

A Rocknroll Dance Ready For Dan Patch

A Rocknroll Dance will start from post eight as the 9-2 third choice on the morning line in Saturday night's \$200,000 Dan Patch Invitational Pace at Hoosier Park, with the 4-year-old pacer looking for his first win since last August.

Although A Rocknroll Dance ended his sophomore season with more than \$1 million in earnings and a big Meadowlands Pace victory, his season ended on a somewhat disappointing note for trainer and co-owner Jim Mulinix and his partners that comprise the A Rocknroll Dance Stable. That's

"I really don't see any horses out there that I don't think I can race with."

— Jim Mulinix on A Rocknroll Dance

because of the losses in the Cane, Little Brown Jug, stakes at Lexington, the Breeders Crown, Monument Circle, Messenger, Windy City and Cleveland Classic.

Mulinix believes things are about to change for the good for his stable star as he heads into the Dan Patch

off a sixth-place finish in his 2013 debut in the \$100,000 Meadowlands Maturity May 18 at the Meadowlands. John Campbell was behind the son of Rocknroll Hanover in that race and he will make the trip to Indiana on Saturday.

"I'm pretty happy with the way he came back," said Mulinix of A Rocknroll Dance's effort in which he was beaten 2 1/2 lengths and race-timed in 1:49.2, last quarter in :26.2. "He had to start somewhere, and that bunch was a tough place to start. It will take him a couple starts."

Mulinix qualified A Rocknroll Dance just once before the Maturity, that being a 15-length romp in 1:53.4 on May 4 at Hoosier Park.

"I was happy with the one qualifier," said Mulinix, whose farm is in Wauseon, Ohio, in the northwest part of the state. "I can do more good training him at home than just going qualifying him; he doesn't need the shipping as he gets enough shipping. And with the kind of qualifiers we get around here, it's a training mile anyway."

Mulinix said A Rocknroll Dance's late-season futility last year came in part because he tinkered with the colt's equipment.

"I had a (Brodeur) 4 Stars sulky on him and then that's what got me in trouble last year; we kept messing with the bike," he said. "He kept hitting the bike and we kept getting bigger bikes and he kept hitting the bike. Then we tried tightening the hobbles. And we couldn't have drawn much worse the back half of the year and we had some rough trips.

"I had a long winter to think about things. I've gone back to the 4 Stars, with wheels that will give him a little more room."

Mulinix said Campbell told him after the Maturity he was pleased with the pacer's effort.

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\$200,000 DAN PATCH INVITATIONAL PACE

Hoosier Park, Saturday, May 25, Race 11, Post Time: 9:30 pm

| Post—Horse | Driver/Trainer | Odds |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------|
| 1—Hurrikane Kingcole | B. Miller/J. McDermott | 3-1 |
| 2—Paco Labrook | B. Hanners | 8-1 |
| 3—Versado | T. Smith/N. Surick | 15-1 |
| 4—Rockincam | J. Dillander/R. Norman | 7-2 |
| 5—Fred And Ginger | R. Macomber Jr./R. Burke | 5-1 |
| 6—Dancin Yankee | E. Hensley/G. Green | 6-1 |
| 7—Bolt The Duer | M. MacDonald/P. Foley | 4-1 |
| 8—A Rocknroll Dance | J. Campbell/J. Mulinix | 9-2 |
| 9—Up The Credit | Tr. Tetrick/C. Jamieson | 10-1 |
| 10—Aracache Hanover | D. McNair/G. McNair | 10-1 |

“John said the horse was maybe a bit more aggressive than he usually was comfortable with,” he said. “He wrestled with him when he was sitting in. He said most horses wouldn’t have much hold for so long and would just back off, but he still had pace. He said he seems to be pretty fit, but I told him we still have room for improvement.”

Pun intended, A Rocknroll Dance danced every dance last year, and Mulinix said the 2013 schedule will be as full as possible.

“I’m looking forward to the year,” he said. “I really don’t see any horses out there that I don’t think I can race with. Last year, every week somebody new would step up, and I hope this year I can step up more often.”

The 3-1 morning-line favorite in the race is Hurrikane Kingcole, who starts from post one with driver Brett Miller. The winner of last year’s Meadowlands Pace consolation in 1:47.3, Hurrikane Kingcole comes into the race off a fifth-place finish in the Meadowlands Maturity. The 7-2 second choice is defending Dan Patch champion Rockincam.

Hoosier Park’s Saturday card will receive expanded coverage from HRTV. Post time for the card is 5:30 p.m. (EDT), with the Dan Patch scheduled to go at 9:30 p.m. A \$25,000 guaranteed superfecta will be available with a minimum bet of 10 cents.

Up The Credit Brings Two-Race Streak To Indiana

Carl Jamieson’s journey to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame might get sidetracked temporarily by a trip to Indiana.

The Hall of Fame will introduce its 2013 inductees at a wine and cheese reception on Friday at Toronto’s Woodbine Racetrack. The 62-year-old Jamieson, who was elected to the Hall of Fame in the driver/trainer category, would be among those honorees except for the fact he plans on Friday to drive his horse Up The Credit to Hoosier Park for Saturday’s \$200,000 Dan Patch Invitational for older pacers.

“Everything hit at the same time,” Jamieson said. He is making sure to clear his calendar for the Aug. 15 induction ceremony.

Up The Credit is one of the horses responsible for helping Jamieson achieve Hall of Fame status. Now five, the horse won the 2011 North America Cup and was named Canada’s best 3-year-old male pacer. That same season, Jamieson’s Warrawee Needy was voted best 2-year-old male pacer.



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Up The Credit

WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

Friday, May 24

All times listed are local.

