

Gingras Hopes To Cast A “Wishing Stone” In Cutler Final

Wishing Stone is 2-1 on the morning line for Saturday’s \$180,000 Arthur J. Cutler Memorial final. Yannick Gingras will drive the horse and is confident, but admits he was really hoping another big race would have been on the horse’s schedule this month: Sweden’s prestigious Elitlopp.

Gingras says he was slightly disappointed the owners of Wishing Stone turned down an invitation to race the 6-year-old trotter in the May 26 Elitlopp at Solvalla Racetrack in Sweden and instead compete in the two-week Cutler Series at the Meadowlands.

“The reason I wanted to go to Sweden with him is because he is so handy,” said Gingras of Wishing Stone, a career winner of \$1,890,483. “He’s

“Going from the rail to three deep and just exploding like that...it was super impressive.”

—Yannick Gingras
on Wishing Stone

such a sweetheart; he makes anybody’s job so easy. You can do anything you want with him. He drives two fingers. He can leave in :27 or he can sit in a hole and relax.

“I thought the horse had a great chance and I talked to (co-owner) Mike Gulotta, and we talked for about 20 minutes. I gave him my opinion of why I thought he was good to go, but at the end of the day it’s their decision and they want to do what’s best for the horse, so I can’t blame them.”

Following Wishing Stone’s win in the 2010 Kentucky Futurity and the addition of partners, including Gulotta and Andy Willinger’s Deo Volente Farms, TLP Stable and J&T Silva Stables, trainer and co-owner Dewayne Minor sent the trotter overseas. After a semi-successful European campaign that included winning the Copenhagen Cup and finishing second in his 2011 Elitlopp elimination, Wishing Stone was brought back to the U.S. last fall. Minor and company then sent the son of Conway Hall to trainer Ron Burke for the 2013 campaign.

After a third and second in his first two starts in the top-class trot at the Meadowlands, Wishing Stone scored a career-best 1:51.2 victory. He then won his Cutler elim in 1:52, with Gingras never finding room with his charge until deep stretch.

“It took me the whole stretch,” said Gingras about angling Wishing Stone from third on the pylons to the three path, where he weaved between horses to gain the nose victory over Sevruga. “It’s hard to get a horse in gear when you are at the toteboard and maybe 100 feet to go and still 1 1/4 lengths behind. Going from the rail to three deep and just exploding like that...it was super impressive.

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\$180,000 ARTHUR J. CUTLER MEM. FINAL

Meadowlands Racetrack, Sat., May 18, Race 6, Post Time: 8:51 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Mister Herbie	J. Jamieson/J. Gillis	4-1
2—Guccio	J. Takter	8-1
3—Modern Family	T. Tetrick/D. Bier	5-2
4—Wishing Stone	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	2-1
5—My MVP	M. Lachance/T. Alagna	20-1
6—Sevruga	A. Miller/J. Miller	6-1
7—Knows Nothing	M. MacDonald/J. Gillis	20-1
8—Opening Night	Jo. Campbell/Ji. Campbell	20-1
9—Undercover Strike	D. Miller/T. O’Sullivan	10-1
10—Ice Machine	C. Callahan/W. Carroll	25-1

\$100,000 MEADOWLANDS MATURITY—4YO

Meadowlands Racetrack, Sat., May 18, Race 10, Post Time: 10:08 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—A Rocknroll Dance	J. Campbell/J. Mulinix	12-1
2—Bolt The Duer	M. MacDonald/P. Foley	9-2
3—Mel Mara	R. Pierce/T. Alagna	15-1
4—Hurrikane Kingcole	D. Dube/J. McDermott	2-1
5—Dynamic Youth	C. Callahan/A. Lambert	8-1
6—Ideal Champ	D. Miller/J. Holloway	25-1
7—Domethatagain	T. Tetrick/E. Miller	10-1
8—Hillbilly Hanover	A. Miller/R. Burke	15-1
9—Sweet Lou	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	7-2
10—Warrawee Needy	J. Jamieson/C. Jamieson	5-1

"I could have pulled at the five-eighths but I didn't think I needed to. I decided to take my chances and obviously I got lucky. Winning was important because you get to choose your post for the final."

