Huntsville, Downbytheseside
To Debut Saturday At Meadows

Huntsville and Downbytheseside, the top 2-year-old pacing colts during the 2016 season, are set to make their 3-year-old debuts on Saturday at The Meadows in Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) action.

The entries required four divisions, with the first carded as Race 1. Because Saturday is the day of the Kentucky Derby and The Meadows is one of many harness tracks with Derby promotions, post time is 11:25 a.m.

The first PASS division includes Fear The Dragon, a five-time winner in 2016 and of his first start this season, an overnight at Hoosier Park on April 21. Brian Brown trains the colt.

Brown’s headliner, however, is Downbytheseside, a world-record setter at Delaware last fall, a two-time stakes winner during the Grand Circuit meet at The Red Mile, runner-up in the Breeders Crown, and winner of the Governor’s Cup. He made two qualifying starts to prep for the PASS and will compete in Race 9, the fourth division, on Saturday.

Chris Page will be driving Downbytheseside, handling the assignment that would normally be covered by David Miller. Miller is taking Saturday off because his daughter Leigha is graduating from college in Florida that day.

Page has experience with Downbytheseside, who is owned by Jim Koehler’s Country Club Acres, Joe Sbrocco, Richard Lombardo and Diamond Creek Racing. Page drove the colt to his 1:50 world-record victory at Delaware last September, and he has driven him in his two qualifiers this season at Miami Valley.

“When I drove him at Delaware, he went from zero to 100. This year he hasn’t pulled me off the gate.”
—Chris Page about Downbytheseside

“He’s a treat,” said Page of the opportunity to drive Downbytheseside and sub for Miller. “The situation I’m in is to try to win but always do what’s best for the horse.”

When Page drove Downbytheseside to the Delaware world record, the colt by Somebeachsomewhere was a bit of a runaway. Brown worked to make the colt more rateable and he made equipment changes before last fall’s Governor’s Cup. Downbytheseside beat Huntsville in that race and Brown is sticking with the changes.

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In one other change, Downbytheseaside will be racing on Lasix.

“Last year, there was a hint of bleeding after training one day, just a spot,” Brown said. “Just to be on the safe side, we went ahead and did it.”

Huntsville will compete in Race 8, which should give driver Tim Tetrick time to make his assignment. Tetrick will be qualifying Walner at the Meadowlands Saturday morning, with that colt scheduled for Race 1, with post time for qualifiers 9 a.m.

Ray Schnittker trains Huntsville and also bred the colt and owns him in partnership with Ted Gewertz, Charles Iannazzo and Steve Arnold.

Schnittker indicated he was pleased with Huntsville’s two qualifiers to prep for the PASS, which included a 1:51.3 mile at the Meadowlands. He has switched the colt to an open bridle this year.

“With the good ones, you usually don’t want to screw them up,” he told Meadows’ publicist Evan Pattak. “Right now everything looks good.

“I hope he gets a good trip. As long as he’s closing at the wire, I’ll be happy. I hope he wins, but horses like him are racing hard week after week.”

Huntsville will have to contend with the race-tight Highalator. After only a two-race freshman season, he has won nine straight races, including the Weiss Series final on Monday night at Pocono. — By Kathy Parker
REMINDERS FOR MAY 15TH

SUMMER SERIES NOMINATIONS DUE

**DREAM MAKER**
Two-year-old open pace.
Final: Monday, August 7, 2017

**DEFINE THE WORLD**
Two-year-old open trot.
Final: Thursday, August 24, 2017

**WHENUWISHPONASTAR**
Two-year-old filly pace.
Final: Thursday, August 10, 2017

**PURE IVORY**
Two-year-old filly trot.
Final: Monday, August 21, 2017

YEARLING NOMINATIONS DUE

2018 CHAMPLAIN OPEN
2018 CHAMPLAIN FILLY
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2019 SIMCOE FILLY
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SUSTAINING PAYMENTS DUE

**PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP**
Saturday, June 17, 2017

**ARMBO FLIGHT**
Saturday, June 17, 2017

**BATTLE OF THE BELLES**
Monday, August 7, 2017

**BATTLE OF WATERLOO**
Monday, August 7, 2017

**CANADIAN PACING DERBY**
Saturday, September 2, 2017

**CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC**
Saturday, September 16, 2017

**CASUAL BREEZE**
Friday, August 25, 2017

**CHAMPLAIN OPEN**
Trot: Sept. 1; Pace: Sept. 2

**CHAMPLAIN FILLY**
Trot: Aug. 31; Pace: Sept. 2

**ELEGANTIMAGE**
Saturday, September 16, 2017

**ETERNAL CAMNATION**
Saturday, August 26, 2017

**FAN HANOVER**
Saturday, June 17, 2017

**GOODTIMES**
Saturday, June 17, 2017

**MAPLE LEAF TROT**
Saturday, September 16, 2017

**METRO PACE**
Saturday, September 23, 2017

**MILTON**
Saturday, September 16, 2017

**NASSAGWAYEA**
Saturday, August 26, 2017

**PEACEFUL WAY**
Monday, September 18, 2017

**ROSES ARE RED**
Saturday, June 17, 2017

**SHES A GREAT LADY PACE**
Saturday, September 23, 2017

**WILLIAM WELLWOOD MEMORIAL**
Monday, September 18, 2017

2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

**FIREWORKS & FAMILY FUN NIGHT**
Saturday, May 20

**PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP**
Saturday, June 17

**CANADIAN PACING DERBY**
Saturday, September 2

**MAPLE LEAF TROT & CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC**
Saturday, September 16

**METRO PACE & SHES A GREAT LADY**
Saturday, September 23

**CONFEDERATION CUP**
Sunday, May 21 at Flamboro Downs

**MOLSON PACE**
Friday, May 26 at Western Fair

**INDUSTRY DAY**
Monday, August 7 at Grand River Raceway

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Sunday, August 20 at Georgian Downs

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Miami Valley Stakes Attract Star Power

Miami Valley brings an end to its race meet on Monday afternoon, May 8, but not before the Ohio racetrack plays host to a pair of rich events for older mares, which attracted a trio of reigning divisional champions.

On Sunday, the 2016 Older Mare Trotter of the Year Hannelore Hanover takes on six rivals in the $86,400 Miami Valley Distaff, while on Monday, the 2016 Older Mare Pacer of the Year Lady Shadow and the 2016 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Pure Country match up in the $100,000 Sam “Chip” Noble Memorial.

Hannelore Hanover won last year’s Miami Valley Distaff in 1:52.3 and in this year’s race she will again encounter runner-up Charmed Life. The Distaff was one of 17 wins last year for Hannelore Hanover and helped bring her seasonal earnings to $1,119,111. Now five, Hannelore Hanover comes into the race off a pair of winning qualifying efforts at the Meadowlands. She will start from post 3 with Yannick Gingras driving for trainer Ron Burke.

“She couldn’t have come back any better,” said Gingras. “She is sound and was really relaxed in both qualifiers. She was perfect to drive and I’m really happy with where she is at now.”

Burke told Harness Racing Communications’ Ken Wein-gartner that he contemplated earlier racing Hannelore Hanover instead in Saturday night’s $200,000 Cutler Memorial at the Meadowlands.

“I had her in (the Cutler) and then I took her out of the second payment,” Burke said. “She’s going to race against the boys enough this year that I’m not going to do it starting off the year. Pretty much every other time there’s a bigger race, boys enough this year that I’m not going to do it starting off that track. She’s ready, no doubt about it, but we’re not going to be going crazy either.”

The Brett Miller-driven Pure Country has two qualifiers under her belt after a 20-win, $1-million season in 2016. After finishing second in her first qualifying test, Pure Country won her second start in 1:50.1 on April 29.

After a pair of qualifiers, Darlinonthebeach made her 2017 pari-mutuel debut last Friday night at the Meadowlands. With David Miller driving, Darlinonthebeach closed from four lengths back in fourth at the three-quarters to a half-length behind in third at the wire in 1:49.4. She closed out her mile with an impressive final quarter of :26.1.— By Gordon Waterstone

$86,400 MIAMI VALLEY DISTAFF OMP

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—Yannick Gingras about Hannelore Hanover
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12-Horse Field In $200,000 Cutler Memorial At Meadowlands

Crazy Wow and JL Cruze didn’t have the best of luck last year, but their connections are hoping for better fortunes this season. The two horses are among a dozen ready for Grand Circuit action in Saturday’s $200,000 Arthur J. Cutler Memorial for older trotters at the Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey.

The Cutler attracted 13 horses, with European newcomer Tuonoblu Rex eliminated from the 12-horse field based on 2016-17 earnings. Tuonoblu Rex will instead race Sunday at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono. The Cutler field also includes defending race champ Resolve, who will be making his first start of the season.