8:05p Moh3 **SBOA** 3FT final

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8:45p Moh5 **SBOA** 3FP final

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Saturday, May 25

7:30p YR2 **Rooney** 3CP elim

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8:50p YR6 **Rooney** 3CP elim

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9:10p YR7 **Open** Pace

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9:30p HoP11 **Dan Patch Inv.** Pace

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Sunday, May 26

8:57a* FT_SD7 **Elitlopp** elim

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9:25a* FT_SD8 **Elitlopp** elim

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11:45a* FT_SD13 **Elitlopp** final

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3:40p Ph110 **Betsy Ross** Mares Pace

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4:20p Ph112 **Maxie Lee Mem.** Trot

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Warrawee Needy, a 4 year old who last weekend finished second by a nose to Sweet Lou in the Meadowlands Maturity, was among the horses considered for the Dan Patch Invitational, but Jamieson was concerned about the horse’s schedule and thought Up The Credit a viable replacement.

Up The Credit is coming off consecutive wins in the condition ranks at Woodbine, with his most recent being a 1:48.3 triumph that equaled the second-fastest mile of the season. Warrawee Needy also has a 1:48.3 victory this year, which came in the preferred at Woodbine on May 4.

“He went a big trip and did all the work himself on the front,” Jamieson said about Up The Credit’s last race. “He’s a very nice horse. He’s on top of his game. I think he’s coming into his own right now.”

Up The Credit did double duty last season, breeding and racing, and was limited to eight starts because of a leg injury in November. He returned to action in April and has won two of six starts. For his career, the son of stallion Western Terror and mare Cantbuymehappiness has won 12 of 40 races and earned \$1.25 million.

Up The Credit will start from post nine in the 10-horse field with Trace Tetrack handling the driving.

“Nothing is easy, that’s for sure,” Jamieson said. “Everything has to work right to win. It’s not always about speed, you need luck too. There are some good horses in this race. But so is he.” (HRC)

Arch Madness Taking Third Shot At Elitlopp

Arch Madness is now 9 years old and taking what might be his last shot to capture the Elitlopp, the most prestigious one-mile race in European trotting. Last year he finished second and might have won the race if not for getting locked in without racing room in the homestretch.

This year will be the third Elitlopp appearance by Arch Madness, owned by Barry Goldstein's Willow Pond LLC and Marc Goldberg. In 2011 he won an elimination and then performed poorly in the final when he tied up. This year he goes into the Elitlopp after suffering a tying up episode a few days before the Oslo Grand Prix, which forced trainer Trond Smedshammer to scratch the trotter.

"It happens when you travel," said Smedshammer of the tying up affliction. "We just had to get him back on his own schedule. That's the key with him."

Last year Brian Sears, who regularly drove Arch Madness, was in the sulky for the Elitlopp. In 2011 Bjorn Goop drove the horse in the race.

This year Smedshammer will be aboard and he realizes this might be the last chance for Arch Madness in the race, and he's happy about drawing post position one in their elimination.

"We're going to go down swinging," he said of his strategy with Arch Madness, who has 31 career wins and \$3.7 million in earnings.

Smedshammer was planning to fly to Stockholm and arriving Friday morning, with Arch Madness scheduled to arrive in Sweden the same day. The horse has been turned out at a farm in Norway since arriving there to race in the Oslo Grand Prix.

Smedshammer believes that based on form, Sebastian K. is the horse to beat. The Oslo Grand Prix winner is extremely fast behind the gate and has drawn an inside post position, which should put him in great position.

Commander Crowe won last year's Elitlopp by taking the final heat in 1:53.1 after setting a new Swedish record time of 1:51.4 in winning his elimination. He's back to defend his Elitlopp title, but the now 10 year old has not been showing the kind of form he will need to win the race again. Earlier in the month he finished last in the Oslo Grand Prix.

Among the longshots is the U.S.-owned Take My Picture, who is trained by Nik Drennan. After three consecutive wins at Woodbine, including a 1:52.3 performance, he was invited to the Elitlopp.


"His strength as a racing horse is that you can do anything with him," Drennan told the Swedish media. "You can fire him up behind the gate, you can take it easy from the start and give him cover trips, and you can position him outside the



Arch Madness

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leader. He has a very light gait and is fitted with light aluminum shoes at the front. He is very fast, built for high speed."

Jody Jamieson will be driving Take My Picture, who sold for \$35,000 as a yearling, and Drennan thinks his horse is ready for the Elitlopp.

"I believe he has a very good chance of winning," he said. "The travel has not affected the horse. Everything has gone well and he is in top form. He is getting better and better by each race and if he continues like this, we will see a good race."

A European longshot who deserves a look is the Finnish representative Brad De Veluwe, a 5-year-old son of Andover Hall and the Muscles Yankee mare Amazing Ride. Although Amazing Ride is by an American sire and carries American blood, Brad De Veluwe was bred in Finland with frozen semen. His maternal family traces back to Spinster Hanover, whose daughter Pompanette produced Filet Of Sole, Piggvar, and the dam of the top pacing colt French Chef.

Last Wednesday, at the fast Vermo track in Helsinki, Brad De Veluwe took an easy win, and he heads into the Elitlopp with incredible consistency. He has only finished outside the top two once in his career.

Other horses to watch include Nahar, a highly capable force that has mixed breaks with impressive performances

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ELITLOPP

Solvalla track (5/8ths mile); Stockholm, Sweden; Sunday, May 26;
Purse: Total approx. \$965,000 (with \$454,000 to the final heat winner);
Distance: 1,609 meters (1 mile); Post Time final heat: 11:35 am (EDT)

FIRST ELIMINATION; Post Time: 8:55am (EDT)

| No.—HORSE (Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam) | Driver |
|---|--------------|
| 1—NESTA EFFE (6h, Naglo*-Etna Sec-Viking Kronos) | R. Vecchione |
| 2—TAKE MY PICTURE (6g, Classic Photo-Habit's Lady-Muscles Yankee) | J. Jamieson |
| 3—TIMOKO (6h, Imoko*-Kiss Me Coulonces-And Arifant) | J. Verbeeck |
| 4—FORMULA ONE (6h, Yankee Glide-Ferrari Of-Credit Winner) | B. Goop |
| 5—RAJA MIRCHI (6h, Viking Kronos*-Dame Lavec*-Quito de Talonay) | L. Kolgjini |
| 6—SHAQ IS BACK (6h, Credit Winner-Vivica Hall-Victory Dream) | D. Reden |
| 7—FRICTION (5h, Scarlet Knight-Hermit Lady-Express Ride) | S. Melander |

