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Jamieson Goes From Nerves To Confidence

Jody Jamieson said he felt pressure when he took to the track with He's Watching, voted the 2013 Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year, last Saturday night at Mohawk to compete in a division of the Somebeachsomewhere. That's because He's Watching, who was undefeated in eight starts last season, had performed poorly in his first race in 2014, finishing sixth in an elimination for the Art Rooney Pace at

Yonkers and failing to advance.

"I definitely felt a lot of pressure, and I think Dave (trainer Dave Menary) did too," said Jamieson candidly. "No one really knew exactly what happened at Yonkers. But I just told Dave that the horse had to speak for himself."

— Jody Jamieson



He's Watching

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Jamieson had qualified He's Watching in mid-May at Mohawk, the second of two qualifiers for the colt before his trip to Yonkers for the Rooney. At Yonkers, Jim Morrill Jr., who directed him through his undefeated tour of New York last season, was back in the sulky again. But when He's Watching faltered badly in the Rooney, beaten 17 ¼ lengths, Menary brought the colt home, regrouped, and tapped Jamieson to drive.

Before the Somebeachsomewhere, Jamieson called Morrill for additional insights about He's Watching. "I reached out to Jim on Friday to ask him what he thought about the Yonkers race, but he didn't have any answers either," revealed Jamieson. "But we had a good chat about the horse."

While Jamieson and Menary were on pins and needles, the driver found the colt relaxed once they hit the track.

"He was very relaxed, which I was glad about, needless to say," said Jamieson.

He's Watching started from post 5 in the Somebeachsomewhere and while Jamieson was patient leaving the gate, when he saw there was no rush to the lead he sent the colt to the front of the field. The :27.2 and :55.3 splits for the first half were reasonable, and He's Watching wasn't pressured until Let's Drink On It pulled alongside early in the last turn.

"I wasn't overly confident that he was back on his game until the three-quarter mark, when I still had the plugs in," Jamieson noted. "But I didn't have to ask him much in the

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stretch and he finished big (:26.3 last quarter). I was really impressed with him."

"The horse was literally two fingers (to drive) the whole race," said Jamieson of He's Watching. "I think this is a big opportunity for the horse to prove himself. "But Jamieson is not underestimating the competition. "Luck Be Withyou (who starts from post 2), that was his first start (in the Somebeachsomewhere, where he finished second behind JK Endofanera). So he'll be better this week. And you've got Doo Wop coming in off that win, and I still believe Jet Airway is capable of a really big mile." — By Kathy Parker

Takter Talks About His 3 Chances In North America Cup XXXI

Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter has won all of the major trotting stakes for 3 year olds. On the pacing side of the ledger he's won the Little Brown Jug with Mr. Feelgood, the Metro with Simply Business and back-to-back Fan Hanover Stakes with See You At Peelers and American Jewel, but not the North America Cup.

He's taking another shot at the Cup this weekend with Lyons-somewhere, Capital Account and Tellitlikeitis. Takter's favorite of the three is Lyons-somewhere, who he began training this winter. The colt by Somebeach-somewhere out of Miss Kitty Hanover (by Western Hanover) was undefeated in two overnight starts at Mohawk last season for trainer James Morrison. Owner Geoffrey Lyons Mound sent the colt to Takter for 2014.

"I love the horse," said Takter. "I didn't know the guy (Mound) and he called me. From the first day, this horse impressed me. He's a very, very classy horse. He's got the charisma that great horses have."

Takter concedes, however, that Lyons-somewhere is stepping up in class in the NA Cup. The colt goes into the race after two comfortable victories in non-winners of two races at the Meadowlands, with both wins—in 1:51 and 1:51.1—featuring :26.4 final quarters.

"He might be a little green for what he's facing. He has four starts under his belt his whole career, and none are stakes races," said Takter. "But I'm very sure he can go with them."

Lyons-somewhere will be starting from post 6 in the first North America Cup elim (Race 3), which features JK Endofanera, who is undefeated in three starts this season and will be starting from post 1.

Takter sends out Capital Account in the second NA Cup elim (Race 5), where Somebeach-somewhere (SBSW) winner Always B Miki is the morning-line choice. Capital Account drew the far outside post in the field of eight. He started from post 8 in a SBSW division on May 31 and finished sixth, beaten eight lengths, despite pacing his last quarter in :26.1.

"He never had a fair shot last week once Scott (Zeron) took him back," said Takter of the tactic which put the horse 13 3/4 lengths off the leader at the first quarter. "He made up three lengths in the stretch.

"With the eight hole, you ask yourself if you can bust them out of there with the North America Cup final the next week, but you've got to create your own luck and we've got to give him a shot," Takter added.

Tellitlikeitis, Takter's third NA Cup chance, starts from post 3 in Race 9. He has only one start this season, but won it, a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes division at Pocono on May 17.

