Tough Field In Hoosier Pacing Colt Stake Includes Odds On Rhodonite

Hoosier Park’s Saturday night card is filled with 2 and 3 year olds, some accomplished and others still working on their resume, and earnings. Don’t forget that Hoosier Park’s post time is 5:30 p.m., and the stakes parade begins with the very first race, a $44,950 division of the Madison County for 2-year-old trotting colts and geldings. The field includes seven-time winner and Indiana champion Justice Jet and Rina Rekla’s Muscle Hill colt EL Titan, who won a Grand Circuit stakes at The Red Mile.

The most competitive race on the card might be Race 11, a $49,300 division of the Madison County for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings. The nine-horse field includes Bluegrass winner Odds On Rhodonite; Kingofthejungle, who took his 1:53f mark at The Meadows on July 1, in Pennsylvania Sires Stakes action; Let’s Drink On It p, 2, 1:51.1, the colt who was involved in the skirmish in the Metro stretch drive; the fast Always A Virgin colts Always At My Place p, 2, 1:53.3 and Always B Miki p, 2, 1:53.1, the second and third-place finishers in last Saturday’s $200,000 Indiana Sires Stakes Gold final; All Bets Off, who comes into the race off of a win in the Fall Harvest at Yonkers; and Archetto Hanover, fourth in the New York Sires Stakes final.

The fastest horse in the field by record is Odds On Rhodonite, who won a Bluegrass division at The Red Mile in 1:50.2 on Sept. 28. Nick Giberson trains the Western Ideal colt who he bought in mid-July for $15,100. Odds On Rhodonite has earned $52,500 for Giberson and his wife, Amy, and their partner on the colt, Mark Wiship.

“I saw the colt was for sale on the Internet,” said Giberson of the acquisition. “He had baby raced for Robin Schadt and they were selling off some horses so I had a friend of mine, Jeremy Howard, look at him. Jeremy told me he was a nice, big strong horse.”

Before Giberson bought the colt, Odds On Rhodonite had paced in 1:55.3 in his third baby race at the Meadowlands and then turned in a 1:54.3 effort in a New Jersey Sires Stakes, although it was only good enough for a seventh-place finish.

“He had shown enough speed that we hoped he would be a 1:52 horse here in Illinois,” said Giberson, “and it’s easier racing here than there. Plus, he was paid into the Circle City (renamed the Madison County), American National and Abe Lincoln.”

When Giberson got the colt to his Illinois stable, he liked what he saw. The colt’s first start for Giberson was Aug. 10 at Balmoral Park, and he won by 5 ¾ lengths in 1:54.4. After an easy win in 1:54 at Hoosier Park on Sept. 17, Giberson decided to try him in the Bluegrass.

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“Since he was eligible, we just threw him in there to see what we had,” said Giberson.
With a second-over trip on a warm fall night, the colt won in 1:50.2 with Corey Callahan driving.
The colt was not eligible to the International Stallion Stakes the second week of the Grand Circuit stand in Lexington, but Giberson had made him eligible to a late-closer. The race was scheduled to be held the day a huge downpour hit the track. The race was eventually postponed until the following day, and the colt did not fare well. He finished eighth.
“He tied up real bad,” said Giberson, “plus the trip (taking the lead in a :27 second quarter over a sloppy track). He had never tied up before. I think it might have happened because I warmed him up two trips and then he stood while we waited for them to decide what to do about the race, which they moved to Sunday.”
Odds On Rhodonite has not raced since his Lexington start, but Giberson said the colt is good and appears ready. Giberson, who once worked as an assistant for Erv Miller, said the colt will be driven by Miller’s son, Marcus, who drove him twice at the Meadowlands.
Rhodonite, by the way, is a rose-colored mineral, but Giberson said the colt is a dark bay, without any red.—By Kathy Parker
Winbak Farm's 2013 Harrisburg Yearlings
Selling November 4th-7th

PACERS:
American Ideal, NY, Selling 2 Fillies including:
#455, DREAMING DIVA, F, American Ideal-Sass Newton-Storm Compensation
  • Half-sister to Ideal Newton, p, 3, 1:50.4f; 1:49.4f ($629,731)

Art Colony (1st Crop), ONT, Selling 2 Colts & 1 Filly including:
#836, BRAND NEW DEAL, C, Art Colony-Lookongforarizzle-Ne Nukes
  • Half-brother to Design Guru, p, 2, 1:54.1h - $98,610

Art Major, NY, Selling 1 Colt
#319, DUKE’S GUY, C, Art Major-Donna’s Girl-Village Jove
  • Dam is Donna’s Girl, p, 2, 1:57.1s; 3, 1:53.3s ($497,837)

Art Official, PA, Selling 1 Filly
#610, UP AND AWAY*, F, Art Official-Betsys Upp-Survivor Gold
  • Half-sister to Bell On Wheels, p, 3, 1:57.4f; 1:52.2 - $343,750

Artiscape, NY, Selling 1 Colt
#675, WINTER COLORS, C, Artiscape-Corel-Village Jiffy
  • Half-brother to Triple Black, p, 2, 1:54.3f; 1:53.2f ($101,413)

Badlands Hanover, ONT, Selling 4 Colts & 7 Fillies including:
#159, OOH SHESA BADLANDS*, F, Badlands Hanover-New York’s Albert Albert
  • Half-brother to Omen Hanover, p, 3, 1:52.2f; 1:50.7f ($1,086,809)

