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### Sorella Pays The Freight For Jimmy Freight

With Lost In Time out of the mix after suffering a broken sesamoid bone on July 2, and possible supplemental entry Lather Up out after racing poorly in the Hempt Memorial on June 30 due to an ulcer in the mouth and illness, the complexion of this year's Crawford Farms Meadowlands Pace changed dramatically in the days leading up to the draw on Tuesday, July 3.

When the entry box closed, director of racing Peter Koch found 15 names dropped into the box, including a pair of supplemental entries in Courtly Choice and Jimmy Freight.

The 15 were split into a pair of eliminations to be contested this Saturday night, with the top five finishers in each

advancing to the \$701,830 final on July 14. Also, the elim winners will draw from posts 1-6.

The connections of Courtly Choice and Jimmy Freight each paid \$61,690 to enter their horses.

Ontario-based Adriano

**"I own the horse and have no partners, so I have to write the check myself. It was a tough pill to swallow!"**

—Adriano Sorella

Sorella, who owns Jimmy Freight, said it wasn't an easy choice and it took several weeks to come to the decision to pay the supplemental fee, which equates to more than \$81,000 in Canadian funds.

"People seem to think that when you automatically have money you are going to spend like that," Sorella told Weekend Preview on Tuesday, July 3. "I own the horse and have no partners, so I have to write the check myself. It was a tough pill to swallow, let me tell you. It wasn't easy. I was in New York and had the New York feeling going through my blood, and I love the Meadowlands and I like what Jeff Gural has been doing there. Jason (general manager Jason Settlemoir) has always been very respectful to me and so has (stakes consultant) Nick Salvi. I like it there. So I said, let's support it.

"I knew the supplement was going to be big; when I wished Jason a Happy Father's Day I asked him and he told me the rough estimate, so I had the number in my head. I just wanted to make sure I was comfortable with it."

Sorella said he and girlfriend, Krysta, spent last weekend in New York City, starting first with attending The Tonight Show, starring Jimmy Fallon, on Thursday night. On Sunday night, while eating dinner at a restaurant in Times

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Square, Sorella said he had an epiphany regarding paying the supplement.

"I was looking out and kind of went quiet, and my girlfriend said I was still thinking about this," said Sorella.

"Krysta said, 'What's up?' I turned and said I was calling the race office and supplementing him."

Sorella said it wasn't just the money that was weighing on his mind.

"I didn't want to upset anybody," he said. "I don't want to send a horse who was doing so well in Toronto to New Jersey and upset trainers. I talked with Richard (Jimmy Freight's trainer, Richard Moreau) and he said to not

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worry about it. He said it was OK to have a second trainer and then bring him back, and this is a nice horse and you don't get chances like this. He said it might not ever happen again."

Jimmy Freight had won four straight to open his career last summer on the Iowa fair circuit when Sorella made the private purchase. The son of Sportswriter concluded his freshman campaign with seven wins in 12 starts and \$150,828 in earnings. This year, Jimmy Freight has added another \$116,361 to his bankroll, with five wins in seven starts, including a 1:50.2 score in a Somebeachsomewhere division and a career-best 1:49.2 effort last time out on June 23, both at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He also finished a credible third against older horses in the Gold Cup Invitational on North America Cup night

Sorella said Jimmy Freight is being sent to New Jersey-based trainer Andrew Harris for the Meadowlands Pace. He said regular driver Louis Philippe Roy will make the trip from Ontario to drive Jimmy Freight, who drew post 3 in the second of the two elims (Race 8).

"Louis is a top driver here and is Richard's guy," said Sorella. "I look at a driver and horse like a father and son or father and daughter. When they click, you have to keep them together. They know each other and will look after each other. Sometimes I see change a driver, change a driver, change a driver, and it drives me crazy. I really don't like that. I really like to have a driver and horse together, and that's it. There are great drivers and Hall of Famers, but at the end of the day, Louis is my guy."

Sorella is keeping his fingers crossed he made the right decision.

"I don't know if this horse is just an OSS (Ontario Sires Stakes) horse or not, he very well could be," said Sorella. "He's done nothing wrong so far so I hope he has more in the tank. Which I believe he does." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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# THIS WEEKEND'S FEATURED RACES

**Friday, July 6** All times listed are local.

7:42p HoP5 **Nadia Lobell** 3FP [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
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**Saturday, July 7**

8:05p M5 **Graduate** 4YOT final [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 8:25p M6 **Meadowlands Pace** elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 8:45p M7 **Reynolds** 3FT [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 9:10p M8 **Meadowlands Pace** elim [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
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**Meadowlands Pace eliminations** *(first five finishers in each elim advance to the July 14 final)*

