



Whistle Jimmy K

Cold And Snow Hasn't Stopped Whistle Jimmy K In The Snowshoe

Trainer Ben Wallace keeps connecting with the family of the famed Somebeachsomewhere. He purchased the older brother of "The Beach," Star On The Beach, but he was unable to strike gold with the offspring of Astreos. Wallace, however, may have found a strong contender from the family with Whistle Jimmy K, who won his first division of the Snowshoe Series at Woodbine on Jan. 9 and starts from post 10 in the second leg on Friday night.

Whistle Jimmy K is a son of Mach Three out of Ohio Annie, who produced the speedy Mach Three gelding I Found My Beach, winner of \$579,908 lifetime. Ohio Annie is a Stand Forever mare and sister to Where's The Beach, the dam of Somebeachsomewhere. Whistle Jimmy K was a \$97,000 yearling purchase for Wallace and Brad Grant.

"I've always been personally connected to this family," said Wallace. "I bought Somebeachsomewhere's brother and I recently purchased Whistle Jimmy K's full sister privately after the yearling sales. It's a great family to buy into."

Whistle Jimmy K is a late bloomer with his first pari-mutuel start not occurring until Nov. 17 of his 3-year-old campaign. He did qualify in early April of 2014, but the now 4 year old has never been low on talent.

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"He was a decent 2 year old, but he just had aches and pains so I quit with him," Wallace added. "I had him all ready to go as a 3 year old, but he had a bad reaction to a joint injection that caused us to lose the whole summer."

Cold weather has not stopped Whistle Jimmy K's path to making up for lost time. He has won four of six lifetime starts including a 1:53.2 romp from post 9 on Dec. 22 at Woodbine. He scored an easy 1 1/2-length victory in 1:55.4 last weekend in the first leg of the Snowshoe on a single digit temperature night. Wallace is just happy to see his horse finally showing his talent.

"We are in damage control at this point since he missed so much time, but his brother was a nice aged horse and I'm hoping he can be the same type of horse," Wallace said.

Whistle Jimmy K will have new driver Doug McNair at the controls this week as he looks to take the \$16,000 second leg. Wallace is wary of the post position, but he's elated with the condition of his colt currently.

"He's a nice horse. I'm not sure if he's elite, but he is very sound with a great attitude right now," said Wallace.—By Jay Hochstetler

Will Autobiographical Write The Escort Story?

Having had the 4-year-old gelding pacer Autobiographical in his barn just a few weeks, trainer Steve Elliott says he doesn't know the "real" story behind the son of Art Major. What Elliott does know is that he would be surprised if Autobiographical doesn't do better than his seventh-place finish in last weekend's opening round of the Escort Series when he starts from post 3 in the second division of the second leg on Saturday night at the Meadowlands.

"He got the 'Meadowlands shuffle' the other night. He's much better than the line shows," Elliott said of Autobiographical's trip with driver Yannick Gingras, getting away

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— Steve Elliott on Autobiographical

second from post 2 and then being shuffled back to seventh past the half.

Autobiographical is owned by Fred Hertrich III, who also bred the son of Art Major.

Autobiographical is out of the Western Ideal mare Allamerican Memoir, a half-sister to the 1998 Cleveland Classic winner Memphis Flash. Autobiographical is a half-brother to the 2014 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes champion Beach Memories.

Autobiographical made just two starts at two, and then last year as a 3 year old he won four of nine starts. He went back-to-back in his final two appearances at Dover Downs, including a career-best 1:54.2 effort.

Elliott will also be sending out Rockeyed Optimist on Saturday night at the Meadowlands in Race 7, an \$18,000 B-1 contest. The 4-year-old gelding is riding a three-race win streak at the Big M, including a career-best 1:50 effort last time out, closing out his near wire-to-wire win with driver Tim Tetrick with a final quarter of :26.1.

"He's just getting better and better. If he stays as sharp as he is now..." said Elliott, who was voted the 1988 Trainer of the Year. "And Tetrick really likes him, and when you have a driver who likes a horse, it makes it a lot easier because they get confidence in the horse. Timmy said he drives like a Cadillac and just goes."