SECOND ELIMINATION; Post Time: 9:22am (EDT)

| No.—HORSE (Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam) | Driver |
|---|----------------|
| 1—ARCH MADNESS (9g, Balanced Image-Armbr Archer-SJ's Photo) | T. Smedshammer |
| 2—COMMANDER CROWE (10g, Juliano Star-Somack-Mack Lobell) | M. Abrivard |
| 3—SEBASTIAN K. (7h, Korean-Gabriella K-Probe) | A. Svanstedt |
| 4—BRAD DE VELUWE (5h, Andover Hall-Amazing Ride-Muscles Yankee) | T. Korvenjos |
| 5—MACK GRACE SM (7h, CC's Chuckie T-Ambro Grace SM-Armbr Goal) | R. Andregretti |
| 6—NAHAR (8g, Love You*-Mahonny Broline-Joie De Vie) | R. Bergh |
| 7—PANNE DE MOTEUR (5h, Credit Winner-Jalopy-Donerail) | O. Kihlstrom |
| 8—AMARU BOKO (6h, Cocktail Jet-Sue Boko-Yankee Glide) | J. Kontio |

*American-bred and/or blood:

- Naglo (Coktail Jet-Nuclear Lill, by Nuclear Kosmos)
- Imoko (by Viking's Way, by Mickey Viking-Bonefish)
- Viking Kronos (American Winner-Conch)
- Juliano Star (Buvetier d'Aunou, by Royal Prestige)
- Korean (Dahir de Prelong-Calmness, by Robespierre-Pavesca Hanover)
- Love You (Coktail Jet-Guilty Of Love, by And Arifant-Amour d'Anou, by Speedy Somolli)
- Coktail Jet (Quouky Williams-Armbr Glamour, by Super Bowl)

throughout his career. During the winter the horse was purchased by Henrik and Daniel Sedin, twin brothers who star in the NHL for the Vancouver Canucks.

Last Saturday at the Gavle track in Sweden, Nahar turned in the fastest Swedish time of the year for a one-mile race, 1:52.1, and that earned him an instant invitation to the Elitlopp. That same day the Sedins played on the Swedish national team which beat Finland in the World Cup hockey tournament. Robert Bergh, who trained Adrian's Chip for former NHL player Peter Forsberg, trains Nahar.

The Swedish fan favorite Maharajah was invited to the Elitlopp and entered, but on Thursday he was scratched because of inflammation in a hind leg.

Stefan Hultman, who trains Maharajah, said the horse's condition "is not serious but we do not under any circumstances want to risk anything. We care about our horses, they are our friends and it is our responsibility to take good care of them as we possibly can." — *By Kathy Parker*

This Weekend's Guaranteed Pools

There are 10 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 as well as a \$25,000 guaranteed superfecta on the Dan Patch Invitational Pace on Saturday at Hoosier Park.

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Strong Fields For Betsy Ross, Maxie Lee

Owner Howard Taylor hopes Economy Terror can return to be a feared force among female pacers this season.

The 4-year-old Economy Terror is among eight horses in Sunday's \$250,000 Betsy Ross Mares Invitational at Harrah's Philadelphia. The field includes Anndrovette, who was voted harness racing's best older female pacer in 2012 and 2011, as well as defending champion Royal Cee Cee N.

Economy Terror was named the sport's best 2-year-old filly pacer in 2011 when she won eight of 11 races, earned \$926,520 and became the fastest 2-year-old filly ever on a five-eighths-mile track by capturing the Three Diamonds Stakes with a 1:50.3 mile at Harrah's Philadelphia.

Last year, Economy Terror won five of 15 races, including the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship, and earned \$438,040. She finished the season No. 5 on the money list for 3-year-old filly pacers, but had only one victory outside of the sire stakes circuit.

"It was a financially successful year, but it wasn't exactly what we were hoping for," said Taylor, an attorney and restaurateur from Philadelphia. "I'm hoping she steps up and regains the stature she had at (age) two. She's a thrill to own. She's a great mare and maybe a little underappreciated in her career."

Taylor shares ownership of Economy Terror with Edwin Gold and Chuck Pompey. She is trained by Chris Oakes and starts the Betsy Ross from post one with driver Matt Kakaley. She is winless in two starts this season, but is coming off a second-place finish to Betsy Ross contender Feeling You in the preferred on May 19 at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said Taylor, who added that Economy Terror tied up in her first start this year, a fourth-place finish in the preferred. "It should be a great race. It shapes up as a real chess match.

"(Post one) is not an ideal post, but she can get off the gate pretty good. Hopefully she can settle in second or third and let them go at it."

Taylor, who won the Maxie Lee twice with Buck I St. Pat, is looking for his first win in the Betsy Ross.

"I've had horses in the race a couple times, but never went in feeling comfortable that I had a chance to win it," Taylor said. "This time, I do."

Sunday afternoon's 14-race card also includes the \$250,000 Maxie Lee Memorial Invitational for older trotters. The Maxie Lee field includes Sevruga, who is coming off a win in the Cutler Memorial on May 18 at the Meadowlands, and multiple-stakes-winners Wishing Stone and Uncle Peter, along with He's Spooky, owned in part by Taylor.

He's Spooky is co-owned by Lincoln University's L.A. Express Stable, Wilmington's Rojan Stables and New York's Allen Kaplan. He's Spooky has won five of 16 races this year and earned \$83,270. The 6-year-old horse has 18 career wins and \$349,424 in purses.