| Meadowlands, Saturday, July 7, 1st \$50,000 elimination, Race 6, Post Time: 8:25 pm |                        |      |  |
|---|------------------------|------|--|
| Post—Horse (Sire)   | Driver/Trainer         | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)                    |
| 1—Ideal Feeling (American Ideal)  | C. Callahan/M. Deters  | 10-1 | Winbak Farm/\$100,000 (Lex)                      |
| 2—Hayden Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere)   | A. Miller/J. Miller    | 3-1  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$85,000 (HB)                 |
| 3—This Is The Plan (Somebeachsomewhere)   | T. Tetrick/C. Ryder    | 6-1  | Moni Market Breeders/\$90,000 (HB)               |
| 4—Captain Deo (Somebeachsomewhere)  | B. Miller/T. Alagna    | 10-1 | Deo Volente Farms, Hill View Ent./\$90,000 (Lex) |
| 5—Nutcracker Sweet (Bettor's Delight)   | D. Miller/J. Takter    | 7-2  | Birnam Wood Farms/\$150,000 (Lex)                |
| 6—Stay Hungry (Somebeachsomewhere)  | D. McNair/T. Alagna    | 5-2  | AV & Son Bloodstock/\$150,000 (Lex)              |
| 7—Thinkbig Dreambig (Bettor's Delight)  | J. Stratton/J. Takter  | 9-2  | Kentuckiana Farms/\$180,000                      |
| 2nd \$50,000 elimination, Race 8, Post Time: 9:10 pm                                |                        |      |  |
| Post—Horse (Sire)   | Driver/Trainer         | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)                    |
| 1—American History (American Ideal)   | Y. Gingras/T. Alagna   | 3-1  | Brittany Farms/\$150,000 (Lex)                   |
| 2—Courtly Choice (Art Major)  | D. Miller/B. MacIntosh | 7-2  | Winbak Farm/\$60,000                             |
| 3—Jimmy Freight (Sportswriter)  | L. Roy/A. Harris       | 5-2  | A. Eden, R. Eden/—                               |
| 4—Fashiononthebeach (Somebeachsomewhere)  | T. Tetrick/J. Campbell | 15-1 | S. Smith-Rothaug/\$150,000 (Lex)                 |
| 5—Babes Dig Me (Somebeachsomewhere)   | B. Miller/T. Alagna    | 12-1 | R. Lassonde/\$100,000 (Lex)                      |
| 6—Odds On Lauderdale (Western Ideal)  | S. Zeron/T. Alagna     | 10-1 | Deo Volente Farms/\$100,000 (Lex)                |
| 7—Grand Teton (A Rocknroll Dance)   | A. McCarthy/J. Takter  | 15-1 | Diamond Creek Farm/Homebred                      |
| 8—Dorsoduro Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere)  | M. Kakaley/R. Burke    | 4-1  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$100,000 (HB)                |



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## How Fast Was Meadowlands Track? Miller In Pace With Nutcracker Sweet

In the first race at the Meadowlands last Friday night, a 2-year-old colt trotted his last quarter in :27 flat for a 1:55.1 mile. The temperature was 87 degrees and the sun was still hanging in the sky.

A few races later, the 2-year-old pacing filly Zero Tolerance won in 1:51.3. Then came a 1:55.2 mile by the freshman trotting colt Hudson River. Hannelore Hanover won the next race, a Preferred, in 1:50.3 with a :27 last quarter, but hey, it was Hannelore, the 2017 Horse of the Year.

Muscle Diamond was a surprise when the 6-year-old stallion won an overnight in 1:50.1, lowering his lifetime mark from 1:52.3. But the biggest shock of the night came when American History edged out Hayden Hanover on the wire in 1:47 flat.

American History's fast victory was a bit of a jolt as the time lowered his lifetime mark by more than two seconds, and the effort seemed even more remarkable the next night when Springsteen won the Max Hempt Memorial final in 1:48.3.

Driver David Miller takes a bit of credit for American History's fast clocking.

"I was at the half in :53 flat (:26.2 second quarter) and at the three quarters in 1:20.1 (third panel in :27.1). I really set it up for him," Miller, who was behind pacesetter All It Takes, noted.

The next night at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Miller finished second in the Hempt final with Nutcracker

Sweet. He said the Pocono racing surface was not its usual speed-inducing strip on a warm and dry summer night.

"I don't think the Pocono track was as fast Saturday night. It was a little deeper," shared Miller. "The first race at Pocono is a good example because the weather was perfect. They got to the three quarters in 1:22.3 and only went a mile in 1:51.1."

As for the Meadowlands, Miller said the weather conditions were perfect for speed last Friday.

"It was the first night it has been really warm there, and there was no air moving at all," said Miller. "And the track was fast."

This Saturday night Miller will be driving Nutcracker Sweet in an elimination for the Crawford Farms Meadowlands Pace. They will start from post 5 in Race 6, the first elim.

Nutcracker Sweet is a son of Bettor's Delight and Sweet Future, which makes him a half brother to Sweet Lou. Sweet Future was inducted into the Hall of Fame in the Broodmare category on Sunday in Goshen, N.Y. She has also produced the double millionaire Bettor Sweet.

"I thought he raced well," said Miller of Nutcracker Sweet's second-place finish, beaten just a head in the Hempt final after starting from post 1. "When he shot through the lane, at one point I thought he might win it."

Nutcracker Sweet is still looking for his first win this season; the Hempt final was his third second-place finish in his six 2018 starts.

"He's a handy and well-mannered horse," Miller added. "He's too good to overlook." — *By Kathy Parker*

Only a glimpse of a red saddle cloth (center of photo) shows Nutcracker Sweet, who finished second in the Hempt final. The race was won by Springsteen and driver Simon Allard with Hitman Hill (Brett Miller up) third and Stay Hungry (5) fourth for driver Doug McNair.



Curtis Salomak Photo

## Wisdom Tree Looking Smart For Nadia Lobell

Jeff Cullipher and Tom Pollack entered this season with high hopes for 3-year-old filly pacer Wisdom Tree, and so far the filly has done little to disappoint them. Wisdom Tree has six wins and a second in her past seven races as she prepares for the first open stakes test of her career in Friday's \$142,000 Nadia Lobell at Hoosier Park.

**"We thought early on that we had something that was OK..."**

—Jeff Cullipher

Wisdom Tree will start from post 3. Sam Widger is listed to drive.

"I really think she will handle it well," said Cullipher, who owns Wisdom Tree with Pollack and shares training duties with Ed

Hart. "We're going to give her a chance."

