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Miami Valley Opens Friday

The relocated Lebanon Raceway, now known as Miami Valley Gaming and Raceway in Lebanon, opens its inaugural meet on Friday night and longtime Ohio-based trainer Virgil Morgan Jr. is hoping his horse Regil Millionaire becomes the answer to the trivia question: What horse won the first-ever race at Miami Valley?

A 5-year-old daughter of Million Dollar Cam, Regil Millionaire won 12 of 34 starts last year with \$41,368 in earnings. Nine of those victories came after she was purchased privately last March by Carl Howard and Gerrie Tucker and sent to the Scioto Downs-based Morgan.

MIAMI VALLEY GAMING & RACEWAY

Race Dates: Feb. 7-May 4

Post Time: 6:30 p.m.

Racing: Wednesday through Sundays

Directions: Exit 29 on I-75 between Cincinnati & Dayton

Raced primarily in \$7,500-10,000 claimers

last year, Regil Millionaire's first five starts in 2014 have been in conditioned events at Northfield Park. After coming up winless in those five starts, Regil Millionaire has been dropped in class to a \$4,000 claimer in the Miami Valley opener. Morgan hopes the class relief is what the mare needs to get back into the winner's circle.

"She hasn't been on the top of her game of late, but hopefully she'll like the five-eighths a little better," said Morgan. "If she behaves herself and is on her game, she should be OK."

"She's a small mare and raced pretty hard and I think it showed up a little bit late in the year when she got off form a little bit."

Regil Millionaire is out of the Topnotcher mare Top Time Notcher, who earned more than \$260,000 on the racetrack. Regil Millionaire is a half sister to the 2013 Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final winner Regil Elektra and the \$260,000-winner Regil Tiger.

Regil Millionaire is the 5-2 morning-line favorite in Race 1, with Dan Noble listed to drive. Included among Morgan's other starters over the opening weekend at Miami Valley is

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Lookinforadventure, who won the 2010 New Jersey Sires Stakes final for 2-year-old colt pacers at the Meadowlands.

Lookinforadventure, who recently arrived in Morgan's barn, will start from post 5 in Race 10 on Saturday night, the featured \$10,000 Preferred Pace. Included among the seven-horse field is the Ron Burke-trained Visible Gold, who is two-for-two in 2014, including a 1:52 victory on Jan. 31 at The Meadows. Lookinforadventure finished eight lengths behind in eighth in that race.

"He's a nice horse but unfortunately Burke has that horse in there who just won in 1:52," said Morgan, who previously had Lookinforadventure in his barn for two wins in three starts at Hoosier Park in the spring of 2012. — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Pierce: "I'm Just Trying To Make Money"

Although driver Ron Pierce has on his Hall of Fame resume several stakes victories at Yonkers Raceway, including a pair of Yonkers Trots, two Messenger finals, and one George Morton Levy Series final, his drives at the half-mile oval have been limited over the years.



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With the Meadowlands closed briefly because of Super Bowl XLVIII at adjacent MetLife Stadium, Pierce made plans to drive at Yonkers the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Twenty-one drives later, with eight wins and \$95,060 in purse earnings, Pierce decided to keep Yonkers on his weekend schedule, saying he won't return to the Big M until stakes season gets underway.

Pierce is scheduled to drive in all 12 races on Friday and in 11 races on Saturday. Unlike last weekend, Pierce will have to contend with the track's leading driver, Brian Sears, who returns to the sulky after a vacation.

"The guys I drove for who had power aren't there."

— Ron Pierce

"When I went over there originally I wasn't planning on staying, I had just

gone over there to drive for (owner) Martin Scharf as a favor," explained Pierce, whose five-percent fee for the weekend came to \$4,753. "One of the horses didn't get in Friday and I still wound up on a bunch of horses anyway and won a couple. And then the following night I had more horses and won six races (for six different trainers). I had a good night and said why not just come over here on Fridays and Saturdays and make some money."

