

### Oakes Hopes To Show Off Beach Body In Matron

With a win average of 17.6 percent, post 5 is easily the winningest starting spot in 2013 at Dover Downs. And that suits trainer Chris Oakes just fine as he sends out Beach Body from post 5 in Sunday night's \$132,525 Matron for 2-year-old filly pacers, one of eight stakes finals on the 15-race program.



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This will be Beach Body's 13th start of the year, but just the fifth time she has drawn inside post 6. Still, the daughter of Somebeachsomewhere has posted three victories, all in Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) contests, including a career best 1:53.1f at The Meadows. Her biggest check of \$125,000 came when she finished second in the \$500,000 Breeders Crown final on Oct. 19 at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs at odds of 40-1.

"She's had some bad luck throughout the year, but thank goodness going for that kind of money she got her act together," said Oakes. "She's put \$280,000 on her card already and that's a pretty solid year for a 2-year-old filly."

Beach Body was an \$110,000 yearling purchase by Conrad Zurich and Purple Haze Stable. On Nov. 4 in Harrisburg, acting on behalf of Zurich, Oakes also bought Beach Body's full sister, Bodacious, for \$355,000. The two fillies are half sisters to the stakes-winning Malicious and the 2010 Sweetheart Pace runner-up Ms. Malicious.

"We went to the farm and looked at her, and Conrad and his wife really liked her a lot," Oakes said of Bodacious. "Honestly, I think the day we pulled out of that farm, he had made his mind up that she was coming home."

As for Beach Body, she came out of the box this year with three PASS wins, but then Oakes gave her a month break

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## \$132,525 Matron 2YOFB

Dover Downs, Sunday, Nov. 17, Race 5, Post Time: 6:50 pm

Post—Horse (Sire)	Driver/Trainer	Odds	Breeder/Yearling Sale (Price)
1—Tyra (McArdle)	T. Tetrick/J. King Jr.	9-2	Ernest Hartman/Lex (\$10,000)
2—My Lady Day (Western Ideal)	D. Miller/J. Holloway	10-1	Perretti Farms/Lex (\$75,000)
3—Table Talk (Bettor's Delight)	A. Miller/B. Daliou	12-1	Big Als Stable, D. Smith, D. Parham/HB (\$3,500)
4—Somethincredible (Ponder)	J. Campbell/R. McIntosh	5-1	R. McIntosh Stbs., CSX Stbs., D. Boyle/Homebred
5—Beach Body (Somebeachsomewhere)	B. Sears/C. Oakes	5-2	John Egloff, Linwood Higgins/HB (\$110,000)
6—Instant Respect (Art Major)	R. Pierce/J. Takter	9-2	Perretti Farms/Lex (\$90,000)
7—Ali Blue (American Ideal)	Y. Gingras/J. Takter	7-2	Michael Parisi/HB (\$90,000)
8—Kate Can't Wait (Rockroll Hanover)	C. Callahan/R. Croghan	15-1	Jules & Arlene Siegel/—



**Beach Body**

before the \$260,000 final on Sept. 15 at The Meadows. Beach Body finished seventh—the only time she missed a check this year—but Oakes was content.

“I wanted to give her a break as it’s a long year. That’s why she’s been good in October, because I wasn’t racing the crap out of her all year long,” said Oakes. “A lot of fillies are real good early, but late in the year when all the big money is on the line, you don’t see them around. You have to try and manage them as best you can to be around and have any kind of life at the end of the year.”

Beach Body also came into the Matron elims on Nov. 10 following a three-week layoff after the Breeders Crown. With Brian Sears driving, Beach Body finished fourth, 4 ½ lengths behind the winning Ali Blue, who starts from post 7 in the final.

“She needed the race; I think she was a little short,” said Oakes. “I had been real easy on her the last couple weeks because she had been going hard. The game plan was to get her qualified. She raced well. She had a tough trip first-up. I think she’ll be a lot better this week.”

While Beach Body is eligible to the Three Diamonds (elims on Nov. 23) at the Meadowlands, Oakes said the Matron will likely be her last start. He already is looking forward to 2014.

“She’s a great, big horse, and a good-looking filly,” he said. “If they do well at two and they have size, to me I think it’s an advantage opposed to a little horse that did good at two. When these horses all mature and start going those (1):49 miles, little horses don’t seem to be able to hack it. I like it that she’s big, strong and sound, so I expect her to come back well.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*

# WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

## Friday, November 15

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- 6:10p DD3 **Matron** 2CT [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 6:50p DD5 **Matron** 2FP [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:10p DD9 **Matron** 2FT [Trackmaster PPs](#)
- 8:30p DD10 **Matron** 3CP [Trackmaster PPs](#)
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## Post Position Wins at Dover Downs

