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### Will Anyone Take On Wiggle It Early In Battle of the Brandywine?

After a Hambletonian Day speed show that resulted in a fading-fourth finish in the Cane Pace, one week later Wiggle It Jiggleit bounced back with a big 1:49.3 win in the \$405,000 Carl Milstein Memorial. He'll have his renewed confidence—plus post position 1—when he contests the \$500,000 Battle of the Brandywine on Saturday night at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

The Battle of the Brandywine is Race 12 on the 14-race card which completes the celebration of the 50th anniversary of

**In the Cane, Dude's The Man was anxious while racing in tight quarters and pulled a shoe.**

Pocono Downs. Fireworks will follow the racing program, with a 5:35 post time for the first race.

As was the case in the Milstein Memorial, Wiggle It Jiggleit's top rival Wakizashi Hanover has drawn an outside post. Wakizashi,

the Pepsi North America Cup champion, started from post 8 in the Milstein Memorial and drew post 7 for the Battle of the Brandywine. Also, Dealt A Winner, who pulled off an upset in the Cane, drew post 9 while Artspeak, the runner-up in the Cane, will start from post 8.

If you're looking for an inside horse with a chance to beat the \$1.1 million earner Wiggle It Jiggleit, the two fastest challengers with a decent post are Adios winner Dude's The Man (post 2) and New Jersey Classic champ Split The House (post 4), who will be driven for the first time ever by John Campbell.

Dude's The Man comes into the Battle after a two-week break since his third-place finish in the Cane. Despite his break in stride past the three-quarters in the Cane, Corey Callahan, "Dude's" regular driver, has confidence in his colt, and an explanation about the break.

Callahan said the break in the Cane was because Dude's The Man was locked in tight corners.

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### \$100,000 Battle Of The Brandywine 3YOCP

Mohegan Sun Pocono, Saturday, Aug. 22, Race 12, Post Time: 9:16 pm

| Post—Horse (Sire)                     | Driver/Trainer            | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|---|
| 1—Wiggle It Jiggleit (Mr. Wiggles)    | M. Teague/C. Francis      | 5-2  | Bernstein, Bantle, Felter, Tancredi/Private         |
| 2—Dude's The Man (American Ideal)     | C. Callahan/J. Okusko     | 7-2  | Brittany Farms & B. Monieson Revtrust/\$40,000 (HB) |
| 3—My Hero Ron (Well Said)             | M. Kakaley/R. Burke       | 15-1 | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$80,000 (Lex)                   |
| 4—Split The House (Rocknroll Hanover) | J. Campbell/J. Dean       | 4-1  | Fair Winds Farm/\$60,000 (HB)                       |
| 5—Cooperstown (Four Starzz Shark)     | J. Morrill Jr./R. Burke   | 20-1 | Brittany Farms/\$25,000 (Lex)                       |
| 6—Yankee Bounty (Yankee Cruiser)      | Y. Gingras/R. Burke       | 12-1 | Charles E. Keller III/\$21,000 (HB)                 |
| 7—Wakizashi Hanover (Dragon Again)    | T. Tetrick/J. Looney-King | 6-1  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$23,000 (HB)                    |
| 8—Artspeak (Western Ideal)            | S. Zeron/T. Alagna        | 8-1  | Brittany Farms & Mel Hartmann/\$100,000 (Lex)       |
| 9—Dealt A Winner (Cam's Card Shark)   | D. Miller/M. Silva        | 5-1  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$35,000 (HB)                    |

**POCONO TRIVIA**



Can you name this horse who paced the first-ever sub-1:50 mile at Pocono Downs? Hint: It was 10 years ago. The answer can be found on page 8.

**Post Position Wins at The Downs at Mohegan**

| PP                      | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8    | 9    |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Starts</b>           | 1,274 | 1,274 | 1,274 | 1,274 | 1,273 | 1,260 | 1,208 | 996  | 567  |
| <b>Win</b>              | 182   | 174   | 163   | 213   | 194   | 129   | 117   | 68   | 34   |
| <b>Place</b>            | 167   | 183   | 180   | 165   | 198   | 159   | 112   | 74   | 39   |
| <b>Show</b>             | 194   | 185   | 181   | 181   | 148   | 153   | 110   | 87   | 35   |
| <b>Percent in Money</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |
| <b>Win</b>              | 14.3  | 13.7  | 12.8  | 16.7  | 15.2  | 10.2  | 9.7   | 6.8  | 6.0  |
| <b>Place</b>            | 27.4  | 28.0  | 26.9  | 29.7  | 30.8  | 22.9  | 19.0  | 14.3 | 12.9 |
| <b>Show</b>             | 42.6  | 42.5  | 41.1  | 43.9  | 42.4  | 35.0  | 28.1  | 23.0 | 19.0 |

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"He was just overloaded with pace in there, and Montrell (Teague, with Wiggle It Jiggleit) was trying to give his horse a rest after the early speed," explained Callahan. "My horse was anxious and he pulled his right front shoe. That's why he looked a little bumpy in the homestretch."

With Wiggle It Jiggleit's speed, and post 1, Teague is expected to try to control the race, even if he paid dearly for that strategy in the Cane, when Brian Sears and InThe Arsenal forced opening half fractions of :25.4 and :52.1. (By the way, InThe Arsenal is competing in the Empire Breeders Classic on Sunday at Tioga Downs.)

So Callahan thinks he and his charge Dude's The Man could handle a couple of scenarios.

"Personally, I'm kind of hoping people think Montrell will be wanting to control and they won't take him on early. If Montrell controls the race, the only person who could beat him might be the one in the two hole, and in that case I'm hoping that's me. I have confidence in my horse. If I get in a spot where I'm not behind Montrell, I'm ok with doing whatever I have to do," offered Callahan.

Callahan will also be driving morning-line second choice Bettor Be Steppin in the \$350,000 Valley Forge for 3-year-old filly pacers. They won Pocono's Lynch Memorial earlier this summer. — *By Kathy Parker*

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**Friday, Aug. 21**

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- 8:45p VD7 **Muscle Hill OMT** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 9:05p VD8 **Artiscape OMP** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 9:25p VD9 **Crawford Farms OHT** [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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**Saturday, Aug. 22**

- 6:55p PcD5 **Sebastian K Inv.Trot** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 7:13p PcD6 **Valley Forge 3FP cons** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 7:31p PcD7 **Colonial 3CT cons** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 7:45p Moh2 **Nassagaweya 2CP** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 7:49p PcD8 **Battle of Brandywine cons** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:05p Moh3 **Eternal Camnation 2FP** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:25p Moh4 **Nassagaweya 2CP** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:30p PcD10 **Valley Forge 3FP** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:53p PcD11 **Colonial 3CT** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 9:16p PcD12 **Battle of the Brandywine** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 10:05p Moh9 **Eternal Camnation 2FP** [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 10:25p Moh10 **Nassagaweya 2CP** [Trackmaster PPs](#)

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## Pinkman One Of Five Takter Trainees In Colonial

Hambletonian champ Pinkman, along with four of his stablemates in the barn of trainer Jimmy Takter, is the morning-line favorite in Saturday night's \$500,000 Colonial Trot at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

The Colonial marks the first appearance for Takter's quintet since the Aug. 8 Hambo at the Meadowlands. The Colonial, along with the Battle of the Brandywine, the Valley Forge and the companion consolations, return to the schedule after a one-year hiatus in 2014.

Pinkman's Hambletonian victory propelled him to the top spot in the weekly poll conducted by Harness Racing Communications. He displaced Wiggle It Jiggleit, who will be in action on Saturday at Pocono in the \$500,000 Battle of the Brandywine. With Sebastian K Invitational starter JL Cruze third in the poll, it marks the rare occurrence of three geldings taking the top three spots.

**"Pinkman is so laid back, the next day I walked down and gave him some carrots, and it looked like he hadn't raced."**

—Jimmy Takter

Wednesday (Aug. 19). "We trained them last Friday and everything was good and they also trained again this morning."

With driver Yannick Gingras picking off Pinkman in the Hambletonian final for the filly Mission Brief, who finished second, Brian Sears got the drive. But Gingras will be back up behind Pinkman for the Colonial.

Takter added that Pinkman came out of the two-heat Hambletonian better than he expected.

"Pinkman is so laid back, the next day I walked down and gave him some carrots, and it looked like he hadn't raced," he said. "I couldn't believe the horse; he is so frickin' tough."

Takter said he is strongly considering starting Pinkman in the Yonkers Trot on Sept. 5 so the horse can vie for the Triple Crown. The last horse to win the trotting Triple Crown was Glidemaster in 2006.

"I'm leaning to go to the Yonkers Trot with him and skip the (Pennsylvania) Sires Stakes final," said Takter, who has

yet to put a Colonial Trot victory on his Hall of Fame resume. "Not that the Triple Crown prestige-wise means anything really for a gelding, but at the same token it doesn't matter and it'd be nice to win it. If he ends up being a Triple Crown winner he'd have a very, very good chance to be Horse of the Year, which would be a great honor."

While Pinkman also has the Canadian Trotting Classic, Kentucky Futurity (third leg of Triple Crown) and Breeders Crown on his schedule, Takter is not looking for an invitation for the \$1 million Yonkers International on Oct. 10.

"I don't think so. That's asking a little too much for a 3 year old," he said.

As for Takter's other Colonial starters, he is optimistic.

"Uncle Lasse is going to be right there, and the same with The Bank," he said. "Canepa Hanover came out of the race super and I was happy and he trained well. I don't know what happened in the race (when Canepa broke before the half). I had the nine hole and the Meadowlands had not groomed the nine and 10 hole at all; it was like concrete. I put John Campbell up on him this week to give it a try. John could do quite well with that horse."

While Uncle Lasse and The Bank—who Takter will drive himself—will start respectively from post 3 and 6, Canepa Hanover and French Laundry will line up in the outside two posts.

"We got the eight and nine so two are outside, but overall we drew alright," he said.

With the Colonial conditions calling for the nine richest entrants to be in the main event, Takter had no choice but to race his five together. But he's hoping to avoid similar conflicts in the future as best he can.

"I'm going to try and split them up, but right now we didn't have any options for this race," he said.

Takter also has two in the \$200,000 Colonial consolation: Whom Shall I Fear and Walter White. Whom Shall I Fear is arguably Takter's biggest threat, with the \$475,000 yearling purchase coming in off a career-best 1:52.4 victory in a Townsend Ackerman division Aug. 7 at the Meadowlands.

