

### Burke Sends 17 To Post This Weekend At Meadowlands

Ron Burke was the busiest and most successful trainer at the Meadowlands in 2012, and after starting 15 horses over the track's opening weekend on Dec. 28-29, he will be sending out 17 this Friday and Saturday nights.

Included among his entries this weekend are Meirs Hanover and Annieswesterncard, who will both line up behind the gate in the \$30,000 Free-For-All Pace in preparation for the upcoming Presidential Series. Both pacers suffered injuries in 2012 that resulted in lost time from the racetrack.



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**"Before, I always had to figure out where to put the horses, now they tell me where the put the horses."**

*– Ron Burke on the new classified racing at the Meadowlands*

\$71.1 million himself over the past four years. "As long as we have the same kind of year, I should get to him. I'd like to be the first one to \$100 million; I don't know why as it doesn't really make a difference, but it'd be something nobody else has done."

Although Burke had a sub-par opening night at the Big M on Dec. 28 with just two fifths to show for six starters, he bounced back on the 29th with four wins in nine starts. Burke said he has been satisfied with the new classified racing system by Meadowlands' race secretary Peter Koch.

"It's going to take some getting used to," said Burke. "It's weird, but they are doing my job for me. Before, I always had to figure out where to put the horses, now they tell me where to put the horses. For them, it has to be hard because every week they have to do what I had to do every day."

Burke led the trainers' standings last year at the Meadowlands with 64 wins in 402 starts, with his purse earnings of \$1,454,506 second behind only Jimmy Takter's \$1.9 million. Overall, Burke's record-breaking \$19.6 million year in 2012 brings the Burke Stable's earnings to \$110,022,001 since the U.S. Trotting Association began keeping trainers' stats in 1991. Bob McIntosh is second on the overall earnings list with \$78,322,365.

"This year I should pass McIntosh by myself," said Burke, who has amassed purse earnings of

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### Burke's 2012 Big M Brigade Leaders

Horse	Starts	Wins	Earnings
Itrustyou	6	6	\$110,300
Ginger And Fred	10	2	76,162
Meirs Hanover	7	0	72,500
Breakin The Law	7	6	67,100
Foiled Again	4	0	61,295
Rocklamation	6	1	59,706
Annieswesterncard	4	0	55,125
Sweet Lou	2	1	55,000
Westwardho Hanover	6	2	43,703
Bettor B Lucky	5	2	41,114



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"Pete is fair and I think he is going to give it a good shot. I never raced under this system, and my thing is, if it was so great, why did it go away?"

In Saturday's Free For All, Meirs Hanover will start from post six with driver Yannick Gingras. Annieswesterncard will line up in post eight with driver Matt Kakaley.

Although Meirs Hanover was winless in seven starts at the Meadowlands in 2012, he was the third richest Burke-trained horse at the track with \$72,500 in earnings. In 2011, Meirs Hanover won the finals of the Clyde Hirt and Exit 16W at the Big M. Last year, after finishing third in the U.S. Pacing Championship on Aug. 4 at the Meadowlands, Meirs Hanover was hurt in a shipping accident and was sidelined until mid November.

"He just got good last year and got hurt before the Houghton final when he got hurt on the trailer," said Burke of the 6-year-old son of Artsplace who finished second in his last start at Harrah's Philadelphia. "He had to take a good bit of time off. He's come back not quite as sharp when we quit with him, but it seems like he is a horse who takes a few starts to race himself into shape."

As for Annieswesterncard, the 7-year-old son of Western Hanover started 2012 off on a high note when he finished second in both preliminaries of the Presidential Series and then was second in the \$110,500 final. But Annieswesterncard fractured a bone, which resulted in a six-month layoff. It wasn't until Annieswesterncard's 17th and final start of 2012 that he was able to find the winner's circle, that coming in a \$21,000 Open on Dec. 15 at Saratoga Harness.

"We gave him a short break (after the Presidential Series) and then on his way back he ended up with a condylar fracture. He ended up having a screw put in. It took him awhile to get going." — By Gordon Waterstone

## WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

### Friday, January 4

All times listed are local.

9:11p M7 **A-2** Trot

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9:49p M9 **A-2** Trot

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## Instead Of Going South, Rucker, Macomber Head East

Training, shipping and racing horses takes a lot of work, and there probably isn't another trainer around who is handling the assignments as the working mother of a five-month old baby.

Horsewoman Jamie Rucker gave birth to her first child, a son, on Aug. 31 in Indiana, where she handles a division of the Burke Stable and her fiancée, Ricky Macomber Jr., is a busy driver at Hoosier area racetracks. When Indiana's racing season closed up in early November, Rucker and Macomber moved east with their young son Nathan.

