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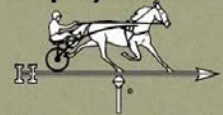


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### Stan Bergstein: Harness racing's living legend

by Dean Hoffman

Thomas Jefferson lied, of course.

The high-flung prose he penned in the Declaration of Independence is indeed stirring, but I have some qualms with that phrase "all men are created equal."



Stan Bergstein at the HTA offices

Because I've never known anyone to equal Stan Bergstein, either within the horse racing world or outside of it. I've never met anyone with the array of talents and the tenacity in using them that Stan Bergstein has demonstrated. Harness racing was truly blessed that after World War II he decided against a career in the emerging medium of television and decided to pursue his passion for harness racing.

Stan recently handed the day-to-day duties at Harness Tracks of America to his trusted and longtime assistant Paul Estok. But don't ever believe that Stan is going to ride off into the Arizona sunset and remain silent. His commitment to harness racing is too strong for him to step away from the fray.

Stan Bergstein is the most respected voice in harness racing. And he has been for decades. Beyond that, he is the only Standardbred spokesman whose voice is heard and respected in other parts of the overall horse industry. Legendary Daily Racing Form columnist Joe Hirsch once said, "Stan is really unique in sports. I don't think any other sport has a figure to compare to Stan. He's an institution. He's played so many roles in harness racing and he's made so many contributions."

Stan Bergstein's voice is also heard and respected in other parts of the racing world. In my travels to European trotting events, people invariably will say, "Please pass along my regards to Stan Bergstein."

It hardly seems fair that one person should have so many talents. It's like a baseball player being able to excel at all nine positions. When enumerating Bergstein's talents, the salient question isn't "Where do I start?" but instead "Where do I stop?"

Let's start with the obvious one: Association executive. Bergstein has become synonymous with Harness Tracks of America over more than 50 years of stewardship in that association. (Cont. P. 2)

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## STAKES PREVIEWS

### Wishing Stone to race on Sunday in Paris

By Karsten Bonsdorf

Kentucky Futurity-winner **Wishing Stone** (Conway Hall) will have his European debut Sunday afternoon at Vincennes, Paris, France in the Prix de France, the first leg of the European Grand Circuit series. He will have the talented Mathieu Abrivard in the sulky and will start from the second tier behind the gate.

A total of 13 trotters were entered in the race. The nine horses with the most winnings



**Wishing Stone** Dean Hoffman photo  
will race from the first tier in the 1 5/16 mile event. (Cont.)

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## Wishing Stone, cont.

Knud Erik Ravn, who owns 50% in Wishing Stone said, "We don't expect anything from Wishing Stone, but he'll need a race to be spot on for the Grand Criterium de Vitesse to be raced over a mile next month at Cagnes sur Mer. The Prix de France is the only race in which he is eligible to race in France before the race in Cagnes." The Prix de France will be a rematch from the Prix d'Amerique between Ready Cash and Maharajah.

The startlist:

1. Orlando Sport (F) - Sebastian Baude
2. Maharajah (SE) - ôrjan Kihlström
3. Premiere Steed (F) - Pierre Levesque
4. Nouba du Saptel (F)- Yves Dreux
5. Ready Cash (F)- Franck Nivard
6. Lana del Rio (IT)- Santo Mollo
7. Olga du Biwetz (F) - Eric Raffin
8. Priscilla Blue (F) - Luis Baudron
9. Quaker Jet (F) - Jean Etienne Dubois
10. Wishing Stone (US) - Mathieu Abrivard
11. Roc Meslois (F) - Pierre Belloche
12. Pretty Dancer (F) - Thierry Duvaldestin
13. Mondiale OK (IT) - G. P Minnucci

## Bergstein, cont.

He is also a superb writer and banquet speaker. He worked as a race secretary and track announcer. He's done double duty at auctions as both a pedigree reader and as an auctioneer. He is perhaps the greatest historian in harness racing and he's an art connoisseur and collector.

That's my line-up of nine talents. But I'm just getting started. The list goes on and on.

The word that describes Stan Bergstein best? Innovator.

He has brought more ideas to fruition in harness racing than any 10 people. The list includes

the John Hervey Contest, the HTA Art Auction, the USTA Stakes Guide, Experimental Ratings, and countless other programs aimed at promoting the sport.

In the past two decades, when racing has been plagued by a torrent of controversy over uncontrolled performance enhancement, Bergstein has been harness racing's Mr. Integrity. Some people in racing have displayed a spine of Jell-O on medication problems, shrugging it off as simply inevitable in sports. By contrast, Bergstein has consistently displayed a spine of steel on the subject of integrity. Of course, his only weapon was a bully pulpit. HTA has no regulatory powers, but Bergstein's relentless voice on restoring integrity to racing rang loud and clear year after year. At times, however, you had to wonder if anyone was listening.

