Pinkman Takes Aim At Second Leg Of Triple Crown In Yonkers Trot

Driver Yannick Gingras’s decision to drive the filly Mission Brief in the $1 million Hambletonian final backfired on him when Pinkman—who he also has regularly driven—won for Brian Sears. Gingras may have missed out on the chance to direct Pinkman to a win in the first leg of trotting’s Triple Crown, but he’s not passing on the opportunity to drive the 3-year-old gelding in leg two.

Two eliminations for the $580,000 Yonkers Trot are on tap Saturday night at Yonkers, with Pinkman drawing post 3 in the first of two short-field eliminations. With Gingras being at Yonkers, it means he won’t be at Mohawk Racetrack where he had several drives scheduled in the eliminations of the Metro, She’s A Great Lady and Canadian Pacing Derby.

Gingras will also drive Habitat in the second Yonkers Trot elim.

“His going to race like he always has with aluminum shoes, and I don’t think there should be any problem on that track,” said Takter, who will also drive his own French Laundry in the second elimination.

While this will be Pinkman’s first trip to Yonkers, it won’t be his first race on a half-mile track. Last year Gingras directed Pinkman to a 1:57 victory in the Standardbred at Delaware, Ohio.

“I think it was just a fluke thing that won’t happen again.”
—Yannick Gingras about Pinkman’s behind-the-gate break in the Colonial
Equipment Change Led To Win For Centurion ATM

Centurion ATM will try to build on his best start of the season, a victory last weekend in a consolation division of the Colonial at The Downs at Mohagean Sun Pocono, when he heads to Yonkers Raceway for Saturday’s eliminations for the Yonkers Trot. And it was the colt’s best start in more ways than one.

A notorious slow starter, Centurion ATM moved quickly from the gate in his race last weekend, charging from post nine to land in second place after the opening quarter-mile. It was only the second time in 14 lifetime races that Centurion ATM was better than third at the first call. The other time came in the colt’s career debut in July 2014.

Centurion ATM posted a 1:53.3 win in his Colonial consolation for his first triumph of the season.

Ake Svanstedt, who trains and drives Centurion ATM, credited the early speed to a change in equipment.

“We took off the blind and he is a new horse.”

—Ake Svanstedt about Centurion ATM

Centurion ATM has won four of 14 lifetime races and earned $429,742 for owners Courant AB and Knutsson Trotting. He won last year’s Peter Haughton Memorial with a world-record-equaling 1:53.2 performance.

Prior to winning last weekend at The Downs at Mohagean Sun Pocono, Centurion ATM finished eighth in his Hambletonian elimination and failed to advance to the final.

“He was good before the Hambletonian elimination, but in the elimination he was bad, just bad,” Svanstedt said. “I don’t know why. But now he was good again.”

Centurion ATM’s appearance at Yonkers will mark his first time on a half-mile track, but Svanstedt is unconcerned.

“He is a good trotter so he should be OK,” Svanstedt said. “I hope he will get to the final; that is the important thing. He is a good horse.”

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Sophomore Filly Trotters In Action
In Casual Breeze, Hudson

Although Bee The Queen was winless her first seven starts this year, the 3-year-old daughter of Donato Hanover has responded to being placed on Lasix by trainer George Ducharme by winning her last two starts. Albeit against much lesser company, Bee The Queen's winning efforts show she might be up to the task on Friday night at Mohawk when she starts in the second of two divisions of the Casual Breeze for filly trotters.

That said, Bee The Queen just being up to the task may not be good enough as her division is loaded. Drawing post 1 is Muscle Baby Doll, who has won five straight, including a career-best 1:52 win last time out on Aug. 7 in a Duenna division at the Meadowlands. Starting from post 2 is Danielle Hall, last year’s Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final winner and runner-up to Mission Brief in the Breeders Crown final. Lock Down Lindy, whose 1:51.4 win in her Hambletonian Oaks elimination is the second fastest mile in the division this year behind only Mission Brief’s 1:51.3 Hambo elim score, starts from post 3.

The abovementioned trio all start to the left of Bee The Queen, who will line up in post 4 with Rick Zeron driving. She also has a pair of bearcats to her right, including Speak To Me (post 7), who won the Kentuckiana Stallion Management Stake last year at Hoosier Park, and Stubborn Belle (post 8), last year’s winner of the Peaceful Way final and Goldsmith Maid runner-up.

“IT’s unbelievable. That looks like a stacked division,” Ducharme said. “This is a big step up for her, but we’ll give it hell anyway.”

Bee The Queen is owned by Alfred Ross, who shared ownership of the Ducharme-trained 2013 Hambletonian winner Royalty For Life. Purchased for $40,000 as a yearling, Bee The Queen won five of 11 starts last year with $85,613 in earnings. Her victories included a lifetime-best 1:54.1 effort in a Bluegrass division at The Red Mile.

Slow to round into form, Ducharme is hoping Lasix was the key. Bee The Queen’s two wins coming into the Casual Breeze included 1:54.2 and 1:55.1 efforts in conditioned company at Vernon Downs.

“She had some little issues earlier in the year, but hopefully the way she’s reacting to the Lasix, I’m hoping she can step up and go with the stakes company again,” said Ducharme. “Hopefully she is back on track and she’s got some confidence. After Canada we’ll take her down to Lexington as long as she shows she’s worth competing at those levels.”

While 15 three-year-old filly trotters will be at Mohawk Friday night for the Casual Breeze, another eight division members will be at Yonkers on Saturday for the $149,240 Hudson Filly Trot. Murderers Row, who scored an 11-1 upset in her elimination with a 1:57.1 effort, drew post 1 in the final, while Bright Baby Blues, who captured the second elim as a strong 9-5 second choice in 1:56.4, landed the outside post 8.

Another horse who bears watching in the Hudson is Marion Millionair, who will be driven from post 6 by Yannick Gingras for trainer Bill Popfinger. The daughter of Muscle Hill finished third by a half-length to Murderers Row in their elimination with Tyler Buter driving.

