

HARNESS RACING

UPDATE

Hip 70
\$1,000,000
Lexington Selected Yearling Sale

Million-Dollar Mama

Trotting filly Dejeuner tops Lexington with \$1 million purchase by Patty Key.



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Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Trotting filly Keys a million-dollar bid in Lexington

The Walner filly out of French Café – bred by Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld and raised and sold by Kentuckiana – was purchased for \$1 million by Patty Key on opening night at Fasig-Tipton. It's the most expensive standardbred yearling filly ever sold at auction.

story by Dave Briggs, quotes by James Platz and Dave Briggs

Long before placing the final, session-topping bid of \$1 million on Monday night (Sept. 29) at the opening session of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, trainer Noel Daley said he expected the taps on his shoulder to stop.

Daley was bidding on **Hip #70 Dejeuner** for Patty Key, who sat behind him at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion and tapped him on the shoulder every time she wanted him to bid.

“Half a million was supposed to be our top, which is a lot,” Daley said. “She’s game, and she’s not even drinking.”

He was joking about the last part. He was clearly delighted to be entrusted with training the daughter of Walner out of French Café that was bred by Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld and consigned by and raised at Kentuckiana Farms. Though, Daley did acknowledge there might be some extra pressure with the assignment.

“We better send her home in her own trailer, I guess,” he said, laughing.

Katz and Libfeld, who also bred the sport’s first \$1 million yearling, Maverick, may be the only people that have bred two standardbred yearlings to sell for seven figures at auction. There have only been four in history – and the previous three were all colts. At the 2019 Lexington sale, Maverick sold for \$1.1 million and



Dave Landry

Patty Key purchased the Walner filly out of French Café for \$1 million.

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4,1:52.2f (\$600,835).

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half-brother to →
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Dave Landry

Noel Daley (green shirt) signs for Dejeuner, the Walner filly that sold for \$1 million.

Damien, bred by Fredericka Caldwell and Bluestone Farms, sold for \$1 million. Last year, at the Standardbred Horse Sales Company yearling sale in Harrisburg, PA, Hanover Shoe Farms' Cambridge Hanover sold for \$1 million. Amazing Catch holds a record for the most expensive standardbred sold at auction with a bid of \$1.85 million, but he was sold as a 3-year-old in the 2024 Mixed Sale in Harrisburg.

Dejeuner is now the most expensive standardbred yearling filly ever sold at auction.

"I'm thrilled for Mrs. Key," Katz said. "I'm happy [Dejeuner is] going to a good home with someone who has been in the business for a long time. It's clear evidence that if you put good horses in the sale, you're going to be well rewarded and it's very gratifying. I wish her nothing but the very best of luck with her.

"She's great for the business and, as a breeder, I love it."

After the hammer fell, the auditorium erupted in applause.

French Chef is a Katz and Libfeld homebred out of their great Hambletonian Oaks-winning mare Creamy Mimi.

Kentuckiana part-owner Bob Brady said, "We knew [Dejeuner] was extremely nice coming in. She checked all the boxes. Great size, conformation was excellent and just a giant pedigree that always produces and it's been a filly family. So, expectations were very high. She was going to be the sale topper for us, but you can't predict a million dollars. It was just a great sale.

"I wish Mrs. Key all the luck in the world with her."

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p,3, 1:49s - '25 (\$119,881)

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Dejeuner's breeder Marvin Katz (along with Al Libfeld) has now bred two horses that have sold for \$1 million or more as yearlings at auction.

Daley said Dejeuner's, "family was right. We gave [Key] a choice of about five... I wanted a horse that can win at the races, but they wanted her as a future broodmare and she had the residuals because she has a great family.

"But she's still got to be good on the track."

As for Key herself, Daley said the widow of Hall of Famer Bob Key, "wants to play and it's great."

Co-sales manager David Reid said he is proud of the fact that three of the four million-dollar yearlings have been sold in Lexington.

"It goes back to that you can't do it without the breeders and the consignors," Reid said. "We compliment them all the time. It's very rewarding to do that tonight, but there's a lot of hard work and luck and everything has to tick all the boxes and, when it happens, it's fascinating, it's fantastic for all sides. In fairness, like I said, Mrs. Key has retooled her program that she started three or four years ago and God bless her."

On Monday, 120 yearlings went through the ring, grossing \$21,801,00, averaging \$181,675 and posting a median of \$150,000. Eighty-two yearlings sold for \$100,000 or more.

The gross was down 2.2 per cent from last year's Day 1 session of \$22,294,000, which was the best in history. The Opening Night average was down 4.7 per cent from the all-time record average of \$190,547 reached in 2024. The

median matched last year's \$150,000, but was off 11.8 per cent from the record median of \$170,000 set in 2023. The number of yearlings selling for \$100,000 was up 7.9 per cent from 76 in 2024, but down 21.7 per cent from the record of 97 \$100,000+ yearlings sold on Day 1 in 2023.

"It was a robust market, led by trotters," said sale co-manager Bruce Brinkerhoff. "Trotting fillies led the way. We sold a filly for a million, another for \$900,000 and another for \$800,000. That makes it a remarkable evening. The market was exceptionally strong. Consignors brought a great set of horses and they sold very well."

Reid said, "We were talking about it coming into the sale, in the pedigrees there's a lot of youth, young families, trotting fillies and people investing in their broodmare bands. Today was a classic example of that on a couple of occasions. The Cedar Dove sold for lot of money, the other one sold for a lot of money. Hip 4, right off the bat, sold for \$800,000; that's the sister to Mission Brief. We talk about it all the time and we really can't make light of it, the breeders who are having success with sales now are reinvesting into the game and the residual value has been holding up really well over the last number of years."

Hip #94 Turtle Dove, a Walner filly out of When Dovescry, sold for \$900,000 to Jeffrey Snyder and S R F Stables out of the Hunteerton consignment.



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Hip #94 Turtle Dove, a Walner filly out of When Dovescry, sold for \$900,000 out of the Hunterton consignment to Jeffrey Snyder and S R F Stables.



“That was too stressful, emotional,” Snyder said. “It was higher than I was thinking. We thought \$800,000 and then it went up to \$900,000. Myself and S R F Stables are partners on it.”

Snyder said it is the same connections as this year’s Mohawk Million winner Apex, meaning Marcus Melander will also train Turtle Dove.

“She is a very nice filly, first foal out of When Dovescry, so the paper was in order,” Melander said. “It’s a hefty price tag, but the filly has some value if she doesn’t make it. We all hope she will. Fantastic individual.”

“Those fillies are selling – one went for a million and then \$900,000 and there are others at \$500,000, \$600,000. Those with a strong family side are selling very strong, like they always do.”

Hunterton also sold **Hip #4 Tyndall**, a Gimpanzee filly out of Southwind Serena for \$800,000 to Ernie Martinez, agent. Tyndall is a half-sister to both Mission Brief (\$1.6 million) and Tactical Landing (\$812,300). Hunterton’s Steve Stewart said he and his partners debated whether to sell Tyndall or keep her.

“Would it be stupid to sell her? Should we sell her? I told the guys, ‘Look, it makes more sense, let’s put her in the ring and see what happens,’” Stewart said. “We’re sellers and that’s what we do. So, it’s all good. It’s great.”



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Co-sales manager David Reid said he is proud of the fact that three of the four million-dollar yearlings have been sold in Lexington.

Stewart said he wasn't expecting her to bring \$800,000.

"She's not a great big filly," he said. "I think she's probably two months away from being all she can be, so to speak. You see a lot of the characteristics of the family in her, like Mission Brief, so there were a lot of reasons to like her, there's no question about it."

Hunterton was the leading consignor with gross sales of \$6,537,000 for 29 sold, followed by Crawford Farms (\$3,020,000 for 13), Kentuckiana Farms (\$2,863,000 for 17), Cameo Hills (\$2,540,000 for 12), and Preferred Equine (\$1,922,000 for nine yearlings).



By average, Crawford Farms led with \$232,308, followed by Hunterton (\$225,414), Preferred (\$213,556), and Cameo Hills (\$211,667).

"I thought the crowd was great," Reid said. "I thought the energy was great. I thought they did a great job keeping a good pace. It's always challenging, they are here to do their job and go at as fast a pace as possible while accommodating everybody. I

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Dave Landry
Hip #4 Tyndall
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\$800,000 out of
 the **Hunterton**
 consignment.

thought the energy was good, it was pretty smooth. I'm happy to have it in the books and walking around I think everybody was generally happy."

Andrew Harris, agent for Bill Pollock, was the leading buyer spending \$1,950,000 to purchase six yearlings.