"He's a speed horse," said Takter of Tellitlikeitis, who is owned by Lothlorien, the nom de course for Susan Grange, whose mother, the late Audrey Campbell, won the North America Cup with Rocknroll Hanover. "If he's close to them in the last turn, he's got a big chance because of his speed for a short piece." — *By Kathy Parker*

WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

Friday, June 6

All times listed are local.

7:45 p	Moh2	Armbro Flight MT elim	Trackmaster PPs
8:05p	Moh3	Armbro Flight MT elim	Trackmaster PPs
8:45p	Moh5	Goodtimes 3CT elim	Trackmaster PPs
9:45p	Moh8	Goodtimes 3CT elim	Trackmaster PPs

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12:25p	Mea4	PASS 3CP	Trackmaster PPs
2:05p	Mea9	PASS 3CP	Trackmaster PPs
7:25p	Moh1	Fan Hanover 3FP elim	Trackmaster PPs
7:45p	Moh2	Fan Hanover 3FP elim	Trackmaster PPs
8:05p	Moh3	NA Cup elim	Trackmaster PPs
8:45p	Moh5	NA Cup elim	Trackmaster PPs
9:30p	ScD10	Charlie Hill Mem. Trot	Trackmaster PPs
10:05p	Moh9	NA Cup elim	Trackmaster PPs

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NA Cup Extra: JK Endofanera Leads First Elim

The North America Cup, which is celebrating its 31st edition this year, has established itself as the first really big stakes of the season on a big track for the 3-year-old pacing colt division. With its placement early in the season, it is a race where horses carry the high hopes of their connections.

The first elimination division is loaded with talent. The morning line favorite is JK Endofanera, who finished off his freshman season with a victory in the Governor's Cup at the Meadowlands. Trained by Ron Burke, he carries the hopes of his breeders, the Katz brothers (Ron, Steve and Alan), who named their colt in honor of the late Dr. Stephen Dey II, who founded Heritage Hill Farm in New Jersey, where the colt was born.

Also competing in the first elimination are four youngsters who have already exceeded what might have been expected of them. Beat The Drum, who cost just \$17,000 as a yearling, paced home in :25.4 to finish third in the

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— Nancy Johansson

New Jersey Sires Stakes final last Saturday; Western Vintage, a bargain at \$7,000, earned \$326,375 last season; Limelight Beach, bought for \$22,000 as a yearling, is a winner of \$232,882 thus far; and Unlocked, a speed-

ster from Illinois, proved he could compete with the best last fall when he finished second to Let's Drink On It in the American National.

Western Vintage was the betting favorite in the Jersey final but was passed in the stretch by Doo Wop Hanover and finished second.

Nancy Johansson, who trains Western Vintage and 26 other horses with her husband, Marcus, said a couple of factors could have contributed to her colt's defeat in the Sires Stakes final.

"They had a big crowd at the Meadowlands last Saturday and he was wound up. Yannick (Gingras) couldn't get him to relax, and I think that took something out of him," said Johansson. "And Doo Wop is a very good horse, and he can sprint really fast."

Johansson said she trained Western Vintage Wednesday morning—"he trained very well"—and was considering adding an ear cap to the colt's equipment for the NA Cup.

Limelight Beach, a top competitor in Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) action last season, has three seconds in three starts going into the NA Cup, but trainer Brian Brown doesn't believe the races were a good indicator of his horse's potential.

"His best race is not on the front, and we wound up on the front and we paid the price," said Brown. "I'm not convinced he's giving everything he's got when he's on the front. But everyone wants the best trip in a race, so we'll just have to see." — By Kathy Parker

STAT TRACK

Leading Drivers at Mohawk 5/22/14—6/3/14

Driver	Sts-1st-2nd-3rd	Earnings	UDR
1. James MacDonald	66-15-9-9	\$270,433	.348
2. Chris Christoforou	68-12-10-10	208,832	.307
3. Jody Jamieson	61-6-10-6	162,710	.222
4. Sylvain Filion	64-6-6-9	131,350	.193
5. Phil Hudon	55-6-6-8	95,520	.218
6. Rick Zeron	50-6-6-3	112,302	.207
7. Paul MacDonell	42-6-3-7	90,730	.238
8. Doug McNair	37-5-6-2	148,973	.243
9. Billy Davis Jr.	49-5-5-5	90,724	.193
10. Mario Baillargeon	50-5-4-6	130,192	.184
11. Anthony MacDonald	33-5-3-4	58,010	.242