Wisdom Tree has spent the majority of her career on the New York Sires Stakes circuit, where she is stabled with Hart, while Cullipher, who tied for last year's training title at Hoosier Park and is this year's leader, trains the filly in the Midwest.

"I like to consider us as a team," Cullipher said. "We work good together. Ed has done a great job with (Wisdom Tree) when he's had her."

Cullipher and Pollack purchased Wisdom Tree, a daughter of Betterthancheddar out of Wisdom, for \$28,000 at the 2016 Lexington Selected Sale. Pollack co-owned Wisdom Tree's half-brother Rich Wisdom, who was a stakes winner, and her family also includes stakes-winner Allamerican Captor.

"Our main spot is in Indiana, but we try to spread out a little bit," Cullipher said about buying the New York-sired Wisdom Tree. "Tom really liked (Rich Wisdom) and we looked at Wisdom Tree and liked the way she looked, and she wasn't crazy expensive.

"We thought early on that we had something that was OK, but she was very immature and had to be nursed around the small tracks (in New York) a bit. I don't think she had the year that we thought she had the potential to have, but we put her away the right way and brought her back with a little bit higher hopes for her 3-year-old year. So far so good."

Wisdom Tree went off stride in four races last year, including the New York Sires Stakes championship, but in her remaining seven starts posted three wins and two seconds. She earned \$60,094. This year, she has won six of eight races, including three on the NYSS circuit, and earned \$110,566.

"She grew up so much from a 2 to a 3 year old," Cullipher said. "She's a lot handier. I like that she can leave or she can come from behind. She pretty much does nothing wrong."

Wisdom Tree has raced at Hoosier Park four times in her career, winning three.

In addition to the Nadia Lobell, she is staked to the Mistletoe Shalee at the Meadowlands, Circle City and USS Indianapolis at Hoosier, and Matron at Dover.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed," Cullipher said. *(Ken Weingartner)*

## Jerry Silverman Named To Hall; 5 names on HOF ballot

The Hall of Fame Screening Committee of the U.S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA) met on Sunday, July 1, in Goshen, N.Y., and has named Jerry Silverman, one of the leading Grand Circuit trainers for five decades, from the 1960s through the 2000s, to the Hall of Fame in the Veteran category. In addition, the Screening Committee approved five names to go onto a midsummer ballot for induction into the Hall of Fame in 2019: Blair Burgess, Ted Gewertz, Joe Holloway, Linda Toscano and Ted Wing.

Silverman, who retired four years ago but still helps train horses with his son, Richie, trained such stars as Triple Crown champ Romeo Hanover, Die Laughing, Fame, Hit Parade, Masquerade, Saccharum and Glowing Report.

The five candidates to be placed on the summer ballot for Hall election have all contributed to top-level racing in a variety of different ways:

Burgess, who was voted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame last year, trained standouts such as 2006 Triple Crown champion and Horse of the Year Glidemaster, Hambletonian winner Amigo Hall, Little Brown Jug winner Tell All, Meadowlands Pace champ Frugal Gourmet, and Real Desire, who has a Breeders Crown and Meadowlands Pace victory to his credit.

A director of the Hambletonian Society and a Harness Racing Museum trustee, Gewertz has been co-owner of three Hambletonian winners: Giant Victory, Windsong's Legacy and Deweycheatumnhowe. Other standouts Gewertz has owned include Housethatruthbuilt and Huntsville.

Holloway's resume includes training two-time Pacer of the Year and three-time Breeders Crown champion Jenna's Beach Boy. Other stars associated with Holloway include She's A Great Lady, Shebestingin, Somwherovrainbow and 2016 Horse of the Year Always B Miki, who he trained at ages two and three.

Toscano was the trainer of 2012 Hambletonian winner Market Share and 2012 Horse of the Year Chapter Seven. Toscano also trained the 2016 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Walner, Heston Blue Chip and Jet Laag N.

Wing, one of the leading horsemen in the founding days of the Meadowlands, as well as racing regularly across the river at Roosevelt and Yonkers, has been an important part in the success of stars such as Skip By Night, Gallo Blue Chip, Butler BG and Calvert.

The Veteran category comes into play once every three years, allowing the Screening Committee to choose one nominee aged 70 or older. The five individuals placed on the ballot will need at least 75 percent of the yes-no votes in the voting, which is done by USHWA members and Hall of Famers.

## Jackson Harness Raceway Celebration On Sunday

It's been 10 years since Jackson Harness Raceway in Michigan hosted its final day of racing, and with demolition of the site in the near future, a celebration remembering the half-mile track located on the Jackson County Fairgrounds will be held.

Jackson Harness Raceway, which opened on May 28, 1948, raced its last card on July 19, 2008. The final race was won by JP's Jackpot, who scored in 2:04.2 with owner-trainer John D. Lewis in the sulky.

The day of remembrance was put together by Jackson Fair Board member Mike Way, who was a security guard at Jackson Harness Raceway. Way received a lot of help from trainer Claudia Davidson, including putting together a live card of 11 races, with one amateur event.

The "Remember Jackson Matinee" will be held from 12 noon to 6 p.m., with the 12-race card getting underway at 2 p.m. Sixty-one horses will line up behind the gate in the dozen events, with all starters having their nose on the gate (Jackson starts six across).

With longtime announcer John Huston not able to attend, James Witherite is being brought in to announce the races.

There were no conditions put on the races, Davidson classified the horses in an attempt to make the races competitive. All purse money is coming from sponsors, with the money divided so that all horses will earn a check.

"Anybody that entered got into race," explained Davidson. "I didn't want anybody left out so I wrote the conditions for everybody to fit. This is an exhibition matinee so the lines won't be charted and the money earned will not affect the horse's earnings in any way."