PP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Starts</b>	1,718	1,718	1,718	1,718	1,717	1,702	1,604	1,237	568
<b>Win</b>	277	229	245	272	303	180	95	64	55
<b>Place</b>	300	281	240	231	234	194	108	82	48
<b>Show</b>	244	234	248	258	248	190	150	89	57

## Percent in Money

<b>Win</b>	16.1	13.3	14.3	15.8	17.6	10.6	5.9	5.2	9.7
<b>Place</b>	33.6	29.7	28.2	29.3	31.3	22.0	12.7	11.8	18.1
<b>Show</b>	47.8	43.3	42.7	44.3	45.7	33.1	22.0	19.0	28.2

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## Miller Has A “Pleasant Surprise” For Matron Final

Some horses seem to have natural ability once they look through a bridle for racing, but many young horses don't realize their talent until they line up behind the starting gate. For trainer Julie Miller's 2-year-old pacing colt McWicked, the latter is true.

McWicked has carded \$167,251 heading into Sunday's \$154,575 Matron final at Dover Downs, where Andy Miller will drive from post 2. Julie Miller said McWicked's strong season was never an expectation when she trained him down.



**“He was kind of lazy, but once we woke him up, he was great.”**

– Julie Miller on McWicked

Miller has been thrilled with the success of her colt in the strong PASS program.

“He has been a pleasant surprise. He's hit the board every time and earned over \$160,000. I can't complain,” said Miller.

Following a runner-up finish Sept. 23 in the Keystone Classic at The Meadows, McWicked received a month layoff, returning on Oct. 30 with a winning qualifying effort at Harrah's Philadelphia. He then made his first trek outside Pennsylvania for the Matron eliminations at Dover, where he made a strong statement by finishing second by a head to All Bets Off in a speedy 1:51.2 mile.

“He raced great in the elimination,” said Miller. “I was pleased with the effort, especially off a long layoff where we only got one qualifier beforehand.”

McWicked, bred by Andray Farm, was a \$35,000 yearling purchase at the 2012 Harrisburg sale by Erv Miller. He is out of the Western Ideal mare Western Sahara, a half sister to 2004 Ontario Sires Stakes 2-Year-Old Colt Pace champion Isle Of Patmos.

While the colt has been owned by Erv Miller's daughter, Hannah, in partnership with Paymaq Racing and the Andy Miller Stable, he was sold at the recent Harrisburg Mixed Sale for \$210,000 to Ed James' SSG Stable. Julie said following the Matron that McWicked would be moved to trainer James MacDonald, who is Ontario based but is already in Florida for the winter.—By Jay Hochstetler

“He really grew into himself,” she said. “He trained nicely, but nothing special. He was kind of lazy, but once we woke him up, he was great.”

The wake-up call for McWicked resulted in hitting the board in all nine starts thus far in his freshman campaign, including three wins, five seconds and a third. Sticking to the Pennsylvania ovals until just last weekend for the Matron eliminations, McWicked scored several Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) victories. He also finished third in the \$260,000 PASS championship at Harrah's Philadelphia. He earned his lifetime mark in an impressive 1:52 victory at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on July 17 in a PASS.

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*Chip Chip Hooray-Freeneasy De Vie-Credit Winner*

First foal from NYSS winner **FREENEASY DE VIE** 3,1:59 (\$43,310). From a maternal family that includes a host of stakes winners highlighted by **SPEED BOWL** 3,1:56.2 (\$805,282).

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*Muscle Mass-Lina's Lottery-Credit Winner*

Full sister to **AVENTURE** 2,1:57.3-'13 (\$36,710), who swept the Autumn Series at Woodbine winning both legs and the Final ([click here for video](#)). Third foal from stakes winner **LINA'S LOTTERY** 3,2:02.2h (\$70,468), half-sister to the dam of International trotting star **CROMWELL** 1:52.5 (\$700,000-Intl.).

### Hip 304 DANCE MOVES, blk.c. (IN Eligible)

*Swan For All-Right Bayou-Kadabra*

First foal from an unraced daughter of Kadabra. Second dam is **ROUX HANOVER** 4,1:57.1 (\$50,547), half-sister to 3 \$100,000 winners, including **RUSHMORE HANOVER** 3,1:55.2 (\$448,010), plus the stakes placed 2-year-old **REFLECTION HANOVER** 2,1:58-'13 (\$40,699).

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## Will Archetto Hanover End Streak In Abe Lincoln?

If a horse is winless in 17 starts, it is usually safe to assume he is a longshot in a Grand Circuit stake. For Erv Miller, his maiden colt Archetto Hanover may just be the one to beat in the \$87,000 Abe Lincoln for 2-year-old colt pacers at Maywood Park Friday night.

Despite never reaching the winner's circle this season, Archetto Hanover has logged a successful first season with \$93,576 earned and seven second-place finishes, racing primarily in the New York Sires Stakes.