Leading Drivers at Woodbine 1/6/14—5/19/14

Driver	Sts-1st-2nd-3rd	Earnings	UDR
1. Jody Jamieson	464-83-72-72	\$1,214,224	.317
2. Chris Christoforou	467-63-51-60	1,017,435	.238
3. Sylvain Filion	551-58-83-62	1,091,301	.226
4. Douglas McNair	382-49-46-38	685,665	.228
5. James MacDonald	430-49-40-39	707,826	.196
6. Jonathan Drury	383-47-45-38	693,827	.221
7. Randy Waples	413-46-64-53	896,545	.240
8. Paul MacDonell	342-45-36-43	671,443	.232
9. Phil Hudon	401-38-30-45	587,830	.174
10. Billy Davis Jr.	382-35-34-48	538,685	.183



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Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Sale (Price)
1—JK Endofanera (Art Major)	B. Sears/R. Burke	8-5	Homebred
2—Beat The Drum (Tell All)	B. Miller/S. Lind	12-1	Brittany Farms/Lex (\$17,000)
3—Western Vintage (Western Ideal)	Y. Gingras/N. Johansson	5-2	Brittany Farms/Lex (\$7,000)
4—Limelight Beach (Somebeachsomewhere)	D. Miller/B. Brown	4-1	Spring Haven Farm/Lex (\$25,000)
5—Unlocked (Duneside Perch)	S. Zeron/E. Miller	10-1	Bart Seales/Private
6—Lyonssomewhere (Somebeachsomewhere)	C. Callahan/J. Takter	7-2	Hanover Shoe Farms/ HB (\$55,000)
7—Surprise Hanover (Bettor's Delight)	J. Moiseyev/J. Dean	20-1	Hanover Shoe Farms/HB (\$70,000)

2nd \$50,000 elimination, Race 5, Post Time: 8:45 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Sale (Price)
1—McWicked (McArdle)	D. Miller/C. Coleman	4-1	Andray Farm/HB (\$35,000)
2—Sometimes Said (Well Said)	J. Campbell/Jim Campbell	6-1	Apolinario & Cavallaro/Private
3—Ideal Cowboy (American Ideal)	T. Tetrick/P.J. Fraley	8-1	Mac Nichol/Private
4—Let's Drink On It (Art Official)	T. Smith/J. Seekman	7-2	Kentuckiana Farms/Lex (\$12,000)
5—Somestarsomewhere (Somebeachsomewhere)	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	9-2	Tawil & Butler/HB (\$110,000)
6—Melmerby Beach (Somebeachsomewhere)	P. MacDonell/B. MacGrath	12-1	Schooner II Stable/Homebred
7—Always B Miki (Always A Virgin)	C. Callahan/J. Holloway	5-2	Roll The Dice Stable/Homebred
8—Capital Account (American Ideal)	R. Pierce/J. Takter	15-1	Brittany Farms/Homebred

3rd \$50,000 elimination, Race 9, Post Time: 10:05 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Sale (Price)
1—He's Watching (American Ideal)	J. Jamieson/D. Menary	2-1	Brittany Farms, R&K Burgess/HB (\$3,000)
2—Luck Be Withyou (Western Ideal)	R. Pierce/W. Cass	4-1	Brittany Farms/Lex (\$77,000)
3—Tellitlikeitis (Well Said)	B. Miller/J. Takter	5-2	Lothlorien/Homebred
4—Jet Airway (Jeremes Jet)	S. Zeron/E. Miller	10-1	Spring Haven Farm/HB (\$36,000)
5—Silverhill Shadow (Shadow Play)	C. Christoforou/Dr. I. Moore	12-1	Silverhill/Homebred
6—Doo Wop Hanover (Rocknroll Hanover)	J. Campbell/S. Elliott	7-2	Hanover Shoe Farms/HB (\$52,000)
7—Boomboom Ballykeel (Mach Three)	S. Filion/R. Moreau	15-1	Ballykeel Racing/Homebred

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BY DAVE BRIGGS

Fielding: Everyone Should Put Elitlopp On Their Bucket List

John Fielding said he's never seen anything quite like Stockholm's famed Solvalla Racetrack.

"It is really incredible," the mega owner from Toronto said Wednesday, a little more than a week after returning from his first trip to the Elitlopp. "It was a real eye-opener."

Even finishing seventh in the Elitlopp elimination with Uncle Peter and failing to advance to the final didn't dampen Fielding's enthusiasm for one of the world's greatest harness racing events. The owner said he was particularly taken with the enthusiasm of the racing fans that went beyond anything he's seen in North America.

"They really do love the horse. Every time a horse went by they were beating drums and clapping and everything else," Fielding said.

The Swedes also know how to throw a top-notch event, Fielding said. "The hospitality there is really, really, first class. The night before (the Elitlopp), they had a dinner for all the participants, which I thought was really good."

On Elitlopp Sunday, Fielding's 4-year-old trotter Corky helped save the day when he won a race on the Elitlopp undercard with a purse of some \$150,000.

"It was quite a thrill with Corky," Fielding said, "especially when he was parked the whole mile and I didn't think he was going to win and he continued on. He raced great."