Rockeyed Optimist was a \$10,000 yearling purchase by Anthony Perretti, Virginia Berkner, Joseph Battaglia and A&B Stable. He is a full brother to 2010 New Jersey Classic winner BG's Folly, who George and Ginny Berkner campaigned. His second dam, Die Loving, was a two-time Breeder Crown final runner-up.

Rockeyed Optimist had six wins in 16 starts last year, three of which came in his five starts when he returned to the races in November after being off since August.

"He was kind of growthy last year and his coat was kind of dead-looking, so I thought he was bleeding. We put him on Lasix and he went backwards," explained Elliott. "I took him off Lasix, let him heal and get healthy, and he came back shiny black and a lot bigger. He's come back really strong." — By Gordon Waterstone

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Meadowlands Sale Set For Monday, Jan. 19

The annual Meadowlands January Select Mixed Sale takes place beginning at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in the Meadowlands' race paddock, and with no storms predicted to snarl travel or logistics, a solid crowd will certainly be in attendance to review the approximately 300 horses that will go through the auction ring.

The sale gets underway with yearlings going through the ring and then moves to broodmares and broodmare prospects. The selection of broodmares includes several from Jules Siegel, who has been reducing his stock at Fashion Farms, the farm he founded with his late wife, Arlene. A few stallion shares are also being offered, including shares in Cantab Hall, the leading all-age money-winning trotting sire of 2014.

The highlight of the sale may be the middle portion of the sale, when the million-dollar winning mares Rock N Soul and Rocklamation are offered back-to-back, as hip numbers 161 and 162, respectively. As their money-winnings attest, both mares have had exceptional racing careers and both also happen to carry the bloodline cross of being sired by Rocknroll Hanover and out of Artsplace mares.

Rock N Soul, who at the time of sale was owned by Brad Grant and trained by Ray and Larry Remmen, is being sold by Bob Boni's Northwood Bloodstock Agency. Rocklamation, voted co-winner as the 2014 Older Pacing Mare of the Year, has been trained by Ron Burke and owners Our Horse Cents Stable, Stable 45, and J&T Silva Stables.

The Meadowlands January Select Mixed Sale has historically been a marketplace for finding young horses who may not have yet realized their full potential, and Boni believes one horse in his consignment who fits this category is the now 4-year-old trotter Martiniwithmuscle 3, 1:53.4'14.

Bred and raced by Dr. Doug Hutchins, the son of Muscle Hill showed a glimpse of his talent when he took his mark at the Meadowlands last May. In the fall he finished third behind Father Patrick in a division of the Bluegrass at The Red Mile for trainer-driver Ivan Davies.

"He's a young horse with just 21 career starts who hasn't been raced hard, and I think someone can do good with him," noted Boni.



Michael Lisa/Lisa Photo

Hip 228—Martiniwithmuscle

Ohio Considering Tougher Whipping Rule

The Ohio State Racing Commission is proposing a rule change to the state's current rule on whipping. A draft of the proposed rule reads as follows:

- (A) All drivers must keep a line in each hand, for the purpose of whipping, beginning when the horse is behind the starting gate and continuing through the finish of the race.
- (B) Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist action only and the whipping arm shall not be raised above shoulder height.
- (C) There shall not be exaggerated movement of the whipping arm and the lines must remain reasonably taught during the race.
- (D) There will be no whipping below the level of the shaft.
- (E) There will be no placing the whip between the horse's legs.
- (F) There will be no striking another horse or driver with the whip.
- (G) There will be no using the whip on a tired horse or a horse that is not visibly responding.
- (H) There will be no use of the whip without giving the horse time to respond to a previous application of the use of the whip.
- (I) There will be no use of the whip when a horse is not in contention in a race.
- (J) Whips shall be no longer than 48 inches with the cracker (snapper) no longer than 6 inches in length. Only a conventional cracker (snapper) will be permitted. No leather or unusual materials may be used. The conventional cracker (snapper) will not be knotted and tape is only permitted on the handle of the whip.
- (K) All modifications of the whip are prohibited.
- (L) Excessive, indiscriminate, causing visible injury and or abusive use of the whip are prohibited.
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 - 1) Fine;
 - 2) Suspension;
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 - 4) Disqualification; and/or
 - 5) Any other penalty as ordered.