Pierce's eight wins actually catapulted him to 10th on the 2014 Yonkers dash list. At the Meadowlands this year he had compiled a slate of 69-5-13-10 with \$118,095 in purse earnings.

"Two nights a week isn't enough to make an impact on the drivers' standings, and that's not what I'm trying to do anyway. I'm just trying to make money," said Pierce, who will continue driving four nights a week at Dover Downs where he is second in the dash standings behind Corey Callahan. "I know I'm not going to win five or six every night, and there will be nights I won't even win a race, but I'm sure I'll make more money at Yonkers until Grand Circuit starts back up, and then I'll go back to the Meadowlands."

Pierce said his decision was made easier in knowing that he wasn't getting the top-quality horses as he had in the past at the Meadowlands.

"The guys I drove for who had power aren't there, and I'm not racing for the guys who have power now," said Pierce. "So I wasn't getting much in my drives at the Meadowlands." — By Gordon Waterstone

WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

Friday, February 7

All times listed are local.

7:34p M2 **A2/A1/FFA** Trot [Trackmaster PPs](#)

8:50p YR6 **F&M Open** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)

9:30p YR8 **Open** Trot [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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Saturday, February 8

8:50p YR8 **Open** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)

8:51p M6 **A2/A1/FFA** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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STRETCH CALL



BY DAVE BRIGGS

Learn How To Speak Politician

Politicians trying to raid the horse racing industry's share of revenue from slot machines at tracks is maddening and disheartening, but not the least bit surprising. In fact, it's inevitable.

So when word came last week that Pennsylvania Rep. Todd Stephens had sponsored a bill looking to redirect \$250 million—virtually every penny the horse racing industry receives from slots—to education, the rhetoric he used was all too familiar to anyone who has followed events in Ontario.

At the moment, indications are that Stephens is a lone wolf and his bill won't go anywhere thanks to lobbying work done by industry leaders in Pennsylvania. On Tuesday, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett presented his 2014-15 budget and it did not contain any provisions for redirecting money from the Race Horse Development Fund.

But the bill by Stephens, and his public comments, are troubling. He seemed to be reading from the Ontario Political Weasels Handbook when he positioned himself as being in favor of education over rich horse owners.

When Ontario's ruling Liberal Party axed the wildly-successful Slots at Racetracks Program, it ran radio ads saying slot money would be better spent on health care than rich racetrack owners. In doing so, the Liberals conveniently ignored the fact that over \$1.1 billion annually of the government's share of racetrack slot machine revenue went into general coffers that fund health care and education.

On the face of it, who wouldn't pick education or health care over horse racing? It's a powerful argument even if it is grossly misleading. Stephens and other politicians are quick to misrepresent slot money as a government subsidy. Since that money comes from the proceeds of consenting gamblers and not all taxpayers, it's simply not accurate to present it as a gift from the government. Yes, governments authorize slot operations in the first place, but it's hardly charity when the government always takes the biggest cut, and racing facilities and infrastructure are used to cannibalize racing customers.

It leaves the entire horse racing industry no choice but to learn to speak fluent politician or kiss the slot/gaming revenues goodbye. Off the top, that means two words to which every politician responds: money and votes.

Keeping slot money requires contributing as much as possible to the campaigns of key political allies. The cost will be much less than losing the slot money outright.

Industry leaders also need to constantly pound home the message that slot money provides a huge economic stimulus, especially in rural areas that have fewer options for employment.

Ontario's Liberals have a minority government with scant representation in rural areas. To achieve a majority, they have begun courting rural Ontario with the better-than-nothing, five-year, \$400 million deal to keep horse racing afloat in the province in the absence of slot money.

When the Ontario slots program was in full swing, the provincial horse industry did some lobbying, but not as a unified front. It sent a mixed message to government that highlighted the fractious nature of our industry.

Clearly, the horse racing industry in Ontario has learned a lot about politics in the last two years. The thought of a Standardbred Alliance with all levels of tracks working together was a laughable concept three years ago. The idea that there would be one group representing horsepeople across the province—a concept that is likely to come to fruition soon—was equally unlikely prior to the slots crisis.