Trainer Burke won the draw to pick a post first with trainer Daryl Bier, who conditions Modern Family, a 1:51 winner in the second Cutler elim. Burke went with post four while Bier chose post three for the Tim Tetrick-driven Modern Family.

"Looking at the draw, I think there will be plenty of early action," said Gingras. "With my horse, it gives me an option to race which way I want. I can move forward and get a good spot leaving, and I'm also in a good spot to race from the back and maybe follow Guccio (post two) or Modern Family."

Gingras will also be driving Sweet Lou in the \$100,000 Meadowlands Maturity for 4-year-old pacers. Unlike Wish-ing Stone, where he will have early-race options, Gingras admits his hands may be tied after Sweet Lou landed post nine in the 10-horse field. With Gingras driving for the first time in Sweet Lou's 2013 debut on May 11 in the TVG Free For All at the Big M, the son of Yankee Cruiser finished a late-closing third, race-timed in 1:49.3.

"I didn't want to over-race him coming from a long way off and having two qualifiers," said Gingras. "To go 1:49 in his first start, you can only build off of that."

The Maturity also features the 4-year-old debut of the 2012 Meadowlands Pace and Battle of the Brandywine champ A Rocknroll Dance and the 2012 Adios and Messenger winner Bolt The Duer, who drew posts one and two, respectively. Also in the field but starting from post 10 is Warrawee Needy, who gave driver Jody Jamieson all he could handle last time out in the TVG FFA. Jamieson could never really settle Warrawee Needy in the two hole and the pacer finally got too close to the leading Golden Receiver in the stretch and made a break.

As for his race strategy with Sweet Lou Saturday, Gin-gras said, "He had a lot of tough miles last year and the plan was to build him up for the big races later in the sum-mer. I'm looking to race him a little bit like last week. I'll talk to Ronnie, but with lots of speed on the inside, it might not be a bad thing to give him another one that way. Maybe we'll race him from the back and maybe we can get carried into it." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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Takter Carefully Racing Guccio To Avoid Breaks

Guccio has had plenty of luck in the draw for post positions in his five races this year, but except for once, it hasn't helped put him in the winner's circle. He was the betting choice in his first three races and was a fairly popular play in his last start, going off at 5-1.

Guccio has one win in four starts going into the \$180,000 Arthur J. Cutler Memorial final Saturday night at the Meadowlands. He might have even more wins on his resume if not for needing extra coddling in the first turn of the race, which results in him losing position. Guccio's strong closing kick, however—final quarters of :27 and change in every single start—has put him in contention late in the stretch and makes him a threat that can't be overlooked.

"He's a horse you can't count out, but right now you can't count on him too much either," said Guccio's trainer, Jimmy Takter, who also has been regularly driving the 4-year-old stallion by Yankee Glide.

Guccio was made an 8-1 choice on the Meadowlands morning line for the Cutler final. Wishing Stone, who will start from post four, is the 2-1 choice with Modern Family (post 3) listed at 5-2 and Mister Herbie (post 1) at 4-1.

"It just takes him a little while to get going," added Takter when discussing Guccio, who was the runner-up in the 2012

Hambletonian, losing by just a neck to Market Share. "This horse made a lot of breaks as a 2 year old. He didn't know how to do everything. So I'm probably a lot more careful with him than I have to be. But better to be safe than sorry."

As a 2 year old Guccio made seven starts, and won two non pari-mutuel baby races. His efforts in the baby races were without incident, but then in his very first official race, a New Jersey Sires Stakes, he broke stride. Smooth sailing followed in his next start, but in his next two starts he broke stride, with one of those races an elimination for the Peter Haughton Memorial.