"The first was **Hip #1 [Fascination, \$190,000]**, a Tactical Landing filly that I liked," Harris said. "Because of Yo Tillie we're chasing the Tactical Landing fillies a little bit, so she was one of the ones I liked. I don't usually start off that fast that early, but there just wasn't a lot of Tactical Landing fillies that I liked. This one was more of Yo Tillie's framework than the other ones that I saw.

"Next was **Hip #19 [Umbria, \$475,000]**, another Tactical Landing colt. Gorgeous animal, out of Anoka Hanover, who is obviously a beast. I really liked him. In his video, he had a strong presence and I thought he was probably one of the nicer Tactical Landings in the whole sale.

"Then we went for **Hip #44 [Seaside Ubeaut, \$500,000]**, which is obviously Ubrute's sister. Ubrute has been battling Brandon Blvd and he's been on our radar. Obviously, the Downbytheseaside thing is now in our purview because of Brandon Blvd. I thought she was the best pacing filly in the sale, but I knew she'd be an expensive one because you have to battle Burke, who is involved. I didn't want to pay that much,

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p,2, 1:51f-'25 (\$290,680)

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but obviously you've got to if you want them. She's got future broodmare value down the road, so I felt pretty safe about that.

"Hip #53 [Zenyara Bloom, \$190,000] is Brandon Blvd's sister. She had an issue behind, but we were looking at her more for if she does not make it, she'd be a future broodmare for us because of Brandon. That one was pretty much a sentimental one.

"Hip #66 [Vainqueur, \$375,000], I thought that was really sharp... big fan of Bulldog [Hanover] as a horse, so I wanted to get one. I was a big fan of Fire Start Hanover, too. I thought she was impressive and he was just an awesome colt. I thought he was fantastic. He was probably one of my favorite pacers in the sale. I'm very happy to get him.

"Hip #114 [Seven Dons A Deo, \$220,000], he's a Chapter Seven colt and you can't go wrong with Chapter Seven. He was a dark black one and looked phenomenal to me. He had a great presence. Really and truthfully, I thought he went a little bit cheaper than I thought he was going to go for. I actually thought he'd go for a little bit more. I thought the page wasn't a super, super standout page, but the individual was gorgeous."

M & L of Delaware / Armitage Farm spent \$1,550,000 to buy four yearlings, followed by Ake Svanstedt, who spent \$1,025,000, total, on seven yearlings.

Leading sires were:

- Walner – \$7,048,000 for 37
- Chapter Seven – \$3,220,000 for 21
- Muscle Hill – \$2,296,000 for 12
- Captaintreacherous – \$1,875,000 for 14

Today's (Sept. 30) session begins at 1 p.m. and is preceded by the Breeders Crown Charity Auction cocktail reception at noon and the charity breeding auction.

"I'm looking forward to a good day [Tuesday]," Reid said. "We start it off with the charity breedings, which is a great cause. There's a Captain Corey going to be supplemented right after that, so there's a good line-up of five or six and the money goes to charities around Breeders Crown so that's always great. Hopefully that will get us off to a good start and we'll have a good day tomorrow."

"We have an exceptionally deep set this year of horses and it should carry throughout the rest of the week," Brinkerhoff said. "So, we anticipate continued strength in the market. I think it will be a great week."

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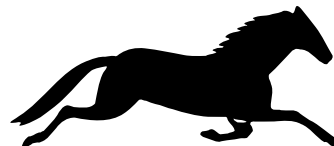
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p.4, 1:47.3 (\$2,830,479)

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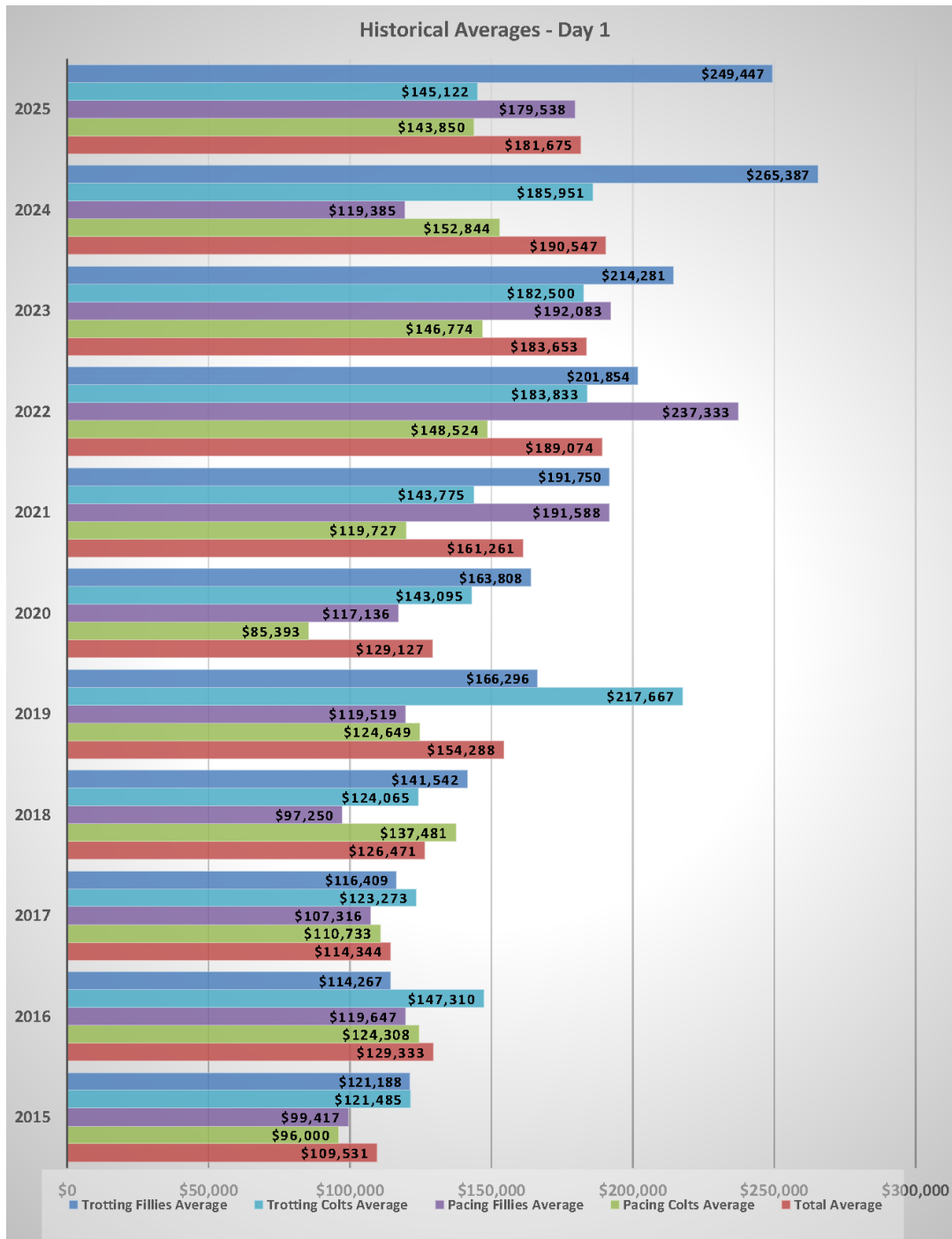
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2025 SELECTED YEARLINGS SALE - TOP SOLD (TOP 20) - DAY 1

