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Brethour Brings Strong Duo Into Blizzard Final

Ten 3- and 4-year-old filly and mare pacers will line up behind the gate in Friday night's \$34,000 Blizzard Series final at Woodbine Racetrack. Interestingly, the four strongest contenders arguably on paper will start from the inside four posts, including the Ron Burke-trained Sayitall BB, who brings a perfect six-for-six career record into the final.

While Sayitall BB and driver Jody Jamieson will start from post 2, directly to their right in posts 3 and 4 will be a pair of Murray Brethour trainees, Murrayfield and Miss Poppycock, respectively. Both distaffers finished a close second in their respective divisions of the Blizzard Series opening leg, and then in last weekend's second leg divisions—ironically raced in blizzard-like conditions at Woodbine—Murrayfield came up a winner while Miss Poppycock again finished second.

Finishing second is nothing new to the 4-year-old Miss Poppycock, who has landed in the runner-up spot 10 times in her 32-start career (two wins). Brethour is somewhat content with Miss Poppycock's overall body of work, noting she has earned nearly \$70,000.

"She doesn't like to win; she just doesn't like going by that last horse," said Brethour, who trains on his own farm in Sunderland, Ont. "She's made money so far, but I'd like to see her win though."

Brethour said Miss Poppycock can be a handful on the racetrack.

"You have to keep her calm because she can get too hot on you," said Brethour. "She'd be better with a blind bridle but you can't put one on her because she'd pull more and I'd end up choking her. So I have to have an open bridle on her."

Bred by E. Stephen Scarff and owned by Scarff Legacy Stables, Miss Poppycock is a full sister to the \$848,205 winner Mach Dreamer, who won the 2010 Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final for 3-year-old filly pacers.

Chris Christoforou will drive Miss Poppycock, while Keith Oliver gets the call behind Murrayfield, who comes into the Blizzard final off a wire-to-wire, 1:55.1 win, one tick off her career mark. The 3-year-old daughter of Jereme's Jet is a homebred of Dr. Huw Llewellyn.

Murrayfield won her career debut last July in a Grassroots division at Georgian Downs, but then a slight injury put her on the shelf until November. Since that time, she has built a resume of 8-5-2-0 with \$50,860 in earnings.

"She had a bone bruise on a hind leg so she's really just coming back," Brethour explained. "That's why she didn't race last summer. We had to give her some time."

"We'll probably give her some time after this to get her ready for the Sires Stakes." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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\$34,000 BLIZZARD SERIES FINAL

Woodbine Racetrack, Fri., Jan. 31, Race 7, Post Time: 9:25 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Lyonsaura	R. Waples/C. Johnson	5-1
2—Sayitall BB	J. Jamieson/R. Burke	3-1
3—Murrayfield	K. Oliver/M. Brethour	5-1
4—Miss Poppycock	C. Christoforou/M. Brethour	4-1
5—Stonebridge Classy	Ph. Hudon/S. Nichols	15-1
6—Rock N Roll Xample	B. Davis Jr./S. Robinson	6-1
7—An Angel Shes Not	P. MacDonell/D. Snowden	12-1
8—Shutthefrontdoor	M. Saftic/M. Sinclair	20-1
9—Winbak Ella	S. Filion/T. Vrablic	10-1
10—Zip Car	D. McNair/H. Toll	8-1

Royalty For Life Nears March 1 Return

Trainer George Ducharme told Weekend Preview on Jan. 22 that 2013 Hambletonian winner Royalty For Life is wintering well—despite an unexpected snowstorm this week—at Chris and Georgia Coyle’s Olive Branch Farm in North Carolina. He plans for the trotter to begin training for his 4-year-old campaign in early March.

Royalty For Life’s stellar sophomore season included wins in the \$1 million Hambletonian, the \$655,420 Canadian Trotting Classic, the \$360,000 Zweig Memorial, and the \$264,000 Dancer Memorial. However, his season ended on a down note when he was scratched as the morning-line favorite from post 1 in the \$500,000 Breeders Crown final in late October at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

Following the scratch, Ducharme discovered a bone chip in a knee, which was surgically removed by Dr. Michael Ross at the New Bolton Equine Center in Pennsylvania on Nov. 1. “Dr. Ross was pretty happy with the way it came out,” said Ducharme, who was voted the 2013 William Haughton Memorial Good Guy of the Year by members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association. “He’s been down in North Carolina since the last week of November or so, and he was good when he left here and Chris (Coyle) said he’s good now.”

