

Curses! Will Burke Be “Foiled Again” By Levy Conditions?

With Foiled Again rolling a perfect 300 through the first four legs of the George Morton Levy Memorial Pacing Series at Yonkers Raceway (four wins in four starts for 200 points, and 25 points for each leg raced), the 10-year-old gelding sits

Levy Memorial Series Standings

Horse (trainer)	Points
1. Foiled Again (R. Burke)	300
2. Mach It So (P.J. Fraley)	275
3. Bettor's Edge (R. Burke)	250
4. Itrustyou (R. Burke)	225
5. Clear Vision (R. Burke)	212
Easy Again (R. Burke)	212
7. Dancin Yankee (J. Green)	170
8. Apprentice Hanover (B. Wallace)	168.5
9. PH Supercam (P.J. Fraley)	161
10. Sapphire City (P. Blumenfeld)	155
11. Hillbilly Hanover (R. Burke)	140.5
12. Special Forces (R. Burke)	138
13. Malak Uswaad N (P. Tritton)	137
14. Aracache Hanover (R. Burke)	133
Fat Mans Alley (P.J. Fraley)	133

firmly atop the standings heading into the fifth and final preliminary round on Saturday night.

For the first time ever in his illustrious career Foiled Again started a year with four consecutive victories, which has brought his current unbeaten streak to six, dating back to last November's wins in a TVG FFA preliminary and final. With record earnings of \$6,130,968, a win in the April 26 Levy Series final would go a

long way toward propelling the Ron Burke-trained Foiled Again to the unprecedented \$7-million level as the contest carries a purse of \$567,000, easily the most ever in series history.

Foiled Again is already a two-time series winner, having captured the finals in 2009 and 2010.

Burke has dominated this year's Levy Series with his horses currently occupying five of the top six spots and eight of the top 14 in the standings. Because of the race conditions that preclude a trainer from having more than two starters in the final, if the standings remain the same after this week's three divisions then it would take going down all the way to spot 13 on the list to fill out the eight-horse field (currently that is the Peter Tritton-trained Malak Uswaad N, who only has a second and fourth in his four preliminary attempts).

Foiled Again drew the outside post 7 in the third Levy elim on Saturday, which also includes the Burke-trained Easy Again and Special Forces, both of whom realistically aren't in the running for a spot in the final. The same holds true for Burke trainees Clear Vision and Hillbilly Hanover, who drew in together in the first Levy split.

That means the second Burke spot in the final apparently comes down to Bettor's Edge or Itrustyou, currently third and fourth in the standings, respectively. If Itrustyou wins and Bet-

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tor's Edge is second, then the pair will be tied and Burke will have a choice to make. In any other scenario, the horse who comes out ahead of his stablemate will have the higher placing going into the final. Burke also has the option of selling one of his horses, which he did last year with Something For Doc.

While Yannick Gingras has first call on the Burke horses, George Brennan is second on the list. Brennan has driven four of Burke's horses to wins in the Levy preliminaries, including a first-round score with Bettor's Edge, a fourth-round win with Clear Vision, and two victories with Easy Again.

Brennan said he's enjoyed driving the Burke horses in the Levy. "Ronnie is great to drive for," said Brennan. "I never talk to him and he never says a word. It's a pleasure to drive the horses although the ones I've

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had aren't the type of horses that can win from any spot. So I've been lucky to get into a couple good spots. They are definitely competitive when they get into the right spot."

Brennan will drive Clear Vision from post 2 in the first Levy split.

"Clear Vision is a great horse to drive and he is good when he is in the right spot," he said. "It's good he is inside because if he draws outside he's screwed because he has no gate speed."

Brennan will also direct Easy Again from post 3 in the third leg, joining Foiled Again and Special Forces as a three-pronged stable entry.

"Easy Again is good although he made a break last week, which is uncharacteristic of him," said Brennan.

Joining stablemates Bettor's Edge and Itrustyou in the second division is Aracache Hanover, who Brennan will also drive. Brennan drove Bettor's Edge to a win in the first leg and then last time out the gelding made a break at the top of the stretch while trying to close on Foiled Again.

"Bettor's Edge won a couple times on the lead but last week I got chasing in the last turn and he went galloping on me," said Brenna. "Foiled Again going in 1:51 was a little bit too much."