Hip	Yearling Name <i>Sex, Color, Sire-Dam</i>	Buyer <i>Consignor</i>	Price
70	DEJEUNER <i>F, BR, Walner - French Cafe</i>	NOEL DALEY, AGENT FOR WINNING KEY, Chesterfield, NJ, USA <i>Kentuckiana Farms, Agent</i>	\$1,000,000
94	TURTLE DOVE <i>F, BR, Walner - When Dovescry</i>	JEFF SNYDER & SRF, New York, NY, USA <i>Hunterton Sales Agency, Inc., Agent</i>	\$900,000
4	TYNDALL <i>F, B, Gimpanzee - Southwind Serena</i>	MARTINEZ EQUINE, AGENT, York, PA, USA <i>Hunterton Sales Agency, Inc., Agent</i>	\$800,000
50	VALOROUS <i>C, BR, Alrajah One It - Venerable</i>	DAVID MCDUFFEE, AGENT, Rye, NH, USA <i>Cameo Hills Farm</i>	\$575,000
44	SEASIDE UBEAUT <i>F, B, Downbytheseaside - Warrawee Ubeaut</i>	ANDREW HARRIS, AGENT FOR WILLIAM POLLOCK, Allentown, NJ, USA <i>Crawford Farms</i>	\$500,000
93	SOCIAL HOUR <i>F, B, Walner - Lonely Lady</i>	AL LIBFELD, Pickering, ON, Canada <i>Hunterton Sales Agency, Inc., Agent</i>	\$500,000
59	TEMPLE OF TROT <i>F, B, Walner - Check Me Out</i>	M & L OF DELAWARE / ARMITAGE FARM, Wilmington, DE, USA <i>Cameo Hills Farm</i>	\$485,000
19	UMBRIA <i>C, B, Tactical Landing - Anoka Hanover</i>	ANDREW HARRIS, AGENT FOR WILLIAM POLLOCK, Allentown, NJ, USA <i>Crawford Farms</i>	\$475,000
96	TEMPERAMENTAL <i>F, B, Muscle Hill - Love Muffin</i>	M & L OF DELAWARE / ARMITAGE FARM, Wilmington, DE, USA <i>Hunterton Sales Agency, Inc., Agent</i>	\$475,000
27	TONY PRO <i>C, B, Chapter Seven - Check Out Trixie</i>	JEFFREY SNYDER, New York, NY, USA <i>Cameo Hills Farm</i>	\$425,000
77	MOUNTAIN MAMA <i>F, B, Muscle Hill - Grimmie Hanover</i>	SABINE KAGEBRANT, AGENT FOR COURANT INC., Delray Beach, FL, USA <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., Agent</i>	\$410,000
66	VAINQUEUR <i>C, B, Bulldog Hanover - Fire Start Hanover</i>	ANDREW HARRIS, AGENT FOR WILLIAM POLLOCK, Allentown, NJ, USA <i>Hunterton Sales Agency, Inc., Agent</i>	\$375,000
60	DAY ONE DANDY <i>F, B, Walner - Delilah Hanover</i>	DAVID MCDUFFEE, Rye, NH, USA <i>Cameo Hills Farm</i>	\$350,000
72	SWEETIE <i>F, B, Chapter Seven - Gama Bourbon Fr</i>	M & L OF DELAWARE / ARMITAGE FARM, Wilmington, DE, USA <i>Hunterton Sales Agency, Inc., Agent</i>	\$330,000
38	ISCHIA <i>F, B, Father Patrick - Avalicious</i>	LYNN CURRY, West Chester, PA, USA <i>Crawford Farms</i>	\$320,000
41	GAGOSIAN <i>C, B, Walner - Basquiat</i>	MARCUS MELANDER, New Egypt, NJ, USA <i>Concord Stud Farm, Agent</i>	\$300,000
57	DYNAMIC YANKEE <i>C, B, Muscle Hill - Darlene Hanover</i>	MARCUS MELANDER, AGENT, New Egypt, NJ, USA <i>Preferred Equine, Inc., Agent</i>	\$300,000
71	CREAMY ARMITAGE <i>F, B, Walner - French Souffle</i>	LINDA TOSCANO, AGENT, Freehold, NJ, USA <i>Armitage Farm Llc</i>	\$300,000
34	EMI <i>F, B, Chapter Seven - Corazon Blue Chip</i>	LYNN CURRY, West Chester, PA, USA <i>Crawford Farms</i>	\$275,000
63	OLIVER BLU <i>C, BR, Ecurie D Dk - Barn Girl</i>	LUCAS WALLIN, New Egypt, NJ, USA <i>Crawford Farms</i>	\$275,000
113	DOWN BY THE SEA <i>C, B, Downbytheseaside - Precocious Beauty</i>	BURKE RACING STABLE LLC, Fredericktown, PA, USA <i>Hunterton Sales Agency, Inc., Agent</i>	\$275,000

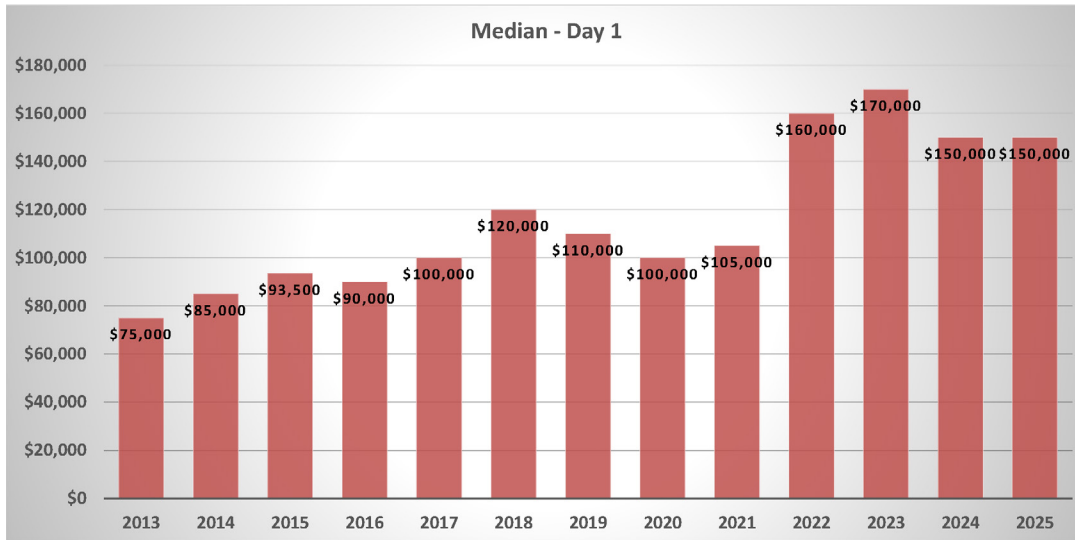


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PACING FILLIES	13	\$2,334,000	\$179,538	\$190,000
TROTTING COLTS	49	\$7,111,000	\$145,122	\$140,000
TROTTING FILLIES	38	\$9,479,000	\$249,447	\$180,000
PACERS	33	\$5,211,000	\$157,909	\$170,000
TROTTERS	87	\$16,590,000	\$190,690	\$140,000
COLTS	69	\$9,988,000	\$144,754	\$125,000
FILLIES	51	\$11,813,000	\$231,627	\$190,000
TOTAL	120	\$21,801,000	\$181,675	\$150,000

BUYER DEMOGRAPHICS - DAY 1

Country	Jurisdiction	Gross	% of Sales Gross
CANADA	ON	\$1,455,000	
CANADA	QC	\$710,000	
CANADA	PQ	\$300,000	
CANADA TOTALS		\$2,465,000	11.31%
AUSTRALIA		\$120,000	
SWEDEN		\$90,000	
EUROPE TOTALS		\$210,000	0.96%
USA	NJ	\$8,640,000	
USA	PA	\$2,455,000	
USA	NY	\$2,047,000	
USA	DE	\$1,752,000	
USA	FL	\$1,679,000	
USA	NH	\$925,000	
USA	MN	\$541,000	
USA	OH	\$405,000	
USA	ME	\$195,000	
USA	IN	\$187,000	
USA	MD	\$170,000	
USA	KY	\$130,000	
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Buyers	Sold	Gross	Average
ANDREW HARRIS, AGENT FOR WILLIAM POLLOCK	6	\$1,950,000	\$325,000
M & L OF DELAWARE / ARMITAGE FARM	4	\$1,550,000	\$387,500
AKE SVANSTEDT INC.	7	\$1,025,000	\$146,429
NOEL DALEY, AGENT FOR WINNING KEY	1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
JEFF SNYDER & SRF	1	\$900,000	\$900,000
MARCUS MELANDER, AGENT	5	\$870,000	\$174,000
LUCAS WALLIN	5	\$855,000	\$171,000
MARTINEZ EQUINE, AGENT	1	\$800,000	\$800,000
SABINE KAGEBRANT, AGENT FOR COURANT INC.	4	\$662,000	\$165,500
LYNN CURRY	2	\$595,000	\$297,500

LEADING BUYERS - DAY 1

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DAVID MCDUFFEE, AGENT	1	\$575,000	\$575,000
AL LIBFELD	1	\$500,000	\$500,000
JEFFREY SNYDER	1	\$425,000	\$425,000
M & L OF DELAWARE / ARMITAGE FARM	4	\$1,550,000	\$387,500
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LEADING CONSIGNORS - DAY 1