"Some people go south in the winter; we went east!" said Rucker. "Ricky went to Pompano last winter; that's home for him, and I came last year with horses. But we made a family decision to be together this year since we now have a little one. We are lucky to have family here to help with the baby. I have a great young lady who watches Nate for me in the morning while I'm at the barn, and my mom helps on weekends."

Rucker is also close to her sister, Kelly Ford, the wife of trainer Mark Ford. Rucker and Macomber have a stable of eight they are training at Mark Ford's farm, with Macomber also driving their horses.

"We've had some back luck because we've had some sickness, and now we've drawn some bad posts, so I told Ricky we've gotten this stuff out of the way," said Rucker.

Rucker said she expects to race at both the Meadowlands and Yonkers during her winter stint on the East Coast. She has two horses entered to race this weekend at the Meadowlands, sending out Masters Champion in race 6 on Friday and First Impression in race 12 on Saturday.

"I think Ricky's horse Masters Champion and First Impression are Meadowlands horses, so hopefully they will do well," said Rucker. "But where they race will obviously be based on where they are competitive."

When Hoosier Park reopens in the spring, Rucker and Macomber will head back to their Hoosier home. "When I go back to Indiana, I will train again for Ronnie (Burke)," she said of her future plans. "He allows me to have one or two horses of my own so that works out." — *By Kathy Parker*

## Callahan Committed To Meadowlands

Last year Corey Callahan started driving regularly at the Meadowlands in May. This year he has committed to being there every Friday and Saturday night, and he has four drives this Friday and six on Saturday.

Callahan, 34, lives in Maryland has to make a two hour and 45 minute drive to get to the Meadowlands.

"I wasn't there for the winter meet last year but I told everybody that I would be there for this meet, so I drive up Friday and spend the night," said Callahan. "The only way to get those Grand Circuit drives is to be at the Meadowlands. I wish I could go Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but Dover changed their top purse day to Thursday, and I can make a lot of money there that day and be closer to home."

Callahan finished the 2012 season with 519 wins and \$7,390,084 in money-winnings, both career bests. Like many drivers, he did a lot of driving between tracks to rack up his numbers.

"At one point last year I was doing so much driving that by Sunday I was just spent, so we're looking to move," added Callahan, who is married and has a 2-year-old daughter. "We've looked at places in northern Delaware, which would put me within 40 minutes of Chester (Harrah's Philadelphia) and 20 minutes of Dover, but I'm also thinking about Pennsylvania. They have the breeders awards there, and I would really like to get a small place since I have a couple of broodmares. I really like that part of the sport, and I want to raise a Googoo Gaagaa!"

Callahan bought the Andover Hall mare Up Front Claire Z (out of Carmita, by Malabar Man-Noifsaboutit 3, 1:56.2—\$311,387) for \$4,000 at the Blooded Horse Winter Mixed Sale and bred her to Cam's Rocket, the pacing-bred sire of world champion trotter Googoo Gaagaa. He also owns the mare Race Me Valerie p, 1:51.3z (\$221,143), who is presently in foal to Art Official. — *By Kathy Parker*



Corey Callahan

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## Horseplayers Avoid Limit On Deductions

There was plenty of talk about the federal government's "fiscal cliff" negotiations in the past few weeks, including changes in the tax code that would limit itemized deductions.

Fortunately for all of horse racing, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) successfully lobbied so that legislation passed by both the Senate and House of Representatives contained language in Section 68 (c)(3) of the tax code that exempts wagering losses from being subject to the newly enacted limitation on itemized deductions.

"I salute our legislative team in Washington," said Alex Waldrop, president and CEO of the NTRA. "They not only identified this key issue for members of Congress while various fiscal cliff proposals were in their early stages, the team also proposed a solution that was ultimately adopted. While the outcome of these latest negotiations can be viewed as a victory for horseplayers, the issue of comprehensive tax reform is expected to be taken up later this year. The NTRA will continue to work closely on this issue and others affecting horseracing and breeding."

## Handle Up For Meadowlands Openers

Opening weekend of the winter live racing season at the Meadowlands was an unqualified success on all fronts.

On the racetrack, the new letter classification system provided the competitive racing promised upon implementation. The strong response at the entry box resulted in full fields for very nearly all of the 25 races, including an expanded 12-horse field in one race per night.

