

Brown Is "Lost For Words" Over Lost For Words

There are three eliminations for the \$500,000 Max C. Hempt Memorial for 3-year-old colt pacers on tap Saturday night at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, with the top three finishers in each returning for the rich final on July 4.

Wakizashi Hanover and Wiggle It Jiggle It, coming off their respective one-two finish in the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup final last Saturday at Mohawk, drew into separate Hempt eliminations. NA Cup third-place finisher Betting Exchange

landed in the same elim as Wiggle It Jiggle It. In The Arsenal and Artspeak, respectively fourth and fifth in the NA Cup final, drew in together in the other elim.

While the NA Cup heavyweights are attracting most of the attention, there is a new face aiming to make his presence felt in the third Hempt elimination in the Brian Brown-trained Lost For Words. Wakizashi Hanover is the 5-2 morning-line choice in the third of the three \$25,000 elims, with Lost For Words listed as the 3-1 second choice.

Although this will be the first foray into open stakes competition as a sophomore for Lost For Words, the son of Well Said



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on Lost For Words*

made his mark nationally as a freshman. Lost For Words won five of 13 starts last year, including Bluegrass and International Stallion divisions during the two-week Grand Circuit stand at The Red Mile.

Lost For Words has been untouchable thus far in 2015. After two winning qualifiers at Scioto Downs, Lost For Words scored in his pari-mutuel debut at that track on May 9. Brown then sent Lost For Words on the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) circuit, where he won three straight, including a career-best 1:49.3 effort on May 28 at Harrah's



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Philadelphia. The streak has brought Lost For Words' career earnings to \$318,142 for owners Country Club Acres, William Robinson, Richard Lombardo and Strollin Stable.

Lost For Words is now racing on Lasix, and a bridle change has been made. Still, Brown admits he is unsure of the impact the changes have had on the colt's four-for-four season.

"I added an open bridle and he's a little easier to race," said Brown. "And he's a little sounder and more mature. Otherwise, I don't really have a good answer why he is where he's at right now. But I'm real happy with him."

Lost For Words has not raced since his last PASS victory on June 6 at The Meadows, but Brown isn't overly concerned about the three-week layoff.

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"I would have liked to have had something a little more than just training him...but I just didn't put him (in a Scioto Downs qualifier)," said Brown, who is based at the Delaware, Ohio fairgrounds. "He's trained three times since he's been off. He trained in 1:56.4 the other day in the rain. I think he's ready to go."

Brown said Lost For Words was not nominated to the North America Cup, nor is he paid into the upcoming Meadowlands Pace.

"He's fairly streamlined but I would like another hundred or two pounds on him. His stature is why I didn't have him in the North America Cup and Meadowlands Pace," Brown explained. "I just didn't think I could go to every race. There was a Sires Stakes the week before the North America Cup, then the Hempt, the Meadowlands Pace and Adios, and that would have been nine straight weeks for him. There is no way he could have held up. At the end of September on, that's when I hope it really pays off."

Lost For Words won his last two PASS starts from posts eight and nine, and he will start from post 7 in his Hempt elim with David Miller driving.

"Sure, I would have liked to have drawn in a lot better, but things could be worse," said Brown. "I could have a worse post with all the good ones in one division; the good ones are all spread out." — *By Gordon Waterstone*



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\$500,000 Max C. Hempt Memorial 3YOCP

The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Saturday, June 27, 1st \$25,000 elimination, Race 6, Post Time: 8:00 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—K-Rock (Rock N Roll Heaven)	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	5-1	E. Kuzrok/Homebred
2—Pierce Hanover (Cam's Card Shark)	B. Miller/K. Sucee	4-1	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$38,000 (Lex)
3—Paparazzi Hanover (Well Said)	C. Callahan/J. Campbell	6-1	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$190,000 (HB)
4—In The Arsenal (American Ideal)	B. Sears/K. Harrison	3-1	White Birch Farm/\$7,500 (HB)
5—Rufo (Dragon Again)	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	12-1	White Birch Farm/\$77,000 (HB)
6—Artspeak (Western Ideal)	S. Zeron/T. Alagna	5-2	Brittany Farms, M. Hartman/\$100,000 (Lex)
7—Oneisalonelynumber (Bettor's Delight)	D. Miller/C. Coleman	10-1	R. & R. Brady, K. & L. Jackson/\$62,000 (Lex)
8—Cardiac Fashion (Well Said)	G. Napolitano Jr./K. McDermott	15-1	Fashion Farms/—
9—Tomy Terror (Western Terror)	A. Miller/J. Butenschoen	201	VAE LLC/\$50,000 (Lex)

2nd \$25,000 elimination, Race 8, Post Time: 8:36 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Betting Exchange (Bettor's Delight)	D. Miller/T. Fanning	3-1	Flintlock Farm/\$24,000 (HB)
2—Dragon Eddy (Dragon Again)	C. Callahan/J. Butenschoen	12-1	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$42,000 (Lex)
3—Rock N' Roll World (Rocknroll Hanover)	B. Sears/M. Silva	4-1	MJG Racing Stables, Hill View Ent./\$125,000 (HB)
4—Blood Brother (Somebeachsomewhere)	Y. Gingras/J. Takter	5-1	Diamond Creek Farm, Exquisite Farms/Homebred
5—Wiggle It Jiggle It (Mr. Wiggles)	M. Teague/C. Francis	5-2	J. Bernstein, T. Bantle, E. Feller, V. Tancredi/—
6—National Seelster (Bettor's Delight)	A. Miller/C. Ryder	6-1	Seelster Farms/\$50,000 (HB)
7—Americanprimetime (American Ideal)	T. Tetrick/R. Dane Jr.	10-1	Rock & Roll Stable/Homebred
8—Sicily (Art Major)	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	15-1	Brittany Farms/\$75,000 (Lex)
9—McArdles Lightning (McArdle)	S. Zeron/S. Elliott	20-1	Lightning Stable/Homebred

3rd \$25,000 elimination, Race 10, Post Time: 9:12 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Badiou Hanover (Well Said)	A. Miller/J. Miller	10-1	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$105,000 (HB)
2—Allbeef N Nobull (McArdle)	B. Miller/M. Gelrod	6-1	Perretti Farms/\$5,000 (Walker)
3—Yankee Bounty (Yankee Cruiser)	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	4-1	C. Keller III/\$21,000 (HB)
4—Wakizashi Hanover (Dragon Again)	T. Tetrick/J. Looney-King	5-2	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$23,000 (HB)
5—A Bettor Hat (Bettor's Delight)	J. Morrill Jr./G. Garcia-Herrera	12-1	D. McDuffee/—
6—Lyons Levi Lewis (Well Said)	M. Kakaley/R. Burke	9-2	E. Gold/\$32,000 (HB)
7—Lost For Words (Well Said)	D. Miller/B. Brown	3-1	Lindwood Farm/\$50,000 (Lex)
8—Jo Pa's Well Said (Well Said)	Jo. Campbell/Ji. Campbell	15-1	Walnridge Farm/\$155,000 (HB)

JK She'salady, Sassa Hanover Look To Rebound In Lynch

There are three eliminations for the James Lynch Memorial for 3-year-old filly pacers on Saturday at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, with the top three finishers coming back for the \$300,000 final on Saturday, July 4.

Although there is plenty of star appeal in all three \$20,000 Lynch elims, it's the second division that arguably is attracting the most attention. Scheduled as Race 11, the second Lynch elim features the 2014 Horse of the Year JK She'salady (post 1) and Sassa Hanover (post 4), one of her staunchest rivals.