Takter said that he has Guccio on a "two-year plan" to get him to his top form, and he hopes to make the trotter so solid that he can be a top contender on the international scene. "He was invited to the Elitlopp, but he's not ready yet," said Takter. — *By Kathy Parker*

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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McDermott Looks For “Dream Trip” With Hurrikane Kingcole

John McDermott has a dream. Surprisingly, it has nothing to do with winning. It simply involves Hurrikane Kingcole getting the perfect off-the-pace trip.

Hurrikane Kingcole enters Saturday’s \$100,000 Meadowlands Maturity for 4-year-old pacers with a win and second-place finish from two starts this season. He is coming off a second-place finish to Fred And Ginger in last week’s opening round of the TVG Free For All Championship Series for older pacers at the Meadowlands.

“I’m just waiting for the day when I get the trip.”

– John McDermott

Fred And Ginger won by a neck over Hurrikane Kingcole in 1:48.1, a career-best time for the 6-year-old horse and the fastest clocking by any horse so far this season.

Driven by Daniel Dube for trainer McDermott, Hurrikane Kingcole was fourth during the early stages of the race, but brushed to the lead on the backstretch after Yannick Gingras started to move Foiled Again from fifth place. Hurrikane Kingcole paced the second half of the mile in :53.1, but was unable to hold off Fred And Ginger, who led the first part of the race and then followed Hurrikane Kingcole into the stretch.

“I seem to help a lot of horses get lifetime marks,” McDermott said with a laugh, referring to setting the pace for stakes-record performances last year by Panther Hanover in the New Jersey Classic and A Rocknroll Dance in the Battle of the Brandywine. “I’m just waiting for the day when I get the trip.”

The day could be coming soon as Hurrikane Kingcole is part of a talented group of 4-year-old pacers ready to tackle the older horse division after successful careers at ages two and three. Saturday’s 10-horse Meadowlands Maturity includes world-record-setting Adios winner BoltThe Duer, Meadowlands Pace champion A Rocknroll Dance, Cane Pace winner DynamicYouth, 2011 world-record-setting Breeders Crown winner Sweet Lou and 2011 Ontario Sires Stakes champ Warrawee Needy.

“I want to see Warrawee Needy whacking a mile out, have Sweet Lou coming first-up and (Hurrikane Kingcole) sitting on Sweet Lou’s back,” McDermott said, grinning. “That



Michael Lisa/Lisa Photo

Hurrikane Kingcole

would be absolutely beautiful. You know what, if I got beat I could care less. Once I got that trip I’d be happy.”

There has never been any question regarding Hurrikane Kingcole’s ability to go fast. The difficulty lies in trying to launch the horse’s quick turn of foot at the best possible time.

“Getting him to relax is never a problem; the problem is starting and stopping,” McDermott said. “Danny said he’s been driving horses for 30 years and still can’t believe that was a :26.2 third quarter (last week). He felt like he was walking. That’s Cole’s greatest attribute; he can just fly.

“It’s kind of scary in the second start of the year he’s going (1):48.1. If you would’ve told me they were going (1):48.1 going into the race I would’ve told you that you were crazy. I thought for sure that was a (1):49 mile at best. He raced super, absolutely super.

“I was happy with (Hurrikane Kingcole’s) race. If Yannick wasn’t edging out, we could’ve sat another 16th, another eighth (of a mile), and it would’ve been beautiful. That would’ve been ideal. I’m glad he’s got his speed because eventually it will all pay off.”

Hurrikane Kingcole has won 11 of 33 career races and earned \$529,227 for owners McDermott, Jeffrey Kuhlen, John Levy Racing, Arthur Brewer II, Mitchell Cohen, Jeffrey Gordon and Jonathan Klee.

“I’m selfish, I want to race Cole for the rest of his life,” McDermott said. “He truly is a pleasure to have around. He beats the daylights out of me, but even when I think I’ve had enough, I go back for more. I just love the day to day playing around with him.” — by Ken Weingartner for HRC

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ONES TO WATCH

Quite a few notable members of the 2013 class of 3-year-old trotting fillies are beginning their stakes campaigns on Friday night.

