Propulsion Trying To Become First US-Bred Winner Since Moni Maker

Not since 1999 has a U.S.-born trotter won the Prix d’Amérique. That’s when the great mare Moni Maker accomplished the feat. Before that the U.S.-bred Delmonica Hanover won the 1974 edition of the great Prix and she followed the first American stallion to win the race, Dart Hanover, who captured the 1973 event.

Could it be time for a new triumph and the first American stallion since Dart Hanover to stand in the Prix d’Amérique winner’s circle? We’ll find out Sunday as the Prix d’Amérique will be contested at the Vincennes race course in Paris, France.

Propulsion, bred by Rikki Caldwell’s Cane Run Farm in Georgetown, Ky., and Bluestone Farms of Pennsylvania, became the fastest trotter ever in Europe last summer when he won the Hugo Åberg Memorial in 1:49.3. The trotter from Daniel Redén’s stable finished fourth in his first start at Vincennes for the current campaign and then on Dec. 31 he won the Prix de Bourgogne in a mile rate time of 1:53.2 for the 2,100-meter race.

Redén’s first thought was to race Propulsion in the Prix de Belgique 14 days before the Prix d’Amérique, but he chose to skip the race. So Propulsion will start in the Prix d’Amérique without a race in almost a month.

“Thought he was right where I wanted him after Prix de Bourgogne, and felt that I did not have to start him any more before the Prix d’Amérique,” says Redén, who trains Propulsion for Bengt Agerup’s Stall Zet. (Agerup races horses in North America as Brixton Medical).

Redén said he is not worried that the horse will miss a race. “Not at all! Several times before, it worked out well,” he added.
While Redén is confident, the team around defending Prix d’Amérique champ Bold Eagle has been frustrated. Bold Eagle has won the Prix d’Amérique the last two years, but now he has not won a race since early last August. Instead, he has finished second in his last four races, including the Prix de Belgique.

“Bold Eagle has had trouble with a pus pocket, and then a quarter crack, but seems to be on the right way now. This year we can be a little out of the way, and it feels good that the press is not so big on us,” shared the horse’s trainer, Sébastien Guarato.

Guarato has five starters in the Prix d’Amérique and it is a new record for a trainer: Billie de Montfort, Bold Eagle, Booster Winner, Carat Williams and Valko Jenilat. He gave them some final work on the beach in Cabourg on Thursday.

The previous record for the number of entries for a trainer was set by the well-known Italian Gianni Gambi. He raced four horses in 1938: Tara (who beat Greyhound once), Calumet Epsom, Mary Sunshine and Joy Lincoln. Gambi had enjoyed fame before setting that Prix d’Amérique record. He was a long-distance swimmer before he started to train trotters and he won several marathon races in the lakes of Ontario, which included the “Three Miles World Championship” in 1931 and even a five-mile race some years later. The famous American swimmer Johnny Weismuller refused to race against “the Italian torpedo” over longer distances, supposedly because he was afraid to be humiliated.

More recently, other horsemen have started four horses in the Prix d’Amérique: Jean-Louis Peupion (1986), Fabrice Souloy (2009), and Redén (2017).

After Propulsion and Bold Eagle, another highly-regarded Prix d’Amérique contender is Bird Parker. Like Bold Eagle, he is a son of 2011 and 2012 PDA winner Ready Cash. Bird Parker won two of the qualifying races for the Prix d’Amérique—the Prix du Bourbonnais and Prix de Belgique. The horse is also a world record holder over a long distance on a five-eighths mile track, although the Vincennes track is one of the longest in trotting at almost 1.3 miles.

“His strength has been his main weapon, but he has become faster from the start, and he feels great,” said trainer Philippe Allaire about his horse.

Another horse to watch from France is Jean-Michel Bazire’s top mare Belina Josselyn. Although she has not enjoyed a big win thus far this winter, she has raced very well.

“She is in top shape, and Jean-Michel is very pleased with her. I think she can win the Prix d’Amérique, “said the mare’s caretaker, Jean-Yann Ricart.

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“He was disturbed twice in the race, and did a great race, the best of his career,” said regular driver Timo Nurmos. Missing from the Prix d’Amérique is 2017 Yonkers International winner Twister Bi. Trainer Jerry Riordan had hoped to have the horse in the big race, but the horse has been battling illness so instead he will only have Ringostarr Treb.

