\$20,000 GUARANTEED TRIFECTA POOL PROGRESSIVE CLAIMING
SERIES \$15,000 CLAIMING FINAL, 27.2, 56.3, 1:26.0, 1:56.0, FT

1-Sentosa Island (g, 5, Lis Mara--Kissing Bandit, by Art Major), \$14,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Craig M Stein. B-Deo Volente Farms LLC.
T-Craig Stein. D-Aaron Merriman, \$12,500, Lifetime Record:
67-11-5-9, \$88,129



PREFERRED EQUINE
Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Get Around Town (g, 6, Jereme's Jet--Bunny Town, by Precious Bunny), \$17,000 2011 FOREST O-Matthew R Madden. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Scott Cox. D-Ryan Stahl, \$6,250

3-Communicator (g, 7, Tell All--Actress, by Western Ideal), \$25,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Freedom Ranch Farms LLC & Phoenix Rising Stables LLC. B-Robert B & Blair R Burgess, CA. T-Michael Dowdall. D-Jason Merriman, \$3,000

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, H - Finish Order: Bluebird Ideal, Jins Dragon, Real Illusion, Explodent, Rick's Sign, One To Draw To

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10, Nfld, \$20,000, P, PROGRESSIVE CLAIMING SERIES \$8000
CLAIMING FINAL, 27.3, 56.1, 1:26.0, 1:55.4, FT

1-Lancaster Park (g, 4, Art Colony--St Anne Hall, by Blissfull Hall)

O-Adam B Short. B-Paul D Treves, CA. T-Adam Short. D-Chris Page, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 67-10-8-9, \$83,627

2-Red Bugler (g, 9, Cammibest--My Friend Flicka, by Firm Friend)

O-Rene M Allard. B-Donald F Anness, CA. T-Ron Steck. D-Simon Allard, \$5,000

3-Tidewater Teddy (g, 9, The Panderosa--Miss Tootsie Roll, by Dragon Again) O-Rhonda K Conn. B-David L Beachler & Annefurina N Singleton. T-Brewer Adams. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr., \$2,400

Calls: 2H, 1H, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Bj's Bequia, Double Dribble, Cold Bath, Reckoning Day, Born To Rockn Roll, Bourbans Best

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Tuesday's Results:

9, Nfld, \$20,000, T, PROGRESSIVE CLAIMING SERIES \$8000
CLAIMING FINAL, 28.1, 58.1, 1:27.3, 1:57.0, FT

1-Finish Line (g, 4, Yankee Glide--Calchips Finisher, by Credit Winner), \$50,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Rene M Allard. B-Steve H Stewart

& Diane L Giuliano. T-Ron Steck. D-Simon Allard, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 40-10-7-3, \$107,626

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

A RECENT Tattersalls MIXED SALE GRADUATE!

2-Ergo Hanover (g, 6, Donato Hanover--Englischer Garten, by Enjoy Lavec), \$75,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-William A Hartt. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Phil Goldwater. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr., \$5,000

3-High Blue (g, 6, Majestic Son--Elena, by San Pellegrino), \$11,000 2011 CAN-YS O-Herman Hagerman. B-Wilbur Stoll Lang. T-Herman Hagerman. D-Aaron Merriman, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, 2H, 1H, 1H, 2H - Finish Order: Moontan, Party Allstar, Vaya Con Dios, Say It Best, Patient I D, Selena

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10, Nfld, \$25,000, T, PROGRESSIVE CLAIMING SERIES \$15,000
CLAIMING FINAL, 28.2, 58.2, 1:28.2, 1:58.1, FT

1-Star Photo (g, 7, Classic Photo--T V Star Kosmos, by Sierra

Kosmos), \$6,500 2010 NJ-CL O-Rene M Allard. B-Stephen Perrine Dey. T-Ron Steck. D-Simon Allard, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 105-29-14-9, \$273,250

2-Photo Mass (g, 6, Muscle Mass--Serena Kosmos, by S J's Photo), \$35,000 2011 CAN-YS O-Nichole E Stahl. B-Robert A Raber & Larry Mast. T-Nichole Stahl. D-Ryan Stahl, \$6,250

3-Northern Spark (g, 9, Angus Hall--Flame Tamer, by Super Pleasure), \$17,000 2008 FOREST O-Samuel Bova. B-Dr John Doug & Robin L McKnight, CA. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Don Irvine Jr, \$3,000
Calls: HD, 1H, 1H, 1H, 2 - Finish Order: Powerful Valor, Missive, Bettino, Bad Cantab, Oh My Magic, Deadhead Royalty

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RACE RESULTS

SARATOGA HARNESS *report*

Sunday's Results:

