

Resistance Futile Looks To Star In Jr. Trendsetter

Although Resistance Futile had an extremely slow start to his racing career last summer, making a break in each of his first three pari-mutuel starts, the 3-year-old son of Real Desire appears to have put it all together. Following a pair of impressive wins in the opening two rounds of the Junior Trendsetter Series at the Meadowlands, Resistance Futile comes into Saturday's \$48,000 final as the 2-1 morning-line favorite.

Although Resistance Futile's initial efforts were disappointing, co-owner Bob Burgess said it may have been a blessing in disguise.

"That probably worked in his favor; sometimes you can go easier on them," said Burgess. "He's always had very high speed, but he has had trouble paying attention and staying flat."

"I don't know why people are surprised now about the horse!"

— Bob Burgess

Burgess, in partnership with his daughter-in-law, Karin Olsson Burgess, Jim Walker and Neal Cooper and Richard Kostoff's Champagne Stable, purchased Resistance Futile as a yearling for \$33,000. He is a half brother to Machapelo, whose biggest win came in the 2011 Battle of Waterloo at Grand River Raceway, and is currently also racing at the Meadowlands for trainer Linda Toscano. His second dam is the \$578,000 winning mare Tupelo Rose N.

After the lackluster start in his first three career attempts, Resistance Futile found the clay surface at The Red Mile to his liking as he won a late September late-closer in 1:52.2. He then made his sole stakes appearance of the year in an \$86,550 International Stallion division, where he finished sixth to eventual Pacer of the Year Captaintreacherous.

"He was very good in Kentucky," said Burgess. "He won in 1:52.2 and then he was in against Captaintreacherous, he was moving hard when he wanted to go out the (draw) gate at the top of the track. Otherwise he definitely would have been second or third. I don't know why people are surprised now about the horse."

Although Burgess's son, Blair, is the regular trainer of Resistance Futile, the colt is currently in the hands of East Coast-based trainer Robbie Siegelman, who is also conditioning a Tell All 3-year-old filly pacer named Special News who is racing at Yonkers on behalf of the family.

Making his Meadowlands debut in the opening round of the Junior Trendsetter, Resistance Futile romped by five lengths as the 4-5 favorite in 1:51.1 for driver Andy Miller, closing out the mile with a final quarter of :26.3. Sent off at odds of 1-5 in

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\$48,000 JR. TRENDSETTER SERIES FINAL

Meadowlands Racetrack, Sat., March 2, Race 11, Post Time: 10:27 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Fiftyshadesdarker	J. Campbell/T. Raymer	15-1
2—Axiom Hanover*	C. Callahan/A. Lambert	5-1
3—Humility	T. Tetrick/T. Alagna	4-1
4—A Bettor World*	D. Miller/A. Lambert	5-1
5—Terror High	R. Pierce/C. Ryder	6-1
6—Beachfront	M. MacDonald/M. Ford	12-1
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8—Rock Icon	E. Carlson/J. Hartline	10-1
9—Wilcox	Y. Gingras/T. Alagna	7-2
10—Resistance Futile	A. Miller/R. Siegelman	2-1

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Resistance Futile

his division of the second leg, Resistance Futile overcame a tough early start to draw clear by two lengths in 1:51.3.

“The second start was better than the first because he was in no-man’s land early and had to come first-up for Andy from there,” said Burgess.

Burgess said he expects Resistance Futile to return to his son’s home base in Ontario for the Youthful and Diplomat series at Woodbine, and added that the colt is heavily staked the rest of the season.

Burgess has been prominent in the news himself lately as a result of sending a well-researched letter to leaders of the provincial government in the hopes of saving the Slots At Racetrack Program. Up next for the 77 year old is a skiing trip to Vermont.— *By Gordon Waterstone*

Dan Patch Awards Banquet Caps Congress Weekend

The 2013 Harness Racing Congress will take place from Feb. 28 through March 4 at The Westin Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with the festivities capped off with the annual Dan Patch Awards dinner on Sunday, March 3, honoring the sport’s top equines and humans of 2012.

Unlike last year, this year’s awards dinner will not be video streamed on the U.S. Trotting Association website.

Participating groups include the U.S. Trotting Association (USTA), HarnessTracks of America (HTA), Harness Horsemen International (HHI) and the U.S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA).

Two days of discussion panels will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday mornings, with same-day video coverage available for viewing at www.ustrotting.com. The six panels will discuss legislative issues, equine medication, issues facing racinos, global wagering, social media and innovative ideas.