Gingras is very familiar with Marion Millionair, having driven the filly in eight of her 17 starts this year. Gingras has also gotten along very well with Marion Millionair, with three wins, four seconds and a third. It was Gingras who put Marion Millionair’s mark on her with a 1:55 effort on July 22 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

“She is a nice filly. She belongs with these horses, no doubt in my mind,” said Gingras.

Gingras said while post 6 isn’t the greatest starting spot, he doesn’t believe it will be a total detriment to the filly’s chances.

“I’ve left from the 10 hole and outside posts at the Meadowlands a few times,” said Gingras. “She can leave real good. We’ll get behind the gate and see what everybody else is doing. I’ll see in the post parade how she handles the turn. Then we’ll go from there. She tries and hopefully we can get a good piece.” — By Gordon Waterstone
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Family History Of Success In She’s A Great Lady

The She’s A Great Lady, which was inaugurated by the Woodbine group in 2000, has a rich history of filly champions. There have been no fluke winners of the race. All made their mark in other races as well and many went on to earn year-end honors, most significantly last year’s winner, JK She’salady, who was voted Horse of the Year.

Although there are no daughters of a She’s A Great Lady champion in this year’s race, the second six-horse elimination field (Race 3) includes fillies with maternal family members who were contenders.

L A Delight, who starts from post 2 for breeder-owner-trainer Bob McIntosh, is a daughter of West Of L A, who finished second in her She’s A Great Lady elimination in 2008 but drew post 8 in the final and did not earn a check. West Of L A’s dam, Los Angeles, took third in the 2003 battle that put Kikikatie and Arbitration on the wire noses apart, with the show finish a fabulous effort after racing parked.

Also in the second elim is ShowTime Hill, whose dam Fox Valley Shaker finished second in the 2004 She’s A Great Lady final won by Caprice Hanover. Also of note, Latte Lady, the dam of first-year-end honors, most significantly last year’s winner, JK She’salady, who was voted Horse of the Year.

Freshman Pacers Ready To Battle In Metro Elims

Many of the sport’s greatest stars have competed in the Metro Pace since its inauguration in 1998, and 23 freshman male pacers will attempt to add their names to the list of exclusive winners in 2015.

Before the final field is assembled, a trio of eliminations will be contested on Saturday night at Mohawk Racetrack, with the top three finishers in each $40,000 elimination (races 6, 8 and 10), plus one fourth-place finisher draw by lot, advancing to the $685,000 final on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Trainer Tony Alagna, who won last year’s Metro with Artspeak and the 2012 renewal with Captaintreacherous, will start five 2 year olds this year. The Alagna-trained Voracity is the 2-1 morning-line favorite in the first elim, with stablemate American Passport the 4-1 third choice.

Voracity, who will be driven by Randy Waples from post 5, has three wins in four starts, including a pair of Ontario Sires Stakes Golds and a Nassagaweya division last time out on Aug. 22. The son of 2009 Metro champ Sportswriter parlayed a pocket trip in the Nassagaweya into a career-best 1:51.2 victory. American Passport will be driven by Scott Zeron from post 6. The son of American Ideal has two seconds in four starts, including last time out in a Nassagaweya division when driver Jody Jamieson veered through horses late to come up just a length short of winner Control The Moment, who starts from post 6 in the second elim.

Control The Moment’s latest win—a career-best 1:51.3—kept the son of Well Said’s record perfect in five starts. Waples will drive the 7-5 morning-line choice for trainer Brad Maxwell in a field that includes Alagna trainees Highlandbeachcove and Racing Hill. While Racing Hill has two wins in conditioned company in three starts, Highland-
sagaweya, The Catamount Kid has two wins in four starts the elim. Including that career-best 1:52.1 win in the Nassagaweya division on Aug. 22 to The Catamount Kid, who he drew in against American Ideal finished fourth in his Nassagaweya division. beachycove is still seeking his first winner’s circle trip after three attempts.

Completing Alagna’s quintet in the third elim is Mindtrip, who starts from post 1 for driver Brett Miller. The son of American Ideal finished fourth in his Nassagaweya division on Aug. 22 to The Catamount Kid, who he drew in against the elim. Including that career-best 1:52.1 win in the Nassagaweya, The Catamount Kid has two wins in four starts for trainer Carl Jamieson. Jody Jamieson will drive The Catamount Kid from post 6.

The 2-1 favorite in the third elim is Talk Show, who has a pair of wins and seconds in four starts for trainer Steve Elliott. The son of Art Major will be driven by John Campbell from post 2. Talk Show comes into the Metro elims off a second-place finish to Voracity in the Nassagaweya.

$685,000 Metro 2CP Eliminations (Top 3 finishers in each elim, plus one fourth-place finisher drawn by lot, advance to Sept. 5 final)

Mohawk Racetrack, Saturday, Aug. 29, 1st $40,000 elimination, Race 6, Post Time: 9:05 pm

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PASS Stars Vie In Three 3CP Divisions

The fourth and final leg of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) for 3-year-old male pacers is on tap Friday night at The Meadows, with the results finalizing the field of nine that will line up behind the gate in the $350,000 final on Sept. 5 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

Twenty-two pacers will go behind the gate in three divisions worth a combined $183,616. Fourteen scheduled starters are also eligible to the Sept. 24 Little Brown Jug at Delaware, Ohio, including PASS points leader Lost For Words, who has swept all three PASS preliminary legs.

Lost For Words will start from post 7 in the third $61,472 division with David Miller driving for trainer Brian Brown. Lost For Words has not won in five starts since capturing a PASS division on June 6 at The Meadows, but those outings have come in open competition and include a sixth in the Max C. Hempt Memorial, a third in the Adios final, and a second last time out on Aug. 14 in the Carl Milstein Memorial.