7, Stga, \$18,000, T, Open Handicap Post Position Nos. 1 & 2 and 3-6 Drawn Post Position Nos. 7 & 8 Assigned, 28.0, 57.4, 1:27.2, 1:58.1, SY

1-Slugfest (g, 7, Conway Hall--Julieannie, by Credit Winner) O-Tom Vassiliou & Nicholas J Tallarico. B-Raymond W Schnittker & Tom Vassiliou & Nicholas J Tallarico. T-Maureen Salino. D-Jay Randall, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 144-35-36-20, \$548,151

2-Cash Me Out (g, 5, Cash Hall--China Victory, by Valley Victory), \$11,500 2012 MORRIS O-Traylor Racing LLC. B-Lawrence S Smith. T-Kyle Spagnola. D-Jim Devaux, \$4,500

3-Cincinnati Miss (m, 4, Kadabra--Livias Image, by Balanced Image) O-Kellogg Racing Stables LLC. B-Ivey Pharm Stable. T-Brett Derue. D-Frank Coppola Jr, \$2,160

Calls: 3Q, 3, H, 2H, 3H - Finish Order: Shelikescandy, Lucid Thoughts, Skates N Plates, Gaelic And Garlic, On The Podium

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THE MEADOWS *report*

Monday's Results:

3, Mea, \$20,000, P, *F&M NOT LISTED/PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1-5 DRAWN; 6-7 DRAWN, 27.1, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:53.2, GD

1-Medusa (m, 5, 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, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 64-23-7-13, \$395,952



A RECENT **Tattersalls** MIXED SALE GRADUATE!



PREFERRED EQUINE
Yearling & Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Certified Ideal (m, 6, Western Ideal--Areba's Last, by Cam's Card Shark) O-Randall B Bendis & Michael E Novosel Jr & Thomas J Pollack & James P Walton. B-Arthur Rudolph & Rudolph Stables Inc & Bernard G Owen. T-Randy Bendis. D-Mike Wilder, \$5,000

3-Spreester (m, 5, American Ideal--Rodeo Spree, by Dream Away) O-Renee J Bercury. B-Kimberley M Zabielski. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 2, NK - Finish Order: Mystical Nectar, Skippin By, Classic Carpet, Seeyouatthefinish

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Tuesday's Results:

1, Mea, \$18,000, T, *F&M PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1-4 DRAWN; 5-6 DRAWN, 27.3, 57.4, 1:26.3, 1:54.4, FT

1-Kelsey's Keepsake (m, 4, Yankee Glide--Distaff, by Self Possessed), \$35,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-David B Heffering, CA & Barbara Bongiorno Stb LLC. B-Bluestone Farms LLC. T-Richard Johnson. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 47-11-6-3, \$247,252

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

2-Barn Girl (m, 4, 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-Wendy's Girl (f, 3, Lucky Chucky--East Creek Wendy, by Credit Winner) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-East Creek Stable. T-Ron Burke. D-Tony Hall, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, H, 2 - Finish Order: Boo's Party Girl, Cowgirl Hall, Synonymous Hanover

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Wednesday's Results:

1, Mea, \$18,000, T, *PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1 ASSIGNED; 2-6 DRAWN, 28.3, 59.0, 1:27.1, 1:55.3, FT

1-Valley Of Sin (r, 6, Yankee Glide--Anklet Hanover, by American Winner), \$20,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-John E Ducharme. B-Perretti Farms. T-Wilbur Yoder. D-Wilbur Yoder, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 48-18-7-5, \$256,899

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

2-Classicality (g, 6, Classic Photo--Penn Worthy Lane, by Lindy Lane) O-Lisa A Dunn. B-Dunn Stable. T-Lisa Dunn. D-Dave Palone, \$4,500

3-Sixteen Mikes (g, 6, American Mike--Sweetsexteenkarets, by Revenue S) O-Robert J Key. B-Robert J Key. T-Rich Gillock. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1H, H, 1, 1H - Finish Order: Nothinbutanallstar, Cantab Lindy, Tamarind

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WOODBINE *report*

Monday's Results:

2, Wdb, \$22,000, T, NW 6 (FM 8) RACES OR \$120,000 (FM \$210,000) LIFETIME, 28, 57, 1:25.4, 1:54.2

1-Marquis Volo (br,g,4 - Credit Winner-Margarita Momma-Yankee Glide) O-Tor Jan Larsen, Gerald Stay, Mac Nichol, Big Als Stables Inc B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par T-Per Henriksen D-Randall Waples, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 26-13-3-2, \$136,794

2-Little Red Chev (ch,m,6 - Duke Of York-Incredible Mother-Incredible Abe) O-Dennis Morrissey, Ken Avery, Dr David James Peden B-Donald Lindsey, T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

