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Jimmy Freight Taking A Shot In Somebeachsomewhere

Regardless of what happens in Saturday night's Somebeach-somewhere divisions, Jimmy Freight will not be contesting the Pepsi North America Cup. He is not eligible, and that is what makes him a dangerous presence in his upcoming quest.

With no potential slugfest looming in the Cup, his connections can freewheel in the Somebeachsomewhere at Woodbine Mohawk Park with his probable next start then not coming until the June 23 Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) at that track.

Richard Moreau, the five-time Canadian Trainer of the Year, conditions Jimmy Freight, a three-year-old Sportswriter colt, for owner Ardiano Sorella, perhaps best known for winning the Little Brown Jug with Vegas Vacation. Sorella acquired the horse in the spring without knowing much about the winner of \$150,828 last season.

"I just got a call from Mr. Sorella saying he wanted me to take the horse. I have no idea what happened between him and the previous trainer," said Moreau, who is presently training 50 head, of picking up Jimmy Freight. "It wasn't until I got up behind him that I began to see that he is a lot better than when he trains. He is a little bulldog...like me."

Moreau who is vertically challenged at a towering five-foot tall, is a giant on the racetrack though. Since 2010 Moreau's barn has won over \$2 million per season and right now sits with just under \$1.8 million.

Jimmy Freight will likely play a big role in that. The colt has posted two wins in three appearances, the last coming on May 20 when he produced a spirited 1:51.3 mile around Flamboro Downs in an OSS event. That followed a 3 1/4-length victory in 1:50.1 at Mohawk on May 12.

"The half-mile track is to his advantage. He is just a medium size but has a big stride," says Moreau. "When you see him just jogging along the hobbles look too big for him but when he gets rolling he fills them out."

In Saturday's Somebeachsomewhere split, Jimmy Freight will start from post 7 with Lost In Time in post 3.

"Jimmy is a good horse who earned a shot in this race after the Flamboro mile," added Moreau. "I think he is one of those who will stay sound over the season, in fact I would bet on that. And he's a happy camper which means a lot. Regardless of what happens Saturday, with

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a little bit of luck he will be a horse that makes a lot of money this season."

In addition to his racing performance, Jimmy Freight has an interesting history. He was bred by Alan Eden and Rendell Eden of Conesville, Iowa, and developed in Iowa by the group who recently finished second with Minnie Vinnie in the Art Rooney Pace. The horse was not sold at public auction. Through an agent, Sorella became aware of Jimmy Freight and once a purchase was arranged, the colt moved into Tony Alagana's Stable. After three starts Jimmy Freight was moved to the barn of Anthony Beaton, who once worked for Casie Coleman.

Based on his start for Moreau, it would appear that Jimmy Freight will be a force to contend with in the Ontario Sires Stakes and just maybe a very dangerous starter in his Somebeachsomewhere division.—By Harold Howe

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Pepsi NA Cup Eligibles

The Pepsi North America Cup is nearly here and a total of 55 three-year-old pacers are eligible to be entered in the eliminations scheduled for Saturday, June 9, at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

The final sustaining payment for Canada's richest harness race was due May 15 and payments for 55 of the previously 70 eligible sophomores were submitted. This year's Pepsi North America Cup originally attracted 90 nominations on Feb. 15.

Each elimination on June 9 will go for a purse of \$50,000 and the top finishers will advance to the \$1 million final on Saturday, June 16.

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8:10p Wbsb3 **Graduate 4YO Pace** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
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 9:20p Nfld11 **Battle of Lake Erie Pace** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
 9:30p Wbsb7 **Graduate 4YO Trot** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
 9:50p Wbsb8 **Somebeachsomewhere** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
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Lather Up A Colt To Watch For NA Cup

Ask owner Gary Iles about his 3-year-old male pacer Lather Up and he will tell you, "He's got quite a story, no doubt about it."

The story, which includes a tricky birth and near-fatal illness, begins with a mistake. How it ends is anyone's guess, but the tale has taken another compelling turn with Lather Up a perfect 3-for-3 in 2018 as he prepares for Saturday's Somebeachsomewhere Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park and a trip to the North America Cup.

Iles and his wife Barbara are longtime horse owners from Delaware. The couple is known for their homebred horses, which usually feature a name referencing Iles' former career as a barber.

Lather Up is a son of stallion I'm Gorgeous out of the Iles' homebred mare Pocket Comb. But the Iles intended to breed Pocket Comb to Delmarvalous. A mix up when ordering semen resulted in the now-seemingly serendipitous change of plans, which hinged on Iles' admiration for I'm Gorgeous' sire, Bettor's Delight.

