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not be the same as one bred and raised in the normally accepted manner?”

His answer was that the buying of yearlings is enough of a crapshoot as it is, why bring another unknown into the equation? He felt that we do not know enough about the process and its results.

I thought that a column on the subject might help to fill in a few of the blanks.

Most of the data furnished in this story was produced through the kindness of T.C. Lane, the United States Trotting Association's chief operating officer.

The first year that embryo transfers (ETs) were accepted for registration by the USTA and Standardbred Canada was 1996. Since then, there have been a total of 1,971 ETs registered, an average of just about 66 per year. Of that number, 326 have earned in excess of \$100,000 and 36 have earned over \$500,000. Those numbers do not necessarily give the complete picture, since among them are yearlings, 2-year-olds and undoubtedly some 3-year-olds and older horses who will doubtless gain entry into those earnings areas.

In recent years, most specifically among yearlings of 2024, there were 84 registered. Of those, 22 were sold at the two major yearling sales in Lexington and Harrisburg. According to the respective catalog pages, there were eight ET yearlings sold in Lexington and 14 in Harrisburg. Here's something that somewhat surprised me. Of those 22 yearlings, 10, almost half, were sold by and raised at Hanover Shoe Farms. Why were so many raised by only one farm, albeit the second largest in terms of number of foals registered?

The farm that produces the largest number of registrations annually is Winbak Farms. If asked why Hanover dominated the numbers, my guess would come down to one word – economics. Simply put, raising yearlings using embryo transfer is not cheap, nor is it necessarily easy. There are several factors including the cost of the lab work involved, the ability and expense involved in acquiring recipient mares, and the expenses involved in maintaining two instead of one broodmares.

For a farm like Hanover much of that extra expense is negated by having the means in house to achieve the necessary ends. They are able to do most of the necessary lab work in securing the embryo and in transferring it to the recipient mare in house. They have the personnel with the ability to do this. Moreover, they have, mostly because of their large numbers, been able to come up with a pool of potential recipients, both in mares with who it isn't financially feasible to raise yearlings for the market, or with an occasional filly who for whatever reasons is unfit for sale to use as recipients. They likely have these mares at their disposal for little cost in being able to use them for this purpose.

I asked myself, in which situations is breeding using ET an advantage? These come immediately to mind:

- 1 – Whether you believe or do not believe in the procedure, in almost all cases an ET foal is better than no foal at all. If you can raise a financially viable yearling out of a mare who, for physical reasons is unable to carry a foal to term, then you are in a much better situation than you would be if you were unable to raise a foal out of that mare at all.
- 2 – If your mare is in poor physical condition so that raising a foal out of her could be harmful to that foal and extremely stressful to the mare in terms of nutrition and proper exercise for both. Let us suppose, you had a mare that was crippled. Chances are that if she had a foal, it would be compromised in terms of getting enough exercise. Your foal's chances of getting a proper upbringing would be enhanced by its being raised by a young, vibrant mare or even by an older mare who is in good physical condition.

Which brings me to another question. How many of the people looking at ET yearlings ask about the recipient mare that raised that yearling? Without knowing the answer to the question, I would guess not too many. If you don't ask, chances are you will not know.

In the early years of ETs, I recall many of the recipient mares being big draft types who were not inclined to exercise

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too much. Of course, their foals would follow suit. I heard complaints voiced because of the situation. In recent years, I believe this has changed somewhat. The recipient mares are now more likely to be healthy, vibrant and not of the lazy type.

- 3 – If the mare was still in training and its owner wanted to both race and raise a foal from her. Such a situation happened with the 2018 Hambletonian winner Atlanta.

In 2021, when Atlanta was preparing to race, an embryo by Muscle Hill was harvested from her. This resulted in producing the stakes winning filly Deja Blu (\$260,502) conceived that same year, while Atlanta continued racing. In looking at the breeding history of Atlanta, one notices that she failed to produce foals in the two subsequent years although being bred naturally. Just a coincidence? Maybe. Her next foal, a 2026 yearling is a filly by Tactical Landing.

- 4 – If a mare is due very late, it could become an ET donor with the intent of getting her on a better schedule, enabling her to begin producing earlier foals. For example, a mare is due in late June, and instead of breeding her back at the likely earliest in late July, an embryo out of her is harvested to a recipient mare. Instead of regularly producing late foals, she is now open to being bred early the following season and then is going on to a more amenable schedule.

In conclusion, here are the 12 highest earning racehorses having been conceived by ET and raised by recipient mares. While the richest one, Invitro, is in the Canadian Horse Racing

Hall of Fame, her time was more than 20 years ago. That means International Moni, the 12th horse on the list, is likely the best known today. Several of the foals from his dam, the incredible Moni Maker, were ETs. They are already well on the way to producing a remarkable branch of one of the breed's greatest trotting families.

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MIDWEST CHRONICLES

with JAMES PLATZ

Adjusted Indiana breed development program tops \$15 million

by James Platz

Horsepeople competing in the Hoosier State this season will see a breed development program very similar in structure to that of past years. However, small adjustments have been made to the program in targeted areas with growth in mind. This year's program, valued at over \$15.2 million, was approved last month by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC).

"I feel like the increases we have made for this year are strengthening an already strong program, and targeting specific areas in which we felt could see some growth," said Jessica Barnes, assistant executive director for the IHRC. "The improvements we have made have been very targeted for specific outcomes in the program."

The Indiana Sired Fair Circuit has undergone fine tuning in two areas. First, more funding is allocated to the program in 2026. Last season, \$1.45 million was budgeted, but spending reached nearly \$1.58 million as more divisions were offered than anticipated. In response, this year's budget is set for \$1.6 million. The fair schedule consists of a first series which culminates in the Governor's Cup Championships at the Indiana State Fair. What follows is a second series that offers up to six racing programs from late August through early October. Last season this second series was limited to horses with earnings of \$10,000 or less. This season, that cap has been lowered to \$7,000.

"The main reason behind it was to divert more horses to Hoosier to help fill races during that time," Barnes said. "The committee remains steadfast in the fact that we want to continue to put the best racing product out there that we can at the pari-mutuel track and it is finding the balance in doing so."

Last year, 88 races were carded over six second series dates, with 482 starters lining up behind the starting gate. By comparison, in 2024 a total of 76 races were offered over five dates with 397 starters.

The Indiana Sires Stakes program, the state's most lucrative with over \$8.3 million available in purses, is unchanged for 2- and 3-year-olds. The structure for older horses, however, is

modified for 2026. Previously, horses were entered into the \$50,000 finals and a single elimination was held, if necessary, based on entries. With the new format, two \$20,000 eliminations will be contested for each division in advance of the finals, now boosted to \$75,000.

"With the increase in the quality of horses being produced in the Indiana program, the committee felt adding the additional opportunities was a great way to showcase those older horses in our home state," Barnes said.

The other significant monetary change to the program is the pool of funds allocated for Indiana-sired overnight supplements and mini-series. Previously funded at a level of \$3.5 million, that figure is \$3.8 million for 2026. These funds are provided to Harrah's Hoosier Park management to use in writing overnight races for Indiana-sired horses. The increase will aid them in increasing purses for 2-year-old races.

"I believe Indiana's program is one of the strongest ones available," Barnes said. "We continually strive to balance all aspects of the program to maintain balance for various types of horses competing."

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THE VIEW FROM WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

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Familiar fill-in Evan Loucks is a recent return race caller on Canada's biggest stage

by Melissa Keith

Woodbine Mohawk Park players tuned in as recently as Monday (Jan. 12) heard race calls from a familiar, if not quite famous, voice. With longtime announcer Ken Middleton on indefinite leave and current caller Chad Rozema needing a short break, Kawartha Downs' Evan Loucks has been filling in.

Loucks said he was considering taking his snowmobile for a ride when he was reached for an interview on Thursday (Jan. 15).

"We are snowed in here today," he said. "We're just east of Peterborough, in a little town called Norwood. I'm out in the country and we had about a foot of snow... If this was tomorrow night [Friday (Jan. 16)], I'm sure they would have called off the races."

Loucks had filled in at Mohawk on the four race nights from Friday (Jan. 9) through Monday (Jan. 12), and has occasionally helped out before.

"When Kenny [Middleton] got hurt, which I think was July of '23, I recall John MacMillan got a call to go up there and do a couple days... It was shortly thereafter that he had his [cancer diagnosis]," said the now-retired former Bell Canada installation technician. "I was working near one of the judges' homes, so I got a hold of Fred Brethour... and said, 'Do you want to go for a cup of coffee?' Fred and I go a long way back."

In the course of conversation, Middleton's accident and Mohawk's need for back-up racecallers came up. "I said, Kenny's off and I'm not really looking for a full-time gig at Mohawk, but it's fun," Loucks said. "If you get to call there, it's a thrill."

Brethour suggested that he reach out to the Campbellville, ON track. Loucks emailed Woodbine's senior manager of communications Mark McKelvie to let him know he was available.

Ken Middleton [briefly returned to the mic](#) at Mohawk in early 2024.

Unfortunately, as Loucks noted, "He was only back for a little while and then his health kind of took a setback, and he was off [again]."



Courtesy Evan Loucks
**Evan Loucks at Woodbine
Mohawk Park.**

Chad Rozema had alternated as a race caller and simulcast show host, meaning that there were nights when a guest announcer was required.

"Chad said, 'There are going to be times when I've got time off or holidays,' and I said, 'Well, just have them get a hold of me,'" Loucks said. "I'm certainly not trying to replace Chad, but if you need a hand, reach out."

Loucks soon joined the rotating roster of understudies calling at Mohawk.

"They had Sugar Doyle [from the Raceway at Western Fair]; I think Gary Guy [from Flamboro Downs, Georgian Downs, and Grand River Raceway] did a couple of times as well," Loucks said. "I guess they were happy with what I did in December [2023]. It was just one night, and then they said, 'Look, we need some coverage from January to March of '24... so I filled in for three months there, going there on the Thursday night and I also did the Saturday nights. When that ended, I went to say goodbye to Randy Waples and Elissa Blowe, who were doing the on-air at the time. I just said, 'Hey, I don't know when I'm going to be going back, but God, it's been a lot of fun.'"

Loucks was asked back to fill in that summer, and has remained a holiday back-up announcer since then. "You know what, it's

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“You know what, [being a fill-in announcer at Mohawk has] been a fun thing. I enjoy it. They pay you for having fun.”

~ Evan Loucks

been a fun thing,” he said. “I enjoy it. They pay you for having fun.”

Retired from his day job in November 2024, the 61-year-old announcer has enjoyed a lengthy parallel career on the mic.

“I grew up in a little town called Campbellford, on a dairy farm,” Loucks said. “I played hockey, and called the penalties at the local arena for my brother’s hockey team. If somebody scored, here’s the assist, whatever. Friends of ours whose son called at Quinte Raceway in Belleville at the time as a sideline, they were into horses. They said, ‘You know, Gary [Stewart, their son] is getting older. He doesn’t want to do this anymore. Would Evan be interested? He seems to be OK with the microphone, at least doing the penalties and stuff.’”

