

French Sensation Bold Eagle Taking On World's Best Sprinters

The \$750,000 Elitlopp is set for Sunday at the Solvalla track in Stockholm, Sweden. With the draw for the Elitlopp held one entire week before the race, there was time for plenty of buzz to develop.

This year's race is all about the match-up of the French superstar Bold Eagle, who is known for both his stamina and speed, and Sweden's best, which is mostly the American-bred sextet of Nuncio, Cruzado dela Noche, D.D.'s Hitman, Propulsion, Delicious, and the U.S.-based Resolve.

The European media has christened the first elimination as the toughest, and it certainly is overloaded with talent. This is where Bold Eagle will start from post 5. Inside of him will be D.D.'s Hitman, winner of Finland's Finlandia Cup, and the tough Lindy Farms-bred mare

Delicious, who in 2015 missed the Elitlopp due to an infection and has since battled gastric ulcers since a trip to France to compete. Then, starting from post 8, will be Resolve, who was edged by Nuncio in last year's Elitlopp.

Markus Myron, the director of racing at Solvalla, explained the seeding of the heats to Sweden's Trav Ronden magazine. He said the process begins with staff ranking the horses.

"Had it just been to rank the horses, it would have been easy, but then we come to this that some horses have the same trainer and that some will have the same driver, and thus the horses will end up in different heats. Then we also have the national perspective. It is not fun to have eight Swedish (representative) horses in the same heat and eight international in the other. After doing all of these things, it is important to get a split that is as smooth as possible and I think that we have done this."

The first four finishers from each heat will advance to the final. Post positions for the final are determined mostly by a horse's finish in his elimination as the heat winners draw for the right to pick their post first, then the second-place finishers, and so on.

Bold Eagle goes into the Elitlopp as a two-time winner of the Prix d'Amerique. With an especially resounding triumph in this year's edition of the race in late January, he is a big favorite to win. Since the Prix d'Amerique he has been racing and breeding, which is unusual for American horses but quite normal for a top French trotter.

Bold Eagle's trainer, Sebastien Guarato, told ParisTurf his horse is ready for the Elitlopp and has kept the same training schedule despite the fact that the Elitlopp is considered a

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"Maybe he is even better in the second heat."

—Sebastien Guarato, trainer of Bold Eagle

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Bold Eagle

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ELITLOPPET—SUNDAY, MAY 28

Solvalla track, Stockholm, Sweden; Distance: 1,609 meters (one mile);

FIRST ELIM HEAT—Race 9; Post Time: 9:22 am (EST)

Post—HORSE
(Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam) Trainer/Driver

- 1—**SPRING EROM**
(12h, Gentle Star-Springflickan-Prince Mystic) Dan Widegren/Christoffer Eriksson
- 2—**D.D.'S HITMAN**
(6h, Donato Hanover-Dedee's Destiny-Muscles Yankee) Petri Puro/Ulf Ohlsson
- 3—**DELICIOUS**
(8m, Cantab Hall-Ipsara L.B.-Lemon Dra) Daniel Reden/Orjan Kihlstrom
- 4—**TJACKO ZAZ**
(5g, Crazy-Kinoras Zaz-Angus Hall) Timo Nurmos/John Campbell
- 5—**BOLD EAGLE**
(6h, Ready Cash-Reethi Rah Jet-Love You) Sebastien Guarato/Franck Nivard
- 6—**CRUZADO DELA NOCHE**
(5h, Muscle Massive-Alidade- Credit Winner) Stefan Melander/Bjorn Goop
- 7—**TAKETHEM**
(7h, From Above-D'Cherie-New Quick) Steen Juul
- 8—**RESOLVE**
(6h, Muscle Hill-Anikawiesahalee-Credit Winner) Ake Svanstedt

SECOND ELIM HEAT—Race 10; Post Time: 9:49 am (EST)

No.—HORSE
(Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam) Trainer/Driver

- 1—**UP AND QUICK**
(9h, Buvetier d'Aunou-Fichtre-Quiton du Coral) Franck Leblanc/Franck Nivard
- 2—**TWISTER BI**
(5h, Varenne-Lorraine Bi-Lemon Dra) Jerry Riordan/Christoffer Eriksson
- 3—**PROPULSION**
(6h, Muscle Hill-Danae-Andover Hall) Daniel Reden/Johan Untersteiner
- 4—**NUNCIO**
(6h, Andover Hall-Nicole Isabelle-Lindy Lane) Stefan Melander/Orjan Kihlstrom
- 5—**IN VAIN SUND**
(5h, Revenue-Star Yasmine-Supergill) Daniel Reden/Erik Adielsson
- 6—**TIMOKO**
(10h, Imoko-Kiss Me Coulonces-And Arifant) Richard Westerink/Bjorn Goop
- 7—**DANTE BOKO**
(7g, Going Kronos-Margherita Rosa-Abo Volo) Lufti Kolgjini/Adrian Kolgjini
- 8—**ELIAN WEB**
(5h, Like A Prayer-E.L. Dolly-Conway Hall) Katja Mekko/Janne Soroneni

sprint by European trotting standards, a distance of one mile instead of the longer distances especially common in France.

