B-7, N-42, G-68, Go Stormtracker!!

Bingo games are put on hold briefly some nights at a senior living residence in Aurora, Col., a suburb of Denver, where harness racing is gaining in popularity. And if you think cheers for hitting a coverall on a bingo game are big, you ought to hear the roar when the 4-year-old pacing mare Storm tracker scores a victory.

Having won seven races already in a brief, 12-race career, there has been plenty of cheering for Storm tracker among residents who gather to watch the races. The group is there in support of Ruth Cohen, the 84-year-old mother of Andrew Cohen, whose Bay's Stable shares ownership of Storm tracker.

“We gather about 10 minutes before the race, and we all root for Storm tracker, and then when the race is over everyone goes their own way again.”

–Ruth Cohen

is over everyone goes their own way again. A few of the ladies wait to watch the replay in case they’ve missed something the first time around.”

Newly named as a columnist for Rolling Stone magazine and a former contributor to The Horseman And Fair World and harnessracing.com, Andrew is a native Canadian now living in Colorado. His late father, who became a harness racing fan while living in Montreal, introduced him to the sport.

When Storm tracker made her racing debut last fall after an injury forced her to miss her entire freshman season, Andy told his mother that since the pacer was Canadian-bred (by Big Jim), he would give her any money earned as profit. He said his mother has conversed with trainer Linda Toscano about the horse and that the “two of them get along very well.”

As a result of her son’s offer, Ruth started watching Storm tracker’s races via a computer. She also told some fellow residents about Storm tracker, who asked to join her when she watched the mare race. A neighbor then suggested hooking up the laptop to a big-screen television in one of the common rooms.

“My friend Ron is responsible for getting everyone together,” said Ruth. “He goes online and makes sure we can watch the race and Andy always gives us a heads-up about when she is racing. Ron has missed the past few races though because he had an operation and has trouble walking, but we are expecting him back soon.”

“Some of the ladies are more interested in horse racing than others but everyone loves the horses themselves and

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three seconds in seven attempts this year. The $52,000 yearling purchase has now returned $68,450 to her connections, which include Cohen’s Bay’s Stable, Enviro Stables, Camelot Stable and John Mehlenbacher.

After starting the year out at Dover Downs, Stormtracker moved to the Big M for last weekend’s opening round of the three-week Burning Point Series for older mare pacers. Starting from post 7 with Corey Callahan in the first of two divisions, Stormtracker closed late to finish second by 2½ lengths in a 1:50.3 effort by winner Apple Bottom Jeans.

Stormtracker and Apple Bottom Jeans drew into separate $17,500 splits in Saturday’s second leg of the Burning Point. With Victor Kirby back in the bike, Stormtracker will start from post 1 in the second division (Race 3). Being in the Mountain Time Zone helps immensely in guaranteeing an early post time for any of Stormtracker’s races.

“Here in Denver the races have been around 5 or 6 o’clock, which is perfect because everyone can finish their dinner and then watch the race, or watch the race and then go right to dinner,” said Ruth. “Some of the staff get a kick out of it and it’s never the same people because everyone has a different schedule.” — By Gordon Waterstone

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Brown Has Hackett Starters; Update On Top Colt Done Well

Trainer Brian Brown’s stable shipped north to Ohio from Florida the first weekend of April and is now settled in at the Delaware County Fair, about to be back in the racing groove after spending the winter months at Spring Garden Ranch just north of Orlando.

Brown has several Ohio-sired 3 year olds entered in this weekend’s James Hackett Memorial eliminations for pacers at Miami Valley: the fillies Pure Paradise and Grant Me This on Friday night and the colts Bus Ninethirtysix and Dragonology on Saturday.

“Of my Hackett colts, Dragonology is the better one of the two, I think,” said Brown of the Dragon Again colt who took a 1:53.2 mark at Delaware last fall in winning an Ohio Breeders Championship. “He trained really good this week.”

Brown is a bit uncertain about Bus Ninethirtysix’s potential, but the son of McArdle took a mark of 1:55.3h last year and finished first or second in nine of 14 starts.