Royalty For Life, who was the richest colt trotter last year with \$1.27 million in earnings, is a finalist for the 2013 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year with Spider Blue Chip, who won the Breeders Crown final. The winner will be announced at the Dan Patch Awards dinner on Feb. 23 at Dover Downs. Ducharme said he then will begin prepping Royalty For Life for his 2014 season.

“I hope to have him ready to go in June or so,” he said. “I hope he can hold his own this year.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Foiled Again “Hosts” Night Of Champions

In conjunction with the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association (MSOA), The Meadows is hosting the inaugural Night of Champions on Friday night. “Hosting” the event will be the world’s richest pacer, Foiled Again, with horses that earned MSOA Horse of the Year awards for their age and gait being honored throughout the night.

Post time is 6:55 p.m. Foiled Again will be available for a “meet and greet” in the winner’s circle at 6:30, with a drawing held at 6:45 to select some fans who will be able to get a jog cart ride behind the star pacer.

The owners of Foiled Again will also be giving away free hats, and New Vocations Standardbred Adoption agency will be offering “We Can’t All Be Foiled Again” T-shirts to commemorate the evening.

Horses that earned MSOA Horse of the Year awards for their age and gait will also be honored throughout the night. Twilight Bonfire, owned by Bob Key, will be honored as the MSOA’s 2013 Horse of the Year. Twilight Bonfire was trained throughout much of 2013 by Danny Collins, and is wintering in the local barn of Rich Gillock.

WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

Friday, January 31

All times listed are local.

8:35p Mea6 **WO/Preferred** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)
 8:50p YR6 **F&M Open** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)
 9:25p Wdb7 **Blizzard Pace** final [Trackmaster PPs](#)
 9:30p YR8 **Open** Trot [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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Saturday, February 1

7:45p Wdb2 **Preferred** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)
 8:50p YR6 **Open** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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Sunday, February 2

6:30p M **Super Bowl XLVIII**



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Each divisional award winner from last season will have a race named in their honor and owners of those horses are invited to a special gathering in Delvin’s banquet room in the Racebook area.

Fans will also have an opportunity to share in the success of harness racing’s top training outfit, the Ron Burke Stable, which won a record 1,090 races in 2013. Fans can turn their losing tickets into a big payday in a Second Chance Drawing which will have a \$2,180 prize...\$2 for every race that the Burke Stable won. The drawing is sponsored by Burke Racing LLC, the MSOA, and The Meadows Racetrack & Casino.

STRETCH CALL



BY DAVE BRIGGS

In the not so distant past, one racetrack sending another track \$500,000 for purses might have been considered a sign of the apocalypse.

In Ontario, where racing folks are all too familiar with the cataclysmic event unleashed on them in 2012 by the provincial government, it's just part of the new reality.

When word came last week that Toronto's Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) had transferred \$500,000 to the purse account at The Raceway at The Western Fair District in London, the move signaled more than just the arrival of province-wide purse pooling. It was also the product of a new Memorandum of Understanding signed

Eight racetracks have signed an agreement to work together. "Frankly, we had to work together," said Hugh Mitchell.

last week between the management of the eight Ontario tracks that form what's being called the Standardbred Alliance.

"I think it's a first anywhere that I can find. We have an agreement between eight racetracks to run a coordinated program of Standardbred racing. They can coordinate the signal, share costs, share a common race calendar," said John Snobelen, one of three former provincial cabinet ministers entrusted with reshaping horse racing in Ontario after the current Liberal government under former Premier Dalton McGuinty inexplicably pulled the plug on a Slots at Racetracks Program that was wildly lucrative for the industry, government and taxpayers.

