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Handle was up – unfortunately, we can't tell you much else

Deep data dives into the business of racing continues to be an afterthought, and it's costing the sport money.

by Dean Towers



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Standardbred Canada posted a brief news story on North American harness handle and purses for 2023 this week.

In the U.S., handle was up 6.59 per cent to \$1.59 billion, total purses were a shade over \$500 million, up 3.64 per cent.

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British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli is credited with the famous quote, "there are three kinds of lies – lies, damned lies and statistics," and I think we can agree there's some meat in that missive. Statistics without causation or context can be precisely that.



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However, Disraeli's quote (he was a politician after all) smacks of hyperbole because business analysis – virtually everything we see or buy or watch – revolves around numbers today.

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These are two examples of thousands, of course.

Now, back to horse racing.

Do you know what percentage of handle actually went to purses, and where the differences are via geography or jurisdiction?

Where did the handle come from? What type of customer segment is growing, what's shrinking? What tracks are doing well, which aren't?

What was the effective takeout for the customer? Are some customers getting such great deals they're driving the handle

growth in harness racing's version of the Pareto Principle?

Here's what we may think is a basic question.

Do you know what percentage of racing handle (in this case, thoroughbred handle) in 2023 went to what pool? I do, but it was only because I [found it on a Twitter feed](#) from someone named "Crunk."

The answers to these questions, I think, should be rudimentary, but they're generally elusive. And without these basics it's difficult to model any big question.

Questions like, what's the optimal size of a carryover pool? How much of the new money a carryover attracts is from people who don't bet the sport regularly? If a track increases a purse by \$5,000 what's the resulting increase in field size? If we slide takeout down by 5 per cent in a win pool, what happens to revenue?

What promotions work best? What drives horsepeople to enter horses? What drives people to buy them?

In my view, to answer questions – important questions that can raise revenue for the sport of horse racing – we need to gather better aggregate numbers and employ people with the skill to analyze them.

The sport, even after all this time, isn't there yet.

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AN ONGOING CONVERSATION WITH JOHN CAMPBELL



by DAVE BRIGGS

What goes into being a Breeders Crown host track

by Dave Briggs

Chalk this one up to the best laid plans.

A few years ago, we had the idea of publishing a regular column with John Campbell, the Hall of Fame driver that is now the CEO of the Hambletonian Society. Campbell graciously agreed to speak regularly on a wide range of topics.

The first column was three years ago. This is the second. That's on us, not him. It's hard to believe the first was in January of 2021, but time has a funny way of surprising us.

Of course, in the interim, we have spoken to Campbell semi-regularly on important topics. But, as for a column where we plan to pick his brain on matters both serious and less so, the hope is this will be the reboot of a regular, on-going conversation with the legend.

We have some ideas for some fun topics to come, but we begin (again) where we likely should – discussing the Breeders Crown.

The year-end series has settled into a nice three-track rotation between The Meadowlands, Harrah's Hoosier Park and Woodbine Mohawk Park.

This year is The Meadowlands' turn to play host. With that, Campbell said, came negotiations with the thoroughbred industry, which has some rights to race at The Big M in the fall. That's why the official announcement of Breeders Crown dates – finals set for Oct. 25 and 26 – had to wait until just a few days before Christmas.

"It was certainly much later than we had preferred [to announce them]," Campbell said. "But from The Society's standpoint and from the industry standpoint, it's important to have the Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands. We're thrilled that we're going back."

Campbell said there are a lot of positives to the Breeders Crown being back in New Jersey.

"The Meadowlands has worldwide recognition for top harness racing in the world," he said, "So, there is name recognition and the fact that they put on big events and know how to put on big events... We've worked with their staff each year with the Hambletonian, so there's a synergy there. They are great people to work with, so it's pretty smooth when we do the Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands, just because we work so often and so well with [COO and general manager] Jason Settlemoir and his staff."

Also, the news that the Crown will be back at The Meadowlands comes at a great time. This week, it was announced a five-year extension to the annual \$10 million purse subsidy to the standardbred industry has passed and just awaits Governor Phil Murphy's signature.

"That just makes the harness racing industry in New Jersey that much more stable through 2029," Campbell said of the subsidy. "It's certainly welcome news. Horsemen know there's money in New Jersey here for the next six years, including this year. The Meadowlands knows that and they can plan ahead of time. You know, without that purse appropriation their purses would not be attracting the type of horses that they are going to get with the purse appropriation. So, across the board it just stabilizes and makes it easier to plan. I think it just makes everybody breathe a little easier."

Outside of New Jersey, Campbell said The Hambletonian Society is open to other tracks playing host to the Crown



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besides the three in the current rotation. However, the truth is, not a huge number have the ability to play host to the Breeders Crown.

“Obviously, the rights fees paid to the Society are a huge part of it, for sure,” Campbell said. “Then, we’re looking at can a venue handle people, handle sponsors, owners and VIPs in a proper way, handle detention barns and make sure everything would run smoothly with that many horses in detention for the horsemen – that part of it is very important as well.

“We do look at the size of the track, but we’re not locked in to seven-eighths or bigger. We’ve had it at Pocono and we had great racing at Pocono. We don’t feel, necessarily, that if you’ve got a five-eighths that you wouldn’t get a Breeders Crown. Having said that, we do have some interest in some other venues. Two other jurisdictions have shown interest and asked questions and have begun negotiations about having a Breeders Crown, so that’s really positive for me. We’d like to include as many tracks that are interested and could handle it as we can.”

That said, Campbell stressed all three current Crown tracks have been fantastic to work with, “so you don’t want to upset the apple cart, so to speak, with that. And, the horsemen’s association for all three are a vital part of the Breeders Crown. But, I’m really excited about a couple of other places showing interest and I hope both of them come to fruition. Spreading it around, I think,

is good. I think being in different parts of the country at different venues with the event is very important.”

Campbell said he would also love to be able to invite a top European trotter for this year’s Breeders Crown. Appearances in the past by such stars as Varenne, Victory Tilly, Rapide Lebel, Commander Crowe and Bold Eagle, have helped spice up the Crown and bring more international attention to it.

“It’s a special invite clause in our Breeders Crown conditions so it has to be a horse that ‘moves the needle’ for lack of better words,” Campbell said. “Our last invite was Bold Eagle and that’s a pretty high bar when you look at that. Does this horse measure up to a Bold Eagle stature? We look every year and it’s not like we’re not interested, but it takes a special horse for us to say, ‘I think this horse is going to add to the event’ and ‘move the needle,’ which Bold Eagle certainly did.”

Bold Eagle raced in the 2019 Breeders Crown and won the open trot at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Campbell said it’s actually a little easier for horses to fly into Canada from Europe, “but that’s not a deciding factor in inviting.”

The history of the Breeders Crown ties directly to the history of the thoroughbred industry’s Breeders’ Cup. Today, the events are very different, but Campbell said the Crown has borrowed a few ideas from the Cup in recent years – and he joked he would love



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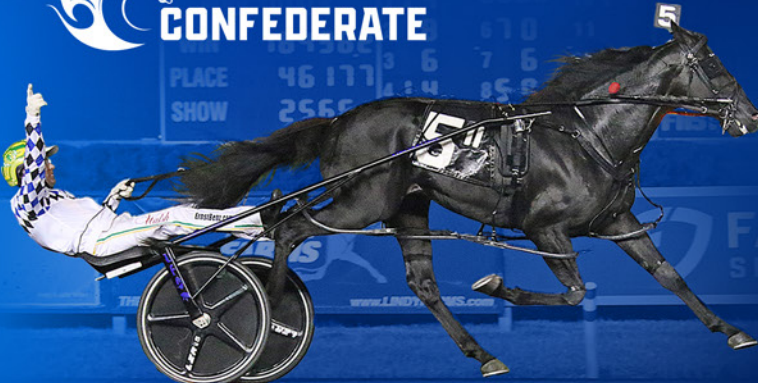
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to be able to offer a \$6 million purse like the thoroughbreds did for the 2023 Breeders’ Cup Classic.

“One thing we have done – and thank you to Adam Bowden at Diamond Creek for bringing it up – is the post winners’ reception after each Breeders Crown,” Campbell said. “Diamond Creek sponsored that and it started at Mohawk in 2019. He brought it to me and it was from the Breeders’ Cup and he was part of it and he said it was really a nice touch. He asked, ‘Do you think we could do something like that?’ I said, ‘Sure, we could certainly try.’ We’ve done that every year and it’s become part of the Breeders Crown with the winning connections going in and having a glass of champagne and watching the replay and doing interviews that are streaming out on social media. So, that’s one thing that we did take from the Breeders’ Cup. It’s been very popular.”

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FINES & SUSPENSIONS

THIS WEEK’S FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

HRU is providing links to publicly-available fines and suspension lists for convenience.

Readers are reminded that because a person’s name appears on the list does not necessarily mean they are guilty of an offense. Many times, cases are not finalized and many of the accused are still entitled to due process.

Also, please note, for context, the first link is to the Association of Racing Commissioners International’s classification system of drug penalties to give readers a sense of the difference between a Class 1 and a Class 4 positive.

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Myron Bell revisited

by Murray Brown

Myron Bell is now reaching the stage of his often-glorious career in harness racing, where he might be looked upon as being an elder statesman. You would never know it by speaking to the about to be 83-year-old.