Both JK She'salady and Sassa Hanover head into the Lynch elim off sub-par efforts in the \$479,000 Fan Hanover final at Mohawk Racetrack, finishing fifth and fourth, respectively.

After an undefeated 12-for-12 freshman campaign, JK She'salady won her first start as a 3 year old in a New York Sires Stakes but has since been battling sickness. That led to JK She'salady's first-ever defeat when she finished fourth in her Fan Hanover elim at Mohawk, and although trainer Nancy Johansson hoped for a quick turnaround, it didn't happen in the rich final.

"She was sick the first week and it was a concern she'd regress after being treated with antibiotics. We weren't able to train her last week which probably hurt her a little bit too," said Johansson. "I thought she raced pretty well last week; she was parked every step of the mile.

"She trained (Wednesday) and trained very well," continued Johansson, who has a second Lynch contender in Wicked Little Minx (post 4 in first elim).

Johansson said drawing post 1 with JK She'salady will help.


"Hopefully she can get off the gate a little bit which will put her in a little bit better position," she said. "Last year she could get away with getting away sixth or seventh and brushing around everybody. There was always a breather quarter. With 3 year olds, there's not much of a breather quarter and they're motoring all the time."

As for JK She'salady no longer being undefeated, Johansson said, "We have to worry about doing our job and not look in the rear-view mirror all the time. You can't look at the past; you have to look forward."

Sassa Hanover had a sparkling nine-win freshman campaign that concluded with a Breeders Crown runner-up finish to JK She'salady. She too won her sophomore debut in a New York Sires Stakes, but has been inconsistent in her three subsequent starts.

After taking a two-length lead into the Yonkers stretch in the Lismore final on May 30, Sassa Hanover had to settle for second. After capturing her Fan Hanover elim (which handed JK She'salady her first loss), Sassa Hanover faded to fourth in the final after sprinting clear to a two-length lead at the half and still having control in midstretch.

"We weren't real happy with her performance but we really haven't found the reason for it," trainer Ron Burke said



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about Sassa Hanover's effort in the Fan Hanover final. "Maybe we're going to have to change tactics with her. Other than that, she seems fine."

What's puzzling to Burke is that he thought Sassa Hanover was home free when she headed into the Mohawk stretch with the lead with driver Yannick Gingras.

"This is twice now in her last three starts where she just hasn't finished," he said. "Maybe we're missing something but we're not finding anything. Maybe she's just not in mid-season form and we're going to need to get her a little tighter and stronger." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Burke Hoping For Franklin Three-Peat

As usual, Ron Burke will be the busiest trainer in action Saturday night at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, starting 18 horses, 15 of which will be in eliminations for the Sun Stakes Saturday card on July 4. Burke has at least one starter in all but one of the 10 elimination heats for the James Lynch, Max Hempt, Earl Beal Jr. and Ben Franklin.

"I've got 15 in at Pocono (in the elims) on Saturday and I

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—Ron Burke on his Ben Franklin chances

better get some into the finals," Burke said with a laugh.

Burke finished one-two-three in last year's Ben Franklin final for older horse pacers, sweeping the trifecta with Sweet Lou, Bettor's Edge and Foiled Again and taking home \$435,000 of the \$500,000 purse. Burke also won the 2013 Franklin final with Foiled Again, with his Clear Vision finishing fourth.

Although Sweet Lou is now re-

tired, Burke returns to the 2015 Franklin with Foiled Again, Clear Vision and Bettor's Edge, again giving him a chance to sweep the top three positions in the final.

"I don't have a 'Lou' any more that I can count on to dominate, but I also have three that I think you can count on to be right there," said Burke.

Driven by Yannick Gingras, Foiled Again will start from post 5 in the first of two Franklin elims (Race 7) as the 5-2 morning-line favorite. Foiled Again is making his seventh consecutive appearance in the Franklin. Although Foiled Again won

46 races from 2009-2012, he didn't fare well in the Franklin finals, with just three sixths and a 3p5 to show for it.

Now 11, Foiled Again got off to a slow start in 2015, and after a second and third in his first four starts, Burke discovered the son of Dragon Again had an entrapped epiglottis. Surgery was performed in early May, and after a pair of winning qualifiers at the Meadowlands, Foiled Again captured the \$175,000 Battle of Lake Erie on June 12 at Northfield Park. The win pushed his career earnings to an all-time record \$7,012,531.

"'Foiled' has a shot. He's just a good horse," understated Burke.

Clear Vision and Bettor's Edge are coupled as a wagering entry in the second Franklin elim (Race 9), listed as the 4-1 second choice behind 3-1 favorite State Treasurer, who is coming off a win in the \$100,000 Mohawk Gold Cup last Saturday night at Mohawk Racetrack.

Now nine, Clear Vision brings a career bankroll of \$2.39 million into the Franklin. The Western Hanover gelding is winless in 11 starts this year, but is coming off a late-closing second-place finish behind Foiled Again in the Battle of Lake Erie. Brett Miller drives from post 4.

As for the \$1.47 million-winning Bettor's Edge, the 6-year-old gelding has just one win in eight starts this year, that coming in a Levy leg at Yonkers Raceway. The son of Bettor's Delight finished third to State Treasurer last time out in the Mohawk Gold Cup. Matt Kakaley drives from post 6.

"Bettor's Edge and Clear Vision are both rounding back into form," said Burke. "The last couple starts were their best couple starts."

The top four finishers in each elim, plus the fastest fifth-place horse, will return for the \$500,000 Franklin final on July 4. — By Gordon Waterstone

\$500,000 Earl Beal Jr. Memorial 3YOCT

The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Saturday, June 27, 1st \$25,000 elimination, Race 3, Post Time: 7:06 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Aldebaran Eagle (Muscle Hill)	C. Callahan/J. Czernyson	5-2	Diamond Creek Fm, Exquisite Fms, M. Hartman/\$70,000 (HB)
2—Walter White (Cantab Hall)	B. Miller/J. Takter	7-2	Perretti Farms/\$57,000 (HB)
3—Habitat (Conway Hall)	J. Morrill Jr./R. Burke	2-1	F. Caldwell/\$50,000 (Lex)
4—Cruzado Dela Noche (Muscle Massive)	D. Miller/N. Johansson	5-1	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$28,000 (HB)
5—Southwind Mozart (Muscle Hill)	A. Svanstedt	6-1	Southwind Farm/\$40,000 (Lex)
6—Boots N Chains (Yankee Glide)	A. Miller/J. Butenschoen	10-1	Kentuckiana Farms/\$75,000 (Lex)

2nd \$25,000 elimination, Race 5, Post Time: 7:42 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Donatomite (Donato Hanover)	T. Smedshammer	6-1	M. Andrew/Homebred
2—Honor And Serve (Donato Hanover)	T. Tetrack/J. Campbell	5-1	Valley High Stable/\$75,000 (HB)
3—Guess Whos Back (Muscles Yankee)	B. Sears/N. Drennan	5-2	Diamond Creek Farm/M. Hartman/\$90,000 (HB)
4—Whom Shall I Fear* (Cantab Hall)	D. Miller/J. Takter	2-1	Brittany Farms/\$475,000 (Lex)
5—Pinkman* (Explosive Matter)	Y. Gingras/J. Takter	2-1	O Narutac Equine Nursery/\$77,000 (Lex)
6—Centurion ATM (SJ's Caviar)	A. Svanstedt	10-1	E. Solomon/\$100,000 (HB)
7—Wicker Hanover (Explosive Matter)	A. McCarthy/N. Daley	7-2	Hanover Shoe Farms/\$37,000 (HB)

