

The 63rd Elitlopp: An Extremely Open Race!

By Klaus Koch

I have been working with the Elitlopp at Solvalla since 1992, which makes this year's race my 23rd edition. Without hesitation, I can say the 2014 Elitlopp is the most open I so far have conducted. Almost all of the 16 participants have a fair chance to win it all. I also notice three very interesting discrepancies from previous Elitlopps:

First, three mares are lining up—Delicious (Sweden), Maven (USA) and Prussia (Italy), which is quite extraordinary, and they all are among the favorites.

Second, it has been many years since two horses represented and came into the race directly from the USA. Both of these—Maven and Uncle Peter—are world-record holders. It is worth noting that Uncle Peter is the fastest horse ever on a five-eighths mile track and Maven is the fastest mare on the same size track and Solvalla is a five-eighths mile track as well.

Thirdly, the number of horses with pure gate speed is significant compared to previous years.

What we are missing in this year's race is a top genuine French trotter. Yes, Timoko is a French-bred horse, but his breeders, owners and trainer are Dutch. Richard Westerink, the trainer, has his operation in France, and previously he always used the top drivers at Paris Vincennes, but hasn't had much success until he asked leading Swedish driver Björn Goop to drive Timoko.

In the prestigious Prix de Kerjacques raced at Vincennes on May 2, Goop (the son of Swedish Hall of Famer Olle Goop) tried Timoko for the first time and he got this horse



The last mare to win the Elitlopp was the great Moni Maker, who captured the 1998 edition of the race with Wally Hennessey aboard.

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fired up. Timoko humiliated good competition over a distance of 1 11/16th miles and regained the respect of the fans who watched him finish third in last year's Elitlopp for Jos Verbeeck.

Remarkably, Björn Goop qualified three horses which he barely knew for the Elitlopp. Trainer Fredrik Larsson, who finished second in the Elitlopp with Giant Superman, let Goop try his Reven d'Amour (like Market Share, a son of Revenue) in a FFA in the beginning of May. Goop won the race in 1:53 flat on a track that was at least one second slow.

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You might remember Reven d'Amour as the horse who finished second in both the Maple Leaf Trot and the Nat Ray.

A week later Björn Goop drove Caballion for the first time, in the Copenhagen Cup, and they won, which earned the horse his Elitlopp invitation.

Caballion is a chestnut son of the French-bred winner of the Prix d'Amerque, Kesaco Phedo, and he is not a well-gaited horse. At the end of races he often loses control and breaks stride. Since European racing rules call for disqualification when a horse is offstride through the finish line, any discussion about Caballion includes talk about how much purse money he might have thrown away thought his career.

But as his Copenhagen Cup victory attests, you can't count Caballion out. Two years ago he trotted a mile in 1:51.1 when he finished a close third, behind Commander Crowe and Sebastian K.

Very interesting is the fact that both Reven d'Amour and Caballion are owned by Stall Harriet, the stable name of a young real estate agent from Stockholm who only owns four horses.

Now, of course, you want me to tell you who will win the Elitlopp. Well, as I said, it is a wide-open race. As for the Americans, Maven and Uncle Peter are great horses, but they face tough competition.

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WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

Friday, May 23

All times listed are local.

7:54p	M3	NJSS 3CT	Trackmaster PPs
8:32p	M5	NJSS 3FT	Trackmaster PPs
10:35p	M11	NJSS 3CT	Trackmaster PPs

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Saturday, May 24

7:42p	PcD5	Pocono Cup 3CP div.	Trackmaster PPs
7:54p	M3	NJSS 3FP div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:13p	M4	NJSS 3FP div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:32p	M5	NJSS 3CP div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:51p	M6	TVG FFA Pace	Trackmaster PPs
9:12p	PcD10	Pocono Cup 3CP div.	Trackmaster PPs
9:50p	YR9	Rooney 3CP elim	Trackmaster PPs
10:30	YR11	Rooney 3CP elim	Trackmaster PPs

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Sunday, May 25

3:40p	Ph10	Maxie Lee Mem. Trot	Trackmaster PPs
4:20p	Ph12	Betsy Ross Mares Pace	Trackmaster PPs
6:42p	PcD5	Coaching Club 3FT div.	Trackmaster PPs
8:30p	PcD11	Coaching Club 3FT div.	Trackmaster PPs

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Reden Likes His Chances, Especially With Delicious

The mare with the best chance of winning the Elitlopp is Maven, right? That's not what Swedish horseman Daniel Reden thinks. Reden likes his chances with Delicious, a mare he trains for Bengt Agerup's Stall Zet. Delicious won her first and only start of the season on May 14 at Solvalla, trotting in 1:53 flat.

