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One master scheduler for North America could save harness racing

by Dave Briggs



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We know that handle is the lifeblood of harness racing, that handle is down and that means the sport is slowly bleeding out. Driving handle in today's hyper-competitive gambling and entertainment environment is challenging and is often the ability to properly schedule races as much as anything. So, what if harness racing hired a master scheduler and gave that person the power to control exactly when all the major North American tracks raced?

The chances of there being a commissioner for all of harness racing have always been slim given that the sport is a series of fiefdoms – most notably state and provincial racing commissions and track owners. But, if it was in the financial best interests of all the major tracks to cede just the scheduling part of the equation to one individual, the chance of growing handle for all is infinitely more possible.

Leave the tracks to run every part of their operations except when the races are scheduled. Leave the commissions to regulate the rules of the sport. Leave the master scheduler to act as an air traffic controller and determine exactly when every race should go off to avoid other signals and attempt to grow handle for all involved.

The obvious person for this job is Gabe Prewitt, who has grown handle at Pompano, Scioto Downs, and Hoosier, in part, by ensuring his tracks find the sweet spot in both the yearly and daily schedule. All major tracks could kick in an equal share of his salary and then also tie part of his compensation – shared evenly – to a bonus for each track that he helps grow handle. Therein lies the benefit for every track.

Even the casino tracks wouldn't say no to growing the handle from the racing product they all too often view as the albatross around their gambling necks.

Yes, you still need full, competitive fields. Yes, you still need compelling wagers that grow pools. Yes, you need someone that thinks like a bettor and appeals to them.

But a master scheduler would take all that into account for all tracks, not just their own, to produce a viable North American harness racing product that can produce the most handle by focusing most on those tracks best equipped to drive it.

Yes, that also means tracks will have to give up some control – and therein lies the most difficult part.

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If the master scheduler decides it's best for The Meadowlands to race Tuesdays beginning at 3 p.m., for Hoosier to race from January through June or for Woodbine Mohawk Park to ensure it has races ready to go when the Toronto Maple Leafs head into the intermission between periods, so be it.

Not enough horses for a full field? Don't card that race. Instead combine horses into fewer races with fuller fields because racing short is clearly a detriment to handle.

Too many race dates? Consolidate them into fewer with higher purses.

Schedule races between the action of major sporting events.

Look to days like Christmas and Thanksgiving and other times when the sporting and entertainment schedule is lighter.

Race at unconditional times. Does it matter if you start a card at 10 a.m. if it grows the handle that keeps the game around for the participants?

Institute multi-track wagers.

The goal would be maximum flexibility for maximum fields, eyeballs and, ultimately, handle.

That includes being conscious of cards that run too long and lose bettor interest near the end. It will also involve analyzing the amount of time between races to find the sweet spot there, too.

Yes, I would love to eliminate post time drag, but that might not be practical with someone controlling an entire day's worth of racing across the continent. Instead, just be honest with people about the expected time between races.

The goal is to have one person dictating when races go off to have them falling into the best possible slots throughout year, month, day, and night.

Then promote the entire thing as one North American harness racing product – with all tracks kicking in a share for the marketing.

Yes, this will also mean the live experience will suffer on most nights. But, if you've looked around at most tracks on the average night, it's not like we're packing them in. Save the fan experience for each track's premier event days – Hambletonian, North America Cup, Adios, Hoosier Cup, etc. – and have the scheduler account for that in the schedule by having the other tracks augment, not compete with, those big-event days.

Grassroots racing at small and fair tracks would be unchanged and would focus on developing the next generation of participants and fans.

As for the major tracks, it would be all about coordination to maximize every dollar. Yes participants are going to have to be flexible, but growing handle has to be the first priority.

The sport's sustainability depends on it.

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ADVENTURES IN ILLINOIS

with NEIL MILBERT

Hawthorne declares bankruptcy

by Neil Milbert

Besieged by a plethora of creditors, Hawthorne Race Course filed for Chapter 11 reorganization bankruptcy on Friday (Feb. 27).

According to a Hawthorne press release: “The reorganization plan will prioritize paying accrued purses to Illinois horsemen as well as payroll for track employees while restructuring the company’s debt.

“The goal of the reorganization is to attract a buyer or investor willing to recapitalize Hawthorne and restart operations of the racecourse while maximizing recovery to the company’s creditors. Hawthorne will be working with financial advisor Getzler Henrich & Associates, LLC and requests the Federal Court approve debtor-in-possession financing to assist with the restructuring process.”

Hawthorne has been the only harness track in Illinois since 2016 after it collaborated with Arlington International Racecourse to persuade the Illinois Racing Board to deny dates to bankrupt Maywood Park and Balmoral Park.

Hawthorne, which is located in near southwest suburban Stickney, then became the only racetrack in the Chicago metropolitan area after Arlington’s owner Churchill Downs, Inc. shut down the thoroughbred showcase after its 2021 meeting to eliminate competition for the nearby Rivers Casino of which the Kentucky gambling conglomerate had acquired a 62 per cent interest.

In January, Hawthorne was scheduled to continue its Suburban Downs fall/winter harness meeting that began last November and was scheduled to continue through Feb. 15 for a total of 14 programs.

But there was no racing as a consequence of the family-owned track’s financial woes. First, Hawthorne failed to post the required surety bond before the Racing Board’s Jan. 1 deadline and then, after that issue was resolved, the Racing Board suspended the Suburban Downs license because of bounced checks to owners, trainers, and drivers.

Tony Somone, executive director of the Illinois Harness Horsemen’s Association (IHHA), has said that Hawthorne has

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~ Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association

issued more than \$580,000 in bounced checks for payment of purses. And, according to Chris Block, president of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (ITHA), a number of thoroughbred owners, trainers, and jockeys have notified him that their accounts are inaccessible.

Compounding the track’s financial woes are unpaid simulcast bills totaling more than \$1 million and an unpaid lien of \$5 million for 2020 demolition work on the grandstand to enable Hawthorne to construct a still-unbuilt casino with slot machines and table games. The racino was approved by the Illinois Gaming Board under provisions of a 2019 gambling expansion bill approved by the state legislature and signed by the governor.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding the bankruptcy filing, Hawthorne’s March 29-Nov. 1 thoroughbred meeting now is shrouded in uncertainty as is the Nov. 6-Dec. 27 Suburban Downs harness meeting.

Hawthorne president/chief executive officer Tim Carey said he hopes to be financially able to conduct the thoroughbred meeting and gather the funds to reacquire some of its simulcast signals.

“We’ll know more [this week] after Hawthorne appears before a bankruptcy judge,” the ITHA said on its website. “To be clear, this is a plan not a certainty.”

Under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, usually the debtor remains in possession of the property and may continue to operate with court approval and borrow money. Creditors, whose rights are affected, may vote on the plan and the plan may be confirmed by the court if it gets the required votes and satisfies legal requirements.

Hawthorne employs more than 250 people with the longest-tenured employee spending 54 years at the track. Stable area residents live rent free – the population ranges from close to 300 to the neighborhood of 500 depending on the season.

“This is a difficult day for Hawthorne and for my family which has owned Hawthorne for four generations, over 117 years,” Carey said in announcing the bankruptcy filing, “but filing for reorganization is the right thing to do for the Illinois horsemen and for our employees and their families.”

Hawthorne is one of North America’s oldest racetracks. Its first thoroughbred race was held on May 20, 1891 and it added harness racing in the spring of 1970.

In 1895, racing was banned by the state legislature. Carey’s great grandfather, Thomas Carey, bought the track in 1909 and made three attempts to revive racing before the ban was repealed and the thoroughbreds returned in 1922.

The sports and gambling landscapes are vastly different in 2026 than they were in 1922.

In the press release, Tim Carey spoke of, “the challenges and headwinds Hawthorne has faced while attempting to continue its struggling operation while also supporting the entire harness racing industry in northern Illinois and launching a racino – a brick-and-mortar betting parlor at the racetrack.”

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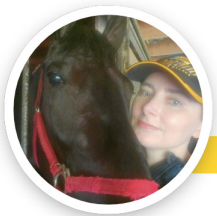
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THE VIEW FROM WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

with MELISSA KEITH

More in store from So Much More

by Melissa Keith

Starting from the outermost post position on Friday (Feb. 20) at Woodbine Mohawk Park, So Much More (p, 7, 1:49.1s; \$1,396,972) was sent off at her longest odds since winning at 18-1 in the Nov. 7, 2025 filly and mare open. Down in class from the distaff open, So Much More was assigned driver Tyler Borth after Doug McNair, aboard for her previous upset, became unavailable. Borth and the 10-year-old mare have history together: He was in the sulky for her first Ontario win, in a May 31, 2019 Ontario Sires Stakes Grassroots division for 3-year-old filly pacers at The Raceway at Western Fair. The daughter of Big Jim—Ladysai joined the stable of trainer Don Beatson for that race, and has remained there ever since, earning titles as O'Brien Older Pacing Mare of the Year in 2020, 2022, and 2023.

Overlooked at 11-1 on the Mohawk tote board, with a morning line of 6-1, So Much More got away fourth in last week's start, clearing leader Glenboro past the :28.3 opening quarter. Facing the first-over charge of Coco Jo Jo past a tepid :58.4 half, Borth's mare maintained a narrow advantage as the field reached three-quarters in 1:27.3. Holding on over the tiring surface, So Much More was a half-length winner in 1:54.3. It was her 79th career victory, celebrated by owners Don Beatson of Granton, ON, son Kenneth Beatson of Palgrave, ON, and his nephew Cole England of Exeter, ON.

A 10-year-old racemare of So Much More's ongoing caliber is a rarity. Most would have been retired to broodmare life soon after initially reaching such success. Her racing days began in the Maritime provinces with trainer Tom Weatherbie and regular driver Mark Bradley. Sold for \$19,000 (CND) at the 2017 Atlantic Classic Sale, the filly bred by Doug MacPhee of New Haven, PEI, distinguished herself at the top level in Canada over her impressive – and lengthy – career. So Much More has never raced south of the border, [but has taken on the best of her kind](#) in the Forest City Pace, Roses Are Red (Gr. 1), Milton Stake (Gr. 2), and Breeders Crown (Gr. 1), and even beat male pacers in the Mohawk preferred and free for all.

With a reputation for gameness, So Much More can never be counted out.