"Whom Shall I Fear should be a very big contender there," said Takter. "I thought he raced a real big race in the Townsend Ackerman. He's got a good seat (post 3) and Yannick is driving him. Yannick gets along great with him." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

### \$500,000 Colonial 3YOCT

Mohegan Sun Pocono, Saturday, Aug. 22, Race 11, Post Time: 8:53 pm

| Post—Horse (Sire)                    | Driver/Trainer             | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)           |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|---|
| 1—Crazy Wow (Crazed)                 | T. Tetrick/R. Burke        | 7-2  | Peter Pan Stables/\$10,000 (Lex)        |
| 2—Pinkman (Explosive Matter)         | Y. Gingras/J. Takter       | 5-2  | O Narutac Equine Nursery/\$77,000 (Lex) |
| 3—Uncle Lasse (Donato Hanover)       | D. Miller/J. Takter        | 4-1  | Solveig's Breeders/Homebred             |
| 4—Suit And Tie (Andover Hall)        | C. Callahan/J. Butenschoen | 20-1 | Fred Hertrich III/\$30,000 (Lex)        |
| 5—Wicker Hanover (Explosive Matter)  | J. Morrill Jr./N. Daley    | 15-1 | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$37,000 (HB)        |
| 6—The Bank (Donato Hanover)          | J. Takter                  | 5-1  | Falkbolagen/Homebred                    |
| 7—Jacksons Minion (Explosive Matter) | T. Jackson                 | 12-1 | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$17,000 (HB)        |
| 8—Canepa Hanover (Muscle Hill)       | J. Campbell/J. Takter      | 6-1  | Brittany Farms/\$300,000 (HB)           |
| 9—French Laundry (Muscles Yankee)    | B. Miller/J. Takter        | 8-1  | M. Katz & A. Libfeld/\$115,000 (Lex)    |

## A Marvelous Night For A Moonlit Dance?

Moonlit Dance has compiled a 15-5-5-2 resume in 2015, with the 3-year-old filly's wins including a career-best 1:49 effort in the \$207,350 Mistletoe Shalee on Meadowlands Pace night at the Meadowlands. But it hasn't been easy for the daughter of Art Major as she has had to overcome a recent string of tough trips, going back seven starts to June 5 at Mohawk, when she paced a back half of :54.2 to wipe out a 16-length deficit at the half to win going away by five

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*-Tony O'Sullivan on Moonlit Dance*

lengths in 1:52.4.

Moonlit Dance will start from post 6 in Saturday night's \$350,000 Valley Forge at The Downs at Mohegan Sun at Pocono with David Miller driving for trainer Tony O'Sullivan. Although she's had her share of tough trips, Moonlit Dance comes into the Valley Forge after an aborted trip in

an Aug. 15 overnight at Mohawk when she broke a hobble hanger before the start. Moonlit Dance was the favorite on the toteboard at the time but she was ruled a non-starter and all money was refunded to the bettors.

After missing by a nose in her Mistletoe Shalee elim, Moonlit Dance overcame post 9 to win the rich final. With Miller driving, Moonlit Dance was parked three wide through the first turn and was first-over the rest of the way, but still had enough left to pace a last quarter in :27.1 to win by 1 1/2 lengths.

"She went a huge trip there," said Miller. "She was parked every step of the way first-over and went on to win. It was a pretty gutsy performance."

O'Sullivan agreed.

"That was a huge mile," said O'Sullivan. "I didn't think she could sit without cover the whole mile, but I wasn't worried about her getting tired if she had cover."

"She never gets an easy trip," O'Sullivan added. "She's a filly you have to keep her attention, and once you do that she'll do whatever you want. If you let her lollygag out there and mess around, that's what she'll do."

Despite Moonlit Dance's recent come-from-behind efforts, O'Sullivan said the filly can also race in front.



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"For sure she can leave, no doubt about that," he said. "When she qualified a couple weeks ago she did it pretty easy in 1:54 on the front. A couple months ago she probably wouldn't have done that. She has always been a little relaxed but now that she's figured out how to race, she just keeps on going. But she's better with something to aim at."

Bred and owned by David Goodrow Stable, Moonlit Dance comes into the Valley Forge with \$199,946 in career earnings. O'Sullivan said there isn't much on the filly's stakes card left in 2015.

"She has the Simcoe for sure after this and then we'll play it by ear," he said. "We may consider the Breeders Crown if she does well this week." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

### \$350,000 Valley Forge 3YOFP

*Mohegan Sun Pocono, Saturday, Aug. 22, Race 10, Post Time: 8:30 pm*

| Post—Horse (Sire)                        | Driver/Trainer               | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)                       |
|--|------------------------------|------|---|
| 1—Momas Got A Gun (Somebeachsomewhere)   | J. Morrill Jr./V. Morgan Jr. | 4-1  | G. Martin/Homebred                                  |
| 2—Totally Rusty (Rusty's For Real)       | T. Tetrick/R. Croghan        | 8-2  | Carter Racing Stable/Private                        |
| 3—Safe From Terror (Western Terror)      | M. Kakaley/R. Burke          | 9-2  | Bulletproof Ent./\$7,000 (Lex)                      |
| 4—Bettor Be Steppin (Bettor's Delight)   | C. Callahan/J. Holloway      | 7-2  | F. Hertrich III/\$70,000 (HB)                       |
| 5—The Show Returns (Rocknroll Hanover)   | J. Campbell/C. Ryder         | 15-1 | Green Mountain Fms & Kentuckiana GP/\$180,000 (Lex) |
| 6—Moonlit Dance (Art Major)              | D. Miller/T. O'Sullivan      | 3-1  | David Goodrow Stable/Homebred                       |
| 7—Sassa Hanover (Rock N Roll Heaven)     | Y. Gingras/R. Burke          | 6-1  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$50,000 (Lex)                   |
| 8—Wicked Little Minx (Rocknroll Hanover) | B. Miller/N. Johansson       | 10-1 | Perretti Farms/\$50,000 (HB)                        |
| 9—Imagine Dragon (Dragon Again)          | S. Zeron/F. Antonacci        | 20-1 | White Birch Farm/\$55,000 (HB)                      |

## Precocious Beauty Takes Step Up In Artscapes

Ten older pacing mares will go postward in Friday's \$194,000 Artscapes at Vernon Downs, including Precocious Beauty, who was a last-minute entry by trainer Gregg McNair.

Precocious Beauty will start from post 3 with Brian Sears driving. The field includes stablemates Anndrovette and Venus Delight, the one-three finishers in the Aug. 8 Lady

**"It's been a matter of starts—back-to-back starts—so we're hoping we have her on the right track."**

—Gregg McNair on Precocious Beauty

Liberty at the Meadowlands, Lady Liberty runner-up TableTalk, and Radar Contact, who won the Betsy Ross in May at Harrah's Philadelphia. Also entered is Lady Shadow, who won the Roses Are Red at Mohawk in June. A former McNair trainee, Lady Shadow will still be driven by his son, Doug.

The Ontario-based McNair, still

basking in the glow of marrying his longtime girlfriend, Susie, one week ago, said it wasn't until Precious Beauty went a good training mile shortly before the entry box closed that he decided to enter the 4-year-old mare in the Artscapes.

After being scratched "lame" after warm-ups for an Aug. 1 race at Mohawk, Precocious Beauty came back to finish second last Saturday to bring her career earnings to \$787,930.

"She's had quite a time getting on track this year; she's had some soundness issues," said McNair. "She raced pretty good last week. She jogged real good (Tuesday)

morning so I said I was putting her in. I wanted to see how she jogged the second day after coming out of the race on Saturday.

"It's been a matter of starts—back-to-back starts—and she was quite a bit sounder last week so we're hoping we have her on the right track."

Precocious Beauty's 2015 season was delayed until May because she was bred to Somebeachsomewhere, with the embryo transferred to what McNair calls "a big, gray dressage mare" at owner Jim Avritt's farm in Lebanon, Ky. The daughter of Art Major has made just seven starts this year—all in overnights at Mohawk—with her lone win coming in a conditioned race on July 18. The victory was her first since capturing the American National last October at Balmoral Park.

With seven wins in 2013, including the She's A Great Lady final at Mohawk and a world record-equaling 1:50.1 win in an International Stallion Stakes division at The Red Mile, Precocious Beauty was easily voted the 2-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year in both the U. S. and Canada.

Precocious Beauty came back her sophomore year in 2014 with four wins, including the American National and a New York Sires Stakes at Vernon. The Sires Stakes was Precocious Beauty's only prior start at Vernon, but adding in three wins, two seconds and a third at Tioga Downs, she hasn't finished out of the money in seven career attempts in the Empire State.

"She likes New York," McNair said with a laugh. "And Vernon is a fairly close one to drive to. We're probably there in not much more than four hours." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

### Nassagaweya 2YOCP

#### Mohawk Racetrack, Saturday, Aug. 22, 1st \$78,334 division, Race 2, Post Time: 7:45 pm

| Post—Horse (Sire)                     | Driver/Trainer          | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| 1—Talk Show (Art Major)               | J. Moiseyev/S. Elliott  | 2-1  | Dunroven Stud/\$40,000 (Lex)       |
| 2—Voracity (Sportswriter)             | R. Waples/T. Alagna     | 5-2  | Steve Stewart/\$47,000 (Lex)       |
| 3—Heavymetal Hanover (UpThe Credit)   | M. Saftic/J. Darling    | 9-2  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$21,000 (HB)   |
| 4—Blayde Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere) | S. Filion/T. O'Sullivan | 8-1  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$67,000 (Lex)  |
| 5—Bottom Deals (American Ideal)       | S. Condren/L. Toscano   | 6-1  | Winbak Farm/\$50,000 (Lex)         |
| 6—Carter Beach (Somebeachsomewhere)   | J. Jamieson/C. Jamieson | 5-1  | Reginald Petipas/\$55,000 (HB)     |
| 7—Adrian Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere) | L. Ouellette/W. Cass    | 15-1 | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$115,000 (Lex) |

#### 2nd \$78,334 division, Race 4, Post Time: 8:25 pm

| Post—Horse (Sire)                  | Driver/Trainer             | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)     |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1—Ideal Rocky (Rocknroll Hanover)  | A. McCarthy/J. Butenschoen | 9-5  | Fashion Farms/\$47,000 (HB)       |
| 2—Rodeo Rock (Rock N Roll Heaven)  | R. Waples/D. Swick         | 8-1  | Deo Volente Farms/\$107,000 (Lex) |
| 3—Mindtrip (American Ideal)        | J. MacDonald/T. Alagna     | 7-2  | Brittany Farms/\$20,000 (Lex)     |
| 4—Sossys King Kong (Dragon Again)  | D. McNair/R. Norman        | 6-1  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$72,000 (HB)  |
| 5—The Catamount Kid (Well Said)    | J. Jamieson/C. Jamieson    | 2-1  | Steve Jones/\$67,000 (Lex)        |
| 6—Cruise Patrol (Bettor's Delight) | S. Filion/J. Takter        | 10-1 | Brittany Farms/\$60,000 (Lex)     |
| 7—Max Is Back (Somebeachsomewhere) | P. MacDonell/P. MacDonell  | 15-1 | Danterra Racing Stable/—          |