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3rd \$25,000 elimination, Race 12, Post Time: 9:48 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)
1—Shoot The Thrill (Explosive Matter)	T. Tetrack/D. Simpson	5-2	Quantum Farms/\$22,000 (HB)
2—Crazy Wow (Crazed)	Y. Gingras/R. Burke	2-1	Peter Pan Stables/\$10,000 (Lex)
3—Code Bon (Muscle Hill)	A. Svanstedt	6-1	Southwind Farm/\$100,000 (Lex)
4—Divisionist (Andover Hall)	C. Norris	10-1	T. Crouch/\$40,000 (Lex)
5—Billy Flynn (Cantab Hall)	J. Morrill Jr./S. Lind	7-2	Brittany Farms/\$120,000 (Lex)
6—Uncle Lasse (Donato Hanover)	B. Miller/J. Takter	5-2	Solveig's Breeders/Homebred

Svanstedt Set To Unveil New Swedish Star

In Friday night's \$50,000TVG Free-For-AllTrot at the Meadowlands, trainer Ake Svanstedt sends out Mr. Picolit in what will be the 8 year old's North American debut after a stellar racing career in Europe. If the story sounds familiar, it should be as it conjures up memories from last year when Svanstedt unveiled an 8-year-old Sebastian K to racing fans on this continent.

After a standout career that included honors as Sweden's Horse of the Year, Sebastian K accompanied Svanstedt when the conditioner moved his base of operations to the U.S. for the 2014 racing season. Sebastian K was fourth in his lone late-April qualifier at the Meadowlands, and then captured his Arthur J. Cutler Memorial elimination in his pari-mutuel debut.

Sebastian K won the Cutler final and then pretty much kept on winning, with his other victories including the John Cashman Memorial and Crawford Farms. And let's not forget that world-record 1:49f mile in the Sun Invitational at Pocono Downs. With eight wins and \$663,853 in earnings—which brought his career total to \$2.95 million—Sebastian K was easily voted the 2014 Older Horse Trotter of the Year.

Mr. Picolit also brings with him some pretty lofty credentials. His biggest win came in the 2013 Copenhagen Cup at the Charlottenlund track in Denmark, besting a field that included

"He's been training good all winter and he's ready to go!"

—Bernie Noren on Mr. Picolit

Raoul Engblom. But after finishing up 2014 with 19 wins and \$533,949 in career earnings, Mr. Picolit is now back in Svanstedt's barn. The son of 2001 Hambletonian winner Scarlet Knight is owned by Hans Gunnar Heed's Stall Musse Inc. Heed may be a familiar name as he was co-owner of the great trotting mare Grade's Singing, who won three Breeders Crown finals in the late 1980s.

"He is a good horse," Bjorn "Bernie" Noren, assistant trainer in the Svanstedt Stable, said of Mr. Picolit. "He won the Copenhagen Cup and beat good horses. He has good speed but he can come from behind too."

Mr. Picolit comes into Friday's race off a lone third-place finish in a June 6 qualifier, race-timed in 1:55 as he finished 8 1/2 lengths behind the winning Handover Belle in 1:53.2.

"He's been training good all winter and he's ready to go," said Noren. "They're ready when they qualify."

Although Mr. Picolet wore shoes in the qualifier, Noren said he expects the veteran trotter to race barefoot on Friday night, where he will start from the outside post 6 in a field of six with Svanstedt driving. Arguably the strongest contenders are DW's NYank and Melady's Monet, who respectively dominated the top-class events at Yonkers and the Meadowlands this past spring, and Obrigado, who has four seconds in five top-class events this year.

Mr. Picolit



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Sebastian K won his 2014 debut at third-choice odds of 5-1, and then was the favorite in all 12 of his subsequent starts. With a short field it may be hard-pressed for Mr. Picolit to see similar odds.

As for Sebastian K, the now 9 year old won a qualifier on June 20 at the Meadowlands in 1:53.4, trotting a back half in :55 flat. Noren said Sebastian K will make his 2015 debut in the \$100,000 Sun Invitational on Saturday, July 4, at Pocono Downs, the same race in which he trotted his world-record 1:49 effort last year. — *By Gordon Waterstone*



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BY DAVE BRIGGS

WEG Has A Few Good Problems To Solve

Trying to figure out how to pack more people into a race-track is a welcome addition to the sport's long list of challenges.

Saturday's Pepsi North America Cup card at Mohawk Race-track was so successful the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) will have to plan to address the "problem" for 2016's Cup card, said Jamie Martin, WEG's executive vice-president of racing.

"For next year we've got to figure out how we can handle bigger crowds, which is a good problem to have," he said of the crowd estimated at 12,000.

"We're actually getting a little better at estimating the crowd because we have some counting technology that we use," Martin said. "Before, we were just taking a stab at it, but we know the parking lots were full, completely. So, that's going to make it difficult for us to grow that number, unless we can find a way to get more people on the site or get more cars parked, somehow."

Even better news was it was a betting crowd. On-track wagering, which provides the most return to WEG, was \$469,716, up 20.6 percent over the 2014 NA Cup card. The total handle of just shy of \$4.3 million was a NA Cup record, beating the previous mark of just over \$3.8 million, set in 2005 at Woodbine, by more than 12 percent.

"Unless we have a gimmick pool going, we generally don't bet over \$4 million. So, that's pretty good," Martin said.

Patrons wagered \$681,716 on the Pepsi North America Cup race itself—won by Wakizashi Hanover for the Tri County Stable of Truro, Nova Scotia—an increase of almost 44 percent over what was bet on the 2014 NA Cup won by JK Endofanera.

"Our U.S. bet was really, really strong. We got lots of really good support from the Meadowlands and other racetracks," Martin said.

Total handle for the 15 races was up nearly 25 percent over the 2014 NA Cup card, which had 14 races. Martin said by Race 14 this year, wagering had already hit \$4.1 million, so the extra race wasn't what put WEG over the top.

"The weather was perfect, which really helps," Martin said. So, too, was a long list of promotions that included two country bands, a barbeque stand and food trucks, a beer garden called Beerville and even the debut of a signature drink called the NA Cup Squeeze.

"We invested not only in paid advertising, but we invested quite a bit in the event itself," Martin said. "It's nice to see all that hard work turn into a successful night."

Locals were treated to a decidedly local show, with Ontario-sired horses and Canadian connections winning the \$479,000 Fan Hanover (Wrangler Magic), \$350,000 Roses Are Red (Lady Shadow), \$272,000 Armbr Flight (Bee A Magician), \$233,000 Goodtimes (Hemi Seelster in a 76-1 upset) and the \$75,000 North America Cup consolation (Physicallyinclined).

Martin said the size of the crowd was comparable to the 2008 NA Cup when local favorite Somebeachsomewhere scored one of the most popular victories in the track's 52-year history and then was said to have bowed to the crowd on the way to the winner's circle.

"Some people were saying—and this is all anecdotal, of course—that (this year) wasn't as big as The Beach's year, but I think (this year) there were more cars than we've ever had on the lot, so that leads me to believe that it was a really good crowd. We're very pleased," Martin said.

"For next year we've got to figure out how we can handle bigger crowds!"

