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### Out in :25, Home In :25— Warrawee Needy Was “Impressive”

It's not too often a horse leaves in a sub-:26 quarter and then still is able to rally in the final quarter with another sub-:26 clocking, but that's exactly what Warrawee Needy did on May 4 while capturing the \$33,660 Preferred Pace at Woodbine Racetrack and extending his winning streak to three.

The 4-year-old son of E Dee's Cam will have a chance to build on that effort when he takes on five challengers in the first of two \$50,000 divisions of the opening leg of the TVG Free For All Championship Series on Saturday night at the Meadowlands. The track is the site of where Warrawee Needy began the year in the Aquarius Series, scoring a first

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— Jody Jamieson  
on Warrawee Needy

and second in the opening two rounds before finishing second in the \$57,000 final on March 16.

With Jody Jamieson in the sulky in the Woodbine feature, Warrawee Needy left from post three and was able to finally clear to the lead shortly past the

opening quarter of :25.2. Content then to sit a pocket trip through a half in :53.4 and 1:22.2, Jamieson found a seam along the pylons in midstretch and urged Warrawee Needy home with a final quarter of :25.4 to win in 1:48.3.

“To win that by leaving hard and sitting in and then racing hard again down the stretch, for sure I thought that was pretty impressive,” said Jamieson.

The time was a career best for Warrawee Needy, knocking a fifth of a second off his previous mark set last year in Ontario Sires Stakes action at Mohawk Racetrack. It was also the fourth win in six starts this year for the Carl Jamieson-trained and leased Warrawee Needy, as he increased his career earnings to \$924,568.

“We've been talking about this horse his whole career, about how impressive he is, and hopefully he will reach his true potential as a 4 and 5 year old,” said Jody Jamieson. “We think he's a great horse and we're going to hopefully prove that this year. He's a 4 year old and it's a tough transition, but great horses will adapt and we're hoping he'll do the same.”

Jamieson will also be driving the Jeff Gillis-trained Mister Herbie and Knows Nothing in separate eliminations of the Arthur. J. Cutler Memorial Series for free-for-all trotters.

Although he posted nine wins in 18 starts last year, it was a season of “almosts” for Knows Nothing in 2012 as the son of Kadabra had close finishes in the \$343,980 Goodtimes final, the \$1.5 million Hambletonian, the \$1 million Canadian Trotting Classic, and the \$300,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final. Knows Nothing, who starts from post two in

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the first division against the likes of 2010 Kentucky Futurity winner Wishing Stone and 2012 Hambletonian runner-up Guccio, finished eighth in his 2013 debut in the Preferred Trot at Woodbine on May 6.

As for Mister Herbie, Jamieson said the Cutler start is a disappointment of sorts as earlier plans called for the 5-year-old son of Here Comes Herbie to head to Sweden for the May 26 Elitlopp. Although quarter cracks derailed those plans, Gillis was able to qualify Mister Herbie at Woodbine on May 2, with the trotter romping to a 10 3/4-length win in 1:54.4.

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“He qualified real good. The speed wasn’t probably where he needs to be, but I know Jeff trained him at the farm since and he trained real good,” said Jamieson. “I think he is ready to go. He’s where he needs to be. He’s fresh, and it’s going to be a long year, so Jeff wanted to start him up again.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*

## Scioto Bringing Buckeye Horsemen Home

After holding a special social for the press in its newly refurbished clubhouse, where about \$1 million was spent during the off season, Scioto Downs Racino opened its 2013 race meet on Wednesday (May 8). With the boost to the purse account from expanded gaming in Ohio, the track had 11 races and full fields. On the opening card, a total of \$59,000 was paid out in purses compared to just \$22,600 last year. The handle showed a 40.1 percent increase over 2012’s opening program.

Scioto’s purses are competitive with The Meadows, where many Buckeye horsemen migrated to when Ohio’s racing industry declined while Pennsylvania’s improved. For example, Scioto has put a \$5,000 purse on \$5,000 claimers while at The Meadows the purse for the similar class is \$4,100. The Meadows carded a non-winners of one extended pari-mutuel race for fillies and mares this week for a purse of \$7,500 while Scioto will have a maiden for fillies and mares with a \$7,000 pot. Scioto has matched The Meadows for the Open Trot, with both tracks paying a \$20,000 purse.