In the Elitlopp, Delicious and Reden will start from post 1 in the second elimination, with Maven in the first elim.



Reden with Shaq Is Back.

Reden also will be starting Shaq Is Back in the Elitlopp and drew another post 1 in the elim with Maven. Stall Zet owns Shaq Is Back as well and Agerup also shares ownership of Uncle Peter, who will be racing against Delicious, giving the owner three big chances.

"We were very, very lucky with the draw and both of my horses are fast behind the gate," said Reden of the starting positions of Delicious and Shaq Is Back.

"I think Delicious is my best chance," said Reden of the two horses. "She is a really fast horse and I never tried her too much last year and she set a Swedish record (1:52.3). I know she has never raced against these type of horses, but I think she will surprise people."

Only a handful of mares have won the Elitlopp, with the last the great, late Moni Maker, who accomplished the feat in 1998.

Delicious sold as a yearling for just \$8,000 but was a stakes winner at both ages two and three, and at the end of her sophomore season Agerup bought her for \$100,000 from the Northwood Bloodstock Agency consignment at the Standardbred Horse Sale auction in Harrisburg. The month before the sale the petite Delicious beat Maven on the wire in 1:52.2 in a late-closer at The Red Mile. Ron Gurfein trained Delicious at the time.

Shaq Is Back, who was trained by Ray Schnittker as a 2 and 3 year old, brings a four-race winning streak into the Elitlopp. He started in last year's Elitlopp but failed to advance to the final. As a point of reference about his class, Reden notes that he has beaten Sebastian K.

Since the Elitlopp is a two-heat race, horses are driven with the understanding that they must come back and win a second heat to become the Elitlopp champion. Although Delicious has only one race this year, Reden is not worried about her physical condition.

ELITLOPP—SUNDAY, MAY 25

*Total Purse 5.9 million Swedish krona (approximately \$896,000)
Solvalla track, Stockholm, Sweden One—Mile Distance
Post Time Final Heat—Approximately 11:25 a.m.
(Go to www.harnessracing.com on Sunday for the latest on the race)*

FIRST ELIMINATION—Post Time: Approx. 8:55am (EDT)

Post—HORSE (Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam)	Trainer/Driver
1—SHAQ IS BACK (7h, Credit Winner-Vivica Hall-Victory Dream)	Daniel Reden
2—PRUSSIA (5m, Ken Warkentin-Elvezia-Pine Chip)	Pietro Gubellini
3—TIMOKO (7h, Imoko-Kiss Me Courlonces-And Arifant)	R. Westernick/B. Goop
4—DIGITAL INK (5g, Super Photo Kosmos-Laver da des Pres-Filou du Boscaill) S. Melander/O. Kihlstrom	
5—REVEN D'AMOUR (9h, Revenue-Melody d'Amour-Super Arnie)	B. Larsson/E. Adielsson
6—MAVEN (5m, Glidemaster-M Stewart-American Winner)	J. Czernyson/Y. Gingras
7—TRUCULENT (7h, Revenue-Heaven Tonight-Victory Dream)	L. Nilsson/Jo. Takter
8—NAHAR (9g, Love You-Mahonny Broline-Joie de Vie)	Robert Bergh

SECOND ELIMINATION—Post Time: Approx. 9:22am (EDT)

No.—HORSE (Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam)	Driver
1—DELICIOUS (5m, Cantab Hall-Ipsara LB-Lemon Dra)	Daniel Reden
2—PANNE DE MOTEUR (6h, Credit Winner-Jalopy-Donerail)	S. Hultman/O. Kihlstrom
3—UNCLE PETER (5h, Cantab Hall-Victory Treasure-Enjoy Lavec)	J. Takter/ D. Miller
4—RAJA MIRCHI (7h, Viking Kronos-Dame Lavec-Quito de Talonay)	Lufti Kolgjini
5—SANITY (8g, Love You-Flash Light-Mack Lobell)	M. Lofgren/E. Adielsson
6—CABALLION (8h, Kesaco Phedo-Lady Brick-Super Arnie)	F. Leblanc/B. Goop
7—JULIANO RAGS (6h, Juliano Star-Julia Rags-Super Arnie)	Noralf Brakken
8—PASCIA LEST (5h, Varenne-Superiors Sun-Diamond Way)	T. Duvaldestin/E. Bellei