The Standardbred Alliance aims to establish a three-tiered hierarchy of racing in the province with two grassroots tracks (Clinton and Hanover) at the bottom, four "signature" tracks (Western Fair, Grand River Raceway, Flamboro Downs and Georgian Downs) in the middle and WEG's two "premier" tracks (Mohawk and Woodbine) at the top.

Hugh Mitchell, chief executive officer of The Western Fair District and the former senior vice-president of racing at WEG, said the agreement required about two months of heavy lifting to bring together outfits with disparate economic goals. The Standardbred Alliance is comprised of tracks operated by not-for-profit agricultural societies (Hanover, Clinton, Western Fair, Grand River), for-profit plants (WEG) and even two (Flamboro and Georgian) that are owned by a publicly traded casino company.

"I'm very pleased that this group of racetracks has joined forces and agreed to work together for the betterment of the industry. With that comes some give and take. I think a lot of credit needs to go to Woodbine and their manage-

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ment team who did a lot of the work and are leading the charge," Mitchell said.

Under the new system, signature tracks are required to offer \$60,000 in purses for each card. Mitchell said the simple reality is that, "other than Woodbine, none of us can drive enough wagering to support our operations and our purse structure. We needed Woodbine to be the hub of this wheel," Mitchell said.

As recently as 10 years ago, when each track operated as its own fiefdom, it would have been unthinkable for them to share services, coordinate the province's race schedule as a group, and send purse money to each other. The Standardbred Alliance is an indication of how much horse racing has changed in Ontario as the industry attempts to stay alive.

"Frankly, we had to work together. We had to find a solution because there was no other option," Mitchell said. "There was always a chance that if we couldn't get our act together ourselves that somebody else would be forced to implement or enforce some things on us. So, I think we were motivated. We were very motivated this time around because the options were running out and, moreover, time was running out."



Dave Briggs was the editor of *The Canadian Sportsman* for 18 years and is an award-winning journalist. Any opinions expressed in this column are his own and not necessarily those of Horseman Publishing Company or its publications.

Tetrick Ready To Return To Sulky

On Dec. 19, two days after Tim Tetrick underwent his second hip replacement surgery, he told Weekend Preview he planned on returning to the sulky right after the Super Bowl on Feb. 2. Tetrick was right on with his prediction as he received the OK from his doctors on Jan.



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28 that he can climb back into the sulky.

"I'm going to train some Friday and Saturday for Scott DiDomenico and Jim King Jr., and see how he goes," said Tetrick. "I'm going to come back (next week) and take it easy, not driving 12 a night."

Because of a degenerative hip condition, Tetrick needed both hips replaced, the first of which was done in December 2008. He originally planned on the second surgery in late 2009, but he felt well enough to delay those plans until now. The second surgery was performed at Rubina Medical Center in Bensalem, Pa.

Tetrick's 2014 season got underway on a nice note at Dover

"I'm going to come back (next week) and take it easy, not driving 12 a night."

— Tim Tetrick

Downs on Wednesday, Jan. 29, when Line Item, a 4-year-old son of Donato Hanover he bought last December in partnership with trainer King, scored a 1:56 victory in an \$11,500 conditioned trot. Tetrick's younger brother, Trace, was in the sulky. Powerful Charge, a trotter he also shares ownership with King, finished third on Wednesday in a \$15,500 conditioned event. Tetrick was in attendance at Dover to watch his horses.

"He only had 14 lifetime starts and I thought he was worth the money," said Tetrick of Line Item. "He's Pennsylvania-bred and if you don't live in Pennsylvania it's hard to race if you don't have a Pennsylvania-bred."

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Originally an \$85,000 yearling purchase, Line Item is out of the Self Possessed mare Bee Line, who won the 2006 Elegan-timage final at Woodbine Racetrack. Tetrick drove the trotter last November twice for trainer Staffan Lind, including a 1:57.3 win at Dover Downs. Wednesday's effort came in his debut for his new connections, bringing his career resume to 15-5-1-1 and \$39,120 in earnings. — By Gordon Waterstone

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WHO DO YOU LIKE?

SUPER BOWL XLVIII—SEATTLE SEAHAWKS vs. DENVER BRONCOS

The oddsmakers have the Broncos favored by two points at press time. 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 20, Broncos 17. I think the Seattle defense is very, very good. They are tough enough and as tough a defensive team that the Broncos have played.

