

No Surprise: Big Numbers For Burke Brigade In Levy Series

An embarrassment of riches in last year's six-week George Morton Levy Memorial Pacing Series at Yonkers Raceway led to trainer Ron Burke having to sell one of his horses in order to meet the race conditions of a maximum of two horses per trainer in the final.

The Burke-trained Foiled Again and Annieswesterncard finished second and fourth, respectively, in the \$450,000 final last year. Overall, the six Burke-trained horses who

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—Ron Burke

started in the 2013 Levy Series took home a total of \$531,500 of the \$1.8 million (29.5 percent) available in purses.

Burke is again dominating this year's Levy Series as his horses currently occupy five of

the top six spots in the standings, including the leading two-time Levy champion Foiled Again, Bettor's Edge and Itrustyou, all double winners over the first two weeks, and Easy Again and Clear Vision. Only the P.J. Fraley-trained Mach It So, who is also two-for-two in the series and is tied atop the list, crashes the Burke party.

Eight of Burke's Levy horses will start in Saturday's third round of the Levy, with the octet divided by pairs into each of the four \$50,000 divisions. Only Sweet Lou, who was second the first week and out of the money last time, and Escape The News, who failed to earn a check in round one and then was fourth in the second leg, will not go to the post on Saturday.

"So far it's been pretty good, especially with the draw," said Burke, who has seven wins and six seconds in 20 Levy starts and \$209,250 in total purse earnings. "And the horses have been sharp too."

Burke said he wasn't surprised the 10-year-old Foiled Again, who currently has \$6,080,968 in earnings and is the richest pacer of all time, has come back so well this year.

"He trained back better than he ever has," said Burke. "The races have set up the best for him and that's good for him as he's not getting stretched out too much yet."

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Rank	Horse	Trainer	Points
1.	Bettor's Edge	Ron Burke	150
	Foiled Again	Ron Burke	150
	Itrustyou	Ron Burke	150
	Mach It So	P.J. Fraley	150
5.	Easy Again	Ron Burke	112
6.	Clear Vision	Ron Burke	100.5
7.	Apprentice Hanover	Ben Wallace	93.5
8.	AJ Corbelli	Rene Allard	75
	Aracache Hanover	Ron Burke	75
	Malak Uswaad N	Peter Tritton	75
	Special Forces	Ron Burke	75
	Sweet Lou	Ron Burke	75
13.	PH Superman	P.J. Fraley	74
14.	Hillbilly Hanover	Ron Burke	73.5
15.	Dancin Yankee	Josh Green	70
	Word Power	Ray Remmen	70

While it may appear that Foiled Again would have a lock on one of the two spots in the final for Burke, the conditioner says that's not true.

"Right now Foiled is tied with the other two (Bettors Edge and Itrusty) and he could get shoved out," he said. "The reason I want most to get Foiled in (the final) over the other ones is that he is the only one that can win from anywhere. My other horses can't win if they are parked from the eight hole. Foiled could do it. I wouldn't want to have to do it, but he is the only one that has that kind of pedigree so I can ask him to do something like that. I'm not trying to help myself over anybody, I'm trying to do what's best for the barn.

"I could always sell one of the other horses if I wanted. I've already had people calling asking if we were interested in selling."

As for the absent Sweet Lou and EscapeThe News, Burke has plans.

"Sweet Lou got parked last week and this series just isn't for him," he said. "He wasn't going to be able to make the final. I'll give him a couple weeks and then go to the Pocono invite. I didn't like how it was going for him. As for Escape The News, I don't like racing three in the same division. He can always go back in. Everybody else has pretty much earned their right to stay." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

Friday, April 4

All times listed are local.

7:34p	M2	Artistic Vision Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:10p	YR4	Matchmaker Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:30p	YR5	Matchmaker Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:51p	M6	B1/A1/FFA Trot	Trackmaster PPs
9:10p	YR7	Matchmaker Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
9:30p	YR8	Matchmaker Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
10:46p	M12	Artistic Vision Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs

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Saturday, April 5

8:10p	YR4	Levy Mem. Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:30p	YR5	Levy Mem. Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:51p	M6	Whata Baron Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
9:11p	M7	Whata Baron Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
9:50p	YR9	Levy Mem. Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs
10:30p	YR11	Levy Mem. Pace div.	Trackmaster PPs

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Red Mile To Build New Facility For Historical Racing

The Red Mile, which held its first race on Sept. 28, 1875, received approval on Wednesday to operate Historical Racing games, also known as Instant Racing in other areas, at the track. The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, which regulates Historical Racing, approved requests from both The Red Mile and Keeneland to conduct Historical Racing operations. Alan Leavitt, the only Standardbred representative on the commission, made the motion for the commission to approve The Red Mile's request, which passed unanimously.

"The hopes and aspirations are for us to attract new customers and reintroduce ourselves to the community," said Joe Costa, CEO of The Red Mile, as he presented the track's plans at the Racing Commission meeting, which was held at the Kentucky Horse Park.