"You can say that he is good and nice," said Guarato. "The important thing is to keep him in that condition now."

Guarato also shared that he thinks Bold Eagle is at his best when he goes more than one heat, as will be required to win the Elitlopp.

"He is better when properly warmed up. Maybe he is even better in the second heat," Guarato told Paris Turf.

Bold Eagle was scheduled to fly from Deauville, France, to Stockholm on Friday morning. The American-based Resolve flew from Newark to Landvetter airport in Gothenburg, Sweden, landing Tuesday morning, about 12 hours after a suspicious package forced an evacuation of the terminal at

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Friday, May 26

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- 7:40p Mea9 **Currier & Ives** 3FT div. [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 9:00p M6 **N.J. Sires Stakes** 3CT [Trackmaster PPs](#)
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All the races this weekend from the Solvalla Racetrack in Sweden, including Sunday's Elitlopp, can be seen at www.maharajah.se. At the top right of the homepage, click the TV box and it will send you to a screen with English commentary.

Sunday's Elitlopp elims are scheduled for 9:22 a.m. and 9:49 a.m. (EDT). The Elitlopp final is scheduled for 11:38 a.m. (EDT).

Sweden's second-largest airport. Resolve was one of six trotters that flew from the U.S. to Sweden. The others, all entered to compete on the Elitlopp card, are Jimmy William, JATO, Non Stick, Tech Titan and Mountain Of Love, who was recently sold and will now race for trainer Bjorn Goop.

When asked who he feared in the Elitlopp, Guarato naturally told Paris Turf the other French horses entered cannot be dismissed. They include Timoko, winner of the 2014 Elitlopp, and Up And Quick, who captured the 2015 Prix d'Amerique.

While some may think this year's Elitlopp field is one of the most exciting ever for the race, others are quick to remind that the 1988 edition featured Mack Lobell, Peace Corps and Florida Jewel on the wire and Mack returned in '89 but was defeated by Napoletano, and in 2000 the great Varenne broke stride and the race was won by Victory Tilly in world-record time. (In 2002, Victory Tilly won the Nat Ray Trot at the Meadowlands in 1:50.4, beating Varenne's world race record and Pine Chip's time trial mark.)—By Kathy Parker

Career Winding Down, Campbell Set To Savor Sweden

John Campbell has made several trips to Sweden during his Hall of Fame career, including his 1988 journey when he captured the Elitlopp with Mack Lobell. And while he will likely continue traveling overseas for the trotting classic in his new duties as president of the Hambletonian Society, his trip this year will mark his final time as an active driver.

Earlier this year, Campbell announced he would be retiring as of July 1 and taking the helm of the Hambletonian Society from the retiring Tom Charters. Campbell's last drive will actually come on July 30 as he honors a prior commitment to compete in Clinton Raceway's Legends Day race.

Campbell and his wife, Paula, flew to Sweden Thursday, where he simply won't be a tourist. Campbell has a couple of drives on Saturday at the Solvalla racetrack and then on Sunday he is listed on seven horses, including a mount in the Travronden Speedrace, a 640-meter contest, and behind the Swedish-based Tjacko Zaz in the Elitlopp.

Tjacko Zaz will start from post 4 in the first of two Elitlopp eliminations, taking on a field that includes two-time Prix d'Amérique champ Bold Eagle and the U.S.-based Resolve.

"I don't know much about him other than what I've read," Campbell told HarnessRacing Weekend Preview about Tjacko Zaz Tuesday morning (May 23), shortly before he was scheduled to tee off in the Standardbred Retirement Foundation golf outing. "He has the fastest mile in Sweden (1:51.4) so he

If Campbell's Elitlopp earnings with Mack Lobell alone were added to his driving statistics, he would be above \$300 million for his career, which is set to end on July 30.

definitely has speed. And as a driver that's something you're always looking for is speed. He is inexperienced at that top level of competition so he is definitely not going to be one of the favorites. But it does show he has ability.

"To tell you the truth, I'm just thrilled to be in the race,"

he continued. "My last year driving and to get a chance to race in the Elitlopp one more time, that's very special for me. I've been busy and now looking forward to this trip to Sweden. I think it will work out very well."

The U.S. Trotting Association (USTA) records show Campbell with an all-time record \$299,714,035 in earnings, and with just a couple of months left in his sulky career, it appears reaching the \$300 million level is unattainable. However, the stats for the 62 year old do not include any European earnings, and if those were included he would be well above the \$300-million mark. His earnings with Mack Lobell in the 1988 Elitlopp alone would put him past the mark.

According to Anne Chunko of the USTA's Information and Research department, the USTA only adds European earnings to a horse's record if that horse returns to race in North America. However, at no time does a driver or trainer get credit for those earnings.— *By Gordon Waterstone*



Takter In Sweden With Jimmy William

A pair of Jimmy Williams will be at Solvalla Racetrack on Elitlopp day on Sunday. On Tuesday (May 23), the 4-year-old trotter Jimmy William flew across the Atlantic on a plane also carrying Elitlopp starter Resolve, where he will eventually be joined by trainer and the stallion's namesake, Jimmy William Takter, and his wife, Christina.

