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Is Second NA Cup Elim The Easiest?

Not a single contender in the Pepsi North America Cup eliminations is undefeated this season. Boston Red Rocks, the 2015 Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year, has just one win in three starts this season. Control The Moment, the 2015 O'Brien winner in the same division, finished second last Saturday in his first start of the season, in a division of the Somebeachsomewhere.



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"He's a good horse but he's not at his best on the front end!"

—Steve Elliott about Boston Red Rocks

Although Boston Red Rocks is going to the Cup off of two defeats, the colt's trainer, Steve Elliott, isn't worried about his horse. Elliott, who has 40 horses in his stable, said Boston Red Rocks has been good since he got him late this spring from co-owner Peter Blood (who trained the colt over the winter) and he's not made a single change in the colt's rigging or routine.

"He's a good horse but he's not at his best on the front end. He never was," noted Elliott of the colt getting caught at the wire last week by Katies Rocker. "Timmy (driver Tetrick) knows he's better from behind. He found out in the race where he was

interfered with (a May 28 New Jersey Sires Stakes) when he paced his last quarter in :25.2."

Boston Red Rocks drew post 2 in the second of the two NA Cup elims. Control The Moment will start in the first elim, Race 5.

"We drew good and I think we got in the right division," Elliott added.

The field for the first NA Cup elimination (Race 5) includes Control The Moment, Betting Line and Lyons Snyder (both winners of Somebeachsomewhere divisions), and Check Six, winner of the \$561,500 Pennsylvania Classic on May 7 at Pocono.

Boston Red Rocks will face Michael's Victory, the horse who upset him in the May 28 New Jersey Sires Stakes leg. Also in Race 7 are the Ron Burke-trained duo of Big Top Hanover and Manhattan Beach, two colts who have been competing in Pennsylvania thus far this season, plus American Passport, second to Betting Line in a Somebeachsomewhere division on June 4. The Race 7 field is rounded out by the Ontario-based Nocturnal Bluechip, Brookdale Sonny, Nvestment Bluechip and Magnum J.

With post 1, Nocturnal Bluechip may be a player in making just the third "open" stakes start of his career. Last year he fin-

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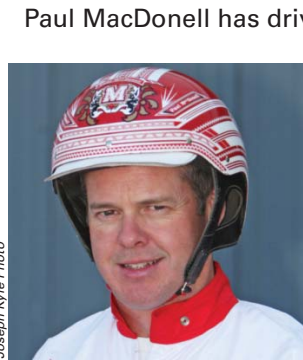
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Boston Red Rocks

ished second behind Betting Line in a Champlain stakes, and last week he finished third in a division of the Somebeachsomewhere, pacing his own mile in 1:49.2 with a :26.2 last quarter.



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“He’s been coming along. We have been cautious with him.”

—Paul MacDonell about Nocturnal Bluechip

MacDonell added that he believes the lack of a dominant horse in the division could affect how the race develops. “When nobody has really asserted themselves, that plays into how drivers drive,” he said.

The top five finishers from each elimination advance to the \$1 million (Canadian) final, and if the winner is U.S.-owned, that would mean about \$393,000 for first place instead of \$500,00 (Canadian). — By Kathy Parker

one of his 10 career starts and he’s optimistic about his colt’s chances, especially with the inside starting post position.

“He’s been coming along,” said MacDonell of the Mark Steacy-trained son of Bettor’s Delight. “We have been cautious with him. Last year he showed signs of being a top colt, and he won in 1:51.”

When asked if Nocturnal Bluechip needs a certain style of racing to perform his best, MacDonell called the colt “versatile,” adding that while he’s on the small size physically, he is “quick of foot.”



THIS WEEKEND’S FEATURED RACES

All times listed are local.

Friday, June 10

- 8:10p Moh3 **Armbro Flight** MT elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:50p Moh5 **Goodtimes** 3CT elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 9:30p Moh7 **Goodtimes** 3CT elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 9:50p Moh8 **Armbro Flight** MT elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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Saturday, June 11

- 7:50p Moh2 **Fan Hanover** 3FP elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:10p Moh3 **Fan Hanover** 3FP elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:50p Moh5 **NA Cup** 3CP elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:50p ScD8 **Hill Memorial** Trot [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 9:30p Moh7 **NA Cup** 3CP elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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Sunday, June 12

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- 9:18p PcD7 **PASS** 3CT [Trackmaster PPs](#)
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Pepsi North America Cup Eliminations

