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Manchego Puts Perfect Record On Line In Beal

The 3-year-old filly trotter Manchego will put her 14-for-14 career record on the line Saturday night when she goes against the boys in the third of three \$25,000 eliminations for the Earl Beal Jr. Memorial Trot at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono Downs.

"I don't care (about the perfect record)," said trainer Jimmy Takter. "I'm not afraid of racing them just because of the record. I could not be happier with the horse this year."

In addition the Beal prelims, eliminations for the Max Hempt Memorial for 3-year-old male pacers, the James Lynch Memorial for 3-year-old filly pacers, and the Ben Franklin for older horse pacers will also be contested. The 15-race card gets underway at 7 p.m.

"This will be a real test for Manchego, that's for sure, but I think she will do alright."
—Jimmy Takter

This is the second consecutive year Takter has started a filly against the males in the Beal. Last year he brought Ariana G to Pocono where she won her elimination in wire-to-wire fashion but then finished third in the final to Devious Man.

"Manchego is a little tougher; she's more vicious," Takter responded when asked to compare his two filly trotters, both of which won Dan Patch divisional honors last year. "They are two great, great horses, but this one (Manchego) doesn't give a crap. That's what I like about her. She's very uncomplicated."

Ariana G won her Beal elim last year after starting from post 5 with driver Yannick Gingras, and the Gingras-driven Manchego will also start from post 5 in her elim. On paper, Manchego's elimination is by far the toughest, with the field also including the 2017 Valley Victory winner and recent Goodtimes third-place finisher Alarm Detector (post 1), the 2017 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Fourth Dimension (post 8), and the 2017 Breeders Crown champion Fiftydallarbill (post 7).

"You've got all those horses in against her, but we'll see," said Takter. "This will be a real test for Manchego, that's for sure, but I think she will do alright. I have a lot of respect for three horses in there that are very good."

The top three finishers in each elim will advance to the June 30 final.

Takter said he was still undecided about possibly racing Manchego against the boys in the Hambletonian. He faced the same situation last year with Ariana G, who he opted to race in the Oaks and was rewarded when she dominated the field.

Manchego is Takter's only Beal starter. He could have started Wolfgang, who captured the Goodtimes final last Saturday at Woodbine Mohawk Park, but decided against it.

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"Wolfgang raced two tough races up there and he needs a little break and not beat himself up," explained Takter. "He has a tough July and August coming up."

Another Takter horse MIA this weekend at Pocono is Lost In Time, who is sitting out the Max Hempt Memorial for 3-year-old male pacers. Lost In Time rallied late to finish third—just missing second—to Lather Up in the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup.

"Lost In Time raced great (in the NA Cup)," said Takter. "The Meadowlands Pace is coming up right away, and you are going to race horses seven weeks in a row. I finally got him off the right line. He was terrible on the right line. He raced super, but I want to stay away from smaller tracks and get him ready for the Meadowlands Pace." — *By Gordon Waterstone*



Mission Accepted

Buckeye Champion Mission Accepted Ready For Action Outside Ohio

The first of three eliminations for the Earl Beal Jr. Memorial has (Race 3) includes a mix of contenders, some winners in big open stakes and others who have previously found glory only in state-restricted races.

Mission Accepted in one of those whose success has come in state-restricted races, in his case the Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS). Mission Accepted won the Ohio championship for 2-year-old colts last year and this season he is off to a strong start with three wins in as many starts. In his last start prior to the Beal, he won an OSS at Scioto in 1:52, making a strong case for his first start outside the Buckeye State.

"The track was really good that night. It was the first race and the track had plenty of water in it," said Jeff Conger, Mission Accepted's trainer, of the big mile.

"He qualified but hadn't raced since the Miami Valley (OSS on May 6)," added Conger. "After Miami Valley (a 1:53 victory by three lengths) I thought about going to Pocono for the Beal, but I wanted to have another race to see that we should go."

Conger said Mission Accepted is a natural trotter who doesn't require anything fancy.

"He had borium on behind at Miami Valley, but I took it off for Scioto and I'll leave it off," he shared.

"Training down as a 2 year old, he liked to sit outside of a horse and he always wanted to go on," he revealed. "He's a smaller type of horse so as far as his talent, it was just a matter of if he could carry his speed, and he proved that he could."