In addition to trainers filling the entry box, native Buckeye drivers are returning home. Tony Hall had been driving regularly at The Meadows, but has made the move back. Brad Hanners is back, most recently plying his trade at Dover and Harrington; and with a reduction in racing dates in Ontario, Jason Brewer, 35, has returned home after driving the winners of \$1.9 million north of the border last year. In addition, Ronnie Wrenn Jr., who made his mark at Northville Downs and in limited trips to Northfield Park this year, is planning to be at Scioto for the meet.

While the increase in purses gives Scioto more to work with to put on competitive racing, the track is also trying to generate interest in betting with its new 10 cent Super High Five wager. It will be carded each night as race number nine, and the race office will do their best to ensure an 11-horse field each time (and if filled, Scioto will pay out six places). The object of the wager is to pick the first five horses in the exact order of finish.

“My hope is this is going to have some carryover opportunities and give added value to those making the wager. With the 10-cent base wager, I think people will have fun with this,” said Scioto Downs director of mutuels Steve Carpenito. “If no one selects all five finishers in exact order, the pool will carry over.”

Racing will be held every Wednesday-Saturday with a post time of 6:30 p.m. through Saturday, Sept. 14. Special 1 p.m. cards will be held on May 27 (Memorial Day), July 4, Aug. 3 (State Fair races) and Sept. 2 (Labor Day). — *By Kathy Parker*

## WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

**Saturday, May 11**

All times listed are local.

7:34p	M2	<b>Cutler FFA Trot</b> elim	<a href="#">Trackmaster PPs</a>
7:44p	Wdb2	<b>Princess 3FP</b> final	<a href="#">Trackmaster PPs</a>
7:54p	M3	<b>Hudson River Pace</b> final	<a href="#">Trackmaster PPs</a>
8:50p	YR6	<b>Open Pace</b>	<a href="#">Trackmaster PPs</a>
8:51p	M6	<b>TVG FFA Pace</b> div	<a href="#">Trackmaster PPs</a>
9:01p	Wdb6	<b>The Diplomat 3CT</b> final	<a href="#">Trackmaster PPs</a>
9:30p	M8	<b>Cutler FFA Trot</b> elim	<a href="#">Trackmaster PPs</a>
10:27p	M11	<b>TVG FFA Pace</b> div	<a href="#">Trackmaster PPs</a>

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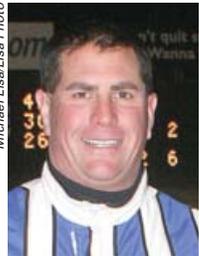
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## Razzle Dazzle Looks To Sparkle In TVG FFA

Razzle Dazzle has been nothing short of dazzling so far this year for trainer Mark Silva and owner Ira Kristel. The 6-year-old gelding enters Saturday's opening round of the TVG Free For All Series for older pacers at Meadowlands Race-track off his neck victory over Foiled Again in the \$450,000 George Morton Levy Memorial Pacing Series final on April 27 at Yonkers Raceway.



Michael Lisa/Lisa Photo

**"So far he's just been awesome!"**

– Mark Silva

Razzle Dazzle has won four of six starts this season—including three in a row entering this weekend's race—and earned \$301,250, pushing his lifetime purses to \$913,351.

"So far he's just been awesome," said Silva, who took over the training of Razzle Dazzle late last year. "The one race (in the Levy Series) where he got parked was the only time that he wasn't just super. I trained him (May 7) and I thought it's the best he's been so far."

There are two seven-horse \$50,000 divisions of the TVG Free For All Open for pacers on Saturday night. Razzle Dazzle races in the first division, which includes Dancin Yankee, Dynamic Youth, Golden Receiver, Sweet Lou, Warrawee Needy and Meirs Hanover. Razzle Dazzle starts from post five with driver John Campbell.

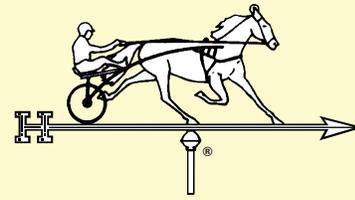
Levy runner-up Foiled Again, the richest pacer in North American harness racing history with \$4.83 million in earnings, headlines the second division. Also in the race are Fred And Ginger, Hurrikane Kingcole, Casimir Jitterbug, Modern Legend, Dial Or Nodial and Mr. Hasani N.

Razzle Dazzle, trained previously by Jerry and Richie Silverman, picked up his most lucrative win with his Levy triumph last month, but has been a consistent earner during his career. He was second to Foiled Again in last year's Indiana Pacing Derby and third in the Molson Pace. In 2010, he was second by a neck to Rock N Roll Heaven in a division of the Bluegrass and third in the Little Brown Jug and American National.