Starting from post 8 in that same PASS division with driver Tim Tetrick is Wakizashi Hanover, who stands tied for fourth on the PASS points list. Wakizashi Hanover finished third in the Milstein, but now comes into the PASS contest off a second-place finish in the Battle of the Brandywine last Saturday night. Wakizashi Hanover is not eligible to the Little Brown Jug and although he could be supplemented by virtue of his win in the North America Cup, trainer Joanne Looney-King has already stated they will skip the Jug.

Although Tetrick will be driving against a Brown-trained horse in the third PASS division, he will be joining forces with the Delaware, Ohio-based horseman in the first $61,072 split with Rise Up Now, who has two wins and a third to rank second on the points list. Rise Up Now will start from post 6 in a field that includes the 2014 PASS champ Yankee Bounty.

Trained by Ron Burke and driven by Yannick Gingras, Yankee Bounty won eight of 10 starts last year, but this year has yet to find the winner’s circle in 13 starts. Burke has raced Yankee Bounty in open stakes competition several times, and comes into the final PASS preliminary off a sixth in the Battle of the Brandywine, a fifth in the Cane Pace, and a second in the Adios final in his last three starts, respectively. With two seconds and a seventh, Yankee Bounty currently hangs onto the eighth spot in the PASS standings.

Yankee Bounty is just one of eight Burke trainees going postward in the trio of PASS divisions. Gingras and Burke will also team up with My Hero Ron in the second $61,072 PASS division, starting from post 5. After a pair of fourth-place finishing in the opening two PASS legs, My Hero Ron captured his division in the third leg on June 6 at The Meadows. My Hero Ron is seventh in the standings.

Lost For Words

Horse Points
1. Lost For Words 105
2. Rise Up Now 85
3. Blood Brother 75
4. Allbeef N Nobull 60
     McArdles Lightning 60
     Wakizashi Hanover 60
5. My Hero Ron 55
6. Yankee Bounty 54
7. Cooperstown 43
8. PV Coming Home 41
9. McArdles Lightning 60
10. Allbeef N Nobull 60

Current PASS 3CP Point Standings
Buzz For The International Trot Underway With Poll For US Rep

The $1 million International Trot, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10, at Yonkers Raceway, is expected to draw a field of 10, including a pair of trotters who will represent the United States. Bee A Magician has already been invited as a Canadian representative and Elitlopp champ Magic Tonight will represent Sweden in the 1 1/4-mile race.

In its quest to determine the U.S. reps, Yonkers Raceway began conducting a poll on the U.S. Trotting Association website on Wednesday, Aug. 26, which will run through Sept. 10. Although the story reads: “Yonkers Raceway has decided to let the fans decide which of our top trotters will be invited to take on the world representing the USA,” there are other horses who will certainly be considered to carry the stars and stripes.

There are six trotters listed on the USTA website poll ballot for fans to choose from. The six trotters are (in alphabetical order): Creatine, JL Cruze, Natural Herbie, Obrigado, Resolve and Shake It Cerry. Obrigado, who won the Crawford Farms Trot at Vernon on Aug. 21, was mistakenly left off the list for about the first 12 hours of the poll.

“I know my horse can go the distance, and can get over the track at Yonkers, so we certainly hope to get an invitation to the International,” said Paul Kelley, who trains and co-owns Obrigado. “My horse has faced all the best horses this year. He was third, parked the mile, in the Cashman and then he won the Crawford at Vernon and he came out of that race good. My plan is to race him Sept. 5 at Yonkers and then go to the Maple Leaf Trot.”

Several notable trotters are not on the online poll list, including Wind Of The North, the latter being the U.S. representative to the Elitlopp in late May.

“I was surprised he wasn’t on there,” Daryl Bier, trainer of Wind Of The North, told Weekend Preview. “I would consider it, but the way we draw so bad, I’d rather go to Kentucky. If I draw bad in the Allerage (on the same day at The Red Mile) I still have an opportunity. I really wasn’t interested in going (to the International) anyways. But I think he’s one of the top trotters in the country and he should have been on the list.”

Although JL Cruze is on the list, trainer Eric Ell told Weekend Preview he already informed Yonkers’ race secretary Steve Starr that his horse won’t be able to compete in the race.

The Delaware-based Ell said while he first considered it, a training session over the half-mile track at Harrington Raceway led to a different conclusion.

“I trained him on a half here at home and he trained pretty decent, and I called and told them I was (going to consider the International), but then when I half-mile trained him a week later he came up sore so I called back and said no,” Ell said.

Jimmy Takter told Weekend Preview he already made plans for Creatine to return to the U.S. after a start in Sweden this weekend. He said he has already accepted an invitation to race Creatine in the International.

As for the 2014 Trotter of the Year Shake It Cerry, who is also on the list, Takter said the mare is fighting sickness and he has no plans on starting her in the International.

Kevin McDermott trains Melady’s Monet, who sports a 1:53.3 victory at Yonkers on July 18 and is competing there this Saturday night as well. Last Friday night he finished third to Obrigado in the Crawford Farms Trot at Vernon.

“Our horse trotted one of the fastest miles at Yonkers this year, so I think he should definitely be considered,” said McDermott of his hopes for an International invitation. “I’m hoping he really showcases himself there this weekend.”

Also omitted from the online poll is Market Share, a two-time Dan Patch award winner for year-end honors. While Market Share has won only one race this season, trainer Linda Toscano believes the winner of $3.7 million still has a chance to make his case for an invitation.

“He’s just a little guy, and when we’re in a 10-horse field, he needs to be strategically placed more forward, and it just hasn’t worked out yet,” said Toscano of Market Share, who finished fifth in the Crawford Farms but raced parked for more than half the mile. “I know Richard (owner Richard Gutnick) wants to be in the race. So I’m hoping he will step up in his next races.”

If determining U.S. representatives based on prior racing experience alone proves too tough for the Yonkers Raceway team, McDermott had a suggestion.

“They can always have a race the week before the International with eight horses, and let the horses race for their invitation,” he said.—By Kathy Parker & Gordon Waterstone
Bee A Magician Passes Somebeachsomewhere, Aims For Ontario-Sired Supremacy

Putting aside, for a second, the fact Bee A Magician is on a two-race losing streak courtesy of D’One, it was terrific news this week when it was announced the “Queen Bee” accepted an invitation to race Oct. 10 in the return of the Yonkers Raceway’s International Trot.