 **GEORGE BRENNAN** (driver)

Broncos 28, Seahawks 17. I believe it's Peyton's destiny. I like the experience of Denver.

 **MURRAY BROWN** (Hanover Shoe Farms)

Broncos 30, Seahawks 24. I think the Broncos are the best all-around team and have the most weapons. I think Seattle might be a little bit challenged scoring.

 **STACY CAHILL** (Scioto Downs)

Broncos 28, Seahawks 14. Simply because I think that Peyton Manning is the second best quarterback after Tom Brady. :)

 **COREY CALLAHAN** (driver)

Seahawks 24, Broncos 21. It's going to be cold and I just don't think they'll put up as many points. My winning pick has three touchdowns and a field goal, and they should be able to handle that.

 **ERIC CARLSON** (driver)

Broncos 28, Seahawks 24. Peyton is going to be too much. Seattle's defense is strong enough to slow them down...but I think in the end Peyton's offense will move the ball around enough. The Broncos will overpower them just a little.

 **GEORGE DUCHARME** (trainer)

Seahawks 24, Broncos 17. I'm a New England fan so I can't root for Denver. I think Seattle's defense is just too good.

 **MOIRA FANNING** (Hambletonian Society)

Broncos 31, Seahawks 24. It has to be the Broncos because they will be the only equines allowed near the hallowed horse grounds of the Meadowlands this weekend.

 **P.J. FRALEY** (trainer)

Broncos 24, Seahawks 21. Peyton is going to pick them apart. I went to high school in Marshall, Mich., with Adam Gase, the Broncos' offensive coordinator.

 **BOB HEYDEN** (Meadowlands)

Seahawks 24, Broncos 17. An EZ win for the team that shut out the Giants here 23-0.

 **TOM KELLEY**

(Balmoral Park)
Seahawks 27, Broncos 21.
"D" over "O" and
Seahawks physicality
will be too much for the
Broncos to overcome.



 **BOB MARKS** (Perretti Farms)

Broncos 28, Seahawks 24. It really looks like a pick'em game, but I think it's Manning's year.

 **SAM MCKEE** (Meadowlands)

Broncos 23, Seahawks 17. Denver has too many receivers for the Seahawks to cover. Plus, the Broncos have an excellent field goal kicker.

 **DAVID MILLER** (driver)

Broncos 28, Seahawks 24. I'm not really a Denver fan but I'm rooting for them because it could be Peyton's last game.

 **JOHN MANZI** (Monticello)

Broncos 31, Seahawks 17. The expertise of Manning's passing ability will lead the Broncos to victory. Manning will pick the Seattle defense apart.

 **GABE PREWITT** (The Red Mile/Pompano)

Seahawks 27, Broncos 24. Vegas is sending out invitations for people to bet Denver so they need Seattle to cover. Vegas rarely loses so I will side with them.

 **NICK SALVI** (Meadowlands/Tioga/Vernon)

Seahawks 31, Broncos 28. I can't like Manning, nobody is that wholesome. Sherman is his antithesis. Pete Carroll surfs and kinda looks like a young Bob Marks.

 **JASON SETTLEMOIR** (Meadowlands/Tioga/Vernon)

Seahawks 20, Broncos 13. Denver has so many offensive weapons, but the Seahawks defense is stellar and defense wins ballgames.

 **TIM TETRICK** (driver)

Broncos 27, Seahawks 24. I like Peyton Manning, he's the best quarterback and coach on the field. He has so many ways he can beat you.

 **HEATHER VITALE** (PostTime/PA Harness Week)

Seahawks 24, Broncos. 21. I'm picking Richard Sherman to win the Super Bowl...not the actual team of the Seahawks, just Richard Sherman. The deciding factor will be a field goal since kicking is the only thing Sherman is not the best at.

 **DARIN ZOCCALI**

(Meadowlands)
Broncos 31, Seahawks 20.
Denver's wide receivers
are big enough and
physical enough to
match up with Seattle's
secondary. Manning
throws for 300 yards
and 3TDs.