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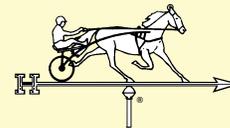
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"I knew he was a good horse from before," Silva said. "I always liked the way he covered the ground, especially late. He's just a big, nice horse going over the ground."

"He feels really good and he came out of Yonkers really good. Plus when a horse wins three or four in a row they feel better. I think he's feeling sound and that combination has him starting to feel pretty good about himself."

The TVG Free For All Series features nine preliminary rounds for pacers and trotters and finishes with a \$500,000 final for each on Nov. 30 at the Meadowlands. The prelims for pacers are Saturday's Open, an Open on June 1, the eliminations and final of the William R. Haughton Memorial, the eliminations and final of the U.S. Pacing Championship, the Allerage Farms Open Pace, the Breeders Crown, and an Open on Nov. 23. (HRC)

### This Weekend's Guaranteed Pools

There are 11 guaranteed pools offered this weekend as part of the U.S. Trotting Association's Strategic Wagering Program. Included in the group are \$50,000 guaranteed Pick 4s at the Meadowlands on both Friday and Saturday nights.

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**Nominations close Wednesday, May 15th.**

**Declarations close at the time and date posted on weekly condition sheet.**

	FIRST BRACKET	SECOND BRACKET	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL
<b>Event #42 "PACE"</b> <small>3yo Open N/W of 2 ext. pari-mutuel races or \$30,000 lifetime up to &amp; including May 15, 2013. Winners Over \$75,000 Lifetime Ineligible</small>	<b>Saturday, June 8</b> <b>\$12,500</b> <small>Depending on number of divisions, top finishers will advance</small>	<b>Saturday, June 15</b> <b>\$12,500</b> <small>Four fields of ten horses depending on first week</small>	<b>Saturday, June 22</b> <b>\$15,000</b> <small>Two fields of ten horses</small>	<b>Saturday, June 29</b> <b>\$100,000e</b> <small>\$35,000 added</small>
<b>Event #43 "TROT"</b> <small>3yo Open N/W of 2 (F&amp;M 3) ext. pari-mutuel races or \$30,000 (F&amp;M \$40,000) lifetime up to &amp; including May 15, 2013. Winners Over \$75,000 Lifetime Ineligible</small>	<b>Friday, June 7</b> <b>\$12,500</b> <small>Depending on number of divisions, top finishers will advance</small>	<b>Friday, June 14</b> <b>\$12,500</b> <small>Four fields of ten horses depending on first week</small>	<b>Friday, June 21</b> <b>\$15,000</b> <small>Two fields of ten horses</small>	<b>Saturday, June 29</b> <b>\$100,000e</b> <small>\$35,000 added</small>

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*(A minimum of 60 declarations for Leg 1 may be necessary to fill this event.)*

## 2013 EARLY CLOSING PROGRAM

### 4 YEAR OLD TROTTING MARES

**Nominations close Wednesday, May 15th.**

<b>Event #44—Trot</b> <b>4 Year Olds Mares</b> <b>"IMA LULA"</b>
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## Arch Madness Taking On World's Best In Oslo

Arch Madness will be trying for his second Oslo Grand Prix victory when he takes to the track for the latest edition of the classic on Sunday, May 12, at the Bjerke track in the Norwegian capital city of Oslo. Arch Madness, who was shipped to Norway after racing at the Meadowlands last Friday night, drew post six in the 10-horse field.

Now 9 years old, Arch Madness won the 2011 edition of the Oslo Grand Prix and finished third in last year's race, won by Commander Crowe. In 2011 Smedshammer, a native of Norway, was unable to be on his home turf because of paperwork delays for him to enter the country, so he deputized Bjorn Goop to drive the horse. Last year Smedshammer made the trip to Norway and drove Arch Madness, but they got locked in during a slow middle half.

Unlike the last two years where Arch Madness was riding a three-race win streak when heading overseas, the son of Balanced Image is winless in a trio of attempts this year. After opening the year with a sixth and fourth in the top-class event at the Meadowlands, Arch Madness finished a close third his last time out on May 3, trotting his own mile in 1:51.3 after being parked in the first turn.

"I think those last two miles he went pretty good, that's why I say he is the same now heading over as last year, although last year he went over with three wins in three starts," said Smedshammer. "But that was under different circumstances; it was easier competition last year. This year he has faced some tough competition."