Ontario Increases Incentives With New Breeding Rewards Program

The Standardbred Breeders of Ontario Association (SBOA) announced on Monday, Jan. 12, that a new breeders rewards program was in place. The Standardbred Breeders of Ontario signed an agreement with the Ontario Racing Commission for a C\$12 million enhancement of the current breeders rewards program following three months of talks.

In the Guelph (Ont.) Mercury, Dave Briggs shared the reaction of Ontario breeders to the news.

"It was a good process," Walter Parkinson, president of the Standardbred Breeders of Ontario Association, said Tuesday, Jan. 13. "We're happy this is in place prior to the breeding season in 2015. Hopefully, we can see improvements.

"You still have to earn them," added Parkinson of the rewards program.

For 40 years the lucrative Ontario Sires Stakes series of races reserved for horses sired by stallions standing in Ontario has rewarded those that breed mares to Ontario studs. It's also been critical for attracting top stallions to come to Ontario to stand stud in the first place. However, the sires stakes program did little to encourage Ontario breeders to improve the quality of their broodmares.

The enhanced breeders rewards will provide an additional \$2 million in each of the four years to the breeders of the most successful horses that are both Ontario-bred (meaning the mares resided in the province for at least 180 days the year they were bred) and Ontario-sired (meaning the resident mare was bred to a stallion standing in the province).

"Having the mares here in the province is a huge benefit just to the economy and the spinoffs from that," Parkinson said. "American residents can still benefit just from having their mare in the province. They're entitled to exactly the same thing, but it does follow the mare specifically with a secondary criteria being the stallion. It's a huge benefit to Ontario and to the program to have quality mares in the province bred to Ontario sires.

"Our main focus was really narrowing in on Ontario-bred and Ontario-sired. We wanted to follow a similar program to the one the (Ontario Racing Commission) has already established. It's measurable, it's accountable."

The enhanced rewards also will provide \$100,000 annually to the leading stallion in each of four racing divisions.

"We wanted to provide an incentive for the top stallions to remain in the province of Ontario . . . but that stallion must also still be in the province the year in which they were top stallions," Parkinson said.

An outline of the newly adopted program is below:

Tier 1 – Breeder's Incentives - C\$1 Million

Incentives will be paid to the owners/lessees of eligible Ontario Resident Mares that produce registered foals that are both Ontario Bred and Ontario Sired and that are nominated to the Breeder's Incentive program. Further details

and conditions regarding this incentive will be available in the coming weeks. The first foals eligible for this incentive will be the foals of 2015.

Tier 2 – Increase to the Standardbred Improvement Program's Ontario Bred Rewards - C\$1 Million

These rewards will be paid on a pro-rata basis to the owners/lessees of eligible Ontario Resident Mares with purse-winning offspring, which are both Ontario Bred and Ontario Sired, racing in Ontario Sires Stakes races and selected open stakes races in Ontario. These rewards will commence with the 2015 stakes season.

Tier 3 – Leading Divisional Performer Breeder Rewards - C\$400,000

A C\$50,000 reward will be split amongst the owners/lessees of the eligible Ontario Resident Mares that produce the top three Ontario Bred performers in each of the eight divisions of the Ontario Sires Stakes, based on earnings in Ontario Sires Stakes races, in the following manner: 1st - C\$25,000; 2nd - C\$15,000; 3rd - C\$10,000. The top performers from the 2015 stakes season will be the first group eligible for these rewards.

Tier 4 - Stallion Rewards - C\$400,000

A C\$100,000 reward will be paid to the top Ontario Sires Stakes stallions based on progeny earnings in the Ontario Sires Stakes in each of the four following categories: 2-year-old trotters; 2-year-old pacers; 3-year-old trotters; 3-year-old pacers. These rewards will be payable to the stallion owner/syndicates. Further details and conditions regarding these rewards will be available in the coming weeks. The leading stallions from the 2015 stakes season will be the first group eligible for these rewards.