The Red Mile's plans call for an investment of \$25 million, with a 48,000-square-foot building that would be located along the track's homestretch, approximately where the green lawn can be found adjacent to the paddock during the racing season. While the new building would be the location of all Historic Racing machines on the first floor, the side of the building facing the track would be glass-fronted so people could watch live racing. One member of the racing commissioner likened the building to the new Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Costa said in addition to having 500 Historical Racing machines, the new building will also include a sports bar and other amenities on the second floor, with glass doors opening to an extended apron area for watching live racing.

Other redevelopment could eventually take place at the track, but present plans call for the stable area to remain intact. Two barns were torn down earlier this year so infrastructure improvements could be made to the property and create a promenade of sorts onto the grounds from Red Mile Road.

Lisa Underwood and Joe Costa presented The Red Mile's proposal for Historical Racing at the Kentucky Racing Commission meeting. The first track in Kentucky to offer Historical Racing was Kentucky Downs, where the games earned approximately \$4 million for purse and breeders award money in 2013.

Costa also noted that the revenues from Historical Racing will be used to increase purses and that per the state regulations governing Historical Racing, the track is in earnest discussions with the Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association to determine a revenue sharing agreement. The track and horsemen must have a revenue-sharing agreement before Historical Racing can begin.

"We are optimistic about reaching an agreement with the horsemen and breeders" for revenue sharing for purses, said Costa.

One member of the racing commission asked if The Red Mile could operate Historical Racing machines that only have Thoroughbred races as their "database" of races. Thus far no Historical Racing machines have harness races, and no harness track has ever before conducted Historical Racing. Robert Beck, chairman of the Kentucky Racing Commission and a Lexington attorney who in the past represented previous owners of The Red Mile, noted that the Kentucky regulations for Historical Racing specify that Historical Racing is an "exotic" wager and there is no language which would limit which games a track offers.

Lisa Underwood, an attorney who is now with the Lexington law firm of Wyatt Tarrant Combs, led the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's development of regulations for Historical Racing during her former tenure as executive director of the racing commission. Now representing The Red Mile, her work for the commission for the creation of Historical Racing law was lauded by commission chairman Beck.

Historical Racing began under the name of Instant Racing at Oaklawn Park in Arkansas, where Thoroughbred racing is conducted. The first track in Kentucky to offer it was Kentucky Downs, where Historical Racing machines earned approximately \$4 million for purse and breeders award money in 2013. The Red Mile has talked with Kentucky Downs' Corey Johnson about possible consulting and/or management services.

After the commission meeting, Costa fielded questions from a Louisville reporter about any concerns regarding the legality of Historical Racing, which is being challenged. Earlier this year the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled the Kentucky Racing Commission has the authority to regulate Historical Racing, which legal counsels for The Red Mile and Keeneland believe makes it unlikely the games will be ruled illegal at a later date.

Keeneland, the Thoroughbred track in Lexington, also presented a request to operate Historical Racing games and also received approval. It plans to build a 40,000-square-foot building with 600 Historical Racing machines. The new building will be located near the Keeneland event center, which is at Gate 1.—By Kathy Parker

STRETCH CALL



BY DAVE BRIGGS

Woodbine Will Play Key Role In Ontario's New Reality

Ontario's five-year, \$500 million government funding plan kicked into gear on Tuesday and one of the more interesting developments places the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) in control of both the province's account wagering system and the teletheatre network.

As far as advance deposit wagering goes, that's not much of a change since WEG has long provided that service to all of Canada's tracks through its HorsePlayer Interactive (HPI) system. But it will be a considerable change on the teletheater front as the province moves from fiefdoms in which tracks controlled the teletheater in their immediate areas to a province-wide system in which the proceeds of all teletheater wagering will

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be collected by WEG and distributed back to the tracks in the form of purses proportionate to each track's overall share of live wagering.

"From the standpoint of off-track, I

think there's a real opportunity to consolidate and standardize and common brand and do some customer focused things across the province," said Nick Eaves, WEG's president and CEO.

As WEG looks to expand Ontario's off-track betting (OTB) network, using the expertise it gained from its extensive Champions network that has 25 locations in the Greater Toronto Area, a key consideration will be planning for the possibility of one day adding Historical Racing machines to teletheaters. It's an idea floated by the three-member transition panel that crafted the five-year plan and is supported by a new group called Ontario Horse Racing (OHR), which is charged with implementing the plan.

"Thankfully, a lot of people, including the panel and OHR more recently, are still talking about that being one of the products that could be an important piece of expanding the product mix and generating new revenue," Eaves said. "So, it isn't significantly advanced from that, but I can say it is a priority for sure in terms of a new product that can go into the system — that could be on-track, off-track, online — that can attract a new customer and, hopefully, deliver a new revenue stream to the industry."

Meanwhile, the industry is still waiting to hear how it fits into a much-promised integration with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming corporation (OLG) that will be the linchpin to the sport's long-term survival in the wake of the cancellation of the lucrative Slots at Racetracks Program.

Eaves said the transition panel said it best when it indicated integration with the OLG "is the optimization of gaming at racetracks, at least at those racetracks that are in communities where there is support, such that those gaming businesses can be optimized for the benefit both of the provincial treasury and the horse racing industry."