At The Meadows, four divisions of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes are scheduled. In Race 1, **Defiant Donato** (Donato Hanover-Beat The Wheel), a \$125,000 yearling purchase who did not race as a 2 year old, is undefeated in three starts this year for trainer Jim Campbell and has a mark of 1:55.1 taken at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. Eric Ledford is scheduled to drive the filly.

Campbell has his big 2012 stakes winner **Fashion Athena** (1:53.2) in Race 3. Dave Palone will handle the Fashion Farms' homebred daughter of Broadway Hall. Another notable filly in the race is the Julie Miller-trained **Haul N' Fanny**, who won a qualifier at the Meadowlands in 1:56 to tune-up for this race.

Race 4 will feature **Mistery Woman**, **True Valentine** and **Aspidistra Hanover**, all stakes winners last season, while Race 8 includes defending Sires Stakes champion **Frau Blucher**, who will make her first start of the season from post 8. She will be facing **Thistle Dhu**, already a 1:54.4 winner this year.

The 2013 New Jersey Sires Stakes season opens up on Friday night at the Meadowlands with the sophomore trotters in action. Race 2 features the colt trotters with the field including a Jimmy Takter-trained entry of **Corky** and **Muscle Mountain**. Corky, who won last year's Sires Stakes final at the Big M, finished second in his seasonal debut last time out in a Simpson division, while Mountain Best won his Simpson split in a career-best 1:54.4.

Twelve filly trotters will line up behind the gate in Race 6 in interesting fashion as **Southwind Cocoa**, **Time To Kill** and **Shared Past**, who respectively finished one-two-three in a blanket finish in last year's Sires Stakes final, will respectively line up in posts six, seven and eight.

Also in the race is **Miss Steele**, who finished fourth in last year's final, who comes into the contest off a national season's best 1:53.4 score in a Simpson split. Due to common ownership, the Julie Miller-trained Miss Steele will race as a coupled entry with the Trond Smedhammer-trained **Vintage Oaks** and **Peaceful Ez Feelin**, from the barn of Staffan Lind.

At Woodbine on Friday night, Canada's 2012 O'Brien Award-winning trotting filly **Bee A Magician** will make her first start of her sophomore season in Race 6, starting from post seven with Rick Zeron driving.

Saturday night's card at the Meadowlands also features the first leg of the New Jersey Sires Stakes for 3-year-old colt pacers and lining up behind the gate in the first of two \$25,000 divisions is the Yannick Gingras-driven **Rockin Amadeus**, who is making his first start since capturing the

\$600,000 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace in late October at Woodbine.

The Jimmy Takter-trained son of Rocknroll Hanover out of the Dan Patch Award champion mare Kikikatie is three-for-three in qualifiers in 2013, including a 1:51.3 effort his last time out on April 27.

"He's qualified really good," said Gingras. "Hopefully we can trip him out Saturday and finish first, second or third and not race him in the second leg and go straight to the final. You don't want to over-race him early in the year."

Gingras said Rockin Amadeus has changed noticeably over the winter.

"He's huge. He was big last year, but now he's even bigger," said Gingras. "His ass is so big and he's so powerful. Looking at him on television, and even sitting behind him, you don't feel like he's a fast horse. You feel like you're going a quarter in :30 and when the board pops up he's gone in :26.2. He does it so easy."

In the second NJSS, the highly-regarded **Wake Up Peter** p,2, 1:51.1f, the runner-up to Rockin Amadeus in last year's Breeders Crown, is making his first start of the season for trainer Tony Alagna. He starts from post two in Race 9 with Ron Pierce scheduled to drive.

In the NJSS for 3-year-old pacing fillies, **I Luv The Nitelife**, the 2012 She's A Great Lady champion and runner-up in last year's Breeders Crown, makes her first start of the season in Race 10. Tim Tetrick will drive the filly by Rocknroll Hanover for trainer Chris Ryder. She will be facing 2012 Sweetheart winner **Jerseylicious**, who has gotten an early start on the 2013 season by posting eight wins in eight starts. In the NJSS she's somewhat handicapped by starting from post 11 in the second tier. But she'll be following **JK Letitgo**, who has shown gate speed and has a 1:51.4 mark taken this year.