Live coverage of the USTA Board of Directors meetings on Sunday and Monday will begin at 1 p.m. (Eastern), and also video streamed at www.ustrotting.com

USHWA’s Dan Patch Awards banquet will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, with the evening concluding with the celebration of Chapter Seven as the 2012 Horse of the Year. Among the others being honored are Hanover Shoe Farms as HTA’s Stan Bergstein/Messenger Award winner and John Campbell as USHWA’s Stan Bergstein/Proximity Award winner.

WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

Friday, March 1

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- 7:15p M1 **Horse & Groom Trot** div. [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 7:34p M2 **A2/A1/FFA** Trot [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:50p YR6 **Open** Trot [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 9:30p YR8 **F&M Open** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 10:48p M12 **Horse & Groom Trot** div. [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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Saturday, March 2

- 8:50p YR6 **Open** Pace [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:51p M6 **Aquarius Pace** div [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 10:27p M11 **Jr. Trendsetter Pace** final [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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Rosatis Win Singer Final, Now Chasing \$750k Inter Dominion

The Inter Dominion final, the greatest race in the Southern Hemisphere, will take place Sunday afternoon, March 3, at the Tabcorp Menangle Park track, about an hour northwest of Sydney. The draw for the race was held Monday, Feb. 25, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in the Darling Harbour area of downtown Sydney.

The Inter Dominion (ID), with a purse of \$750,000 on the line, returns to the Menangle track for the first time since 2011, when the legendary Australian pacer Blacks A Fake won his fourth ID.

Defending ID champion I'm Themightyquinn, a winner of \$3.7 million, is the even-money favorite to win the race with



Emilio Rosati gives Excel Stride a congratulatory kiss.

two-time New Zealand Cup winner Terror To Love the second choice.

Another strong contender is Excel Stride, a homebred owned by Emilio and Maria Rosati. Luke McCarthy and his wife Belinda handle Excel Stride for the Rosatis. Belinda trains Excel Stride while Luke, known in North America for catch-driving Muscle Hill when he won the World Trotting Derby, regularly drives the horse. His father,

John, will be driving Washakie NZ in the ID final.

Just last Saturday the Rosatis won the Charles Singer Memorial final at the Meadowlands with Real Babe, who they bought at Harrisburg last fall.

Real Babe wasn't the first U.S. purchase by the Rosatis. In 2009 they purchased Well Said's half sister by Rockroll Hanover for \$300,000 and last fall they returned to the U.S. and bought several more yearlings.

They also have been spending big bucks in Australia, where Emilio is a principal in Form 700, a construction company he founded. The company has become one of the leaders in Australia, building the Melbourne Convention Center.

At yearling sales held in the last couple of weeks the Rosatis bought the sale topper in Melbourne (a colt by Somebeachsomewhere) for \$110,000; the sale topper at the Australasian Classic Yearling Sale in New Zealand, paying \$210,000 for a Bettor's Delight colt; and three yearlings for six-figure prices at another yearling sale in New Zealand—a colt by Art Major for \$170,000 and two colts by Bettors Delight for \$110,000 and \$100,000. Interestingly, all of the yearlings except the \$210,000 Bettor's Delight colt are out of mares by In The Pocket, who is the broodmare sire of his Inter Dominion contender Excel Stride. The Rosatis also bought a Muscles Yankee filly for \$80,000.

There is also a yearling sale being held at the Newmarket Sales Complex at the Randwick track in Sydney on Saturday,

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Goodtimes – Trot	\$250,000 E Final
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Tab.Com.Au Inter Dominion Final

Tabcorp Park Menangle, Sunday, March 3; \$750,000 (AUS) (about \$766,000); Post Time: 3:40 pm (11:40 pm EST, Saturday, March 2)