"He's a nice horse, but a notch below the top ones," Taylor said. "Anything can happen in a horse race, especially with a lot of speed outside. If they mix it up and come back to him he could get a piece of it." (HRC)

\$250,000 BETSY ROSS MARES INV. PACE

Harrah's Philadelphia, Sun., May 26, Race 10, Post Time: 3:40 pm

| Post—Horse | Driver/Trainer | Odds |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------|
| 1—Economy Terror | M. Kakaley/C. Oakes | 9-2 |
| 2—Drop The Ball | C. Callahan/R. Croghan | 8-1 |
| 3—Marie's ZTam | G. Brennan/G. Garcia-Herrera | 12-1 |
| 4—Romantic Moment | D. Miller/J. Takter | 10-1 |
| 5—Anndrovette | T. Tetrick/P. Fraley | 2-1 |
| 6—Rocklamation | Y. Gingras/R. Burke | 4-1 |
| 7—Feeling You | T. Buter/A. Buter | 5-1 |
| 8—Royal Cee Cee N | R. Pierce/M. Harder | 8-1 |

\$250,000 MAXIE LEE MEMORIAL INV. PACE

Harrah's Philadelphia, Sun., May 26, Race 12, Post Time: 4:20 pm

| Post—Horse | Driver/Trainer | Odds |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------|
| 1—Ice Machine | C. Callahan/W. Carroll | 15-1 |
| 2—Uncle Peter | D. Miller/J. Takter | 5-1 |
| 3—Blacktuxnwhitesocks | G. Brennan/T. Smedshammer | 8-1 |
| 4—He's Spooky | E. Carlson/M. Hall | 10-1 |
| 5—Wishing Stone | Y. Gingras/R. Burke | 7-2 |
| 6—Opening Night | Jo. Campbell/Ji. Campbell | 8-1 |
| 7—Sevruga | A. Miller/J. Miller | 5-2 |
| 8—Modern Family | T. Tetrick/D. Bier | 4-1 |

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ONES TO WATCH

Stakes action on the holiday weekend gets underway early on Friday with four divisions of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes for 3-year-old trotting fillies at Harrah's Philadelphia, with a 12:40 p.m. post time.

In Race 1, **Fashion Athena** will make her second start of the season after finishing third in the opening PASS round last week at The Meadows. **Mistery Woman** and **Classic Martine** square off in Race 3 again, with Mistery Woman getting the best of Classic Martine in the first PASS leg. **Thistle Dhu** and defending PASS champion **Frau Blucher** have drawn in against each other again in Race 5. Last week at The Meadows Frau Blucher started from posts eight but still won by two lengths over Thistle Dhu. In the last division, Race 9, **Curtsy Hanover** and **Defiant Donato** will also face each other again. In the opening PASS round they finished on the wire together, with Curtsy Hanover having a neck advantage at the wire in 1:54.1.

PASS 3-year-old trotting colts race at The Meadows Friday night. In Race 1, **Major Athens** and **Spider Blue Chip** are two notables, while Race 3 will feature **Dontyouforgetit** and the 2012 Peter Haughton Memorial winner **Aperfectyankee**, who will be making his first start of the season. Also, in Race 4, **Celebrity Maserati**, a son of Andover Hall-Arlanda Hanover with a mark of 1:53, puts his three-race winning streak on the line.

Friday night at the Meadowlands, Race 2 and Race 3 feature New Jersey-sired 3-year-old colt and filly trotters, respectively, with the fast **Miss Steele** (1:53.4) in Race 3. Also on the card, watch Race 11 (estimated post time of 10:35 p.m.) when **Swan In A Million** and **Hot Shot Blue Chip** make their first starts of the season against **Lexis Amigo**, **From Above**, **Tall Cotton** and **Harbor Point**. Also, the 3-year-old Andover Hall filly **Handover Belle** skipped the PASS to race in an overnight at the Meadowlands. Trained by Tony Alagna, she won last year's Kentuckiana Stallion Stakes at Indiana Downs and finished third in the Peaceful Way Stakes to Bee A Magician and To Dream On.

North of the border, Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association (SBOA) eliminations for 3-year-old fillies of both gaits were held last weekend at Woodbine, but the finals shift on Friday night to Mohawk. Leading the way in the

\$162,765 final for 3-year-old filly trotters is reigning O'Brien Award winner **Bee A Magician**, who equaled her career mark of 1:53.4 in her 2013 debut in her SBOA elim. Bee A Magician, listed at 1-1 on the morning line, will leave from post three for driver Rick Zeron and trainer Nifty Norman.

Mach Pride, who wrapped up his stellar freshman season last November with a career-best 1:51.4 victory in the \$300,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final, makes his season debut on Saturday night at Mohawk in a \$25,000 Open for 3-year-old pacers. The pride of Michigan owner Jerry Mijal, Mach Pride comes into the year off honors as runner-up in divisional O'Brien Award voting to Captaintreachorous. Anthony MacDonald drives Mach Pride on Saturday from post one.

On Saturday night, in addition to the Dan Patch Invitational, Hoosier Park is carding several divisions of Indiana Sires Stakes for 3-year-old pacers. Among those set to compete is **Nitro**, who takes a mark of 1:51.4 and a five-race winning streak into his split. The son of Charley Barley was developed by the late Jerry Smith and although now trained by Ron Burke, Smith's daughter Christine Hecht still shares ownership of the colt.

The Saturday night Meadowlands card features 3 year olds competing in New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS) and in overnights, plus some notable 4 year olds. In Race 1, the Western Ideal-Lush Limbaugh colt **Word Power** will make his first career start off of a 1:51.4 win in qualifier on May 18 at the Meadowlands. He'll be taking on **Caution Signs**, who won in 1:50.2 on the previous Saturday at the Big M, but starts from post 10 in this race.

In NJSS action, **Jerseylicious**, who was handed her first defeat in nine starts this year the previous week when she started from post 11, will be battling in a short six-horse field this time out. There are two divisions of 3-year-old colt pacers (Race 5 and Race 11) while in Race 12 the Linda Toscano-trained **Heston Blue Chip** and **Bettor's Edge** help comprise a five-horse race.

Several tracks will be racing Memorial Day, including Scioto Downs, which will play host to Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old colts, both trotters and pacers.



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KY Panel Approves 6-Month Mare Residency Rule

The Kentucky Standardbred Advisory Panel on Thursday morning approved by a vote of 3-1, with one abstention, changes to regulations regarding the state's breeding industry, including mare residency rules that will open up its Sires Stakes program to horses sired by stallions in other states.

While the enabling legislation has already been signed by Gov. Steve Beshear, final wording and parameters of the regulation still needed to be formulated by the Advisory Panel, and then approved by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, before going back to the Legislative Review Commission for final approval.

