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Bell A Chick Looks To Score At Meadowlands

If you're looking for a sign from above to find out in advance the winner of Sunday's Super Bowl XLIX between the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks, you might find an omen of sorts in Race 10 at the Meadowlands on Friday night. That's when Bell A Chick—named in honor of the longtime Patriots coach Bill Belichick—starts from post 8 in a division of the Dash For The C Notes Series.

It's pretty rare when a horse who hasn't won a race in 26 months receives a lot of media attention, but that's what's happening with Bell A Chick, a 6-year-old trotter bred, owned and

driven by Steve Smith and trained by his girlfriend, Karen Garland.

"I hope it could be an omen, I hope so."

— Steve Smith
on Bell A Chick

When Bell A Chick finished second on Jan. 22 at the Big M, because the race came just four days after "Deflate-gate" and the controversy sur-

rounding the deflated footballs used by the Patriots in their win in the AFC Championship game, several media outlets mentioned the trotter, including ESPN and Fox Sports.

There are six divisions of the Dash For The C Notes on Friday, with the highest money earners returning for a \$25,000 final on Feb. 6.

"I hope it could be an omen, I hope so," laughed Smith when asked if it could be fate that Bell A Chick races two days before the Patriots play in the Super Bowl.

A son of RC Royalty, Bell A Chick is out of the Enjoy Lavec mare Slice Of Heaven, a \$5,000 yearling purchase by Smith who was multiple stakes-placed at three, including a second-place finish in a \$57,793 Hudson Filly division. Slice Of Heaven was scheduled to be sold later that year at Harrisburg, but a broken coffin bone suffered just two days earlier in a race at Freehold ended her racing career.

Bell A Chick won twice at two and then at three he posted four wins in six starts, including a career-best 1:58.1 effort in the Massachusetts Sires Stakes final at Plainridge. He equaled that clocking the following start at Harrah's Philadelphia, with that race on Nov. 8, 2012, being his last time in the winner's circle. Bell A Chick made a break at Yonkers on Jan. 22, 2013, and then he didn't reappear until a Freehold qualifier on Oct. 16, 2014.

"He had a hitch to him behind and nobody could find anything with him," explained Smith. "At the time I had a lot of horses and owned him myself, so I kicked him out and sent him to an Amish guy I did business with. I just left him there and forgot about him for awhile.

"We x-rayed him and different vets looked at him. Nobody could tell me a thing. I thought that if I put him away it would go away. He showed me all sorts of ability and he did it easy, that's why I held him over."

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Bell A Chick finished 2014 with two wins and two thirds in six starts, and in 2015 he has two seconds in three attempts. He brings into Friday's race career earnings of \$52,513.

"I'm still not really sure what it is, but I am going to try and keep him on the big track because it is more noticeable on the turns," said Smith about Bell A Chick's hitch.

A big Patriots fan, Smith has had other trotters named after star players, including Rob Gronkowski and Wes Welker. He said he could never get approved to use Brady since it had been used by others. He added he had named a 2-year-old trotter Hernandez, but with namesake Aaron Hernandez on trial for alleged murder, he made a change to honor Boston Red Sox star David Ortiz.

"I changed it to Ortiz, since I wasn't having any luck with the Patriots names," Smith said with a laugh.—By Gordon Waterstone

Classic Gent Steps Up For Ailing Howles

Longtime trainer Geoff Howles turns 76 on Feb. 8, and he plans on having a big celebration. Eight days later Howles will be in California undergoing stem-cell treatment to aid in his recovery from a stroke suffered in September.

The stroke came just days after Howles and his son, Rick, claimed Classic Gent for \$25,000 at Yonkers Raceway. Now six, Classic Gent has made 12 starts since entering Howles' barn, amassing \$50,366 in earnings. The son of Blissfull Hall captured the \$26,000 Preferred at Yonkers last weekend, and on Saturday he steps up to the \$35,000 Open, leaving from post 4 with driver Stephane Bouchard.

"I claimed Classic Gent because when he was two I had a really nice 2 year old called Island Jet, and he could never beat Classic Gent," remembered Howles, who bought his

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– Geoff Howles

first horse in 1972 and began training in 1980. "I had lost a horse in a claim at Yonkers and that horse was back in and I could have taken him back that same night, but when I saw Classic Gent was in I remembered him."