Yet now that there is a deal for public funding in Ontario, I fear industry complacency as much as further government incompetence and ignorance. Five years will come and go in a flash.

Now is the time to maximize the collective powers of the Standardbred Alliance. Now is the time to invest more money into lobbying. Now is the time to come together, find common ground, and present a unified front.

Rep. Todd Stephens serves as a powerful reminder to us all that if we want slots we need to steel ourselves for an expensive, never-ending political conversation.

Now is the time to maximize the collective powers of the Standardbred Alliance. Now is the time to invest more money into lobbying.



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Maharajah Skips Prix de France

The Prix de France, the second of the great races during the prestigious winter meet at the Vincennes racetrack in Paris, will be contested on Sunday. The winner's purse is approximately \$240,000.

Unlike the Prix d'Amerique, the Prix de France is contested with a mobile starting gate. The distance of the race is 2,100 meters, or about 1.3 miles.

Maharajah, the winner of the Prix d'Amerique, will not be competing in the Prix de France, having already returned home to Sweden. Previous Prix d'Amerique winners, Royal Dream (2013) and Ready Cash (2011 and 2012) have been entered.

PRIX DE FRANCE

Hippodrome de Vincennes, Paris, France; Sunday, Feb. 9

PP—HORSE (Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam)	Driver
1—NORAS BEAN (9h, Super Arnie-Easy Bean-Songcan)	B. Goop
2—TIMOKO (7h, Imokot*-Kiss Me Coulounces-And Arifant)	J. Verbeeck
3—READY CASH (9h, Indy de Vive*-Kidea*-Extreme Dream)	F. Nivard
4—SEVERINO (8h, Gobernador-Katia de Tillard-Mon Tourbillon)	F. Bonne
5—THE BEST MADRIK (7h, Cocktail Jet*-Lady Madrik-Biesolo)	J.E. Dubois
6—ROYAL DREAM (9h, Love You*-Ida Bourbon-Buvetier d'Anou*)	J.P. Dubois
7—UP AND QUICK (6h, Buvetier d'Anou*-Fichtre-Quinton du Coral)	J.M. Bazire
8—TIEGO D'ETANG (7h, Chaillot-Harolene-Vroum d'Or)	C. Bigeon
9—YARRAH BOKO (9h, Cocktail Jet*-Big Blue Kitten-Pine Chip)	P. Vercruysee
10—UNIVERS DE PAN (6h, Kenya du Pont*-Gypsilore-Pan De La Vaudere)	Ph. Daugeard
11—UHLAN DU VAL (6h, Islero de Bellouet*-Indiana Beautiful-Beautiful Somolli*)	C. Megissier
12—TRIODE DE FELLIERE (7m, Derby du Gite-Linea de Vandel-Cezio Josselyn*)	F. Barrier
13—SANTA ROSA FRANCE (8m, Kaisy Dream*-Helice France*-Blue Dream*)	W. Bigeon

* Denotes American blood in French-breds, as noted below:
 Imokot (Viking's Way, by Mickey Viking, by Bonefish)
 Indy de Vive (Viking's Way, by Mickey Viking)
 Kidea (second dam is Doceanide du Lilas, by Workaholic)
 Cocktail Jet (Quouky Williams-Armbro Glamour-Speedy Crown)
 Love You (by Cocktail Jet, out of granddaughter of Speedy Somolli)
 Buvetier d'Anou (by Royal Prestige-Nesmile)
 Kenya du Pont (grandson of Florestan, a son of Star's Pride-Roquepine)
 Islero De Bellouet (Viking's Way, by Mickey Viking)
 Beautiful Somolli (Speedy Somolli)
 Cezio Josselyn (Armbro Goal)
 Kaisy Dream (Extreme Dream-Daisy Chain, by Speedy Somolli)
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Super Bowl Kudos To Seattle Backers

Nine of the 21 horsemen and racing officials who offered their prognostications for last Sunday's Super Bowl XLVIII correctly picked the Seattle Seahawks to win. That said, nobody came close to the final score of 43-8. Weekend Preview gives props to George Ducharme, Bob Heyden and Jason Settle-moir, who had the Seahawks winning by the biggest margin—seven points. Honorable mentions go to Bob Boni, Corey Callahan, Tom Kelley, Gabe Prewitt, Nick Salvi and Heather Vitale for backing Seattle.