Illinois Governors Signs ADW Bill

The Illinois legislature on Wednesday passed the Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) bill that will allow Balmoral Park and Maywood Park to race full schedules in 2014.

According to the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA) website, the ADW bill passed the state Senate 47-4 and the state House 95-10. The IHHA reported that Gov. Pat Quinn signed the bill Wednesday at 4 p.m. Central Time.

According to IHHA president Dave McCaffrey, the passage of the bill will allow the Illinois Racing Board (IRB) to award full race dates to both harness racetracks. Balmoral Park will race three days a week and Maywood Park will race two days a week. That said, McCaffrey also noted that the IHHA still has to negotiate a contract with both racetracks. "If the racetracks refuse to defer any recapture, we're facing major purse cuts," said McCaffrey.

Passage of the ADW bill was essential because a percentage of ADW wagers goes to the funding of the IRB. Without that funding, the IRB would not have been able to operate, which in turn would have resulted in a massive reduction in race dates.

Coletta Family Lawyers Win Motion For Track Inspection

Attorneys representing critically injured driver Anthony Coletta and his family reportedly were granted an order from the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas on Thursday morning that will allow them access to Harrah's Philadelphia to conduct a forensic investigation of the racetrack surface.

Coletta suffered numerous fractures and brain and skull injuries as a result of the accident that occurred on Nov. 17, 2013.

According to a press release by the law firm of Saltz, Mongeluzzi, Barrett & Bendesky P.C., Coletta's parents-guardians, Alfred and Rosemary Coletta, turned to the law firm on behalf of their son. The press release stated they will use "all legal means necessary" to determine what caused the accident, hold those responsible fully accountable for their actions, and ensure that no other drivers and their horses are put at risk.

The Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission last week suspended the track's 2014 dates, noting in its order that it took the action "after having requested specific information from Harrah's Philadelphia regarding its proposed plan to address racetrack surface issues on numerous occasions and having received no substantive information..."

Harrah's Philadelphia did not object to the motion. The law firm was given a Feb. 21 deadline to inspect the track.

Red River Hanover Dies From Snake Bite

Red River Hanover p,3, 1:48.4 (\$965,426), a son of Western Hanover-Rich N Elegant and thus a full brother to Rocknroll Hanover, Richess Hanover and Royalflush Hanover, has died at a breeding farm in New South Wales, Australia. The 15-year-old stallion died as a result of being bitten by a brown snake.

Before he was exported Down Under in 2009, Red River Hanover excelled on the track, competing in North America's top stakes as a 3 year old, winning the \$1 million North America Cup over Mach Three and McArdle. He was trained by Bill Robinson and Monte Gelrod that season.

Red River Hanover was retired to stud duty at Perretti Farms in New Jersey and later stood at stud in Indiana. His 354 offspring have earned slightly more than \$10 million, with his son Drop Red p,3, 1:49, the richest with earnings of \$716,000.

Lisa, Witten Win Smallsreed Awards For HFW Photos

Dave Briggs, writing for the Guelph Mercury newspaper, and M. Kelly Young, writing for Hoof Beats magazine, were named the winners in the 52nd annual John Hervey Awards for excellence in harness racing journalism, the U.S. Harness Writers Association announced Monday.

Meadowlands Racetrack photographer Michael Lisa and Dave Witten of The Horseman And Fair World magazine were the winners in the 14th annual George Smallsreed Awards for excellence in harness racing photography.

Briggs won the news/commentary category for his story titled "Horse barns at Mohawk 'silent as a grave,'" which examined the shutting of the backstretch stables at Mohawk, and appeared in the Jan. 9, 2013, edition of the Guelph Mercury newspaper. Briggs has been awarded a record six Hervey honors.

In the feature category, Young won for her story, "Win One for Ryan; Pacer races for stricken youngster," which appeared in the November issue of Hoof Beats. The story recounted the chance meeting between Marc Reynolds and Marie Hunt and Reynolds naming a horse, River Run For Ryan, in honor of Hunt's son, who has a rare genetic disease called Hunter Syndrome.