"I'm not sure why [the odds] jumped up so high at the very end [on Feb. 20], but I guess I understand some people's thinking," said Kenn Beatson, looking back on So Much More's most recent win. "She had been off for over a month. Most of her life, I think a lot of people kind of knew that she always seemed to be sharper the more she raced. She was maybe always that little bit better when she had raced at least the week before, if not the previous two weeks, so that might have weighed into their thinking a little bit. She had the 8-hole; there were some reasons, I guess, to maybe not like her in that race."

Those reasons proved unfounded, because So Much More has adapted to a routine that better suits her current era.



Melissa Keith

So Much More in the paddock at The Raceway at Western Fair District before the 2025 Forest City Pace.

“*At the very end of the breeding season, we decided to breed [So Much More]. It was kind of just a last-minute decision and we bred her to Cattlewash, but she didn’t catch, so that was our only shot, because it was too late, at that point, to try again.*”

~ Kenn Beatson

“At this age, my belief is that time off actually helps her at this point, at her age,” Beatson said. “She seems to come back really refreshed and just that little bit sharper than she might if she’s racing every week. It’s actually kind of the opposite of what it was her whole life, that the time off is actually a good thing now.”

Approaching 80 wins in a 211-race career, So Much More was returning to the distaff open Friday (Feb. 27) night at Mohawk.

“It’s a big, big number, and I think it was November that she won the [Mohawk mares] open class, and by my count, that was her 50th win at the preferred/open/free for all/invitational level, so that was a pretty big deal. I don’t know how many horses have ever done that!” Beatson said.

Rumours of retirement swirled around the time that So Much More took to the track for the 2025 Forest City Pace on May 30. She and driver James MacDonald finished a fast-closing third (at 16-1) behind winner Caviar N Crackers that night at The Raceway at Western Fair. Then, after a rare ninth-place result on June 14 at Mohawk, the fan favorite mare disappeared from the public eye.

“At the very end of the breeding season, we decided to breed her,” Beatson said. “It was kind of just a last-minute decision and we bred her to Cattlewash, but she didn’t catch, so that was our only shot, because it was too late, at that point, to try again.”

After a summer vacation at Don Beatson’s farm, where she is stabled, So Much More showed that she wanted to keep racing.

“We gave her some time off and we kind of unofficially just retired her,” said Kenn. “The intent was just to wait for the [breeding] season to start again in February... After a few weeks, three months – I forget exactly how much time it was – she really seemed to respond to the time off, just being turned out in the field. She was looking really good and feeling herself, and we just threw the harness back on her and started jogging her a bit again. We brought her back and then she came back really sharp.”

So Much More made her comeback Sept. 7 at Clinton Raceway, wiring two other pacers in a going-away 1:57.4 trip. After another qualifier, finishing second to Nijinsky on Sept. 19 at

Mohawk, individually timed in 1:52.1, her owners knew the 9-year-old mare was ready to race. Although fourth on Sept. 26 at Mohawk, So Much More and Doug McNair were front-end winners Oct. 3, holding off Angostura Hanover in 1:49.4.

“She came back really refreshed and raced really good,” Kenn said. “I mean, at this age, she seems to have a few more little things that come up than she did when she was younger. When she was younger, she seemed like she was bulletproof; she never had anything come up or bother her or have any little minor afflictions at all. But [now], she’s seemed to have a few more of those come up.”

“In fact, just recently, when she was off for just over a month, the reason why she didn’t race was [because] she had an eye infection. It was concerning; it was bad enough that we had to keep a close eye on it and treat it pretty closely for a few weeks, but she got over it. She ended up getting a month off in the middle of the winter there [Jan. 17-Feb. 20], when it was probably a good thing anyway. I mean, it’s an hour-and-a-half drive for us to Mohawk, and she couldn’t get her full jogging in every day, because there were days where it was just too stormy or wintery.”

So Much More was treated with two different kinds of eye drops and wore a mask to protect her eye from UV rays when turned out. Beatson said there was no obvious cause for the sudden eye injury, which is now completely healed.

Kenn told HRU that his father Don had recently turned 84 and So Much More kept him “doing what he loves,” albeit “kind of taking it on a race to race, month by month, basis” as the family decides if and when to breed the mare this year.

“We’re assessing it and we probably will retire and breed her here at some point, but she loves racing,” Kenn said. “She’s so tough and she still has that speed and desire to go, so if she keeps going, we’ll keep racing her for a while, anyway.”

Kenn agreed that even in the paddock, So Much More that they call “Sophie,” has an unmatched game face that conveys her eagerness to return to battle.

“That’s the thing, she hasn’t lost her desire to race one iota,” Kenn said. “We’re not going to race her until she can’t, or until

“ We’ve always said about all our horses, not just [So Much More], that they tell you when it’s time for a break or some time off or, in her case, possibly retirement. You can tell, and she hasn’t told us that yet. In fact, it’s the opposite, she wants to be out there. ”

~ Kenn Beatson

she gets to a cheaper level. We won’t do that, because she deserves more, but she’s not really there. She’s still got a lot of go and speed and desire.”

When So Much More eventually becomes a broodmare, the family plans to keep her, with decisions to be made later about retaining or selling her offspring. Kenn wondered aloud about how a mare’s age impacts the price of her yearling foals at public auction, perhaps unfairly.

“I always figured that, genetically, it didn’t make any difference, but I think there might be a perception out there that older [dams] are not as good, but it is what it is,” he said.

As So Much More closes in on \$2-million Canadian, Kenn estimates it would take about two years to make up the difference, given the mare’s lighter schedule and retreat from Grand Circuit events.

“They don’t have the same spring in their step, or it might take a day longer to bounce back from a hard race or something like that,” he said. “We’ve always said about all our horses, not just this one, that they tell you when it’s time for a break or some time off or, in her case, possibly retirement. You can tell, and she hasn’t told us that yet. In fact, it’s the opposite, she wants to be out there.”

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This week’s fines and suspensions

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

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

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

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TALES FROM THE CURMUDGEON

with MURRAY BROWN

Words from Harry Harvey, Part 2

by Murray Brown

Part 1 is [here](#).

Last week's column dealt with two addresses delivered to members of the Connecticut Valley Trotting Association by Hall of Fame horseman Harry Harvey in the early 1960s. Harvey was then the farm manager at Delvin and Mary Lib Miller's Meadow Lands Farm. Much of what he said then, over 60 years ago, holds a great deal of truth today.

We shared his first 10 points last week, so here are the last 21:

11. "I am an advocate of lots of rollicking exercise for young stock up to about three months before the sale. If you are selling yearlings, it is best to get them up at that time for regular grooming and handling. If you are going to train your stock, you can wait until fall before picking them up."
12. [We at] Meadow Lands Farm hitch our yearlings before sale, I think controlled exercise is most beneficial for all concerned, particularly when you consider what a 2-year-old must learn in a few short months."
13. "Some farms paddock their yearlings, others either lunge or pony them. Whatever method you use, try to peak them for the sale. There is only one payday in raising yearlings for the market. Fat is still the best color, but do not overdo it to the detriment of physical fitness. Remember a racehorse is an equine athlete and should be trained for one objective – winning [races]."
14. "As a group, young horses are coming to hand a lot quicker than they used to. I attribute this [almost entirely] to improvement of the breed through selection. It is not necessary to train them as much before they show speed. I believe that our horses have improved and our methods of training have changed to keep up."
15. "A good broodmare is your most valuable asset. It has been proven by figure experts that top racemares are the best source of worthwhile matrons. I know that mares of top racing class come high and most are not for sale."
16. "The next class [in my opinion] are mares that did not race as well but have proper pedigree credentials. There are many in this group. I think money earnings in relation to where they



Yonkers Raceway
Harry Harvey (left) and Tim Rooney.

“I liken the [good breeding] program to a triangle. The three sides are environment, training, and heredity.”

~ Harry Harvey

raced is a good guide. A mare that had real speed, but could not carry the distance should not be overlooked.”

17. "The next group are the well-bred ones. By that I mean mares with a lot of good kinfolk close up on both sides of the pedigree, but for reasons were not successful themselves. Better to sort this group over and weed out the ones of bad conformation and undesirable dispositions.”

18. "If our bankroll is limited, we should look to mares that may not have a fashionable sire, but have a good bottom line, going back to families with a high percentage of class. Mares from this category produce good racehorses. We should breed with one objective, turning out a top-class horse. We will always end up with more than enough of the other kind.”

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Mike Lizzi
Harry Harvey competing in a New York Sire Stakes event in 2008 at Yonkers Raceway.

19. “In selecting a mare, I much prefer one with a certain amount of refinement. I have seen some of the top mares of our time. Believe me, they [usually] look the part.”

20. “The over-riding goal should be to do the best we can with what we have. I believe it wise for the beginner to consult a knowledgeable horseman concerning a prospective broodmare. The best of them will be glad to discuss the merit or lack of it in a pedigree.”

21. “I liken the [good breeding] program to a triangle. The three sides are environment, training, and heredity.”

22. “Good environment includes good pastures. These should be well cared for and safely fenced. Easily available water [should be] basic.”

23. “All of your breeding animals should get plenty of outdoor exercise in all seasons. It goes without saying that racing stock doesn’t amount to much without [proper] conditioning. Breeding horses should not be hot house animals which are adverse to inclement weather.”

24. “At Meadow Lands Farm, the days of the year that our mares are not out at least seven hours might add up to about three. Foals should be turned out with their dams soon after birth. Start them with a few minutes at first, then increase it gradually. Gauge the weather, trying not to get the foals wet or overly tired. Be careful in summer. Often when young foals become overheated, they end up with respiratory complications.”

25. “Keep adequate records and concentrate on detail to run a successful breeding operation.”

26. “I’m a strong advocate for loose housing for yearlings. Knots and cuts will show up, but permanent injuries by this method of rearing are few.”

27. “The second side of our triangle is training. The starting point of training is the horse’s head. I want a halter on the foal soon after birth. This helps to teach the foal to lead properly. They do not forget this and it helps later. Underlying the first two phases - environment and training, competent personnel are a prime prerequisite.”

28. “The final and to me the most important point of the triangle is heredity. Most of our experts on breeding are well versed in the role of pedigrees. The abiding question of those here tonight is to do the best with what we have. The buying public and the race summaries will evaluate our degree of success.”