In 1984, Loucks ventured to Quinte Raceway, initially working as a timer.

“I think we made like 20 bucks a night,” he said. “I was always there early, because we’d have to time the qualifiers beforehand.”

He began calling qualifiers as well, “just to kind of get familiar with it.”

Coming from a background of dairy cattle and hockey, Loucks joked that he barely knew one end of a horse from the other when he started out.

“But you know, you absorb a lot over the years,” he said. “Grant Wade, who was the announcer at Kawartha Downs at the time, was doing both tracks. I think it was in ‘86. He would let me do post parades, and I got a little bit more fluent with it. I would pick up peoples’ race tapes and I’d listen to them on my little tape recorder.”

Loucks remembered calling his first race at Quinte in 1985.

“I always had my binoculars there, because I called the qualifiers,” Loucks said. “One night, it must have been a short field and Grant said, ‘You’re doing the next race.’ My hand was shaking so bad with the binoculars, I couldn’t see out of the binoculars, because they were just vibrating.”

Wade’s confidence soon led to Loucks filling in for him at Kawartha.

“Afterwards, you’d phone the local radio station and they’d just run the tape, and you’d give the rundowns and the prices,” Loucks

said. “I remember our [Junior “C” hockey] team were taking a bus down Kingston way to play. They had the radio on and heard me at the end of the races, which was kind of a big deal.”

While living in Toronto a year later, he traveled to Elmira Raceway to call on Monday nights and Quinte Raceway on Friday nights, even adding Barrie Raceway to his schedule after getting hired by Bell in September 1987.

“I filled in there because they were looking for an announcer,” Loucks said. “I said, ‘Look, I can’t be that guy, but I’ll help you out.’”

He also called the now-discontinued races at Norwood and Markham, ON fairs.

Loucks soon found his racecalling in demand again at Kawartha Downs.

“The race secretary, Rick Fife, got a hold of me,” Loucks said. “We played Sunday night hockey together in a local town... I had two small kids, and I said, ‘Yeah, I’ll do it, but I’ve got a lot on my plate.’”

Loucks continued to fill in intermittently after the 1998 meet.

“Then, I think it was in 2005, I got a call from the race secretary of Kawartha,” he said. “He just said, ‘Hey, our announcer’s kind of gone AWOL or whatever happened. Would you be available?’”

Loucks became the full-time race caller at the Fraserville, ON five-eighths-mile track.

Filling in at other tracks has remained enjoyable for Loucks, who has ventured as far as Rideau Carleton Raceway and the Raceway at Western Fair. Quinte Raceway closed in 2006, but he has continued to hone the skills he first acquired there. The experience has served him well.

Saturday, Jan. 10, Loucks faced a nightmare scenario at Mohawk.

“I think Randy [Waples] and Elissa [Blowe] called it the ‘atomic snow,’” Loucks said. “This made it very difficult to call, and then the fog rolled in. It just plunked in. There was a couple of races in there where it was: ‘Okay, where’s the starting car?’ You kind of fumble your way through.”

The Gmax Technology tracking system lost contact with a horse in one of the races obscured by snow and fog.

“It went from second, right down to the back, and then right off the screen... Then they came into view just about 100 yards from the finish line,” Loucks said. “Oops!”

But even a tough night at the races is better than a good night almost anywhere else for the likeable Loucks, a former horse owner whose partnership was a casualty of the end of the Ontario Slots at Racetrack Program in March 2013.

“I think we’re pretty fortunate to be affiliated in this industry,” he said. “The best part of it is the people that we met along the way.”

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Nominating 2YOs to Meadowlands 2026 Early Closers

Early Closer Payment Schedule

DATE	AGE	TO DO
Now thru Feb 15	2YO	Review info; prepare submission materials
February 15	2YO	One Time \$400 Early Closer Participation Payment
March 15	2YO	Nomination Payments for Meadowlands 2YO Early Closers Begin

 [Eligible Stallions for Foals of 2024](#)

NEW FOR 2026

DUE BY FEBRUARY 15: Any horse by a sire who is listed as eligible **MUST** make a one-time \$400 Meadowlands EC Participation payment by February 15, 2026 to gain the option of nominating to Meadowlands 2YO Early Closers for the 2026 season and continuing for the life of the horse.

Only those 2-year-olds who have made the one-time \$400 Meadowlands EC Participation payment by February 15, 2026 will be permitted to race in the 2-year-old baby races and eligible for nomination to Meadowlands Early Closers in subsequent seasons for the life of the horse.

The entire series of nominating and sustaining payments must then be made for the horse to be eligible to race in the chosen races.

Nomination and sustaining payments on Meadowlands Early Closers for 2YOs will be pushed back to begin on March 15 and adjusted accordingly.

This proposal will be reconsidered for future seasons, and revision is possible.



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HOLLYWOOD'S HITS

with **BOB HEYDEN**

Was 1972 harness racing's greatest year?

by **Bob Heyden**

A lot was going on in the world in 1972. The Watergate break in happened on June 17, the Miami Dolphins enjoyed the *only* undefeated NFL season going 17-0, Atari debuted, and the New York Yankees – in their last non-Steinbrenner year – drew 966,328 fans, while 10 minutes down the road from the Bronx Bombers, Yonkers Raceway attracted 2,501,639.

Harness racing made plenty of headlines in 1972. Let's take a look at a few:

- 9YO Fresh Yankee again won her divisional title (92-61) over Flower Child, two years after her HOY season.
- Stablemates Albatross and Super Bowl go 1-2 in the Horse of the Year (HOY) balloting which was not duplicated for 40 years. In 2012, stablemates Chapter Seven and Market Share followed suit.
- Secretariat stepped onto the track for the first time on July 4. Rambling Willie debuted the very same day on the INSS fair circuit and also finished off the board.
- Castleton Farm enjoyed their greatest year, with champion Bret Hanover at year's end welcoming his son Strike Out to the stallion roster. Delmonica Hanover was second best to Super Bowl in the record setting (1:56.2) Hambletonian.
- Speedy Crown won the Roosevelt International and led all trotters in earnings at \$354,128. He also had maybe the most unusual stakes victory of the year in the American Trotting Championship at Roosevelt Raceway on Long Island in New York. A crowd of 27,964 came that night to see the races, but a computer malfunction forced a cancellation of the entire wagering card. They did race the ATC in the near darkness however and out of the dark of night emerged Speedy Crown on top.

- Keith Waples wins the Jug with Strike Out and then doubles up in Canada's first ever \$100G race, the Prix d'Ete.
- Three-time HOY Nevele Pride's first yearling crop sees 27 in the ring for a total of \$740,400 averaging \$27,422.
- OTB's presence is now fully in effect in New York with both Yonkers and Roosevelt suffering on-track losses a year after the kickoff of Off Track wagering in the Empire State.
- Jim Grundy posted Monticello's first 100 win driving season (104). Also, at Monti, with friends and family watching, 78-year-old Earle Avery (think Meadow Skipper) drove in his last race on Sept. 16.
- The single-shaft sulky debuts winning 115 of 180 starts at Monticello but was later barred for safety concerns.
- Tattersalls averages a yearling best \$11,653.
- Herve Filion wins a record 605 races easily outdistancing No. 2 Joe Marsh, Jr. with 307.
- Glen Garnsey enjoys a breakout season with standouts like Gay Blossom, All Alert, Model Knight, and Colonial Charm.
- Wolverine Raceway posts their biggest year ever averaging 7,214 nightly who bet \$607,127 per. Albatross helped those numbers when his visit resulted in an 18,273 night, good for a Michigan first, million-dollar handle (\$1,024,101).
- Speaking of HOY Albatross, he set a new race record of 1:54 3 at Sportsman's Park. Meaning he alone had all three sub-1:55 race miles, the two biggest single \$\$ seasons, and a pair of HOY titles.
- Hanover Shoe Farms ended the year hoping for some *deja vu*. Super Bowl and Albatross were heading to the Keystone State starting in 1973 for stud duty, exactly 20 years earlier another pair of notables, also a trotter and a pacer, headed to the same nursery together. Their names? Tar Heel and Stars Pride.
- Liberty Bell finishes up its 10th season with a combined \$36 million bet and 255 two-minute miles.
- Super Bowl's 1972 Triple Crown was the last of the 20th century for trotters.

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BEST IN SHOW

Arguably the best bred sire in Standardbred history stands in Indiana Bettor's Delight and Put On A Show are Hall of Fame members as are all second dams and sires



Vicki Wright Photography

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Gerard Forni
Joumba de Guez (Eric Raffin) winning the \$750,000 Prix de Cornulier in 2025. This year's edition goes this afternoon at Vincennes.



EUROPEAN REPORT

with **THOMAS HEDLUND**

World's biggest monté race is today in Paris

by Thomas Hedlund

Today (Jan. 18), the world's richest and most prestigious monté event, the Prix de Cornulier, will be contested at Vincennes. The Group I classic is raced over 2,700 meters under saddle and carries a massive \$770,000 purse, once again confirming its status as the ultimate championship of the monté discipline. Picking a clear-cut favorite isn't easy this year, but Jeroboam d'Erable appears set to shoulder that role with Damien Bonne in the saddle. A strong field of well-known and highly accomplished runners line up for today's showdown, making this year's edition as open as it gets.

PRIX DE CORNULIER

Horse (sire) – Rider – Trainer

Kid Bellay (Goetmals Wood) – Romain Marty – Jean-Michel Baudouin

Islamorada (Royal Dream) – Camille Levesque – Pierre Levesque

Hannah (Vulcain de Vandel) – Florian Desmigneux – Julien Raffestin

Heuristique (Very Nice Marceaux) – Jean-Yann Ricart – Jean-Philippe Raffegeau

Je M'Envole (Joyau d'Amour) – Mathieu Mottier

Harmonista (Vulcain de Vandel) – Mehdi Lelievre – Franck Nivard

Keengame (Express Jet) – Anthony Barrier – Jean-Philippe Monclin

Halfa (Offshore Dream) – Alan Gendrot – Stéphane Levoy

Kapaula de l'Epine (Discours Joyeux) – Adrien Lamy – Jérémy Gaston van Eeckhaute

Jeroboam d'Erable (Prodigious) – Damien Bonne – Clément Thomain



Stallions for Foals of 2025

How To Make Your Stallion Eligible

DATE	AGE	TO DO
Now thru Feb 15	Stallion	Review information; prepare submission materials
February 15	Stallion	50% of cost of one 2024 breeding due

 **2024 Stallion Fees on Foals of 2025**

SIRES

In appreciation of the efforts made toward this initiative, the Stallion Restriction Condition (Gural rule) will be waived for those stallions nominated to this plan so that their foals of 2025 may be nominated for Meadowlands Stakes & Early Closers for the life of the horse including the 2028 Meadowlands Pace.