Bettor’s Delight, NY, Selling 1 Colt & 3 Fillies including:
#64, KIMBERLY’S DELIGHT, F, Bettor’s Delight-Elusive Prey-Western Hanover
  • First foal of Elusive Prey, p, 1:51.2s ($802,706)

Camluck, ONT, Selling 1 Filly
#436, PRINCESS PALACE, F, Camluck-Princess Callie-Western Hanover
  • Dam is half-sister to Lady Graceful, p, 2, 1:52.3s ($938,164)

Cam’s Card Shark, NJ, Selling 1 Filly
#719, DESERT SASS, F, Cam’s Card Shark-Ever Western-Western Hanover
  • Dam is half-sister to Dragon Again, p, 3, Q1:51.2; 1:48.3s ($2,343,428)

Dragon Again, PA, Selling 1 Colt & 3 Fillies including:
#67, VIVID SHINE, F, Dragon Again-Eternal Justice-Jate Lobell
  • Full-sister to Custard The Dragon, p, 2, 1:52.2f; 3, 1:48.1f ($778,057)

Dream Away, NY, Selling 1 Filly
#1058, DREAMY JANE, F, Dream Away-Tiburon Jane-On The Road Again
  • Full-sister to On The Brink, p, 2, 1:51.4h ($631,441)

McArkle, PA, Selling 1 Filly
#758, MACARENA MAMA, F, McArdle-Hay Macarena-Artsplace
  • Half-sister to Dance With Dan, p, 2, 1:57.1h; 3, 1:51.2f ($171,744)

Quick Pulse Mindale, PA, Selling 4 Colts & 6 Fillies including:
#547, BRIEF WORD, C, Quick Pulse Mindale-Yahoos-Abercrombie
  • Half-brother to Totally Fresh, p, 3, Q1:54.4; 1:54.4h ($173,522)

Rock N Roll Heaven (1st Crop), NY, Selling 1 Colt & 2 Fillies including:
#74, ROCK N ROLL, C, Rock N Roll Heaven-Fibbergillet-Arlebert Albert
  • Half-brother to Swift As A Shadow, p, 2, 1:56h; 3, Q1:52.4 ($236,922)

Rocknroll Hanover, NJ, Selling 1 Filly
#395, HAVE MERCY ON ME*, F, Rocknroll Hanover-Mercurial-Artsplace
  • Full-sister to Rockcraterose, p, 3, 1:52.1s; 1:52.1f ($162,405)

Royal Matljesyt, ONT, Selling 1 Filly
#571, A WISH FOR WINGS, F, Royal Matljesyt-Angel Place-Artsplace
  • Half-sister to All Pro Hall, p, 3, 1:52.3s; 1:51.4f - $192,417

Shadow Play, ONT, Selling 2 Colts & 1 Filly including:
#353, EARTHQUAKE MADNESS, C, Shadow Play-Heavenly Sign-Life Sign
  • Half-brother to Winbak Heavenly, p, 2, 1:54.3f; 3, 1:53.2h - $144,514

Shark Gesture, PA, Selling 1 Colt
#944, PLEASANT GESTURE, C, Shark Gesture-Pleasant Yet Bad-Badlands Hanover
  • Half-brother to Weeper, p, 2, 1:51.4f - $103,722

PACERS CONTINUED:
Sportswriter (1st Crop), ONT, Selling 1 Colt & 1 Filly including:
#274, YELLOW MUSTANG, F, Sportswriter-Best Tussle-Pro Bono Best
  • First foal from a half-sister to Shebestalingin, p, 3, 1:47 - $480,240

The Panderosa, PA, Selling 1 Filly
#609, BIG BOTTOM, F, The Panderose-Bell Bottom-Pans-Noble Ability
  • Full-sister to Panfully Cool, p, 3, 1:52.4f; 1:51.1 ($198,505)

Western Ideal, NJ, Selling 1 Filly
#867, MICHELLE’S IDEAL, F, Western Ideal-Michelle’s Destiny-Artsplace
  • Half-sister to Luck Of Michelle, p, 2, 1:53.1s ($824,404)

TROTTERS:
Andover Hall, PA, Selling 1 Filly
#301, CLASSICAL ANNIE, F, Andover Hall-Clasically Designed-Lindy Lane
  • Dam is half-sister to Giant Hit, 2, 1:56; 3, 1:54.2 ($646,650)

Angus Hall, ONT, Selling 2 Colts & 1 Filly including:
#161, DEMAND AN ANSWER, C, Angus Hall-Paige Seelster-Super Pleasure
  • Full-brother to A Hay Luva Paige, 3, 2:01.4f; 1:56.1h ($427,949)

Contab Hall, PA, Selling 1 Filly
#136, MR ROD, C, Cantab Hall-Miss Michelle-King Conch
  • Half-sister to Michelle’s Way, 2, 2:00f; 3, 1:56.1s ($248,072)

Conway Hall, NY, Selling 1 Colt & 2 Fillies including:
#564, QUICK HALL, F, Conway Hall-About Hall-Quick-Sierra Kosmos
  • Half-sister to Off The Wall, 3, 2:01h; 1:57.2h ($258,258)

CR Commando, DE, Selling 1 Filly
#1027, MAJESTIC MAIDEN, F, CR Commando-Spawning-TV Yankee
  • Half-sister to SJ’s Cavator, 2, 1:56.8f; 3, 1:53.4 ($1,288,466)

CR Excalibur, NY, Selling 1 Filly
#1031, SPRINGTIME ROSE, F, CR Excalibur-Spring Lane Joanie-Baltic Speed
  • Full-sister to Strong Hope, 3, 1:55.1; 1:54 ($422,020)