While Rockin Amadeus, Wake Up Peter and other top sons of Rocknroll Hanover are competing in New Jersey, the 2012 Pacer of the Year, **Captaintreacherous**, will head to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs for Sunday's Pennsylvania Sires Stakes for 3-year-old pacing colts. The race generated enough entries to fill four divisions, all seven-horse fields.

The four Sires Stakes divisions include the following notables: Race 6—**Apprentice Hanover**, who is making his first start of the season; Race 8—**Johns Polyview** p,3, 1:51.2f and **Beach Memories** p,3, 1:50.2f; Race 10—**Twincreeks Jesse** p,3, 1:51f, **Terror High** p,3, 1:51.4f, who is riding a four-race win streak at The Meadows, and Captaintreacherous, who will start from post seven; and Race 12, which includes **Twilight Bonfire**, **Lonewolf Currier** p,3, 1:51.3f, **Normandy Invasion** p,3, 1:52f and **Smokealittlesmoke** p,3, 1:51.3f.



Allard Excluded From Meadowlands

Harnessracing.com has learned that trainer Rene Allard, currently fourth in the dash standings at the Meadowlands, has been told by track management that he has been excluded from racing at that racetrack.

Allard started six horses last weekend at the Meadowlands but did not have any starters listed this weekend, and in answer to an email inquiry, Meadowlands chairman Jeff Gural confirmed Thursday afternoon that Allard "is not eligible to participate going forward." Gural did not state any reason for Allard's exclusion.

Allard has 18 wins in 122 starts this year at the Meadowlands, with \$252,455 in earnings. He also currently is the leading dash-winning trainer at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs with 24 wins, and is fourth in the standings at Yonkers with 37 victories. Allard has horses scheduled to start at both Pocono and Yonkers over the next several days. He currently stands second in North America with 173 wins and \$1.68 million in purse earnings.

Gural also confirmed to harnessracing.com that trainer Casie Coleman, whose 60-day suspension from the Ontario Racing Commission for positive tests for flumethasone on horses she raced at Woodbine Racetrack expired on May 3, will be able to race at the Meadowlands. Upon announcement of Coleman's suspension, track officials announced that during the suspension any horses associated with any of Coleman's assistants would not be allowed to race, and her situation would be reviewed upon its conclusion.

"Casie's suspension ended and she is allowed to race on conditions that she has agreed to," said Gural.

Coleman's lone starter this weekend at the Meadowlands is Lucan Hanover, who is entered in the New Jersey Sires Stakes for 3-year-old colt pacers on Saturday.

Stricken Yankee Glide May Breed Next Week

Veterinarians at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center have examined Yankee Glide and determined the 19-year-old stallion does not need surgery and may be back breeding as early as next week. Yankee Glide was taken to New Bolton on Monday morning, May 13, after developing colic.

"I spoke with New Bolton and they said no surgery is necessary, that he just had a case of enteritis, or inflammation of the bowel," said Bob Brady of Kentuckiana Farms, which manages the stallion, on Tuesday. "They're going to start introducing food and if he handles that well, he'll be back to the farm later this week and he should be able to breed early next week."

The New Bolton Center is about a one-hour-and-15-minute driving distance from Walnridge Farm of Pennsylvania, where Yankee Glide stands at stud. "We're spoiled with all of the great vet clinics so close to the farms in Kentucky," noted Brady.—*harnessracing.com*

Throat Surgery Derails Googoo Gaagaa In Cutler

Corey Callahan told harnessracing.com Tuesday morning, May 14, that world-champion trotter Googoo Gaagaa, who finished fifth in his Arthur J. Cutler elimination last Saturday night at the Meadowlands, had throat surgery scheduled at the New Bolton Center at the University of Pennsylvania and will not race in the \$180,000 final on May 18.

