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Meadowlands Saturday Program A Packed House Of Racing's Stars

One of the most interesting racing cards of the year will take place at the Meadowlands Saturday night as the track plays host to the Freshman Fall Final Four and the TVG Finals.

As has been the intention but doesn't always come to fruition, the TVG finals will include top 3 year olds taking on older horses. In the \$350,000 TVG Open Trot, the 3 year olds Tactical Landing and Six Pack will take on Yonkers International winner Cruzado Dela Noche and a star-studded cast that includes two Hambletonian champions, Pinkman and Marion Marauder.

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Tactical Landing and Six Pack were eligible to the race via their victories in the Breeders Crown and Kentucky Futurity, respectively. The conditions for the TVG invites the winners of the Breeders Crown, then the Hambletonian and Kentucky Futurity—in that order—to draw for positions as long as their entry keeps the field at 10 or fewer horses.

Notable by his absence is Muscle Diamond, who won the Preferred Trot at the Meadowlands last week in 1:52.4. That was his fourth straight score, but he was not eligible to the TVG.

Tactical Landing drew post 3 and goes into the TVG following a strong 1:55.3 qualifier at the Meadowlands on Nov. 10. Six Pack, who was scratched sick from the Breeders Crown, romped to a victory in the Matron on Nov. 15.

The TVG Mares Pace Final has an unexpected entry in the 3-year-old filly Percy Bluechip. She earned her TVG invitation via her upset victory in the Breeders Crown. She drew post 5 (Race 5) in the race that is deep with talent, with TVG point leader and 18-time winner Shartin N (post 1), Caviart Ally, Nike Franco N, Blue Moon Stride and Pure Country, who will be racing free-legged—without hobbles—for the second time in her career. She tuned up for the TVG last Friday at the Meadowlands winning in 1:51, without hobbles.

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The TVG Open Pace, set for Race 12, has a short seven-horse field with McWicked appearing to have the edge from post 1. Last Saturday he romped to a 2 ¼-length victory in 1:47.3 after spotting the leader five lengths at the half (:53.4).

The field for the TVG Mare Trot may be short, but you can't overlook a race that includes a freshly-crowned Breeders Crown champion and a Horse of the Year. Hanelore Hanover, the 2017 Horse of the Year, will be facing Crown Mare Trot champion Emoticon Hanover in the TVG Mare Trot. Hanelore hasn't raced since Oct. 20, when she competed in a Breeders Crown elimination and failed to advance. Emoticon Hanover has not raced since she won the Crown on Oct. 27.

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The first of the Freshman Final Four events is Race 6, when 10 fillies will battle for \$391,250 in the Three Diamonds. World champion and Breeders Crown winner Warawee Ubeaut starts from post 1 and among those she'll be facing are Crown runners-ups Beautyonthebeach, Zero Tolerance and Prescient Beauty.

In the \$469,300 Governor's Cup for 2-year-old colt and gelding pacers, Breeders Crown champ Captain Crunch starts from post 2 after finishing fifth in the elimination for the Cup last Saturday. The late developing Mangogh, who won the elim by a nose over Escapetothebeach, drew post 4. (Elimination winners drew for posts 1 through 6.)

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Lastly, the great Foiled Again will be at the Meadowlands on Saturday night to parade before his fans, and also compete. He'll be making his 327th career start in Race 3, and shooting for his 107th career victory. Yannick Gingras will be driving the 14-year-old son of Dragon Again. Foiled Again's official retirement will take place as part of the New Year's Eve racing program at The Meadows. — *By Kathy Parker*

Road To The Prix d'Amerique: Bold Eagle Races Poorly; Propulsion Prepping At Home

The big Prix d'Amerique prep races are underway at the Vincennes racetrack in Paris, and news about two of the top contenders is the talk of the European trotting scene.

First of all two-time Prix d'Amerique winner Bold Eagle (2016 and '17) raced poorly in the Prix de Bretagne, held Sunday, Nov. 18, at Vincennes. While trainer Sebastien Guarato said he didn't want to make excuses for his horse, he did share that there had been problems in the days before the race.

"I did not want to worry anyone about it; it was a problem that we fixed quite quickly. Bold Eagle had a large hematoma inside the thigh. I trained him last week and then the horse was doing a bit badly. We did not know why and went to the vet. Three to four days after that the hematoma appeared and then disappeared as quickly."