That it was Fielding's first trip to the Elitlopp — or Sweden for that matter — is surprising. He's a frequent traveler with a boundless enthusiasm for horse racing and a powerful stable of horses. Fielding has 12 Breeders Crown championships to his credit, ranking him second among owners behind only George Segal. Fielding said his trainer, Swedish native Jimmy Takter, has been prodding him for years to make the trip to the Elitlopp.

"It's a weekend for memories, really," Takter said of the Elitlopp. "John absolutely loved it. He said, 'I haven't had more enjoyment in harness racing in my life.'"

To think Fielding nearly didn't make the trip. Four days before the Elitlopp, Fielding was in Toronto still trying to decide whether to go. His decision was compounded by the death of a close friend the day before. When funeral plans were pushed back to the Tuesday after the Elitlopp, Fielding decided he could make the trip and be back in Toronto on Monday. He booked plane tickets for himself and his son, David, at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday and arrived in Sweden on Friday morning. The return trip required leaving their hotel



At far left, David Fielding holds the trophy while his father John stands by as well for a photo with Corky and trainer Jimmy Takter, driver Johnny Takter and co-owner Christina Takter.

in Stockholm at 5:30 a.m. on Monday to catch a flight to London, England and, from there on to Toronto.

"I was back in Toronto at 3 o'clock," Fielding said. "We got home, I had a shower, put a suit on and went to the funeral home. Tuesday all day was the funeral and the wake."

Despite the whirlwind tour, Fielding said the trip was more than worth the effort. Not only did he fall in love with Solvalla, he was charmed by Stockholm.

"Stockholm is a beautiful city. I've been to a lot of places, but that is a really, really nice city," Fielding said. "Years ago, I was invited to (hockey Hall of Famer) Mats Sundin's wedding and for some reason we couldn't go.... So, this was my first time in Stockholm."

"I went to a steak house Friday night with my son and it was truly one of the better steak houses I've ever been to. It was fantastic. Saturday, we were walking around in the old town and we found a live blues bar. We got trapped in there for an hour-and-a-half. It was just unbelievable. The music was great. It was surprise after surprise. We did the tour of the palace and everything. It was really, really good."

His message to anyone in harness racing who can afford it: Don't wait. Get to the Elitlopp as soon as possible.

"I highly recommend anybody who is a harness racing enthusiast, who loves the game, to go over and check it out. It's just a whole other world," Fielding said.

"I've already said I'm going to go back next year, especially if we take Father Patrick or Uncle Peter or Corky for that matter."

More than anything, for John Fielding, the Elitlopp was good for the racing soul.

"We didn't win the Elitlopp, but that's now on the list. Hopefully, we'll have another crack. It gives me renewed interest to win that one."



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ONES TO WATCH

On Friday night, two eliminations are scheduled to be held at Mohawk for the Armbro Flight Mare Trot, and the stars are entered. The first elim (Race 2) features the undefeated **PERFECT ALLIANCE**, who will be starting from post 7 in the seven-horse field. The 2013 Horse of the Year **BEE A MAGICIAN** takes on world-record holder Classic Martine in the second elim (Race 3), with Bee starting from post 1 and Classic Martine right alongside.

Newly-crowned New Jersey Sires Stakes champion **TRIXTON** is among the contenders in the GoodtimesTrot, which was a launch pad for Hambletonian champion Windsong's Legacy in 2004. He'll compete in the second elim (Race 8).

Saturday's action gets underway early with The Meadows kicking off its program to coincide with racing from Belmont Park, where the Triple Crown is on the line. Two divisions of 3-year-old pacing colts will be competing for \$99,000 each in Race 4 and Race 9.

The North America Cup is the star attraction of Mohawk's Saturday night program, but the gals are also competing in the Fan Hanover and Roses Are Red.

Divisional champion **PRECOCIOUS BEAUTY** returns to the site of her greatest triumph, the She's A Great Lady, for her Fan Hanover elimination (Race 2) while the first elimination (Race 1) includes Breeders Crown champion **UFFIZI HANOVER** and **NAT A VIRGIN**, an easy 1:50.3 winner at Mohawk on May 30.

The Roses Are Red includes all of the top older mares, among them **ANNDROVETTE**, **SHEBESTINGIN**, **SHELLISCAPE** and **DROPTHE BALL** (Race 8) and **SOMWHEREOVRRAINBOW** (Race 11).

Don't overlook the Charlie Hill Memorial Trot at Scioto Downs Saturday night (estimated post time 9:30 p.m.). The field includes new five-eighths mile world champion **MARKET SHARE**, \$3 million winner **ARCH MADNESS**, and 2013 Kentucky Futurity champion **CREATINE**, who is making his first start of the season.