Translation: Now that Ontario taxpayers are funding horse racing to the tune of half-a-billion dollars, the industry needs to find other funding sources and the best option is expanded gaming at tracks in which horse racing receives a cut of the revenue, as it did from the former slots plan.

In the meantime, Ontario's core tracks—Woodbine's Thoroughbred operation, Quarter Horse racing at Ajax Downs and the eight tracks that comprise the Standardbred Alliance that Weekend Preview first told you about on Jan. 30—have race dates in place for 2014 and will receive some \$72 million in funding for purses annually over the next five years.

Despite having a long list of changes to have in place by April 1, Eaves said the Ontario Racing Commission delivered on most of them by the deadline. One exception was the plan to form one group to represent all Standardbred horsepeople in the province. That's still outstanding.

But that's small potatoes for the moment. Eaves said a \$500 million investment in horse racing "brings some stability back to the industry in the short term" and is an indication the government has finally acknowledged "the size, value and contribution of our industry."

"I'm much more optimistic than I was a year ago and two years ago," Eaves said. "But that's not to pretend that there aren't still challenges ahead."



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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I agree completely with everything that Dave Briggs wrote (PETA article, March 28). When my family first got into harness racing (1983) and we were at the shipping barn getting ready to go home one night, all of a sudden, a man across from us started beating his horse. I was ready to go across the ditch to him when another man appeared and asked him did he want to sell the horse. Everything quieted down.

I don't know the outcome of that situation, but the problem is that people are afraid to stand up for what they believe in and what is right. I had a volunteer ask once "What can one person do (about the horse slaughter problem)?" She was already doing something by helping with our fundraisers. One person can do a lot.

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Dreamfair Eternal's First Foal A Bright Spot At Seelster Farms

With each announcement, there has been more positive news for the Ontario horse racing industry. On Monday (March 31), the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food announced that the province is delivering on its commitment to implement the Horse Racing Partnership Plan, which will provide up to \$500 million in funding.

But is all this news helping

Ontario breeders, who in mid-March filed a lawsuit against the province for \$65 million damages caused to their business when the Slots at the Racetrack program was abruptly canceled in March 2012?

Bookings for stallions are still very slow at Ontario's Seelster Farms, which is part of the lawsuit.

"It's a slow year so far," said Ann Straatman, reproduction manager at Seelster Farms, which was honored as the 2013 Canadian Breeder of the Year at the Equine Canada National Awards Gala, and also received recognition as the 2013 Armstrong Breeder of the Year at the Standardbred Canada awards dinner. "It's hard to know if there will be any changes, but right now no one is in a hurry to book their mares, although I think that is as much a state of the breeding industry overall, not just in Ontario."

Straatman said while the news about government support for the horse racing industry has most recently been positive, it's just not enough at this point.

"We need to see the commitment from government, and we're seeing that now, but it doesn't always happen as quickly as you would like, especially in government," said Straatman.

While keeping an eye on the political landscape, Straatman and the staff at Seelster are breeding mares and foaling babies.

The farm's veteran stallion Camluck, the sire of the winners of \$194 million (US) and over \$200 million in Canadian dollars, has begun his 22nd year at stud.

"He still thinks he's a young horse, although it is harder for him to be on two legs to breed," revealed Straatman. "He'll dictate to us when it's too much for him."

The SBSW-Dreamfair Eternal filly has an interesting bloodline. In addition to carrying a 4x3 cross to Cam Fella, this filly also has blood from The Booger Lady on both her paternal and maternal lines.

Camluck, whose popularity led him to be bred to a high of 233 mares in 1997, was bred to 81 mares in 2013 and Straatman said she expects his book will be even smaller this season.

The new pacing kid on the block at Seelster is Big Jim, the winner of the 2010 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace. He is standing his third season in 2014, which is tough for any stallion since offspring are not yet in training and newer studs have been introduced to breeders. Even Somebeachsomewhere struggled in his third season at stud, attracting a book of only 95 mares after servicing 160 and 157 his first two years at stud.

Big Jim was bred to 110 mares his first season and 65 in 2013.

"He's not unique," said Straatman about the third-season slip. "By the look of his yearlings, he should be a great sire, because they look great, just like him."

Meanwhile, on the mares and foals front, 47 babies had been born through April 1, including one who was anxiously being awaited. Dreamfair Eternal p,1:49f (\$2,478,093), Camluck's second-richest offspring and a Breeders Crown champ and multiple stakes winner, delivered a filly by

Somebeachsomewhere on Friday night, March 28.

"She's a very pretty filly. She looks like her mother, and she's very smart," said Straatman.

The SBSW-Dreamfair Eternal filly has an interesting bloodline. In addition to carrying a 4x3 cross to Cam Fella, this filly also has blood from The

Booger Lady (by Steady Star) on both her paternal and maternal lines. Somebeachsomewhere's granddam, Where's Sarah, is out of The Booger Lady and as is Flight Of Fire, the sire of Dreamfair Eternal's dam, JC's Nathalie.