The judges are donating their time for the card while several former employees are expected to attend. That includes three outriders who wanted to participate.

Admission is free and since no wagering will be offered, there will instead be a pick-a-winner contest where tickets will be put into a pot for each race, with prizes offered instead of money.

At 11 a.m., local legislators will have a luncheon and ride in double-seated jog carts for an hour, and then the public will get a chance to take a ride. Vendors will also be on the grounds selling beverages and food, including \$1 hot dogs.

There will also be an autograph session with trainers and drivers, and track mascot Happy Horse will make an appearance. There will also be a hat contest for women.

The day will end with a horsemen's walk into the winner's circle for one final group photo.

The afternoon will be broadcast on the PostTime With Mike and Mike show from 2-5 p.m.

More information can be found on the Remembering Jackson Harness Facebook page. — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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**ONES TO WATCH**

On Friday night, Sires Stakes for 2-year-old filly pacers are on the programs at Scioto Downs (first post 6:30 p.m.) and Yonkers Raceway (first post 6:50). The Yonkers card also will provide a stage for the fast 3-year-old trotter The Veteran (1:51.2), who is not eligible to the Stanley Dancer or Hambletonian, but is Yonkers Trot eligible.

Two year olds will be on the Meadowlands oval on Friday night, competing in New Jersey Sires Stakes and Kindergarten divisions. The Kindergarten for 2-year-old pacing fillies is Races 4 and 7; the divisions for colts are Race 6 and 13, with the notable **BLACKLIGHT** (Somebeachsomewhere-I Luv The Nitelife) in Race 6. That colt has won all three of his baby races for breeder-owner Diamond Creek and trainer Jimmy Takter. Another notable for Takter in the race is his \$20,000 yearling **IT'S LIKE THIS**. Takter bought the colt at last fall's Hoosier Classic Sale while in Indiana for the Breeders Crown. Takter raced the colt's sire, Tellitlikeitis.

Also of note, **TACTICAL LANDING**, the \$800,000 yearling, will make his first pari-mutuel start of the season for Takter in Race 9. Tactical Landing is eligible to both the Stanley Dancer and Hambletonian.

More Dancer and Hambo eligibles will tune-up in qualifying action at the Meadowlands Saturday morning, following the baby races. In Race 10, Takter sends out his Goodtimes winner **WOLFGANG**, with the field including **DON** and **MET'S HALL**. In Race 10, **JL CRUZE** will make his first appearance behind the gate since competing in a Breeders Crown elim last fall.

On Saturday afternoon, three divisions of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes for 2-year-old filly pacers are on the early part of the card at The Meadows, with the first split (Race 2) scheduled for a post of 1:25 p.m. The fields include plenty of daughters of Captaintreacherous and Sweet Lou.

The Saturday night card at the Meadowlands will get underway with an overnight for Dancer and Hambo eligibles (6:35 p.m. first post). The field for Race 1 includes **U NEED**

**STONES, DONATOVER, ZEPHYR KRONOS, TAE KWON DEO** and **HAT TRICK HABIT**. Hat Trick Habit recently changed ownership (sold by the Fred Monteleone Estate to John McGill and Brian Carsey of Indiana) and is now in the barn of Scott DiDomenico).

Also set for Saturday night at the Meadowlands are the \$250,000 Graduate finals for 4 year olds. In Race 5, the trot, the mare **ARIANA G** will take on a field that includes **DUNBAR HALL, INTERNATIONAL MONI** and **BILL'S MAN**. The pace division (Race 10) includes **MISO FAST** (post 1), **FILIBUSTER HANOVER** (post 8) and **HIGHLATOR**, a 1:48 winner at the Meadowlands on June 30, who will start from post 10.

Ohio Sires Stakes action for 3-year-old pacing colts will take place at Northfield Park Saturday night with 2 divisions (Race 8, Race 11). The first division field includes the 1:50.4 winner **BOUNDING DRAGON** (post 1) while in Race 11 **CINNAMACK** (1:50.4f), a winner of five of seven starts this year, takes on defending OSS champ **SEEING EYE SINGLE**.

Also Saturday night, **SPLIT THE HOUSE**, winner of last Saturday's Ben Franklin consolation at Pocono, will be back on the red dirt to compete in Race 10, a Great Northeast Pacing Series event. Prior to this leg, the point standings are as follows: **ROCKEYED OPTIMIST** (323), **RODEO ROMEO** (287), **BETTOR'S EDGE** (270), **MACH IT SO** (227), **HEAVEN ROCKS A** (175), **CHECK SIX** (154), **ROCKIN RON** (150), **BOSTON RED ROCKS** (135), **ALWAYS AT MY PLACE** (129), **BETTOR MEMORIES** (129), **HIGHALATOR** (100).

Horses will earn points on a 50-25-12-8-5-4-3-2-1 (ninth onward) basis, with 25 points awarded for each start to encourage continuous competition in the Great Northeast Series. The top point-earners will be eligible for their respective \$100,000 Great Northeast finals, which will be held at Pocono on Sunday, Sept. 2, at a distance of 1 1/4 miles, providing a division fills at least six legs. Sept. 2 is also the night of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Championships for 3 year olds at Pocono.



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## Takter Gives Updates About Notable Weekend Starters

The Jimmy Takter Stable suffered a blow late last weekend when Lost In Time, the 2017 Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year, showed lameness that was diagnosed as a broken sesamoid. After undergoing surgery, the colt is sidelined indefinitely.

"It's hard to say if he can come back and race at the top level," said Takter. "He was one of those horses who took a couple of laps to smooth out. He had bad feet when I got him and he's been a horse that took a lot of work to keep going. But I really looked at him with a big chance to win the Meadowlands Pace."