PP—Horse, age/sex, sire-dam-sire of dam	Career starts-1-2-3	Driver
1—Mah Sish NZ, 7g, MachThree-Dancing On Winds-NewYork Motoring	34-14-7-4	Anthony Butt
2—Caribbean Blaster, 6h, Bettor's Delight-Kalypso-Safely Kept	61-21-19-9	Kate Gath
3—Jaccka Clive NZ, 9g, Tinted Cloud-Cabsav Jaccka-Falcon Seelster	88-29-11-16	Greg Sugars
4—Chariot King, 7g, Badlands Hanover-Queen Xena-Silent Spring	71-21-13-13	Glenn McElhinney
5—Excel Stride, 7h, Aces N Sevens-Arma Dominator NZ-In The Pocket	39-24-7-3	Luke McCarthy
6—Im Themightyquinn, 9g, Washington VC-Love Sign-Soky's Atom	95-46-17-13	Gary Hall Jr.
7—Terror To Love NZ, 6h, Western Terror-Love To Live-Live Or Die	44-20-9-5	Ricky May
8—Mysta Magical Mach, 9g, Mach Three-Magical Monie-Camtastic	133-29-38-12	Morgan Woodley
9—Lincoln Royal NZ, 7h, Mach Three-Clare de Lune-Beach Towel	57-21-11-4	Maurice McKendry
10—Keayang Cullen, 6g, Christian Cullen-Inasafelace-Safely Kept	30-17-3-6	Glenn Craven
11—Pub Blitz, 7g, Cammibest-Moonlight Gleam-Fortitude Hanover	67-20-18-8	Gavin Fitzpatrick
12—Mach Alert NZ, 5g, Mach Three-Justalert-Fake Left	26-12-4-3	Shane Graham
13—Bitobliss, 7h, Blissfull Hall-Petite Alto-Exotic Earl	33-18-6-2	Scott Stewart
14—Washakie NZ, 10g, Badlands Hanover-Shoshoni Sunrise-OK Bye	130-50-19-11	John McCarthy
AE1—Devil Dodger, 7g, Mach Three-Bishops Blessing-Live Or Die	57-16-12-10	Grant Dixon

March 2, and with offspring by major American sires in the catalog, the Rosatis may not be finished buying. Among the offerings will be nine yearlings by Somebeachsomewhere.

The Menangle track is a seven-eighths mile oval (1,400 meters) with two sweeping turns, and with the ID covering a distance of 3,009 meters—1.86 miles—the field will start, with 10 horses on the gate and four trailers—at approxi-

mately the same spot for a one-mile start on a seven-eighths mile oval.

To watch a video of the last lap of the race, go to www.harness.org.au and click on the Racing tab, then look for the link to the Menangle March 3 program. The Inter Dominion is race 7 and the video tab will be at the upper right corner of the results of the race.

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Modern Family:

“Best trotter I ever had!”

The first time Daryl Bier drove Modern Family in a training mile at Dover Downs earlier this year, he came to an exciting conclusion. “I knew he was the best trotter I ever had,” Bier said. “He went in (1):58.2 and came home in :28.2 by himself. Regular horses can’t do that. I was like: Wow.”

Bier bought Modern Family for \$110,000 at the Tattersalls January Select Mixed Sale at the Meadowlands. He owns the 4 year old with Charles Dombeck and Richard Poillucci.

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– Daryl Bier

Modern Family is three-for-three this year for Bier. On Friday night, he races in the first round of the Horse & Groom series at the Meadowlands. Modern Family and driver Tim Tetrick will start from post four in the second of two \$18,000 divisions. His split in-

cludes Super Bowl series winner Windsun Galliano.

Unraced at two, Modern Family won four of 20 starts and earned \$67,772 last season while in the stable of trainer Tony Alagna. Modern Family appeared in a number of stakes finals and/or eliminations, including the Breeders Crown, Canadian Trotting Classic, Simcoe, Beal Memorial and Ma-tron, but was unable to break through for a major victory.

“I called Tony before the sale and asked him about the horse,” Bier said. “He said they liked him a lot, had high hopes for him, and it just didn’t work out. I was prepared to go \$100,000, or a little more. It was well worth it.”

Modern Family is a son of stallion Cantab Hall and the first foal out of the mare Domestic Diva. His dam is a full-sister to 2003 New Jersey Sire Stakes champion Glide About and a half-sister to multiple-stakes-winners Maven and Lanson.

This year, Modern Family opened the campaign with a 16-length win in a conditioned race at Dover Downs, and then moved into the open handicap. He won his first try in the open in 1:54.2 over a sloppy track and was again victorious the next time out in 1:53.1.

“That was a huge mile,” Bier said. “It was 31 degrees and the wind was blowing; that’s a great mile at Dover.”

Bier drove Modern Family in his three races at Dover, but will turn over the lines to Tetrick at the Meadowlands because of a flare up of chronic back woes.

Modern Family is scheduled to race in the Maturity for 4-year-old trotters and the Cutler Memorial following the Horse & Groom series.

“I think he can go (1):52 or better up there,” Bier said. “I love to race at the Meadowlands, but I want to come up there to win, or at least have a shot. I feel strongly this horse will do well in the (Horse & Groom) series. I couldn’t find anything this year for the (other) series at the Meadowlands, so this is my only shot.

