Stars Converge On Hoosier Park
For Breeders Crown

The first-ever $6 million Breeders Crown championships at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino attracted 166 entries, slightly less than last year’s record 174 entries for the events held at the Meadowlands. Eliminations are needed for every division with the exception of the $250,000 Mare Trot, which drew just five entries.

Fillies and mares will go postward in eight eliminations on Friday night, while the males will participate in 14 elims on Saturday. Breeders Crown conditions stipulate that there will be no trailers in eliminations, which means no more than nine can be on the gate this weekend. However, a maximum of 10 can compete in the finals, meaning full fields will have one trailer at the start, as per the regular format at Hoosier Park.

In addition to horses who raced primarily on the Grand Circuit, the Breeders Crown has attracted several regional stars. Many of those performers have Sires Stakes victories on their resumes, including 15 who captured their divisional finals this year, among them Indiana’s Carol’s Z Tam and Rock N Tony.

Four horses were supplemented to this year’s Crown, including 3-year-old colt pacer Funknwaffles, who comes into the elims off a win in the New York Sires Stakes final. International Moni, whose wins this year include heats of the Hambletonian and Kentucky Futurity, was supplemented to the 3-Year-Old Colt Trot.

Homicide Hunter, who won the Centaur Classic last month at Hoosier Park, was supplemented to the Open Trot while Graduate final winner Sintra was supplemented to the Open Pace.

Once again, trainers Ron Burke and Jimmy Takter have dominated the Breeders Crown entry box with Tony Alagna a close third. Burke and Takter each have 16 entries while Alagna has 10 entries. The trio’s combined 42 horses represent 25.3 percent of the starters.

Burke has three starters in the 2-Year-Old Filly Pace, including Youaremycandygirl, who won the She’s A Great Lady final and then an International Stallion division in a world-record 1:50. After sending out six starters in last...
year’s Crown 3-year-old colt pace elim, Burke will start three this year, including the Little Brown Jug champ Filibuster Hanover. Burke also has three starters in the Open Trot, including Crazy Wow, Gural Hanover and the world champion mare Hannelore Hanover, who has already beaten her male peers this year in the Maple Leaf Trot and Allerage Farms. In the Allerage, Hannelore Hanover posted a 1:49.2 victory, the second fastest trotting mile ever and the fastest in history by a female.

Takter will start three in the 2-Year-Old Colt Trot, including Peter Haughton Memorial champ You Know You Do and Samo Different Day, a winner in the Madison County last week at Hoosier Park.

Alagna sends out three in the 2-Year-Old Colt Pace, including Stay Hungry, a Metro Pace elimination winner who captured a Madison County division last time out at Hoosier Park.

Elimination winners will draw for post positions 1 through 5 for the final. All other finalists will be placed in an open draw for the remaining post position. Horses who received a bye into the final will be in the open draw.

All starters in the finals will receive purse money. The winner of the race will still receive 50 percent of the purse, but one percent of the total purse will be paid to the owners (including trainers and drivers) of each finalist finishing sixth through last, including horses that are declared a non-starter for pari-mutuel purposes during the race by the track judges, or those that do not finish the race. The remainder of the purse for each final will be divided 50-24-16-10 percent for the horses finishing second through fifth.—By Gordon Waterstone

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Burke Expects Hannelore Hanover To Bounce Back

After winning the $136,000 Allerage Farm final against male trotters on Oct. 7 at The Red Mile in a world-record 1:49.2, Hannelore Hanover suffered a shocking defeat six days later in the $70,000 Indiana Sires Stakes (ISS) final for older mares. Undaunted by Hannelore Hanover’s second-place finish in the ISS final, trainer Ron Burke entered the 5-year-old mare in the $526,250 Breeders Crown Trot instead of the $250,000 Mare Trot.

In addition to the Allerage, Hannelore Hanover also beat her male peers in last month’s $486,260 Maple Leaf Trot at Mohawk, which helped make Burke’s decision easier. “She’s competitive against the boys so I’m going to continue to race her against them,” said Burke. “And you go for twice the money (in the Breeders Crown).”

Hannelore Hanover, with Ricky Macomber Jr. driving, led at every call in the ISS final before being passed in the stretch by Churita, who went on to win by 4 ½ lengths in 1:53.3. Burke said the 1:49.2 mile—the second fastest ever trotted and the fastest ever by a female—took a bit of a toll. “Sometimes when they get stretched like that, they might have a little bit of bounce,” said Burke, who kept his 16 Breeders Crown starters at The Red Mile, a three-hour ship to Hoosier Park. “She was a little bit dehydrated after the race so we’ve been giving her fluids all week.”

Hannelore Hanover will start from post 4 in the first six-horse Breeders Crown elimination on Saturday at Hoosier Park. Yannick Gingras, who directed the $2.1 million-winning mare to her world-record score, will be back in the sulky. Burke believes the compact field in the elim will play to her liking and she won’t have to be forwardly placed early. “I think she has become a little bit where she likes to follow horses right now,” he said. “With the short field the race sets up different for her and she won’t have to be as aggressive.”

Burke also expects a better effort in the Crown final from his star mare who has 33 wins in 55 career starts. “She trained good so I expect she will turn it around this week,” he concluded.—By Gordon Waterstone

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Stretching It Out
At Hoosier Park

We all know the Beatles’ song lyrics of “the long and winding road that leads to your door,” but for Hoosier Park it’s “the long and straight road that leads to the finish line.”

That long road at Hoosier Park is its 1,255-foot stretch, the second longest in harness racing behind only Hawthorne’s 1,320-foot stretch. Hoosier Park’s stretch is 265 feet longer than the Meadowlands. In perspective, Hoosier’s stretch is even 21 feet longer than the main Thoroughbred track at Churchill Downs.

So what impact might the long Hoosier stretch have on horses racing for the first time in this weekend’s Breeders Crown eliminations?

Trace Tetrick, who has dominated the driving ranks at Hoosier Park the last few years, said his experience is that horses tend to need a start at the seven-eighths mile oval to get used to the long stretch. It can be daunting turning for home when there is still nearly a quarter mile to go in a race.