Also on Saturday night, Hoosier Park showcases Indiana-sired sophomores with \$75,000 Sires Stakes finals for the 3 year olds. The 3-year-old trotting fillies kick off the action (7:35 p.m. estimated post) in Race 8 followed by 3-year-old pacing fillies (Race 9), 3-year-old trotting colts (Race 10) and the pacing colts (Race 11).

On Sunday, Vernon Downs has a stakes-filled card with two Empire Breeders Classics, for 3-year-old colt and filly trotters, and New York Sires Stakes races for 3-year-old pacing colts. Each Empire Breeders Classic carries a purse of more than \$215,000, with the filly trot going as Race 6 (8:25 p.m. post time) and the colts in Race 9 (9:25 p.m.) Race 8, the third NYSS division for the 3-year-old pacing colts, includes Art Rooney Pace champion **ALL BETS OFF** (post 7) and two-time winners **TWIN B SPEEDO** (post 2) and **BELIEVEINTHESPIRIT** (post 8).

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Fundraising After Barn Fire

Bill Davis was one of the first responders when Casie Coleman sustained serious burns in a barn fire in 2000. Now, with Davis' stable having been decimated after a barn fire in Langley, British Columbia, killed 17 horses, Coleman and others are doing what they can to help get the Davis Stable back on its feet.

Coleman has announced that the ownership groups behind top stallions Sportswriter and Betterthancheddar are donating one breeding to each stallion with the funds going to the Davis family.

"Sportswriter stands for \$4,000 in Ontario at Tara Hills Stud, and 'Cheddar' stands for \$4,500 in New York at Winbak Farm," said Coleman, who first posted the fund-raising initiative on her Facebook page, which reaches out to her 4,200 and counting Facebook friends.

The O'Brien Award winning trainer explained that Sportswriter's 2014 book is full and closed right now, so this is your last chance to get in.

Coleman has directed all bidding on the stallions to take place on a Facebook page that has been created for the initiative.

A trust fund has been set up for the family. Money or E-transfers can be sent to billdavisfamilytrust@gmail.com with the password being 'mornasbigboy'.

In addition, horseman Walter Slopianka is currently helping spearhead efforts to support those affected by the fire. For those in Alberta, Slopianka can be contacted by phone at 780-996-9711 or by email at wbslopianka@gmail.com. Those in B.C. can contact Donna Cunningham at 604-626-6934. Slopianka explained that an account will be set up as well to take any financial donations. (*Standardbred Canada*)

A Cup With Melmerby Beach?

They may have set the bar high in 2008 when they teamed up in the Pepsi North America Cup, but Paul MacDonell and Brent MacGrath are hoping to recreate magic in 2014. The trainer/driver duo amazed thousands at Mohawk when they captured the 25th edition of the race with Somebeachsomewhere and this year they team up with Melmerby Beach, a son of the great pacer.

Melmerby Beach won once in five starts as a two-year-old and resurfaced for his three-year-old campaign in a qualifier on May 2. Off the one trial, the colt was victorious in a conditioned event at Woodbine on May 8 in 1:51.4.

However, sickness would prevent Melmerby Beach from making another start in advance of the stakes race named for his sire. Despite the slight change of plans, he finished third behind He's Watching, the fastest winner of the three Somebeachsomewhere divisions.

"He really kind of needed the start between his first start and the other night, but I thought he raced pretty good," said MacDonell. "I don't know if he was just at peak condi-

tion for that race, but with that start and going into this race (the elimination) he should be getting pretty close to it."

Melmerby Beach will leave from post six, in Race 5, on Saturday.

"It looks pretty snug, it is a competitive field with Holway's horse (Always B Miki) in there," said MacDonell. "It will probably set up for a pretty competitive race and if he is back to where we think he can be he will be competitive as they are." (*Woodbine Entertainment*)

D'Ambrose Honored With Dancer Award

Suzanne D'Ambrose, of Neptune, N.J. is the winner of the 2014 Stanley Dancer Award from the N.J. Chapter of the U.S. Harness Writers Association. The award honors an individual whose efforts on behalf of racing and cooperation with the media are in keeping with the example set by the late Hall of Famer Stanley Dancer, a native of New Egypt, N.J.

D'Ambrose, a retired high school teacher and mounted police officer, has given countless hours of both her time and that of her family-friendly 13-year-old trotter, Independent Act, aka Indy, in doing outreach events for the Standardbred industry.

D'Ambrose and Indy have appeared at libraries throughout the state to help celebrate New Jersey's Month of the Horse each June. This month so far, the duo will be at the Howell Library at 6 pm on June 11, the Manalapan Library on June 30, as well as June 29 at Fair Winds Farm.