Also of note, the winner of the Cutler automatically receives an invitation to the May 28 Elitlopp in Sweden. Because the size of the field will require two horses to start in the second tier—Windsun Revenge and Muscle Diamond—the race will be contested at 1-1/8 miles.

“He started to turn it around at the end of last year.”
—Ron Burke about Crazy Wow

JL Cruze, the 2015 Dan Patch Award winner for best older male trotter, won five of 18 races in 2016 and earned $231,355 in purses. He battled issues with dehydration and synchronous diaphragmatic flutter, more commonly referred to as thumps, throughout the season.

“He wouldn’t drink away from home very well,” trainer Eric Ell said. “We fought that most of the year. It was an issue with a little bit of dehydration. We finally did get him straightened out at the end of the year. As far as soundness, he was fine. He had an OK year. He probably should have made double or three times what he made if he didn’t have the thumps.”

JL Cruze began his 2017 season with a third-place finish behind Rock Of Cashel and Opulent Yankee last Friday at the Meadowlands. He was beaten by a nose in 1:51.3.

“He was tremendous,” Ell said. “He lost a little bit of ground in the last turn and that’s the only thing that got him beat.”

David Miller drove JL Cruze in his seasonal debut, but will be unavailable Saturday because of his daughter’s college graduation, Ell said.

Crazy Wow, who won $1.02 million in 2015 at age 3 and banked $280,524 last season, will start the Cutler from post six with Yannick Gingras driving for trainer Ron Burke.

Last year, Crazy Wow won one of 14 races, but he finished the campaign strongly with a second-place finish by a nose to Obrigado in the TVG Free For All Series championship at the Meadowlands. He also was second in the Allerage.

“He started to turn it around at the end of last year,” Burke said. “I was happy with the way he finished. Anything that could go wrong did go wrong earlier in the year. Finally things started to go better for him. Maybe mentally he matured too. They have to get tougher to race in that division against the older horses.”

Crazy Wow made his seasonal debut April 21 at the Meadowlands and finished second to Tuonoblu Rex in 1:52.1.

“I was very happy with his first start,” Burke said. “He came back excellent.”

Burke has two more starters in the Cutler, Rose Run Parker and Gural Hanover. Rose Run Parker will start from post eight and Gural Hanover from post nine.

“They’re both working their way back,” Burke said. “I think they’re all right, but they drew the worst two spots. It’s going to be a long road from out there. They’re going to have to try to find a way to get in the flow without getting locked in and try to pick them up late. So we’ll see.” —By Ken Weingartner/HRC

Burke Hopes For “Cobra” Strike In Dexter Cup

Ron Burke is unsure what to expect from Southwind Cobra. There is no question, the trainer says, the horse is talented. There remains a question whether he will fulfill his potential.

Southwind Cobra might give Burke and his fellow owners some indication on Saturday when he faces seven rivals in the $143,737 Dexter Cup for 3-year-old male trotters at Freehold Raceway. The Dexter Cup is the first Grand Circuit race on the road to August’s $1 million Hambletonian Stakes.

“We thought at the beginning of last year he was our best 2-year-old,” said Burke, who owns Southwind Cobra with Jack Piatt II, Larry Karr, and the partnership of Mark Weaver and Mike Bruscemi. “He was a disappointment. There were points where he would show some things, but then there were points where he would show nothing. It was inconsistency and a lack of, really, wanting to win.

“It’s wait-and-see with him. He has all the talent in the world. He just needs to put it together.”

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Southwind Cobra is a son of Muscle Hill, the 2009 Hambletonian winner and Horse of the Year, out of the mare Caerphilly. He was purchased for $120,000 at the 2015 Lexington Selected Sale and his family includes stakes-winner No Pan No Gain (the dam of Burke-trained millionaire Crazy Wow) and, more distantly, Hall of Famer Proximity.

Last year Southwind Cobra won two of 13 races and earned $96,296. Both wins came on the Grand Circuit, in divisions of the International Stallion Stakes and Tompkins-Geers, and his mark of 1:53.3 was fifth best among all 2-year-old male trotters in 2016. But he went off stride in eliminations for the Peter Haughton Memorial, William Wellwood Memorial and Breeders Crown and failed to advance to any of those finals.

