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Wiggle It Jiggleit, Freaky Feet Pete Set For Battle Of Lake Erie Showdown

Wiggle It Jiggleit owner George Teague didn't hesitate when asked about Saturday night's match-up between his horse and Freaky Feet Pete in the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie at Northfield Park: "I wish he wasn't in it, to be honest with you," Teague said with a big laugh. "I wish my answer was about somebody else."

Both Indiana-sired 4 year olds, Wiggle It Jiggleit and Freaky Feet Pete met up three times in 2015, with Pete getting the edge in the \$220,000 Indiana Sires Stakes (ISS) Super Final and the \$285,500 Monument Circle and WIJI coming out on top in a \$75,000 ISS final. All three match-ups came at Hoosier Park, thus Saturday's showdown will

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—George Teague Jr.

be the first time the superstar pacers will meet outside the Hoosier State.

Wiggle It Jiggleit got an edge at the post-position draw when he landed the inside post 1, while Freaky Feet Pete drew post 5. For WIJI, the post

relief is a welcome sight for his connections after drawing three outside posts and then the trailing post 9 last time out in the \$187,880 Confederation Cup at Flamboro Downs.

Wiggle It Jiggleit finished second in the Confederation Cup, with a three-wide move by driver Montrell Teague coming up three-quarters of a length short of the winning Rockin Ron. George Teague had expressed concern prior to that race about WIJI having a sore foot and fighting some illness.

"Clyde (trainer Francis) said he came out of the race pretty good," said Teague. "The foot was an issue and he was sick a couple starts back, but he came out of it pretty good. I was a little bit concerned when I saw him warming up, but in the race he was a lot better.

"The foot is still a bit tender but it will heal. Stakes don't allow you to sit there and wait. He's a good enough horse where he might not be 100 percent, but he's starting to get back there."

Teague said WIJI lost out to a very good horse in Rockin Ron, who won for the 11th consecutive time while handing the reigning Horse of the Year a second straight loss for the first time ever.

"I was very pleased with the way he raced," said Teague. "He closed in a quarter of :26.2 and raced very well. Rockin Ron really raced good too and I give him credit for winning."

As for Freaky Feet Pete, the Larry Rheinheimer-trained son of Rockin Image is a perfect three-for-three in 2016,

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\$200,000 BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE

Northfield Park, Saturday, May 21, Race 11, Post Time: 9:35 pm

| Post—Horse | Driver/Trainer | Odds |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------|
| 1—Wiggle It Jiggleit | M. Teague/C. Francis | 1-1 |
| 2—Ideal Cowboy | A. Merriman/J. Bamond Jr. | 8-1 |
| 3—Roland N Rock | R. Wrenn Jr./R. Harmon | 25-1 |
| 4—Foiled Again | J. Bongiorno/R. Burke | 10-1 |
| 5—Freaky Feet Pete | Tr. Tetrick/L. Rheinheimer | 2-1 |
| 6—Santa Fe Beachboy | R. Wrenn Jr./B. Brown | 25-1 |
| 7—Luck Be Withyou | D. Palone/C. Oakes | 15-1 |
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capturing three straight invitationals at Hoosier Park. Freaky Feet Pete has now won nine consecutive starts, dating back to last Oct. 3. His last loss came on Sept. 26 when he finished second to Wakizashi Hanover in the Jenna's Beach Boy.

"I hope he is in good enough shape," stated Rheinheimer. "I've got the race already planned out and I'm sure Trace (driver Tetrick) does too. The five is OK and we'll be OK. It is what it is."

"Freaky Feet Pete is still the horse to beat any time he shows up!"

—George Teague Jr. Teague said all last year that he believes Freaky Feet Pete is the horse to beat in the division, and he reiterated his thoughts again now.

"Freaky Feet Pete is as good as any horse racing," said Teague. "To me, he is still the horse to beat any time he shows up. We're going to race against each other quite a bit. I'm just glad I have a horse good enough to be racing in there and be a part of it."

