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Toscano Brings Fresh Pair Into Big M Open

The Meadowlands kicks off 2016 on Saturday night with a 15-race card that gets underway at 6:30 p.m., a half-hour earlier than its usual post. There are full fields galore on the program, including 11 eleven-horse races and a 1 1/8-mile contest with 14 starters. The feature event on tap is Race 9, a \$25,000 Open Handicap Pace.

Meadowlands race secretary Peter Koch divided the top-class event into three tiers, with posts 1-4 drawn, posts 5-6 drawn, and posts 7-10 drawn. The race includes a coupled

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wagering entry in Ultimate Beachboy (head number 1, post 5) and Ontario Success (head number 1A, post 7), who hail from the Ron Burke barn.

While common ownership led to the coupling of the Burke horses, that isn’t the case with a pair of Linda Toscano trainees who have separate ownership.

Toscano will be sending out El Bloombito and Doctor Butch, both returning to the racetrack after getting some time off since early October.

“They don’t fill the opens and they don’t get in (at other racetracks), so it was a perfect time to freshen them up,” explained Toscano of the nearly three-month respite from the racing wars for her two pacers.

El Bloombito, who will be making his first start as a 5 year old in Saturday’s Open, comes into the race off a 1:53.1 winning qualifier on Dec. 26 at the Meadowlands. In that race, driver John Campbell rallied the son of American Ideal from fifth at the half with back half of :54.4 and last quarter of :26 to post the victory. Doctor Butch, who turned six on Jan. 1, has two winning Big M qualifiers under his belt on Dec. 12 (1:54.2) and Dec. 18 (1:52).

“They both had really good qualifiers,” noted Toscano.

El Bloombito, a \$25,000 yearling purchase by Stake Your Claim Stable, Camelot Stable and Fred Wallace, has 11 wins in 39 career starts, with seven of those victories coming in 2015. El Bloombito brings into the race career earnings of \$210,552, and a mark of 1:49.3 set last Aug. 30 at Harrah’s Philadelphia.

“He’s a nice horse but he was plagued with soundness problems at two and three,” said Toscano. “He just needed to grow up.”

Toscano has named Pat Lachance to drive El Bloombito, who will start from post 6. Campbell remains in the sulky behind Doctor Butch, who landed the outside post 10. It is

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just the second time in 21 career starts at the Meadowlands that Doctor Butch will start from the far outside on the starting gate, the first coming on Nov. 30, 2013, where he finished a late-closing second in a \$20,000 conditioned event.

“He’s just a blue-collar horse who shows up every week and does what he is supposed to do,” Toscano said of Doctor Butch, who will be making his 97th career start on Saturday and went over the \$1-million mark in career earnings in September.

Owner Ken Jacobs purchased Doctor Butch as a yearling for \$55,000. The son of Art Major’s 26 career victories include the \$275,000 Art Rooney final in 2013 and the \$225,000 New York Sires Stakes final in 2012.—By Gordon Waterstone

Nat A Virgin Tries For Second Straight Win Saturday At Woodbine

With 192 horses entered for its Saturday, Jan. 2, program, Woodbine race secretary Scott McKelvie had no problem putting together 13 races with full fields, although the \$34,000 Preferred Pace (Race 2) attracted just six entries. Apprentice Hanover, who won last week's Preferred, is not in the field.

A \$25,000 conditioned pace for mares includes the 1:49.2 record speedster Nat A Virgin, who has turned into a bit of a project this year for trainer-owner Dustin Jones despite taking that mark at Mohawk last July 11.

"She bled and we put her on Lasix and then she started tying up and then she got the thumps (a severe case of dehydration), and then she started grabbing on so badly you couldn't handle her," related Jones, who owns and bred the mare with noted insurance executive Lynn Jones.

When Nat A Virgin became more headstrong, Dustin Jones decided to drive her to try to figure out what rigging to add.

"When I drove her and finished fifth (Nov. 20 at Woodbine) she was grabbing on and if the horses in front of me had stopped we would have run over them," added Jones.

"Then I put a snake cord on her, and the first time she raced with it she was third, but then she was terrible the next start (pacing her last quarter in just :31.4)."

So Jones took the snake cord off and the 5-year-old mare by Always A Virgin improved in her next start, this time with James MacDonald handling her. On the special afternoon Boxing Day card at Woodbine on Dec. 26, once again with MacDonald at the lines, she drew off in the stretch with a :26.4 last quarter, winning by three lengths in 1:52 for her fourth win in 26 starts, and pushed her career earnings to \$288,699.