Takter still has three horses entered in the eliminations for the Meadowlands Pace, which will take place Saturday night. The Meadowlands Pace elims are part of a busy racing weekend for Takter at the Meadowlands as he also has horses competing Friday night and in qualifiers on Saturday morning. The Hall of Famer offered his thoughts about his top starters:

**Tactical Landing** (\$800,000 yearling and Hambletonian eligible competes Friday night in Race 9, an overnight): "If he behaves himself he should win. But you never know. He's a fast horse and he's a strong horse but he's not perfect yet. But I'm confident he's going to keep improving. He's in boot camp now."

**Wolfgang** (Goodtimes winner goes behind the gate in a qualifier Saturday morning): "We actually had to remove a testicle right after the Goodtimes. Had a testicle that was bothering him for two months and I told (the owners) we had to do this to have a chance at Hambletonian. He

had started kicking stalls and was very unhappy. So he had the surgery and I lost 10 days with him."

**Ariana G** (the 4-year-old mare competes in Saturday night's Graduate final and takes on males): "She's super right now. Post 8 doesn't matter against the boys in this race. She trotted a :54.2 last half at Chester (in her prior start on June 24, when she started from post 7 and got stuck racing in the back of the field).

**Nutcracker Sweet** (runner-up in the \$500,000 Hempt final competes in the first Meadowlands Pace elim): "He raced a very good race. He's a good horse. It's tough when you get 8 or 9 posts (he started from post 8 in the North America Cup elim and post 9 in the NA Cup final, finishing sixth in the final, before a second in the Hempt elim). His biggest advantage is he's a very sound horse. He's going to be around and he's going to win a big race one day. And now the horse has a little respect. But it's eight weeks straight of racing for these colts. It's a crazy schedule."

Takter also has the Down Under star pacer Lazarus in his stable. The 5-year-old son of Bettor's Delight, who set numerous records in Australia and New Zealand while winning 35 of 45 career starts, was recently purchased by Taylor Made Stallions.

Takter said Lazarus trained a mile at his farm in 1:56, last half in :56, on July 3.

According to Takter, Lazarus has acclimated well at this time. "If all goes well, he should qualify at the Meadowlands in the vicinity of Hambletonian Day and from there they'll see what racing opportunities present themselves," he said. "This is a very good horse." — *By Kathy Parker*

## Improvements At Delaware

As part of its ongoing projects to improve infrastructure and buildings, the bleachers at the Delaware County Fairgrounds are being removed. Future plans call for a concert venue and Amish-built barn located off the fourth turn. The barn will open up via garage doors facing the track and seat 200 for dinner. The fence surrounding the racetrack is also due to be replaced prior to this year's Grand Circuit meet. The Little Brown Jug is set to be contested at the fairgrounds on Thursday, Sept. 20.






**harnessracing.com HEADLINES**
**Fodera sends trio to Meadowlands Pace elims**

When a teenage John Fodera began owning racehorses 57 years ago, he had no idea where it would lead him. But over the ensuing years, his involvement has brought him to the winner's circle in many of harness racing's great events, including the Breeders Crown, North America Cup, Little Brown Jug and Metro Pace. [more](#)

**PA Dept. of Ag issues statement re: alleged positives**

The following statement from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture was issued late Wednesday night (July 4) regarding recent stories about possible cover-ups of positive tests of harness horses competing at Harrah's Philadelphia. Here is the statement: The article Alan Pincus published June 27 online in the Paulick Report is appalling not only for the misunderstanding he demonstrates about Pennsylvania's equine testing protocols, but also for the inflammatory accusations he levies on good, hardworking public servants based solely on unnamed sources, which should cause any reasonable person to question seriously the credibility of those charges and the true agendas of the accuser. [more](#)

**SBOANJ comments on Sears exclusion**

The following is a statement from Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey President Mark Ford: "It was brought to our attention last night that Brian Sears was not permitted to be listed on the Jimmy Takert-trained Meadowlands Pace elimination entrant Thinkbig Dreambig, scheduled for the sixth race this Saturday night at the Meadowlands. [more](#)

**Lather Up to skip Meadowlands Pace**

After watching Lather Up's first loss of the season in Saturday's Max Hempt Memorial, George Teague Jr. is hopeful his team can get the 3-year-old male pacer back to the form that saw him begin the year with seven consecutive wins, including the North America Cup. [more](#)

**Siegel, Wawlenius-Kleberg inducted in Goshen**

Jules Siegel and Margareta Wallenius-Kleberg took different roads to success as harness racing breeders and owners, but those paths merged Sunday when they were inducted into the sport's Hall of Fame during ceremonies on the grounds of the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame. [more](#)

**Southern Allie on verge of becoming millionaire**

With \$994,934 in career earnings, Southern Allie will become harness racing's newest millionaire if he wins Saturday's \$13,000 conditioned/optional claiming pace at The Meadows. Earning \$1 million is always an impressive accomplishment for a Standardbred, but for Southern Allie, it's a particularly noteworthy achievement—he's the model millionaire for the sport's modern times. [more](#)

**Monticello-Goshen donates to Historic Track**

Continuing a tradition that has endured for decades, but updating the presentation to a Grand Circuit Race Day, the Monticello-Goshen Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) made their annual \$4,000 donation Saturday (June 30) to Goshen Historic Track. [more](#)

**Julia Mayotte dies in Ontario at 59**

Julia Ann Mayotte, wife of horseman Roger Mayotte, passed away peacefully with family by her side at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga, Ont., on Sunday, June 24, at the age of 59. [more](#)