Also in the race is defending Battle champ Foiled Again, who will be driven by Joe Bongiorno. The Ron Burke-trained 12-year-old gelding is the sport's all-time richest horse with \$7.37 million in purse earnings. Foiled Again will start from post 4, and is uncoupled in the waging with the Burke-trained All Bets Off, who starts from post 8 with Matt Kakaley driving. —By Gordon Waterstone

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Gingras Eyes Elusive Hambletonian With Southwind Frank

An overflow field of 12 three-year-old male trotters will line up behind the gate on Friday night at the Meadowlands in the \$25,000 opening round of New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS). The prohibitive favorite is Southwind Frank, who used last year's \$100,000 NJSS final as a springboard to major stakes scores in the Peter Haughton Memorial, William Wellwood Memorial and Breeders Crown, not to mention a world-record 1:52.2 score in an International Stallion Stakes division at The Red Mile.

Closing out his freshman season with a 10-race win streak, Southwind Frank will obviously attempt to make it 11 in a row on Friday. But ultimately all eyes are on a bigger prize this year for the son of Muscle Hill and his connections: the Hambletonian on Aug. 6 at the Meadowlands.

"This horse, I couldn't be more confident in him right now," said Yannick Gingras, who drives Southwind Frank for trainer Ron Burke and owners Southwind Frank Partners, which includes original owners Burke Racing Stable, Weaver BrusceMI LLC, Our Horse Cents Stables and J&T Silva Stables plus Diamond Creek Racing.

"He's perfect," Gingras added. "He's trained down good without a problem. He qualified both times very good. I trained him myself (Tuesday) morning at the farm (Gaitway Farm) and he couldn't have trained any better, so it's all systems go."

After sitting behind the betting favorites in the last two Hambletonian finals (Father Patrick in 2014 and Mission Brief in 2015), Gingras is in position this year to join John Campbell as the only drivers to direct the favorite in three consecutive years. Campbell's hat trick came in 1987-89 with Mack Lobell, Armbro Goal and Peace Corps.

"I'm very confident, but I was very confident with Father Patrick as well," said Gingras. "I wouldn't say my expectations last year were as confident as they are this year. Last year I had Mission Brief but she wasn't training down very good at this time last year so I really wasn't confident at this point. Father Patrick I was because I trained him down pretty good."

Gingras admits the singular focus for Southwind Frank is the Hambletonian.

"Absolutely. We're racing him in the sires stakes and we're going onto the track to win every single race, but also keep in mind that if it means a half in :54, it's not going to happen," said Gingras, who lines up in post 4 with Southwind Frank on Friday night.

"Mission Brief didn't have that option," continued Gingras. "At this point I was just trying to keep her trotting so doubling her up wasn't an option. I trained Southwind Frank a bunch of times this winter because Ronnie kept him here in New Jersey, and he's trained from the back every time. He qualified the first week from the back and last week he was

two-fingered in a hole. He definitely gives me options to race him any way I want."

The Graduate Series for 4 year olds also get underway this weekend at the Big M and the always-in-demand Gingras will be behind Pinkman in the second of two \$50,000 splits for trotters and Rockin Ron in the lone \$75,000 contest for pacers.

"Oh my God, was he ever good the other night. I was very happily surprised with him and how strong he was," Gingras answered when asked about Rockin Ron, who he drove for the first time ever in a career-best-equaling 1:50.1h win in the \$188,940 Confederation Cup last Sunday night at Flamboro Downs.

Rockin Ron comes into the Graduate opener perfect in 10 starts this year and 11-for-11 since being purchased last year

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—Yannick Gingras about pre-season Hambletonian favorite Southwind Frank

by Burke Racing Stables, Weaver BrusceMI LLC and RTC Stables and entering trainer Burke's barn.

"He's very handy too and you can do whatever you want with him," said Gingras. "You see a horse that shows nothing but 1s on the program, I was a little bit concerned that that was the way he had to be raced. But he showed it didn't matter."

Gingras said the Graduate field is loaded and it won't be easy for Rockin Ron to make it a dozen straight wins.

"He's coming back on a short week and he's shipping back from Canada," said Gingras. "I've only seen him the one time but he seems like a very laid-back horse so I don't think it will bother him, but it is back in six days with a ship home. Obviously, Wiggle It Jiggle it and Freaky Feet Pete are not in there, but there are a lot of quality horses."

As for Pinkman, the reigning Trotter of the Year starts from post 3 and comes into the race off a second-place finish (by a nose) in his 4-year-old debut on May 13 at the Meadowlands. After taking the lead early and rebuffing a first-over bid by the Corey Callahan-driven Bourbon Bay, Pinkman was unable to fend off a late rally by Wings Of Royalty, who starts in the first Graduate split on Saturday.