Nat A Virgin amassed \$194,990 of her earnings in 2014, with the biggest of her three victories that year coming in a \$110,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial division at The Red Mile.

Jones, who is training 46 horses, with 21 yearlings—rather, 2 year olds as of Jan. 1—said he hopes Nat A Virgin's problems are behind her, but he's not sure. Nat A Virgin will start from post 4 on Saturday as the 6-1 fourth choice on the morning line. The 3-1 favorite from post 9 is Our Hot Majorette, who is riding a four-race win streak for trainer-driver Rick Zeron.—By Kathy Parker



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Saturday, January 2

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Racing's Stars Were Once Out On New Year's Eve

For many years, before scores of college bowl games filled the hours and people were looking for ways to get out of the house, horse racing was so popular that the holiday racing schedule was full of big events and the sport's stars were sometimes on the track.

In addition to the victory by Jenna's Beach Boy at the Meadowlands on Dec. 26, 1995, and Niatross's appearance at Pompano Park in 1980, which brought out such a large crowd that officials had to close entrance to the track, other stars have made headlines during the Christmas to New Year's Day holiday stretch.

Back in 1971, Rum Customer, the champion 3-year-old pacer of 1968, was still on the track and on Dec. 27, at Aurora Downs outside of Chicago, he became the sport's richest pacer of all time, hitting \$1,001,448 in career earnings. Driven by Del Insko, Rum Customer won the \$5,000 event titled the Millionaire Mile, but only by a nose. His share of the purse edged him past the great Cardigan Bay (\$1,000,837) and earned him retirement from racing and a new stud career at Lana Lobell Farm.

On Dec. 31, 1976, the 3-year-old pacing filly Skipper Dexter, driven by Ed Lohmeyer, won an Open Pace for fillies and mares at the Meadowlands, wrapping up an unusual and successful season. The filly was virtually unstaked and faced older company in most of her starts and still won 13 races. She also set a world record in the Can-Am Series, facing older competition, at Blue Bonnets.

And on New Year's Day at the Meadowlands in 1978, Andy Lobell and the great mare Tarport Hap finished in a dead heat in the \$18,000 Open Pace, before a crowd of 18,312. Andy Lobell picked up four lengths in the stretch drive to pull even with the mare.

Writing for *The Horseman*, Charles Singer described the action as follows: "Trainer Tom Lail had Andy razor sharp off a six-week layoff and his bread-and-butter Overtrick sidewheeler had to go better than :27.4 for catch-driver Lloyd Gilmour in the 2:01.4 mile. Tarport Hap appeared to be home in midstretch as Ben Webster had backed down the pace to a 1:34 three-quarters. Nevertheless, the mare held gamely through the deep stretch as the entire field bore down on her."

Yonkers Raceway held programs on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 as well, with Marie Gibbins winning the \$13,500 New Year's Pace, upsetting Seatrain. The 8-year-old Marie Gibbins was a 12-1 shot yet she took the lead for Bill Myer and wired the field, leaving Seatrain and Merritt Dokey second while Main Morris took third for Pat Iovine.

And on Jan. 1, 1977, at Hawthorne Racecourse, Momentum beat Rambling Willie in the first leg of the Suburban Downs Pacing Series. Hawthorne had a crowd of 10,004 for the program. — *By Kathy Parker*



In the \$5,000 Millionaire Mile at Aurora Downs on Dec. 27, 1971, Rum Customer (5) holds off Ghandi by a nose in 2:06. The victory brought Rum Customer's career earnings to \$1,001,448, which pushed him past Cardigan Bay (\$1,000,837) as the sport's richest pacer.

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French Trotter Bold Eagle, Souloy's Lionel Poised For Prix d'Amerique Starts

It has been called the toughest trotting race in the world, and it is certainly an achievement to end up one of the top finishers in the Prix d'Amerique, which is slated for Sunday, Jan. 31. As has been tradition, the race is the last Sunday of the first month of the year at the Vincennes track in Paris.

With a couple of the recent year's winners of the event (Ready Cash and Maharajah) being retired to stud, it was a bit difficult to figure which horses would take over, but that picture has become very clear in recent weeks, yet at the same time there are some question marks.