Mohawk Racetrack, Saturday, June 11, 1st \$50,000 elimination, Race 5, Post Time: 8:50 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Highlandbeachycove (Somebeachsomewhere)	S. Zeron/T. Alagna	15-1	Highland Thoroughbred Fm/\$100,000 (Lex)
2—Check Six (Somebeachsomewhere)	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	4-1	Vieux Carre Farms/\$30,000 (HB)
3—ControlThe Moment (Well Said)	R. Waples/B. Maxwell	3-1	Dr. Fred Kruszelnicki/\$47,000 (Lex)
4—Lyons Snyder (Well Said)	S. Filion/M. Silva	7-2	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$130,000 (HB)
5—Beast Mode (Rock N Roll Heaven)	T. Henry/C. Nicol	15-1	Nina Simmonds/\$5,000 (HB)
6—Betting Line (Bettor’s Delight)	D. Miller/C. Coleman	5-2	Fair Winds Farm/\$60,000 (HB)
7—I’m Some Graduate (Somebeachsomewhere)	J. Campbell/T. Cancelliere	12-1	KDM Stables/\$85,000 (Lex)
8—Ideal Rocky (Rocknroll Hanover)	C. Callahan/J. Butenschoen	8-1	Fashion Farms/\$47,000 (HB)
9—Racing Hill (Roll With Joe)	B. Miller/T. Alagna	10-1	Tom Hill/Homebred

2nd \$50,000 elimination, Race 7, Post Time: 9:30 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Nocturnal Bluechip (Bettor’s Delight)	P. MacDonell/M. Steacy	6-1	Blue Chip Bloodstock & S. Demeter/\$97,000 (HB)
2—Boston Red Rocks (Rocknroll Hanover)	T. Tetrick/S. Elliott	2-1	Andray Farm/\$50,000 (HB)
3—Brookdale Sonny (Bettor’s Delight)	M. Saftic/Dr. I. Moore	20-1	R. & L. Tucker/\$15,000 (HB)
4—Nvestment Bluechip (Shadow Play)	J. Jamieson/D. Menary	12-1	Blue Chip Bloodstock/\$40,000 (Lex)
5—Michael’s Victory (Rocknroll Hanover)	S. Filion/M. Silva	5-1	Jeffrey Snyder/Homebred
6—Big Top Hanover (Western Ideal)	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	9-2	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$67,000 (HB)
7—Manhattan Beach (Somebeachsomewhere)	D. Miller/R. Burke	8-1	Greg Martin/\$100,000 (HB)
8—American Passport (American Ideal)	S. Zeron/T. Alagna	4-1	Brittany Farms/\$29,000 (Lex)
9—Magnum J (Big Jim)	D. McNair/G. McNair	12-1	FrankTomcala/\$10,000 (FC)

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Will Tony Soprano Be In NJ In August? Goodtimes Is First Step

Trainer Bob McIntosh has won many prestigious stakes, among them Breeders Crowns and the North America Cup, but one that has eluded him is the Hambletonian. McIntosh thinks he might have a contender this year, and the first step toward finding out comes Friday night at Mohawk Racetrack.

McIntosh will be sending the 3-year-old trotting colt Tony Soprano to the post in Race 7, an elimination for the Goodtimes, the race named after the top Canadian trotter of the 1990s.

Tony Soprano, a winner of \$225,094 last season as a freshman thanks to finishing on the board in seven of 11 starts, makes his first start as a sophomore in the Goodtimes elimination. He goes into the race with two qualifiers of preparation, including a 1:54.3 effort in a Mohawk qualifier on May 23.

McIntosh said he wanted to race "Tony" once before the Goodtimes, and considered a third qualifier.

"In his first qualifier, he got a little wound up and was over aggressive, so John (Campbell) came up and drove him and he was strong in the :54.3 win. I told John I didn't want to race him against older horses and if I had to, I'd qualify him again first. But John said he didn't think he needed to qualify again," explained McIntosh. "So I trained him in 1:57 at the farm and he was very good."

Owned by Robert McIntosh Stables Inc., Dave Boyle, Marv Chantler's Mardon Stables, and Dr. Moira Gunn's Paradox Farm, Tony Soprano is by Kadabra and is the first foal of \$1.2 million winner Windsong Soprano. Last year at age two

he won the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final in 1:55.1, but two weeks later he fell apart in the \$600,000 Breeders Crown championship at Woodbine, making a break early in the race and taking himself out of contention.

After the Breeders Crown, McIntosh sent "Tony" to the Duer family's Peninsula Farm in Kentucky for a little rest.

"I measured him right after the Breeders Crown, before he left for Kentucky, and he was 15.2 hands. When he came back to us the first of the year he was 16.2 hands," shared McIntosh. "He's now longer, bigger and stronger."

"He's now longer, bigger and stronger"

—Bob McIntosh on Tony Soprano

While McIntosh is hopeful Tony Soprano has the talent to be one of the stars in New Jersey on the first Saturday in August—which would certainly be a promotional coup for the Hambletonian—he is taking the Goodtimes elimination for what it

is—his colt's first start of the season.

"He's healthy and fresh, and I just hope he trots good and gets a clean line without any traffic problems," said McIntosh.