Another blue-blooded foal on the farm is a filly by Mach Three out of millionaire Cabrini Hanover (by Western Ideal). The filly is the fifth foal for Cabrini Hanover, who is the dam of Wherethegirlsare p,3, 1:51.2f. She also has a yearling filly by Mach Three, which came after foals by Bettor's Delight, Art Major and Somebeachsomewhere. — *By Kathy Parker*



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Prairie Jaguar Rolls Into Meadowlands

Trainer Mike Deters is uncertain of Prairie Jaguar's future, in part because he didn't expect the present.

Prairie Jaguar, a 6-year-old gelding pacer, has won five of six races this season—and nine of his last 10 dating back to December—as he prepares for Saturday's start of the Whata Baron Series at Meadowlands Racetrack. Prairie Jaguar is in the second of two \$22,500 divisions, with Jim Morrill Jr. listed to drive.

A son of the stallion Spy Hard, Prairie Jaguar raced a total of only four times at ages two and three because of sickness and physical maturity issues. When he reached the races on a full-time basis as 4 year old, he was green but flashed speed in a 1:51.2 triumph at Pompano Park.

Deters sent the horse to race in Canada because he better fit the conditions there than at Pompano. Prairie Jaguar apparently didn't care for the move, winning only twice in 43 starts north of the border. When he returned to Florida in December, he got hot.

"It's a who-knew type of deal," Deters said. "We thought he was a pretty nice horse when he won in (1):51.2 here, but he had no luck in Canada. I don't know what it was, but it just didn't work out. He came back and got back on our program and the next thing you know, here he comes.

"Some of it is probably maturity. You just never know. I just try to make the horses happy."

Prairie Jaguar had a nine-race win streak snapped last Saturday by a fifth-place finish at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. Prairie Jaguar, driven by George Napolitano Jr., was beaten by 2 3/4 lengths by Sparky Mark in 1:51.2 over a sloppy track.



PRAIRIE JAGUAR

"He raced OK," Deters said. "He went from very nice weather to very poor weather and the (race) bike was a little too small for him. George said it was long enough, but it was a little too tight and he couldn't really drive the horse. But he still paced (1):52 on a bad night."

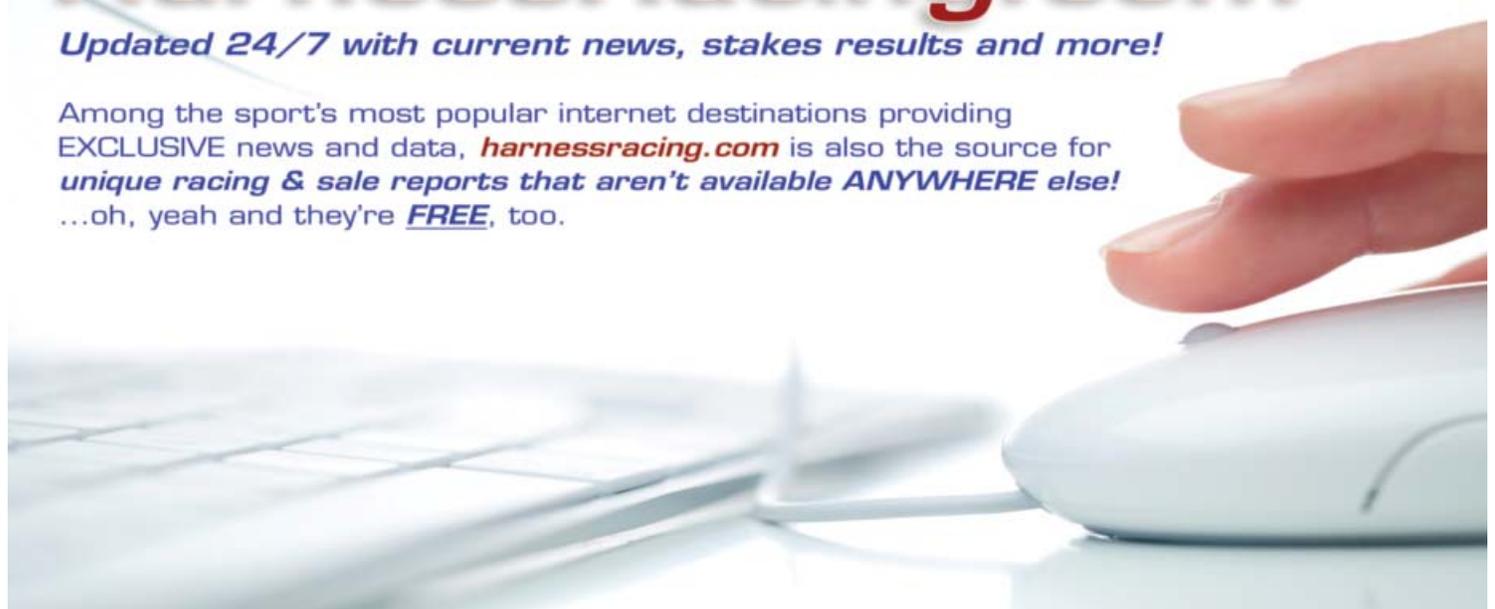
Deters, who since October has shared ownership of Prairie Jaguar with original owner Laurie Lee Poulin, is hopeful his horse will bounce back in the Whata Baron Series. Prairie Jaguar, who earlier this year became the first horse in Pompano Park history to win at least four races in 1:50 or less, will start from post two in his division.