And what's it like chasing Foiled Again?

"If I can get into the two hole behind him it's not a bad spot to be," answered Brennan. "He's quality and fast and I'll take that two-hole trip anytime against him. Words can't describe the horse. He's unbelievable. Anything he does now doesn't surprise me."

As for the companion Blue Chip Matchmaker Series for pacing mares that wraps up its preliminaries on Friday night at Yonkers, Brennan has been the driving force behind Angels Delight, who currently sits second in the standings.

After Brennan directed Angels Delight to wins in the first two Matchmaker rounds, the 4-year-old mare was purchased privately by Eric Cherry's Let It Ride Stables. She was then sent to trainer Ross Croghan, who retained Brennan as driver, where she has finished second and fifth in the last two rounds.

While Brennan was also named to drive the Burke-trained Summertime Lea in the same division, because that one drew the outside post 8 he decided to stick with Angels Delight.

"I took her over Summertime Lea because she drew the rail," said Brennan. "It's a tough division with Holloway's filly (Somwhereovrainbow) in there. Shelliscape is good too and so is Anndrovette."

Brennan said having post 1 with Angels Delight makes his strategy easier.

"I'll just try and get her away," he said. "She shows leaving down in Florida but she hasn't really left great here. She's kind of a gapper." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Blue Chip Matchmaker Series Standings

Horse (trainer)	Points
1. Yagonnakkismeonot (R. Allard)	275
2. Angels Delight (R. Croghan)	230
3. Summertime Lea (R. Burke)	220
4. Rocklamation (R. Burke)	208
5. Somwhereovrainbow (J. Holloway)	200
6. Anndrovette (P.J. Fraley)	195
7. Shelliscape (P.J. Fraley)	174
8. Feeling You (A. Buter)	168
9. Krispy Apple (P.J. Fraley)	167
10. Ideal In Vegas (A. Mannino)	155

Mullinax Hopes To Be “Rockin” In Weiss Final

Ed Mullinax probably would be happy if UF Rockin Dragon turns out to be a little bit like his mother.

A longtime owner, Mullinax campaigned UF Rockin Dragon's dam, Up Front Dragonfly, and saw her win 28 races and earn \$579,718 despite sitting out her 2-year-old season. She was lightly staked, with her most lucrative victory coming in the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship in 2005. Otherwise, her wins came in the opens and upper level conditioned classes.

“She was probably the best mare I ever had,” Mullinax said. “My trainer didn't think much of her as a 2 year old, so

“It's still a dream of mine that this horse is going to be a real good one.”

– Ed Mullinax
on UF Rockin Dragon

she wasn't eligible to a whole lot. She made her money the hard way.”

Less than three weeks after Up Front Dragonfly won the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes final, Mullinax watched P-Forty-Seven cap-

ture the \$569,032 Little Brown Jug. Mullinax co-owned P-Forty-Seven, who defeated a field that included eventual Horse of the Year winner Rocknroll Hanover.

“That was one of the best years I ever had,” Mullinax said. “It was quite an adventure.”

Rocknroll Hanover, incidentally, is the sire of UF Rockin Dragon, who faces eight rivals in Saturday's \$30,000 Bobby Weiss Series final for 3- and 4-year-old male pacers at Mohagan Sun at Pocono Downs.

UF Rockin Dragon, who won two of four starts in the series and never finished off the board, drew post 1 for the final. He will be driven by Mark MacDonald for trainer Mark Ford. Getitoffyourchest, who has three wins in the series, drew post seven and two-time Weiss winner Somewhere With You got post 6.

A 4-year-old gelding, UF Rockin Dragon has won three of 11 races and \$32,425 this season. Hampered previously by multiple ankle issues, he won just one of 17 starts combined at ages two and three.

Mullinax purchased UF Rockin Dragon under the name Uriel Hanover for \$65,000. He is a half-brother to Uffizi Hanover, who won last season's Breeders Crown for 2-year-old filly pacers. Uffizi Hanover, in the stable of trainer Jimmy Takter, sold for \$100,000.

“I was interested in her, but the price got me out,” Mullinax said.

UF Rockin Dragon won his first start in the Weiss Series in a lifetime-best 1:51.3, followed by a second and third. Last week, he won again, overcoming traffic trouble heading into the final turn when the horse he was following went offstride, to score in 1:51.4.