Trainer Takter will start Jimmy William in a 4-year-old open race, the same event the Hall of Fame conditioner captured in 2014 with Corky and last year with Pinkman. While Yannick Gingras drove Pinkman to that victory, Takter has enlisted his brother, Johnny, to direct Jimmy William on Sunday. It was Johnny who was in the sulky behind Corky for the 2014 victory.

Jimmy William has gotten off to a fast start in 2017, winning four of five starts. After a debut win in an overnight at the Meadowlands on March 25, Jimmy William has won three times at Yonkers, including a career-best 1:55 effort last time out on May 19 in a \$27,000 contest. The only blemish for the son of Cantab Hall this year came when he made a break while holding a two-length lead at the three-quarters on April 14.

"I have to try and support the sport a little bit. Jimmy William has been racing really good at Yonkers," Takter explained of sending Jimmy William to Sweden. "That plane going over, it has seven or eight seats, and it costs almost \$200,000."

(The company of Sweden's Karl Bender, who races horses in North America under Bender Sweden, is sponsoring the flight.)

Jimmy William is out of the prolific mare Solveig, making him a half brother to standout trotters Shake It Cerry, Uncle Lasse, Dontyouforgetit and Solvato.

Jimmy William will leave from post 3 in Race 13. Also in the field is Milligan's School, who earned \$539,726 in two years of racing in North America for trainer Julie Miller. Stefan Melander, who won last year's Elitlopp with Nuncio and the 2001 Hambletonian with Scarlet Knight, purchased Milligan's School last fall. John Campbell, who drove Nuncio for owner Melander (and trainer Takter) to wins in the 2014 Kentucky Futurity and Yonkers Trot, will drive Milligan's School from post 6.

Starting from post 9 is Love Matters, also a former Takter trainee. A winner of \$433,823 over his first two years of racing stateside, Love Matters is now owned solely by Bengt Agerup's Stall Zet, after previously sharing ownership with Christina Takter, John Fielding and Herb Liverman. Daniel Reden now trains Love Matters.— *By Gordon Waterstone*

Enggren To Watch Resolve Start From Post 8 In Elitlopp

Hans Enggren, a native Swede but longtime resident of the United States, has won America's trotting classic, the Hambletonian, but he is still hoping for a victory in Sweden's greatest race, the Elitlopp.

Enggren won the 1985 Hambletonian with Prakas, a colt he bred and co-owned. Last year his top free-for-all trotter Resolve, who is based in the U.S., finished a fast-closing second to Nuncio in the Elitlopp. Resolve has been invited again, again as the U.S. representative because he races in America, but he drew post position 8 in his elimination, which also includes the highly-respected French trotter Bold Eagle.

Enggren, now 87, made the trip to Stockholm last year for the Elitlopp but after having surgery in February, he's staying at home this year. His son, Donn, accompanied him to the Solvalla track last year and will return to represent his father.

"Going to Stockholm is just too tough a trip for me," said Enggren. "It was hard for me last year when I went. It was much easier to go to Yonkers to see him win the International!"

Even though he won't be at the track to watch the Elitlopp, Enggren is understandably already excited about the race.

"I couldn't sleep last night (Tuesday, May 23) so I got up and turned on my computer for the races at Solvalla, and the first thing I see is a plane landing in Sweden, and it



Mike Luzzi Photo

Hans Enggren

says, 'Resolve and company land in Sweden,'" Enggren shared. "I got to see my horse coming off the plane at 3 o'clock in the morning!"

The only thing that has dampened Enggren's enthusiasm a bit is Resolve's starting post position in his Elitlopp elimination heat: the dreaded outside 8.

"Of course there is nothing you can do," said Enggren. "It is very difficult to win from the eight. If he comes in first or second in his heat, he can choose a good post for the final. Ake (Svanstedt) will obviously try to follow the right horse.

"He didn't have a very good trip in last year's Elitlopp and yet he was coming very strong at the end and almost won," Enggren added.

Mostly, Enggren said he wants his horse to return to the U.S. healthy.

"I'm having so much fun watching him!" — By Kathy Parker

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Melander Offers Insights About His Horses Nuncio, Cruzado Dela Noche

Nuncio, the defending Elitlopp champion and winner of the 2014 Kentucky Futurity and runner-up to Trixton in the Hambletonian, was lucky to be seeded so he does not face the French sensation Bold Eagle in an Elitlopp heat.

Some might say this is especially good since Nuncio has not shown his best form thus far this year. Nuncio was on a 16-race winning streak until April 1, when he finished second to Kadett C.D. in a leg of Sweden's Olympic Trot. In the final he was even worse and was unplaced, but then he bounced back with a third-place finish on May 10 at Solvalla.

Nuncio is owned and trained by Stefan Melander, who won the 2001 Hambletonian with Scarlet Knight and today oversees one of the largest stables in Sweden. So does Melander think Nuncio is ready for another Elitlopp victory?