Thursday's vote approved rules that will allow the progeny of mares who have resided in Kentucky for six months or more to have Kentucky Sires Stakes eligibility. There was earlier discussion of having a five-month residency, but State Sen. Damon Thayer, who sponsored the bill, asked that the time period be six months.

Also, the new regulations will provide that \$25,000 be awarded in each division of the Sires Stakes finals to the owner of the stallion(s) that sired the first, second or third-place finisher while standing within Kentucky at the time of conception. The bonus system calls for a first-place prize of \$15,000, a second-place prize of \$7,500, and a third-place prize of \$2,500.

"I have no problem supporting this regulation," stated Sen. Thayer

The Advisory Panel consists of Walnut Hall Ltd.'s Alan Leavitt, Kentuckiana Farms' Ken Jackson, breeder Dr. James Sautter, The Red Mile president Joe Costa, and Kentucky Harness Horseman's Association president Bob Stewart, who was represented at Thursday's meeting by executive director Gabe Prewitt.

Kentucky Horse Racing Commission deputy director Marc Guilfoil said he hopes the full board of directors of the commission will give its approval at its June meeting so that it could be presented to the legislature by July 15. If approved, the revamped program would see its first 2 year olds on the track in 2017.

Breed To Woodstock, Help Tornado Victims

Sugar Valley Farm in Delaware, Ohio, wants harness racing to help the victims of the tornado that hit Moore, Oklahoma, on Monday, killing at least 24 people, including nine children.

"Sugar Valley will donate a breeding to our pacing stallion Woodstock if the full stud fee is paid up front, and the proceeds will go to those affected by the destruction of the Plaza Towers Elementary," said Sugar Valley's Joe McLead, who operates the farm with Billy Walters.

Woodstock, a son of Rocknroll Hanover, stands for a fee of \$2,000 and his foals will be Ohio eligible. If the mare

does not get in foal, she can be bred back the following year at no charge.

For more information contact Sugar Valley Farm at (740)363-5618.

Winning Mister Best In Pennsylvania

The "Best of 2012" awards were handed out Wednesday night (May 22) by the Keystone Chapter of the U.S. Harness Writers' Association, and leading the way as Pennsylvania's "Horse of the Year" was Bob Key's Winning Mister 1:51.3 (\$1,108,874), the millionaire and FFA trotting star who established track records at every Pennsylvania harness track—and six track records in all.

Last year alone Winning Mister, also bred by Key and trained by Rich Gillock, took 13 victories at Pennsylvania tracks in open, preferred, and FFA competition, and earned more than \$318,000 in that racing season.

A stakes winner at both two and three, he won 24 open and FFA events from ages four through six and won 32 times in 1:55 or faster, 11 times in 1:53 or less. "The horse's raw speed is what I think sets him apart from the rest," said Key. "And what's so important to racing in Pennsylvania, he had tremendous ability to get around the turns on the five-eighths mile tracks very handily, and carry his high speed throughout the mile."

The son of Angus Hall is from the American Winner mare Winning Missbrenda, making him a three-quarter brother to Key's World Champion filly Win Missy B 3,1:52 (\$1,568,286). Winning Mister now stands his first season at stud at Lindwood Farm in Pennsylvania at a fee of \$4,500, \$4,000 for multiple mares.

Data Shows Tough Conditions In Illinois

Data gathered recently from Illinois horsemen shows that the cost of putting a horse on the racetrack has increased dramatically even as money earned has dwindled. The Illinois Harness Horseman's Association (IHHA) also says that the General Assembly's inability to pass legislation to help horse racing grow in the Prairie State has further hurt an industry that employs nearly 30,000 people. Horsemen say that purse amounts (or income) have dropped so low that many individuals and families have been forced out of business or out of the state altogether.

IHHA President Dave McCaffrey says that general maintenance for horses has gone way up. "The price of hay alone is up 300 percent since 1995," he said. "Grain prices have increased greatly as well. The price for hoof care and many veterinary costs has increased as much as 800 percent. The price of a new race bike has risen 1000 percent."

McCaffrey also says that in 2011 horsemen raced for less than half of the prize money that there was 20 years ago. And that means their paychecks are smaller.

"I realize that most businesses face rising costs, but most businesses don't encounter the inverse relationship we're

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having with our revenues and expenses," he said. "The amazing thing is that our problems are all remediable. Most states that have horse racing have passed laws to help the labor intensive horse industry. Illinois hasn't and as a result many agri-business jobs are leaving."

The cost of doing business has gone up by 1,000 percent in some cases while purse account levels have dropped by almost 600 percent.

The IHHA says that horsemen competing in other states like Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Delaware race for purses that are four times higher than in Illinois. Legislatures in those states have allowed race tracks to install slot machines to boost purse levels which in turn attract the best horses and horsemen in the country, many of them from Illinois.

"We've watched other states move forward and diversify so they can continue to aggressively compete," said horseman Bernie Paul from Oregon, IL. "But the Illinois horse racing industry is still operating as if nothing has changed in 20 years. It's a shame because horsemen here are losing their jobs. They're losing their family businesses and it doesn't have to be that way. Horseracing can be just as successful here as it is in Indiana or Pennsylvania or New York." (Mack Communications for the IHHA)

Colonial Owner Wants To Sell Track

Jacobs Entertainment, which owns Colonial Downs, has pitched MTR Gaming to buy its Virginia track. According to a report in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Jeffrey P. Jacobs, chief executive officer of Colorado-based Jacobs Entertainment Inc., which operates casino properties in Colorado and Nevada and other gaming holdings in Virginia and Louisiana, made an unsolicited offer to sell the family-owned Jacobs Entertainment to MTR Gaming Group Inc., which owns Scioto Downs and Mountaineer Racetrack.

The report states that the sale proposal calls for Jacobs Entertainment to receive shares of MTR Gaming common stock with a market value of \$144.5 million. That would be after the distribution of the MTR Gaming stock that Jacobs Entertainment already owns — which is roughly 18.3 percent, according to a regulatory filing.