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~ Myron Bell

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“I have lived to this age in reasonably good health because I want to be there when my grandkids grow up to become the great successes that I envision them becoming and the horses which I have bred and helped to develop become the champions that I feel some will become. I like to think I take good care of both my body and my mind on a daily basis. I exercise, usually with an early morning swim every day. I read, beginning with the *New York Times* on a daily basis. Reading a newspaper like the *Times* is not only of great importance to the mind in the information it imparts to the brain, but it is perhaps



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~ Myron Bell

more important in that it creates incentive to explore areas of which I have little or no knowledge and of my need to learn. I like to think that no day goes by where I have not learned something that I didn’t previously know. One of the sections in the *Times* that I explore are the obituaries, not only to find out which luminaries have left us, but perhaps more importantly to explore the lives of some that might be unfamiliar to me and to add to my knowledge of those who made enough of an impact on our lives to be recognized, even in death by the New York Times.”

This column purports to be about harness racing, its horses and its people. You have been in the game since the mid '60s. You owned your first horse in 1968. You bought your first yearling in the '70s. Since then, you have owned, managed, bred, raised and raced likely hundreds of others. Your enthusiasm for the sport has not wavered. If anything, it has grown and increased. I'm playing off the name from Budd Schulberg's best seller "What makes Sammy Run?" known mostly to fellow octogenarians, to ask, what makes Myron run?

“That is both an easy and a difficult question. There is no set answer. The simple one would be that success breeds success. How many are too many great horses? It's an undefinable answer. The truth is probably that there are never enough. Once you've bred or owned the great one you are always looking for one even better. That is what keeps me going.”

You mention the word “bred.” You’ve spoken to me about having more of an interest in recent years in breeding than in racing. Is that so?

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"The reason we did so well is that we sold three of our best-bred race fillies, Boudoir Hanover, Bellissima Hanover and Don't Fence Me In for a good seven figure number to Steve Stewart and partners. I've been extremely fortunate in that in addition to George Segal and Tony Alagna of course, I've had some great partners and associates including, but not limited to Judy Chaffee, Larry Denley, Steve Head, Daniel Plouffe and Robbie Pryde.

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By KADABRA 2,1:57.2; 3,1:52.4; 4,1:51.3 (\$1,806,779) Sire of 609 in 2:00, 173 in 1:55 from 1313 foals, 790 winners from 1018 starters and 275 earning over \$100,000, including: BEE A MAGICIAN (M) 3,1:51 (\$4,055,865), FORBIDDEN TRADE 3,1:51 (\$2,114,747), DAYLON MAGICIAN 4,1:51.1 (\$1,977,969), EMOTICON HANOVER (M) 4,1:50.2f (\$1,778,033), FLANAGAN MEMORY 1:51.2 (\$1,609,330), CAPRICE HILL (M) 3,1:52.3f (\$1,329,072), POOF SHE'S GONE (M) 3,1:53.1 (\$1,312,093), WILL TAKE CHARGE 1:50.3f (\$1,190,238), IL MAGO 1:52.3f (\$904,220), TEXT ME 3,1:54.3 (\$890,620). Total earnings of \$102,866,644.

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DIAL NILE 2,Q2:03.3f; 3,Q2:01.4f; BT2:00.2s (\$15,395) by Super Bowl. 5 wins at 2 and 3. From 12 foals, dam of 9 winners, 1 in 1:55, 3 in 2:00, including:
TEXT ME 2,1:56.2; 3,1:54.3; BT1:53.4s (\$890,620) (Kadabra). As above.
WIRELESS IMAGE 2,2:03.3f; 3,2:00h; 1:57.2f; BT1:57f (\$113,801) (Balanced Image). 12 wins, 2 thru 9. At 2, winner leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots. At 3, winner Flamboro Breeders S., leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots; third in leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots. At 4, second in leg Magician Ser. at Harrington.
DIRECT DIAL (M) 2,Q2:02.3f; 3,2:00.1f; BT1:55.3s (\$102,074) (Balanced Image). 2 wins at 2 and 3. At 2, winner elim. Ontario Sires S. - Gold; second in leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots; third in elim. Ontario Sires S. - Gold, Flamboro Breeders S., Semi-Final Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots. At 3, second in elim. Ontario Sires S. - Gold, elim. Ontario SBOA S.; third in elim. Elegantimage S., cons. Ontario Sires S. - Gold. Dam of CASH ON DELIVERY 2,1:58.1; 3,1:55.1; 4,1:54.3f (\$387,551), BERNDT ENERGY 2,Q2:10.2; 3,1:56; 1:54.3f (\$260,255), MY BIG KADILLAC 3,1:59.1f; 1:56.1 (\$191,361), A ROYAL LINE 2,1:56.4; 3,1:55.2 (\$173,422). Grandam of DREAM CHANGE 2,1:58.1h; 3,1:56.3h (\$121,545).
STAY IN TOUCH (M) 2,2:00.3; BT1:57.2s (\$35,567) (Kadabra). 2 wins at 2. At 2, winner leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots (2); second in leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots (2); third in leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots. At 3, second in leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots; third in leg Ontario Sires S. - Grassroots.
Producers: URGE TO SPLURGE 3,1:58.3 (\$17,752) (dam of SPLURGE ON ME 2,1:58.4; 3,1:53.4-\$126,913; grandam of TRULY RELENTLESS 2,1:57.4h-\$189,927), Miss Lovecky (dam of A LITTLE MORE LOVE 2,1:59.1; 3,1:54.4-\$238,772).

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TEXSONG SOPRANO 2,1:54.4; 3,1:51-'23 (\$311,134). At 2, winner leg Indiana Sires S. at Hoosier (4); second in leg Indiana Sires S. at Hoosier (2), Ralph Wilfong Mem.; third in The Madison County T. At 3, winner leg Indiana Sires S. at Hoosier (2); second in leg Indiana Sires S. at Hoosier; third in leg Indiana Sires S. at Hoosier (2). (Muscling In by Muscles Yankee)
FINISH STRONG 2,Q2:02.3; 3,1:55.1; 4,1:53-'23 (\$96,510). (Double Ivory by Dream Vacation)
TEXT C LIND (M) 3,1:53.4; 4,Q1:53.2-'23 (\$73,459). (Jessi Lind by Jailhouse Jesse)
FINAL TEXT (M) 2,1:57.2-'23 (\$31,675). (Captain Megan by Swan For All)

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SHEILAH LADAY (M) 1:57.3-Europe (SEK807,500). (Singularity by Windsong's Legacy)
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Lennox Laday (SEK700,102). (Darlane by Lindy Lane)
Sunday Sonata (M) (SEK670,200). (Mantoloking by Sierra Kosmos)
Vikens Energy (€90,403). (Vikens Pandora by Smasher)
Baron Frontline (SEK654,757). (Dats Perfect by Ken Warkentin).
Texan Rose (M) (SEK608,100). (Niji Seahouse by Pine Chip)
Enclave (SEK604,100). (Enjoyitj by Enjoy Lavec)
Highsurprise Laday (M) (SEK585,900). (Angus Twirl by Angus Hall)
Copitex (SEK470,500). (Copigirl by Copiad)
High Hope Laday (M) (SEK391,677) (Ladder by Muscles Yankee)
Mira Hörsta (M) (SEK389,794). (Lindys Mirabella by Lindy's Crown)
Carlos Texi (M) (SEK384,265). (Invincible Dust by Alf Palema)
Harkeröds Mimmi (M) (SEK367,200). (Wayenne Boko by Cocktail Jet)
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Starpoint Legacy (SEK321,400). (Across The Hills by Windsong's Legacy)
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Dover In Motion streaking after extended layoff

by James Platz

Dover In Motion kicked off his 5-year-old season with a win Monday afternoon (Jan. 8), at Miami Valley Raceway. Steered by John DeLong for trainer and co-owner Jamie Macomber, the son of Dover Dan—Keystone Sadie scored a three-length triumph in the day's \$32,000 open handicap, trotting the mile in 1:52.3. The victory was the fifth consecutive for Dover In Motion dating back to late November. It was also another positive step as he attempts to recapture the brilliance he displayed as a freshman.

“Right now, he's just so full of himself. He never has a bad day. Even when he was sore at 3, he never had a bad attitude. He knows he's winning every week; I can tell you that. Sometimes he wants to take me for a ride out there when we are jogging and training. I'm thrilled and very fortunate for him to come back the way that he has.”

~ Jamie Macomber



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Dover In Motion (John DeLong) winning Nov. 25 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

"I didn't know what he was going to be like racing the winter months and the cold and the hard track," said Macomber. "But I know him, and I know how well he did as a 2-year-old and I know his attitude. He came back even better than I had hoped as far as his attitude, wanting to win and wanting to be Dover."

Dover In Motion didn't make his first pari-mutuel start in 2023 until the first week of October. He was sidelined for a good portion of the year after an injury he sustained in the finale of his sophomore campaign. Macomber, who owns the trotter in partnership with M & M Racing (Ora Miller), decided to be extra precautionary bringing him back to the races.

"He had some soft tissue damage in his right hind that required some time off," she said. "I went ahead and doubled his time off just to make sure it healed up. I don't think the right hind was a factor until his last start when he made a break in the stretch. I think he was sore in the left hind for a majority of his 3-year-old season, but we didn't find much in his left hind."

After winning eight of nine freshman starts and banking just over \$300,000 for the connections, expectations were high for Dover In Motion's 3-year-old campaign. Unfortunately, soreness plagued him throughout his 16 seasonal starts, and while he managed to hit the board in half of them, he produced only two trips to the Harrah's Hoosier Park winner's circle. Dover In Motion finished 2022 with \$129,510 in earnings, but was also shelved with the injury.

"I trained him down at 3 and then I turned him out," Macomber said. "He got ready way too early. I turned him out and he came back sore. It was extremely disappointing. To look at his lines and to look at the money he made, it wasn't even terrible. So, you sound silly saying that it was disappointing, but we had such high expectations for him. He was a perfect 2-year-old."