"With Nuncio we have been unlucky this season; last year everything turned out well for us," said Melander via email. "In the final in the Olympic Trot he made a break; the driver, Orjan Kihlstrom, he said that Nuncio was a little bit too hot, maybe because he used the horse to much from the start in the race before.

"In his last start he was good," Melander continued, "but it was very slow speed in the beginning of the race, and very fast last 700 meters. He trotted :54.1 the last 800 meters (one-half mile). The problem for me is, Nuncio has not had enough races this year, and he needs to wake up, and I am little worried about his form. But in training Nuncio felt strong, and I'm satisfied with him. We hope for the best on Sunday."

Nuncio's breeder, Russell Williams, the new president of the U.S. Trotting Association and chairman of Hanover Shoe Farms, will be at Solvalla for the race.

Melander has another Elitlopp contender in Cruzado dela Noche. Owned by Anders Strom's Courant AB, Cruzado dela Noche was trained by Nancy Johansson in the U.S. during his 2- and 3-year-old seasons and earned \$256,702 and took a



Prior to becoming a trainer, Stefan Melander worked as an award-winning professional photographer so he loves to stage a photo for the media. Here he poses with his Elitlopp contenders Cruzado dela Noche (left) and Nuncio.

Stallize/Photo/Simon Hagen Photo

mark of 1:53.3f. At two he finished third in the Peter Haughton Memorial final and was a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes winner.

Melander began racing Cruzado dela Noche early last year for Strom and going into the Elitlopp the horse has seven wins in 18 starts, with his triumph in the May 14 Copenhagen Cup earning the invitation to the Elitlopp.

"Cruzado dela Noche has been stronger during the winter," said Melander of the 5-year-old son of Muscle Massive. "We trained him a lot, not fast, but many miles in slow speed. He has been very good every start, and he has been better and better, and I think he will do a great race on Sunday, and I think he will go to the final. Cruzado dela Noche was a good horse in the U.S., but I felt like he could be better in the future. We have not seen the best of him yet."

And what does Melander think of Bold Eagle? Is he afraid of the French superstar?

"He is a very good horse, and he has done several great races in Vincennes, but a five-eighths mile track (Solvalla), and two heats the same day will be a new experience for him. But afraid, no!" — By Kathy Parker



Stallize/Adam Strom Photo

Anders Strom visited Cruzado dela Noche after the son of Muscle Massive won the Copenhagen Cup on May 14. Strom bought Cruzado dela Noche as a yearling for \$28,000 from breeder Hanover Shoe Farms.

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Downbytheseaside Odds-on In Rooney Final

Ohio-based trainer Brian Brown has come out guns a blazin' in 2017 with his star 3-year-old colt pacers Downbytheseaside and FearThe Dragon who are both undefeated in five combined starts.

Downbytheseaside, who won his Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) debut on May 6 at The Meadows, was taken off the circuit by Brown to instead race in the Art Rooney at Yonkers Raceway, where he made last Saturday's elimination his second win in a row.

Reunited with regular driver David Miller for the first time this year, Downbytheseaside overcame the trailing nine post in the elim to score the 1:52.2 victory. In the open draw for Saturday night's \$300,000 final, Downbytheseaside landed post 3 and is installed the 6-5 morning-line favorite.

"I didn't like the nine but I liked the fact that I was following Funknwaffles, who I thought was the horse I had to beat," said Brown about the elimination. "I didn't expect them all to leave as much as they did, and I didn't expect to pace the second quarter in :26 and a piece ourselves to get to the front. But I would have much rather had the nine than the seven or eight hole."

"With an open bridle he is much more manageable this year."

-Brian Brown about Downbytheseaside

Brown is ecstatic about drawing post 3 for the final.

"I like where we are at. I think it's a good spot," said Brown. "Of course you want the rail, but I didn't really have to have the rail. If you

have the rail and they come flying out of there and they start crowding down on top of you, it doesn't give you a lot of room going into that turn. I think we are fine where we are. I texted David (Miller) yesterday when I heard and he just said, 'Very good.'"

Brown said changing to an open bridle has helped settle Downbytheseaside, and he also added the anti-bleeding medication Lasix.

"With an open bridle he is much more manageable this year," said Brown. "David can take him off and race him out of a hole this year; last year you would try but sooner or later you had to go because you just couldn't handle him any longer. Now, I think he can handle it pretty good.

"He bled one time training last year and I didn't want to take any chances. He seems a little dehydrated so I have to watch it, but he came out of this last race pretty good."

\$300,000 ART ROONEY 3CP FINAL

Yonkers Raceway, Saturday, May 27, Race 8, Post Time: 9:36 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Mac's Jackpot	J. Bartlett/J. Campbell	9-1
2—Miso Fast	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	4-1
3—Downbytheseaside	D. Miller/B. Brown	6-5
4—Rollin About	B. Holland/E. Miller	20-1
5—Funknwaffles	B. Sears/J. Butenschoen	6-1
6—Summer Side	T. Tetrick/R. Schnittker	8-1
7—HenryThe Dragon	M. Teague/C. Francis	8-1
8—Stealth Bomber	B. Miller/T. O'Sullivan	12-1

As for FearThe Dragon, he is perfect in three attempts, including a statement-making win over reigning divisional champ Huntsville in a PASS split on May 21 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 1:49.1. The time was easily the fastest by a 3-year-old pacer thus far in 2017.