#### 3rd \$78,334 division, Race 10, Post Time: 10:25 pm

| Post—Horse (Sire)                    | Driver/Trainer             | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| 1—Rock Power (Rocknroll Hanover)     | S. Filion/T. O'Sullivan    | 6-1  | Jeffrey Snyder/Homebred            |
| 2—Inspiration View (Shadow Play)     | A. McCarthy/M. Harder      | 7-2  | Winbak Farm/\$35,000 (HB)          |
| 3—Racing Hill (Roll With Joe)        | J. MacDonald/T. Alagna     | 4-1  | Tom Hill/Homebred                  |
| 4—Manny (American Ideal)             | P. MacDonell/H. Okusko Jr. | 10-1 | Lindy Racing Stable/\$50,000 (Lex) |
| 5—Control The Moment (Well Said)     | R. Waples/B. Maxwell       | 8-5  | Fred Kruszelnicki/\$47,000 (Lex)   |
| 6—Real Kid (Real Desire)             | D. McNair/L. Ainsworth     | 15-1 | Midland Acres/\$23,000 (Indy)      |
| 7—American Passport (American Ideal) | J. Jamieson/T. Alagna      | 9-2  | Brittany Farms/\$29,000 (HB)       |

## Baillargeon Hopes Rockin With Dewey Will Rock In Muscle Hill

Trainer Ben Baillargeon believes the day is near when Rockin With Dewey will step up and beat the best of the older mares, and he is hoping that day is Friday, when the 5 year old starts from post 1 in the \$177,000 Muscle Hill at Vernon Downs.

Older male trotters will also be in action on the card in the \$200,000 Crawford Farms. Nine of the 10 starters come into the race off the 1 1/8-mile John Cashman Memorial Trot on Hambletonian day at the Meadowlands, including Flanagan Memory, who won the \$301,500 race in come-

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—Ben Baillargeon on Rockin With Dewey

from-behind fashion.

Cashman third-place finisher Obrigado also starts in the Crawford Farms, as does the \$3.7 million-winner Market Share, who was third in last year’s renewal won by Sebastian K. Magic Tonight, who won this year’s Elitlopp in Sweden, makes his second North American start following an

11th-place finish as the beaten favorite in the Cashman.

As for the Muscle Hill, Scott Zeron will drive Rockin With Dewey in a field that includes the 2013 Horse of the Year Bee A Magician, the 2014 Trotter of the Year Shake It Cerry, and the 2014 Older Trotting Mare of the Year Classic Martine. Also in the field is Swedish star D’One, who won the Fresh Yankee on Hambletonian day at the Meadowlands in her North American debut.

“She can race with them,” Baillargeon said about Rockin With Dewey, a daughter of Deweycheatumnhowe out of the Angus Hall mare Silky Celine, a half sister to the two-time O’Brien Award winner Pure Ivory. “She raced last year with them and was always there, and one of these days she’s going to beat them.”

Rockin With Dewey’s 4-year-old campaign ended in August last year when she was operated on for colic. Prior to that she had four wins and had missed just one check in her 19 starts. This year she has two wins in 14 starts, both coming in early May at Mohawk, including a leg of the Miss Versatility.

Rockin With Dewey has made breaks behind the gate her last two pari-mutuel starts, including in the Aug. 8 Fresh Yankee, where she recovered to finish fifth in the 1 1/8-mile contest. Zeron drove Rockin With Dewey for the first time in the Fresh Yankee, and he will be back in the sulky in the Muscle Hill.

“Last week we were at the gate a little bit too early,” explained Baillargeon. “It was the first time (Zeron) drove her and the second time will be better. The second time around, Scotty will get her out of the gate fine. Hopefully she will behave at the gate.

“Last week she lost three or four lengths when she ran and she only got beat 4 1/2 lengths. It was a nice recovery.”



Rockin With Dewey

Baillargeon said drawing post 1 couldn’t have worked out any better for Rockin With Dewey.

“If she gets away good and gets a good trip, who knows what can happen?” said Baillargeon, who shares ownership of the \$372,422 winner with Diane Ingham. “She has the speed to trot in 1:51. It’s a race and if you’re not in it, you cannot win it.” — By Gordon Waterstone

## Gold Cup & Saucer Field Set

The annual Gold Cup & Saucer pacing classic, held annually at the Charlottetown Driving Park on Canada’s Prince Edward Island as part of the community’s Old Home Week festival, takes place Saturday night.

Thousands of fans will circle the half-mile oval and at two minutes before midnight, the lights will be turned out and the horses competing in the Gold Cup & Saucer paraded to the post under a spotlight.

Eliminations for the race were held last weekend with the winners Crombie A and Take It Back Terry. Crombie A set a 1:50.3 track record while Take It Back Terry won in 1:50.4.

Crombie A is trained by Rene Allard, who won last year’s Gold Cup & Saucer with Big Town Hero. Brad Forward drove Big Town Hero to a 1:50.4 score, edging the Corey Johnson-trained Wazzup Wazzup by a neck.

To watch the race live, use this link <http://redshores.ca/racing/live-video-stream/> to the Red Shores Charlottetown website for the live videostream. Remember, Charlottetown is on Atlantic Daylight Time, which means the race will be contested just after 11 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

### 56TH GOLD CUP & SAUCER

Charlottetown Driving Park, Saturday, Aug. 22

| Post—Horse           | Driver/Trainer          | Odds |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 1—The Rev            | D. Romo                 | 10-1 |
| 2—Lucan Hanover      | J. Drury/C. Coleman     | 6-1  |
| 3—Sparky Mark        | S. Allard/R. Allard     | 4-1  |
| 4—Crombie A          | B. Forward/R. Allard    | 5-2  |
| 5—Take It Back Terry | M. Campbell/R. Burke    | 3-1  |
| 6—Atta Boy Dan       | A. MacDonald/R. Burke   | 7-2  |
| 7—DG’s Camme         | G. Barrieau/J. Matheson | 8-1  |
| 8—Im Drinkin Doubles | M. Whebby/E. MacKay     | 12-1 |

## Nuncio Wins, Creatine Sixth In Sweden; Maven Strains Ligament

The 2013 Kentucky Futurity winner Creatine, continuing his European campaign this year, finished sixth at the Sovalla track in Stockholm, Sweden, on Wednesday night.

Creatine started from post position 11 in the second tier, which proved too tough to overcome. Driven by Johnny Takter, Creatine got away fifth in the second tier and Takter finally had to pull three wide going down the backstretch the last time to give the horse a chance. Creatine advanced but couldn't threaten the leader, Nimbus C.D., driven by Orjan Kihlstrom, who cut the pace and won the 2,140-meter race.

Creatine's trainer, Jimmy Takter, told *The Horseman* that he recently received an invitation to bring Creatine back to the U.S. for the \$1 million International Trot on Oct. 10 at Yonkers Raceway.

"I got an invitation from (race secretary) Steve Starr for Creatine," said Takter. "I haven't talked yet to Adam (co-owner Adam Bowden) though about it to see if he wants to bring him back from Sweden for the race."

Takter added that Maven, who has also been racing abroad this year, has suffered an injury that will sideline her for about 60 days.

"Maven has a little injury in her right hind leg so she'll be laid up for 60 days," said Takter. "She has a strained ligament."

Meanwhile, one race before Creatine competed at Solvalla, Nuncio, who was in the Takter Stable in 2014 when he won the Kentucky Futurity, won in a mile rate time of 1:54.4 for 2,140 meters. Trainer Stefan Melander sent Nuncio—who was racing with all four shoes—to the lead early and he held off challenges from Exodus Hanover and Sylvester Hanover to win.

Nuncio has earned approximately \$247,000 this year in eight starts with six wins, one second and one third.

## POCONO TRIVIA ANSWER

Yankee Finale, driven by Cat Manzi and trained by Seldon Ledford, turned in the first sub-1:50 mile ever at Pocono when he won in 1:49.4 on July 10, 2005. Through Tuesday, Aug. 18, there had been 427 sub-1:50 miles in Pocono's racing history, with 46 in 2015 (through Aug. 18).

## Empire Breeders Classic Finals At Tioga

A pair of Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) finals for 3-year-old pacers are on tap Sunday afternoon at Tioga Downs, with the fillies up first in Race 6 vying for \$269,000 followed by the colts in Race 7 aiming at a purse of \$290,000.

In the filly contest, EBC elim winners Band Of Angels and Moremercy Bluechip will line up in posts 3 and 4, respectively. Both fillies were sent off the betting favorites, with Moremercy Bluechip being the fastest of the two, scoring in wire-to-wire fashion in 1:50.2, one second faster than Band Of Angels.

Moremercy Bluechip is driven by Andy Miller for trainer Julie Miller. A daughter of Rock N Roll Heaven, Moremercy Bluechip is out of the \$565,000-winning mare Mercy Mercy Mercy.

Band Of Angels, a multiple NYSS winner, is also a daughter of Rock N Roll Heaven. Trained by Ron Burke, Band Of Angels will be driven by Yannick Gingras.

On the colt side, In The Arsenal, who won his EBC elimination in 1:49.3, will start in post 2. Driven by Brian Sears and trained by Kelvin Harrison, In The Arsenal is coupled as a common-ownership wagering entry with Betting Exchange.

Sears was also in the bike behind Arque Hanover in the EBC elim, with the son of Rock N Roll Heaven posting a game first-over victory in getting up by a nose at the wire in 1:50. Casie Coleman trains Arque Hanover, who will be driven by George Brennan in the EBC final.