D'Ambrose, who is a freelance equine massage therapist, also volunteers extensively with the Standardbred Retirement Foundation (SRF) on fund-raising events as well as helping with adoption outreach events. She even provides complimentary massages for horses rehabilitating from racing injuries and awaiting adoption. (*NJ/USHWA*)

Ron Dancer Introduces Slots Bill

New Jersey Assemblyman Ron Dancer has introduced legislation that will help bolster the state's horse racing and casino industries while creating a new and sustainable source of funding for open space preservation without raising taxes or diverting existing revenues.

Dancer's bill, A-3194, authorizes slot machine gambling to be conducted at horse racetracks in a mutually beneficial agreement with the casinos (racinos) that dedicates the state's share of revenues for open space preservation.

Implementation of the bill will require an amendment to the State Constitution, and Asm. Dancer has introduced ACR-152 that proposes the amendment allowing the Legislative action specified in A-3194. (*NJ Assembly Republicans*)

Gregory To Drive Market Share

Coming off a world-record performance 10 days ago, Market Share heads to Scioto Downs for Saturday's \$200,000 Charlie Hill Memorial for older trotters. Market Share drew

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post four in a field of 10 and will be driven by Jeff Gregory for trainer Linda Toscano. Gregory drove Market Share to a 5-for-5 season as a 2-year-old in 2011.

Toscano said she was "on the fence" whether to go to the race, particularly because Market Share's regular driver, Tim Tetrick, would be unavailable due to commitments in Canada, but made the decision after talking with owner Richard Gutnick.

"We made a 'pro' and 'con' list and the only thing on the 'con' list was we're not going to have our driver," said Toscano. "But we're very fortunate to have Jeff Gregory in the barn and there's a break from Yonkers and the New York Sire Stakes this week, so he can go and drive the horse.

"Our next main goal is to have him as good as we can for the Maple Leaf Trot (in mid-July). (*Harness Racing Communications*)

Hoosier Park Races Simulcast To Australia

Hoosier Park Racing & Casino has announced that it has expanded its viewing public to include Australia. Launching on Thursday, June 5, harness racing fans can catch up to six races from the Hoosier Park Racing & Casino signal through a partnership between Hoosier Park and the Australian racing broadcaster, Sky Racing.

Sky's stable consists of three subscription television channels, Sky Racing1, Sky Racing2 and Sky Racing World.

Hoosier harness action is set to become a regular Thursday, Friday and Sunday morning feature on Sky Racing2 between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Australian time. Viewers can catch up to six races from each Sky Racing broadcast of Hoosier Park's race card. (*Hoosier Park*)

New Ohio Commissioner

Ohio Gov. John Kasich has appointed Gary G. Koch to the Ohio State Racing Commission to replace B. J. Roach. Roach resigned earlier this year. Koch will complete his term that ends next year on March 31.

Koch joined the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants as a lobbyist in 1977 and has worked in government affairs and consulting ever since. He currently oversees his own consulting business—Gary Koch & Associates. The company is located in Dublin, where he resides. Over the years his clients have included AT&T, Lucent Technologies, Eli Lilly, American Express Funds and major oil companies. Koch has also lobbied in Washington, D.C. and state legislatures. (*Ohio State Racing Commission*)

Yonkers Increasing Purses

When Yonkers Raceway returns from hiatus, it does so with an across-the-board purse increase. Beginning Friday, June 13, the Raceway offers an increase of approximately 15 percent on all overnight races. The new purse structure will range from \$10,000 (for non-winners of \$5,000 in last six starts) to \$44,000 (Opens/Open Handicaps). The "old" range went from \$9,000 to \$38,000. (*Yonkers*)

I Luv The Nitelife Suffers Episode Of A-Fib

After recovering from knee surgery and making it back into training, Dan Patch Award winner pacer I Luv The Nitelife has faced a setback in her return to the races.

Richard Young, who co-owns the pacing filly along with Joanne Young, told Standardbred Canada's Trot Insider that the 4-year-old mare suffered a spell of atrial fibrillation in training last week. After spending the weekend at Hogan Equine under the watchful eye of Dr. Patty Hogan and her staff, Young reports positive news.

"They made a few attempts to get her to convert back and it was successful (Monday) morning. She should be fine," said Young. "She will rest this week and go back in training next week."

Morand Drives 9,000th Winner

Jim Morand entered the record books Tuesday at Harrington Raceway, becoming just the 15th driver in North American harness racing history to reach 9,000 wins. Morand, who drove three winners on the program, achieved the milestone win aboard Brenda Teague's Remus Blue Chip (\$17.80) in the 13th race.

A native of Windsor, Ont., Morand learned harness racing under the tutelage of his stepfather, Gerry Bookmyer, after moving to Ohio at a young age. He's driven such top horses as Little Brown Jug elimination winner Kiev Hanover, Nuclear Breeze and 2004 Horse of the Year Rainbow Blue.