Explosive Matter, PA, Selling 1 Colt & 1 Filly including:
#350, ALTERNATOR, C, Explosive Matter-Hall Of Wishes-Broadway Hall
  • First foal of Hall Of Wishes, 3, 1:58.2f; 1:56.3f ($207,627)

Kadabra, ONT, Selling 3 Fillies including:
#483, FUNNY WAYS, F, Kadabra-Spore Me Please-Muscles Yankee
  • Second foal of half-sister to Holy Guacamole, 1:52.3 ($220,581)

Lucky Chucky (1st Crop), NY, Selling 3 Colts & 1 Filly including:
#317, STARS ALIGN, F, Lucky Chucky-Dier Kosmos-S J’s Photo
  • Dam is full-sister to Dream Photo Kosmos, 1:55.2f ($403,640)

Malabar Man, NY, Selling 1 Colt
#1008, MAN OF FORTUNE, C, Malabar Man-Sierra Fortune-Sierra Kosmos
  • Full-brother to Winbak Dream, 3, 1:57.1s; 1:56.2s ($441,684)

Muscles Yankee, NJ, Selling 2 Colts including:
#133, CLASS INCLUDED, C, Muscles Yankee-Yorkville-American Winner
  • Full-brother to Muscle Hill, 2, 1:53.1; 3, 1:50.1 ($3,266,635)

RC Royalty, NY, Selling 2 Fillies including:
#1029, STORIES TO TELL, F, RC Royalty-Speed Walker-Conway Hall
  • Dam is Speed Talker, 3, 2:01.2h; 1:58 ($52,350)

Sanind, ONT, Selling 1 Colt & 1 Filly including:
#546, MAGIC RIDGE, C, Sanind-Yogot Prestige-Prestige
  • Half-brother to Saint Johns Boy, 3, 1:58.2s; 1:53.2 ($621,359)

Striking Sahbra, ONT, Selling 1 Colt & 2 Fillies including:
#678, CHAMPAGNE TASTE, F, Striking Sahbra-CR Mimoso-CR Commando
  • Half-sister to Windshield, 2, 1:59.3h; 3, 1:56.2f ($291,936)

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Will The Kween Finally Sit In Her Throne?

While there is still a zero in the win column this year for the 2-year-old filly trotter Kween Mightus, the earnings column shows a six-digit number of $132,354. Although Kween Mightus has yet to find the winner’s circle in 10 starts, her seven second-place finishes include two in a pair of $200,000 Indiana Sires Stakes finals at Hoosier Park.

“She has to be one of the richest Indiana maidens, that’s for sure,” trainer Krista Williams said with a laugh. “She’s been a pretty consistent filly all summer; she’s just been missing.”

Kween Mightus will again try to break her maiden on Saturday night at Hoosier Park, starting from post 1 with Tyler Smith driving in the first $42,550 split (Race 4) of two divisions of the Madison County for 2-year-old filly trotters.

“I think this could be our chance to get to the winner’s circle,” said Williams. “I’m hoping, I’m hoping.”

One roadblock for Kween Mightus will be that she once again has to contend with rival Andi’s Alana, who bested her in both Sires Stakes finals.

“She’s been second at the right time,” Williams said of Kween Mightus. “The first go-round in the first final we ran out of track, and in the last final, my filly had to come at the half and that isn’t her type of trip.”

Smith has driven Kween Mightus in all but one start, that coming in a late-closer during Grand Circuit action at The Red Mile when Mike Lachance directed her to a second-place finish—missing by just a nose in her closest encounter to reaching the winner’s circle. Williams said Smith’s commitment to drive the filly has been instrumental in teaching her to race.

“I think it helps for any young trotter,” said Williams. “Nowadays, guys jump ship left and right and trainers don’t seem to care; call me old school, but it makes me feel a lot better having the same driver, especially on the trotters.”

“She’s racing, but she hasn’t learned to race,” she continued. “She doesn’t have that drive to her yet. As long as there is somebody in front of her she’ll work toward getting to them, but when she has to cut her own mile with nobody in front of her, she gets pretty lax. She’s not quick, but once you get her going, she’s got a lot of speed to her.”

Kween Mightus was bred by Carol Mayer of Montrose, Mich., and is owned by Mayer and her husband, Kevin, and Kevin’s mother, Kathleen. Kween Mightus is a daughter of Earl Of Stormont out of the Winky’s Pine mare Shengo Venus. Kween Mightus’s second dam, Debonair Angel, won the 1997 Michigan Sires Stakes 3-Year-Old Filly Trot final at Hazel Park with Carol Mayer as co-owner.

Williams said the Madison County will be Kween Mightus’s last start of 2013.

“This will be it for the year,” she said. “She’s as sound as she can be, but we haven’t had any soundness issues with her all year. She’s a great big filly and I think her size will be a big advantage for her next year.” — By Gordon Waterstone

Newcomer Ronny Bugatti In Messenger

Ten 3-year-old male pacers have been split into a pair of eliminations for the Messenger Stakes, set for Saturday night at Yonkers Raceway, with the top four finishers in each returning for the $450,000 final on Nov. 2.

Among the 10 going postward is Ronny Bugatti, a long-shot who will start from post 4 in the first $40,000 elim (Race 6). The 3-year-old Art Major gelding went winless in his first 11 starts this year—including seven fifth-place finishes—but has come up a winner in his last two attempts, including a 1:53.4 victory at Yonkers on Oct. 5 in the $50,000 Fall Harvest Series final.