3-Zagster (b,g,3 - Muscle Mass-This Way That Way-Conway Hall) O-Allard Racing Inc, Kapildeo Singh B-Willow Oak Ranch T-Rene Allard D-Trevor Henry

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RACE RESULTS

3, Wdb, \$20,000, T, NW \$13,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$35,000. AE: NW \$110,000 LIFETIME, 27.3, 56.2, 1:25.4, 1:55.1

1-Its Huw You Know (b,g,4 - Holiday Road-Lukes Elvira-American Winner) O-Ashleigh Hensley B-Poole Farms, Waples Stable Inc T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 66-12-11-5, \$175,360

2-Catch The Dream (b,g,8 - Cash Hall-Anything But Love-Conway Hall) O-Daniel Macisaac B-Jesmeral Stable T-Bruce MacDonald D-Phillip Hudon

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

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YONKERS report

Sunday's Results:

1, YR, \$56,000, T, OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-10 ASSIGNED, I, 28.2, 1:27.2, 1:56.4, 2:27.2, GD

1-Lily's Swan Pond (g, 4, Swan For All--Flawless Lily, by Striking Sahbra) O-Second Chance Stable Inc. B-Second Chance Stable Inc. T-Nick Surick. D-George Brennan, \$28,000, Lifetime Record: 69-11-11-7, \$176,786

2-Not Afraid (g, 7, SJ's Caviar--Beverly Crusher, by Balanced Image) O-Christina Takter & John D Fielding, CA & Goran N Anderberg, SD. B-Steve D Organ, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Daniel Dube, \$14,000

3-Springbank Sam N (g, 9, Sondon--Niamey, by Chiola Hanover) O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-T G Casey, NZ & K M Barron, NZ & G S Allen, NZ. T-Agostino Abbatiello. D-Jordan Stratton, \$6,720 Calls: 3, 3, 2H, 2Q, 1H - Finish Order: Tornado Tim, Caulfield, Bentley Spur, Zette Starlet, Clementine Dream, Hemi Seelster, Dot Dot Dot Dash

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2, YR, \$28,400, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, I, 28.3, 1:29.1, 1:59.0, 2:29.1, GD

1-Luck O The Irish (h, 4, Holiday Road--Kavita, by Kadabra) O-Brian C Kleinberg & Adv Racing Stable LLC & Seth Rosenberg Racing LLC. B-June J Durand, CA. T-Jeffrey Ramsdell. D-Matt Kakaley, \$14,200, Lifetime Record: 45-9-9-4, \$268,772

2-Summers Windsong (m, 4, Rc Royalty--O Dana O, by Windsong's Legacy) O-J M F Racing LLC. B-George Bullukian. T-Paul Fusco. D-Vincent Ginsburg, \$7,100

3-Anaffairtoremember (m, 6, Angus Hall--Val Lee Woman, by Valley Victory), \$18,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Anette Karin Lorentzon. B-Quantum Farms Corp. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-George Brennan, \$3,408

Calls: 1Q, Q, 1H, 4Q, 5Q - Finish Order: Gabe The Bear Dean, Keystone Ace, Take My Picture, Watkins, Newcastle, Auspicious Hanover, Bingo Queen

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3, YR, \$21,600, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$85,000 IN 2016 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, I, 28.4, 1:28.2, 1:58.1, 2:28.0, GD
1-Xtatic Hanover (g, 6, SJ's Caviar--Xqsmwa, by Royal Prestige), \$11,000 2011 ADIOS O-A Piece Of The Action LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$10,800, Lifetime Record: 97-15-14-8, \$170,398



ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS!

2-Military Blue (g, 4, Lucky Chucky--New Royalty, by Giant Hit), \$80,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$5,400

3-Born To Fight (g, 6, Cantab Hall--China Tea Party, by Muscles Yankee), \$42,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-James F Snyder. B-Herb A Liverman. T-Mark Ford. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,592
Calls: 9H, 4H, NS, 1, 8H - Finish Order: Swishnflick, Warrawee Onyx, Georgina Corner, Zorgwijk Nova, Marion Millionair, Bwt Taj, Lauderdale

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4, YR, \$18,800, T, NON-WINNERS OF \$10,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$60,000 IN 2016 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$20,000 AE. 3 & 4 YEAR OLD NON-WINNERS OF \$100,000 LIFETIME., I, 30.2, 1:32.2, 2:02.1, 2:32.1, GD

1-Sim Brown (g, 8, Angus Hall--Trophy Bass, by Supergill), \$65,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-P T Stable. B-Hamstan Farm Inc, CA. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,400, Lifetime Record: 157-19-23-23, \$592,961