Business-wise, despite opening at the end of December on the heels of the post-Christmas holiday, handle shot up 24 percent on Friday over last year's starting date. Saturday's handle, though hampered by a snowstorm that kept many indoors, also increased.

The average win payoff over the 25 races was a whopping \$26.80, buoyed by a pair of triple-digit winners on Friday. Favorites won at a rate of 31.25 percent and there were but three odds-on favorites over both days. More prevalent were closing odds that reflected the competitiveness of the fields with many 2-1 and 3-1 favorites at post time.

A Pick 5 carry-over from Friday to Saturday resulted in a \$92,195 pool for that wager on Saturday. A few head-scratchers through that sequence left just a few happy customers rewarded with a payoff of over \$32,000 for a \$2 bet. Friday's second race exacta returned a near record \$2 payoff of \$4.451.20 and the co-featured ninth race trifecta paid nearly \$5,000 for the same \$2 wager.

New Meadowlands director of racing operations, Darin Zoccali, said, "Coming into this new racing season, we put in place a wagering format that put the bettors first. By giving the Meadowlands bettor more of what they

want, they have responded by supporting our races with strong wagering.

"We had hoped the classified system of racing would produce more competitive racing, providing the bettors with more betting value and fewer short priced favorites. Through the first two days, I am extremely pleased with the early returns."

Free admission with a free program greets each customer on Thursday and Friday. All race nights offer a pair of Pick 4 wagers, along with the nightly Pick 5. These horizontal wagers were warmly received with substantial pools that could contain a sizable wager.

"It was nice to get the racing underway this past weekend, there was a buzz here at the Meadowlands with the return of live racing from both our customers and employees," said Jason Settlemoir, CEO/general manager of the New Meadowlands Racetrack.

"There is still room to improve as the most important aspect of our business will be to deliver unparalleled customer service to our guests and horsemen," Settlemoir continued. "Accordingly I would like to hear feedback and suggestions from our customers and horsemen at [media@newmracing.com](mailto:media@newmracing.com)." (*Meadowlands*)

## WEG, Western Fair Cut Purses

Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) and the Central Ontario Standardbred Association (COSA) Thursday announced that purses will be reduced by an overall average of 10 percent, effective Jan. 10.

"It is crucial during this ongoing period of uncertainty that purse money be conserved, so we view this as an absolute necessity," said Bruce Murray, WEG's vice president of Standardbred racing. "When answers concerning future funding for purses emerge, this measure will be further reviewed."

Additionally, no Stakes Series are scheduled at Woodbine in January or February.

"Despite wanting to keep purses as high as possible at WEG, the COSA directors are accepting this purse reduction knowing the industry will be facing changes as of April 1, 2013," said Bill O'Donnell, president of COSA.

Just one week earlier, Western Fair Raceway in London, Ont., announced it had implemented a 12 percent purse reduction.

## Hanover-Breds Top \$30 Million

It came down to the very last day of the year, but for Hanover Shoe Farms, the goal entering 2012 was to have its progeny chase down the heretofore elusive and never before achieved number of \$30 million in earnings. As of Jan. 1, 2013, Hanover-breds had earned \$30,008,243.

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For as long as records have been kept by the United States Trotting Association, no other breeder has ever led the money earnings department. In recent years the amount earned by Hanover-breds kept increasing, with each year's numbers bringing a new record for all equine breeds. In 2011 Hanover-breds earned \$28,735,929.

Entering 2012 most people might have considered the \$30 million mark a decided longshot, but nonetheless a possibility. On the morning of Dec. 31, 2012, the earnings number stood \$17,000 short of the never before achieved number. However, only a very small number of tracks were operating on New Year's Eve 2012. For the folks at Hanover, it was nail biting time. As is often the case it was the horses that did the talking and the goal was met. *(Hanover Shoe Farms)*

### Dates Set For Handicapping Tourney

The 2013 World Harness Handicapping Championship (WHHC), which will bring together horseplayers from across North America to compete for \$100,000 in prize money, is slated for Saturday, April 13, at the Meadowlands Racetrack.

The Meadowlands Racetrack's 2013 WHHC qualifiers are set for Jan. 19, Feb. 23 and March 23.

The cost to enter January's qualifier is \$200 (\$100 entry plus a \$100 real-money bankroll). The format requires players to bet a minimum of \$10 (Win, Place or WP wagers only) on 10 Meadowlands races. Complete rules and entry form are available at MeadowlandsRacetrack.com. The top two finishers will earn spots in the WHHC with prize money to be paid out to the Top 10 finishers.

