

Captaintreacherous Cruises On Sneak Preview Night

East Rutherford, N.J.—The only thing that could top the special sneak preview of the new Meadowlands grandstand was the 1:49.3 winning performance by Captaintreacherous in a qualifying race under the lights on Thursday night. The new Meadowlands grandstand will be officially opened on Saturday night, when the track commences its fall meet.

With regular driver Tim Tetrick in the sulky, Captaintreacherous cruised around the oval with the same authority he showed in his two previous starts at the Meadowlands—winning the Meadowlands Pace on July 13 and keeping race-ready by winning a qualifier there on Aug. 2—as he snapped off a :27 flat final quarter and won by open lengths.

“Obviously, it was a very good race for him,” said trainer Tony Alagna. “Timmy was really happy with him. He said when he called on him in the stretch, he took off.”

Alagna said a decision about whether or not the 3-year-old Captaintreacherous will take on older horses in the TVG Free-For-All Pace is still a day-to-day decision. “So far so good. Right now we’re leaning toward it, but we have to make sure the horse is still good when it comes time to enter,” said Alagna.

Among the horses Captaintreacherous would face in the TVG Free-For-All is Pet Rock, who also won a qualifier on Thursday night, turning in a 1:50.4 effort.

The new Meadowlands grandstand is a modern-day facility with more intimate spaces than the racetracks built in the 1960s and ‘70s.

While there are not as many seats available for watching races through the glass, which is a staple of racetrack design, there are still several different areas inside which provide the traditional racetrack viewing experience.

Much like the old grandstand, when you walk in the main entrance a long escalator greets you to take you to the upper floors, in this case three more, or you can stay on the main floor. Walking past the escalator puts you on a path to the racetrack, which can be seen through a large expanse of

*Clockwise from top:
Jeff Gural's new \$88 million Meadowlands Racetrack, which opens Saturday.*

Kathy Parker takes in the view from the new fourth floor bar that opens this spring.

Captaintreacherous wins his first qualifier at the new Meadowlands.



glass, and accessed via multiple points on the main floor. There is a traditional apron area, complete with the same kinds of benches that fans filled on the apron at the old facility.

The first floor includes a nightclub near the main entrance, but it won't be ready for the opening night of racing. After you walk past that you can turn left to go to a food court or right to several different simulcasting areas. The second level has a lounge area that overlooks the main floor bar/nightclub and small areas of inside stadium seating on the glass; level three is the location of traditional clubhouse seating (the restaurant Pink) and the membership-only club Trotters, also with seating on the glass; and the fourth level includes the judges' stand, press box, announcer's booth, and a large rooftop open space that will have bar service and seating.

The new building is roughly one-third the size of the original grandstand. It is roughly 135,000 square feet, with capacity for 6,000 people inside. A new Paddock Park area is being constructed along the homestretch and with that area and other outside space, the facility will be able to handle the Hambletonian day crowd.

While the new facility will officially open on Saturday, finishing touches are still being made to the new facility.

What's the best part? For me, the rooftop space is the most unique area I've ever seen at a racetrack, and I think it's one that die-hard racing fans and casual fans of any age will enjoy. Besides being a great spot to watch a stretch battle, on a clear night you also get a great view of the Empire State Building, which has always been a part of the Meadowlands experience.—By Kathy Parker

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Big M Track Widened, Turn Banked For New Meet

With qualifying races held on three separate days before the beginning of the fall Meadowlands harness meet on Saturday night, drivers are most certainly getting used to the new placement of the start, quarter, half, three-quarter and finish points on the one-mile oval.

Actually, it took more to get the one-mile oval ready for the new start and finish in front of the new grandstand than merely moving the start and finish poles.

"We had to widen the backstretch 12 feet to accommodate the 10-horse starting gate," explained Gary Wolff, director of racing properties and the track superintendent at the Meadowlands. "Both stretches are now 85 feet wide."

Wolff said the new last turn, which is the old first turn, also had to be reshaped.

"We wanted both turns to match up, so we added 1,500 tons of material and banked the new last turn more so that both turns are now identical," said Wolff.

Wolff said those are the only changes that needed to be made to the racing oval.

After the first qualifiers in front of the new grandstand, horseman Trond Smedshammer noted that his veteran trotter Arch Madness, who had made 40 of his 97 career starts at the Meadowlands, seemed a bit confused.