"For sure he was a little bit short and a little bit tired," said Gingras. "Corey couldn't hold his horse, and while he didn't go 100 percent outside of us because he knew I wasn't going to let him go and so he just sat there, it was still somebody at (Pinkman's) throat the whole way. He did get a little tired in the last sixteenth but I was really happy with his mile. I think he will be stronger this week." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Enggren Will Be In Sweden To See Resolve In Elitlopp

Hans Enggren was a relatively young man of 56 in 1985 when he stood in the Hambletonian winner's circle after Prakas, a colt he bred and co-owned, won the race. The invasion of Swedish trotting enthusiasts to the U.S. had begun years earlier, but Enggren and Per Eriksson, the trainer of Prakas, became the first Swedes to win the Hambletonian.

The Hambletonian is likely one of three races trotting aficionados around the world want to win. The other two may well be the Prix d'Amérique and the Elitlopp. Since the Elitlopp is held in Sweden, Enggren would naturally like to win it and it appears he has a good shot this year with his trotter Resolve. Despite being placed from first to ninth in the Elitlopp Playoff at the Meadowlands on May 8, Resolve was invited to the Swedish classic on

Expected Elitlopp Starters

(a field of 16 will start, with two eight-horse elimination heats and a final heat on Sunday, May 29)

- B.B.S. Sugarlight**
- Call Me Keeper**
- Nuncio**
- Oasis Bi**
- On Track Piraten**
- Propulsion**
- Resolve**
- Timoko**
- Un Mec d'Heripre**
- Voltigeur de Myrt**
- Your Highness**

Note: MagicTonight, the race winner in 2015, will automatically receive an invitation. He is scheduled to race Saturday at the Gavle track, facing a field that includes Mosaïque Face and Vasterbo Highflyer, who finished second behind Nuncio on May 11 at Solvalla.

May 29 and is scheduled to leave for Sweden early next week.

Enggren plans to be in Sweden as well, but at his age—he will celebrate his 87th birthday in August—it may be as tough a trip for the owner as racing heats is for the Elitlopp starters.

"I'm very happy about a lot of things, and obviously Resolve, but I'm finding it harder to move around these days," shared Enggren.

A new convertible automobile, the exploits of Resolve, and memories of Prakas' racing

career—especially the race call of the horse's victory in the World Trotting Derby—have kept Enggren feeling young, he says.

"When I turned 86, yes, last year, I went and bought a convertible, a white Solara. It has more buttons than I know how to work!" Enggren quipped.

As for Resolve's disqualification at the Meadowlands, Enggren said he took it hard, but it wasn't the first time he and the horse were involved in a DQ.

"We won a Tompkins Geers at Tioga with Resolve. We were beaten (by a neck) and the horse that beat us (Sumatra) went inside the pylons and we became first," recalled Enggren. "So when he was disqualified at the Meadowlands, I got mad at the judges, but not because I thought he should



In 1985, Hans Enggren (left) proudly posed with the Hambletonian trophy earned by Prakas.

be first. I was just surprised that we were not left second, since we won by so many lengths."

Ake Svanstedt, who trains and drives Resolve, said the horse's disqualification was not a reflection of any problem except the conditions of the day.

"I think he raced phenomenal," said Svanstedt on his stable's website. "He put in a great effort despite the heavy wind coming into the stretch. Went the first quarter in :27.2, the half in :54.4, three quarters in 1:23.1, and finished the

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mile in 1:51.2. We got DQ and placed last due to going inside three pylons in the last turn, which I find a little harsh, but rules are rules.”

Svanstedt took over training Resolve after the horse’s 3-year-old campaign. The son of Muscle Hill was developed and trained as a 2 year old by Roman Lopez, the horseman who tragically lost his stable of horses in a barn fire at the South Florida Trotting Center earlier this year. Enggren bought Resolve in July of the horse’s 3-year-old season and put him in the care of Nancy Johansson. Resolve gave Enggren a few thrills in 2014, among them a third-place finish in the Yonkers Trot.

Last year Resolve showed that he had matured and on Hambletonian day he turned heads when he won the Vincennes Invitational. He went on to finish second in the Maple Leaf Trot and Breeders Crown before capturing the TVG Free-For-All at the Meadowlands, which boosted his 2015 earnings to over \$700,000 and gave him a career bankroll of \$918,625.