**1999 Breeders Crown winner Supergrit dies**

Supergrit, who won the 1999 Breeders Crown Open Trot on his way to that year's Dan Patch Award for best older male trotter, passed away Saturday, June 30, at central New Jersey's Blairwood Farms, which was his home since retiring in 2001. He was 25. [more](#)

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**RACE LINES**

**Standardbred Poll**

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by  
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of July 2, 2018

|                           | AGS | St-1-2-3  | Earnings  | Pts | Pvs |
|---------------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|
| 1. Hannelore Hanover (34) | 6tm | 5-5-0-0   | \$218,338 | 349 | 1   |
| 2. Shartin N              | 5pm | 14-11-1-0 | 560,923   | 265 | 3   |
| 3. Lather Up              | 3pc | 8-7-0-0   | 470,665   | 243 | 2   |
| 4. Atlanta                | 3tf | 4-4-0-0   | 147,584   | 232 | 5   |
| 5. McWicked (1)           | 7ph | 6-4-1-0   | 324,850   | 159 | —   |
| 6. Manchego               | 3tf | 4-3-0-0   | 55,740    | 153 | 4   |
| 7. Wolfgang               | 3tc | 2-2-0-0   | 112,630   | 94  | 7   |
| 8. Kissin In The Sand     | 3pf | 5-3-2-0   | 264,370   | 77  | —   |
| 9. Filibuster Hanover     | 4pg | 7-5-1-0   | 235,975   | 55  | 6   |
| 10. Marion Marauder       | 5th | 5-3-2-0   | 169,500   | 54  | —   |

**Others receiving votes:** Bit Of A Legend N 44, Crystal Fashion 31, Keystone Velocity 23, Jimmy Freight 21, Six Pack, Will Take Charge 20, Shower Play 18, Ariana G 11), Courtly Choice, Rockin Ron 10, Homicide Hunter, Springsteen 9, Mission Accepted 6, Katkin American, Nutcracker Sweet, Split The House 2, American History, Emoticon Hanover, Fox Valley Gemini, Sintra, Stay Hungry, Youaremycandygirl 1.

**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through July 2, 2018 (week difference June 20-July 2).

**Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses**

|                          | Sts. | W  | P | S | Earnings  |
|--------------------------|------|----|---|---|-----------|
| Shartin N (5pm)          | 14   | 11 | 1 | 0 | \$560,923 |
| Lather Up (3pc)          | 8    | 7  | 0 | 0 | 470,665   |
| Rockin Ron (6pg)         | 13   | 5  | 5 | 0 | 351,500   |
| Bit Of A Legend N (9ph)  | 11   | 3  | 4 | 2 | 338,255   |
| McWicked (7ph)           | 6    | 4  | 1 | 0 | 324,850   |
| Keystone Velocity (10ph) | 6    | 2  | 2 | 0 | 320,000   |
| Crystal Fashion (3tg)    | 6    | 3  | 3 | 0 | 310,245   |
| Springsteen (3pc)        | 5    | 2  | 2 | 0 | 286,550   |
| Six Pack (3tc)           | 5    | 4  | 1 | 0 | 271,413   |
| Kissin In The Sand (3pf) | 5    | 3  | 2 | 0 | 264,370   |

**Leading Money-Winning Drivers**

|                  | Sts.  | W-P-S       | UDR  | Earnings (wk. diff)              |
|------------------|-------|-------------|------|----------------------------------|
| Tim Tetrick      | 1,344 | 267-222-182 | .336 | \$4,932,284 ( <b>\$668,735</b> ) |
| Jason Bartlett   | 1,264 | 248-214-180 | .338 | 4,329,148 ( <b>427,952</b> )     |
| Jordan Stratton  | 1,219 | 222-186-152 | .308 | 4,091,749 ( <b>408,166</b> )     |
| Aaron Merriman   | 2,123 | 488-379-298 | .376 | 4,083,601 ( <b>362,836</b> )     |
| George Brennan   | 1,043 | 168-139-115 | .272 | 3,028,579 ( <b>509,747</b> )     |
| Ronnie Wrenn Jr. | 1,565 | 386-249-208 | .379 | 2,867,153 ( <b>216,539</b> )     |
| Corey Callahan   | 1,283 | 191-199-183 | .283 | 2,865,201 ( <b>255,044</b> )     |
| Yannick Gingras  | 812   | 142-112-94  | .290 | 2,800,792 ( <b>371,385</b> )     |
| Dan Noble        | 1,367 | 301-196-170 | .341 | 2,769,905 ( <b>244,840</b> )     |
| Trace Tetrick    | 1,384 | 283-212-181 | .333 | 2,696,902 ( <b>176,075</b> )     |

**Leading Money-Winning Trainers**

|                        | Sts.  | W-P-S       | UTR  | Earnings (wk. diff)                |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|------|------------------------------------|
| Ron Burke              | 1,845 | 397-277-229 | .340 | \$6,184,199 ( <b>\$1,099,659</b> ) |
| Rene Allard            | 811   | 184-119-96  | .348 | 3,063,560 ( <b>483,420</b> )       |
| Scott Di Domenico      | 782   | 134-118-98  | .297 | 2,024,666 ( <b>199,891</b> )       |
| Richard Moreau         | 815   | 162-132-108 | .333 | 1,736,301 ( <b>157,723</b> )       |
| Gilbert Garcia-Herrera | 677   | 113-82-80   | .274 | 1,534,211 ( <b>198,027</b> )       |
| Richard Banca          | 493   | 76-74-69    | .284 | 1,459,702 ( <b>68,280</b> )        |
| Jim King Jr.           | 228   | 45-36-28    | .326 | 1,229,275 ( <b>80,035</b> )        |
| Nick Surick            | 849   | 151-133-105 | .306 | 1,184,336 ( <b>89,493</b> )        |
| Jimmy Taktter          | 160   | 42-37-17    | .426 | 1,152,984 ( <b>286,702</b> )       |
| Carmen Auciello        | 782   | 92-82-83    | .211 | 1,106,150 ( <b>135,758</b> )       |