"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."

Wolff said he thought the presence of the old grandstand and toteboard could be confusing landmarks for horses. "I think if older horses who had raced here were confused at all, it might be because of the old toteboard and grandstand, but by Saturday night the old toteboard will be gone." — *By Kathy Parker*



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Friday, November 22

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8:50p YR6 F&M Open Pace

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9:30p YR8 Open Trot

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7:35p M2 TVG FFATrot

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Market Share Invited To Elitlopp

Trainer Linda Toscano admits that she had some uncertainty if Market Share, who won last year's Hambletonian and earned more than \$2 million, would return as a 4 year old in 2013 and perform at the same high level. Heading into Saturday night's \$50,000 final preliminary of the TVG

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"It's still a maybe at this point for the Elitlopp, but we got invited the night he won the Breeders Crown."

– Linda Toscano on Market Share

Free For All for older trotters at the Meadowlands, it's safe to say Market Share has fulfilled all of Toscano's expectations as well as those of owners Richard Gutnick, Bill Augustine and Tom and Lou Pontone's TLP Stable.

"To be honest, when Chapter Seven was a 4 year old, I told Richard Gutnick to thoroughly enjoy the horse because they are not like bananas and come in bunches," Toscano said with a laugh. "I said he may never get another one like him. He agreed with me and then came up with Market Share. So what do I know? "I hoped that when he got good as a 3 year old he wasn't just going on a form spree,"

Toscano continued about Market Share. "But when we brought him back this year, he's been strong and very good. He gives us a good race almost every time he is out there, and I hope it continues."

Market Share has won five of 12 starts this year, including the \$500,000 Breeders Crown Trot, and is far and away the leading older trotter this year with \$821,356 in earnings. While standing in the winner's circle following Market Share's Crown victory, Toscano said she received an invitation to bring the trotter to Sweden next may to race in the famed Elitlopp from Klaus Koch, director of racing at Solvalla Racetrack.

"We've been invited to go over to Sweden, and if he acts like a horse that could take a shot at it after we bring him back next year, we might go overseas and race a little bit," said Toscano. "It's still a maybe at this point for the Elitlopp, but we got invited the night he won the Breeders Crown."

"We'll have to qualify him without hobbles because we have to race him that way and make sure he's safe (trotting hobbles are not allowed in Europe). Otherwise, it's a long trip for nothing. As long as he can pass the test, maybe we'll give it a shot. It's something to look forward to."

One test on the immediate horizon on Saturday for Market Share is how he takes to the reversed one-mile configuration at the Meadowlands with the opening of the new grandstand. Horses will now start and finish at what used to be the half-mile pole. Market Share will line up in post 2 in the six-horse contest with regular driver Tim Tetrack in the sulky.

"As long as my driver remembers where the finish is, the horse will be fine," Toscano said with a laugh.

Toscano said she believes the biggest obstacle will be the reversal of wind direction since there will be a head-on wind coming down the homestretch.

"When the wind is blowing, which it is going to be Saturday night, the wind is very different in that it is in your face in the stretch," she said. "I think it will change the dynamic of how to race a horse there."

"I really think it will be how the dynamic of the race sets up, and how the guys handle it. I think the horses will be fine. Maybe I'm wrong, but I just don't think the horses are smart enough to know that we moved the racetrack to the other side."

Included among Market Share's five rivals is the \$4-million winner Arch Madness, who was driven by trainer Trond Smedshammer to a qualifying win at the Meadowlands on Nov. 14. Smedshammer said afterward he felt the 9-year-old Arch Madness, who has made 40 of his 97 career starts at the Meadowlands (with two track records), was a bit confused.

"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," Smedshammer said after the qualifier. "I had to holler at him to get him to really trot home."

Toscano believes when the original toteboard and grandstand are torn down, it will make a world of difference for the horses.

"I warmed up there the other night and the odd part about it is that the old grandstand is still there," she said. "You are driving by one dinosaur and then go on to the new building. Going by the old grandstand, horses are used to pulling up. I think that once the building is gone that will stop. I've only been around it once, so I'll get a better feel of it once we get going."

"As long as my driver remembers where the finish is, the horse will be fine."