Another driving milestone was reached on the Harrington program as Bret Brittingham drove his 2,000th winner aboard Fleeting Flirt N (\$5.80) in the ninth race. (*Harrington*)



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Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of June 3, 2014

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Sebastian K (29)	8th	2-2-0-0	107,500	343	1
2. Perfect Alliance (4)	4tm	10-10-0-0	106,650	266	2
3. Somwherovrarainbow (1)	4pm	8-6-1-1	279,250	229	3
4. Market Share	5th	3-2-0-0	145,000	185	5
5. Sweet Lou	5ph	6-3-1-1	148,500	172	7
6. Trixton	3tc	4-3-1-0	90,896	134	9
7. Foiled Again	10pg	8-4-1-2	197,100	102	4
8. Father Patrick (1)	3tc	2-2-0-0	53,781	101	—
9. Dancin Yankee	6ph	15-8-3-1	204,140	70	6
10. P H Supercam	7pg	15-4-3-6	397,620	47	8

Others receiving votes: State Treasurer 43, Shake It Cerry 36, Modern Family 35, Maven 33, JK Endofanera 23, Apprentice Hanover 21, Bee A Magician 20, All Bets Off 12, Yagonnakissmeornot 6, Bandalito, He's Watching, Nitro Nittany, Shebestingin 5, Precocious Beauty, Tel-litlikeitis 4, Act Now, Nuncio 3, Classic Martine, Sam Hill, Uncle Peter 2, Anndrovette, I Like My Boss, Let's Drink On It, Sevruga, Tyra, Wake Up Peter, Western Vintage 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through June 3, 2014 (week difference May 28-June 3).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
P H Supercam (7pg)	15	4	3	6	\$397,620
Apprentice Hanover (4ph)	12	6	5	1	313,660
Somwherovrarainbow (4pm)	8	6	1	1	279,250
Yagonnakissmeornot (5pm)	15	7	5	0	246,175
Dancin Yankee (6ph)	15	8	3	1	204,140
Foiled Again (10pg)	8	4	1	2	197,100
Anndrovette (7pm)	7	2	1	1	194,712
All Bets Off (3pc)	4	3	1	0	180,250
DW's NY Yank (5tg)	13	7	2	2	171,600
Easy Again (5pr)	16	5	3	3	160,760

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Pierce	1,510	243-256-210	.301	\$3,537,733 (\$200,901)
Brian Sears	984	221-155-124	.354	3,114,072 (97,033)
Tim Tetrick	943	188-164-126	.341	3,047,974 (309,968)
Corey Callahan	1,484	254-212-204	.296	3,025,654 (151,715)
Yannick Gingras	829	202-127-95	.367	2,850,329 (202,257)
Matt Kakaley	1,211	173-198-167	.280	2,801,451 (293,149)
George Brennan	1,056	174-135-122	.274	2,740,064 (185,366)
Jason Bartlett	1,023	175-137-148	.294	2,668,335 (94,015)
Brett Miller	1,363	201-158-188	.258	2,277,074 (160,790)
Aaron Merriman	1,847	314-304-267	.310	2,235,608 (140,495)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,802	399-317-233	.362	\$6,251,039 (\$655,389)
P.J. Fraley	477	58-76-71	.260	1,717,125 (57,640)
Rene Allard	620	147-96-82	.367	1,669,462 (102,650)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	453	109-81-47	.375	1,187,236 (105,680)
Julie Miller	264	70-41-41	.403	1,170,510 (60,133)
Carmen Auciello	643	83-86-51	.230	1,128,591 (57,410)
Richard Moreau	467	87-79-55	.320	858,689 (61,249)
Josh Green	282	78-53-31	.418	844,797 (40,728)
Mark Ford	524	54-59-62	.205	822,257 (61,230)
Corey Johnson	313	55-50-36	.303	758,027 (28,013)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	818	436	877	\$8,042,621
Winbak Farm	718	332	657	5,233,788
Brittany Farms	231	125	269	2,854,734
Perretti Farms	276	149	308	2,781,541
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	197	96	190	1,775,886
White Birch Farm	115	67	155	1,503,456
Arlene & Jules Siegel	124	59	149	1,412,304
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	138	84	155	1,290,514
Seelster Farms Inc.	118	65	139	1,134,247
Walnut Hall Limited	128	74	141	1,061,376

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for May 28-June 3 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers Starts W-P-S