Many new names have entered the scene. As of now there is a big favorite to win the race, a horse with an American sounding name but French pedigree. That horse is Bold Eagle, who is presently only 4 years old and will be five at the time of the race. That means that he lacks the experience of the older opponents. On the other hand, Bold Eagle, who is a son of the great Ready Cash, has shown many times that he can cope with the demanding Vincennes track. After winning the big event for 4 year olds, the Criterium Continental (\$275,000) last Sunday, Bold Eagle has now won 19 of 22 career starts. The victory in the Criterium gave the horse a bye to the Prix d'Amerique, but he is qualified anyway due to his large

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lifetime earnings of more than \$1 million.

On the same card as the Criterium Continental on Sunday, Dec. 27, there was a race for only 5 year olds and it too was a qualifier for the Prix d'Amerique. The Norwegian-bred and owned trotter Lionel (Look de Star-Aurora Sign-Smokin Lantern), trained by Frenchman Fabrice Souloy of Commander Crowe fame, gave a blistering performance and earned a ticket to the Prix d'Amerique. He will likely be followed by fellow Norwegian representative Support Justice, who has come far in his preparations for the Prix d'Amerique.

It could be a very international Prix d'Amerique in 2016 as the Italian-bred but Dutch-owned and trained Robert Bi (a son of Toss Out), who finished second to Lionel in an extremely fast finish, showed that he is ready to rumble again.

There are quite a few Swedish candidates but there is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding them. It is expected that the winner of the European Masters Final, Mosaïque Face, who hasn't raced since the Yonkers International in October, will be among the 18 Prix d'Amerique starters. He is conditioned by Lutfi Kolgjini, who has a number of horses training at Utah Beach, renowned as the code name for one of the landing beaches for the invasion by the Allied troops in Normandy in World War II. Mosaïque Face is one of the Kolgjini horses exercising on Utah Beach and he is also well acquainted with the Vincennes course.

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The biggest question mark is what does Stefan Melander have planned for Nuncio? The son of Andover Hall is turning five and he has never faced a track like Vincennes. He has raced mainly mile races (the Prix d'Amerique is 1 11/16ths miles) but at the same time he has demonstrated power. His performance in the Elitlopp final, when he finished third in spite of being parked three wide for the entire trip, proves his strength. But you can never predict what his trainer is going to do.

The rumor says that Orjan Kihlstrom has committed to drive Lionel (his usual driver, Franck Nivard, is down on Bold Eagle) in the Prix d'Amerique. Kihlstrom, who won the 2014 Breeders Crown with Commander Crowe, the 2015 Elitlopp with Magic Tonight, and the 2013 Prix d'Amerique with Maharajah, is the regular driver of the mare Delicious (Cantab Hall), which indicates that she is probably no longer being considered for the event.

There are still two big preparation races due before the main feature: the Prix de Bourgogne on Jan. 3 and the Prix de Belgique on Jan. 17.

In addition to newcomer Bold Eagle, the main French contenders are the veterans: Timoko, defending champion Up And Quick, Univers de Pan, Un Mec d'Heripre, last year's runner-up Voltigeur de Myrt, Akim du Cap Vert, who finished third in the Prix Tenor de Baune, and the strong mare Anna Mix. European trotting has some very exciting weeks ahead. — By Klaus Koch

STRETCH CALL

BY DAVE BRIGGS

The 15 best stories in harness racing in 2015

As we wind down 2015, here's my ranking of the top 15 harness racing stories of the year:

15. The Stable That God Loves

In a bid to raise \$50,000 to fund a full-time chaplain to assist the less fortunate in the harness racing industry in Canada, Bill Galvin and Ken Middleton Jr. started The Stable That God Loves and quickly signed up owners pledging one percent of the 2015 earnings of a total of 75 horses. The fundraiser reached its goal thanks to total stable earnings of nearly \$5 million.

14. Canadian yearling sales up

The fact that both the Canadian Yearling Sale (up 69.5 percent) and Forest City Yearling Sale (up 54 percent) were up substantially in 2015 is one indication that Ontario is far from dead and the province's breeders may survive after all.

13. Burke's millions

Ron Burke didn't better his all-time record of trainer earnings of \$28.4 million set in 2014, but some \$25 million in 2015 is still mind blowing just the same.