**Leading Breeders**

| Breeder                      | Starters | Winners | Wins | Earnings     |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|------|--------------|
| Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.      | 884      | 457     | 976  | \$11,007,663 |
| Winbak Farm                  | 848      | 432     | 935  | 8,416,537    |
| Brittany Farms LLC           | 210      | 118     | 285  | 3,826,070    |
| Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.    | 182      | 108     | 262  | 2,893,342    |
| Perretti Farms               | 122      | 83      | 203  | 2,006,692    |
| Seelster Farms Inc.          | 180      | 98      | 218  | 1,888,068    |
| White Birch Farm             | 151      | 81      | 161  | 1,837,721    |
| Diamond Creek Farm LLC       | 148      | 77      | 156  | 1,827,983    |
| Steve Stewart                | 179      | 86      | 178  | 1,788,979    |
| Robert McIntosh Stables Inc. | 134      | 72      | 165  | 1,649,995    |

**Leaders Of The Week**

Ranked by wins for June 20-July 2 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

| Drivers              | Starts | W-P-S    |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| Aaron Merriman       | 161    | 42-25-18 |
| Dan Noble            | 109    | 30-15-17 |
| George Napolitano Jr | 126    | 28-30-10 |
| George Brennan       | 93     | 27-17-20 |
| Jason Bartlett       | 112    | 24-18-13 |
| Yannick Gingras      | 96     | 23-13-8  |
| Ronnie Wrenn Jr      | 100    | 22-14-19 |
| Tim Tetrick          | 127    | 22-16-17 |
| Jordan Stratton      | 110    | 21-8-9   |
| W. Drew Campbell     | 94     | 21-17-17 |
| Bruce Aldrich Jr.    | 100    | 20-13-12 |
| Mitchell Cushing     | 53     | 19-7-7   |
| Trace Tetrick        | 99     | 19-13-16 |
| Chris Page           | 126    | 18-22-11 |
| Drew Monti           | 67     | 18-8-9   |
| Andy Miller          | 94     | 17-12-9  |
| Brett Miller         | 141    | 17-12-24 |
| Dave Palone          | 68     | 17-14-5  |
| Scott Zeron          | 76     | 17-5-7   |
| Tony Hall            | 112    | 17-16-16 |

| Trainers               | Wins |
|------------------------|------|
| Ron Burke              | 56   |
| Gilbert Garcia-Herrera | 19   |
| Rene Allard            | 18   |
| Scott Di Domenico      | 13   |
| Jimmy Taktter          | 12   |
| Virgil Morgan Jr       | 12   |
| Anette Lorentzon       | 11   |
| Arlene Cameron         | 11   |
| Carmen Auciello        | 11   |
| Sam Schillaci          | 11   |
| Gareth Dowse           | 10   |
| Philip Sowers          | 10   |
| Jeff Cullipher         | 9    |
| Jessica Roegner        | 8    |
| Randy Bendis           | 8    |
| Chris Oakes            | 7    |
| James Clouser Jr.      | 7    |
| John Butenschoen       | 7    |
| John MacDonald         | 7    |
| Mark Steacy            | 7    |
| Michael Deters         | 7    |
| Patrick Shepherd       | 7    |
| Ronnie Roberts         | 7    |