29. “Those of you who enjoy a horse for its company can get them wholesale. No matter how you go about it, the cost of breeding, raising, training, and racing a horse is high. One good mare is worth a whole lot more than several ordinary ones. You should try to breed to the best horse possible within your means. Remember when you breed a mare this spring, you are dealing in futures.”

30. “I’m a huge advocate of conformation. You will find that really good horses usually look the part.”

31. “Horse raising and racing is a game of opinions [as well as to some degree a game of chance]. We are all entitled to our own opinions. Propinquity and chance play a part in success. If we make a sincere, sustained effort to better our stock, our lot in racing will improve along with it.”

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EUROPEAN REPORT

with **THOMAS HEDLUND**

The final dance in Paris

by Thomas Hedlund

Saturday's (Feb. 28) race card at Vincennes marked the closing chapter of the 2025/2026 winter meeting, with substantial purses distributed across the 10-race program.

The marquee event for sulky trotters was the \$275,000 Prix de Sélection, where the 4-year-olds started with a 25-meter head start over their 5- and 6-year-old rivals.

Liza Josselyn, trained by Nicolas Bazire, went off as the betting favorite, but in truth she never felt like a serious threat to win.

Instead, it was the 4-year-olds who dominated.

Maitre Jacques (Rolling d'Heripre), trained by Laurent-Claude Abrivard and driven by Alexandre Abrivard, dictated terms from the front. Once in control, he never looked vulnerable, and none of his rivals could mount a meaningful challenge.

Maitre Jacques belongs to the very top of the French M-crop and has already been prominent in several major Paris events. Saturday's victory came in a sharp 1:55.4 mile rate over 2,175 meters.

Race replay [here](#).

MINUTY DU GERS KEEPS ROLLING

Minuty du Gers (Royal Dream) continues to impress at Vincennes. In the \$100,000 Prix Vindex, the Nicolas Bazire trainee captured his fifth consecutive Paris victory.

Bazire himself handled the capable 4-year-old, who took command with 1,900 meters to go and was never seriously threatened thereafter. He stopped the clock in a 1:57.4 mile rate over 2,700 meters.

Minuty du Gers has showcased genuine star potential throughout the winter meeting. Since capturing the \$45,000 Prix Agathe on Nov. 13, he has added victories in the \$60,000 Prix de la Bresse, \$70,000 Prix Moni Maker, \$100,000 Prix d'Orthez, and now the Prix Vindex – five wins during the 2025/2026 winter campaign.

Race replay [here](#).

JE M'ENVOLE FLIES LATE UNDER SADDLE

In the prestigious monté event, the \$275,000 Prix Hensi Desmontils over 2,850 meters, **Je m'Envole** (Joyau d'Amour) produced the strongest late kick with trainer Mathieu Mottier in the saddle.

Hirondelle du Rib set a demanding pace on the front end, with favorite Jeroboam d'Erable applying pressure on the outside. But the early leaders had spent their energy turning for home, opening the door for those waiting in the wings.

Je m'Envole accelerated powerfully mid-stretch and collared new leader Ideale du Chene just before the wire. The winning time was an impressive 1:55.3 mile rate over 2,850 meters.

Race replay [here](#).

KOBAYASHI SHINES IN PRIX DES CENTAURES

Kapaula de l'Epine took command from leader Manitas de Truchon 500 meters from home, but she could not withstand the late charge of **Kobayashi** (Face Time Bourbon) in the \$275,000 Prix des Centaures monté race.

Trained and ridden by Mathieu Mottier, Kobayashi won in an eye-catching 1:52.4 mile rate over 2,200 meters.

Race replay [here](#).

ISOFOU DU CHENE CAPITALIZES LATE

A pocket trip and a perfectly-timed stretch opening paved the way for **Isofou du Chene** (Un Charme Fou) and Paul-Philippe Ploquin in the \$100,000 Prix du Plateau de Gravelle.

When the inside lane finally opened in the stretch, Isofou du Chene quickly shifted gears and drew clear to win in a 1:56 mile rate over 2,700 meters.

GUARDAMI CLOSSES THE CURTAIN

The final race of the day – and the official conclusion of the winter meeting – went to Italian-bred 4-year-old filly **Guardami** (Tactical Landing).

Trained and driven by Mathieu Mottier, Guardami secured victory in the closing event, capping a remarkable afternoon for Mottier, who recorded four wins at Vincennes on Saturday to bring the winter meeting to an emphatic close.

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Is this legal?

by Trey Nosrac



“The moment you realize you’re bored with something you once loved is unsettling.”

Xavier and I go back to high school. I watched his mullet morph into a shaved head and long beard. We stay in touch. Like most guys, the depth of our conversations is directly related to the number of beers consumed. We moved from stiff into easy into giddy, and eventually, to serious.

We had just spent half an hour revisiting his marital escapades. I peeled the damp label off my fourth Miller Lite while he reflected on failed marriages and relationships that could have used a timeline and flow chart.

Then, still in a melancholy mood, he shifted gears to talk about his hobby.

“And, I’m just not into the hot rods anymore. Thirty years. Dozens of cars that I bought, sold, and restored. A lot of fun. Great memories. Then, somehow, it just ran out of gas. I never thought I’d bail; I thought I was a lifer. But I drifted away. It’s sort of sad.”

I nodded. “Same here with horses. This is probably my last year buying yearlings. I’m not sure why, but my juices just aren’t flowing. Waiting for the babies to train down this year feels like Groundhog Day.”

“Is that why you keep tossing out ideas about different ways to race horses?”

“Possibly.”

“You going to start another crazy business?”

“Nah. Three crazy startups in 30 years are enough. Besides, I can’t help thinking younger folks should hold the reins of any harness racing renovation.”

We sat in silence.

“I’m not even sure my ideas are legal.”

“Well, find out. Call a lawyer. Actually, save the time and expense. In a world going to hell, you can get free legal advice from Artificial Intelligence.”

I grabbed my phone and typed:

If someone sets up a new private business in South Carolina, they purchase rural property, and after securing permits, construct barns, corrals, a track, and related buildings. The business then purchases 125 horses and hosts a private auction for sportspeople interested in leasing those horses. The lease includes all expenses and care, and the horses remain on the property throughout the lease term.

As part of the business model, monetary rewards are paid to some horse lessees for appearance and performance. There is no gambling.

Is this legal?

Ten seconds later, I had an answer.

I read it aloud:

Yes, this structure is legal in South Carolina, provided it is a private, non-wagering enterprise, and complies with applicable state and local regulations. Owning land, constructing equine facilities with proper zoning and permits, buying horses, and leasing horses under contractual agreements are lawful commercial activities.

Rewarding lessees for performance or appearance in a fixed seasonal pool of rewards is permissible so long as payments are structured as promotional prizes, purses, or incentive awards, and are not tied to wagering. The critical distinction is that, in South Carolina, gambling is not authorized. Any scheme functioning as indirect betting could raise regulatory or criminal concerns.

Beyond gambling law, the business must comply with animal welfare statutes, licensing requirements, tax obligations, insurance standards, securities law (if lease interests resemble investment contracts), and local land-use regulations.

Absent wagering, however, a privately funded equine competition model rewarding performance through internal prize structures would fall within lawful private enterprise.

I closed my phone.

Xavier leaned back and said, "Well, there you go. Stay away from gambling, and the door is open. But the real question is, would you play without gambling?"

"Me? Absolutely. The thing is, not gambling doesn't mean you can't compete for money. Give me a target to race for in a new environment I trust, that pays something worthwhile back, even if it's mostly my own money recycled, and I'm in."

He shook his head. "I don't know if anyone else would leap. Horse racing and gambling have always been joined at the hip."

"Five or 10 years ago, I'd agree with you," I said. "But the demographic trends and gambling numbers in horse racing are ugly. Competing for gambling revenue is not going to get easier. The fate of those who love this sport may come down to two choices: ride sadly and quietly into the setting sunset or try building something that survives in a world where pari-mutuel gambling is not the main revenue source."

X signaled to the bartender for the tab and said, "If that is true, and it probably is, the question is whether anyone is brave enough to build around that truth."

"Next week, I'm going to try to show how other sports that were on the brink of getting squeezed out attempted to reconfigure."

He smiled and held up his bottle for a clink, and I clinked.

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The walking death of pari-mutuel racing in Tennessee, Part 8

by Frank Coltole

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“What is it called? Mechanical Downs?” I said. “Wait. Better. Robot Raceway.”

Racing Commissioner Conrad snickered after trying to hold in any response. “If nothing else,” he said, “it’s a start.”

It is still unclear to me how the amusement-park pari-mutuels-horse-substitute breed began but Commissioner Conrad was serious about the first attempt at testing the state’s pari-mutuels project with mechanical horses.

“Life-sized?” I asked.

“I doubt that. But word is they’re big structures.”

“Then it is like merry-go-round horses let loose to compete?”

“You might say that, yeah. Not gotten any details but for the proposal.”

I assumed Commissioner Conrad would be the strongest voice for creating any pari-mutuel track for racetrack facility – mechanical or living equines. But I never imagined a “Coney Island Downs Raceway” [sic]. I implored Conrad to keep me informed on all details he received pertaining to the “aluminous Equus caballus’ bloodline.”

My national connections to pari-mutuel horseracing at the time were reduced to writing articles for the standardbred and thoroughbred trade and pari-mutuel racing-audience magazines. Keeping a presence in the genre was important

to me because as the 1990s approached there were no guarantees I would remain a member of the great Opry empire. Though I had a contract, there was always some amount of money I might have to agree to accept to be released with dignity. My professional relationship to Wolfman was never in jeopardy. But Wolfman’s professional relationship with any major corporate entity was always challenged. So, if his Nashville Network presence crumbled then so would my residence in the state’s controlling media.

Meanwhile: I was keeping my horse-racing-journalist-fingers tapping in case I got the cowboy boot from Opry. And the Tennessee pari-mutuel legalization was my story. A scoop worthy of spending what time I had left in a day. Thank goodness Natasha was supportive so I could continue burning the professional candle at both ends.

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Nashville newspapers were not following the pari-mutuel story. Nothing from Memphis news outlets got ink. But Conrad told me there was reporting about the Memphis mechanical racing project in other states.