While Tony Soprano is McIntosh's big entry on Friday night at Mohawk, on Saturday night he will send out the 3-year-old pacing filly LA Delight in Race 3, an elimination for the Fan Hanover. LA Delight, who won 11 of her 12 races as a freshman, will start from post 7 in the elim. She goes into the race with two wins in three starts so far this season.

"She didn't grow much from two to three, but she came back good," noted McIntosh. "I don't think she'll be able to dominate like last year. The division looks pretty competitive." —By Kathy Parker

Goodtimes 3YO Colt Trot

Mohawk Racetrack, Friday, June 10, 1st \$30,000 elimination, Race 5, Post Time: 8:50 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Bar Hopping* (Muscle Hill)	J. Campbell/J. Takter	7-2	D. Hutchins/\$190,000 (HB)
2—Mass Balance (Muscle Mass)	S. Fillion/R. Fellows	15-1	Glengate Fms. & Kesons Stb./\$24,000 (HB)
3—Dayson (Conway Hall)	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	3-1	Salt Hill Fm. Ltd./\$18,000 (Morris)
4—Muscle Hustle* (Muscle Mass)	Ra. Waples/P. Henriksen	5-1	Brittany Fms./\$60,000 (Lex)
5—Zagster (Muscle Mass)	T. Henry/S. Henry	10-1	Willow Oak Ranch/\$3,000 (Lex)
6—Dominion Beach* (Muscle Hill)	J. Moiseyev/N. Johansson	10-1	E. Gerbaulet/\$90,000 (HB)
7—Bee In Charge (Manofmanymissions)	C. Christoforou/P. Henriksen	12-1	White Birch Fm./\$130,000 (Lex)
8—Gentleman Jim (Muscle Hill)	T. Burgess/G. Peck	20-1	Concord Stud Fm./\$60,000 (HB)
9—Will Take Charge (Kadabra)	P. MacDonell/J. Bax	9-2	Kentuckiana Fms. Gen. Par./\$47,000 (Lex)
10—Lean Hanover (Donato Hanover)	Ja. MacDonald/M. Keeling	15-1	Hanover Shoe Fms./\$50,000 (HB)
11—Goin To The Limit* (Donato Hanover)	B. Miller/T. Alagna	6-1	M. Katz & A. Libfeld/\$15,000 (Lex)

2nd \$30,000 elimination, Race 7, Post Time: 9:30 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Marion Marauder* (Muscle Hill)	S. Zeron/M. Keeling	3-1	W. Mulligan/\$37,000 (Lex)
2—Merchandiser (Muscle Hill)	G. Peck	10-1	Brittany Fms./\$100,000 (Lex)
3—Zlatan* (Muscle Mass)	B. Miller/J. Takter	6-1	Brittany Fms./\$37,000 (Lex)
4—Blenheim* (Yankee Glide)	C. Christoforou/P. Henriksen	9-2	Hanover Shoe Fms./\$30,000 (Lex)
5—Tony Soprano* (Kadabra)	J. Campbell/R. McIntosh	7-2	Lothlorien/\$90,000 (Lex)
6—Dia Monde (Deweycheatumnhowe)	Ra. Waples/T. Durand	8-1	Hanover Shoe Fms./\$70,000 (HB)
7—Honor Above All* (Muscles Yankee)	D. Miller/J. Takter	10-1	Valley High Stb./\$100,000 (HB)
8—United Bi (Manofmanymissions)	T. Henry/S. Henry	15-1	M. Biasuzzi Stb./\$35,000 (Lex)
9—Smoke Monkey (Majestic Son)	S. Fillion/R. Fellows	12-1	S. Lambright Jr./\$9,000 (HB)
10—Southwind Flash* (Muscle Hill)	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	15-1	R. Burgess & K. Olsson Burgess/\$85,000 (Lex)

* denotes Hambletonian eligible

Pure Country, Darlinonthebeach Favorites In Fan Hanover Elims

While the 3-year-old pacing colt division thus far appears to be wide open, a few of the female members of this year's sophomore pacing class have started more times and shown strong form. They are 2015 Dan Patch honoree Pure Country, Darlinonthebeach, LA Delight, and Good Will Hanover.

Pure Country kicked off her season by winning the Miss Pennsylvania final, but then in her next start she was handed a defeat by Darlinonthebeach. The two fillies have drawn into separate eliminations for the Fan Hanover on Saturday night at Mohawk and are the favorites in their respective elims, with Pure Country's morning line odds 8-5 and Darlinonthebeach listed at 9-5.

Pure Country will start from post 3 in Race 2, and she'll be facing Good Will Hanover, who was a strong winner in 1:50 in the Ontario Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association on May 28 at Mohawk. Darlinonthebeach will start from post 2 in Race 3, with LA Delight lining up in post 7.