A $25,000 yearling purchase, Ronny Bugatti was raced as a 2 year old by trainer Tom Haughton, who also shared ownership. Ronny Bugatti won four of seven races, including the $45,000 Excelsior Series final at Saratoga Raceway, with earnings of $53,648. In January Ronny Bugatti was sold to Eric Prevost of Michigan and Bridget McNeese of Michigan.
Kentucky, with Haughton retained an interest, although the pacer was sent to New York-based trainer Allan Johnson.

“Tommy bought the horse as a yearling, and he didn’t want to give up a share,” explained Prevost, an owner for more than 30 years who currently has an interest in about 14 horses. “He was very, very high on this horse and wanted to retain a small piece.”

Prevost admits it has been a tough year for Ronny Bugatti, although the 3 year old has missed a check just once in his 13 starts and has amassed $76,410 in seasonal earnings.

“He is a horse that has plugged along, picking up some minor shares here and there,” said Prevost. “The barn has done a very good job staying with the program with him. He seems to have gotten a little more interested in his task the last few starts.”

Ronny Bugatti was placed on Lasix in early September but his first two starts resulted in fifth-place finishes after starting from post 6 and 8 at Monticello and Yonkers, respectively. He then won an overnight at Saratoga in 1:53.4 before duplicating that effort in the Fall Harvest at Yonkers.

“It might have helped; we thought it had a little bearing,” Prevost said about the addition of Lasix. “It’s not that we were having a tremendous amount of trouble but there was a little trouble with him. So obviously it didn’t hurt.”

Prevost said the decision to enter the Messenger came after the Harvest victory. In a final preparation, Johnson qualified Ronny Bugatti at Yonkers on Oct. 18, with the pacer romping to a 21 3/4-length win in 1:52.1.

“When he won the Harvest race from the eight hole, he not only showed us a lot of guts, but also a lot of desire,” added Prevost. So we said, ‘Let’s give him a chance to see if he can stay with the top colts.’

“I don’t know what to expect against all those good horses this weekend, but he sure did qualify the right way. That qualifier was a race for us. Now we’ll go ahead and wait until the wings spread and see what happens when he’s against some fine, fine 3-year-old pacers.”

Ronny Bugatti’s four rivals include Adios champion Sunfire Blue Chip and Adios elim winner Lonewolf Currier, who turned heads in the Rooney final when he paced a :26.1 final quarter to finish second. The second elim features New Jersey Classic winner Lucan Hanover, more recently the third-place finisher in both the Little Brown Jug final and Breeders Crown final. Also in that elim is North America Cup runner-up Twilight Bonfire and Odds On Equuleus, who came into the year as one of the top-ranked sophomores but is still looking for his first win of 2013 after 12 starts. A trainer change to Tony Alagna was made a few weeks ago, and the colt was a 21 1/2-length winner in 1:53 in an Oct. 18 qualifier at Yonkers.—By Gordon Waterstone
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Kindergarten Finals Stocked Full of Young Talent

The Kindergarten Classic Series is finally coming to a close at Vernon Downs on Friday night with two finals for freshman trotters. After five preliminary legs held at Tioga, Vernon, and The Red Mile, the nine highest point earners in each division will duel in very evenly-matched finals.

In the $206,000 filly final, Yoga has been dominant in the Kindergarten. The Jimmy Takter trainee competed in four legs and won all four. Back in January and February, Takter never imagined that Yoga would be the winner of five of her seven lifetime starts.

“She wasn’t the greatest talent when it came to stakes payment time so we did not pay her into much,” said Takter. “Then, she just kept on getting better and better.”

With a lifetime mark of 1:54.4 scored in a leg of the Kindergarten at The Red Mile, Yoga looks to be the one to beat in the final, but Takter is remaining cautious.

“I think she is one of the contenders for the race, but there are some really tough horses. All of these races have been very tough,” Takter noted.

One of Yoga’s top contenders will be Cee Bee Yes, the New Jersey Sires Stakes champion. The Muscles Yankee filly from the Julie Miller Stable was an easy four-length victor in her 1:55 romp at Vernon in the final preliminary leg.

For the colt division, the Takter-trained Trixton, a $360,000 yearling purchase, has four wins in the preliminary legs, but several others have been knocking at the door. Notably, world record holder Outburst is seeking a big win in the $217,000 final.

Like Yoga, Outburst was not a star performer when the time came for stakes payments, which forced trainer Noel Daley to forgo the pricier 2-year-old stakes payments.

“He went through a phase when the payments were due where he did not want to do much at all. We gelded him, and he just got better and better after that,” Daley said, an understatement considering Outburst became the fastest 2-year-old gelding trotter ever on a one-mile track with his 1:53.1 win at The Red Mile on Sept. 27.

A victory in the final would make Outburst’s freshman season a clear success, but Daley is confident in his colt’s potential for next year regardless.

“He may not be at the Father Patrick level, but he is definitely a top 10 horse in the division. He will be a very good 3 year old;” said Daley.