– Linda Toscano

The remainder of the field in the TVG Free For All includes the Jimmy Takter trainees Uncle Peter and Guccio, double-millionaire Wishing Stone, and My MVP, who is nearing the end of his racing career before going to stud in 2014 at Sugar Valley Farm in Ohio. — By Gordon Waterstone



Market Share wins the 2013 Breeders Crown Open Trot.

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2014 WINTER LATE CLOSING PROGRAM

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<p>Event #1 Trot—3 & 4 Year Olds</p> <p>“SUPER BOWL”</p> <p>N/W 2 pari-mutuel races or \$30,000 life</p> <p>1. Thur., Jan. 2\$12,500</p> <p>2. Thur., Jan. 9\$15,000</p> <p>3. Thurs., Jan. 16 Final\$25,000A (Est. \$51,000)</p> <p>Nominating Fee: \$500</p> <p><small>*Highest finishers from 1st leg advance to make up four ten horse fields in 2nd leg</small></p>	<p>Event #2 Trot—3 & 4 Year Olds</p> <p>“CHARLES SINGER MEMORIAL”</p> <p>N/W 3 pari-mutuel races (F+M 4) or \$40,000 life (F+M 50,000)</p> <p>1. Thurs., Feb. 13.....\$15,000</p> <p>2. Thurs., Feb. 20.....\$15,000</p> <p>3. Sat., Mar. 1 Final\$25,000A (Est. \$50,000)</p> <p>Nominating Fee: \$600</p>	<p>Event #3 Pace—F.F.A.</p> <p>“PRESIDENTIAL”</p> <p>1. Sat., Feb. 15 Elims\$40,000</p> <p>2. Sat., Feb. 22 Final.....\$50,000A (Est. \$100,000)</p> <p>Nominating Fee: \$1,750</p>
<p>Event #4 Pace—3 Year Old Colts & Geldings</p> <p>“WILLIAM ‘BUDDY’ GILMOUR”</p> <p>N/W 2 pari-mutuel races or \$30,000 life</p> <p>1. Sat., Feb. 22\$17,500</p> <p>2. Sat., Mar. 1\$20,000</p> <p>3. Sat., Mar. 8 Final\$35,000A (Est. \$75,000)</p> <p>Nominating Fee: \$500</p>	<p>Event #5 Trot</p> <p>“HORSE & GROOM”</p> <p>N/W 4 pari-mutuel races or \$175,000 life</p> <p>1. Fri., Mar. 14\$20,000</p> <p>2. Fri., Mar. 21\$20,000</p> <p>3. Sat., Mar. 29 Final\$35,000A (Est. \$80,000)</p> <p>Nominating Fee: \$800</p>	<p>Event #6 Pace—3 & 4 Year Olds Stallions & Geldings</p> <p>“CLYDE HIRT STAKE”</p> <p>N/W 3 pari-mutuel races or \$75,000 life</p> <p>1. Sat., Mar. 15\$20,000</p> <p>2. Sat., Mar. 22\$20,000</p> <p>3. Sat., Mar. 29 Final\$35,000A (Est. \$75,000)</p> <p>Nominating Fee: \$800</p>

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Meadowlands Wins With Risky Risqué Slogan

As the New Meadowlands opens this weekend, the new approaches to marketing and presentation will be dissected possibly more than the races as the track looks to bring in a new era of harness racing.

One of the most interesting tactics by the Meadowlands marketing department has been the implementation of a new slogan, "Where finishing in two minutes is a good thing."

The innuendo with a racing themed twist caught the eye of many around the harness racing world and even outside of the racing spectrum. Most notably, ESPN sports business writer Darren Rovell tweeted about the new slogan, calling it the "Best new slogan in sports." Regardless of anyone's personal opinions on the slogan, having an ESPN reporter tweet about your slogan to his 410,267 Twitter followers is excellent publicity.



I have to agree with Rovell on the slogan. Some may label it as cheesy or unprofessional, but from a 20-year-old male perspective, it is pretty comical and guaranteed to catch my eye. However, I wanted to look outside of the harness racing perspective to see what people who never go to the track would think of the slogan. I asked several of my University of Kentucky peers, as well as my Twitter followers, about the slogan, and the response was overwhelmingly positive.

My first group to ask was males around my age, which are a prime demographic to attract to a racetrack. They spend their extra money on entertainment and sports and could eventually become your major bettors later in life. The response I got from all of them, in a nutshell: "It's hilarious."