"I train for their muscle development, not speed," said the 34-year-old horseman, who trains 70 horses for Agerup. "I train the horses two times a week, and never on an oval and no speed work. It's a straight track we use and it is deep."

Like many horsemen and trotting fans in Sweden, Reden believes this year's Elitlopp is wide open. "I think any horse can win this race—the horse who has the best journey and the best form." — *By Kathy Parker*

Gingras: "Maven Is As Good As Any"

Driver Yannick Gingras told Weekend Preview on Tuesday (May 20) that he and his wife, Vicki, will arrive in Sweden on Friday morning, two days before he drives the 5-year-old mare Maven in the famed Elitlopp.

"We leave Thursday and get there Friday morning, and I've got a couple of drives Friday and Saturday," said Gingras, whose drives over the weekend also include Mystic Illusion, a horse trained by American-based Jan Johnson.

David Miller, headed to Sweden to drive Uncle Peter, also picked up two drives Saturday.

Maven, the 2013 Older Mare Trotter of the Year, arrived in Sweden on Monday and has been at the Erikssund Training Center—where Sugarcane Hanover once stood at stud—outside of Stockholm. The Jonas Czernyson-trained daughter of Glidemaster made the ship overseas with one start under her belt this year, that being a 1:53.3 track-record victory in the Miami Valley Distaff on May 4 at Miami Valley Raceway.

"I've been told Maven took the trip really well and is eating very good and playing in the paddock," said Gingras. "I hope she's ready for a big performance. I am very, very confident in the mare."

Maven starts from post 6 in the first of two Elitopp elims. Uncle Peter, the other U.S. representative from the Jimmy

Takter Stable with Miller driving, starts from post 3 in the second elim. Top top four finishers in each elim will return for the same-day final.

"I've watched some replays of races over there to get an idea, but it won't be easy," Gingras answered when asked about driving in Sweden. "I don't know the drivers. I'll make the best of it. I'll go behind the gate with an open mind and see what happens. From watching the replays, I think Maven is as good as any." — *By Gordon Waterstone*



Maven got a little exercise on a sunny day at Erikssund Stud farm in Sweden, with trainer Jonas Czernyson keeping an eye on her.

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Digital Ink

Another Upset For Melander?

Digital Ink was one of the last horses to be invited to the Elitlopp, but you can never count out his trainer, Stefan Melander. Melander surprised some people when he won the 2001 Hambletonian with Scarlet Knight and then pulled off an Elitlopp shocker in 2010 when he won the race with Iceland, who was driven by Johnny Takter.

Could Digital Ink be Melander's latest surprise?

Last season Digital Ink broke the Swedish record for 4 year olds and won the both Breeders' Crown and Solvalla Grand Prix. He was third in the 4-year-old Elite last year. He has never finished worse than second since 2012, and he'll be starting from post 4 in the first elimination. Melander, who has the largest stable in Sweden with 166 horses in training, has tapped the highly-regarded Orjan Kihlstrom to drive Digital Ink, a 5-year-old gelded son of Super Photo Kosmos, who Melander also raced.

If Digital Ink would advance to the final, Melander may lose his driver. That's because Kihlstrom is also driving the talented Panne de Moteur, who was bred by Margareta Walenius-Kleberg, who sold an interest in the horse to Stall Trot, a public stable.

Panne de Moteur is a son of Credit Winner and Jalopy, who won the 2005 Hambletonian Oaks for Mrs. Kleberg and American-based trainer Jonas Czernyson. He raced in last year's Elitlopp but failed to advance to the final heat.

This year, on April 9 Panne de Moteur won impressively at Solvalla for Kihlstrom. Panne de Moteur—which means engine failure in French—started from post 6 and hit the finish line in 1:53.2. The time impressed observers since he was parked outside the leader the entire way and won by three lengths, with a lot of strength to spare, against stiff opponents.