Girls going against the boys is always a headline grabber and Bee A Magician is one of the few currently racing that is up for the test, particularly since she seems to like Yonkers just fine.

Bee A Magician will be representing Canada in the million-dollar tilt as two of her three owners — Mel Hartman and Herb Liverman — are Canadian (American David McDuffee completes the trio). More importantly, she’s an Ontario-sired daughter of Kadabra out of a Balanced Image mare.

You don’t get more Canadian than that.

And Ontario needs her right now.

Despite the fact the Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) program is still one of the best programs in the world, there has been a dearth of Ontario-sired stars on the big stakes circuit so far this year. Canadian-based trainers, who appear to be lacking the stakes power of previous years, are mostly staying at home racing for lucrative purses in the OSS rather than testing deeper waters. Bee A Magician appears to be the lone standard-bearer for a province that long ago proved it could produce superstar horses with the best of them — hello, Somebeachsomewhere, Peaceful Way, Mister Big, San Pal, etc.

In fact, Bee A Magician is slowly climbing up the career earnings chart for Ontario-sired horses. By USTA accounting, and thanks to earning nearly $520,000 this year with eight wins in 11 starts, Bee A Magician now sits fourth on the list with over $3.25 million earned.

Her second-place check of $42,480 in the $177,000 Muscle Hill at Vernon Downs on Aug. 21 — and can someone please explain to me why they picked a stallion name for a race for mares? — allowed her to slip past Somebeachsomewhere ($3.22 million) on the Ontario-sired earnings list.

By Standardbred Canada accounting — which records Canadian and U.S. currency at par — Bee A Magician ($3.3 million) also just surpassed Peaceful Way ($3.24 million (SC), $2.75 million (USTA).

Balanced Image’s richest son, Arch Madness, is now retired, but tops the Ontario-sired list with gaudy earnings of almost $4.3 million over nine racing seasons. But the nearly-ageless wonder might just be caught by Bee A Magician if she races long enough and stays healthy.

Bee A Magician needs less than $200,000 to surpass Pacific Rocket’s son Boulder Creek ($3.43 million) for third spot. Mister Big, a son of Grinfromeartoear, is currently in second spot with earnings exceeding $4 million.

Already this year Bee A Magician has won the $183,650 Cutler Memorial at the Meadowlands, the $200,000 Hill Trot at Scioto Downs and the $220,320 Armbro Flight on the Pepsi North America Cup undercard at Mohawk. She was second to D’One in the $181,450 Fresh Yankee on Hambletonian Day at the Meadowlands and has been consistently trotting in the :51 to :53 range that was a hallmark of her perfect 17-for-17 three-year-old season in 2013 that earned her more than $1.5 million and the Horse of the Year crown on both sides of the border.

Lifetime, the 5-year-old mare has won an incredible 39 of 58 starts (67 percent) and has been on the board 52 times (90 percent). She has missed a check just three times in her career.

Winning the International Trot would be a huge boost to Bee A Magician’s bankroll, of course. Racing against top male international stars — including this year’s Elitlopp winner Magic Tonight — will be a tall order, but, symbolically, it would do even more for an Ontario program on the rebound.

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Trotters

MILE TRACKS

3C 1:50.4 THE BANK, Donato Hanover-Lantern Krongs (M 7-18) J. Takter

C. Takter & G. Falk. Falkborgaten 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 Brucsmi, Our Horse Cents Stb. & JLT Silva Stb. S. Steward, Black Creek Fm. & Andrea Lea Rcg. Stbs. (Cee Bee Yea 1:55.2)

3G 1:51.3 PINKMAN, Explosive Matter-Margie Seelster (M 8-8) B. Sears


4S 1:50.4 RESOLVE, Muscle Hill-Ankavikelasahalee (M 8-8) A. Swansen

H. Enggren, M. Pozefsky & J. E. Wilson. (Chapter Seven 1:51.0)

4M 1:51.4 SHAKE IT CERRY, Donato Hanover-Solveig (M 6-4) J. Takter

Solveig’s Rcg. Ptnrs. Solveig’s Bvds. (Mystery Woman 1:51.5)

4G 1:49.4 JL CRUZE, Crazed-Topcat Hall (PcD 7-4) J. Campbell

L. Higgins, W. Weaver III & Paul Kelley Rcg. Stb. (JL Cruz 1:49.4)

AS 1:50.4 WORLD CUP, Yankee Glide-Sheeana Hall (M 6-12) Y. Gingras


AM 1:51.3 BEE A MAGICIAN, 5, Kadabra-Beehive (Moh 6-12) B. Sears

M. Hartman, D. McDuffee & H. Liverman. White Birch Fm. (Bee A Magician 1:51.3)

AH 1:51.3 Handover Belle, 5, Andover Hall-Harbour Belle (M 7-31) Y. Gingras

J. Campbell & J. L. Karr. H. Enggren. (Handover Belle 1:51.3)

AG 1:51.3 OBRIGADO, 5, Boy Band-Monalyn-Malabar Man (M 6-26) M. MacDonald Stb. & T. Tetrick


Eight-FEIGHT-MILES MILE TRACKS

3C 1:51.4 UNCLE LASSO, Donato Hanover-Solveig (M 5-29) B. Miller

Solveig’s Rcg. Ptnrs. Solveig’s Bvds. (Father Patrick 1:50.2)

3F 1:52.3 MISSION BRIEF, Muscle Hill-Southwind Serena (M 8-21) Y. Gingsras

Burke Rcg. Stb., Weaver Brucsmi, Our Horse Cents Stb. & JLT Silva Stb. S. Steward, Black Creek Fm. & Andrea Lea Rcg. Stbs. (Check Me Out, Designed To Be, Lifetime Pursuit 1:51.3)