Resolve is scheduled to leave for Sweden on Tuesday, May 24. The flight is about 10 hours but unlike previous years, he will not have to endure a lengthy ship following the flight.

Enggren, who lives in Abbottstown, Pa., near Gettysburg and Hanover Shoe Farms, said he’s counting on his son to accompany him to Sweden.

“My son will hold onto me to make sure I don’t fall,” said Enggren with a laugh, adding, “I’m on my second Pacemaker!”

While in Sweden Enggren plans to visit with friends, among them Bo Rydgren, the former announcer at the Solvalla track where the Elitlopp is held. He’s also hoping to see a niece and nephew but says they are his only living relatives in his native country.

“I will meet a lot of friends but not relatives, unless I go to the church cemetery and put flowers on their graves,” he said.



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Resolve won’t be Enggren’s first starter in the Elitlopp, but it was long ago, and the prospects not nearly so good for his previous contender, Spirits Supreme, who raced in the event in the 1980s.

“I haven’t been to the Elitlopp since the last time Mack Lobell won (1990),” noted Enggren, who made his last trip to Sweden three years ago, when he sold the apartment that he had kept there.

Regardless of how Resolve fares in the Elitlopp, Enggren is excited to follow his horses this year. He also owns a 2-year-old trotting colt he is keen to see racing.

“His name is Impacter,” shared Enggren. “Ake bought him in Lexington for me. I didn’t go to the sale, and I picked out five horses that I liked a lot and I asked Ake to look at them for me. I told him not to go more than \$100,000 for this horse. Then he called and said, ‘I went a little over, I will take the rest of the horse and be your partner.’ Then I told him, I’m almost 87. I’m not going to have any partners, no matter who they are.” — By Kathy Parker



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Ontario Invader Rocknroll Vision Aims For New Jersey Sires Stakes

New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS) get underway this weekend at the Meadowlands with the 3-year-old trotters in action Friday and the 3-year-old pacers on the track on Saturday.

While most of the starters are familiar names either through their 2015 resume or racing at East Coast racetracks such as the Big M, Harrah's Philadelphia and The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, there is one unknown commodity shipping in from Canada for the lone \$25,000 division for sophomore filly pacers: Rocknroll Vision.

"You know when you start a 2 year old and the other ones are going 1:53 and you're only ready to go in 1:56, it's hard for them to learn to race."

—Dustin Jones

Rocknroll Vision will start from post 8 in the nine-horse field with Yannick Gingras in the sulky. The field includes Blue Moon Stride (post 6, Andrew McCarthy) and ShowTime Hill (post 3, Tim Tetric), the respective one-two finishers in last year's NJSS final for 2-year-old filly pacers.

All of Rocknroll Vision's career events either at Woodbine or Mohawk, the latter the site of her lone 1:55 victory on April 21. A daughter of Rocknroll Hanover, Rocknroll Vision is out of the Cam Fella mare Armbro Ophelia, making her a sibling of several star performers. Rocknroll Vision is a full sister to Mybrothergeorge, who won a Bluegrass division at The Red Mile and was third in the Woodrow Wilson final at the Meadowlands in 2011. Included among Rocknroll Vision's half siblings are millionaire Armbro Animate, who won the 2003 Adios and was second in the Meadowlands Pace, the standout mare Artistic Vision, and My Masterpiece.

Rocknroll Vision was purchased (as Highland Portia) for \$60,000 as a yearling by Fred Hertrich III at the 2014 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale from breeder Highland Thoroughbred Farm. Dustin Jones trains the filly, who failed to earn a

check in three starts last year at two but has one win and two seconds in six attempts this year.



Cornerstone Farm Featured In Latest Issue Of The Horseman

The May 18 edition of The Horseman features a story about Indiana's Jeff Fought, who is trying to make his mark as a breeder with his Cornerstone Farm. Also, take a look back at Balmoral Park, which shuttered its doors last year and was recently sold for \$1.8 million. All that and more in the new edition of The Horseman. If you are not a subscriber but wish to sign up, please click [here](#).

Jones said Rocknroll Vision's early training this year was interrupted when she went into heat. "She was coming into heat about every two weeks so when we started back we put her on Regu-mate, and she had no bumps training down," said Jones. "She raced good two weeks ago and she raced good the week before when she won. She just hadn't been getting good trips and things weren't working out for her. I'm hoping that she is ready to step up a little bit when she gets to the Meadowlands.