"After the race I was pretty excited, but it doesn't take long to come back down to the ground," said Brown. "When you have 73 other ones at home and you wake up in the morning and the phones and texts....you come back to earth pretty quick."

Brown said he plans on starting both Downbytheseaside and FearThe Dragon in the North America Cup eliminations on June 10 at Mohawk. While Downbytheseaside will get a two-week break, FearThe Dragon will make another PASS appearance on June 1 at Harrah's Philadelphia.

"FearThe Dragon always got second billing, but early last year, David thought he was the best one," said Brown. "And at one time he showed he was the best one but I always thought Downbytheseaside would turn out the better one.

"They were pretty close, but they are so much different horses. Seaside is bigger and stronger, but tougher to drive, where FearThe Dragon is smaller and quicker, but easy to drive."

Brown said he remembers TV and radio personality Casey Kasem's signature closing phrase: "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars."

"It's really fun and exciting to be in this position," said Brown. "I can't say I've had these kind of horses before, but I've had some nice horses and things go wrong. I tell my owners to not make any decisions on emotions, whether it's good or bad, and I'll try to do the same.

"Just stay on the ground and let the horses race. All I can say is that I will let the horses do the talking, but I like where I am at right now." — *By Gordon Waterstone*



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Molson Pace On Tap At Western Fair

The 2017 edition of the \$150,000(C) Molson Pace, slated for Friday at The Raceway at Western Fair District, will feature some of the sport's top free-for-all pacers.

One of the new faces joining this year's field is Bit Of A Legend N, who will make his first trek to Canada for trainer Peter Tritton. The New Zealand-born son of Bettor's Delight will line up from the coveted rail with regular pilot Jordan Stratton in the bike.

"The draw couldn't have worked out any better," Tritton said from his home base in Pine Bush, N.Y. "I think most trainers would want the rail and now it's up to the horse to deliver."

"I think it's an excellent-looking field. I wouldn't say there is a standout and that should mean a great finish."

—Peter Tritton

Tritton, a native of Australia, has spent more than 15 years in the U.S. and will also be making his first trip to Canada.

"It's something I'm definitely looking forward to it," he said. "There have been a few times in the past I've meant to come, but it never worked out. My family and I are looking forward to the trip."

The veteran conditioner, who races primarily at Yonkers, has found a strong niche for recruiting horses from Down Under that fits his program in New York. Standout horses that have found their way in the Tritton barn include Moss Dale Connor N, Mackenzie N, Texican N and Sell A Bit N, just to name a few.

"I've been very fortunate to have a great relationship with agent Peter Larkin for the past 35 years," Tritton said. "He recruits the horses and I'll go ahead and look them up with owner Harry Von Knoblauch. He knows the horses have to fit my program at Yonkers and we've had quite a bit of success over the years."

Bit Of A Legend N is one horse that Tritton has become very fond of since arriving on North American soil a few seasons ago.

The 35-time winner has more than \$1.5 million earned lifetime and captured the 2016 George Morton Levy Series final against the best free-for-all pacers in North America on a half-mile track. He capped off last season with more than \$723,000 earned.

"I shouldn't say he was a pleasant surprise how good he turned out, because I knew he was very talented," he said. "I just didn't think he'd be this good."

"He's so professional and very easy to drive. He's has just a pleasant horse and his manners are perfect. I can't fault him in any way."

Tritton admits it won't be an easy task on Friday.

"I think it's an excellent-looking field," he said. "I wouldn't say there is a standout and that should mean a great finish. We're looking forward to the experience in Canada." (Western Fair)

\$150,000 MOLSON PACE

Western Fair, Friday, May 26, Race 12, Post Time: 10:55 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Bit Of A Legend N	J. Stratton/P. Tritton	2-1
2—Rockin In Heaven	T. Henry/Dr. I Moore	8-1
3—Clear Vision	B. Miller/J. Lappe	5-2
4—Fool Me Once	D. McNair/R. Moreau	7-2
5—Evenin Of Pleasure	S. Fillion/R. Moreau	10-1
6—Sunfire Blue Chip	M. MacDonald/J. Takter	6-1
7—Rockin Ron	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	12-1
8—Night Pro	B. McClure/D. Decker	5-1

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Trio Of \$150K Invitationals At Philly

The first scheduled showdown between Dan Patch Award champions Pure Country and Lady Shadow in the May 9 Chip Noble Memorial at Miami Valley was scrapped when the former was scratched "sick," but the two power players are again on a collision course in Sunday afternoon's \$150,000 Betsy Ross Invitational at Harrah's Philadelphia.

The Betsy Ross is one of three rich invitationals on the card, joining the \$150,000 Maxie Lee Memorial for older trotters and the \$150,000 Ben Stafford Jr. for older pacers. First-race post time on Sunday is 12:40 p.m.