Panne de Moteur won again on April 23 but has not raced since that time. Nevertheless, Stefan Hultman trained him Tuesday and was happy with his horse's effort, which prompted a member of StallTrot to say, "We're in the game!" — *By Kathy Parker*

Watch The Elitlopp

Want a pre-race pep talk about Sunday's Elitlopp in Sweden? Be sure to watch the following commercials for the race. You haven't seen anything like them before. Both are viewable on computers and tablets such as the iPad.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P75QguVq_xU or <http://vimeo.com/94351855>.

You can watch the race live on Maharajah.se, a Swedish website that is broadcasting the race live. The home page has a button that you can click to translate to English.

If you're in the area, the Meadowlands will be simulcasting the double-heat race, with the gates open at 8:30 a.m. (EDT). The elims are scheduled for 8:52 a.m. and 9:22 a.m., with the final slated to go postward at 11:25 a.m.

Be sure to check Sunday on www.harnessracing.com for race results and a post-race report.

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Burke Brigade Out In Force Over Memorial Day Weekend

As always, trainer Ron Burke will be busy working over the Memorial Day weekend, including starting horses in Sunday afternoon's Maxie Lee Memorial Trot and Betsy Ross Mares Pace at Harrah's Philadelphia. Earlier, on Saturday night at the Meadowlands Burke will send out three in the \$50,000 TVG FFA Pace, but the group will not include reigning Pacer of the Year Foiled Again, who will sit out the

"Last week he was as good as I've seen him in a long time."

—Ron Burke on Sweet Lou

week and instead race in a qualifier Friday morning at the Big M.

Burke's TVG trio includes Clear Vision, Bettor's Edge and Sweet Lou, the latter the winner of last week's

opening round of this year's TVG FFA Series at the Meadowlands. While Sweet Lou was most impressive last time out with a 3 1/2-length victory in 1:48.3, he will have his work cut out for him on in round two as he has drawn the outside post 10.

"He was very good at Pocono two weeks ago from an impossible spot (third in a 1:49 mile after starting from post 7) and then last week he was as good as I've seen him in a long time," Burke said about Sweet Lou. "I'm hoping he's rounding into form and ready to go. Pierce (driver Ron Pierce) will find his way from there (post 10) somehow."

Bettor's Edge didn't fare much better at the draw as he will start from post 9 with Joe Bongiorno driving. Bettor's Edge comes into the race off a 9p8 finish in last week's TVG FFA, an effort Burke said was far better than what appears on paper.

"He was actually super last week," he said. "He paced home the fastest in the race (last quarter in :25.2) and had a lot of go."

On the flip side, Clear Vision drew post 1. Driven by Matt Kakaley, Clear Vision won the Levy consolation two starts back at Yonkers and then was second by a neck in a Preferred Pace May 17 at Pocono, a race won by Dancin Yankee in a 1:47.2 world-record clocking.

"He's been real good. It seems like he's rounding into last year's form; when he quit at the end of the year he was as good as anybody," said Burke, who recently became the

\$50,000 TVG FFA PACE

Meadowlands, Saturday, May 24, Race 6, Post Time: 8:51 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Clear Vision*	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	8-5
2—Bolt The Duer	M. MacDonald/P. Foley	4-1
3—Warrawee Needy	T. Tetrick/M. Ford	3-1
4—Thinking Out Loud	J. Campbell/R. McIntosh	9-2
5—Modern Legend	P. Berry/D. Drew	20-1
6—Word Power	M. Lachance/L. Remmen	12-1
7—Golden Receiver	C. Callahan/M. Harder	12-1
8—Dovuto Hanover	S. Smith/D. Cassar	15-1
9—Bettor's Edge*	J. Bongiorno/R. Burke	8-5
10—Sweet Lou*	R. Pierce/R. Burke	8-5

*coupled in wagering

\$250,000 MAXIE LEE MEM. INV. TROT

Harrah's Philadelphia, Sunday, May 25, Race 10, Post Time: 3:40 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Sevruga	R. Pierce/J. Miller	4-1
2—Undercover Strike	C. Callahan/J. Czernyson	5-1
3—Market Share	T. Tetrick/L. Toscano	2-1
4—DW's NYank	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	8-1
5—Opening Night	Jo. Campbell/Ji. Campbell	10-1
6—Not Afraid	B. Miller/J. Takter	8-1
7—Daylon Magician	M. MacDonald/M. Ford	8-1
8—Arch Madness	G. Brennan/T. Smedshammer	6-1