Darlinonthebeach was a very strong 1:49.4 winner at The Meadows in her previous start, and the chart of the race doesn't show how strong she was. Driver David Miller fired "Darlin" off the gate with authority but so did Jim Pantaleano with the Gilbert Garcia-Herrera-trained Lispatty, an 88-1 shot. Miller finally put Lispatty on his back, but it took a :25.4 opening quarter. Miller then was able to steal a :28.4 second quarter before "Darlin" was back on her toes again, pacing her third panel in :27.1. Pure Country was paced up to third, but couldn't advance in the stretch drive, with "Darlin" holding off Lispatty by three-quarters of a length.

Nancy Johansson trains Darlinonthebeach for breeder-owner White Birch Farm of New Jersey. The Somebeachsomewhere filly's dam is 2006 Fan Hanover winner Darlin's Delight, who is a daughter of 1990 Fan Hanover champion Town Pro.

"Darlin" showed plenty of talent last year at age two, taking a mark of 1:51.4 and finishing on the board in all but one of her 10 starts. Johansson said the mare is a lot like her mother in her physical appearance and attitude.

"She's filled out quite a bit and she's very tough," said Johansson, who is training 33 horses with her husband, Marcus Johansson. "She's always been sound and healthy, but I think she's matured a lot since last year."

Johansson will also be racing Some Fancy Filly in the first Fan Hanover elimination. Owned by Anders Strom's Courant AB, Some Fancy Filly was winless in six starts last year but this year she's won two of six starts and earned a mark of 1:53. She paced in 1:50.4 when she finished fourth in the 1:50 victory by I Said Diamonds in a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes on May 27.

"This filly has done a complete 180 from last year," shared Johansson about Some Fancy Filly, a daughter of Somebeachsomewhere out of Fancy Filly who was sold for \$210,000 as a yearling. "She was a disappointment last year. She trained down well, but she got that virus that went through my barn, and she never could get past it. This



Pure Country

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Darlinonthebeach

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year her attitude has been great. If you had told me she was going to be this good, I wouldn't have believed you."

Johansson will be racing the 3-year-old trotting colt Dominion Beach on Friday in the Goodtimes. Johansson said the Muscle Hill colt was not entered in the New Jersey Sires Stakes final because she wanted to space his races out so he doesn't have too many in a row.

"He stresses himself out, and I thought racing three weeks in a row and shipping would not be good for him," she explained. "He won the Champlain at Mohawk last year. He grew a little, but there's not a lot to him. He's still a small guy, but he's fast." — By Kathy Parker

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Alagna Offers Updates About His 3 NA Cup Contenders

Tony Alagna won the Pepsi North America Cup three years ago with Captaintreacherous and the New Jersey-based trainer is back again this year hoping to advance three horses to the lucrative June 18 final.

Alagna's Highlandbeachycove and Racing Hill are in the first of two nine-horse North America Cup eliminations for 3-year-old male pacers Saturday at Mohawk Racetrack. The two will start on opposite ends of the gate, with Highlandbeachycove and driver Scott Zeron leaving from post 1 and Racing Hill and driver Brett Miller leaving from post 9. American Passport, Alagna's remaining entry, will start from post 8 in the second elim, with Zeron at the lines.

"We worked on a couple things, took his hobbles in a little bit, and he trained back good..."

-Tony Alagna about American Passport

Racing Hill and American Passport both won divisions of the International Stallion and Bluegrass stakes last year at Lexington's Red Mile. Both horses have raced twice this year without a win, but Alagna is pleased with the way the two colts are heading to the North America Cup eliminations.

American Passport went offstride while battling for the lead in the stretch in his seasonal debut at the Meadowlands on May 21, but rebounded to finish second by a half-length to Casie Coleman-trained Betting Line in 1:50.1 in a division of the Somebeachsomewhere Stakes last Saturday at Mohawk.

"We thought we had him in good shape going into his first start and it looked like he was going to go a good mile, he just needed a little bit more fine-tuning before the Somebeachsomewhere," Alagna said. "We worked on a couple things, took his hobbles in a little bit, and he trained back good and we expected him to be back on his game in Canada. And he was very good. He was back to his old self."

American Passport is owned by Brittany Farms, Riverview Racing, Alagna Racing and Jodi Siamis.

"He's an extremely high speed horse," Alagna added. "He's showed that he can sprint as hard as anything. It's just a matter of keeping him strong and healthy. I think he'll take care of the rest."

Racing Hill, a homebred colt for owner Tom Hill, heads to his North America Cup elimination with two second-place finishes this season. He finished second by three-quarters of a length to War-N-Munn in a conditioned race at Mohawk last Saturday despite a :25.4 final quarter-mile and finished



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second by a nose to Major War in 1:49.2 in his seasonal debut in a conditioned race at the Meadowlands.

"He was very good up there," Alagna said about last week's effort. "We just needed a nice start over the track to make sure we were ready for (this) week. Last year he was a good-sized horse but he's even bigger and more muscular this year. I think he's got a big shot too."

Highlandbeachycove was unbeaten in his first two races this year, but finished ninth in his division of the Somebeachsomewhere last weekend. Alagna said the horse scoped sick following the race.