"I really always liked Bettor's Delight and always wanted to breed to him, I just didn't do it," the 79-year-old Iles said. "So that's how we ended up with I'm Gorgeous."

When it came time for Lather Up's birth, there was a complication. Lather Up was in the breech position, which required action from local horsemen Kevin Switzer and Brenda Teague.

"Montrell never popped the ear plugs."

—George Teague Jr.

The two worked together while receiving phoned-in instructions from Switzer's wife, veterinarian Denise McNitt, to prevent a breech birth.

Once on the racetrack last year at age 2, Lather Up won three times on the Ohio Sire Stakes circuit, but got sick as he was preparing for the series championship. He suffered a near-fatal reaction to antibiotics, which landed the horse in the New Bolton Center.

"He really got off to a rocky start," Iles said. "We came very close to losing him. We got lucky; very, very lucky."

Now, though, Lather Up's story involves winning races. The colt, from the Team Teague training stable of George Teague Jr., Brenda Teague and Clyde Francis, made his seasonal debut by beating older horses at Harrah's Philadelphia before a track-



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record 1:50 win in a division of the Ohio Sire Stakes at Miami Valley Raceway. The win at Miami Valley came on a sloppy track following a lengthy delay because of thunderstorms.

Last weekend at Woodbine Mohawk Park, Lather Up prepped for his upcoming stakes engagements by winning in 1:49.1 against older foes. Leaving from post nine, the colt and driver Montrell Teague reached the lead in a :26.1 opening quarter-mile and never looked back, winning by 7-3/4 lengths with a :26.2 final quarter-mile.

"He wowed me," George Teague Jr. said. "I was a little bit surprised, I'm not going to lie to you, with how he did it. Montrell never popped the ear plugs."

Lather Up always showed promise, but steering issues sometimes prevented the colt from peak performance. Teague thinks those issues have been resolved.

"He's much better now," Teague said. "I'm happy with that part. He seems to be controllable and very steerable. We made a couple equipment changes and got lucky and hit the target."

"We always thought he could be this kind of horse if everything went right, but it hasn't always gone right for him. He's a very smart horse, very good gaited. He's got the tools to do some damage in the 3-year-old ranks. He just needs a little luck and to stay sound and healthy."

On Saturday, Lather Up competes in the second of three Somebeachsomewhere Stakes divisions at Woodbine Mohawk Park. If all goes well, a trip to the Pepsi North America Cup eliminations will follow.

"We're excited," said Iles, who lost his broodmare Pocket Comb—the producer of eight six-figure earners in 10 foals—last year at the age of 23. Lather Up was her final offspring. "I'm anxious to see how he does. He's shown a lot of guts and I hope he can continue." —By Ken Weingartner/USTA



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Looking For A French Star

Trainers Ron Burke, Ray Schnittker and Mike Lachance traveled to France this week to purchase French-bred trotters in an initiative between the Standardbred Owners Association of New York (SOANY) and the French trotting authority Le Trot. The horses purchased will be eligible for a rich series of races at Yonkers Raceway.

The trainers are selecting 24 horses for purchase through the initiative, with the price for each horse \$28,000, which includes shipping costs. The horses will be eligible to race without any further entry fee in a series at Yonkers Raceway exclusively for horses brought over in this program with legs carrying a \$30,000 purse and a final for \$100,000.

Burke, Schnittker and Lachance were tapped to select the 24 horses, but they will not be allowed to select any individual horse for themselves or their owners. Once the 24 horses have been identified by the trainers, they will be randomly distributed by public lottery to the 24 entities that have expressed interest in participating in this program.

Joe Faraldo, president of the SOANY, posted the following update about the trip on his Facebook page on Wednesday morning (May 30): "Yesterday team Burke, Lachance and Schnittker flew to the south of France, sat behind 12 (horses), flew back (to Paris), went to dinner at Vincennes (racetrack), received national press coverage and stood for live TV interviews before hitting the sack about midnight.



French horseman Pierre Verduyse (left) discussed horses with Ron Burke.

After the night at Vincennes the revelry call was 6:30 a.m. to catch a two-hour train ride to Argentan in Normandy to go with 12 (horses). A quick bite, the train back to Paris, and now off to a private farm to see three more."

The public draw is tentatively scheduled for Saturday and will be videoed live sometime in the afternoon on the SOA Facebook page.



Lazarus N Arrives At Takter Stable

Lazarus N, considered the best Down Under horse since the immortal Cardigan Bay, has arrived at the Jimmy Takter Stable in New Jersey to begin preparations for a North American campaign that may include an assault on the 1:46 all-time world record set by Always B Miki in 2016.