Southwind Cobra has raced once this season, finishing third in a conditioned race at the Meadowlands on April 21. Burke was happy the Dexter Cup attracted a number of starters (17) that required one horse to take a bye so the group could be divided into two eight-horse eliminations on Freehold’s half-mile oval.

“I wanted the bye,” said Burke, who won the 2015 Dexter Cup with Habitat. “I thought (Southwind Cobra’s) first race was just all right. I wasn’t thrilled with it. I was looking to give him a week off, but didn’t think I would have the opportunity. Then when I got the bye it gave me a week to train him and get him ready. I trained him (Wednesday) on the half-mile track at Gaitway. I wasn’t sure how he would handle the half, but he got around it perfect. It didn’t seem like it affected him at all. I look for him to be sharp hopefully.”

Southwind Cobra will start the Dexter Cup final from post 5. Elim winners Lord Cromwell will leave from post two and Another Chapter from post eight.

Saturday’s card also includes two $36,850 divisions of the Lady Suffolk Stakes for 3-year-old filly trotters. Princess Aurora, a stakes-winner last season and runner-up to Ariana G in the Breeders Crown for 2-year-old filly trotters, leads a group of three Hambletonian Oaks eligibles (with Pennys N Dimes and Sparkle Plenty) in the first division. Romancing Rachel and Winter Sweet Frost are the Oaks eligibles in the second division.— By Ken Weingartner/HRC

Quillo, Dam Of Kadabra, Dies At 23

It is with great sadness that Hochstetler Racing relays prolific broodmare and Illinois Harness Racing Hall of Famer Quillo has been euthanized at Last Hurrah Stables after ongoing health complications at the age of 23.

The daughter of Trottin’ Happy and Arsenals Dynasty notably produced the great racehorse and sire Kadabra 1:51.3 ($1,806,779) as well as the Illinois champion Lifes A Holiday 1:54 ($721,659). From 10 foals of racing age, Quillo’s offspring amassed over $2.8 million in earnings and over 100 victories.

Quillo was bred by Homer Miller and Dennis Yoder. She was a $10,000 yearling purchase in 1994 by the great harness racing ambassador Beulah Dygert.

Quillo never raced after she suffered a career-ending fall at Maywood Park. Following health complications, Beulah Dygert gifted Quillo to the Hochstetler family. The gift turned into a life changing moment for Connie and Homer Hochstetler as Lifes A Holiday and Kadabra brought the racing stable to new heights. Both of the sons of Quillo are Illinois Harness Racing Hall of Famers.

“Quillo was the most precious gift we have ever received. She truly changed our lives, and Quillo has altered the course of harness racing with her offspring. We are very blessed to have had her in our lives,” said Connie Hochstetler.

Quillo’s final offspring is a yearling RC Royalty named Lady Rapidash, named after a Pokemon, just like the great Kadabra. (Hochstetler Racing)
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With each week, more stars of the 2016 racing season are appearing on the track. On Wednesday, May 3, last year’s Pennsylvania Sires Stakes 2-year-old filly trot champion, FINE TUNED LADY, won a qualifier at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 1:56.3. Racing out of the John Butenschoen Stable, the daughter of Cantab Hall earned $438,340 last season.

Also in action in Pocono qualifiers were three notables owned by Crawford Farms: the 3-year-old Donato Hanover trotting colt DON DREAM, a 1:57.1 winner; older pacer SPLIT THE HOUSE, who scored in 1:53.1; and the accomplished older trotter HOMICIDE HUNTER, also a 1:57.1 winner.

In qualifying action at Harrington Raceway, older pacer MEL MARA won in 1:54 (.27.4 last quarter) with free-foraller DANCIN YANKEE third.

At Hoosier Park, Indiana champ SEVENTIMESAVIRGIN, now 4 years old, won in 1:53 (.26.1 last quarter) for trainer-driver John DeLong. The 3-year-old filly GLASSINE HANOVER finished second. Other qualifying winners were the Indiana Sires Stakes winners JESSE V, with the 3-year-old trotter scoring handily in 1:55.2; the 4-year-old pacer BOURBON CHASE (1:51.4 winner) and the sophomore trotting filly FOXY SWAN (1:59.2).

The Saturday (May 6) qualifiers at the Meadowlands are full of talent again, beginning with Race 1 when WALNER, the 2016 Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year and winter favorite to capture this year’s Hambletonian, makes his first start of the season for trainer Linda Toscano. Also in Race 1 are the Jimmy Takter-trained KING ON THE HILL and DEVIOUS MAN, a 1:53.2 winner at Lexington last fall for trainer Julie Miller.