"He was loaded with mucous, everything down deep coming from his lungs," Alagna said. "He didn't get the best trip, but he still shouldn't have gotten tired like he did. He's a much better horse than that."

"We're going to treat him and put him back in and give him a shot. He jogged back good, never missed a meal, had no temperature or anything like that. He just scoped bad. Hopefully we'll get him cleaned up." — *By Ken Weingartner/Harness Racing Communications*



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Muscle Up The Goal A \$10,000 Supplement To Charlie Hill Memorial

For the third consecutive season, the \$210,000 Charlie Hill Memorial will bring some of the best older trotters in the sport to Eldorado Scioto Downs on Saturday. Last year's champ, Bee A Magician, has been sidelined by an injury.

The Hill Memorial will bring a mix of trotters to Scioto Downs. Obrigado has been racing on the East Coast, winning the May 29 Maxie Lee Memorial at Harrah's Philadelphia and finishing second in the Open Trot at the Meadowlands. The field will also include Il Sogno Dream, who was beaten by only a neck by Obrigado in the Maxie Lee, plus the two-for-three Flanagan Memory, who ships in from Mohawk, plus Natural Herbie, Gural Hanover, Homicide Hunter and DW's NYank.

The morning line has Muscle Up The Goal the favorite at odds of 5-2. His connections, in a show of confidence, have ponied up the \$10,000 supplemental nomination fee to get a crack at this group.

A newcomer to the biggest open stakes, Muscle Up The Goal is a 4-year-old stallion trained by Chris Beaver. He is perfect in three starts this year, all easy victories. The son of Muscle Mass comes in off two track record-setting performances at The Meadows and Northfield Park. In his record-setting 1:52 effort at The Meadows on June 1, Muscle Up The Goal started from post 9 and still won by an astounding 7 1/2 lengths for driver Aaron Merriman.

The Hill Memorial will go as race eight of a powerhouse 15-race card which also features Ohio Sires Stakes action for 3-year-old colt pacers. First post time for Saturday's card will be 6:30 p.m. (EDT).



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Tioga Downs, Sunday, June 12, Race 8, Post Time: 3:50 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—National Seelster	J. Bartlett/C. Ryder	10-1
2—Rockin Ron	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	4-1
3—In The Arsenal	B. Miller/K. Harrison	4-1
4—Wiggle It Jiggleit	M. Teague/C. Francis	4-5
5—Shades Of Bay	S. Allard/S. Mehlenbacher	20-1
6—Rock N' Roll World	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	4-1
7—Americanprimetime	J. Campbell/R. Dane Jr.	15-1
8—Dude's The Man	C. Callahan/J. Okusko	15-1
9—Rockin In Heaven	D. Miller/I. Moore	12-1
10—Rodeo Romeo	J. Morrill Jr./C. Ryder	10-1
11—Artistic Major	T. Tetrick/S. Elliott	6-1

\$75,000 GRADUATE 4YO TROT

Tioga Downs, Sunday, June 12, Race 9, Post Time: 4:10 pm

Post—Horse	Driver/Trainer	Odds
1—Musical Rhythm	J. Campbell/B. Baillargeon	3-1
2—Wings Of Royalty	C. Callahan/G. Ducharme	8-1
3—Crazshana	D. Miller/J. Bamond Jr.	6-1
4—Whataworkout	S. Zeron/F. Antonacci	15-1
5—Centurion ATM	A. Svanstedt	15-1
6—Pinkman	Y. Gingras/J. Takter	2-1
7—Fashion Creditor	B. Miller/T. Fanning	10-1
8—Maestro Blue Chip	T. Tetrick/J. Looney-King	5-1

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1—MOSAIQUE FACE (7h, Classic Photo-Iona L.B.-Supergill)	L. Kolgjini
2—SUPPORT JUSTICE (7h, Kadabra-Artisane-Lindy Lane)	G. Vegard Gundersen
3—UN MEC D'HERIPRE (8h, Orlando Vici-I Love You Darling-Buvetier d'Aunou)	F. Nivard/F. Souloy
4—YOUR HIGHNESS (7m, Chocolatier-La Belle Lady-Conway Hall)	B. Goop/F. Souloy
5—PAPAGAYO E (6h, Cocktail Jet-Ann Speedy T-Speedy Tomali)	U. Ohlsson/J. Waaler
6—B.B. S. SUGARLIGHT (7h, Super Light-Sugarsweet Sid-Sugarcane Hanover)	P. Untersteiner/F. Solberg
7—LIONEL (6h, Look de Star-Aurora Sign-Smok'n Lantern)	G. Antonsen/F. Souloy
8—VICTORY BONSAI (5h, Kadabra-Victory Bouquet-Balanced Image)	M. Forss/H. Korhonen
9—NUNCIO (5h, Andover Hall-Nicole Isabelle-Lindy Lane)	O. Kihlstrom/S. Melander
10—VOLSTEAD (5h, Cantab Hall-Madame Volo-Yankee Glide)	J. Kontio/S. Melander


ONES TO WATCH

On Friday morning, The Meadows has 12 qualifiers for 2 year olds set to go while Tioga Downs has three qualifiers for the babies.