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Tornado Wins At The Meadowlands

Technology has made a huge impact on harness racing in recent years, and Corey Callahan is all smiles about it. The leading driver at Dover Downs has used the newest sulky model, the Tornado, from Spyder Bike, en route to the hottest start of his career.

"Obviously, it takes a good horse to win regardless of the bike you use, but on a nightly basis, a good bike makes the difference. I'm having my best year yet so I can't complain," Callahan said.



Joseph Kyle Photo

"You can put him in a wooden Jerald, and he will still go fast."

– Mark Harder

takes the lightweight design while still tracking as well as the heavier bikes. You can really feel a big difference."

Aside from the tracking and weight benefits, Callahan also likes how the Tornado can fit more horses.

"It has a little more room around the ribs of the horse than some bikes. While narrow bikes were made to track better, this bike fits the wider horses much better" he added.

Callahan started using the new model at the beginning of the Dover and Meadowlands meets with outstanding results. His 110 wins at the Delaware oval give him a 49-win lead in the drivers' standings. While Callahan is extremely grateful for the opportunities given to him by the trainers, he does not dispute the aid of the Tornado.

"I love it (The Tornado)," he said. "It tracks so well while remaining lightweight. There have always been companies making extremely light bikes, but they didn't track all that well. This bike



Michael Lisa/Lisa Photo

Golden Receiver wins at the Meadowlands on Feb. 23 using a Tornado sulky.

The leading pacer in North America, Golden Receiver, has had the bike attached for most of 2013 including his victory in the Presidential Series final. The sulky's extra space has been an improvement for the champion pacer compared to other sulkies.

Trainer Mark Harder is pleased with the results of the wider Tornado on Golden Receiver. However, he has plenty of confidence in his prized pacer.

"You can put him in a wooden Jerald, and he will still go fast," Harder said.

Callahan is not the only driver to experience success with the Tornado. Andy Miller has used the bike frequently at the Meadowlands, including his victory in the Exit 16W with Mr. Dennis. Like Callahan and Miller, Yannick Gingras has used the Tornado en route to the top of the Meadowlands' drivers' standings with a comfortable 16-win lead. With the early success of the bike in 2013, the Tornado could become the "next big thing" in the battle for sulky supremacy. — By Jay Hochstetler



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Winbak Foaling Manager Featured In Story

A Maryland newspaper with a feature which profiles working men and women in Cecil County, Md., has the foaling manager at Winbak Farm as its latest subject.

Reporter Adelma Gregory-Bunnell spent several early morning hours with Jerry Crump, the foaling manager at Winbak Farm in Chesapeake City.

Crump, who grew up around animals in Kentucky, has been the foaling manager at Winbak since 1997 and has easily delivered more than 1,000 horses in his career. When asked what the best part of his job was, he shared this: "The babies. I love watching the babies play and I like to watch the mares turn around talk to their foals and knicker. A long time later, when they hit the racetrack it's a lot of fun to say, "Hey, I foaled that one out. I had a part of that." Muscle Hill is one of the greatest all-time trotters in history, and I can say I had a part in that."

Click [here](#) to read the entire story.

Nobleland Sam Dies At Age 30

Nobleland Sam, 30, one of the top sires in Ohio breeding history, died Tuesday morning (Feb. 26) in his stall at Midland Acres in Bloomingburg, Ohio, according to farm vice president Dr. John Mossbarger.

The son of Sonsam-Ima Happy Noble was bred, owned and trained by Sam A. Noble Jr. He showed promise as a 2-year-old, but due to an oversight by Noble, was not staked to the Grand Circuit. "He really wanted a colt he could race on the Grand Circuit, but he overlooked the stakes nominations on Nobleland Sam as a yearling," said Sam "Chip" Noble III, son of Sam Noble, Jr., in a story by Dean Hoffman in the March 2013 issue of Hoof Beats. "That wasn't like my father to do, but it happened."

He won seven of nine starts at two—including a late-closer at Lexington in 1:55—but earned just \$20,477 in purses. At three, Nobleland Sam traveled throughout North America, winning races at such tracks as Louisville Downs, The Meadows, Hazel Park, The Red Mile, Brandywine and Scioto Downs. His biggest win that year, according to Noble III, was the Confederation Cup at Flamboro Downs. His 1:55.1 win in the final was the fastest mile ever on a half-mile track in Canada.

Nobleland Sam retired with \$451,417 in purse earnings over two years and was purchased by Castleton Farm to stand stud at its Ohio facility. He was overshadowed by fellow Castleton sire Handsome Sum, a son of Niatross who bred 194 mares in 1986 to Nobleland Sam's 40. Once their progeny hit the track, however, Nobleland Sam showed that he was the hot stallion in the Buckeye State.