3G 1:51.3 PINKMAN, Explosive Matter-Margie Seelster (PcD 7-41) Y. Gingsras


4S 1:51.2 E LITITAN, Muscle Hill-Courtney Hall (PcD 8-22) T. Tetrick

Overseas Fms. Ltd. E. Laakkonen (Uncle Peter 1:50.3)

4M 1:52.4 SHAKE IT CERRY, Donato Hanover-Solveig (TgDn 5-25) J. Takter

Solveig’s Rcg. Ptnrs. Solveig’s Bvds. (Classic Martine, Frau Blucher 1:51.2)

4G 1:51.4 JL CRUZE, Crazed-Topcat Hall (PcD 7-4) J. Campbell

K. Wood, W. Dittmar Jr. & S. Iaquinta. (JL Cruz 1:51.4)

AS 1:52.2 TAMARIND, 7, Angus Hall-Spiecigirl Kosmos (M 7-8) A. Merriman

W. Berruyr, C. Beaver & D. Lang (SEBASTIAN K S 1:50.3)

4F 1:49.4 FRAUDUBLER, 5, Broadway Hall-Holy Angel (PcD 6-6) G. Napolitano Jr.

J. Campbell & J. L. Karr. C. Ryder. (Jaquie 1:49.4)

AG 1:51.2 SEAGRAM, 6, Art Major-Hana Hanover (PcD 8-22) J. Takter

M. Andrew. (Seagram 1:51.2)

Half-MILE TRACKS

3C 1:51.3 CRAZY WOW, Crazed-No Pan Go No Win (YR 8-10) Y. Gingsras


3F 1:55.2 GEE OKEEFE, Holiday Road-Matina Vita (Nfld 8-41) A. Merriman

W. Lang & C. Beaver. W. Lang (Frau Blucher 1:53.1)

3G 1:55.2 GO BYEM, Impel Hanover-Go Sassy Go (Har 7-11) L. Givens

Nanticoke Rcg. & D. Cain. D. Cain (Bettor's Delight-No Strikes Against 1:55.2)

4F 1:52.1 BUEN CAMINO, 5, Broadway Hall-My Angel (PcD 6-9) G. Napolitano Jr.

J. Campbell & J. L. Karr. M. Teague. (Buen Camino 1:52.1)

4G 1:53.3 CREDIT FASHION, Credit Winner-Whata Softie (Nfld 7-20) A. Merriman

M. Yoder. Blue Chip Bldtck. (Credit Fashion 1:53.3)

4M 1:55.3 CLASSIC BELISIMA, Crazed Classic Yankee (Har 6-6) J. Roberts

W. Cantrell, A. & M. P. Crawford (Maven 1:55.4)

4F 1:52.3 FLUFF ME UP, ABC Garland-Deer Valley Miss (PcD 6-21) A. Merriman

Pod Stb. Rosebud Bloodstock Fm. (Dw’s N Yank, Fluff Me Up 1:54.2)

4S 1:52.3 DAYLION MAGICIAN, 7, Kadabra-Daylmarvel (Nfld 7-3) J. Mosseyev

Dayton Fms. Ltd. D. Lemoson. (Daylion Magician 1:53.2)

AM 1:52.3 VICTORY IS COMING, 6, Victoria Sam-Horse Corner (Nfld 7-3) R. Wenn Jr. & B. J. Shaw. Success Acres

(Mystical Sunshine, Autumn Escapade, Victory Is Coming 1:53.2)

AG 1:53.3 LUMINOUSITY, 5, Cash Hall-Bright Light (PcD 7-10) G. Brennan

Weaver Brucsmi & Burke Rcg. Stb. A. Piklbmer. (QUICK DEAL 1:53.2)

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2YO Trotters

MILE TRACKS
2C 1:53.4 SOUTHWIND FRANK, Muscle Hill-Flawless Lindy-Cantab Hall
Burke Rog., Stb., Weaver Bruscemi, Our Horse Cents Stb., & JT Silva.
Southwind Fms. (Mt 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. (Mt 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

FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS
2C 1:53.3 JACK VERNON, Muscle Hill-Vernon Blue Chip-Sir Taurus
Miller's Stb. A. Lefeld (T&D 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. (PcO 7-22) D. Miller. J. Campbell (COOLER SCHOONER 1:51.3)

2G 1:56.4 NATHANIEL, Lear Jet-Pharrell Express-Si's Caviar
D. Wade, G. Brittingham, K. Rogers & W. Peet III. D. Wade, G. Brittingham, K. Rogers & W. Peet III. (PcO 8-25) D. Wade, D. Wade (Correctamundo 1:55)

HALF-MILE TRACKS
2C 1:57.1 KANTHAKA, Triumphant Caviar-Eleni-San Pellegrino
W. Lang & C. Beaver. W. Lang (Nfld 7-21) D. Palone. C. Donny (Don'tyouforgetit 1:55.3)

2F 1:58 SHUT UP AND DANCE, Triumphant Caviar-Passport To Love-Yankee Gilde
J. Bafia. S. Stewart & Kenro Stb. (Nfld 7-3) A. Merriman. D. Simpson (DIZZY BROAD, Broad Band-Portia-Mr Lavec)

2G 1:57.3 MICKEY MOOSE, Triumphant Caviar-Chippednstrawberry-Chip Hooray
D. Davis & A. Dunn. R. Mays & S. Stamer (Nfld 7-21) K. Sugg, K. Sugg (Pinkman 1:57)

2YO Pacers

MILE TRACKS
2C 1:51.2 VORACITY, Sportswriter-Lu Lu-McArdle
B. Grant, J. Fedora & Alagna Rog. S. Stewart (Mh 8-22) R. Waples. T. Alagna (Sweet Lou 1:49)

2F 1:51.2 THATSOVERVENICE, Vintage Master-Fox Valley Zena-Richess Hanover
Alagna Rog. J. Carver (Mh 7-4) 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

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. (Mva 7-25) D. Miller. B. Brown (Somestersomewhere 1:49.4)