“I think Bus is going to need a trip, but with that said, I hope Chris (Page) can get a trip with Dragonology as well,” said Brown. “They’re probably going to go faster than 1:53—these Ohio-breds are ready to roll.”

Brown said he expects his other Ohio-breds to be ready to race when the Ohio Sires Stakes season gets underway the weekend of May 4-6 at Miami Valley. While Brown’s Ohio-breds are mostly on schedule, his top Pennsylvania-sired 3-year-old pacing colt Done Well has suffered a slight setback because of an abscess on his lungs.

Last year Done Well p.2, 1:51.2f, a colt by Well Said, was undefeated in four starts, which included three Pennsylvania Sires Stakes, before he suffered an injury in early August. The colt cracked a cannon bone on his right hind leg and was sidelined from racing and training until last December.

Owned by the Wingfield Brothers, James Stambaugh, Milt Leeman and Alan Keith, Done Well qualified at Spring Garden Ranch on March 23, but performed poorly, pacing in only 1:58 and finishing second when he was expected to pull away for a win, which prompted Brown to have him checked out by a vet.

“He had blood coming out of his nose, and the amount of blood he had when they scoped him, they knew something was up,” shared Brown. “They found an abscess and they said it was between the size of a dime and a quarter, but that they’ve seen some as big as a football. They said the abscess popped so that’s why there was so much blood.”

While the abscess was diagnosed at a veterinary clinic in Ocala, Fla., Done Well was shipped north to be treated in a hyperbaric oxygen chamber in Lexington, Ky., at the well-known KESMARC facility.

Brown got good news about Done Well last Friday.

“They x-rayed him and his lungs looked really good,” said Brown. “They’re going to keep him a little longer and hopefully we’ll start jogging him back next Friday.

“We were lucky the abscess popped when it did,” added Brown. “If it doesn’t pop and drain, if you only cure it by treating it with antibiotics, it can come back.”

Brown had considered making Done Well’s first start of the season the May 5 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes at The Meadows, but because of the setback he wasn’t sure. The colt’s stakes schedule includes the Pepsi North America Cup in June.—By Kathy Parker
Another Rare White Horse For Swedish Owners

The second round of the Bobby Weiss Series for 3-year-old at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono was held on Tuesday night and the finish of the first of the three divisions produced a rare finish-line photo for harness racing. In the photo finish, lapped on for second, was the white-colored horse Via Lattea IT.

Although the Swedish trotting authority lists Via Lattea IT as a gray-colored horse, the filly’s color is officially registered as white with the U.S. Trotting Association.

The filly is owned by Knuttson Trotting and Asa Sjoberg. Asa Sjoberg’s son, Tristan Sjoberg of Knuttson Trotting, knows his mother loves white horses and he is always on the lookout for one. Back in 2013 he bought a rare white Standardbred yearling, White Bliss, for $240,000 as a Christmas present for his mother.

The odds of a Standardbred being born completely white have been estimated as a 1 in 200,000 longshot, if both of the horse’s parents are bay or brown in color. White Bliss was the first white Standardbred born to bay-colored parents in North America since 1998.

“My mother loves white horses, so a trainer in Malta tipped me off that a white foal had been born in Italy,” said Tristan of finding Via Lattea. “Actually, this foal was baptized in church and blessed by the Pope!”

Via Lattea IT was bred in Italy but carries American bloodlines that are well-known as a family of bay and brown horses. The filly’s sire, Gruccione Jet, is a son of Pine Chip and Petite Victory (by Valley Victory). Petite Victory’s dam is the great New Zealand mare Petite Evander, who finished second in the 1978 International Trot won by Cold Comfort.

Via Lattea IT’s dam is Melodiass, who is by Toss Out, a son of Supergill bred by Castleton Farm and a stakes winner in the U.S. before he was exported. The maternal line of Melodiass is all-American, but the family is devoid of a classic winner until you get to the ninth dam, which is Hanover’s Bertha, winner of the 1930 Hambletonian.