## Eternal Camnation 2YOFP

### Mohawk Racetrack, Saturday, Aug. 22, 1st \$110,631 division, Race 3, Post Time: 8:05 pm

| Post—Horse (Sire)                      | Driver/Trainer              | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)     |
|--|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1—Twin BThong (Sportswriter)           | S. Condren/C. Coleman       | 3-1  | Twinbrook Ltd/\$65,000 (HB)       |
| 2—Blue Moon Stride (Rocknroll Hanover) | A. McCarthy/M. Harder       | 5-2  | Perretti Farms/—                  |
| 3—Thatsoveryverynice (Vintage Master)  | J. Jamieson/T. Alagna       | 2-1  | John Carver/—                     |
| 4—Thisorthat Hanover (Sportswriter)    | R. Waples/J. Dean           | 7-2  | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$110,000 (HB) |
| 5—Three Dreams (Mach Three)            | J. MacDonald/J. Bampton Jr. | 20-1 | Brittany Farms/\$25,000 (Lex)     |
| 6—Betty Hill (Bettors Delight)         | D. McNair/C. Auciello       | 15-1 | Tom Hill/Homebred                 |
| 7—JK Fannie (Rocknroll Hanover)        | S. Filion/N. Johansson      | 8-1  | 3 Brothers Stables/Homebred       |

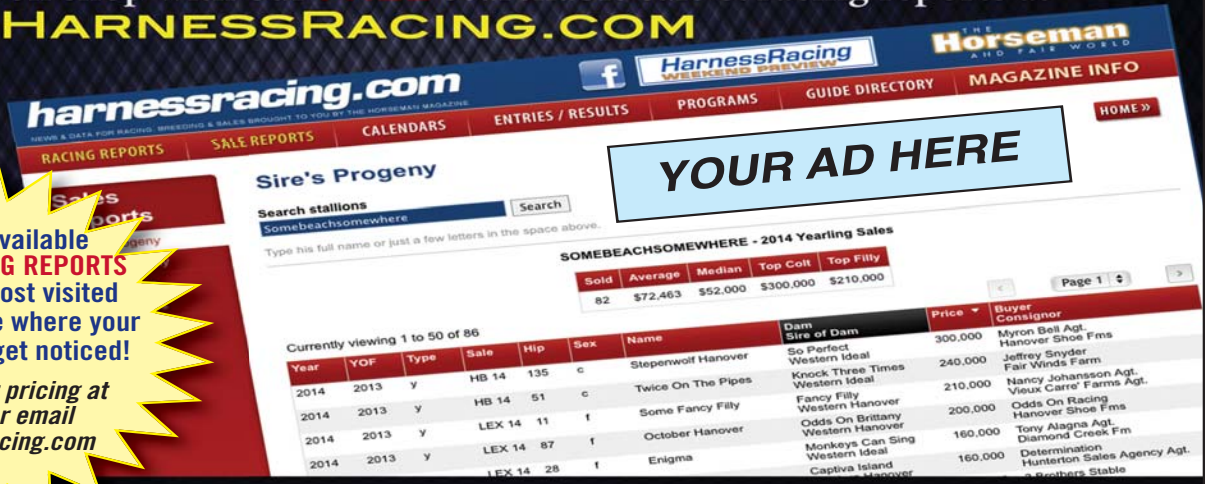
### 2nd \$112,130 division, Race 9, Post Time: 10:05 pm

| Post—Horse (Sire)                       | Driver/Trainer         | Odds | Breeder/Yearling Price (Sale)                        |
|---|------------------------|------|--|
| 1—Darlinonthebeach (Somebeachsomewhere) | S. Filion/N. Johansson | 7-2  | White Birch Farm/Homebred                            |
| 2—Peg (Dragon Again)                    | P. Hudon/J. Dean       | 10-1 | Hanover Shoe Farms/\$47,000 (HB)                     |
| 3—Stonebridge Pearl (Mach Three)        | D. McNair/G. McNair    | 12-1 | Angie Stiller/\$35,000 (FCYS)                        |
| 4—Shes Lights Out (Somebeachsomewhere)  | P. MacDonell/K. Sucee  | 8-1  | Brian & David Legge/Homebred                         |
| 5—LA Delight (Bettors Delight)          | R. Waples/R. McIntosh  | 8-5  | R. McIntosh Stb, CSX Stb, Al McIntosh Hold./Homebred |
| 6—Keystone Paula (Bettors Delight)      | J. MacDonald/E. Miller | 15-1 | Est. of George Hempt Trust/\$32,000 (HB)             |
| 7—ShowTime Hill (Rocknroll Hanover)     | A. McCarthy/T. Alagna  | 4-1  | Perretti Farms/—                                     |
| 8—Bernadette (Big Jim)                  | J. Jamieson/M. Steacy  | 6-1  | Ron Mersky/\$24,000 (Lex)                            |



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## SEASON'S LEADERS

### 2YO Trotters

#### MILE TRACKS

- 2C 1:53.4 SOUTHWIND FRANK**, Muscle Hill-Flawless Lindy-Cantab Hall Burke Rcg. Stb., Weaver Brussemi, Our Horse Cents Stb. & J&T Silva. *Southwind Fms.* (M 7-17) Y. Gingras. *R. Burke (CR Commando, Muscle Network, Centurion ATM 1:53.2)*
- 2F 1:53.3 BROADWAY DONNA**, Donato Hanover-Broadway Schooner-Broadway Hall Fashion Fms. *Fashion Fms.* (M 7-31) D. Miller. *J. Campbell (Mission Brief 1:50.3)*
- 2G 1:56 BRIDGE TO JESSE'S**, Jailhouse Jesse-Bridge To Nowhere-Angus Hall W. & R. DeLong & R. Welch. *M. & R. Wilt (HoP 8-15) E. Hensley. R. Welch (Outburst 1:53.1)*

#### FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS

- 2C 1:53.3 JACK VERNON**, Muscle Hill-Vernon Blue Chip-Sir Taurus Miller's Stb. *A. Libfeld (TgDn 8-16) C. Callahan. R. Beeckman (Father Patrick 1:52.1)*
- 2F 1:54.1 BROADWAY DONNA**, Donato Hanover-Broadway Schooner-Broadway Hall Fashion Fms. *Fashion Fms.* (PcD 7-22) D. Miller. *J. Campbell (COOLER SCHOONER 1:51.3)*
- 2G 1:57 CUFFLINK HANOVER**, Andover Hall-CR Savoire Faire-Lindy Lane Enzed Rcg. Stb. & D. Miller. *Hanover Shoe Fms.* (Mea 7-6) D. Miller. *R. Norman (Correctamundo 1:55)*

#### HALF-MILE TRACKS

- 2C 1:58 KANTHAKA**, Triumphant Caviar-Elena-San Pellegrino W. Lang & C. Beaver. *W. Lang (Nfld 7-24) C. Lems. G. Ducharme (Dontyouforgetit 1:55.3)*
- 2F 1:58 SHUT UP AND DANCE**, Triumphant Caviar-Passport To Love-Yankee Glide J. Bafia. *S. Stewart & Kemppi Stb. (Nfld 7-3) A. Merriman. D. Simpson (Wild Honey 1:55.2)*
- 2G 1:57.4 DAYSON**, Conway Hall-Nervey's Taurus-Sir Taurus M. & A. Butler. *Salt Hill Fm. Ltd. (YR 8-17) J. Gregory. H. Okusko (Pinkman 1:57)*

Data through 8/18/14. **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 1:51.4 BETTING LINE**, Bettor's Delight-Heather's Western-Western Hanover West Wins Stb., M. Nichol & C. Calhoun. *Fair Winds Fm. (Moh 7-18) C. Christoforou. C. Coleman (Sweet Lou 1:49)*
- 2F 1:51.2 THATSOVERYVERYNICE**, Vintage Master-Fox Valley Zena-Richess Hanover Alagna Rcg. *J. Carver (Moh 7-6) J. Jamieson. T. Alagna (I Luv The Nitelife, Precocious Beauty, JK She'salady, Sassa Hanover 1:50.1)*
- 2G 1:52.2 WONDROUS SPORT**, Sportsmaster-Wondrous Grace-Jate Lobell S. McMackin, M. Kelly & L. Roush. *G. Beam (BmIP 7-25) C. Leonard. G. Rath ROYALE ROSE*, Ashlee's Big Guy-Caribe Royale-Sportsmaster N. Potts. *O. Rursch (Spr 8-14) M. Krueger. L. Scurlock (Sheer Desire 1:49.3)*

#### FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS

- 2C 1:51.3 SPIDER MAN HANOVER**, Western Ideal-Stolly Up Bluechip-Art Major M. Leeman, Country Club Acres, M. Mallett & K. Vaupel. *Hanover Shoe Fms. (Mea 7-25) D. Miller. B. Brown (Somestarsomewhere 1:49.4)*
- 2F 1:52.1 CALL ME QUEEN BE**, Somebeachsomewhere-Preppy Party Girl-Western Terror Let It Ride Stbs. & D. Parham. *J. Carver (Mea 7-17) M. Miller. R. Croghan YANKEE MOONSHINE*, Yankee Cruiser-Bootleg Yankee-Allamerican Native Weaver Brussemi, L. Karr, Burke Rcg. Stb. & JT45. *C. Keller III (PcD 8-9) M. Kakaley. R. Burke (Allstar Rating 1:50.1)*
- 2G 1:51.1 MANHATTAN BEACH**, Somebeachsomewhere-Benear-Badlands Hanover Burke Rcg. Stb., Weaver Brussemi, G.L. Mound & Wingfield Bros. *G. Martin (Mea 7-25) T. Tetrick. R. Burke (One More Laugh 1:49.2)*

#### HALF-MILE TRACKS

- 2C 1:54.3 AUTOTUNE HANOVER**, Art Major-Anderosa Hanover-The Panderosa M. Harder, D. Frost, P. Venturini & R. Phillips. *Hanover Shoe Fms. (YR 7-18) T. Buter. M. Harder DOCDOR FRISKIE*, Feelin Friskie-Lady Shuffle-Cam's Card Shark D. Miller. *Midland Acres (Nfld 7-24) P. Wrenn. M. Wrenn (On Golden Ponder, He's Watching 1:52.2)*
- 2F 1:54.2 TIME ON MY HANDS**, American Ideal-Bewitching Jewell-Artsplace D. & M. Robinson, R. Mondillo & S. Cheatham. *Riverview Fms. (Stga 7-10) J. Morrill Jr. C. Ryder (Isabella Blue Chip 1:53.1)*
- 2G 1:55.1 NOTHIN FANCY**, Metropolitan-JL Cruise The Nite-Yankee Cruiser F. Huff Jr. & J. Fairchild. *Reeves Barnhouse (Nfld 7-24) D. Noble. F. Huff Jr. (Littlebitofflife 1:52.1)*