“The Chicago Tribune ran a piece on the robot track,” Conrad said.

“Did it mention investors?”

“Only in company names. Made up, I guess, to keep the project alive and still remain anonymous. Except for one state senator.”

I will call that state senator Mr. Goody. He was quoted in a regional newspaper saying there were some groups around the state deeply interested in supporting the pari-mutuel horse racing law. He cited the fact that Tennessee had county fairs with harness racing and quarter horse and thoroughbred people interested in adding wagering to the events.

Conrad said The Lincoln County Fair in Fayetteville “features harness racing. It’s an integral part of the Fair’s tradition. Goes back to the late 1880.” He quoted from a local news article that harness racing had “an enduring popularity among local enthusiasts.”

“But,” I said to Conrad, “could robot horses create local enthusiasts?”

“It’s not whatever creature is racing that anyone’s afraid of. It’s the folks the gambling attracts. And the bad element associated with them.”

“Could you get your hands on some solid information,” I said. “What do the robots look like; how do they move; are there robot jockeys?”

“I’ll see what I can do.”

The only image I had of robot horses was from my experience as a kid at Coney Island in Brooklyn where one of the most popular rides was The Steeplechase. It was a classic; a gravity-powered roller-coaster type structure where riders sat strapped on wooden horses sliding on a curved metal base to simulate a thoroughbred race. How many similar fake horses could compete on a contraption like that was a mystery to me. And the human element factor was impossible to imagine the races would always be on the up and up.

I was sure there were already racketeers conjuring every scheme possible to control the steel raceway operations to their financial advantage; making a mockery of the pari-mutuel system and sucking skads of money from local enthusiasts. It was bad enough the history of fixed horse races and criminal intervention clouded the sport’s integrity; how would the likes of fake horseflesh appear to benefit its image?

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'Gritty' Joelsy Hanover exceeding expectations for Millner

by Ken Weingartner / USTA media relations manager

Jessica Millner expected Joelsy Hanover to be a nice horse for her stable.

He turned out to be much more.

Joelsy Hanover, an 8-year-old male pacer co-owned by Millner and Andrew Coblenz, arrived in Millner's barn in May 2023 at the age of 5. He had won his final start for his previous connections – a 1:56.3 score at Western Fair in Canada for his seventh lifetime victory – and then added three more triumphs for his new group the remainder of the season while competing in conditioned classes at racetracks in Ohio.

The following year, the gelded son of JK Endofanera – Jans Luck, worked his way up the conditions ladder on his way to racing in opens at Northfield Park and Hollywood Dayton Raceway during the second half of the campaign. After winning one open II event at each track, Joelsy Hanover captured the open at Dayton on Dec. 19 and added a second win at that level eight days later to end his season.

He hasn't looked back since. In 2025, Joelsy Hanover enjoyed his best season to date, banking \$169,890 and winning in a career-best 1:49.1 at Eldorado Scioto Downs. Overall, for Millner, he has won 23 times – including seven opens/open handicaps – and earned more than \$370,000.

"He's been a pleasant surprise," Millner said. "I knew he was going to be OK, but I didn't know he was going to be this good. We bought him because his lines at Woodbine [Mohawk Park] looked good and he won in [1]:56.3 at [Western Fair], so he could get around any size track well. When we bought him, he still fit non-winners classes. I never dreamed he would be an open horse.

"When he won his first open for me, I didn't know if it was one of those things where he just got a good trip, but then he came back and did it again," Millner continued, adding

with a laugh, "So, then, we were like, OK, maybe he is an open horse. He has outperformed our expectations and just been amazing."

Millner credits Joelsy Hanover's attitude for his success.

"I don't know if it's just maturity, that he grew up, but he's a very gritty horse," Millner said. "He fights. When you think he's all done, he's not. He just started getting tougher and tougher, and as he went up the ladder, he was winning."

Joelsy Hanover, whose mom won 48 races over a seven-year career and earned more than \$1.01 million, also has a playful side around the stable.

"He's got such a fun personality; he's a goofball," Millner said. "He rests a lot during the day, and when he gets up, when he goes to sit up, he sits like a donkey. He'll sit on his butt with his two front legs upright, and he'll sit for about three minutes and just look around. But he takes care of himself."

Today (March 1), Joelsy Hanover will face five foes in the \$36,000 open handicap at Miami Valley Raceway. He will leave from post 2 with driver Sam Widger and is 7-1 on the morning line. I Did It Myway, who won last week's open, is the 2-1 morning-line favorite followed by Little Rocket Man (5-2), Burnout (3-1), and Charlie May (5-1).

Joelsy Hanover defeated a field that included I Did It Myway, Little Rocket Man, and Charlie May – not to mention past Breeders Crown champion Gem Quality and millionaire Better Is Nice – on Feb. 8 at Miami Valley.

"He really impressed us that day with the horses he beat," Millner said. "Those are some of the best horses in the country right now."

Millner, a 34-year-old native of Fort Lauderdale, FL, grew up in a racing family. Last season, her stable earned \$936,933 in purses, the second-best total of her career, and at the end of November she notched career training victory No. 1,000.

"That meant the world to me," Millner said. "I lost my dad [John Martin] earlier last year to cancer. He's the reason I do this. And he was definitely a numbers guy; he would always tell me what I had left. I wish he was here for it. But just being able to accomplish it was a big achievement for me."

As for the future with Joelsy Hanover, the goal is simple.

"He had such an amazing year last year, we just hope to maintain it," Millner said. "He's not getting any younger. If he's able to come back to even three-quarters of what he was last year, that would be a big deal for us."

Racing begins at 4 p.m. (EST) today at Miami Valley Raceway. The \$36,000 open pace is race 9 on the 14-race card.



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Woodbine submits bid to play host to the Hambletonian at Woodbine Mohawk Park

On Friday (Feb. 27), Woodbine Entertainment announced it has formally submitted a bid to play host to the prestigious Hambletonian at Woodbine Mohawk Park beginning in 2027.

Widely regarded as harness racing's most iconic event, the Hambletonian showcases the sport's top 3-year-old trotters and serves as one of the premier days on the international standardbred calendar with now over 100 years of tradition.

"Hosting the Hambletonian would be a transformative moment for our organization and the Ontario standardbred racing industry," said Michael Copeland, chief executive officer of Woodbine. "Woodbine is committed to delivering the very best in world-class horse racing and has a proven track record of executing major international racing events. We believe our venue, our fan experience, and our commitment to innovation makes Woodbine Mohawk Park an ideal host site starting in 2027."

Woodbine Mohawk Park is North America's premier harness racing venue, already delivering an industry-leading stakes program and generating the highest annual wagering total of any standardbred racetrack on the continent.

The Hambletonian Society and Woodbine Entertainment have a successful longstanding relationship through the Breeders Crown. Since the launch of the Breeders Crown series in 1984, Woodbine has hosted more Breeders Crown races than any other racetrack operator with 176. The most recent Breeders Crown was held to great success in October at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

"Bringing the Hambletonian to Woodbine Mohawk Park would be tremendous for our sport," said Brad Grant, two-time Hambletonian winning owner and Woodbine board member. "Woodbine knows how to host big events and consistently provides an outstanding experience for owners, trainers, drivers, and fans alike. The strength of the racing program, the modern facilities, and a passionate fan base make this the perfect stage to host the Hambletonian."

Woodbine has received industry recognition for its state-of-the-art racing surface and facilities, broadcast capabilities, and fan-focused amenities. The track annually stages some of the sport's most prestigious races, drawing top competitors and audiences from across the globe.

The bid submitted by Woodbine outlines a comprehensive vision for Hambletonian Day that includes the framework for one of the deepest race cards ever assembled, fan festivals, expanded wagering opportunities, widespread simulcast distribution, and promotional initiatives designed to grow the event's reach and impact.

If awarded, Woodbine Entertainment would work closely with industry partners, participants, sponsors, and community stakeholders to ensure the Hambletonian's rich traditions are honored while introducing new elements to engage the next generation of fans.

To view Woodbine's Hambletonian bid impact reel, [click here](#).

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HARRAH'S HOOSIER PARK *report*

Friday's Results:

3, HoP, \$15,225, Pace, "\$15,000 CLAIMING SERIES FINAL", 28.1, 58.0, 1:27.0, 1:55.0, FT

1-Go Viral (g, 6, Always A Virgin--She Is So Glad, by Power Of Art) \$7,612, Lifetime Record: 75-9-11-12, \$64,987
O-Beck Racing LLC. B-Billie Schwartz & James W Wilkinson. T-Mike Wilson. D-Jordan Ross.

2-Salty Robyn N (g, 14, Art Official--Holly Robyn, by Live Or Die) \$3,806, Lifetime Record: 252-45-29-33, \$391,799
O-Patrick M Melloy Jr & Lisa M Gosselin. B-M D Saunders, NZ. T-Pat Melloy Jr. D-Trace Tetrick.

3-Montana Chief A (g, 11, Art Major--Charm Thee, by Mach Three) \$1,827, Lifetime Record: 269-36-47-42, \$340,749
O-Caldwell Mamie Racing LLC. B-Neville Cranston, AS & B T Robinson, AS & J P Bush, AS & H E Robinson, AS. T-Charles Stewart. D-John De Long.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 6, 5Q, 3, 1, 1T - Finish Order: Coalford Bythesea, Street Boy, Semicolon, Johnny Freight, Americanfirewater

4, HoP, \$22,000, Pace, OPEN 1 Posts 1-4 Assigned Posts 5-6 Drawn, 27.4, 56.3, 1:24.2, 1:51.0, FT

1-Buzzsaw Russ (g, 6, Rockin Image--Up Front Cruiser, by Yankee Cruiser) \$11,000, \$52,000 2021 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 58-18-11-13, \$857,254
O-Russell E Beeman & Charles W Weaver. B-Devon D Beechy & Devon Knepp. T-Melissa Essig. D-John De Long.

2-Ardens Ace N (g, 9, Art Major--Venus Serena, by Mach Three) \$5,500, Lifetime Record: 179-18-29-29, \$295,094
O-Kap Singh Racing Stable & Earl Hill Jr, CA & Stephen Klunowski, CA & Donald G Mac Rae, CA. B-J R & J A Stiven, NZ. T-Lewayne Miller.
D-Lewayne Miller.