Before Howles' could even re-enter Classic Gent, things changed dramatically for the native of Manchester, England, who now has homes in Pompano Beach as well as Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

"The day I had my stroke I was in Saratoga and it was the week after we claimed him," Howles remembered. "I had never even had him on the main track yet; I had only jogged him on the back track. I took him on the main track and let him pace a little bit, and when I came back I told my guy that this horse was going to win an open before we left there.

"Then I went into the shedrow and had my stroke. I drove home and knew something was wrong because I had no feeling in my hand. My wife M.J. called the ambulance and in an hour I was at the stroke center in Albany, where I stayed for five weeks."

Howles said he had been contemplating making the trip west for the stem-cell treatment, but when he read stories about hockey legend Gordie Howe having positive results from the procedure after he had a stroke, Howles made his decision.

"I have some left-side paralysis and I'm walking with a walker. My arm is bad too," said Howles, who may not be able to ever climb back into a sulky again. "I'm going to have the stem-cell procedure like they do with horses. Gordie Howe had it done and it's been like a miracle for him. I got enthused about it after reading about him. They will do it on a Monday and I'll be back on Tuesday. It's expensive, so I'll do it the one time and then play it by ear."

As for Classic Gent, he is out of the Northern Luck mare Northern Jade, a half-sister to the \$747,654-winning North-



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ern Sky. Classic Gent's second dam is Decor, a multiple stakes-winning filly who was trained by Jack Darling. Classic Gent has 19 wins in 71 career starts, with \$190,733 in earnings. He took his career mark of 1:51.2 last April at Woodbine. — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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STRETCH CALL

BY DAVE BRIGGS

Harness Racing's CFL Hero Rooting For Rideau Carleton And The Patriots

That Dr. Bernie Brennan won Canada's version of the Super Bowl a full 15 years before there even was a Super Bowl, doesn't interest him as much these days as the plight of his beloved Rideau Carleton Raceway in Ottawa, just 25 minutes down the road from his home in Kemptville, Ont.

The 87-year-old retired veterinarian and former commissioner with the Ontario Racing Commission was a halfback on the 1951 Ottawa Rough Riders team that won the 39th Grey Cup. The venerable Grey Cup trophy, which predates the Vince Lombardi trophy by 58 years, is awarded to the champion of the Canadian Football League (CFL).

Brennan, who still sits on Rideau Carleton's board of directors and is its former track vet, said this week he's saddened to see the track racing just one day a week, with purses down some 35 percent from what they were when Ontario's Slots at Racetracks Program (SARP) was still operating.

"When you're only going one day a week it's expensive to keep the track free from snow, and the barns heated and everything," Brennan said.

Still, Brennan acknowledges it's better than the alternative—an outright closure of a track that's operated in the Canadian capital since 1962. He said track president and principal owner Warren Armstrong, one of Rideau Carleton's founders, has told him, "If they ever let racing go, we're done. It won't come back to Ottawa."

Rideau Carleton, which still is Ottawa city council's location of choice for a new casino, is holding on to see what happens with casino expansion and with much-promised talks between the horse racing industry and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming corporation on a new gaming product to benefit both.

In the meantime, Rideau Carleton is a victim of geography, more than anything. The track's location more than four hours from Toronto in eastern Ontario makes it a harness racing outpost with most other tracks located west of Toronto and relatively close to one another in southwestern Ontario. That's the main reason Rideau Carleton was excluded from the eight-track Harness Alliance and is basically left to operate on what it can generate from wagering at the track and a handful of teletheatres in Ottawa, plus some money from the government to rent the slot hall space. Under SARP, 20 percent of the revenue from slots at Rideau Carleton went back to racing.

It's all a long way from Nov. 24, 1951, when Brennan's Rough Riders defeated Saskatchewan 21-14 in the CFL title game in front of more than 27,000 fans at Varsity Stadium in Toronto. Afterward, there was an all-night party in Toronto, a ticker-tape parade for the Riders down Sparks Street in Ottawa and a party at the famed Chateau Laurier hotel.

Brennan was paid \$800 cash per game in those days. He earned a \$1,000 bonus for winning the Grey Cup. It was the most he had ever been paid for anything. Though it was a few years before Grey Cup rings became the norm, Brennan and his teammates received rings from the city of Ottawa for the victory. Many years later, Brennan lost his ring in a snow bank at night. He never replaced it.

"A ring's a ring," Brennan said years ago over coffee at Mohawk Racetrack in Campbellville, not far down the road from where, while going to vet school, he starred as a halfback for the University of Guelph's predecessor, the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC). The OAC squad won the national university championship three straight years from 1947 through 1949.