For his career, UF Rockin Dragon has won three of 11 races at Pocono Downs and finished off the board only three times.

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“It's still a dream of mine that this horse is going to be a real good one,” said the 81-year-old Mullinax, whose list of standout horses also includes million-dollar-earners Dragon Again and Whosurboy. (HRC)

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Artsplace - Delinquent Account - On The Road Again

- Sire of 7 Millionaires
- Sire of **Rainbow Blue**, p,3, 1:49.2s (\$1,428,594)
- Sire of Breeders Crown winner, **Shelliscape**, p, 3, 1:49.1 (\$867,893)

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Cam Fella - Village Jig - Direct Scooter

- Sire of **Golden Receiver**, p, 1:48 (\$2,130,711)
- Sire of **Winbak Speed**, p, 1:49 (\$879,682)
- Sire of **Winbak Dimensions**, p, 1:50.4f (\$631,032)

QUIK PULSE MINDALE - \$4,000

p, 2, 1:54.1; 3, 1:48 (\$777,331)

Jenna's Beach Boy - Midnight Stage - No Nukes

- Sire of PASS winner, **Reckless Ric**, p, 3, 1:49.1f-'13 (\$274,902)
- Sire of PASS winner, **Hasty Pulse**, p, 3, 1:52.2f (\$254,062)
- Sire of Fox Stakes winner, **Blooming Genius**, p, 2, 1:54.1-'13 (\$49,294)

RIVERBOAT KING - \$3,500

p, 2, 1:54.1; 3, 1:50.1; 1:48.3 (\$1,234,576)

Cam's Card Shark - Why Won't Ya - No Nukes

- Sire of 3x USHWA winner, **Anndrovette**, p, 1:48s-'13 (\$2,612,776)
- Sire of **Sailing Cruise**, p, 1:50.2f (\$723,385)
- Sire of **La Diavla**, p, 1:51.4f (\$416,730)

Trotters

CR EXCALIBUR - \$3,500

2, 1:56.1 (\$463,412)

Yankee Glide - CR Kay Suzie - Royal Troubador

- Sire of 13 winners of \$150,000+, 17 in 1:56
- Sire of **KLM Express**, 1:54.4-'13 (\$649,443)
- Sire of **Mymomsablizzard**, 1:54.1f (\$464,070)

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- Sire of 12 Millionaires
- Sire of 3 Hambletonian winners

MUTINEER - \$3,000

2, 1:56.4; 3, 1:54.4; 1:53 (\$549,717)

Muscles Yankee - Bathonia - Florida Pro

- Sire of **Fuel Cell**, 1:54.2f (\$268,434)
- Sire of **Mets Inn**, 1:56.4s (\$184,034)
- Sire of **Pointe To Pointe**, 2, 1:58.3h (\$153,681)

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U.S.-Bred Formula One Won't Be In Elitlopp

The Elitlopp, Europe's greatest trotting race contested at a distance of one mile, is six weeks away and the upcoming Olympic Trot will give a clearer picture of Sweden's representatives in the race.

The Olympic Trot will be held April 26 at the Aby Racetrack. Qualifying races for the Olympic Trot have been held at various tracks in Sweden in recent weeks.

One horse who won't be in the Olympic Trot, or the Elitlopp, is the very fast Formula One 1:52.2. His career ended when he suffered an injury in a qualification round for the Olympic Trot Saturday, April 12, at the Eskilstuna track. He broke behind the gate and got back in the race and finished third, but afterward one of his rear legs was swollen—the same one he suffered an injury to in the past.

"He is done. It is a shame, but that's the way it is," said trainer Reijo Liljendahl in a press release issued by Swedish betting giant ATG.

Liljendahl, who got his trainer license a year ago, has established a competitive stable with a stellar cast of horses, headlined by Formula One, who was previously campaigned by Stig H. Johansson.

"His leg has seemed good a longer time now," added Liljendahl. "He has been finer than ever before this winter and I believed he would remain fit. But you can never take any-

thing for granted. Perhaps this wasn't too unexpected. The new injury is right next to the old one, which is classic."