The throat surgery was done on Wednesday, May 15, and was deemed a success. However, the hopes of Callahan and owner-trainer Richard Hans that the trotter would be able to recover in time to start in the Maxie Lee Memorial on May 26 at Harrah's Philadelphia were dashed as recuperation will take a bit longer.

Googoo Gaagaa left from post seven with Callahan in his Cutler elim and after making his way to the front past the opening quarter, led until the stretch where he faded to finish fifth, beaten 2 1/2 lengths by the 1:51.2-winning Modern Family. Callahan said he could feel something "weird" as the race developed with the 4-year-old trotter.

"He felt strong and then he kind of let me go, which I guess is when he began to lose his air," Callahan said.

Googoo Gaagaa's Cutler elim was the eighth race and Callahan said he and trainer-owner Richard Hans noticed after the ninth race that the trotter still hadn't fully recovered.

"After the next race he was still blowing hard," said Callahan. "Richard had him scoped and the vet said she wouldn't let the horse race and that he had a blockage and with that entrapped epiglottis he was getting only about 40 percent of his air."—*harnessracing.com*

Sebastian K Wins Oslo Grand Prix

There is always a great crowd, nice weather and great racing at the Bjerke racetrack in Oslo, Norway, but on Sunday (May 12) it was just great racing in the country capital. The field was this year reduced before the start as the 2011 winner Arch Madness had to be scratched after tying up after a training mile earlier in the week. The American guest will not have made the trip in vain, as he's supposed to recover for Solvalla's Elitlopp.

The Swedish ace Sebastian K (Korean-Gabriella K, by Probe) has been regarded as the favorite for the upcoming Elitlopp, but a weak effort in the Olympic Trot put him in the shadow of the Olympic winner Maharajah (Viking Kronos). But in Sunday's \$490,000 Oslo Grand Prix, Sebastian K got some revenge when he easily took command was never really headed on his way to victory.

There was really no threat by Maharajah, who lost the race at the start when driver Orjan Kihlstrom pulled him back and took him last. After a 1:56 rated opening half by Sebast-

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ian K and Ake Svanstedt, the speed slowed until Commander Crowe arrived up on the outside.

Sebastian K still had a good margin at the finish as he won in a mile race time of 1:57.1 over 2,100 meters (1.3 miles). Even if Maharajah closed like a hurricane, he finished far behind the winner in third. The Italian entry, Nesta Effo (Naglo), took second after two wins in Finland.

"When I did not have to use too much to take the lead, I kept command and never saw any in the near in the end," said Svanstedt. "He's a great horse which he showed once again." — *By Lars G. Palm*

Ontario Announces More Planning By Panel

On Monday, May 13, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food announced that its horse-racing transitional panel will work with industry partners, the Ontario Ministry of Finance and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. on integrating horse racing into the province's gaming strategy to offer new gaming products and generate additional revenue.

A release issued by OMAFRA states that a draft plan for consultation is due in June 2013, with a final plan to be completed by October 2013.

The release states now that transitional funding negotiations with track operators are "substantially" complete, the province has asked the panel for a plan that sets a clear path forward on: modernizing the governance and regulation of the horse racing industry; growing the fan base and providing more wagering options; providing ongoing government support; and ensuring animal welfare.

"Significant strides have been made over the past months to ensure there is horse racing in Ontario for this year and beyond," Horse Racing Industry Transition Panel member John Snobelen was quoted as saying. "The panel looks forward to continuing our work with the government and the horse racing industry to ensure a sustainable future for the industry." (*Standardbred Canada*)

Race Official Ralph Jones Dies

Ralph P. Jones Jr., a proud son of Delaware County, Ohio and longtime racing official, primarily at his beloved county fairs, died Wednesday morning, May 15, at the age of 87. He had been ill for some time, and Monday asked to be allowed to go to his home in the Harrisburg suburb of Mechanicsburg, where he found his final rest with his beloved wife Ginger and other family present.