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STRETCH CALL

BY DAVE BRIGGS

Berthiaume On Johnson: Willful Ignorance Or Pure Balderdash?

If owner Richard Berthiaume is so concerned about his reputation, why did he hire trainer Corey Johnson in the first place?

People worried about their "names being sullied" generally avoid employing those with questionable employment records. If Johnson's positive tests in March of 2014 at the Meadowlands and one in 2013 weren't enough to convince Berthiaume, then surely the allegedly image-conscious

Reading Berthiaume's comments, I was reminded of an interview I did with Toronto owner and lawyer Clay Horner eight years ago: "We are going to have to hold owners accountable..."

owner from Quebec would have moved his horses out of Johnson's barn after the trainer was suspended in Ontario for a positive test at Woodbine in November on the Monday before Berthiaume-owned stars Traceur Hanover and Voelz Hanover

raced in Breeders Crown finals at the Meadowlands.

Instead, Berthiaume sounded particularly unrepentant and loyal to Johnson after Traceur Hanover won the \$500,000 Crown for 2-year-old pacing fillies.

"I'm behind (Johnson). I'm not going to drop him. These are things that happen. He works hard and has a lot of talent," Berthiaume told veteran Quebec racing reporter Paul Delean for a Standardbred Canada website exclusive the Monday after Traceur Hanover's Crown victory.

Apparently, Berthiaume has had a change of heart about the trainer.

All of which makes his comments to Delean in another exclusive posted on the SC site on Monday (Jan. 12) all the more irksome. Berthiaume decried having his integrity put into question after Meadowlands owner Jeff Gural banned Berthiaume's horses from racing at the New Jersey track after a post-Crown test on Traceur Hanover and Voelz Hanover commissioned by Gural from a lab in Hong Kong showed both pacers had five times the normal limit for cobalt in their systems. In his latest comments, Berthiaume said other U.S. tracks are now refusing his entries despite the fact his six U.S.-based horses are now being trained by Patrick Lachance.

I'm no cobalt expert and I'll let the appropriate regulators figure out Johnson's guilt or innocence on this and other al-

leged transgressions, but for Berthiaume to suggest he's being railroaded is, as my father likes to say, balderdash.

It's also difficult to accept Berthiaume's claim that after 25 years of owning horses and investing some \$20 million in the game that he has no control over the people that train for him. That his trainers allegedly don't communicate well with him and, therefore, he holds little to no responsibility for their actions, smacks of utter apathy at best and, more likely, willful ignorance in the name of greed.

This is not about due process and innocent until proven guilty, which are essential pillars of our justice systems that need to be defended at all costs. In racing, owning and/or training horses is a licensed privilege, not a right; just as it's a privilege, not a right, to be able to race at privately-owned racetracks.

Trainers and owners simply must be held accountable for the actions of others they employ because the underpinnings of the entire sport rest on protecting two things: Innocent horses that don't have the power of consent about what they're given and how they're treated and secondly, betting customers that fund the entire show and need to know that what they are wagering on has the highest integrity possible.

Yes, owners are extremely important in the industry's economic equation, but they simply must choose their trainers more carefully and insist on the highest ethics from those trainers.

Reading Berthiaume's comments, I was reminded of an interview I did with Toronto owner and lawyer Clay Horner eight years ago. Horner, who advocated penalizing owners as well as trainers, nailed it when he said: "I deplore the greed and lack of sportsmanship exhibited by these owners who through their knowing participation in the improper behavior of their trainers or their willful blindness are stealing from other owners and trainers. The industry would be better off without those owners. I am disgusted when I see them parading into the winner's circle, seemingly oblivious to the contempt and disgust with which true believers in fair competition hold them. We are going to have to hold owners accountable where they are found to be complicit in improper behavior or where they are consistently involved with trainers who are serial offenders," he said.

"I think the single greatest thing owners can do is be discerning and careful when they choose their trainers."

To do otherwise, robs us all.