—WEG VP of racing
Jamie Martin



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2015 Top Sires of 2:00 2YO Pacers

Sire	No. of Foals	No. of Starters	No. in 2:00
1. Somebeachsomewhere	112	62	21
2. Big Bad John	108	54	13
3. American Ideal	93	42	9
4. Roll With Joe	88	32	8
Well Said	102	47	8
6. Art Major	78	40	7
Rockin Image	87	34	7
Shadyshark Hanover	87	36	7
9. Dragon Again	99	45	6
Sand Shooter	64	24	6
Sportswriter	63	22	6
Western Ideal	70	27	6
13. Western Terror	114	41	5
14. Bettor's Delight	98	26	4
Real Desire	60	21	4
Sportsmaster	49	20	4
Yankee Cruiser	83	36	4
18. Always A Virgin	43	11	3
Art Official	29	13	3
Dali	42	21	3
Mach Three	110	34	3
Panspacificflight	92	31	3
Quik Pulse Mindale	19	10	3
Rocknroll Hanover	106	38	3
Shadow Play	57	22	3
Up The Credit	38	12	3

2015 Top Sires of 2:03 2YO Pacers

Sire	No. of Foals	No. of Starters	No. in 2:03
1. Somebeachsomewhere	112	62	22
2. Big Bad John	108	54	21
3. American Ideal	93	42	11
4. Rockin Image	87	34	10
Shadyshark Hanover	87	36	10
Well Said	102	47	10
7. Art Major	78	40	9
Roll With Joe	88	32	9
9. Western Terror	114	41	8
10. Dragon Again	99	45	7
Sportsmaster	49	20	7
Western Ideal	70	27	7
Yankee Cruiser	83	36	7
14. Dali	42	21	6
Panspacificflight	92	31	6
Sand Shooter	64	24	6
Sportswriter	63	22	6
18. Bettor's Delight	98	26	5
Shadow Play	57	22	5
20. Real Desire	60	21	4
Rocknroll Hanover	106	38	4
Up The Credit	38	12	4

2015 Top Sires of 2:01 2YO Trotters

Sire	No. of Foals	No. of Starters	No. in 2:01
1. Donato Hanover	117	43	14
2. Muscle Hill	80	33	6
3. Andover Hall	83	32	5
Cantab Hall	96	44	5
5. Jailhouse Jesse	69	28	4
Kadabra	101	27	4
7. Explosive Matter	60	25	3
Manofmanymissions	78	19	3
Muscle Massive	58	22	3
RC Royalty	67	25	3
Yankee Glide	58	26	3
12. Credit Winner	73	36	2
Deweycheatumnhowe	69	23	2
Here Comes Herbie	23	10	2
Muscles Yankee	45	17	2
Powerful Emotion	32	11	2
Swan For All	88	20	2
Triumphant Caviar	41	18	2
19. ABC Garland	31	10	1
Big Stick Lindy	27	13	1
Cash Hall	17	8	1
Conway Hall	55	24	1
Earl Of Stormont	20	10	1
Holiday Road	27	4	1
Justice Hall	22	10	1
Keystone Blitz	60	18	1
Keystone Savage	5	3	1
Lucky Chucky	63	23	1
Mr Cantab	66	22	1
Muscle Mass	78	26	1

2015 Top Sires of 2:05 2YO Trotters

Sire	No. of Foals	No. of Starters	No. in 2:05
1. Donato Hanover	117	43	18
2. Yankee Glide	58	26	10
3. Andover Hall	83	32	9
Cantab Hall	96	44	9
5. Muscle Hill	80	33	7
Muscle Massive	58	22	7
RC Royalty	67	25	7
8. Manofmanymissions	78	19	6
9. Crazyed	68	23	5
Credit Winner	73	36	5
Deweycheatumnhowe	69	23	5
Jailhouse Jesse	69	28	5
Kadabra	101	27	5
Swan For All	88	20	5
Triumphant Caviar	41	18	5
16. Conway Hall	55	24	4
Explosive Matter	60	25	4
Justice Hall	22	10	4
Muscles Yankee	45	17	4
Powerful Emotion	32	11	4
Trainforthefuture	22	12	4

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SEASON'S LEADERS

2YO Trotters

MILE TRACKS

- 2C Q1:55.3 SOUTHWIND FRANK**, Muscle Hill-Flawless Lindy-Cantab Hall Burke Rcg. Stb., W. Brusceci, Our Horse Cents Stb., & J&T Silva Stbs. *Southwind Fm.* (Gty 6-22) Y. Gingras. *R. Burke*
(CR Commando, Muscle Network, Centurion ATM 1:53.2)
2F Q1:58 CAPRICE HILL, Kadabra-Bramasole-Muscles Yankee T. Hill. *Hanover Shoe Fms.* (Gty 6-15) Y. Gingras. *T. Alagna*
WOMANS WILL, Donato Hanover-Will Of A Woman-Muscles Yankee A. Libfeld & M. Katz. *A. Libfeld & M. Katz* (M 6-20) A. Miller. *J. Miller (Mission Brief 1:50.3)*
2G 1:58.4 FLY JESSE FLY, Jailhouse Jesse-Flying Rae-Pegasus Spur R. Sidley & J. Otto. *R. Sidley* (HoP 6-23) R. Plano. *R. Otto (Outburst 1:53.1)*

FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS

- 2C Q1:57.3 MR RIGHT**, Donato Hanover-Hey Mister-Muscles Yankee L. Raymer, S. Moss, H. & H.R. Solomon. *Let It Ride Stbs., J&T Silva Stbs., Robert Cooper Stbs. & Mentally Stb.* (PcD 6-12) T. Raymer. *L. Raymer (Father Patrick 1:52.1)*
2F Q1:58.2 SUNSET GLIDER, Cantab Hall-Highland Glider-Yankee Glide Brittany Fms., M. Katz & A. Libfeld. *J. Wilhite Jr.* (PcD 6-19) Y. Gingras. *J. Takter (COOLER SCHOONER 1:51.3)*
2G 1:57.3 ALEXANDER HANOVER, Cantab Hall-A Youre Adorable-Malabar Man W. Mulligan. *Hanover Shoe Fms.* (PcD 6-21) C. Norris. *W. Popfinger (Correctamundo 1:55)*

HALF-MILE TRACKS

- 2C Q2:00.2 KANTHAKA**, Triumphant Caviar-Elena-San Pellegrino W. Stoll Lang & C. Beaver. *W. Stoll Lang* (Dela 6-10) C. Beaver. *C. Beaver (Dontyouforgetit 1:55.3)*
2F 2:00.2 WINNING PRINCESS, Credit Winner-Cabaret Princess-Yankee Glide Hossman LLC. *Brittany Fms.* (Stga 6-19) W. Hennessey. *R. Gale (Wild Honey 1:55.2)*
2G Q2:03.1 ANDREW GOLDSTEIN, RC Royalty-Final Time-Conway Hall S. Goldstein, J. & E. Flynn (Stga 6-18) K. Crawford. *K. Crawford (Pinkman 1:57)*

Data through 6/23/15. **NEW LEADERS IN GREEN***
 Division, current season's record, current leader, breeding Owner(s). *Breeder(s)*.
 (Track and date) Driver. *Trainer. (World record).*