“Twister Bi is still on medication, so a start is unthinkable,” said the native of New England, who added that he hopes to have the horse ready for a big spring-summer campaign in Scandinavia. — By Claes Freidenvall

(Claes Freidenvall is a veteran Swedish trotting journalist who is editor of Sweden’s SulkySport publication)
LONG TOM

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A Grand Circuit stakes at both ages two and three, he took his 2-year-old mark of 1:55.2 at The Red Mile, winning his Bluegrass division. The following week in Lexington he finished third in the International Stallion Stakes, race timed in 1:53.3.

In 2017 at three, he won the NJSS 3YO Colt Trot Championship, and his elim of the Beal Memorial by open lengths (finishing a close second in the $500,000 final). He also won his $161,500 Stanley Dancer Memorial division (defeating What The Hill) with a last quarter in :27.

He is the second foal of Ilia, her first the $300,000-plus winner Tight Lines. Ilia is from the maternal family of Yankee Duchess, the third dam of Muscle Hill, thus Long Tom carries three doses of this modern foundation mare, with a 4x5x5 cross.

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Bold Eagle and other horses trained by Sebastien Guarato were worked out on the beach in Cabourg, France, on Thursday morning, Jan. 25. Click here and scroll down the page for video of Bold Eagle and others on the beach.

### PRIX D’AMERIQUE

**Hippodrome de Vincennes, Paris, France; Sunday, Jan. 28; Race 5;**

Post Time: 3:05 p.m. CET (9:05 a.m. EST); Distance: 2,700 meters;

Purse: €1 million (approx. $1.2 million)

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It’s The Time Of The Year For First Foals

World champion Always B Miki is a dad. Gallie Beach gave birth to a filly by Always B Miki at 10 p.m. on Tuesday night (Jan. 23) at Fashion Farms of Pennsylvania. The filly is the first foal of the unraced Somebeachsomewhere daughter Gallie Beach, who is out of a full sister to the multiple stakes winner Gallie Bythe Beach, who is carrying her first foal, also by Always B Miki. Both mares were bred and are owned by Jules Siegel's Fashion Farms. Siegel will be inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame this summer.

Always B Miki returned to the United States on Tuesday night, arriving at JFK International Airport in New York after spending a few months in Australia standing at Alabar. After quarantine, Always B Miki will return to Diamond Creek Farm's Pennsylvania nursery for his second season at stud.

In other first foal news, Allerage Farm announced that its mare Day Lily, a daughter of Andover Hall, delivered a filly by Southwind Frank on Sunday, Jan. 21, at Allerage's Pennsylvania farm.

The foal is the first offspring of the trotting sire Southwind Frank, who also stands at Diamond Creek in Pennsylvania.

And in Indiana, Ruddick Stables announced what is believed to be the first foal by the trotting sire Bar Hopping, who stands at stud at Hanover Shoe Farms in Pennsylvania.

Dress For Success 3, 1:56.4; 4 1:54.3, delivered a filly by Bar Hopping on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 4:07 p.m. The foal is bay, with a large star and one white hind foot.

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Dress For Success is by the Pine Chip-sired Infinitif. Selected as a yearling and raced by Ruddick Stables and Denise Dennis, Dress For Success raced in the Midwest at ages two and three and then ventured to the East Coast, where she finished second in a leg of the Super Bowl Series and went on the win two overnight at the Meadowlands.

“Both mother and baby are doing great,” said farm manager Stacey Ruddick. “She is a very active filly. Now we have a dress and a ‘mini skirt’ on the farm.”

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Three-year-olds and older open pace.
Final raced on Saturday, September 1, 2018.
Purse $615,000 E Final ($350,000 A).

CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC
Three-year-old open trot.
Final raced on Saturday, September 15, 2018.
Purse $685,000 E ($400,000 A).

CASUAL BREEZE
Three-year-old filly trot.
Raced on Friday, August 24, 2018.
Purse $160,000 E ($60,000 A).

ELEGANTIMAGE
Three-year-old filly trot.
Final raced on Saturday, September 15, 2018.
Purse $385,000 E ($225,000 A).

ETERNAL CARNATION
Two-year-old filly pace.
Raced on Saturday, August 25, 2018.
Purse $195,000 E ($60,000 A).

FAN HANOVER
Three-year-old filly pace.
Final raced on Saturday, June 16, 2018.
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GOODTIMES
Three-year-old open trot.
Final raced on Saturday, June 16, 2018.
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MAPLE LEAF TROT
Three-year-olds and older open trot.
Final raced on Saturday, September 1, 2018.
Purse $600,000 E Final ($350,000 A).