When Dover In Motion returned in October, his first start was an Indiana Sires Stakes elimination for older trotters, not what

Macomber had planned. He raced second in the elimination, then trotted third in the \$50,000 final.

"My plan was not for my first start to be in the aged sires stakes elimination," she said. "But some sickness had gone through the barn and he had so much mucus. I refused to train him. Because he's never had Lasix, I didn't want to train him too much when he's sick. So, I missed about 10 days with him. When you're trying to prep one to win the sires stakes final when they are just training back, you kind of need it to be their third or fourth start. I didn't want to go out and race him that hard his first start. But, in true Dover fashion, he went around there as well as he could and did awesome. My prayers were that he would come out of those first two races okay."

He came out of the sires stakes contests fine, but when shipping to Cumberland Run in late October, Dover In Motion broke stride and finished out of the money. Macomber says the trotter has a tendency to sometimes become anxious and over-trot, which she believes he did in Kentucky. Returning to the familiar confines of Hoosier Park, Dover In Motion picked up his first victory of 2023 on Nov. 11, just over 14 months since his last triumph as a 3-year-old. He followed the win with a fourth-place finish, and since then has not tasted defeat. Beginning with a 1-length score on Nov. 25, he has run his record to five straight. During the 10-race stretch he has banked \$86,760 and pushed his career tally to \$525,670.

"Right now, he's just so full of himself," Macomber said. "He never has a bad day. Even when he was sore at 3, he never had a bad attitude. He knows he's winning every week; I can tell you that. Sometimes he wants to take me for a ride out there when we are jogging and training. I'm thrilled and very fortunate for him to come back the way that he has."

The owner and trainer is not racing Dover In Motion weekly. Instead, she is picking her spots with the trotter with the goal of getting him through the month of January sound and healthy. That would mark four months of competition since his return from the long layoff without any issues.

"My main goal is to get through January with him being 100 per cent sound," she said. "Right now, my goal is for him to be completely sound in February. If he's completely sound in February, I'll turn him out and give him a break and then start preparing him for Hoosier Park."

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EUROPEAN REPORT



with THOMAS HEDLUND

Joviality runner up in Prix de Croix

by Thomas Hedlund

Some of the best 5-year-old European bred trotters showed up when the \$125,000 Prix de Croix was on the card at Vincennes on Saturday (Jan. 13) afternoon. Sabine Kagebrant's Chapter Seven mare Joviality was the most merited horse in the race, but the heavy favorite was Jean-Michel Bazire's **Jushua Tree** (Bold Eagle), who was served a trip in fourth over, with Joviality on his back.

Justin Bold was sent to the lead and driver Yoann Lebourgeois held a good pace, not letting the tough challengers push for the front position.

Franck Nivard had to make a move with Just A Gigolo on the back stretch, in the uphill part of the track and soon thereafter, Bazire followed three wide behind attacking J'Aime Le Foot. When J'Aime Le Foot made a break before the last turn, Jushua Tree had to be pushed a little bit more to make contact with

the leading duo. Joviality was served a perfect trip by Benjamin Rochard. Rochard got cover from Jushua Tree on the back stretch and when the field turned for home, it seemed like Joviality could challenge new leader Jushua Tree for real. But that was an illusion. Jushua Tree is a top trotter, probably one of the best horses in the world at this moment, so being a runner up behind him at Vincennes is quite like a victory for Joviality.

Jushua Tree won the Prix de Croix in a mile rate of 1:56.4 over 1.7 miles, Joviality came home in 1:57.

Bazire has announced that he will not enter the Prix d'Amérique this year with Jushua Tree, even if the horses qualified for the race via the great win in the Criterium Continental on Dec. 24.

Joviality will most probably start in the Prix Bold Eagle on Jan. 28.

FLOREAL BEST IN CAGNES

Floreal (Up And Quick) proved best when the \$125,000 Prix de la Cote d'Azur was held in Cagnes-sur-Mer on Thursday (Jan. 11) afternoon.

Floreal, driven by Robin Bouvier, was pushed to the lead with a lap to go in the 2,925 meters long race, but the 9-year-old gelding had to turn the front position over to Ideal du Rocher with 600 meters to go.

From the pocket, Floreal quite easily disarmed leader Ideal du Rocher and claimed the victory in a mile rate of 1:57.3 over 1.8 miles.

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GRASSROOTS PERSPECTIVE



with **CHRIS LOMON**

Patience is paying off for 21-year-old Lukas Harper

by Chris Lomon

It was a moment that played out in Lukas Harper's field of dreams, a victory torn from the pages of a Hollywood script.

The eighth race on the afternoon of July 17 over the half-mile oval at Hilliard, OH happened to be the only drive for the young horseman on the nine-race card.

Teamed with Captain Income, a son of Captaintreacherous—Supplemental Income, Harper and the bay gelding lined up behind the starting car as the 5-1 third choice in the six-horse field for the \$1,000 pace.

The pair got away in second and followed 4-5 favorite Bee A Hardtthrob through fractions of :29, :59.4, and 1:28.4, before taking over the proceedings and powering away from their rival to post a 1 ¼-length win in 1:59.1.

“Turning for home, it was a surreal thing,” Harper said. “I had the adrenaline going and I didn’t know if I was going to get there or not. But we got the job done. I was lucky to have such a game horse. You know that he is going to give you everything he’s got. He was a perfect horse for me to drive. When you ask him to go, he will, and he loves getting the best of other horses.”

For Harper, it was the first win of his fledgling career. But it was much more than just a milestone memory.

Far more, in fact.

“It was ironic that I won that first race at Hilliard,” he said. “It’s my home track, so to speak. My dad [long-time horseman Bob Harper] used to be stabled there and my grandmother and grandfather live right behind the track, along the backside. They have a house right on the fence, so it was pretty special.

“My parents weren’t able to be there, but it meant a lot to have the race at that track. I was overcome with emotion after the race. When I looked over, I saw my grandparents and my two little cousins standing at the fence cheering me on.”

The 21-year-old Harper had other things to cheer about over the 14 starts he compiled in his rookie 2023 season.



Courtesy Lukas Harper
Lukas Harper in action.

“My dad has always instilled in me that there are no friends on the racetrack. If you have a good horse and you have to make a move to give your horse the best chance to win, you’ve got to do what you’ve got to do. He also told me that as soon as you pull the line, you’ll immediately know if you messed up, but the top priority is to give your horse the best trip you can.”

~ Lukas Harper

While the win with Captain Income was his only victory on the campaign, Lukas was money in the bank when it came to finishing in the top three, posting seven thirds along the way.

“I’m confident in any horse I sit behind, no matter what the odds are,” he said. “My belief is that you have to put every horse in play, to find the best spot for them to get the best result. When we get up to the gate, regardless of whether the horse is the favorite or a big longshot, I am confident. Anything can happen. Who knows? You might be able to pull off something spectacular.”

Most importantly, the former standout football and basketball player learned no shortage of lessons in his time on the racetrack and training tracks.

“My dad has always instilled in me that there are no friends on the racetrack,” Lukas said. “If you have a good horse and you have to make a move to give your horse the best chance to win, you’ve got to do what you’ve got to do. He also told me that as soon as you pull the line, you’ll immediately know if you messed up, but the top priority is to give your horse the best trip you can.”

What was one thing he learned about himself as a driver in 2023?

“I’ve learned to have a lot more patience,” he said. “I talked to a lot of other drivers and trainers about patience, when to make the right move or when to stay in. When I was in the Youth Driving Series, I didn’t have the best horses, at least on paper, but the ability to be patient helped me out a lot.

“When you have a good horse that can race on the front, it is a lot easier. When you aren’t driving the big favorite, you have to pick and choose your spots. That has helped me so much when it comes to driving from off the pace. You study the program and do your best to understand how the race will play out, but you also need to rely on split-second decisions because anything can happen.”

Born in Grove City, OH, a suburb of Columbus, Lukas still calls the city of just over 43,000 people home, a place that allows him to easily venture to many of the state’s standardbred racetracks.

With the calendar having turned to a new year, Lukas is looking to continue on the road to success with his life in the sulky, while also taking off some strokes on his golf game.

“Short term, the goal is to get my pari-mutuel license,” he said. “I need to have a few more qualifiers, but hopefully, I can get that done soon. I would like to up the number of drives I have this year, maybe around 40 would be a nice target to hit. Obviously, I want to get some more wins too.

“I started with dreams of winning the big races, but I am just going with the flow with everything right now. I am a big believer in God, and whatever He throws my way, I will be grateful. My ultimate goal would be to win the Little Brown Jug one day – that is definitely at the top of my list – but whatever happens, it’s an honor and a blessing to get to do what I love. I have such a passion for the sport and for the horses and I feel so lucky to get to be part of this all.”

Winning a few more races in front of his grandparents would no doubt be on his list of future accomplishments.

Lukas, understandably, is still moved by that victory at Hilliard.

“You always hope that your first win will be special,” he said. “But there is no way I could have made that moment any more special than it was. I can still picture my grandparents and my cousins cheering for me. No matter what I can achieve, that day will always stand out as one of the greatest in my career.”

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The Diary of Bridgette M. - Part 1

by Trey Nosrac

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FRIDAY

Ellen is our group therapist. Today she gave all eight members of her girl band of druggies a notebook and asked us to keep a journal and write a few paragraphs before bed. Ellen promised not to read what we wrote. She said that she would only glance to make sure we wrote something.