Saturday's O'Brien Awards To Be Streamed Live

How would you like to watch the 2013 O'Brien winners receive their awards live from the comfort of your own home?

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The video stream will go online live at approximately 8:15 p.m. (EST); 9:15 p.m. (AST) and 6:15 p.m. (PST) on Saturday night. The awards presentations are expected to last for 60 to 90 minutes.

Winners will be honored in 18 categories including 12 horse divisions, Future Star, Horsemanship, Breeder, Driver, Trainer and Horse of the Year. The winners of the Standardbred Canada Media Awards of Excellence will also be recognized.

Nine past O'Brien Award winners are looking to add to their trophy collections and are either defending titles or are nominated in a new division. These past winners include: Anndrovette, Bee A Magician, Foiled Again, I Luv The Nitelife, Intimidate, Mister Herbie, Sylvain Filion, Robert McIntosh Stables Inc. and Seelster Farms.

Sylvain Filion will defend his Driver of the Year title against first-time nominee Doug McNair. There will be a new name beside the Trainer of the Year category as Gregg McNair and Richard Moreau are looking for their first national title. In the Future Star category, the finalists for this first-time award are Travis Cullen and Patrick Shepherd.

Kelly Hoerd, who received his third nomination for the O'Brien Award of Horsemanship, is up against first-time nominee Paul MacKenzie.

The awards will be hosted by Ken Middleton and Lee Drake. Haley MacDonald will sing the U.S. national anthem and O Canada. Prior to dinner, guests will be entertained by a special SC video feature. (SC)



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Goldsmith Maid – Trot	\$460,000 E
Three Diamonds – Pace	\$400,000 E
Fan Hanover – Pace	\$400,000 E
Elegantimage – Trot	\$365,000 E
Goodtimes – Trot	\$225,000 E
Battle Of Waterloo – Pace	\$180,000 E
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Somebeachsomewhere – Pace	\$150,000 E
Casual Breeze – Trot	\$150,000 E

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Still No Agreement On Chicago Racing

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA) posted on its website that several discussions have taken place with racetracks executives, Illinois Racing Board (IRB) commissioners, and the IHHA, but no agreement for a contract between the IHHA and Balmoral and Maywood Park racetracks was reached.

"We've found that the IRB and its Commissioners acting as mediators is a more effective way to work out a deal—it allows neutral regulators to hear all positions and put forth ideas/proposals while keeping both parties separated so as not to intensify bad feelings which could possibly extend this process. Several Commissioners are involved in negotiations. They are dedicated to finding a resolution and we thank all of them for their time and assistance," wrote IHHA president Dave McCaffrey. "Again, reasonable control over our \$5 million-plus purse account and the harmful effects of recapture are the main issues."

Waples To Guest Star On WEG Pre-Game Show

The always entertaining Randy Waples, a three-time O'Brien Award winner as Canada's outstanding driver, will be the guest on Woodbine Racing Live's pre-game show on Saturday, Feb. 8, beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Waples, 49, is quickly closing in on 6,000 career wins and currently has over \$103 million earned as a driver.

Some of his biggest triumphs include Thinking Out Loud's \$1.5 million North America Cup victory in 2010 and guiding San Pail to three Maple Leaf Trot victories along with a Breeders Crown title.

Waples will join WEG's Greg Gangle and offer his thoughts on the 11-race program and much more.