The final will be a tall task for Outburst, who will start from post 1, with Trixton and Southwind Silence gunning for the win. “There are some great colts in this race, but Outburst is definitely a contender,” Daley said.— By Jay Hochstetler
2YO Trotters

MILE TRACKS

2C 1:53.2 MUSCLE NETWORK, Muscle Hill-Indiana Half-Garland Lobell
F. Bellino. Silver Linden Fms.
(Lex 10-4) J. Jameson. T. O’Sullivan (CR Commando, Muscle Network 1:53.2)

2F 1:52.2 DESIGN TO BE, Donato Hanover-Sheer Soul-Yankee Glide
A. Llibred & M. Katz. A. Llibred & M. Katz
(Lex 9-26) A. Miller. J. Miller (Designed To Be 1:52.2)

2G 1:53.1 OUTBURST, Explosive Matter-Exquisite Lady-Supergill
A. Victor & Son Stb., N. Daley & M. Bagurki. S. Stewart & A. Kaskko
(Lex 9-27) R. Pierce. N. Daley (Outburst 1:53.1)

FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS

2C 1:52.1 FATHER PATRICK, Cantab Hall-Gala Dream-Enjoy Lavec
Father Patrick Stable. Brittany Fms.
(PcD 10-11) Y. Gingras. J. Tackett (Father Patrick 1:52.1)

2F 1:51.3 COOLER SCHOONER, Broadway Hall-Pine Schooner-Pine Chip
Fashion Fms. A. & J. Siegel
(PcD 8-21) J. Campbell. J. Campbell (COOLER SCHOONER 1:51.3)

2G 1:55.1 IT REALLY MATTERS, Explosive Matter-Eyeful-Andover Hall
T. Lindgren. J. Schlabach.
(PcD 10-18) R. Pierce. N. Drennan (Correctamundo 1:55)

HALF-MILE TRACKS

2C 1:58 FLYHAWK EL DURADO, Conway Hall-El Paso Girl-El Paso Kash
M. Schaf. K. & A. Past
(YR 9-28) M. Ford (Dontyouforgetit 1:55.3)

2F 1:59 SIMPLY CLASS, Chocolatier-Minnesota Karen-Mr Lavec
(Dec 9-18) J. Campbell. J. Putnam (CR Kay Suzie 1:56.3)

2G 1:58.2 JSTROTTLING BOB, Cr Excitilour-Cr Mimosa-Cr Commando
KJ Stbts. Winbak Fm.
(Bha 9-2) J. Morrill Jr. A. Marks (Bookem 1:57.2)

2YO Pacers

MILE TRACKS

2C 1:49.2 SOMESTARSOMEWHERE, Somebeachsomewhere-Lovely Assistant-Art Major
Weaver Bruscemi, L. Karr, Burke Rcg. Stb. & M. Yanek.
S. Tawil & M. Butler.
Lex 10-5) Y. Gingras. Ron Burke
(2YO 1:49.2)

2F 1:50.1 PRECIOUS BEAUTY, Art Major-Precious Beauty-Jate Lobell
J. Avritt Sr. J. Avritt Sr
(Dec 10-4) D. McNair. M. MacDonald.
(2YO 1:50.1)

2G 1:49.4 LIMELIGHT BEACH, Somebeachsomewhere-Bearar-Badlands Hanover
M. Leeman, C. Wingfield, & J. Stambaugh.
G. McNair.
(2YO 1:49.4)

FIVE-EIGHTHS MILE TRACKS

2C 1:49.4 SOMESTARSOMEWHERE, Somebeachsomewhere-Lovely Assistant-Art Major
Weaver Bruscemi, L. Karr, Burke Rcg. Stb. & M. Yanek.
S. Tawil & M. Butler.
Lex 10-12) J. Campbell.
(2YO 1:49.4)

2F 1:50.1 ALLSTAR RATING, Four Starzzz Shark-Credit Rating-Western Hanover
Weaver Bruscemi, JJK Stbts., Burke Rcg. Stb.
F. Bellino. Silver Linden Fms.
(2YO 1:50.1)

2G 1:51.3 THE LUNCH PAIL, Yankee Cruiser-Noble Marty-Nobleland Sam
S. Di Domenico
(2YO 1:51.3)

HALF-MILE TRACKS

2C 1:52.2 ON GOLDEN PONDER, Ponder-In Trepid Water-Intrepid Seldister
Robert McIntosh Stbts., CSX Stbts. & M. Kohler.
Robert McIntosh Stbts.
(Dec 9-19) J. Campbell. R. McIntosh
(2YO 1:52.2)

2F 1:54.2 BETTOR BUSINESS, Better’s Delight-Ticky Business-No Nukes
JFE Enterprise & Triple D Stbts. D. Hock
(YR 9-28) D. Dube. S. Di Domenico
(2YO 1:54.2)

2G 1:54.1 DESIGN GURU, Artisscape-Lookinforagirlkeen-No Nukes
J. Snyder. Winbak Fm.
(YR 8-22) G. Brennan. C. Coleman (Littlebitoffilife 1:54.1)

Data through 10/22/13. NEW LEADERS IN GREEN*Division, current season’s record, current leader, breeding Owner(s). Breeder(s). (Track and date) Driver. Trainer. (World record).
Big Week For $200-Million Man Pierce

With 11 drives in the 12 Breeders Crown finals last Saturday night, Oct. 19, at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Ron Pierce and Tim Tetrick were the busiest drivers on the card. Pierce and Tetrick both won three Crown finals, but with Pierce also having three second-place finishes to Tetrick's trio of third-place finishes, he was the leading money-winning driver on the night with $1,126,500 in purse earnings. Tetrick was second with $981,000.

Pierce's wins came with Shake It Cerry (2FT), Luck Be With you (2CP) and Spider Blue Chip (3CT); Tetrick scored with I Luv The Nitelife (3FP), Market Share (OHT) and Captain-treacherous (3CP). For the night, Pierce's five-percent driver fee came to $56,325, while Tetrick earned $49,050.