3-Noblesville (g, 5, Jk Endofanera--Happiness, by Rocknroll Hanover) \$2,640, Lifetime Record: 71-15-13-8, \$646,323
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. T-Ron Burke. D-Marcus Miller.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 4H, 4T, 1, 3, 2Q - Finish Order: General Dolan, This Kit Rocks, Blazing Home N

5, HoP, \$22,000, Trot, OPEN 1-2 Handicap, 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.2, 1:53.3, FT

1-Famous Father (g, 7, Father Patrick--Hollywood Hill, by Muscle Hill) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 140-27-26-26, \$491,472
O-Maryann Plano & Bruce A Soulsby. B-Goran C Falk & Christina Takter. T-Rick Plano. D-Luke Plano.

2-Flagman (g, 9, Guccio--Magic Lindy, by Kadabra) \$5,500, \$14,000 2018 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 163-45-37-29, \$796,354
O-Maryann Plano. B-Pond- A- Acres. T-Rick Plano. D-Rick Plano.

3-Drink Up Drink Up (g, 6, Trixton--Homefortheholidays, by Cantab Hall) \$2,640, \$70,000 2021 SHS-HBGM, Lifetime Record: 81-19-12-16, \$359,658
O-Adam Friedland & Brian K Carsey. B-Steve H Stewart. T-Walter Haynes Jr. D-Brandon Bates.

Replay Unavailable - Calls: 2H, 3, 2H, HD, 3 - Finish Order: Niko Man, Dover In Motion, A Real Legend, Heath Bar, Tug And Coop



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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Friday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$9,000 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$19,000 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000. AE: N/A \$2,840 P/S IN 2025-26. AE: NW \$90,000 LIFETIME, 27.1, 56.0, 1:24.1, 1:52.1

1-Avyanna (b,m,5 - Roll With Joe-Saulsbrook Alana-Western Paradise) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 42-14-4-9, \$250,073

O-Hailee Currie, Carol Campbell B-Michael Polansky T-Paul Macdonell D-James Macdonald



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

2-Western Wish (b,m,8 - Betterthancheddar-Giannas Ideal-Western Ideal)

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

3-La Miki N (b,m,5 - Always B Miki-La Soiree-Dream Away)

O-M T Stables Ontario Inc B-M J Maxwell T-Paul Court D-Jody Jamieson

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2, 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, 28.2, 58.2, 1:27.1, 1:55.1

1-Pelican Bay (b,f,3 - Captain Crunch-Osprey Blue Chip-American Ideal) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,750

O-Ashley Mcmillan, Benjamin Hollingsworth B-Best Bet Stables Llc T-Benjamin Hollingsworth D-James Macdonald

2-Esmeralda Du Lac (b,f,3 - Cattlewash-Sheissuchadream-Art Major)

O-Louis-Philippe Roy Racing, Jean Allaire, Michel Letarte, Groupe Esmeralda Du Lac B-Louis-Philippe & Pierre-Luc Roy, Maude Larouche T-Eric Nadeau
D-Louis-Philippe Roy

3-Liza Mae (b,f,3 - Sunshine Beach-Windsong Glamorous-Astreos)

O-Vernon Cochrane B-Vernon Cochrane T-Vernon Cochrane D-Tyler Jones

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3, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$6,700 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$12,000 LAST 8 STARTS (W/O \$15,000 LAST 8 STARTS N/E) AE: OPT. CLM. \$30,000, 26.4, 55.3, 1:24.0, 1:52.0

1-Madam X (b,m,5 - Bettors Wish-Ahtziri Hanover-Captaintreacheraus) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 39-14-5-5, \$121,927

O-Pollack Racing Llc B-The Ok Corral T-David Menary D-James Macdonald

2-Chiefs Dream Girl (b,m,8 - Sunshine Beach-Todaysyourluckyday-Western Ideal)

O-High Stakes Inc B-Joanne Colville T-Emma Christoforou D-Bob Mcclure

3-Charmbo Stormy (b,m,8 - Sportswriter-Charmbo Lucky-Camluck)

O-Ronald Nobes, Jared Mann B-John Rier T-Jared Mann D-Travis Cullen

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4, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, POP UP: F&M PURSE STRTS OF \$10,000 OR LESS IN 2026 (WO \$50,000 IN 2025 & \$15,000 IN 2026 NE) AE: N/A \$1,000 PS IN 2026 (MIN 5 STARTS) LEG 2 AE: LEG 1 STRTS, 27.3, 58.0, 1:25.3, 1:53.4

1-Kellina Diamond (b,m,6 - Betterthancheddar-Regal Magic-Stonebridge Regal) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 69-13-15-11, \$128,046

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Kimberley Mahon, Kenton Mckean T-Carmen Auciello D-Jean Rene Plante

2-My Only Sunshine (b,m,8 - Sunshine Beach-Hat Trick Honey-Million Dollar Cam)

O-Grace Marshman B-Stuart & Patricia Bolender T-Grace Marshman D-Travis Cullen

3-Acefortyfour Daisy (b,m,6 - Dali-Justbeathere-Lis Mara)

O-Kevin & Wendy Enman B-Allison Hepburn, David Frey T-Kevin Enman D-Bob Mcclure

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

6, Wbs, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER NW 2 RACES OR \$15,000 (ON SIRE \$23,500) LIFETIME, 27.4, 58.4, 1:27.1, 1:55.1

1-Angels Among Us (b,f,3 - Shadow Play-Sing Like An Angel-Bettors Delight) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 9-6-1-1, \$33,200

O-Jodie & Ronald & Travis Cullen, Keith Hannah B-Jodie & Ronald & Travis Cullen, Keith Hannah T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

2-Day Of Delight (br,f,3 - Bettors Delight-Day To Ponder-Ponder)

O-Menary Racing Inc, Larry Menary B-Smith Racing Stable T-David Menary D-James Macdonald

3-Beach Wiggle (b,f,3 - Sunshine Beach-Wiggle It J-Mr Wiggles)

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

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8, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$60,000 LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER OPT. CLM. \$60,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE, 28.1, 57.4, 1:26.0, 1:53.1

1-Lets N Joy N (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Rock N Joy-Rock N Roll Heaven) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 12-9-0-1, \$72,162

O-Ecurie Csl B-Torque Breeding Limited, Starmark Limited T-Jacques Dupont D-James Macdonald

2-Sugar Pie Honey (b,m,4 - Bettors Delight-Kloof Street-Mach Three)

O-A1stable B-Millar Farms T-Jodie Cullen D-Travis Cullen

3-Cc Rockin Rosie (b,m,4 - Rockin Image-Sir Lehigh Z Tam-Art Major)

O-Steven Macdonald, Tommy Collings B-Duane Miller, Gene Borkholder T-Garry Merner D-Bob McClure

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9, Wbs, \$40,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN, 27.4, 58.1, 1:25.4, 1:53.0

1-Angostura Hanover (b,m,6 - Betting Line-Armbr Amoretto-Artsplace) \$20,000, Lifetime Record: 104-19-21-16, \$467,792

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

ANOTHER WINNER BRED BY HANOVER SHOE FARMS



2-Absolution (b,m,5 - Mcwicked-Bet Ya-Jeremes Jet)

O-Joanne Colville, Nancy Macnevin B-Joanne Colville, Nancy Macnevin T-Jack Moiseyev D-James Macdonald

3-Sunshine Magic (b,m,5 - Bettors Delight-Sun Shines Bright-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-A1stable, Paul Sanders B-Brittany Farms Llc T-Jodie Cullen D-Jonathan Drury

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10, Wbs, \$15,000, Pace, POP UP: F&M PURSE STRTS OF \$10,000 OR LESS IN 2026 (WO \$50,000 IN 2025 & \$15,000 IN 2026 NE) AE: N/A \$1,000 PS IN 2026 (MIN 5 STARTS) LEG 2 AE: LEG 1 STRTS, 27.0, 56.0, 1:24.0, 1:53.0

1-Seaclusion N (b,m,7 - Sweet Lou-Classy Beach-American Ideal) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 45-8-13-6, \$144,899

O-Ecurie Csl, 9174 7998 Quebec Inc B-A Luxton T-Jacques Dupont D-James Macdonald

2-One More Bet (b,m,5 - All Bets Off-P L Kahluaa-Sportswriter)

O-Les Ecuries Morel Inc B-Ecuries Morel Inc T-Francis Guillemette D-Tyler Borth

3-Miss Dutton (b,m,5 - Rollwithharry-Woodmere Dancenart-Articulator)

O-Shoulda Been Onabeach Stb B-David & Mitchell Tierney T-Meg Crone D-Louis-Philippe Roy

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

YONKERS RACEWAY *report*

Friday's Results:

2, YR, \$15,000, Trot, NW \$7,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS IN THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5" IN LAST START NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$5,000 L5" AE: OPT. CLM ALLOW. \$15,000, 29.0, 58.3, 1:27.0, 1:56.3, FT

1-Street Gossip (g, 8, Cash Hall--The Young Princess, by Yankee Glide) \$7,500, \$8,500 2019 Buck-CL, Lifetime Record: 158-27-26-30, \$669,225
O-Jesmeral Stable. B-Morrisville Col Fdn Inc. T-Rob Harmon. D-Austin Siegelman.

2-Vinny De Vie (g, 9, Muscle Hill--So You De Vie, by Yankee Glide) \$3,750, \$70,000 2018 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 175-28-28-15, \$439,781
O-Joseph E Smith. B-Joie De Vie Farm LLC. T-Tom Fanning. D-Brent Holland.

3-Sevenshadesofgrey (g, 8, Chapter Seven--Ms Naughty, by Kadabra) \$1,800, \$100,000 2019 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 157-16-21-24, \$505,704
O-Flatland Racing. B-Concord Stud Farm LLC. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Jason Bartlett.

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4, YR, \$23,000, Pace, F&M NW \$24,701 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$15,000 L5" AE: F&M NW 11 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$60,000, 28.4, 57.4, 1:26.0, 1:53.3, FT

1-Coastal Babe N (m, 6, Downbytheseaside--Jessies Girl, by Bettor's Delight) \$11,500, Lifetime Record: 21-10-2-2, \$272,243
O-Kap Singh Racing Stable & Stephen Klunowski, CA & Earl Hill Jr, CA & Donald G Mac Rae, CA. B-Woodlands Stud LTD, NZ. T-Jared Bako. D-Jason Bartlett.