Formula One, a 7-year-old son of Yankee Glide-Ferrari OF (Credit Winner-Southwind Palm), was bred in the U.S. by Ken Jackson of Kentuckiana Farms and sold for \$165,000 as a yearling at the 2008 Lexington Selected Sale. He was imported to Sweden and won 19 races in 35 starts and took a mark of 1:52.2. He was the runner-up to Sebastian K in last year's Arjangs Stora Sprinterlopp. His biggest win came in the Jamtlands Stora Pris in 2012 when he was trained by Johansson.

Another Swedish horse familiar to Americans received a wild card invitation to the Olympic Trot even though he also broke stride in his qualification for the race. Lutfi Kolgjini's star horse Raja Mirchi, who competed in the Peter Haughton Memorial at the Meadowlands as a 2 year old, picked up the wild card. He finished third in a qualifying race for the Olympic Trot after breaking stride in the first turn. His recovery, however, was fantastic.

In an ATG press release, Aby Racetrack's racing director Jon Walter Pedersen discussed the wild card invitation extended to Raja Mirchi. "Raja Mirchi is a fantastic horse who showed top form after his early break in the last start," said Pedersen.

Raja Mirchi competed in last year's Olympic Trot but finished out of the money went he went offstride.—*By Kathy Parker*

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American In Paris Sets Sight On Artistic Vision

American In Paris has taken the Meadowlands by storm. A 4-year-old female pacer, American In Paris is six-for-six this season, with all her victories coming at the Big M. Her two most recent triumphs were in the preliminary rounds of the Artistic Vision Series, which concludes Saturday with a \$55,800 final.

American In Paris will start the final from post 2 with driver Jim Morrill Jr. at the lines for trainer/co-owner Ron Burke. Art Ideal, another Burke mare, leaves from post 7 in the seven-horse field. She finished second in both her preliminary legs.

American In Paris won five of six races as a 2 year old, then won five of 16 last season at age three. She was winless in her final six starts last season, but turned the corner this year with the addition of Lasix. She won the second round of the Artistic Vision Series in a career-best 1:50.

"She had a few issues last year," said co-owner Mark Weaver. "This year, I think the key is we added Lasix; maybe we should have had her on it sooner."

"Earlier this year, she almost raced like a Thoroughbred, with two or three weeks between starts. It's hard to be in top condition when you do that, so I thought we still hadn't seen the best of her. She's pretty good. I'm not saying she could beat the top horses, but I'm not saying she couldn't."

American In Paris is a daughter of stallion American Ideal out of the mare Sendingforth. She was purchased originally for \$4,000 at the Standardbred Horse Sale by Iowa's Nolan Van Otterloo. She finished second in her first start and then won twice before being purchased by Burke, Weaver and Mike Brussemi.

"We've bought horses from (the Van Otterloos) before and it's been a good connection for us," Weaver said. "They have a pretty good knack at buying some underpriced horses and usually at least one of them hits."

Although Weaver thinks American In Paris might be able to compete against the division's best, she probably will have few chances this year.

"She's not staked, but she's only (age) four, so that might not be a bad thing," Weaver said. "We usually don't stake the 4 year olds too heavily. We'll probably pick our spots; there's enough money to be made, hopefully, in some of the invitationals and opens."

"Depending how she does, we could shut her down a little early and may stake her up for her 5-year-old year." As for the immediate challenge of fending off six rivals in the Artistic Vision final, Weaver likes American In Paris' chances. Other contenders include Josh Parker's JK Letitgo, who has won seven of nine races this year, and Chris Ryder's Road Bet, who won a preliminary leg in the series.

"She's in a good spot," Weaver said about American In Paris. "There are some pretty nice horses in there, but the way she's been racing, I think she'll be pretty tough to beat."

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Award winning equine photographer Barbara Livingston, whose popular books *Old Friends* and *More Old Friends* painted a sentimental portrait of champion racehorses long gone from the spotlight, has completed a third edition of that series.

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Saturday's card also features the \$63,000 Whata Baron Series final for male pacers. Captive Audience, who is unbeaten in three races this year, drew post 3 for trainer Corey Johnson. Wake Up Peter, who also won both his preliminary rounds, starts from post seven for trainer Larry Remmen. (HRC)



BREEDING *Banter*

There was two inches of snow on the ground in Port Perry, Ont., Tuesday morning, April 15, but Dave Heffering and the Tara Hills Stud crew know spring is coming for good soon because most of the farm's broodmares are expected to foal in April or May.