On Friday night, Mohawk kicks off its big weekend of stakes eliminations with the Goodtimes for 3-year-old colt and gelding trotters and the Armbro Flight for mare trotters. Two eliminations for Empire Breeders Classics for New York-sired 3-year-old filly trotters will be contested at Vernon Downs. The first elim, Race 5, drew a six-horse field which includes **ROYAL SURPRISE** (post 2), a 1:55.3 winner for Dan Daley, and the two-for-two **NON STICK** (post 6), who has won in 1:55 for trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt. The second elim (Race 7) field includes **OPEN ACCESS**, a full sister to Dejarmbro, who has won three of five starts this year and taken a mark of 1:54.1 for breeder-owner Fair Winds Farm.

There are "ones to watch" early Saturday as tracks have baby races and qualifiers. At the Meadowlands, in addition to qualifiers for 2 year olds, stars from the 2015 racing season will be in action—**DOG GONE LUCKY**, the Valley Victory winner; **DOUBLE EXPOSURE**, who won four of five starts in her limited 2-year-old campaign; and **KATHY PARKER**, the runner-up in last year's Jim Doherty Memorial.

Because Saturday is Belmont Stakes day, The Meadows has an early post (11:25 a.m.) and kicks off its card with the \$46,500 Meadows Maturity for 4-year-old mares. **SMOKIN-MOMBO** is the 2-1 morning-line favorite in the compact five-horse field. Later in the card (Race 6) **FOILED AGAIN** has a better post position (6) as he takes on **UNLOCKED** and **DAPPER DUDE**, who finished 1-2 in the Preferred last week, with Foiled Again beaten by a neck after cutting the pace with driver Yannick Gingras. With Gingras at Mohawk, Foiled Again will be driven by Dave Palone, who will be up behind the 12-year-old veteran for the first time since the 2011 Breeders Crown Open Pace final. Palone rallied Foiled Again to a second-place finish, with Bettor Sweet winning by a head.

On Saturday night at Scioto Downs (first post 6:30 p.m.), three divisions of Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old pacing colts and geldings bookend the Hill Memorial Trot. The first division is Race 3. In the second division (Race 5), **MR WIGGLE PANTS** puts his four-for-four record on the line with Kayne Kauffman handling the driving for trainer Jim Mulinix. He'll be facing **GOTMONEYINMYPOCKET**, who has won five of seven starts this season. Race 11, the third OSS

division, includes defending divisional champion **LOVETAP HANOVER**, who will start from post 8.

On Saturday night at Mohawk, in addition to eliminations for the Pepsi North America Cup and Fan Hanover, three eliminations are carded to determine the field for next week's Roses Are Red final. The morning line favorite in the first elim (Race 6) is the Mohawk-based **WAASMULA**, who finished fourth behind Venus Delight in the Betsy Ross final at Harrah's Philadelphia last month. **ANNDROVETTE**, a winner of \$3.4 million, will start from post 5. The second elim (Race 9) field includes Blue Chip Matchmaker champion **YAGONNAKISSMEORNOT**, who will start from post 3 with Jody Jamieson driving. She's the 5-2 morning-line choice. Betsy Ross runner-up **KATIE SAID** is the 2-1 morning-line choice to win the final elim (Race 10). She'll start from post 2 with Brett Miller driving. The field also includes Betsy Ross winner **VENUS DELIGHT** (post 1), last year's Breeders Crown Mare Pace champion **COLORS A VIRGIN** (sixth in the Betsy Ross after starting from post 8), and Chip Noble Memorial winner and locally-based **SOLAR SISTER** (post 6).

Mohawk also has a \$34,000 Preferred Pace on its Saturday night card (Race 8) and the field includes 2015 Canadian Horse of the Year **STATE TREASURER** (post 2), last year's Little Brown Jug runner-up **LOST FOR WORDS**, and recent Molson Pace winner **EVENIN OF PLEASURE**.

Stakes action on Sunday begins at Tioga Downs with the Graduate legs and two New York Sires Stakes divisions for 3-year-old filly pacers. Later in the evening, The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono will play host to three divisions of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes for 3-year-old colt and gelding trotters.

In the first division (Race 4), **MILLIGAN'S SCHOOL** is the favorite based on his 1:54.4f mark and two wins this year. In the second split, Race 7, the defending champion in the division, **LAGERFELD**, will start from post 7 and take on **SUTTON**, who won a Sires Stakes leg last season and then last month won a qualifier at the Meadowlands in 1:51.2. The field in the final split, Race 9, includes **JIMMY WILLIAM** and **HOLLYWOOD HIGHWAY**, from the barns of Jimmy Takter and Staffan Lind, respectively.