2-Coachellabound N (m, 8, Sweet Lou--We Love To Party, by Fake Left) \$5,750, Lifetime Record: 104-24-20-11, \$597,020
O-Flatland Racing. B-Woodlands Stud Nz Inc, NZ. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Brent Holland.

3-Miss Perignon N (m, 5, Captain Crunch--Champagne Franco, by Falcon Seelster) \$2,760, Lifetime Record: 35-8-4-7, \$108,440
O-Jose Cervantes & Friendship Stables LLC. B-M R Mcnamara, NZ & K E & S S Etheridge, NZ & A R Goadsby, NZ. T-Travis Alexander. D-Matt Kakaley.

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5, YR, \$19,000, Pace, F&M NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" AE: F&M NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 28.4, 58.1, 1:26.2, 1:55.3, FT

1-Glittering Hope (m, 4, Bettor's Wish--New Year, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 38-11-7-5, \$97,701
O-Friendship Stables LLC. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Bottom Line Racing LLC. T-Maria Alvarez. D-Brent Holland.

2-Ambushed (m, 6, Always B Miki--Sweet Body, by Sweet Lou) \$4,750, \$27,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 87-23-23-9, \$359,081
O-Caldwell Mamie Racing LLC. B-Steve Jones. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Zuma Beach (m, 5, Downbytheseaside--Rolluptherim, by Roll With Joe) \$2,280, \$90,000 2022 OH-SEL, Lifetime Record: 18-7-3-3, \$107,940
O-Ray Lasky & Andrew S Harris & Nathan E Cockerham. B-Ron P Salcedo. T-Andrew Harris. D-Jason Bartlett.

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6, YR, \$17,000, Trot, NW \$10,201 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5" IN LAST START NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5" AE: NW 6 P-M RACES LT. AE: OPT. CLM. ALLOW \$20,000, 28.0, 56.1, 1:25.4, 1:56.4, FT

1-Torrone (g, 7, Father Patrick--With Sugar, by Muscles Yankee) \$8,500, \$25,000 2020 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 132-25-24-18, \$475,702
O-Joseph E Smith. B-Brittany Farms LLC. T-Tom Fanning. D-Brent Holland.

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Selected Yearling Sale

PREFERRED EQUINEMixed Sale Graduate

2-Go Have Fun (m, 5, Kadabra--Lady Mary Lee, by Angus Hall) \$4,250, \$50,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 68-9-15-12, \$150,392
O-El Dorado Stables & Stratton Stable Inc. B-Christopher C Coyle. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Once In A Lifetime (g, 6, Father Patrick--Sherrys Lady, by Muscle Hill) \$2,040, \$50,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 62-17-12-8, \$747,917
O-Sad Frog Farms, CA. B-Coyote Wynd Farms, CA. T-Jim Campbell. D-Matt Kakaley.

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RACE RESULTS - FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

7, YR, \$15,000, Pace, F&M NW \$8,131 IN LAST 5 STARTS. WINNERS OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$7,500 L5" IN LAST START NE. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$5,000 L5" AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$15,000, 28.0, 57.2, 1:26.1, 1:56.1, FT

1-Bonitas Best Bet (m, 5, All Bets Off--Bonita Beach, by Real Artist) \$7,500, \$20,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 61-18-12-9, \$292,867
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Frank D Baldachino & Weaver Brusceci LLC & J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby. B-Doug Millard Farms, CA. T-Ron Burke.
D-Jason Bartlett.

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2-Maybemabel (m, 6, Tellitlikeitis--Loretta, by Dontgetinmyway) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 83-14-7-11, \$110,037
O-Fac Racing LLC & Joseph Di Scala Jr & Yannick Gingras. B-Mary Jo & Marty R Rheinheimer. T-Andrew Adamczyk. D-Yannick Gingras.

3-Maria Allegonda N (m, 7, Sweet Lou--Angelina Jolie, by Art Major) \$1,800, Lifetime Record: 57-7-15-11, \$90,266
O-Jesmeral Stable. B-P G Laboyrie, NZ. T-Rob Harmon. D-Austin Siegelman.

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8, YR, \$19,000, Trot, NW \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS. AE: WINNERS IN LAST START OF THE BASE CLASS "NW \$10,000 L5." AE: NW 8 P-M RACES LT AE: OPT. CLMG. ALLOW. \$30,000, 28.4, 58.3, 1:28.0, 1:57.1, FT

1-Diamante Trio It (m, 7, Nad Al Sheba--Gabella Dj, by Cougar Lobell) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 114-24-21-12, \$448,643
O-Joe P Racing LLC & Oldford Racing LLC. B-Allev Triodi Gaibini Floriana, IT. T-Travis Alexander. D-Matt Kakaley.

2-Chulo (h, 7, What The Hill--Chula, by Majestic Son) \$4,750, Lifetime Record: 106-19-13-5, \$359,848
O-Daniel Sarafian, CA. B-Renee A Spahr. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

3-Sky Box (h, 5, E L Titan--Goddess, by Donato Hanover) \$2,280, \$25,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 46-11-8-6, \$162,232
O-Elite Harness Racing LLC. B-Steve Jones. T-Jared Bako. D-Tyler Buter.

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY

MEADOWLANDS *report*

Saturday's Results:

6, M, \$16,000, Pace, Claiming Price \$25,000, 27.1, 55.0, 1:22.2, 1:49.3, FT

1-Water Sports Teen (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Posey Tina, by Camluck) \$7,680, Lifetime Record: 127-25-16-23, \$441,956
O-Vincent P Ferriero Jr. B-Robert J Key. T-Aaron Lambert. D-Mark Herschberger.

2-Lovers Trouble (g, 5, Tellitlikeitis--Ss Lover, by Shadyshark Hanover) \$3,680, Lifetime Record: 54-11-7-5, \$130,114
O-Jb Racing & Evans Nation. B-Zachary Ty Miller & Edward G & Edward W Dobrowolski. T-Joe Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-Saulsbrook Raptor (g, 7, Shadow Play--Rhea Blue Chip, by Art Major) \$1,600, Lifetime Record: 146-23-19-18, \$189,742
O-Hemlock Racing Stable Inc. B-Saulsbrook Stables Inc, CA & Rebecca J Hamilton, CA. T-Eddie Sager. D-Ridge Warren.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 2, 1Q, 1Q, 1H, 1T - Finish Order: Mayhem Hanover, Captain Up, Haggard, Decision Day, Order One To Go

8, M, \$19,000, Pace, Claiming Handicap \$40,000 - \$60,000 Post Positions Drawn According to Base Price, 25.4, 52.3, 1:20.4, 1:49.1, FT

1-Stellar Yankee (g, 8, Always B Miki--Somethinginawater, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$1,875, \$80,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 196-34-22-29, \$460,813
O-Howard S Jacobs. B-Charles E Keller III & Charles E Keller IV & E Daniel & Brett Douglas Bittle. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

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2-Boston Bound (h, 6, Boston Red Rocks--Ashleeswayrhighway, by Bettor's Delight) \$5,938, \$15,000 2021 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 91-19-18-4, \$275,407
O-William E Emmons. B-Winbak Farm. T-Chris Height. D-Mark Herschberger.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

3-Mamba (g, 6, Sweet Lou--Loving Caroline, by Art Major) \$2,280, \$80,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 102-16-24-13, \$364,814
O-Randy M Zane, CA. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Karen Williams. D-Steve Smith.

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9, M, \$17,500, Pace, N/W \$12,500 (NJSO or N/W L2 \$14,000) Last 5 Starts or TM Rating 89.64 (N/W L2 90) or Less ATOD or NW \$100 in 2026 AE: N/W 9 (N/W L2 10) Extended PM Races Life, 26.3, 54.1, 1:22.0, 1:49.2, FT

1-World Of Wishes (g, 4, **Bettor's Wish--Peak Of Chic, by Roddy's Bags Again**) \$8,050, \$35,000 2023 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 25-7-1-3, \$119,324
O-Philip S Steinberg. B-Winbak Farm. T-Chris Ryder. D-Patrick Ryder.



Another WINBAK FARM Winner!



2-Betting On Caesar (g, 4, Lazarus N--Shezlockednloaded, by Straight Shooting) \$3,675, \$10,000 2023 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 27-6-6-3, \$76,867
O-Jennifer Bongiorno Stable LLC & J R & Collin J Ryan. B-John E Barnard. T-Joe Bongiorno. D-Joe Bongiorno.

3-Sport Secret (h, 7, Sportswriter--My Secret Belle, by Mach Three) \$1,575, \$51,000 2020 ONT-SEL, Lifetime Record: 90-24-20-16, \$451,683
O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Joseph P Hudon Jr, CA. T-Enrico Robinson. D-Austin Siegelman.

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NORTHFIELD PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

6, Nfld, \$19,000, Pace, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HANDICAP, 26.3, 55.1, 1:24.2, 1:54.3, FT

1-Lastchanceforlove (m, 4, **Capt Midnight--Kiss Me Once Again, by Jenna's Beach Boy**) \$9,500, Lifetime Record: 39-8-7-4, \$78,107
O-Andrew P Berg & In The Red LLC. B-Andrew P Berg & In The Red LLC. T-Cory Kreiser. D-Dan Noble.

2-Lady Rita (m, 6, Always B Miki--Big City Betty, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,750, \$160,000 2021 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 82-19-19-15, \$281,108
O-Paul M O'Neil. B-Bruce James Potter. T-Sam Schillaci. D-Aaron Merriman.

3-Smothastenesewisky (m, 8, Nob Hill High--Tender Spirit, by Western Ideal) \$2,280, \$3,000 2019 BHS, Lifetime Record: 201-46-25-26, \$724,836
O-Mackenzie E. Haynes. B-Robert A Mondillo & Donald E Robinson. T-Brian Haynes. D-Justin Irvine.

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POCONO DOWNS AT MOHEGAN PENNSYLVANIA *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, PcD, \$17,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 - 3rd Leg Claiming \$30,000 1st division of 4, 26.2, 55.0, 1:22.3, 1:51.0, FT

1-Twiggs Pub (g, 5, **Betting Line--Wine Snob, by Art Major**) \$8,500, \$26,000 2022 GOSHEN, Lifetime Record: 94-14-18-13, \$180,467
O-Debbie L Avery & David J Flederbach. B-Steve Jones & Jonathan D Kurnit. T-Marta Piotrow. D-Anthony Napolitano.