Participation in the Meadowlands Early Closing program for foals of 2025 will be contingent upon the sire having been nominated by payment of 50% of the cost of one 2024 breeding by February 15, 2026.

If a stallion is NOT nominated by the February 15, 2026 payment, the 2025 foals of that sire will be ineligible to race in Meadowlands Stakes & Early Closers for the life of the horse.



Ibiki de Houelle (Love You) – Alexis Collette – Kevin Leblanc
Kyt Kat (Booster Winner) – Clément Frecelle – Thomas Levesque

Iguski Sautonne (Village Mystic) – Alexandre Abrivard –
Matthieu Abrivard

It's A Dollarmaker (Saxo de Vandel) – Eric Raffin – Sébastien
Guarato

Jean Balthazar (Alto de Viette) – Guillaume Martin – Pascal
Castel

Ina du Rib (Uhlan du Val) – Jean-Luc Claude Dersoir – Joël
Hallais

Hirondelle du Rib (Rolling d'Heripre) – Noé Perron – Joël
Hallais

Ideale du Chene (Bird Parker) – Paul-Philippe Ploquin –
Julien Le Mer

NEW NAMES IN, TWO TOP HORSES OUT

Next Sunday (Jan. 25), it's time for the Prix d'Amérique in Paris, and the final qualifying race was contested last Sunday (Jan. 11), producing a repeat of last year's result. The \$125,000 Prix de Belgique wrapped up the four B-races on the road to the Prix d'Amérique, and just like in 2024 it was **Iroise de la Noe** (by Tornado Bello) who came out on top – this time with Eric Raffin in the sulky. Raffin moved early three-wide, and with 1,350 meters to go, Iroise de la Noe landed outside the leader J'Aime le Foot, forcing Immortal Doc to lose cover. The leader had no answer when the Thomas Levesque-trained mare applied pressure, and she took over with 550 meters remaining before pulling clear in the stretch. The 8-year-old mare won comfortably in a stakes-record-equaling 1:55.4 (mile rate) over 2,850 meters.

"It's a huge relief," Levesque said. "We absolutely needed to finish top four today to have a chance in the big race in two weeks. I know my mare well – I wasn't worried – but the way she won today was very encouraging. I believe she'll be even better in the Prix d'Amérique. Eric drove her perfectly, and now he really knows her."

Five-year-old Frank Gio (Face Time Bourbon) flew home for second after sitting near the back turning for home. Immortal Doc (Brillantissime) finished third and thereby secured his ticket to the Prix d'Amérique. The final qualifying spot went to King Opera (Ready Cash), narrowly edging Working Class Hero.

QUALIFIED FOR THE PRIX D'AMÉRIQUE

From Prix de Bretagne:

Josh Power, Jushua Tree, Borups Victory, J'Aime le Foot

From Prix du Bourbonnais:

Inmarosa, Keep Going, Izoard Vedaquais, Harmony du Rabutin

From Criterium Continental:

Liza Josselyn

From Prix Tenor de Baune:

Epic Kronos

From Prix de Bourgogne:

Jushua Tree, Go On Boy, Inmarosa, Hokkaido Jiel

From Prix de Belgique:

Iroise de la Noe, Frank Gio, Immortal Doc, King Opera

In total, 16 horses qualified via the B-races, but only 13 starters will line up.

Borups Victory has been withdrawn due to fitness issues, as has Izoard Vedaquais.

The Bazire stable has also confirmed that Liza Josselyn will not take part this year. As a result, the five highest earners on the list will be added to complete the field for Sunday's showdown at Vincennes. Francesco Zet might be one of them.

Putting together an early ranking of the horses qualified for the Prix d'Amérique can certainly be intriguing – but it is also far from definitive. A lot can change in a week: form cycles, track conditions, and last-minute decisions all play a decisive role.

That said, with one week to go before the world's greatest trotting race, it still feels worthwhile to make an initial attempt. Not as a prediction set in stone, but as a snapshot of where things stand right now – based on recent performances, winter form, and overall credentials.

So, take this ranking for what it is: an informed early read, not a final verdict. The real answers, as always, will come on the track at Vincennes.

A-horses: Jushua Tree, Go On Boy, Epic Kronos, Inmarosa

B-horses: Keep Going, Frank Gio, Josh Power, Hokkaido Jiel

C-horses: Iroise de la Noe, King Opera, Immortal Doc

D-horses: J'Aime le Foot, Harmony du Rabutin

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ALL OVER ONTARIO

with **MATTHEW LOMON**

No reset needed for Lorne House's talented trotter

The Great Reset is The Raceway at Western Fair District's Aged Trotting Horse for the second straight year.

by **Matthew Lomon**

When The Raceway at Western Fair District announced its 2025 award winners earlier this month, do-it-all horseman Lorne House expected to see one of his London oval regulars on the prestigious list of honorees.

While the respected owner/driver/trainer based out of Dutton, ON was spot-on about Royal Flush Magic, who prevailed in the 3-Year-Old Trotting Filly category, he was equally astonished – and delighted – to see The Great Reset defend his Aged Trotting Horse crown.

“He won it last year, and I was sure he was going to win it last year,” House said. “He was pretty dominant in London in 2024.

“I was genuinely surprised this year. It wasn’t even in my mind that he was going to win it. We had a 3-year-old trotting filly [Royal Flush Magic] who won this year as well, and I thought she would, but I was surprised with him. I’m very proud of this little horse.”

In his fourth professional season, The Great Reset finished inside the top three in 18 of 31 appearances (26 at Western Fair), compiling a 3-8-7 line and over \$46,000 in prizes.

For House, who drives, trains, and co-owns the 6-year-old son of Resolve—Dont Talk Back with breeder Chantal Ruijs, this past season – though not reaching the heights of 2024 – was a testament to The Great Reset’s signature trait: finding a way.

“He’s going to give you his all every week,” House said. “If you put him in the right class – he can go in the top-level classes around those kinds of tracks – but if you put him in a good spot, he’ll be right there at the end.

“And even if he’s not in the right spot, you’ll always have a good chance of bringing something home.”

Having raised the chestnut gelding from a baby with his girlfriend Angela, House noticed that innate desire to compete from an early age.

“He’s been a really nice horse from day one,” House said. “He really has. Even as a baby running around the field, my girlfriend

“ [The Great Reset] was pretty dominant in London in 2024. I was genuinely surprised [he won Aged Trotting Horse of the Year in 2025]. It wasn’t even in my mind that he was going to win it... I’m very proud of this little horse. ”

~ Lorne House

Dave Landry
Lorne House.



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“From the time [The Great Reset] started racing as a 2-year-old until now, honestly, this horse hasn’t changed a lot – and I’ve raced him pretty steadily... even as a 2-year-old, the first time we took him away from home it was like, ‘Wow, this horse has done this a hundred times.’ He came ready-made.”

~ Lorne House

and I used to joke – there was another one that he grew up with – and I would always say to her, ‘He’s the one that’s going to do something for us.’ And he was.

“Training down, he always did what you asked of him. He had a great attitude and was good-gaited. Tactically in a race, you could use him any way you wanted to.”

The Great Reset’s determined disposition and strategic flexibility was on display throughout the 2025 campaign, as House, who manned the race bike in 30 of the trusty trotter’s 31 starts, was able to get creative when pushing for the podium.

That versatility proved paramount for weathering a sluggish spring that saw The Great Reset need his seventh start to reach the winner’s circle.

“Again, it really didn’t feel like he was going to win it this year,” House said. “I gave him some time off in the summer because he raced pretty steady for a long time, and I didn’t think he really hit his stride yet coming into the fall.”

When the calendar flipped to October, so did a switch inside The Great Reset, who rallied to land inside the money in five of his final eight starts, all at Western Fair.

“He makes all his starts, he rarely misses a check, and when he should win, he usually does,” House said.

House’s belief in his homegrown racehorse never wavered – and for good reason.

During his first award-winning season in 2024, The Great Reset updated the Western Fair history books by posting the fastest trotting mile (1:55.3) the track has ever seen.

While no moment from this past season eclipsed the record-setting feat that House crowned his favorite with The Great Reset, it’s instead how the year came together that stands out most.

“His consistency is one of my favorite things about him,” House said. “He’s very low maintenance, he loves his job and does his job whenever you ask him to. He was a Steady Eddy last year.”

Knowing what to expect from the dependable trotter night in and night out is by no means a recent revelation for House.

“From the time he started racing as a 2-year-old until now, honestly, this horse hasn’t changed a lot – and I’ve raced him pretty steadily,” House said. “He’s had a couple little breaks here and there, but mentally, even as a 2-year-old, the first time we took him away from home it was like, ‘Wow, this horse has done this a hundred times.’ He came ready-made.”

House was quick to credit Ruijs, who bred The Great Reset in May 2020 in Georgian Bluffs, ON, for putting the right pieces together.

“We were lucky enough to get that mare [Dont Talk Back] in foal to Resolve, who had issues getting mares into foal over the years,” House said. “Chantal picked a good cross and it worked out.

“We have a great relationship. She trusts me and I trust her, and it works really well.”

House also praised the third member of The Great Reset’s all-star cast of supporters, his girlfriend Angela, for being a consistent presence on and off the track.

“Angela looks after him every day,” House said. “She’s there for every race – she never misses anything with him. She’s the steady, calming force for both of us.”

With the right people behind him – and a workmanlike attitude to match – The Great Reset quickly rose into one of Western Fair’s finest older competitors.

Now, after one successful title defense, he turns sights to another in 2026.

“We’re hoping to get him off to a good start this year and I really think he’s starting to come back into his 2024 form – he feels that way to me,” House. “So, if he does, then it’s certainly a possibility. It sure would be nice.”

The Great Reset will be recognized along with the other standout performers from Western Fair’s 2025 season during the track’s annual Awards Night on Saturday (Feb. 21) in the Top of the Fair dining room.

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His highly-anticipated first crop debuts this season!



TEMPORAL HANOVER

Walner - Think Twice - Cantab Hall

2, 1:53.2m; 3, 1:52.2s, BT 1:50m (\$972,166)

Grand Circuit winner Temporal Hanover stands his fourth season at Premier Acres in 2026. His highly-anticipated first crop sold at auction last fall and was well received. A group of 82 yearlings were sold at public auction. At Lexington, seven babies averaged \$45,286, more than five times the stud fee. In Indianapolis, Temporal Hanover's progeny averaged \$20,440.

Temporal Hanover's first crop averaged \$22,256 at auction, with three yearlings bringing \$100,000 or more at the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale.