"When those horses came to the track, Nobleland Sam's babies were 1-2-3 in the Ohio Sire Stakes that year," said Mossbarger.

After Castleton closed its Ohio farm, Nobleland Sam went to Midland Acres in 1990, where he served more than 200 mares in six different seasons. In 24 years at stud, he sired the winners of more than \$77 million with 308 performers on the 1:55 list, led by Psilvuheartbreaker p, 1:49.3f (\$1,566,664) and Noble Falcon p, 1:48.3 (\$1,024,126). He was inducted into the Ohio Equine Hall of Fame in 2000.

Nobleland Sam had not bred any mares since 2010. Mossbarger said he was proud to have him as part of his farm for all those years.

"He was very good to the Noble family and to Midland Acres," he said. "We were very proud to stand him and would take another like him any day." (USTA)

Meadowlands Momentum Continues

Compared to last season's data, all-sources wagering on Meadowlands races is up 33 percent in 2013. Friday's (Feb. 22) total was up a fantastic 60 percent over the like date in 2012. Live handle in the building is rising and Winners at Bayonne OTW had its best day ever on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Racing Operations manager Darin Zoccali addressed the increased handle, "While I anticipated a positive response to our racing product, this has been overwhelming. All three of our guaranteed multi-race exotic wagers are performing at extremely high levels. Bettors like to bet into big pools and the money wagered continues to grow.

"The racing itself has been just fantastic. Peter Koch has done a tremendous job of classifying the horses. Many of the races are difficult, but this game is supposed to be challenging. That's what makes it great.

"In addition, we have made some adjustments at Winners Bayonne and have seen a dramatic spike in our business there as a result. We are very appreciative of our customers' support and the excitement building around The Meadowlands is really great to be a part of."

General Manager and CEO Jason Settlemoir addressed the new attitude in the building, "Customers are seeing a dedicated effort to customer service, which in my eyes is paramount to the success of any business. We respond to all customer e-mails (media@newmracing.com) and comment cards, which are read each week at the staff meeting. I personally respond to most and then instruct staff to follow up once the comment has been addressed.

"We have something special going on thus far, but the reality is that other tracks are getting ready to open and tap into an already fragile horse supply. Considering that our sole source of income is based upon handle, field size and parity in the races are key. We are grateful to the horsemen who have supported us thus far and hope they will continue to support our efforts at the entry box." (Meadowlands)

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New York Rules Pena Can Train Again

The Daily Racing Form has reported that a New York state court has ruled that Lou Pena be allowed to train horses again. The New York Gaming Commission could appeal the court's ruling, and individual tracks can still exercise their exclusion powers. Last year Pena was accused of 1,719 violations of New York racing rules and his license to train horses was suspended..

Pena told DRF's Derek Givner that he is considering training Thoroughbreds.

Click [here](#) to read the complete story.

Comments About Ontario Casino Heat Up

Canadian Hall of Fame member Robert Burgess has written to the Ontario Liberal Government pointing out that the government's Transition Panel' for racing's projections of only \$10 Million in purses for racetracks beyond Woodbine facilities is virtually a death sentence for racing elsewhere in Ontario.

Burgess' letter also states that gaming at racetrack slots facilities is traditionally up 10 to 20 percent on race days, so the government is setting itself up for a \$50 Million hit to its own coffers by eliminating so many race dates.

Also, owner Ed James has placed his third full-page advertisement in the Toronto Star (Feb. 23 edition) in another at-

tempt to enlighten the general public on the repercussions of Paul Godfrey's gaming modernization plan.

"Your only chance to stop this nonsense of a casino or slot machine on every corner is your local councillors," he writes.

James urges everyone to contact their local representatives because it is their voices that will decide whether individual municipalities sign on for this kind of blight.

In addition, Tuesday's (Feb. 26) edition of the Toronto Star includes an editorial which states that the recent bankruptcy of the Revel is a warning for Toronto that putting a casino downtown is akin to chasing fool's gold.

Burgess' letter can be read by clicking [here](#). To see James' advertisement, click [here](#). To read the Toronto Star editorial, click [here](#).

25YO Qualifies For Handicapping Contest

Matt Laman, 25, became the second youngest person to ever capture a handicapping tournament at Meadowlands Racetrack when he beat the field in the World Harness Handicapping Championship qualifier held on Feb. 23.