Guarato said it was clear to him that Bold Eagle was not himself in the race.

"What bothered me was that (driver) Franck Nivard had nothing in the hands of Bold Eagle today," Guarato told France's Equidia horse racing channel. "The horse was sluggish, not energetic. Already in the back, Bold Eagle was

"Bold Eagle was beaten, but fought farther because he is Bold Eagle."

—*Sebastien Guarato*

beaten, but fought farther because he is Bold Eagle."

Nivard agreed with Guarato's assessment.

Franck Nivard was also disappointed with Bold Eagle's intervention when interviewed by Equidia's Olivier Thomas.

"I'm disappointed, I cannot be anything else," Nivard told Equidia. "The horse had a nice trip, it could not be better than to be on the back of Davidson du Pont. I thought we'd get past that horse, but Bold Eagle did not accelerate when he should have done it."

Guarato said he plans for Bold Eagle to start again on Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Prix du Bourbonnais at Vincennes.

"In the next race, we will leave the shoes and try to get him a little more energetic and we'll see how it goes," Guarato told Equidia.

Meanwhile, no one will see the American-bred Propulsion in the preps for the Prix d'Amerique, but plans are in order for him to compete in the race. Horses with top earnings re-

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8:55p	M6	Three Diamonds 2FP	Trackmaster PPs
9:15p	M7	Goldsmith Maid 2FT	Trackmaster PPs
9:35p	M8	Governor's Cup 2CP	Trackmaster PPs
9:55p	M9	TVG Open Trot	Trackmaster PPs
10:15p	M10	Valley Victory 2CT	Trackmaster PPs
10:55p	M12	TVG Open Pace	Trackmaster PPs

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ceive automatic invitations to the PdA, and Bold Eagle and Propulsion qualify. Other horses must earn invitations by finishing in the top three in the special prep races.

Daniel Reden, who trains Propulsion, said he plans to prepare the horse for the famous French race by keeping him at home in Sweden.

"Propulsion loves to be here at the farm and work out in the stand," said Reden, who trains Propulsion for Bengt Agerup's Stall Zet. "We will do it completely different this year."

Propulsion is a 7-year-old son of Muscle Hill-Danae, and was bred by Cane Run Farm and Bluestone Farms. He finished second in the 2018 Elitlopp and since then has won six straight races.



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Event #1 F&M \$10,000 Claiming Pace

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3 rd Leg	Monday, December 31st, 2018	\$15,000

Event #3 \$10,000 Claiming Trot

1 st Leg	Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	\$8,000
2 nd Leg	Wednesday, December 19th, 2018	\$8,500
3 rd Leg	Monday, December 31st, 2018	\$15,000

Event #5 H&G \$10,000 Claiming Pace

1 st Leg	Saturday, December 15th, 2018	\$8,000
2 nd Leg	Saturday, December 22nd, 2018	\$8,500
3 rd Leg	Monday, December 31st, 2018	\$15,000

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Event #2 F&M \$20,000 Claiming Pace

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2 nd Leg	Tuesday, December 18th, 2018	\$16,000
3 rd Leg	Monday, December 31st, 2018	\$25,000

Event #4 \$20,000 Claiming Trot

1 st Leg	Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	\$15,000
2 nd Leg	Wednesday, December 19th, 2018	\$16,000
3 rd Leg	Monday, December 31st, 2018	\$25,000

Event #6 H&G \$20,000 Claiming Pace

1 st Leg	Saturday, December 15th, 2018	\$15,000
2 nd Leg	Saturday, December 22nd, 2018	\$16,000
3 rd Leg	Monday, December 31st, 2018	\$25,000

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Chin Chin Hall A Top Valley Victory Contender

With the advancement of the breed, it seems there are fewer and fewer late bloomers these days. Horses show their talent early and those that don't rarely seem to make the kind of improvement required to compete at top levels.

One late bloomer will be competing as a co-favorite in Saturday night's \$435,900 Valley Victory Trot at the Meadowlands.

So who's the late bloomer? The 2-year-old gelding trotter Chin Chin Hall, a horse with a pedigree full of accomplished individuals.

Chin Chin Hall didn't make his first stakes start until Sept. 27 at the Red Mile in a Bluegrass division, which he won. He followed that up with a third-place finish in stakes action the second week of the Grand Circuit meet in Lexington, and then finished third and fifth, respectively, in a Breeders Crown elim and the final. He won his elimination for the Valley Victory in a lifetime-best 1:54.4.