**"He's given an honest effort every start this year!"**

*— Erv Miller on Archetto Hanover, who is winless in 17 starts*

"He's given an honest effort every start this year," said Miller. "We expected him to be pretty good in the American National last weekend, but he scoped a little sick."

Kingofthejungle is the even-money favorite in the program, but because he will be scratched "sick" out of the race, that role will now go to Archetto Hanover, who was installed at 2-1 on the morning line. As a result of the scratch, Archetto Hanover will start from post 2, and he will be very comfortable on the Chicago half-mile oval after racing several times on half-mile tracks in New York. His

toughest competitor will be just to the inside of him, Odds On Rhodonite, who got the best of Archetto Hanover last week in the American National.

With the sickness hopefully past him and a good post, Miller thinks his colt's maiden may be broken at just the right time. A victory in the Abe Lincoln would push the Bettor's Delight colt's earnings into six figures for the year.

A \$67,000 yearling purchase of Paymaq Racing, Greg Gillis and Andy Willinger, Archetto Hanover is a half brother to millionaire Alsace Hanover, winner of the 2011 Adios Pace.

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Aside from Archetto Hanover, Miller has two sophomore trotters, Skyline Road and Pine Credit contending in the \$110,000 Galt (Race 7) and gave an update.

**Skyline Road**—The Illinois-bred colt won his last start at Maywood before the American National. "He has a good post, but I think he may be racing for a check. He won his last start here, but he didn't have to go as fast as he will this week," Miller said.

**Pine Credit**—The winner of \$397,849 lifetime, is used to racing against the best of the best in the division. "I think he has a great chance in this race. He handled the half well while racing in New York, and I think he is ready," said Miller. — *By Jay Hochstetler*

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## Shebestingin Tabbed Favorite In Matron 3FP

Shebestingin is the 3-5 morning line favorite in Sunday's \$130,650 Matron Stakes for 3-year-old filly pacers at Dover Downs. She will start from post 4 with David Miller in the sulky. Last week, Shebestingin won her Matron elimination by three lengths over Ms. Caila J Fra in 1:51.2.

Shebestingin has won 10 of 17 starts this year and finished in the top three a total of 14 times while earning \$489,551. The three times she failed to hit the board were the \$500,000 Breeders Crown, \$350,000 Valley Forge and \$184,250 Mistletoe Shalee. All three of those races, as well as the \$300,000

**"I Luv The Nitelife has been the dominant filly. In my heart, I think if we were ever on our good day and have a shot, we could beat her."**

— Joe Holloway

James M. Lynch Memorial where Shebestingin finished second, were won by I Luv The Nitelife.

"I Luv The Nitelife has been the dominant filly; the best 3-year-old filly," said Holloway, who trains Shebestingin for owners Val D'Or Farms, Ted Gewertz and L&L De-Visser. "In my heart, I think if we were ever on our good day and have a shot, we could beat her. But we haven't done it, so you have to tip your hat to them. I knew it would be a battle with her, but I thought come year end, we would best her more than she bested us.

"We'll have to maybe wait to find out next year. But it should be fun."

Other highlights this year included winning her division of the Glen Garnsey in a world-record 1:47 at The Red Mile on Oct. 5 and capturing the \$250,750 Empire Breeders Classic in a stakes- and track-record 1:49 at Tioga Downs on Aug. 11.



Shebestingin

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Her 1:47 mile in the Garnsey is the fastest ever by a female pacer of any age in harness racing history.

"(Was I surprised) that she raced well? No," Holloway said about her effort at The Red Mile. "That she went in (1):47 flat, time becomes a little bit irrelevant anymore because horses can go so fast, but I've known she's been an extremely fast horse for quite some time."

Holloway said Shebestingin had issues tying up at The Red Mile and was not at her best heading into the Breeders Crown. But those issues seem to be in the past as she prepares for the Matron final.

"We had a tough week before the Breeders Crown," Holloway said. "She had tied up, but no excuses, you have to be good when you have to be good. I wish she had been a little bit better for the night of the Breeders Crown, but she wasn't. But she was very good last week and seems to be excellent so far this week."

As for her chances in the Matron, Holloway said he expected her to race well.

"I just hope she is as good as she was last week," he added. "She'll handle the rest from there." (HRC)

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## Harmer Ready To Make Pertty Music In Cinderella

When trainer-driver Tom Harmer speaks of his homebred filly Pertty Music, he does so with the beaming pride of a proud parent. And with good reason.

Harmer not only bred, trains and owns the 3-year-old brown lass, but he also owned, trained, and drove the filly's parents, Jereme's Jet and My Metallica.

Even more unique is the story behind the pairing of Jereme's Jet and My Metallica that produced Pertty Music, who will go postward in Friday's \$73,000 Cinderella Stake for sophomore pacing fillies.

On Sept. 17, 2005, My Metallica entered the Balmoral Park winner's circle after capturing the \$260,000 Orange & Blue Filly Stake in 1:52.3. The celebrating Harmer just happened to glance up at a TV at that precise moment and saw his other charge, Jereme's Jet, leaving the Mohawk winner's circle in Canada, after just winning the \$840,000 Metro final in 1:50.4.