METRO PACE
Two-year-old open pace.
Final raced on Saturday, September 22, 2018.
Purse $815,000 E Final ($300,000 A).

MILTON
Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace.
Final raced on Saturday, September 22, 2018.
Purse $225,000 E Final ($150,000 A).

NASSAGAWEYA
Two-year-old open pace.
Raced on Saturday, August 25, 2018.
Purse $225,000 E ($60,000 A).

PEACEFUL WAY
Two-year-old filly trot.
Final raced on Saturday, September 15, 2018.
Purse $375,000 E Final ($175,000 A).

ROSES ARE RED
Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace.
Final raced on Saturday, June 16, 2018.
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SHE'S A GREAT LADY PACE
Two-year-old filly pace.
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SOMEBEACHSOMEBWHERE
Three-year-old open pace.
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WILLIAM WELLWOOD MEMORIAL
Two-year-old open trot.
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BATTLE OF WATERLOO
Ontario Sired Two-year-old open pace.
Final raced on Monday, August 6, 2018.
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Ontario Sired Two-year-old filly pace.
Final raced on Monday, August 6, 2018.
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CONFEDERATION CUP XL
Four-year-old open pace.
Final raced on Sunday, May 20, 2018.
Purse $175,000 E ($150,000 A).

BALANCED IMAGE
Final raced on Saturday, August 25, 2018.
Purse $50,000 E ($20,000 A).

DREAM OF GLORY
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Horse Of Year? Gingras Calls For Triple Dead-Heat

After taking Saturday nights off thus far this year, Yannick Gingras is back in the sulky this Saturday night at the Meadowlands.

Gingras’ focus is on winning races, not awards, but when you win races like he did in 2017 it’s no surprise when recognition follows.

Gingras, 38, drove four horses last year that captured Dan Patch Award divisional honors, including the three horses ranked at the top of the season’s final Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll: No. 1 Hannelore Hanover, No. 2 Ariana G, and No. 3 Manchego. The remaining Dan Patch winner, Youaremycandygirl, was ranked seventh.

He led the sport in purses for the fourth consecutive year, with $12.9 million, and topped the driver standings on the Grand Circuit. His Grand Circuit victories included four Breeders Crown finals, the Hambletonian Oaks (for a record-extending fourth consecutive year), the Maple Leaf Trot, and Little Brown Jug.

Gingras received his second Driver of the Year Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association. His previous honor came in 2014.

“It’s always nice, there’s no doubt,” Gingras said about the award. “Going into the year, it’s not what I’m looking to get. I’m trying to win the big races and stay healthy. But it’s nice recognition. It means you had a good year and the horses had a good year.

“You go on the track and try to do your job,” he added. “I was lucky this year that the horses I drove stayed healthy. That’s the main thing.”

There were numerous memorable moments for Gingras last year. In addition to winning his fourth Hambletonian Oaks, with Ariana G, he guided Hannelore Hanover to the fastest mile by a female trotter in history, 1:49.2 at Lexington’s Red Mile, and piloted Youaremycandygirl to the fastest mile ever by a 2-year-old female pacer, 1:50, also at the Red Mile.

Ariana G, Hannelore Hanover, Youaremycandygirl, and Manchego all won their respective Breeders Crown finals, with Manchego becoming the first undefeated Breeders Crown 2-year-old female trotting champion in history.

It was a rewarding weekend for Gingras, who said he never felt pressure with Ariana G, Hannelore Hanover, or Manchego other than at the Breeders Crown because he wanted to keep potential Horse of the Year honors alive for all three of the horses.

“Going into the Breeders Crown I definitely did feel a little pressure on those three,” Gingras said. “I love all three of them in different ways and all three are special to me. You want all three of them to have the best shot at winning the Horse of the Year. You don’t want to come to a point where you win with two of them and one of them you mess up the drive.

“It’s one thing if they get beat because they’re sick or some other horse is better and beats them. But it’s another thing to lose the race and maybe lose a chance for those owners to have a Horse of the Year because of my own mistake. Getting it done with all three of them was definitely very special. They got the job done. They did the work. But I put them in position to win and they all three did it.”

As for which of the three should receive Horse of the Year, which will be announced at the Dan Patch Awards banquet Feb. 25 in Orlando, Gingras had a simple solution.