“There are a lot of first-time horses here who have never been on the track and they look down (the stretch) it the first time. That first time it catches a few of them off guard, the stretch being that long,” said Tetrick. “They race really, really hard for about three-quarters and then get a little lost. Through the stretch, at about the toteboard they get to wandering a little bit and they’re like, ‘man, is it every going to end?’ You can feel them drifting out a bit.”

Peter Wrenn, another longtime Hoosier Park driver, said the outcome of a race can be impacted late because of the long stretch.

“It’s a burst for a long ways, and the horses have to carry their brush down the stretch, so things can change for tired horses the last 20 yards real quickly,” said Wrenn. “What happens is that you start using the horses off the turn as a natural instinct, but you still have a long ways to go. In those last 20 yards a lot of things can happen. Horses start laboring trying to carry that brush for so long.”

Tetrick noted that while the stretch length may impact first-time 2 and 3 year olds, it even comes into play for older horses.

“The horses are tough campaigners, but it might catch a few of them,” said Tetrick. “The young, green horses are looking for the end of the mile quicker than they normally are. They think the stretch will be at the edge of the toteboard instead of the far end of it.”

Tetrick said he has a strategy to minimize the impact of the long stretch.

“Just stay on the helmet longer,” he said.

Both Tetrick and Wrenn agree horses leaving Hoosier Park and racing somewhere else could be a positive first-time angle for bettors.

“A lot of Hoosier horses that leave here for a new venue are very sharp for a while,” said Tetrick. “They are used to the long stretch and they’ll keep carrying it for a long ways.”

“Sure, I’ve seen it,” added Wrenn. “When horses leave there they come out fresh and are the ones to beat, that’s for sure. Especially speed horses.” — By Gordon Waterstone
New York Pacers
**HESTON BLUE CHIP** #747, MUSIC NOTE*, C
Heston Blue Chip-Keystone Musical-No Nukes
1/2-brother to Screenplay, p, 1:51.4s ($260,633)

**ROLL WITH JOE** #286, ROLL WITH MIMI*, F
Roll With Joe-Dream Of Mimi-Dream Away
1/2-sister to Eighteen, p, 1:49.11 ($889,224)

New York Trotters
**CHAPTER SEVEN** #395, SWEET CHAPTER*, F
Chapter Seven-Mom’s Sweetie Pie-Donerail
1/2-sister to Mom’s Apple Pie, 2, 1:56.4s ($123,248)

**CONWAY HALL** #310, GEORGIA RAIN*, F
Conway Hall-Georgia Baby-Mutiner First foal, Darn is 1/2-sister to Sj’s Caviar, 3, 1:53.4 ($1,288,466)

**CREDIT WINNER** #210, LISTEN TO THE LADY*, F
Credit Winner-Angelita Hanover-Donato Hanover Family of Archangel, 1:50 ($1,140,946)

**MUSCLE MASS** #620, GAME OF STARS*, C
Muscle Mass-Dream Vixen-Credit Winner
Family of Shipps Dream, 3, T1:56.2 ($643,757)

**MUSCLES YANKIE** #571, SOUTHERN TEASE*, F
Muscles Yankee-Brontease-Balanced Image
1/2-sister to Utopia, 1:52.2s ($180,838)

Ohio Pacer
**DRAGON AGAIN** #629, BEAUTIFUL LIZ*, F
Dragon Again-Enchanted Beauty-Western Ideal
Dam is 1/2-sister to Worldly Beauty, p, 1:49.3 ($1,900,255)

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Ontario Pacers
**BETTERTHANHEDDAR** #647, FREE EXCHANGE*, F
Bettterthancheddar-Free Admission-Powerful Toy
1/2-sister to Free Show, p, 3, 1:51.3s ($215,879)

**BETTER’S DELIGHT** #23, BETURBOTTOMDOLLAR*, F
Bettter’s Delight-Bell Bottom Paris-Noble Ability
1/2-sister to Pantully Cool, p, 1:51.1f ($307,694)

**MACH THREE** #196, YACHTSMAN, C
Mach Three-Boogie Woogie Land-Badlands Hanover
First foal, Family of Mini Me, p, 1:49 ($1,143,586)

**SHADOW PLAY** #694, SHADOW ROYAL*, C
Shadow Play-Lacy Kimberly Lynn-Cam’s Card Shark
1/2-brother to Aiden’s Artist, p, 1:52.4f ($248,542)

**SPORTSWRITER** #454, WRITER ROCKS*, C
Sportswriter-Rocknroll Wishes-Rocknroll Hanover
Dam is 1/2-sister to Bettor’s Delight, p, 3, 1:49.4 ($2,581,461)

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Pennsylvania Pacers
**PONDER** #825, LOVELY LAURA*, F
Ponder-She’s Poison-Western Ideal
Dam is 1/2-sister to Lady Macbeach, p, 2, 1:52.1 ($802,296)

**SWEET SUE** #242, SWEET SUE*, F
Sweet Lou-Acey Deucey-Cam’s Card Shark
Dam is 1/2-sister to Elusive Prey, p, 1:51.2s ($802,706)

**WELL SAID** #300, SMART TALKER*, C
Well Said-Wishfora Fullhouse-Cam’s Card Shark
Darn is 1/2-sister to Bettor’s Delight, p, 3, 1:49.4 ($2,581,461)

**WESTERN IDEAL** #188, FLIPIT TO WINIT*, F
Western Ideal-Flip For Love-Riverboat King
1/2-sister to Fresh Cut, p, 3, 1:51.1f ($258,897)

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Pennsylvania Trotters
**ANDOVER HALL** #865, DONNA’S HALL*, F
Andover Hall-Tantalizing Donna-Donerail
Dam is 1/2-sister to Triumphant Caviar, 1:51.4s ($793,541)

**EXPLOSIVE MATTER** #605, RUSHIN VODKA*, C
Explosive Matter-Dancing Slippers-Angus Hall
2nd dam is Doin The Town, 3, 1:54.2 ($475,274)