The betting choices for the race are expected to be Maharajah, who used a powerful move in the last turn to win the Olympic Trot last month in a mile rate clocking of 1:54.1; Commander Crowe, who has a new driver, with Matthieu Abrivard replacing Christophe Martens; and Sebastian K. and Nesta Effe, who won the Finlandia Ajo earlier this month. Commander Crowe missed the race because the flight to bring him and other French-trained trotters to Finland had to return shortly after takeoff from Paris.

"I think he has a chance," Smedshammer said of Arch Madness. "He will be forwardly placed with his racing style. It's



Arch Madness (5) wins the 2011 Oslo Grand Prix.

### OSLO GRAND PRIX

*Bjerke track (5/8th mile); Oslo, Norway; Sunday, May 12  
Purse: \$490,000 (approximately, with \$256,000 to the winner);  
Distance: 2,100 meters (1.3 miles)*

No.—HORSE (Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam)	Driver
1—VIKING FRECEL (5h, Viking Kronos*-Speedy Elling-Super Arnie*)	V. Hop
2—SAVE THE QUICK (7m, Jasmin de Flore-Heureuse Duchess-Blue Dream*)	T. Jansson
3—CLASSIC GRAND CRU (10h, Supergill-Starlet's Victory-Valley Victory)	B. Goop
4—SEBASTIAN K. (7h, Korean*-Gabriella K-Probe)	A. Svanstedt
5—NESTA EFFE (6h, Naglo*-Etna-Viking Kronos)	R. Veccione
6—ARCH MADNESS (9h, Balanced Image-Armbr Archer-SJ's Photo)	T. Smedshammer
7—MAHARAJAH (8h, Viking Kronos*-Chili Khan-Giant Chill)	O. Kihlstrom
8—RAJA MIRCHI (6h, Viking Kronos*-Dame Lavec-Quito de Talonay*)	E. Adielsson
9—COMMANDER CROWE (10g, Juliano Star-Somack-Mack Lobell)	M. Abrivard
10—MR. X.F. ROYAL (6g, Mr. Commissioner*-X Line-Lindy Lane)	L. A. Kolle

\*Denotes American blood in French-bred horses, as noted below:

- Viking Kronos (American Winner-Conch)
- Super Arnie (Super Bowl-Arnie's Likeness)
- Blue Dream (Pershing, by Nevele Pride)
- Korean (out of Calmness, by Robespierre-Pavesca Hanover)
- Naglo (Cocktail Jet-Nuclear Lill, by Nuclear Kosmos)
- Quito de Talonay (Florestan, by Star's Pride)
- Mr. Commissioner (Tagliabue-Latticework, by Arndon)

tough to predict but I hope he hits the board. It might be tough to lead the whole way, but you have to take a gamble a little bit. Sometimes it works out and sometimes it doesn't. Obviously, the Elitlopp two weeks later is more important."

As Smedshammer noted, the free-for-allers will have two weeks to rest after the Oslo Grand Prix and prepare for Sweden's famed Elitlopp, which will be held Sunday, May 26. As of Wednesday, May 8, the following horses had accepted invitations: Arch Madness, Brad de Veluwe, Mack Grace SM, Nesta Effe, Sebastian K., Shaq Is Back, Timoko, Formula One and Take My Picture, who won in 1:53.2 at Woodbine Monday night for trainer John Drennan.

Maharajah has also been invited but trainer Ake Svanstedt said he would wait until after the Oslo Grand Prix to decide about an Elitlopp appearance. Wishing Stone was also invited after his big win at the Meadowlands last Friday night, when he beat Arch Madness, but his connections turned down the offer.

**ONES TO WATCH**

The early Daily Double on Friday night's card at the Meadowlands includes two divisions of the \$49,016 Simpson Memorial for 3-year-old filly trotters.

The first division features a match-up of **True Day Dream**, a seven-time winner last year who scored a 28-1 shocker in her 2013 debut May 3 at the Big M, and 2012 New Jersey Sires Stakes champ **Southwind Cocoa**, who is making her first appearance of the year.

The 2012 Kentucky Sires Stakes champion **Andie Sophia**, who finished third to True Day Dream in what was also her season debut, will start in the second Simpson division. The daughter of Like A Prayer brings a Simpson-high bankroll of \$145,822 into the race. Also in the field is **Miss Steele**, who won a division of the Simpson last year at the Big M but then came up short in her next 12 starts. She earned her biggest check via a third-place finish in the \$202,500 Kindergarten final in her freshman finale.