Some of them expanded on the slogan like Luke Fink, a freshman at UK, who told me, "Old men and guys in their twenties are going to find it funny. That's your main groups for a racetrack. Older women might find it unprofessional, but I like it." Ironically, three women at the Meadowlands, director of marketing Valerie Harlan, marketing manager Rachel Ryan, and graphic designer Kathleen Estes, came up with the slogan in a brainstorming session amongst themselves.

When I asked my Twitter followers for their reaction, most offered praise for the slogan, and those who were not fond of it were just on the fence about it.

One of my followers, Reid Foster, a journalism major at the University of Missouri, gave in my view the best stance on the slogan. "Its edgy, but it will attract attention. Isn't that what a slogan is supposed to do?" Foster said.

Foster's tweet is the primary reason why I love this slogan. Whether people like it or not, the slogan made people who are totally uninvolved in racing think about the Meadowlands. For anyone in the Meadowlands area, they are now exposed to the track. The purpose of marketing is to attract the attention of the public, and they certainly accomplished that task by swimming into risky waters with a risqué slogan. If more tracks decided to throw conventional and safe marketing to the side, harness racing might have a chance at a revival. Of course, if it delivers once people go to the track.

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Nov. 22, 1963: Racing Mourns President Kennedy

Fifty years ago today, on Friday, Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. As a result of the tragedy, all regular programming on the three TV networks over the weekend was canceled. High school and college football games were also canceled.

While the fledgling American Football League also canceled its weekend games, in a controversial decision by National Football League commissioner Pete Rozelle, the NFL's Sunday games went on as scheduled, albeit without any TV coverage and sparse attendance.

Racetracks across the country also canceled racing over the weekend, most not opening again until the following Tuesday or Wednesday. At Roosevelt Raceway, the \$50,000 National Pacing Derby at 1 ¼ miles that was scheduled for Saturday night was moved to the following Wednesday (won by Irvin Paul). The \$50,000 Nassau Pace was moved back to Dec. 4 (won by Henry T Adios).

Also, the U.S. Harness Writers Association's annual awards banquet, which had been scheduled for the night of Nov. 24 in New York, was postponed until Dec. 1. A "Triple Crown" dinner honoring Speedy Scot and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Lennep of Castleton Farm, which was scheduled for Nov. 25 at Hotel Plaza in New York City, was moved to Dec. 2.

No Elims Needed For Fall Final Four

The Fall Final Four stakes for 2 year olds at the Meadowlands required no eliminations, which had been scheduled for Saturday night. As a result, all horses move directly to the finals on Saturday, Nov. 30. Post positions will be drawn on Tuesday, Nov. 26, and no re-entry is necessary.

Here is an alphabetical listing of the horses that were declared for those races:

\$534,500 Governor's Cup Colt Pace

Ari Allstar
Arthur Blue Chip
Beat The Drum
Bushwacker
Carracci Hanover
Idealbeach Hanover
JK Endofanera
So Surreal
Somestarsomewhere
Stevensville

\$394,950 Three Diamonds Filly Pace

Act Now
Ali Blue
Delightful Dragon
Instant Respect
JK Molly
Kate Can't Wait
My Lady Day
Nine Lives Hanover
Somethincredible

\$494,750 Valley Victory Colt Trot

Another Transcript
EL Titan
Expressive Action
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Musclesprincetonian
Nuncio
Odds On Amethyst
Skates N Plates
Southwind Spirit
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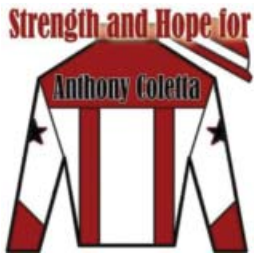
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Industry Rallies To Support Injured Coletta

After hearing about the serious accident involving driver Anthony Coletta at Harrah's Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17, the harness racing industry has rallied to raise funds to assist his family as he fights to recover from his injuries at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Coletta, 31, suffered multiple fractures as a result of the incident, in which he was catapulted into the air and then



after landing on the track was run over by a trailing horse. As of Thursday, Coletta is still in a coma although he is breathing on his own. His parents, sister and fiancée have been at his side.

The fundraising effort is being spearheaded by Coletta's close friend and trainer Anthony De-

Francesco III. DeFrancesco is accepting donations in Coletta's name and has ordered 6,000 specially designed wrist bands that will have Coletta's name with the words "Stay Strong" on them.