# SEASON'S LEADERS

## Trotters

### MILE TRACKS

- 3C 1:50.4 THE BANK**, Donato Hanover-Lantern Kronos (M 7-18) J. Takter C. Takter & G. Falk. *Falkbolagen Ab* (**Donato Hanover, Muscle Hill 1:50.1**)
- 3F 1:51.3 MISSION BRIEF**, Muscle Hill-Southwind Serena (M 8-8) Y. Gingras Burke Rcg. Stb., Weaver Brusceci, Our Horse Cents Stb. & J&T Silva Stb. S. Stewart, *Black Creek Fm. & Andrea Lea Rcg. Stbs.* (**Cee Bee Yes 1:50.2**)
- 3G 1:51 PINKMAN**, Explosive Matter-Margie Seelster (M 8-8) B. Sears J. & J. Fielding, C. Takter, H. Liverman & J. McClelland. *O Narutac Equ. Nursery* (**Pinkman 1:51**)
- 4S 1:50.4 RESOLVE**, Muscle Hill-Anikawiesahalee (M 8-8) A. Svanstedt H. Enggren. *M. Pozefsky & E. Wilson* (**Chapter Seven 1:50.1**)
- 4M 1:51.4 SHAKE IT CERRY**, Donato Hanover-Solveig (M 6-6) J. Takter Solveig's Rcg. Prtnrs. *Solveig's Brdrs.* (**Mistery Woman 1:51**)
- 4G 1:49.4 JL CRUZE**, Crazed-Topcat Hall (M 7-11) J. Campbell K. Wood, W. Dittmar Jr. & S. Iaquina. *J. Morrison & Glengate Fms.* (**JL Cruze 1:49.4**)
- AS 1:50.4 WORLD CUP**, 6, Yankee Glide-Sheena Hall (M 6-12) J. Bongiorno C. Roman. *R. & M. Goodman* (**ARCHANGEL, SEBASTIAN K S 1:50**)
- AM 1:51.1 BEE A MAGICIAN**, 5, Kadabra-Beehive (Moh 6-12) B. Sears M. Hartman, D. McDuffee & H. Liverman. *White Birch Fm. HANOVER BELLE*, 5, Andover Hall-Harbour Belle (M 7-31) Y. Gingras Burke Rcg. Stb., H. & J. Taylor & Weaver Brusceci. *J. Carver & H. Taylor* (**GIANT DIABLO 1:50.1**)
- AG 1:51.3 OBRIGADO**, 5, Boy Band-Malimony-Malabar Man (M 6-26) M. MacDonald Stb. 45, L. Higgins, W. Weaver III & Paul Kelley Rcg. Stb. *M. Andrew* (**ENOUGH TALK 1:49.3**)

### FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS

- 3C 1:51.4 UNCLE LASSE**, Donato Hanover-Solveig (Mea 5-29) B. Miller Solveig's Rcg. Prtnrs. *Solveig Brdrs.* (**Father Patrick 1:50.2**)
- 3F 1:53 LIVININTHEFASTLANE**, Donato Hanover-Nicole's Promise (Mea 5-16) A. Miller A. Libfeld, M. Katz & S. Goldband. *Concord Stud Fm.* (**Check Me Out, Designed To Be, Lifetime Pursuit 1:51.3**)
- 3G 1:51.3 PINKMAN**, Explosive Matter-Margie Seelster (PcD 7-4) Y. Gingras J. & J. Fielding, C. Takter, H. Liverman & J. McClelland. *O Narutac Equ. Nursery* (**Pinkman 1:51.3**)
- 4S 1:52.1 FATHER PATRICK**, Cantab Hall-Gala Dream (Phl 5-24) Y. Gingras Father Patrick Stb. *Brittany Fms.* (**Uncle Peter 1:50.3**)
- 4M 1:52.4 SHAKE IT CERRY**, Donato Hanover-Solveig (TgDn 5-25) J. Takter Solveig's Rcg. Prtnrs. *Solveig's Brdrs.* (**Classic Martine, Frau Blucher 1:51.2**)
- 4G 1:51 JL CRUZE**, Crazed-Topcat Hall (PcD 7-4) J. Campbell K. Wood, W. Dittmar Jr. & S. Iaquina. *J. Morrison & Glengate Fms.* (**Wind Of The North, JL Cruze 1:51**)
- AS 1:52.2 TAMARIND**, 7, Angus Hall-Spicegirl Kosmos (Mea 7-6) A. Merriman W. Bercury. *C. Beaver & D. Lang* (**SEBASTIAN K S 1:49**)
- AM 1:51.4 FRAU BLUCHER**, 5, Broadway Hall-My Angel (PcD 6-6) G. Napolitano Jr. S. Oakes & Hauser Bros. Rcg. Ent. *L. Mc Nerney* (**VICTORY IS COMING 1:51**)
- AG 1:51.2 SEAGRAM**, 8, Amigo Hall-Crown Royalty (PcD 6-17) D. Miller A. Najor & Allard Rcg. *R. Burgess & K. Olsson-Burgess.* (**SEVRUGA 1:50.3**)

### HALF-MILE TRACKS

- 3C 1:56 CRAZY WOW**, Crazed-No Pan No Gain (YR 8-10) Y. Gingras Deo Volente Fms., Our Horse Cents Stb., JT45 7 J&T Silva Stbs. *Peter Pan Stbs.* (**Archangel 1:54.1**)
- 3F 1:55.2 GEE O'KEEFFE**, Holiday Road-Matina Vita (Nfld 8-4) A. Merriman W. Lang & C. Beaver. *W. Lang* (**Frau Blucher 1:53.1**)
- 3G 1:56 GO BYEM**, Impel Hanover-Go Sassy Go (Har 7-1) L. Givens Nanticoke Rcg. & D. Cain. *D. Cain* (**Dennis 1:53.3**)
- 4S 1:53.3 CREDIT FASHION**, Credit Winner-Whata Softie (Nfld 7-20) A. Merriman M. Yoder. *Blue Chip Bldstk.* (**Credit Fashion 1:53.3**)
- 4M 1:55 CLASSIC BELISIMA**, Crazed-Classic Yankee (Har 6-3) J. Roberts W. Cantrell. *A., M. & P. Crawford* (**MAVEN 1:51.4**)
- 4G 1:55 ZOIE DE VIE**, Conway Hall-Pauls Wink (YR 8-14) B. Sears L. Higgins, W. Weaver III & Paul Kelley Rcg. Stb. *Joie De Vie Fm.* (**Dw's Ny Yank 1:54.2**)
- AS 1:53.2 DAYLON MAGICIAN**, 7, Kadabra-Daylon Marvel (Nfld 7-3) J. Moiseyev Daylon Fms. Ltd. *D. Lemon.* (**DAYLON MAGICIAN 1:53.2**)
- AM 1:53.2 VICTORY IS COMING**, 8, Victory Sam-Norse Comer (Nfld 7-3) R. Wrenn Jr. B. & J. Shaw. *Success Acres* (**Mystical Sunshine, Autumn Escapade, Victory Is Coming 1:53.2**)
- AG 1:53.3 LUMINOSITY**, 5, Cash Hall-Brighten My Way (YR 8-15) G. Brennan Weaver Brusceci & Burke Rcg. Stb. *A. Poklembo* (**QUICK DEAL 1:53.2**)

## Pacers

### MILE TRACKS

- 3C 1:48.2 FREAKY FEET PETE**, Rockin Image-Skyway Lori (HoP 8-14) Tr. Tetrick M.J. & M. Rheinheimer. *L. Rheinheimer* (**SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE, HE'S WATCHING 1:46.4**)
- 3F 1:49 MOONLIT DANCE**, Art Major-Gone Dancing (M 7-18) D. Miller David Goodrow Stb. *David Goodrow Stb.* (**SHEBESTINGIN 1:47**)
- 3G 1:47.3 DEALT A WINNER**, Cam's Card Shark-Laban Hanover (M 8-8) D. Miller J. Snyder. *Hanover Shoe Fms.* (**Dealt A Winner 1:47.3**)
- 4S 1:47.3 MELMERBY BEACH**, Somebeachsomewhere-DB Blue Chip (M 7-11) J. Campbell Schooner II Stb. *Schooner II Stb.* (**WARRAWEE NEEDY 1:46.4**)
- 4M 1:48.3 LADY SHADOW**, Shadow Play-Lady Camella (Moh 6-13) D. McNair D. Kryway, E. Gold, R. Lombardo & C. Atley. *Winbak Fm.* (**My Little Dragon 1:48.1**)
- 4G 1:48 ROCKEY OPTIMIST**, Rocknroll Hanover-Art Amour (M 6-6) T. Tetrick V. Berkner, A&B Stb., A. Perretti & J. Battaglia. *Perretti Fms.* (**Bettor Sweet 1:47.2**)
- AS 1:47 STATE TREASURER**, 6, Real Desire-Ideal Treasure (M 8-8) D. Miller S. & P. MacDonald. *Brittany Fms.* (**State Treasurer 1:47**)
- AM 1:48.2 HOT LIST**, 7, McArdle-Only Gossip (M 6-12) J. Campbell D. Rosato. *C. Ryder* (**Put On A Show, Adore Me Nz 1:47.3**)
- AG 1:47.3 FIREYOURGUNS**, 6, American Ideal-Villa Hanover (VD 6-21) J. Morrill Jr. T. McClory, J. & R. Lowe. *D. Firmstone* **JK PANACHE**, 6, Art Major-Paris Hanover (VD 7-19) F. Davis D. Dewhurst & P. Hale. *Hanover Shoe Fms.* (**HOLBORN HANOVER 1:46.4**)

### FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS

- 3C 1:48.4 DUDE'S THE MAN**, American Ideal-Art's Risk (Mea 8-1) C. Callahan M&L Of Delaware & V. Dickinson. *Brittany Fms. & Brian P. Monieson Rev Trust* (**McWicked 1:47.3**)
- 3F 1:49.4 DIVINE CAROLINE**, Rock N Roll Heaven-Loving Caroline (TgDn 8-16) D. Miller T. Gewertz, Val D'Or Fms., Rojan Stbs. & M. Ouriel. *Diamond Creek Fm.* (**I Luv The Nitelife 1:48.4**)
- 3G 1:48.2 WIGGLE IT JIGGLEIT**, Mr Wiggles-Mozzi Hanover (PcD 7-4) M. Teague George Teague Jr. Inc. *J. Bernstein, T. Bantle, E. Felter & V. Tancredi* (**Lucan Hanover 1:48**)
- 4S 1:47.4 DOO WOP HANOVER**, Rocknroll Hanover-Deer Valley Miss (TgDn 5-25) J. Campbell P. Blood & R. Berks. *Hanover Shoe Fms.* (**Pet Rock 1:47.2**)
- 4M 1:50 GALLIE BYTHE BEACH**, Somebeachsomewhere-Galleria (PcD 6-3) J. Bartlett Fashion Fms. A. & J. Siegel (**SOMWHEREVRARAINBOW 1:48**)
- 4G 1:48.1 ROCKEY OPTIMIST**, Rocknroll Hanover-Art Amour (TgDn 5-25) T. Tetrick V. Berkner, A&B Stb., A. Perretti & J. Battaglia. *Perretti Fms.* **ALWAYS AT MY PLACE**, Always A Virgin-Best Place (PcD 8-15) M. Kakaley Weaver Brusceci, L. Karr, P. Collura & Burke Rcg. Stb. *DM Stbs. & W. Rufenacht* (**Mach It So 1:48**)
- AS 1:48.1 BANDOLITO**, 5, Ponder-Sody's Home Brew (DD 3-26) D. Bier D. Bier. *W. & J. Harp* (**SWEET LOU 1:47**)
- AM 1:49.2 OOH BAD SHARK**, 7, Cam's Card Shark-Ooh Bad Girl (PcD 4-29) J. Morrill Jr. W. Wiggins & D. Fedorak. *W. Wiggins & D. Fedorak* **REQUEST FOR PAROLE**, 5, Badlands Hanover-Give Me Life (PcD 7-17) A. Napolitano Jr. Weaver Brusceci & Burke Rcg. Stb. *Winbak Fm.* (**Drop The Ball 1:48.2**)
- AG 1:48.2 BIGTOWN HERO**, 7, American Ideal-Art Account (PcD 6-13) S. Allard Y. Sarrazin & Allard Rcg. *Brittany Fms. & Brian P. Monieson Revstrust* (**BIGTOWN HERO 1:47.3**)