The World Harness Handicapping Championship (WHHC) is the partnership between the Meadowlands and the United States Trotting Association formed to create the industry's ultimate tournament experience. Standardbred Canada supports the project by facilitating the participation of Canadian racing and wagering outlets.

Limited to just 100 spots, the WHHC is a one-day tournament, with a welcome reception and warm-up event the evening prior. Players may earn a seat in the WHHC through a qualifying event at a partner wagering outlet or through direct buy-in (\$1,000) should enough spots remain as of April 1, 2013.

In addition to the Meadowlands, eleven racetracks and wagering outlets are conducting WHHC qualifiers including: Balmoral Park, Maywood Park, Cal Expo, The Meadows, Twinspires.com, Northville Downs, Buffalo Raceway, Isle Casino Racing Pompano Park, Yonkers Raceway, Woodbine, and Northfield Park. A complete list of participating outlets and qualifier dates can be found at [www.MeadowlandsRacetrack.com](http://www.MeadowlandsRacetrack.com)

Also, the USTA, in conjunction with HorseTournaments.com, will conduct a free, on-line, qualifying series of 10 tournaments on Friday and Saturday nights for five consecutive weekends during January and February that will feature 10 different USTA member tracks. The winner of each qualifier gains a berth (\$1,000 value) into the WHHC final at the Meadowlands.

Contestants can register now for free at <http://www.horse-tournaments.com/> for the first two contests involving the Meadowlands on Friday, Jan. 18 and Balmoral Park on Saturday, Jan. 19, but will be required to enter each subsequent weekend's tournaments starting on Monday at 9 a.m. (Eastern) that week. Entries will be limited to 1,000 for each contest on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The contest format is a \$2 Win-Place wager (with an alternate horse in case of a scratch) on each race at the featured track that night. A complete listing of rules and regulations is available at <http://www.horsetournaments.com/>.

Following is a schedule with featured racetracks for the USTA Online WHHC Qualifying Series:

Date	Track
Fri. Jan. 18	Meadowlands
Sat. Jan. 19	Balmoral Park
Fri. Jan. 25	Maywood Park
Sat. Jan. 26	Cal Expo
Fri. Feb. 1	The Meadows
Sat. Feb. 2	Yonkers Raceway
Fri. Feb. 8	Northfield Park
Sat. Feb. 9	Pompano Park
Fri. Feb. 15	Northville Downs
Sat. Feb 16	Buffalo Raceway

For more information on how to become a WHHC partner outlet or sponsor, contact Rachel Ryan, Meadowlands Racetrack ([raryan@newmracing.com](mailto:raryan@newmracing.com)) or Kathy Wade Vlaar, Standardbred Canada ([kwvlaar@standardbredcanada.ca](mailto:kwvlaar@standardbredcanada.ca)).

*(Meadowlands)*

### Brennan, Campbell, Palone Honored

For the second year in a row, George Brennan, the 45-year-old Monticello, N.Y., native is HarnessTracks of America's Driver of the Year, the formidable achievement that remains the most difficult award in the sport of harness racing to win.

The evidence of the accomplishment is clear in the fact that of the 3,438 drivers who competed for purses in North America in 2012, only six were able to finish in the top 10 in Money Won, Races Won and Universal Driver Rating System (UDRS) in-the-money percentage.

Under the HTA formula, points are awarded on the basis of 25 for first down to one for 25th in the standings in

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Money Won, Races Won, and UDRS, with a 25-point bonus for finishing in the top 25 in all three categories.

Brennan's 2012 Driver of the Year trophy will be presented at the Harness Racing Congress as part of the United States Harness Writer's 2013 Dan Patch Awards Dinner on Sunday, March 3, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Also at the awards dinner, John Campbell will receive the U.S. Harness Writers' Stan Bergstein Proximity Award. The award, originally named for a great trotting mare from the dawn of pari-mutuel racing, is considered the second-most-prestigious honor in harness racing, after the Hall of Fame, to which the 57-year-old Campbell was named more than two decades ago. USHWA's biggest prize on which it votes exclusively is annually given to a person or organization for outstanding contributions to harness racing.

In addition, Dave Palone will be honored with the Good Guy Award and Scott Zeron has been voted the Rising Star Award.

Here are the HTA Top 15 drivers:

Driver	Total Points
1. George Brennan	92
2. Dave Palone	90
3. Tim Tetrick	88
4. James Morrill Jr.	68
5. George Napolitano Jr.	63.5
6. Brian Sears	63
7. Trevor Henry	43
8. David Miller	37
9. Simon Allard	36
10. Yannick Gingras	35
11. Corey Callahan	31
12. Ron Pierce	29
13. Sylvain Filion	25
14. Billy Davis Jr.	23
15. Marc St. Louis	22

### Charlotte Sheppard DeVan Dies

Standardbred breeder and owner Charlotte Sheppard DeVan, 92, whose father Lawrence B. Sheppard founded Hanover Shoe Farms, died Tuesday, Jan. 1 2013, at her home with her loving family by her side.