"This year most all of our foals are going to be born in April and May," said Heffering. "We've always planned to not have very many mares foal before the middle of March, and I know that this will one year mean that we'll have fewer foals one year because

mares will miss a year. We normally stop breeding June 15, and not every mare is going to get in foal on foal heat."

On the stallion front, Heffering said Tara Hills has three of the most popular stallions in the province in Kadabra, Mach Three and Sportswriter.

"We have two less stallions this year, but our number of mares bred is 20 percent more than last year at this time," added Heffering. "Mach Three is full and closed, Kadabra is about closed, and Sportswriter (whose first crop will race in 2014) will breed 185, about double the number he bred last year."

Kadabra's ownership syndicate has a number of American shareholders. Heffering said one year about 37 percent of Kadabra's book was filled by mares owned by Americans. Last year the percentage dropped to about 12 percent, but

he expects this year to be up.

While the Ontario government's March 2012 announcement of the end of the Slots at the Racetrack Program caused many people to stop breeding horses, Heffering said the decline in the number of foals should create a demand for Ontario-sired yearlings through the five-year period the Ontario government has guaranteed to support horse racing.

Because the trotting studs Manofmanymissions, Muscle Massive and Daylon Magician are no longer standing at stud in Ontario, Heffering believes there may be as many as 200 fewer trotting mares bred in Ontario

this year, with a drop from 770 to the 500s.

"We're the reverse of Ohio where there have been more mares bred in the past year, but we still have \$14-15 million in our Sires Stakes program, where Ohio will have \$4 million for its Sires Stakes," Heffering noted. "I really like the odds. I think people are making a big mistake by not breeding here."



Brent MacGrath, who campaigned the great pacing colt *Somebeach-somewhere*, stopped by at Hanover Shoe Farms on Friday, April 11, to check on his friend. One of "Beach's" latest offspring can also be seen via video. New mom *Put On A Show* and her young daughter by *Somebeach-somewhere* were videoed on April 4 at Hanover Shoe Farms in Pennsylvania. Follow the link here to watch the video of *Put On A Show* and her baby: <https://www.facebook.com/hanovershoefarmsinc?fref=photo>

Tara Hills, however, has downsized its broodmare band from a high of 35 to 18. "We'd like to think that we're doing quality versus quantity," said Heffering. "We have been trying to buy mares that are both affordable for us and fit the program up here."

In other breeding news, it was reported that world champion and \$1.9 million winner *Check Me Out* (Donato Hanover) has been pronounced in foal to *Credit Winner*. — *By Kathy Parker*

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Number of mares bred each season

- 2004—205
- 2005—155
- 2006—119
- 2007—151
- 2008—187
- 2009—165
- 2010—185
- 2011—186
- 2012—178
- 2013—129

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Miller Has Surgery Following Yonkers Spill

Postings on the Facebook pages of Andy Miller and his wife, Julie, report the driver is recovering from surgery needed as a result of a race accident at Yonkers Raceway on Tuesday, April 15.

According to Julie, her husband broke a pair of lumbar vertebrae in his back. He underwent surgery Wednesday at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City and was able to watch races on his iPad in his hospital room that night.

Miller, 45, was driving Marmara Denizi—a 3-year-old gelding co-owned and trained by his brother, Erv—when he collided with the George Brennan-driven InThe Clear, who had fallen after stepping on the sulky wheel of another horse. Miller did not lose consciousness and none of the horses involved were injured.

For updates on Miller's condition, check www.harnessracing.com.

Arch Madness Nearing Return

Renowned pacer Foiled Again is a perfect 10 this season—as in an undefeated 10 year old—and now trotting star Arch Madness is getting ready to try to join him.

The 10-year-old Arch Madness won a qualifier last weekend at the Meadowlands in 1:54.3 and will return to the Big M on Saturday for another prep for the upcoming campaign.

Last year, Arch Madness won three of 18 races and earned \$425,427 for trainer/driver Trond Smedshammer and owners Willow Pond LLC and Marc Goldberg, who also were among the trotter's breeders. He won the Allerage Farms Open Trot at The Red Mile in Lexington, finished second overseas in Sweden's prestigious Elitlopp, and was third in the Breeders Crown.