There is also a pair of divisions of the \$54,030 Simpson Memorial for 3-year-old colt trotters on the card. The first split, carded as the fifth race, finds the 2013 debut of **Fashion Blizzard**, whose five wins last year included the New York Sires Stakes final and an International Stallion Stake division at The Red Mile. The winner of more than \$302,000 made a break in his first qualifier this year at Harrah's Philadelphia but rebounded to score a 17 3/4-length win in 1:54.4 the second time around. The son of Credit Winner will have his work cut out for him as he drew post nine.

**Corky**, who won last year's New Jersey Sires Stakes final and also came up a neck shy in second in the Peter Haughton Memorial, will make his sophomore debut in the second Simpson split after a trio of qualifying efforts (two wins and a second) for trainer Jimmy Takter.

Also, try to catch race 7 at The Meadows on Friday night, when Beach Memories, a 3-year-old son of Somebeach-somewhere, takes on older horses. He's two-for-two this year for trainer Brian Brown, with his last victory in 1:50.2 impressing veterans at The Meadows. Dave Palone will be driving **Beach Memories**, starting from post 4.

While many of the sport's older stars will be in action on Saturday in eliminations of the Arthur J. Cutler Trot and TVG Free-For-All Pacing Series, the biggest purse offered on the card is the \$58,000 final of the Hudson River Series for 4- and 5-year-old pacers who were bred in either New York, New Jersey or Pennsylvania. The one to beat on paper is **Visible Gold**, half of a Ron Burke-trained entry, who is riding a nine-race win streak since entering the barn in January. The 5-year-old son of Bettor's Delight scored a career-best 1:49.4f win on May 4 at Tioga Downs as he completed a sweep of the three-week Hudson River preliminaries.

The Saturday night card was also to have featured the season debut of the 2012 Pacer of the Year **Captaintreacherous**. The Meadowlands announced the late addition of a \$25,000 Open

for 3-year-old pacers to the program in the hopes of showcasing the star pacer, but "The Captain" found just three others willing to take on the first 2 year old to win Pacer of the Year honors since Camtastic in 1987. Instead, Captaintreacherous is now scheduled to make his sophomore debut in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes May 19 at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

At The Meadows on Saturday, two notable 3-year-old trotting colts, **Major Athens** and **Text Winner**, will be making their first start of the 2013 season. Both colts are trained by Rich Gillock.

Major Athens, a Grand Circuit stakes winner at The Red Mile last fall, a winner of a Peter Haughton Memorial elimination, and the runner-up in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes final, is in race 1. The Andover Hall colt will be driven by 2013 Hall of Fame inductee Richard Stillings. Text Winner (race 11), who captured last fall's Matron for 2-year-old trotting colts at Dover, will be driven by Dave Palone.

The 2012 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot champion **Intimidate** will make his 4-year-old debut on Sunday afternoon at Hippodrome 3R. The card is the first of 40 at the Trois-Rivieres track that was purchased last year by the Quebec Jockey Club. Coming off a pair of qualifying wins at Rideau Carleton, Intimidate has been barred from the betting in the \$6,000 race for Quebec-bred 4- and 5-year-old trotters.

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## Vernon Racing To Resume Friday With Resident Horses

There will be live racing at Vernon Downs this weekend by permission of the New York State Gaming Commission. Vernon will race a full card of 11 races on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11, at 6:45 p.m. each evening.

Racing will be restricted to those horses currently stabled in quarantine at Vernon Downs, excluding the horses in secured quarantine within the stable area.

All horses racing will have their temperature taken prior to entering the paddock. Those horses with a temperature in excess of 101.5 will be denied entry to the paddock and excluded from completion.

"We are in complete compliance with all directives issued by the NYS Gaming Commission. We appreciate their attention to this serious equine health issue and permitting those horsemen confined to the backstretch to race their horses so they can generate some income," said Jason M. Settlemoir, regional vice president of racing, Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs. "While we remain vigilant in our work to prevent any further spread of the EHV-1 outbreak, we are optimistic that things will return to normal in a few weeks here at Vernon." (*Vernon Downs*)

## Top Trotter In Limbo Due To Vernon Quarantine

George Ducharme's plans for stakes-winning trotter Royalty For Life are in limbo. The trainer is stabled at Vernon Downs, which is under quarantine since a case of Equine Herpes Virus-1 was diagnosed there on May 4.