First race post time is slated for 7:25 p.m. (WEG)

Pompano Celebrates 50th In Rain

Not even a three-inch deluge of rain could dampen the festive aura at Pompano Park on Wednesday night, Feb. 5, as the South Florida track celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Besides the appearance of hockey's Florida Panthers cheerleaders, the track was well garnished with the appearances of several drivers who appeared during the track's inaugural season in 1964, including Lucien Fontaine, Tom Merriman, Dick Macomber, Lou Rapone and Bill Popfinger.

Fontaine recalled the opening night back in 1964 when he drove Music Box to victory after spotting the field "15-20 lengths" at the start due to a break—that mile timed in 2:11.2.

Merriman recalled the trotter with whom he won on the track's official opening night, Feb. 6, 1964. "That would be Laverne Scott," he said, "but let's not forget Philip Brian, Buster Magoo, High Voltage or Miss Becky Pick...just to name a few."

Macomber recalled the early days of Pompano Park when the 2:00 mile was a rarity. "I don't think we had any for the first couple of seasons," he said.

Rapone, still active in the sport as a trainer at age 88, has been in harness racing for over three-quarters of a century, having started as a caretaker for Mark Kyler at the age of 12 or 13.

Popfinger recalled his opening season wins at Pompano Park with Awol and Nevele Honeytime, among others. (Pompano Park)

Monticello Horsemen Shut Off Simulcast Signal

As a result of the expiration of an agreement between the Monticello Harness Horsemen's Association and Monticello Raceway for consent of the simulcast of live racing at the card, the export of the Monticello signal has been shut down as of Feb. 4, per federal law.

In a release issued by Monticello Harness Horsemen's Association representative Joe Faraldo, it was stated: Due to an impasse in the negotiations between the Monticello Harness Horsemen's Association and the management of Monticello Raceway, the horsemen's consent for interstate simulcasting

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of live racing from Monticello has expired. Pursuant to the Federal Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, the consent of the recognized horsemen's association at the host track is necessary for a racetrack to conduct interstate simulcasting. Accordingly, Federal law dictates that interstate export of the live Monticello signal immediately cease until further notice.

Indiana's Stewart Finds Home At Buffalo

Charles Stewart and his stable were looking for a place to settle down for the winter months with Hoosier Park closed during that time. His choice? Buffalo Raceway.

"I looked around and I thought the horses I had would fit very well into the conditions at Buffalo Raceway," Stewart said. "Hoosier Park is a seven-eighths mile track but I have some horses with experience on a half-mile track like Buffalo so I figured it would be a good place to go. The purses are equal too, if not better, than at home (in Indiana)."

The 27-year-old Stewart has a trainer's title under his belt already in Indiana and posted 365 career wins and \$2.57 million in earnings through Feb. 2. He arrived in Western New York at Batavia Downs in mid-November and showed the move was the right one.

At Batavia Downs, he started 31 horses with nine wins, five seconds and four thirds for a 29 percent win average, a UTR of .323 and \$31,232 in earnings.

At Buffalo Raceway, Stewart is a win behind current leader J.D. Perrin. Stewart, a trainer since 2006, had sent out 35 horses this far with 13 winners, seven seconds and three thirds. That's a gaudy .511 UTR and a 37 percent win average and \$56,189 in earnings.

Right now, Stewart has 21 stabled at Buffalo Raceway and is always on the lookout for more. "I did get a horse from a local owner and would be willing to take on more." In the near future, he'll be losing five out of the barn with two going back to Indiana and three going to the Delaware Sales.

As for the rest of the year, Stewart plans to stay at Buffalo until the end of the meet, journey back to Indiana, then come back for the 2015 meet at Buffalo. "That's the plan right now," he said.

And Stewart goes by the motto many in the horse racing industry go by: "People don't like you when you are doing well and you are well liked when you aren't going well.

"I love that so I keep hoping people don't like me because that means I am doing well," he added jokingly. (*Buffalo*)

Pocono Announces 2014 Stakes Schedule

A doubleheader on Kentucky Derby Day and an additional day per week of racing in July and August are two of the changes in the new Pocono Downs racing schedule for 2014.