Ryan Stahl regularly drives Mission Accepted, a colt by Manofmanymissions, for breeders/owners Knox Services and partners David Willis and Conger. Once again, Conger said Mission Accepted is a natural racehorse who doesn't need a special trip.

"He raced all last year from behind, and came first-over a lot," said Conger. "He's really good from behind but I can't say he's better.

"I know he's Ohio-bred, but he can do a lot of different things. Ryan can drive him any way he wants to drive him." — By Kathy Parker

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THIS WEEKEND'S FEATURED RACES

All times listed are local.

Saturday, June 23

7:18p	PcD2	Franklin OHP elim	Trackmaster PPs
7:36p	PcD3	Beal Jr. Mem. 3CT elim	Trackmaster PPs
7:54p	PcD4	Franklin OHP elim	Trackmaster PPs
8:12p	PcD5	Beal Jr. Mem. 3CT elim	Trackmaster PPs
8:30p	PcD6	Hempt Mem. 3CP elim	Trackmaster PPs
8:48p	PcD7	Lynch Mem. 3FP elim	Trackmaster PPs
9:06p	PcD8	Lynch Mem. 3FP elim	Trackmaster PPs
9:24p	PcD9	Hempt Mem. 3CP elim	Trackmaster PPs
9:42p	PcD10	Franklin OHP elim	Trackmaster PPs
10:00p	PcD11	Beal Jr. Mem. 3CT elim	Trackmaster PPs
10:18p	PcD12	Hempt Mem. 3CP elim	Trackmaster PPs

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LEADING SIRES OF RECORD 2YOS

(USTA data through 8 a.m., June 21)

Pacing Sires

Sire	No. Foals	No. Starters	No. With Record
Pet Rock	104	49	15
Sweet Lou	97	47	15
Captaintreacherous	113	51	14
Somebeachsomewhere	113	51	13
Tellitlikeitis	76	28	11
Art Major	97	46	10
Always A Virgin	80	22	8
Rockin Image	93	34	8
Sportswriter	165	46	9

Trotting Sires

Sire	No. Foals	No. Starters	No. With Record
Muscle Hill	102	29	12
Cantab Hall	96	41	10
Explosive Matter	79	35	9
Father Patrick	47	15	8
Uncle Peter	85	42	8
Mr. Cantab	24	10	6
Trixtion	82	28	6



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Lather Up

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Hempt Elims Next Up For NA Cup Champ Lather Up

When owner Gary Iles reflects on Lather Up's 1:48.1 win in last week's Pepsi North America Cup at Woodbine Mohawk Park, he cannot help but feel blessed. Iles and his wife Barbara watched their homebred colt overcome a number of obstacles and horses to reach the top of the 3-year-old pacing ranks with his win in the \$1 million race.



"Mine looks the most exciting so far, but any of them can step up at any time."

—Montrell Teague

"There is one horse a year that gets to do this," Iles said. "I'm 79 years old; I thought I was running out of time. Thank God it worked out and I had my opportunity and we succeeded. I'm humbled by it. I'm humbled by the whole thing. We're very fortunate.

"There were 79 horses nominated (to the North America Cup) and 29 started and to think that out of that you end up being the best of the best. It's a wonderful situation. You have to be blessed."