2YO Pacers

MILE TRACKS

- 2C Q1:54.2 BOSTON RED ROCKS**, Rocknroll Hanover-McGibson-McArdle R. Berks. *Andray Fm.* (M 6-20) J. Campbell. *S. Elliott*
BROOKLYNITE, Somebeachsomewhere-Sunone-Western Hanover Val D'Or Fms., T. Gewertz, Rojan Stbs. & L&L DeVisser. *Vieux Carre Fms.* (M 6-13) C. Callahan. *J. Holloway (Sweet Lou 1:49)*
2F Q1:54.2 SKINNY DIPPER, Shadyshark Hanover-Do Me Good-Keystone Raider La Bella Vita Stbs. *Engle Equine* (BmIP 6-14) T. Seekman. *R. Roberts*
(I Luv The Nitelife, Precocious Beauty, JK She'salady, Sassa Hanover 1:50.1)
2G 1:55.1 ROYALE ROSE, Ashlee's Big Guy-Caribe Royale-Sportsmaster N. Potts. *O. Rursch* (BmIP 6-20) B. Carpenter. *L. Scurlock (Sheer Desire 1:49.3)*

FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS

- 2C Q1:55 ALLIE'S CRUISER**, Yankee Cruiser-Santastic's Filly-The Panderosa Burke Rcg. Stb., JJK Stbs., Weaver Brusceci & L. Karr. *J. Ramsburg* (Mea 6-18) D. Palone. *R. Burke*
GENOVESE, Well Said-Ru Girl-Big Rube Burke Rcg. Stb., Weaver Brusceci, J. Piatt III & The Panhellenic Stb. Corp. *S. Dey III* (Mea 6-18) D. Palone. *R. Burke (Somestarsomewhere 1:49.4)*
2F 1:54.2 AMERICAN IVY, American Ideal-Haunted-Bettor's Delight Val D'Or Fms., T. Gewertz & Rojan Stbs. *Boxwood Fm.* (PcD 6-23) M. Kakaley. *J. Holloway (Allstar Rating 1:50.1)*
2G 1:55.1 RIP THIS JOINT, Western Terror-Cheryl Hanover-Big Towner Lone Wolf Stb. *VAE LLC* (Mea 6-19) D. Palone. *M. Palone (One More Laugh 1:49.2)*

HALF-MILE TRACKS

- 2C 1:58.3 SIZZ MATTY**, Life Sizzles-Mattnipulations-Matt's Scooter B. Wright & W. Hall Jr. *W. Hall Jr.* (OD 6-21) C. Perry Jr. *B. Wright (On Golden Ponder, He's Watching 1:52.2)*
2F Q1:55.4 TIME ON MY HANDS, American Ideal-Bewitching Jewell-Artsplace J. Looney-King. *Winbak Fm.* (Dela 6-19) C. Page. *B. Brown (Isabella Blue Chip 1:53.1)*
2G Q1:59.4 PAWN SHOP JUNKIE, Dali-Uncoupled-Troublemaker R. Conrad. *Rosebud Bloodstock Fm.* (Cnvr 6-10) C. Conrad. *C. Conrad (Littlebitoflife 1:52.1)*

PASS Finals Boosted To \$350K; New 3YO Classics

A \$1.6 million investment in Pennsylvania's harness racing industry will boost purses that strengthen breeding programs and establish a prestigious stakes race, Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding announced Thursday.

"Harness racing is a unique agritourism experience," said Redding. "From the sport's tracks and fans to its breeding and training operations, it's an industry that provides an important \$92 million boost to our economy – and national bragging rights for our top horses, drivers and trainers."

One half of these monies will be used to increase purses in the 2015 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes finals and consolation races. The Sires Stakes program rewards breeders of Pennsylvania-bred and Pennsylvania-owned stallions and broodmares. Each of the eight finals races will receive an additional \$90,000 in purse money, generating a total of \$350,000 for each race. The eight consolation races will receive an additional \$10,000 apiece for purse money, bringing the total for each of these eight contested trotting and pacing races to \$60,000.

The other \$800,000 is earmarked for the newly-established 2016 Pennsylvania Classic for 3-year-old pacers. The pair of Pennsylvania Classic races will be open to Pennsylvania-sired 3-year-old pacing colts and fillies nationwide. Purses are an estimated \$700,000 for the colt race and \$350,000 for the filly race. Pennsylvania's three harness racing tracks—The Meadows, Harrah's Philadelphia and The Downs at Mohagan Sun Pocono—must submit advertising and promotional proposals for the opportunity to host the inaugural event. The commission will review the submissions and select the site for the 2016 event.

The added purse monies for these races are from the Pennsylvania Standardbred Breeders Development Fund, established by Act 71 of 2004, which directs a portion of slot revenue to incentivize raising, training and owning Standardbreds in Pennsylvania. This investment within the state's equine industry provides funding that is distributed to the owners of Pennsylvania stallions and broodmares who produce top-level horses that race worldwide. (*Pa. Dept. of Agriculture*)

Obrigado: From Maine to Meadowlands

It is a long way from the fairs of Maine to the big leagues at the Meadowlands, but it is a trip that Obrigado is making. Now, his trainer Paul Kelley expects him to make noise against the sport's top trotters.

Obrigado, a 5-year-old gelding by leading Maine stallion Boy Band, faces five others in the \$50,000 TVG Free For All on Friday at the Meadowlands.

"He is a tremendous looking individual," said Kelley. "He is everything you would want a trotter to look like. He gets over the ground really well and likes to race. He's just a class animal and is easy to manage around the barn."

At two and three, Obrigado won 21 straight races in Maine when trained by Ivan Davies and owned by longtime top Maine breeder Mike Andrew. After earning more than \$168,000 and back-to-back Maine-bred championships, Obrigado was entered in the 2013 Harrisburg Mixed Sale. Kelley jumped in to purchase Obrigado for \$53,000.

"Mike and I have been friends for a long time and he's a really sharp guy," said Kelley. "When I bought him, I thought he might develop into a nice open level trotter at Saratoga, but nobody thought we were buying this type of horse. He has been a very pleasant surprise."

Kelley owns Obrigado with partners Linwood Higgins, Bill Weaver and Stable 45.

Last year, Obrigado finished first or second in 16 of 21 starts, all at the Open level at Saratoga, Tioga Downs, and Yonkers, while earning more than \$173,000. By the end of the season, he had earned a spot in the prestigious International Trot Invitational at Yonkers and finished a fast-closing fourth behind Natural Herbie, Commander Crowe, and Bee A Magician.

With that performance, Kelley was convinced he had a potentially top class horse.

"As the competition got tougher, he kept showing up and showing that he fit with them," said Kelley. "The plan is to show up at these big races and if all goes well, which I think it will, then we'll keep competing at the top level."

Obrigado made his first career start on a one-mile track last week at the Meadowlands. He finished second behind fellow TVG rival DW's NY Yank after being locked in on the pylons throughout the stretch. Mark MacDonald will take his usual seat behind Obrigado, the 2-1 morning-line favorite, on Friday.

Kelley credits Jenna Caligaris, Obrigado's groom, for constantly handling every little detail to keep the horse at peak performance and his second trainer and blacksmith, Kevin Constantine. (*Meadowlands*)

Two-Time LBJ-winning owner Roy Davis Dies

Roy Dempsey Davis, 85, of Dallas, Texas, Pittsburgh, Jupiter, Fla., and Cat Cay, Bahamas, died Tuesday, June 16.

Mr. Davis was an extremely successful horseman in the Standardbred horse world. His horses, who all had the surname of Spur, included Barberry Spur and Jaguar Spur, who won the 1986 and 1987 Little Brown Jug, respectively. He also won a pair of Breeders Crowns, in 1988 with Kentucky Spur in the 2-Year-Old Colt pace and in 1989 with Esquire Spur in the 3-Year-Old Colt Trot. Overall, Mr. Davis's horses have earnings of \$1.2 million in the Breeders Crown series from just 12 starters.