Pierce also took honors as the leading money-winning driver for the seven-day period of Oct. 16-22, with his total earnings of $1,227,960 being $130,410 more than Tetrick's $1,097,550.

Pierce also recently joined John Campbell as the only two drivers to reach the $200-million mark in career earnings. Pierce, 57, reached the milestone on Sept. 18 at Delaware, Ohio, when he won a $52,194 Buckette division with Frau Blucher. Pierce still has a long way to go to catch Campbell, who currently has more than $284.7 million in career purse earnings.

“White Out” Expected At Harrisburg Sale

When you've already beaten odds of 200,000–1, nothing else seems all that daunting.

The white Standardbred colt born May 6, 2012, and named White Bliss, is one of about 200,000 births among Standardbreds and was a big surprise to all at Fair Winds Farm in Cream Ridge, N.J. He's the son of a bay stallion and a bay mare, with not a single white relative in the family tree.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, he will go up for sale at public auction as hip 305 at the Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg. To beat the next set of odds, White Bliss, the DNA-confirmed son of Art Major and the mare Coochie Mama will have to be among a few dozen top horses of the 9,000 Standardbreds registered each year in North America.

“He actually looks really good,” said breeder Pete Con-gilose. “He's not a real big colt, but his family doesn’t throw really big horses, but conformation-wise he looks good. He has his own Facebook page (White Colt) and I posted his sales video and to date, it's got around 17,000 hits. A lot of people from all over the world have been looking at him.”

In advance of the sale, White Bliss is going through a daily routine.

“He's going through the same prep classes that everyone else is,” says Fair Winds owner Mark Mullen. “At the end of August, he was broke to lead, and he's been in an exercise machine every other day and in the paddock every other day. He's getting groomed every day and he's looking more and more white and spectacular.

“If he was a brown or a bay, you'd say, ‘That's a good-look ing Art Major colt.’ He's got a nice head, he's the right size, he's got a good body. He's just a really good-looking yearling. But he's white. It's going to be one of those things where people will love him or they'll say, ‘That's just not for me.’ There's going to be somebody out there who is smitten and that's what I'm counting on. I had a person call from the United Kingdom and ask me what he would go for. I tell people he can go for $35,000 or $135,000, we can't know.

“He wanted me to do a deal with him on the phone. I said, ‘Listen, this is a nice horse. He's going to race in the New York Sires Stakes circuit for $50,000 or $100,000 so that is how he is going to get priced.’” (HRC)

A Rocknroll Dance Retired To Stud

Multiple world champion and 2012 Meadowlands Pace winner A Rocknroll Dance has been retired from racing and will begin his stud career in 2014 at Diamond Creek Farm of Pennsylvania, according to Diamond Creek owner Adam Bowden.

A Rocknroll Dance p,2,1:49.1; 3,1:48.1f; 4,1:47.2-’13, by Rocknroll Hanover and from a half-sister to Western Hanover, won $2,429,441 and was the first horse in history to take three consecutive sub-1:48 wins. Those scores came this year in an invitational at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs (1:47.4f) and then the elim and final of the $651,000 Canadian Pacing Derby (1:47.3-1:47.2).

He established world records as a 4 year old on both five-eighths and half-mile tracks. His 1:49.1 world mark on a half was taken winning the Battle Of Lake Erie at Northfield over Foiled Again, and his 1:47.4 world mark on a five-eighths came in the invite at Pocono.

In addition, he set the pace for world record miles for Bolt The Duer as a 3 year old (1:47.4f in the Adios Final) and Pet Rock as a 4 year old (1:47.2f at Scioto). He would later defeat all three of those horses in his tour de force, winning the Canadian Pacing Derby at Mohawk in track and Canadian record time.

“I think fans know he was among the fastest of a tremen dous group of FFA pacers this year,” Bowden said.

Bowden noted that the horse had evidently suffered an earlier undiagnosed injury which led to a sub-par perform ance in the recent Breeders Crown elim.

Bowden said A Rocknroll Dance is now being syndicated, and that his fee will be announced soon. (Diamond Creek Farm)

Scott Zeron Moving Base To Meadowlands

Scott Zeron, the 2012 Rising Star Award winner, will make the Meadowlands his home beginning with the grand opening of the new facility on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Zeron, who became the youngest driver in history to reach 2,000 wins on March 21, said that this was not an easy decision.

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“This was difficult for me,” said Zeron. “Canadian racing has been my home and it’s not going to be easy leaving. But I have to do what is best for the longevity of my career and I think heading to the (United) States, specifically the move to the Meadowlands, is the best thing for my career.”

Zeron already has his name on one of harness racing’s most coveted prizes, the Little Brown Jug, which he won in 2012 with Michael’s Power. He was the youngest driver to ever win that prestigious event.

“I got to drive a horse that I drove regularly in Canada on a big stage and I think it showed people what I can do and that I can drive with the best,” he said. “The Meadowlands is iconic and it means a lot to me to become a part of that driving colony.”

While Zeron admitted he is taking on a new challenge and in a way is starting over, he’ll get a little help from his friends. “I’ll have to work my way up and do it picking up catch drives, but there are some American trainers that I have driven for, like Frank Antonacci, who I think will give me opportunities. Tony Alagna is another trainer that I think I will do some work for as well.”

**Stallions Return To Races With Qualifier Wins**

The qualifying session Wednesday morning (Oct. 23) at Mohawk Racetrack looked like a blast from the past as two horses that had been standing at stud returned to the races. The first horse to show up on the docket was 2011 Canadian Trotting Classic and O’Brien Award winner Daylon Magician. Now five, the son of Kadabra-Daylon Marvel last saw action almost one year to date with a fifth-place finish in the 2012 Breeders Crown Open Horse Trot.