Writing this journal is BS. Beneath your fake smile, you are a judgmental diva. Your gigantic hoop earrings are ridiculous. I have the after-detox jangles, which, as usual, are HELL. I'm shaky and sick. All I want to do is to find a kit and a corner to nod. Whoa, scribbling that paragraph felt good. Maybe Ellen of the Hoop Earrings is on to something.

You may wonder how I got here.

I stole a bicycle from the rack in front of a college library, one of many misdeeds needed to feed my habit. I always nab bikes, and they usually bring about 75 bucks, but this bike had a GPS tracker. The cops strolled into the pawn shop as I was negotiating. Since I made a beeline from the library to the pawnshop, the old "a

friend just gave it to me" did not get me a pass. The drug test at the station sealed the deal.

The judge asked me to choose between spending three months in jail or three months at an in-house rehab facility. If you have been in county jail, you know that isn't a difficult choice.

When that judge asks your mother if she is willing to pay money that she does not have for her youngest daughter to spend yet another stint in rehab, that is a trickier choice, but my mom, bless her forgiving heart, tearfully answered yes.

That's enough writing for today.

MONDAY

Instead of killing myself over the weekend, I crawled under the black and white checkerboard quilt my mother forced me to take and binge-watched a Danish TV series on Netflix called Seaside Hotel. The series was more juvenile than a fifth-grade play and so sweet it could cause cavities, but the show calmed down my screaming brain and gave me something to do between vomiting into black plastic garbage bags and shaking like the sofa was traveling down a bumpy road.

I showed up at the group session on Monday with blank diary pages. Ellen, the Therapist, was aggravated. She rolled her eyes and said she could not make me do anything.

I yelled that I knew damn well she could not make me do anything and added that she should write that down in HER f***ing diary and shove it.

At 23, I am the oldest in my pod of eight losers. I see it as my responsibility to set a bad example. Seriously, things like yelling at Ellen always come out of my big mouth. The instant it pops out, I feel like a bitchy ventriloquist dummy. I know this is her job, but I don't see how anyone can stand me at any price.

The small group idiocy continued when Ellen handed us a golf pencil and a sheet of paper with three outpatient choices:

Kitchen work and cooking

Horse Care

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Nursing Home Assistant

She told us to write our names at the top and circle one, then she collected the papers but did not read them, looked directly at me, and reminded us to write something in our diary tonight.

TUESDAY

Today, things went off the rails in the group session. Yesterday, all eight of us circled horse care as our choice for outpatient work. I mean, WTF? Why did she even bother with the paper ballot? Only a lunatic would sign up to slice onions or rip off dirty sheets instead of horse work.

Any moron could see she was setting up a conflict. Worse, the restaurant that agreed to take a few of us losers closed last night. So, Ellen went to her Plan B. She placed all our names on slips of paper in an envelope, shook it up, and told us the first four names she drew would go to the horse place, and the other four would work at the nursing home. We went from a democratic choice to a dictatorship in 10 seconds.

I drew into the horse group, which was good because I did not need to throw a major hissy fit. I smirked while the nursing

home quartet grumbled and bitched. Then Ellen handed each girl in the nursing home group a first aid book, and she gave each of us in the horse group a book as thick as a *Bible* titled *Care and Training of the Trotter and Pacer*. She said, "Just read the first three chapters." Of course, I didn't.

SATURDAY

Well, you might notice I missed a few days. My leg swelled up from an infected vein, and they shipped me to the hospital and hooked me up to an antibiotic drip. On the way out of my room at rehab, I grabbed the stupid horse book Ellen handed me. When I had trouble sleeping, I read a few chapters of *Care and Training of the Trotter and Pacer*, which was much better than Ambien.

I returned to the rehab place yesterday afternoon, in time for my first day at the horse program scheduled for the next morning. For some reason, we started the program on Saturday. I guessed the employees would not be working, and our quartet of drug cadets would just walk around and look at horses. Not true.

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A guy in his fifties wearing a ski cap and his arm in a sling met the van. When we got out, he said his name was Ted. He read our names from his clipboard. He waved us to follow him towards a big barn. Four women were waiting near the big open doorway: two about my age, one in her 50s, and one barely a teenager. I was a little nervous, like before getting on a roller coaster.

Ted matched each druggie with one of the other women. He told us to relax, follow our leader's advice about how to do a few simple tasks and try not to feel overwhelmed. He said our days, for now, would be three hours in the morning, then lunch provided at no cost, and then two hours after lunch. My mom's rehab bill could probably pay for a condo in Tahiti with lunch and zero work.

At 2:30, Gilbert returned in the van and drove us back to rehab, where we had to go directly into the nurse station for a drug test. The rules were clear: daily testing, one dirty test, and you wave goodbye to the farm.

I will write more about my first day at the horse farm some other time because I'm tired, smell like a horse (which I sort of like), and want to finish the final episodes of *Seaside Hotel*.

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Melissa Beckwith – Trainer, wife, mother

by Victoria Howard

Although Melissa Beckwith spent many weekends in a barn as a child, she never had a yearning to follow her father, Hall of Famer Jerry Silverman – one of harness racing’s leading Grand Circuit trainers for over five decades – into the business.

But Melissa’s brother Richie did and went on to have a successful career in the sport as a driver/trainer.

Patriarch Jerry Silverman made quite a name as one of the sport’s top trainers with the huge success of his horse, Romeo Hanover p, 3, 1:56.1, a Harrisburg yearling he picked out for \$8,500 who became a Triple Crown winner.

But Jerry’s success didn’t end with Romeo, for many Silverman trainees followed, such as, Die Laughing, p, 3, 1:51.1 (\$2,164,386), Glowing Report p, 5, 1:49.2 (\$2,095,144), Hit Parade p, 2:1:53.4

(\$806,303), Saccharum p, 4, 1:53.3 (\$805,295), Masquerade p, T 1:53 (\$598,542) and Fame p, 2, 1:55.3 (\$502,942).

Jerry also trained a filly named Must See p, 2, 1:52 (\$487,122) who is the dam of the 2009 Pacer of the Year, Well Said.

Jerry was the first trainer in the history of harness racing to develop two \$2-million pacers.

His legacy continued when both of his children, Richie and Melissa, would eventually carry on the name with much success.

“Although I was involved in some aspect in the sport when I was younger, I really didn’t go all in until I met and married my husband, horseman Mark Beckwith,” Melissa said.

Melissa’s husband Mark is also no stranger to the game for he was the leading trainer at Rosecroft Raceway in 1994 and leading driver at Yonkers in 2002.

With 5,876 wins and amassing \$33,259,786 one of Mark’s fondest memories was winning the Bert Beckwith Memorial Pace [named after Mark’s father] at Plainridge Racecourse.

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~ Melissa Beckwith

Jessica Hallett

Melissa Beckwith’s son, Brett, in action.



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“Although my dad taught me a lot about horses and the business, my husband Mark probably taught me the most,” said Melissa.

Regardless of who she credits her success to, she was taught well, for from the years 2011-19 Beckwith won an unheard of nine consecutive championships.

Though the Beckwith's have started more horses than almost anyone else in the 15 years they have raced at Saratoga, they put forth a dominant stable year in and year out.

The year 2022 was an exceptionally good one for Team Beckwith as they took home honors for Horse of the Year with Sea Shadows, while another stable star, trotter Angel Nation, amassed three open's after joining their stable.

And on June 11, 2022, Melissa set an all-time-record when she sent out four winners on the race card from her stable.

So, it should come as no surprise that Mark and Melissa's son, Brett, chose to make harness racing his career like his grandfather, mother, uncle, and father has done, for it is deeply rooted in Brett's DNA.

The Beckwiths have a lot to be proud of but the thing that excites them the most is seeing their son, Brett, continue to shine.

And Melissa is one proud momma.

“My son Brett is 20 years old and was the second leading driver at Saratoga in 2023,” Melissa said. “At first, Brett wasn't keen to follow our choice of careers but that all changed when he visited The Meadowlands one night.

“Although my son watched many races growing up, it was the smile on his [grandfather Jerry's] face as he watched the races that I think changed my son's mind about getting involved.”

It all began on May 16, 2019, when 16-year-old Brett took part in the North American Amateurs Drivers Association trotting event at Yonkers Raceway.

Call it beginner's luck but young Brett was victorious in his very first race. It was an \$8,000 non-wagering race. Brett got away third with Dark Pool and after they took the lead, the \$135,000 Harrisburg purchase sailed past the wire winning the race by 5 lengths in 1:56.

“I would say that everything we have won while we've been in harness racing — all the big races, setting new records and developing champions — nothing has excited us more and made us prouder than to see our son continue our legacy and be successful,” Melissa said. “Brett has such a great attitude, on and off the track. He has certainly made us proud parents and my dad Jerry, one super proud grand pap.”

Although the Beckwiths' 24-year-old daughter Carly is not involved with the horses, she is also a huge animal lover.

“Carly has been involved in doggy daycare ever since she graduated from high school,” Melissa said. “Today she is the manager of Park-9 Dog Bar in Massachusetts.

“Mark and I are just as proud of Carly, as we are of our son.”

Besides training horses, Melissa is part of the promotions committee with the Saratoga Harness Horsepersons Association (SHHA).

“At Saratoga we are busy trying to promote our sport and attract new fans,” she said. “I feel harness racing tracks should join in to do more promotions and social media.

“And women have come a long way since dad was involved, but I still feel they are not getting enough recognition. I can name so many women who are overlooked, but thanks to Victoria Howard for honoring and bringing much deserved recognition to all females in the sport and giving them time to shine.”