"I didn't think about breeding them to each other at that moment, but then later when I thought about it, I thought about how cool it was that one was coming in the winner's circle and the other was leaving at the same time and I told (my wife) Debbie that we just had to breed them someday," Harmer explained.

### Post Position Wins at Maywood Park

PP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Starts</b>	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,147	1,127	942	450	2
<b>Win</b>	209	157	153	157	176	103	99	56	41	0
<b>Place</b>	198	196	151	162	143	114	83	58	49	0
<b>Show</b>	160	162	145	140	160	151	101	82	46	0
<b>Percent in Money</b>										
<b>Win</b>	18.2	13.7	13.3	13.7	15.3	9.0	8.8	5.9	9.1	0.0
<b>Place</b>	35.4	30.7	26.4	27.7	27.7	18.9	16.1	12.1	20.0	0.0
<b>Show</b>	49.3	44.8	39.0	39.9	41.7	32.1	25.1	20.8	30.2	0.0

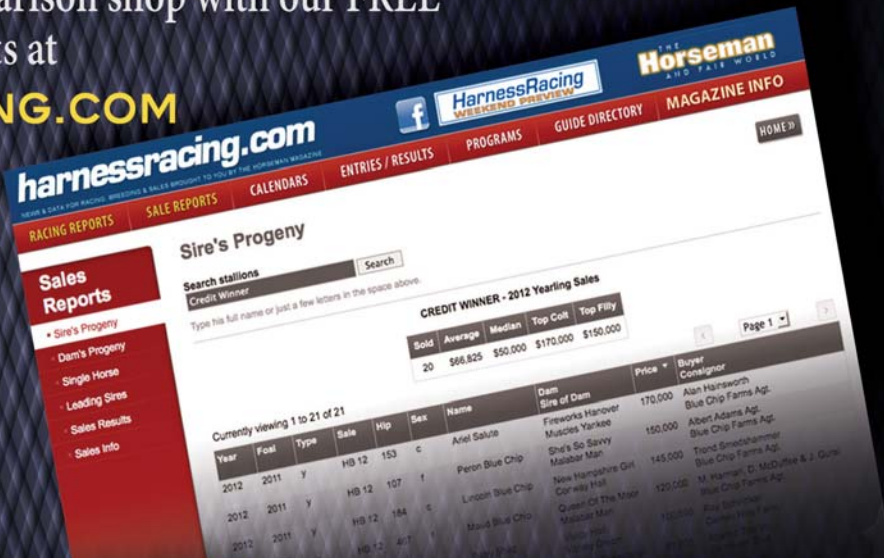
Pertty Music has won four starts this season in 19 tries, with two seconds and two thirds, with \$72,736 added to her coffers this season. Prior to finishing sixth in last Saturday's \$161,000 American National 3-Year-Old Filly Pace at Balmoral, she scored a 1:54 triumph at the Crete one-miler in a conditioned test. Lifetime she's amassed \$97,792 from 29 starts.

"It's really exceptional when you've raced both the parents of a youngster, and then you get the thrill of being the breeder, because you figured out the right combination," Harmer admitted. "It becomes double-special when they turn out to be something that you've trained and driven, and gotten to the races. It's just a great feeling." (Maywood Park)

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## Gingras: Racing At New Big M “A Little Bit Weird”

The first races using the new configuration at the Meadowlands took place Thursday morning with eight qualifiers. With the building of the new grandstand, the racing has been reversed, with the start/finish line now on what used to be the backstretch.

Trond Smedshammer drove Blacktuxwhitesocks to a 1:57 win in the first qualifier, and then he followed that up by directing Arch Madness to a 1:54 victory as that trotter preps for the upcoming \$500,000 TVG Free For All on Nov. 30 at the Big M. Smedshammer said he felt both horses seemed a bit confused with the new scenario, especially the 9-year-old Arch Madness, who has made 40 of his 97 career starts at the Meadowlands.

“Usually he knows when he comes out of the last turn he picks himself up and accelerates, and today he actually wanted to slow down a little bit,” said Smedshammer of Arch Madness, who owns the track record for 3-year-old geldings (1:52.2 in 2007) and older geldings (1:50.2 in 2011). “I had to holler at him to get him to really trot home.”

Smedshammer said the 6-year-old Blacktuxwhitesocks was initially confused but quickly worked his way out of it.

“He picked it up right away when warming up,” he said. “When I turned him on the backside, right after we went past the wire, which used to be the half-mile pole, he pulled himself up. He thought he was done with the mile.”

The biggest winner of the morning was driver Yannick Gingras, who had five victories. Included among his scores was a 1:57.4 effort by Southwind Spirit, who won the Kindergarten Trotting Classic for 2-year-old colts, and a 1:54.4 clocking by New Jersey Sires Stakes 2-Year-Old Colt Pace champion Western Vintage.