Lady Shadow, last year's Older Pacing Mare of the Year, capped off her 2016 campaign with wins in the Breeders Crown and TVG finals. The daughter of Shadow Play captured the Noble Memorial on May 8 at Miami Valley in a track-record 1:50.3 in her 6-year-old debut. With a three-week gap before the Betsy Ross, trainer Ron Adams entered Lady Shadow in a May 19 qualifier at Mohawk, which she won in 1:52.4.

Yannick Gingras will drive Lady Shadow, who starts from post 6 in the Betsy Ross.

Pure Country, who won Dan Patch Awards in 2015 and 2016, was supposed to make the Noble Memorial her 2017 debut. Instead, Pure Country started off 2017 in an Open Pace on May 19 at Yonkers, where she finished second as the beaten favorite.

Pure Country and driver Brett Miller will start from post 2 in the Betsy Ross.

A trio of millionaires—Crazy Wow, Charmed Life and Melady's Monet—are set to start in the Maxie Lee Memorial.

The 2-1 morning line favorite, Crazy Wow has finished third in all three starts this year, including the Arthur Cutler Memorial at the Meadowlands. Melady's Monet is already a four-time winner in seven starts this year, but he drew the outside post 8, the fourth time in his last six starts he will start from that spot. As for the mare Charmed Life, she

comes into the race off a win in the May 7 Miami Valley Distaff when she upset the 2016 Older Mare Trotter of the Year Hannelore Hanover and a fourth in a top-class race May 21 at Pocono Downs. After three straight seven holes, Charmed Life landed post 3 in the Maxie Lee.

Also part of the eight-horse field is world champ and 2015 Dan Patch Award winner JL



A win in the \$150,000 Maxie Lee Memorial would send JL Cruze's career earnings to just over the \$1-million mark.

Cruze. JL Cruze, who finished third in the Cutler, comes into the race off a 1:51 win in a May 19 Preferred at the Meadowlands. A victory in the Maxie Lee would send the 6-year-old gelding's career earnings just over the \$1-million mark.

Another Maxie Lee starter is the American-sired, Italian-bred Tuonoblu Rex. Since arriving in the U.S. and entering the barn of trainer Julie Miller, Tuonoblu Rex is three-for-three, scoring victories at the Meadowlands, The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, and Harrah's Philadelphia.

\$150,000 MAXIE LEE MEM. INV. OHT

Harrah's Philadelphia, Sunday, May 28, Race 10, Post Time: 3:40 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—JL Cruze	D. Miller/E. Ell	3-1
2—Taco Tuesday	J. Bartlett/A. Harris	6-1
3—Charmed Life	S. Allard/R. Allard	12-1
4—Springbank Sam N	J. Stratton/P. Tritton	15-1
5—Crazy Wow	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	2-1
6—Odds On Amethyst	P. Hudon	20-1
7—Tuonoblu Rex	A. Miller/J. Miller	7-2
8—Melady's Monet	B. Miller/K. McDermott	12-1

\$150,000 BETSY ROSS INV. OMP

Harrah's Philadelphia, Sunday, May 28, Race 11, Post Time: 4:00 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Sassa Hanover	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	15-1
2—Pure Country	B. Miller/J. Takter	7-2
3—Nike Francon N	T. Tetrick/J. Looney-King	3-1
4—MacKenzie A	J. Stratton/P. Tritton	6-1
5—Medusa	T. Hall/R. Bendis	20-1
6—Lady Shadow	Y. Gingras/R. Adams	2-1
7—Blue Moon Stride	A. McCarthy/M. Harder	20-1
8—Cousin Mary	D. Miller/A. Harris	7-1

\$150,000 BEN STAFFORD JR. INV. OHP

Harrah's Philadelphia, Sunday, May 28, Race 12, Post Time: 4:20 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Missile J	J. Roberts/S. DiDomenico	6-1
2—Rock N'Roll World	J. DeLong/J. Cullipher	7-1
3—Christen Me N	T. Tetrick/J. Looney-King	7-2
4—Mossdale Conner N	J. Stratton/P. Tritton	9-2
5—Jins Shark	B. Miller/I. Waxman	15-1
6—All Bets Off	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	7-1
7—Somewhere In LA	J. Bartlett/R. Banca	5-2
8—Great Vintage	Y. Gingras/J. Takter	12-1

Three millionaires and the double-millionaire All Bets Off will square off in the Stafford.

Somewhere In LA, one of the three millionaires, is the 5-2 program choice from post 7. Somewhere In LA overcame the outside post 8 at Yonkers last time out on May 13 to capture the \$55,000 Open Pace.

New Zealand star Christen Me N, who has a first and third in two starts since arrive in the U.S. into trainer Jo Ann Looney-King's barn, is the 7-2 second choice. The 9-year-old gelding, whose rally from far back last time out at the Meadowlands fella neck short in 1:49, is just \$1,236 from reaching the \$2-million mark in career earnings.