12. John Fielding wins the Hambletonian

In August, Pinkman finally delivered Toronto's Fielding—and his partners—the coveted Hambletonian after 30 years of trying and a number of previous high-profile attempts.

11. Yannick's choice

Would he pick the filly, Mission Brief, or go with the gelding Pinkman in the deciding heat of the Hambletonian? Driver Yannick Gingras provided some terrific game day drama when forced to choose between the two trotters mere minutes after driving them both to victory in their respective eliminations. When Gingras chose Mission Brief it allowed Brian Sears to score an unexpected third Hambletonian victory with Pinkman.

10. Randy Waples dominates Metro night

On Sept. 5, Randy Waples won all three of the big stakes at Mohawk — Control The Moment in the \$513,750 Metro Pace, State Treasurer in the \$513,750 Canadian Pacing Derby and LA Delight in the \$341,350 She's A Great Lady. In all, Waples went 5-0-2 in nine drives and collected \$713,123 in purses to personally clear \$35,000 from his five percent cut.

9. Expanded casino at Woodbine

In July, Toronto City Council voted 25-19 in favor of a full casino expansion at Woodbine Racetrack. The decision was key in giving one of the sport's most important tracks the financial wherewithal to develop some 700 acres of property into an entertainment, hospitality, retail and residential district critical to horse racing's Canadian survival.

8. Ron Waples drives again

Ron Waples, Randy's father, returned to the sulky at age 71, and won the Hall of Fame Trot at Goshen. Then a few weeks later, he won his first race at Mohawk in five years and received an impromptu ovation from his colleagues when he returned to the paddock.

7. Historical Racing at Red Mile

Advanced gaming likely has saved one of harness racing's most historically important tracks.

6. David Miller wins 5 Crowns

An incredible driving performance. There's no doubt winning five Breeders Crowns at Woodbine helped push David Miller past Yannick Gingras for the Driver of the Year Award.

5. Yonkers International Trot returns

One of the sport's most beloved events from yesteryear made a return on Oct. 10 when 10 trotters from six countries contested the first edition of the Yonkers International Trot in 20 years.

4. Wiggle It Jiggle It

The talented gelding went to war in every month of the year, except December, and became the easiest horse to root for in years thanks to his heart, talent and connections—owner George Teague, driver Montrell Teague, trainer Clyde Francis and caretaker Mike Taylor. Wiggle It Jiggle It's epic Little Brown Jug victory could stand as the greatest race in the sport's history.

3. Single race wagering record smashed

When punters wagered some \$2.9 million on an ordinary \$35,000 overnight on April 4 at Woodbine Racetrack it smashed the record for the most ever wagered on a single harness race in North America. A mandatory payout of the Jackpot Hi-5 wager drew \$2.6 million in new wagering that night into a pool that already had some \$850,000 in carryover. The total bet on that race of \$3.4 million was also a harness racing record.

2. Hanover Shoe Farms sets all-time earnings record

Even for the mighty Hanover Shoe Farms, this is impressive. Two years after becoming the first farm to breed the winners of more than \$30 million in a single season thanks to a \$30,016,209 year, Hanover surpassed that total and as of Dec. 29 was sitting at \$30,087,182.

1. Jimmy Takter Breeders Crown domination

Is anyone ever going to top this? On a soggy night in Toronto, Jimmy Takter laid down the single most dominant performance by a trainer in the sport's history when he won a record six of the 12 Breeders Crown races contested. His 17 horses earned a record \$2.07 million combined on the card.



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Ontario Commission Dismisses Oxilofrine Penalties

The Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) has held hearings and reviewed the cases of trainers Gerard Demers, Paul MacDonell, Bill Elliott and Jonah Moase for positive tests this summer for the Class 2 drug oxilofrine. The ORC dismissed penalties against the trainers—except purse money was ordered returned and redistributed. According to the ORC notice, the trainers were “relieved of responsibility.”

The ORC took its action following the email it cited from the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA), which oversees testing: “...we are in receipt of an email from CPMA that states that after conducting added research they have determined that “Oxilofrine” is a metabolite of “Ephedrine” and the testing data from the four positives dated June 6+7/15 have been reviewed and there is “strong scientific evidence” that these positives are consistent with “Ephedrine” administration that followed the CPMA elimination guidelines.”