Lazarus won 35 out of 45 starts in Australia and New Zealand, many on half mile tracks at assorted distances in bulky fields. He won six of eight starts at age two, setting a Southern Hemisphere record of 1:52 9/10ths, with his final quarter clocked in :25.1. A son of Bettor's Delight, Lazarus N is by far the richest son of his dual hemisphere sire with earnings of \$3,821,066.

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After Philly World Record, Will Take Charge Headed To Ohio

Harrah's Philadelphia showcased the sport's best older horses on Sunday, May 27, and the trotters Hannelore Hanover and Will Take Charge used the stage to turn in record-setting efforts.

Hannelore Hanover won a leg of the Great Northeast Series in 1:52.2 and equaled the track record for older mares set 10 years earlier by Buck I St. Pat. The victory by Hannelore Hanover, the 2017 Horse of the Year, came in her first start in 22 days.

Will Take Charge won his first major open stakes when he captured the \$150,000 Maxie Lee Memorial Trot in a world-record equaling 1:50.3. Will Take Charge was moved first-over by driver Tim Tetrick racing to the half and overtook leader Crazy Wow around the final turn, handling a :28 second quarter while engaged in battle. Crazy Wow weakened and then Will Take Charge had to hold off the rally of race favorite Marion Marauder.

The winning time equaled the world record for a gelded older trotter on a five-eighths-mile oval, set by Sevruga in 2013.

Will Take Charge, a son of Kadabra out of Celebrity Angel, is a 5-year-old gelding owned by Mac Nichol and trained by Jeff Gillis. Nichol purchased the horse in November, with Gillis knowing he was getting a horse who had struggled for consistency at age four after finishing second in the Ontario Sire Stakes championships at ages two and three.

"John Bax had the horse before and I knew John liked him and taught him impeccable manners. He also shared that the horse had a blood problem," said Gillis. "We finally found out it involved parasites that we were able to treat effectively."

In addition to treating Will Take Charge, Gillis toyed with equipment changes, adding a head pole inside which he has since taken off, and shoes. The horse has raced in both flip flops and swedges, and had swedges on for the world-record mile in Philly.

Gillis is headquartered in Ontario but has stabled Will Take Charge at the Mark Ford Training Center near Goshen, N.Y., since mid-April. Will Take Charge raced in a couple of overnights at Yonkers before finishing second in the Cutler Memorial at the Meadowlands and capturing a Great Northeast Series leg at Pocono with a last-to-first rally after a few missteps at the start.

"His last race at Pocono, horses just don't do that," said Tetrick. "He did it with the ear plugs in, so I knew he was going to give me a good race today."

Will Take Charge has now won six of 11 races this year and earned \$205,268. His next big events are the Charlie Hill at Scioto Downs on Saturday, June 9, and the Cleveland Trotting Classic at Northfield Park on Saturday, June 30.

"He's eligible to all the big races but that's far enough in advance to plan right now," said Gillis. — *By Kathy Parker*

St Lads Neptune Stepping Up For Big Test In SBSW

The 2018 stakes season is still in its infancy so there's still time to dream. Perhaps that is why Saturday's Somebeachsomewhere stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park attracted 28 entries, thus three divisions.

"I looked over the fields and it looks like lots of people are dreaming," said Jody Jamieson, who will be sending out a youngster he owns a piece of, St Lads Neptune, in Race 8, the second of the three \$60,000 divisions. "But we'll have to be more aggressive on Saturday to see if we should pay the \$8,000 (starting fee) for the Cup."

Jamieson shares ownership of St Lads Neptune with his father, Carl, and Menary Racing Inc. Last year St Lads Neptune, a gelded son of Mach Three, won four in a row before he finished in a dead heat for third, pacing his own mile in 1:51.4, in an elimination for the Metro. He drew the rail for the Metro final but it turned out to be a waste of a good starting position.

"When we raced him in the Metro we found out he was sick," said Jamieson. "That was disappointing because I thought we had a horse that could go with them."

St Lads Neptune will be making just his second start of the season in the Somebeachsomewhere. On May 7 he finished second in a qualifier, pacing his own mile in 1:51.1 with a :25.4 last quarter, and then on May 20 he made his 2018 debut for money and finished second at Flamboro Downs in an Ontario Sires Stakes Gold split.

Those efforts were solid, but in the Somebeachsomewhere St Lads Neptune will be facing Lather Up, who turned heads at Mohawk last week with a 7 ³/₄-length victory in 1:49.1 after starting from post 9.