In the photography categories, Lisa won in the race feature division for a photograph of driver David Miller heading onto the track on a snowy night at the Meadowlands. The photo appeared in the March 13 issue of The Horseman And Fair World as well as the March 14 issue of The Canadian Sportsman.

Witten won in the race action category for a photograph of the first turn of the Hambletonian. The photo appeared in the Aug. 15 issue of The Horseman And Fair World. (HRC)

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Meadowlands Pace Changing To Stakes Format

A few significant reductions have been made to the cost of nominating and sustaining pacing colts to the Meadowlands Pace for 2014 and beyond. Recognizing the high cost of staking and the increased opportunities that exist for the 3-year-old pacing colt division, the nominating and sustaining payments for the 2014 Meadowlands Pace have been reduced by nearly 20 percent. Chief among these cuts is the price to nominate having been slashed in half, from \$1,000 to \$500.

Another new wrinkle for 2014 is a tiered declaration fee, dropping the cost of entry in the elimination races from the single declaration fee of \$6,000 to \$2,500 for the elimination and then \$5,000 to go in the final (if eliminations are not needed, the cost to race in the final will be \$7,500). It will cost \$5,000 less than 2013 for a horse to put his nose on the gate in a Meadowlands Pace elimination. This should allow more owners to take a crack at one of the classics and a chance to earn the cost of the final declaration fee while racing in the elimination.

The purse for the 2014 Meadowlands Pace is estimated to be \$750,000 with the eliminations to go for \$50,000.

Looking ahead, the Meadowlands Pace is being transitioned from an Early Closer, which requires no nomination until the year in which the race will be contested, to a stake with payments due in prior years. To begin, a 2-year-old nomination payment of \$400 on the foals of 2012 to race in the 2015 Pace is due on March 15, 2014. After this initial fee, the nominated horse will be eligible to be sustained to the 2015 Pace by making a \$2,000 payment on Feb. 15 and a \$2,500 payment on March 15. The total payments then represent a further reduction of 25 percent versus the cost in 2014. (*Meadowlands*)

Dayton Raceway Announces \$100,000 Races

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway, which will open in October, is the latest Ohio track to announce new Grand Circuit races in the state where the "Roarin' Grand" got its start in the 1890s.

Grand Circuit president John Campbell, speaking at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association annual awards banquet in Dublin, Ohio on Sunday night, said, "We are really happy about getting all four Ohio tracks back on our schedule now that you are enjoying a well-deserved racing resurgence in this state. It gives us an increased Midwest presence and at the same time gives these new races immediate prestige as Grand Circuit events."

The new Dayton Raceway races, with estimated 2014 purses of \$100,000 each, are for 4-year-old and up open class horses and geldings. They have been named the Dayton Pacing Derby and Dayton Trotting Derby although a con-

test to rename them is likely to take place later this year. Both races are scheduled for Friday night, Oct. 24, over the new five-eighths mile oval.

The Hambletonian Society will service the races including advertising and acceptance of nomination and sustaining payments which begin March 15. (*Dayton Raceway*)

Changes Made In Ohio Sires Stakes Program

After a presentation by program administrator Joe Crugnale during its monthly meeting in Columbus on Jan. 23, the Ohio State Racing Commission approved the Ohio Sires Stakes program for 2014.

The biggest changes are the movement of the deadline to nominate from Feb. 15 to March 15, and the elimination of the April 15 sustaining payment. Eligibility to race in all four legs leading to championships for 2 and 3 year olds will also cost less. The single \$500 payment due on March 15 replaces two \$350 payments required in previous years.

In another change related to payments, the cost to enter championships was also reduced, from \$1,500 to \$1,000. At the same time, championships for younger horses will also be worth more, increasing from \$150,000 in 2013 to \$200,000 this year. Scioto Downs will host the eight championships on Sept. 27.

Scheduled races leading to championships will also carry higher purses. When one field of horses goes postward the race will be contested for \$45,000, up from \$35,000 a year ago. When enough horses enter to require divisions, each will go for a minimum of \$40,000. This amount also reflects an increase of \$10,000 over 2013.