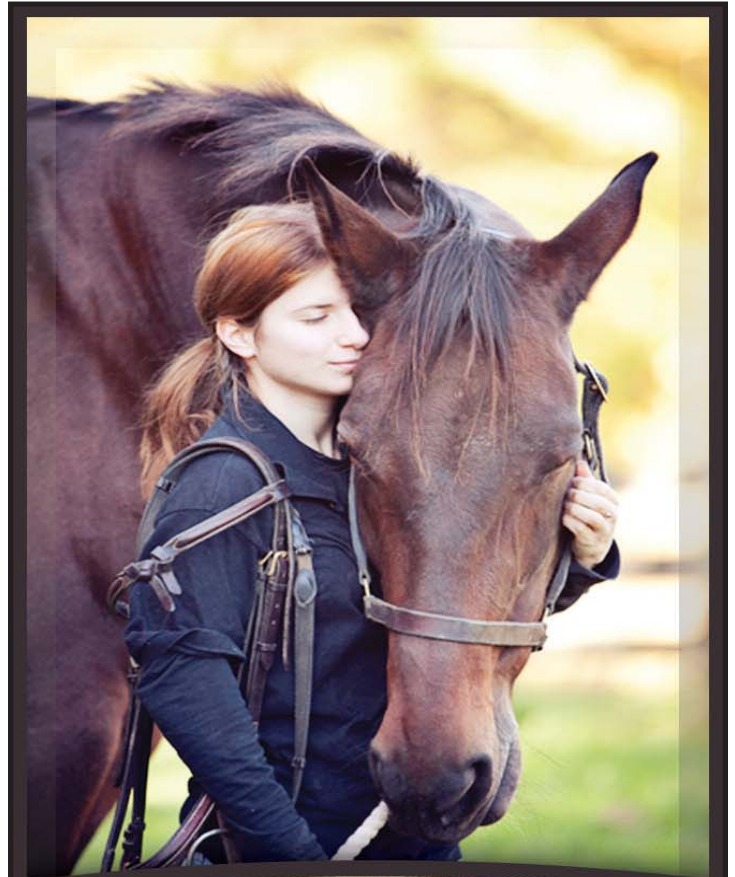
Montrell Teague drove Lather Up, the 3-5 favorite, to victory for trainer Clyde Francis and the George Teague Jr. training stable.

Montrell Teague and Francis finished second with Wiggle It Jiggle It, the 2-5 favorite, in the 2015 North America Cup.

"It made me want it more since I lost it with Wiggles," the 27-year-old Montrell Teague said. "It's a million-dollar race, the first million-dollar race I ever won, so to be added to that list and add that to my accomplishments, it feels great."

Added Francis, "We went up there with Wiggles and were the best going into the race, but anything can happen. It's horse racing. Going to the final (with Lather Up) I really thought we had a good shot at it. But I wasn't going to say anything before, just keep it to myself. When it was over, it was a great feeling."

Lather Up will look to remain undefeated in 2018 Saturday when he competes in the third of three Max C. Hempt Memorial eliminations for 3-year-old male pacers at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono. Lather Up, who is 6-for-6 this sea-



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son, is the 2-1 morning-line favorite in his elim, which also includes North America Cup runner-up Done Well.

The top three finishers from each elimination advance to the \$500,000 Hempt final on June 30.

"It's still early," Teague said. "Mine looks the most exciting so far, but any of them can step up at any time. That was the first big race, but there are plenty more. You never know who is going to step up.

"But so far it's definitely fun. He's looking like the good horse we thought he was going to be. Even more." (Ken Weingartner/USTA)

STAT TRACK

FASTEST 2YOS OF 2018 (USTA data through 8 a.m., June 21)

Pacers

Horse (sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of Dam)	Yearling Price	Record
De Los Cielos Deo (c, Captaintreacherous-Lisjune-Camluck)	\$140,000	Q1:52.3
Zero Tolerance (f, Heston Blue Chip-Feelinglikeastar-Artiscape)	30,000	Q1:53.3
Lyons Night Hawk (c, Sweet Lou-Weapons Against-Western Terror)	60,000	Q1:53.4f
Rose Run Uptowngal (f, Dragon Again-Victoria Gallery-Western Terror)	50,000	1:53.4f
Blood Money (c, Sweet Lou-Blood Diamond-Western Ideal)	Homebred	Q1:53.4
Semi-Tough (c, Somebeachsomewhere-Jan It Jackson-Badlands Hanover)	115,000	Q1:53.4
Warrawee Unique (c, Sweet Lou-Queen Fourteen-Camluck)	160,000	Q1:54
Captain Ahab (c, Captaintreacherous-Acquavella-Western Ideal)	100,000	Q1:54.1
Captain Malicious (c, Captaintreacherous-Silky-Western Hanover)	105,000	Q1:54.2f
Egomania (g, Always A Virgin-Has An Attitude-No Pan Intended)	20,000	Q1:54.2
Shipshape (c, Captaintreacherous-Fresh Idea-Western Hanover)	175,000	Q1:54.2
Sylph Hanover (c, Somebeachsomewhere-She's A Fan-Artiscape)	75,000	Q1:54.3f
JKNR Liketell (c, Tellitlikeitis-Guarding The Gold-Allamerican Native)	10,000	1:54.3
She's Allright (f, Sweet Lou-Atsallrite Hanover-Rocknroll Hanover)	—	Q1:54.3
Warrawee Ubeaut (f, Sweet Lou-Great Memories-Apaches Fame)	70,000	Q1:54.3
Sweet Chrome (f, Sweet Lou-Camille-Camluck)	—	Q1:54.4f
Union Station (c, Somebeachsomewhere-Hit The Curb-Art Major)	120,000	Q1:54.4f