"I ordered 6,000 of them to sell for \$5 each to raise money, but I don't know if 6,000 will be enough," said DeFrancesco. The bracelets should be ready for sale by Monday, Nov. 25.

Donations can be made out to Anthony Coletta and sent in care of DeFrancesco at 2551 South Mildred Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19148. To order wrist bands or to assist in fundraising efforts, he can be reached at (215) 385-6732.

In addition, DeFrancesco is working with a local bank to establish a permanent fund for Coletta. Details will be announced when they are finalized. The money will be used to aid the family as well as help take care of the small stable of horses Coletta trains at his family's farm in New Jersey.

A Facebook "Thoughts and Prayers for Anthony Coletta," page, which has added more than 4,000 friends since its creation on Monday, can be found by clicking [here](#).

The charitable endeavors have spread like wildfire to many people and organizations in the industry. Drivers Yannick Gingras and Dan Rawlings are two of those leading the way.

"I just started doing my own little thing," explained Gingras. "The last thing that Anthony's family should be worried about is money.

"I posted a Facebook message saying that I would be racing for Anthony on Thursday (at Harrah's Philadelphia) and would donate all of the money I earn. And that was it until my sponsor Scott Robinson from RaceHorse Gold said 'I'll match it.' He was the first to step up. Then more people said they would match it and we're up to 11 or 12 now. What started off pretty small has become pretty big."

Gingras could not have supported Coletta any better on Thursday afternoon as he had a spectacular day. In nine

drives, he had six wins, two seconds and a third. Not missing a check, Gingras's purse earnings were \$54,810, resulting in a five-percent fee of \$2,740.

Rawlings is rallying the troops at The Meadows.

"Dan is collecting checks and cash from a lot of people that he will be taking it up to Harrah's on Saturday or Sunday and he'll be picking up the wrist bands while he is there," said MSOA spokesperson Heather Wilder.

The Standardbred Owners Association of New York is busy collecting donations for Coletta at Yonkers Raceway as well.

"We're doing it the same as when there was the fire in Ohio, we are asking for donations, big or small whatever they can give; we have signs up in the paddock," explained John Brennan. "All of the drivers are gung ho; they all want to do something."

Donations are being collected at several racetracks, including Harrah's Philadelphia, Dover Downs and Lebanon Raceway.

Many owners are donating a percentage of their winnings this weekend to the fund. Richard Young announced he would donate 10 percent of I Luv The Nitelife's earnings in the Nadia Lobell on Nov. 30 at the Meadowlands. *(with files from USTA)*

Pick All 13 Winners At Big M, Win \$1 Million!

One million dollars! That's what could be won on Saturday's opening night card at the Meadowlands. All a person needs to do to walk—or run—away with the money is correctly pick the winners of all 13 races.

The contest is open to the first 2,000 contestants who sign up at the Players Club Desk prior the first race. Contestants must be present to win.

If no contestant correctly picks all 13 winners, runner-up prizes will be awarded, with the money divided equally if there are ties. The most winners is worth \$10,000, while eight or more winners are worth a \$100 betting voucher.

Complete contest rules are available at the Meadowlands website or at the Players Club Desk.

New Jersey Dates Approved For 2014

The New Jersey Racing Commission on Wednesday approved 2014 race dates for the state's Standardbred and Thoroughbred meets.

The Meadowlands will conduct 81 days of harness racing split over two meets. Racing will be held from Jan. 2 through Hambletonian Day, Aug. 2, followed by a 14-day program from Nov. 14 through Dec. 27. The Breeders Crown will be held at the Meadowlands next November.

Freehold Raceway will conduct 110 days of racing, also split over two meets. The first, consisting of 62 dates, will run from Jan. 2 through May 17, and the second will run from Aug. 28 through Dec. 13.

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Ohio Commission Awards 2014 Dates

At the monthly meeting of the Ohio State Racing Commission on Thursday, live racing dates for 2014 at three of the seven commercial racetracks in the state were approved.

Live days at two other racetracks, Thistledown and the new Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway, were awarded in October. The Dayton harness track will replace Raceway Park in Toledo.