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Harness racing's 2024 Living Horse Hall of Fame election results announced

by Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame

The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame announces the results of recent balloting to determine the 2024 inductees into harness racing's Living Horse Hall of Fame. Museum members voted for the four horses they felt best exemplified greatness. Racehorses Gimpanzee, Mission Brief, Tall Dark Stranger and Wiggle It Jiggleit were elected and will be inducted on Hall of Fame Day, Sunday (July 7), 2024. The ceremonies honoring these extraordinary standardbred horses will take place during the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame's annual dinner.

Standardbreds are eligible for nomination to harness racing's highest accolade only if they comply with criteria as noted on the Museum's website, harnessmuseum.com.

GIMPANZEE 4,1:50 (\$2,701,075)

The 2020 Trotter of the Year and world champion Gimpanzee compiled a career record of 34 25-2-3 while earning \$2,701,075. He was voted the 2018 2-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year and 2020 Dan Patch Trotter of the Year and Older Trotting Horse of the Year. Gimpanzee became only the fifth trotter to win three Breeders Crown trophies and only the third horse to win the Breeders Crown at 2, 3 and 4; Peace Corps and Mack Lobell being the others.

MISSION BRIEF 3,1:50.2f (\$1,599,587)

The fastest 2-year-old trotter in history, world champion Mission

Claus Andersen

Gimpanzee (David Miller) winning the Breeders Crown in 2019.



Jay Wolf

Mission Brief (Yannick Gingras) at Red Mile.

Dave Landry

Tall Dark Stranger (Yannick Gingras) at Red Mile in 2019.

Brief has a lifetime race record of 27 19-3-0. She established her still-standing 1:50.3 world record in a 16-length International Stallion Stakes victory at Lexington's Red Mile. She was voted the 2014 Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year and 2015 Dan Patch and O'Brien 3-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year.

TALL DARK STRANGER p,3,1:47.1 (\$2,020,195)

The 2020 Horse of the Year Tall Dark Stranger won 19 of 22 starts and earned more than \$2 million. He was voted the 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year in both the United States and Canada in 2019, and Dan Patch 2020 Horse of the Year, Pacer of the Year and 3-Year-Old Pacer of the Year. The only 3-year-old pacing colt in history to win both the North America Cup and Meadowlands Pace, Tall Dark Stranger was also the only with more than two victories in 1:47.2.

WIGGLE IT JIGGLEIT p,4,1:47.2 (\$3,945,839)

The 2015 Dan Patch Horse of the Year and world champion Wiggle It Jiggleit is the sixth-richest standardbred of all time. He had one win in just one start as a 2-year-old in 2014, but in his 2015 sophomore year he won his first 10 consecutive starts on his way to victory in 22 out of 26. Wiggle It Jiggleit's Little Brown Jug is considered by many to be one of the greatest horse races of all time. He was voted 2015 Dan Patch Horse of the Year, Pacer of the Year and 3-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year.

This year's Hall of Fame festivities will also include the inductions of Jim Campbell, Ed Lohmeyer and David McDuffee to the Hall of Fame, and Tim Bojarski and Dave Brower to the



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Wiggle It Jiggleit (Montrell Teague) winning his Little Brown Jug heat on the day he later won the final.

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New York



It's all about winning and improving for Joe Chindano, Jr.

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Joe Chindano, Jr. enters each new season with one basic goal – to steadily improve his numbers from the previous year.

When looking at his stats at the completion of 2023, the 24-year-old driver had accomplished that goal for the sixth consecutive year. Chindano set career highs with 179 wins and \$1.47 million in purses as a driver. The Middletown, NY, native also notched 43 victories and \$384,679 as a trainer.

Chindano finished third in the driver standings at Buffalo, with 75 wins. Six-year-old mare Muskingum, driven and trained by Chindano, was named Trotter of the Meet. Another 6-year-old trotting mare driven and conditioned by Chindano, Deswanslittellelorie, set the all-age track record at Buffalo in mid-July. The 1:55.3 clocking was bettered several days later, but she remained the fastest older female trotter in the oval's history.

Three weeks after setting the Buffalo track record, Deswanslittellelorie became the fastest older female trotter at Batavia Downs, winning the open trot in 1:55.2. In the night's next race, Chindano and his trainee Villiam won the open pace.

"That was cool," Chindano said. "This was the first year that me and my wife [Maggie] kind of got to work together, and that was fun. It was a pretty good year for us. We took a whole barn to Buffalo and did pretty well up there. It was exciting."

In addition to racing at Buffalo and Batavia, Chindano won 70 races as a driver at Monticello. Among other highlights were winning four times at The Meadowlands and twice at Northfield Park as a member of Team Pompano in the Northfield/Pompano Drivers Challenge (ultimately won by Team Northfield).

"That was a fun experience to go over there," said Chindano, who spent three winters racing at Pompano Park, finishing fifth in the standings in 2020-21 and 2021-22. "It was quite the battle."

Chindano followed in family footsteps in getting involved in harness racing.

"My father was involved when he was a kid, and he got started in the horses again when I was pretty small," Chindano said. "I just took to it from there. Once it's in you, it's hard to get away from. Not that it's a bad lifestyle, but it's definitely a different lifestyle than a 9-to-5 job."

"I enjoy it. I like being my own boss. I've done the punching the timeclock thing and you just wait for the hours to go by. If you love what you do, you're never working a day, as they say. It's pretty cool that way."

Chindano and his wife, who welcomed a baby girl to their family in August, had a stable of eight to 10 horses last year. They have 13 now.

"If it were up to my wife, we would have 20 or 30," Chindano said with a laugh. "I've always liked to have some of my own. When I was in Florida, I always looked up to the guys that had some of their own, got them ready themselves during the week."

"I guess you could say it's more rewarding. It's gone good so far."

Maggie recently got her trainer's license and will take over as the stable's listed trainer.

"She's taking over right now," Chindano said. "That will be pretty cool to see her name in the program."

Chindano made his first Meadowlands appearance of the year on Friday, where he drove Glide In The Wind to a neck victory in 1:57.2 in a \$9,000 conditioned trot.

"We kind of got reunited with him," said Chindano, who has previously driven Glide In The Wind, but not since December 2022. "Lee Clarke is a nice owner. The horse gets around The Meadowlands. He's a nice little trotter for the cheaper classes there."

Chindano looks to keep adding to Glide In The Wind's victory total as he begins his own quest for another year of improvement.

"We just try to do a little better each year," Chindano said. "We never set any real goals, probably just to get some more wins. That's what we'd really like to see. Just get some more wins. It's all about winning."

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January Davies Humanitarian Award to Tioga Strong

Tioga Strong will receive the 2023 January Davies Humanitarian Award from the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), the sport's largest organization of communicators. The award was created in 2008 by USHWA member Callie Davies-Gooch in memory of her daughter to recognize contributions beyond harness racing, and it is given annually at the Dan Patch Awards Banquet.

After the devastating tragedy on Nov. 9 at Tioga Downs when an arsonist set fire to a barn, leading to 30 horses perishing and an overwhelming loss to the horsemen, the aftermath saw a following of immense support by everyone in and out of the

racing community. Donations poured in through GoFundMe by people around the world. Major breeders and farms auctioned off breedings with all funds going to support the Tioga Strong cause. Events, photos, artwork, and stories were created in tribute to the horses that lost their lives and to the horsemen that lost their worlds. Multiple horse trailers filled with equipment made their way across the country in every direction, headed for the final destination of the racetrack in Nichols, NY. The equipment and supplies filled an entire barn and were accompanied by donated racehorses. Altogether, over \$800,000 was raised to go to those that lost everything in the early hours of Nov. 9.

The Tioga Strong movement saw the greatest facets in humankind rally around the horses and horsemen in which people did and gave anything they could think of to show their support. An unthinkable tragedy and an unforgettable day in the history of harness racing was met with the unity of all. Though competitive on the racetrack, Tioga Strong was one demonstration of how horsemen come together like no other occupation and no other population to help one another in a time of need.

"January loved horses and gave a lot of herself to our industry," said Callie Davies-Gooch, January's mother and the award's originator and administrator. "I know she would be very pleased to have this award go to Tioga Strong, knowing that it would help the horsemen and women to recover."

Tioga Strong will be recognized at the 2023 Dan Patch Awards Banquet, presented by Caesars Entertainment, which will honor the best of the best of harness racing, both human and equine.

Jessica Hallett, a two-time award winner at the Banquet due in no small part to her efforts in helping the massive relief campaign, will accept the award on behalf of the Tioga Strong movement.

The banquet will take place on Sunday (Feb. 25) at the Rosen Centre on International Drive in Orlando, FL.

Room reservations at Rosen Centre for the star-studded Dan Patch Awards weekend can be made at the USHWA website at usharnesswriters.com.

Sponsorship opportunities for the event can be procured from sponsorship chairman Shawn Wiles at swiles@rwcatskills.com.

Advertisements in the souvenir journal can be arranged with journal chairman Kim Rinker at trottrink@aol.com. The advertising deadline is Jan. 31. For a journal advertising form, click [here](#).

Tickets for the banquet can be procured from ticket chairman Judy Davis-Wilson at zoe8874@aol.com or Liz Cheesman at Elizabeth.Cheesman@winbakfarm.com. For a ticket order form, click [here](#).

United States Harness Writers Association



Nineteen stallions scheduled to stand in Virginia for the 2024 breeding season

The Virginia Harness Horse Association (VHHA), which introduced a lucrative sired stakes program in 2022, announced that 19 stallions will be standing in the state for the 2024 breeding season. Twelve stallions stood in the Commonwealth two years ago and prior to that, just four stood including Gregory Pecs who passed away in December.

Twelve trotting stallions and seven pacing stallions, including three new ones, will stand at farms across the state this year – east, west, north and south.