Trotters

Horse (sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of Dam)	Yearling Price	Record
Don't Let'em (c, Muscle Hill-Passageway-Angus Hall)	\$80,000	Q1:55
Greenshoe (c, Father Patrick-Designed To Be-Donato Hanover)	330,000	Q1:55
Battenberg (c, Trixton-Coffeecake Hanover-Cantab Hall)	210,000	Q1:55.4
Beautiful Sin (f, Muscle Hill-Sina-Cantab Hall)	480,000	Q1:56.4f
Fade Into You (f, Cantab Hall-Fortunes Of Fables-Muscle Hill)	—	Q1:56.4
Goes Down Smooth (c, Muscle Hill-Peach Martini-Striking Sahbra)	82,000	Q1:57
Green Manalishi S (c, Muscle Hill-Naga Morich-Enjoy Lavec)	—	Q1:57
Klutzy (c, Cantab Hall-Upside Hanover-Muscles Yankee)	55,000	Q1:57.2
Gerry (c, Muscle Hill-Viva Las Lindy-Dream Vacation)	225,000	Q1:57.3
Whispering Oaks (f, Father Patrick-Vintage Oaks-Muscles Yankee)	100,000	Q1:57.3
Check Out Trixie (f, Trixton-Check Me Out-Donato Hanover)	—	Q1:57.4f
Kings County (c, Muscle Hill-Brooklyn-Conway Hall)	210,000	Q1:57.4
White Tiger (c, Muscle Massive-Just Not Into You-Donato Hanover)	22,000	Q1:57.4
No Drama Please (c, Trixton-Female Drama-Yankee Glide)	54,000	Q1:57.4
Soul Strong (c, Father Patrick-Sheer Soul-Yankee Glide)	27,000	Q1:57.4



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McWicked Still Impressive At 7

Not many male pacers have won Dan Patch awards at ages two or three and returned to capture another trophy against older horses. The list since 1990 features Artsplace, Jenna's Beach Boy, Gallo Blue Chip, Art Major, and Sweet Lou. All with the exception of Sweet Lou were 4 year olds when they received their honor as an older horse; Sweet

Lou was five.

McWicked, who earned a Dan Patch Award at age three in 2014, is hoping to add his name to the list—at the age of seven. And trainer Casie Coleman says the stallion has never been better.

"To see him still going, and going as hard as he is, is awesome; normally right now they're getting a little tired and tailing off," Coleman said. "I honestly think this horse seems stronger than he's ever been yet, which I don't even know how is possible, but he seems like a stronger horse right now."

The winner of two of four races this year, McWicked on Saturday heads to The Downs at Mohegan

Sun Pocono for the eliminations of the Ben Franklin Pace for older male pacers. McWicked is coming off a second-place finish to Sintra in the Gold Cup at Woodbine Mohawk Park. McWicked got away eighth, 16 lengths off the lead at the quarter-mile point, before pacing his final three-quarters of a mile in 1:18.4 to rally for the runner-up spot.

"It was insane the back half he had, but he was just too far back," Coleman said. "He couldn't have raced any better, he was just far out of the race.

"Every time we've put him on the track he's raced great."

McWicked, a son of McArdle owned by Ed James' SSG Stables, has won 24 of 78 career starts and \$2.37 million.

"It's not often that he's off the board," Coleman said. "He usually gives you all he's got and he's usually right there. He's had a lot of first-over journeys where he still gets the job done. He can take any trip you give him.

"He's staked in everything all summer long. As long as he's sound and healthy he'll be in all the events and hopefully he can win a couple of them."

Coleman credited an offseason layoff in Kentucky, the work of trainer Jim McDonald in preparing McWicked in Florida, and the decision to bypass the George Morton Levy Memorial Pacing Series in March/April as reasons for her horse's early-season success.

"Hopefully it pays off for us," Coleman said. "He's been sharp, sound, and healthy. We just hope for a little bit of luck on the weekend." (Ken Weingartner)



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"It was insane the back half he had, but he was just too far back."