Racing begins on March 22, and for the first few months of the new season, (March through June), will take place on

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. The meet will close on Nov. 22

Kicking off the stakes schedule on opening night will be the Bobby Weiss Late Closing Series for 3 and 4 year olds, named for the beloved former director of track maintenance. Bobby retired in 2011, and was responsible for the record-breaking track surface that is maintained today. The finals for the series will take place starting April 19, and conclude on April 23.

The prestigious Sun Stakes Saturday is planned for Saturday, June 28, and will feature the Earl Beal Jr. Memorial 3-year-old trot; the James Lynch 3-year-old filly pace; the Max Hempt 3-year-old colt and gelding Pace; and the Ben Franklin Free For All Pace. Eliminations will take place on Saturday, June 21. (*Pocono Downs*)

Tioga & Vernon Announce 2014 Stakes Schedule

The 2014 season at Vernon Downs will begin on Friday, April 11, and conclude with a stakes-laden card on Saturday, Nov. 1. The \$200,000 (est.) Artiscap (mare pace), Muscle Hill (mare trot) and \$200,000 (est.) Kindergarten Trotting Classic final have been scheduled for the closing night card as a logical springboard to the 2014 Breeders Crown at the Meadowlands.

Friday, Aug. 29, is another red-letter day at Vernon, with the \$700,000 (est.) Zweig Memorial 3-year-old trot and the newly christened \$200,000 (est.) Crawford Farms Open Trot (formerly known as the Credit Winner) sharing the spotlight. The first leg of the 2014 \$50,000 Tioga/Vernon Drivers' Challenge is scheduled for that evening, as well.

Tioga will begin, as has been the custom each year, on Kentucky Derby day (Saturday, May 3). Season highlights include the \$200,000 (est.) Roll With Joe Open Pace on Sunday, June 1 and the \$350,000 (est.) Cane Pace—the first jewel of pacing's Triple Crown—on Labor Day, Sept. 1. The second half of the Drivers' Challenge is set for that Labor Day card at Tioga as well.

PA Prohibits Amicar As Of March 1

The Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission (PHRC), in consultation with Dr. Mary Robinson, University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School of Medicine, New Bolton Center, has announced that effective March 1, the pre-race medication Amicar will no longer be permitted to be used in conjunction with Furosemide (also commonly known by trade names Lasix or Salix).

The PHRC has made the determination after reviewing the scientific data and information regarding the efficacy of Amicar as a pre-race medication. Accordingly, any findings of Amicar after March 1, 2014, from samples collected during routine testing will result in a positive test which may result in a fine and/or suspension and loss of any earned purse. (*PHRC*)

RACE LINES

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through Feb. 4, 2014 (week difference Jan. 29-Feb. 4).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Money Twitch A (9pg)	4	3	0	0	\$39,150
Bettor's Edge (5pg)	4	2	1	0	38,250
Nova Artist (7ph)	5	2	0	2	37,200
Time To Quit (4tg)	3	3	0	0	37,000
Economy Terror (5pm)	3	2	0	1	36,960
Sunshine Superman (7pg)	5	2	1	0	36,575
Cowgirl Hall (5tm)	3	3	0	0	35,500
Hldontghttoyurdrms (5tg)	3	2	0	0	33,075
Dw's Ny Yank (5tg)	2	2	0	0	33,000
Zooming (6tg)	4	1	1	2	32,670
Lorrie Please (7pm)	4	2	0	0	31,650
Texican N (6pg)	5	1	1	1	30,900
Apprentice Hanover (4ph)	2	2	0	0	30,770
Escape The News (5pg)	5	1	2	1	30,350
Miss Poppycock (4pm)	4	2	2	0	29,908