Among the 2024 class is Doctor Butch, a winner of \$1.6 million in purse earnings who will stand in Virginia for the second straight year. His career triumphs include wins in the New York Sire Stakes final at age 2 and in the Art Rooney Pace at age 3. He will be based in Northern Virginia, at Equine Reproduction Concepts in Amissville.

In the Central Virginia region, eight different stallions will stand at various farms. Trotter Dusty Winner, based at Charlie Dunavant's Woodhill Farm in Victoria, has sired 34 starters that have earned a combined \$2.1 million. Pacer Calgary Seelster, who earned \$357,616 with a mark of 1:50.3, will stand at the Elam Stoltzfus Farm in Charlotte Courthouse. Trotter Armed Dangerously, winner of the Fall Harvest Stakes at Yonkers as a freshman, will stand at Joe Coblentz's Farm in Nathalie. Other Nathalie based stallions include trotters Secular and Snow King who will be at respective Yoder Farms in that area. Trotting stallion Crime Fighter, by Chapter Seven, returns and will stand at the Ivan Byler Farm in Halifax. Two new stallions – trotters Climb Higher and Reverse Smith – will be based at the Amos Stoltzfus Farm in Dillwyn and at Gold Hill Acres in New Canton. They are by Muscle Hill and Donato Hanover, respectively.

Another seven stallions will stand in the southwest portion of the state including pacers Artzina and Jeneral Patton – at Michael Viars' Farm in Pilgrim Knob. The former bankrolled \$780,063 during an impressive racing career and in stud, has sired 54 starters that have earned \$3.6 million. The latter bankrolled \$470,404 from 29 wins and stands his second season in 2024. Trotter Love Hunter, who boasts a 1:55.1 best, will be based at the Cedar Bluff Farm in Jonesville. Trotter Winning Fireworks, a proven sire of 47 starters that have earned over \$2 million, will stand at Tracy Bradshaw's TNT Racing Stable in Bland. The Black Diamond Farms in Hurley will host a pair of pacers – Mr. Julian and Many Moons. The former bankrolled \$318,607 and recorded a mark of 1:48.4

while the latter is a 5-year-old son of Sweet Lou who will stand for his first season. Wishbone, a son of Gregory Pecs, will stand at Adam Akers' Round Mountain Stables in Bastian.

Virginia's Eastern Shore is represented this year too with trotting stallion Strength Of Victory, a Muscles Yankee trotter out of Rosecroft Survivor. He will stand at the Cliff White Farm in Bloxum.

The sired stakes program will offer bonus payments for foals that meet qualifying times and dates as outlined in the rules at vhha.net. Both the stallion owner and breeder will receive \$1,500, and if the mare and foal remain in Virginia for the entire foaling year, the mare owner will receive an additional \$1,500.

Sired stake races will be run based on age, sex and gait as 2- and 3-year-olds. Elimination races will feature a \$6,000 purse and finals will go for \$60,000. Sired foals are also eligible to compete in the Breeder's Fund races during the same years, which feature \$8,000 elims and \$80,000 finals.

More details, contact information and pricing for each is available at vhha.net or by calling Debbie Warnick at 443-463-0917. The sired stakes initiative will complement other VHHA incentive programs like Breeder's Fund Races and the Certified Residency program.

The 2024 racing schedule at Shenandoah Downs will feature a pair of seven-week meets. The spring session will run from April 6 - May 19 and the fall meet, pending Virginia Racing Commission approval, will run from Sept. 14 – Oct. 27. Race days are Saturday and Sunday afternoons with a 1:05 p.m. post. Racing applications will be available at shenandoahdowns.com beginning February 2.

Darrell Wood for the Virginia Harness Horse Association

'Platinum' takes feature, Miller wins four at Big M

Platinum As overcame a tough trip to take the feature and Dave Miller guided four winners – including Platinum As – during Friday (Jan. 12) night's 14-race program at The Meadowlands.

When last seen at Ohio's Dayton Raceway on Dec. 23, Platinum As got roughed up first-over yet managed to hang in there to the wire, finishing third, missing by only a half-length. The trip at The Big M for the \$27,500 high-end conditioned trot was even worse, but the result was considerably better.

In the early going, Platinum As was away quickly from post 7 in the eight-horse field (there was one scratch) but with leavers to his inside he had to abort his speed mission as Miller backed the 6-year-old gelded son of E L Titan—Jarette As into the 4-hole at the quarter.

P L Oscar went first-over to the half to challenge leader Eurobond with Platinum As picking up a live tow. Eurobond was unwilling to yield the point, however, and as P L Oscar began to weaken, Miller moved Platinum As three-wide at the five-eighths.

"The trip was going good," said the Hall of Fame pilot. "When Johnthan [Ahle, driving P L Oscar] moved his horse, I thought he was clearing, but Brett [Beckwith, driving Eurobond] changed his mind and left him out there, so I was like, oh man, I'm three deep, but he was pretty game."

Platinum As was forced to continue three-wide all the way around the far turn before moving to the lead just after they straightened up at the head of the stretch, then went on to a safe neck win over a fast-closing Ferretti in 1:54.4. The top two finishers reside in the Anette Lorentzon barn. Eurobond held third.

"I drove him out here last winter and won with him," said Miller. "They keep telling me he's a little tricky but really, he's not. I've only raced him twice and he got the lead the last time. He does have a little back class to him and he's gone some big trips. He raced tough tonight."

Owned by ACL Stuteri AB, Platinum As now has 18 wins from 68 career starts, good for earnings just shy of \$320,000. As the 4-5 favorite, he returned \$3.60 to win.

A LITTLE MORE: Miller's other winners came with **Racing Money** (\$4.60 to win) in the fourth race; **Sidd Finch** (\$3) in the 12th; and **High Baller** (\$6.60) in the 13th. A 20-cent Pick-6 carryover of \$3,699 led to a total pool of almost \$24,000. After a sequence that saw four winning favorites, those with all correct collected \$177.18. All-source wagering totaled \$3,050,856, giving The Big M consecutive \$3-million Fridays.

Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations

Rosecroft seeks charter

Rosecroft Raceway, which kicks off the 2024 racing season on Thursday (Jan. 18) is looking for a fulltime charter.

The charter is responsible for the accurate charting and record keeping of the night's qualifying, stakes and overnight races.

We would prefer someone with prior charting experience who has their USTA charter's license. However, we are willing to train someone interested in obtaining their USTA charter's license and joining the Rosecroft team long term.

Interested individuals should send inquiries to the director of human resources Lisa White at lisa.white@marylandracing.com.

Pete Hanley for Rosecroft Raceway



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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS *report*

Friday's Results:

9, Mea, \$21,200, Trot, **OPEN HANDICAP** P.P. 1-5 DRAWN, 6 ASSIGNED, 7-8 DRAWN, 27.0, 56.3, 1:25.1, 1:54.1, GD

1-Credit Con (g, 6, Credit Winner--Jesse's Con, by Jailhouse Jesse) \$10,600, Lifetime Record: 95-20-18-13, \$472,186

O-Ben R Mondello. B-Lee G Sitto. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Brady Brown.

2-Emerald's Legacy (g, 5, Father Patrick--Devilish Emerald, by Broadway Hall) \$5,300, Lifetime Record: 39-16-7-4, \$195,721

O-Timothy G Betts & Nicholas A Catalano & Keith J Pippi & Shanamphilankilou Inc. B-Shanamphilankilou Inc. T-Scott Betts. D-Dave Palone.

3-Tequila Talkin (g, 9, Cantab Hall--Margarita Nights, by Yankee Glide) \$2,544, \$45,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 166-51-23-25, \$553,386

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Herb A Liverman. T-Michael Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1, 1H, 1, 2H, T - Finish Order: Donato Patriot K, Ponda Adventure, Killer Instinct, Stay Close, Betterinpinehurst

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Friday's Results:

9, M, \$17,000, Pace, Fillies & Mares N/W \$12,500 (N/W L2 \$13,750) in Last 4 Starts, 27.2, 54.2, 1:23.1, 1:51.2, FT

1-Avf Claire (m, 4, Racing Hill--Ok Heartbeat, by Mach Three) \$8,500, \$12,000 2021 BHS, Lifetime Record: 36-7-5-4, \$86,380

O-Rodney J Allums Jr. B-Marvin R Troyer. T-Tony Alagna. D-George Brennan.

2-Caviart Davia (m, 4, Captaintreacherous--My Little Dragon, by Dragon Again) \$4,250, \$340,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 23-3-6-1, \$144,119

O-Caviart Farms. B-White Birch Farm. T-Tony Alagna. D-Johnathan Ahle.

3-I Love Ongait (m, 5, Sunshine Beach--So In Love, by American Ideal) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 62-9-14-5, \$304,469

O-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Odds On Racing. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc. T-Noel Daley. D-David Miller.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1H, 2H, 1 - Finish Order: Probert, Lisa Lane, Pattycake Mooss, Silent Crossing, Illusion Seelster, Easy To Please, Jk My Girl

10, M, \$27,500, Trot, Winners Over \$10,000 in Last 4 Starts (Starters in a \$50,000 Claimer or Less in 1 of Last 3 Starts Drawn Inside), 27.2, 58.1, 1:26.4, 1:54.4, FT

1-Platinum As (g, 6, E L Titan--Jarette As, by Striking Sahbra) \$13,750, Lifetime Record: 68-18-10-12, \$319,320

O-Acl Stuteri Ab. B-Acl Stuteri Ab & Kjell Johansson, SD. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-David Miller.

2-Ferretti (g, 5, Creatine--Ferrari Of, by Credit Winner) \$6,875, \$32,000 2020 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 39-10-12-6, \$138,105

O-Anette Lorentzon. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Andy Miller.