The four trainers all testified that their horses were administered an antihistamine well in advance of the 48-hour cut-off prior to race. Demers’ positive came with Pondo Ruba on June 7 at Rideau Carleton, Elliott’s positive came with Naked City (June 6 at Mohawk), MacDonell’s with Melmerby Beach (June 6 at Mohawk), and Moase’s with Heathers Shadow on June 7 at Georgian Downs.

MacDonnell, who was represented by Bill O’Donnell, submitted testimony that Melmerby Beach was treated with an antihistamine that was administered by his vet 56 hours prior to the race.

Big Crowd Bids Farewell To Balmoral Park

Balmoral Park hosted what was likely the last race card in history on Saturday night, Dec. 26. The racetrack in Crete, Ill., opened on Aug. 9, 1926, as a Thoroughbred track, and transitioned to harness racing in 1968.

To read a story on the Daily Racing Form website written by longtime Illinois-based writer Neil Milbert, please click [here](#).

Hanover Sets Equine Breeding Earnings Record

For as long as records have been compiled there has only been one farm to lead all breeders in money earnings in the sport. That farm is Hanover Shoe Farms.

In 2013, Hanover became the first farm to become the breeder of the winners of more than \$30 million, its produce having earned \$30,016,209. Now even that record has been surpassed. As of Dec. 29, Hanover-breds have earned \$30,113,962 in 2015 and the numbers keep accumulating.

To put those numbers in perspective, that number represents two and a half times what Thoroughbred racing’s leading breeder has produced this year. Harness racing’s second leading breeder, Winbak Farm, and its third leading

money producer, Brittany Farms, have each also produced the winners of more money than that of Thoroughbred racing’s leading breeder.

“We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and are thankful to our employees, owners, trainers, drivers and grooms who helped us achieve this new record,” said Hanover president Jim Simpson. “We must give extra special thanks to the ultimate athletes – the horses. Thank you all.” (*Hanover Shoe Farms*)

The Meadows Lowers Trifecta Takeout To 20 Percent

When The Meadows Racetrack & Casino kicks off its 2016 live racing season on Monday, Jan. 4, some bettors may have a little more jingle in their pockets.

That’s because effective Jan. 4, The Meadows is reducing its takeout rate on trifecta wagers from 27 percent to 20 percent, and it will begin offering \$5,000 total-pool guarantees for each Pick 4. The measures will result in higher payouts for players who win trifecta wagers and the possibility of large jackpots for each Pick 4.

With the reduction, noted Kevin Decker, director of racing for The Meadows, the track offers one of harness racing’s most attractive “blended” takeout rates—the weighted average of the takeout rates for all wagers.

“This is great news for our players, and it should significantly enhance the appeal of our trifectas,” he said. “We are delighted to implement these improvements to enrich the experience of our fans.”

The Meadows has been offering \$5,000 Pick 4 guarantees each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Effective Jan. 4, in continuing cooperation with the U. S. Trotting Association Strategic Wagering Initiative, the track will offer a \$5,000 Pick 4 guarantee with each live card.

Minimum wager for the Pick 4 is 50 cents. Since Pennsylvania law requires a minimum per-race wager of \$2, a player wagering at the 50-cent level must bet at least four tickets. (*The Meadows*)

Nominations Still Open For Caretaker Of Year

There is still time to send in nominations for the 2015 Caretaker of the Year Award. The award, sponsored by Hard Rock Rocksino Northfield Park in conjunction with the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), recognizes the unsung heroes of the sport—the caretakers who maintain the health and welfare of the horses on a daily basis.

The HRRNP Caretaker of the Year will receive a cash prize of \$500, a trophy, and transportation costs to the USHWA Dan Patch Awards Banquet in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Sunday evening, March 6, where he or she will be recog-

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nized for the achievement. The winner also will enjoy a two-night stay at the host hotel for the USHWA activities, as well as two complimentary dinner tickets.

Any caretaker working for any stable in North America is eligible. All that is needed to nominate is a letter or email from an individual or group detailing the skills and special qualities of the caretaker.

The winner will be chosen by a seven-person selection committee comprised of USHWA members, all of whom are former caretakers: Tim Bojarski (chair), Tom Charters, Moira Fanning, Dean Hoffman, Rob Pennington, Kim Rinker and Shawn Wiles. All nomination letters and emails must be received and/or postmarked by Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2016, and sent to chair Bojarski at:

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Michael Carter Joins Northfield Park

Northfield Park has announced the addition of Michael Carter to its management staff. Carter begins full-time employment on Monday, Dec. 28, and will fulfill a variety of key roles throughout the facility. Besides his primary duties of assistant director of mutuels, the versatile 27 year old will work closely with the marketing, promotions and communications departments and as the back-up announcer to veteran Ayers Ratliff, for whom he has filled in occasionally since February, 2014.