Born Aug. 30, 1920, in San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. DeVan was the daughter of the late Lawrence B. and Charlotte Newton Sheppard. She was the wife of the late William Todd DeVan II, MD.

Mrs. DeVan was graduated from Harcum Junior College in Philadelphia. Having a strong sense of patriotism, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, where she held the title of former State Regent. She was a member of the Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century, the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, and a longtime member of the

Hanover (Pa.) Country Club. She was also a founding member of the former St. Vincent's Catholic Elementary School PTA.

Mrs. DeVan enjoyed racing and breeding Standardbred horses and was a past member of the board of directors of the Hanover Shoe Farms. She enjoyed spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by three sons, Lawrence Sheppard DeVan and his wife Ann of Greenwich, Conn.; William Todd DeVan Jr. and his wife Melody of Marlton, N.J., and Russell Newton DeVan and his wife Karen of Scottsdale, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, Jennifer L. DeVan, Nathan R. DeVan, Stuart Todd DeVan, Elizabeth Sheppard DeVan, Brian M. Connors, Jeffrey S. Connors and Brooke Austin DeVan; and two great-grandchildren, Grace Elizabeth Connors and Ellie Hannah Connors. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence Baker (Sonny) Sheppard Jr. and two sisters, Alma S. Tolhurst and Patricia S. Winder.

Contributions may be made in Mrs. DeVan's memory to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, c/o Memorial Hospital, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065; or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105-3678. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.kenworthyfh.com](http://www.kenworthyfh.com)

### Owner Henry Mayer Dies

Longtime harness racing owner and fan Henry D. Mayer, 85, died peacefully Dec. 29 at his home in suburban Orlando after battling bone cancer. His wife, Patricia, was at his side. The Mayers had enjoyed a long and loving relationship for over 30 years being partners not only in life but in business.

Mr. Mayer's passion for the horse was unequalled. His support and involvement in harness racing continued for almost 40 years. His ownership and partnerships, most recently under the name of Terrax Inc., included such greats as Niatross and McKenzie Almahurst and many other good racehorses and stakes winners with trainers George Sholty and Billy Haughton. He and Patricia currently have several horses in training with their good friend and trainer, Jimmy Doherty, including Whata Winner, a Credit Winner trotter who won at Yonkers Raceway earlier in the month.

The favorite time of the year for Mr. Mayer was attending the Grand Circuit meet in Lexington, Ky., where, weather permitting, he sat in his railbird box for the entire day enjoying the races. Evenings would be spent attending the horse sales at Fasig Tipton, where he had trouble not raising his hand for a purchase.

His enthusiasm for our industry and his deep love of the horse will be remembered fondly. Always the consummate gentleman, Henry will be greatly missed in harness racing by all of us that knew him and held him in such high regard. — *By Carol Cramer*



## Tom Courtemanche Dies

Tom Courtemanche, 66, who together with his brother Dan campaigned the big winners Bobnoxious, Earl's Glider, NF Quotable, Jake's Nordic and Jojo N Goliath, died Monday, Dec. 31, at his home in Kawkawlin, Mich., with his family at his side following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Bay City, Mich., to the late Arthur and Lucille Courtemanche, Tom came to follow harness racing by going to the races with his father. He was a graduate of the St Michael School in Pinconning, Mich.

Tom had many enjoyments in life. He was passionate about his profession of building and designing golf courses which were Green Hills in Pinconning, The Dream & Nightmare in West Branch, Mich., and major renovation of Gladwin Heights, Gladwin, Mich. He loved horses and harness racing as both an owner and spectator. He also loved being with his family and friends, going fishing, bowling, golfing, hunting, playing cards and trips to the casinos.

He was the former co-owner of dePepper Mill and dePepper Mill Lanes, Past President of Northern Michigan Turf Grass Association, member of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association, a past Golden Glove Boxer, Pinconning K of C's, Linwood Lions Club and Linwood Good fellows.

Tom held a 12 year World Fishing Record for the largest Burbot caught in 1980. He would share with friends that he was the only man he had ever met that bowled a 300 game, shot a hole in one, and held a world fishing record.