"She's not a filly that can click into gear; I think she will be good when she is rolling along pretty good," continued Jones, who said he went a good training mile with Rocknroll Vision before shipping the filly to New Jersey on Wednesday morning. "I'm anxious to see how she is going to pace there as I think she will get over that track pretty good." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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ONES TO WATCH

The 2015 Breeders Crown champion 2-year-old colt pacer **BOSTON RED ROCKS** makes his sophomore debut on Saturday night at the Meadowlands as New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS) get underway. The 2-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year comes into the \$25,000 NJSS (Race 11) off a pair of qualifying victories, the latter a 1:51 effort that included a final quarter of :26.1. The race includes **KATIES ROCKER** and **IDEAL ROCKY**, who finished second and fourth, respectively, behind Boston Red Rocks in the Governor's Cup final. Ideal Rocky edged Boston Red Socks by a head in last year's NJSS final.

Fifteen 3-year-old filly trotters have been divided into a pair of \$20,000 NJSS divisions on Friday night. The first division features the return of 2015 NJSS champ **ALL THE TIME**. It's virtually an entirely different cast of rivals this year for AllTheTime. The only returnee from last year's final is **SILVIA**, who finished ninth and drew in against the reigning champ on Friday.

While all eyes will be on **PINKMAN** in the opening round of the Graduate Series for 4-year-old trotters on Saturday night at the Big M (Race 6), one starter who shouldn't be overlooked is **MUSICAL RHYTHM**, who has steamrolled over his competition at Mohawk and Woodbine this year to the tune of nine straight victories. Another nine-for-nine horse in the field is **MAESTRO BLUE CHIP**, who recently swept the SOABNY Bonus Series at Yonkers.

Speaking of Yonkers, six 3-year-old filly pacers were entered for the Lismore, thus all will advance to the May 28 final. Nine sophomore male pacers were entered in the Art Rooney, which necessitated a single elimination on Saturday night with only the last-place finisher not advancing to the May 28 final.

Saturday's card at The Meadows—which has a post time of 11:25 a.m. because of the Preakness festivities—features the Currier & Ives for both colts and fillies. **GOODTOGO**

HANOVER, perfect in six starts this year, and **KATHY PARKER** square off in the first filly division (Race 1) while last year's Kentuckiana Stallion Management Trot winner **SUNSET GLIDER** is favored in split two (Race 4). **HITITOUT-OF-THE-PARK**, second in the opening round of PASS to Milligan's School, who is sitting this one out, is favored in the first division for the boys (Race 8) while **TRUEMASS VOLO**, who led gate to wire to capture his PASS opener on May 14, is the morning-line favorite in the second split (Race 9).

Also on Saturday, Vernon Downs hosts a pair of \$61,300 New York Sires Stakes for 3-year-old colt trotters. **DAYSON**, who dominated the state-bred action last year until making an ill-timed miscue in the final, has one win under his belt coming into the second split (Race 8) for trainer Ron Burke. Burke also sends out **COUGHLIN**, who is three-for-four this year, in the first division (Race 6), a field that includes defending NYSS champion **ALLERAGE ECHO**.

At Hoosier Park, last year's Breeders Crown Mare Pace champion **COLOR'S A VIRGIN** takes on male foes (among them **BLUEHOURPOWER**) in an Invitational Pace (Race 10).

At Mohawk, eliminations for the SBOA for 3-year-old fillies of both gaits will be contested. The first elim for trotters (Race 2) features the 2016 debut of Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final and Peaceful Way winner **CAPRICE HILL**, who is the morning-line choice from post 9. The second SBOA elim for pacers sees the season debut of reigning O'Brien Award winner **LA DELIGHT**, who was 11-for-12 last year including the She's A Great Lady, Champlain and Super Final.