"I thought he raced great," said veteran horseman Peter Wrenn, who trains and drives Chin Chin Hall. "I think he got along well there, being on the mile track. He finished strong. So far the last 50 yards seems to be his best part of the mile.

"I think the final is going to be a very competitive race."

Chin Chin Hall was purchased as a yearling by Wrenn for \$50,000 at the Ohio Jug Sale, with Gene Oldford and Dave McDuffee then buying the colt. With his pedigree, Chin Chin Hall could have been deemed a bit of a bargain.

Chin Chin Hall was bred by Walnut Hall Ltd. and hails from two prolific maternal lines that Walnut Hall Ltd.'s Alan Leavitt developed. Chin Chin is by the Walnut Hall Ltd.-bred Cash Hall, who had the credentials to be a top sire. He was a world champion on the racetrack, setting a 1:51.1 mark at Delaware, Ohio, during an era when that kind of speed was

shocking. Cash Hall's dam, Chatty Hanover, comes from a speedball family with her second dam, Somolli, the dam of blazing fast colt Speedy Somolli, who was bred by Leavitt's Lana Lobell Farms.

Chin Chin Hall's dam is Canland Hall, the dam of Cantab Hall. Canland Hall is a sister to \$1.8 million winner Cameron Hall. Canland Hall's second dam, Canne Angus, is a sister to the prolific Amour Angus, dam of Andover Hall, Angus Hall and Conway Hall. Amour Angus was bred in Quebec and owned there when in 1995 Leavitt acquired her, a move that led to a breed-changing disruption in trotting bloodlines.

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—trainer-driver Peter Wrenn about Valley Victory elim winner Chin Chin Hall

Wrenn began Chin Chin Hall's training at Sunshine Meadows training center in Delray Beach, Fla. He showed talent, but then became difficult. As a result, he was gelded.

"Training down, he acted like a nice horse," said

Wrenn, "but then he developed an attitude. We wouldn't be talking right now if we had kept him a stud."

Following the Valley Victory, Chin Chin Hall will be shipped to Florida to spend the winter training at Sunshine Meadows. Wrenn expects to be training 26 horses this winter, 15 of them babies.

"This is the best bunch I've ever started with," said Wrenn, 56, who trains his stable with his wife, Melanie.

As for Chin Chin Hall's future past the Valley Victory, Wrenn is optimistic about 2019.

"He went through about a two-month growth spurt this fall and he really got tall," he shared. "He had some feet issues earlier so right now he wears a pad up front. He wears bandages behind, but no boots. He's just a really well-gaited horse." — *By Kathy Parker*



Michael Lisa/Lisa Photo

Chin Chin Hall

Callahan Reunited With Mangogh, And It Felt Good

After capturing the Governor's Cup elimination last weekend at the Meadowlands after starting from post 7, Mangogh starts from post 4 in Saturday night's \$469,300 final. By winning the elim by a nose, Mangogh earned the right to draw for posts 1-6 in the year's last stake for 2-year-old male pacers.

Trained by Bruce Saunders, Mangogh got off to a mediocre start, breaking his maiden in his fourth attempt, a 1:54 score over a "sloppy" track in a PA Stallion contest on Aug. 3 at Harrah's Philadelphia. The son of Western Ideal then posted three wins, two seconds and two thirds over his next seven starts, with one of those victories a career-best 1:50.3 effort in an International Stallion division on Oct. 6 at The Red Mile.

The last of that string of seven starts was a third-place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination at The Downs at Mohagan Sun Pocono. Drawing the outside post 8 in the \$600,000 final, Mangogh never got any traction on the sloppy going and finished sixth. He then finished in the

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—Corey Callahan

same spot after again starting from post 8 in the \$213,000 Matron at Dover Downs.

That led into the Governor's Cup elim, where he started from post 7. Driver Corey Callahan urged him to a first-over victory in 1:51.3, getting past

leader and betting favorite Captain Crunch (fifth) late before holding on and edging the inside-closing Escapetothebeach by the slimmest of margins. The top seven finishers in the elim advanced to the final, where they will be joined by Sugar Factory, Semi Tough and Blood Money, who all received a bye.

"I knew coming off the last turn that (Captain Crunch) was in trouble," said Callahan. "I was just hoping he didn't give Timmy (Tetrick, with Escapetothebeach) a lot of room up the rail. Timmy's horse got through there but mine outgained him to the wire."