"It looks like Lather Up is in a class by himself for the Somebeach," said Jamieson. "He looked so good his last start. I was sick to my stomach when I saw he was in our division." — *By Kathy Parker*

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	Wins	27	19	14	23	30	36	19	10	7	2
TROT	Win %	14.4	10.2	7.5	12.3	16.0	19.6	10.7	6.5	6.6	3.7
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	Starts	93	93	93	93	93	92	89	79	67	42
Wins	6	14	10	12	15	21	4	4	6	1	
Win %	6.5	15.1	10.8	12.9	16.1	22.8	4.5	5.1	9.0	2.4	

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USTA Urges Opposition To Legislation

In the June 2018 issue of *Hoof Beats*, USTA President Russell Williams outlined the USTA's opposition to the proposed legislation, H.R.2651, being considered by the U.S. House of Representatives.

We're calling on everyone in the harness racing industry to contact their local legislators to express your opposition to this bill. Read on to find out how and why.

Don't We Have Better Things to Do?

by Russell Williams, USTA president

Proposed House bill H.R.2651 is federal legislation that isn't good for harness racing

State governments, through their racing commissions, have regulated medication in horse racing for about 60 years. The Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017, or H.R.2651, now pending in Congress, would preempt long-established state regulatory authority, add about three new layers of regulation at the federal level, and impose the costs of it all on horse racing.

H.R.2651 proposes a private, independent, self-regulatory, nonprofit corporation to be known as the Horseracing Anti-Doping and Medication Control Authority (HAMCA). HAMCA would be charged with developing and implementing a medication control program for Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, and Quarter Horses. It would operate under the ultimate authority of the Federal Trade Commission rather than the Department of Agriculture.

At the next level down, HAMCA's board would be composed as follows: the chief operating officer of the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), six USADA members, and six members that USADA would appoint. The odds on whether any of the 13 members of this board might have any connection with harness racing are impossible to calculate, partly because at no point has anyone representing harness racing been consulted in the preparation of this legislation, with the possible exception of three harness tracks all controlled by the same person.

H.R.2651 is the brainchild of the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity (CHRI), which alleges failure to finalize an interstate compact on racing medication as the reason this federal legislation is needed. The Jockey Club, along with a number of Thoroughbred entities that The Jockey Club guides for purposes of this legislative enterprise, leads CHRI. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is also a member of CHRI.

Contrary to law and policy existing today in every racing state, H.R.2651 bans all race-day medication. Frank Stronach asked for this as a precondition to the Stronach Group (which owns six Thoroughbred tracks across the country) joining CHRI. This clause in the federal bill would ban the use of furosemide (marketed under the brand names Lasix or Salix). But the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) opposes such a ban, observing that there is no evidence that furosemide either enhances performance or



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masks substances that might do so, and that using the only medication proven to alleviate exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage is simply the humane way to race horses.

Also on the humane front, in the September/October 2017 issue of its magazine, HSUS describes the use of furosemide, the only medication currently permitted on race day, as follows: "Currently, a patchwork of state laws enables trainers to give horses drugs that mask pain, allowing the animals to race even when injured."

As a revealing aside, in April 2018, HSUS condemned anyone who would call for "a heavy-handed government to impose its will from Washington." HSUS used those words in opposing a separate piece of federal legislation. But HSUS evidently supports heavy-handed government in the case of H.R.2651. Unfortunately, by spreading among its many members (HSUS has claimed to have millions of members) an opinion that is unfounded and contrary to the official position of veterinary medicine, HSUS is only darkening the future of all types of horse racing.

The federal bill disregards any differences between the racing models of different breeds. State racing commissions, on the other hand, and the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) do recognize the importance of these differences in regulating racing medication.

Historically, Congress has appropriated federal anti-doping funds and granted them to USADA to help cover the cost of

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drug testing in human sports, which is USADA's sole area of expertise. But H.R.2651 contains no provision for federal funding for HAMCA. Instead, it imposes assessments on state racing commissions as its basic funding mechanism.

HAMCA can also borrow money, and the bill states that assessments on state commissions can be used to liquidate loans. Yet HAMCA gets to determine its own budget, giving it a blank check to impose unlimited new costs on racing.

It is only reasonable to project that the operating costs that HAMCA would impose on racing would be substantial. For example, in calendar year 2016, state racing commission expenditures in Pennsylvania alone exceeded \$16 million. If more money is to be spent, instead of supporting a redundant, inexperienced, and uncontrolled new federal spending organization, we should consider supporting existing medication research as well as any of the other efforts that are already being made to support and improve the sport.