While White Bliss did not have much success on the track, taking a mark of just 1:56.3 and earning only $31,014, Via Lattea has shown potential in the Weiss for trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt. She has two seconds in two starts in the series, which are her only starts thus far this year. In her runner-up finish on April 10, Via Lattea sat a two-hole trip but couldn’t get by the pacesetter Dewitonemoretime. Sjoberg said the filly will likely skip the third Weiss leg and compete in the final.—By Kathy Parker
Hazel Park’s Closing Is Northville’s Gain

With the April 5 announcement that Hazel Park Raceway was closing its doors immediately, Northville Downs is the only remaining racetrack in Michigan. At one time Michigan had eight racetracks that hosted harness racing.

Hazel Park last hosted a harness meet in 2014, with the Thoroughbreds racing full time since. The Thoroughbreds were in the last year of a contract with Hazel Park, but with track officials announcing plans to sell the site, it left them out in the cold just four weeks prior to their scheduled opening on May 4.

Northville, which opened in 1944 and was the oldest track in the state, has seen an immediate boon in business, both for simulcasting and live racing. The current live meet began on March 2 and continues on Friday and Saturday nights through June 9. Racing then resumes on Sept. 7 through Dec. 15.

“There was a definite upswing in business for us,” said operations manager Mike Carlo. Carlo, who was on a cruise with his wife when news broke of Hazel Park’s closing, has been reviewing operations at Northville. He said some employees at Hazel Park have inquired about being hired at Northville and that mutuel clerks and clubhouse and concession staffs at Northville will be beefed up.

Despite the transition, Carlo doesn’t anticipate any issues.

“We can handle 100 percent of Hazel’s business and 100 percent of our business and be just fine,” he said on Monday, April 9. “But we’ll be ready for everybody.”

Carlo added that areas of the grandstand that haven’t been utilized in recent times will now be back open in time for Kentucky Derby day on Saturday, May 5. Hazel Park was fully booked with Derby Day reservations prior to its closing and Carlo said while Northville's clubhouse was already sold out, there will be plenty of room in other areas.

Money that has been accumulating at Hazel Park via simulcasting won’t be touched now for at least a year. With Michigan racing law changed a couple of years ago to make simulcast money breed specific as to location, Northville Downs and the harness horsemen had no money coming from Hazel Park. However, if after a year an agreement is not reached between the state and Thoroughbred horsemen, that money could all be funneled to Northville Downs and the Michigan Harness Horsemen’s Association.

That state statute reads: “If the affected certified horsemen’s organization does not enter into a written contract for live horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering at a track in this state within 12 months after the date when the horsemen’s simulcast purse account money can be transferred under this section, the money must be equally divided between the horsemen’s simulcast purse accounts at the licensed tracks in this state conducting pari-mutuel wagering on the results of horse races.”

Also in play is proposed advance deposit wagering legislation and possibly sports betting. Carlo said if sports betting was approved, Northville hopes to be a host site.

“There is so much now on gaming legislation with the Supreme Court decision yet to be made on sports wagering,” said Carlo. “That is going to play a big part on whatever the future of gaming is in every state, including Michigan. We’re going to apply for it and try to be a part of that business like everybody else.”

Although the land where Northville Downs sits is valuable property, Carlo said rumors of the track possibly being sold and also closing are not true.

“We’re in this game to stay in this game,” Carlo stressed. “With this upswing it brings on the twofold effective of additional business that elongates the life at Northville Downs and also reminds everybody in (the state capital) Lansing that we are the last guys in town doing this. We want to be in Michigan.” — By Gordon Waterstone
Kentucky Proposes Changes To Absolute Insurer Rule

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) on Monday, April 9, approved a proposal to revise the language regarding the trainer’s responsibility as absolute insurer for drug positives.

KHRC executive director Marc Guilfoil told Weekend Preview that final language still needs to be formulated by legal counsel and it could take several months for the revision to be formally approved.