### HALF-MILE TRACKS

- 3C 1:51.1 NATIONAL SEELSTER**, Bettor's Delight-No Strikes Against (YR 7-16) A. Miller Oompa's Fm. & R. Mondillo. *Seelster Fms.* (**Somebeachsomewhere, Rock N Roll Heaven 1:49.2**)
- 3F 1:51.2 PURRFECT BAGS**, Roddy's Bags Again-Purrrfectly Bad (Har 7-30) V. Kirby J. Looney-King. *Winbak Fm.* (**SHELLISCAPE 1:50.3**)
- 3G 1:49 WIGGLE IT JIGGLEIT**, Mr Wiggles-Mozzi Hanover (Har 5-11) M. Teague George Teague Jr. Inc. *J. Bernstein, T. Bantle, E. Felter & V. Tancredi* (**WIGGLE IT JIGGLEIT 1:49**)
- 4S 1:50.1 FORTY FIVE RED**, If I Can Dream-Sakura Hanover (YR 8-15) M. MacDonald R. Bucci. *Kentuckiana Fms. Gen. Par.* (**PET ROCK 1:48.1**)
- 4M 1:51.3 CINAMONY**, Art Official-Armbro Cinnamon (YR 6-19) G. Brennan Weaver Brusceci & Burke Rcg. Stb. *Perretti Fms.* (**She's A Great Lady 1:51**)
- 4G 1:51.1 IDEAL COWBOY**, American Ideal-Trend Setter (YR 5-26) J. Bartlett Bamond Rcg. & J. & T. Silva Stbs. *M. Nichol* (**Just A Jolt 1:50**)
- AS 1:50.1 CROMBIE A**, 9, Life Sign-Medea Me (YR 7-25) B. Sears K. Singh, Allard Rcg & A. Abdal. *M. King, I. & L. Chambers* (**Dancin Yankee 1:48.4**)
- AM 1:51.3 EMBASSY SEELSTER**, 6, Modern Art-Espirit Seelster (Har 5-19) G. Dennis J. & M. Rcg. *Seelster Fms.* **KRISPY APPLE**, 7, Western Ideal-Apple Krisp (YR 8-14) J. Bartlett J. Davino & Bamond Rcg. *Perfect World Ent.* (**Warrawee Koine 1:51.1**)
- AG 1:50.1 P H SUPER CAM**, 8, Million Dollar Cam-Callwood Ivy (Stga 7-25) J. Bartlett J. Bamond Jr. *J. Shive* **JK PANACHE**, 6, Art Major-Paris Hanover (Stga 8-1) B. Dobson D. Dewhurst & P. Hale. *Hanover Shoe Fms.* (**Lucky Man, Clear Vision 1:49.2**)

Data through 8/18/14. **NEW LEADERS IN GREEN\*** Division, current season's record, current leader, breeding (Track and date) Driver Owner(s). Breeder(s). (world record, all-age record in caps).



## Mission Brief, Wild Honey To Clash In Moni Maker

When Mission Brief finished second in the Hambletonian and Wild Honey took the Hambletonian Oaks, they solidified their credentials as harness racing's top 3-year-old filly trotters. However, the two didn't face each other on Hambletonian Day. They'll take care of that little omission Friday at The Meadows when they clash in the \$174,000 Moni Maker.

Mission Brief long had been considered a candidate to take on males in the Hambletonian, but back problems put those plans on hold for a while. She responded well to medical treatment and turned in a memorable Hambletonian performance, losing to Pinkman by three-quarters of a length.

Ron Burke, who trains the daughter of Muscle Hill-Southwind Serena for Burke Racing Stable, Our Horse Cents Stables, J&T Silva Stables and Weaver Brussemi LLC, said Mission Brief had treatment for her back and went two strong training trips in New Jersey before her mid-week ship to The Meadows. Although Burke is based at The Meadows, Mission Brief has followed the Grand Circuit throughout her career and will be making her first lifetime start at The Meadows.

"I trained her here for about a month earlier in the year, so I know she gets around this track well," Burke said. "She's very comfortable here."

He said he'll likely continue to race Mission Brief against fillies, but will play that by ear.

"It would be a hard push for me to get everyone on board to do it (race against males) again, but I wouldn't rule it out," he said. *(The Meadows)*

## Campbell Back At Pocono Saturday

John Campbell told harnessracing.com Monday morning that he plans to return to the sulky this weekend, three weeks after he broke his left wrist in an accident during qualifiers at the Meadowlands. Campbell said he will drive on the Super Stakes Saturday card at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and then at Tioga Downs on Sunday, with that card featuring the Empire Breeders Classic finals for 3-year-old pacers and Tompkins for 2- and 3-year-old trotters.

"I went and trained Muscle Diamond this past Saturday (for trainer Brett Bittle at Winner's International) and I was happy the way it went, so I'm going to race Saturday at Pocono and Sunday at Tioga," said Campbell. "I'm looking forward to that, and hopefully back to normal."

Campbell said he will drive this weekend despite still having to wear a cast on his wrist.

"I still have the cast on and don't get that off until the 26th, so I'll have to race this weekend with the cast on," he said. "I've got it cut back where I can hold of the lines well. I trained three sets down there (at Winner's International) and it seems good."

Included among Campbell's drives at Pocono on Saturday will be the 3-year-old colt Muscle Diamond in the Colonial Trot and JL Cruze in the Sun Invitational.

In the July 31 baby-race accident, Campbell was driving the colt trotter Drazmatazz when he hooked wheels with a Jimmy Takter-driven horse and he was dumped to the track. At the time the Hall of Famer had 116 wins this year, the most he has had in a single year since 2010. — *harnessracing.com*

## Smedshammer, Polisseni, Parisi Have Thoroughbred Winner

Although trainer Trond Smedshammer has won more than 1,000 races over the years, including the Hambletonian and other major stakes, he said it was a totally different feeling watching his 2-year-old Thoroughbred Pagan win in his career debut on Monday at Saratoga.

"I was at home watching it and I had no idea what to expect," Smedshammer told harnessracing.com Tuesday afternoon. "I don't think I had been that excited since I had to sit home and watch Arch Madness win the first heat of the Elitlopp. It's something new. You don't know that much about it so it's exciting."

Smedshammer, in partnership with Wanda Polisseni's Purple Haze Stables and Michael Parisi's Joe Mar Racing Stables, purchased Pagan and Charming Indy at last year's Fasig-Tipton New York-bred sale for \$40,000 each. The partnership followed that up at last Sunday's New York-bred sale by purchasing another two yearling colts for \$20,000 and \$25,000.

"Our first one made his first start the day after the sale, so luckily he didn't race before the sale or I would have probably spent a lot more money," Smedshammer said with a laugh.

Pagan won a \$73,000 maiden special weight race at a distance of 5 ½ furlongs on the turf in :57.40 with Luis Saez riding. Pagan was sent off at odds of 9-1 and returned \$20 for a \$2 win ticket. The winner's share of the purse was \$43,800.

Smedshammer broke and trained Pagan and Charming Indy—who was scratched from his career debut on Wednesday at Saratoga—at his base at Parisi's White Birch Farm in New Jersey. He sent both colts to Thoroughbred trainer Dominick Schettino in early June.

"I enjoyed working with them and training them down, but they have to go to a different trainer to finish them off," said Smedshammer. "We don't have a starting box and things like that. It's a completely different business as far as entering, the classes, the turf, and all that. But as far as conditioning and breaking and training them down, I really enjoyed it."

When Smedshammer was asked if he would now rather win the Kentucky Derby or the Hambletonian, he responded without hesitation: "I'm still a Standardbred trainer." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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## Dean Talks “Thisorthat,” Split The House

For James “Friday” Dean, Saturday can’t come soon enough. Stealing headlines with freshman pacer Thisorthat Hanover since her racing debut in June, Dean’s filly is poised to strike next in the first division of the Eternal Camnation Stakes Saturday night at Mohawk Racetrack. He also will send out Split The House in Saturday night’s Battle of the Brandywine at Pocono Downs.

When Dean and longtime owner Scott Horner headed to the Harrisburg yearling sale last year, they had reviewed the catalog meticulously. Their thoughtful preparation led to the purchase of a filly who would go on to become one of the top contenders in her division.

“Scott generally has his picks based on pedigree and the videos. We go and look at them in Harrisburg and I think we looked at half a dozen or eight horses,” said Dean. “All he said to me at the end was ‘Who do you really want?’ and I said this filly and he bought her.

“Everything about her, her video was awesome and she had a lot of leg under her, a really nice body, everything was correct about her. I knew we’d have to pay for her but I didn’t think he’d go that much, but Scott wanted her as much as I did.”

When the gavel fell on Hip #161 in Harrisburg, the price stood at \$110,000. With \$67,900 in the bank so far, she is well on her way to making good on the investment.

Thisorthat Hanover continued to impress every step of the way heading into her 2-year-old season. Though Dean was confident in her progress, he was unwilling to make any early judgments.

“She was perfect prepping for this season, she never did anything wrong, she just did all her lessons well. She never gave us any problems as we brought her along. I don’t think you really know how they’ll do based on training, you can train them down and you can think they’re going to be a nice horse but until you actually race them, they can disappoint you. Or, they go in the other direction and surprise you.”

As for where “Friday” will be on Saturday night, he will be heading to The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono with Split the House.