"My fingers are crossed," Deters said. "I hope he shows up. I think he will. There are some nice horses in there, but I think he's a nice horse too. I think he's got a chance to be very competitive." (HRC)

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New Spring Mixed Sale Announced

There's a new sale on the 2014 calendar, and it's right around the corner. Tattersalls on Tuesday announced plans to conduct a mixed sale at the Meadowlands on Sunday, May 18.

The new sale, named the Meadowlands Spring Mixed Sale, will feature racehorses and 2 year olds in training, according to Tattersalls manager David Reid. Entries for the main catalog will be taken through April 22.

"I've had a lot of calls and emails in recent weeks from owners and trainers looking to buy horses, and just as many from people looking to sell," Reid said. "There's a void in the sale calendar at this time of year, and with so many race meets starting up, demand is certainly out there.

"We already have a good number of commitments for some pretty serious racehorses, and hopefully others will follow."

Reid said he also hopes that owners will step up to sell 2 year olds in training at this sale, as the time of year and the approach taken will be different than ever tried before. It offers several new features aimed at promoting that segment of the market.

There will be a special training session offered at the Meadowlands for 2 year olds entered to sell. It is tentatively planned for either Friday, May 16, or Saturday, May 17.

Consignors who wish to do so may train their 2 year olds at that time and have official times for the last quarter or eighth of a mile published and available to prospective buyers. Videos from the training session will be placed on the sales company's website and shown at the sale.

For more information or to enter horses in the Spring Mixed Sale, visit tattersallsredmile.com or call (914) 773-7777. (*Tattersalls*)

Top Driver At Hoosier Can Win Corvette For Year

Hoosier Park Racing & Casino is excited to unveil a driver challenge like never seen before in the sport of harness racing. The 2014 Champion Driver Series will pit the top 10 drivers at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino against one another in a five-race challenge not once, but twice, throughout the season with the champion driver driving away in a 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.

"Unparalleled and unprecedented—that is the only way I can describe the 2014 Hoosier Park Racing and Casino Driver's Challenge," Hoosier Park's vice president and general manager of racing, Rick Moore noted. "While there have been many drivers' contests and challenges at many tracks, none has captured the uniqueness with the ultimate grand prize associated with this competition."

In the first of the two challenges, the top 10 drivers will compete in a five-race competition on Saturday, July 19, for their share of \$5,000. The rankings will be based on number

of wins at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino as of Saturday, July 12. The drivers will pick their horses via a draft system.

The top eight finishers from the first challenge will return for round two on Saturday, Sept. 27, with the final two positions being determined by the official Hoosier Park standings at the conclusion of racing on Saturday, Sept. 20.

While the second go-round will be conducted in the same manner as the first challenge, the winner of the final challenge will be awarded a one-year lease of a 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.

"I've never seen anything like it," driver Jason Dillander noted after seeing the car he could potentially win. "Who wouldn't love a new car, especially one that looks like that? Hoosier Park does a great job of supporting the horsemen and the drivers, and they really make it fun to race here. I am just hoping to get off to a good start this season."

Qualifying for the 2014 Champion Driver Series began on Friday, March 28 and will continue through Saturday, July 19 for the first challenge. Each of the drafts will take place at a community luncheon held at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino. (*Hoosier Park*)

Blossom Starter Violet Bayama "Tough As Nails"

With victories in her last two starts, Violet Bayama has certainly been in top form and will look to continue her winning ways in the second round of the Blossom Series on Friday at Woodbine.

The talented daughter of Somebeachsomewhere-Korinna Bayama captured the opening round in 1:55.3 for Yves Filion's Bayama Farms, who co-owns and bred the lass with Jacques Damours. Trained by Stephane Larocque and driven by Yves' son, Sylvain, Violet Bayama will begin from post 7 in the lone division on Friday.

"Yves trained her down and raced her a few times at Rideau Carleton, before sending her to me. So far, Yves has made me look really good," Larocque said with a chuckle. "She has a lot of speed, she's versatile and a very good filly to have in the barn."

Even though Violet Bayama had an unproductive campaign last year which saw the rookie earn just \$1,600 from five starts, she has certainly made steady gains this season with a 3-2-2 record from 10 starts and \$38,680 in earnings.

"She was just immature and needed to grow and develop," Larocque said. "Yves trained her down as a baby before sending her up and she just needed time like most two-year-olds."

Larocque admits that playing the waiting game on Violet Bayama has certainly benefited her so far this season.

"She grew up and has really matured into a solid filly," he said. "She's tough as nails and has guts. She's the type of filly everyone wants in their barn."