Bergstein's stands earned him enemies. After all, not everyone favored a crackdown on drugs. Some people profited by porous regulation. Lacking an ethical basis, they opted to ridicule "the old man out in the desert." I can guarantee you that Stan never lost a moment's sleep over the mumblings of the mountebanks of the backstretch. He's much smarter than his detractors and, most importantly, Stan Bergstein has always occupied the high moral ground.

Stan could have long ago retired to a life of luxury and ease. That simply wasn't his style. There was too much fire in his belly and too many challenges confronting harness racing. If you've ever read Teddy Roosevelt's famed "Man in the Arena" speech, that describes Stan well. He was not a spectator on the sidelines, but instead the fighter "whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood.... who strives valiantly." (Cont. P. 3)



**No Stogge: Bergstein with Curly Joe, Larry & Mo**

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Stan mentored many people who have gone on to make great contributions in horse racing. No one who worked for Stan ever said it was a day at the beach. Like boot camp in the army, the value of working for Stan was best appreciated after it was over. He never worked any of his assistants any harder than he worked himself.

So one of those assistants, the unflappable lawyer Paul Estok, takes over the reins at HTA. Paul knows all too well how difficult the challenges are, but he's worked in tandem with Stan for years and knows how to get the job done.

It's important to stipulate that Paul Estok will succeed Stan at HTA; he won't truly replace him. That is impossible. You simply don't replace a living legend.



## FIRST OVER

Andrew Cohen

### Stan The Man

A few years ago, when I was researching Duncan MacTavish's candidacy for election to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, I came across Stan Bergstein's work in industry magazines from the 1960s. Two years ago, when I purchased some 1970s harness racing magazines on eBay, I opened them up and again found Bergstein's work. Last year, when I was visiting Cindy and Steve Stewart in Kentucky, I got a glimpse of a wonderful racing scrapbook they have kept—and came across an old Bergstein column.

Love him or hate him—and, yes, there are some in the latter category—Stan Bergstein deserves his due as harness racing's Forrest Gump. He has been an ever-present figure in the sport for over half a century, one of the few people still alive and active who hiked with the industry up from World War II to its 1980s mountaintop and then back down again. He has probably forgotten more than most of the rest of us will ever know about the sport we love. Perhaps one day he and Dean Hoffman together will publish the Harness Racing Encyclopedia, a compendium of every trainer, driver, owner, horse, track, tout, breeder, broodmare, sire, dam, trucker, groom or vet they've ever known. I would pre-order that on Amazon.com, I promise.

Stan has always been kind to me, a gentleman of the old school, even when we have disagreed about matters of form and substance. In that regard, and many others, I wish I were more like him. I am sure many of us feel that way. But Bergstein is not dead. And this is no obituary. Bergstein's decision earlier this week to cede control of Harness Tracks of America—at age 86, to Paul Estok, in as orderly a transition as you'd ever want to see—brings up a point I think is worth discussing in an open and candid way; the way our sport transitions its leadership from one generation to another.

I have argued for a while now that harness racing would benefit greatly from younger leadership, at many different levels, and that the conservative nature of our industry (that's "conservative" in its non-political use) has often precluded necessary change. Too often, the old have too slowly given way to the new. We have not, to use the phrase of the day, suitably "made change our friend" and no one, not even Bergstein, can argue the point. I'd love to read what he writes about the topic, however; whether at the age of 86 he believes there is a suitable balance, say, on the board of directors of the United States Trotting Association, between youth and age. And I'd love to hear what you think, too. Email us at [info@harnessracingupdate.com](mailto:info@harnessracingupdate.com).

This is just one of the reasons why I dearly hope that Bergstein now takes the time to write a good, old-fashioned, candid, detailed memoir about his life in harness racing; an epic that takes us from his early days in the sport right up to the present. There have been some awfully good books about harness horses. There have been some good books written about some of the leading trainers and drivers in the sport. But what's missing is an insider's autobiography from someone who knows how to write.

I know he's been asked before to write his story and he has so far declined. But it would be a wonderful gift from Bergstein—a legacy, you might say—to the industry, its current leaders, and the rest of us who hope to be kicking around a backstretch 50 years from now. Just do it, Stan! Now, you really have no excuse not to.