“One thing I want to stress is that even if the trainer is exonerated for a positive, because the horse did in fact race with a prohibited substance, the purse money will still be ordered to be returned,” said Guilfoil.

What triggered the KHRC’s actions was last year’s ruling by a state Circuit Court Judge that overturned the KHRC’s sanctions against a Thoroughbred trainer for a methocarbamol positive in 2015. The judge ruled that Kentucky’s absolute insurer rule violated the state’s constitution because the trainer involved was not able to present evidence questioning the methocarbamol threshold level or to present evidence of possible environmental contamination.

“We wanted to simplify the rule that gave them the right to present their case and give the stewards more latitude in making the decision,” Guilfoil explained at the meeting.

He noted that with the proposed change, the stewards could rule that a trainer not be fined or suspended for a positive that is determined to come from contamination, but again, any purse money earned would still have to be returned.

Guilfoil was asked about the new rule giving trainers a possible loophole to not be penalized when in fact they were guilty of illegal drug usage on the horse.

“I’m sure that’s going to be tried, but we have full faith in the stewards and full faith in the racing commission that we’re going to have the right penalty,” he said. “This is a democracy, but I’m all for when we catch the cheaters in getting rid of them.”

More research on performance-enhancing drugs, and other tools to deter cheating, were on the agenda of the KHRC’s Equine Drug Research Council (EDRC) when it met on Tuesday, April 10.

Dr. Scott Stanley, a professor from the University of California, Davis, spoke about the initial stages of a new Equine Biologic Passport Program that uses biomarkers to look for changes in the blood of horses. The program is currently being used to test 50-100 Thoroughbreds in California. Urine and blood samples are taken at various times and any changes are noted in the system. Dr. Stanley explained this could potentially detect small dosages of a short-lived drug.

“The biggest problem right now is identifying which biomarkers are most important,” said Dr. Stanley, adding that it will take a few years to gather enough data.

After Dr. Stanley noted that he came to Kentucky because “this is where the horses are,” the EDRC approved $15,000 to help fund the project.

Dr. Mary Scollay, the KHRC’s equine medical director, revealed that a recent investigation into an aminoex positive led to the possibility of being able to segregate aminoex positives that occur as a result of horses eating certain plants.

Dr. Scollay noted testing done by LGC Cambridge detected aminoex in numerous samples that were non-equine related. While the analysts detected some unknown molecules, one was later identified as barbarin. With glucobarbarin found only in the intestinal tract and not in the blood or urine, analysts are trying to determine if barbarin can metabolize into aminoex, just as levamisole does.—By Gordon Waterstone

Mach It So Looks To Build On 2017 Campaign

When trainer Jeff Bamond Jr. looks at Mach It So this season at age eight, he sees a horse that looks a lot like the one he saw a year ago at age seven. Considering that Mach It So established a career high for purses in 2017, the similarity is enough to bring a hopeful smile to Bamond’s face.

Mach It So earned $759,871 last year, when he won his second William R. Haughton Memorial in three years and finished the campaign with a victory in the TVG Series championship. He finished second in the Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial and Bobby Quillen Memorial and was third in the Breeders Crown and Sam McKee Memorial.

For his career, Mach It So has won 42 of 124 races and earned $2.5 million.

“He’s the same as he’s always been,” said Bamond, who owns Mach It So with his father as Bamond Racing LLC. “He likes to do his work; he doesn’t moan about it. It’s the same as it’s been every year. Hopefully his year goes the same. If it goes half as good I’d be happy.”

Mach It So is off to a strong start this year, with two wins in four starts in the George Morton Levy Memorial Pacing Series at Yonkers Raceway. The final preliminary round of the Levy is Saturday, with Mach It So competing in the second of three divisions. The gelding is the 9-5 favorite on the morning line, starting from post 3 in a six-horse field. David Miller is his driver.

“The series is always competitive,” said Bamond, who with his father owned 2014 Levy winner PH Supercam and is hoping to guide Mach It So to his fourth appearance in the championship. “It’s always about where you draw. Some horses don’t draw well and they probably deserve to be in the final and the other way around. The final is just about whoever draws the best and gets the best trip.”