Co-owned by Scott Horner, Peter Milligan and Dean, the Rocknroll Hanover colt has stormed onto the scene in his 3-year-old season. Absent at two due to injury, he has made up for lost time in proving himself to be one to watch as the year progresses. Sweeping the Summertime Series at Mohawk, he heads into the Battle off a career-best 1:48.3 victory in the New Jersey Classic at the Meadowlands on July 25.

“He’s good right now,” said Dean. “He may still be a bit of an unknown because we haven’t raced against those horses a whole lot. In the North America Cup, I don’t know if he was mentally ready for that race. There’s not much we could do about it, we had four starts and won them all handily so

we gave him a shot. It didn’t work out but he’s rebounded, got a nice trip at the Meadowlands with a sweet drive and everything worked out.

“I think he could be a Grand Circuit horse; we never ever questioned his ability. It’s tough for a horse that doesn’t race as a two-year-old to go in his fifth lifetime start and be in with the crème de la crème. He didn’t race bad in his (Cup) elimination, he was only beat three lengths but I don’t think he was quite ready for it.” (WEG)

## Kentucky Commission Passes Rule Regulating Cobalt

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has joined others in approving a rule to regulate cobalt. The commission took its action during its monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 18. The new rule must now be approved via a legislative committee process.

The commission unanimously approved a rule that would institute penalties for horses testing over 25 ppb (parts per billion) and 50 ppb in serum. A testing level of over 25 ppb but under 50 ppb could be subject to a warning and fine, as is the treatment for some non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, plus the horse being placed on the vet’s list until the level drops. If a horse tests over 50 ppb, the positive will be treated as a Class B drug violation, which could bring up to a two-month suspension, fine of up to \$1,000, and/or purse forfeiture. The recommended penalties are in line with those advocated by the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium (RMTC).

Commission member Alan Leavitt of Walnut Hall Ltd. expressed concern that the penalties were not strong enough.

“I have to say, for the people using cobalt, that is not something they are going to take very seriously,” said Leavitt, who thought the substance should be classified as a Class A drug. “The people that are using it, they have huge stables. They have all kinds of horses. They’ll just go on merrily using it on all the rest of their stable.”

The commission also revised the recommended withdrawal time for flunixin based on new guidelines from the RMTC, suggesting that trainers withdraw the drug 32 hours ahead of race time instead of the previously recommended 24 hours.

The commission also unanimously agreed to make aminorex, a metabolite of levamisole, a Class B substance. Levamisole is an anti-protozoal sometimes used off-label to treat various conditions, including EPM.

## Ontario: Claimed Horses Can Be Tested For Cobalt

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, the Ontario Racing Commission issued a Notice to the Industry which states that the commission has amended one of its directives to now reflect that claimed horses can be tested for cobalt. The ORC an-

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nounced that if claimants wish to have a horse tested for cobalt, they must note that on the official claim form.

The release goes on to state that if a claimed horse is found to have unacceptable levels of cobalt during an approved post-race test, ORC judges have the authority, at the option of the claimant, to rule a claim invalid. (ORC)

### All Ohio-Sired Card At Northfield Friday

Fifteen divisions of Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) for 2-year-old colts and fillies of both gaits will be contested on Friday night at Northfield Park. A total of 125 freshman Standardbreds—58 trotters and 67 pacers—passed the Northfield Park entry box to vie for \$40,000 in each division. Seven races of diagonally-gaited 2-year-olds (four colt and three filly heats) are set, while eight events were drawn for the side-wheelers (four colt and four filly heats).

Primo Giovanni will be trying for his fourth consecutive pari-mutuel victory in the first OSS colt pace division (Race 6) for driver Chris Page. The son of Big Bad John-JK Re-united was bred and is owned by Carl Howard and hails from the powerful Virgil Morgan Jr. stable. Primo Giovanni won an \$18,500 Ohio Breeders Stake on Aug. 13 at Scioto Downs in a career-best 1:54.2 and before that captured an Ohio Fair Stake on Aug. 6 at Scioto, timed in 1:55.1. He has back-to-back victories in OSS competition—on July 24 at Northfield (1:55.2) and on July 4 at Scioto (1:56.2).

Big Bad Cam—the fastest of any Ohio-bred youngster to date with a 1:53.2 clocking in his OSS and career debut on July 4—will be trying for a repeat performance in the third division (race 13) of pacing youngsters. Peter Wrenn will be in the sulky behind the bay gelding who is conditioned by his wife, Melanie Wrenn, for Dorothy Miller. Big Bad Cam was bred by Dan and Robert Kuhns and is by Big Bad John, out of Camturo.

Thirty-one trotting colts and geldings will battle in four OSS divisions, including the standout colt Kanthaka in the fourth division (race 12). Trainer Chris Beaver harnesses the Triumphant Caviar colt, who will be steered by Dave Palone. A winner of \$65,250 in his brief career, Kanthaka won his OSS test on July 4 at Scioto Downs by nearly eight lengths in 1:58.3, and followed that up with a 1:58 triumph in his second OSS test on July 24 at Northfield. His last win was in an Aug. 6 OSF division at Scioto Downs, when he tripped the timer in 1:58.1. Nearly all of his four career wins in as many starts have come in wire-to-wire fashion. He was bred by Wilbur Stolland is co-owned by Stoll and Beaver.

A trio of divisions for trotting fillies sees \$70,900 winner Kestrel marching forward in Race 5. The daughter of Triumphant Caviar—who was bred and is co-owned by Wilbur Stoll and trainer Chris Beaver—is three-for-three in her brief career. Aaron Merriman drives this solidly-gaited distaff from post seven. She has won both of her previous OSS

legs—with a lifetime-best 1:57.3 clocking at Scioto Downs on July 25. (*Ohio Standardbred Development Fund*)

### Enjoying Life With D'One, Magic Tonight

Caretakers Malin Boman-Friberg and Viktor Flink-Ideborn enjoy special connections with their horses, D'One and Magic Tonight. It goes beyond simply sharing winning moments.

Boman-Friberg was the caretaker of retired Swedish star Giant Diablo, who is the mother of D'One. Giant Diablo is history's fastest female trotter thanks to her 1:50.1 win in the 2007 Allerage Farms OpenTrot at Lexington's Red Mile. Boman-Friberg's return to the U.S. with D'One is her first trip back to the States since a second brief visit with Giant Diablo in 2008.

"It's a very emotional trip for me," said Boman-Friberg, who looks after the 5-year-old mare D'One for trainer Roger Walmann and ownership group Stall Kenny 23. "Who on earth would believe that I'm first going to go with the mom to America and race and then take her first-born daughter to come here. It's a super privilege."

Flink-Ideborn is making his first trip to the States, with the Walmann-trained MagicTonight. It is a return for the 6-year-old trotter, however, as MagicTonight was born in Pennsylvania and was a multiple-stakes-winner in North America before being exported to Sweden in 2013. In May, MagicTonight won the prestigious Elitlopp Invitational at Solvalla in Stockholm.

"It means a lot to me to be here with him," said a smiling Flink-Ideborn, who has been MagicTonight's caretaker since the horse arrived in Sweden two years ago. "I had to show him Sweden, now he is going to show me America."

MagicTonight and D'One both race Friday at Vernon Downs in New York. MagicTonight is the 9-2 third choice on the morning line in the \$200,000 Crawford Farms OpenTrot while D'One is the 7-2 second choice in the \$177,000 Muscle Hill MareTrot. Orjan Kihlstrom will fly in from Sweden to drive both horses.

D'One, a daughter of stallion Donato Hanover whose victories overseas include the Group 1 Swedish Trotting Oaks in 2013, has won 16 of 29 career races and earned \$975,375. She heads to the Muscle Hill off a winning North American debut on Aug. 8 at the Meadowlands, where she captured the Fresh Yankee by one length over Bee A Magician in 2:05 for the distance of 1 1/8 miles. The time was only three-fifths of a second off JL Cruze's world record for the distance.

"We are super happy," Boman-Friberg said. "It was a little unexpected. I didn't think she would be that good directly. She was in quarantine a little more than four weeks, so it's been a long ride, but it turned out really good."

Another reason for D'One's trip to North America is to take a crack at breaking her mom's world record time of 1:50.1.

"It would be really awesome if she could beat her mom's record, for sure," Boman-Friberg said. "It's going to be

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super tough, but I think (Walmann) has a goal on this journey and that is to beat her record."

MagicTonight is a son of Andover Hall out of the mare Miss Possessed. He has won 20 of 56 career races and earned \$1.34 million. He is owned by Lennart Agren's SRF Stable.

After his own lengthy layoff because of travel and spending time in quarantine, MagicTonight finished 11th in the John Cashman Jr. Memorial on Aug. 8 at the Meadowlands.

"He's fine," Flink-Ideborn said. "He has been good since the race. He hadn't raced for like two months and he usually needs a race. It probably looks worse than it was. He needs time to come here and get settled. Now he's got that time. I hope he is good." (HRC)

## Blue Chip Farms Announces \$100,000 Challenge

As the industry continues to search for ways to address the foal crop crisis, Blue Chip Farms has decided to do its part to further increase the opportunity for yearling buyers by offering a \$100,000 incentive to winners of the already enhanced \$600,000 Breeders Crown races for 2 year olds in 2016.

The Blue Chip Breeders Crown \$100K Challenge is as beautiful as it is simple. Buy a Blue Chip bred –and–owned yearling in one of the 2015 yearling sales; win one of the four 2016 Breeders Crown races for 2 year olds at the Meadowlands and get a \$100,000 Blue Chip Yearling Credit.

"I fully believe that every one of the 50-plus yearlings we are bringing to this year's three sales has every chance to win another two year old Breeders Crown for Blue Chip Bred," said Blue Chip Farms principal Tom Grossman. "Nothing would make me happier than to give a \$100,000 yearling credit to the owners that take one of our yearlings to the Breeders Crown winner's circle in 2016 and see that money reinvested into the yearling market." (Blue Chip Farms)

## Hannah Miller Headed To Spain

According to the rules of the recently completed nine-leg North American Amateur Drivers Series held at Monticello Raceway, one of the top three finishers in the series finale, dubbed "the Don Quixote Trot" would be eligible to represent the North American Amateur Drivers Association (NAADA) when they compete in a USA vs. Spain Friendship Competition in Mallorca, Spain in late September.

Upon the completion of that event Monticello Raceway's senior director of racing, Eric Warner, drew one name from a hat from the three top finishers in the series finale and the winner was Hannah Miller.

"Hannah was not only the winner of our series, but now the winner of the paid trip for one to Mallorca, Spain, to compete in late September at their tracks in a return en-

agement against the Spanish amateurs," noted NAADA vice president Alan Schwartz.