**News and notes:** The first stakes payment deadline is upon us and still no resolution at the Meadowlands. I'm guessing the next deadline, March 15th, the Ides of March, will be the crucial one in determining whether Jeff Gural has been able to keep the Big M alive and kicking...I love Ellen Harvey's borrowed idea—"Full Circle"—whereby harness racing people can sign up to care for their beloved horses at some point down the road if they, the horses, ever get to what Ellen diplomatically calls "the end of the line." Check out her latest blog on the USTA for details... Speaking (again) of the USTA, I dropped off the last issue of Hoof Beats, as well as the last edition of Canadian Sportsman, at my son's dentist's office waiting room last week—part of my "guerilla tactics" to bring the sport to the masses. Try it sometime.

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# TODAY'S NEWS

## Slots Revenue Fall for First Time in Pennsylvania; More Misery in Atlantic City

The tough winter in the Northeast took a toll on slots operators throughout Pennsylvania and on the casinos in Atlantic City.

For the first time, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board reported a drop in betting. The 10 slot parlors took in \$177.3 million in January, a nearly 4 percent decline from the same month in 2010.

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs was one of the few racinos to buck the trend, declining only 0.62 percent to \$18.1 million.

The biggest percent drop in the state was a 20 percent decline at Harrah's Chester to \$21.6 million.

Revenues from table games are not included and are reported separately.

The four-year slide in Atlantic City showed no sign of ending as gambling revenue fell 13 percent in January compared to the same month last year.

Betting proceeds shrank to \$255.4 million, the New Jersey Casino Control Commission said on its website. Slot machine revenue at the 11 casinos slid 16 percent and table game winnings were down 8.3 percent.

Atlantic City continues to feel the pinch from competition on all sides as Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia have all expanded their gaming options.

Yet New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has dug in his heels at the expense of the state's racing industry. He has threatened to close the Meadowlands and has promised to veto any subsidies for New Jersey's racetracks while doubling down on a losing hand in Atlantic City by investing a tourism district around the casinos while dismantling the New Jersey Casino Control Commission.

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### HRU Race Criteria

The following race results are contained in Harness Racing Update: North American races with a purse value of \$20,000 and over, and American-bred and sired winners of significant races abroad. Stakes races with a purse value of \$60,000 and over are previewed in HRU.

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## Nominations Close Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Pepsi North America Cup XXVIII – Pace - \$1,500,000 G Final

Canadian Trotting Classic - \$1,000,000 G Final

Fan Hanover – Pace - \$650,000 Est. Final

Elegantimage – Trot - \$550,000 Est. Final

Somebeachsomewhere – Pace - \$300,000 Estimated

Spring Pacing Championship – \$125,000 G Final

Youthful – Pace – \$60,000 G Final

The Diplomat – Pace - \$80,000 G Final

Princess – Pace - \$80,000 G Final

Tie Silk – Trot - \$60,000 G Final

Celia's Counsel – Trot - \$60,000 G Final

Casual Breeze – Trot - \$225,000 Estimated

Goodtimes – Trot - \$375,000 Est. Final

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## **Myura Bi Tops Blooded Horse Winter Sale**

*By Mike Farrell, with sales details from Dot Morgan*

The Blooded Horse Winter Sale went on as scheduled Monday and Tuesday at the Delaware, Ohio fairgrounds, even if the weather was less than cooperative.

"The weather was a factor, but they got the ice out," said Jerry Haws, president and sales manager. "We had excellent attendance, I thought. It would have been an even better sale had the governor of Indiana not said what he said about 43 percent of the money going away. As it was, we still sent a lot of horses to Indiana. They are still pretty optimistic."

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels has proposed funneling 43 percent of the slots money previously designated for racing into the state's general fund.

Given the climate, both political and meteorological, Haws was satisfied with the overall results. "Racehorses sold for what they were," Haws said. "The better-bred breeding stock sold well."

The Bold Bidder consignment provided the sale topper in the Donato Hanover filly Myura Bi. Atlantic Trot purchased the first foal from the Pine Chip mare Spectacular Scarlet for \$35,000. They also purchased Gulfstream It, carrying her first foal by Donato Hanover, for \$30,000. Norse Sunshine 3,1:55.3, also in foal to Donato Hanover, was purchased by foreign interests for \$27,000 from the same consignment.

The Winterwood Farm dispersal of broodmares and yearlings was led by Stonebridge Volare 3, 2:00. The Yankee Paco daughter, carrying her first foal by Angus Hall, brought \$20,000 from Floyd Bontrager of Indiana. The Striking Sahbra mare Indigo Sakra, in foal to Conway Hall, was purchased by Greg Martin of Ohio for \$20,000. Jeff Jones, agent, signed the ticket for the beautiful gray triple 1:52 producer Silver Romance, in foal to Always A Virgin, for \$15,000. Winterwood Farm was the consigning agent for Armonica Hanover, in foal to Explosive Matter, who went to Swedish interests for \$18,000.