Contact your legislators and ask them to oppose H.R.2651 and any companion legislation that may emerge in the Senate. You can find your representative in the House at www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative and your senator at www.senate.gov/reference/common/faq/How_to_correspond_senators.htm. Click [here](#) for a sample letter you can use to send by email or regular mail to your Congressman/Congresswoman.

Or as an alternative, you are encouraged to call your representative to express your opposition to H.R.2651.

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Yonkers Makes Deal To Sell To MGM

Empire City Casino and Yonkers Raceway were sold Monday (May 28) to MGM Resorts and its real estate company for \$850 million, ending the 46-year ownership by the Rooney family. The sale includes the assumption of about \$245 million in debt.

"Our vision for this property has always been to develop it into one of the world's greatest entertainment destinations," said Tim Rooney, president and CEO of Empire City, in a statement.

Earlier this year MGM announced it was purchasing Northfield Park for \$1.06 billion.

Empire City has 5,222 video lottery terminals. The Rooney family has owned the facility since 1972, and hung on during lean years until VLTs were legalized at New York racetracks and rolled out at Yonkers in 2006 after extensive construction.

MGM, a Las Vegas-based company, is most certainly positioning itself for the day when New York allows full-scale casino licenses in the region as early as 2021, per current state law, as well as New York moving ahead with sports betting in the near future. MGM Resorts said it would pay \$50 million as part of the sale if Empire City is awarded a gaming license by Dec. 31, 2022.

MGM already has a presence in the east. It owns the Borgota in Atlantic City and is set to open a \$1 billion casino in Springfield, Mass., this summer. According to reports, MGM's purchase of Yonkers is expected to close in early 2019.

The Standardbred Owners Association of New York issued the following statement Wednesday morning, May 30:

"The Standardbred Owners Association of New York wishes to congratulate Tim Rooney Sr. and the entire Rooney family on yesterday's announcement of the sale of Yonkers Raceway and Empire City Casino. We have known this day would eventually be upon us and wish to thank the Rooneys for a nearly 50 year partnership that has seen tremendous growth in the New York horse racing industry.

The SOA of NY looks forward to working with our new partners at Yonkers Raceway, MGM Grand, and want to remind all horsemen and our members that Yonkers Raceway will continue to be racing under their stewardship. Our agreements insure that racing will continue through this contract and those to come. The jobs in horse racing and agriculture are important to the New York State economy and we are confident that new management recognizes this."

ONES TO WATCH

The stakes schedule is a little lighter than last weekend, but baby races have been carded so here are a few horses to keep an eye on.

On Friday night at Hoosier Park, Pepsi North America Cup eligible **CINNAMACK** will be starting in Race 10. He has three wins in four starts and a mark of 1:50.3, so this could be an NA Cup preview. Stay tuned for Race 11 because **SHNITZLEDOSOMETHIN**, last year's Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace runner-up, and the Indiana Super Final winner, is favored to win a \$75,000 Indiana Sires final in his second start this season.

At the Meadowlands on Friday night, 2015 Hambletonian winner **PINKMAN** makes his first start of the season in Race 6 for trainer Jimmy Takter. Takter has another horse worth watching in Race 8, the 3-year-old trotting colt **ZEPHYR KRONOS**, a son of the French sire Ready Cash and already a winner in 1:53.3 this season. The Race 8 field also includes the 3-year-old filly trotter **PHAETOSIVE**, runner-up to Manhego in the Breeders Crown, who will be making her first start of the season, and **HAT TRICK HABIT**, who is making his second start for Lindy Farms. He was a stakes winner last season at age two and a 1:54 winner in his only prior start this year.

The Friday night Meadowlands program also includes \$75,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes finals.

Saturday morning, future stars will be on the track in baby races that take place before the usual qualifiers. **BEAUTIFUL SIN**, a Muscle Hill who was last year's most expensive yearling at \$480,000, is entered in Race 1 with Yannick Gingras scheduled to drive for trainer Jimmy Takter and Lennart Agren's SRF Stable. The baby races include offspring from

the first crops by trotting sires Father Patrick and Trixton and pacing sires Captaintreacherous and Sweet Lou.

STAY HUNGRY, last year's Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace champion, will prep for the North America Cup in Race 8 of the Meadowlands qualifiers while Hambletonian hopeful **FOURTH DIMENSION**, the 2017 Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year, is making his first appearance behind the gate this season in Race 9.

On Saturday night, the Woodbine Mohawk card includes three Somebeachsomewhere divisions plus two Graduate divisions for 4-year-old pacers and one for 4-year-old trotters. The Graduate for trotters (Race 7) drew a field of 12, with the mares **BARN BELLA** and **ARIANA G** taking on the boys, and getting a bit of a break by drawing post positions 1 and 2, respectively.