**MUSCLE MASSIVE** #856, TEAM JACK*, C
Muscle Massive-Sugarcane Yankee-Windsong’s Legacy
1/2-brother to Yoga, 2, 1:54.4 ($192,343).
Dam is 1/2-sister to Strong Yankee, 3, 1:50.3 ($1,434,351)

**YANKEE GLIDE** #600, SAM’S GLIDE*, C
Yankee Glide-Crystal Suzie-Royal Troubadour
1/2-brother to On The Tab, 1:54.4f ($791,549).
Dam is full-sister to CR Kay Suzie, 1:52.3 ($1,611,131)

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Brown Shares News About His Crown 3YO Starters

Trainer Brian Brown will have six horses at Hoosier Park for the Breeders Crown eliminations, including his 3-year-old stars Fear The Dragon, Downbytheseaside and Blazin Britches. Like many trainers, Brown trained his potential Breeders Crown starters early Tuesday morning, before the entry box closed for the Crown, to make sure all were in good form.

Fear The Dragon, the winner of the North America Cup, Adios, and a division of the Tattersalls and heat of the Little Brown Jug, will start from post 3 in Race 14 on Saturday night. He’ll have Little Brown Jug winner Filibuster Hanover and New York Sires Stakes champion Funkwaffles to his inside when they line up on the starting gate.

“He trained really good. I have nothing but that to report,” said Brown when asked about the status of Fear The Dragon, who has earnings of $1.2 million this season for breeder-owner Bruce Trogdon’s Emerald Highlands Farm.

Downbytheseaside will start in Race 13 and drew post 8 in the eight-horse elimination. Besides the disadvantageous starting post, Downbytheseaside will be trying to overcome a bout of sickness.

Following his fading third-place finish in a division of the Tattersalls at the Red Mile on Oct. 8, Downbytheseaside’s blood was analyzed to see if the colt was in ill health.

“His blood was bad and indicated an infection so we’re hoping he’s getting back to himself,” Brown revealed. “It was really too bad this happened but earlier his feet were giving him problems and now he’s the soundest he’s been all year.”

As for his top 3-year-old pacing filly Blazin Britches, like Downbytheseaside, she ran into trouble while racing in the Glen Garnsey Memorial on Oct. 8 at the Red Mile. The filly broke stride behind the gate, which took her out of contention. She was 15 ¼ lengths behind the leader at the opening quarter but rebounded for a fourth-place finish, beaten only 2 ½ lengths.

“When she trained the second week in Lexington, she lost a shoe in the first trip, and I think it might have bruised her foot a little,” shared Brown. “We switched her to the new flip flop shoes for the second trip Tuesday and she was much better. It was like night and day.”

— By Kathy Parker
Brian Brown Talks About 2YOs
Whos Better, Rockin Away, Bye Hanover

While the Brian Brown Stable has been led by the 3 year olds this season, the stable has a couple of freshmen male pacers and a filly pacer that are being given a chance to step up in the Breeders Crown. Brown will be sending Whos Better to post in Race 2 and in Race 3 he has the colt Rockin Away. He also has a filly Crown contender in Bye Hanover.

In addition, Brown has two freshmen who might have been entered in the Crown except they are not eligible: Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final winners Always Woggly and Always Bet De Gray, both bred and owned by Emerald Highlands Farm.

Whos Better, a son of Bettor’s Delight, is still winless in seven starts this season and finished fourth in top stakes during Grand Circuit racing in Lexington. Rockin Away, a colt by Pet Rock, goes into his Crown elim with five wins in eight starts, plus a third-place finish in the Bluegrass in Lexington.

“Whos Better has been like the biggest, dumbest kid in the first grade who finally does well,” said Brown, “but he’s made huge improvements, and he shows like four final quarters in :27.”


The Ohio-sired Rockin Away, a $75,000 yearling purchase by Country Club Acres, Sbrocco, Richard Lombardo and Al and Carol Schmidthorst’s AWS Stables, will be taking his shot in the Breeders Crown by starting from post 1.

“This is a big step up for him,” said Brown. “Whether he’s ready or not, we’ll find out. This colt is such a good-looking horse. You could say we paid a lot of money for him since he’s out of a mare that was zero for two until he came along. But he’s so good looking. Eli Miller from Spring Run Farm in Wooster (Ohio) raised him and he told me, ‘I’ve got one you’ve got to look at,’ and we saw this colt before they told us who it was and we knew this had to be the colt.”

Rockin Away had foot issues early in the season.

“My blacksmitheal finnally took an aluminum with a pad and made it into a mushroom, then riveted the mushroom part to a regular aluminum shoe. Until that shoe, he couldn’t train without making a break. But with that shoe, he just kept getting better and better,” explained Brown.

“Timmy (Tetrick) told me in Lexington, after he drove him in the Bluegrass, that the horse had a great gait and after he won at Northfield (an Ohio Sires Stakes consolation), we decided to try him in the Breeders Crown.”

Brown also has a 2-year-old filly pacer set for Crown action on Friday night, the 2-year-old pacing filly Bye Hanover, who is out of a daughter of the great Bunny Lake. She won a Bluegrass division in Lexington and then finished fifth in Youaremysugarygirl’s world record 1:50 mile. Unfortunately, she’ll have to start from post 8—and faces Youaremysugarygirl—in the Crown.

“She’s a very nice filly, drives perfect, but she always seems to get the wrong post or the wrong trip,” said Brown of the filly. “We have the eight hole again, but it is the second time Brett (Miller) will drive her. So we’re going to have to hope to get in a better position early. We just need things to go her way for a change.” —By Kathy Parker

$600,000 Breeders Crown 2CP

Hoosier Park, Saturday, October 21, 1st $20,000 elimination, Race 1, Post Time: 6:30 pm

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**Hip 19 La Fogata, b.f.**  
*Tellitlikeitis-White Jade*  
**First foal** from multiple stakes winner WHITE JADE p,3,1:52 ($114,382), full sister to multiple stakes winner WESTERN CONQUEST p,3,1:52.1f ($256,571).