3-Eurobond (h, 9, Love You--True Diva, by Valley Victory) \$3,300, Lifetime Record: 123-38-14-10, \$676,420

O-Morrison Racing Stables. B-Lindy Farms Of Conn. T-Per Engblom. D-Brett Beckwith.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 3Q, 1Q, T, NS, NK - Finish Order: Royalty Beer, P L Oscar, Papa Doc, Kilimanjaro NL, Hat Trick Marleau, Sermon

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

NORTHFIELD PARK *report*

Friday's Results:

13, Nfld, \$17,500, Pace, \$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL 2023 CONDITIONED MINI SERIES FILLIES & MARES NON WINNERS \$1250 PER START IN 2023 (THROUGH 12/15) FINAL, 27.0, 57.1, 1:26.4, 1:57.1, SY

1-Rockin Requiem (m, 7, Rockin Amadeus--No Picnic, by Badlands Hanover) \$8,750, \$9,000 2018 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 88-26-11-6, \$141,998
O-Jean Will. B-Jean Will. T-Steven Harris. D-Elliott Deaton.

2-Shesalljackedup (m, 5, If I Can Dream--Miss Picasso, by Real Artist) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 71-11-11-9, \$93,579
O-Daniel C & Landon D Coate. B-Dominick J Rosato. T-Roy Justice. D-Drew Neill.

3-Delight Kate (s, 8, McArdle--Delightfully Cam, by Bettor's Delight) \$2,100, \$13,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 161-26-27-28, \$244,373
O-Jessica L Roegner. B-Walnut Hall Stock Farm LLC. T-Jessica Roegner. D-Luke Hanners.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1H, 1H, 1T, 1H, 2 - Finish Order: She The North, St Lads Gidget, Grace Of Art, Mississippidragon, American Ticket, Rockin Deo

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, M, \$15,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$20,000 - \$30,000 Post Positions Drawn According To Base Price, 27.2, 56.0, 1:23.3, 1:52.3, FT

1-Gentlemanjim li le (g, 10, Kikikolt--Artist Control, by Real Artist) \$9,375, Lifetime Record: 108-26-24-10, \$197,633
O-Robert W Cleary. B-John Richardson, IR. T-Robert Cleary. D-Andrew McCarthy.

2-Marcus Seelster (g, 8, Sunshine Beach--Mistreos, by Astreos) \$4,687, \$34,000 2017 LONDON, Lifetime Record: 133-19-13-20, \$203,893
O-Sergio Lozada & Jaime De Jesus Lemus. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Paul Stafford. D-Andy Miller.

3-Stop Staring (g, 6, So Surreal--Paramelons Hanover, by Dragon Again) \$1,800, \$95,000 2019 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 93-15-17-15, \$279,509
O-Symmetry Stables LLC. B-Save Jones. T-Travis Alexander. D-Jordan Stratton.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1, 1Q, 1H, NS, H - Finish Order: As Always, High On Rocknroll, Good Rockin, Rickybobbynthehaus, Hereittiz, Shanway N, Bush Man N

5, M, \$18,000, Trot, N/W \$14,000 (NJSO \$15,785) in Last 4 Starts AE: N/W 6 Extended PM Races Life (N/W \$10,000 (N/W L2 \$11,161) in Last 4 Starts Drawn Inside), 28.4, 57.1, 1:24.4, 1:53.3, FT

1-Little Expensive (h, 4, Muscle Hill--Seviyorum, by Donato Hanover) \$9,000, \$260,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 21-6-4-1, \$192,226
O-Andy Miller Stable Inc & Jean A Goehlen & Vip Internet Stable LLC. B-Stroy Inc.. T-Julie Miller. D-Andy Miller.

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2-Nextroundsonme (g, 8, Cantab Hall--Senorita Glide, by Yankee Glide) \$4,500, \$20,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 147-29-27-28, \$442,465
O-Jose Cervantes. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Jenny Melander. D-Marcus Miller.

3-Toccoa Falls (g, 7, Trixton--Falls For You, by Yankee Glide) \$2,160, \$50,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 108-19-25-15, \$325,526
O-Ben R Mondello. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: 1, 1Q, 5H, 4H, 6 - Finish Order: Primo Padre, Black Tie Bash, Kasha V, Lady Jeter, Mon Amour, Sonofamistery

6, M, \$17,500, Pace, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W 2L7 5) Extended PM Races or N/W \$50,000 Life AE: 5 YO & Under Claiming Price \$50,000, 28.1, 56.2, 1:24.2, 1:52.3, FT

1-Oakwood Ardan Ir (g, 5, Sweet Lou--Trend Setter, by Grinfromeartoear) \$8,750, Lifetime Record: 31-12-2-5, \$51,678
O-Royal Wire Products Inc. B-Oakwood Stud, IR. T-Robert Cleary. D-Andrew McCarthy.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-All Alone (g, 4, Heston Blue Chip--Lonesome Day, by Cambest) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 28-5-7-7, \$96,107

O-Evans Nation & Engblom Stable LLC & Hickory Hollow Stables. B-Docs Farm Inc. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

3-Third Pillar (g, 5, Bettor's Delight--Enduring Dream, by Dream Away) \$2,100, \$60,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 26-3-8-7, \$61,885

O-Exceedequine.Com. B-Dunroven Stud LLC. T-Michael Calderone. D-Barton Dalious.

►► **Replay** ►► Calls: 4H, 6, 2T, 1, 1Q - Finish Order: Barrier, Venturesome Arden N, Bb Lucky Boy, Married Man, Dark Matter, Stun Gun, Southwind Sambucca

7, M, \$15,000, Pace, N/W \$10,000 (N/W L2 \$11,601) in Last 4 Starts AE: TMR 86.5 (N/W 2L4 87) or Less as of 1/9 or N/W Race Since 1/31/23 AE: Winners Base Class N/W \$7,500 or Less in 1 of L3 Starts or N/W \$75,000 Lifetime, 28.3, 57.3, 1:25.0, 1:53.1, FT

1-Nineteenth Man A (g, 6, Captaintreacherous--No More Trouble, by Troublemaker) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 55-14-10-4, \$106,990

O-Ronald L Cushing & Kevin R Sywyk & Lance V Downs. B-H S Delmenico, AS. T-Heidi Cushing. D-Ron Cushing.

2-Oakwood Paddy Jr (g, 5, Foreclosure N--Carmel Camden, by No Pan Intended) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 30-13-5-3, \$93,495

O-Robert E Corrigan & Ruari McNulty. B-Oakwood Stud, IR. T-Robert Cleary. D-Andrew McCarthy.

3-On Accident (g, 8, Well Said--Marie's Z Tam, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,800, \$20,000 2017 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 182-27-27-41, \$336,093

O-Timothy N Lancaster & Tony P Casha, CA. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Timothy Lancaster. D-Matthew Athearn.

►► **Replay** ►► Calls: H, 1Q, 1H, 1, T - Finish Order: Mind Hunter, Twin B Deluxe, Beach Vibes, Always B Sweet, Bobcat Bay, Lyrical Genius A, Benhope Rulz N

8, M, \$19,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$40,000 - \$50,000 Post Positions Drawn According To Base Price, 27.0, 55.1, 1:23.1, 1:52.3, FT

1-Loorrim Lake A (g, 8, Roll With Joe--Jethros Madam, by Fake Left) \$11,875, Lifetime Record: 91-23-14-8, \$247,845

O-Jersey Shore Stables LLC. B-S M Maguire, AS & D M Hargrave, AS. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Revolver N (g, 10, Auckland Reactor N--Penny Lane, by Vance Hanover) \$5,937, Lifetime Record: 92-14-10-13, \$174,334

O-Blazer One Racing. B-Norwegian Wood Breeding LTD, NZ. T-Michael Shults. D-Johnathan Ahle.

3-Glaxis (g, 8, American Ideal--All Spirit, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,900, \$50,000 2017 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 114-12-25-16, \$249,442

O-Patrick D Lachance & Royal Flush Stable LLC. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance.

3-Ozark (g, 6, Shadow Play--North Party Time, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$1,900, Lifetime Record: 102-9-12-15, \$105,145

O-Christopher P Walsh & Lily Cimino. B-Jack Darling Stables LTD, CA. T-Christopher Walsh. D-Corey Callahan.

►► **Replay** ►► Calls: 7T, 4H, 3T, 1, H - Finish Order: Mr Ds Rock, Boiling Oar, Chiefs Beach, Sugar Me N, Gothic Rock, National Sport

9, M, \$15,000, Pace, N/W \$10,000 (N/W L2 \$11,601) in Last 4 Starts AE: TMR 86.5 (N/W 2L4 87) or Less as of 1/9 or N/W Race Since 1/31/23 AE: Winners Base Class N/W \$7,500 or Less in 1 of L3 Starts or N/W \$75,000 Lifetime, 28.1, 56.1, 1:24.0, 1:51.4, FT

1-My Pal Joe (g, 7, Roll With Joe--Ph Diagnosis, by American Ideal) \$7,500, \$60,000 2018 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 89-21-14-10, \$339,091

O-United Process Control Co. B-Winbak Farm. T-Alek Chartrand. D-Brett Beckwith.



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2-Jilliby Dynamite A (g, 7, Captaintreacherous--Jilliby Jitterbug, by Rock N Roll Heaven) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 55-15-8-10, \$159,884

O-Tom Vassiliou & Cool Cat Racing, Inc & Nicholas J Tallarico & Archie Mc Neil. B-Levarg Racing Group, AS. T-R. Nifty Norman. D-David Miller.