Conditioned by Marcus Melander during his two years of competition, the near-millionaire hit the board in 19 of 25 starts, with nine wins. His pedigree is filled with champions and black type winners. From the first crop of World Champion and Walner, the stallion is out of Think Twice, half-sister to 2006 Horse of the Year Glidemaster. Temporal Hanover's grandam, Cressida Hanover, is a half-sister to Cynara Hanover, grandam of dual hemisphere champion and Elitloppet winner Nuncio. Temporal Hanover held his own against harness racing's best, regularly battling on the Grand Circuit and in New Jersey Sire Stakes. He finished first or second 17 times, and as a sophomore he registered miles of 1:53 or faster in 10 of 13 attempts, trotting in under 1:51 multiple times.

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AMONG OURSELVES

with FRANK COLTOLO

The walking death of pari-mutuel racing in Tennessee, Part 5

by Frank Coltole

Part 1 is [here](#).

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Part 4 is [here](#).

Most subjects I may study or learn from a personal relationship could always leave me with some knowledge about them. It was never the case when it came to legislative matters. Along with learning law one must learn its language and lingo and the nuances of its particular vocabulary. These are some reasons why I did not believe the person answering the phone was at the Tennessee State Racing Commission.

“Hello, sir,” I said. “Do I have the correct number?”

“Who are you looking to talk to?”

“Someone at the Tennessee State Racing Commission.”

“And what is it you’d like?”

“You are working at the offices of Tennessee State Racing Commission?”

“The office. One. And yes. That is why I answered by saying Tennessee State Racing Commission. How may I help you?”

“Is it possible I may I speak with the commissioner?”

“You are speaking to the commissioner.”

“For horse racing in Tennessee.”

“Yes. And who are you?”

I told him my name and said I was a journalist for the sport and I was doing an article for a horse racing industry publication. He told me his name but here I will call him Mr. Conrad.

“With all due respect,” I said, “I admit to being ignorant about Tennessee horse racing. I thought it was illegal.”

Mr. Conrad snickered and said, “Yes, most people in the state are still unaware it is legal.”

“I do not mean to be sarcastic Mr. Conrad but if you keep it a secret the odds are miserable it will become popular.”

Mr. Conrad laughed. A good sign he was not surprised why I called and was ready to talk. My first impression was good and bad. Good because he had a humble way about him that wreaked of southern hospitality and patience. Bad because he had a humble way about him that wreaked of southern hospitality and patience.

I told him I was a horse racing journalist and said, “Maybe you’ve heard of me?”

“Sorry. I have not. But I am new to this specific area.”

“I have many questions about the law and what it will mean to the horse racing industry.”

“And I have the time to tell you all I know. Not doing much here.”

Mr. Conrad was actually doing nothing. He had no secretary or staff. Just an office which was official and necessary due to the law. About that law? Here is an info dump:



A pari-mutuel law permitting betting on horse racing was passed and titled The Racing Control Act in 1987. It legalized pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing and included the establishment of the Tennessee State Racing Commission to oversee the sport.

“But,” Mr. Conrad said, “it was one of those stick-in-the-last-minute laws tagged onto a new bill about something entirely different. Don’t know exactly how that works but it’s done a lot. Only takes a few backers in a committee of some sort to get added so that when the main bill is passed the last-minute addition becomes law.”

It was Mr. Conrad who cleared up all of my challenges understanding the mechanics of legislation.

“Do you know who was behind getting it tagged to another law?” I said.

“I suspect who ever it was is not interested in making news about it,” Mr. Conrad said. “I just got the job because I’m acquainted with commission paperwork.”

“I can get all the information I want from you, then?”

“Anything I know, yes. That’s why I’m here.”

“All activity concerning racetracks and regulations will go through your staff?”

“Just through me. No staff. Anything and everything lands on this desk. Where it goes from there is another bunch of business.”

“First and foremost, I guess, is building a racetrack or two. Getting investors and the matter of breeding in state.”

“Yes,” Mr. Conrad said. “We have to build the industry in Tennessee from the ground up.”

There was far too much for me to learn with a single phone call. Mr. Conrad said he was open to talk to me any time about updates and I said I was going to make a list of questions for him and wanted to follow all updates.

“Fine with me. I’ll be here,” Mr. Conrad said. “During office hours that is.”

But I would not be as available. I was about to fly to New York with Joe and Wolf and pitch a book biography. And there was a matter of the weeknight radio show and the TV show and as important as all that, Natasha. Adding to it all I was sitting on a news scoop and I was not about to allow the ton of work I was responsible for on the Nashville Network and other Wolfman business stop me from a spectacular story about the horse racing industry.

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.

[ARCI classification system](#)

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Reimagining harness racing

by Trey Nosrac



We chase purse money, worry about handle, debate fairness, and wonder about the future. We play a sport composed of many details and rules. We hope it endures for another hundred years. But for a moment, let's look at a different lane. Let's explore new ways to play.

Imagine something closer to a country club than a racetrack. A place people gather because they are fascinated by the horses, the competition, and each other. Picture a Shangri-La tucked deep into the countryside where harness racing is a shared pastime built around participation. Barns are open, racing is simple, stories are shared, and traditions deepen. Additional activities and projects are a few steps away.

But who is actually going to build anything?

Maybe you. Consider this a nudge.

Some people seem to carry a gene that makes them wake up curious and restless - and then compels them to act. Benjamin Franklin gave us the lightning rod, bifocal glasses, and a new kind of stove. Thomas Edison delivered electricity, motion pictures, and more than a thousand patents.

Closer to our sport, consider Leland Stanford. In the 1800s, later in his life, Stanford discovered a passion for trotting horses. He set aside his pursuits in railroads and politics, including a term as governor of California, and built the Palo Alto Stock Farm. It was the most significant and finest horse operation in the world. Spread across 11,000 acres at its peak, the farm housed over 800 trotting horses, multiple racing ovals, and a staff of 150.

A modern version of that same curiosity type is Jeff Bezos. In his early public appearances, he radiated enthusiasm and possibility. He made people want to leap out of their chairs and build something. Most didn't, held back by fear. One of his observations is particularly relevant:

"It's human nature to overestimate risk and underestimate opportunity. We all stand at the edge of opportunities and hesitate because of all the 'What ifs.'"

Another Bezos quote sharpens the point:

"If you're starting something, make sure it comes from a place of curiosity, purpose, and long-term vision. Be a missionary, not a mercenary."

As an outsider wandering through the harness racing world, it is undoubtedly possible that someone in our sport could be a modern-day Leland Stanford. Someone capable of building something more than a hobby, something exciting, something profitable.

One new way to play could begin with a controlled experiment - 110 horses of the same age, sex, and gait, trained, raced, and managed in a single location under a

shared economic structure. The organizer will reduce costs through scale, coordination, and cooperation, and will preserve competition through team-based barns, a point system, and season-long performance metrics. No gambling is involved.

In this model, profit will be deliberately allocated to a select few. At the end of the season, a small number of horses finish economically ahead, not by luck, but by performance within a system of capped expenses and aligned incentives. This model is not a rejection of tradition, but an attempt to rebuild our foundation. It will be a league where participation is sustainable and winning is rare, yet real, in a community centered around our animals and our sport.

Impossible, you say?

In other corners of sports and entertainment, the “impossible” happens. Last year, Trey watched professional baseball players earn roughly \$1,000 a month, attended a live theater production that employed 40 people, and clicked into the livestream of a professional fishing tournament.

The athletes, performers, operators, and audiences were glad to be there. These were not fly-by-night enterprises. They survived for decades because they embraced innovation, thrift, and belief. Management had a plan and made the dollars work. For all involved in these activities, the underdog mentality wasn't a curse - it was fuel.

The show went on. The ballgame went on. The flopping largemouth bass tipped the scales on the presentation stage.

At this point, you may remain skeptical and say neigh. Comparison to off-Broadway theater, professional fishing tournaments, and minor-league baseball may feel misplaced.

However, those enterprises squeeze value from every imaginable revenue stream and lean hard into the passion surrounding their interest. Our sport can do the same. We can experiment with new models for an old passion. These models are not dependent on gambling or attendance. We can build a league of our own.

You may still be wondering where the money comes from. New revenue streams are not optional; they are fundamental. Every expense we currently accept as fixed can be mitigated, shared, or reimaged. Ownership models built on optimism and cooperation can uncover new economies and new growth.

So, let's imagine purchasing those 110 young horses. Let's hitch them to an ambitious experiment, detached from existing assumptions, rules, and habits. Let's ask whether profit can be designed rather than merely hoped for.

Next week, we will have a few questions and prompts for creating a league of our own.



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2025 harness racing Immortals announced

by Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame

In July 2025, the trustees of the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame unanimously endorsed the election of Bea Farber, Morton Finder, Jenna's Beach Boy, Kikikatie, Naughty But Nice, Ralph Hanover, and Rum Customer as harness racing Immortals. On July 5, 2026, these individuals will be inducted into the Hall of Immortals during ceremonies held under the tent on the Museum lawn.

- At age 29, Beatrice "Bea" Farber (1940-2020) left her job as a legal secretary to join her husband, horseman Chuck Farber, to start racing horses. She had immediate success, winning her first pari-mutuel race on May 1, 1971 at Jackson Raceway. Two years later, at Northville Downs, she earned the distinction of being the first female ever to capture a driving title at a major harness track. Farber went on to win titles at other Michigan racetracks as well as in California, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, and Canada. In 1978, while battling pneumonia, she won the International Women's World Championship against drivers from eight countries. She was the first female to drive in the World Driving Championship, representing the U.S. in 1979. Farber drove Easy Irv to the first-ever 2:00 victory at Northville Downs in 1973. She last drove on July 29, 1995, retiring with purse earnings of \$9,094,683. Her 1,801 wins are the most ever by a female driver. Bea Farber is a member of the harness racing halls of fame in Michigan, Illinois, and Florida.
- Morton "Morty" Finder (1934-2016), a Brooklyn native, became a harness racing enthusiast after attending races at Yonkers and Roosevelt. At age 30, he bought a stake in

Romeo Hanover, who won the 1966 pacing Triple Crown under trainer Jerry Silverman. Finder co-founded Pine Hollow Stud Farm in New York, which housed Romeo Hanover in retirement and stood top stallions like Niatross, Sonsam, and Green Speed. In 1971 Pine Hollow was named New York State Breeder of the Year. Finder later partnered with Lou Guida to syndicate Niatross and launched Finder-Guida Enterprises, a leader in stallion syndications.

- World champion pacer Jenna's Beach Boy (1992-2015) had a lifetime racing record of 42 30-5-3. In 1994, 2-year old Jenna's Beach Boy had seven wins in 12 starts including a Breeders Crown and was named Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year. "Jenna" began his sophomore season with a string of victories that included the New Jersey Classic, but just before the North America Cup he suffered a P-1 fracture. He returned to the track in September, winning an invitational at the Delaware County Fair and a late closer at The Red Mile in a world-record time of 1:48.4. He went on to win his second Breeders Crown and earned the titles of 1995 Dan Patch Pacer of the Year and 3-Year-Old Pacer of the Year. At four in 1996, Jenna's Beach Boy lowered the all-age race record to 1:47.3 at The Meadowlands in June. The Breeders Crown was held at The Big M in August and he won that as well and was voted Dan Patch Older Pacing Horse of the Year. As a stallion, Jenna's Beach Boy sired three millionaires, and sired the dam of Hall of Famer Wiggle It Jiggleit.