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**Hip 25 Meet The Future, b.f.**  
*Rockin Image-BC’s Jesse*  
Half-sister to FRONTIER JESSICA p,3,1:57.2-'17. Second foal from multiple stakes winner BC’S JESSE p,4,1:51.2 ($431,418).

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**Hip 51 Florishing Future, br.c.**  
*Guccio-Flori’s Future*  
Half-brother to STACHE 4,1:55.1 ($69,573). From FLORI’S FUTURE 3,1:56.4f ($63,325).

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**Hip 99 Rocken The Show, br.g.**  
*Rockin Image-Carnivalocity*  
Second foal (oldest now 2 and racing) from CARNIVAL-OCTY p,1:52.4f ($198,699), half-sister to INCREDIVE-LOCITY p,4,1:54h ($112,985).

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**Hip 121 Primo Extremo, b.f.**  
*Rockin Image-Nashville Blues*  
First foal from NASHVILLE BLUES p,3,1:55 ($14,208), three-quarter sister to ALLAMERICAN NATIVE p,3,1:49.4 ($1,296,304); half-sister to ALLAMERICAN NADIA p,3,1:53 ($504,465-dam of APPRENTICE HANOVER p,4,1:49.2-983,088) and SQUARE DANCER p,3,1:52.3-'17 ($104,060).

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**Hip 177 Saragon, b.f.**  
*Guccio-Just Watch Me*  
Second foal (oldest now 2 and racing) from a half-sister to multiple stakes winner BLUE PORSCHE 3,1:54 ($642,127).

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**Hip 211 Rich Potential, b.f.**  
*Tellitlikeitis-Odds On Anglia*  
Half-sister to SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS p,3,1:54.1 ($10,076) and GREENS N BEANS p,3,1:54-'17 ($19,592). From a half-sister to ANDREOLI HANOVER p,4,1:50.3 ($654,423).

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**Hip 236 Newport Party, b.f.**  
*Rockin Image-Fox Valley Monika*  
Full or half-sister to multiple stakes winners GLASS PACK p,4,1:49.4 ($1,009,505), DOUBLETROUBLE p,1:50 ($704,754), OUR DRAGON KING p,4,1:49.1 ($556,106), CAN’T TOUCH THIS p,4,1:50.3-'17 ($422,864). From Hall of Fame broodmare FOX VALLEY MONIKA!

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**Hip 310 Mistaken Gender, b.g.**  
*Rockin Image-Tia Maria Hanover*  
Second foal (oldest now 2 and racing) from TIA MARIA HANOVER p,4,1:49.2 ($829,145) and TARPON HANOVER p,4,1:49.2f ($618,671).

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**Hip 336 Rocky’s Reflection, br.c.**  
*Rockin Image-Therese Killean*  
First foal from stakes placed THERERE KILLEAN p,2,1:59.3h ($10,668), half-sister to multiple stakes winner OUR LUCKY KILLEAN p,1:49.4 ($1,281,342).

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**Hip 343 Saskatoon, b.f.**  
*Always A Virgin-Artha Rae*  
Half-sister to PACIFIC SUN RAE p,4,1:51.4 ($323,212), WILBUR’S Z TAM p,1:51.2 ($245,659) and 2YO stakes winner LETITROCK p,2,1:54.3-'17 ($46,650).

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After Huge Comeback In Lexington, Blazin Britches Eyes Crown

Driver Trace Tetrick is a perfect seven-for-seven when directing Blazin Britches in races this year at Hoosier Park, and the track’s leading reinsman is hoping to keep his record intact when he lines up behind the 3-year-old filly pacer in post 4 in Friday night’s $25,000 Breeders Crown elimination.

Inside of Blazin Britches respectively in posts 1 and 3 are Jugette champ Caviart Ally and Lynch Memorial and Mistle-toe Shalee winner Agent Q, whose connections declined a bye to advance directly to the final. Instead, the byes went to Tequila Monday and Obvious Blue Chip, respectively third and fourth on the 2017 earnings list, which means only the last-place finisher in the elim will not advance to the 10-filly final on Oct. 27.

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“Bottom line, she’s just a good mare,” said Tetrick. “She likes her job and she’s very versatile. That helps her a lot. She doesn’t have to be on front; she can sit and she’ll move.”

Tetrick admits the competition for Blazin Britches—at ninth currently the highest-ranked division member in the weekly poll conducted by Harness Racing Communications—will be tough.

“Let’s get by this week and make the final, that’s the main thing,” he said. “We’ll see how it plays out, who is pressing and who’s not. And then go from there.” — By Gordon Waterstone

Case Set To Return To Sulky At Scarborough

Walter Case Jr., whose 11,038 wins rank him eighth on the all-time list despite not driving on a full-time basis since 2003, will make his return to the sulky this weekend at Scarborough Downs in his home state of Maine. Case is listed as first call on 30 horses on Saturday and Sunday at Scarborough.

Case, now 56 years old, spent four years in prison after being convicted in 2003 of felonious assault after stabbing his estranged wife with a knife. At the time, Case had been the leading driver at Northfield Park. He was the national dash-winning driver in 1998, 2001 and 2002.

Case was released from prison in October 2008 and drove 25 horses the following month at Plainridge Race Course, winning 10 times. His starts on Nov. 28 that year were his last until being granted a license in Maine late last week.

Case, who had his harness license revoked in New York in 1999 after a third drug-related offense, and lost his license in Ohio in 2003 after repeated kicking violations that led to numerous fines and suspensions, has the option of reapplying for a license from the U.S. Trotting Association (USTA).

“As of today (Oct. 19) Walter Case has not applied for a USTA license,” USTA director of registry and member services T.C. Lane told Weekend Preview. “At this point, if they allow him to participate without a USTA license, that’s up to them.”

Case currently falls under USTA Rule 1, Section 3, which reads in part: “In the event a state racing commission determines that such person fully meets its requirements and licenses such person to participate at meetings under the jurisdiction of such commission, the USTA will issue electronic eligibility and/or driver/trainer licenses limited to such meetings...”
Missing Withdrawal Time Causes Scratches From NYSS Finals

Breeders Crown past performance lines will show a rare notation for a horse that was scratched from New York Sires Stakes (NYSS) finals last Saturday at Yonkers Raceway.