Miller will be part of the NAADA team who undoubtedly will be seeking revenge against the Spanish amateurs who drubbed the North American amateurs in a Friendship Competition when they visited the USA earlier this year.

Miller has been the most prolific amateur driver in the USA this season not only competing in the NAADA Series but also in the Billings, the Catskill Amateur Series and the GSY Series. Thus far this year the talented 23-year-old miss is carrying a .438 UDR on the strength of 21 wins, 14 seconds and 11 thirds in 74 starts and she has bankrolled nearly \$100,000 in purse money.

Joining Miller on the NAADA team when they compete in Mallorca will be Schwartz, Joe Pennacchio and Joe Faraldo. (John Manzi)

## Napolitano Wins 10; Tractor Interferes With Last Race

George Napolitano Jr., the leading driver at both Harrah's Philadelphia and The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono who is coming off a 100-win month in the sulky during July, won 10 races on Sunday (Aug. 16) to raise his count to 60 triumphs in the first 16 days of August.

And we'll never know if he would have won an 11th on Sunday—because a tractor got in the way.

Napolitano was to drive odds-on favorite Dream Rocker in the last race of the day. And then things turned from the sublime to the ridiculous (and thank goodness not serious or injurious).

To see the video, please click [here](#).

Dream Rocker made the lead past the quarter, yielded to Broadway's Fortune (Joe Pavia Jr.), and was just re-corralling that one nearing the middle of the far turn when announcer Jim Beviglia gave the chilling call, "Drivers—there's a tractor on the track—be careful—there's a tractor on the track," as one of the maintenance crew had guided his machine onto the surface a lap too early at the head of the stretch.

Pavia, who upon examination of the replay appeared to see the tractor before his horse reached the three-quarters, can be clearly seen on the video turning and yelling a warning over his right shoulder, and everybody stacked wide to get around the unexpected impediment (except one driver who found it more expedient to make a left-hand turn into the infield with his charge). Napolitano and Dream Rocker went from two wide with momentum to five wide under caution, and in the end was nipped by Annies List and Tyler Buter—to no practical effect, as the judges ruled that because of the outside mechanical interference, the race was being declared "no contest," with all wagers refunded. (Pocono/PHHA)

**RACE LINES**

**Standardbred Poll**

*Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by  
Harness Racing Communications for the week of August 18, 2015*

|                           | AGS | St-1-2-3  | Earnings    | Pts | Pvs |
|---------------------------|-----|-----------|-------------|-----|-----|
| 1. Pinkman (16)           | 3tg | 9-8-1-0   | \$1,170,965 | 307 | 1   |
| 2. Wiggle It Jiggleit (9) | 3pg | 17-15-1-0 | 1,189,144   | 303 | 3   |
| 3. JL Cruze (9)           | 4tg | 18-16-2-0 | 612,788     | 282 | 2   |
| 4. Bee A Magician (1)     | 5tm | 10-8-2-0  | 475,165     | 237 | 4   |
| 5. Mission Brief          | 3tf | 6-4-2-0   | 475,347     | 198 | 5   |
| 6. State Treasurer        | 6ph | 11-5-1-3  | 414,482     | 152 | 6   |
| 7. Wakizashi Hanover      | 3pg | 11-6-2-2  | 688,502     | 87  | 7   |
| 8. Doo Wop Hanover        | 4ph | 13-6-3-1  | 322,522     | 49  | 8   |
| 9. Wild Honey             | 3tf | 7-3-3-0   | 398,785     | 42  | 10  |
| 10. Anndrovette           | 8pm | 13-3-2-5  | 315,612     | 40  | 9   |

**Others receiving votes:** Freaky Feet Pete 36, Broadway Donna 33, Southwind Frank 24, JK Endofanera 21, Dude's The Man 17, In The Arsenal, Shake It Cerry 16, Flanagan Memory 11, Barn Doll 10, Moonlit Dance 9, Shamballa 8, Jack Vernon 6, Betting Line, Divine Caroline 4, D'One, Luminosity 3, Heavenly Hill, Uncle Lasse 2, Artspeak, Domethatagain, Dunvegan Don 1.

**Harness Racing Leaders**

*Compiled by the USTA—through August 18, 2015 (week difference Aug. 12-18).*

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

|                          | Sts. | W  | P | S | Earnings    |
|--------------------------|------|----|---|---|-------------|
| Wiggle It Jiggleit (3pg) | 17   | 15 | 1 | 0 | \$1,189,144 |
| Pinkman (3tg)            | 9    | 8  | 1 | 0 | 1,170,965   |
| Wakizashi Hanover (3pg)  | 11   | 6  | 2 | 2 | 688,502     |
| JL Cruze (4tg)           | 18   | 16 | 2 | 0 | 612,788     |
| Domethatagain (6ph)      | 17   | 3  | 4 | 3 | 528,325     |
| Mission Brief (3tf)      | 6    | 4  | 2 | 0 | 475,347     |
| Bee A Magician (5tm)     | 10   | 8  | 2 | 0 | 475,165     |
| Magic Tonight (6th)      | 7    | 4  | 0 | 0 | 471,828     |
| Dude's The Man (3pc)     | 11   | 3  | 2 | 5 | 458,504     |
| State Treasurer (6ph)    | 11   | 5  | 1 | 3 | 414,482     |

**Leading Money-Winning Drivers**

|                       | Sts.  | W-P-S       | UDR  | Earnings (wk. diff)     |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------|------|-------------------------|
| Yannick Gingras       | 1,284 | 263-217-165 | .342 | \$6,603,974 (\$292,048) |
| Brian Sears           | 1,321 | 258-216-182 | .332 | 6,228,414 (322,364)     |
| Corey Callahan        | 2,266 | 448-334-322 | .327 | 6,165,517 (143,540)     |
| Jason Bartlett        | 1,693 | 330-315-233 | .344 | 5,985,535 (184,469)     |
| Tim Tetrick           | 1,699 | 300-235-227 | .298 | 5,932,552 (231,143)     |
| David Miller          | 1,667 | 251-235-237 | .276 | 5,866,675 (286,722)     |
| George Napolitano Jr. | 1,850 | 464-318-231 | .388 | 4,858,191 (259,570)     |
| Daniel Dube           | 1,448 | 226-196-173 | .271 | 4,613,207 (166,340)     |
| George Brennan        | 1,484 | 231-180-196 | .267 | 4,477,537 (202,728)     |
| Aaron Merriman        | 2,653 | 538-398-377 | .334 | 4,396,378 (155,029)     |

**Leading Money-Winning Trainers**

|                        | Sts.  | W-P-S       | UTR  | Earnings (wk. diff)      |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|------|--------------------------|
| Ron Burke              | 2,928 | 582-453-431 | .334 | \$12,160,905 (\$534,514) |
| Jimmy Takter           | 414   | 106-79-55   | .406 | 5,511,684 (305,108)      |
| Rene Allard            | 961   | 245-147-133 | .386 | 3,651,904 (98,874)       |
| Jeff Bamond Jr.        | 531   | 85-85-88    | .304 | 2,889,614 (57,885)       |
| Gilbert Garcia-Herrera | 1,118 | 200-182-125 | .307 | 2,651,451 (123,705)      |
| Virgil Morgan Jr.      | 944   | 228-129-128 | .363 | 2,191,504 (173,089)      |
| Julie Miller           | 481   | 82-85-63    | .312 | 2,069,540 (131,358)      |
| Tony Alagna            | 400   | 84-58-49    | .331 | 1,898,234 (82,437)       |
| Richard Moreau         | 819   | 165-117-102 | .322 | 1,702,922 (44,999)       |
| Erv Miller             | 675   | 118-88-105  | .299 | 1,697,435 (99,736)       |

**Leading Breeders**

| Breeder                   | Starters | Winners | Wins  | Earnings     |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.   | 1,028    | 613     | 1,504 | \$17,167,077 |
| Winbak Farm               | 962      | 548     | 1,408 | 11,075,497   |
| Brittany Farms            | 282      | 180     | 520   | 7,124,376    |
| Perretti Farms            | 291      | 182     | 480   | 4,772,048    |
| White Birch Farm          | 148      | 98      | 241   | 3,816,388    |
| Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par | 235      | 141     | 371   | 3,260,100    |
| Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. | 191      | 124     | 312   | 3,072,762    |
| Frederick Hertrich III    | 148      | 101     | 240   | 2,985,599    |
| Steve Stewart             | 135      | 82      | 196   | 2,529,691    |
| Seelster Farms Inc.       | 167      | 105     | 302   | 2,371,433    |

**Leaders Of The Week**

*Ranked by wins for Aug. 12-18 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.*

**Drivers**

|                      | Starts | W-P-S    |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| George Napolitano Jr | 96     | 26-18-13 |
| Bruce Aldrich Jr.    | 76     | 20-16-3  |
| Brian Sears          | 70     | 18-16-7  |
| Aaron Merriman       | 92     | 15-17-14 |
| Jeremy Smith         | 55     | 15-4-8   |
| Josh Sutton          | 59     | 15-12-4  |
| Ronnie Wrenn Jr.     | 68     | 15-9-16  |
| Dave Palone          | 42     | 14-3-7   |
| Yannick Gingras      | 42     | 13-4-6   |
| Bob McClure          | 50     | 12-10-7  |
| W. Drew Campbell     | 27     | 12-3-6   |
| Jim DeVaux           | 63     | 11-2-8   |
| Kevin Cummings       | 44     | 11-6-5   |
| Mike Wilder          | 49     | 11-8-5   |
| Sylvain Filion       | 46     | 11-8-4   |
| Casey Leonard        | 48     | 10-7-9   |
| Tim Tetrick          | 68     | 10-12-10 |

**Trainers**

|                        | Wins |
|------------------------|------|
| Ron Burke              | 21   |
| Virgil Morgan Jr.      | 14   |
| Gilbert Garcia-Herrera | 10   |
| Rene Allard            | 9    |
| Jimmy Takter           | 8    |
| Richard Moreau         | 7    |
| Brian Brown            | 6    |
| Erv Miller             | 6    |
| Jim Arledge Jr.        | 6    |
| Julie Miller           | 6    |
| Melissa Beckwith       | 6    |
| Mike Brink             | 6    |
| Randy Bendis           | 6    |
| Ake Svanstedt          | 5    |
| Curt Grummel           | 5    |
| Doug Hinklin           | 5    |
| George Ducharme        | 5    |
| Jennifer Lappe         | 5    |
| Richard Norman         | 5    |
| Rob Harmon             | 5    |
| Roger Welch            | 5    |
| Tony O'Sullivan        | 5    |