For Callahan, it was a reunion with a horse he drove back in June in his first baby race. (Brett Miller, Andy McCarthy and Tetrick had driven Mangogh in most of his previous starts.)

"I gate schooled him once early in the year for Bruce and drove him in his first qualifier," remembered Callahan. "I hadn't driven him since, but he's come a long way. He still hits a knee a little bit but he's learned how to work through it and carry his speed through it."



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"Bruce told me before I went out that I was going to see a different horse, and he was right. He was fantastic. I was really impressed."

Callahan said driving against Mangogh in the Breeders Crown and Matron gave him perspective that the line was better than appeared on paper.

"He'd been in a couple bad spots," said Callahan. "In the Breeders Crown final he had the outside and finished up ragging behind me (driving third-place finisher Love Me Some Lou). In the Matron I let him go and here comes (No Mas Amor), and (No Mas Amor) backed up out of the race, and he was in a position where he was ready to be out and working."

A \$63,000 yearling purchase by M&L Of Delaware and M&M Harness Racing, Mangogh is out of the Real Artist mare My Little Artist, a half-sister to the \$2.3 million-winning My Little Dragon, the 2005 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year. Mangogh brings a career bankroll of \$136,980 into the Governor's Cup final. —By Gordon Waterstone

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Churchill/Keeneland Awarded License To Build New Harness Track in Kentucky

By a vote of 11-3, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, in a special meeting Friday afternoon, Nov. 16, a partnership of Churchill Downs and Keeneland Racecourse has been awarded a license to build a new Standardbred racetrack in Oak Grove, in the southwest corner of the state near the Tennessee border and in the Nashville market. The license became open with the closing of Thunder Ridge in the eastern part of Kentucky.

Three groups had applied for the license: Churchill/Keeneland, known as WKY Development LLC, Caesars Entertainment, and Kentucky Downs. Representatives of all three entities made short presentations on Friday, including prominent Thoroughbred owner Ron Winchell and former casino executive Marc Falcone, who purchased Kentucky Downs less than two weeks ago. Because of the purchase, Winchell asked the KHRC to delay any decision, which was subsequently denied when the members voted to award the license.

"We're excited in the confidence the Racing Commission has put in our partnership with Keeneland and Churchill to develop a facility in Oak Grove. We think our proposal was clearly the best," Churchill Downs president Kevin Flanery told *The Horseman* shortly after the KHRC vote. "We have a proven track record of over-delivering and being innovative and being partners with the local community. We're looking forward to doing great things for the Standardbred industry, the Thoroughbred industry, and all of Kentucky."

WKY Development, which is 95 percent Churchill and five percent Keeneland, plans to build a \$150 million facility, including a five-eighths mile racetrack, an area for 1,200-1,500 historical racing machines, a 125-room hotel and an equestrian center and amphitheater. While the proposal initially did not include a barn area, on Friday Flanery revealed plans to put in enough stalls to accommodate the horse population.

WKY Development's application asked for 12 days of live racing next October. Flanery guaranteed \$1 million in purse money to be available for those dozen days, funds that will come out-of-pocket for the company. Flanery said any excess money not awarded over the dozen days would transfer to the Grand Circuit meet at The Red Mile.

The Churchill/Keeneland application noted all revenue would be split 50-50 between the Standardbred and Thoroughbred horsemen; however, the application was the only one of the three that did not have an agreement in place with the Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association (KHHA).

The awarding of the license to Churchill/Keeneland was disappointing to KHHA executive director Gabe Prewitt, who was joined by KHHA president Bob Stewart at the meeting.

"I think it is very unfortunate. It is the only group we don't have a signed agreement with," Prewitt told *The Horseman*. "It's the only group that has not put any commitment into the live racing product. We just want a viable track at the new location; that's been our only goal since day one. We sat with all three parties and tried to reach that point when it comes to purse money raced for at that facility, when it comes to race dates, when it comes to a stabling area."

While one roadblock for WKY Development could be reaching an agreement with the KHHA, another could be obtaining permission from Kentucky Downs to conduct simulcasting. Kentucky regulations preclude racetracks within a 70-mile radius of other tracks from having simulcasting. In making a first presentation late last month, Kentucky Downs' founder Corey Johnsen stated he would be hesitant to grant permission for simulcasting if not awarded the license.