Gingras Leads Grand Circuit

Yannick Gingras continued to extend his lead in the Grand Circuit driving standings as he posted 37.5 points this past weekend in Grand Circuit action at Meadowlands Racetrack and Woodbine Racetrack.

Gingras was in the winner's circle at the Meadowlands behind Sweet Lou in the \$100,000 Meadowlands Maturity for 4-year-old pacers and finished in a dead heat for second with Wishing Stone in the \$180,000 Arthur Cutler Memorial for older trotters.

Then on Monday night at Woodbine, Gingras steered Maven, who lowered the Woodbine track record and equaled the Canadian record for older trotting mares by scoring in 1:52 in her \$29,100 division of the Miss Versatility Series.

Maven came first-over around the final turn and marched past One More Ginny down the stretch en route to a comfortable 3-1/4 length score.

Ron Burke added 27.5 points to his leading Grand Circuit training totals thanks to his win with Sweet Lou in the Meadowlands Maturity and the share of second with Wishing Stone in the Cutler. Julie Miller picked up the 20 training points for winning the Cutler with Sevruga, while KDM Stables added the 20 points awarded to the winning owner.

Complete recaps of the weekend races are available at the Grand Circuit website.

Grand Circuit Standings: In 2013, the Grand Circuit leaders in three categories (driver, trainer and owner) will be tracked on a points system (20-10-5 for the top three finishers in divisions/finals and 10-5-2 for the top three finishers in eliminations/legs). Hanover Shoe Farms is the sponsor for the 2013 Grand Circuit awards.

Here are the leaders following the past weekend:

Drivers: 1. Yannick Gingras – 359.5; 2. Tim Tetrick – 239; 3. Brian Sears – 159.5; 4. David Miller – 101; and 5. Andy Miller – 95.

Trainers: 1. Ron Burke – 383.5; 2. PJ Fraley – 83; 3. Mark Harder – 73.5; 4. Jimmy Takter – 62.5; and 5. Amber Buter – 57.

Owners: 1. Burke Racing – 90.15; 2. Weaver Brusceci – 87.45; 3. KDM Stables Corp. – 60; 4. Joie De Vie Farms – 45; and 5. Our Horse Cents Stable – 44.7. (Grand Circuit)

Saratoga Mutuels Supervisor Will Hit 90

Next month, Saratoga Casino and Raceway will celebrate the 90th birthday of a team member who has been part of the company since 1946. Charlie Hoffman, Mutuel Supervisor, began working at the harness track 67 years ago. His career started at the \$2 show window, part-time for only the summer seasons, and later became year-round as racing expanded. After retiring from the U.S. Postal Service, Hoffman continued to work for Saratoga Casino and Raceway, climbing the ranks. He has been a full-time employee since 2007.

"I kept saying I wanted to stay here until I was 90 years old," he said. Hoffman accomplishes that goal on June 25. With the big day around the corner he says, "My wife keeps telling me I'm either going to die at the track or on the golf course."

Hoffman's career at Saratoga Casino and Raceway has spanned most of its history, as the Saratoga Harness Track first opened just five years prior to his start, in 1941. He has seen the track transition from the days of figuring out odds

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by hand, to current technological advances including online wagering through the SaratogaBets platform, and simulcast racing. Hoffman's memories from over the years are enriching and entertaining for both other team members and racing customers alike. He is a very valued member of Saratoga Casino and Raceway's team.

"He has an incredible work ethic and is here if there's anything needed of him. Charlie is probably the best example here of our Signature Service standards. He just really believes in top notch customer service," said Don Braim, Senior Vice President of Racing Operations. "He's very well respected. He's trained in almost every position in that department and excels at dealing with any problem."

Hoffman will be taking time away from the track for his 90th birthday, to go golfing. Bill McQuiston, Mutuel Manager at the harness track, will be taking him. They have worked together since 1974, when Hoffman got McQuiston the job.

"He's doing exactly what he wants to do," Braim said. "I wouldn't be surprised if he hadn't taken time off and was working here at the casino on his birthday, because he would still be doing what he loves." (*Saratoga Casino and Raceway*)

Pat Crowe Reminisces About Mohawk

When Mohawk Racetrack opened its doors for another season Thursday night, it did so for its 50th straight year. The oval has been a Campbellville fixture since April 26, 1963. Pat Crowe, who will forever be known as the conditioner of, arguably, the greatest pacer of all-time, Cam Fella, captured the inaugural race when he guided David Hal B across the wire first for trainer Carman Brown.

The \$600 purse, for 3 and 4 year olds who were non-winners of \$3,000 lifetime, was captured in a mile time of 2:09.1. David Hal B paid a handsome \$25.80 to win as a longshot.

"I remember the race very well," admitted Crowe, who, at the time, was 25 years of age. "He (David Hal B) was just a cheap horse, but he got the job done that day. It's pretty amazing how things have changed since then."

Crowe look back fondly on the days of Mohawk in the early 1960s.

"The atmosphere was just amazing. The place always had a terrific turnout of people and it was a fun place to be at," he said. "We didn't race for very much money, but we were just as competitive back then as they are today."

"I remember it was a very big deal when it was built. A five-eighths oval wasn't popular back then," Crowe continued. "We usually raced on half-mile tracks and I remember when Keith Waples qualified Blaze Pick in 2:00. It was the first 2:00 mile and that was really something to see back then."

Over the past 50 years, racing has changed dramatically according to the veteran horseman.

"It's much more of a business nowadays compared to then," he offered. "Back then, trainers drove all their own

horses and the owners were involved for the love of the sport, not really to get rich. They enjoyed watching their horse race every week and coming to the track."

In contrast, Crowe says the horsepeople of the sport are much the same today as it was decades ago.

"As for us horsemen, it was like family. We saw one another pretty much every day, so we all became friends," Crowe said. "Don't get me wrong, we were very competitive on the track, but off the track we were all pretty close."

"It's pretty amazing how the times have changed. Training bills were about \$250 a month and you could pay a groom \$50 to paddock four horses," Crowe said with a laugh.