Martinez Equine brought 44 well-bred mares and yearlings to the sale, 12 in foal to the hot young sire Major In Art. Stipple Hanover was one of these. Carrying her first foal, the daughter of Western Hanover was purchased by Sylvia Norris of Ohio for \$20,000. The Credit Winner mare Miss Chloe, in foal to Glidemaster, was purchased by Joe Putnam of Indiana, also for \$20,000.

It was a trotting mare with obvious broodmare potential that topped the racehorses. Closeness, 3,1:56 was purchased by Dan Smith of Pennsylvania for \$17,000. The daughter of Angus Hall out of Bonyoldkneesofher was racing competitively at Pompano.

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## **Penn National presentation draws comment from the Ohio racing industry**

*by John Pawlak, the U.S. Trotting Association*

Columbus, OH --- There was an unusually large turnout for what seemed to be a regularly scheduled Ohio Racing Commission meeting in Columbus on Thursday (Feb. 10).

The audience was there to hear what was going to be delivered during "New Business:" A proposal to move two existing racing licenses out of Columbus and Toledo. But reaction to Penn National Gaming's proposal to move its Raceway Park harness racing license to Austintown and its Beulah Park Thoroughbred racing license to north of Dayton from other than members of the Commission was limited--but to the point.

C. Luther Heckman, a former Ohio racing commissioner who now counsels the firm that operates Northfield Park said the Cleveland track "questions the legality of transferring racing permits to a move to Youngstown," but that Northfield offers its "expertise in promoting and operating a successful racetrack to a possible joint venture with Penn National in Youngstown."

Heckman also said Northfield might, if Penn National's request to move the track permits was successful, be interested in making its own application in Youngstown, or even operating a Thoroughbred meet in Columbus.

"We know how to run a racetrack and we believe in racing," Heckman said, quoting a letter from Northfield owner Brock Milstein, addressed to the members of the Commission.

Lou Carlo, who for more than 60 years has been involved with Lebanon Raceway, was a little more straightforward in his comments: "If you (Penn National and the Commission) move forward, we will strongly oppose you," Carlo said. "I've done more and brought more to the racing industry in my life than Penn National will be able to do in 10 years. I think a little respect for our contributions needs to be made."

The proposal as outlined in a press release issued earlier today by Penn National Gaming was not discussed with Standardbred or Thoroughbred horsemen before the company's CEO, Tim Wilmott, addressed the Commission today. The lack of details, especially about how many live race dates the newly relocated tracks might offer, meant that Steve McCoy, president of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association could not comment.

"It's so preliminary that it's hard to evaluate," McCoy said after the meeting had adjourned. "We've got a meeting planned with Penn National to discuss some other issues, and will be asking questions then."

Another individual who rose to address the Commission was an attorney representing a group that has announced a bid to locate a racetrack of its own in the Youngstown area. Pat Quinn, speaking for his clients, said they "intend to pursue a track license for Mahoning County," and asked the Commission members to "keep an open mind" while they consider Penn National's request to move Raceway Park to Youngstown. **(Cont. P. 6)**

## Ohio, cont.

The Commission, as it had announced it would do at the start of Thursday's proceedings, took no action on Penn National's request. Before anything can happen, Wilmott said video lottery terminals at the state's racetracks must be made legal, but Ohio Governor John Kasich has taken a wait-and-see stance on the question of expanding gaming in the Buckeye State.

## Under 40? Zoccali Wants You

In an effort to attract younger fans to the sport of harness, Meadowlands TV Host and Racing Analyst Drain Zoccali is inviting everyone under the age of 40 to attend the racing at The Meadowlands on Friday February 18th. Zoccali, 27 himself, has created an "event" using his Facebook account, in which he has invited all of his "friends" to come to the racetrack for a youth movement. Zoccali is hopeful that this could be the start of opportunities to peak interest in racing for a younger age group. Horse racing as a sport in general, has become an industry predominantly supported by an older age group. Being one of the youngest announcers and analysts in the industry, Zoccali is looking to begin a youth movement somewhere, and figures utilizing the largest social network on the Internet is the place to start.