Don't miss Race 8 at Pocono on Sunday night (estimated post time 9:36 p.m.). The respected 3-year-old pacing colt **TRAVEL PLAYLIST** will make his first start of the season in an overnight. Trained by Erv Miller, he goes into the race off of a 1:52 qualifying win at the Meadowlands.

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RMTC adds Canadian director to glaucine panel

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) has added a member to its task force charged with reviewing information on glaucine and addressing the issue of recent positives for the substance. Dr. Carolyn Cooper, director of the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency's (CPMA) Equine Drug Control Program, will join the team of seven other expert veterinarians and laboratory directors from across North America. Dr. Cooper is an experienced regulatory veterinarian and oversees the CPMA's Equine Research Facility, laboratory, and the collection/shipping and analytical contracted service providers. [more](#)

Sarah Svanstedt loves driving

When Sarah Svanstedt drove in an amateur race last week at the Meadowlands, it had been nearly three years since she competed on the track. But it seems that winning in a race bike is like riding a bike; one never forgets how it's done. Sarah, the wife of trainer Ake Svanstedt, guided Real DJ Hanover to victory last Friday in a GSY Series trot, rallying from the back of the pack to defeat Windsun Galliano by three-quarters of a length in 1:56.2. A native of Sweden, Sarah drove in nearly 500 races overseas. Her win last week was No. 50 in her career. [more](#)

Cal Expo extends harness lease

The California Exposition and State Fair (Cal Expo) and current harness racing operator Watch and Wager LLC have reached an agreement to keep Cal Expo as the home of California Harness racing until May of 2022. The Cal Expo Board of Directors voted unanimously to extend the lease agreement at Friday's Fair Board meeting in Sacramento. [more](#)

Minnesota ADW law to help purses

The Minnesota horse racing industry received a significant boost from the state legislature and governor this session when legislation was passed and signed into law authorizing the licensing and oversight of advance deposit wager-

ing providers in the state. Under the new law, an estimated \$1.5 million annually will be recaptured from newly licensed ADW providers and re-directed to increased purses at Canterbury Park and Running Aces Casino and Racetrack and increased financial awards for breeders. [more](#)

Jason Merriman drives 2,000th winner

Jason Merriman made his 2,000th trip to the winner's circle after winning with Stop Payment in Northfield Park's sixth race on Monday (June 6). Merriman led at every call with Stop Payment, eventually besting his competition by 2-3/4 lengths. The 1:53.2 clocking was the 14th career score for the eight year-old pacer, who returned \$7.00 to win. [more](#)

Pacing filly dies in infield pond at Hoosier

An incident during a regularly scheduled training session at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino on Tuesday resulted in the drowning fatality of a racehorse. After a preliminary review, it is believed that Just Dance With Me, a 3-year-old driven by Brett Wilfong and owned by the Wilfong family, veered left off the racetrack at 11:45 a.m. as a result of a broken bit and loss of control. The racehorse went through the inner race-track fence, and into the infield pond. The driver was unharmed and did not require additional medical care. [more](#)

Jamieson wins Quebec driving tourney

It came down to the very last race of the competition with four drivers, John Campbell, Jody Jamieson, Tim Tetrick and Sylvain Filion, all able to win the inaugural Hippodrome 3R All-Star Driver's Tournament Sunday with a triumph in the ninth race. And when the dust (mud actually) settled, it was Jamieson's second-place finish in the ninth race with Matts Phil that won him the tournament. Also in the tournament were Yannick Gingras, Daniel Dube, Mario Charron and Denis St-Pierre. They all competed in eight championship races with \$10,000 in prize money on the line. Jamieson, with his 25 points in the last race, ended with 160 points. John Campbell was second with 135 points and Sylvain Filion third with 128 points. [more](#)

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RACE LINES

Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of June 7, 2016

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Wiggle It Jiggleit (35)	4pg	9-6-3-0	\$389,765	350	1
2. Rockin Ron	4pg	12-10-2-0	257,690	215	2
3. Bit Of A Legend N	7ph	13-9-2-0	473,750	198	3
4. Bee A Magician	6tm	3-3-0-0	107,000	166	4
5. Southwind Frank	3tc	2-2-0-0	62,500	164	7
6. Freaky Feet Pete	4ph	5-4-0-1	93,326	144	8
7. Always B Miki	5ph	4-2-2-0	37,500	110	5
8. Check Six	3pc	5-4-1-0	348,706	79	6
9. Maestro Blue Chip	4th	11-10-0-1	154,000	73	10
10. Mel Mara	7ph	11-3-3-0	57,190	62	—