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Larocque said he was most impressed with Violet Bayama's performance last week in the opening round of the Blossom as the bay fended off a challenge from heavily-favored Missevill.

"Most fillies would get tired at that point in the mile and give up the lead, but not her," said Larocque. "She fought right till the end and never gave up. Her heart was displayed that night." (WEG)

Road Bet Returning Quickly For Artistic Vision

Trainer Chris Ryder is wagering that Road Bet is a good bet to be ready for the start of Friday's Artistic Vision Series at Meadowlands Racetrack.

The 4-year-old pacing mare finished third in Monday's \$63,000 Petticoat Series final at Yonkers Raceway and is getting ready to return to action in four days in the first leg of the Artistic Vision at the Big M. Road Bet races in the second of two \$22,500 divisions in the opening round.

"There's always a little bit of a concern (coming back quickly) but she's doing well," Ryder said about Road Bet's turnaround time for the Artistic Vision. "I think she's going to go pretty good. I'm looking forward to getting her on the mile track and seeing how fast she can go."

Road Bet has raced five times this year, all at half-mile Yonkers, winning three races and finishing on the board in the other two. She was purchased by owner Bill Donovan for \$60,000 at November's Standardbred Horse Sale's Mixed Sale after winning two of 27 starts and \$155,914 while racing predominately on the New York Sire Stakes circuit.

Only twice has she raced on a track larger than five-eighths of a mile, with both those starts coming at seven-eighths Vernon Downs.

A daughter of stallion Bettor's Delight out of the mare Road To Pandalay, Road Bet is a half sister to stakes winners Mypanmar and Pang Shui. Her half sister, Pandalay Bay, produced 2008 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes champion Panmunjom.

"Mr. Donovan picked her out," Ryder said. "She's been perfect since I got her. She's got no quirks—she doesn't eat Fruit Loops or anything like that. Nothing bothers her; she's got a real good attitude."

In the Petticoat final, Road Bet finished a hard-charging third from post six despite being stuck on the outside for the entire mile. She was beaten by 1 1/2 lengths by Macharoundtheclock in 1:57.

"It was kind of a funny race," Ryder said. "She was a little grabby, but she raced well. She just ran out of racetrack." (HRC)

College Games A Success At Meadows

Six teams and nearly than 50 college students were on hand at The Meadows Racetrack & Casino on Friday night

(March 28) as the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association hosted its first-ever College Games for Charity.

In the end, Phi Sigma Cappa from Robert Morris University took top honors and earned \$500 for Special Olympics.

The teams competed in several events, including Handicapping the Pick-4, bowling, an egg and spoon race and more. Each team had a chance to go to the winners circle for an interview on the Meadows Live! television broadcast and get a photo taken with a winning horse. Several members of each team were also given a paddock tour.

A team from Washington & Jefferson College finished in second place, earning \$250 for the Washington City Mission. A "home" team featuring a group of The Meadows' own young horse men and women finished third, earning \$100 for New Vocations Horse Adoption.

Also participating were the California University of Pennsylvania Equestrian Club, Wheeling Jesuit University, and Robert Morris University's Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

All that participated seemed to have a great time, and many vowed to return to the track. The MSOA expects to host another College Games in the future. (MSOA)

Richard Watts Dies

Richard A. Watts, of Delray Beach, Fla., died March 16 at Bethesda East Heart Hospital. He was 83.

Mr. Watts was born June 29, 1930, in Providence, Rhode Island. He began his career as a horse caretaker with Thoroughbreds through his dad. Later, he devoted himself to harness racing along with his wife Queen. They were affectionately known as "The King and Queen of the Shedrow," as quoted in a profile in The Canadian Sportsman magazine in 2006.

Over the years Mr. Watts worked with numerous trainers, such as Louis Rapone, Gene Van Landingham, Wally McMurray, Tom Harmer, Neil Shapiro, Archie McNeil, Jerry Silverman, Monte Gelrod, Gary Baker, Noel Daley, Fred Grant and Ross Croghan.

He won every major race except the Hambletonian and Little Brown Jug with such top performers as Breeders Crown winner Pick Me Up, multi-millionaire Die Laughing, Summer Child, Mambo Hall, Sadies Dreamboat, Storm Island and Merrie Kiwi.

Besides his wife, to whom he was married to for 57 years, Mr. Watts is survived by three sons; four daughters; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Hope.

Contributions to help meet any unexpected financial obligations may be sent to: Queen Watts, 16668 Winners Circle Drive, Delray Beach, Fla. 33446. Memorial contributions may also be made to Bethesda East Heart Hospital in Boynton Beach, Fla.