—Casie Coleman

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ONES TO WATCH

MARION MARAUDER, scratched "sick" two weeks ago in the Hill Memorial at Scioto Downs, and coming off a second-place finish in the Great Northeast Series last Sunday at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, returns to Yonkers Raceway Saturday night for the first time since finishing second to Twister Bi in last October's International Trot.

Marion Marauder will start from the outside post 8 in the \$44,000 Open Handicap Trot (Race 7) with Jordan Stratton getting the drive with regular pilot Scott Zeron at Pocono that night for the Sun Stakes elims. **SMALLTOWNTHROWDOWN**, second to Marion Marauder in the 2016 Yonkers Trot, starts from post 7. Smalltownthrowdown hasn't raced since finishing seventh in the June 9 Hill Memorial.

Speaking of the Yonkers Trot, **DEWYCOLORINTHELINE**, who won the 2013 renewal, starts from post 2.

The Great Northeast Series continues this weekend at Pocono on Saturday and Harrah's Philadelphia on Sunday. Although the mares pace is on Sunday, trainer Jimmy Takter opted to race three-time divisional champ **PURE COUNTRY** (post 3) against the males in the \$30,000 Open (Race 1). Morning-line favorite in the race is **RODEO ROMEO** (post 4), who has a first and third in earlier Northeast Series action.

On Sunday, the \$30,000 Great Northeast trot is headlined by two-time divisional champ **ARIANA G**, who won her 4-year-old debut on May 19 in 1:52.1 over a "sloppy" track at the Meadowlands, but has not raced since finishing sixth in the Graduate on June 2 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Trainer Takter reported after that race that Ariana G's blood work was "off the scale." The \$30,000 mares pace is topped by **BLUE MOON STRIDE** and **AGENT Q**.

Three New York Sires Stakes divisions for 3-year-old filly trotters are set for Sunday at Tioga Downs, but all eyes will be focused on the second \$40,000 split (Race 6). That race features a match-up between **ATLANTA** and **PLUNGE BLUE CHIP**, respectively the one-two finishers in the Empire

Breeders Classic on May 28 at Vernon Downs. Atlanta, who won that race in a track-record 1:50.3, comes into the race off a 1:52.2 qualifier June 13 at Pocono, while Plunge Blue Chip has not started since the EBC final.

Across the border, Ontario Sires Stakes Golds for 3 year olds are on tap for Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The lone \$125,000(C) division for fillies (Race 6) has recent Fan Hanover final winner **SHOWER PLAY** starting from post 4 for driver Louis Philippe Roy. Starting from post 10 is 2017 O'Brien Award winner **PERCY BLUE CHIP**, with **KENDALL SEELSTER** lining up in post 8.

Race 2 is the first \$97,200(C) division for the males. The richest pair in the race in 2018 have drawn the bookend posts. Starting from post 1 is **WHEN YOU DANCE**, with **BURNING MIDNIGHT** on the outside in slot 9. The two respectively finished third and ninth in the North America Cup consolation last Saturday.

Race 9 is the second \$96,400(C) division and all eyes will be on **JIMMY FREIGHT**, whose four-race win streak was interrupted last time out when he finished a valiant third against older horses in the Mohawk Gold Cup. The son of Sportswriter starts from post 6 for driver Roy. **ST. LADS NEPTUNE**, who finished seventh in the \$1 million NA Cup, will start from post 5 with James MacDonald getting the call with regular driver Jody Jamieson off to the Sun Stakes elims.

Also on Saturday night, at Hoosier Park, **BECKHAMS Z TAM**, will start from post 4 in a six-horse Open Pace field (Race 7, 8:18 estimated post time).

And in qualifying action, the Meadowlands has 13 qualifiers for 2 year olds Saturday morning. **TACTICAL LANDING**, the most expensive yearling in 2016, is also scheduled to be on the track in Race 14. His qualifying race includes **MET'S HALL 2**, 1:52.4, runner-up in last fall's Breeders Crown, who will be making his second qualifying start of the season for trainer Julie Miller.



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Class 1 Positive In 2016 PASS Final Ignored

Thursday's Paulick Report, in a story written by former Indiana Horse Racing Commission executive director Joe Gorajec, is reporting that a positive test for the Class 1 drug oxycodone found in a horse that raced in the \$252,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship for 2-year-old colt trotters on Sept. 11, 2016, resulted in no action taken.