## 'Jet' Flies High at Melbourne Sale

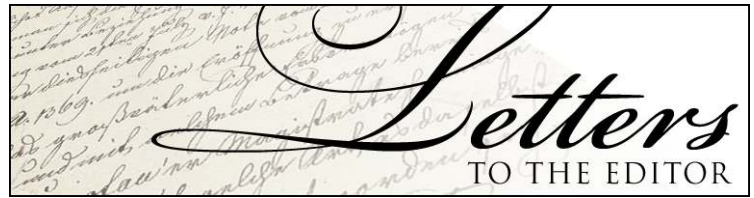
Selling for \$50,000 (Australian), a colt by Jereme's Jet topped last Sunday's 2011 Melbourne Sale. He was purchased by Russell Jack. Second-place honors went to a Bettor's Delight colt that was bought for \$48,000. Hip 294, a colt by Four Starzz Shark came in next at \$46,000. A total of 281 horses were sold in Melbourne, and the average sale price was \$12,41.

## Seelster stallions return from Down Under

Lucan, ON --- Artistic Fella, Ponder, Santanna Blue Chip and Stonebridge Regal are now home after concluding the Southern Hemisphere breeding season, according to Seelster Farms. Artistic Fella's first crop are just beginning to hit the ground here in North America, while Stonebridge Regal's first crop of 2-year-olds are preparing to hit the track this summer. Standing their first season at Seelster Farms in 2011, Ponder's first crop of Pennsylvania-sired 3-year-olds will look to pick up where they left off last season, while Santanna Blue Chip's first crop of yearlings will hit the 2011 fall sales. All four stallions arrived home safely on Feb. 5.

## Tonight's number: 2226

Harness Racing Update has added 81 subscribers since our last edition. Thank you to all of our readers!



Firstly, I would like to thank you for putting out your great new publication; it's a vital part of keeping up with what's going on in harness racing.

Now for my issue: I cannot, for the life of me, understand why two of my local racetracks, Monticello and Yonkers, continue to use a one camera/one angle system. Moreover, why this one camera is fixated on a "tight" shot of the lead horses only...where is the rest of the field? The focus on the leaders of the pack, which also features "dead" space in front of the lead horse, gives you no real insight to the way a race is developing, and therefore negates the last, at least, five horses from our view. If they can only muster one camera/angle, then we certainly don't need to see such a tight shot. Let them simply "pull" the camera back, and thereby let us see the entire field. This wider angle shot is used in Maywood, and even some mile tracks, and enables viewers the ability to see how a race is developing throughout the pack. Certainly, a split picture, and use of a second camera, if not angle, would be the ideal way to go. In either case, we need to see the whole race, not just part of the race.

Thanks for your great work to help further the industry.  
--Stuart Oppenheimer

Not for the first time, Andrew Cohen (HRU, 2/6/11) totally distorts the instant racing issue in Kentucky. Last May, the attorney general, Jack Conway, issued a statement that instant racing was legal in Kentucky under the relevant statutes. In June, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, of which I am a member, approved the installation of instant racing in a unanimous vote. The commission immediately referred the question to the Franklin Circuit Court for its approval. Within a few days, the court allowed the Family Foundation to enter the lawsuit in opposition to instant racing. In late December, the Franklin Circuit Court found in favor of the commission, giving its approval to instant racing. The Family Foundation then appealed the decision to the Kentucky Supreme Court, which agreed to hear the appeal on an expedited basis. That is where the instant racing issue now stands, and I am at a profound loss to understand how any of this process bears any resemblance to children fighting.  
--Alan Leavitt

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## Letters, cont.

TVG has the rights to show the Meadowlands races. It seems like they cater more to the other tracks that they broadcast and not harness racing. After 10 pm EST, when the Quarter Horses come on, the Meadowlands races take a back seat and sometimes you have to wait to see the races on replay, and it takes a lot of time to post the results. The next day, the replays are on 6 a.m. EST, and it isn't even the entire card. If you don't have DVR to tape it, then you don't get to see them. How do we get to change this? Meadowlands is one of the premier harness race-tracks but they don't get treated like one. Hope you can help and thanks!

--Deb Seckinger

## Meadowlands Report

### Thursday night's results:

**2, M, \$12,500, Pace, TENDER LOVING CARE** 3 Year Old Fillies N/W 2 Extended PM Races or \$25,000 Lifetime Up To and Including 11/20/10 (2nd Leg), M, 28.0, 57.3, 1:26.2, 1:54.0, FT

**Some Girls Do (f, 3, American Ideal--Village Green, by No Nukes)**, \$13,000 2009 LEX-SEL. O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Frank D Baldachino & Earl J Smith. B-Steve Jones. T-Ron Burke. D-Brian Sears, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$20,190

**3, M, \$12,500, Pace, TENDER LOVING CARE** 3 Year Old Fillies N/W 2 Extended PM Races or \$25,000 Lifetime Up To and Including 11/20/10 (2nd Leg), M, 27.4, 57.0, 1:26.0, 1:53.3, FT

**Sagebrush Susie (f, 3, Red River Hanover--My Best Girl, by Cambest)**, \$9,000 2009 LEX-SEL. O-Marvin E Hill. B-Frank E Coleman. T-Mark Urycki. D-David Miller, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-1, \$16,449.