RACE LINES

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through April 1, 2014 (week difference March 26-April 1).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Hldontghttoyurdrms (5tg)	8	5	1	0	\$100,745
Apprentice Hanover (4ph)	7	5	2	0	98,590
Dw's Ny Yank (5tg)	7	5	1	1	92,100
Bettor's Edge (5pg)	6	4	1	0	88,250
Avatartist (4pg)	10	4	1	1	81,689
Yagonnakissmeornot (5pm)	8	4	3	0	78,750
Dancin Yankee (6ph)	8	5	1	1	77,250
Angels Delight (4pm)	10	6	4	0	75,000
Easy Again (5pr)	9	3	1	3	73,860
Amigo De Grande (8tg)	9	4	3	1	71,981
Addison Bay (7pm)	10	5	1	1	70,953
A J Corbelli (7pg)	7	5	1	0	70,900
Time To Quit (4tg)	8	6	1	1	70,884
Daylon Miracle (5tm)	10	6	0	3	69,610
Nova Artist (7ph)	11	3	2	2	68,850

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Pierce	836	147-153-123	.327	\$1,789,056 (\$160,354)
Corey Callahan	820	156-123-110	.322	1,540,757 (136,440)
Brian Sears	585	140-95-68	.368	1,519,992 (174,512)
George Brennan	622	91-80-72	.256	1,266,670 (175,848)
Matt Kakaley	563	85-80-79	.277	1,130,480 (186,320)
Aaron Merriman	995	164-150-143	.296	1,122,792 (116,811)
Dave Palone	592	136-101-88	.374	1,121,870 (107,589)
Jason Bartlett	569	87-75-79	.272	1,100,860 (70,425)
Yannick Gingras	369	82-58-44	.349	1,043,962 (167,865)
Brett Miller	647	108-87-83	.284	1,006,035 (138,498)
Mike Wilder	585	107-94-78	.321	969,492 (73,869)
Jody Jamieson	386	74-56-58	.322	817,944 (87,195)
David Miller	406	63-56-64	.284	811,114 (143,092)
Ross Wolfenden	597	80-92-82	.265	807,066 (56,405)
Tim Tetrick	348	63-57-42	.312	787,527 (195,105)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	817	185-128-109	.358	\$2,428,954 (\$434,237)
Rene Allard	283	73-41-41	.387	679,499 (78,327)
P.J. Fraley	239	31-37-32	.260	562,320 (95,370)
Carmen Auciello	317	40-47-23	.233	561,367 (47,768)
Corey Johnson	185	34-34-19	.320	479,835 (68,820)
Josh Green	157	45-30-15	.425	473,554 (39,150)
Richard Moreau	263	48-34-31	.294	385,994 (26,420)
Dylan Davis	184	46-25-25	.371	384,620 (30,145)
Julie Miller	120	32-17-16	.390	338,555 (38,120)
Darran Cassar	125	23-10-23	.290	350,525 (57,800)
Randy Bendis	198	30-32-26	.285	336,640 (26,161)
Mark Ford	252	22-31-19	.181	334,735 (29,144)
Scott Di Domenico	198	23-33-30	.259	330,690 (15,622)
Victor Puddy	296	52-45-45	.311	327,629 (32,155)
Nick Surick	214	35-40-26	.308	327,422 (41,447)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	597	238	407	\$3,272,140
Winbak Farm	525	188	303	2,263,629
Brittany Farms	157	71	116	1,186,240
Perretti Farms	197	90	146	1,086,044
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	135	47	79	710,955
Arlene & Jules Siegel	93	38	73	679,786
White Birch Farm	86	39	76	660,505
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	102	43	62	535,884
Walnut Hall Limited	95	39	56	483,766
Seelster Farms Inc.	84	43	70	478,342
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	70	29	50	406,528
Perfect World Enterprises	75	34	52	367,692
Steve H. Stewart	72	32	60	367,102
Robert J. Key	77	28	39	365,881
Frederick W. Hertrich III	86	33	59	365,704

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for March 26-April 2 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers

Driver	Starts	W-P-S
Josh Sutton	74	23-9-11
Matt Kakaley	68	20-12-4
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	66	18-10-7
Aaron Merriman	88	17-19-10
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	69	16-5-12
Brett Miller	58	13-5-9
Brian Sears	51	12-6-5
George Brennan	57	12-7-8
George Napolitano Jr.	67	12-11-7
Tim Tetrick	59	12-15-8
Alfred Carroll	40	11-4-6
Kevin Cummings	35	11-7-3
Mike Wilder	51	11-4-2
Ron Pierce	67	11-7-7
Tony Morgan	54	11-9-9
Allan Davis	58	10-8-12
James MacDonald	56	10-5-11
Tony Hall	50	10-6-5
Trevor Henry	43	10-11-3
Corey Callahan	79	9-15-16
Dave Palone	47	9-10-12
David Miller	62	9-5-7
Eric Abbatiello	35	9-4-5
Jim DeVaux	60	9-6-9
Tyler Smith	36	9-7-3