Royalty For Life, a 3-year-old colt who won seven of 14 races last season and earned \$334,588 for owners Alfred Ross, Raymond Campbell Jr. and Paul Fontaine, is being pointed toward the first round of the New York Sires Stakes on May 24 and Empire Breeders Classic (eliminations May 31; final June 7). Both races are scheduled for Vernon Downs.

"We're sort of on hold right now," Ducharme said. "We're under lockdown now with no horses coming in or out. We're waiting to see what happens with the sire stakes and the Empire Breeders, but these things are out of our control. Those were going to be his first races and we were happy we wouldn't have to travel to start the year."

Royalty For Life qualified in 1:54.1 at Vernon Downs on May 3 with Chris Lems driving. "He's been good training down," Ducharme said. "I thought he would go in (1):55, but he did it handy and finished good and strong, which is what I was looking for."

The stakes schedule this year for Royalty For Life includes the Hambletonian, Breeders Crown, Earl Beal Jr. Memorial, Colonial, Stanley Dancer and Oliver.

"I think it will be a pretty rugged division as we go through the year," Ducharme said. "But I think (Royalty For Life) should be able to hold his own." (*HRC*)

## Meadowlands Offering Additional LC Series

With Freehold soon to close for the summer and the major stakes visiting Mohawk and Mohegan Sun at Pocono, the Meadowlands has structured several late-closing series' to offer Freehold horsemen classes for their horses during the month of June.

Events will be available for trotters, pacing mares and pacing horses and geldings who have made a minimum of six starts at Freehold in 2013 or are classified as C-2 at the Meadowlands as of May 27. Winners of over \$30,000 in 2013 are ineligible.

There will be two \$10,000 legs and a \$20,000 added final for each throughout the month of June. Nomination requires a fee of \$100 which must be received by the Racing Office by Tuesday, May 28. There is no entry fee.

"We are very pleased to offer these series to give New Jersey horsemen an opportunity to stay at home, race for larger purses than they typically race for and to do so on harness racing's biggest stage, the Championship Meet at the Meadowlands," said director of racing operations Darin Zoccali. (*Meadowlands*)

## Jamieson To Drive Take My Picture In Elitlopp

Last fall at The Red Mile, Take My Picture was a starter in a pair of racing under saddle contests at The Red Mile, and in just a few weeks the 6 year old will be taking on the world's best trotters in the famed Elitlopp at Solvalla Racetrack in Sweden.

Trainer Nik Drennan told harnessracing.com Wednesday afternoon that while Jack Moiseyev has been the regular driver behind Take My Picture, it will be Jody Jamieson in the sulky when he lines up behind the gate in the Elitlopp. The change comes as a result of Moiseyev's preference to not fly.

"Jack has been driving but he doesn't want to fly, and I talked to (the owners) last Friday night at the Meadowlands, and they wanted a Canadian driver," said Drennan, who is currently racing on the East Coast while his father, John, oversees the stable's Canadian contingent. "They told me that if Jack couldn't go, then to go get Jody. That's what we came up with."

A three-time O'Brien Award winner as Canada's Driver of the Year, Jamieson has been behind Take My Picture only once in his career, that coming this past Feb. 10 when he directed the gelding to an overnight win at Flamboro Downs. Overall, Take My Picture has 19 wins in 85 career starts and \$739,968 in earnings for owners Joseph and Laurie Davino. Take My Picture will head into the Elitlopp riding a three-race win streak, including a career-best 1:52.3 effort on April 22 at Woodbine Racetrack.

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"He's pretty brave right now, so I think we'll be in good shape," said Drennan, who also trained the 2011 William Haughton Memorial winner Alexie Mattosie.

Drennan said he and Take My Picture will be flying to Sweden on Monday, May 13, with other family members, including his father, John, arriving for the race.

"The thing about going, you only live once, and who knows if you'll be able to go again," he said. — *harnessracing.com*

## Dancer Legislation Would Expand, Change NJSS

Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer's bipartisan plan to increase the number of Standardbred horses in New Jersey was approved on May 6 by the Assembly Regulatory Oversight and Gaming Committee.

"It wasn't that long ago that New Jersey's equine economy was fueled by dozens of stallions and thousands of mares, yet today there are just three stallions, and a few hundred mares, left in the Garden State," Dancer, R-Ocean, Burlington, Monmouth and Middlesex, said. "We can preserve Jersey-bred horses, farms and jobs while our horse-racing industry rebounds."

The bill was co-sponsored by Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli, the Deputy Speaker and a Democrat representing Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem counties.