The race was won by the John Butenschoen-trained Giveitgasandgo by 1 1/2 lengths in 1:56, with the Chris Beaver-trained Moonshiner Hanover second. Butenschoen also picked up a third and a fifth with Affair Of Honor and Dover Dan, respectively, while the George Ducharme-trained Muscles Jared, who was the 3-5 betting favorite, finished fourth.

\$252,000 PASS 2CT Championship

• Sept. 11, 2016 •

Finish—Horse	Trainer
1—Giveitgasandgo	John Butenschoen
2—Moonshiner Hanover	Chris Beaver
3—Affair Of Honor	John Butenschoen
4—Muscles Jared	George Ducharme
5—Dover Dan	John Butenschoen

Weekend Preview contacted all three trainers Thursday afternoon and they all responded that they were never informed nor had any reason to believe any of their horses received the Class 1

positive. All PASS championships that night were raced out of a detention barn.

Gorajec spoke to former Harrah's Philadelphia presiding judge Don Harmon, who gave him the timeline of the positive test, which was revealed by the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory (PETRL) 10 days after the race. Harmon told Gorajec that until May 31, 2017—eight months later—the information was not given to himself or the Pennsylvania Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing.

Pennsylvania Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing director Brett Revington confirmed in an email to Gorajec the circumstances regarding the positive test. In the email, Revington noted: "On May 31, 2017, I became aware that there was a test result by PETRL on a particular sample for the 9th race of September 11, 2016 that had not been called. At the time, the Commission and the Bureau were in a state of transition in a few key personnel areas and unfortunately, this test result was not timely addressed. When we discovered the PETRL test result approximately nine months later, we concluded, in consultation with our legal department, that due to the unusual length of time between the race date and our discovery date, we decided that we could not properly proceed with the matter against the individual trainer or owner. The matter has been closed since June of 2017. No penalties were imposed as a result of human error."

To read the entire Paulick report please click [here](#). — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Svanstedt Ready To Show Off Six Pack

Ake Svanstedt can find no reason to dislike Six Pack, but he is particularly fond of one of the horse's traits.

"He is a horse that wants to win," Svanstedt said about Six Pack, who is undefeated in three races this year and brings a six-race win streak to his Earl Beal Jr. Memorial elimination Saturday at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono. "He is a little bit lazy, but he wants to have his head before the other horses."

The Earl Beal Jr. Memorial is one of the stepping stones on the road to August's \$1.2 million Hambletonian. Svanstedt has trained seven Hambletonian starters, including last year's winner-by-disqualification Perfect Spirit, and said Six Pack is "the best" he's had heading to the event.

"I like everything about him," Svanstedt said.

Six Pack is the 2-1 morning-line favorite in the second of three eliminations of the Beal. Six Pack and Svanstedt will start from post 6 in a seven-horse field.

Six Pack is a Brittany Farms-bred son of Muscle Mass out of Pleasing Lady. He was purchased for \$30,000 at the 2016 Lexington Selected Sale and is owned by Ake Svanstedt Inc., Little E LLC, Stall Kalmar FF, and Lars Berg. The horse's family includes 1969 Hambletonian winner Lindy's Pride.

Last year, Six Pack had one win and a second in four starts before undergoing throat surgery to correct a breathing issue. The colt returned to action with a second-place finish followed by his six-race win streak, which included the 2017 New York Sires Stakes championship and this year's Empire Breeders Classic. He won the EBC in a career-best 1:51.2, pushing his career earnings to \$332,555.

"After the (throat) surgery he was a different horse."

—*Ake Svanstedt*

"After the (throat) surgery he was a different horse," Svanstedt said. "He's raced very good this year. He's raced one second faster every time so his form is coming up.

"I hope he can go to the (Beal) final; he should go to the final. His training is good and he had a break for three weeks now after the Empire Breeders. He is feeling good the whole time. He looks good. He is a very big horse, one of the biggest I've ever trained, but he handles the short tracks good and on the big tracks he has picked up the speed good."

Svanstedt's other Beal hopeful, Gemologist, has won three of 11 career races and earned \$37,478 for owner SRF Stable. He is a Diamond Creek Farm-bred son of Cantab Hall out of Formula Bluestone and was purchased for \$130,000 at the Lexington Selected Sale. He battled health issues earlier this season, but enters his Beal elim off a win in a conditioned race at Harrah's Philadelphia.