Mach It So’s best finish in a Levy championship was fifth in 2015, but he has never drawn better than post 7 in his three previous finals. Bamond might be looking for a change in Mach It So’s luck, but not much else. (Ken Weingartner/USTA
Coast Guard Cutter Named For Late Horseman

Before he was a highly respected trainer/driver on the Pennsylvania/Ohio circuit, before he became the patriarch of a notable harness racing family, the late Richard Snyder was a World War II hero with the United States Coast Guard.

To commemorate his service and valor, the Coast Guard has named a cutter for him and will formally commission the Richard Snyder on April 20 at her homeport, Atlantic Beach, N.C.

In 1944, Snyder was part of an attack on Japanese ground forces during an amphibious assault on Biak island. He was awarded a Silver Star for his actions.

“They cleared the islands out, much of it through hand-to-hand combat,” says his son, Doug Snyder, a trainer/driver at The Meadows. “When we were kids, we had all kinds of Japanese swords and flags — and there was blood on the flags. We used to tell people he had awards. People thought we were full of it, but we weren’t.”

Doug’s older brother, The Meadows-based trainer Dane Snyder, indicates the process of naming the cutter began about three years ago with an ominous-looking communication. As Dane tells it:

“You know me — I’m always in trouble. So I come home from work one day, and my wife is waiting for me at the door, wavin’ something at me. She says, ‘What the hell did you do to get a registered letter from the Department of Homeland Security?’ Honestly, I was a little worried because I’ve been known to say things I shouldn’t say.”

From a distance, the Richard Snyder looks like a lovely pleasure craft, but don’t be fooled; she’s as tough and versatile as her namesake. A fast-response cutter of the Sentinel class, she’s equipped with a remote-controlled 25 mm autocannon, four crew-operated M2 Browning machine guns and assorted light arms. Moreover, she can house and launch an auxiliary speedboat to help with her principal missions — search-and-rescue operations, port security and interception of smugglers.

An Ohio native, Richard Snyder, who died on his 67th birthday in 1989, was a third-generation horseman, as his father Clare and grandfather William both were blacksmiths. In fact, according to family lore, Clare played a small, off-screen role in the 1944 film Back Home in Indiana, which was partially shot at Ohio’s Marion County Fairgrounds and still stands as arguably the most famous harness racing movie ever. When the director needed his equine star to appear lame, Clare Snyder attached a block to the animal’s foot to cause a brief, harmless limp.

“When they were done shooting,” Doug Snyder says, “they had some brown and gold silks left over. That’s how Dad and the rest of us got our brown and gold colors.”

Richard Snyder was well known for his ability to shoe and balance trotters, skills he took to all corners of American harness racing, including western New York and Chicagoland. Doug Snyder recalls that his father’s last drive came at Pompano Park in 1983. Because most of his starts occurred before the United States Trotting Association began compiling and archiving such data, his statistical record is lost to posterity. What is known is the success of his offspring. Consider the family of Richard Snyder and his late wife Roselyn:

* Doug, who has recorded 6,473 driving wins worth more than $30.4 million in purses as well as 438 training victories; Doug’s wife Jan, a Standardbred owner and force in the erstwhile 2:00 Club at The Meadows; their son, Douglas Snyder Jr., who works in the business; their daughter, Elizabeth, 14, an avid barrel rider;

* Dane, who’s compiled 1,834 victories (since 1992) and over $11.6 million in purses; Dane’s wife Kathy, longtime race charter for The Meadows; their daughter Danielle, a Standardbred owner at The Meadows;

* Dee Louise, sister of Doug and Dane, who is married to veteran Illinois horseman Perry Smith.

All are planning to attend the commissioning while Danielle Snyder, who will serve as the ship’s official sponsor, already has made a pilgrimage to the cutter.

“They want a sponsor to keep up with the ship and attend future ceremonies,” she says. “I’ll be giving a speech at the commissioning and presenting a gift—a framed plaque with Grandpa Dick’s photograph and all his medals and ribbons.”