Arch Madness has won 34 of 107 starts and became the ninth trotter in history to surpass \$4 million in career earnings when he won the Allerage. A week earlier, he won the Allerage elimination race with a 1:50.2 mile, a time that equaled his own world record for the fastest ever by a male trotter older than age four.

"He's going to qualify again, but I was happy with the first qualifier," Smedshammer said. "We'll go again on Saturday and then we'll start racing. He's a year older, but it doesn't seem like he's changed at all."

Arch Madness' first stakes race is slated to be the Arthur J. Cutler Memorial at the Meadowlands. Eliminations are scheduled for May 10 and the \$180,000 estimated final is May 17. Another trip to the Elitlopp, where Arch Madness has twice been the runner-up, is not in the works.

"He's going to need a start before the Cutler, a couple starts maybe, somewhere around here," Smedshammer said. "We have no plans at all (to go to Sweden). But he seems fine." (HRC)

HTA Relocating Offices From Arizona To Ohio

The following press release was authored by Paul Fontaine, president of HarnessTracks of America.

HarnessTracks of America (HTA) is embarking on a new chapter in its storied history. Our executive committee and directors have decided to repatriate our office to East of the Mississippi, bringing our focus and manpower closer to our membership, geographically. We will be closing our offices in Tucson, Ariz., and henceforth will be operating at Northfield Park, Northfield, Ohio.

Our executive vice president, Paul Estok, is anchored in Tucson and will regrettably be leaving his executive position at HTA due to our relocation.

This is an exciting time at HTA as our membership is close to an all-time high and our services continue to be sought by our tracks and the entire Standardbred industry.

HTA wishes to thank Mr. Estok for his 20 years of service during which he served as Stan Bergstein's right hand and then continued on as the steward of our association after Stan's passing. His work, dedication and loyalty to HTA has always been exemplary and well appreciated by our members.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions, comment or information or you may reach out to Brock Milstein, Northfield Park, Northfield Road, Northfield, Ohio, phone (330) 467-4101 or bmilstein@northfieldpark.com. — *By Paul Fontaine/HTA*

Roland Beaulieu Dies at 98

Roland Beaulieu, best known for his 1970s stars Columbia George, Skipper Walt and Romalie Hanover, died Thursday, April 10, at his home in Orlando, Fla. He was 98.

In 1969, training horses for Dr. George Smith of Byram, Conn., Mr. Beaulieu became a fixture on the Grand Circuit with the 2-year-old pacing colt Columbia George. Mr. Beaulieu knew the colt had talent, but he also had a couple of bowed tendons. He made a special leg paint to treat the affliction and with the help of his wife, Blondie, the GoodTime colt won 12 races as a 2 year old and set seasonal, track and world records. As a 3 year old Columbia George won the American-National, a Hanover-Hempt, a heat of the Adios, a heat of the Little Brown Jug, and a heat of the Tattersalls Pace, but his nemesis Most Happy Fella was a tough adversary.

In 1971 Mr. Beaulieu was on the Grand Circuit with Romalie Hanover, a full sister to champions Romeo Hanover and Romulus Hanover. Dr. Smith bought the filly as a yearling for \$101,000 and she was a success on the track, although Mr. Beaulieu could not drive during her 2-year-old stakes campaign because he had suffered a heart attack. At 3, with Mr. Beaulieu back in

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the sulky, Romalie Hanover set a world mark and closed out her racing career with more 2:00 race miles by any filly or mare.

A few years later, 1974, Mr. Beaulieu had another champion in his barn, Skipper Walt, a son of Meadow Skipper out of a Good Time mare, but nonetheless a natural-born trotter. Mr. Beaulieu raced the colt on the trot as a 2 year old and Skipper Walt set numerous season's marks while winning 12 races that year. In 1976 Mr. Beaulieu allowed Skipper Walt to become a double-gaited world champion when he time trialed him on both the trot and pace during the fall Grand Circuit meet at The Red Mile.

Mr. Beaulieu retired from harness racing in 1983.

Private services were held April 17 in Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations be made to your local humane society, the ASPCA or any animal rescue group.

PHRC Reminder On Breeders Awards Changes

The Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission reminds owners of non-resident Pennsylvania-sired Standardbred 2 year olds that they will not receive breeders awards for the 2014 racing season.