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Exclusive: WEG CEO Eaves Leaving

The president and chief executive officer of Toronto's Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) said his decision to depart the company after 20 years was a mutual one made both by him and the board of directors.

Shortly after a surprise press release announced Thursday that Nick Eaves would leave WEG on March 31, 2015, he said the decision was solidified by the fact the company is showing signs of stability after three years of turmoil caused by the province's decision to end the Slots at Race-tracks Program (SARP).

"To take full advantage of the opportunities that are before us, you need to be able to commit to leading for the long term," Eaves said. "Just where I am in my stage of life...I didn't know if I really am the long-term driver of this business."

Eaves has been the president of WEG since 2006 and also its CEO since 2010. Following his departure, WEG chair Jim Lawson will become the company's interim leader.

Eaves said he doesn't have a new job lined up, yet.

"I've come to the very difficult decision which is it's time for me to step back and do something different. I don't know what that is," he said. "I'll certainly take time and put thought into it and talk to people that I really trust who know me best and begin to think about what that could be. It really could be anything."

He said he hopes people view his impending departure from WEG as a positive sign of the health of the industry in Ontario.

"People have every reason to be very confident about where our industry and where the Woodbine Entertainment Group — both breeds — is going," Eaves said. "I do worry that some might read into this change a signal that things have stepped backwards or that I've lost confidence in where our industry is going and where our company's going. It's actually the opposite of that. I've only recently been comfortable that we've found a platform and re-established that stability in order to take it forward. I didn't create that and it doesn't depend on me to move it forward, but I couldn't have looked at making this decision without knowing that stability had been re-established."

He said leaving WEG prior to that would not have been the right thing to do.

"I don't want to sound magnanimous, but how could any of us have left when everything was so uncertain? I certainly wasn't going to do that and most people didn't. That's one of the beautiful things about this industry — the resolve people have, the passion that people share for it. That wasn't even a consideration a year and two and three years ago," he said. "It becomes a consideration once you've been able to come through something, look at what that means and need to make decisions for the long term. That's really where I came to. The footing is stable, the opportunities are

real and we're beginning to move forward. I think somebody who's definitely going to be leading for the long term needs to be charged with that. I determined that it just wasn't me." — *By Dave Briggs*

Quarter Horse Group Prevails With Cloning Ban

The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on Thursday, Jan. 15, issued its opinion in the American Quarter Horse Association's (AQHA) appeal of the judgment entered by the District Court in the cloning lawsuit. The Fifth Circuit's opinion, which reverses the District Court's judgment and renders judgment for AQHA, holds that the Plaintiffs' claims against AQHA fail both because the Plaintiffs' evidence did not prove a conspiracy to restrain trade and because "AQHA is not a competitor in the allegedly relevant market for elite Quarter Horses." (AQHA)

Cobalt In The News

On the heels of Jeff Gural's announcement that trainers with horses that have excessive amounts of a substance known as 'cobalt' in their systems will be barred from racing at the Meadowlands Racetrack, Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs, Gural revealed that Traceur Hanover had an "excess" cobalt level when he won the Breeders Crown at the Meadowlands in November and Voelz Hanover, who competed in the Breeders Crown Mare Pace, also had an excess level of cobalt. Both horses were trained by Corey Johnson and owned by Richard Berthiaume. (For more about Johnson and Berthiaume, read Dave Briggs' Stretch Call.)

Gural's announcement on cobalt, which came Wednesday, Jan. 7, states that the Meadowlands, as part of a joint undertaking, has been conducting out-of-competition blood testing for substances, including Cobalt, over the past year. The announcement states that in two particular cases, samples — which were analyzed by the lab at the Hong Kong Jockey Club — revealed 'massive' levels of Cobalt in horses' systems. In turn, the trainers of both of those horses have been barred from entering at Gural's three tracks (Meadowlands, Tioga, Vernon).

The Meadowlands release goes on to state that, 'When used in excess, the affects of Cobalt can be, but are not limited to: cardiovascular issues, potential nerve problems, thickening of the blood and thyroid toxicity.' The announcement also says that, 'Based on this information, the Meadowlands has determined that in excessive levels, Cobalt is both a performance enhancing substance and detrimental to the health and well-being of the horse.'