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—KHHA executive director
Gabe Prewitt

In a press release issued day after the KHRC meeting, new Kentucky Downs owner Falcone noted the planned \$25-million expansion at Kentucky Downs and ramifications of not being awarded the license.

"I think this decision is going to require us to re-evaluate what we're going to do going forward," said Falcone.

"Now we know we have competition," added Winchell. "We're going to gear up. We're doing what we do best. We're very competitive when it comes to gaming, and now we've got to do that apparently in the Kentucky Downs arena."

Dan Real, who represented Caesars, which owns nearby Bluegrass Downs, was also not pleased with the decision.

"They don't have a signed horsemen's agreement," Real was quoted as saying. "They don't have the ability to do simulcasting, they don't have any history, relationships, or marketing in the region, which obviously the other two operators do."

Ken Jackson, the lone Standardbred representative on the KHRC and a supporter of the WKY Development proposal, was ecstatic with the decision.

"It's really exciting," said Jackson. "You have two iconic brands in horse racing in Kentucky, and it's exciting mostly for harness racing that we're going to have a new track and have significant additional purses and that we're going to be able to share it across all programs in harness racing."

Jackson is confident WKY Development will reach a contract agreement with the KHHA, which is needed in order to conduct live racing.

"I feel confident that the right contract will get in place to make sure harness racing and Thoroughbred racing is protected," said Jackson. — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Canadian Hall of Famer Bill Gale Dies At 70

Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Famer William "Bill" Gale died Monday, Nov. 19. He was 70.

Mr. Gale was one of Canada's leading drivers for a period that spanned the 1970s, '80s and '90s. Between 1982 and 1997, Gale recorded 16 consecutive \$1 million-plus seasons. During most of the late 1980s and early 1990s he ranked among the top 15 in dash wins in North America.

In 1991, Mr. Gale was honored with an O'Brien Award as Canada's Driver of The Year following a season where he exceeded \$3.2 million in purse earnings. He was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2015.

During a driving career that spanned over 30 years, he won 6,375 races, started 32,134 times and earned \$42.1 million. In 1986 he won the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace with the Bob McIntosh-trained Sunset Warrior. In the fall of 1991 at Pompano Park he won a pair of Breeders Crown championships as he guided King Conch to a world record 1:56.2 win in the \$300,000 Two-Year-Old Colt Trot and reined Three Wizzards to an upset victory over Die Laughing and Artsplace in the \$357,000 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Pace. Earlier that year he drove BJ's Mac to victory in the Peter Haughton Memorial at the Meadowlands.

Other top stakes winners driven by Mr. Gale include Mystery Fund, Instant Rebate, Squirter and Lustra's Big Guy. Mr. Gale and the McIntosh-trained Mystery Fund won the Provincial Cup, Confederation Cup and Motor City Pace.

A native of Toronto, Mr. Gale was first introduced to harness racing by horseman Morris MacDonald. Mr. Gale worked as a groom for MacDonald for four years before advancing to assistant trainer and second driver. After seven

years with MacDonald, Mr. Gale worked for Ross Johnston of Dresden, Ont. While there he met Johnston's daughter, Janice, and they married. Mr. Gale later went out on his own.

Mr. Gale achieved his first national recognition as the regular driver of the trotter Spunky Byron, who competed in the free-for-all ranks, winning the 1984 Titan Cup at the Meadowlands. In 1985 and subsequent years he won driving titles at Hazel Park and Windsor Raceway. In 1991 he began driving regularly on the Ontario Jockey Club circuit, which at the time was anchored by racing at Greenwood Raceway in downtown Toronto.

Away from the track, Mr. Gale's hobbies included spending time with his young granddaughters or hitting the links to play some golf. He was also known to go on road trips with no set destination where he could tell his countless stories. He had a great sense of humor right until his passing.

Mr. Gale is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janice; son Jason (Veronica) of Ingersoll, Ont., and daughter Jennifer (Jeremy Jackson) of Woodstock, Ont.; grandchildren Chloe, Lola, Jaylen, Heather and Jasmine (Aaron); one great-grandchild, Archer; siblings Ron (Mitzie), David (Rosa), Larry (Cheryl) and Dianne Copping; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Per Mr. Gale's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no public visitation or service.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the Palliative Care Team at Woodstock Hospital for their efforts that went above and beyond to make sure all needs were met in the final stages of Mr. Gale's life. Donations in his memory may be made to the Woodstock Hospital-Palliative Care Unit, in care of Smith-LeRoy Funeral Home, 69 Wellington St. North, Woodstock, Ont.