The 1951 Grey Cup was Brennan's last game. He retired from football to pursue a veterinary career as a large-animal vet, first in Saskatchewan and then in New York State, before returning home to Ottawa. In 1955, Brennan and Dr. Jim Hutchinson founded what later became the Alta Vista Animal Hospital, a small-animal practice that became one of the largest clinics of its kind of Canada.

Brennan also trained some Standardbreds and was just the second person to purchase a stallion share in the great Canadian pacer Cam Fella.

He was inducted into the University of Guelph Sports Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

While his loyalty to Ottawa is eternal, on Sunday Brennan will be cheering for his favorite NFL team, the New England Patriots, in the Super Bowl. It's a sporting allegiance to Boston that goes back more than 70 years—predating the Patriots franchise itself—to his old high school coach and mentor at St. Patrick's College near Ottawa; an Irish Catholic priest that was an all-American lineman at Boston College.

All of which sounds like something out of an old rah-rah football movie, but it's been exactly that kind of life for harness racing's Canadian football hero Dr. Bernie Brennan.

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Miller Hopes Team Six Can Step Up In Competition

Erv Miller hopes Manofmanymission's younger brother is growing ready to take on the assignment of facing stakes-level trotters.

Team Six, a 5-year-old son of Yankee Glide out of the mare Armbro Vanquish, has won 12 of 35 career races and earned \$136,300 so far in his career. He is a full brother to Manofmanymissions, who also was trained by Miller and won the 2010 Breeders Crown for 2-year-old male trotters and the 2011 Kentucky Futurity on his way to \$1.21 million

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– Erv Miller

in lifetime earnings.

Last week, Team Six won the B1/A1 Handicap at the Meadowlands by a half-length over Lindy's Tru Grit in 1:53.1 at odds

of 50-1. On Friday, Team Six and driver Marcus Miller will start from post 5 in the B1/A2/A1/FFA Handicap at the Big M.

"He's in pretty good company right now, so we'll have to see how he gets along," Miller said about Team Six, who was purchased for \$200,000 at the 2011 Lexington Selected Sale. "That's why we kept him, because we hoped he would come on to be an aged trotter; that he could compete at the stakes level against older competition.

"Off and on he shows that kind of ability. I think he's just coming into his own a little bit right now."

Team Six was unraced at age two and won three of 13 starts at three. Last season, he won seven of 19 races and established his career mark of 1:52.4.

"He's starting to come around, I hope," Miller said. "He's a pretty heavy horse. Hopefully as he gets a little older, he'll get along a little better.

"He stays a lot sounder now than he did as a young horse. As a younger horse we had a little trouble keeping him sound. I think (being a heavier horse) was part of it. I think that's what kept him from being a good 2 year old. He was just a little too immature, a little too heavy boned, to really develop good as a young horse."

Team Six is owned by Peggy Hood, Mystical Marker Farms, Paymaq Racing and Jorgen Jahre Jr., which is some of the same group that owned Manofmanymissions.

"We had good luck with that horse and those guys wanted to take a shot at the same family," Miller said. "I'm pretty optimistic that (Team Six) could come on and be a bit of a stakes horse for us. He's not the kind of horse that has to have a perfect trip, although that's what he got last week. But he's a big strong horse where I think he can endure a little work."

Miller knows Team Six will have to raise his game to compete at the top level in the older trotting division, but he's hopeful the horse can find a place among that group.

"There's room for them if you've got one that's good enough," Miller said.

Now it's up to Team Six to accept that mission. (HRC)


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SUPER BOWL XLIX—NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS vs. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS


The oddsmakers started with the Seahawks favored by 2 1/2 points, but at press time the Patriots are favored by one. Who do you like in the big game? Horsemen and various well-known faces from the front side of the track weigh in with their picks.


 **BOB BONI** (Northwood Bloodstock)
Seahawks 23, Patriots 17. I think Seattle is very good defensively and they'll make Tom Brady uncomfortable. And that's the key.


 **DAVE BRIGGS** (Weekend Preview columnist)
Seahawks 28, Patriots 24. Seattle has the NFL's best defense, best rushing attack and ranked higher than the Pats in total offense in the regular season. Plus, Seahawks' tight end Luke Wilson is from my hometown of LaSalle, Ont.


 **DAVE BROWER** (Cal Expo)
Seahawks 42, Patriots 14. Seattle is clearly the better team, despite what the point spread now says. They will shut down Brady and Gronkowski with their superior defense.