The legislation, A-4033, would expand the Sire Stakes Program by allowing stallions from other states as long as the mare stands at a New Jersey breeding farm for at least 150 consecutive days between conception and the birth, and that the birth occurs in New Jersey. (*SBOANJ*)

## NY Casino Bill Would Target 3 Harness Tracks

The BloodHorse reported on its website Tuesday afternoon (May 7) that Senate Republicans in New York are preparing to file legislation for gaming expansion that would restrict the first three full-blown, Las Vegas-style casinos to areas of the state already home to racetracks that have VLT parlors.

The plan calls for the first three casinos to be restricted to Sullivan County in the Catskill Mountains (home of Monticello Raceway), the Tioga area west of Binghamton (home of Tioga Downs), and the Saratoga/Washington County area north of Albany (home of Saratoga Harness). The Catskills license would be awarded by June 2014, with the other two sites receiving licenses six to 12 months apart from each other.

Legislation was passed last year for a resolution to amend the state constitution to permit up to seven casinos on non-Indian land. The legislation has to pass again this year, along with provisions of where the casinos would be located. The plan for gaming expansion calls for a total of seven casinos to be completed in about five years.

## Purse Increase At Northfield Park

For the second time in 2013, Northfield Park will increase overnight purses. Beginning with the condition sheet that spans racing from May 10 through May 15, overall purses will go up around 10 percent from the previous week. A similar increase took place on March 1.

Northfield's purses will experience a much larger boost when the Hard Rock Rocksino at Northfield Park, which is currently under construction, is officially open for business. The Rocksino, which is on schedule for a December opening, is a \$265 million gaming and entertainment facility being built adjacent to Northfield Park racetrack.

"Rather than just having one large increase when the Rocksino opens, we have chosen to raise purses gradually as the new facility is built" said Dave Bianconi, executive vice president of racing and simulcasting. "This will benefit our local horsemen who have supported our racing program for years in the pre-VLT era." (*Northfield Park*)

## Ooh's N Aah's Retires From Broodmare Career

Badlands Racing LLC has announced the retirement of Ooh's N Aah's p, 1:51.1s (\$1,139,429).

The 21-year-old daughter of Albert Albert was a successful racehorse turned remarkable broodmare. As a racehorse, she was the winner of 44 races, including the New Jersey Sires Stakes final at three, and an O'Brien Award for Older Pacing Mares. As a broodmare, she is one of only three millionaire pacing broodmares to ever produce a millionaire daughter.

"When I knew that we were going to stand Badlands Hanover, I aggressively searched for and purchased several quality broodmare prospects," said John Celii. "I was thrilled when she was available for sale."

Her millionaire daughter, Omen Hanover p,1:50.4f (\$1,086,809), has won 45 races, including Pennsylvania Sires Stakes wins at two and three. Ooh's N Aah's is also the dam of Oozie's Bad Boy p, 1:50.3s (\$309,186) and Ohmygosh Hanover p,1:51.1-'12 (\$217,584). She has produced six winners from seven foals of racing age.

"She has been a very successful mare and has established herself as one of the few millionaire producers," stated Celii.

The last offspring of Ooh's N Aah's, a Badlands Hanover filly named Ooh Shesa Badlands, will sell at Harrisburg in November. Ooh's N Aahs will continue to reside at Winbak Farm in Chesapeake City, Md.

"Now, it is time for 'Oozie' to graze in the field and enjoy the rest of her life," said Celii.

**RACE LINES**

**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through May 7, 2013 (week difference May 1-7).

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

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Razzle Dazzle (6pg)	6	4	0	0	\$301,250
Feeling You (6pm)	9	6	1	0	243,200
Versado (6pg)	16	6	3	1	210,330
Foiled Again (9pg)	6	3	2	1	206,000
Anniwesterncard (7pg)	12	6	2	0	193,750
Golden Receiver (8pg)	8	7	0	0	169,150
Something For Doc (5pg)	13	7	0	1	161,300
Anndrovette (6pm)	6	3	3	0	151,250
Casimir Jitterbug (6pg)	11	4	3	1	143,195
Modern Family (4th)	11	8	2	0	134,250
Shoobee's Place (6ph)	12	2	3	3	113,930
Warrawee Koine (7pm)	14	4	5	1	112,750
Burnin Money (5tg)	14	7	1	3	109,445
Do Me Honor (5pm)	14	9	3	2	108,150
Sparky Mark (6ph)	10	4	4	0	107,240