The winning drivers on the opening program were: Pat Crowe, Gord Kingston, Sibley Nott, Herb Stewart, Elden Turcotte, Ken Galbraith, Ted Turcotte Jr., Martial LeBlanc and James Holmes. (*WEG*)

Woodbine Casino Nixed By Toronto Council

On Tuesday, Toronto City Council voted by a count of 24-20 to support a motion introduced by Councillor Mike Layton to oppose expanding the current gaming offerings at Woodbine Racetrack.

Woodbine Entertainment Group issued the following statement: Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) is disappointed with today's vote by Toronto City Council against expanded gaming at Woodbine, which threatens the province's entire horse racing industry. Now, WEG is looking forward to working with the Premier, her staff, the Horse Racing Industry Transition Panel and the new Acting Chair of the OLG to seek a solution.

"We are shocked and disappointed by Toronto City Council's actions, which have put thousands of jobs at risk. Despite the fact that a majority of Torontonians supported expanded gaming at Woodbine, council rejected an opportunity to protect 7500 existing jobs in Toronto and tens of thousands more throughout the province," said Nick Eaves, President and CEO of WEG. "Now, with all those jobs in jeopardy, we need to get this right and look forward to continuing the dialogue with Premier Wynne to ensure they are not lost."

Since the province's cancellation of the Slots at Racetracks Program and throughout the Toronto casino debate, WEG has consistently warned that without the long-term, sustainable revenue offered by expansion of the existing gaming facility at Woodbine, its horse racing operations – and, by extension, the entire sector – would be at risk.

"Woodbine is vital to the horse racing industry and thousands of people in communities across Ontario whose livelihoods depend on it," Eaves said. "We are deeply concerned that Council's decision may open the door for a competing casino in a neighboring municipality, which

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could be devastating to our operations, to our core business and to horse racing in Ontario.

“Premier Wynne, who is also the Minister of Agriculture, has indicated that horse racing will be part of Ontario’s new gaming strategy going forward. With this in mind, we want to work with her to ensure that horse racing and the 55,000 jobs it supports across this province have a viable, sustainable future.”

Woodbine Racetrack will still be able to offer both live horse racing and the gambling offerings which currently take place within its OLG-operated gaming area. Although, Toronto Council will not support the recommendation of Mayor Rob Ford’s Executive Committee that called for expanded gaming at the location in the form of table gaming with live dealers.

The Tuesday meeting/vote was not expected to even take place, as Mayor Ford tried to cancel the meeting late last week. Although, 24 city councillors reversed Mayor Ford’s decision to cancel the scheduled meeting/vote by signing a petition that forced the meeting to take place as initially planned. The petition was filed with the City Clerk’s office on Sunday, May 19.

A potential downtown Toronto casino would have been located in the ‘C1’ gaming zone under the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp.’s gaming modernization plan. Woodbine Race-

track is located within the ‘C2’ gaming zone. Therefore, Toronto City Council could have voted against a downtown casino, yet still vote for expanding gambling at Woodbine due to the fact that the locations are in different gaming zones.

While addressing Council just after 11 a.m., Mayor Ford had introduced a motion for the City of Toronto to not support a new downtown casino in the C1 Zone, but to support gaming expansion at Woodbine Racetrack, located within the C2 zone.

Citing the Province of Ontario’s refusal to ensure that the City of Toronto would receive \$100 million annually in hosting fees for a downtown casino, Mayor Ford said, “I will not support a casino that is not in the best interests of Toronto.”

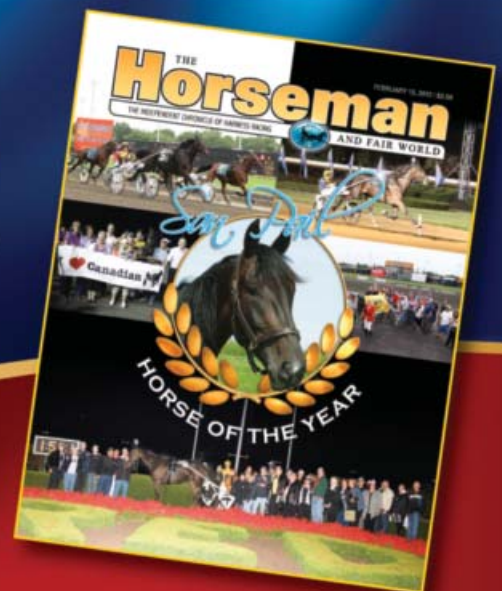
Ford, who was previously a driving force in support of downtown casino expansion, stated that the City of Toronto and the private sector would be the entities taking the risk in making a downtown Toronto casino a reality, not the Province of Ontario. In his address to Council, Mayor Ford added that, “The province wants money for nothing.”

Mayor Ford’s motion endorsed casino gaming expansion at Woodbine Racetrack. He stated, “There should be (gaming) tables at Woodbine” and that “There should be a full casino at Woodbine.” *(with files from Standardbred Canada)*

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| | Sts. | W | P | S | Earnings |
|--------------------------|------|---|---|---|-----------|
| Razzle Dazzle (6pg) | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | \$303,750 |
| Feeling You (6pm) | 11 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 261,950 |
| Versado (6pg) | 18 | 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) | 13 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 193,750 |
| Sevruga (5tg) | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 190,100 |
| Modern Family (4th) | 13 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 168,650 |
| Something For DoC (5pg) | 14 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 166,300 |
| Anndrovette (6pm) | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 166,250 |
| Casimir Jitterbug (6pg) | 13 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 145,695 |
| Camille (5pm) | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 118,700 |
| Greystone Ladylike (4pm) | 15 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 116,459 |
| Warrawee Koine (7pm) | 15 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 115,750 |
| Warrawee Needy (4ph) | 8 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 115,650 |