“Personally, I hope it’s a triple dead-heat,” he said. “I think all three are very special.” — By Ken Weingartner/USTA
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Competitive Claim To Fame Final
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Miami Valley Gaming’s $35,000 Claim To Fame Series final is set for Saturday night, and following the draw, the race appears to be very competitive.

All but two horses in the 10-horse field have wins on their card already this year, but one of the winless duo will have an advantage in the race: starting from post position 1.

MG Kid, who was edged on the wire in his last previous start, is the lucky non-winner who drew the rail. The 8-year-old gelding by Santanna Blue Chip is trained and driven by Kayne Kauffman.

Kauffman said his horse has had a good week, and combined with the good post position, he is hopeful for the final.

“The rail should help,” said Kauffman of the starting post, which is the winningest post at Miami Valley this year with an 18.8 win percentage.

“Having the inside I can leave hard or try to catch a second-over trip,” continued Kauffman, “and if things work out right, I think he can be close.”

LarryWadeRacingOfOhio LLC owns MG Kid, claiming the horse for $12,500 last September from Virgil Morgan Jr. and Carl Howard. MG Kid has since earned $18,715 for his new owner.

While Prince Clyde is the morning-line favorite, Kauffman sees several horses as strong contenders.

“Prince Clyde (undefeated in two starts in the series, including a win in 1:53.2 this year for trainer Daniel Maier) looks to be the best,” said Kauffman, “and Virgil’s horses (Morgan Jr. sends out Dovuto Hanover and Ideal Kiss) and the Cracker Pullet horse too. He can leave.”

The $35,000 Claim To Fame Series is for horses that have been racing for a claiming tag of $20,000, but claiming is not permitted in the series final.—By Kathy Parker
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- Mr Cantab: Mr Cantab Syndicate - 2,000
- Panther Hanover: Darlene Carr - 2,500
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- Proper Respect: Louis Tomczak - 1,500
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### KENTUCKY
- Yankee Glide: Kentuckiana Farms - 3,000

### MARYLAND
- Charlie DeVie: Fox Den Farm - 1,500
- Rusty’s For Real: Fox Den Farm - 1,500

### MINNESOTA
- Art’s Chip: Sally Josefczyk - 1,500

### NEW JERSEY
- Lis Mara: Deo Volente Farms - 2,500

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- Artiscape: Winbak Farm - 4,000
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- Dude’s The Man: Morrisville College Fdn Inc - 3,500
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- So Surreal: Jon Kurnit - 2,500
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- Art Official: Muscara Racing Trust - 2,500
- Big Bad John: Winchester Baye Acres Inc - 3,000
- Bring On The Beach: Moira Gunn - 2,500
- Cash Hall: Walnut Hall Ltd - 3,000
- Charley Barley: Ohio State ATI - 2,000
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- Thinking Out Loud: Bob & Al McIntosh - 4,000
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How To Bid: Bid online at www.ongait.com Feb. 6 through 2:00 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 8 up to five minutes after the last bid comes in. (Open ended format) Minimum raise is $100. Winning bidders owe a refundable 10%, minimum $100 deposit. Balance is due to New Vocations with a live foal. (Please do not bid for mares over 20 yrs old, ones that have been barren two + consecutive years, ones due to foal after May 15, or those that are already booked.) FMI (937) 947-4020 or email dot@horseadoption.com www.NewVocations.org
Burke Horse Tests High For TCO2 At Meadows

Less than three weeks after an announcement about a new integrity initiative being launched by the Woodbine Entertainment Group and track owner Jeff Gural, leading trainer Ron Burke had a horse test high for blood-gas levels at The Meadows on Monday, Jan. 22, in a pre-race test.

Per Pennsylvania’s rules, a horse which tests high is scratched and suspended from racing for 30 days. The trainer is also suspended for 30 days and is fined $1,000. A positive TCO2 test in Pennsylvania is appealable. Burke declined to comment.

Besides the fact that a 30-day suspension would require his stable to be managed by another trainer if the positive is upheld, Burke's TCO2 positive could also be a problem for his horses competing in stakes at Woodbine tracks and the Meadowlands, Tioga and Vernon Downs, which are owned by Gural. With the rules initially suggested for the new Standardbred Racing Integrity and Accountability Initiative, if a horse received a Class 1, II, TCO2 or steroid positive in 2018, the owner or owners of that horse would be banned from competing in stakes with any horse in which they own at least a 25 percent share.