\$250,000 BETSY ROSS MARES INV. PACE

Harrah's Philadelphia, Sunday, May 25, Race 12, Post Time: 4:20 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Drop The Ball	C. Callahan/R. Croghan	4-1
2—Rocklamation	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	6-1
3—Jerseylicious	R. Pierce/W. Givens	8-1
4—Monkey On My Wheel	G. Brennan/C. Coleman	6-1
5—Anndrovette	T. Tetrick/P. Fraley	9-2
6—JK Letitgo	J. Roberts/J. Parker	12-1
7—Yagonnakissmeornot	D. Dube/R. Allard	5-1
8—Shebestingin	J. Campbell/J. Holloway	3-1

first trainer to reach the \$100-million mark in career earnings. "It's a good spot for him. The other two are going to have to find their way into it somehow."

On Sunday, Burke will start Rocklamation in the Betsy Ross and DW's NYank in the Maxie Lee. With both races being invitationals, trainers were limited to one starter in each. Trainer Joe Holloway has been vocal in his disappointment that he was limited to starting just Shebestingin in the Betsy Ross and not also Somewhereoverarainbow, but Burke said he understands the conditions.

"I'm a PA trainer and I have never been able to get two in," said Burke "(Holloway) isn't a PA trainer. I start more horses there than anybody. I had horses for both of those races."

Burke said he chose Rocklamation—who finished second in last year's Betsy Ross—over Camille and Charisma Hanover for the Betsy Ross because, "I think she's my best chance to win from my barn. She was airborne her last start (a late-closing third at the Meadowlands)."

As for DW's NYank, the 5-year-old trotter will start from post 4 with Kakaley driving, with likely favorite Market Share to his left in post 3, hoping to rebound off an uncharacteristic break at the start of last week's \$175,000 Cutler final at the Meadowlands.

"He made a little break two weeks ago and had a lot of trot finishing, and then had the 10 hole (in the Cutler elim and final)," said Burke of DW's NYank. "The thing about him is that he doesn't slow down on the smaller tracks. He'll trot just as much there as he will at the Meadowlands."

Burke admitted one horse who can't be overlooked in the Maxie Lee despite drawing the outside post is Arch Madness.

"He drew the far outside but it really doesn't hurt you there because with the slanted gate, sometimes it swings you to the front so quick, you are actually better off than the horses inside," he said. —By Gordon Waterstone

Market Share Looks To Rebound In Maxie Lee

Market Share heads to Sunday's \$250,000 Maxie Lee Memorial Invitational at Harrah's Philadelphia looking to bounce back from an uncharacteristic break in the Cutler Memorial last weekend.

In 40 previous career races, Market Share went offstride only once—when he lost a shoe in the 2012 Dexter Cup. In the Cutler, Market Share made a break heading into the first turn as he raced alongside eventual winner Sebastian K.

The Cutler featured the much-anticipated encounter between the two-time Dan Patch Award-winning Market Share and the 2012 Swedish Horse of the Year Sebastian K. Both had won their respective Cutler eliminations, Market Share in 1:50.3 and Sebastian K in a world-record-equaling 1:50.1.

"Hopefully he'll rise to the challenge and do what I know he can."

—Linda Toscano

"I made a lot of different scenarios in my mind as to what problems he might run into in that race, but none of them was him making a break," Market Share's trainer Linda Toscano said. "I think it was just one of those things. The horse came out of the race fine and I think he's good to go. He just made a very untimely and most uncharacteristic break. I really don't have an answer."

Market Share is part of an eight-horse Maxie Lee field and will start from post 3 with regular driver Tim Tetrick. He is the 2-1 morning line favorite.

"It's a good deep field of horses again," Toscano said. "The only thing I can do as a trainer is make sure my horse is as good going into it as I can. I can't dwell on what happened.

Hopefully he'll rise to the challenge and do what I know he can."