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HUNTERTON SALES AGENCY, INC.	29	\$6,537,000	\$225,414
CRAWFORD FARMS	13	\$3,020,000	\$232,308
KENTUCKIANA FARMS	17	\$2,863,000	\$168,412
CAMEO HILLS FARM	12	\$2,540,000	\$211,667
PREFERRED EQUINE, INC.	9	\$1,922,000	\$213,556
CONCORD STUD FARM	5	\$850,000	\$170,000
ALLIANCE BLOODSTOCK	7	\$772,000	\$110,286
SPRING STATION BLOODSTOCK LLC	4	\$555,000	\$138,750
PENINSULA FARM, INC.	3	\$537,000	\$179,000
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LEADING SIRES - DAY 1

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Sires	Sold	Gross	Average
WALNER	37	\$7,048,000	\$190,486
CHAPTER SEVEN	21	\$3,220,000	\$153,333
MUSCLE HILL	12	\$2,296,000	\$191,333
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	14	\$1,875,000	\$133,929
GIMPANZEE	6	\$1,304,000	\$217,333
BULLDOG HANOVER	6	\$1,300,000	\$216,667
DOWNBYTHESEASIDE	4	\$1,090,000	\$272,500
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BETWEEN THE LINES

with **BRETT STURMAN**

Defeat of Yo Tillie leads surprises from Grand Circuit's opening week at Red Mile

How will unforeseen recent results impact upcoming Kentucky Futurity and Kentucky Filly Futurity?

by **Brett Sturman**

Bluegrass Stakes splits contested across all the 2- and 3-year-old divisions over three racing days last week at The Red Mile produced a series of surprising results as the two-week Grand Circuit meet started with a bang. It was in the 3-year-old trotting ranks however throughout this past Saturday (Sept. 27) that produced the biggest shockers, as both the top colt and filly from their respective divisions were upset.

In one of the two big co-upsets from Saturday, the fourth of four Bluegrass divisions saw 2025 unbeaten-to-date Yo Tillie lose for the first time in 10 starts at the hands of Delaney Hanover. One could say the loss was due to Delaney Hanover getting an inside lane through the stretch, but to me it looked like Delaney Hanover – a filly that was bet down to 5-2 in the Hambletonian Oaks final following her Oaks elimination win – may have simply been the better filly on that day when delivering the race of her career thus far.

Yo Tillie came with a first-over move in the race but didn't have to be used at all for the first half of the mile. It was actually very similar to a couple of her earlier wins this season over at both The Meadowlands and The Red Mile and still came home in :26.2 in the Bluegrass, but she was equaled in that final quarter clocking by Delaney Hanover who came through an opening at the top of the stretch and credit to Scott Zeron for being able to secure that 2-hole trip after moving early to the lead from post 5.

Trainer of Yo Tillie, Andrew Harris, confirmed to me that though she could race in this weekend's Kentucky Filly Futurity through supplement, that instead, "She will get the week off and then prepare for the Breeders Crown."

Including a dead-heat for win two back in the \$200,000 Caesar's Trotting Classic with Periculum, other wins that comprise the five-race win streak of Lexus Kody are the \$1 million Yonkers International Trot, the \$459,900 Maple Leaf Trot, and a Maple Leaf Trot elimination. By any objective measure he's the best trotter in racing right now.

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filly • Walner - Las Alturas

Second dam is
BELLA GLOS 3, 1:51.2 (\$146,620).



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colt • Chapter Seven - Lovin Julie

The first foal from a half-sister to
LOVE A GOOD STORY 3, 1:51.2 (\$692,678).



Hip#306 Rowdy Station

colt • Huntsville - Rodeo Rosie

A half-brother to
RAILROAD STATION p,3, 1:49.3f-'25 (\$396,228).



Hip#335 Aviva Station

filly • Captain Corey - Allswell Hanover

Out of a half-sister to
ANOKA HANOVER 2, 1:52.3 (\$792,739).



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#175, BUSINMOTION

Day 2 NJ Pacer

PERFECT STING

#294, WHISKEY STINGER, C
Perfect Sting-Dreamlands Latte-Artsplace
1/2-brother to O'Brien Horse of the Year,
Desperate Man, p, 1:48.2f -'25 (\$1,789,024),
& 2025 NJ Sire Stakes Final Winner,
Smooth Dream, p, 3, 1:49.2 -'25 (\$275,012)

Day 2 NJ Trotter

MUSCLE HILL

#243, HILL TOP DANCER, C
Muscle Hill-Donna's Dance-Donato Hanover
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Wild Honey**,
3, 1:50.4 (\$1,585,741)

Day 2 NY Pacers

AMERICAN IDEAL

#189, POP THE CORK, C
American Ideal-Zoe Ellasen-Santanna Blue Chip
First Foal. Dam is **Zoe Ellasen**,
p, 1:52f (\$484,870). Family of
Bettor's Edge, p, 1:48.1s (\$2,200,611)

#217, ITS A BEACH DAY, F
American Ideal-Bolten Beach-Bolt The Duer
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Geez Joe**,
p, 1:47.4s (\$387,832), & to the dam of
Southwind Gendry,
p, 1:47.2f -'23 (\$1,341,637)

#259, FREE AGENT, C
American Ideal-Free Ticket-Quik Pulse Mindale
1/2-brother to **Free Flyin Ticket**,
p, 3, 1:52s (\$266,339)

Day 2 NY Trotter

CHAPTER SEVEN

#219, JUST CHARGE IT, C
Chapter Seven-Boujee Girl-Uncle Peter
Second dam is **Action Broadway**,
1:52.3 (\$1,099,099). Dam is a full-sister to
Action Uncle, 1:52.2f (\$595,175)

Day 2 ON Pacers

BETTOR'S DELIGHT

#255, FIT N FIERCE, F
Bettor's Delight-Fit N Bad-Badlands Hanover
1/2-sister to **Brave World**,
p, 1:51s (\$388,793), O'Brien Award Winner,
Laura's Love, p, 3, 1:50.3s (\$370,617),
& 2025 ON Gold Sires Stakes Winner,
Perfectly Chic, p, 3, 1:50.4s -'25 (\$310,163)

Day 2 ON Pacers (cont.)

CATTLEWASH

#175, BUSINMOTION, C
Cattlewash-Under The Bus-Art Major
First Foal. Dam is **Underthebus**,
p, 1:51.4s (\$160,494). Family of
Desperate Man, p, 1:48.2f -'25 (\$1,789,024)

#307, PISTOLPACKINGPATTY, F
Cattlewash-Maid West-Western Hanover
1/2-sister to **Wes Delight**,
p, 1:48.3 (\$441,980)

Day 2 PA Pacers

STAY HUNGRY

#280, GOLD IMPACT, F
Stay Hungry-Impact Zone-American Ideal
1/2-sister to **Contact Zone**,
p, 1:51.4f -'24 (\$191,159). Dam is a
1/2-sister to **Southwind Tempo**,
p, 1:48.2 (\$2,396,362)

#345, HONEY ROLL, F
Stay Hungry-Pleasant Roll-Roll With Joe
1/2-sister to **Momentsthatmatter**,
p, 1:51.1f -'23 (\$192,786)

SWEET LOU

#347, POSTMATE, F, PA/KY
Sweet Lou-Ponder Dat-Ponder
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Badlands Nitro**,
p, 3, 1:50f (\$1,597,638)

Day 2 PA Trotter

GREENSHOE

#318, YANKEE JT, C, Agent, PA/KY
Greenshoe-Met Gala-Chapter Seven
First Foal. Dam is a 1/2-sister **Met's Inn**,
1:56.4s (\$184,034), the dam of **Met's Hall**,
3, 1:51.2 (\$1,295,306)

Day 3 NJ Pacer

PERFECT STING

#500, STING AWAY, F
Perfect Sting-Free Show-Badlands Hanover
Dam is **Free Show**, p, 3, 1:51.3s (\$228,034).
1/2-sister to **Freestartflight**,
p, 3, 1:52s -'23 (\$190,522)

Day 3 NJ Trotter

MUSCLE HILL

#429, CHARGE THE HILL, C
Muscle Hill-Andie Sophia-Like A Prayer
Dam, **Andie Sophia**, 3, 1:54.4f (\$449,322),
is a 1/2-sister to the dam of **T C I**,
3, 1:50.4 -'24 (\$1,831,072)

Day 3 NY Pacers

AMERICAN IDEAL

#382, SMART AMERICAN, F
American Ideal-Smart Girl-Roll With Joe
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Wisdom Tree**,
p, 1:49.1s (\$687,376)

#388, AMERICAN BARBIE, F
American Ideal-Sports Chic-Sportswriter
Full-sister to **Vivians Dream**,
p, 2, 1:50.4s (\$633,782). Dam is a 1/2-sister
to **Rainbow Blue**, p, 3, 1:49.2s (\$1,428,594)