Given the findings, the Meadowlands has announced that it has established a threshold level of four (4) times the standard deviation above the normal level of Cobalt. If a blood

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sample reveals that a horse has a Cobalt level higher than four (4) times the standard deviation above the normal level, the trainer of that horse will be deemed unable to participate at the Meadowlands, Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs

On Monday, Jan. 12, the Indiana Racing Commission released a "Staff Report" on the results of testing under its regulation of cobalt, which was the first in the nation. Indiana's results show substantial decreases in cobalt abuse. The report was released by Commission executive director Joe Gorajec.

Indiana's emergency cobalt regulation was promulgated by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission on Sept. 4, 2014, after an emerging threat was discovered last summer. During the summer months, 354 samples from 23 days of racing were tested at the University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. During this pre-regulation period, 5.9 percent of samples indicated cobalt concentrations in excess of 25 parts per billion.

The results show an 83 percent decline in cobalt concentration over the regulatory threshold of 25 parts per billion since the effective date of the regulation. The most significant finding is the virtual elimination of cobalt levels over 100 parts per billion. Overall, cobalt abuse at these very high levels dropped 96.8 percent and disappeared completely in both Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds.

"I am glad to see that the commission's proactive efforts have resulted in a cleaner racing product for our fans and horsemen," said Gorajec.

Test results during the regulated period indicate that across all breeds, the median cobalt concentration was 3.0 parts per billion and that 93 percent of all horses tested less than 10 parts per billion. The breakdown of these metrics by breed and the results of every test can be found in the full report at www.in.gov/hrc.

Miami Valley Seeks Names For New Late-Closers

Miami Valley Raceway will soon be introducing 18 additional new late-closing events to be contested in February, March and early April.

The track, in just its second season, seeks to honor the great harness racing tradition in southeast Ohio by naming these series after prominent and accomplished deceased or retired people and horses that either got their start or competed successfully over a long period of time in the region. Human nominees can be former drivers, trainers, owners or racing officials. In addition to notable ex-racehorses, successful stallions that stood locally will be considered.

A committee of five long-time southeast Ohio horsemen will be appointed soon to review the nominations and make naming recommendations. Any names submitted and not selected will be saved for future consideration.

Horsemen and fans are welcome to make nominations via email to: gregg.keidel@mvgrllc.com or by submitting suggested names to the race office in person or via phone at (513) 934-7792. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 25. *(Miami Valley)*

Michigan's Mark Maynard Dies

Mark Maynard, of South Lyon, Mich., died Wednesday, Jan. 14. He was 65.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Paula, who is a past president of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association.

Mr. Maynard was a U.S. Army veteran, who served in Vietnam from 1969-70. He retired from the printing industry.

He was an animal lover and over the past 38 years he owned several horses in his name, as well as in the name GRQ Stables (Get Rich Quick). His favorite horse was the mare, Perfect Daughter.

Mr. Maynard also enjoyed boating, fishing and golfing and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kan. 66675.

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	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Doctor Butch (5ph)	2	2	0	0	\$30,000
Camaes Fellow (7pg)	2	2	0	0	28,730
Not Afraid (6tg)	2	1	0	0	24,400
Whata Donato (5tm)	2	2	0	0	21,250
Believe This Bob (7pg)	2	1	1	0	18,750
Count Me In (6tg)	2	2	0	0	18,000
Take It Back Terry (6pg)	2	1	0	0	17,500
Set Me Up (6pm)	1	1	0	0	17,500
Donttelleruss (4pm)	2	2	0	0	16,250
Flying Cowboy (5pg)	2	2	0	0	15,750
Cam B Zipper (7pg)	2	2	0	0	15,500
Rehab Mountain (8tg)	2	2	0	0	15,500
Papa Ray (6ph)	2	1	0	1	15,500
Melady's Monet (6tg)	1	1	0	0	15,000
Lindy's Tru Grit (5th)	1	1	0	0	15,000