2-Kaptain Karlos (g, 6, Captaintreacheros--Robin Cruiser, by Yankee Cruiser) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 70-4-19-15, \$183,506
O-Tim J Dickieson, CA. B-Pinske Stables. T-Blake Macintosh. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

3-Supplemental Fee (g, 5, Courtly Choice--Miss Popycock, by Mach Three) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 48-11-5-5, \$148,602
O-Carmen Iannacone. B-30 Plus Stable, CA. T-Hunter Oakes. D-Jason Bartlett.

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2, Pcd, \$15,000, Pace, NW \$12,500 in Last 5 Starts Starters in a higher than NW20000L4/5 or a winner this class or higher in Last Start ineligible AE: Starters in NW11000L4/5 in Last Start PA Preferred, 26.4, 56.0, 1:22.4, 1:50.4, FT

1-Sandbetweenmytoes (g, 9, Somebeachsomewhere--Galleria, by Artsplace) \$7,500, Lifetime Record: 166-36-28-30, \$880,882
O-Greg Luther Racing LLC. B-Fashion Farms LLC. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Ridge Warren.



PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Cranbourne N (g, 10, Lincoln Royal--Classiealba, by Christian Cullen) \$3,750, Lifetime Record: 91-21-11-7, \$304,417
O-Jesmeral Stable. B-M J Stratford, NZ. T-Matthew Medeiros. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

3-Kopi Luwak (h, 6, Stay Hungry--Auniqueaquistion, by Cole Muffler) \$1,800, \$160,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 91-18-13-7, \$351,800
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Steve H Stewart & John A Carver. T-Ron Burke. D-Tyler Buter.

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3, Pcd, \$17,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 - 3rd Leg Claiming \$30,000 2nd division of 4, 26.4, 56.0, 1:23.2, 1:51.3, FT

1-Rum N Raisins (g, 6, Custard The Dragon--Fie Foe Fire, by Real Artist) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 104-20-19-24, \$146,525
O-Scott A Brockwell. B-Wild Dunes Stables, CA & Rt Enterprises LTD, CA. T-Scott Brockwell. D-Tyler Buter.

2-Hesa Kingslayer N (g, 13, Christian Cullen--Millwood Manhattan, by Bettor's Delight) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 114-33-15-21, \$369,557
O-Mark G Akins. B-K J Carville, NZ. T-Mark Akins. D-Simon Allard.

3-Spindoctor Hanover (g, 5, Always B Miki--Sympathy Hanover, by Cam's Card Shark) \$2,040, \$20,000 2022 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 57-7-10-8, \$81,671
O-Evans Nation & Engblom Farm LLC & Hickory Hollow Stables. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

▶▶ [Replay](#) ▶▶ Calls: 1Q, 1Q, 1T, 3, 2H - Finish Order: Prospectors Gold, Caviart Camden, Stretch The Line, Dontlikeitleave, Belmont Major N

4, Pcd, \$17,500, Trot, Winners of 4 but not more than 7 Ext. PM Races Lifetime AE: NW \$90,000 Lifetime PA Preferred, 27.2, 56.0, 1:24.3, 1:53.3, FT

1-Glutes Hanover (m, 4, Six Pack--Girlie Tough, by Conway Hall) \$8,750, \$18,000 2023 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 22-6-4-2, \$86,482
O-Tony P Alagna. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Tony Alagna. D-Jordan Stratton.

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2-Te Amo Lindy (g, 6, Muscle Hill--Lovely Lindy, by Cantab Hall) \$4,375, Lifetime Record: 34-5-8-6, \$132,508
O-Jill A Roland. B-K R Breeding LLC. T-Jill Roland. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

3-Kovu As (g, 6, Lionhunter--Belongtogether As, by Striking Sahbra) \$2,100, Lifetime Record: 72-8-15-21, \$172,290
O-Jaypaul R Hoover. B-Acl Stuteri Ab. T-Anthony Faulkner. D-Anthony Napolitano.

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5, Pcd, \$17,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 - 3rd Leg Claiming \$30,000 3rd division of 4, 26.3, 55.1, 1:22.3, 1:51.0, FT

1-Greatest Ending (g, 7, Somebeachsomewhere--Lady Be Great, by Western Ideal) \$8,500, Lifetime Record: 90-19-13-12, \$448,715
O-Mark J Jakubik. B-Hamstan Farm Inc, CA & Reginald G Petitpas, CA. T-Darren Taneyhill. D-Brett Beckwith.

2-Acapulco Sunburn (g, 7, Big Jim--Twelve Apostles, by Sportswriter) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 120-22-18-20, \$232,496
O-Howard S Jacobs. B-Millar Farms, CA. T-Cory Stratton. D-Jordan Stratton.

3-Sawyer's Desire (g, 9, Real Desire--Ain't That Funny, by Sealed N Delivered) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 212-40-25-34, \$594,831
O-Evans Nation & Engblom Farm LLC & Hickory Hollow Stables. B-David B Wills. T-Per Engblom. D-Jason Bartlett.

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7, Pcd, \$17,000, Pace, "Game of Claims" L.C. No. 1 - 3rd Leg Claiming \$30,000 4th division of 4, 26.2, 55.0, 1:22.3, 1:51.2, FT

1-Up The Creek (g, 7, Bettor's Delight--Skinny Dip, by Western Ideal) \$8,500, \$13,000 2020 SHS-HBG, Lifetime Record: 106-15-21-20, \$225,284
O-Gregory S Tucker. B-Stonegate Stdbred Fms Inc. T-Joe Bongiorno. D-Brett Beckwith.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Macadoodledoo (g, 11, Somebeachsomewhere--Pirouette Hanover, by Western Ideal) \$4,250, Lifetime Record: 233-39-40-30, \$497,672
O-Greg Luther Racing LLC. B-Jeffrey S Snyder. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Tyler Buter.

3-Ilderton Am (g, 8, Captaintreacherous--Wicked Little Minx, by Rockroll Hanover) \$2,040, Lifetime Record: 159-26-22-21, \$233,302
O-William A Hartt. B-Am Bloodstock Inc. T-Dean Eckley. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

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8, PcD, \$27,500, Trot, Winners Over \$25,000 Lifetime Post Positions 1-3 Drawn Post Positions 4-7 Drawn, 27.2, 56.4, 1:24.2, 1:53.1, FT

1-Resolve To Win (g, 6, Resolve--Sensual Hall, by Garland Lobell) \$13,750, \$53,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 92-27-21-15, \$376,146
O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Southwind Farms LLC. T-Enrico Robinson. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr.

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2-Super Duper Cooper (g, 5, E L Titan--Pink Power, by Credit Winner) \$6,875, \$37,000 2022 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 58-13-22-5, \$463,642
O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Crawford Farms LLC. T-Enrico Robinson. D-Brett Beckwith.

3-High Speed Swan (g, 4, Swan For All--Aunt Susie, by Credit Winner) \$3,300, \$62,000 2023 HOOSIER, Lifetime Record: 35-7-9-7, \$171,165
O-David Linker & Brian N Loman & Robert H Venable. B-Victory Hill Farm Inc. T-Doug Dilloian Jr. D-Colin Kelly.

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10, PcD, \$27,500, Pace, Winners Over \$25,000 Lifetime, 27.0, 54.4, 1:22.0, 1:49.2, FT

1-Lou Hill (g, 5, Sweet Lou--Pretty Katherine, by Rockroll Hanover) \$13,750, Lifetime Record: 42-15-13-5, \$366,077
O-Tom Hill, UK. B-Tom Hill, UK. T-Per Engblom. D-Simon Allard.

2-Catalpa Rescue A (g, 7, American Ideal--Soho Siren, by Art Major) \$6,875, Lifetime Record: 46-15-10-7, \$255,816
O-Chad J Kowal. B-R J Watson, WA. T-Scott Blackler. D-Colin Kelly.

3-Captain Moore A (g, 5, Soho Lanikai--Our Chelsea Girl, by Bettor's Delight) \$3,300, Lifetime Record: 35-13-5-7, \$181,937
O-Chad J Kowal. B-M I Stanley, AS. T-Scott Blackler. D-Brett Beckwith.

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12, PcD, \$20,000, Pace, NW \$17,500 in Last 5 Starts or \$3,000 Per Start in 2025-26 AE: Starters in NW15000L4/5 in Last Start, 26.2, 55.2, 1:22.3, 1:51.2, FT

1-South Beach Star (g, 8, Somebeachsomewhere--Higher And Higher, by Western Terror) \$10,000, \$110,000 2019 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 122-42-27-11, \$613,635
O-All Star Racing Inc.. B-Daryl Scott Bier & Charles A Dombeck. T-Mark Silva. D-Braxten Boyd.

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2-Vici (g, 6, Lazarus N--Triple V Hanover, by Somebeachsomewhere) \$5,000, \$210,000 2021 LEX-SEL, Lifetime Record: 100-15-16-21, \$366,731
O-Christopher Fabrizi & Mr Vincent Rocco Caraccio & Claudio Fabrizi. B-Donald E & Michael Dean Robinson & Steve H Stewart & James B Daut.
T-Scott Blackler. D-Jason Bartlett.

3-Hunting Zone (g, 6, Huntsville--Smart Zone, by Rockroll Hanover) \$2,400, Lifetime Record: 88-18-16-15, \$264,820
O-Pollack Racing LLC. B-Ross G Bonafield. T-Enrico Robinson. D-Brett Beckwith.

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SARATOGA HARNESS report

Saturday's Results:

6, Stga, \$16,500, Pace, Winners Over / Open Handicap W/O Posts 1-3 Open Posts 4-8, 27.1, 56.1, 1:24.2, 1:53.0, FT

1-Rockroll Runa A (g, 9, Rock N Roll Heaven--She's A Runa, by Jereme's Jet) \$8,250, Lifetime Record: 149-41-23-19, \$811,899
O-Larry D Stalbaum. B-K B Kennedy, AS & Burns Golf Pty LTD, AS. T-Larry Stalbaum. D-Larry Stalbaum.