**Leading Money-Winning Drivers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Brian Sears	792	202-140-115	.402	\$3,227,752 (\$143,780)
Corey Callahan	1,429	282-196-192	.318	2,888,822 (97,600)
Tim Tetrick	1,022	190-152-137	.313	2,660,619 (202,005)
Matt Kakaley	957	156-135-148	.293	2,413,945 (185,920)
Ron Pierce	1,201	189-166-153	.277	2,406,342 (132,498)
George Brennan	832	132-149-101	.299	2,348,847 (196,570)
Yannick Gingras	664	130-104-102	.334	2,284,527 (132,436)
David Miller	907	142-139-123	.287	2,007,342 (219,806)
Dave Palone	859	235-135-90	.396	1,763,934 (78,122)
Andy Miller	838	120-117-106	.263	1,651,708 (209,245)
Jason Bartlett	775	83-85-95	.209	1,520,568 (120,540)
Jody Jamieson	749	143-125-84	.321	1,497,037 (110,707)
Eric Goodell	620	75-83-71	.234	1,389,982 (110,707)
Scott Zeron	634	108-77-69	.274	1,382,673 (45,342)
Eric Carlson	1,054	88-121-122	.186	1,344,910 (92,670)

**Leading Money-Winning Trainers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,267	320-191-155	.377	\$4,415,656 (\$291,497)
Rene Allard	676	159-116-67	.364	1,532,449 (115,097)
Mark Ford	583	79-75-73	.249	1,216,888 (83,245)
P.J. Fraley	306	61-46-42	.329	1,126,177 (107,230)
Richard Moreau	549	114-93-87	.355	1,101,910 (56,435)
Tony O'Sullivan	252	47-47-26	.325	913,185 (49,703)
Michael Hall	359	78-59-48	.353	861,651 (64,590)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	313	67-48-41	.343	844,845 (92,785)
Amber Buter	262	49-44-32	.321	671,921 (34,170)
Scott Di Domenico	221	51-31-23	.343	659,350 (83,980)
Mark Harder	198	40-20-31	.310	652,332 (72,150)
Josh Green	240	60-31-29	.362	609,526 (11,675)
Carmen Auciello	326	40-42-30	.225	568,504 (19,551)
Erv Miller	291	58-41-36	.319	567,347 (0)
Dylan Davis	258	54-36-38	.336	551,175 (36,578)

**Leading Breeders**

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	771	376	734	\$6,633,740
Winbak Farm	715	319	572	4,778,005
Brittany Farms	219	111	233	2,132,358
Perretti Farms	239	103	201	1,866,717
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	193	80	163	1,605,018
Walnut Hall Limited	161	78	141	1,102,366
White Birch Farm	116	55	114	1,048,565
Perfect World Enterprises	125	68	110	1,047,655
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	125	63	131	973,188
Frederick Hertrich III	116	58	132	971,187
Arlene & Jules Siegel	121	61	121	960,164
Peter Pan Stables Inc.	94	40	89	864,217
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	104	46	98	861,941
Fox Valley Standardbreds	132	55	87	752,387
Seelster Farms Inc.	113	54	112	741,230

**Leaders Of The Week**

Ranked by wins for May 1-7 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

**Drivers Starts W-P-S**

Aaron Merriman	60	17-9-7
Jim Morrill Jr.	59	17-16-5
Michael Oosting	53	17-2-4
George Napolitano Jr.	82	14-10-10
John Cummings Jr.	45	14-6-6
Tim Tetrick	69	14-8-8
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	66	13-8-7
Matt Kakaley	94	13-16-14
Trace Tetrick	61	13-7-6
Andy Miller	73	12-14-11
Dan Noble	37	11-6-3
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	43	11-9-5
David Miller	71	10-18-12
George Dennis	52	10-6-9
Jonathan Roberts	31	10-4-1
Trevor Henry	39	10-6-8
Corey Callahan	65	9-7-6
Dan Deslandes	34	9-3-5
Daniel Dube	39	9-3-7
Dave Palone	42	9-9-3
Eric Abbatiello	32	9-5-3
George Brennan	54	9-10-9
Kayne Kauffman	32	9-1-4
Kody Massey	27	9-6-4
Ron Pierce	80	9-12-8
Victor Kirby	57	9-9-5

**Trainers Wins**

Ron Burke	21
Randy Bickmore	10
Rene Allard	10
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	9
P.J. Fraley	9
Michael Hall	8
Scott Di Domenico	8
Peter Pellegrino	6
Brett Wilfong	5
Gerald Malady	5
Gerry Sarama	5
Richard Moreau	5
Wayne Givens	5