He is survived by his children Darcy and Mary Filipeck Courtemanche, Dan and Cori Courtemanche and Darla and Dave Luptowski; grandchildren Gabe, Frankie, Jace, Sophia, Lucas, Quinn, Lydia and Lucy; special Papa to Jack, Colton, Addison and Ben; his devoted and loving companion Carole Barber; brother Dan (Darice) Courtemanche; and two sisters, LuAnn (Herb) Hornbacher and Jann (John) Schumacher. He was preceded in death by a sister Ann Courtemanche.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. at St. Anne Church with inurnment at St. Anne Cemetery. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are asked to consider St. Joseph School, West Branch or St. Anne Church Building Fund, Linwood, Mich.

## Entries Denied Due To EHV

Due to the report of a confirmed Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) in a horse that raced at Sports Creek Raceway on Dec. 19, the Meadowlands Racetrack is among the tracks denying entries of horses that have raced at Sports Creek Raceway after Dec. 1, until further notice. Balmoral Park and Maywood Park were the first tracks to deny entries of horses that have raced at Sports Creek Raceway in Michigan because of a report of equine herpes virus.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture is reporting a confirmed case of Equine Herpes Virus (rhino) in a horse that

raced at Sports Creek Raceway last Saturday night (Dec. 19). The affected farm has been quarantined and horsemen are being asked to be especially vigilant regarding potential EHV symptoms (respiratory disease and neurological problems) in their horses. If horse owners suspect EHV, they should immediately contact their private practice veterinarian.

## Ready Cash Wins Prix d'Amerique Prep

The third "B" prep for the 2013 Prix d'Amerique was raced Sunday afternoon (Dec. 30) at Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes. The two-time defending Prix d'Amerique champion Ready Cash won the race, but it was not an easy victory for the mega favorite.

In a fast opening three-eighths Ready Cash had command of the race, trotting to the half in a brisk 1:49 mile rate. That's when Main Wise As (Yankee Glide) violently moved to take the lead. Franck Nivard did not wait long until he sent Ready Cash back to the front and they passed the 11/16 mile in 1:49 speed as the leader.

Meanwhile, Ready Cash's main competitors, Royal Dream (Love You), Timoko (Imoko) and Roxane Grif (Tenor du Baune), had enjoyed perfect trips in the pocket, second-over and third at the rail, respectively. As they turned for home Ready Cash was still fresh, but he tired after the hard opening panels and had to give his all to hold off Royal Dream, who came out the pocket late, when Timoko yielded on the outside.

Ready Cash was the winner with the help of the photo finish in a mile rate of 1:53.4 over 2,100 meters. Royal Dream finished second and earned the same time.

Among the interesting entries were Save The Quick (Jasmin de Flore), the Norwegian entry Yarrah Boko (Cocktail Jet) and the Swedish hope Raja Mirchi (Viking Kronos), who all destroyed their chances at the start.

The next "B" prep for the Prix d'Amerique is the Prix de Belgique, to be held on Jan. 13. The Swedish hope, Maharajah (Viking Kronos-Chili Khan), continued to do his own prepping for the race with an easier start in Sweden, where he won his fourth straight for the team of driver Ojran Kihlstrom/Stefan Hultman at the Bergsåker track. He was timed in a mile rate of 1:59 over 2,140 meters. — *By Lars G. Palm*

## Broodmares Of The Year Announced

Sweet Future has again been elected Pacing Broodmare of the Year by the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), making her the first broodmare to win her category twice, while Trotting Broodmare of the Year honors went to La Riviera Lindy, dam of Harness Horse of the Year Chapter Seven.

Sweet Future won in 2012 for basically the same two reasons she won in 2011—the hard-hitting one-two punch of 3-year-old colt Sweet Lou and FFA standout Bettor Sweet.

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Both enjoyed very good campaigns in 2012: the Yankee Cruiser sophomore Sweet Lou won just north of \$1 million while taking the Tattersalls and finishing second in the Little Brown Jug (after winning an elim) and the Breeders Crown, while Bettor Sweet, a son of Bettor's Delight, sent his seasonal bankroll soaring over half a million with three big wins at season's end: the Allerage, a tough prep for the Breeders Crown, and then the Crown itself with ease.

Sweet Lou lowered his mark to 1:47.4 during 2012; coupling this fact with Bettor Sweet's 1:47.2 speed badge, Sweet Future now has the distinction of being the only mare to produce two winners in 1:48. Sweet Future is quite the family story for Californian Seth Rosenfeld: his Birnam Wood Stable (a Macbeth reference) owns Sweet Future, and her dam Sweet Dahrlin was also campaigned by Rosenfeld under the Uptown Stable moniker.