Four championships for older horses (4 year olds and up) of each gait and sex were also scheduled for the first time since 2009. Each championship for a \$50,000 purse will be held at the new Dayton Raceway on Oct. 17-18. If necessary, eliminations will be held a week in advance. Nominations costing \$250 will close on June 1.

All of the changes above were recommended to the commission by members of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund, Richard McClelland, Kevin Greenfield and Senena Esty. They also endorsed a budget that projects total OSS purses in excess of \$4.3 million. Purses in 2013 were \$3.12 million. Annual OSS purses have never exceeded the \$4.02 million raced for in 2000. (*OSRC*)

Breedings Available To Benefit New Vocations

Breedings to Donato Hanover, Deweycheatumnhowe, Conway Hall, Camluck, A Rocknroll Dance, and Dragon Again are among the 85 seasons donated to New Vocations 16th Annual Stallion. The auction starts Monday Feb. 10, and

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runs through 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb 14, at <http://www.on-gait.com/>. The auction is conducted in an open-ended format that allows for bidding slightly beyond the 2 p.m. deadline if less than five minutes have elapsed since the last bid on a particular breeding.

Participants are asked to be considerate and not bid for mares over 20, ones that have been barren two or more consecutive years, any that are due after May 21, and those that are already booked. To view the list of stallions visit <http://www.horseadoption.com/> or email dot@horseadoption.com. Breedings are still being sought and can be added until the auction begins. *(New Vocations)*

Buy Stud Services To Benefit Racing Museum

The Harness Racing Museum is pleased to announce an exceptional roster of stallions for its 2014 breeding auction. This year's list includes Hall of Fame inductees Camluck and Cam's Card Shark.

Here are the stallions listed by state:

Ohio: BreakThe Bank K, Colie's, Dejarmbro, Northern Kid, Feelin Friskie, Manhardt, Powerful Toy, Stand Forever, Three Olives, Woodstock and Yankee Cruiser.

Pennsylvania: Lear Jetta, Sierra Kosmos, Tom Ridge, Cam's Card Shark, Ponder, Real Artist and Tuffofthetoughest.

New York: Lucky Chucky, Lislea, Panther Hanover, Riverboat King, Rockincam, So Surreal and Village Jove.

Maryland: Charlie De Vie, Four Starz Robro, Groton Hall, Holy Guacamolie, Nuclear Breeze, The Fraternity Pan, Totally Western and Up Front Charlie.

Ontario: Angus Hall, Artistic Fella, Badlands Hanover, Camluck and Classic Card Shark.

Indiana: Allthatgltrsisgold, Always A Virgin, He's Gorgeous and Panspacificflight.

Delaware: CR Commando and Dream Away.

Illinois: Yankee Skyscraper.

For additional information on the auction, to donate breedings, or to receive a complete list of stallions and conditions for bidding, please contact Joanne Young at 845.294.6330, development@harnessmuseum.com or visit www.harnessmuseum.com, where updates will also be posted. Bids must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2014. *(Harness Racing Museum)*



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Harness Racing Leaders

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Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Bettor's Edge (5pg)	4	2	1	0	\$38,250
Nova Artist (7ph)	4	2	0	2	37,200
Time To Quit (4tg)	3	3	0	0	37,000
Sunshine Superman (7pg)	4	2	1	0	36,575
Cowgirl Hall (5tm)	3	3	0	0	35,500
Escape The News (5pg)	4	1	2	1	30,350
Lorrie Please (7pm)	3	2	0	0	30,000
Zooming (6tg)	3	1	1	1	28,710
Hypnotic Blue Chip (8ph)	3	1	1	1	26,100
Addison Bay (7pm)	3	2	0	0	25,340
Encoding Z Tam (4pg)	4	3	1	0	24,500
Jeremy's Successor (10pg)	4	2	1	0	24,500
Oaklea Victor (4tg)	3	3	0	0	23,655
Littlebitaclass (3pg)	3	2	0	0	23,607
Texican N (6pg)	4	1	0	1	23,400