"He is a nice trotter," Svanstedt said. "Last year he was too much colt and not easy to handle. We gelded him and he's a better horse as a gelding." (*Ken Weingartner*)

 **harnessracing.com HEADLINES****Auction of equine sculpture to benefit museum**

A dramatic original bronze equine sculpture by artist Claudia Steinley Shelhamer will be offered at live auction on Hall of Fame Night, July 1, at the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y. [more](#)

Stride Of Pride goes for 3 straight at Meadows

He was unraced at two and enjoyed only modest success on the Ohio fairs circuit at three. But Stride Of Pride has blossomed as an older horse. In fact, he'll be seeking his third straight victory in Saturday's \$18,000 Preferred Handicap Pace at The Meadows. [more](#)

Peter Wrenn wins 10,000th career race

Driver Peter Wrenn joined elite company as he became the 14th driver in harness racing history to reach 10,000 career driving wins at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino on Tuesday. A winner of more than \$72 million in lifetime purse earnings, Wrenn joins the likes of harness racing greats Herve Filion, Cat Manzi, Dave Palone, Tony Morgan, Walter Case Jr., and Dave Magee in the elusive 10,000-win club. [more](#)

OHHA Charity Night Saturday at Scioto Downs

Join the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) on Saturday, June 23, as they welcome 20 charities to Eldorado Gaming Scioto Downs to participate in the sixth annual Charity Night at the Races. [more](#)

French trotters arrive; series begins Aug. 5

Nearly two dozen French trotters were safely released from their New York Federal quarantine facility Saturday morning and are now in the hands of their new American owners. [more](#)

PEI legend Mike MacDonald dies at 70

Mike MacDonald, a legend in the Prince Edward Island harness racing community, died overnight Tuesday. He was 70. [more](#)

Tetrick vs. Tetrick goes to New Vocations

On Tuesday afternoon (June 19), Eldorado Scioto Downs played host to the Tetrick vs. Tetrick Pro-Am, which was won by Team New Vocations (Tim Tetrick and Aaron Merriman). [more](#)

Pompano Park auction of items Aug. 5-6

With the announcement of Eldorado Resorts, Inc. partnering with The Cordish Companies in the development of a world class hospitality destination site at Pompano Park, Midwest Auctioneers and Realty has announced that they have signed a definitive agreement with PPI Inc. to conduct a two-day auction at Pompano Park on Sunday, Aug. 5, beginning at 12 noon, and Monday, Aug. 6, beginning at 9 a.m. There will be a two-day preview on Aug. 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [more](#)

Seminar helps new owner get his wish

Steve Stewart has come full circle in harness racing. Now living in Berlin, N.Y., Stewart first got involved in the sport decades ago while living in Long Island. [more](#)

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RACE LINES

Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of June 19, 2018

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Hannelore Hanover (30)	6tm	4-4-0-0	\$208,338	338	1
2. Lather Up (4)	3pc	6-6-0-0	458,165	297	5
3. Shartin N	5pm	14-11-1-0	560,923	269	3
4. Filibuster Hanover (1)	4pg	5-5-0-0	202,225	224	2
5. Atlanta	3tf	3-3-0-0	127,284	191	4
6. Manchego	3tf	2-2-0-0	43,240	143	6
7. Wolfgang	3tc	2-2-0-0	112,630	96	—
8. Bit Of A Legend N	9ph	9-3-4-1	330,775	89	7
9. Will Take Charge	5tg	12-6-3-1	205,268	52	8
10. Keystone Velocity	10ph	6-2-2-0	320,000	49	9