Prior to the Cutler, Market Share's connections decided to turn down an invitation to Sunday's Elitlopp in Sweden. Toscano was able to joke about Market Share's break in the Cutler within that context.

"Either God was telling me I made a good decision not going to the Elitlopp or He punished me for not going to the Elitlopp; I'm not sure," she said, laughing. (HRC)

Undefeated He's Watching Debuts In Rooney Elim At Yonkers

Undefeated freshman divisional champion He's Watching leads a list of 11 three-year-old male pacers entered in Saturday's eliminations of the Art Rooney Pace at Yonkers Raceway. The top four finishers in each of the two \$40,000 eliminations will advance to the \$300,000 final on Saturday, May 31.

He's Watching ended his freshman campaign last September at Yonkers with a victory in the final of the New York Sires Stakes, an effort that wrapped up an eight-for-eight first-year resume.

"He loves the track, and to be perfectly honest, the money's too good," said Menary of the Rooney appearance. "We could have gone to the Somebeachsomewhere (at Mohawk), but the divisions are about \$100,000 each and he'd probably have to go (1) 49 and 3 right out of the box.

"After his first qualifier (on May 2), (driver) Jimmy (Morrill Jr.) said he'd never sat behind a horse as straight and as strong. I think of He's Watching as an Incredible Hulk version of Foiled Again. He's muscular, with heart and stamina. I've never seen a horse dig through the ground the way he does."

\$40,000 ART ROONEY 3CP ELIMINATIONS

Yonkers Raceway, Saturday, May 25, 1st elim., Race 9, Post Time: 9:50 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Sale (Price)
1—Unlocked (Duneside Perch)	B. Holland/E. Miller	10-1	Bart Seales/—
2—He's Watching (American Ideal)	J. Morrill Jr./D. Menary	3-5	Brittany Farms, R. Burgess, K. Burgess/HB (\$3,000)
3—Forty Five Red (If I Can Dream)	G. Brennan/R. Burke	5-1	Kentuckiana Farms/Lex (\$105,000)
4—Gold Rocks (Rocknroll Hanover)	S. Zeron/T. Alagna	10-1	Emerald Highlands Farm/Lex (\$15,000)
5—Bondi Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere)	B. Sears/T. Alagna	20-1	Hanover Shoe Farms/Lex (\$90,000)
6—Stevensville (Somebeachsomewhere)	T. Tetrick/R. Schnittker	6-1	R. Schnittker, C. Iannazzo/Homebred

2nd elim., Race 11, Post Time: 10:30 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Sale (Price)
1—Ideal Fashion (American Ideal)	B. Sears/J. Campbell	6-1	Blue Chip Bloodstock/HB (\$115,000)
2—Some Playa (Somebeachsomewhere)	G. Brennan/J. Sabot	8-1	John Carver/HB (\$37,000)
3—All Bets Off (Bettor's Delight)	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	4-5	R. Tucker, G. Tucker/HB (\$7,000)
4—Thereisapaceforus (American Ideal)	J. Bartlett/J. Takter	12-1	3 Brothers Stables/HB (\$32,000)
5—Maxi Bon (Somebeachsomewhere)	S. Zeron/T. Alagna	6-1	Black Horse Racing/Lex (\$125,000)





New “Sunshine” Sale To Feature 2YOs In Florida In January

There will be another place to shop for horses next winter. The newly created Sunshine Select Sale will be held Sunday, Jan. 25, which is the Sunday before the 2015 Super Bowl. As its name suggests, the sale will be held in Florida, at the South Florida Trotting Center near Delray Beach.

The principals in the sale are Blue Chip Farms, Hanover Shoe Farms, and Eric Cherry, who operates the South Florida Trotting Center and breeds horses under the banner of Doc’s Farm. Bob Marks, long time marketing manager for Perretti Farms and who knows his way around a sales arena, will serve as the sales manager.

The sale will have a mixed composition with a focus on selected 2 year olds in training that did not go through the auction ring as yearlings.

“While we expect to have many that did sell at the yearling sales, we’ll try to avoid those obvious consignor culls that were bought back for negligible dollars,” said Marks. “In addition, there are yearlings that shouldn’t sell or are withdrawn from yearling sales for cosmetic reasons that are absolutely fine once in training two months later. Certainly, our Jan. 25 date will prove a more appropriate sales vehicle.