Carter became interested in racing when he was very young, attending the races with his father. Inspired by the Meadowlands' Sam McKee and Woodbine's Ken Middleton, he soon developed a special focus on race-calling.

In 2012 Carter began working at the Shenandoah County Fair in Virginia as the assistant race secretary and announcer. Since then he has filled in as the announcer at Colonial Downs, Fort Erie, Hazel Park, Northfield Park and Rosecroft Raceway.

In 2013 Carter landed the announcer's job at Buffalo Raceway. In addition to calling the action on the track, he fulfilled numerous duties in the mutuel office and assisted the simulcast department.

"I am excited to be joining Northfield Park," offered Carter. "It is a tremendous opportunity to work with a talented team that aggressively promotes harness racing in Ohio and across North America." (*Northfield Park*)

Byrge Named Racing Secretary At Running Aces

Running Aces has named Nancy Byrge as racing secretary for its 2016 live racing season. A dedicated employee at Running Aces since its inaugural meet in 2008, Byrge has contin-

ued to develop her skills at Running Aces and at other tracks around the country in a variety of racing office positions.

"We look forward to working with Nancy and our restructured racing team," stated Ben Blum, Running Aces director of mutuels/simulcasting, "We are proud to continue to keep our horsemen and women returning to Running Aces and are excited about the enhancements we are adding for the coming season."

Live racing will open on Tuesday, May 17, and will go through Sept. 3. Races will run Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. Wednesday will be added to the meet starting July 27. (*Running Aces*)

Hawthorne Late-Closer Deadline Extended To Jan. 11

Racing secretary Peter Hanley would like to remind all horsemen wishing to enter the upcoming late-closers that will be offered as part of the 2016 Winter meet at Hawthorne Race Course, that nominations are due by Monday, Jan. 11.

Racing will kick off on Friday, Jan. 8 and will be conducted on a five-night a week schedule with post time Wednesday through Sunday at 7:20 p.m. (CT). Qualifiers will be conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 6th (11 a.m.) in preparation for the 2016 meet.

Horsemen are also reminded that there is a "straw only" policy in all barns at Hawthorne. No shavings or sawdust will be allowed. (*Hawthorne*)

Sue Gregory, Wife Of Horseman Gary Gregory, Dies

Norma "Sue" Gregory, the wife of horseman Gary Gregory and mother of Jeff Gregory, died suddenly on Monday, Dec. 28. She was 69.

Mrs. Gregory spent years working at Milex Drugs in Caledonia, N.Y., and was a proud member of the Western New York Harness Horsemen's Association.

She is survived by her loving husband and working partner of 50 years, Gary, and their children, Jeffrey (Helene) and Kathleen S. (William) Stevens; grandchildren Eric E. Stevens and Colleen C. Stevens; a sister, Jacqueline King; and sister-in-law, Sue Chase. Her family was her whole life. "Sue" was extremely proud of the family that she and Gary raised.

It is requested that if you could, you might take a moment to light a candle of remembrance by visiting <http://www.alifecelebrated.com/>. Visitation with family members will be on Saturday, Jan. 2, between the hours of 1-4 p.m. at the Walker's Brothers Funeral Home, 21 South Main Street, Churchville, N.Y. A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in "Sue's" memory.

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24	25	26	27 The Horseman	28	29	30	
	Lifetime Dream Mare Trot final (Wdb)		Suburban Downs Pace (Haw) Whizzer White Pace (Haw)	Dygart Trot (Haw) Fox Valley Flan FM Trot (Haw)	Ohyouprettything FM Pace (Haw) Pretty Direct FM Pace (Haw)		
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
			Suburban Downs Pace final (Haw) Whizzer White Pace final (Haw)	Dygart Trot final (Haw) Fox Valley Flan final (Haw) Miss Vera Bars 3YO Filly Pace (Wdb)	Ohyouprettything final (Haw) Ontario Girls 4YOM Pace (Wdb) Pretty Direct final (Haw) The Count B 3YO Trot (Wdb)	Ontario Boys 4YO Pace (Wdb)	

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