Others receiving votes: Resolve 61, All Bets Off 35, Pinkman 34, Pure Country 26, Rockeyed Optimist 21, Betting Line, Shamballa 17, Darlinonthebeach 16, Blue Moon Stride 15, Nickle Bag, Obrigado 13, Missile J 12, Cufflink Hanover 11, Yagonnakissmeornot 10, Venus Delight 9, J.L. Cruze 8, Good Will Hanover, Lyons Snyder, Musical Rhythm 6, Dayson, Katies Rocker, Witch Dali 4, Adrian Hanover, Boston Red Rocks, I Said Diamonds 3, Hannelore Hanover, Rose Run Parker 2, L A Delight, Seventimesavirgin, Southwind Hope 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through June 7, 2016 (week difference June 1-7).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Bit Of A Legend N (7ph)	13	9	2	0	\$473,750
Wiggle It Jiggleit (4pg)	9	6	3	0	389,765
Check Six (3pc)	5	4	1	0	348,706
All Bets Off (5ph)	11	3	3	3	293,330
Rockin Ron (4pg)	12	10	2	0	257,690
Yagonnakissmeornot (7pm)	10	4	1	1	247,250
Sell A Bit N (6pm)	12	3	4	2	199,550
Missile J (3pg)	9	5	2	1	198,675
JK Will Power (3pc)	5	2	1	1	173,983
Pure Country (3pf)	3	1	0	2	169,029

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Jason Bartlett	1,109	271-192-147	.385	\$3,518,733 (\$99,453)
Tim Tetrick	1,221	247-185-148	.327	3,264,933 (200,022)
Aaron Merriman	1,879	410-308-286	.360	3,063,770 (155,355)
Matt Kakaley	1,203	152-163-169	.248	2,800,656 (157,537)
Brian Sears	787	157-133-100	.336	2,587,943 (0)
Yannick Gingras	747	138-114-113	.320	2,440,620 (278,689)
George Brennan	946	134-150-139	.279	2,436,779 (42,300)
Corey Callahan	1,338	206-193-180	.279	2,297,853 (106,639)
George Napolitano Jr.	1,053	242-159-133	.356	2,289,247 (190,515)
Jordan Stratton	818	89-105-114	.227	2,264,626 (13,250)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,532	331-240-209	.349	\$5,583,377 (\$383,568)
Rene Allard	859	168-152-101	.333	2,296,389 (41,480)
Jeff Bamond Jr.	395	62-58-50	.281	1,363,723 (34,102)
Richard Moreau	535	108-90-68	.338	1,293,414 (51,947)
Richard Banca	494	104-75-65	.339	1,275,096 (400)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	702	87-82-110	.241	1,155,604 (50,778)
Peter Tritton	136	24-22-21	.318	1,017,445 (0)
Jimmy Takter	166	38-38-19	.394	986,550 (111,173)
Carmen Auciello	658	75-89-82	.231	906,031 (28,541)
Thomas Milici	255	85-42-29	.463	878,856 (3,250)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	815	424	864	\$8,260,222
Winbak Farm	747	393	785	6,096,900
Brittany Farms	212	123	273	2,626,680
Perretti Farms	201	124	267	2,346,537
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	144	81	178	1,895,360
White Birch Farm	123	69	160	1,783,791
Bulletproof Enterprises	131	77	195	1,637,016
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	171	95	200	1,598,014
Seelster Farms Inc.	144	82	200	1,480,376
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	98	47	104	1,237,646

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for June 1-7 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
George Napolitano Jr	87	20-11-11
Ronnie Wrenn Jr	55	20-7-4
Aaron Merriman	92	19-14-15
Bruce Aldrich Jr	70	13-7-11
Chris Page	69	13-6-8
Marcus Miller	94	12-13-15
Tim Tetrick	56	12-7-7
Todd Warren	39	12-7-3
Tony Morgan	53	12-8-2
Alfred Carroll	48	11-10-7
David Miller	70	11-10-7
Kevin Switzer Jr	43	11-11-7
Trace Tetrick	58	11-10-4
Chris Lems	26	10-2-4
Dan Noble	63	10-4-5
Greg Merton	29	10-4-1
Heath Campbell	38	10-4-7
Jim Taggart Jr	66	10-10-8
Jody Jamieson	43	10-4-3
Josh Sutton	56	10-8-6
Andrew McCarthy	67	9-7-10
Casey Leonard	42	9-5-11
Dave Palone	39	9-5-3
Eddie Davis Jr	48	9-9-9
Jim Morrill Jr	32	9-6-4
John DeLong	51	9-9-5
Peter Wrenn	61	9-7-11
Scott Zeron	25	9-6-1
Tony Hall	46	9-11-6
Yannick Gingras	59	9-17-15

Trainers Wins

Ron Burke	15
Jackie Rousse	7
Steve Wiseman	7
Erv Miller	6
Jenny Melander	6
Mark Steacy	6
Philip Sowers	6
C. Brian Loney	5
Chris Oakes	5
Chris Ryder	5
Dolores Basilone	5
Maria Rice	5
Mark Eaton	5
Richard Moreau	5
Virgil Morgan Jr	5