Jack Moiseyev was back in the bike for the David Lemon pupil, and the duo showed no signs of race rust whatsoever. With temperatures hovering just a few degrees above freezing, Daylon Magician closed with a :28.3 quarter to trounce his trotting rivals in 1:56.1 by a margin of more than 11 lengths.

Daylon Farms still owns the millionaire, who set world records on both half-mile and five-eighths mile tracks before standing stud in 2013.

Another stallion returning to the races after a tour of stud duty is 2007 Breeders Crown winner Santanna Blue Chip. The 8-year-old son of Art Major was back at the familiar controls of driver Jody Jamieson for the first time since December 2008 and the combination clicked once again.

Santanna Blue Chip was a comfortable winner, nearly eight lengths to the good in a time of 1:56.3.

After standing in Ontario and Ohio, Santanna Blue Chip now reports to the barn of trainer and co-owner Jeff Gillis. (SC)

**Meadowlands Late-Closers Announced**

The opening of the Meadowlands fall meet in the brand new grandstand on Nov. 23 is now just a month away.

Looking beyond the balance of 2013, dates for 2014 are awaiting regulatory approval. The 2014 racing season will be comprised of 81 dates. Headlined by the Hambletonian, Meadowlands Pace and the Breeders Crown championships, purses for next year’s stakes program will top $15 million.

Racing will get underway on Jan. 2 with a Thursday, Friday, Saturday schedule through March 8 and continue with Friday and Saturday night cards through Hambletonian day, Aug. 2. The only exception is a Wednesday, Jan. 22, program that leads into the two-week break for the Super Bowl at Met Life Stadium. Live racing will resume on Feb. 6.

The Winter Series’ have been remodeled to allow for greater regularity in getting the overnight horses raced through that part of the year when fewer tracks are in operation. The reduction in the number of series’ also resulted in significant increases to the leg and final purse for some.

The first flight of closers includes the Super Bowl and Charles Singer for trotters, which have been opened to include both 3 and 4 year olds. The Presidential returns, but a month later than previous seasons (Feb. 15), in a single elimination and final format. The Junior Trendsetter has been renamed for Hall of Fame driver and longtime fan favorite William “Buddy” Gilmour.

The nominating fees remain the same for all events and the nomination deadline is Dec. 15. Follow this link to download a nomination form. There are more late closers in the works, including the popular Survivor Claiming Series tentatively set for March. Those will be made available in the near future with a Feb. 15 close.

**McNair To Represent Canada In France**

Doug McNair may need to brush up on his French as he will be representing Canada in the 2013 International Week-end of the French Trotter. The multi-day event, which will take place at the Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes, will kick off Nov. 29 and conclude on Dec. 1.

“I definitely wasn’t expecting that,” said McNair. “It’s exciting and it’s going to be a lot of fun. I’ve never been to that part of the world.”

**Johnny Longshot Production Underway**

Production on Johnny Longshot, a movie being produced by actor Emilio Estevez, who will also star in the film as a retired Thoroughbred jockey who wants to make a comeback in racing as a harness driver with winning the Little Brown Jug his goal, has begun. A trailer has been posted on Youtube promoting Johnny Longshot, although Estevez told harnessracing.com the version is still not completely finished.

To view the Johnny Longshot trailer, please click [here](#).
Trotters

MILE TRACKS

3C 1:52 ROYALTY FOR LIFE, RC Royal-Bourbon ’N Grits (M 7-13) B. Sears, A. Ross, R.W.J. Campbell Jr. & F. Fontaine. A. Ross


3G 1:51 BEE A MAGICIAN, Kadabra-Beethevio (M 7-13) B. Sears, M. Hartman, D. McDuffie & H. Livernier. White Birch Farm. (Bee A Magician’s 1:51)


4S 1:51 MODERN FAMILY, Cantab Half-Domestic Diva (M 5-11) T. Tetrick R. Pollacco, H. & C. Dornbeck. Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. (Chapter Seventy 1:50.1)

4M 1:54.4 D’ORSAY, Yankee Glide-Danae (M 8-3) J. Campbell J. W. & J. Duford. Windsong Stb. (GIANT DIABLO 1:50.1)

AG 1:50.2 ARCH MADNESS, 9, Balanced Image-Ambro Archer (Lex 9-29) D. Noble B. & J. Shaw. (Beau Brummel 1:50.3)


HALF-MILE TRACKS


3F 1:53.1 FRAU BLUCHER, Broadway-Half My Angel (PcD 6-12) J. Snyder J. & K. Hufnagel. Let It Ride Stbs.

3G 1:54 SEVRUGA, 5, Warrawee Koine (PcD 6-12) F. Bellino M. & J. Aguirre. Winbak Farm.


Pacers

MILE TRACKS

3C 1:47.1 CAPTAINTREACHEROUS, SomebawsomehereWorldlyTreasure (Lex 9-28) T. Tetrick White Birch Farm. (SOMEBAWESOMESOMEBWHERE 1:46.4)

3F 1:47 SHEBESTINGEN, Bettor’s Delight-Armbro Tussle (Lex 10-5) D. Miller R. F. & J. Dressler LLC. Val’ Dor Frms. & T. Gevertz. S. De De SHEBESTINGEN 1:47.1

3G 1:48.3 VEGAS VACATION, A Touch Of Frost (Lex 9-16) B. Sears F. Bellino. A. Perretti Stbs. Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par. (Dw’s Ny Yank 1:47.1)

4G 1:48.1 SPEED AGAIN, Dragon Again-Sand Speed (Moh 8-17) B. Davis Jr. J. Gills, K. Henwood, M. Nichols & G. Stanby. B. & J. Dressler LLC.