Aaron Merriman	112	17-20-16
Dave Palone	60	16-5-10
Eric Carlson	61	14-7-6
George Napolitano Jr.	91	14-17-11
Josh Sutton	69	14-7-12
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	71	13-9-14
Kevin Cummings	45	13-7-6
Tim Tetrick	49	12-10-6
Trace Tetrick	59	12-3-3
Chris Page	59	10-6-10
James MacDonald	43	10-4-6
Kevin Switzer Jr.	42	10-3-7
Simon Allard	55	10-7-10
Victor Kirby	53	10-2-8
Yannick Gingras	49	10-7-12
Billy Dobson	33	9-4-5
Jim DeVaux	66	9-13-9
Jim Marohn Jr.	43	9-6-0
Jim Morrill Jr.	31	9-7-3
Jonathan Roberts	41	9-3-1
Peter Wrenn	54	9-7-3
Ron Pierce	52	9-10-7
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	73	9-9-10
Scott Zeron	50	9-6-7
Tony Morgan	56	9-7-3
Trevor Henry	40	9-4-9

Trainers Wins

Ron Burke	25
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	10
Rene Allard	9
Heidi Rohr	8
Tim Maier	8
Pat Lachance	7
Kirk Desmond	6
Philip Sowers	6
Chris Oakes	5
Daniel Gill	5
Erv Miller	5
Gary Messenger	5
Jim Graham	5
Josh Green	5
Mark Steacy	5

JUNE 2014



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 NYSS 3CP (TgDn) Roll With Joe OHP (TgDn)	2	3	4 Currier & Ives 3FT (Mea)	5	6 Armbro Flight OMT elims (Moh) Goodtimes 3CT elims (Moh) NYSS 3FP (MR) PA Stallion 3CP (Mea)	7 Charlie Hill OHT (ScD) Fan Hanover 3FP elims (Moh) Hanover 3CT/3FT (BlmP) INSS 3YO (HoP) North America Cup elims (Moh) OHSS 3FP/3FT (ScD) PASS 3CP (Mea) Roses Are Red OMP elims (Moh)
8 Emp. Breeders Classic 3CT (VD) Emp. Breeders Classic 3FT (VD) NYSS 3CP (VD)	9	10	11 PA Stallion 3CT (PcD) PA Stallion 3FP (Phi)	12 PASS 3FP (Phi)	13 Meadowlands Maturity 4YOP (M) TVG FFA Open Trot (M)	14 Flag Day Armbro Flight OMT final (Moh) Fan Hanover 3FP final (Moh) Goodtimes 3CT final (Moh) Mohawk Gold Cup OHP (Moh) North America Cup final (Moh) PASS 3CT (Mea) Roses Are Red OMP final (Moh)
15 Father's Day DSBF 3CP (Harr) NYSS 3CT (BR)	16 DSBF 3FP (Harr) ONSS Gold 3FT (Moh)	17 DSBF 3FT (Harr) PA Stallion 3FT (PcD)	18 DSBF 3CT (Harr) NYSS 3FP (BR) PASS 3FT (PcD)	19 NYSS 3CP (YR)	20 NYSS 3CT (Stga) Town Pro 3FP (Moh) TVG FFA Open Trot (M)	21 First day of Summer Ben Franklin OHP elims (PcD) Earl Beal Jr. 3CT elims (PcD) James Lynch 3FP elims (PcD) Max Hempt 3CP elims (PcD)
22 DSBF 3CP (Harr) MDSS 4-5YOT (OD)	23 DSBF 3FP (Harr) NYSS 3FT (TgDn) ONSS Gold 3FP (Moh) Summertime 3CP (Moh)	24 DSBF 3FT (Harr) INSS 2CT (HoP) ONSS Gold 3CT (Moh)	25 DSBF 3CT (Harr) INSS 2FT/3FT (HoP)	26 INSS 2FP/3CT (HoP) NYSS 2FT (VD)	27 INSS 2CP/3FP (HoP) NJSS 2CT/2FT (M) NYSS 3CP (BR) Town Pro 3FP (Moh)	28 Ben Franklin OHP final (PcD) Earl Beal Jr. 3CT final (PcD) INSS 3CP (HoP) James Lynch 3FP final (PcD) Max Hempt 3CP final (PcD) NJSS 2CP/2FP (M) NYSS 3FP (TgDn) ONSS Gold 3CP (Moh)
29 MDSS 4-5YOP (OD) NYSS 3CT (BR) PA All Stars 2CP/3FT (PcD)	30 Miss Versatility OMT (Moh) Summertime 3CP (Moh)	1 PA All Stars 2FP (PcD)	2 NYSS 2CP (BR) PA All Stars 2FT (PcD)	3 OHSS 2FP/2FT (Nfld) ONSS Gold 3FT (Moh)	4 Landmark Series (Gosh) NJSS 2CT/2FT (M) NYSS 2FP (MR) OHSS 2CP/2CT (ScD) PA All Stars 2CT (PcD) Town Pro 3FP (Moh)	5 Hambletonian Maturity 4YOT (M) INSS 2&3YO finals (HoP) Meadowlands Pace elims (M) Mistletoe Shalee 3FP elims (M) NJSS 2CP/2FP (M) PA All Stars 3CP/3FP/3CT (PcD) Wm. Haughton TVG Pace elims (M)

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