Mr. Davis enjoyed a solid and longstanding relationship with trainer Dick Stillings. The "Spur" suffix, inspired by an English soccer team, the Tottenham Hotspurs, also reflects Davis's Texas heritage. *Continues on page 10 >>>*



Mr. Davis was named the 1998 Horseman of the Year by the U.S. Trotting Association. His victories and owner achievements are numerous, and he would be embarrassed to have that long list recorded. At the time of his death, Mr. Davis was a director of the Hambletonian Society.

While his passion was horse business, his dominance in the wholesale and group travel with Royal Travel provided the platform to maintain the horses in his early days.

A memorial service was held June 23 in Mangrove Bay in Jupiter. A memorial service is planned to take place in August in Cat Cay, Bahamas. Arrangements are still under way. For any additional information, email Vikki at vhwitson@hotmail.com.

Rather than donations, Mr. Davis, "Paco," "Slick," "Mr. D.," "Little Roy" or "Demp" or by whichever name he was referred, would rather have a toast in his honor whenever possible. *(with files from Observer-Reporter)*

1991 HOY Precious Bunny Dies in Australia

Precious Bunny, inducted into the Living Horse Hall of Fame in 2014, died April 20, 2015 at Empire Stallions in Victoria, Australia.

Bred by Alfred Ochsner Jr., the 1991 Horse of the Year and Little Brown Jug winner Precious Bunny was foaled on May 6, 1988 at Windhaven Farm in Cranbury, N.J. Purchased in 1990 by R. Peter Heffering of Port Perry, Ont., Precious Bunny was trained by Bill Robinson and driven by Jack Moiseyev. He raced from 1990-1991 and had a lifetime summary of 39-21-5-4.

In 1991, the 3-year-old Precious Bunny won 20 of 25 starts, including the North America Cup, Meadowlands Pace, Art Rooney, Adios, Little Brown Jug, Cleveland Classic, NJSS final and Windy City Pace.

With his Cleveland Classic victory, Precious Bunny became only the second Standardbred in North America (Beach Towel—1990) to earn more than \$2 million in a single season (\$2,217,222). He was the first to win two \$1 million races in one season (North America Cup and Meadowlands Pace), and the first to win the Little Brown Jug, North America Cup, Meadowlands Pace and The Adios in the same year. Precious Bunny was voted Horse of the Year and 3-year-old Pacing Colt in both the U.S. and Canada.

At the time of his retirement, he ranked as the number one single-season money-winning Standardbred of all time and the fifth-leading money-winning pacer of all time.

Precious Bunny stood at Castleton Farm in New York from 1992 to 2000. He has sired North American winners of more than \$50 million, with 181 in 1:55, 142 \$100,000 winners and three millionaires, including 2001 Horse of the Year and Hall of Famer Bunny Lake p,1:49s (\$2,843,476), Stout p,1:49.2 (\$1,506,390) and 2001 O'Brien Award winner Precious Delight p,3,1:51.1 (\$1,096,981).

Precious Bunny was exported to New Zealand in September 2000. He was elected to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall

of Fame in 2004 and enjoyed his retirement at Empire Stallions in Victoria, Australia. *(Harness Racing Hall of Fame)*

Plainridge Opens Casino, Forces Race Card Postponement

Plainridge Park Casino opened its doors for the first time on Wednesday morning, June 24, and shortly thereafter mammoth traffic delays surrounded the new \$250 million facility. With similar crowds expected on day two, Plainridge management and the Harness Horsemen's Association of New England postponed the card originally scheduled for Thursday until Monday morning, June 29, at 11 a.m.

"The response to our casino opening Wednesday was both gratifying and overwhelming," said Plainridge director of racing Steve O'Toole. "With the support of our horsemen and the racing commission we felt it would be in the best interests of all involved to cancel live racing for tomorrow. We also will adjust post times next week to help us work out some logistical items during the holiday week. We appreciate the understanding of our horsemen with this situation which should be seen as a positive as everyone associated with Plainridge Park Casino benefits from this successful opening."

Plainridge will also adjust post times for its Wednesday (July 1) and Thursday (July 2) cards to 11 a.m.

Trainers should note that the card that had originally been offered for this Monday will be moved to Wednesday, and that card will be drawn Friday (June 26). *(Plainridge)*

Cobalt Study, Contract Update At OSRC Meeting

The Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) held its monthly meeting on Tuesday in Columbus.

A quartet of requests by the Delaware County Agricultural Society was unanimously approved by the OSRC, including: conducting future win wagering on the 2015 Little Brown Jug program; simulcasting of all 2015 Little Brown Jug week races; requiring all horses entered in the Jug and Juliette to be on the grounds by 11 a.m. two days prior to each race; and the implementation of the "preference rule" for all overnight races.

Ohio Harness Horsemen Association (OHHA) representatives informed the OSRC that the Standardbred horsemen have not yet come to an agreement with Dayton Raceway.

"We are not in a stalemate over any particular issue but over a variety of issues," said Renee Mancino, OHHA executive director.

"I think in the near future we will have a face-to-face meeting over these issues," said Mark Loewe, vice president of Ohio racing operations for Penn National Gaming. "We don't need OSRC intervention but at this juncture, we will need legal representation to be present."

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Dr. James Robertson, OSRC consulting veterinarian, presented an update on the joint Cobalt study with The Ohio State University.

"We're in the final preparations for the pilot study which will determine the effects of IV Cobalt on equine athletes," Dr. Robertson said. "The proposal still has to be approved, but we hope this will be forthcoming and that we will be able to begin this study by early July."

Via an invitation by the OSRC, OHHA vice president Steve Bateson and Mancino both agreed to participate in educating Ohio harness drivers on the "Use of the Whip" rule (3769-17-17). This rule—which outlines where a whip may be used on a horse's body; types of whips; and the force a driver can deliver when utilizing a whip in a race—passed through the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review on June 22 and becomes effective July 19.

"We asked the OHHA at our meeting this morning to participate with the OSRC in educating harness drivers on the new rule which goes into effect July 19 and they enthusiastically agreed," said OSRC chairman Robert K. Schmitz. "I don't believe this will be a revolutionary change for most drivers except they will now have to keep the lines in both hands for the entire mile." (OSRC)

123 Eligible To 2015 Little Brown Jug

The connections of 123 three-year-old pacing colts and geldings have made the final payment to remain eligible to this year's 70th edition of the Little Brown Jug. The 123 eligibles represent a 19.4 percent increase over the 103 eligibles in 2014.

The list of remaining eligibles includes last year's 2-year-old champion Artspeak, the 2015 Art Rooney Memorial champ In The Arsenal, Go Daddy Go, Lost For Words, Yankee Bounty and freshman Breeders Crown winner Traceur Hanover.

Wakizashi Hanover was originally not eligible for the Jug, but due to his victory in last Saturday's \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup at Mohawk Raceway the gelded son of Dragon Again can now supplement into the Jug.

Jug conditions allow non-eligible winners of the Cane Pace, North America Cup, Meadowlands Pace and Messenger Stakes the option to enter for a \$45,000 fee.

"We are really excited about the 70th edition of the Jug," noted Tom Wright, director of racing. "We have the opportunity to have three supplemental entries this year and with the additional purse money, the Jug purse could be close to \$800,000."

The filly companion event, the Jugette has 83 eligible (up two from 2014). The Old Oaken Bucket (3-year-old colt trot) has 56 eligible (up seven from 2014) and the Buckette eligibles are up 34.7 percent with 66.