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| sunday   | monday   | tuesday   | wednesday   | thursday  | friday  | saturday  |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1<br>MDSS 3CT/3FP (OD)<br>NYSS Excelsior 3CT/3FT (Gosh)<br>PA All-Stars 2CP (PcD)<br>Hall of Fame ceremonies<br>at Goshen, N.Y.  | 2<br>MDSS 3CP/3FT (OD)<br>OHSS 2CT (NfId)<br>PA Stallion 2FT (Mea)   | 3<br>Buckeye Stallion 2CT (ScD)<br>INSS 2FT (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2FT (YR)<br>OHSS 2FT (NfId)<br>PASS 2FT (Mea)<br>PASS/PA Stallion 3FT (Phl) | 4<br>Independence Day<br>INSS 2FP (HoP)<br>INSS 3FT final (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2CP (MR)<br>OHSS 2CP (ScD)                                    | 5<br>Buckeye Stallion 2CP (ScD)<br>INSS 2CP (HoP)<br>PA Stallion 2FP (Mea)                                  | 6<br>INSS 3CP/3CT final (HoP)<br>Kindergarten 2CP/2FP (M)<br>Nadia Lobell 3FP (HoP)<br>NJSS 2YOs (M)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2FP (YR)<br>OHSS 2FP (ScD)   | 7<br>Graduate 4YO Pace final (M)<br>Graduate 4YO Trot final (M)<br>INSS 2CT (HoP)<br>Meadowlands Pace elims (M)<br>OHSS 3CP (NfId)<br>PASS 2FP (Mea)<br>Reynolds 3FT (M)<br>Sheppard 2CP elims (YR)   |
| 8<br>MSRF 3CT/3FP (OD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 3CP (BR)  | 9<br>MSRF 3CP/3FT (OD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2CT (MR)<br>OHSS 3CT (NfId)<br>ONSS Gold 2FP (Wbsb)<br>PA All-Stars 2CT (PcD)       | 10<br>Buckeye Stallion 2FP (ScD)<br>INSS 2FT final (HoP)<br>PA All-Stars 2FT (PcD)  | 11<br>Buckeye Stallion 3CT (ScD)<br>INSS 2FP final (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2FT (BR)   | 12<br>Buckeye Stallion 2FT (ScD)<br>INSS 2CP final (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 3FP (VD)<br>ONSS Gold 2CP (Wbsb) | 13<br>Kindergarten 2CT/2FT (M)<br>NJSS 2YO finals (M)<br>OHSS 3FT (ScD)   | 14<br>Golden Girls OMP (M)<br>INSS 2CT final (HoP)<br>Dancer Memorial 3CT (M)<br>Hambletonian Maturity Trot (M)<br>Meadowlands Pace final (M)<br>Miller Memorial 3FT (M)<br>Miss Versatility OMT (M)<br>Mistletoe Shalee 3FP (M)<br>OHSS 3FP/PASS 2CP (PcD)<br>Sheppard 2CP final (YR)<br>Wm. Haughton Mem. OHP (M)           |
| 15<br>MDSS 3CT/3FP final (OD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2FP (TgDn)<br>ONSS Gold 2FT (GeoD)<br>PA Stallion 2CP (PcD)<br>Tattersalls Summer Mixed Sale<br>at E. Rutherford, N.J. | 16<br>MDSS 3CP/3FT final (OD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 3CT (MR)<br>OHSS 2CP (NfId)<br>ONSS Gold 2CT (Wbsb)<br>PA Stallion 2CT (Mea) | 17<br>Buckeye Stallion 2CP (ScD)<br>OHSS 2FP (NfId)<br>PA All-Stars 2FP (PcD)<br>PASS 2CT (Mea)   | 18<br>Buckeye Stallion 2CT (ScD)<br>Buckeye Stallion 3FT (ScD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2CP (BR)<br>ONSS Gold 3CT (GRvr)<br>PASS/PA Stallion 2FT (Phl) | 19<br>Buckeye Stallion 2FP (ScD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 3FT (VD)<br>PA Stallion 3CT (Phl)<br>Red Mile opens      | 20<br>Kindergarten 2YOs (M)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2CT (TgDn)<br>OHSS 2CT/2FT (ScD)<br>ONSS Gold 2FP (Wbsb)<br>ONSS Gold 3FP (Wbsb)  | 21<br>Adios 3CP elims (Mea)<br>Buckeye Stallion 3CP (ScD)<br>Gerrity OHP (Stga)<br>INSS 3CT/3FP (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 3CP (Stga)<br>ONSS Gold 3FT (GeoD)<br>PASS/PA Stallion 2CP (Mea)<br>Tompkins-Geers 3CT/3FT (M)  |
| 22<br>MDSS 4&5YO Pace (OD)<br>ONSS Gold 3CP (RidC)   | 23<br>MDSS 4&5YO Trot (OD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2FT (Btva)<br>ONSS Gold 2CP (Wbsb)<br>Batavia Downs opens                       | 24<br>Buckeye Stallion 2FT (Pain)<br>INSS 2CT/2FT (HoP)<br>INSS 3FT (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2FP (YR)  | 25<br>INSS 2CP/2FP (HoP)<br>INSS 3CP (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 3FP (Btva)   | 26<br>Buckeye Stallion 3FP (ScD)<br>DSBF 3YO finals (Har)   | 27<br>Arden Downs 2CT/2FT (Mea)<br>Carey 3CP (Haw)<br>Jim Doherty Mem. 2FT elims (M)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 3CT (YR)<br>Ohio State Fair 2FP/2FT (ScD)<br>ONSS Gold 2FT (Wbsb)<br>Peter Haughton Mem. elims (M) | 28<br>Adioo Volo 3FP (Mea)<br>Adios 3CP final (Mea)<br>Arden Downs 2CP/2FP (Mea)<br>Arden Downs 3CT/3FT (Mea)<br>Hambletonian Oaks elims (M)<br>Ohio State Fair 2CP/2CT (ScD)<br>Reynolds 3CT (M)   |
| 29<br>Beulah Dygert Mem. 3FT (Haw)<br>Erwin Dygert Mem. 3CT (Haw)<br>MSRF 2CT/2FP (OD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2CP (TgDn)<br>ONSS Gold 2CT (GeoD)                            | 30<br>Battle of Belles 2FP elims (GRvr)<br>Battle Of Waterloo elims (GRvr)<br>MSRF 2CP/2FT (OD)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 3CP (YR)   | 31<br>INSS 2CT final (HoP)<br>INSS 2FT final (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2CT (Stga)   | 1<br>INSS 2CP/2FP final (HoP)<br>INSS 3YO finals (HoP)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2FP (Btva)<br>PA Stallion 2CT (Phl)                                    | 2<br>PASS 2CT (Phl)   | 3<br>Duenna 3FT (M)<br>NYSS/Excelsior 2FT (TgDn)<br>Ohio State Fair 3FP/3FT (ScD)<br>PA Stallion 2CP (Phl)<br>Townsend Ackerman 3CT (M)   | 4<br>Cane Pace 3CP (M)<br>Hambletonian 3CT (M)<br>Hambletonian Oaks 3FT final (M)<br>Jim Doherty Mem. 2FT final (M)<br>John Cashman Mem. OHT (M)<br>JR Steele OMT/Lady Liberty (M)<br>Ohio State Fair 3CP/3CT (ScD)<br>ONSS Gold 3CP (Wbsb)<br>Peter Haughton Mem. final (M)<br>Sam McKee Mem. OHP (M)<br>Shady Daisy 3FP (M) |

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