The past performance line for 3-year-old trotting colt Top Flight Angel, winner of the Yonkers Trot, shows the colt was a judges’ scratch from the NYSS final because of “ineligible medication violation.”

Veterinarians are required to turn in treatment sheets for each horse racing in New York, and according to the treatment sheet submitted by veterinarian Dr. Barrey Danvers, on Thursday morning, Oct. 12, Top Flight Angel was treated with methocarbamol, a muscle relaxer administered for tying up. It is also known by the brand name Robaxin.

New York racing rules specify a withdrawal time of 72 hours for this therapeutic medication, and since 10 a.m. Thursday was within 72 hours of Top Flight Angel’s race, he was scratched.

Julie Miller trains Top Flight Angel and also had the misfortune of having another horse from her stable scratched from a NYSS final, the 2-year-old colt trotter Don, because of the wrong timing for treating with methocarbamol. Cultural Paradise, a finalist in the 3-year-old colt and gelding pace for trainer Larry Remmen, also was scratched because of the administration of methocarbamol too close to race time by Dr. Danvers.

A review of the veterinary treatment sheets show several other horses were administered methocarbamol, but it was three days before the race, which is permissible under New York rules. Racing Commissioners International recommends a 48-hour withdrawal time for methocarbamol and some states use that guideline. — By Kathy Parker

Pasithea Face Scratched From Mare Trot

The owner of Pasithea Face S posted on Twitter Thursday afternoon that Pasithea Face S has suffered an injury and will be scratched from her start in the Breeders Crown. Pasithea Face S was one of just five entered in the $250,000 Mare Trot, which meant there would be no elimination and all would race in the final on Friday, Oct. 27.

In the tweet by Courant Inc., it was noted: “Pasithea Face injured and will miss Breeders Crown; will now most likely be retired and bred in the 2018 season.”

Trained by Jimmy Takter, Pasithea Face S won six of 13 starts since arriving in North America this year after competing in Europe. The daughter of Muscle Hill finished second in her last start in the $67,000 Allerage Farm final on Oct. 8 at The Red Mile, which brought her career earnings to $562,815. She took her lifetime mark of 1:50.4 while capturing a leg of the Miss Versatility on Aug. 20 at Tioga Downs.

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p,2,1:53.2; 3,1:48 ($283,564). He is a half-brother to multiple stakes winner **SHADY CAROLINE**

p,4,1:50.2-'17 ($215,922) and multiple stakes placed **DANGEROUS WOMAN**

p,3,1:55.1h-'17 ($36,193). From **DO ME GOOD** p,1:52.4f ($435,346), Michigan State Champion, Michigan Pacer of the Year and American-National winner.

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**Hip 245 SHARK PLAY**, bay colt

**Shadyshark Hanover-Play Good-Shadow Play**

Half-brother to See Good r.t. p,2,1:59.1-'17 ($2,573). Second foal and first colt from **Play Good**, a half-sister to multiple Indiana Sire Stakes Champion filly **ROCKIN GOOD**

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**DO ME GOOD** is a full sister to the granddam of stakes winner **KAKS SHARK ATTACK** p,4,1:51-'17 ($193,048), who is also by Shadyshark Hanover.

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Breeders Crown Still A Big Deal To Ernie Gaskin

In 1984, the first year of the Breeders Crown, Ernie Gaskin was an assistant trainer for legendary Hall of Fame trainer William R. Haughton. Gaskin was keenly involved with Nihilator, the stable’s spectacular juvenile pacing colt who captured the hearts and souls of the Standardbred world with eye-catching victories in the Woodrow Wilson at the Meadowlands and then the Red Mile, where he was the star.

This was the first year for the Breeders Crown, contested throughout North America, with tracks hosting separate divisions of age, sex and gait. Nihilator was unbeaten heading into the 1984 juvenile pacing colt Breeders Crown held at The Meadows. There he met another precocious colt for the first time. Dragon’s Lair, trained and driven by Jeff Mallett, was stabled at The Meadows and though impressive locally, hadn’t shared the national spotlight with Nihilator.

The $772,500 Breeder Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace was conducted in same-night heats and was an epic race, with the hype extremely high, especially for a race involving 2 year olds. When Dragon’s Lair upset Nihilator, it set off a chain reaction of opinions and decisions that led to Guida’s purchase of Dragons Lair.

“Yes, it was a great race,” said Gaskin recalling the loss, “But Nihilator came back the following year to win the Crown.”

While 1984 has many memories for Gaskin because of his close connection to Nihilator, he was also at the cutting edge of a dramatic shift in the sport. The use of catch-drivers, independent contractors who stepped into the sulky before a race and stepped off after, with little to no impact on the rest of the horse’s training, had become more and more widespread in a sport that originated with trainers driving their own horses.

“When Billy (Haughton) called me and told me to put (Hall of Famer Bill) O’Donnell down to drive Nihilator, I was shocked;” said Gaskin.

“Billy said to me that he’d rather put one of those guys down to drive his horse than have one of them beat him. I can remember Billy Popfinger coming up to me and warning me not to make the change.”

Gaskin’s admiration for Haughton, who ran the sport’s largest and most successful stable before his death following a 1986 racing accident, was immense.

“He had an incredible personality. He knew how to talk the right way to everyone. It was amazing that he could be speaking to, say, a George Steinbrenner one minute and then a groom the next and not change at all,” said Gaskin.

Gaskin stayed on with the Haughton stable after Bill’s death, helping son Tommy achieve Breeders Crown championship status with the incomparable mare Peace Corps, who won the Crown at ages two and three.

The Haughton stable gave Gaskin a foundation, and his love for the breed became part of the effort in Indiana to bring pari-mutuel racing to the state. He helped lead the drive to passage of enabling legislation in 1993. Soon after came Hoosier Park.