Trainers

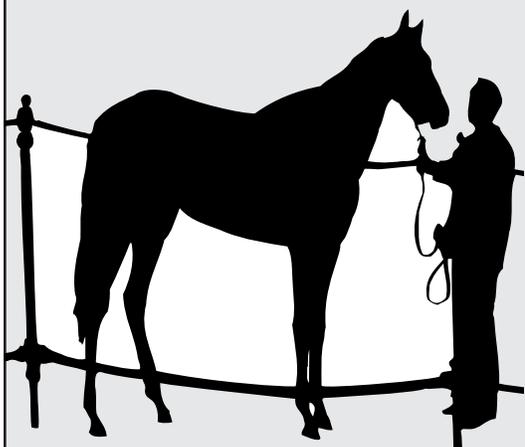
Trainer	Wins
Ron Burke	26
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	11
George Anthrop	7
Heidi Rohr	6
Victor Puddy	6
Doug Hinklin	5
Eric Ell	5
Gary McDonald	5
Harla Loney	5
Joe Pavia Jr.	5
Joseph Hundertpfund Jr.	5
Joseph Offutt	5
Lou Pena	5
Rene Allard	5
Richard Moreau	5
Virgil Morgan Jr.	5

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1 April Fool's Day DSBF 3FT (DD) Sagamore Pace final (YR) Weiss 3FP-2nd leg (PcD)	2 DSBF 3CT (DD) Weiss 3FT-2nd leg (PcD)	3 DSBF 3CP (DD)	4 Artistic Vision Pace-1st leg (M) Blossom 3FP (Wdb) Matchmaker Pace-3rd leg (YR)	5 Levy Mem. Pace-3rd leg (YR) Weiss 3CP-3rd leg (PcD) Whata Baron Pace-1st leg (M)
6 Weiss 3CT-3rd leg (PcD)	7 DSBF 3FP (DD) Lifetime Dream MT (Wdb) TSM Photo Bugger 3CT (Mea) Youthful 3CP (Wdb)	8 DSBF 3FT (DD) SOA Bonus Trot-1st leg (YR) The Mya Tri F&M Trot (HoP) Visible Gold 3CP (Mea) Weiss 3FP-3rd leg (PcD)	9 DSBF 3CT (DD) The Cardinal Trot (HoP) Weiss 3FT-3rd leg (PcD) Unefoisdansmavie 3FT (Mea)	10 DSBF 3CP final (DD) Landess Pace (HoP)	11 Vernon Downs opens Artistic Vision Pace-2nd leg (M) Blossom 3FP (Wdb) Do The Honor 3FP (Mea) Matchmaker Pace-4th leg (YR) Miss Windfall Pace (HoP)	12 Hazel Park opens Weiss 3CP-4th leg (PcD) Whata Baron Pace-2nd leg (M) Levy Mem. Pace-4th leg (YR)
13 Palm Sunday Weiss 3CT-4th leg (PcD)	14 Lifetime Dream MT (Wdb) TSM Photo Bugger 3CT (Mea) Youthful 3CP (Wdb)	15 Passover The Mya Tri F&M Trot (HoP) Visible Gold 3CP (Mea) Weiss 3FP-4th leg (PcD) SOA Bonus Trot-2nd leg (YR)	16 The Cardinal Trot (HoP) Weiss 3FT-4th leg (PcD) Unefoisdansmavie 3FT (Mea)	17 Celas Counsel 3FT (Wdb) Landess Pace (HoP)	18 Good Friday Do The Honor 3FP (Mea) Hackett Mem. 3FP (MVR) Matchmaker Pace-5th leg (YR) Miss Windfall Pace (HoP)	19 Artistic Vision Pace final (M) Don Mills Trot (Wdb) Hackett Mem. 3CP (MVR) Levy Mem. Pace-5th leg (YR) Weiss 3CP final (PcD) Whata Baron Pace final (M)
20 Easter	21 Lifetime Dream final (Wdb) Tie Silk 3CT (Wdb) TSM Photo Bugger 3CT (Mea)	22 Earth Day The Mya Tri F&M Trot (HoP) Visible Gold 3CP final (Mea) Weiss 3CT/3FP finals (PcD) SOA Bonus Trot-3rd leg (YR)	23 Thunder Ridge opens The Cardinal Trot (HoP) Unefoisdansmavie 3FT final (Mea) Weiss 3FT final (PcD)	24 Celas Counsel 3FT (Wdb) Landess Pace (HoP)	25 Courageous Lady 3FP (Mfd) Do The Honor 3FP (Mea) Miss Windfall Pace (HoP) Princess 3FP (Wdb)	26 Dexter Cup 3CT elims (Fld) Don Mills Trot (Wdb) Hackett Mem. 3CP/3FP finals (MVR) Levy Mem. Pace final (YR) Matchmaker Pace final (YR) MDSS Open Pace (RcR) Reynolds 3CP (M) The Diplomat 3CP (Wdb)
27	28 Bangor Raceway opens Tie Silk 3CT (Wdb)	29 SOA Bonus Trot final (YR)	30	1 Celas Counsel 3FT (Wdb)	2 Lady Suffolk 3FT (Fld) OHSS 3FT (MVR) OHSS 3FP (MVR) Pa. Stallion 3FP (Mea) Princess 3FP (Wdb) Simpson 3FP (M)	3 Tioga Downs opens Dexter Cup 3CT (Fld) OHSS 3CP (MVR) OHSS 3CT (MVR) PASS 3FP (Mea) Simpson 3CP (M) The Diplomat 3CP (Wdb) Van Rose Mem. Pace (PcD)

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