Lebanon Raceway, also moving to a new location, won approval of its submission. The racetrack will open, for simulcasting initially, as Miami Valley Gaming and Racing this December. Sixty-six live dates are scheduled next year beginning Feb. 7.

Northfield Park, scheduled to begin video lottery terminal wagering on Dec. 18, was approved for 213 live days beginning on Jan. 1.

One track awaiting commission approval for dates next year is Scioto Downs, currently in negotiations with the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association over the number of dates. The Ohio Revised Code, in this instance, mandates Scioto Down race live on 100 days if it is unable to reach an agreement with the representative of harness horsemen statewide.

Overall, the commission has awarded 559 days in 2014 at the five tracks. The starting and ending dates for the harness tracks are:

Miami Valley Gaming and Racing

Feb. 4-May 4—66 dates

Northfield Park

Jan. 1—Dec. 30—213 dates

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway

Oct. 3—Dec. 27—56 dates

(Ohio State Racing Commission)

Illinois Tracks, Horsemen Reach ADW Agreement

The Illinois Racing Board reported Wednesday that an agreement was reached late Tuesday night between the Illinois racetracks and the state's horsemen's groups that would fund the Illinois Racing Board (IRB) adequately enough that racing would continue in its current state in 2014.

With advance deposit wagering (ADW) set to expire on Jan. 31, 2014, Illinois racetracks, advance deposit wagering companies, and horsemen's groups reached an agreement on Nov. 19, regarding an extension of the advance deposit wagering law and funding the deficit of the Illinois Racing Board.

The following are terms of the agreement: Three-year extension of ADW; 0.2 percent surcharge on all wagers (on-track, intertrack, OTB and ADW) to provide supplemental

funding to the IRB; 0.5 percent optional surcharge on all wagers (on-track, intertrack, OTB and ADW) to be shared equally between horsemen's purses and racetracks; two additional OTB licenses for each racetrack located in Cook County (Arlington Park, Hawthorne Race Course, and Maywood Park).

Also, the terms include the following: Elimination of the 500 foot restriction for registered voters on the placement of OTBs; \$100,000 funding of Quarter Horse purses; financial accounting by the ADW companies (excluding Twin Spires) to the horsemen's groups; and an organization licensee owned ADW must receive consent from their affiliated horsemen's association.

The agreement will be presented to the Illinois General Assembly for their consideration. If passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Quinn, the full racing schedule, approved by the IRB on Sept. 24, 2013, will be implemented. *(Illinois Racing Board)*

Canadian Sportsman Closing After 143 Years

The Canadian Sportsman, Canada's oldest magazine, will cease publishing in December 2013. Dedicated to the sport of harness horse racing, The Canadian Sportsman produced its first edition in 1870 and ran continuously for 143 years.

"Several factors have led to this very difficult decision," said Canadian Sportsman president Gary Foerster. "Print magazines face unprecedented challenges in the digital age and the demographics served by the magazine pose their own unique challenges."

There has also been a severe contraction of the industry expedited by recent government policies in Ontario.

"Our major source of advertising revenue has traditionally come from Ontario horse breeders. Since the Ontario Liberal government under then Premier Dalton McGuinty announced in 2012 that it was scrapping the Slots At Racetrack Program (SARP) in just a matter of months, the breeders have suffered dramatic losses. The adverse financial circumstances visited on the breeders, and the industry at large, have been reflected in our advertising sales and subscription revenue which have plummeted to the point where, after nearly a century and a half, this magazine is no longer economically viable," Foerster said.

"The current Ontario government has announced some details of a plan designed to support racing on a vastly reduced scale. Regrettably, we do not envision a scenario whereby our publication can continue to exist."

The Canadian Sportsman's printing division, Sportwood Printing, which underwent a recent major expansion into digital printing and with further expansion plans to be announced soon, remains in full operation.

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The Canadian Sportsman has been a fixture for generations of families involved in racing. Our Sportsman family includes a staff of 27 in full time, contract or freelance positions including publisher and editor Dave Briggs and assistant editor Lauren Lee.

"Dave and Lauren have done a tremendous job at the Sportsman," Foerster said, noting that the magazine has won 17 awards for editorial excellence in just the past three years. "Both have a real passion for the racing industry and I cannot thank them, and all our writers, enough for their dedication to this publication and for the exceptional body of work they have produced.

"I also want to note the contributions of our two outstanding photographers Dave Landry and Claus Andersen. Over the years they have captured incredible images of the sport for our readers.