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• Kikikatie (2001-21) is the only broodmare to have every one of her foals – five in total – take a record of 1:50 or better. Rockin Image (1:48.2), Grams Legacy (1:50), Time To Roll (1:48.2), Rockin Amadeus (1:48.4f) – all sired by Hall of Fame Immortal Rocknroll Hanover – and Tellitlikeitis (1:48.4s) by Well Said. As a racemare, Kikikatie earned \$1,268,463 in 31 career starts, including a superlative freshman campaign. The 2003 Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year won 14 straight in 15 starts, missing a perfect season when she was beaten by a neck in the Breeders Crown.

• World champion and 1984 Dan Patch 3-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year Naughty But Nice (1981-87) retired as the first female pacing millionaire with lifetime earnings of \$1,062,197. She captured such prestigious events as the Breeders Crown, Jugette, Adioo Volo, Lady Maud, Helen Dancer Memorial, Mistletoe Shalee, and Breeders Filly Stakes. Naughty But Nice set a world record of 1:54 for a five-eighths-mile track in winning the Adioo Volo, and also set a world record in the second heat of the Jugette at Delaware, OH. She died at the age of 6 after a surgery.

• Ralph Hanover (1980-2008), son of Hall of Famer Meadow Skipper, made a strong impression as a 2-year-old, winning seven of his 15 starts including the Bluegrass, where he took his mark of 1:54.1. In his 1983 sophomore season he captured 20 victories out of 25 starts with four seconds. In addition to winning pacing's Triple Crown, Ralph Hanover established a new single-season earnings record when he banked \$1,711,990 with victories in the Little Brown Jug, Cane Pace, Messenger Stakes, Meadowlands Pace, Adios, Prix d'Ete, Tattersalls, Simcoe, and Queen City Stakes. He was voted 1983 Dan Patch 3-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year.

• 1968 Pacing Triple Crown winner and world champion Rum Customer (1965-82) was the first North American pacer to earn \$1 million. In his sophomore year Rum Customer finished on the board in 22 of 24 starts with 15 wins. Victories included the Messenger Stake, Cane Pace, Little Brown Jug (completing the Triple Crown), Horseman Futurity (in a world-record 1:56), Hanover-Hempt, Westchester, Battle of Saratoga, and Geers Stake. He was the leading money-winning pacer of the year with \$355,618, the fastest standardbred at 1:56, and was voted 3-Year-Old Pacer of the Year. Rum Customer finished his racing career in 1971, retiring as the leading money-winning pacer of all time with earnings of \$1,001,548.

The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame is located at 240 Main Street in Goshen, NY and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12. Current Museum and USTA members are free. If you would like further information on the Immortals nomination process, the 2026 induction ceremony, the Museum, its membership program, special events and educational programs, please call 845-294-6330 or visit www.harnessmuseum.com.

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USHWA announces media award winners

Derick Giwner and Wes Mayberry were named the winners of the 2025 John Hervey Awards for excellence in harness racing journalism while Clive Cohen swept the George Smallsreed Awards for photography and Horse Racing Alberta and Shine Light Entertainment was selected the winner of the Sam McKee Award for broadcasting, the U.S. Harness Writers Association announced Saturday (Jan. 17).

The winners will be recognized at the Dan Patch Awards banquet, presented by Caesars Entertainment, on Feb. 22 at Rosen Shingle Creek resort in Orlando, FL. Meadowlands Racetrack chairman Jeffrey Gural is continuing his longstanding sponsorship of the awards by providing banquet tickets for the winners.

Giwner won in the news/commentary category for his column, "Picking up the pieces: Horsemen discuss the closure of Freehold and what's next," which appeared in the Jan. 9, 2025, edition of *DRF Harness Digest*. To read the story, [click here](#). This is Giwner's third Hervey Award, all in the news/commentary category.

Mayberry won in the feature division for his story "Something Special," which appeared in the September issue of *The Buckeye Harness Horseman*. [Click here](#) to read the feature, which details how 2-year-old filly Rhodena Blue's friendship with a Shetland pony helped her win a Buckeye Stallion Series race and continued the healing process of a grieving Canadian family. This is Mayberry's first Hervey Award.

Honorable mentions in the news/commentary category went to Andrew Cohen for "Keeping Pace: The Lessons of the Delaware Seven," which appeared Nov. 25 on the *Paulick Report*, and Nicole Kraft for "Harness Racing Summarily Ended in California," which appeared May 2 in *Harness Racing Update*.

In feature writing, honorable mentions went to Jessica Hallett for "Hennessey weighs the potential end to a legendary career," which appeared Nov. 20 in *DRF Harness Digest*, and James Platz for "Lights! Camera! Action! Coach Stefanos wraps up his 4-year-old season in stunning style," which appeared in the January 2025 issue of *Hoof Beats*.

The writing categories were judged by Trentonian (N.J.) sports editor Kyle Franko, former Lexington Herald-Leader sports

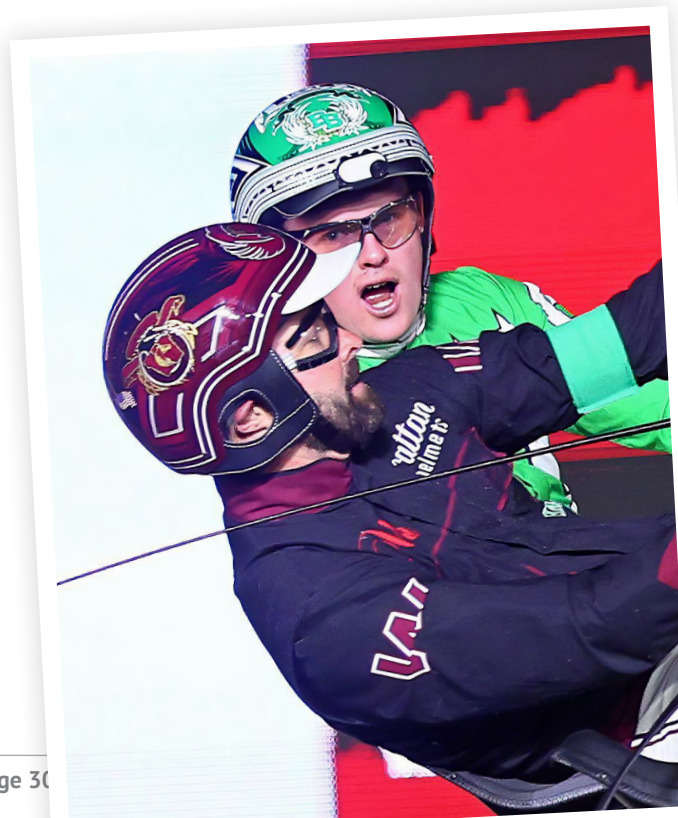


New Image Media

New Image Media's Clive Cohen won the George Smallsreed feature category for this photo of a Harvest Moon over Woodbine Mohawk Park.

New Image Media

Cohen also won the Smallsreed action category for this photo of driver Braxten Boyd's expression as driver Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., with Louprint, beat Madden Oaks in the final strides of the North America Cup at Mohawk.



editor Mat Graf, former Philadelphia Inquirer sports editor John Quinn, and Maryjean Wall, a retired multiple Eclipse Award and Hervey Award-winning journalist and author.

In the Smallsreed competitions, Clive Cohen won in the feature category for his photograph “Harvest Moon Racing,” which was taken Sept. 8 at Woodbine Mohawk Park and appeared that day on the Woodbine Mohawk Park Instagram and X feeds.

Clive Cohen also won the action category for “Second-Place Shock,” which captured driver Braxten Boyd’s expression as driver Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., with Louprint, beat Madden Oaks in the final strides of the North America Cup on June 14 at Mohawk. It also appeared on the Woodbine Mohawk Park Instagram and X channels. Cohen has now won seven Smallsreed Awards.

Honorable mention in both categories went to Mark Hall; in the feature division for “Morning Routine,” which appeared in the November issue of *Hoof Beats*, and in the action division for “Eye on the Gate,” in the February issue of *Hoof Beats*.

The Smallsreed categories were judged by racetrack and newspaper photographer Bill Denver, Eclipse Award-winning photographer Barbara Livingston, and former harness racing groom and longtime newspaper/magazine photographer Phil McAuliffe.

In the McKee competition, Horse Racing Alberta and Shine Light Entertainment was honored for their video, “The Underdog,” which tells the story of Crackers Hot Shot, a mare who defied the odds to become one of Alberta’s most influential producers. The feature, which can be [watched here](#), appeared on the HRA website and social media channels on Oct. 27 and was picked up by Todayville, the Central Alberta News source. The piece was produced by Jeff Robillard of Horse Racing Alberta and Mike Little of Shine Light Entertainment. This is Horse Racing Alberta’s fourth award in the broadcast division and Shine Light Entertainment’s second.

Honorable mention went to Cujo Entertainment’s coverage of the 100th Hambletonian, which aired live nationally in Canada on the Game+ network, streamed on multiple YouTube and Facebook platforms, and aired on tape delay on CBS Sports Network on Aug. 3. Also receiving honorable mention was the U.S. Trotting Association’s “Louprint and Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.: In the Bike for the 80th Little Brown Jug,” which appeared on the USTA website and social media channels on Sept. 19.

Entries for the Sam McKee Award were judged by 10-time Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy Award-winning producer/director Ben Payavis, chief content officer at WVIA (PA) Public Media, and Alex Hayden, a 28-year veteran broadcaster for Motor Racing Network (“The Voice of NASCAR”), in addition

to spending multiple seasons as on-air talent for NASCAR on NBC Sports. He also is the play-by-play voice for University of Mount Olive NCAA sports broadcasts.

Sponsorship information for the Dan Patch Awards banquet can be obtained from Shawn Wiles at swiles@rwcatskills.com. Advertising in the souvenir Journal can be arranged through Kim Rinker at trotrink@aol.com. Dinner tickets can be order until Feb. 16 by contacting Judy Davis-Wilson at zoe8874@aol.com or 302-359-3630 or Liz Cheesman at Elizabeth.lewis-house@winbakfarm.com. For a dinner ticket form please click [here](#).

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Meadowlands 2026 standards for participation

All owners and trainers in 2026, the New Meadowlands Racetrack exclusionary policy and “Standards for Participation in all Meadowlands Stakes” will apply to the Hambletonian Stakes races that are held at the New Meadowlands Racetrack. These races are subject to the Standards for Participation in all Meadowlands Stakes, see The Meadowlands website for details. Sadly, over 280 people are unable to participate at the Gural properties due to our strong stance on integrity.