Laman built his \$200 bankroll into \$1,113, earning him the \$4,720 top cash prize and an \$1,000 seat in the World Harness Handicapping Championship on April 13 at Meadowlands Racetrack. Contestants in the qualifier

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had to bet exactly 10 of the 13 races on the Meadowlands card, with a \$20 minimum per race. Wagers had to be win, place (or combination WP) and on one horse per race.

The 13th and final race was the pivotal play for Laman. He bet \$50 to win on Buckeye In Charge (\$42.80) and cashed \$1,070.

The next Meadowlands WHHC Qualifier is scheduled for Saturday, March 23. Visit MeadowlandsRacetrack.com for complete details. (*Meadowlands*)

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS – FEBRUARY 23, 2013

Rank	Name, Bankroll, Prize
1.	Matthew Laman, \$1,133, \$4,720 (Plus \$1,000 WHHC seat)
2.	Ira Sobel, \$970, \$2,360 (Plus \$1,000 WHHC seat)
3.	Sidney Zweigbaum, \$886, \$1,770 (Plus \$1,000 WHHC seat)
4.	Stan Lubowicki, \$706, \$1,180 (Plus \$1,000 WHHC seat)
5.	Ira Sobel, \$694, \$590
6.	Carmine Lavia, \$684, \$236
7.	Robert Chapklin, \$636, \$236
8.	William Meisel, \$529, \$236
9.	John Motusesky, \$387, \$236
10.	Garrett Hoffman, \$297, \$236

Pro-Am Set For Monday At Pompano

The second annual installment of an innovative pro-am series hosted by Pompano Park is only days away. Pompano Park is hosting the second annual event which consists of six races contested in the Sunshine State on Monday evening, March 4th. Returning guest professional drivers are Cal-Expo's leading drivers Luke Plano and Steve Wiseman. Plano is in the top ten drivers nationally in both wins (despite only racing two days per week) and UTR. Returning amateurs are David Siegel and Rick Bertrand.

Trying to avenge last year's narrow defeat will be veteran professionals Bruce Ranger and Wally Hennessey. Joining them for their debuts in this event will be their amateur teammates Dein Spriggs and Joe Pennachio.

TrackMaster is making available FREE "Platinum" past performance programs for Monday's card in addition to FREE TrackMaster Greg selections. The Pick-4 races for the Sunshine Challenge will carry a guaranteed pool of \$5,000. The free programs will be available on Friday.

Cal Expo driver Luke Plano is excited to be combining some business with pleasure during his trip to Pompano.

"I am really looking forward to coming back to Pompano again," Luke said. "We were treated so well last year and of course, it will be great to spend time in the warm weather with my mom and dad. Racing on a smaller track involves different tactics than at our mile track in Sacramento, so I

look forward to that challenge and seeing if we can repeat last year's showing."

Rick Bertrand, who won the final leg of the 2012 event and is a long-time amateur reinsman, thinks an occasional variation in the otherwise repetitive nature of harness racing programs is a winning move.

"Amateur clubs around the country attract men and women to become owners and allow for some creativity in the track's weekly offerings," said Bertrand. "The amateurs in Florida have done a great job building up their club. It is one of the most successful in the country. Add to that the Billings series and other regional clubs, and you have enough to make a positive impact on the sport by attracting more owners.

"Events like this Pro-Am Challenge, or the East-West Challenge that we host at Cal-Expo annually give amateurs something to aspire to and allows us to present something new and different to the wagering public. When folks can really get focused on a common promotional goal, some really good things can happen. The occasional special event like this really spices up the game."

Ronnie Wrenn Jr. Wins 10

Ronnie Wrenn Jr., profiled in the Feb. 13 issue of The Horseman And Fair World, had the best night ever for a driver at a Michigan racetrack on Friday night (Feb. 22) as he won 10 times on the 14-race program.

Wrenn, 26, has been dividing his time this year between Northville, Northfield Park and Buffalo Raceway. He wasted no time on Friday finding the winner's circle as he not only won the first race with Ilikethesun, but then notched victories in the next three races with Lil Be Dazzeld, Songonbroadway and Thatswhatheysay, respectively. All four winners were the betting favorites.

Wrenn then "allowed" another driver to make it to the winner's circle in the fifth race but he was back having his photo taken in the sixth with heavily-favored Sweet Carol Ann.

Wrenn came up short in his next two starts but then notched win number six with the 3-1 RB Spirit in the ninth race. He won the 10th with 4-5 Doowrah Omelet and the 11th with the 2-1 EE Bay.