The Delaware Grand Circuit meet will start on Sunday, Sept. 20, and run through Thursday, Sept. 24 (Jug Day). Monday action will feature a 3 p.m. post time. (LBJ)

Undefeated Iowa Sensation Heads East

Roland N Rock, fresh off an impressive 1:53.2 qualifier at Running Aces in Minnesota, is headed east to take on the "big boys." The sophomore son of Rockroll Hanover's next scheduled start is the Landmark Stake on July 4 followed by the Meadowlands Pace eliminations the next weekend.

Lightly staked at two, owners Duane and Connie Roland of Grinnell, Iowa, have their pride and joy staked to many of North America's marquee 3-year-old events.

Roland N Rock was undefeated in 14 two-year-old starts, including a dozen wins on the Iowa fair circuit. He did, however, also win the Review Stake at Springfield, Illinois in 1:51.2 and the American National at Balmoral in 1:52.2.

He has prepped for his trip east with another three Iowa fair victories in addition to the quick qualifier at Running Aces' highly-acclaimed five-eighths mile oval.

"We waited a lifetime for a horse this good," related Duane Roland. "We went to the Harrisburg sale during the dispersal of Perretti pacing broodmares and plucked his mother Hack's Chip (by Cambest) out for \$6,000. She was in foal to Rockroll Hanover and this colt was the resultant foal. We've turned down some generous offers because this is a dream come true for us. We want to see how far the dream takes us!

"I've driven his in all his Iowa fair wins, but we're hoping to get John Campbell when we come east," Roland related. "I've honed on him pretty good leading up to this qualifier and we're really excited to see how he stacks up against the best ones out there." (Running Aces)

Brandon Parker's Father's Day Gift Of A Win

The third on final Sunday matinee card at Goshen Historic Track on June 21 was well attended and offered seven races: six for pacers and trotters hooked to sulkies and a trotting race under saddle.

Arguably, the most interesting one was the sixth race when 16-year-old Brandon Parker made his first drive a winning one. The son of Billy "Zeke" Parker Jr, drove his dad's Wizard Of Art to an easy two-length victory in 2:10.

Although Brandon was raised around harness horses and worked with them every chance he got it still was understandable that Zeke was nervous before the race.

"I don't think I was ever this nervous before I drove in a race but to see your son out there for the first time it's different and would make any dad a bit uneasy," Parker acknowledged.

However, his nervousness was replaced by teary eyes which he wiped consistently as he walked along with younger son, Brodie, to take a photo with Brandon and Wizard Of Art. On that jaunt, fighting back the tears, the elder Parker murmured half choked up: "I wish TJ (his deceased wife and Brandon's mother) was here to see it."

He then added, "This was such a great Father's Day present." (John Manzi)

RACE LINES

Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of June 23, 2015

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Bee A Magician (29)	5tm	7-6-1-0	\$395,070	342	2
2. Wiggle It Jiggleit (4)	3pg	11-10-1-0	338,242	283	1
3. JL Cruze (2)	4tg	15-13-2-0	233,638	255	5
4. Wakizashi Hanover	3pg	6-5-1-0	494,418	242	—
5. Father Patrick	4th	3-1-2-0	114,062	116	4
6. Doo Wop Hanover	4ph	9-5-1-1	134,020	114	—
7. Pinkman	3tg	3-3-0-0	101,090	109	8
8. Mission Brief	3tf	2-2-0-0	62,500	96	7
9. Rockeyed Optimist	4pg	11-9-2-0	178,525	67	9
10. In The Arsenal	3pc	5-4-0-0	264,095	65	3

Others receiving votes: Artspeak 49, State Treasurer 44, Lady Shadow 33, Canepa Hanover 18, Crazy Wow, Uncle Lasse 12, Shake It Cerry 11, Wrangler Magic 9, Barn Doll, Habitat, Physicallyinclined 8, Yagonnakissmeornot 7, Foiled Again 6, Lost For Words 4, The Show Returns 3, Venus Delight 2, Fireyourguns, JK She'salady 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through June 23, 2015 (week difference June 17-23).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Wakizashi Hanover (3pg)	6	5	1	0	\$494,418
Bee A Magician (5tm)	7	6	1	0	395,070
Domethatagain (6ph)	12	3	3	1	366,725
Wiggle It Jiggleit (3pg)	11	10	1	0	338,242
Take It Back Terry (6pg)	14	5	6	0	287,000
In The Arsenal (3pc)	5	4	0	0	264,095
Wrangler Magic (3pf)	5	1	2	2	241,568
Yagonnakissmeornot (6pm)	12	4	4	0	234,026
JL Cruze (4tg)	15	13	2	0	233,638
Venus Delight (5pm)	7	4	1	1	198,500

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Jason Bartlett	1,215	244-225-158	.347	\$4,024,070 (\$205,975)
Corey Callahan	1,682	341-250-249	.335	3,734,544 (138,319)
Tim Tetrick	1,128	208-159-152	.308	3,613,588 (721,389)
Brian Sears	929	175-145-126	.320	3,555,944 (322,907)
Daniel Dube	1,052	171-149-132	.283	3,286,692 (147,831)
Yannick Gingras	883	172-150-117	.333	3,085,277 (355,101)
George Brennan	1,093	161-134-142	.259	3,025,844 (134,200)
Aaron Merriman	1,993	413-291-282	.336	2,971,976 (131,863)
David Miller	1,161	164-159-166	.265	2,955,251 (230,006)
George Napolitano Jr.1,164	288-198-150	.385	2,857,984 (202,855)	

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,905	380-303-275	.336	\$6,930,682 (\$549,870)
Rene Allard	637	158-97-93	.381	2,426,236 (205,823)
Jeff Bamond Jr.	400	68-60-69	.311	1,790,002 (75,870)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	797	133-124-89	.291	1,776,289 (110,870)
Jimmy Takter	165	53-31-18	.462	1,580,813 (186,056)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	670	164-85-89	.360	1,377,464 (60,760)
Richard Moreau	627	133-83-86	.331	1,302,392 (72,261)
Carmen Auciello	873	94-86-98	.200	1,241,749 (54,931)
Julie Miller	328	55-61-40	.312	1,113,184 (62,615)
Mark Ford	682	62-66-86	.187	1,022,984 (29,894)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	945	482	1,022	\$10,283,852
Winbak Farm	859	410	884	6,790,851
Brittany Farms	262	153	364	3,952,318
Perretti Farms	271	152	339	3,200,451
White Birch Farm	131	77	164	2,567,617
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	210	110	242	2,096,751
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	171	99	207	1,920,623
Frederick Hertrich III	134	73	153	1,629,144
Seelster Farms Inc.	151	76	194	1,560,319
Bulletproof Enterprises	142	79	184	1,473,583

Leaders Of The Week

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

Drivers

	Starts	W-P-S
Eddie Davis Jr	43	17-5-3
George Napolitano Jr	84	17-16-15
Jim Taggart Jr	68	16-11-8
Jason Bartlett	54	14-9-7
Tim Tetrick	66	14-11-8
Aaron Merriman	39	13-5-3
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	70	12-16-10
Tony Hall	50	12-4-2
Brian Sears	43	11-6-7
Trace Tetrick	45	11-6-5
Josh Sutton	50	10-5-5
Mike Simons	55	10-4-5
Victor Kirby	83	10-9-8
W. Drew Campbell	42	10-10-8
Casey Leonard	36	9-6-7
Dan Noble	59	9-11-4
Dave Palone	39	9-9-7
Jason Thompson	53	9-6-5
Jonathan Roberts	49	9-6-9
Paul MacKenzie	33	9-2-4
Stephane Bouchard	21	9-2-0