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Tenzing Bromac N (g, 9, Bettor's Delight--Tallulah Bromac, by Artsplace) \$4,125, Lifetime Record: 68-24-12-12, \$318,395

O-Ronald L Cushing & Kevin R Sywyk. B-Bromac Lodge LTD, NZ. T-Heidi Cushing. D-Ron Cushing.

3-He'zzz A Wise Sky (h, 9, Yankee Skyscraper--Gimmeazzzmooch, by Four Starzzz Shark) \$1,980, Lifetime Record: 172-64-41-21, \$978,591

O-Triple Zzz Stable. B-Donald A & Joann Filomeno. T-Jacob Cutting. D-Jacob Cutting.

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WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK *report*

Saturday's Results:

1, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 3 RACES OR \$62,500 (OS \$95,500) LIFETIME. AE: 4 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER OPT. CLM. \$60,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE, 26.3, 56.3, 1:25.1, 1:53.4

1-Century Lucifer (b,h,4 - Shadow Play-Exotic Pleasure-Modern Art) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 31-7-2-2, \$198.421

O-S&r Racing Stable Inc, Marc Trudeau, Sms Ventures Inc, M And L Of Delaware Llc B-Century Spring Farms T-Rene Dion D-Tyler Borth

2-Zebs Krafty (b,g,5 - Betterthancheddar-Zebs Katrina-Bo Knows Jate)

O-Grant Kyte B-Lawrence Zebedee T-Chris Rogers D-Jean Rene Plante

3-Blue Bar (br,g,4 - All Bets Off-Feelin Flush-As Promised)

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

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2, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 3 RACES) OR \$9,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 27.2, 57.4, 1:26.4, 1:56.1

1-Corona Seelster (b,g,3 - Big Jim-Circle The Page-Real Artist) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 18-1-7-2, \$52,960

O-Michael Marocco, Victor Puddy B-Seelster Farms Inc T-Victor Puddy D-Tyler Borth

2-Bar Down Brisby (b,h,4 - Sunshine Beach-Stonebridge Sassy-Camluck)

O-Russell Ellis B-Ben Ramsay T-Russell Ellis D-Daryl Thiessen

3-Always Toohot (b,c,3 - Always A Virgin-Im Toohot Tostop-Somebeachsomewhere)

O-Kathy Cecchin B-Roll The Dice Stable T-Kathy Cecchin D-Trevor henry

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3, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, CLAIMING HANDICAP \$30,000 TO \$40,000. ALLOWANCES FOR AGE & SEX. ENTER IN MULTIPLES OF \$1,000, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.2, 1:52.3

1-Jj Xavier (b,g,7 - Tobago Cays-J J Mistress-Ameripan Gigolo) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 143-31-18-21, \$254,911

O-John Macmillan B-Jamie Mac Kinley, Windemere Farms T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Louis-Philippe Roy

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PREFERRED EQUINE

Mixed Sale Graduate

2-Sometime Somewhere (b,g,9 - Somebeachsomewhere-Say Anything-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-A Bianco Holdings Limited B-Kerry Feuker Weed T-Brett Lester D-Jean Rene Plante

3-Toronto (br,g,8 - Always B Miki-See You At Peelers-Bettors Delight)

O-Ed & Ashleigh Hensley B-Diamond Creek Farm Llc T-Ashleigh Hensley D-Ed Hensley

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4, Wbs, \$22,000, Pace, NW \$9,000 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$22,500 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$50,000, 27.2, 55.3, 1:25.3, 1:53.2

1-Cold Creek Queso (b,g,7 - Betterthancheddar-Machbethslady-Mach Three) \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 97-21-13-12, \$643,989

O-Cold Creek Standardbred B-Debora Stokes T-Daniel Walker D-Jody Jamieson

RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

2-Bold Spirit (b,g,5 - Stay Hungry-Her Music Rocks-Rocknroll Hanover)

O-Roy Sproxton, Harbhajan Singh Dhillon, Darryl Kaplan, Duane Marfisi B-Dorothy Hock T-Duane Marfisi D-Billy Davis

3-Miraculous Desbi N (b,g,6 - Bettors Delight-Kelly Maguire-Christian Cullen)

O-Ecurie Csl B-Breckon Farms Ltd T-Jacques Dupont D-Jean Rene Plante

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5, Wbs, \$16,000, Pace, NW \$6,000 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$12,000 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: STARTERS FOR A PURSE OF \$12,000 OR LESS LAST 2 STARTS, 26.4, 55.1, 1:24.0, 1:52.2

1-Ginger Tree Finny (b,g,8 - Captaintreacherous-Ideal Weather-Western Ideal) \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 121-26-21-18, \$208,300

O-Laverne Turnbull B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Meg Crone D-Louis-Philippe Roy

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

O-Estate Of Dale C Towle B-Twinbrook Limited T-Chantal Mitchell D-Jean Rene Plante

3-Gentleonymind (b,g,6 - Shadow Play-Honeys Bud Lite-Park Place)

O-Luc Ouellette B-Luc Ouellette T-Anita Ouellette D-Scott Young

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6, Wbs, \$26,000, Pace, NW \$12,000 LAST 4 STARTS OR NW \$30,500 LAST 8 STARTS. AE: NW \$105,000 LIFETIME, 27.0, 56.2, 1:24.1, 1:52.1

1-Rochester Flash (b,g,5 - Stay Hungry-Double Creme-Albert Albert) \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 63-12-9-6, \$184,122

O-Ray Lasky, Andrew Harris B-Stephen Dey T-Garry Merner D-Trevor Henry

STAY HUNGRY WINNER



PREFERRED EQUINE

Yearling Sale Graduate

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

O-Daniel Sarafian B-Brian Paquet T-Carmen Auciello D-Travis Henry

3-Get Wings (b,h,4 - Bettors Wish-The Captains Angel-Captaintreacherous)

O-Gary Ford, Janet Kinney B-Double Ee Meadows T-Paul Mackenzie D-Jody Jamieson

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7, Wbs, \$18,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 1 RACE (WINNERS FOR A PURSE OF \$9,000 OR LESS 3 RACES) OR \$9,000 LIFETIME. NO ALLOWANCES, 27.2, 57.1, 1:28.0, 1:56.1

1-Liquid (b,c,3 - Bettors Delight-Sporty Juliana-Well Said) \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$17,100

O-Earl Hill Jr B-Winbak Farm T-Dean Nixon D-Jean Rene Plante



Another WINBAK FARM Winner!



2-Ten Carat Garrett (b,g,4 - Bettors Delight-Artistic Madison-Artistic Fella)

O-James Whelan, 2156604 Alberta Inc B-James Downer T-James Whelan D-James Whelan

3-Writeline (b,c,3 - Betting Line-Joywriter-Sportswriter)

O-R A W Equine Inc, Mark Horner B-Beechwood Acres, Mark Horner T-Michael Horner D-Michael Horner

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RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

9, Wbs, \$40,000, Pace, OPEN, 26.2, 55.1, 1:23.3, 1:51.1

1-Brue Hanover (b,g,6 - Stay Hungry-Blind Ambition-Art Major) \$20,000, Lifetime Record: 93-35-12-14, \$753,265

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

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STAY HUNGRY WINNER



2-Lous World (b,h,5 - Sweet Lou-World Apart-Art Major)

O-Gino Toscani B-Willow Oak Ranch T-Garry Merner D-Louis-Philippe Roy

3-Poseidon Seelster (b,g,9 - Sunshine Beach-Porsche Seelster-Artistic Fella)

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

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11, Wbs, \$20,000, Pace, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 2 RACES OR \$30,000 (OS \$37,500) LIFETIME. AE: OS 4 YR OLDS N/A \$2,190 P/S IN 2026, 27.3, 58.0, 1:25.4, 1:53.4

1-Major Threat (br,g,4 - All Bets Off-Hokie Spirit-Dragon Again) \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 22-4-6-1, \$53,384

O-Tara & Garrett Isman B-Tara & Garrett Isman T-Michael Kwietniowski D-Daryl Thiessen

2-Makorori N (b,g,5 - Downbytheseaside-Karamea Dreamin-Dream Away)

O-M T Stables Ontario Inc B-Tardina Stud Ltd T-Paul Court D-Jody Jamieson

3-Fire Control (b,g,4 - Control The Moment-Future Fire N-Courage Under Fire)

O-David Frey B-Fred Brayford T-David Frey D-James Macdonald

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#BETONHARNESS

HOW MUCH DID YOU BET TODAY?

Buffalo ready for season opener on Wednesday

Buffalo Raceway is putting together the final touches in preparation for the start of the 2026 live harness racing season which is set for Wednesday (March 4) with a first post scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

The campaign will have a Wednesday and Saturday slate with Fridays added beginning in April. The season will conclude with the lone Sunday afternoon program set for July 19. All post times throughout the 57-day meet will be at 2:30 p.m.

An optimistic Buffalo Raceway general manager Jon Cramer said, "We are anticipating a good season. The barn area is full and we are offering over \$100,000 in daily purses including the opens which will go for \$15,500. That should lead to some good racing."

A new feature on the track in 2026 will be the April Reins Claiming Series starting on Friday (April 10). Starting with a claiming price of \$7,500 and increasing \$1,500 each week, the horses will be running for \$12,500 with the top eight point earners in the three legs returning on May 1 for the \$30,000 finals.

The traveling New York Sire Stakes will arrive at Buffalo Raceway on June 3 with the hard-hitting 3-year-old colt and gelding pacers taking the initial spotlight. The young ladies will close out the series on July 15 as the 2-year-old filly trotters battle it out. The Excelsior Stakes will also be contested on all Sire Stakes dates.

Fans on-track on opening day (March 4) will receive free racing programs with the ever popular 'Lucky Exacta' contest returning on Saturday (March 7). Fans will receive a magnetic live racing schedule which will include a 'lucky' exacta combination. Should that exacta come in on selected races, winners will spin the wheel for wagers on the last race of the day.

Drew Monti looks to make it two straight driving titles as he defends his crown after posting 119 victories last season, collecting almost \$960,000 in purse earnings. Trainer Sam Smith will be back and looks to extend his title streak to three seasons. Hoping to chase their dreams of a crown is Chris Petrelli and David Russo who finished in second and third, respectively.

Buffalo Raceway is offering party packages throughout the year for groups of 25 or more. For information, call 716-649-1280, extension 6200.

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