Clay Horner, chairman of the board of the Woodbine Entertainment Group, has been working on the final language of the new rules with Meadowlands chairman Jeff Gural. On Tuesday (Jan. 23), Horner declined addressing the Burke positive but said, “we’re not going to be barring horses that do not have positives.”

Horner added that the final rules, which are expected to be announced in advance of Feb. 15 stakes payments, “are the result of input from many industry participants and will be very defined, with some exceptional circumstances language as a safety precaution. We believe that is the right and fair thing to do.”

Horses are randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing in Pennsylvania, with the state conducting more than 30,000 of the tests in 2017. Burke-trained horses started 4,504 times in 2017, with a very large number of them racing at tracks in the Keystone State. He had no positives in 2017.

Burke’s horse which tested high at The Meadows Monday was TJ Blast, a 5-year-old gelding by Yankee Cruiser. On Dec. 28, the horse was purchased by Burke Racing, Weaver Bruscemi, Lawrence Karr and Donald Emond from Wayne Long and Joyce Lineweaver of Delaware. In 2017, TJ Blast made 19 starts at Harrah’s Philadelphia racing mostly for trainer Jim Groff.

Burke had five other horses pass their blood-gas tests on Monday at The Meadows and race. A sixth horse was scratched because of a barn quarantine following a suspected (and later confirmed) case of EHV-1 at The Meadows. Burke's barn at The Meadows was quarantined when a horse in the barn trained by someone else was suspected of having EHV-1. Burke also has horses at a farm near The Meadows.

Following the TCO2 positive, Burke and his attorney reached out to the Standardbred division of the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission and TJ Blast was placed in detention for a period of 72 hours to determine if the horse has a naturally-occurring high TCO2 level. That 72-hour period will be up on Saturday morning.

Blood-gas testing is commonly known as a TCO2 test because it measures total carbon dioxide, which is naturally present in a horse. TCO2 levels are known to vary in horses and a range of levels is set for Lasix and non-Lasix horses before a horse is said to be high. In the past there have been unusual circumstances that have caused high TCO2 levels in horses, and on rare occasions horses have been found to be naturally high.

TCO2 testing became common following the administration of baking soda in a slurry known as a “milkshake.” Milkshakes have been believed to help some horses improve their performance because the baking soda would help reduce lactate levels in muscles and thus help minimize fatigue. — By Kathy Parker
1. Mark stallion selection and highest bid on application *(trotters listed in italics)*. Minimum bids, booking fees and semen transport charges may apply. Stallion manager may reserve right to approve mare. Call 845-294-6330 for additional information.

2. Return application with a check for 10% of amount bid (Canadian bidders may submit bids on Canadian stallions in Canadian funds). If bidding on more than one stallion, please use separate application or plain paper and write separate checks for each bid. All bids are confidential.


4. Make check(s) payable and send to The Harness Racing Museum, 240 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924. Call or email Joanne Young to let her know that your bid is in the mail.

5. Bidders will be notified starting February 19th.

6. If you are not the winning bidder, your deposit will be returned to you or you may donate it to the Museum. The successful bidder will owe the Harness Racing Museum the remaining 90% of stud fee at the time the mare foals. If no live foal results, a veterinarian's certificate is required. Your deposit will be returned, or it may be donated to the Museum. Mares not presented for breeding will forfeit deposit.

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The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame, 240 Main St., Goshen, NY 10924

I bid $________ for a breeding to ______________________ for the mare ______________________

Sire ______________________ Dam ______________________ Mare is Maiden Barren In foal Due Date______

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Signature ___________________________________________ Date _________________, 2018

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**THE HARNESS RACING MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME 2018 STALLION BREEDING AUCTION**

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Stratton Talks About Driving At Yonkers

Although driver Jordan Stratton had a career-best season in 2017, pulling in just over $9 million in purses, making 394 trips to the winner’s circle, and finishing second in the Yonkers driver’s standings for the first time in his career, you probably didn’t read about it in the headlines. The 30-year-old reinsman prefers it that way. He’d rather see the recognition go to the equine athletes who do the hard work. “Drivers get too much credit as it is,” he said. Stratton remains the one to beat. He’s sat behind 32 winners in his first 125 drives of the 2018 racing season at Yonkers, putting him atop the driver’s standings. Brandon Valvo (BV), writing for the Standardbred Owners Association of New York, spoke with Stratton about driving at Yonkers.