 **STACY CAHILL** (Scioto Downs)
Patriots 42, Seahawks 24. I do love me some Tom Brady, and now that he got his feelings hurt with "deflate-gate," I am even more sensitive to him. They could have beat the Colts with a beach ball!


 **COREY CALLAHAN** (driver)
Patriots 31, Seahawks 24. I'm a loyal Redskins fan but my wife Joanna is from Maine so she's a New England fan. I just think New England is the better team. Belichick is the man.


 **GEORGE DUCHARME** (trainer)
Patriots 24, Seahawks 21. New England wins on a late field goal. That's how we win Super Bowls in New England.


 **EMILY GASKIN** (Hoosier Park)
Seahawks 31, Patriots 28. There is just too much controversy surrounding the Patriots right now AND they beat my beloved Colts. So I've got to go against them.


 **YANNICK GINGRAS** (driver)
Patriots 28, Seahawks 24. The Patriots are my wife Vicki's favorite team and the team we root for. Our family is glued to them so we will keep it going this year.


 **JOE HOLLOWAY** (trainer)
Seahawks 37, Patriots 34. The Seahawks are tough in the fourth quarter. When New England played Baltimore I thought they looked a little old and a step slow, and Seattle is fast and young.


 **PAUL KELLEY** (trainer)
Patriots 28, Seahawks 17. The Patriots are a great-coached team. I think Seattle will have a hard time dealing with Gronkowski and the Patriots running game, which is the sleeper in the whole thing.


 **TOM KELLEY** (Balmoral/Maywood)
Seahawks 28, Patriots 24. Very tough to repeat but this group is special. Could not have played worse for three quarters in NFC championship but somehow won.


 **SAM MCKEE** (Meadowlands)
Patriots 34, Seahawks 27. Despite "deflate-gate," Tom Brady is a University of Michigan man and Vince Wolfork, who owns Standardbreds, appeared on our Meadowlands TV show.


 **GABE PREWITT** (The Red Mile/Pompano)
Seahawks 23, Patriots 17. Like everyone else, I think it's a toss-up, but with no spies and properly inflated footballs I'm giving the slight edge to Seattle and The Legion of Boom.


 **NICK SALVI** (Meadowlands/Tioga/Vernon)
Patriots 35, Seahawks 17. I'm a huge Tommy Brady fan. I'd be torn if the Packers were in and I had to choose between TB and A Rod.

 **JASON SETTLEMOIR** (Meadowlands/Tioga/Vernon)
Patriots 34, Seahawks 31. Nothing can "deflate" the Patriots! Bad joke, but what more can you say other than Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are proven winners.

 **STEVE SMITH** (driver)
Patriots 27, Seahawks 24. The Patriots know why they're there, and that's because of what they've done. Not because they were deflating the ball. I think they are going to want to make a point.

 **CHUCK SYLVESTER** (trainer)
Patriots 31, Seahawks 14. If the Patriots get ahead, they won't let up. Unless there is something like turnovers, I think New England is by far the best team.

 **DAVE WEAVER** (TVG host)
Patriots 24, Seahawks 17. Defense prevails. Seattle has good defense as well, but Brady will find a way to get enough points.

 **DARIN ZOCCALI** (Meadowlands)
Patriots 24, Seahawks 13. This goes against my better judgment and my thinking that defense wins championships. But the Seattle performance for 55 minutes in

the NFC championship was so poor, I feel like they don't even belong in the game. I also think Sherman is injured worse than he is letting on.



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Night Of Champions Friday At The Meadows

The Meadows Standardbred Owners Association (MSOA) and The Meadows Racetrack & Casino will host a special night of racing on Friday. The second annual Night of Champions will have a first race post of 6:55 p.m.

Activity will begin nearly an hour earlier, at 6 p.m., when Dave Palone and Ron Burke will be in the track's Racebook area for a 30-minute "meet and greet." Fans will receive a limited edition poster of a painting by renowned equine artist Thomas Allen Pauly commemorating Palone's record-setting drive at The Meadows, courtesy of the track, as well as travel coffee mugs honoring the accomplishments of Palone and Burke, courtesy of the MSOA, while supplies last.