Others receiving votes: Homicide Hunter 27, Shower Play 24, Rockin Ron 20, Six Pack 19, Jimmy Freight 13, Ariana G 11, Sintra 9, Done Well 8, Courtly Choice, Mach It So 6, McWicked 5, Emoticon Hanover, Stay Hungry 4, Alarm Detector, Elmo Blatch, In Secret, Kissin In The Sand, Trump Nation 3, Wes Delight 2, Dorsoduro Hanover, Fox Valley Gemini, Lost In Time, NF Happenstance 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through June 19, 2018 (week difference June 13-19).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Shartin N (5pf)	14	11	1	0	\$560,923
Lather Up (3pc)	6	6	0	0	458,165
Bit Of A Legend N (9ph)	9	3	4	1	330,775
Keystone Velocity (10ph)	6	2	2	0	320,000
Sell A Bit N (8pm)	12	5	2	1	218,650
Will Take Charge (5tg)	13	7	3	1	218,188
Rockin Ron (6pg)	11	5	3	0	217,750
Hannelore Hanover (6tm)	4	4	0	0	208,338
Filibuster Hanover (4pg)	5	5	0	0	202,225
Somewhere In LA (7pg)	13	5	3	3	201,920

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Tim Tetrick	1,216	245-206-165	.341	\$4,263,549 (\$509,601)
Jason Bartlett	1,137	223-190-164	.337	3,901,196 (190,414)
Aaron Merriman	1,962	446-354-280	.375	3,720,765 (157,923)
Jordan Stratton	1,102	198-176-143	.312	3,683,583 (189,830)
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	1,465	364-235-189	.381	2,650,614 (175,930)
Corey Callahan	1,178	178-185-162	.284	2,610,157 (187,852)
Dan Noble	1,258	271-181-153	.336	2,525,065 (110,517)
Trace Tetrick	1,285	264-199-165	.334	2,520,827 (38,299)
George Brennan	950	141-122-95	.253	2,518,832 (240,923)
Yannick Gingras	716	119-99-86	.283	2,429,407 (297,449)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,615	341-239-200	.335	\$5,084,540 (\$394,472)
Rene Allard	731	166-111-90	.352	2,580,140 (175,192)
Scott Di Domenico	716	121-112-87	.296	1,824,775 (124,332)
Richard Moreau	761	153-120-96	.331	1,578,578 (59,454)
Richard Banca	451	73-71-65	.297	1,391,422 (73,200)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	610	94-75-74	.263	1,336,184 (97,141)
Jim King Jr.	210	43-33-28	.337	1,149,240 (173,503)
Nick Surick	801	143-124-102	.307	1,094,843 (39,115)
Carmen Auciello	724	79-71-78	.200	970,392 (49,492)
Mark Harder	187	54-33-25	.431	942,349 (121,085)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	831	422	871	\$9,604,208
Winbak Farm	807	397	833	7,471,127
Brittany Farms LLC	203	110	257	3,076,106
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	175	102	235	2,477,310
Perretti Farms	119	83	187	1,842,822
Seelster Farms Inc.	166	95	205	1,715,373
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	138	71	138	1,606,943
White Birch Farm	147	73	144	1,598,951
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	123	66	152	1,538,413
Steve Stewart	167	74	154	1,536,626

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for June 13-19 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers Starts W-P-S

Ronnie Wrenn Jr	71	26-10-9
George Napolitano Jr	80	23-9-7
W. Drew Campbell	47	17-9-6
Tim Tetrick	67	15-11-12
George Brennan	56	14-10-5
Aaron Merriman	98	13-18-15
Shawn Gray	38	13-6-3
Dan Noble	55	12-8-5
Jason Bartlett	64	12-7-6
Simon Allard	55	12-7-6
Jordan Stratton	61	11-8-9
Russell Foster	49	11-7-2
Tony Hall	68	11-13-9
Chris Page	59	10-11-4
Bob McClure	45	9-7-7
Brent Holland	47	9-8-8
Casey Leonard	38	9-6-3
David Miller	49	9-8-5
Eric Carlson	75	9-9-9
Guy Gagnon	19	9-4-2
Jim Marohn Jr.	53	9-4-9
Jim Taggart Jr.	58	9-4-9

Trainers Wins

Ron Burke	23
Rene Allard	14
Philip Sowers	8
Anette Lorentzon	7
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	6
Scott Di Domenico	6
Virgil Morgan Jr.	6
Ake Svanstedt	5
Benoit Baillargeon	5
Carmen Auciello	5
Dan Ater	5
Dylan Davis	5
Erv Miller	5
Frank Petrelli	5
Gary Messenger	5
Herman Wheeler	5
Hunter Oakes	5
James Clouser Jr.	5
Jamie Macomber	5
Jeff Brewer	5
Jose Godinez	5
Melissa Beckwith	5
Patrick Shepherd	5
Tony Alagna	5