“It was weird, a little bit weird,” said Gingras. “You hit the backstretch, which used to be the homestretch, and it definitely was a little bit different and more than I expected.”

“There was a little bit of a breeze today but it wasn’t crazy, so it didn’t make much difference. But down the road, when there are those big winds in January and February, it will definitely change the way we race. The wind will now be in our face coming home. The bottom line is that it’s still 10 horses in a race who have to go through the same conditions. I’ll see how the track plays out on that night and make my strategy.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*

## The Captain On Pace For TVG Free For All

As of Wednesday morning it appears Captaintreacherous will go where no horse has gone in recent memory, and that is starting in a major stakes event as a 3 year old against older horses. As the winner of the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Pace, the connections of Captaintreacherous were invited to race in the \$500,000 TVG Free For All Pace

on Nov. 30 at the Meadowlands, an offer that seems likely to be accepted.

“That’s what we’re planning, but of course he has to train and jog, but as of now it’s all systems go,” said Captaintreacherous Racing’s Myron Bell. “This is an opportunity to show the world what this colt is all about.”

The last marquee 3-year-old colt pacer to take on older competition was Niatross, who shipped all the way to California to win the American Pacing Classic at Hollywood Park. In the 30-year history of the Breeders Crown, no 3-year-old male pacer or trotter has ever raced in the Open event. The only sophomore trotters who have started in the Open events were Donnina in the 3-Year-Old Filly Trot in 1994 (sixth to Armbro Keepsake at Freehold) and CR Kay Suzie, who won the 1995 Open Mare Trot at Delaware, Ohio.

Bell said because Captaintreacherous will have been off three full weeks since his American National win at Balmoral Park on Nov. 9, trainer Tony Alagna is considering either qualifying or training the pacer on Nov. 21 at the Meadowlands during the Preview Night festivities prior to the opening of the new grandstand and fall meet on Nov. 23.

Alagna admits there are pros and cons against racing Captaintreacherous against older horses, including Breeders Crown Older Pace champ Foiled Again and American National winner Pet Rock.

“I think the pros are that this horse can go with that level of horses,” said Alagna. “The beauty of that race is that he won’t have to do all the work, he’ll be able to trip out. And that will change the dynamics of the race quite a bit.”

Alagna also understands the flip side.

“The cons are that he goes in it and he gets beat. Nobody wants to see that happen,” he said. “Regardless of what you do, there’s always going to be somebody who mentions the other side of it.”

“If he goes there and finishes second, then somebody will say he shouldn’t have gone. If he goes there and he wins it, they’ll say it really didn’t mean anything because the other ones are tired. There’s always going to be a con to every conversation about any race, based on how people perceive it.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*

## Burke Tops \$20 Million: Nears 1,000 Wins

Horses trained by Ron Burke, North America’s leading conditioner, surpassed the \$20 million mark in 2013 earnings on Wednesday when For All We Know picked up the third-place check in a \$14,000 mares claiming handicap pace at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

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Burke is the first North American harness conditioner to ever crack the \$20 million plateau. Thoroughbred trainer Todd Pletcher currently has 2013 purse earnings of \$23 million.

In addition to the record for purse earnings, Burke's trainees also have 981 wins thus far in 2013—another record.

Burke has led all North American trainers in both wins and earnings for four straight years and is poised to run that streak to five when the 2013 season concludes.

Burke won 906 races in 2012, breaking harness racing's training record of 842 established by his stable in 2010. He saw his horses win \$19.69 million in purses in 2012, breaking the record of \$18.54 million set by his stable in 2011.

## Fort Silky Looks To Lock Up Bonus In McKeever

It's not often that the "star" of your team retires and the squad doesn't miss a beat. But that's the case for "Team Leonard" as Fort Silky looks to post his 16th win of the season and lock up a \$20,000 bonus when he takes on seven other state-bred pacers in Friday's \$30,000 Lester McKeever Stake at Maywood Park.

Fresh off three straight victories against open company in the Invitational ranks at Balmoral Park, the 7-year-old son of Ft. Apache Hanover enters the McKeever Stake in peak form for trainer Terry Leonard. Fort Silky enters Friday's battle sporting an impressive record of 15-11-2 in 31 starts this season with earnings of \$239,795, bringing his career total to \$536,939.

"I think he's as good as he's been at any point in the year," said driver Casey Leonard, who has been the gelding's regular pilot all year long. "He's had a couple of weeks off in a few different spots this year and that has really helped to keep him fresh all season long."

Sent to the Leonard barn to start the season by owners John Prentice and Neva Jane Ikeler, Fort Silky, who had banked nearly \$300,000 going into 2013 season, immediately began to flourish under the care of the Leonard operation.