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	337	40	44	\$421,898
Winbak Farm	279	47	50	313,421
Perretti Farms	113	19	20	146,470
Brittany Farms	86	13	15	115,592
Frederick W. Hertrich III	48	10	11	91,590
White Birch Farm	46	11	11	87,697
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	65	11	11	87,038
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	76	12	13	74,613
Walnut Hall Limited	46	10	12	66,533
Arlene & Jules Siegel	35	5	7	65,210
Fair Winds Farm Inc.	29	5	5	52,675
Eash Racing Stable Inc.	25	4	6	52,658
VAE LLC	29	6	6	51,325
Midland Acres Inc.	44	9	9	50,553
Robert J. Key	41	7	7	48,279

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Jan. 8-13 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Corey Callahan	132	29-20-20	.354	\$249,991 (\$109,345)
Ron Pierce	123	25-21-19	.350	233,817 (103,096)
Tim Tetrick	59	15-11-6	.392	175,162 (89,892)
George Brennan	53	12-8-5	.342	160,910 (N/A)
Aaron Merriman	148	28-22-0	.317	156,667 (63,068)
Brett Miller	58	6-18-5	.305	129,041 (75,301)
Jason Bartlett	54	5-16-6	.294	117,255 (N/A)
Sylvain Filion	53	9-9-5	.296	114,960 (68,243)
Jody Jamieson	51	10-6-10	.327	111,406 (82,496)
Daniel Dube	48	7-8-10	.308	110,860 (N/A)
Mike Wilder	58	13-15-9	.420	109,689 (45,927)
Tyler Smith	103	17-16-14	.297	109,544 (41,410)
Dave Palone	50	13-9-6	.400	108,170 (33,123)
Kayne Kauffman	72	22-9-9	.417	107,715 (53,065)
Allan Davis	95	14-14-18	.292	107,584 (46,289)

Drivers

Starts

W-P-S

Robert Shepherd	44	16-4-6
Corey Callahan	63	14-7-9
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	54	14-3-9
George Brennan	53	12-8-5
Aaron Merriman	61	11-7-8
Jim Marohn Jr.	48	11-5-5
Eric Abbatiello	41	10-4-4
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	36	9-11-3
Kayne Kauffman	39	9-6-5
Yannick Gingras	30	9-0-7
Dan Noble	43	8-7-7
Jody Jamieson	32	8-3-6
Luke Plano	28	8-7-5
Ron Pierce	66	8-14-11
Allan Davis	45	7-6-9
Daniel Dube	48	7-8-10
Tim Tetrick	34	7-8-5
Trace Tetrick	45	7-5-4
Travis Henry	29	7-6-4
Trevor Henry	43	7-7-6

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	78	24-4-9	.375	\$247,758 (\$179,408)
Carmen Auciello	58	9-8-4	.255	124,651 (74,174)
Richard Moreau	48	7-8-6	.280	89,158 (54,754)
Wayne Givens	32	7-8-5	.410	77,390 (37,270)
Linda Toscano	18	4-6-2	.444	73,770 (34,620)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	50	9-7-6	.298	67,140 (43,671)
Peter Tritton	14	7-0-2	.548	62,530 (27,400)
Joe Cirasuola	18	6-2-4	.469	56,398 (33,516)
Julie Miller	15	5-1-0	.370	54,578 (N/A)
Mark Ford	49	4-3-7	.163	52,321 (N/A)
Tony Alagna	16	5-2-2	.424	49,090 (31,200)
Dylan Davis	24	5-3-1	.292	48,870 (23,625)
Eric Ell	17	5-4-1	.444	45,460 (14,275)
Doug Lewis	16	4-2-2	.361	44,925 (19,315)
Joe Skowyr	14	4-2-4	.460	43,859 (25,659)

Trainers

Wins

Ron Burke	17
Virgil Morgan Jr.	6
Julie Miller	5
Bob Johnson	4
Carmen Auciello	4
Denise Maier	4
Joseph Cirasuola	4
Kimberly Asher	4
Mark Ford	4
Richard Moreau	4
Robert Lounsbury	4
Victor Puddy	4
Wayne Givens	4