2F 1:51.1 NEWBORN SASSY, Western Ideal-Sass Newton-Storm Compensation
J. King Jr. & C. C. Rog. Winbak Fm. (Mva 8-19) T. Trettick. J. King Jr. (Allstar Rating 1:50.1)

2G 1:51.1 MANHATTAN BEACH, Somebeachsomewhere-Bener-Badlands Hanover
Burke Rog., Stb., Weaver Bruscemi, G.L. Mount & Wingfield Bros. G. Martin (Mva 7-25) T. Trettick. 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. Buser. M. Harder (TWEED 1:56.2)

DOCDOR FRISKIE, Feelin Friskie-Lady Shuffle-Cam's Card Shark
R. Mstelak, Winbak Fm. Yr 8-20. A. Miller. M. Miller (WHATABOY, Big Bad John-Parapalana-Noble Ability)

G. Tucker, RBH Ventures & Maju NY. DM Stbs (Pw 8-21) C. Page. V. Morgan Jr. (On Golden Ponder, He's Watching 1:52.2)

2F 1:54.2 TIME ON MY HANDS, American Ideal-Bewitching Jewell-Artsplace

2G 1:54 FRISKIE CRUISER, Feelin Friskie-Corner Cruiser-Yankel Cruiser
S. Sexton. S. Sexton (Nfld 8-21) R. Stahl. B. Brown (Littlebebitoffife 1:52.1)

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GOSHEN YEARLING SALE
Sunday, September 13 • Middletown, NY

Cameo Hills Farm, Agent

Hip 29 CHOICE CAFE, br.c.
6-10-14 (Ohio Eligible)

Dejarmbro-Right Bayou-Kadabra
Third foal and first by Dejarmbro from a half-sister to 2YO winner STAIN

MISBEHAVIN’ 3,2:00.4h-'15 ($13,689).

Second dam is a half-sister to multiple stakes winners RUSHMORE

HANOVER 3,1:55.2 ($448,314). ROUSH HANOVER 3,1:54.1 ($228,809), REINSMAN HANOVER 3,1:54.1f ($164,077) exported, etc. Third dam is 1997 O'Brien 2-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year

REMARKABLE IMAGE 2,1:59.2 ($332,982).

Ohio and Grand Circuit started.

Hip 31 A MERRY DANCE, b.f.
6-9-14 (New York Eligible)

Archangel-Rosy Prospect-Conway Hall
Half-sister to stakes winner MISSIVE

3,1:57.4f-‘15 ($58,160) and stakes placed 2-year-old Trot’n Glide 2,02:06.3f-'15 ($2,095). From multiple stakes winner ROSY PROSPECT 3,1:58.4f ($157,605), full sister to multiple stakes placed TWEED 3,1:55.3 ($84,867), NORFOLK 1:56.2 ($78,762) and REGION HALL 3,1:59.3h ($62,291). Second dam is multiple stakes winner BALTIMOR REGION 3,1:55 ($528,124), half-sister to ACT PROUD 3,2:00 ($99,790) and to the dam of stakes winner MAGIC CITY 3,1:56.2f-'15 ($348,874).

New York and Grand Circuit started.

Hip 98 CHOCO CAFE, b.c.
2-16-14 (Pennsylvania Eligible)

Crazed-Grenelle-Diamond Way
Half-brother to stakes placed Giancomo 4,2:01.1h ($13,149). First by Crazed from Italian Stakes winner GRENELLE 2:01.3 ($34,893), half-sister to International winners DAVIDIEN 2:01.3 ($455,847), MUSCIEN 1:57.4 ($45,557) and ESPACE AERIEN 1:59.1 ($36,867). From the family of Breeders Crown winner and leading sire in France WORKAHOLIC 2,1:57.1 ($870,869), Hambeltonian Oaks winner WORKING GAL 3:15.71f ($384,650) and RULE THE WIND 3:21.55 ($406,016)

Pennsylvania and Grand Circuit started.

Videos available at www.goshenyearlingsale.com
Inaugural PA Classic Races To Be Held At Pocono

The Pennsylvania State Harness Racing Commission has announced that The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono will be the host for the inaugural Pennsylvania Classic.

“This will be a marquee event so we felt it was very important that the selected site would assist with promotion of this first-time event. Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs will ensure that this will be one of the richest harness races in the United States,” said Jonathan Newman, State Harness Racing Commission Chairman. “This will be a marquee event so we felt it was very important that the selected site would assist with promotion of this first-time event. Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs will ensure that this will be one of the richest harness races in the United States.”

Currently, $800,000 is earmarked, through the Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission, for the 2016 Pennsylvania Classic for 3-year-old pacers. The pair of Pennsylvania Classic races will be open to Pennsylvania-sired 3-year-old pacing colts and fillies nationwide. Purses are an estimated $700,000 for the colt race and $350,000 for the filly race.

Fazoli’s Presenting Sponsor For Little Brown Jug

Fazoli’s, America’s largest quick-service Italian restaurant chain, will once again be the presenting sponsor for the $700,000 (est.) Little Brown Jug brought to you by Fazoli’s scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Delaware, Ohio.

The 70th edition of the Little Brown Jug, North America’s most prestigious harness race for 3-year-old pacers, will air live on CBS Sports Network, the 24-hour cable home of CBS Sports, from 5-6:30 p.m. (EDT). The Little Brown Jug telecast is made possible by the United States Trotting Association, Fazoli’s and the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association.

“The Little Brown Jug is truly a part of Americana and we want to be a part of that tradition,” said Carl Howard, Fazoli’s president and CEO. “The Little Brown Jug and the national telecast is a great way to highlight the Fazoli’s brand and to introduce to the public of the amazing franchise opportunities available with Fazoli’s.”

In addition to the live telecast, the 2015 Little Brown Jug will be promoted with a 30-day “Countdown to The Jug” and through an integrated social media campaign on http://www.harnessracingfanzone.com/.