**5, M, \$12,500, Pace, JUNIOR TRENDSETTER** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings N/W 2 Extended PM Races or \$25,000 Lifetime Up To and Including 11/20/10 (2nd Leg), M, 28.4, 57.3, 1:26.4, 1:53.1, FT

**Dapper Denzil (c, 3, Red River Hanover--Dancin Desire, by Real Desire)**, \$1,600 2009 BHS. O-Arnold B Marks, CA. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ken Rucker. D-David Miller, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 14-4-4-0, \$55,304

**6, M, \$12,500, Pace, JUNIOR TRENDSETTER** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings N/W 2 Extended PM Races or \$25,000 Lifetime Up To and Including 11/20/10 (2nd Leg), M, 28.2, 56.3, 1:25.0, 1:52.3, FT

**Mojo Terror (g, 3, Western Terror--Winning Mojo, by Real Artist)** O-Bulletproof Enterprises. B-Perfect World Enterprises. T-Michael Hall. D-John Campbell, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$23,850

**7, M, \$12,500, Pace, JUNIOR TRENDSETTER** 3 Year Old Colts and Geldings N/W 2 Extended PM Races or \$25,000 Lifetime Up To and Including 11/20/10 (2nd Leg), M, 27.2, 55.0, 1:24.1, 1:52.4, FT

**Cobalt Man (g, 3, Rocknroll Hanover--Lady Indigo, by Falcon Seelster)**, \$67,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Christopher J Ryder & Creative Racing Stbl Co & Alycon Stable. B-Stephen Perrine Dey & David J Hayes. T-Chris Ryder. D-David Miller, \$6,250, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$7,750. \*1/2 to Forensic Z Tam (Bettors Delight), \$1,207,384.

## Dover Report

### Monday's Results:

**10, DD, 2-7, \$35,000, Pace, Preferred**, 26.3, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:50.4, FT

**1-Jeremy's Successor (g, 7, Mach Three--Gentle Audrey, by Artsplace)**, \$70,000 2005 SHS-HBG. O-Andrea Ann Hill. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Crissy Crissman. D-Sean Bier, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 97-23-25-12, \$598,465

**2-Three Of Spades (g, 8, Cam's Card Shark--Triple Flip,**

**by Matt's Scooter)**, \$4,500 2004 TAT-NJ. O-William B Roberts & William C De Lodovico. B-Winbak Farm. T-W Bib Roberts. D-Jonathan Roberts, \$8,750

**3-Harlingen Hanover (g, 5, Badlands Hanover--Hermosa Hanover, by Big Towner)**, \$25,000 2007 NJ-CL. O-James A Behrendt. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Roger Plante Jr. D-Roger Plante Jr, \$4,200  
Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1, NS

Finish Order: Transcending, Riggins, Nova Artist, Vertical Horizon.

For the third consecutive week, Sean Bier and **Jeremy's Successor** reached the finish line first in 1:50.4 to win the \$35,000 Preferred Pace. First by three-quarters, then by a head, this time by a nose, Andrea Hill's Jeremy's Successor made the winner's circle in the week's top pace. The Mach Three-Gentle Audrey 7-year-old held off a fast-finishing **Three Of Spades** by the scantest of margins. Harlingen Hanover finished with a rush to take third in the seven-horse field.

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**11, DD, 2-7 \$32,500, Pace**, Delaware Special, 26.2, 54.2, 1:22.4, 1:51.0, FT

**1-Solano (h, 6, No Pan Intended--Bloodstock Nilator, by Nihilator)**, \$17,000 2006 SHS-HBG. O-Johnny Waite & Wade V & Kathleen A Wyatt. B-Nancy E Nichols. T-Johnny Waite. D-Ron Pierce, \$16,250, Lifetime Record: 122-29-22-11, \$380,877

**2-Astounding Hanover (g, 5, Allamerican Native--Aw Shucks Hanover, by Grinfromeartoeat)**, \$39,000 2007SHS-HBG. O-James T King Jr & Joseph L Johnson. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick, \$8,125