“It’s really been incredible what has happened in Indiana,” said Gaskin, who was appointed in August 1994 to the Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Commission.

From the birth of pari-mutuel racing 23 years ago, to hosting the Breeders Crown, appears to be a long journey.

“When you see horses like Wiggle It Jiggleit, Always B Miki and Hannelore Hanover, it says a lot about what we were trying to accomplish as far as breeding development,” Gaskin said.— By Jay Bergman for Breeders Crown
Key Still Looking For More Breeders Crown Wins

Bob Key has been a longtime participant in the Breeders Crown and an ardent supporter of the Grand Circuit. He knows what it takes to win at the sport’s top level and appreciates the opportunities for success.

“This is what you’re shooting for,” said the 84-year-old Key, who has won twice in the Breeders Crown series and sends three horses to this year’s event at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino. “The Breeders Crown, look at how great it is to win it. I’ve been lucky to win (two) of them now. And with all the horses I have, it shows how difficult it is.”

Key won his first Breeders Crown in the inaugural year of the event, 1984, as a member of the ownership group of 2-year-old filly pacer Amneris. In 2010, he captured his second Crown with homebred 3-year-old male trotter Break The Bank K.

In addition to his two victories, Key has finished second in a Breeders Crown final on seven occasions, including twice with homebred filly trotter Win Missy B (in 2011 and 2012).

This year, Key sends 2-year-old filly trotter Looking For Zelda, 3-year-old filly pacer Terrortina, and 4-year-old mare trotter Flowers N Songs to the Breeders Crown. All three were bred by Key. Looking For Zelda and Terrortina race in eliminations Friday. Flowers N Songs will advance directly to the final of the Breeders Crown Mare Trot, the only class in which eliminations were not required.

“I’m not going in just to go in it,” Key said. “With all these horses, I feel if it goes the right way we do have the possibility of winning. I’m not just going in there hoping I’m getting third or fourth. I’m hoping we can win it.”

Looking For Zelda is a daughter of Key’s Breeders Crown-winning Break The Bank K out of the mare My Winning Way K. She has won seven of nine races this year and heads to her Breeders Crown elimination off a 1:54 win in a division of the International Stallion Stakes on Oct. 6.

“I’m really pleased with Looking For Zelda, no question about it,” Key said about the filly who has earned $221,675 this season while competing primarily on the Ohio Sire Stakes circuit. “She’s one of the special fillies I’ve had.”

Looking For Zelda is 5-1 on the morning line with the filly’s regular pilot, Tony Hall, driving for trainer Norm Parker. The 39-year-old Hall, who has won 5,326 races in his career, will be making his Breeders Crown debut.

“I know he wants to drive her; it’s something special for him,” Key said. “He really likes her and he’s done a good job with her this year. We’re going to stay with him. The driver is important. They have to have confidence in a horse.”

Terrortina, a daughter of Western Terror out of the mare Alladorable, has picked up checks in several stakes including the Jugette, Courageous Lady and Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship.

“Norm feels good about her and so does Tony Hall,” said Key, whose top career wins also include the 1993 Hambletonian with homebred American Winner. “I thought it was worth going in there.”

Terrortina is 20-1 on the morning line, with Hall driving for Parker but will start from post 2. With Tequila Monday and Obvious Blue Chip taking byes, the top eight finishers advance to the $500,000 final.—By Ken Weingartner/Harness Racing Communications
Winbak’s Mixed Sale Yearling Highlights Selling 11/9

**Delaware Pacers**

**DREAM AWAY**

#943, SIMPLE MIRACLES, C
Dream Away-Reincarnation-No Nukes
1/2-brother to **Supermattural**
p, 1:50.4s ($324,192)

**RODDY’S BAGS AGAIN**

#933, NUMBERED ACCOUNT, C
Roddy's Bags Again-Mathamamatics-Jaguar Spur
1/2-brother to **Forty Carrots**, p, 1:51.11 ($313,575)

**VEEZA**

#900, MR VEE, C
Veeza-Vella Hanover-Cam Fella
1/2-brother to **Fellspoint**, p, 1:53.4f ($90,467)

**Delaware Trotters**

**CR COMMANDO**

#937, OVERNIGHT EXPRESS, F
CR Commando-Overnight Rail-Donerail
Full-sister to **Overnight Command**, 3, 1:59h ($226,625)

**GIANT HIT**

#945, RUNWAY WONDER, C
Giant Hit-Runaway Madonna-CR Renegade
1/2-brother to **Winbak Charles M**, 1:54.2f ($198,248)

**Delaware Trotters (continued)**

**POLITICAL BRIEFING**

#949, BRIEF FILE, F
Political Briefing-Speed Keeper-Meadow Road
1/2-sister to **Speed Rail**, 3, 1:55.2s ($213,435)

**Maryland Trotter**

**CR RENEGADE**

#917, I MET A GIRL, F
CR Renegade-Renaissance Love-Kingston Road
1/2-sister to **Emily Do**, 1:54.4f ($167,172)

**New York Pacers**

**HESTON BLUE CHIP**

#915, CHIP TRICK, F
Heston Blue Chip-Dominatrix-Delmarvalous
1/2-sister to **Major Hottie**, p, 1:48.3s ($754,588)

**Ontario Pacers**

**BADLANDS HANOVER**

#958, TURCOCAT, F
Badlands Hanover-Turn For The Best-Cambest
Full-sister to **Devil May Care**, p, 1:53.3h ($268,910)

**Ontario Pacers (continued)**

**BETTERTHANCHEDDAR**

#944, PURE CLEAR, C
Betterthancheddar-Clockview-Best Of The Best
1/2-brother to **Bettor's Reward**, p, 1:51.3s ($364,474)

**ROYAL MATTJESTY**

#939, LOYAL LOVE, F
Royal Mattesty-Ptica-Miss Matty
Dam is 1/2-sister to **Glass Prince**, p, 1:51.2 ($351,507)

**Ontario Trotter**

**ANGUS HALL**

#931, IT'S MADE TO ORDER, F
Angus Hall-Maggie's Legacy-Windsong's Legacy
1/2-sister to **It's Made To Order**, 2, 1:58.11 ($341,218)