As many military veterans, Richard Snyder did not speak often of his war experiences. Says Doug Snyder:

“When Dane wanted to enlist to go to Vietnam, I remember Dad telling him: ‘I did enough for both of you guys. You don’t have to do anything else.’ But he didn’t talk much about it. Some of the things they lived through you never get over.”

Now, the Richard Snyder will speak for him.—By Evan Pattak
Beabob’s Bear Easy Winner
At Hoosier Wednesday

Beabob’s Bear put his breeders and owners in the winner’s circle at Hoosier Park on Wednesday night (April 11). The 3-year-old son of Swan For All trotted to a resounding 7 ¾-length victory in 1:57—after starting from post 9—for driver Trace Tetrick and trainer Tom T. Tetrick.

Beabob’s Bear’s dam is Deputy Julianna, who arrived in the stable of owners Larry and Le Anna Muckenhirn in October 2008. The then 3-year-old filly trotter made an immediate impression.

“I’ll never forget the day she got off the track,” Larry said. “I just fell in love with her. She was wonderful.”

Deputy Julianna had a brief but successful career for the Muckenhirs, but upon retirement made a lasting impression on the couple’s involvement in harness racing. She became the Muckenhirs’ first broodmare and produced five foals before passing away last year.

“She had the heart, she had the desire, she had the ability,” Larry said about the mare, who won 15 of 42 career races and swept the 2008 Expression Series for the Muckenhirs. “She had such a good background that we decided to take a chance and start breeding her.”

Her two most recent foals, Beabob’s Bear and Beabob’s Boss, have brought the promise of keeping Deputy Julianna’s memory alive. They are the Muckenhirs’ only race-horses at this time.

Beabob’s Bear was limited to four starts in 2017 because of surgery to remove a bone chip but won twice and is staked to events for Indiana-bred trotters. Beabob’s Boss is a 2 year old preparing for his career debut.

“This is our last shot,” Le Anna said.

“The trainer told us Bear is very spoiled,” she added. “He’s just a beautiful horse. He got a late start last year so we didn’t stake him. But this year we’ve got him in three or four series and then the (Indiana) stakes.”

Larry and Le Anna, who live in Anderson, Ind., near Hoosier Park, bought their first racehorse in the early 2000s and enjoyed their greatest success with trotter Blowlowsanta. The gelding competed at the top levels in Indiana and finished his career with $340,404 in purses.

“We still own Blowlowsanta,” Larry said. “He’s the one horse that we said my wife could get attached to.”

Chimed in Le Anna, “And that didn’t work real well.”

Blowlowsanta’s success helped the Muckenhirs build a training center, Pace Setter Farm, on 58 acres near Hoosier Park. The facility, now owned by their son Chad Gooding and managed by Le Anna’s sister Amy, is home to 140 stalls and a five-eighths-mile track. Gooding is on the Indiana Standardbred Association Board of Directors.

The Muckenhirs’ horses are named to honor Larry’s parents, Bea and Bob.

“My parents, who lived in Michigan, were very supportive of us,” Larry said. “They were elderly and could never make it here to see the first barn and the track being built, but they really enjoyed our enthusiasm and our risk-taking in the horse industry. So we decided to name all our horses using the first name Bea and Bob.”

The Muckenhirs, who are both retired from administrative roles in the food services department for the Anderson schools, enjoy going to the training center and watching their horses.—By Ken Weingartner/USTA

Thumbs Up For Newly-Banked
Harrah’s Philadelphia

Harrah’s Philadelphia opens its 2018 race meet on Friday night, with post time at 6:30 p.m.

Over the past several weeks, the five-eighths mile oval at Harrah’s Philly has undergone extensive improvements. With Dan and Greg Coon of Coon & Associates as consultants and Harrah’s trackman Mike Torcello also on site, new material has been added to the track and the banking in the two turns has been increased to enhance equine and human safety and competitive racing.