"We knew he was a very good horse from competing against him for the past few years while we had Well To Do Guru racing," explained Leonard. "From day one he took to our program and he's only become more and more comfortable with it. He's a heck of a good eater, he learned to swim and now he's actually very fond of that and he's been a good trainer when it comes time to hit the track. He's as relaxed as can be and he's just fit in perfectly with us."

The \$20,000 owner's bonus goes to the horse who accumulates the most points in the three-race series. (Maywood Park)

## "The Size Of A Mouse With The Heart Of A Lion"

When Allan Richardson describes his Autumn Series starter, Rock Of Cashel, only a few words came to mind. "He's the size of a mouse with the heart of a lion."

The young trotter who is "barely 15 hands," according to his trainer, will leave from post 5 in the first of two \$15,000 Autumn Series divisions on Friday evening at Woodbine.

"He's coming along very nicely," Richardson said. "He's had some bad luck this season with sickness and allergies, but it seems the worst is behind him now."

The two-time winner has banked \$47,916 in his career from just 19 career starts for Richardson, who trains, drives and co-owns with Jeff Ruch.

"We only raced him once last season because he was just immature and wasn't ready," said the 42-year-old conditioner. "He raced in the Tie Silk back in April and he is still racing so I guess he's built for longevity. That's the approach we're taking."

Rock Of Cashel has been racing at his best in his last four starts with a 2-0-1 record and Richardson attributes that to the addition of Lasix.

"Since we put him on Lasix that has really seemed to help," he said. "He has allergies and the Lasix has seemed to help with that. He's been a lot more consistent."

Richardson has steered his youngster in all but one career start and says his best driving style is racing from behind.

"He really enjoys passing horses," he said. "He'll fight all day long to pass that horse he's following. When he's on the front he can get a little lost and green."

Richardson was the sole owner of Rock Of Cashel until co-owner Ruch got involved.

"I owned the mother and bred her and I decided to send her to Jeff's place to be foaled out," he said. "Once the foal was on the ground, Jeff took an interest in him and wanted to be a partner. We have a Kadabra on the way and Jeff and I have a foal-sharing agreement." (WEG)

## Blue Chip Farms, Joe Thomson Named Proximity Finalists

Blue Chip Farms and Joe Thomson of Winbak Farm are the finalists for the U.S. Harness Writers Association's 2013 Stan Bergstein-Proximity Award, an honor in the sport second only to election to the Hall of Fame.

Stan Bergstein-Proximity Award finalists were determined through preliminary voting of the directors of the U.S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA). The entire membership of USHWA will vote for the winner, which will be announced in late December.

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The Proximity Award has been given by USHWA since 1952 to “an individual, group, or organization for outstanding contributions of the harness racing industry.” Last year, USHWA added the name of the late Stan Bergstein, a Hall of Famer and widely-respected contributor to harness racing during the last 50 years, to the name of the most prestigious award for which it is the sole voter.

Blue Chip Farms, founded in Wallkill, N.Y., in 1969 by the Kimelman family and now owned by Thomas Grossman, is one of harness racing’s top breeding farms. Blue Chip’s best known graduate is Gallo Blue Chip, who was 2000 Horse of the Year and retired as the top money-winning pacer in harness racing history.

Thomson, who was the Bergstein-Proximity Award runner-up to John Campbell in 2012, and his wife JoAnn founded Winbak Farm in 1991. Winbak Farm, based in Maryland with additional operations in Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Canada, bred Horse of the Year Award winners No Pan Intended, Rainbow Blue and Muscle Hill.

Winbak Farm ranked No. 2 in wins and earnings in 2012, behind only Hanover Shoe Farms, and this year is again second in both categories.

The Stan Bergstein-Proximity Award winner will be honored at Dover Downs on Feb. 23 during USHWA’s annual Dan Patch Awards banquet. (USHWA)

## Rosecroft Approved For 54 Dates In 2014

The Maryland Racing Commission approved Rosecroft Raceway’s 54-day live racing schedule for 2014 at its monthly meeting on Tuesday. Rosecroft’s live racing schedule will be the most for a Standardbred racetrack in the state in 2014.

Penn National, Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners’ Association (CSOA), and the Maryland Standardbred Breeders Association (MSBA) have agreed to a contract extension that will guarantee live racing at Rosecroft through 2014 with extension options through 2016.