The night will also honor the horses that earned top honors in the MSOA's annual Horse of the Year balloting for 2014. Twelve horses and their respective owner/trainer connections will be honored, with a race named in their honor during the 12-race card. Video features will also be shown on the Meadows Live! television broadcast and on the track's in-house big screen. (MSOA)

USTA TV Committee To Meet Feb. 11

The U. S. Trotting Association has announced that the next meeting of its Television Committee will take place by conference call on Wednesday, Feb. 11. The committee was tasked last year with investigating the feasibility of a national broadcast campaign and delivering recommendations to the USTA Board of Directors upon completion. The group most recently met in late October.

The committee is chaired by Dan Leary, the USTA's director of marketing and communications, and is composed of members Ivan Axelrod (USTA chairman of the board), Alex Dadoyan (Standardbred Owners Association of New York), Kevin Decker (The Meadows), Moira Fanning (Hambletonian Society), Sam McKee (Meadowlands), Chris Schick (Cal Expo), and Mike Tanner (USTA executive vice president).

USTA president Phil Langley believes that the committee should and will be aggressive and open-minded in investigating various options that would increase harness racing's visibility.

"Obviously, there are financial challenges that preclude the USTA from funding on its own a multi-race, national schedule of televised race broadcasts," said Langley. "The money just isn't there to do what The Jockey Club has sponsored for the past few years.

"But all of the new research out there indicates that more people, especially the younger ones the sport would love to attract, are getting their news and entertainment via online platforms. I think that there's a real possibility there, from both a cost and exposure standpoint. It's like hockey. You don't go to where the puck was. You play where the puck is going."

Nonetheless, Langley quickly points out that the USTA has funding available to assist those member racetracks that plan to televise their biggest, most prestigious races.

"We, along with several other industry groups and individuals, gave money to the Meadowlands for the past several years to get the Hambletonian on television and plan to do the same in 2015. We also sent \$25,000 to the Little Brown Jug last year that helped fund that race's live broadcast. But our executive committee also approved a budget line item that would have the USTA provide partial funding for other races, too. We would love to help racetracks help themselves in enabling top events like the International Trot, Meadowlands Pace, Dan Patch Invitational, or Kentucky Futurity, for example, to be broadcast."

Langley asks that all such applications be received at the USTA offices by the end of February so that proper consideration of each request can be given in advance of discussion at the annual USTA Board of Directors meeting, which will take place this year from March 14-16 at the Hilton Columbus Easton hotel in Columbus, Ohio. All requests should contain details concerning the promotion of each respective broadcast, including any advertising, additional sponsors, and/or social media tie-ins. (USTA)

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Harness Racing Leaders

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Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Not Afraid (6tg)	3	2	0	0	\$41,900
JL Cruze (4tg)	4	3	1	0	41,250
Company Man (4pg)	3	2	1	0	38,130
Set Me Up (6pm)	3	2	0	0	37,800
Doctor Butch (5ph)	3	2	1	0	36,875
Donttelleruss (4pm)	4	3	1	0	35,055
Take It Back Terry (6pg)	4	1	2	0	35,000
Witch Dali (4pm)	3	2	1	0	33,860
Spirit Of Desire (5pm)	3	2	0	1	32,200
Michael's Power (6pg)	3	2	0	0	31,940
Opulent Yankee (4tg)	4	2	2	0	31,625
Camaes Fellow (7pg)	3	2	0	0	30,988
Artistic Fusion (4pm)	3	3	0	0	29,720
Kindofabigdeal (4pg)	3	2	1	0	28,265
Papa Ray (6ph)	3	2	0	1	28,000