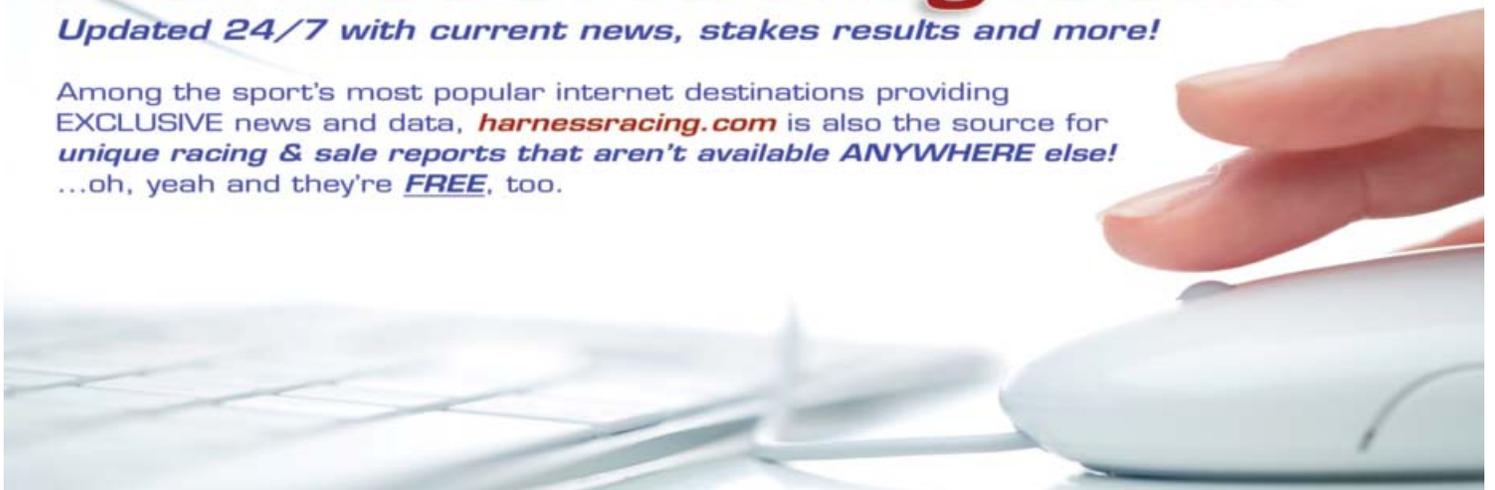
On Sunday night at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Pennsylvania Sires Stakes get underway with the 3-year-old colt pacers in the spotlight. The Ron Burke trainees **CHECK SIX**, **JK WILL POWER** and **BIG TOP HANOVER**, who finished one-two-three in the \$561,500 Pennsylvania Classic on May 7 at Pocono, drew into separate divisions.

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Last call for Goshen Yearling Sale

The Goshen Yearling Sale has announced a last call for entries. Entries will close on Monday, May 23. Launched in 2015, more than 150 horses are already consigned to this year's Goshen Yearling Sale, which will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Mark Ford Training Center. "With yearlings consigned by such major consignors as Hanover Shoe Farms, Blue Chip Farms, Cameo Hills Farm, Concord Stud and Winbak Farms, we already have a much stronger catalog for this year's sale," said sale company president Bob Boni. [more](#)

Cameron, King appointed to new PA commission

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf on Thursday announced several appointments to the new state's racing commission, including several with ties to harness racing. Included in the new commission will be an Office of Horse Racing, with separate bureaus for Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds. Appointed to the commission to represent the Standardbred breeders is Wendy Cameron, while appointed to represent the Standardbred horsemen is Thomas King III. Cameron, along with her mother Nan breed and race horses as Cam Land LLC, has campaigned stars such as Breeders Crown and Jugette winner Always Cam and older pacer Cammikey. King has been an active owner at The Meadows for many years as well. [more](#)

Rockin Ron Eyes 12th Straight in Graduate

There is an old adage that says "It's not how you start, it's how you finish." Sometimes, though, how you start is how you finish. And in the case of Rockin Ron, how he starts and how he finishes are often fast. Rockin Ron has reeled off 11 consecutive wins since joining the stable of trainer Ron Burke in November. He will try to make it 12 in a row when he faces eight rivals in Saturday's opening round of the Graduate Series for 4-year-old male pacers at the Meadowlands. [more](#)

Wings Of Royalty ready for Graduate

When trotter Wings Of Royalty was preparing for this season, trainer George Ducharme thought the 4 year old was acting better than at any time during his previous two campaigns. After watching the stallion nip multiple-award-winner Pinkman by a nose last Friday at the Meadowlands, Ducharme is starting to think it is more than just an act. [more](#)