A minimum of seven (7) separate interests may be required in any event, or the event may be cancelled (Hambletonian Maturity, Hambletonian, and Hambletonian Oaks are excluded from this part). All owners, trainers, and drivers of horses nominated to this event must be accepted to participate at the host track, or the nomination/entry may be denied without refund of previous payments. Any change of trainers made fewer than 30 days or within four starts of the date of this race will be reviewed by the sponsor and, if not accepted, may result in refusal of entry. The choice of drivers for this event will be limited to those drivers who have applied and been approved to drive in Meadowlands stakes and early-closing events.

The list of approved drivers will be available from the racing office. Any horse nominated to any Meadowlands stakes/event must be in the care of an approved trainer by April 15th of the year of the stake for any stake/event raced during the month of May, and by May 15th for all other stakes/events. In addition, any owner who participates in a Meadowlands Stake or Early Closing event (with added money greater than \$25,000) with a trainer who has an outstanding Class 1, Class 2 or TC02 positive test having occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2019 and under appeal in any jurisdiction will be declared ineligible

to participate in any Meadowlands Stake or Early Closing event for 12 months following the conviction if such trainer is subsequently found guilty relating to the Class 1, Class 2 or TC02 positive test. Nominator also agrees that any horse paid into any Meadowlands stake/event may be required to be stabled for up to 14 days at an approved facility within a 150-mile radius of The Meadowlands or the Tioga Downs or Vernon Downs stable area or an approved facility in a state that agrees to cooperate in an out of competition testing protocol by the date set by The Meadowlands for that stake/event for the purpose of out of competition testing. All starters are subject to the host track's detention policy.

The standards can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Meadowlands Participation Standards](#)

Additionally, all owners and trainers are bound by the following 2026 racing rules and regulations and the racing application, which are also available on the Meadowlands Racetrack website.

[2026-Racing-Rules-Regs.pdf](#)

[Racing Application](#)

Meadowlands media relations

Alliance Bloodstock launches inaugural January Select Online Sale on onGait

Alliance Bloodstock is pleased to host its inaugural January Select Online Sale on onGait, featuring a quality consignment of broodmares, yearlings, and stallion breedings.

The roster includes yearlings by first-crop sires Tactical Approach and Cannibal, as well as broodmares in foal to leading stallions such as Sweet Lou (Pacing Sire of the Year), Cattlewash, Downbytheseaside, and more. The sale also offers 2026 breedings for buyers still seeking options for their mares.

Bidding closes Monday (Jan. 19, 2026). For questions about any listing, please contact Andrew Kramer at office@alliancebloodstock.com or 516-404-0939.

View the full roster: <https://ongait.com/s/alliancebloodstock.com>.

Alliance Bloodstock

New Pop-Up Series at Woodbine Mohawk Park

Woodbine Mohawk Park's race office has released the details for two Pop-Up Series for pacers starting next week.

Each series features two preliminary legs and a final.

The first Pop-Up will be open to pacing horses that have started for a purse of \$11,000 or less in their last 3 starts and are non-winners of \$100,000 in 2025. Also eligible are non-winners of \$40,000 in 2025 (minimum 10 starts).

The dates and purses for each leg are as follows:

Leg 1 – Friday (Jan. 23) – \$16,000

Leg 2 – Friday (Jan. 30) – \$16,000

Final – Friday (Feb. 6) – \$30,000

To be raced Friday or Saturday.

The second Pop-Up will be open to pacing horses that have started for a purse of \$9,000 or less in their last 3 starts and are non-winners of \$50,000 in 2025. Also eligible are non-winners of \$20,000 in 2025 (minimum 10 starts).

The dates and purses for each leg are as follows:

Leg 1 – Sunday (Jan. 25) – \$12,000

Leg 2 – Sunday (Feb. 1) – \$12,000

Final – Sunday (Feb. 8) – \$20,000

To be raced Sunday or Monday.

Declarations close as posted on the weekly condition sheet.

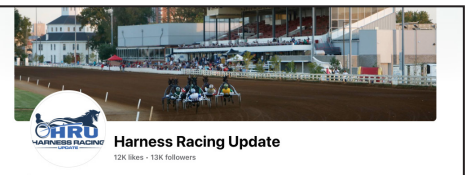
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'Cooper' super in Big M feature

Super Duper Cooper hasn't been all that popular with his friends lately, as the talented gelded son of E L Titan—Pink Power tasted defeat in each of his last two starts as the favorite heading into Friday (Jan. 16) night's featured \$17,500 high-end conditioned trot at The Meadowlands.

Surprisingly, after his pair of failures at odds of 2-1, the 5-year-old was bet down to 3-5, and rebounded with a superior effort to pick up his 13th victory from 54 lifetime starts.

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“He raced great last week, it’s never easy to get stretched out to a :54.4 half,” said winning driver Brett Beckwith of Super Duper Cooper, who finished second to Finite that night. “But he bounced back this week.”

Super Duper Cooper left the gate alertly from post 6 in the nine-horse field and sat a 4-hole trip as Full Of Muscles took the field past the quarter in :27.1 and half in :56.2. Super Duper Cooper vacated the rail at that point and started to make up ground racing uncovered on the rim, and actually surged past Full Of Muscles at three-quarters, which went in 1:26.

The Rico Robinson trainee was now in high gear, opening up an insurmountable edge on his foes in mid-stretch, before cooling his jets somewhat nearing the wire, holding sway to a three-quarter-length win over a late-surging Interview Fra A. High Speed Swan was third in an impressive outing.

“As soon as he straightened up [in the stretch], he exploded home,” said Beckwith, who was mildly concerned that his horse had provided a live tow for Interview Fra A for the final half-mile. “In that group, all of them are talented animals, [Interview Fra A] was good, but mine dug in right to the wire.”

Owned by Pollack Racing LLC, Super Duper Cooper lifted his lifetime earnings to \$443,882. He paid \$3.40 to win after completing the mile in 1:53, just a fifth-of-a-second slower than his lifetime best.

A LITTLE MORE: The Colin Kelly-driven **Girl Almighty** held off the Beckwith-piloted Miss You Joann in the 14th and final race of the night, giving Kelly the win in the race for nightly driving honors, beating Beckwith five victories to four... Per Engblom topped the trainers with two walks down victory lane... A modest \$1,380 carryover led to a total pool of just under \$10,000 in the 20-cent Pick-6, and after a sequence where winner’s odds were 3-5, 5-1, 4-1, 2-1, 7-5, and 2-1, those with winning tickets collected \$1,838.18... All-source betting on the 14-race program totaled \$2,871,649... Today is the second of four straight Sunday race cards. Post time is 12:30 p.m.

Dave Little / Meadowlands media relations

Running Aces seeks outrider for 2026 meet

Running Aces Casino, Hotel & Racetrack is seeking an outrider for the 2026 live racing season, which gets underway on May 17, with qualifiers beginning May 7.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact Steve Carpenito, director of racing, at scarpenito@runaces.com or 651-925-4532.

Running Aces

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Sturman spot on with tote data column

I just wanted to reach out and say your article, “**It’s time to take tote data public**,” was absolutely spot on.

As someone born and raised in harness racing, I consider it a privilege to help host the Little Brown Jug. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to answer the public’s questions about our wagering systems. Trying to decipher data from hundreds of OTBs is a massive undertaking, particularly during a high-traffic week like the Jug.

We have to do better. If the casual fan placing a \$2 bet can’t have faith in the system, we’re in trouble – especially since explaining the actual math behind the pools is next to impossible.

Thanks for shedding light on this.

Chip Thomson / Little Brown Jug Society

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**RACE RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY ARE PUBLISHED AS OF MIDNIGHT.
RESULTS MADE OFFICIAL AFTER MIDNIGHT VIA THE USTA SITE WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE.**

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Friday's Results:

8, M, \$17,500, Trot, N/W \$12,500 (N/W L2 \$14,000) Last 5 Starts AE: TM Rating 86.5 (N/W L2 88.7) or Less ATOD, 27.1, 56.2, 1:26.0, 1:53.0, FT

1-Super Duper Cooper (g, 5, E L Titan--Pink Power, by Credit Winner) \$8,225, \$37,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 54-13-19-4, \$443,357
O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Enrico Robinson. D-Brett Beckwith.

Another Lexington Selected Grad Winner! **LEXINGTON** *Selected Yearling Sale*

2-Interview Fra A (h, 8, Traders--Saorse, by Andover Hall) \$3,850, Lifetime Record: 43-15-4-5, \$99,015
O-Noel M Daley. B-Louis Baudron. T-Noel Daley. D-Johnathan Ahle.

3-High Speed Swan (g, 4, Swan For All--Aunt Susie, by Credit Winner) \$1,575, \$62,000 2023 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 31-5-9-5, \$148,540
O-David Linker & Brian N Loman & Robert H Venable. B-Victory Hill Farm Inc. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Colin Kelly.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 4H, 3H, Q, 1, T - Finish Order: Aardiebythehill N, Sky Box, Mahone Seelster, Full Of Muscles, Street Gossip, Tom Swifty

12, M, \$17,500, Trot, 5 Year Olds & Under Winners of 2 But Not More Than 4 (N/W L2 or F&M 5) Extended PM Races or N/W \$55,000 (N/W L2 or F&M \$60,000) Life, 27.1, 57.2, 1:27.0, 1:54.3, FT

1-Zenmeister S (g, 5, Perfect Spirit--Zsa Zsa Kronos, by Muscle Hill) \$8,225, Lifetime Record: 26-6-4-5, \$61,982
O-Order By Stable Ab, SD. B-Ab Svensk Reklamfinans. T-Per Engblom. D-Brett Beckwith.

2-Glutes Hanover (m, 4, Six Pack--Girlie Tough, by Conway Hall) \$4,813, \$18,000 2023 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 19-4-3-2, \$64,607
O-Tony P Alagna. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Tony Alagna. D-Anibal Borjas.