Northfield Park has a big card put together for Saturday night, with the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie the showcase event (Race 11). The field includes **ROCKIN RON**, who comes into the race off of an eight-length romp to victory last Saturday in the Camluck Classic at Western Fair Raceway. With post 2 at Northfield, he's the 3-5 morning line favorite.

The Northfield program includes three \$40,000 divisions of the Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old filly pacers. The Race 7 field includes **QUEEN ME AGAIN**, undefeated this year in three starts for trainer Brian Brown, while defending divisional champ **BAD GIRLS RULE** will start from post 1 in Race 10.

Also competing at Northfield on Saturday night is the sport's warhorse, **FOILED AGAIN**. He's looking for his 100th career victory and will take a shot in Race 8 with Matt Kakaley driving.

On Saturday night at Hoosier Park, **BLAZIN BRITCHES**, last year's Dan Patch 3-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year, makes her 2018 debut in Race 10.



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When patient players wait around for the 10th and final race Friday night at the Meadowlands, they'll have the opportunity to take down almost a quarter-of-a-million dollars in the track's Late 20-Cent Jackpot Super High-Five. The wager, which has a low 15 percent takeout, sports an exact carryover of \$240,774. [more](#)

Physician enjoying his harness horses

Eric Dickson hoped for the past several years to attend the U.S. Trotting Association Driving School, but it never fit the emergency department physician's schedule until now. "This is a little bit of a dream come true," said Dickson, who got started in harness racing less than five years ago and now owns seven horses, including a yearling he foaled at his Massachusetts farm. [more](#)

Grismore Wins 7,000th Race

Northfield Park regular Greg Grismore scored his 7,000th career victory aboard Nehemiah on Tuesday (May 29) night. Grismore and Nehemiah didn't get the easiest of journeys to score the milestone victory. [more](#)

Motorcycle Event Raises Funds For Goshen

The Cradle of the Trotter had some "Rolling Thunder" of its own this Memorial Day weekend as 120 motorcycle enthusiasts helped raise over \$2,000 to benefit Goshen Historic Track and the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame. [more](#)

Hoosier Hosting Cornhole Tourney

Back by popular demand, Hoosier Park Racing & Casino will once again host a Cornhole tournament series as a part of Family Fun Saturdays at the track. Sponsored by the Indiana Standardbred Association, the series will feature a social division and a competitive division. [more](#)

PA Fair Supporter Sue Brickell Dies

Susan Brickell, one of the most stalwart of supporters and workers on the Pennsylvania fair circuit and the winner of the 2008 Mary Lib Miller Award, the highest honor given by the Keystone Chapter of the U.S. Harness Writers Association, passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer in Florida on May 19, one month before her 68th birthday. [more](#)

Ralph Sucee Dies At 63

Longtime Standardbred industry participant Ralph Sucee passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 26, with family by his side at Lakeridge Health Oshawa, Ont., at the age of 63. [more](#)

Ringostarr Treb Wins Elitlopp

Ringostarr Treb, an 8-year-old stallion by the exported American sire Classic Photo, gave American expat Jerry Riordan a coveted Elitlopp victory on a sunny Sunday afternoon at the Solvalla track in Stockholm, Sweden. [more](#)

Doug McNair Drives 3,000th Winner

Doug McNair steered 25-1 longshot Jdcyril to victory in Friday's (May 25) final race at Woodbine Mohawk Park to register his 3,000th career driving victory. [more](#)

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RACE LINES

Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of May 29, 2018

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Hannelore Hanover (16)	6tm	2-2-0-0	\$99,863	291	—
2. Shartin N (8)	5pm	12-10-1-0	418,975	285	—
3. Filibuster Hanover (5)	4pg	4-4-0-0	177,725	259	—
4. Will Take Charge (2)	5tg	11-6-3-1	205,268	160	—
5. Keystone Velocity (1)	10ph	6-2-2-0	320,000	137	—
6. Atlanta (2)	3tf	3-3-0-0	132,056	127	—
7. Rockin Ron	6pg	10-5-2-0	167,750	103	—
8. Manchego (1)	3tf	1-1-0-0	28,240	84	—
9. Ariana G	4tm	1-1-0-0	25,000	77	—
10. Trump Nation	3pc	4-3-1-0	181,766	69	—