The Sunday program will also feature the season debut of Mel Mara, who took a mark of 1:47 when he upset Always B Miki in a Meadowlands overnight last June. He starts in Race 5, a winner's-over event, and will face a field that includes Split The House and Keystone Velocity, the latter the winner of last month's George Morton Levy Memorial final.—By Gordon Waterstone



Fine Tuned Lady favored in Currier & Ives split

FineTuned Lady was "a model of consistency" last year. John Butenschoen is hoping for more of the same this season. Butenschoen sends FineTuned Lady, a multiple stakes-winner last year, to Friday's Currier & Ives for 3-year-old female trotters at The Meadows. The event attracted 21 horses, which were divided into three \$24,000 divisions. FineTuned Lady is the 7-5 morning line favorite in the first division. [more](#)

NJSS sophomores back in action at Big M

The second leg of the New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS) for 3-year-old trotters and pacers headlines the Friday night card at The Meadowlands leading into the \$100,000 final for each of the four sophomore divisions next Friday. [more](#)

Two year olds qualify at The Meadows

Two year olds were in action Thursday morning over a "sloppy" track at The Meadows, and the results were relayed to harnessracing.com by track announcer Roger Huston. Trainer David Brickell directed a pair of winners himself, winning the events by a combined 40 lengths. [more](#)

Always B Miki to shuttle Down Under

World champion Always B Miki will be shuttling Down Under. The Always B Miki Syndicate has reached an agreement with prominent studs Alabar and Nevele R Stud to ship the pacing stallion to Australia. [more](#)

NY suspends Weiner for "Kratom" positives

The New York State Gaming Commission today indefinitely suspended harness owner, trainer and driver Michael S. Weiner for racing four horses at Monticello Raceway doped with mitragynine, a dangerous drug with performance enhancing and analgesic effects similar to cocaine and morphine. [more](#)

Fourty-four remain eligible to North America Cup

Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) on Tuesday announced that 44 three-year-old pacers will be eligible to enter this year's Pepsi North America Cup. [more](#)

Filion, Steacy honored for Ontario Sires Stakes

As part of the Ontario Sires Stakes season opener on Sunday, May 21, trainer Mark Steacy and driver Sylvain Filion were honored for their 2016 Johnston and Lampman Cup victories. As the three-year-old trotting and pacing colts kicked off the Confederation Cup program at Flamboro Downs, Steacy and Filion were presented with commemorative Citizen Eco-Drive watches from Ontario Racing executive director Rob Cook. [more](#)

Libfeld honored with Canadian building award

Winning awards is something Al Libfeld has done over and over again in the sport of harness racing thanks to the countless champions he's been involved with, but more recently the principal and co-founder of Tribute Communities was honored with the BILD Lifetime Achievement Award. [more](#)

PA Senate OKs bill for online casino gaming

The Pennsylvania Senate has approved legislation that would allow online casino-style gambling in the state. Senators voted 38-12 on Wednesday. The bill, which was just recently unveiled, would make Pennsylvania the first state to allow both its casinos and lottery to take games online. House approval is still required. [more](#)

LBJ winner Michael's Power retired

Michael's Power, who was Canada's Horse of the Year in 2012, has been retired, co-owner Michael Snyder said Monday. The 8-year-old gelding last competed in September 2016. [more](#)

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Harness Racing Leaders

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Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Somewhere In LA (6pg)	16	7	4	2	346,500
Keystone Velocity (9ph)	7	3	0	1	323,000
Mackenzie A (5pm)	8	2	2	1	205,800
Missile J (4pg)	12	7	0	3	184,580
Medusa (6pm)	17	5	2	4	167,260
Soto (5ph)	14	6	0	1	161,950
Freeze Out (4pm)	14	7	3	1	161,640
Red Hot Herbie (7tg)	12	5	0	1	160,200
Caviart Luca (6pg)	13	5	1	2	144,900
Blood Brother (5pg)	16	3	5	2	143,150
Bit Of A Legend N (8ph)	9	2	2	3	138,420
Guantanamo Bay (5pg)	17	4	2	4	137,600
Cousin Mary (4pm)	13	11	1	0	135,000
Mach It A Par (7pm)	11	3	2	2	132,298
Clear Vision (11pg)	13	4	3	3	131,460