McWicked fills out May 27 Molson Pace

The final piece to this year's Molson Pace puzzle has fallen into place with the announcement that \$1.7 million winner McWicked will join seven other outstanding rivals in the \$150,000 event on Friday night, May 27, at The Raceway in London. The 5-year-old son of McArde, who now hails in the Steve Elliott stable, will come into the race fresh off a pair of winning qualifiers and one pari-mutuel start this season. [more](#)

Despite weather, handle up in 2016 at Pocono

The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono has seen a sharp increase in total handle after 27 days of racing in its 2016 season, according to vice president of racing operations Dale Rapson. Despite the less than ideal weather conditions, numbers continue to trend up for the track in Northeast Pennsylvania, with total handle up 12 percent. [more](#)

2016 Harness Heroes cards now available

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation's 2016 set of Harness Heroes trading cards is now available. All pre-ordered sets have been mailed. This year's 35-card featured equine stars Wiggle It Jiggle It (Horse of the Year), Trotter of the Year Pinkman, State Treasurer, Mission Brief, Southwind Frank and Bee A Magician. Human honorees include Sylvain Filion, David Miller, Bruce Nickells, Dr. Ian Moore, Jimmy Takter and Montrell Teague among others. [more](#)



RACE LINES

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through May 17, 2016 (week difference May 11-17).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

| | Sts. | W | P | S | Earnings |
|--------------------------|------|----|---|---|-----------|
| Bit Of A Legend N (7ph) | 11 | 8 | 2 | 0 | \$451,250 |
| Check Six (3pc) | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 301,250 |
| Yagonnakissmeornot (7pm) | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 247,250 |
| All Bets Off (5ph) | 9 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 234,090 |
| Wiggle It Jiggleit (4pg) | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 189,765 |
| Rockin Ron (4pg) | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 188,940 |
| JK Will Power (3pc) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 159,875 |
| Pure Country (3pf) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 159,300 |
| Sell A Bit N (6pm) | 10 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 153,050 |
| Nickle Bag (6pg) | 17 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 144,435 |
| Major Athens (6th) | 14 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 139,835 |
| Al Raza N (6pm) | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 136,176 |
| Texican N (8pg) | 9 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 130,420 |
| Take It Back Terry (7pg) | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 120,950 |
| Regil Elektra (6pm) | 16 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 120,784 |

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

| | Sts. | W-P-S | UDR | Earnings (wk. diff) |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------|------|-------------------------|
| Jason Bartlett | 949 | 241-174-131 | .402 | \$3,065,075 (\$148,371) |
| Tim Tetrick | 1,021 | 206-152-124 | .325 | 2,568,371 (151,165) |
| Aaron Merriman | 1,605 | 340-265-244 | .354 | 2,542,694 (176,708) |
| Matt Kakaley | 1,002 | 126-124-139 | .241 | 2,205,070 (101,560) |
| Brian Sears | 711 | 143-118-90 | .336 | 2,147,333 (161,475) |
| George Brennan | 843 | 117-134-123 | .276 | 2,090,339 (148,138) |
| Corey Callahan | 1,150 | 188-174-156 | .293 | 1,982,757 (89,866) |
| Yannick Gingras | 624 | 113-86-90 | .306 | 1,944,317 (261,254) |
| Jordan Stratton | 703 | 79-92-96 | .231 | 1,934,306 (92,850) |
| Dave Palone | 833 | 203-124-92 | .363 | 1,859,820 (82,411) |
| Daniel Dube | 822 | 105-95-103 | .234 | 1,801,887 (101,045) |
| Scott Zeron | 839 | 122-104-109 | .258 | 1,589,867 (82,133) |
| George Napolitano Jr. | 776 | 173-116-92 | .346 | 1,582,501 (177,830) |
| Josh Sutton | 1,050 | 184-149-108 | .288 | 1,470,173 (69,637) |
| Jim Pantaleano | 903 | 131-142-110 | .273 | 1,458,669 (68,528) |