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

| | Sts. | W-P-S | UDR | Earnings (wk. diff) |
|-----------------|-------|-------------|------|-------------------------|
| Brian Sears | 903 | 234-157-137 | .406 | \$3,752,977 (\$260,450) |
| Tim Tetrick | 1,165 | 218-175-158 | .316 | 3,190,237 (281,884) |
| Corey Callahan | 1,554 | 299-204-210 | .310 | 3,119,874 (86,237) |
| Yannick Gingras | 780 | 161-130-116 | .349 | 2,840,416 (376,228) |
| Matt Kakaley | 1,116 | 182-162-172 | .295 | 2,826,321 (234,031) |
| George Brennan | 943 | 156-164-113 | .302 | 2,774,822 (207,470) |
| Ron Pierce | 1,376 | 208-189-183 | .272 | 2,767,026 (171,275) |
| David Miller | 1,049 | 154-165-145 | .280 | 2,374,389 (213,785) |
| Dave Palone | 965 | 258-144-100 | .385 | 2,003,398 (160,414) |
| Andy Miller | 958 | 132-133-121 | .257 | 1,945,632 (189,874) |
| Jason Bartlett | 881 | 95-95-107 | .208 | 1,741,983 (118,115) |
| Jody Jamieson | 825 | 149-137-90 | .309 | 1,677,395 (107,623) |
| Eric Goodell | 686 | 83-96-80 | .238 | 1,601,562 (79,370) |
| Scott Zeron | 711 | 123-84-86 | .279 | 1,593,891 (80,340) |
| Eric Carlson | 1,189 | 99-133-144 | .186 | 1,522,403 (62,180) |

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

| | Sts. | W-P-S | UTR | Earnings (wk. diff) |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|------|-------------------------|
| Ron Burke | 1,466 | 375-222-173 | .379 | \$5,225,068 (\$450,255) |
| Rene Allard | 767 | 183-133-72 | .366 | 1,771,730 (96,804) |
| Mark Ford | 656 | 84-85-82 | .242 | 1,358,994 (92,416) |
| P.J. Fraley | 353 | 69-56-50 | .331 | 1,295,177 (91,175) |
| Richard Moreau | 583 | 121-97-92 | .353 | 1,187,368 (45,439) |
| Tony O'Sullivan | 294 | 51-52-32 | .308 | 1,016,279 (53,592) |
| Gilbert Garcia-Herrera | 364 | 76-53-50 | .335 | 975,445 (51,935) |
| Michael Hall | 399 | 82-65-55 | .342 | 925,726 (31,015) |
| Mark Harder | 232 | 47-25-38 | .317 | 811,694 (66,722) |
| Amber Buter | 295 | 57-49-34 | .324 | 770,181 (44,225) |
| Scott Di Domenico | 264 | 53-38-31 | .320 | 758,919 (66,649) |
| Julie Miller | 187 | 36-32-23 | .329 | 645,985 (110,295) |
| Erv Miller | 317 | 63-42-42 | .317 | 633,643 (63,332) |
| Josh Green | 244 | 60-31-29 | .356 | 610,166 (0) |
| Carmen Auciello | 361 | 42-46-33 | .218 | 608,733 (24,096) |

Leading Breeders

| Breeder | Starters | Winners | Wins | Earnings |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|------|-------------|
| Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. | 800 | 428 | 858 | \$7,919,953 |
| Winbak Farm | 751 | 349 | 638 | 5,309,097 |
| Brittany Farms | 226 | 120 | 266 | 2,475,860 |
| Perretti Farms | 252 | 118 | 233 | 2,189,497 |
| Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par | 203 | 95 | 197 | 1,956,138 |
| White Birch Farm | 120 | 64 | 138 | 1,392,323 |
| Walnut Hall Limited | 171 | 81 | 162 | 1,240,900 |
| Perfect World Enterprises | 130 | 73 | 126 | 1,167,823 |
| Frederick Hertrich III | 121 | 65 | 157 | 1,147,519 |
| Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. | 131 | 68 | 145 | 1,144,397 |
| Arlene & Jules Siegel | 124 | 65 | 137 | 1,136,679 |
| Peter Pan Stables Inc. | 97 | 44 | 98 | 1,013,680 |
| Robert McIntosh Stables Inc. | 110 | 52 | 110 | 944,035 |
| Seelster Farms Inc. | 123 | 61 | 124 | 871,617 |
| Steve Stewart | 96 | 50 | 113 | 863,434 |

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for May 15-21 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

| Drivers | Starts | W-P-S |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| Yannick Gingras | 60 | 20-13-8 |
| Bruce Aldrich Jr. | 74 | 18-14-11 |
| Aaron Merriman | 57 | 16-7-5 |
| Matt Kakaley | 79 | 16-11-11 |
| George Napolitano Jr. | 75 | 15-8-5 |
| Brian Sears | 55 | 14-11-11 |
| Jim Morrill Jr. | 54 | 14-10-6 |
| Allan Davis | 54 | 12-7-3 |
| Brad Forward | 50 | 12-4-3 |
| Dave Palone | 51 | 12-5-5 |
| Jim Marohn Jr. | 58 | 12-11-11 |
| George Brennan | 58 | 11-7-6 |
| Daniel Dube | 48 | 10-3-11 |
| Mike Simons | 43 | 10-0-9 |
| Ray Fisher Jr. | 42 | 10-2-5 |
| Ronnie Wrenn Jr. | 57 | 10-7-8 |
| Tim Tetrick | 67 | 10-12-9 |
| Tony Hall | 61 | 10-12-9 |
| Trace Tetrick | 61 | 10-9-12 |
| Trevor Henry | 32 | 10-5-6 |
| Gary Mosher | 39 | 9-4-7 |
| Kevin Wallis | 22 | 9-5-2 |
| Michael Oosting | 47 | 9-13-7 |
| Tony Morgan | 56 | 9-4-11 |
| Victor Kirby | 61 | 9-8-4 |

| Trainers | Wins |
|-------------------|------|
| Ron Burke | 27 |
| Rene Allard | 11 |
| Chris Oakes | 6 |
| Virgil Morgan Jr. | 6 |
| Anette Lorentzon | 5 |
| Bob Gruber III | 5 |
| George Teague Jr. | 5 |
| J.D. Perrin | 5 |
| Jimmy Takter | 5 |
| Jose Godinez | 5 |
| Joseph Offutt | 5 |
| Karen Garland | 5 |
| Kent Sherman | 5 |
| Newton Sheridan | 5 |