PREFERRED EQUINE
Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Noble Warrawee (g, 7, Angus Hall--Warrawee Fourleaf, by King Conch), \$57,000 2010 CAN-YS O-Adrian A Weeks. B-Warrawee Farm, CA. T-Michael Latham. D-George Brennan, \$4,700

3-House On Fire (g, 8, Conway Hall--Housethatruthbuilt, by Muscles Yankee), \$55,000 2009 LEX-SEL O-Patrick A Laiso & Jennifer L Lappe. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc & Theodore Gewertz & Steve Jones & American Viking Rc Stb. T-John Kokinos. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,256
Calls: 1H, 2Q, 1Q, 3, 5Q - Finish Order: Alexander Hanover, Explosiveday, Mystic Flower, Time Will Tell All, Triumphant's Chip, Splitsville, Never Ever Clever

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RACE RESULTS

8, YR, \$20,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 2,3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 29.4, 1:02.1, 1:31.1, 2:00.2, GD

1-Freeze Out (f, 3, American Ideal--Mr Deli's Filly, by Artiscape), \$20,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Ricky A Bucci. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Brent Holland, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 31-5-8-7, \$98,281



2-Northern Soiree (f, 3, Western Ideal--Yankee Celebration, by Art Major), \$20,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Seth Rosenberg Racing LLC. B-Anne K Santos. T-Jeffrey Ramsdell. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,000

3-Zuzu (m, 4, Rock N Roll Heaven--Mezuzah Hanover, by McArdle) O-Nolan C Bilder. B-John Cancelliere. T-Michael Russo. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$2,400

Calls: 1Q, 1H, T, 1Q, 1Q - Finish Order: Lucky Player, Well Shaded, Wise Latina, Quiet Cove, Thewayulooktonight

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9, YR, \$25,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 2,3&4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES, 26.4, 57.1, 1:27.0, 1:59.2, GD

1-Can't Catch Key (m, 4, Artiscape--Caribbean Key, by Whitefish Falls) O-Green Acres LLC & Mike J Klimas. B-Green Acres LLC. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Daniel Dube, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 27-9-2-5, \$56,376

2-Franney Love Dat (m, 4, Major In Art--Who Dat, by Presidential Ball) O-Robert J Lovett. B-Robert J Lovett & Henry M Weinstein. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$6,250

3-Shortstory Hanover (f, 3, Dragon Again--Shaky Cam Hanover, by Artsplace), \$55,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Lon V Frocione. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Brett Bittle. D-George Brennan, \$3,000

Calls: 1, 1H, 1Q, 1, HD - Finish Order: Fox Valley Bailey, Givemeyourheart, Twice An Angel, Made Of Jewels As, Maniana

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10, YR, \$20,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 4 P-M RACES OR \$40,000 LIFETIME. 2,3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 29.0, 1:00.0, 1:28.3, 1:58.0, GD

1-Candell (c, 2, Bettor's Delight--Kats Treasure, by Real Artist), \$55,000 2015 LEX-SEL O-Christina Takter & John D Fielding, CA & R A W Equine Inc, CA. B-Dr Fred S Kruszelnicki, CA. T-Jimmy Takter. D-Jason Bartlett, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-2, \$42,990



2-Bully Pulpit (g, 3, Well Said--Cupcakesnwhippedcream, by Camluck), \$25,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Jonathan H Newman. B-Stephen Perrine Dey. T-Richard Banca. D-Scott Zeron, \$5,000

3-Ballerat Boomerang (g, 3, If I Can Dream--Retail Therapy, by Art Major) O-Set The Pace Racing LLC. B-Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. T-Jeffrey Ramsdell. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, 2, 1Q, 1Q, 1 - Finish Order: Magical Cowboy, Brickman, War Daddy, Whata Twist, Shanghai Warrior

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11, YR, \$25,000, P, NON-WINNERS OF 6 P-M RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. 2,3&4 YEAR OLD COLTS, HORSES & GELDINGS, 28.3, 58.4, 1:27.1, 1:56.2, GD

1-Stirling Escort (g, 3, 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, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 20-5-2-4, \$57,980



2-Nimble And Quick (g, 3, Western Ideal--Cam Swiftly, by Cambest), \$45,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Patrick D Lachance & M & M Harness Racing LLC. B-Concord Stud Farm LLC & Susan E Berry & Birnam Wood Farms & Julie A Meirs. T-Richard Ringler. D-Pat Lachance, \$6,250

3-Spendabuckonme (g, 3, Art Major--Indulge Me, by Bettor's Delight) O-James A Harper. B-Robert A & Lauren B Tucker. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$3,000

Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Grand Theft, Hustling Charley, All Down The Line, Tap Into Power, Pan Of Steel

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