Race 4 will serve as another pre-season tune-up for ARIANA G, last year’s Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year. She finished second in her first qualifier of 2017, edged by a neck in 1:56.

In Race 5, the older trotters WINGS OF ROYALTY 4, 1:51.4 and JEWELS IN HOCK 4, 1:51.4 both are starting in their first qualifier this year.

Trainer Tony Alagna has two fast 2-year-old pacing fillies returning for action this year, with EVERYONE’S WATCHING p,2, 1:52.4 and SHE’S WATCHING p,2, 1:52.1 in action in Race 6 and Race 7, respectively. She’s Watching is a half sister to Meadowlands Pace winner He’s Watching.
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Canadian Hall of Famer Irv Liverman Dies

Montreal businessman Irving Liverman, who parlayed a small initial investment 50 years ago into a harness racing dynasty still going strong today, has died. Liverman, who never fully recovered from a stroke in 2011, was 94.

“We worked side by side from the time I graduated from university. He was my best friend for all my 70 years,” said son Herb, who shared his father’s passion for racing and took over management of their racing operations in the 1980s.

Their success is almost unprecedented in the sport, and earned Mr. Liverman election to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2002.

Horses they owned or co-owned have won the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks, the Meadowlands Pace, World Trotting Derby, Messenger, Merrie Annabelle, Jugette, Bluegrass, Battle of the Brandyswine, Prix de L’Avenir and multiple Breeders Crowns. Their stable included Hambletonian champion Muscles Yankee, Kadabra, Handle With Care, Wild Honey, Pinkman, Britelite Lobell, Horse of the Year Bee A Magician and Time Well Spent.

The one that started it all was Silent Majority, only the second horse owned by Mr. Liverman, who operated an appliance distribution company in Montréal.

Selected, trained and co-owned by Montréal-based Roger White, Silent Majority was a $9,500 yearling purchase in 1970 who won his first eight starts, earned $300,000 in two years of racing, produced champion Abercrombie in his first year of stallion duty and was syndicated for more than $2 million. Tragically, White died in the crash of a small plane in the Pocono Mountains in 1971, heading to the fall sales.

Billy Haughton was Silent Majority’s trainer when he won the Messenger in 1972, defeating archrival Strike Out.

Handle With Care, purchased that same year by Haughton for $12,000, would go unbeaten in 17 races at two and win 24 straight for Liverman before tasting defeat. She earned about $800,000 and twice was named Canada’s Horse of the Year.

Longtime Montreal racing executive Mike MacCormac said Mr. Liverman could have done then what many owners did, cash out after a couple of big years. Instead, he reinvested his winnings in the sport, a pattern that continued for decades.

“That’s the surprising thing, that he put everything back in the industry. There aren’t a lot of people like that. It really helped the game. And he helped in other ways. He did a lot of things on the quiet for people who needed it, things he didn’t take any credit for. That’s the way he was.”

Even in his final years, when his only contact with racing was through televised races in his living room, Mr. Liverman rarely missed a start by one of Herb’s horses.

“Really, I enjoy any win,” he had said in an interview in 2000. “The purse doesn’t mean that much to me. I never depended on horses to make a living. For me, it’s just a great thrill. I just love it.”

Preceded in death by his wife Shirley in 2009, Mr. Liverman is survived by his son, Herb, and daughter, Carol. Funeral services were held May 2 in Montreal.

Lofty Bruce, Trained Robust Hanover, Beatcha, Dies At 85

Horseman Wallace “Lofty” Bruce, who raced horses in the Breeders Crown and other top events while based at the Meadowlands, died Tuesday afternoon, May 2, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He was 85.

A native of Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, Mr. Bruce became exposed to harness racing at age 10 through fellow Maritimer Joe O’Brien. But first Mr. Bruce pursued a career in ice hockey, playing in the Quebec Junior League and the Eastern Hockey League. He suffered a neck fracture at age 19 and that ended his hockey career. He went to work with horses and moved to the U.S. to join the O’Brien Stable. He later worked for Stanley Dancer when Dancer’s stable included the great Su Mac Lad.