4M 1:50 IDEAL IN VEGAS, Western Ideal-Vegas Style (M 6-14) C. Callahan J. & K. Lamm. Hanover Shoe Farms. (WARRAWEE NEEDY 1:46.4)

5G 1:48.1 LUCAN HANOVER, Western Ideal-Lauren Order (M 8-3) D. Miller West Winds Stb. & C. Calhoun. Hanover Shoe Farms. (WARRAWEE NEEDY 1:46.4)

FIVE-EIGHTHS TRACKS

3C 1:47.4 SUNSHINE BEACH, Somebeawsome-SomewhereAround 1:48 T. B. Sears D. Bertrand, Hudson Smdbrd Stb. & C. Leiber. J. M. & J. A. Egloff (Bolt The Duer, Sunshine Beach 1:47.4)


5M 1:48.1 ROYALTY FOR LIFE, Riverboat King-Easy Miss (M 7-20) T. Tetrick J. & D. Morin. D. & R. Peck. (Put On A Show 1:47.3)

AG 1:48.4 CAMEAUS FELLOW, 5, Choc-Choc-Tamong (M 7-20) Y. Gingras L. M. & J. A. Egloff (Cameaus Fellow 1:48.4)

HALF-MILE TRACKS

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4M 1:49 LIGHTNING PAIGE, Hellacious Venture (PcD 8-30) A. McCarthy Lightning Stb. (Drop The Ball 1:48.4)


5M 1:49.3 VEGAS VACATION, A Touch Of Frost (PcD 6-14) C. Callahan Vegas Vacation. (Drop The Ball 1:48.4)

AG 1:48.1 FOILED AGAIN, Rocknroll Hanover-All A Safe Place (PcD 6-22) Y. Gingras Wea bundles, Rcg. Stb. JJK Stbs. & Burke Rcg. Stb. (Foiled Again 1:48.1)

5G 1:49.3 RESISTANCE FUTILE, Rocknroll Hanover-Allamerican Coed (PcD 6-29) F. M. Callahan M. & J. A. Egloff (RESISTANCE FUTILE 1:49.3)

5F 1:49.3 WARRAWEE NEEDY, Western Ideal-Lauren Order (M 8-3) D. Miller West Winds Stb. & C. Calhoun. Hanover Shoe Farms. (WARRAWEE NEEDY 1:46.4)

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**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through Oct. 22, 2013 (week difference Oct. 16-22)

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**Leaders Of The Week**

Ranked by wins for Oct. 16-22 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

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November 2013

sunday  monday  tuesday  wednesday  thursday  friday  saturday

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1  All Saints’ Day
   Carl Erskine 3CT (HoP)
   Circle City 3FP/3FT (HoP)
   Elevation 2CP (HoP)
   Hoosier Park Pacing Derby (HoP)
   Monument Circle 3CP (HoP)
   Simpson 2CP/3FP (VD)
   Simpson 2CT/2FT (VD)
   Hallowen

2  Am-Nat 2CP/2FP elims (BlmP)
   Lady Maud 3FP final (YR)
   Messenger 3CP final (YR)

3
Daylight Saving Time Ends

4
Standardbred Horse Yearling Sale
   begins at Harrisburg, Pa.

5
Veterans Day
   Remembrance Day (Can.)
   DSBF 2CT (DD)

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8
Standardbred Horse Mixed Sale
   begins in Harrisburg, Pa.

9
Am-Nat 2CP/2FP finals (BlmP)
   Am-Nat 3CP/3FP (BlmP)
   Am-Nat 3CT/3FT (BlmP)
   Am-Nat OHP/OHT (BlmP)

10  Matron 2YO elims (DD)
    Matron 3YO elims (DD)

11
   Veterans Day
   Remembrance Day (Can.)
   DSBF 2CT (DD)

12
   DSBF 2CT (DD)
   Valedictory 3CP (Wdb)
   Blooded Horse Fall Speed Sale
   begins at Delaware, Ohio

13
   Thanksgiving
   Chanukah
   Niagara 3FP (Wdb)

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15  Abe Lincoln 2CP (May)
    Cinderella 2FP (May)
    Gall 2CT (May)
    Windy City 3CP (May)

16
   Forest City Yearling Sale
   begins at London, Ont.

17  DSBF 2CP/2FP (DD)
    Matron 2YO finals (DD)
    Matron 3YO finals (DD)

18
   DSBF 2CT (DD)
   Valedictory 3CP (Wdb)
   Blooded Horse Fall Speed Sale
   begins at Delaware, Ohio

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23
   Goldsmith Maid 2FT elims (M)
   Governor’s Cup 2CP elims (M)
   Meadowslands FFA Pace (M)
   Meadowslands FFA Trot (M)
   Three Diamonds 2FP elims (M)
   Valley Victory 2CT elims (M)
   Meadowsands open

24  DSBF 2CP/2FP (DD)
    Progress 3CP elims (DD)

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   Goldsmith Maid 2FT final (M)
   Governor’s Cup 2CP final (M)
   Meadowslands FFA Pace final (M)
   Meadowslands FFA Trot final (M)
   Moni Maker 3FT (M)
   Nadia Lobell 3FP (M)
   Three Diamonds 2FP final (M)
   Valley Victory 2CT final (M)

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