HUNTSVILLE

#435, STAMP OF APPROVAL, C
Huntsville-Authorize-Western Ideal
Dam is **Authorize**, p, 3, 1:50.3 (\$385,425).
1/2-brother to **Legal Power**,
p, 1:51.3f (\$241,062)

Day 3 ON Pacers

BETTOR'S DELIGHT

#450, TWO PIECE, F
Bettor's Delight-Bikini Genie-Sunshine Beach
First Foal. Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Weeper**,
p, 3, 1:49f (\$569,511). Family of
Badlands Nitro, p, 3, 1:50f (\$1,597,638)

#454, DEALERS DELIGHT, F
Bettor's Delight-Break The Deal-American Ideal
First Foal. Dam, **Break The Deal**,
p, 1:51.2 (\$74,607), is a 1/2-sister to
Bettor Than Spring, p, 1:49.2h (\$843,046)

Day 3 PA Pacer

PAPI ROB HANOVER

#493, PAPI EXPRESS, C
Papi Rob Hanover-Feeling You-Cambest
Dam is **Feeling You**, p, 1:48.4 (\$1,028,496).
1/2-brother to **American Fling**,
p, 1:50f -'24 (\$496,715)

Day 3 PA Trotters

CAPTAIN COREY

#476, CAPTAIN'S RULES, C
Captain Corey-Debra Hall-Cash Hall
1/2-brother to 2025 Reynolds Memorial
Winner, **Read The Room**,
2, 1:57.1f -'25; BT1:55.3-'25 (\$74,099)

INTERNATIONAL MONI

#436, CRISP MONI, C, PA/KY
International Moni-Autumn Treasure-Kadabra
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Watkins**,
1:53f (\$1,042,573)

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All three other Bluegrass divisions for the 3-year-old filly trotters produced double digit upsets. The day began in the first race with Ms Prada with a tough-to-predict win at odds of 18-1 over the 1-5 favored Champagne Problems. Amazingly, last year's 2-year-old champion Champagne Problems has won just a single time this year through 11 starts, and that was in her very first start this year in a New Jersey Sire Stakes race in May. For a filly that has many second-place finishes on her resume this year it would be fitting for her to deliver her second win of the year with the big money on the line coming up in the Filly Futurity.

It didn't get any better for favorites in the next division as in two races last year Kadena paid \$25.66 to win when besting another odds-on favorite, that one being Deja Blue at 3-5. It was then bombs away in the third Bluegrass division when filly trotters Grand Reserve and Dreams Come Easy ran 1-2 at odds of 31-1 and 26-1, respectively.

What all these results allude to is that it would seem that no matter what happens in the Breeders Crown and in a potential race or two following, Yo Tillie has solidified her status as the division's best 3-year-old filly trotter. Where it gets more interesting is when looking at the picture of overall Trotter of the Year where Yo Tillie has competition with the rapidly eye-catching performances from the 7-year-old Lexus Kody. As of last week's Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll, Yo Tillie was third while Lexus Kody was seventh, but that all may change when this week's poll comes out Wednesday.

That's because of not only what happened at The Red Mile Saturday, but more persuasively what happened at Dayton that same night. In the \$250,000 Dayton Trotting Derby, the heavily backed Lexus Kody found himself shuffled from the rail position and was the last of nine on the inside by three quarters. Eventually being able to shift into the two-path and then even wider on the final turn and into the stretch, he burst by everyone including 2-1 choice Aetos Kronos S to deliver an improbable and visually impressive win.

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While Yo Tillie lost as the 1-5 favorite, that wasn't even the biggest upset on Saturday, strictly going by the odds. Three races earlier Super Chapter lost as the 1-9 favorite at 5 cents on the dollar. And whereas a break in stride did him in a few races prior, he was beaten fair and square in his Bluegrass division by a 3-year-old gelding named Warrior.

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HIP#427 MSAMERICAN PIE DEO

Bay filly • Papi Rob Hanover - American Miss Deo

Second foal, first is a 2YO starter in 2025. From a sister to the winners of over \$2 million including EMPRESS DEO p, 1:50.2f (\$688,159) and REIGNING DEO p, 1:51.2h (\$629,373).



HIP#707 PICTUREPERFECT DEO

Bay filly • Perfect Sting - Full Picture

Half-sister to CAVIART HEATHER p,3, 1:51.3f (\$108,385). From half-sister to World Champion, BETTING LINE p,3, 1:47.2f (\$1,879,061).

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I actually liked Warrior on Hambletonian Day in the Muscle Hill stakes (he ended up being non-threatening that day) following his good try in a race prior in the Tompkins-Geers, but him being able to track down Super Chapter off cover would have been tough to see, and as such, was the reason he paid over \$65 to win. In that race, Super Chapter got the good second-over trip and was towed right into it behind Variegated, but Warrior was even better from third-over.

In the case of Warrior perhaps a brand-new late driver in Todd McCarthy helped do the trick, but it goes to show how anything can happen when you take horses with talent, all from talented trainers, and put them out over a mile-sized track. With both Super Chapter and Warrior currently eligible for the upcoming Kentucky Futurity, I'd anticipate that it will be their next stop.

Of course, the horse at this point that the Kentucky Futurity might go through is Go Dog Go. Finally staying flat on Saturday following breaks in his two prior races and being one of the few race favorites to actually deliver a win on the day, he was as powerful as ever when trotting to a 1:49.3 score which now makes him tied for the 12th fastest trotting mile ever.

Races from that day may just be a preview of what's to come at The Red Mile this Saturday (Oct. 4). Following the two upcoming days, Thursday and Friday, of International Stallion Stakes, much will be on the line on the Grand Circuit's closing day at The Red Mile in a card of end-to-end stakes. From what recent history just shows, anything can – and probably will – happen.

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p,2, 1:51f-'25 (\$290,680)

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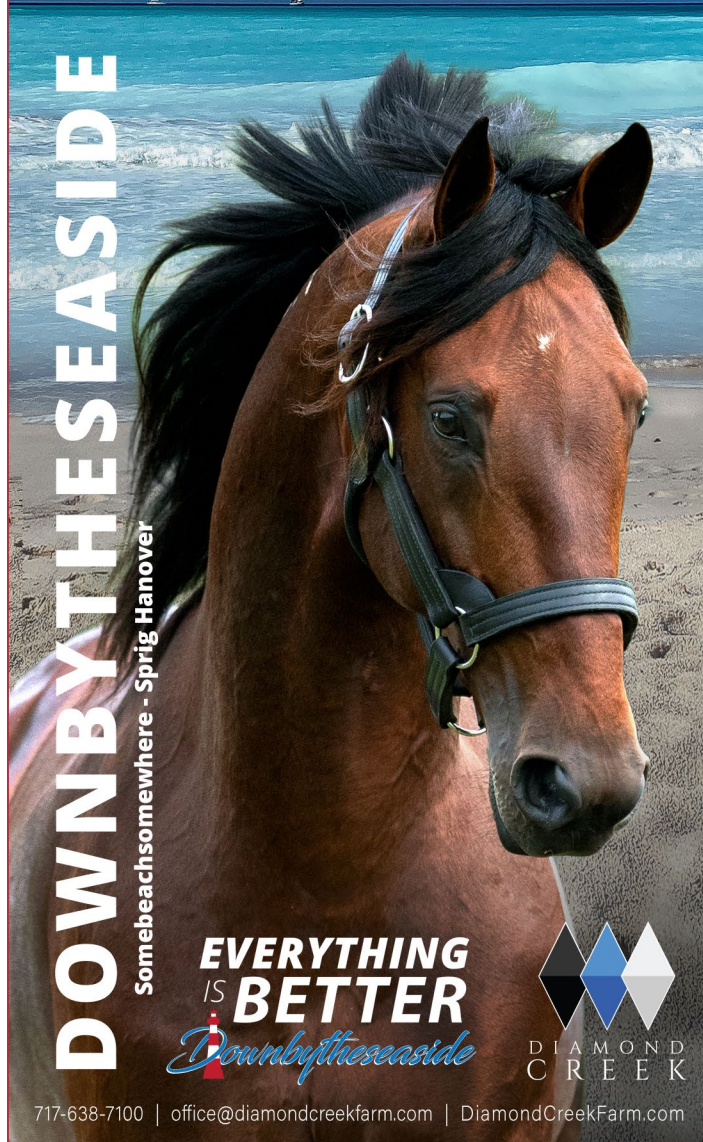
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SEASIDE SHUFFLE

p,2, 1:51.3f-'25 (\$313,062)

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BACKSTRETCH WITH GORDON

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Week two begins!

by Gordon Waterstone

Let's start this edition of Backstretch With Gordon with the weather. The first week of Grand Circuit racing at The Red Mile saw spectacular weather, and the forecast for week two is the same. Highs each day through next Sunday (Oct. 5, AKA Kentucky Futurity Day) are expected to be in the low 80s, with nighttime lows in the mid 50s. It can't get any better in the fall in the Bluegrass.