**3-Funny Deacon (g, 7, Full Of Fun--Precious Sarah, by Artsplace)**. O-Joseph Colosi. B-Steve J Brannan. T-Joseph Hundertpfund Jr. D-Corey Callahan, \$3,900

Calls: 5, 4, 1, Q, 3

Finish Order: Eagle All, Yogi Bare, Go West Lucky Cam, Theredandpanlines

**Solano** rolled up on the outside heading around the final turn and then edged past leader Funny Deacon entering the lane before pulling away to a easy 1:51 conquest in the \$32,500 Delaware Special. **Astounding Hanover** was used early and then came on in the stretch to finish second. Solano had racked up three straight wins earlier in the meet and has gotten a check in each of his starts for Wade and Kathleen Wyatt and trainer Johnny Waite.

**8, DD, 2-7, \$26,000, Pace**, Open Handicap Post Positions 1 & 2 Drawn Post Positions 3 thru 7 Drawn, 27.0, 55.4, 1:23.1, 1:52.0, FT

**Southwind Lynx (h, 7, Real Artist--Luxury Class, by Jate Lobell)**, \$42,000 2005 LEX-SEL. O-K & R Racing LLC & Teague Inc. B-Southwind Farm. T-George Teague Jr. D-Montrell Teague, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 66-18-14-7, \$1,677,069.

#### Tuesday's Results:

**10, DD, 2-8, \$26,000, Pace**, FILLIES/MARES Open, 27.2, 57.0, 1:25.0, 1:53.4, FT

**Lightning Treasure (m, 6, Western Ideal--Treasure The Best, by Cambest)**, \$41,000 2006 LEX-SEL. O-Lightning Stable. B-Brittany Farms. T-Anthony Mannino. D-Jonathan Roberts, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 76-22-10-13, \$438,449

**10, DD, 2-9, \$26,000, Trot**, Open Handicap Post Position No. 8 Assigned, 26.4, 55.1, 1:23.2, 1:53.2, FT

**Winning Mister (h, 5, Angus Hall--Winning Missbrenda, by American Winner)**. O/B-Robert J Key. T-Walter Carroll. D-Matt Kakaley, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 82-16-16-10, \$513,344

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## The Meadows Report

#### Monday's Results:

**1, Mea, 2-7, \$22,500, Pace**, \*W/O \$10,000

LIFE/PREFERRED HANDICAP\* P.P.1-2 DRAWN; 3-6 DRAWN, 27.1, 56.4, 1:25.0, 1:52.3, GD

**Handsome Prince (g, 6, Grinfromeartoeat--Nova Princess, by Matt's Scooter)**, \$30,000 2006 FOREST.

O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC & M1 Stable LLC. B-Spring Haven Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 90-19-21-6, \$274,829

#### Tuesday's Results:

**1, Mea, 2-8, \$22,500, Trot**, \*F&M PREFERRED HANDICAP\* P.P.1-5 DRAWN; 6 ASSIGNED, 29.1, 58.3, 1:28.0, 1:58.2, GD

**Action-Broadway (m, 4, Broadway Hall--Photo With Molly, by S J's Photo)**. O/B-Kenneth A Sommer. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Dave Palone, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 33-12-4-2, \$370,560

#### Wednesday's Results:

**1, Mea, 2-9 \$22,500, Trot**, \*PREFERRED HANDICAP\* P.P.1 ASSIGNED; 2-4 DRAWN; 5-6 DRAWN, 29.4, 59.3, 1:28.0, 1:56.2, GD

**Bettis (h, 6, Sierra Kosmos--Sj's Shad Roe, by S J's Photo)**. O-David W Wade & William F Peel III & Gerald W Brittingham. B-David W Wade & Jacquelyn S Brittingham & William F Peel III & Gerald W Brittingham. T-David Wade. D-Aaron Merriman, \$11,250, Lifetime Record: 67-25-11-9, \$190,222

## Yonkers Report

#### Yonkers Back on the Air

Yonkers Raceway is back on the air in New York City. Yonkers had been blacked out since New York City Off-Track Betting went bankrupt, ending the racing coverage on cable channel 71.

The New York Racing Association took over the blank channel, restoring coverage of racing at Aqueduct. Yonkers has now teamed with NYRA to add it's races to the lineup, starting Friday night.

The agreement also adds streaming video from Yonkers to the NYRA Rewards platform for on-line players. NYRA also agreed to keep it's simulcast areas at Aqueduct and Belmont Park open on Friday and Saturday nights to accommodate Yonkers players.