3-Ideal Feeling (h, 9, American Ideal--Feelinglikeastar, by Artiscape) \$1,800, \$100,000 2016 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 139-34-26-17, \$416,329

O-Rick Berks. B-Winbak Farm. T-Megan Scran. D-Jason Bartlett.

►► **Replay** ►► Calls: 1, 1Q, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Bettor Not Talk, Decision Day, Caviart Camden, Revolt, Alta Classic A, Western Joe, Vintage Cheddar N



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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

10, M, \$27,500, Pace, Fillies & Mares Winners Over \$10,000 in Last 4 Starts, 28.1, 57.1, 1:25.1, 1:53.2, FT

1-Tony's Mom (m, 5, Heston Blue Chip--Donna Lee, by Real Artist) \$13,750, Lifetime Record: 51-16-11-6, \$233,331
O-Morrison Racing Stables & Brian S Gordon. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.



HESTON BLUE CHIP Winner!



2-Racy Roxy A (m, 6, Mr Feelgood--Rani Major, by Art Major) \$6,875, Lifetime Record: 41-10-8-4, \$151,682
O-Michael Casalino Jr. B-Solid Earth Pty LTD, AS. T-Rob Harmon. D-David Miller.

3-Hot Mess Express (m, 6, Panther Hanover--My Heart Was True, by Cole Muffler) \$3,300, Lifetime Record: 66-28-9-5, \$938,744
O-Samuel P Bowie. B-Amy E & Madeline Marie & Ethan T Giberson. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.

►► [Replay](#) ►► Calls: H, 1Q, 1T, 1, 1 - Finish Order: Alexa Skye, Queen Of Success, Coachellabound N, No Win No Feed A, Booraa N

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$45,750) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YR OLDS NW \$3,850 LAST 5 STARTS, 27.2, 56.4, 1:25.2, 1:55.3

1-Gentleonymmind (b,g,4 - Shadow Play-Honeys Bud Lite-Park Place) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 23-5-4-3, \$62,200
O-Luc Ouellette B-Luc Ouellette T-Anthony Montini D-Phillippe Hudon

2-Sporty Bob (b,g,4 - Sportswriter-Tistoritwo-Mach Three)
O-M&s Racing Stable Inc B-M&s Racing Stable Inc T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Tyler Borth

3-Bets Show Off (br,g,4 - All Bets Off-Coloure De Lira-Yankee Cruiser)
O-Germain & Margaret Brazeau B-Germain & Margaret Brazeau T-Ronald Macdonald D-Brett Macdonald

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2, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, 6 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER CLAIMING \$50,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE, 28.2, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:54.4

1-Maskedman (b,g,5 - Shadow Play-Tempest Blue Chip-Bettors Delight) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 75-16-10-12, \$126,022
O-French Connection Racing, Gaston Bibeau B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Richard Moreau D-James Macdonald

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-Acapulco Sunburn (b,g,5 - Big Jim-Twelve Apostles-Sportswriter)
O-John Davidson B-Millar Farms T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Tyler Borth

3-Jack Panic (b,g,5 - Sportswriter-R We There Yet-Mach Three)
O-Daniel Sarafian B-Brian Paquet T-Carmen Auciello D-Sylvain Filion

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3, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, HORSES THAT HAVE STARTED FOR A PURSE OF \$15,000 OR LESS IN ONE OF LAST 3 STARTS, 27.2, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:53.3

1-Somewherentuscany (b,g,8 - Somebeachsomewhere-Friskie Beauty-Feelin Friskie) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 97-9-2-14, \$81,651
O-Don Beanland B-Cozette Mcavoy T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

2-Rockme Rollme (b,g,8 - A Rocknroll Dance-Promysquous Lady-Pro Bono Best)
O-Albina Montini, Kwong Sum Low, Vincent Albanese, William Rogers B-Frederick Hertrich T-Anthony Montini D-Jonathan Drury

3-Reactor Now A (b,g,9 - Auckland Reactor N-Whos Sorry Now-Western Ideal)
O-Bradley Grant B-B C & V A Edward T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas Mcnair

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW \$15,000 (ON SIRED \$23,000) LIFETIME, 28.3, 57.3, 1:26.1, 1:55.2

1-Brady Hanover (b,g,3 - Always B Miki-Bittersweet Terror-Western Terror) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$26,500

O-Jack Darling Stables Ltd B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-John Darling D-Tyler Jones

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-Kyles Art (b,g,4 - Artspeak-Real Heart-Real Desire)

O-Michel Strasbourg B-Robert Burgess T-Joe Pereira D-James Macdonald

3-Allbetsonfritz (b,h,4 - All Bets Off-Underground Queen-Apaches Fame)

O-Terry Fritz B-Terry Fritz T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

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5, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, NW \$8,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$20,150 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: NW 6 RACES LIFETIME, 27.1, 56.0, 1:24.0, 1:54.1

1-Codename Cigar Box (br,g,6 - Custard The Dragon-Art Amour-Artsplace) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 104-28-17-18, \$490,523

O-Paul Sanders, A1stable, Ronald Cullen B-Surdale Farms Ltd T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-Backstreet Gambler (br,g,6 - Betting Line-Backstreet Sweetie-Dragon Again)

O-Millar Farms B-Karen Carroll T-Mike Bishop D-Tyler Jones

3-Mamba (b,g,4 - Sweet Lou-Loving Caroline-Art Major)

O-Tim Dickieson B-Diamond Creek Farm Llc T-Shane Arsenault D-Bob Mcclure

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6, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$45,750) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YR OLDS NW \$3,850 LAST 5 STARTS, 27.4, 56.4, 1:24.1, 1:54.1

1-Nighttime Dancer (b,h,4 - Sunshine Beach-That Day-Camluck) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-2, \$65,752

O-1187422 Ontario Inc B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Rod Boyd D-Sylvain Filion

2-Light The Torch (br,g,4 - Always B Miki-Surfer Chick-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Marc-Andre Simoneau, Jean Fontaine B-Alan Troyer T-Marc-Andre Simoneau D-Louis-Philippe Roy

3-Sergeant Slaughter (b,g,4 - Big Jim-Minettas Moonbeam-Lusty Leader)

B-Travis Cullen B-Krista Thomas T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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7, Wbs, \$24,000, Pace, NW \$14,500 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW 7 RACES OR \$100,000 LIFETIME. AE: NW 2 RACES LAST 10 STARTS, 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.0, 1:53.1

1-Poseidon Seelster (b,g,7 - Sunshine Beach-Porsche Seelster-Artistic Fella) \$12,000, Lifetime Record: 89-16-11-19, \$581,970

O-Donald Lindsey, Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Donald Lindsey D-Bob Mcclure

2-Funatthebeach N (b,g,10 - Somebeachsomewhere-Minnie Moose-Bettors Delight)

O-Mark Ford B-C J & B J Whitelock T-Jeffrey Gillis D-James Macdonald

3-Dupree Hanover (b,h,4 - Stay Hungry-Dimming Of The Day-Western Ideal)

O-Bradley Grant, Jablonsky Held Stable, Alagna Racing Llc B-Hanover Shoe Farms inc T-Richard Moreau D-Douglas Mcnair

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9, Wbs, \$32,000, Pace, PREFERRED 2, 27.1, 53.4, 1:22.0, 1:51.3

1-Covered Bridge (b,g,8 - American Ideal-Stonebridge Kisses-Artiscape) \$16,000, Lifetime Record: 70-16-13-8, \$360,206

O-Mark Ford B-Winbak Farm T-Gregg Mcnair D-Tyler Borth



Another WINBAK FARM Winner!



RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Saulsbrook Victor (b,g,6 - Source Of Pride-Atlanta Girl-Real Artist)

O-Brett Macdonald, Brent MacLennan B-William Allan Mcneil T-Ronald Macdonald D-Brett Macdonald

3-Points North (b,g,9 - Somebeachsomewhere-Northwest Hanover-Western Hanover)

O-Jim & David Winske B-Pinske Stables T-Carmen Auciello D-Sylvain Filion

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10, Wbs, \$21,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, WINNERS OF 2 BUT NOT MORE THAN 4 RACES OR \$45,000 (OS \$77,000) LIFETIME, 29.2, 58.1, 1:26.3, 1:55.0

1-Speaker Of Peace (b,g,4 - Artspeak-Im All In-Cams Card Shark) \$10,500, Lifetime Record: 24-4-7-2, \$88,290

O-William McClure B-Winbak Farm T-William McClure D-Bob McClure



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2-Wry (b,g,4 - Artspeak-Hobe Sound-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Chris Matthews, Todd Williams, Jeff Bryan, Gary Lyons B-Steve Stewart, Oakwood Farms T-Chris Matthews D-Tyler Borth

3-Lets Go Jude (b,g,4 - Jk Endofanera-Latest Design-Western Hanover)

O-Rick Rier, Terry Fritz B-Lavon Miller T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

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11, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, NW \$5,750 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$11,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: 4 YR OLDS NW \$100 LAST 3 STARTS. AE: N/A \$1,290 P/S IN 2023,

1-B Stoney (b,g,8 - Sunfire Blue Chip-Terror Proof-Western Terror) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 68-12-15-6, \$347,296

O-Jemaxpo Racing Stable LLC B-Douglas Millard T-Mark Winacott D-Tyler Jones

2-Beyond Better (b,g,7 - Bettors Delight-SomethinIncredible-Ponder)

O-Frank Brundle, Aaron Waxman B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc T-Carmen Auciello D-Louis-Philippe Roy

3-P L Octavius (br,h,6 - Bettors Delight-P L Emily-Real Artist)

O-Prince Lee Acres B-Prince Lee Acres T-Katie Huskinson D-Bob McClure

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