I admit I was worn out when I got home from the races last Saturday, but I have a hunch some horsemen were feeling even more tired after the long day they put in. With Hollywood Dayton also hosting a plethora of stakes on its Saturday night Ohio Sires Stakes championship card as well as some open events, many horsepeople hit the road north on I75 as The Red Mile program was coming to a close.

It's about a two-hour drive to Dayton from Lexington, and that's with no traffic or construction. I saw everybody looked like they made it from Kentucky into Ohio, but with the last race at Hollywood Dayton going off at midnight, it's likely nobody made it back to Lexington until after 3 a.m.

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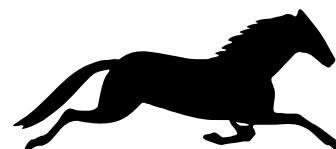


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I had planned to take it easy on Saturday night but around 7:30 p.m. I received a phone call from my longtime Michigan friend Julie DeMull, who is at The Red Mile charting the Grand Circuit races. While I've spoken to Julie several times over the past few months, I hadn't seen her since her husband, Skip, passed away in late March after competing at Northfield Park. Julie said she was at a dive bar called Malabu Pub with another Michigander, Jeff James, and judges' assistant Beverly. It's about a five-minute drive from me so I picked myself up off the couch to join them. There was a lot of reminiscing done about the old days in Michigan between Jeff, Julie and myself (sorry, Bev is a Kentuckian so she just listened in with wide eyes).

I tried to take it easy Sunday as I waited to attend the Round Barn fundraising party that night that honored Kit Glenn-McKinley. My remote control got a workout as I flipped channels all afternoon trying to watch the Ryder Cup, NFL games, and the Tigers as they managed to squeak into the playoffs.

When I arrived at the Round Barn on the grounds of The Red Mile, I admit it was a bit creepy when I saw the yellow coroners tape wrapped around the building. I'm only guessing that it was the only thing they had to keep people from walking over the grass, but still, it was a bit creepy.

The Hambletonian Society's Moira Fanning had told me they had an extra ticket, which I gladly accepted. Although my name wasn't on the list as it was noted "Fanning, party of four" on the sheet, I talked my way in as one of the quartet.

I stopped for a second to chat with Elizabeth Caldwell and tell her I was likely going to be joining her and the group in Paris for next January's Prix d'Amérique. Elizabeth said she was still deciding if she would be going. She also introduced me to her brother, Dan, who I had never met despite all these years.

I walked to the bar to get a diet Coke, and the server looked at me and said, "When I served you all those years here in the clubhouse you ordered diet Coke then too." She reminded me that her name was Sharon and while now retired, she still helps out occasionally for functions in the Round Barn.

While I was standing there Bob Hutchison came over and introduced himself. I didn't know Bob, and I certainly appreciated that the Ohioan came over to simply tell me how much he's enjoyed reading the Backstretch columns over the years. Thanks Bob, it's always nice to hear as I'm never sure who's out there reading.

I grabbed some food and went to sit with Bruce Brinkerhoff and Mike Moss and their wives, but just as I did, I heard the Hambletonian Society group (John and Paula Campbell and Moira) hooting and hollering at me. Moira told me that since I was there on their ticket, I had to sit with them. So, despite

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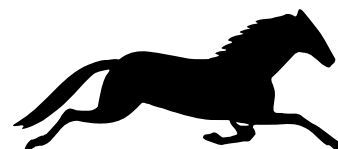


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wanting to talk Tigers baseball with Bruce, I picked up all my stuff and sat with the Hambletonian group.

Ex-boss Kathy Parker soon joined us, as did Heather Vitale. Heather told me a few weeks ago she had tickets to see Dolly Parton in early December at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, and when I told her I had plans to be out there the same week, we hoped to get together for dinner. Ironically, as we were sitting there talking about Dolly, Heather got a text from the person she was going to Vegas with, noting that the country superstar had just announced her December shows would be postponed until next September. So, while I will still be out there (hoping to go to the rodeo), Heather's plans will likely be changing.

One of the best moments of the night for me – in addition to some really nice remarks from 94-year-old Kit – was spending some time with the Wilder family. I congratulated Mike on his win with the Norm Parker-trained (brother of my ex-Boss Kathy) Mr Big Spender on Thursday afternoon. Mike's wife Heather was there and we chatted a few minutes about the U.S. Harness Writers Association (she and I are on the Hall of Fame screening committee together, although this past June was the last of my six-year term). Also there were the Wilder daughters Lauren and Scarlett. Both daughters are a tremendous help at the Dan Patch Awards dinner and it's been awesome getting to know them better this past year.

Speaking of best moments, I was happy to check my texts early Sunday morning and see that Garnet Barnsdale had sent me a six-way parlay that he was touting. Garnet rarely loses so I was glad to see he finally decided to share a ticket with me. But when you see what he sent me, you'll understand why I was hesitant and passed.

I can tell you that Garnet's parlay included winning wagers on a women's tennis match, a pre-season hockey game and a cricket match in Australia. He also had made a winning wager that a men's soccer game would finish in a 0-0 tie. But it was his last two wagers that completed the parlay and paid Garnet off handsomely that were amazing. I can maybe try and figure out how Garnet won while betting the Packers/Cowboys game would end up in a tie, but how did he complete the ticket by betting that Bad Bunny would be named the halftime entertainer at Super Bowl 60? Garnet, you are good!

Monday night is the opening session of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale at Fasig-Tipton, and I'll be there around 5 p.m. for the two-hour reception before the auction gets underway at 7 p.m. I filled my gas tank Monday morning, and the stations near where I live were all at \$2.59. So yes, with my dollar off via my Kroger points, I filled my tank at \$1.59 a gallon, spending only \$25.

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In closing, I have to tell Tom Charters how great it is to see him in Lexington this year...Tom is here as he told me any time I needed a sponsor that he would be the person to see.

I'll have a report from the Monday night sale in Wednesday's Backstretch With Gordon. I hope it's a great night for my sponsors, Steve and Cindy Stewart's Hunteerton Sales Agency, who are selling a record 126 yearlings during this year's five sessions. Also on Wednesday, I will let you know how things went Tuesday afternoon, which includes the one-hour Breeders Crown Charity Challenge reception that gets underway at noon.

Remember, the sale continues Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, before the closing night session on Friday. And if you plan on attending Friday night and your travel route takes you through downtown Lexington, there is an Eric Church concert at Rupp Arena so traffic should be heavy. On the flip side, traffic the rest of the time through the week should be lighter as the county schools are closed for fall break until next Monday.

In closing, I have to tell Tom Charters how great it is to see him in Lexington this year. Tom was planning on attending last year but on the eve of his trip to the Bluegrass he had a mishap and had to return to his New Jersey home to recover. I'm really thrilled Tom is here as he told me any time I needed a sponsor that he would be the person to see.

Once again, back at ya on Wednesday, and if you're in town make sure you take advantage of the bargain gas prices while they last.

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Francesco Zet reigns supreme in Sweden

by Thomas Hedlund


Daniel Redén's **Francesco Zet** (Father Patrick) overcame post 12 and swept the field to give his trainer a first-ever title in the open division of the Swedish Championship on Saturday (Sept. 27) at Åby.

The \$110,000 Swedish Championship is raced over 1-5/8ths miles (2,640 meters), meaning post 12 was not as tough a handicap as usual. Driver Örjan Kihlström sat patiently in fourth-over before making his move four-wide with three-eighths to go. Francesco Zet stormed past pacesetter H.C.'s Crazy Horse and had the race in hand well before the wire.

The 7-year-old son of Father Patrick stopped the clock in a world record-tying mile rate of 1:54.3 for 1-5/8ths miles, earning \$55,000. The victory pushed his career bankroll past \$2.9 million. Francesco Zet is undefeated in seven career starts at the distance.

The \$110,000 Swedish Championship for mares looked like a battle between Olly Häleryd and Great Skills, but longshot

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Kaffe&champagne (\$20 winner) came flying late with Carl Johan Jepson to spring the upset. Sitting last-over while Olly Håleryd cut the mile with Great Skills parked outside, Jepson unleashed his mare through the lane. She powered past the dueling favorites to score in a mile rate of 1:53.4 for 1-5/16ths miles (2,140 meters), good for \$55,000. It was a huge turnaround for a mare who cost only \$5,500 as a yearling at the Travera online sale.