The non-resident 2-year-old disbursements were sunset provisions in the rules of Pennsylvania's Breeders Fund and ended last racing season. In the 2014 racing season only foals of Pennsylvania-sired and bred resident mares will generate breeders awards.

All future awards will require mare residency.

For more information, contact Gary Heffner at (717) 346-0426 or gheffner@pa.gov or visit <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/> and search "breeders fund." (PHRC)

Ohio State Students Present Ideas On Marketing Racing

Horse racing has long sought the best ways to attract new, young fans, especially college students, to the sport and how to get them to come to the racetrack. Thanks to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) and Dr. Deborah Mitchell's Ohio State University Project-Based Marketing Consulting course at the Fisher College of Business, harness racing representatives were able to hear some answers directly from the "horse's mouth" on Wednesday, April 16.

Eight groups of students, with names like Midland's Finest, Front Runners and The Mighty Mares, pitched their ideas on how to market harness racing and it wasn't just a typical end of semester presentation. The setting could have been in the office of any major corporation looking to promote their products or services rather than at the university's Veterinary Medical Center Auditorium.

The format simulated the agency environment in which the undergraduates had to sell their plan to the client, the OHHA.

"The students were instructed to sell their ideas like they were an agency pitching to a client," said Dr. Mitchell.

And a week from now, after they receive the formal presentation documents from each group, the OHHA will chose their "agency of record."

The notion to explore harness racing was the idea of OHHA director and past president Dr. John Mossbarger from Midland Acres farm.

"I made a phone call and sent a letter to the business college suggesting that a good topic would be how we can market harness racing and make it relevant," said Dr. Mossbarger. "A couple of months went by before I got a call from Professor Mitchell who told me the class would use harness racing as the project and the OHHA would be the client."

Dr. Mitchell liked the idea because it was different and relevant to Ohio.

"We have done this with lots of different clients like Scott's, who sells Miracle-Gro, and with non-profits and government, but never with anything like harness racing," said Dr. Mitchell in explaining why she decided to use Dr. Mossbarger's suggestion for her class. "It's a sport that directly affects Ohioans and it was an opportunity to get a different perspective."

There were some universal themes in the presentations. The extensive use of social media for promotion and analytics, creation of a new website, and a new logo and slogan for the organization were the key elements for branding harness racing.

There were dozens of other ideas on how to make the sport more appealing to a broader audience. Some suggestions were like a list of the best practices being utilized at some of the more forward-thinking and most popular racetracks in America: on-track promotions and giveaways, entertainment between races, better employee customer service training, video ads and promos, and wagering education provided by on-track employees.

Two consistent themes for on-track promotions involved college and family days/nights at the track. Several groups also recommended charity partnerships.

Others called on the OHHA to create a mobile app, advertise on social media platforms and create loyalty programs not so much dependent just on wagering but on participation and engagement.

To specifically target their peers, the students suggested utilizing on-campus, college representatives to spread the word about harness racing to their friends and having the tracks provide free transportation back-and-forth from school to the track.

A few of the groups felt it was important to fund capital expenditures in order to improve the racetrack environment and to upgrade the food and beverage offerings.

According to their professor, it turned into a very special project for her 42 students as well. "At first their peers thought it was weird doing harness racing," said Dr. Mitchell. "But this is something they will never forget long after they leave Ohio State. This has become the talk of the Fisher College of Business." (USTA)

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Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through April 15, 2014 (week difference April 9-15).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Apprentice Hanover (4ph)	8	6	2	0	\$123,590
Yagonnakkissmeornot (5pm)	10	6	3	0	118,750
Bettor's Edge (5pg)	8	5	1	0	113,250
Hldontghttoyurdrms (5tg)	10	5	3	0	112,575
Dw's Ny Yank (5tg)	8	6	1	1	111,100
Dancin Yankee (6ph)	10	5	3	1	102,250
Foiled Again (10pg)	4	4	0	0	100,000
Easy Again (5pr)	11	4	1	3	98,860
Avatartist (4pg)	11	4	2	1	89,424
Mach It So (4pg)	4	3	1	0	87,500
Amigo De Grande (8tg)	10	5	3	1	87,451
Angels Delight (4pm)	12	6	5	0	87,000
Nova Artist (7ph)	13	4	2	2	85,350
Daylon Miracle (5tm)	12	7	0	3	79,610
Time To Quit (4tg)	11	6	3	1	78,384