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Corey Callahan	282	60-33-43	.329	\$559,626 (\$87,605)
Ron Pierce	232	31-51-38	.310	417,197 (88,555)
Brian Sears	172	38-23-26	.346	386,475 (134,135)
Jason Bartlett	145	28-21-22	.324	352,705 (111,845)
George Brennan	171	25-26-24	.277	347,770 (122,170)
Dave Palone	185	48-26-26	.384	334,473 (97,872)
Yannick Gingras	109	31-18-9	.404	312,402 (36,775)
Mike Wilder	188	37-29-22	.322	297,249 (65,755)
Matt Kakaley	168	22-21-30	.260	295,460 (89,795)
Aaron Merriman	273	40-39-32	.265	289,260 (100,171)
Scott Zeron	148	20-20-18	.251	260,003 (135,923)
Allan Davis	193	24-25-19	.229	243,852 (51,100)
Ross Wolfenden	161	25-24-23	.286	227,305 (40,015)
Brett Miller	198	22-29-21	.228	221,639 (52,530)
Tony Hall	164	19-28-24	.259	208,634 (26,054)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	215	58-29-31	.393	\$660,838 (\$171,305)
Carmen Auciello	85	14-13-3	.261	160,785 (45,618)
Rene Allard	82	23-4-18	.381	146,619 (24,172)
P.J. Fraley	64	10-9-6	.266	131,410 (32,955)
Randy Bendis	64	11-13-9	.332	128,517 (30,390)
Dylan Davis	57	15-5-6	.347	127,990 (26,605)
Nick Surick	62	16-12-6	.398	113,580 (16,920)
Josh Green	28	14-7-1	.651	112,545 (28,750)
Wayne Givens	69	10-11-13	.296	108,987 (32,420)
Richard Moreau	86	13-9-8	.240	108,935 (44,635)
Corey Johnson	38	9-6-2	.342	91,505 (30,780)
Heidi Rohr	41	9-7-6	.363	89,732 (24,435)
David Duspiva	44	7-8-0	.260	88,855 (19,325)
Darran Cassar	26	7-3-1	.346	84,625 (23,390)
Eric Ell	35	5-7-5	.302	82,225 (26,450)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	378	87	106	\$829,594
Winbak Farm	321	67	76	522,359
Brittany Farms	106	31	34	358,052
Perretti Farms	121	27	32	233,532
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	84	12	14	152,016
White Birch Farm	48	13	18	147,245
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	70	14	15	145,088
Walnut Hall Limited	71	10	14	133,346
Arlene & Jules Siegel	56	11	14	131,750
Seelster Farms Inc.	57	16	22	127,856
Frederick Hertrich III	52	15	21	107,635
Perfect World Enterprises	55	13	19	102,019
Al Libfeld	28	7	9	92,527
Val D'Or Farms	10	4	5	88,187
Peter Pan Stables Inc.	38	10	12	87,345

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Jan. 22-28 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Brian Sears	64	14-4-10
Dave Palone	49	14-7-7
Aaron Merriman	67	13-10-8
Billy Dobson	39	13-4-7
Robert Shepherd	38	12-7-5
Ron Beback Jr.	27	11-3-3
Bruce Ranger	29	10-2-5
Corey Callahan	37	10-3-3
George Brennan	58	10-8-8
Scott Zeron	46	10-11-5
Jason Bartlett	48	9-7-8
Ron Pierce	41	9-15-3
Tyler Smith	31	9-5-5
Jean Plante	40	8-7-5
Jim DeVaux	29	8-6-4
Matt Kakaley	45	8-6-5
Mike Wilder	46	8-7-5
Peter Wrenn	40	8-4-5
Trevor Henry	51	8-6-9
Brett Miller	51	7-6-5
Greg Grismore	29	7-4-6
Jim Marshall III	29	7-5-9

Trainers

Trainers	Wins
Ron Burke	14
J.D. Perrin	7
Patrick Shepherd	6
Richard Moreau	6
Bob Johnson	5
Josh Green	5
Ron Beback Jr.	5
Doug Hinklin	4
Rene Allard	4
Rob Harmon	4
Tim Maier	4
Tyler Stillings	4

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16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20 Singer Trot-2nd leg (M)	21	22 Washington's Birthday Gilmour 3CP-1st leg (M) Presidential OHP final (M)
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