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Corey Callahan	269	51-47-38	.334	\$505,387 (\$118,803)
Ron Pierce	217	42-32-32	.325	396,819 (91,240)
Jason Bartlett	141	19-39-21	.338	359,040 (98,905)
Tim Tetrick	126	29-20-14	.355	357,891 (100,819)
George Brennan	127	24-17-16	.305	336,900 (81,630)
Aaron Merriman	294	61-39-36	.322	320,616 (83,907)
Daniel Dube	114	26-11-19	.337	312,280 (96,860)
Dave Palone	127	35-18-16	.396	267,150 (106,220)
Sylvain Filion	122	19-21-14	.290	259,067 (93,906)
James MacDonald	163	20-24-17	.239	255,538 (76,749)
David Miller	126	20-16-13	.264	250,388 (82,706)
Trevor Henry	149	25-24-18	.298	244,552 (67,094)
Mike Wilder	136	26-28-21	.357	232,108 (75,010)
Brett Miller	122	15-24-11	.262	225,483 (41,286)
Mark MacDonald	120	10-16-16	.202	213,793 (48,000)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	170	39-25-19	.348	\$510,531 (\$154,637)
Richard Moreau	110	17-20-14	.298	222,969 (87,649)
Carmen Auciello	126	12-15-14	.198	207,506 (25,525)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	105	25-12-16	.352	192,395 (84,500)
Linda Toscano	33	9-9-3	.455	133,729 (18,059)
Wayne Givens	59	10-12-9	.333	121,638 (13,803)
Eric Ell	35	11-7-2	.444	116,270 (45,530)
Joe Cirusuola	35	12-5-6	.479	115,250 (27,816)
Mark Ford	95	7-9-9	.158	111,407 (26,271)
Jose Godinez	44	8-8-4	.313	102,076 (33,440)
Pat Lachance	47	7-6-8	.277	100,319 (39,410)
Tony Alagna	25	8-3-3	.427	99,475 (35,150)
Julie Miller	25	6-5-2	.378	98,463 (23,325)
Dylan Davis	52	11-5-4	.291	96,360 (18,665)
Tony O'Sullivan	29	9-1-0	.330	94,286 (37,575)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	433	89	111	\$911,556
Winbak Farm	357	85	102	656,069
Perretti Farms	138	27	34	276,732
Brittany Farms	111	28	38	259,909
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	79	24	30	211,565
White Birch Farm	54	22	25	199,623
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	97	17	22	159,990
Frederick Hertrich III	58	15	16	144,646
VAE LLC	36	13	15	131,218
Walnut Hall Limited	51	15	21	126,549
Arlene & Jules Siegel	47	10	12	123,877
Al Libfeld	35	11	13	122,249
Fair Winds Farm Inc.	34	11	12	116,455
Seelster Farms Inc.	72	17	21	114,200
Midland Acres Inc.	53	18	23	114,037

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Jan. 21-27 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Aaron Merriman	85	16-8-12
Dave Palone	44	15-5-4
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	76	15-9-8
Alfred Carroll	44	11-12-6
Dan Noble	57	11-6-9
Ron Pierce	55	10-5-8
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	34	9-10-4
Greg Grismore	48	9-8-8
Josh Sutton	59	9-8-6
Mike Wilder	45	9-6-8
Billy Dobson	34	8-5-6
Daniel Dube	21	8-1-3
Jason Bartlett	35	8-9-4
Jim Marohn Jr.	42	8-6-3
Scott Coulter	44	8-4-2
Trevor Henry	45	8-5-10

Trainers	Wins
Ron Burke	9
Virgil Morgan Jr.	9
Richard Moreau	8
Dan Ater	6
Tyler Nostadt	6
Chris Short	4
Eric Ell	4
George Reider	4
J.D. Perrin	4
Jeff Brewer	4
Jim Arledge Jr.	4
Joseph Hundertpfund Jr.	4
Pat Lachance	4
Richard Banca	4
Rob Harmon	4
Tony O'Sullivan	4
Tracy Brainard	4
Victor Puddy	4

2015 FEBRUARY



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day General Brock Trot (Wdb)	3	4 The Horseman	5 Charles Singer Trot (M) Miss Vera Bars Pace (Wdb)	6 Burning Point Pace (M) Ontario Girls Pace (Wdb) The Count B Pace (Wdb) Northville Downs opens	7 Ontario Boys Pace (Wdb) Sonsam Pace (M) O'Brien Awards dinner at Mississauga, Ont.
8	9 General Brock Trot (Wdb) Blooded Horse Winter Speed Sale at Delaware, Ohio	10 Blooded Horse Winter Speed Sale at Delaware, Ohio	11	12 Charles Singer Trot (M) Miss Vera Bars Pace (Wdb)	13 Burning Point Pace (M) Ontario Girls Pace (Wdb) The Count B Pace (Wdb)	14 Valentine's Day Ontario Boys Pace (Wdb) Sonsam Pace (M)
15	16 Presidents' Day General Brock Trot final (Wdb)	17	18 The Horseman	19 Ash Wednesday	20 Miss Vera Bars Pace final (Wdb) The Count B Pace final (Wdb)	21 Buddy Gilmour Pace (M) Burning Point Pace final (M) Charles Singer Pace final (M) Ontario Boys Pace final (Wdb) Sonsam Pace final (M)
22 USHWA Dan Patch Awards dinner at Orlando, Fla.	23	24	25	26	27	28 Buddy Gilmour Pace (M)



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