“We also hope to encourage ‘pinhooking’ and if acknowledged sales pros like Perry Soderberg seek to pinhook the next Western Vintage, here’s your arena!”

Marks also said a concentrated effort will be made to acquaint Thoroughbred patrons with the economic advantages of Standardbred ownership via messages in their media and the social media.

We think the location of the sale, near a large Thoroughbred training center and with winter racing in South Florida, makes this a worthwhile initiative,” he explained.

For more information contact Marks at (732) 245-7026 or Eric Cherry at (561) 272-5667. (*Sunshine Select Sale*)

American In Paris Tops Tattersalls Sale

The Tattersalls Spring Mixed Sale, held Sunday, May 18, at the Meadowlands Racetrack, was topped by the 4-year-old pacing mare American In Paris, who brought a final bid of \$157,000 from trainer Scott DiDomenico. DiDomenico reportedly purchased the 4-year-old mare by American Ideal for Mark Harder and Doug Millard. Preferred Equine Marketing sold the mare on behalf of Weaver Brussemi and Burke Racing.

A total of 126 horses went through the sale ring for total sales of about \$2 million. Burke Racing/Weaver Brussemi also consigned Dedi’s Dragon, but he failed to bring his reserve price, with the last price on the board \$122,000.

The Tattersalls Spring Mixed Sale also featured 2 year olds who are in training. The top price was paid by Kostas

Tsanakos, who bought the Rock N Roll Heaven colt Heavenly Tunes for \$35,000. The colt was consigned by Preferred Equine Marketing on behalf of Val d’Or Farm, Ted Gewertz and Rojan Stable (Norman and Robert Aerenon). Joe Holloway had bought the colt as a yearling as agent and the colt is eligible to be sustained to the top 3-year-old events.

Canadian trainer Carmen Auciello, who had the Woodbine training title wrapped up before the last racing card on Monday night, bought three horses—Forever Just, a 5-year-old gelding by Bettor’s Delight, for \$40,000; Time To Quit 3, 1:53.2, a 4-year-old trotting gelding by Chocolatier, for \$32,000; and HS Kalex, a 2-year-old filly by Andover Hall who had sold for \$11,000 as a yearling, for \$23,000.

Kristin Shetler Injured At Indiana State Fairgrounds

Horsewoman Kristin Shetler and the horse she was training were broadsided by a car on the half-mile training track at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on Saturday morning, May 17. Shetler, 37, underwent surgery for a broken ankle and crushed heel later that day at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

“She’s doing ok now,” said Shetler’s father, Dan, on Sunday morning. “She had a great surgeon. This is the hospital where all the NASCAR and Indy car drivers are taken.”

Kristin also suffered a concussion in the accident, which occurred when a parking attendant advised the driver of a car that they could drive across the half-mile oval into the infield. She was able to return home on Sunday night.

Dan Shelter explained that the car was crossing the track to park in the infield because a car auction was being held at the fairgrounds.

“The mile track was closed but we had the half-mile to train on until 10 a.m.. At about 7:30 though, they started putting cars through on the track so people could park in the infield. There were probably 20 horses on the track at the time and I was down in the turn with a horse. The parking attendant flagged a car through and the guy broadsided Kristin’s horse. The car hit the horse on the right hind,” explained Dan Shetler.

Dan said he was told Kristin was catapulted about 20 feet into the air. She landed in the infield.

“I saw the commotion and I got there and Kristin was in the infield, and when she came to she was in pain immediately,” added Dan. “Thankfully, there is no hub rail on the half mile track and the ground was soft because of all the rain we’ve had.”

Dan said he’s unsure of the extent of the horse’s injuries. “He’s skinned up and lame right now, so he’s just in his stall and he’s being evaluated,” said Shetler. — *harnessracing.com*

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Check Out New Promo Video On Fan Zone

Converseon and the USTrotting Association have launched a new promo video. The video was shot at the Meadowlands, Yonkers and uses some other footage. There was extensive use of "go pro" cameras with Tim Tetrick, Yan-nick Gingras and others to try to help potential fans get a more visceral sense of what it's like to be in a race.