BV: The 2017 racing season closed with the passing lane in mid-December. This year, you opened without the passing lane. Were you expecting this to happen so quickly?

JS: It’s been thrown around a lot for about six or seven months. It’s been in the back of their minds that if racing didn’t improve or if handle didn’t improve, then that was the go-to move that they always threatened and that coincided with the time Cammie (Haughton, Director of Racing at Yonkers) came along. I’ll be the first to admit, I was always against it. I really like it now, I think it’s really improved the product.

BV: Why were you against it initially?

JS: I just thought it would be stale racing, it would be all front-end. Just what I think in my mind of the old days: somebody makes the front and they go really, really slow and the horse first-over comes and they go really, really slow and they lag around the race-track and the horse on the front and the horse first-over finish one-two. It was just boring racing. It seems like now, guys are being ultra-aggressive. I pulled the two-hole the last week-and-a-half more than I have in the last five years. It’s definitely improved.

BV: Had you spent much time on tracks without passing lanes before this?

JS: No. I’ve driven at Tioga, which doesn’t have a passing lane, but other than that, no.

BV: What was the learning curve like for you? It seems like you adjusted to it very quickly.

JS: It really didn’t take much because I seem to be first-over a lot more often than not and it works out great for me being first-over because the horses two and three back on the fence don’t have that passing lane where before, if I beat the horse on the lead, I’d get beat by the horse in the passing lane and finish second or third. I like being first-over now, I can kind of control things.

BV: It sounds like the new track configuration is giving a better, or at least a fairer chance, to drivers who are being more aggressive with their horses.

JS: Definitely. That guy sitting third on the fence who thinks he has a shot, he better be pulling or else he’ll be in no man’s land being third or fourth on the fence turning for home.

BV: How do you see this playing out as the year goes on?

JS: We’ve only seen one weekend of the better horses and even some of the better horses are still turned out. The really good Saturday night horses, you can use them two or three times in a mile. I think the no passing lane is great with the cheaper horses because if they get stung to the quarter pole, they’re cooked and that allows horses to come from behind. I’m kind of nervous to see what it does to the better horses who you can string out to a quarter in 27 seconds and they can still sprint home.

BV: Is there anything else you’d like to see at Yonkers in the future to continue to improve the racing?

JS: I think in the future, a slanted gate might really just be the cherry on top. But right now, I think it’s just a leaps and bounds better product than last year. I think maybe with a slanted gate where you can give the seven and eight the option to leave out of there, that might solve our problem.

BV: The 2017 season was a career year for you in terms of purses. Reflect on that and talk about what last year was like for you.

JS: Pete Tritton, I really have to give a lot of thanks to his whole barn and Bit Of A Legend and all the good horses he put me on. The confidence you get sitting behind those horses, I mean, the rest of the horses are easy. The other trainers and owners see me winning those big races. It’s all perception I think with drivers. If you’re on a bunch of favorites and you’re winning three, four, five a night, all the sudden you’re a good driver. It’s all perception.
Horse Council to explain electric logging device mandate

The American Horse Council will host its first quarter 2018 webinar on Monday (Feb. 12) at 3 p.m. (EST) and will address the recent Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Mandate that has caused much confusion and a lot of questions throughout the equine industry. The webinar will address the details of what the ELD Mandate includes, and who is required to have an electronic logging device. Please register online here, and you will receive an email with login instructions two days before the webinar date. more

More guarantees at Meadowlands this weekend

Western Joe might have been the top performer at the Meadowlands after taking the Preferred Handicap last Saturday (Jan. 20) night, but the big winners were the betting faithful, who were treated to big payoffs, which were created by spirited wagering. more

Meadows backstretch shut down due to EHV-1

The Meadows is presently a closed horse community due to a horse testing positive for EHV-1. No horses are being allowed to ship in or ship out of the backstretch at The Meadows to limit any possibility of spreading EHV through the equine community. more

Guariglia rates Manchego his best

Barry Guariglia bought his first horse in 1987, owned Dan Patch Award-winner Stienam's Place a decade later, and has enjoyed his share of successful horses in the years that followed. But none of it compared to what he experienced last year with Manchego. more

Pocono stall applications online

Racing gets underway for the 2018 season at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono on Saturday (March 17) and applications can be submitted for review starting Feb. 1. more
**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through January 23, 2018.

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