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"We are very excited to be part of the NYRA Network," general manager Bob Galterio said. "Our Channel 71 fans in the boroughs have been asking us when they can watch Yonkers again, and we're glad to say 'now'. At the same time, we also invite thoroughbred players, whether they are at home, at Aqueduct or Belmont, or on-line to take a look at the best harness racing available. We know they're going to enjoy it."

**Monday's Results:**

**9, YR, 2-7, \$20,000, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE**  
\$40,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 7, 26.2, 55.2,  
1:23.4, 2:01.4, FT

**Three New Dawns (g, 4, Dawn Ofa New Day--Three  
Potato, by Threefold), \$6,000 2008 OH-SEL.** O-Lawrence  
J Kittenplan. B-Gbw Breeding Farms Inc. T-Rob Harmon.  
D-Cat Manzi, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 42-10-9-4,  
\$77,234

**11, YR, 2-7, \$20,000, Pace, CLAIMING ALLOWANCE**  
\$40,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 7, 26.1, 54.4,  
1:54.1, 2:01.4, FT

**Windsong Fortune (g, 5, Astreos--Briar Hill, by Jenna's  
Beach Boy), \$11,000 2007 CAN-OPEN.** O-Melissa Guido  
Stables LLC. B-Charalambos Christoforou, CA. T-Chris  
Marino. D-Jeff Gregory, \$10,000, Lifetime Record:  
60-14-8-8, \$130,095

## Woodbine Report

**Monday's Results:**

**5, Wdb, 2-7, \$60,000, Trot, Don Mills Final for 4-year-olds,**  
28, 57.4, 1:26.4, 1:56.4 , FT

**Rudy Rocks (g,4 - Striking Sahbra-Loblolly, by Pine  
Chip) \$13,000 2008 LEX-SEL.** O-Rene M Allard, Slaughter  
Racing Stb LLC, Anne M Okeefe. B-Fredericka V.  
Caldwell. T-Rene Allard. D-Simon Allard. \$30,000, Lifetime  
Record: 34-8-4-4, \$128,185.

Fresh off winning The Count B Stakes final last Friday night, driver Simon Allard posted a 35-1 upset with **Rudy Rocks** in the \$60,000 Don Mills final. Allard positioned the son of Striking Sahbra fourth in the early going as Lexis DJ was on the engine to take over command before the first turn. After **Lexis DJ** front-stepped his way past the opening quarter in :28, **Bookem** pulled the pocket and took over command in the second quarter. Bookem would lead at the half in :57.4 and would hold onto the lead into the final turn with Lexis DJ sitting second in the pocket and **Winmecredit** in third. Rudy Rocks, who was positioned fourth along the rail, elected to stay along the pylons as **Victom AS** went first-over and quickly brushed up to be within strides of tempo-setter Bookem, past three-quarters

in 1:26.4. **Classic Alana** was enjoying a second-over trip as Rudy Rocks was able to find racing room and was spotted third-over. As the field turned for home, the elimination winners were strides apart and Victom AS was able to put away Bookem but still had to deal with the backfield. With a sixteenth of a mile to go, Classic Alana struck the front but could not hold off the late rally from Rudy Rocks, who scored the victory in the final strides in 1:56. Classic Alana finished second with Winmecredit third. "I didn't have much luck driving last summer, but I knew he had lots of speed and would be competitive tonight," Allard commented following the race. "He was 35-1, so I didn't pull him first-over and front-end speed wasn't holding up tonight, so I was lucky enough to use that to my advantage. He was really on his game tonight and dug in deep late in the mile to win."

--Greg Gangle

**9, Wdb, 2-7, \$30,000, Trot, Preferred, 27.4, 57.3, 1:26.4,**  
1:56.1 FT.

**Define The World (g, 6, Duke Of York--Venice Holiday,  
by American Winner).** O/B-Al J Libfeld. T-John Bax. D-  
Paul Macdonell. \$15,000 Lifetime Record: 78-25-16-8,  
\$1,201,955.



EUROPEAN SCENE  
by Karsten Bonsdorf

**Thursday, 02-10 Vincennes, Paris - France - 1 ¼ mile  
track, 1.56.1 (mile rate).**

**Prix Jean Le Gonidec, \$150,000, 5yo, Trot, 1 3/8 mile.**

**Main Wise AS (IT), h, 5, Yankee Glide--Desert Flower  
K, by Sierra Kosmos.** €30.000 2007 Asta Selezionata  
ITS. O-Gerrits Reclycing, NL, B-All.Serenissima &  
Scuderia Wise, T & D- Pierre Levesque. \$75.000. Lifetime  
Record: 23-13-0-1, \$790.000, 1.55.3f.

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