There are multiple versions being cut (30 seconds, 1 minute, etc.) and already some of the 30 second spots are being shown on various racing networks. The mission is to help drive additional traffic and activity at the <http://www.harnessracingambassadors.com/> platforms and help repackage the experience of the sport through new technologies and production. Click on the link below, and share and post in social media at #harnessracingfz. USTA and Converseon's new promotional video.

Fearless Man Ties Philly Mark

Donald Emond's Fearless Man tied the track record for 4-year-old trotters with a 1:52.1 victory in Wednesday's featured race at Harrah's Philadelphia.

The son of Elegant Man quickly grabbed control off the wings and made every call a winning one. Opening Night closed well for second while Drift Away, who battled first-over, finished third. Fearless Man tied Sevruga's mark of 1:52.1 set back in May 2012. The Monte Gelrod trainee picked up his 12th career win and now has earnings of more than \$200,000. He was driven by Brett Miller.

Killean Acres Inducted Into Western Fair Wall Of Fame

Jack McNiven calls the people enshrined in the Wall of Fame, at The Raceway at The Western Fair District, his buddies. So he says he's thrilled his farm, Killean Acres, will be officially joining them in perpetuity at the London track he calls home.

Friday night at a ceremony during The Raceway's live card, McNiven's respected breeding operation based in Ingersoll, Ont., will become the first farm and 34th overall inductee into the Wall of Fame.

McNiven, who has been coming to Western Fair regularly since it became the first track in Ontario to usher in night racing 53 years ago, has known all of the prior inductees personally.

"It's quite an honor. We're thrilled to be there because any time I go up to the Top of the Fair, one of the things I always have to do is I have to go along the wall and look at all my buddies that are on there," McNiven said. (*Western Fair*)

SRF Charity Golf Outing On June 3

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation's (SRF) 22nd annual charity golf outing on Tuesday, June 3, at the beautiful and private Battleground Country Club in Manalapan, N.J., is fast approaching.

Green fees, cart, lunch, hors d'oeuvre and cocktail hour, dinner, charity auction, trivia, and all the fun is only \$215 per player if paid before May 27, with an increase after that date. Registration and lunch begin at 11:00 am. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. We welcome non-golfers to join us for cocktails, dinner, and the evening events at \$49 per person.

The online auction through SRF's website is now up and running...come check it out and start bidding on some fabulous items! We have just added a Spyder Bike and Yankee Tickets along with a Pennsbury Jog Cart; the Jets vs. Miami Tickets on the 50 yard line; hyperbaric treatments; a full equine body bone scan; gift certificates from well-known veterinarians; boarding at training facilities; artwork and many other exciting items. We even have a once-in-a-life-time ride in the mobile starting gate at the Meadowlands.

There is still time to donate for the auction and raffle such as tickets to sporting events, travel tickets/packages, dinners, and memorabilia. All are greatly appreciated and tax-deductible as well. Donors of gifts will see their names on our Golf webpage (Adoptahorse.org). If you cannot donate for the auction, Sponsorship levels are available from \$500 to \$5,000 and all levels include SRF's Recognition Package.

To sponsor, play, make a donation, or for more information regarding golf or online bidding, contact Jannine Kraus at (732) 446-4422, email admin@srfmail.com or visit www.adoptahorse.org. (SRF)

Pocono's Sun Stakes Card Gets Even Better

One of the greatest cards on the yearly schedule of world harness racing was made even better Thursday, as the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association (PHHA), in conjunction with Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, announced increased purses in the consolation races of three \$500,000 stakes events, a new consolation for the \$300,000 James Lynch Pace for sophomore fillies, and a brand-new event, the \$100,000 "Mohegan Sun" Invitational Trot for world-class older horses.

The three \$500,000 events are the Ben Franklin Pace for free-for-allers, the Earl Beal Trot for 3-year-old males, and the Max Hempt Pace for 3-year-old males. These three events saw \$50,000 consolations staged last year. This year, all three events have had their consolation purses boosted to \$75,000. The Franklin consolation for 2014 had been announced previously; the sophomore colt events now join it.

The Lynch Pace for fillies will have a \$50,000 consolation race, if, as in all the other races, enough horses who do not make the finals show enough interest to race right back.

With the four finals, the Invitational, and the consolations added together, Sun Stakes Saturday's card will be worth \$2,175,000 – just for these races alone! (PHHA/Pocono Downs)