**Pennsylvania Pacer**

**DELMARVALOUS**

#956, NEXT SHOT, C
Delmarvalous-Treasure Valley-Roddy's Bags Again
First foal. Dam is 1/2-sister to **Foxtail**, p, 1:52.2f ($227,696)

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Winbak’s Agent Racehorse Lineup Selling 11/10

**Pacing Colts**

#1606, BETTOR’S OUTLAW, 3, PA
Bettor’s Delight-Outlawed Beauty-JK Outlaw
p, 2, 1:55.3f; 3, 1:52.3f ‘-17 ($50,600)
3 Wins. Great looking, great bred really nice 3 year old. Lightly raced this year as he caught the sickness bug that plagued the industry. Will be racing at sale time, check him out, you won’t be disappointed

**Pacing Geldings**

#1643, FIRM IT UP, 3, PA
Quik Pulse Mindale-Coed Blues-Arturo
p, 3, 1:50.3f ($106,505)
11 Wns. Big, fast, veteran, currently racing. Recent Wire to Wire Winner in 1:51. Good looking horse

#1696, PICKLED PREACHER, 3, ON
Badslands Hanover-Fox Valley Hooker-Sportsmaster
p, 3, 1:56.2h ‘-17 ($22,918)
6 Wns. Really nice, green 3-year-old pacing gelding. Currently racing and recent winner. He has raced way faster than his record

**Pacing Fillies**

#1384, EASY THREE, 2, ON
Mach Three-Easy De Vie-No Pan Intended
p, 2, 1:53.4s ‘-17 ($62,962)
1 win. Winner of ONSS Gold leg at Mohawk and second in ONSS Grassroots leg at Mohawk. Well bred, stakes-placed, Ontario eligible pacing filly. Has raced multiple times faster than her record. From a great maternal family that gets way better with age. She could be next year's top horse. Currently racing

#1434, HAPPY HANNAH, 3, PA
Yam Said-Hallie Gallie-Village Jolt
p, 2, 1:53.4s; 3, 1:53.3s ‘-17 ($112,809)
5 Wns. Well bred, Stakes-Winning pacing filly. Great-gaited as she races free-legged. Currently races in Preferred class. Will be a high quality addition to anyone's racing stable

**Trotting Colt**

#1695, JACKSON’S GOLD, 3, NY
Credit Winner-Ms Kristin-Donerail
2, Q2:01.3f; 3, 1:57s ‘-17 ($15,139)
2 Wns. Big three-year-old trotting colt has trotted a few very fast miles. Has been freshened up and will be qualified at sale time

**Trotting Fillies**

#1507, HANNAH’S CHARM, 3, PA
Lucky Chucky-Belle Of The Ball-No Pan Intended
3, 1:57.4f ‘-17 ($16,458)
2 Wns. Nice 3-year-old PA-bred trotting filly from a solid family. Contender in the Stallion Series. A good worker!

#1548, HAPPY MICHELLE, 3, PA
Explosive Matter-Domino-Delmarvalous
3, 1:57.4f ‘-17 ($16,458)
2 Wns. Nice 3-year-old PA-bred trotting filly from a solid family. Contender in the Stallion Series. A good worker!

All information as of 10/17/17
Check for racing updates at sale time! Any questions, call Jeff Fout, at 443.945.0507.
Staging For Horsemen, Fans

A common theme throughout the 2017 racing campaign at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino has been “It's Indiana's Time.” Over the next two weekends, another chapter will be added to Indiana's rich racing history when the Anderson facility plays host to the 34th edition of the Breeders Crown. With two nights of eliminations slated for Friday and Saturday night, the curtain lifts on Hoosier Park's presentation of harness racing's championship event.

“Hoosier hospitality will be on full display,” said Rick Moore, Hoosier Park’ vice president and general manager of racing. “By the end of next weekend, we want fans and horsemen leaving wanting more, wanting the Breeders Crown to return to Indiana.”

In the barn area, Hoosier Park has created a Breeders Crown village. Barns 3 and 7 will house the horses competing in both the eliminations and finals. Moore said that fencing, landscaping, picnic tables and a large banner welcoming horsemen have been added around the two barns. The goal is to make the two barns as hospitable as possible while showcasing Hoosier Park.

“We’ve made sure the barns are in pristine shape when the horses ship in, so I think the horsemen are going to be pleasantly surprised,” noted Moore. “What we’ve always heard is that people like coming here because everyone is so friendly, the place is clean, and the commitment to harness racing.”

The eliminations on Oct. 20 and 21 kick off a week at Hoosier Park packed full of events leading up to a two-night program on Oct. 27 and 28. A lot of planning and preparation has gone into bringing the Breeders Crown to Indiana, and the end product will be a celebration that is uniquely Hoosier.

The track will hold a live post draw Monday night, Oct. 23, for four of the Breeders Crown finals. The draw, which is open to the public, will be held at the Terrace Showroom. That same evening, the Indiana Horse Racing Hall of Fame will host an invitation-only event where three new members will be inducted. Hoosier Park will also host a Family Halloween celebration Wednesday, Oct. 25. Crowning Our Heroes, an event honoring veterans and active service members, will take place Thursday, Oct. 26. Patrons that donate $10 to any of four military-based charities will receive a spin on a prize wheel that features a $1,000 top prize.

For the horsemen participating in the Breeders Crown finals, a welcome reception will be held Thursday. There, guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres and get a flavor for the Hoosier State. That flavor will come in the form of welcome bags containing Indiana products from vendors throughout the state.

DeLong To Drive Homebred In Crown Elims

When driver John DeLong makes his Breeders Crown debut Friday, it will be special. Of course, such an occurrence would be exceptional under any circumstances, but the fact his appearance will come with a homebred horse at his adopted hometown track makes the moment even more extraordinary.