3-Net Weight (g, 4, Muscle Hill--Air Quote Hanover, by Donato Hanover) \$1,969, \$75,000 2023 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-3, \$42,613
O-The Gandolfo Stables & Lenny Zelin & Harbor Racing Stable LLC, CA & L. A. Express Stable LLC. B-Order By Stable Ab, SD. T-Noel Daley.
D-Johnathan Ahle.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 3T, 2H, 1, 1H, 1Q - Finish Order: Trump The Warrior, Tequila Talking As, Fiftyshadesofblu, Exquisite Taste, She's Spicy, Bruha

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Friday's Results:

2, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, BLIZZARD PACING SERIES: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES IN 2026. NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2025.
LEG 1, 29.2, 59.1, 1:29.0, 1:56.3

1-Ea Money Maker (b,f,3 - Sweet Lou-Always B Dreaming-Always B Miki) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$25,487
O-Saul Lanigan, Chris Farrell B-Ryan Smith T-Bo Ford D-Travis Cullen



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

2-D A Miss Universe (blk,m,4 - Big Jim-Stonebridge Debut-Camluck)

O-Donnie Macdougall B-Dean & Ashley Wilson T-Harry Poulton D-Michael Whelan

3-Tornado Rain (b,m,4 - Vertical Horizon-Rain Delay-Bettors Delight)

O-Ed & Ashleigh Hensley B-Jane Rickard, Marilyn Mcghan T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

5, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$9,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 26.0, 55.4, 1:25.3, 1:55.1

1-Beach Wiggle (b,f,3 - Sunshine Beach-Wiggle It J-Mr Wiggles) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$14,940

O-Travis & Jodie & Ronald Cullen B-Travis & Jodie & Ronald Cullen T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-Seven Summers Ago (b,f,3 - Cattlewash-Better Decision N-Bettors Delight)

O-Wendy Timpano, Frank Tucci, Seaspray Stables Ltd B-Seaspray Stables Ltd T-Mike Timpano D-Jean Rene Plante

3-D A Black Beauty (blk,f,3 - Shadow Play-Sports Beauty-Sportswriter)

O-Gregg Mcnair, Grand Slam Stable B-Ashley & Dean Wilson T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

6, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, BLIZZARD PACING SERIES: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD FILLIES & MARES IN 2026. NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2025. LEG 1, 28.1, 56.4, 1:26.1, 1:55.0

1-Kobra Kate (b,m,4 - Big Bad John-Hnt Angel-Mach Three) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 29-2-5-10, \$67,030

O-Miriam & Gary Brown, Kevin Bodz B-Gary Brown T-Kevin Bodz D-Travis Cullen

2-Who Are You (blk,m,4 - Captain Crunch-Shesa Bragn Dragon-Dragon Again)

O-Felix Marion B-Frontier Farms, Ed Miller T-Walter Whelan D-Michael Whelan

3-Marlenes Legacy (b,m,4 - Control The Moment-Malinka-Mcardle)

O-Judith Taylor B-Howard & Judith Taylor T-Chantal Mitchel D-James Macdonald

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

7, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, POP UP SERIES CONSOLATION: HORSES & GELDINGS NW \$30,000 OR NOT AVERAGING \$1,250 PER START IN 2025 (MIN 10 STARTS), 27.3, 56.3, 1:26.0, 1:53.2

1-Honolulu Vacation (b,h,5 - Betterthancheddar-Luxury Vacation-Rambaran) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 61-6-4-7, \$88,000

O-Cody Hawkins B-Cody Hawkins T-Cody Hawkins D-Daryl Thiessen

2-Buddyville (b,g,6 - Huntsville-Baez-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-Kostas Diakouloukas B-Brittany Farms Llc T-Herbert Holland D-Todd Ratchford

3-Beachin Lindy (b,g,11 - Somebeachsomewhere-Real Appealing-Real Desire)

O-Stephen Charlton B-Lindy Farms Of Conn T-Stephen Charlton D-Travis Henry

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

10, Wbs, \$25,000, Pace, POP UP SERIES FINAL: HORSES & GELDINGS NW \$30,000 OR NOT AVERAGING \$1,250 PER START IN 2025 (MIN 10 STARTS), 27.2, 57.0, 1:26.2, 1:55.1

1-Southwind Infusion (b,g,5 - Always B Miki-Southwind Inertia-Captaintreacherous) \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 62-11-8-6, \$112,464

O-Gino Toscani B-Southwind Farms Llc T-Ashley Lendvoy D-Jean Rene Plante



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Show Stop (b,g,8 - Captaintreacherous-The Show Returns-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-David Kelly, Randy Smith, Richard Mcphee B-Steve Stewart, Black Creek Farm, Michael Robinson, South Mountain Stables T-David Kelly D-David Kelly

3-Bronx Drifter (b,g,5 - Yankee Cruiser-Pascals Wager-Dragon Again)

O-Dr James Shive B-Sheila Hummel T-Garry Merner D-Douglas Mcnair

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

CENTURY MILE *report*

Saturday's Results:

8, Cnm, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES PREFERRED, 26.4, 55.1, 1:24.4, 1:53.3

1-Baby Limbo (b,m,5 - Captain Crunch-Wanda Bayama-Western Ideal) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 45-18-8-2, \$101,441

O-Donald Howlett B-Nicholas Malcolm T-Matthew Howlett D-Blake Pivniuk

2-Stash The Cookies (b,m,10 - Sunfire Blue Chip-Saucy B-No Pan Intended)

O-Derek Gilbert B-William Andrew T-John Chappell D-Kelly Hoerd

3-Outlawguns N Roses (br,m,5 - Captive Audience-Gunslingin Gal-Cams Card Shark)

O-Rodney Starkewski, Clauzette Byckal B-Outlaw Stable T-Rodney Stawewski D-James Jungquist

Replay Unavailable -

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS *report*

Saturday's Results:

9, Mea, \$15,000, Pace, CD ALL AGES NW \$13,501 L4 STS AE: HORSES WITH TM RATING OF 88 OR LESS AS OF 1/14/2026 AE: NW'S OF A RACE SINCE 11/1/2025., 26.4, 56.4, 1:25.0, 1:54.0, GD

1-Cantbeathebeach (g, 6, Downbytheseaside--Big Bad Bretta, by Big Bad John) \$7,500, \$50,000 2021 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 44-14-12-4, \$134,540

O-Randy Cowley. B-Steven M Carter & Craig M Stein. T-Robert Laffoon. D-Jeremy Indof.

2-Timeisonmyside (g, 5, Captain Crunch--Macharoundtheclock, by Mach Three) \$3,750, \$165,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 60-16-12-7, \$451,420

O-Thestable Timeisonmyside. B-Birnam Wood Farms. T-Tim Twaddle. D-Anthony Macdonald.

3-Moment Is Here (g, 6, All Bets Off--Breathtacular, by No Pan Intended) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 60-12-18-8, \$672,349

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & Frank D Baldachino & Lombardo / Green Racing. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

▶▶ *Replay* ▶▶ Calls: 8, 9, 5H, 5, NK - Finish Order: Liteningonthebeach, Buckeyebollinger N, Rocked N Loaded, Spiritofanoutlaw

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Saturday's Results:

7, M, \$15,000, Pace, Horses & Geldings - TrackMaster Rating 86 (N/W L2, NJSO, 4 YRO - 88) or Less ATOD Winner This Class or Higher Last Start Ineligible, M, 27.1, 55.0, 1:23.0, 1:50.0, GD

Preliminary Results: Meadowlands were not made official via USTA at publication time

1-Da Delightful (h, 10, Bettor's Delight--Marnie Hall, by Blissfull Hall) \$8,625, Lifetime Record: 174-44-38-23, \$561,183

O-Mark A Silva. B-Daniel Plouffe, CA & Jean Claude Dessureault, CA. T-Mark Silva. D-Brett Beckwith.

2-Dontbothermenone N (g, 9, Bettor's Delight--Corbell, by Christian Cullen) \$3,938, Lifetime Record: 136-35-18-15, \$328,937

O-S J Hooper, NZ & Birchbrook Breeding LTD, NZ. B-S J Hooper, NZ & Birchbrook Breeding LTD, NZ. T-Mark Capone. D-Colin Kelly.

3-Beach Club Monty (h, 4, Papi Rob Hanover--Kiss Dont Bite, by Four Starzzz Shark) \$1,688, Lifetime Record: 20-7-3-1, \$126,360

O-South Merrick Stables & Andrew P Berg. B-South Merrick Stables & Andrew P Berg. T-Brett Pelling. D-Bradley Chisholm.

▶▶ *Replay* ▶▶ Calls: 1H, 1Q, 1Q, 1, 2T - Finish Order: Lochlan Hanover, Bet On Mac, Bondi Shake N, Agedchedar Hanover, For Once Inmy Life, Aces Or Bettor, Momas Son Byrne



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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

8, M, \$17,500, Pace, N/W \$12,500 (NJSO or N/W L2 \$14,001) Last 5 Starts AE: TM Rating 88.45 (N/W L2 90.35) or Less ATOD or Starters N/W \$10,000 or Less Last Start AE: N/W 9 (N/W L2 10) Extended PM Races Life, M, 27.2, 55.4, 1:23.4, 1:50.4, GD

Preliminary Results: Meadowlands were not made official via USTA at publication time

1-Bettors Dontell (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Dontellruss, by Panspaciflight) \$8,050, Lifetime Record: 140-29-29-26, \$472,851

O-Joshua M Kinney. B-Troy L Mark, CA. T-Mark Capone. D-Colin Kelly.

2-Master Charles A (g, 8, Captaintreacherous--Forgiven, by Perfect Art) \$3,675, Lifetime Record: 97-19-12-10, \$93,176

O-Charles J Anderson. B-J C & L J Wallace, AS. T-Keith Torro. D-Steve Smith.

3-American Dealer N (h, 9, American Ideal--Maddisons Delight, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,575, Lifetime Record: 157-35-36-17, \$974,046

O-Enviro Stables LTD & Kenneth E Jacobs. B-C J Roberts, NZ. T-Linda Toscano. D-Brett Beckwith.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 3H, 2T, 2H, 1, NK - Finish Order: Stay Grounded, Jilliby Dynamite A, Dont Drop The Ball, Hiranya N, Lite N Sweet, South Beach Star, Jettingtomalibu

9, M, \$19,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$40,000 - \$60,000 Post Positions Drawn According to Base Price, M, 26.3, 54.1, 1:22.2, 1:50.2, GD

Preliminary Results: Meadowlands were not made official via USTA at publication time

1-Sun Of A Show (g, 10, Sunfire Blue Chip--Star Of Show, by Astreos) \$8,930, \$18,000 2017 LONDON, Lifetime Record: 202-44-29-37, \$515,102

O-Wine Stable. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Tee Wine. D-Colin Kelly.

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2-Effingham (g, 7, Sunshine Beach--Twin B Inspiring, by Camluck) \$5,225, Lifetime Record: 116-27-25-13, \$339,143

O-P T Stable. B-Tess Waxman, CA. T-Crissy Crissman-Bier. D-Bradley Chisholm.

3-Hesa Kingslayer N (g, 13, Christian Cullen--Millwood Manhattan, by Bettor's Delight) \$1,710, Lifetime Record: 110-33-14-20, \$361,747

O-Mark G Akins. B-K J Carville, NZ. T-Paul Stratton. D-Jim Marohn Jr.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1Q, 1H, 1Q, 1, T - Finish Order: Bet On Big Joe, Just Enuuff Stuff, Arden Messi N, Boston Bound, Overthinking, Stellar Yankee

10, M, \$17,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$25,000 - \$30,000 Post Positions Drawn According to Base Price, M, 26.2, 54.0, 1:23.3, 1:52.0, GD

Preliminary Results: Meadowlands were not made official via USTA at publication time

1-Mayhem Hanover (g, 9, Sportswriter--Musical Hanover, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$7,820, \$80,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 165-33-25-16, \$484,351

O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Enrico Robinson. D-Austin Siegelman.