Mr. Jones combined quality and quantity in a way few officials, or any harness personages, ever have. Last year marked his 75th trip to the Delaware, Ohio fair—starting eight years before the first Little Brown Jug—and last fall he attended the "hometown" Standardbred Horse Sales auction for the 51st consecutive year. In 1962 Mr. Jones moved to Pennsylvania to work for the Harness Horse magazine,

and he cast a long, powerful shadow over Keystone State racing for the next half century.

In addition to his well-known roles as a no-nonsense but fair official at the fairs, Jones also worked for the Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission, rising to the level of deputy executive secretary.

Last year Mr. Jones sat down with Kim Rinker, and they put together a small book of Jones's recollections and observations called "Buckeye Side Wheelers and Keystone Tail Sitters: Reflections of Harness Racing's Glory Days." — *By Gerry Connors*

Equine Nutrition Pioneer Dr. Tyznik Dies

William J. "Bill" Tyznik, a pioneer in horse nutrition and the inventor of the Tizwhiz line of premium horse feeds, died May 3, from an aortic aneurysm. He was 86.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., on April 26, 1927, he grew up on the family dairy farm in Thorp. He attended the University of Wisconsin where he received his Bachelor's (1948), Master's (1949) and Ph.D. (1951) degrees in the College of Agriculture.

Dr. Tyznik joined The Ohio State University faculty in 1951 for an annual salary of \$4,500. He became a full professor of Animal Science in 1959 and retired in 1992 after 41 years of service.

Dr. Tyznik lectured around the world, and greeted friends and admirers every year at the Quarter Horse Congress and Equine Affaire expositions in Columbus. He was also a long-time contributor to Hoof Beats magazine.

Dr. Tyznik also invented Frosty Paws dog treats. (*USTA*)

Vernon Downs Adjusts Empire Breeders Classic Dates

The following information is in response to the many inquiries from those with horses eligible to the \$500,000 Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) 3-year-old colt and filly trots. The EBC will remain at Vernon Downs with a slight adjustment to the dates.

The eliminations for these races will be moved two days later than originally scheduled and will be raced at Vernon on Sunday, June 2, with the finals the following Sunday, June 9. The June 2 card will be an afternoon post of 1:15 p.m. and the June 9 finals will be a night card with first post at 6:45 p.m.

All other details, including the draw schedule, are still being considered and will be made available shortly.

Further information will be released to the media and available on the Vernon website or by calling the race office at (315) 829-6825.

Please be advised that all details herein are contingent upon no further complications with the quarantine, currently set to end on June 1. (*Vernon Downs*)

RACE LINES

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through May 14, 2013 (week difference May 8-14).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Razzle Dazzle (6pg)	7	4	0	0	\$303,750
Feeling You (6pm)	10	6	2	0	249,450
Versado (6pg)	17	6	4	1	216,580
Foiled Again (9pg)	7	3	2	1	206,000
Golden Receiver (8pg)	9	8	0	0	194,150
Anniwesterncard (7pg)	12	6	2	0	193,750
Something For Doc (5pg)	14	7	1	1	166,300
Modern Family (4th)	12	9	2	0	154,250
Anndrovette (6pm)	6	3	3	0	151,250
Casimir Jitterbug (6pg)	12	4	3	1	145,695
Camille (5pm)	6	4	1	1	116,700
Warrawee Koine (7pm)	15	4	5	2	115,750
Dancin Yankee (5ph)	12	3	4	1	114,750
Shoobee's Place (6ph)	12	2	3	3	113,930
Greystone Ladylike (4pm)	14	5	5	2	110,639