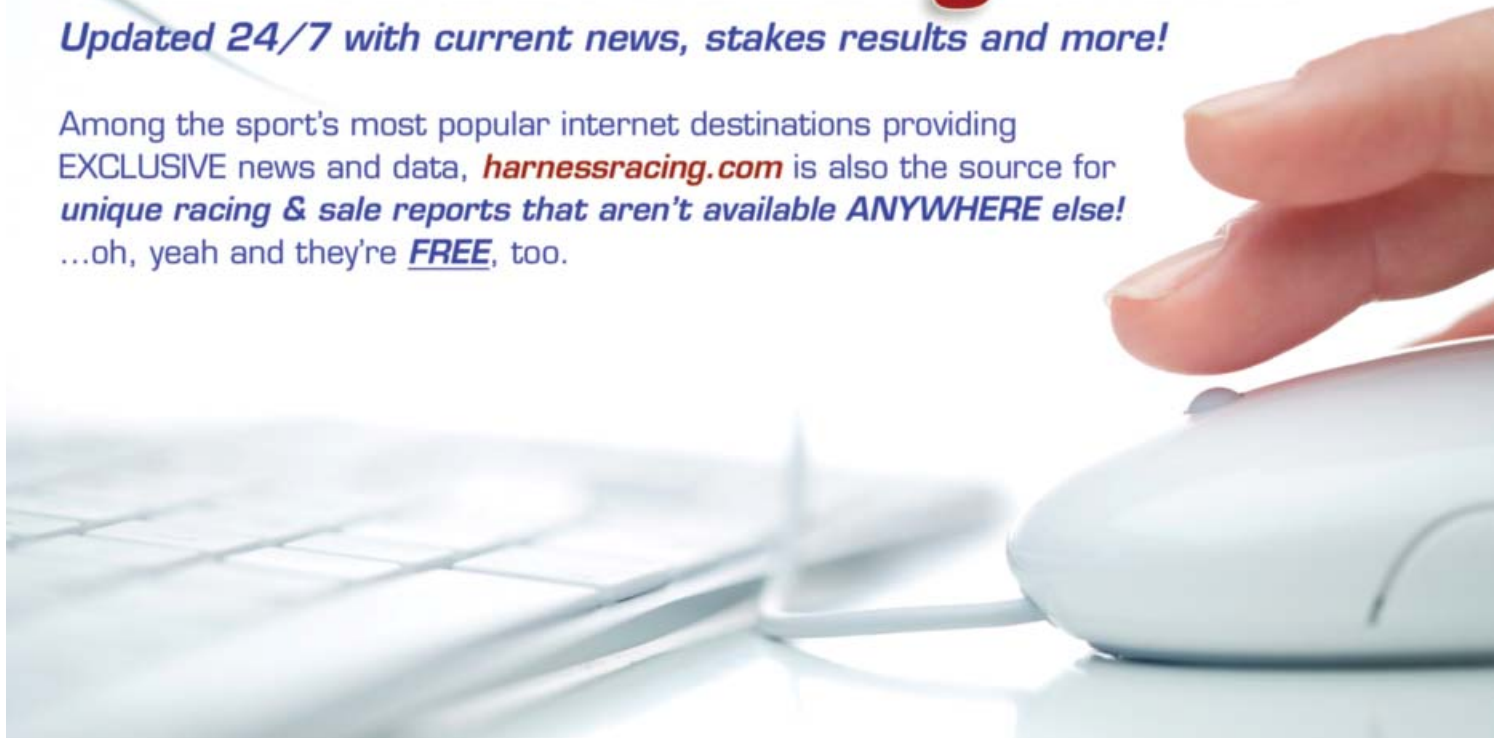
Since reopening in the fall of 2011, track owner Penn National Gaming has focused on directing racing opportunities and increasing purses towards Maryland horses and horsemen. Penn National Gaming has established a preference system benefitting Maryland horsemen racing at Rosecroft that provides for maximum opportunity for Maryland connected horses. Horses with a Maryland connection now enjoy a 100 percent entry preference at Rosecroft Raceway—a first in the industry. This current race meet over 80 percent of the purses earned have been directed to horses and horsemen under this Maryland preference system.

*(edited Rosecroft release)*

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**RACE LINES**

**Standardbred Poll**

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by  
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of Nov. 12, 2013

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Bee A Magician (28)	3tf	16-16-0-0	\$1,420,804	338	1
2. Captaintreacheraus (7)	3pc	15-13-2-0	2,055,033	306	2
3. I Luv The Nitelife	3pf	15-13-1-1	1,253,757	277	3
4. Father Patrick	2tc	11-10-1-0	744,057	246	4
5. Maven	4tm	14-10-2-0	509,220	183	5
6. Foiled Again	9pg	27-9-6-7	1,123,984	140	6
7. Pet Rock	4ph	17-6-4-1	972,820	108	8
8. Royalty For Life	3tc	14-7-2-0	1,277,130	97	7
9. Market Share	4th	12-5-1-4	821,356	77	10
10. Shake Iterry	2tf	9-6-2-0	529,644	29	—

**Others receiving votes:** He's Watching, Spider Blue Chip 28, Vegas Vacation 17, Shebestin-  
 gin 10, Creatine, Precocious Beauty 8, Sunshine Beach 7, Anndrovette, Charisma Hanover 4,  
 Lucan Hanover, Sevruga 3, Luck Be Withyou 2, Arch Madness, Sam Hill 1.