Others receiving votes: Bit Of A Legend N 54, Marion Marauder 37, Six Pack 27, Lather Up 25, NF Happenstance 20, Sell A Bit N 17, Dorsoduro Hanover 16, Wes Delight 14, Easy Lover Hanover, Somewhere In LA 11, Mach It So 10, Percy Bluechip 8, Done Well, Lost In Time, Kimberlee, Western Joe 7, Barn Girl, Courtly Choice, Crazy Wow, Jet Airway 6, Blue Moon Stride, Emoticon Hanover 4, Alexa's Power, Always A Prince 3, Agent Q, Dr J Hanover, Elmo Blatch, Pass Line Bluechip 2, Broadway Donna, Evenin Of Pleasure, Fox Valley Gemini, Godiva Seelster, Rockinbeach, Rodeo Romeo, Theresademoninme, Velocity Stifler, Walks Of Life 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through May 29, 2018 (week difference May 23-29).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Shartin N (5pm)	12	10	1	0	\$418,975
Keystone Velocity (10ph)	6	2	2	0	320,000
Bit Of A Legend N (9ph)	8	2	4	1	230,775
Sell A Bit N (8pm)	11	5	2	1	216,450
Will Take Charge (5tg)	11	6	3	1	205,268
Trump Nation (3pc)	4	3	1	0	181,766
Somewhere In LA (7pg)	11	4	3	3	179,920
Filibuster Hanover (4pg)	4	4	0	0	177,725
Rockin Ron (6pg)	10	5	2	0	167,750
NF Happenstance (8tm)	13	8	3	0	140,450

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Jason Bartlett	1,034	201-177-151	.338	\$3,540,067 (\$288,841)
Tim Tetrick	1,022	204-171-133	.336	3,296,743 (488,544)
Jordan Stratton	987	179-161-125	.314	3,248,557 (44,585)
Aaron Merriman	1,689	390-311-238	.380	3,088,268 (129,101)
Trace Tetrick	1,139	243-183-146	.345	2,225,117 (95,480)
Dan Noble	1,066	230-150-134	.336	2,122,913 (122,100)
Corey Callahan	1,045	157-164-148	.285	2,110,530 (201,467)
George Brennan	847	115-106-88	.240	2,080,114 (56,340)
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	1,274	305-195-173	.370	2,066,528 (95,371)
Jim Marohn Jr.	1,077	178-153-144	.289	1,915,849 (76,149)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,351	275-207-158	.328	\$3,973,665 (\$425,552)
Rene Allard	617	136-92-74	.343	2,187,690 (130,089)
Scott Di Domenico	615	102-95-73	.291	1,540,698 (56,303)
Richard Moreau	647	140-103-77	.344	1,403,769 (39,432)
Richard Banca	397	65-65-56	.302	1,210,412 (53,745)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	506	75-62-59	.255	1,103,499 (82,286)
Nick Surick	713	136-114-90	.322	979,801 (48,362)
Jim King Jr.	186	40-30-24	.348	939,720 (122,196)
Jennifer Bongiorno	222	58-31-29	.382	837,374 (66,765)
Carmen Auciello	619	61-61-72	.192	828,385 (47,146)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	709	370	715	\$7,723,448
Winbak Farm	701	359	690	6,182,974
Brittany Farms LLC	173	89	204	2,503,440
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	148	90	179	1,976,319
Perretti Farms	117	76	153	1,520,404
Seelster Farms Inc.	154	83	171	1,399,057
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	111	64	134	1,331,919
White Birch Farm	120	60	119	1,286,523
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	110	64	110	1,216,504
Steve Stewart	132	63	120	1,210,288

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for May 23-29 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
George Napolitano Jr	79	21-11-10
Tim Tetrick	67	17-4-8
Casey Leonard	41	15-3-3
Dan Noble	58	15-6-7
W. Drew Campbell	55	15-9-5
Billy Dobson	44	14-11-1
Chris Page	67	14-5-7
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	56	14-10-7
Aaron Merriman	85	12-17-12
Dave Palone	26	12-6-5
Shawn Gray	45	11-16-7
Tyler Smith	66	11-8-7
Andy Miller	53	10-9-7
Jim DeVaux	48	10-8-7
John MacDonald	25	10-5-1
John DeLong	47	9-7-6
Matt Kakaley	62	9-4-4
Yannick Gingras	49	9-8-4
David Miller	52	8-7-9
Jim Morrill Jr.	33	8-9-4
Mike Cole	29	8-3-3
Peter Wrenn	31	8-2-0
Sam Widger	59	8-12-9
Tony Hall	57	8-6-5