La Riviera Lady had a good pedigree when she came to her breeding career—her dam Royal Lindy had produced two \$100,000 winners—and lightning struck quickly and brightly with her first foal, the Windsong's Legacy colt Chapter Seven. Chapter Seven won eight of 10 starts this past year, four in sub-1:51 (only one trotter before him had ever beaten 1:51 more than once), and he was never more impressive than when surviving a raw outside trip against Eu-

ropean star Commander Crowe to be a Breeders Crown winner last October.

Chapter Seven has been trundled off to stud now at Blue Chip Farm, but La Riviera Lindy's name may again soon be heard for racetrack exploits, as last year her Sand Vic 2-year-old Lady Riviera won several stakes and over \$100,000, auguring well for 2013. La Riviera Lindy changed hands in August of 2012, when Chapter Seven's breeder Richard T. Banca (not to be confused with trainer Richard J. Banca of speedball-supreme Devonshire Hanover fame), who had owned "Lindy" since she was a yearling, sold his champion producer to Steve Jones and his Cameo Farms.

As for those looking to the future (unintentional pun): Sweet Future is expecting a 2013 foal by Pennsylvania sire Yankee Cruiser (remember, Sweet Lou's daddy), while La Riviera Lady was mated this past year to Muscles Yankee in New Jersey.

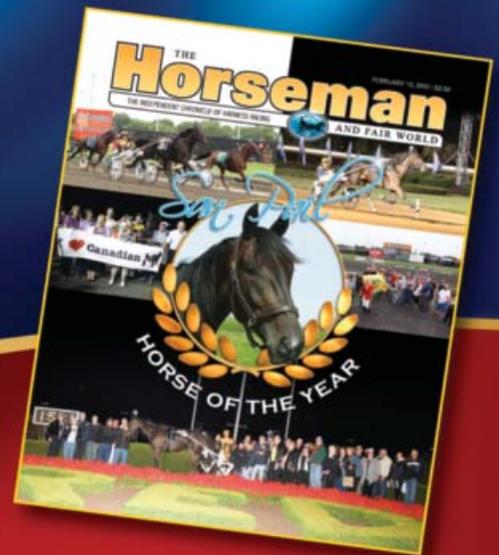
USHWA's LeeAnne Pooler Unsung Hero Award winner is the New Vocations racehorse adoption program founder Dot Morgan. New Vocations takes racehorses that are no longer competitive on the racetrack and helps them find a "new vocation," a second career, through its equine adoption program.

Morgan and the connections of Sweet Future and La Riviera Lindy will be honored at the Dan Patch Awards dinner in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Sunday, March 3.

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**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through Dec. 31, 2012 (week difference Dec. 27-31).

**Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses**

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Market Share (3tc)	20	10	5	3	\$2,001,405
Michael's Power (3pg)	20	14	2	1	1,463,912
Thinking Out Loud (3pc)	24	7	5	5	1,215,364
Foiled Again (8pg)	24	7	8	5	1,207,429
American Jewel (3pf)	16	9	4	2	1,163,449
Sweet Lou (3pc)	20	8	4	3	1,082,176
A Rocknroll Dance (3pc)	22	4	5	3	1,070,529
Heston Blue Chip (3pc)	18	14	1	1	1,030,008
Chapter Seven (4th)	10	8	2	0	1,023,025
Mister Herbie (4tg)	12	6	4	0	956,343
Check Me Out (3tf)	15	11	2	1	955,326
Little Brown Fox (3tc)	19	7	5	5	952,261
Golden Receiver (7pg)	25	13	5	2	941,025
Pet Rock (3pc)	22	8	6	4	934,518
Captaintreachorous (2pc)	10	8	1	1	918,253

**Leading Money-Winning Drivers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Tim Tetrick	3,146	670-472-439	.343	\$18,529,676 ( <b>\$60,366</b> )
Yannick Gingras	2,422	436-404-332	.318	13,744,045 ( <b>57,485</b> )
David Miller	2,873	450-402-384	.279	10,862,271 ( <b>49,600</b> )
George Brennan	2,525	622-431-328	.384	10,844,705 (0)
Ron Pierce	2,903	430-418-409	.275	9,993,333 ( <b>41,032</b> )
Brian Sears	2,123	420-352-309	.338	9,932,089 (0)
Jody Jamieson	1,873	332-255-225	.293	9,178,819 ( <b>65,391</b> )
Dave Palone	2,616	675-398-273	.377	8,907,620 (0)
Scott Zeron	2,096	351-275-242	.279	8,743,648 ( <b>94,674</b> )
Sylvain Fillion	2,349	434-323-298	.303	8,682,860 ( <b>93,546</b> )
Jason Bartlett	2,757	414-372-369	.270	7,725,294 (0)
Jim Morrill Jr.	1,526	404-299-196	.416	7,711,605 (0)
Corey Callahan	3,182	519-424-438	.283	7,390,084 ( <b>60,319</b> )
Randy Waples	1,689	217-251-227	.256	7,239,530 ( <b>61,267</b> )
Andy Miller	2,286	297-351-276	.255	7,110,750 ( <b>26,965</b> )