"We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our advertisers and readers who have supported us for such a long time," Foerster said. "People in the racing business are the best anyone will ever meet. It has truly been an honor to serve them through the pages of our historic magazine."

More details on the closing of The Canadian Sportsman magazine, including information on subscriber refunds, will be contained in its farewell edition in December. (*Canadian Sportsman*)

Motion To Reinstate SARP In Ontario Carried

The Ontario New Democratic Party's motion calling for the reinstatement of the Slots-At-Racetracks Program was carried in a 45-38 vote by the Ontario Legislature at Queen's Park on Wednesday.

The non-binding motion was tabled by NDP leader Andrea Horwath and carried with the support of the NDP and PC parties while the Liberals voted against it.

"Kathleen Wynne's OLG modernization plan is hurting horse racing families across rural Ontario," said Horwath. "A lot of damage has already been done, but it's not too late to bring back a re-vamped, transparent, and fully accountable SARP program.

"This vote is a wake-up call for Premier Wynne. Horsepeople have called on the government to restore the SARP program and the majority of this Legislature agrees. Liberals need to rethink their plan to put horsepeople out of business by barging ahead with casino developments in unwilling municipalities." (*Standardbred Canada*)

Proposed Bill Would Replace PA Racing Commission

Legislation has reportedly been introduced in Pennsylvania that would replace the state's racing commission for Standardbred and Thoroughbred racing with a Bureau of

Horse Racing that would oversee all day-to-day operations of racing statewide. The Bureau would be overseen by the state's Gaming Control Board.

A report on Philly.com stated that the state's Racing Commission, which reports to the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture, is expected to run out of money before the end of the fiscal year in June. The commission has a budget of \$21 million to regulate the industry.

The proposed law would also allow the Gaming Board to grant licenses to casinos for internet wagering systems that would take bets on horse racing only. The internet money would be funneled into the pari-mutuel handle with any tax revenue going toward paying for the new regulatory oversight.

In the Philly.com story, it noted the bill comes simultaneously with the reports of an investigation by the FBI into possible race fixing in Pennsylvania. A Penn National board member confirmed to Philly.com that he had been interviewed by FBI agents as part of the investigation.

In response by harnessracing.com's phone call to the state commission, a spokesman answered, "We cannot comment on pending legislation."

Brennan, Marean & Schmitz Honored By HHI

John Brennan, a columnist for New Jersey's Bergen Record, has been selected to receive the Harness Horsemen International's (HHI) Clyde Hirt Media Award for 2013. Maine's Don Marean will receive the 2013 HHI Appreciation Award and Ohio State Racing Commission chairman Robert Schmitz has been named HHI's 2013 Man of the Year.

The three men will be recognized at the HHI awards luncheon in Deerfield Beach, Fla., on March 5, 2014.

In announcing Brennan's award, HHI president Tom Luchento, who is also president of the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey, said, "His reporting and blog, Meadowlands Matters, are must read for those concerned about the fate of the New Jersey horse racing industry. "In an era of diminishing journalism, he is one of the last true reporters with a beat that embraces harness racing with equal concern to the NFL, NHL, NBA and other major sports."

Marean is a longtime breeder and owner of Standardbreds and is a U.S. Trotting Association director. He is a former president and current director of the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association. Schmidt has been involved in the Ohio harness racing industry for nearly five decades as an owner, breeder and fan and was the lead lobbyist for the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association from 1976 until he was appointed by the governor to serve as chairman of the Ohio Racing Commission in 2012. (*SBOA/NJ and HHI*)

RACE LINES

Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of Nov. 19, 2013

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Bee A Magician (28)	3tf	16-16-0-0	\$1,420,804	340	1
2. Captaintreacheraus (7)	3pc	15-13-2-0	2,055,033	308	2
3. I Luv The Nitelife	3pf	15-13-1-1	1,253,757	276	3
4. Father Patrick	2tc	11-10-1-0	744,057	242	4
5. Maven	4tm	14-10-2-0	509,220	183	5
6. Foiled Again	9pg	27-9-6-7	1,123,984	141	6
7. Pet Rock	4ph	17-6-4-1	972,820	121	7
8. Royalty For Life	3tc	14-7-2-0	1,277,130	86	8
9. Market Share	4th	12-5-1-4	821,356	78	9
10. Shake It Cerry	2tf	10-7-2-0	599,694	51	10

Others receiving votes: Vegas Vacation 25, He's Watching 24, Spider Blue Chip 18, Shebestingin 8, Creatine 6, Anndrovette 5, Charisma Hanover, Smilin Eli 3, Lucan Hanover, Sam Hill, Sevruga 2, Precocious Beauty 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through Nov. 19, 2013 (week difference Nov. 13-19).