Trainers Wins

Ron Burke	19
Rene Allard	12
Virgil Morgan Jr.	10
Anette Lorentzon	9
Jamie Macomber	6
John MacDonald	6
Nick Surick	6
Frank Petrelli	5
Gaston Lareau	5
James Clouser Jr.	5
Jessica Roegner	5
Jim King Jr.	5
Nick Roland	5
Scott Di Domenico	5
Trent Stohler	5
William Crone	5

JUNE 2018



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
27 Betsy Ross F&M Pace (Phl) Beulah Dygert Mem. 3FT (Haw) Erwin Dygert Mem. 3FT (Haw) Maxie Lee Mem. Open Trot (Phl) NYSS/Excelsior 3FP (Stga) PA Stallion 3CT (PcD) PASS 3FP (Phl) Elitlopp Trot at Solvalla, Sweden	28 Memorial Day Emp. Br. Classic 3CT final (VD) Emp. Br. Classic 3FT final (VD) NYSS/Excelsior 3CP (VD) ONSS Gold 3CT (Wbsb) PA All-Stars 3CP (PcD) PA Stallion 3FP (Phl)	29	30 INSS 3FT final (HoP) MDSS 3YO finals (RcR)	31 INSS 3CT final (HoP)	1 Buckeye Stallion 3FP (ScD) Cardinal 3CP (Haw) INSS 3CP final (HoP) NJSS 3YO finals (M)	2 Battle Of Lake Erie OHP (NfId) Bill Thompson F&M Pace (HoP) Graduate 4YO Pace (Wbsb) Graduate 4YO Trot (Wbsb) INSS 3FP final (HoP) OHSS 3FP (NfId) Somebeachsomewhere 3CP (Wbsb) Violet 3FP (Haw)
3 Cardinal 3CT (Haw) NYSS/Excelsior 3FP (TgDn) Violet 3FT (Haw) Ocean Downs opens	4 NYSS/Excelsior 3FT (MR) ONSS Gold 3FT (Wbsb) PA All-Stars 3FP (PcD)	5 Currier & Ives 3FT (Mea)	6 Currier & Ives 3CT (Mea) NYSS/Excelsior 3CT (BR)	7 Rose OT (HoP)	8 Armbo Flight OMT elims (Wbsb) Buckeye Stallion 3CP (ScD) Goodtimes 3CT elims (Wbsb) Trimble OHP (HoP)	9 Charlie Hill OT (ScD) Fan Hanover 3FP elims (Wbsb) NA Cup 3CP elims (Wbsb) OHSS 3CP (ScD) Roses Are Red elims (Wbsb) Thompson F&M Pace (HoP)
10 Graduate 4YO Pace (TgDn) Graduate 4YO Trot (TgDn) NYSS/Excelsior 3CP (TgDn)	11 DSBF 3CP (Har) OHSS 3FT (NfId) PASS 3FP (Mea)	12 Buckeye Stallion 3FT (ScD) DSBF 3FP (Har) PA All-Stars 3FT (PcD) PA Stallion 3FP (Mea)	13 DSBF 3CT (Har) DSBF 3FT (Har) NYSS/Excelsior 3FP (BR)	14 Flag Day Buckeye Stallion 3CT (ScD) Rose OT (HoP)	15 Cardinal 2CP (Haw) NYSS/Excelsior 3CT (TgDn) OHSS 3CT (ScD) Trimble OHP (HoP)	16 Armbo Flight OMT final (Wbsb) Fan Hanover 3FP final (Wbsb) Goodtimes 3CT final (Wbsb) Mohawk Gold Cup Inv. (Wbsb) NA Cup 3CP final (Wbsb) Roses Are Red OMP final (Wbsb) Thompson F&M Pace final (HoP) Violet 2FP (Haw)
17 Father's Day Cardinal 2CT (Haw) NYSS/Excelsior 3FT (BR) PA All-Stars 3CT (PcD) Violet 2FT (Haw)	18 DSBF 3CP (Har) NYSS/Excelsior 3CP (MR)	19 DSBF 3FP (Har)	20 DSBF 3CT (Har) DSBF 3FT (Har) NYSS/Excelsior 2CFP (BR)	21 First day of Summer NYSS/Excelsior 3FP (YR) Rose OT final (HoP)	22 INSS 3FP (HoP) Trimble OHP final (HoP)	23 Ben Franklin OHP elims (PcD) Beal Jr. Mem. 3CT elims (PcD) Dygert Mem. 3FT (Haw) Lynch Mem. 3FP elims (PcD) ONSS Gold 3CP (Wbsb) Hempt Mem. 3CP elims (PcD) ONSS Gold 3FP (Wbsb)
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