The effort will also include creating content for the Harness Racing Fan Zone’s social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, YouTube, Vine and Pinterest.

Jug Future Pool Open From Aug. 27-Aug. 30

Wagering on the first of two Little Brown Jug future wagering pools started at noon Thursday, Aug. 27, and continues through 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at racetracks and internet sites throughout North America and Europe.

North America’s leading pacer, Wiggle It Jiggleit has been installed at the 3-1 morning line favorite, but will need to be supplemented to the race at a cost of $45,000. The 9-2 second choice is the Adios Pace champion, Dude’s The Man.

A team of harness racing analysts and handicappers have selected a group of 14 colts and geldings. The horses in each of the pools are listed in alphabetical order. The mutuel field consists of the remaining horses eligible to the 70th edition of the pacing classic.

The minimum future wager is $1 and all future wagers are win wagering only. The winner of each pool will be determined by the official first-place finisher in the 2015 Little Brown Jug presented by Fazoli’s to be raced Thursday afternoon, Sept. 24.

Last year Jug champion Limelight Beach paid $14.60 in the first pool and $45.60 in the second pool.


2015 Little Brown Jug Future Wagering – Pool #1

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Kentucky To Crown Champions Sunday At Red Mile

The annual Kentucky Sires Stakes (KYSS) Championship Night, featuring eight $175,000 finals for 2–and 3-year-old pacers and trotters, is set for Sunday, Aug. 30, at The Red Mile. The night is a great opportunity for fans in the Blue-
grass State to see the “new” Red Mile, which has been undergoing renovations that includes a newly-remodeled simulcasting area and a soon-to-open area for 906 Historical Racing machines.

All four KYSS 2-year-old champions will be on the track in their respective finals on Sunday night in hopes of repeating. Although the 2014 Two-Year-Old Colt Trot champ Cinnabar Hall was winless in 10 starts heading into this year’s KYSS action, the son of Groton Hall has swept his two preliminary races as he is the odds-on favorite to repeat. Reigning filly trot champ Armatrading scored a career-best 1:55.4 victory in round two of the KYSS as she hopes to defend her title.

Cielle, who won last year’s 2-Year-Old Filly Pace final, is still searching for her first win in 2015, but the daughter of Third Straight has a second and third in the KYSS prelims. The one to beat in the final for 3-year-old filly pacers is Twilight Princess, who has swept her way into the final and has the continent’s leading dash-winning driver Aaron Merriman in the sulky.

Merriman will also drive defending colt champion Bestbe-straight in the final for 3-year-old pacers, with the son of Third Straight posting a win and fourth in the opening two legs. Formidable competition should come the way of Tail Gunner Hall, who has six wins and four seconds in 10 starts this year. Also a son of Third Straight, Tail Gunner Hall scored a career-best 1:52 win in a Kentucky Fair contest earlier this month at The Red Mile, and he comes into the KYSS final off a 1:53.2 win in the second KYSS round.

Class Included, Brother To Muscle Hill, To Victory Hill Farm

Class Included, a full brother to Muscle Hill, sire of 2014 Hambletonian champion Triton and 2015 Hambletonian runner-up Mission Brief, will stand the 2016 breeding season at Victory Hill Farm in Indiana.

Class Included is a 3-year-old son of Muscles Yankee and the American Winner mare Yankee Blondie. He was injured as a foal and made just one start as a 2 year old and subsequently was purchased for stud duty.

“He’s a beautiful horse and with Muscle Hill’s significant success as a sire, we are thrilled to bring a horse with his conformation and bloodline to Indiana,” said Victory Hill’s Jeff King. “We will have more information regarding a stud fee at a later date.”

Ohio Approves Penalties For New Whipping Rules

The Ohio State Racing Commission unanimously approved recommended fines and suspensions regarding “Use of the Whip” and other rules for Standardbred racing at its monthly meeting on Aug. 25. The “Use of Whip” rule outlines specific types of whips and the amount of force a driver can deliver when utilizing a whip in a race.

“These fines and suspensions are a guide for judges,” stressed Chairman Robert Schmitz. “Judges, ultimately, have the final call and it’s up to their discretion to issue penalties in regards to the severity of infractions.”

Listed below are the guidelines for fines and suspensions, reviewed and approved by the OSRC, on Aug. 25.

1) Cutting a horse with the whip or visibly injuring a horse (3768-17-17- (L))
   a) $500 fine and a three-day driving suspension for first offense in Ohio
   b) $1,000 fine, a five-day suspension, and referral to OSRC for second offense within 365 days in Ohio
2) Excessive/Indiscriminate, abusive whipping, whipping after the finish, whipping out of contention, illegal whip (3769-17-17 (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (I), (J), (K), (L))
   a) $300 fine for first offense in Ohio
   b) $300 fine, a three-day driving suspension for second offense within 365 days in Ohio
   c) $500 fine, a five-day driving suspension and referral to OSRC for third offense within 365 days in Ohio
3) Failure to keep a line in each hand (3769-17-17 (A))
   a) $300 fine for first offense in Ohio
   b) $300 fine and a three-day suspension for second offense within 365 days in Ohio
   c) $500 fine, a five-day driving suspension and referral to OSRC for third offense within 365 days in Ohio
4) Kicking (3769-17-16 (C))
   a) $300 fine for first offense in Ohio
   b) $300 fine and a three-day suspension for second offense within 365 days in Ohio
   c) $500 fine, a five-day driving suspension and referral to OSRC for third offense within 365 days in Ohio
5) back excessively in the sulky (3769-17-16 (D))
   a) $200 fine for first offense in Ohio
   b) $300 fine for second offense within 365 days in Ohio
   c) $500 fine, a three-day driving suspension and referral to OSRC for third offense within 365 days in Ohio. (Ohio State Racing Commission)

No Live Racing At Meadows From Oct. 12-29

The Meadows Racetrack & Casino announced Thursday that it will take a break from live racing from Oct. 12 to Oct. 29. The last program before the break is set for Saturday, Oct. 10, when the track hosts the Pennsylvania Fairs Championships. Opening weekend of the fall-winter meeting includes a live card Friday, Oct. 30, first post 12:55 p.m., and an added live program Saturday, Oct. 31, to complement
Harness Racing To Be Held At Oak Ridge In Virginia

Harness racing will return to Virginia this October for a four day pari-mutuel meet at the Oak Ridge Estate in Nelson County. Located just off Route 29 in Arrington, halfway between Charlottesville and Lynchburg, Oak Ridge last played host to pacers and trotters back in 2001.