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Jason Bartlett	1,054	236-180-151	.367	\$4,695,744 (\$176,335)
Jordan Stratton	937	163-137-137	.304	3,744,504 (197,065)
Matt Kakaley	1,081	153-153-144	.265	3,167,996 (199,512)
Aaron Merriman	1,852	435-303-262	.373	3,128,093 (206,720)
George Brennan	875	101-100-100	.217	2,421,684 (88,415)
Corey Callahan	1,309	235-190-165	.302	2,315,551 (131,379)
Daniel Dube	801	75-90-103	.199	2,162,875 (150,470)
Yannick Gingras	758	157-131-90	.343	2,152,375 (194,833)
Mark MacDonald	775	91-98-91	.227	2,138,568 (135,152)
Tim Tetrick	764	147-104-108	.315	2,084,734 (168,122)
Scott Zeron	781	97-89-101	.231	2,011,724 (120,954)
Trace Tetrick	1,160	249-163-133	.331	1,992,956 (119,789)
Chris Page	1,085	159-126-128	.250	1,602,066 (103,396)
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	1,141	243-208-165	.362	1,594,223 (74,501)
Jim Marohn Jr.	1,042	204-167-138	.329	1,568,831 (65,618)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,348	293-213-182	.350	\$4,111,256 (\$327,846)
Rene Allard	710	157-116-85	.352	2,293,965 (168,827)
Richard Banca	455	76-82-66	.316	1,982,098 (62,535)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	513	82-82-78	.299	1,355,610 (87,833)
Scott Di Domenico	408	76-55-57	.308	1,315,579 (71,785)
Andrew Harris	382	72-59-43	.312	1,203,175 (27,560)
Richard Moreau	522	101-79-79	.328	1,045,054 (52,254)
Rob Harmon	291	56-41-27	.302	833,926 (20,445)
Matias Ruiz	301	45-34-40	.257	751,051 (64,690)
Jeff Bamond Jr.	228	29-27-34	.243	712,063 (48,445)
Peter Tritton	75	17-16-7	.376	689,356 (32,050)
Carmen Auciello	477	56-57-45	.215	687,864 (23,911)
Al Annunziata	355	63-40-45	.282	684,664 (63,468)
Mark Ford	402	43-40-56	.209	677,012 (27,258)
Tyler George	258	75-46-22	.418	632,424 (41,180)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	731	369	719	\$7,446,252
Winbak Farm	690	332	674	5,687,812
Brittany Farms	183	99	217	2,222,507
Seelster Farms Inc.	137	82	202	1,738,040
Perretti Farms	158	91	181	1,719,749
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	134	69	154	1,498,703
White Birch Farm	121	62	126	1,370,951
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	108	59	141	1,311,942
Steve Stewart	108	62	130	1,269,053
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	99	50	102	1,247,092
Bulletproof Enterprises	112	60	133	1,228,468
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	120	54	120	1,083,829
Robert J. Key	80	50	110	1,032,822
CSX Stables	53	35	87	997,223
Frederick Hertrich III	110	64	119	993,353

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for May 17-23 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Aaron Merriman	98	28-15-16
George Napolitano Jr	79	22-7-11
David Miller	74	21-6-11
Bob McClure	54	15-8-11
Chris Page	73	13-6-11
Jim DeVaux	51	13-1-8
Jim Taggart Jr	67	13-13-11
Trace Tetrick	64	13-13-4
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	52	12-3-10
Russell Foster	50	12-5-9
Casey Leonard	35	11-10-4
Tim Tetrick	75	11-9-9
Yannick Gingras	51	11-12-5
Billy Dobson	38	10-7-7
Bruce Aldrich Jr	60	10-15-7
Corey Callahan	73	10-12-7
Josh Sutton	55	10-13-5
Kevin Switzer Jr	46	10-9-8
Matt Kakaley	77	10-9-14
Mike Wilder	47	10-7-6
Steve Wiseman	22	10-0-5

Trainers

Trainers	Wins
Ron Burke	16
Rene Allard	10
Dolores Basilone	8
Heidi Rohr	7
Kathleen Plested	7
Richard Norman	7
C. Brian Loney	6
Jeff Cullipher	6
Jimmy Takter	6
Matias Ruiz	6
Richard Moreau	6
Gary Messenger	5
Jim Campbell	5
Kimberly Asher	5
Pat Lachance	5
Virgil Morgan Jr	5

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
28 Ben Stafford Jr. OHP (Phl) Betsy Ross OMP (Phl) Maxie Lee Mem. OHT (Phl) NYSS/Excelsior 3FT (TgDn) Elitlopp OHT (Solvalla)	29 Memorial Day NYSS/Excelsior 3CT (VD)	30 INSS 3FT final (HoP)	31 INSS 3CT final (HoP) MDSS 3YO finals (RcR) PA Stallion 3CP (Phl)	1 PASS 3CP (Phl)	2 INSS 3CP final (HoP) NJSS 3YO finals (M) NYSS/Excelsior 3FP (Stga)	3 Battle Of Lake Erie OHP (Nfid) Currier & Ives 3CT (Mea) Graduate 4YO Pace (Moh) Graduate 4YO Trot (Moh) INSS 3FP final (HoP) Somebeachsomewhere 3CP (Moh)
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11 Graduate 4YO Pace (TgDn) Graduate 4YO Trot (TgDn) PA Stallion 3CT (PcD) Ocean Downs opens	12 DSBF 3CP (Har) PA Stallion 3FP (Mea)	13 Buckeye Stallion 3FP (ScD) DSBF 3FP (Har)	14 Flag Day DSBF 3CT (Har) DSBF 3FT (Har) Rose OHT (HoP)	15	16 Trimble H&G Pace (HoP)	17 Armbro Flight OMT final (Moh) Fan Hanover 3FP final (Moh) Goodtimes 3CT final (Moh) Mohawk Gold Cup OHP (Moh) North America Cup 3CP final (Moh) OHSS 3FT (Nfid) Roses Are Red OMP final (Moh) Thompson F&M Pace (HoP)
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