Åby also hosted two \$44,000 eliminations for the \$480,000 European Derby final at Solvalla in two weeks. In the first, **Bullet The Bluesky** (Ready Express) rebounded from his miscue in the Swedish Derby with a dominant front-end win. Taking command after the first quarter in :27.3, he cruised through the middle fractions before finishing strongly in a mile rate of 1:54.3 for 1-5/16ths miles, worth \$22,000.

In the second, Derby champ **Dream Mine** (Maharajah) and driver Mats E. Djuse took over the lead midway through and were hounded by Far Wise As on the outside. Through the final turn, the challenger pressed hard, but Dream Mine proved best, drawing off to win in a mile rate of 1:53.4 for 1-5/16ths miles.

CONTROVERSIAL STAR DOMINATES IN FRANCE

The French elimination at Vincennes on Friday night (Sept. 26) produced a blistering pace. The first 1,100 meters (11/16 miles) went in a mile rate of 1:46.2 – nearly unheard of.

But **Lovino Bello**, a 4-year-old with a doping scandal in his past, handled it with ease, surging late to win in a mile rate of 1:52.1 for 1-5/16ths miles (2,100 meters).

L'As Desbois cut out the insane fractions, :27 for the first three furlongs, :54 for the half while favorite Frank Gio was left parked in the breeze. Lovino Bello (Village Mystic) stalked the hot tempo, then swept by in the lane to defeat Lilas Castelle convincingly.

Frank Gio, trained by Sébastien Guarato, faded to fifth, but was later elevated when Lady Dada was disqualified for interference. That secured Frank Gio a spot in the European Derby final at Solvalla on Oct. 11.

Lovino Bello is a highly debated figure in European trotting. He tested positive for the banned substance Tildren in last year's Gran Premio Orsi Mangelli in Turin. Italy banned him for a month, but the French federation overturned the suspension, allowing him to compete in the Group 1 \$354,000 Prix de l'Etoile/Prix Ready Cash last December, which he won for a purse of \$106,000.

He also captured the \$354,000 Criterium des 3 ans and last summer became the fastest 3-year-old in European history when he won the \$106,000 Prix Henri Cravoisier at Enghien in a mile rate of 1:52.1.

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Lexus Kody (Yannick Gingras) winning the Dayton Trotting Derby on Saturday at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway.



M-M's Dream, Lexus Kody, Twin B Joe Fresh, Ervin Hanover Dayton Derby winners Saturday

by Jay Wolf for Dayton Raceway

The sport's best older performers invaded Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway for the \$1 million (div.) Dayton Derbies on Saturday (Sept. 27).

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M-M's Dream (Gingras) winning the Dayton Oaks Derby.



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**Twin B Joe Fresh (Dexter
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 Distaff Derby.**



The hottest trotter in the sport, **Lexus Kody** gave one of the most memorable and impressive performance in the Dayton Trotting Derby.

Leaving from the rail, Lexus Kody (Yannick Gingras) found himself in a tough position when half of the field was sent for the early lead.

It was Up Your Deo (Ake Svanstedt) with the lead during the first half-mile :26.4 and :54.3.

Southwind Coors (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.) used a first-over move to grab control at the three-quarters in 1:23.1, where Lexus Kody was shuffled to last.

Gingras sent the 7-year-old four wide around the final turn and went from worst to first to score a three-quarter length win in 1:51.4.

Aetos Kronos S (Dexter Dunn) was second and Chapercraz (Chris Page) was third.

“I was screwed from the word ‘go,’” said Gingras. “It wasn’t a good drive. All the credit goes to him... I hope we can keep this going for a few more weeks.”

Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Bruscelli, and Phillip Collura own the Archangel gelding.

The \$250,000 Dayton Distaff Derby was another showdown between **Twin B Joe Fresh** (Dunn) and Sylvia Hanover (Tim Tetrick).

Twin B Joe Fresh benefited from an inside post draw (post 4) while her rival was saddled with post 8.

The 2024 Jugette champion, Soft Shot (David Miller) grabbed the lead in the opening quarter in :26.1.

Sylvia Hanover tried for the lead but never saw a pylon and was parked for the entire mile.

Dunn sent the defending champion to the lead before the half in :54.2 and three-quarters in 1:21.1.

The double millionaire used a :27.3 final quarter to stop the timer in a track record 1:48.4.

Sylvia Hanover hung on for second, 4¼ lengths behind the winner, and Seaside Diva (Chris Page) was third.

“She is incredible,” said Dunn. “We have been on a special run.

“She felt fantastic tonight. They are two champion mares, but we had the advantage tonight drawing inside of her [Sylvia Hanover].”

Brad Conrad
Ervin Hanover (Louis-Philippe Roy) winning the Dayton Pacing Derby.



The 5-year-old mare is owned by trainer Chris Ryder, Dexter Dunn, Peter Trebotica, and Barry Spak.

In the \$250,000 Dayton Oaks Derby, **M-M's Dream** (Gingras) used a perfect pocket trip in winning the older mare trot in a stakes record 1:51.3.

The Ohio-bred Jurassic Hattie (Brett Miller) grabbed the early lead and led the field of eight past the opening three-quarters in :26.2, :54.4, and 1:22.

Gingras sat patiently in the pocket and sent the Ron Burke trainee into the passing lane to record the one length win.

Jurassic Hattie held on for second and Elista Hanover (David Miller) rallied for third.

"I was struggling at the half, she just kept on going," said Gingras. "She's all class."

M-M's Dream is owned by Hillside Stables and Frank Baldachino.

The night wrapped up with the glamour division, the open male pacers.

Ervin Hanover received an aggressive steer from Louis-Philippe Roy and held off a late charge by Captain Albano (Todd McCarthy) to win in 1:47.2.

Captain Albano and Ervin Hanover exchanged the lead in the opening splits of :26.3 and :53.2.

Ervin Hanover led past the three-quarters in 1:20.

Captain Albano made one last surge, but came up a neck short.

The winning time was the fastest mile ever paced at the Dayton, OH, oval.

Ervin Hanover has won back-to-back races in the Buckeye State – he won the \$250,000 Jim Ewart Memorial at Eldorado Scioto Downs on Sept. 6.

The Captaintreacherous stallion is owned by Pollack Racing and conditioned by David Menary.

Thanks to the hard work of trackman Jim Shelton and his crew, 11 track records were broken or equaled on Saturday night.


Dayton Raceway also enjoyed their third highest handle of \$911,861 during the 14-race card.

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Burke trainees win three of four pacing divisions of OHSS Scarlet championships

by Wes Mayberry / Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

Ron Burke stablemates **Harrisburg Heist**, **Lindy Dragonwater**, and **Seaside Shuffle** took three of the four pacing divisions in the 2025 Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet championships at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway on Saturday (Sept. 27).

Harrisburg Heist (Todd McCarthy) recorded the fastest mile among the four divisions, winning the \$400,000 colt pace championship in a lifetime-best and track-record 1:48.3.

"Ronnie [Burke] was really confident with the horse going into tonight," McCarthy said. "He said to me, 'If you can kind of figure out a trip where you can be close, I think he's got a shot.' He had him spot on tonight, and it was a fun race."

With betting odds of 22-1, it was an upset win for the Downbytheseaside gelding. Swingtown (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.) was a half-length back in second followed by Sippinonsearoc (Yannick Gingras) in third. All three horses are Burke trainees. Swingtown led the field at the quarter pole in :25.3, but Sippinonsearoc was in front at the next two calls in fractions of :53.4 and 1:21.2. Third at the halfway mark and second at the three-quarter pole, Harrisburg Heist made it three wide down the stretch and surged to victory.

"It felt really good down the backstretch there, and he really dug for me," McCarthy said. "At that point, I figured we were going to be pretty close there at the wire. He raced huge. Full credit to the horse."

It was the ninth career win for Harrisburg Heist, increasing his earnings to \$483,777. He is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services, Phillip Collura, and Weaver Brussemi.

The colt pace was the lone \$400,000 division, as it did not have a consolation race on Friday. The remaining divisions featured a purse of \$300,000.

Lindy Dragonwater (Chris Page) won the freshman colt pace championship in 1:51, matching his lifetime best and setting new stakes and track records. The Downbytheseaside gelding posted victories in three of the five legs of the OHSS this season and has five wins in eight starts overall with \$290,680 in earnings.