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Corey Callahan	328	70-39-55	.335	\$658,400 (\$98,774)
Ron Pierce	293	46-62-44	.325	582,948 (165,751)
Jason Bartlett	190	36-26-25	.309	427,645 (74,940)
George Brennan	217	30-32-26	.260	425,155 (77,385)
Brian Sears	183	39-26-28	.343	403,995 (17,520)
Dave Palone	217	55-33-32	.387	402,149 (67,676)
Matt Kakaley	210	26-30-37	.262	383,125 (87,665)
Mike Wilder	219	43-34-23	.318	354,109 (56,860)
Aaron Merriman	348	50-52-47	.272	348,971 (59,711)
Yannick Gingras	109	31-18-9	.404	312,402 (0)
Allan Davis	234	26-35-21	.224	288,328 (44,476)
Ross Wolfenden	195	33-28-28	.297	286,378 (59,073)
Scott Zeron	155	20-22-20	.251	271,199 (11,196)
Eric Carlson	144	19-19-10	.228	257,815 (73,795)
Brett Miller	227	25-33-26	.229	257,141 (35,502)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	250	63-35-35	.376	\$739,465 (\$78,627)
Carmen Auciello	108	17-15-4	.247	197,058 (36,273)
Rene Allard	103	29-10-20	.400	196,054 (49,435)
Josh Green	41	17-13-2	.607	172,485 (59,940)
Dylan Davis	73	20-7-10	.373	168,795 (40,805)
P.J. Fraley	77	12-12-7	.273	160,395 (28,985)
Richard Moreau	107	16-14-8	.247	144,802 (35,867)
Corey Johnson	54	12-9-7	.358	141,797 (50,292)
Randy Bendis	75	11-14-11	.299	137,347 (8,830)
Wayne Givens	81	12-14-14	.302	130,012 (21,025)
Nick Surick	74	17-16-7	.381	129,522 (15,942)
Heidi Rohr	49	10-8-6	.336	110,502 (20,770)
Victor Puddy	93	15-16-15	.311	108,830 (33,763)
Trish Foulk	51	16-5-6	.407	107,970 (26,250)
David Duspiva	54	7-10-2	.245	105,570 (16,715)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	400	107	136	\$1,044,721
Winbak Farm	338	79	92	645,894
Brittany Farms	108	32	39	416,559
Perretti Farms	130	33	42	304,058
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	89	12	16	180,449
White Birch Farm	50	16	23	180,036
Seelster Farms Inc.	62	21	29	175,195
Jules & Arlene Siegel	58	16	20	167,824
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	73	16	17	159,323
Walnut Hall Limited	74	12	17	150,342
Frederick Hertrich III	58	15	23	126,739
Perfect World Enterprises	57	16	22	117,031
Peter Pan Stables Inc.	41	12	15	110,879
Al Libfeld	30	9	12	108,420
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	55	14	17	106,532

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Jan. 29-Feb. 4 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Ron Pierce	61	15-11-6
Luke Plano	30	14-3-4
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	70	14-15-4
Josh Sutton	60	12-6-8
Peter Wrenn	42	12-8-3
Aaron Merriman	77	11-13-15
Alfred Carroll	47	10-6-8
Billy Dobson	32	10-4-5
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	45	10-8-5
Corey Callahan	46	10-6-12
Robert Shepherd	44	10-6-12
Robin Miller	36	9-4-2
Dave Palone	35	8-7-7
David Lake	44	8-3-4
Jason Bartlett	45	8-5-3
Jim Taggart Jr.	29	8-4-4
Kurt Sugg	49	8-10-4
Ross Wolfenden	34	8-4-5

Trainers

Trainers	Wins
Patrick Shepherd	7
Gene Vallandigham	6
Rene Allard	6
Calvin Hollar	5
Charles Stewart	5
David Lake	5
Dylan Davis	5
Gary Messenger	5
Gerald Malady	5
Joseph Hundertpfund Jr.	5
Ron Burke	5
Tracy Brainard	5
Victor Puddy	5
Alex Giuliani	4
Crist Hershberger	4
Dario Solares	4
David Russo	4
Jim King Jr.	4
Robert Lounsbury	4

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