**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through Nov. 12, 2013 (week difference Nov. 6-12).

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

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Captaintreacheraus (3pc)	15	13	2	0	\$2,055,033
Bee A Magician (3tf)	16	16	0	0	1,420,804
Royalty For Life (3tc)	14	7	2	0	1,277,130
I Luv The Nitelife (3pf)	15	13	1	1	1,253,757
Foiled Again (9pg)	27	9	6	7	1,123,984
Spider Blue Chip (3tg)	20	10	3	2	1,088,918
Pet Rock (4ph)	17	6	4	1	972,820
Vegas Vacation (3pg)	19	9	4	1	891,438
Market Share (4th)	12	5	1	4	821,356
Creatine (3tc)	17	8	5	1	804,139

**Leading Money-Winning Drivers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Tim Tetrick	2,745	541-393-359	.320	\$15,016,861 ( <b>\$528,596</b> )
Yannick Gingras	2,050	464-338-273	.362	12,818,037 ( <b>348,133</b> )
Brian Sears	2,055	477-349-301	.375	12,710,115 ( <b>278,777</b> )
David Miller	2,486	354-367-346	.271	10,777,522 ( <b>296,333</b> )
Ron Pierce	3,112	480-431-447	.279	10,455,542 ( <b>194,513</b> )
George Brennan	2,338	409-396-281	.309	8,424,904 ( <b>228,460</b> )
Corey Callahan	3,130	528-388-425	.283	8,393,348 ( <b>237,721</b> )
Matt Kakaley	2,621	398-393-390	.285	6,720,608 ( <b>159,432</b> )
Andy Miller	2,357	329-333-299	.260	6,535,063 ( <b>72,258</b> )
Jason Bartlett	2,156	321-255-273	.257	6,399,933 ( <b>161,888</b> )

**Leading Money-Winning Trainers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,123	979-666-482	.366	\$19,986,331 ( <b>\$549,436</b> )
Jimmy Takter	565	128-81-74	.350	7,043,800 ( <b>128,291</b> )
Tony Alagna	766	143-88-97	.293	5,296,055 ( <b>206,512</b> )
Erv Miller	1,224	235-198-161	.326	4,423,987 ( <b>54,185</b> )
Rene Allard	1,786	403-266-217	.349	4,223,621 ( <b>93,898</b> )
P.J. Fraley	830	165-134-120	.337	3,786,732 ( <b>59,190</b> )
Linda Toscano	526	104-76-91	.336	3,687,306 ( <b>119,972</b> )
Virgil Morgan Jr.	1,257	294-188-146	.356	3,646,817 ( <b>113,107</b> )
Nifty Norman	429	83-68-48	.319	3,621,292 ( <b>77,974</b> )
Casie Coleman	339	98-55-31	.410	3,350,410 ( <b>79,170</b> )

**Leading Breeders**

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	1,105	755	2,405	\$26,593,903
Winbak Farm	1,028	656	1,906	16,837,101
Brittany Farms	312	219	777	10,372,929
White Birch Farm	154	117	390	8,264,790
Perretti Farms	366	231	708	8,015,457
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	285	178	571	6,743,157
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	184	137	430	6,264,429
Walnut Hall Limited	202	149	462	3,655,067
Steve Stewart	140	103	310	3,621,476
Frederick Hertrich III	167	117	394	3,607,533

**Leaders Of The Week**

Ranked by wins for Nov. 6-12 from results  
 at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

**Drivers**

Driver	Starts	W-P-S
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	78	23-6-9
Corey Callahan	84	20-12-11
George Brennan	73	18-13-8
George Napolitano Jr.	84	18-10-20
Dave Palone	43	14-3-2
Jim DeVaux	70	14-9-14
W. Drew Campbell	52	14-9-11
Yannick Gingras	42	14-9-4
Aaron Merriman	96	13-14-13
Steven Nason	49	13-3-7
Josh Sutton	54	12-9-5
Matt Kakaley	75	11-12-17

**Trainers**

Trainer	Wins
Ron Burke	29
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	9
Robert Lounsbury	9
Rene Allard	7
Randy Bickmore	6
Eric Ell	5
Jimmy Takter	5
John Mungillo	5
P.J. Fraley	5
Rick Plano	5
Sam Coven	5
Amber Buter	4
Calvin Hollar	4
Carmen Auciello	4
Daniel Gill	4
David Russo	4
Dean Eckley	4
Don Eash	4
Gene Vallandingham	4
Heidi Rohr	4
J.D. Perrin	4
James Coughlin	4
Jamie Gerard	4
Jason Robinson	4
Joe Pavia Jr.	4
John Nason	4
Jose Godinez	4
Mike Croucher	4
Mike Watson	4
Nick Surick	4
Peter Pellegrino	4
Philip Sowers	4
Richard Moreau	4
Robert Fellows	4
Wayne Givens	4