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

| | Sts. | W-P-S | UTR | Earnings (wk. diff) |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|------|-------------------------|
| Ron Burke | 1,255 | 278-196-173 | .354 | \$4,437,624 (\$366,280) |
| Rene Allard | 706 | 147-126-88 | .349 | 1,954,919 (192,455) |
| Richard Banca | 445 | 95-69-61 | .345 | 1,152,113 (75,305) |
| Jeff Bamond Jr. | 340 | 52-53-47 | .286 | 1,078,311 (75,125) |
| Richard Moreau | 454 | 90-82-58 | .341 | 1,043,438 (69,895) |
| Peter Tritton | 116 | 21-19-18 | .324 | 921,115 (14,780) |
| Gilbert Garcia-Herrera | 570 | 66-65-88 | .231 | 876,773 (104,134) |
| Carmen Auciello | 569 | 65-72-74 | .228 | 778,354 (45,886) |
| Thomas Milici | 211 | 74-37-20 | .480 | 739,996 (45,610) |
| Dylan Davis | 311 | 71-59-44 | .381 | 693,190 (23,920) |
| Jimmy Takter | 117 | 31-27-14 | .433 | 684,371 (99,799) |
| Scott Di Domenico | 326 | 55-56-40 | .305 | 663,729 (33,660) |
| Julie Miller | 189 | 44-32-28 | .376 | 584,630 (48,208) |
| Norm Parker | 264 | 38-45-29 | .275 | 533,812 (27,163) |
| Randy Bendis | 263 | 40-42-34 | .284 | 528,518 (25,916) |

Leading Breeders

| Breeder | Starters | Winners | Wins | Earnings |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|------|-------------|
| Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. | 743 | 367 | 708 | \$6,454,351 |
| Winbak Farm | 689 | 337 | 626 | 4,935,332 |
| Brittany Farms | 205 | 110 | 226 | 2,144,656 |
| Perretti Farms | 191 | 113 | 229 | 1,949,738 |
| White Birch Farm | 119 | 61 | 131 | 1,446,543 |
| Bulletproof Enterprises | 121 | 67 | 166 | 1,388,828 |
| Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. | 132 | 72 | 144 | 1,322,328 |
| Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par | 158 | 78 | 162 | 1,252,989 |
| Seelster Farms Inc. | 133 | 68 | 157 | 1,182,868 |
| Frederick Hertrich III | 112 | 59 | 119 | 1,026,521 |
| Diamond Creek Farm LLC | 89 | 39 | 84 | 948,436 |
| Steve Stewart | 99 | 46 | 92 | 850,196 |
| Robert McIntosh Stables Inc. | 105 | 58 | 123 | 848,482 |
| Midland Acres Inc. | 122 | 47 | 87 | 758,225 |
| Fair Winds Farm Inc. | 72 | 45 | 75 | 723,224 |

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for May 11-17 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers

| Driver | Starts | W-P-S |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| Aaron Merriman | 87 | 23-16-12 |
| Eddie Davis Jr | 48 | 19-4-7 |
| George Napolitano Jr | 87 | 18-16-5 |
| Yannick Gingras | 58 | 17-8-11 |
| Tim Tetrick | 68 | 16-5-8 |
| Ronnie Wrenn Jr | 57 | 15-7-5 |
| Tony Morgan | 46 | 15-5-1 |
| Trace Tetrick | 58 | 13-10-6 |
| Alfred Carroll | 56 | 12-5-6 |
| Brian Sears | 49 | 11-7-4 |
| Heath Campbell | 37 | 11-9-4 |
| Jason Bartlett | 56 | 11-10-6 |
| Bruce Aldrich Jr | 51 | 10-14-12 |
| Dan Noble | 61 | 10-6-8 |
| David Miller | 70 | 10-16-7 |
| Kurt Sugg | 54 | 10-4-9 |
| Bob McClure | 44 | 9-8-5 |
| Casey Leonard | 44 | 9-6-9 |
| Chris Page | 65 | 9-7-10 |
| Dave Palone | 35 | 9-8-2 |
| Jimmy Whittimore | 31 | 9-6-3 |
| Sam Widger | 45 | 9-7-4 |

Trainers

| Trainer | Wins |
|------------------------|------|
| Rene Allard | 17 |
| Ron Burke | 16 |
| Philip Sowers | 9 |
| Richard Moreau | 8 |
| Walter Haynes Jr | 7 |
| Chris Oakes | 6 |
| Jimmy Takter | 6 |
| Vincent Fusco Jr | 6 |
| George Ducharme | 5 |
| Gilbert Garcia-Herrera | 5 |
| Heidi Rohr | 5 |
| Jackie Rousse | 5 |
| Jeff Bamond Jr | 5 |
| Jeff Hochstetler | 5 |
| Jim Arledge Jr | 5 |
| Sam Schillaci | 5 |
| Thomas Milici | 5 |