All the action is sponsored by the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA) and will be contested over a one-mile dirt oval on back-to-back weekends — Oct. 10-11 and 17-18. Wagering on the races will be available all four days. The highlight of the meet will be the $300,000 (est.) Virginia Harness Day of Champions, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 18. Eight championship races featuring Virginia’s best 2- and 3-year-old pacers and trotters of both sexes will compete on the same card. Prep/elimination races will be held the prior weekend.

USTA Funds More Research On Cobalt

The U.S. Trotting Association announced that it will fund a research study by equine researchers Dr. George Maylin from Morrisville State College in New York and Dr. Karyn Malinowski and Dr. Ken McKeever of Rutgers University in New Jersey to evaluate the effects of cobalt on red blood cell production (erythropoiesis) and performance enhancement in horses. Dr. Maylin anticipates that the study will commence at the beginning of September.

In a previous study funded by the USTA, the three researchers determined a baseline for what the normal levels of cobalt are in a Standardbred horse.

Eight healthy, trained Standardbred mares will be used for this experiment. Before receiving any drug treatment, all animals will complete a series of baseline testing.

Cobalt toxicity and its ability to increase red blood cell production in humans have been known for more than 50 years. Recently there has been renewed interest in cobalt as a performance enhancing drug (PED) in race horses and human athletes. The possible toxicity associated with its use as a PED has become a welfare concern in the industry. (USTA)

Ohio Trainer Sloan Has New World Champ in Fluff Me Up

Harness racing is typically a sport that has rural roots and its participants are usually males carrying on a family tradition that was started before they were even born. Most trainers and drivers had someone in their family or a close friend that took them under their wing, showed them the ropes and helped them get a start in the business.

However, trainer Kim Sloan had a much different entry into harness racing. She was born into a Cleveland, Ohio urban family that had never owned or cared for a horse. Although knowing virtually nothing about horses, Kim’s father and grandparents were fans of the sport and were often rooting for their picks on the grandstand apron of Northfield Park.

As a child Kim was at Northfield many times but never on the backstretch. “I was usually running around the grandstand with the other kids picking up losing tickets off the ground,” remembers Sloan.

Being present in the excitement of a racetrack fostered an affection for horses that has grown throughout Kim’s life.

Sloan entered the workforce immediately after graduating in 1981 from the Cleveland City School System. She secured employment at a title insurance company in downtown Cleveland. However searching titles was not her passion, so Kim went to a horse auction at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in 1992 and purchased two yearling fillies, Aint That A Dame and Takin Chances.

“Everyone I talked to told me to get a horse that was already racing and not to buy yearlings. But I wanted to learn how to train a horse from the start,” said Sloan. “I thought that buying a horse that was already racing would be like sitting down in a theatre in the middle of a movie. I bought yearlings because I wanted to learn from the ground up.”

Kim’s first race was in October, 1995 with Aint That A Dame. It resulted in a seventh place finish, beaten 25 ½-lengths for a $1,600 purse at Northfield Park. Her first win was the following August at the Cuyahoga County Fair with a pacing mare named Botton Line in 2:05.3.

Since the beginning Kim has kept a small stable. Her starters have posted 233 wins and have earnings approaching $1 million. However, in January she joined forces with Fred Peters, owner of Pod Stable LLC. She now trains six for her new owner, as well as two others, and for the first time is truly looking to grow the stable.

Her most recent victory came with Pod Stable-owned Fluff Me Up at Northfield Park on Monday (Aug. 24) in the $13,000 Open Trot where Sloan’s 4-year-old gelding won by 7 1/2 lengths in 1:54.2. The clocking was not only a track record, but it equaled the world’s record for his age, sex and gate on a half-mile track.

“It was his first start without trotting hopples,” said Sloan. “I have wanted to take the hopples off for quite a while but to do so you have to miss a week of racing to requalify. Timing worked out to take them off because he was not going to race for a week. I could not be happier with him. I have never had a win like this before.” (Northfield Park)
Standardbred Poll
Hambrotenian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by Harness Racing Communications for the week of August 25, 2015

1. Wiggle It Jiggleit (34) AGS 3pg 18-16-1-0 $1,439,144 349 2
2. Pinkman 3tg 10-8-1-0 1,170,965 280 1
3. Mission Brief (1) 3tf 7-5-2-0 562,347 245 5
4. JL Cruze 4tg 19-16-2-0 620,788 226 3
5. State Treasurer 6ph 12-6-1-3 489,482 208 6
6. Bee A Magician 5tm 11-8-3-0 517,645 191 4
7. Wakizashi Hanover 3pg 12-6-3-2 813,502 110 7
8. D’One 5tm 6-4-0-1 217,586 61 —
9. Southwind Frank 2tc 6-5-0-0 253,302 36 —
10. Doo Wop Hanover 4ph 14-6-3-1 334,522 35 8

Others receiving votes: Freaky Feet Pete 29, Broadway Donna 25, Dude’s The Man 15, A Manchester 14, J K Endofiginer, Wild Honey 13, Barn Doll 12, E L Titan, Obito 9, Bitter Be Steppin, Crazy Wow 7, Moonlit Dance 6, In The Arsenal 5, Shake It Cerry 4, Centuryon ATM, Flanagan Memory, Shamballa 3, Always At My Place, Pure Country, Venus Delight 2, All Bets Off, Cape Hill, Control The Moment.

Harness Racing Leaders

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

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Leaders Of The Week
Ranked by wins for Aug. 19-25 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

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