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2-Saulsbrook Raptor (g, 7, Shadow Play--Rhea Blue Chip, by Art Major) \$3,570, Lifetime Record: 141-22-18-17, \$175,672

O-Hemlock Racing Stable Inc. B-Saulsbrook Stables Inc, CA & Rebecca J Hamilton, CA. T-Eddie Sager. D-Colin Kelly.

3-Compensate Me (g, 4, Sweet Lou--Breakheart Pass, by Western Hero) \$1,530, Lifetime Record: 42-14-9-3, \$126,176

O-Caldwell Mamie Racing LLC. B-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. T-Besim Odza. D-Kyle Symington.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 5Q, 3H, Q, 2, H - Finish Order: Be Dazzled Lou A, Decision Day, Buchannon Hanover, Twin B Risenshine, Black Edition N, Dontlikeitleave, Big Bang Bang

NORTHFIELD PARK report

Saturday's Results:

8, Nfld, \$21,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP PP1 ASSIGNED, PP 2-8 DRAWN, 27.4, 57.1, 1:26.3, 1:57.0, FT

1-Lady Rita (m, 6, Always B Miki--Big City Betty, by Bettor's Delight) \$10,500, \$160,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 78-17-18-14, \$254,518

O-Paul M O'Neil. B-Bruce James Potter. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Aaron Merriman.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Uptown Hanover (m, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Upside Surprise, by Art Major) \$5,250, \$50,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 164-37-27-38, \$724,318
O-Kapp Equine Estates. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Cory Deyermant. D-Braiden Rhoades.

3-High Flyin' Filly (m, 6, Domethatagain--Live The Extreme, by Always A Virgin) \$2,520, \$10,000 2021 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 102-29-17-17, \$476,722
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Marion Beachy. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2, 1H, 1, 3, T - Finish Order: Smothastenesewisky, Rockin Bambi, Track'n Field, Miss Idaho A, Naked On A Hill

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$7,400 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$12,000 LAST 8 STARTS (W/O \$18,900 LAST 8 STARTS N/E) AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000.
AE: N/A \$375 P/S LAST 4 STARTS, 27.4, 57.4, 1:26.2, 1:55.4

1-Western Wish (b,m,8 - Betterthancheddar-Giannas Ideal-Western Ideal) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 165-31-25-256, \$638,579

O-Aaron Waxman, Santo & Nunzio Vena B-Blaine Thibeau T-Carmen Auciello D-Jean Rene Plante

2-Superior Delight (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Modena Hanover-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Yolanda Fellows, Hassan Allahmoradi B-Hassan Allahmoradi T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Douglas Mcnair

3-Utopia Blue Chip (b,m,6 - Sweet Lou-Reign On Me-Well Said)

O-Robert Palmer, The Cardinal Stable B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc T-Mackenzie Spence D-Bob McClure

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

2, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS IN 2026. NW OF 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2025. LEG 1, 29.1, 57.4, 1:26.2, 1:55.3

1-The Tulsa King (b,g,4 - Shadow Play-Racey Miss-Shanghai Phil) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 37-7-5-5, \$65,833

O-Josh Macdonald, Mike Dicks B-Robin Burke T-Mary Ratchford D-Todd Ratchford

2-Booker Seelster (b,g,4 - Sunshine Beach-Better Than Happy-Betterthancheddar)

O-Terry Fritz, David Wilson B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Terry Fritz D-Douglas Mcnair

3-Cold Creek Pantera (b,g,4 - Panther Hanover-Mach Miss-Mach Three)

O-Cold Creek Standardbred B--Daniel Walker T-Meg Crone D-James Macdonald

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

3, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$10,800 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$24,800 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000, 27.1, 55.3, 1:25.0, 1:53.3

1-Style For A Mile (b,m,7 - Captaintreacherous-Injeanous Style-Western Ideal) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 121-23-19-16, \$520,615

O-Yolanda Fellows, Blair Corbeil, Poppox4 Stable B-All Four Won T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Daryl Thiessen



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Betternotmachme (b,m,6 - Betterthancheddar-Jackie And Doreen-Mach Three)

O-Wayne Mac Rae, Howmac Farms Ltd B-Howmac Farms Ltd, Wayne Mac Rae T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

3-Avyanna (b,m,5 - Roll With Joe-Saulsbrook Alana-Western Paradise)

O-Hailee Currie, Carol Campbell B-Michael Polansky T-Bo Ford D-Bob McClure

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

4, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 2 RACES) OR \$9,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 29.0, 59.0, 1:29.0, 1:56.2

1-Run To The Hills (b,c,3 - Bulldog Hanover-Somemoneysomewhere-Somebeachsomewhere) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$18,250

O-Joe Tinelli B-Joe Tinelli T-Gabriella Sasso D-Bob McClure

2-American Road Trip (b,g,3 - Captaintreacherous-American Sara-American Ideal)

O-Jim Fielding, Kevin Mckinlay B-Kim Laird, Farhi Standardbreds Corp T-Gregg Mcnair D-Douglas Mcnair

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Hiro Hanover (b,c,3 - Captaintreacherous-Holla Hanover-Well Said)

O-Dr Peter Johnston B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-A J Johnston D-Nicholas Boyd

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶

5, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$42,500) LIFETIME, 28.0, 56.2, 1:25.0, 1:54.4

1-Erinwood Big Mack (b,g,4 - Mcwicked-Zayra Bayama-Leader Bayama) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 24-8-4-1, \$62,765

O-David Omicioli B-Erinwood Equine Inc T-Tim Myers D-Travis Henry



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2-Twin B Alliance (b,g,4 - Always B Miki-Twin B Epic-Shadow Play)

O-Twinbrook Limited B-Twinbrook Limited T-Gerard Demers D-Tyler Borth

3-Docs Earnest (b,g,5 - American Ideal-Docs Hope-Cams Eclipse)

O-Dr Andrew Roberts B-Andrew Roberts T-Kayla Hendry D-James Macdonald

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6, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, SNOWSHOE PACING SERIES: 3 & 4 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS IN 2026. NW OF 2 RACES OR \$30,000 LIFETIME AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2025. LEG 1, 28.2, 58.0, 1:26.2, 1:54.3

1-Rbstenacious (b,h,4 - Freaky Feet Pete-Aunt Marlene-Third Straight) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 22-7-1-3, \$62,522

O-Ronald & Travis Cullen, Deborah Jyl Mcleod B-R L & Judy Turner T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-Arthur Idlam (br,g,4 - Arthur Blue Chip-Warden Woodie-Allies Western)

O-Gestion Idlam Inc B-Elmer James Folland T-Mackenzie Spence D-Date Pr Spence

3-Calypto Creek (b,g,3 - Dancin Lou-Cottonwood Creek-Sportswriter)

O-Barry & Debbie Bird, Brian Davey, Barry McClennan B-Barry & Debbie Bird T-Barry Bird D-Jean Rene Plante

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7, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, NW \$6,100 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$13,000 LAST 8 STARTS (W/O \$21,500 LAST 8 STARTS N/E). AE: \$1,660 P/S IN 2025-26, 27.3, 56.3, 1:25.0, 1:53.4

1-Why Wouldnt Ya (b,g,5 - Bettors Delight-P L Hurricane-Jeremes Jet) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 77-8-11-13, \$181,924

O-David Brown, Gary Brethour B-David Brown T-David Brown D-Bob McClure

2-Wallace Hartley (b,g,5 - Lazarus N-Jk Isntshelovely-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Estate Of Dale C Towle B-Twinbrook Limited T-Chantal Mitchell D-Douglas Mcnair

3-Jordy N (b,g,9 - Bettors Delight-Floyover-Live Or Die)

O-Ecurie Csl B-Midhurst Holdings Limited, Lilmac Holdings T-Jacques Dupont D-Jean Rene Plante

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8, Wbs, \$40,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN, 28.0, 56.2, 1:24.4, 1:53.3

1-Century Jamila (b,m,6 - Bettors Delight-Exotic Pleasure-Modern Art) \$20,000, Lifetime Record: 80-20-15-14, \$411,866

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Century Spring Farms T-David Menary D-Travis Henry

2-Angostura Hanover (b,m,6 - Betting Line-Armbro Amoretto-Artsplace)

O-Dr Peter Johnston, Craig Watkins B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Trevor Henry

3-Tells On A Roll (b,m,6 - Tellitlikeitis-Have Rock Willroll-Rockin Image)

O-Paul Sanders, A1stable, Ronald Cullen B-Victory Hill Farm Inc T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

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9, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$50,000 (OS \$90,000) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER OPT. CLM. \$60,000.
ALLOWANCES FOR AGE, 27.4, 57.0, 1:25.3, 1:54.4

1-Blue Bar (br,g,4 - All Bets Off-Feelin Flush-As Promised) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 41-7-6-6, \$169,528

O-Travis Cullen B-Travis Cullen T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-Magical Bet (br,g,4 - Betting Line-Gottalottago-Badlands Hanover)

O-Dr Peter Johnston, Craig Watkins B-Winbak Farm T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Bob Mcclure

3-Longshot Panic (b,g,5 - Betterthancheddar-Drift Panic-Shadow Play)

O-Wayne Smith B-Brian Paquet T-Wayne Smith D-Daryl Thiessen

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10, Wbs, \$40,000, Pace, OPEN, 27.0, 56.1, 1:23.4, 1:51.4

1-Brue Hanover (b,g,6 - Stay Hungry-Blind Ambition-Art Major) \$20,000, Lifetime Record: 89-33-11-13, \$698,465

O-Burke Racing Stable Llc, Weaver Brusceci Llc B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-David Menary D-James Macdonald

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2-Its Saturday Night (b,g,5 - Always B Miki-Night Music-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-Steve Jones T-David Menary D-Jean Rene Plante

3-Saulsbrook Victor (b,g,8 - Source Of Pride-Atlanta Girl-Real Artist)

O-Brett Macdonald B-William Allan Mcneil, Louis Willinger T-Ronald Macdonald D-Brett Macdonald

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11, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, NW \$9,000 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$18,000 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000, 27.2, 55.2, 1:24.0, 1:52.2

1-Lous World (b,h,5 - Sweet Lou-World Apart-Art Major) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 58-13-4-14, \$294,110

O-Gino Toscani B-Willow Oak Ranch T-Garry Merner D-Daryl Thiessen

2-Ginger Tree Finny (b,g,8 - Captaintreacherous-Ideal Weather-Western Ideal)

O-Laverne Turnbull B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Meg Crone D-Douglas Mcnair

3-Jack Panic (b,g,7 - Sportswriter-R We There Yet-Mach Three)

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Brian Paquet T-Carmen Auciello D-Jean Rene Plante

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