DeLong will drive Seventimesavirgin on Friday in the second of two Breeders Crown Mare Pace eliminations at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino. Seventimesavirgin was bred by DeLong’s father, Jay, and raised at his family’s farm in Wisconsin. DeLong also trains the 4-year-old mare, who is 5-1 on the morning line.

So, did he ever imagine anything like this when he was growing up?

“No, not even remotely close,” the 28-year-old DeLong said with a chuckle.

“It's pretty exciting. Just to be part of it, to have a horse that's even considered good enough to put in the entry box, is the first thing. You sit and watch it on TV year after year and to have one that’s good enough to think about putting in is pretty cool.

“She’s a pretty special horse, for us as a family. She’s earned her right to compete against the top horses. She doesn’t owe us a thing. (The Breeders Crown) is on her home turf and we’re going to give her a shot. Not many people get that chance.”

Seventimesavirgin has won 23 of 39 career races and earned $566,110. Last year she was the Indiana Sire Stakes champion after going undefeated in 11 races on the circuit. The mare is a daughter of Always A Virgin out of the mare Mrs Grant Seven, who was a stakes winner in Illinois.

“She does no wrong,” DeLong said. “She’s given me some of the biggest wins of my career. This year, she’s had a few troubles, but she’s worked through them and she always tries hard.” —By James Platz

Based on early fan response, interest in the Breeders Crown at Hoosier Park is high. Some of the key seating locations at the track are full or filling up fast. The Terrace Showroom, which overlooks the apron and racetrack, traditionally fills up for concert events. For the Breeders Crown, nearly all the seats are reserved. To handle the anticipated crowds, the track will add a tent on the north end of the apron that seats almost 800. That location has filled up quickly.

“People from around the country are looking forward to coming here,” Moore offered. “I think they’re looking forward to coming because racing is a big part of everything we do here.” —By James Platz
Breeders Crown draw, Ind. HOF set for Monday
The Indiana Horse Racing Association, Inc. will hold its fourth annual Hall of Fame Induction on Monday, Oct. 23, in Hoosier Park Racing & Casino's Homestretch dining area. The 2017 inductees include the Honorable Howard “Luke” A. Kenley, Lynn Wilfong, and Raymond J. “Steve” Panke (posthumously).  more

Resolve to stand stud at Tara Hills in 2018
World champion Resolve 4,1:50.4 ($2,614,574), the fastest and richest son of champion sire Muscle Hill in North America, will be retired to stud at the conclusion of the racing season and stand at Tara Hills Stud in Port Perry, Ont., under the management of Southwind Farms.  more

Team effort helping Hoosier Park rise
As the saying goes, “It takes a village.” That’s a good way to describe what’s happening in harness racing in the State of Indiana. The Hoosier State, known much more for hoops than hobbles, has everybody on board as Hoosier Park, not a major a player in the sport historically, now has management, government, patrons and horsemen all on the same page, as the seven-eighths mile track continues to make its way toward the sport’s mainstream.  more

Ont. Government officials talked about “collapse”
Ontario PC Party leader Patrick Brown has commented on the documents filed in the Standardbred breeders lawsuit against the province of Ontario and the OLG that planned for the “collapse” of the horse racing industry with the decision to end the slots-at-racetracks partnership.  more

Corey Callahan replaces Moffett as USTA director
U. S. Trotting Association director Dr. William “Bill” Moffett, the chairman of USTA District 11, has notified the Association that he will not stand for re-election during the current election cycle, and instead will retire from the Board.  more

USTA president on fractional ownership
The following article by USTA president Russell C. Williams provides a very brief overview of state and federal securities regulation and the issues you should consider if you plan to either offer or purchase fractional racing interests.  more

Woodbine ready to open final harness meet
Live harness racing returns to Woodbine Racetrack on Thursday for the 2017-18 Fall-Winter meet. The Fall-Winter meet will feature live racing every Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The lone exception is a special matinee card on Boxing Day (Dec. 26) at 1 p.m. The final number of race dates for the meet is pending regulatory approval.  more

Peace A Pie, dam of Pizza Dolce, dies
Peace A Pie, the dam of Pizza Dolce 3, 1:52.4 ($668,824), Mars Bar 1:56 ($390,176), Big Stick Lindy 3, 1:55.4 ($236,176) and The Lindy Treaty 1:56h ($181,995), died Friday, Oct. 13 at Lindy Farms in Connecticut. The daughter of Valley Victory and the Speedy Crown mare Armbré Éclair, died from the complications of old age. She was 25 and had her last foal in 2013.  more

SBOANJ announces election results
The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey’s (SBOANJ) annual board of director’s meeting and election was held on Friday (Oct. 13) at Freehold Raceway.  more

WHHC set for April 28 at the Meadowlands
Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment and DerbyWars.com are proud to announce the details for the 2018 World Harness Handicapping Championship (WHHC) presented by DerbyWars.com set for Saturday, April 28, 2018.  more

Walnut Hall Ltd. selling top mares in Delaware
Walnut Hall Ltd. is selling a powerful trotting consignment of mares and weanlings at the Blooded Horse Sale in Delaware, Ohio, on Nov. 15. The announcement was made by Alan Leavitt, president of Walnut Hall Ltd.  more

Entries for Blooded Horse closing soon
The 70th Annual Blooded Horse Fall Sale is almost to capacity and closing is imminent. The mega-sale held Nov. 13-16 at Delaware, Ohio, will feature over 200 yearlings on opening day. The balance of the sale is composed 2 &-year stakes horses, seasoned raceway stock, young green prospects, and an abundance of in-foal mares and weanlings.  more

Wood adds to humanitarian efforts in Africa
Veteran harness horseman Ken Wood, of Denton, Md., who for more than a decade has been drilling wells for the poor West African nation of Ghana and since expanded to Tanzania, has added pioneering of another humanitarian effort — bringing sight to natives.  more

Rood & Riddle open house set for Oct. 25
The veterinarians and staff of the LeBlanc Reproduction Center at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 4-6 p.m. at their new facilities, located at 2582 Ironworks Road, Georgetown, Ky.  more
**Standardbred Poll**

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by Harness Racing Communications for the week of October 17, 2017

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