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Pierce	998	167-181-143	.316	\$2,154,245 (\$166,730)
Corey Callahan	996	179-146-137	.307	1,865,397 (117,630)
Brian Sears	654	156-109-78	.371	1,782,067 (170,015)
George Brennan	708	108-90-82	.262	1,557,040 (146,770)
Matt Kakaley	719	105-119-99	.284	1,445,415 (139,870)
Yannick Gingras	467	105-78-54	.356	1,413,807 (210,205)
Jason Bartlett	672	102-94-97	.278	1,350,710 (113,380)
Dave Palone	682	161-115-100	.379	1,339,774 (122,601)
Aaron Merriman	1,163	194-178-167	.300	1,329,463 (95,557)
Tim Tetrick	488	95-79-64	.328	1,267,977 (209,795)
Brett Miller	786	128-103-103	.279	1,227,400 (98,365)
Mike Wilder	705	116-106-92	.292	1,094,008 (81,467)
David Miller	560	76-77-86	.263	1,062,574 (142,495)
Daniel Dube	529	65-69-64	.236	974,063 (125,070)
Jody Jamieson	440	87-63-63	.325	959,026 (62,163)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,049	236-172-133	.358	\$3,214,642 (\$407,929)
Rene Allard	359	98-53-47	.399	938,506 (134,017)
P.J. Fraley	283	40-44-40	.275	752,640 (94,930)
Carmen Auciello	384	50-54-30	.234	694,358 (65,497)
Josh Green	193	47-37-21	.386	567,409 (33,405)
Corey Johnson	217	41-38-23	.322	563,427 (50,310)
Julie Miller	156	41-22-23	.390	505,820 (40,005)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	212	45-39-25	.354	468,596 (90,180)
Richard Moreau	304	56-47-33	.306	467,210 (42,766)
Scott Di Domenico	234	36-36-33	.286	461,790 (84,980)
Mark Ford	310	30-38-30	.197	447,005 (55,170)
Darran Cassar	148	28-16-25	.306	429,910 (30,175)
Dylan Davis	203	48-28-28	.359	416,955 (15,755)
Victor Puddy	354	64-54-53	.315	405,927 (39,096)
Nick Surick	256	40-48-32	.302	402,841 (33,020)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	666	277	496	\$4,179,508
Winbak Farm	571	219	374	3,034,154
Brittany Farms	177	84	146	1,447,479
Perretti Farms	225	104	183	1,376,137
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	144	54	95	856,949
Arlene & Jules Siegel	100	42	88	835,693
White Birch Farm	94	46	92	804,251
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	112	55	81	679,104
Walnut Hall Limited	103	47	73	595,853
Seelster Farms Inc	92	46	79	592,434
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	86	37	65	527,200
Steve Stewart	76	40	78	495,162
Robert J. Key	83	34	55	492,744
Frederick Hertrich III	94	37	66	460,191
Perfect World Enterprises	78	36	60	451,880

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for April 9-15 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers

Driver	Starts	W-P-S
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	76	22-12-8
Trace Tetrick	50	19-6-5
George Napolitano Jr.	78	17-8-14
Josh Sutton	73	16-6-11
Jim DeVaux	64	15-7-13
Yannick Gingras	55	14-12-7
Aaron Merriman	80	13-11-12
Dave Palone	46	13-9-7
Daniel Dube	32	12-2-3
Tony Morgan	54	12-4-13
Casey Leonard	38	11-6-5
Chris Page	62	11-9-4
Tim Tetrick	72	11-13-14
Trevor Henry	39	11-4-5
Andy Miller	53	10-9-7
Brian Sears	40	10-9-6
Ron Pierce	80	10-14-7
Tyler Smith	56	10-13-4
Corey Callahan	73	9-6-10
Mark MacDonald	33	9-2-3
Tony Hall	48	9-5-8

Trainers

Trainer	Wins
Ron Burke	23
Rene Allard	14
Scott Di Domenico	9
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	8
Philip Sowers	7
Carmen Auciello	6
Mike Watson	6
Victor Puddy	6
Virgil Morgan Jr.	6
Lou Pena	5
Mark Harder	5
Richard Moreau	5
Tracy Brainard	5
Walter Haynes Jr.	5