Qualifiers were held on Wednesday morning, the first time drivers had a chance to take to the new surface. Reviews were all positive.

“I was impressed,” said David Miller, who had a pair of victories. “Horses were getting around it pretty good and the track itself was really good. Horses seemed to come off the back good and that’s a big plus.

“I think that the last turn now will really change racing there.”

—Andy McCarthy

“Actually, last year it wasn’t bad as they had changed the surface so it was way better, but it needed work on it like they did. They banked it and graded it and did a real good job.”

Andy McCarthy was the busiest driver on the day with mounts in 10 of the 11 races.

“The track was terrific,” said McCarthy, who had one win, six seconds and one third in his 10 drives. “The last turn is banked a lot more so the horses are getting through it so much better. Now you can make up ground on the outside where before you couldn’t do that. The horses are more comfortable now on the outside.”

To prove McCarthy’s point, his victory came with the 5-year-old gelding Spicebomb, who earned morning speed-badge honors with a 1:55.3 effort, rallying from 5 1/2 lengths behind in fifth at the three-quarters with a final quarter of :27.4. Corey Callahan, who posted two victories on the qualifier card, agrees with McCarthy’s assessment.

“They finally got a little bit of a bank on it,” said Callahan. “I moved a couple of horses three deep and they didn’t lose ground like they did before. That was the main thing.” McCarthy said the new banking specifically helped one of his mounts.

“I drove a horse who usually hits his knee and he didn’t hit his knee at all in the last turn,” he said. “I think that the last turn now will really change racing there. I never had horses travel so good.” —By Gordon Waterstone
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Tattersalls cancels April 29 spring mixed sale
The Meadowlands Spring Mixed Sale, originally slated for April 29, has been canceled for this year due to lack of entries, according to sale manager David Reid. more

Star trotter SJ’s Photo dies at 28 in Italy
SJ’s Photo, a fast, stakes-winning trotter who most notably was not eligible to compete in the top stakes the year they were won by American Winner and Pine Chip, has died in Italy. He was 28 years old. more

Mackenzie A hopes to defend Matchmaker title
If Mackenzie A gets a chance to defend her title in the Blue Chip Matchmaker Series final April 21, no one will be able to say she didn’t earn it. more

Ky. Commission’s Guilfoil honored by ARCI
Marc A. Guilfoil, executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, has been honored with the Len Foote Award from the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI). more

Canadian Hall of Fame inductees announced
The Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame has announced the people and horses being recognized as inductees in 2018. Six people and four horses have been elected from an extremely deep ballot of candidates. Standardbred inductees include Builder William (Bill) Andrew, Communicator Dave Landry and Trainer/Driver Jim Doherty along with horses Chancey Lady and Blissfull Hall. more

OHHA accepting entries for fantasy league
The second annual Harness Racing Fantasy League, sponsored by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, is now accepting entries, which must be received by the OHHA office or submitted online by April 25. more

Parkhill Nonstop wins last race ever at Woodbine
The era of harness racing at Woodbine Racetrack wrapped up Monday evening after 24 years. A 10-race card was contested on the final night with the $34,000 PreferredTrot headlining the card. more

Oldford elected to FSBOA board of directors
The Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association conducted their annual meeting on Saturday, April 7, and welcomed newly elected director Steve Oldford to the board. more

Hippodrome 3R delays opener to April 29
The Quebec Jockey Club (OJC) announced Tuesday that due to poor weather and track conditions, opening day for the Hippodrome 3R has been moved to Sunday, April 29. more

Melady’s Monet cashes in for 50 career wins
Sandwiched in between this past Saturday night’s fourth round of Yonkers Raceway’s George Morton Levy Memorial Pacing Series was the weekly Open Handicap Trot. That Melady’s Monet won the race wasn’t exactly a man-bites-dog occurrence. He paid $3. more

PA Sires Stakes payments due May 15
The state Horse Racing Commission’s Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing today reminded Standardbred horse owners that 2018 Sire Stakes payments for 2-year-old and 3-year-old horses are due by May 15. more

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