"I've just been real patient with him and have done things his way," Page said. "I've let him progress at his own pace, and it paid off tonight with a track record. Once I got the lead, I kept things rolling right along."


l'llbetyourboots (Gingras) led at the quarter pole in :26.3, but Lindy Dragonwater was in front the rest of the way, recording fractions of :55 and 1:22.4 en route to winning by two lengths over second-place When Is Parade (Dexter Dunn) with Backninebar (Tim Tetrick) in third. Crocodile Station (Wrenn, Jr.), who was vying to complete an Ohio Triple Crown-winning season, was fourth. Lindy Dragonwater is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services, Beastly LLC, and Bradley Grant.

Another offspring of Downbytheseaside, Seaside Shuffle (Wrenn, Jr.), took the freshman filly pace championship in a lifetime-best 1:51.3, setting a new track record. She'safirewoman (Luke Hanners), who entered five-for-five in the OHSS this season, led at the first three calls with

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fractions of :27.1, :56, and 1:24. But after taking the pocket trip, Seaside Shuffle moved into the passing lane and raced side by side with She'safirewoman down the stretch toward a photo finish. Seaside Shuffle edged She'safirewoman by a nose. Laude Da (Gingras) was third. Seaside Shuffle entered with two OHSS wins on the season and has now hit the board in eight of nine starts with four victories and \$313,062 in earnings. She is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Brusceci, Knox Services, and RAS Racing.

"This is fantastic," Kris Brechler, of Knox Services, said after the win. "She had been racing some really good competition in Lexington and holding her own, so I thought she would be good tonight."

McCarthy scored a second driving win with **Prolific Fire** in the sophomore filly pace championship. Trained by Todd Luther for Greg Luther Racing, the Catch The Fire filly crossed the line in a lifetime-best and stakes-record 1:50.

"She is a very nice filly," McCarthy said. "She behaved herself well and has a great attitude. This was my first time driving her, and it was a pleasure."

Prolific Fire took the pocket trip as Odds On Chesapeake (Dunn), who scored wins in four of the five legs of the OHSS this season, led the way at the first three calls in fractions of :26.3, :55, and 1:22.3. That duo separated itself from the rest of the field entering the final stretch. Moving to the outside of Odds On Chesapeake, Prolific Fire used a late charge to win by three-quarters-of-a-length.



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Maine SIRE STAKES REPORT

Maine's freshman finals flourish at Cumberland

by Chris Tully for First Tracks Cumberland

Maine's freshmen finals were contested on Saturday (Sept. 27) and provided fans with the most lucrative slate of harness races to be held at the Cumberland Fair this year.

Under sunny skies, the grandstand was packed with fans eager to witness the next generation of standardbred stars that are born and bred in the Pine Tree State. The action did not disappoint as the unbeaten freshmen phenom **Real Horrorshow** led every step of the way to capture his \$85,947 Maine Sire Stakes 2-year-old colt and gelding pace final in 2:00.

Driven by Kevin Switzer, Jr. for trainer Kevin Switzer, Sr. and owners KDK Standardbreds, Kathleen Mofield, and Anthony Sivik, Jr., the son of Dude's The Man never had an anxious moment as he prevailed by 4½ lengths.

Bred in Maine by Luke and Patricia Varnum, Real Horrorshow paid \$2.40 to win as the heavy favorite, taking his ninth consecutive win of the season, and retaining his unblemished record and boosting his earnings to \$100,377.

Mia's Boy (Mark Athearn) finished second; Daytoremember (Heath Campbell) was third.

Another unbeaten star, **Snowonthepines**, entered the \$85,947 pacing filly final with her eight-race win streak on the line, and did not disappoint.

Switzer, Jr. sent the daughter of Dude's The Man out to an early lead and never looked back as the rest of the field tracked along obediently behind the divisional standout. However, down the stretch the pocket sitting Just Delightful (Ron Cushing) took her shot at the pacesetter, but Snowonthepines maintained a half-length advantage at the wire, tripping the timer in 2:02.

Trained by Marc Tardif for owner/breeder Leighton Property, the 1-9 favorite paid \$2.20 to win the ninth straight start of her illustrious season, with \$100,288 earned.

Ekorus (Nick Graffam) finished third.

Switching over to the diagonally gaited set, **Pembroke Lady** scored a front-end victory in her \$85,908 split for frosh trotting fillies.

Driven by Heath Campbell for trainer Valerie Grondin, the daughter of Pembroke Slugger held the pocket briefly after the start as Hayden (Gary Hall) assumed the point. Down the backstretch the first time Campbell brushed to the lead to gain control of the tempo with the 3-5 favorite.

Past the half, Pembroke Lady made every call a winning one as the field stacked up in the outer flow in an attempt to reel in the leader and avoid early breakers. Our Last Quote (Steve Wilson) challenged first over at the third station but failed to gain any significant ground on the pacesetter.

Down the stretch the pocket sitting Hayden tipped out and had one last surge and finished within a half-length of the divisional leader Pembroke Lady in 2:06, returning \$3.20.

Owned by Brenda Varney and bred by the late Bill Varney, it was the filly's eighth win of the season, increasing her bankroll to \$100,107.

Our Last Quote hung on for third.

In the \$85,591 division for freshmen trotting colts and geldings, it was the heavy favorite **Wilder N Idy** who misbehaved behind the starting gate but managed to pull himself together and keep his mind on business through the remaining stations and rolled to a 5¾ length romp in 2:04.2.

Driven by Mark Athearn for trainer Gretchen Athearn, the son of To The Hilt paid \$2.20. Wilder N Idy is owned by Patrick Leavitt and increased his seasonal kitty to \$119,584. Bred by the late Mike Andrew, he completed his Maine Sire Stakes season with eight wins in nine starts.

Driver Kevin Switzer, Jr. led all drivers on the program, scoring four times, including two sire stakes finals.

Cumberland's 18-day winter festival begins Nov. 2 and then follows a two-day Saturday-Sunday schedule throughout the month of November. The month of December picks up Fridays for three-day weekends of racing through Dec. 21. Our annual Au Revoir retirement ceremonies are slated for Dec. 20.

For additional information, visit our website at firsttrackscumberland.com, or find us on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstTracksCumberland/>.

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Tuesday, Sept. 30

PP	Track	Race	Race #(s)	1st Race Post
	Plainridge Park	MASS	non-bettor before the card	1:40 p.m.
✓	Plainridge Park	MASS	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	2 p.m.
✓	Harrington	DSBF elims	2, 3	4:30 p.m.
✓	Hoosier Park	INSS	1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11	5:30 p.m.
✓	Woodbine Mohawk Park	OSS Gold	4, 6, 8	6:35 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

PP	Track	Race	Race #(s)	1st Race Post
✓	Harrington	DSBF elims	1, 2, 3, 4	4:30 p.m.
✓	Hoosier Park	INSS	4, 5, 6, 8	5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

PP	Track	Race	Race #(s)	1st Race Post
	Hoosier Park	INSS	1, 4, 8, 11, 13	5:30 p.m.



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Correction - Karl standing at Southwind Farms in New Jersey

In the Sept. 28 issue, we incorrectly stated where trotting stallion Karl is standing at stud. That issue has since been corrected, but if you saw an early version of that issue, we wanted to make sure you know that Karl is standing at Southwind Farms in New Jersey in 2026.

For those in Kentucky that are interested in seeing the horse up close, Crawford Farms' Kentucky location will showcase Karl at a brunch on Friday (Oct. 3) from noon to 2 p.m.

Also, one additional correction: stallion Crazy Wow stands at Blue Chip Farms in New York.

Nominations for Outstanding Groom, Dick Brandt, Terry Holton Youth awards due to OHHA Oct. 1

The deadline to submit nominations for the Ohio Outstanding Groom, Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort, and Terry Holton Youth awards to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association is Wednesday (Oct. 1).

The Ohio Outstanding Groom Award highlights an individual who goes above and beyond for his or her horses and the sport of harness racing in Ohio.

Now in its 24th year, the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award recognizes local Ohio horsemen's associations or individuals that have given time and talent to their county fair or local community. The award is based on involvement with a local fair board, participation in local matinees, community involvement, improvements to track and barn areas, and assistance with the racing programs during fair week.

The Terry Holton Youth Award, which is in its 23rd year, is given to an individual aged 13-19 who has actively participated in harness racing during the current calendar year as a driver, trainer, owner, groom, breeder, official, race office/publicity

assistant, track maintenance crewperson, or in any capacity that has provided outstanding service to harness racing.

Completed nomination forms should be submitted to the OHHA by mail to 2237 Sonora Drive, Grove City, OH 43123 or via email to info@ohha.com.

For more information about the awards or the nomination requirements, contact the OHHA at 614-221-3650.

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