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)	20	10	4	1	971,632
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	2,794	552-398-371	.321	\$15,320,563 (\$303,702)
Yannick Gingras	2,085	470-343-280	.362	13,013,425 (195,388)
Brian Sears	2,118	488-355-313	.373	12,952,747 (242,632)
David Miller	2,523	359-374-347	.270	10,965,312 (187,790)
Ron Pierce	3,176	495-444-455	.281	10,705,330 (249,788)
Corey Callahan	3,203	540-399-431	.283	8,650,416 (257,068)
George Brennan	2,403	421-411-291	.311	8,623,209 (198,305)
Matt Kakaley	2,680	413-403-398	.287	6,974,435 (253,827)
Andy Miller	2,393	331-337-303	.259	6,687,641 (152,578)
Jason Bartlett	2,212	330-262-280	.257	6,559,284 (159,351)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,176	994-676-490	.367	\$20,266,898 (\$280,567)
Jimmy Taktar	577	131-82-75	.349	7,199,779 (155,979)
Tony Alagna	775	145-90-98	.294	5,343,013 (46,958)
Erv Miller	1,235	238-198-163	.326	4,504,627 (80,640)
Rene Allard	1,834	414-269-223	.348	4,330,233 (106,612)
P.J. Fraley	851	167-139-123	.335	3,844,252 (57,520)
Linda Toscano	533	104-77-92	.333	3,700,258 (12,952)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	1,276	298-190-149	.355	3,664,181 (17,364)
Nifty Norman	431	83-68-49	.318	3,636,582 (15,290)
Casie Coleman	344	99-56-31	.408	3,475,279 (124,869)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	1,107	757	2,448	\$27,190,845
Winbak Farm	1,030	659	1,944	17,174,381
Brittany Farms	313	219	784	10,468,628
White Birch Farm	154	117	396	8,322,499
Perretti Farms	367	232	715	8,119,812
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	285	178	581	6,895,686
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	185	137	436	6,331,488
Walnut Hall Limited	201	148	463	3,778,160
Arlene & Jules Siegel	165	113	343	3,681,856
Steve Stewart	140	104	314	3,645,700

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Nov. 13-19 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	62	18-11-7
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	81	15-15-3
Matt Kakaley	59	15-10-7
Ron Pierce	64	15-13-8
Corey Callahan	73	12-11-6
Dave Palone	40	12-6-5
George Brennan	65	12-15-10
Jim DeVaux	66	12-6-12
Jordan Stratton	52	12-5-8
Aaron Merriman	86	11-19-9
Brian Sears	63	11-6-12
Tim Tetrick	49	11-5-12
George Napolitano Jr.	58	10-10-4
Josh Sutton	56	10-7-4
Victor Kirby	50	10-11-6
Casey Leonard	52	9-5-6
Jason Bartlett	56	9-7-7
Michael Oosting	58	9-10-12
W. Drew Campbell	28	9-5-3
Daniel Dube	52	8-6-5
Doug McNair	45	8-9-6
Kevin Cummings	25	8-3-2
Mike Wilder	46	8-9-6
Trevor Henry	31	8-9-3
Allan Davis	41	7-3-7
Billy Davis Jr.	32	7-5-3
Dan Noble	26	7-7-1
Jim Pantaleano	47	7-5-5
Stephane Bouchard	36	7-7-5
Sylvain Filion	33	7-4-3
Tony Morgan	53	7-7-6

Trainers Wins

Ron Burke	15
Rene Allard	11
Vincent Fusco Jr.	9
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	8
Robert Lounsbury	6
Andy Rickert	5
David Duspiva	5
Les Givens	5
Mark Goldberg	5
Trish Fouk	5
Daniel Gill	4
Darran Cassar	4
Jose Godinez	4
Michael Epler	4
Mike Watson	4
Virgil Morgan Jr.	4