After another miss in the 12th race, Wrenn finished off his historic night with victories behind 2-1 Blah Blah Blah in the 13th and 4-5 Chubby Squirrel in the nightcap.

Wrenn's 10-bagger catapulted him to 75 victories in 2013, placing him in a fifth-place tie on the national standings.

Roger Hammer holds the single-card record with 13 wins at Pompano Park in 2009. Roger Hammer, Dave Palone, J.D. Perrin and George Napolitano Jr. are credited with 11 victories on one program. Wrenn joins several other drivers with 10 wins.

RACE LINES

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through Feb. 26, 2013 (week difference Feb. 20-26).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Golden Receiver (8pg)	5	5	0	0	\$121,750
Holdingallthecards (4pg)	7	6	0	0	74,700
Oil Magnet (9pg)	5	5	0	0	68,550
Warrawee Koine (7pm)	6	3	3	0	66,250
Versado (6pg)	7	3	0	0	66,080
Stolen Car (5ph)	6	2	3	0	64,050
Sparky Mark (6ph)	5	2	3	0	63,250
Define The World (8tg)	5	3	1	0	61,265
Casimir Jitterbug (6pg)	4	3	1	0	60,950
Greystone Ladylike (4pm)	7	3	2	1	58,982
Mr Dennis (4pg)	7	2	2	2	58,340
Cool Rock (5pg)	8	5	0	1	56,122
Monochromatic (8pm)	7	4	1	0	52,900
Zeus Lightning (6tg)	6	1	4	1	52,631
Rusty's All In (7ph)	8	2	2	1	52,250

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Corey Callahan	605	126-90-81	.336	\$1,187,051 (\$150,695)
Brian Sears	316	87-57-39	.417	1,071,815 (190,070)
Matt Kakaley	304	60-33-47	.309	866,545 (145,660)
George Brennan	339	49-59-44	.284	815,470 (99,270)
Ron Pierce	417	61-73-52	.285	807,919 (0)
Tim Tetrick	378	63-49-49	.282	768,163 (98,430)
Dave Palone	374	99-64-42	.397	740,346 (122,051)
Scott Zeron	269	57-33-33	.321	694,401 (119,379)
Yannick Gingras	255	55-42-23	.337	681,576 (126,235)
Jody Jamieson	307	63-49-31	.328	657,098 (0)
Jason Bartlett	303	38-37-37	.234	643,574 (113,970)
Eric Carlson	442	50-55-39	.212	613,655 (133,838)
Ross Wolfenden	492	61-59-70	.238	579,946 (97,190)
Billy Davis Jr.	444	61-63-54	.257	562,158 (52,255)
Aaron Merriman	507	83-68-68	.283	553,943 (78,563)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	448	126-66-46	.397	\$1,442,429 (\$296,581)
Rene Allard	254	62-38-17	.350	478,573 (51,600)
Richard Moreau	257	45-43-42	.323	477,604 (55,866)
Michael Hall	157	38-29-22	.391	399,599 (45,042)
Josh Green	143	37-20-19	.381	340,375 (37,390)
Tony O'Sullivan	96	17-16-7	.294	308,428 (72,488)
P.J. Fraley	117	17-18-21	.291	293,582 (44,990)
Mark Harder	82	16-6-12	.285	278,766 (54,581)
Mark Ford	189	13-23-18	.168	276,905 (34,905)
Dylan Davis	122	30-16-17	.365	271,012 (41,965)
Casie Coleman	65	20-13-5	.444	251,693 (37,282)
Joe Hundertpfund Jr.	115	33-17-18	.421	238,593 (21,820)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	114	21-24-17	.351	232,935 (26,069)
Carmen Auciello	146	19-21-7	.226	229,344 (32,184)
Eric Ell	67	15-12-14	.393	206,304 (21,329)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	473	159	241	\$2,071,960
Winbak Farm	459	157	219	1,739,405
Brittany Farms	140	59	91	781,929
Perretti Farms	146	49	73	578,497
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	123	41	61	558,169
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	79	31	46	411,316
Perfect World Enterprises	96	33	45	406,263
Walnut Hall Limited	104	33	48	371,556
White Birch Farm	76	26	42	344,491
Fox Valley Standardbreds	88	29	36	316,515
Frederick Hertrich III	75	32	45	309,525
Peter Pan Stables Inc.	61	22	33	302,123
Steve Stewart	49	26	39	298,150
Jules & Arlene Siegel	75	21	35	289,433
Seelster Farms Inc.	90	32	45	286,021