Trainers

	Wins
Ron Burke	21
Rene Allard	11
Gary Messenger	7
Nick Roland	7
Carmen Auciello	6
Chris Oakes	6
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	6
Richard Banca	6
Virgil Morgan Jr.	6
Erv Miller	5
Heidi Rohr	5
Jeff Bamond Jr.	5
Jim McDonald	5
Joseph Hundertpfund Jr	5
Michael Deters	5
Pat Lachance	5
Philip Sowers	5
Robert Lounsbury	5

JULY 2015



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
28 Excelsior 3CT (TgDn) MDSS 4&5 Open Pace (OD) MDSS 4&5 Open Trot (OD) NYSS 3CT (TgDn) PA All-Stars 2CT (PcD)	29 DSBF 3CT (Har) Excelsior 2CP (MR) NYSS 2CP (MR) ONSS Gold 3CP (Moh)	30 DSBF 3FP (Har) ONSS Gold 3CT (Moh) PA All-Stars 2FP (PcD)	1 Canada Day (Can.) DSBF 3CT (Har) DSBF 3FT (Har) Excelsior 2FP (BR) NYSS 2FP (BR) PA All-Stars 2FT (PcD)	2 Excelsior 2CT (Stga) Maine Breeders 3CT (Scar) Maine Breeders 3FT (Scar) NYSS 2CT (Stga) ONSS Gold 3FP (Moh)	3 Cleveland Classic OHT (Nfid) Graduate OHP final (M) Excelsior 3CP/3FT (Gosh) INSS 2YO/3YO finals (HoP) Excelsior 2FT/NYSS 2FT (MR) Maine Breeders 3FP (Scar) Miss Versatility OMT (Moh) NJSS 2YO elims (M) OHSS 2FP/2FT (Nfid) PA All-Stars 2CP (PcD) Town Pro 3FP (Moh)	4 Independence Day Hanover 3CT/3FT (BmiP) INSS 2CT/2FT (HoP) Ben Franklin OHP final (PcD) Earl Beal Jr. Mem. 3CT final (PcD) James Lynch Mem. 3FP final (PcD) Landmark 2YO/3YO (Gosh) Max Hempt Mem. 3CP final (PcD) OHSS 2CP/2CT (ScD) Summertime 3CP (Moh)
5 Excelsior 3CT/3FT (Gosh) ONSS Gold 3FT (RidC) Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at Goshen, N.Y.	6 DSBF 3CP (Har) ONSS Gold 2FP (Moh) PA Stallion 2CT (Mea)	7 DSBF 3FP (Har) PASS 2CT (Mea)	8 Excelsior 2CP (BR) NYSS 2CP (BR) PA Stallion 2FP (Phi)	9 Maine Breeders 3CT/3FT (Scar) PASS 2FP (Phi)	10 NJSS 2CP/2FP (M) NJSS 2CT/2FT (M) NYSS 2FP (Stga) PASS 2FT (Mea)	11 Graduate 4YOT final (M) Hanover 3CP/3FP (BmiP) Haughton Mem. TVG OHP elims (M) Meadowlands Pace elims (M) Mistletoe Shalee 3FP elims ONSS Gold 2CP (Moh) Reynolds 3CT/3FT (M) Sheppard 2CP elims (YR) Summertime 3CP (Moh) Town Pro 3FP (Moh)
12 Excelsior 3FT (BR) MSRF 2CP/2FP (OD) MSRF 2CT/2FT (OD) NYSS 3FT (BR)	13 Excelsior 2CT (YR) NYSS 2FP (YR) ONSS Gold 2CT (Moh)	14 Excelsior 3FP (MR) INSS 2FT (HoP) NYSS 3FP (MR) PA Stallion 2CP (PcD)	15 Excelsior 2FT (BR) INSS 2CT (HoP) INSS 3FT (HoP) NYSS 2FT (BR) ONSS Gold 3CT (GRvr) PA Stallion 2FP (Mea) PASS 2CP (PcD)	16 Excelsior 3CP (YR) MSRF 3CP/3FP (OD) MSRF 3CT/3FT (OD) NYSS 3CP (YR)	17 Excelsior 2CP (TgDn) INSS 2FP/3FP (HoP) NYSS 2CP (TgDn) OHSS 3CP/3CT (Nfid) NJSS 2YO finals (M) PASS 2FP (Mea)	18 Dancer Mem 3CT (M) Golden Girls OMP (M) Hambletonian Maturity 4YOT (M) Haughton Memorial Pace (M) INSS 3CP (HoP) Meadowlands Pace (M) Miller Memorial 3FT (M) Miss Versatility OMT (M) ONSS Gold 2CP (Moh) Sheppard 2CP final (YR)
19 Excelsior 3CT (BR) Maine Breeders 2CT/2FT (Scar) MDSS 2CP/2FP (OD) MDSS 2CT/2FT (OD) NYSS 3CT (BR)	20 Dream Maker 2CP (Moh) Excelsior 2FP (YR) NYSS 2FP (YR) ONSS Gold 2FP (Moh) PA Stallion 3FT (Mea)	21 ONSS 2CT (GeoD) INSS 2FT final (HoP) PA Stallion 2FT (PcD) PASS 3FT (Mea)	22 Excelsior 2CT (BR) INSS 2CT final (HoP) INSS 3FT final (HoP) NYSS 2CT (BR) PA Stallion 2CT (Phi)	23 INSS 2CP final (HoP) INSS 3CT final (HoP) MDSS 3CP/3FP (OD) MDSS 3CT/3FT (OD) ONSS Gold 2FT (Moh) PASS 2CT (Phi) Whenuwishoponastar 2FP (Moh)	24 INSS 2FP final (HoP) INSS 3FP final (HoP) Kindergarten 2CT/2FT (M) OHSS 2CP/2CT (Nfid) PA Stallion 2CP (Mea)	25 Adios 3CP elims (Mea) Excelsior 3CP (Stga) Joe Gerrity OHP/NYSS 3CP (Stga) INSS 3CP final (HoP) Maine Breeders 2FP (Scar) Miss New Jersey 3FP (M) New Jersey Classic 3CP (M) OHSS 2FP/2FT (ScD) ONSS Gold 3CP (Moh) PA Stallion 3FP/PASS 2CP/3FP (Mea)
26 Maine Breeders 2CP (Scar) MDSS 2YO finals (OD) Zweig Memorial 3CT (VD) Zweig Memorial 3FT (VD) The Red Mile opens	27 Battle of Waterloo 2CP (GrvR) Battle of the Belles 2FP (GrvR) Dream Maker 2CP (Moh) Excelsior 2FT (Btva) NYSS 2FT (Btva) Batavia Downs opens	28	29	30 DSBF 3YO finals (Har) Excelsior 2CP (YR) NYSS 2CP (YR) Whenuwishoponastar 2FP (Moh)	31 Arden Downs 2C/2FT (Mea) Excelsior 2FP (TgDn) Merrie Annabelle 2FT elims (M) NYSS 2FP (TgDn) Peter Haughton Mem. 2CT elims (M)	1 Adioo Volo 3FP (Mea) Adios 3CP final (Mea) Arden Downs 3CT/3FT (Mea) Arden Downs 2CP/2FP (Mea) Hambletonian Oaks 3FT elims (M) Hanover 2CP/2FP (BmiP) Ima Lula 4MT (M) John Cashman Mem. OHT elims (M) Lady Liberty OMP elims (M) U.S. Pacing Champ OHP elims (M)

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