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Brian Sears	848	220-146-126	.405	\$3,492,527 (\$264,775)
Corey Callahan	1,498	292-202-204	.315	3,033,637 (144,815)
Tim Tetrick	1,098	208-163-149	.317	2,908,353 (247,734)
Ron Pierce	1,298	202-174-170	.274	2,595,751 (189,409)
Matt Kakaley	1,037	166-151-161	.293	2,592,290 (178,345)
George Brennan	885	145-157-107	.303	2,567,352 (218,505)
Yannick Gingras	720	141-117-108	.336	2,464,188 (179,661)
David Miller	984	150-152-132	.283	2,160,604 (153,262)
Dave Palone	914	246-139-95	.388	1,842,984 (79,050)
Andy Miller	904	124-128-113	.257	1,755,758 (104,050)
Jason Bartlett	826	89-88-102	.208	1,623,868 (103,300)
Jody Jamieson	787	146-129-85	.313	1,569,772 (72,735)
Eric Goodell	660	80-92-77	.238	1,522,192 (132,210)
Scott Zeron	674	117-79-80	.278	1,513,551 (130,878)
Eric Carlson	1,132	96-128-136	.188	1,460,223 (115,313)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,370	348-205-167	.378	\$4,774,813 (\$359,157)
Rene Allard	730	172-128-70	.365	1,674,926 (142,477)
Mark Ford	619	81-79-78	.244	1,266,578 (49,690)
P.J. Fraley	329	65-51-44	.328	1,204,002 (77,825)
Richard Moreau	565	118-95-88	.354	1,141,929 (40,019)
Tony O'Sullivan	271	49-49-29	.317	962,687 (49,502)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	339	74-50-46	.345	923,510 (78,665)
Michael Hall	378	82-61-50	.351	894,711 (33,060)
Mark Harder	216	45-20-35	.314	744,972 (92,640)
Amber Buter	280	53-48-34	.325	725,956 (54,035)
Scott Di Domenico	239	51-33-25	.325	692,270 (32,920)
Josh Green	242	60-31-29	.359	610,166 (640)
Carmen Auciello	343	40-44-31	.218	584,637 (16,133)
Erv Miller	293	59-41-37	.321	570,311 (2,964)
Dylan Davis	269	54-39-42	.333	565,534 (14,359)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	785	409	802	\$7,219,166
Winbak Farm	734	332	604	5,024,089
Brittany Farms	222	117	253	2,296,937
Perretti Farms	247	109	214	2,008,290
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	198	88	178	1,786,332
Walnut Hall Limited	168	81	151	1,168,810
White Birch Farm	118	60	125	1,156,615
Perfect World Enterprises	127	70	119	1,119,864
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	128	67	139	1,075,582
Arlene & Jules Siegel	124	64	130	1,050,369
Frederick Hertrich III	117	62	147	1,048,560
Peter Pan Stables Inc.	95	42	94	914,264
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	108	49	105	901,417
Seelster Farms Inc.	115	58	118	805,155
Fox Valley Standardbreds	136	58	93	803,064

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for May 8-14 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Brian Sears	56	18-6-11
Tim Tetrick	76	18-11-12
Casey Leonard	49	16-5-6
Dan Noble	55	15-9-5
George Dennis	52	14-5-4
George Napolitano Jr.	88	14-12-8
Trevor Henry	43	14-4-4
Aaron Merriman	73	13-10-11
George Brennan	53	13-8-6
Jim Marohn Jr.	60	13-12-6
Ron Pierce	97	13-8-17
Michael Oosting	39	12-5-1
Mike Wilder	44	12-6-6
Dave Palone	55	11-4-5
Ross Wolfenden	42	11-6-3
Yannick Gingras	56	11-13-6
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	72	10-10-15
Corey Callahan	69	10-6-12
David McNeight III	41	10-8-4
Ed Hensley	38	10-5-5
John Cummings Jr.	41	10-8-2
Matt Kakaley	80	10-16-13
Ray Fisher Jr.	41	10-4-7
Shawn Gray	25	10-2-1
Tony Hall	62	10-5-6

Trainers

Trainers	Wins
Ron Burke	28
Virgil Morgan Jr.	14
Rene Allard	12
Colin Johnson	6
David McNeight Jr.	6
Gerry Sarama	6
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	6
Heidi Rohr	6
Benjamin Wallace	5
Gary Messenger	5
Joel Smith	5
Mark Harder	5
Morgan Hagerman	5
Nick Surick	5
Perry Smith	5
Tyler Shehan	5