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Feb. 20-26 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	55	19-7-7
Tyler Smith	57	19-12-4
Dave Palone	51	18-7-4
Casey Leonard	46	16-5-2
Brian Sears	56	15-12-7
Corey Callahan	75	14-11-8
Aaron Merriman	83	13-10-13
Dan Noble	36	12-6-5
Ross Wolfenden	64	12-7-6
Scott Zeron	38	12-3-6
Tony Hall	52	11-9-4
Trevor Henry	29	11-3-4
Chris Page	59	10-9-5
Eric Carlson	61	10-7-10
Matt Kakaley	49	10-7-8
Mike Wilder	51	10-8-4
Tim Tetrick	56	10-8-5
Yannick Gingras	34	9-6-2

Trainers	Wins
Ron Burke	25
Amber Buter	7
Richard Moreau	7
Peter Pellegrino	6
Joseph Hundertpfund Jr.	5
Kenneth Miller	5
Kent Sherman	5
Rene Allard	5
Tony O'Sullivan	5
Vincent Fusco Jr.	5
Bob Johnson	4
Daryl Bier	4
David McCaffrey	4
Don Sherman	4
Harla Loney	4
P.J. Fraley	4
Randy Bendis	4
Sherri Holliday	4
Terry Leonard	4
Tim Crissman	4
Tracy Brainard	4

MARCH 2013



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31	<h2>2013 Race & Stakes Schedule</h2>						

Saratoga opens
Harness Racing Congress
in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Dan Patch Awards dinner
in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Weaver Mem. Trot-1st leg (Mea)

Russell Mem. Pace-1st leg (Mea)

Wohlmut Mem. FM Trot-1st leg (Mea)

Rags To Riches Pace-1st leg (M)

Horse & Groom Trot-1st leg (M)

Aquarius 4YOP-1st leg (M)
Jr. Trendsetter 3CP final (M)
Harness Racing Congress
in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Daylight Savings Time begins

Petticoat F&M Pace-1st leg (YR)
Weaver Mem. Trot-2nd leg (Mea)

Russell Mem. Pace-2nd leg (Mea)
Sagamore 3&4YOP-1st leg (YR)

Wohlmut Mem. FM Trot-2nd leg (Mea)

Rags To Riches Pace-2nd leg (M)

Harrah's Philadelphia Opens
Dunn Mem. FM Pace-1st leg (Mea)
Horse & Groom Trot-2nd leg (M)

Rosecroft opens
Aquarius 4YOP-2nd leg (M)

St. Patrick's Day

Petticoat F&M Pace-2nd leg (YR)
Weaver Mem. Trot-3rd leg (Mea)

Russell Mem. Pace-3rd leg (Mea)
Sagamore 3&4YOP-2nd leg (YR)

Wohlmut Mem. FM Trot-3rd leg (Mea)

First day of Spring

Blossom 3YOFP-1st leg (Wdb)
Blue Chip Matchmaker Pace-1st leg (YR)
Dunn Mem. FM Pace-3rd leg (Mea)
Rags To Riches Pace-3rd leg (M)

Pocono Downs opens
Levy Mem. Open Pace-1st leg (YR)
Weiss 3YOCP-1st leg (PcD)

Palm Sunday

DSBF 3YOFP-1st leg (DD)
Petticoat F&M Pace-3rd leg (YR)
Weaver Memorial Trot final (Mea)
Youthful 3YOP-1st leg (Wdb)

Passover
DSBF 3YOFT-1st leg (DD)
Russell Mem. Pace final (Mea)
Sagamore 3&FYOP-3rd leg (YR)
Weiss 3YOFP-1st leg (PcD)

DSBF 3YOCT-1st leg (DD)
Weiss 3YOCT-1st leg (PcD)
Wohlmut Mem. FM Trot final (Mea)

DSBF 3YOCP-1st leg (DD)

Good Friday
Blue Chip Matchmaker Pace-2nd leg (YR)
Dunn Mem. FM Pace final (Mea)

Scarborough opens
Levy Mem. Open Pace-2nd leg (YR)
Rags To Riches Pace final (M)
Weiss 3YOCP-2nd leg (PcD)

Easter



HESTON BLUE CHIP

- Vernon Downs 6:45
- Tioga Downs 1:30
- Vernon 6:45 & Tioga 6:50
- Tioga Downs 6:50
- Vernon 1:15 & Tioga 1:30
- Vernon 1:15 & Tioga 6:50
- Tioga 1:00 & Vernon 6:45
- Vernon Downs 6:00
- Tioga 5:00 & Vernon 5:10

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