Among Mr. Bruce’s top horses was Robust Hanover, winner of the 1985 Breeders Crown Two-Year-Old Colt Pace and a runner-up in the Crown at age three. Robust Hanover’s Breeders Crown triumph as a freshman was his sixth win in seven starts. Co-owned by Mr. Bruce and Ron Knigge, Robust Hanover also won the 1986 Pilgrim Pace, the Oliver Wendell Holmes and a Meadowlands Pace elimination.

Mr. Bruce also trained and shared ownership of the free-for-all pacer Beatcha, winner of two legs of the 1982 World Cup. “He was probably the best I ever trained, setting a world record for pacers at 1 1/2 miles,” said Mr. Bruce.

Other notables trained by Mr. Bruce include the free-for-all pacers Albus, Silver Dollar, Hothead, Save Fuel and Ideal Tanner, who upset Cam Fella in a leg of the 1983 Graduate Series at Brandyswine Raceway.

Hall of Fame driver Bill O’Donnell, who drove horses for Mr. Bruce, posted on Facebook, “He operated one of the best stables at the Meadowlands for a lot of years.”
Jag Out ready for Yonkers open competition
Since returning to the races at Yonkers April 14 off a September layoff, 5-year-old mare Jag Out is perfect in two starts for trainer Nick Surick. She won her seasonal debut in a $27,000 overnight after racing first-over for the last quarter mile, then returned a wire-to-wire winner the following week when racing for $35,000. For Surick, seeing Jag Out finally put her best foot forward has been a process months in the making. more

Tioga welcomes new announcer
Tioga Downs will begin the 2017 racing season in less than a week, and when it does it will be with a new announcer. Taking over the mic this year will be John Horne Jr. John has been an employee at Tioga for the past three years, working as an assistant to the judges as well as filling in as the track’s back-up announcer. John has also filled in at several other tracks around the state as well as our sister track Vernon Downs. more

Meadowlands to expand relations with ATG
The Meadowlands Racetrack today announced an expansion of its relationship with Sweden's national tote provider, ATG. As part of the expanded relationship, Sweden’s ATG will offer full-card wagering through separate pools on Saturday's Meadowlands card headlined by the $200,000 Arthur J. Cutler Memorial for free-for-all trotters. more

Sonny Winslow wins harness handicapping championship
Harold “Sonny” Winslow of Clinton, N.Y., captured the $20,000 grand prize in the 2017 BetAmerica World Harness Handicapping Championship on Saturday (April 29) at Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment. Winslow finished the tournament with a $1,809 bankroll to top the field of 92 players from across North America who competed for $50,000 in prize money. Winslow won his spot in the Monticello Qualifier. more

Fresh Yankee Trot renamed for Dr. John Steele
The Meadowlands is pleased to announce that the stake for older trotting mares formerly known as the Fresh Yankee shall be titled to memorialize long-time Grand Circuit “Veterinarian to the Stars” Dr. John R. Steele beginning with the 2017 edition of the race. more

Brad Kramer wins 8,000th race at Northville
Driver Brad Kramer won his 8,000th career race on Saturday night, reaching the milestone with the 4-year-old gelding pacer Mystical Beach in Race 9 at Northville Downs. more

Sunshine Beach’s 2017 book full and closed
Blue Chip Farms is pleased to announce that Sunshine Beach’s book is full and closed for 2017. more

USTA rules, by-law changes in effect May 1
Changes to U.S. Trotting Association rules and bylaws that were approved at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in February 2017, were enacted and went into effect on Monday, May 1. more

HHBNYS issues statement on NYSS changes
On Friday afternoon, the Harness Horse Breeders of New York State issued the following statement, regarding the approved change made on Thursday by the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund that moves the administration and promotion of the NewYork Sires Stakes program to Capitol Hill Management Services. more
**Harness Racing Leaders**

Complied by the USTA—through May 2, 2017 (week difference April 25-May 2).

### Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

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- **May 1**: Jackpot Next Door F&M Pace (YR)
- **May 2**: Jackpot Next Door H&G Pace (YR)
- **May 3**: Hunterdon H&G Pace (YR)
- **May 4**: Weiss & H&G Trot final (PcD)
- **May 5**: Weiss & H&G Trot (PcD)

**May 7**:
- Miami Valley Distaff OMT (MVR)
- Tattersalls Spring Mixed Sale at E. Rutherford, N.J.

**May 8**: Buckeye Stallion 3CT (MVR)

**May 9**: Buckeye Stallion 3F (MVR)

**May 10**: Buckeye Stallion 3FT (MVR)

**May 11**: Buckeye Stallion 3FP (MVR)

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