**Leading Money-Winning Trainers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,153	906-666-531	.350	\$19,695,486 ( <b>\$39,885</b> )
Jimmy Takter	506	128-82-59	.382	9,147,352 (0)
Casie Coleman	783	223-146-100	.431	6,858,518 ( <b>29,774</b> )
Linda Toscano	440	101-79-69	.382	6,718,028 (0)
Tony Alagna	684	117-92-83	.286	4,865,921 (0)
Erv Miller	1,443	262-251-194	.323	4,320,614 ( <b>1,440</b> )
Mark Ford	1,874	246-252-232	.247	4,223,757 ( <b>13,910</b> )
Bob McIntosh	590	110-88-84	.317	4,076,595 (0)
Ray Schnittker	839	109-116-97	.245	3,964,362 (0)
Jeff Gillis	633	114-89-74	.297	3,959,667 ( <b>8,499</b> )
Tony O'Sullivan	776	154-113-101	.323	3,915,486 ( <b>51,214</b> )
Rene Allard	1,719	453-308-221	.406	3,793,033 ( <b>33,021</b> )
P.J. Fraley	947	187-138-136	.326	3,744,155 ( <b>4,740</b> )
Richard Moreau	1,429	344-230-180	.372	3,679,203 ( <b>113,401</b> )
Richard Norman	452	88-52-53	.298	3,593,572 (0)

**Leading Breeders**

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	1,081	756	2,486	\$30,016,209
Winbak Farm	1,092	686	2,084	20,437,470
Brittany Farms	315	218	797	10,904,126
Perretti Farms	357	252	790	9,264,378
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	305	204	646	7,928,596
White Birch Farm	168	113	402	6,316,572
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	185	134	454	6,290,258
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	160	117	451	5,829,465
Walnut Hall Limited	245	172	583	5,113,267
Steve Stewart	139	97	342	4,622,842
Arlene & Jules Siegel	174	132	436	4,577,716
Perfect World Enterprises	187	126	425	4,238,190
Fox Valley Standardbreds	240	159	484	3,797,890
Robert J. Key	134	72	196	3,695,121
Frederick Hertrich III	165	122	412	3,609,304

**Leaders Of The Week**

Ranked by wins for Dec. 27-31 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Aaron Merriman	32	13-2-5
Trevor Henry	32	10-8-2
Keith Kash Jr.	27	9-4-5
Tyler Smith	46	9-7-9
Kody Massey	18	8-3-1
Luke Plano	22	8-4-1
Marcus Miller	40	8-3-4
Sylvain Fillion	31	7-7-2
Todd Warren	28	7-1-4
Yannick Gingras	23	7-2-1
Jean Plante	15	6-3-2
Sam Widger	39	6-4-2
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	19	5-6-0
Corey Callahan	28	5-4-3
Doug McNair	26	5-2-2
Lemoyne Svendsen	23	5-0-4
Michael Oosting	39	5-8-6
Nicholas Steward	21	5-2-2
Robert Sparling Jr.	26	5-2-3
Ross Wolfenden	20	5-1-3
Simon Allard	18	5-5-1
Stephane Gendron	19	5-4-2

Trainers	Wins
Richard Moreau	9
Rene Allard	6
D.J. Millner	5
Harla Loney	5
Dario Solares	4
Keith Crawford	4
Michael Hall	4
Ron Burke	4
Wayne Givens	4
Angie Affrunti	3
Bob Johnson	3
Carmen Auciello	3
Danny Dubeansky	3
Gerald Malady	3
Jim McDonald	3
Liberio Pacheco	3
Per Henriksen	3
Sam Coven	3
Stephane Larocque	3
Tim Maier	3
Tony O'Sullivan	3

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				<small>Super Bowl 40T-2nd leg (M)</small>	<small>Clyde Hirt 4HP-2nd leg (M)</small>	<small>Presidential OP-2nd leg (M)</small>
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