Bill Gale driving Mystery Fund to victory over Sandman Hanover (4) and Goalie Jeff (5) in the 1989 Provincial Cup at Windsor Raceway.



Chris Tully Photo

Visit Harness Racing Museum For Holiday Cheer, Music

Great music and fun are traditions of the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame's annual Holiday Concert. Celebrating its 44th year, this community event kicks off the holiday season. Laced with the jingle of sleigh bells and the warmth of gathered friends and neighbors, the evening is sure to help make the season bright. So mark your calendars for Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. and don't miss out.

Returning to the concert line up this year are the Yuletide Carolers, a professional authentically costumed Victorian quartet, from New York City, dedicated to bringing song to all who gather. Sponsoring the Carolers again this year is Robert Boni of Northwood Bloodstock in memory of the late Hall of Famer and Harness Racing Museum trustee John A. Cashman Jr.

Goshen High School's Varsity Choir and Jazz Voices Ensemble will return for their 19th annual appearance on this special night. The evening will end with the concert's traditional audience participation number, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" followed by refreshments in the Carriage Room.

Reservations are welcome but not required, seating is limited and accommodated on a first come first served basis, so arrive early to enjoy our holiday tree trimmed with horsey ornaments and tour the Museum with its festive halls and stalls. Don't forget to visit the Museum's Winner's Circle Gift Shop for a little holiday shopping, too. Concertgoers will enjoy a 10 percent discount prior to the show.

Concert admission is \$3 per person, and is waived for Museum members. Non-members who bring a new unwrapped toy for the Marines' "Toys for Tots" program receive a \$1 admission discount.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program distributes toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. If you are unable to attend the concert but wish to join the Marine Corps efforts, we invite you to drop off a new unwrapped toy in the Museum's main lobby from now until Tuesday, Dec. 18 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Help make a child happy this holiday season!

Sales Time In Indiana This Weekend; Benefit For Families With Health Issues

Following big turkey dinners on Thanksgiving day, horsemen can get in a bit of activity by attending the Midwest Mixed Sale and Michiana Classic Yearling Sale, set to be held Friday and Saturday, respectively, Nov. 23 and 24, at the Michiana Event Center in Shipshewana, Ind.

The Midwest Mixed Sale gets underway at 11 a.m. on Friday. The offerings include in-foal broodmares, breeding prospects and stallion shares. Stallion shares available include Swan For All and Real Desire, and 2019 breedings to Swan For All, Always A Virgin and Dover Dan. The sale also includes racehorses.

The second annual Michiana Classic Yearling Sale, conducted by the Hoosier Classic Sale Company, will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. A total of 224 yearlings are in the catalog. Up to date TrackIt pedigrees as well as the catalog pedigrees and available videos can be viewed on line at www.michianaclassicale.com Videos are added as they are made available.

Horsemen are invited to help fill in the gap between the two sales at a benefit dinner and raffle scheduled to follow the Midwest Mixed Sale on Friday. Proceeds will help defray hospital and medical costs for three families in the Standardbred industry.

All three families are facing mounting medical costs for family members diagnosed with leukemia, Parkinson's disease and stage 3 Legg Perthes disease. Families involved are Dean R. Miller of Topeka, Ind., Leon E. Slabach of Shipshewana and Nate Yoder of LaGrange, Ind.

Funds will be raised by auctioning off 2019 stallion breedings to the Indiana-based Always A Virgin, Big Stick Lindy, Check Six, Dover Dan, Guccio and Swan For All during the Friday mixed sale. A raffle for a 4562 Cruiser buggy, Pennsylvania jog cart, and large Green Egg and Silver Rocket grills will take place in conjunction with the dinner at the conclusion of the mixed sale session. For additional information contact Gene Borkholder at 574-646-2890. *(Michiana and Midwest Mixed Sale)*

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Nov. 30 deadline for chance to ride with Foiled Again

The world's richest Standardbred and perhaps greatest of all time (GOAT), Foiled Again, will be racing his last race at The Meadows on Dec. 31. The connections of Foiled Again have donated a once in a lifetime opportunity to ride along with Foiled Again during his first warm-up trip on Dec. 31. The deadline to purchase a raffle ticket is Nov. 30. [more](#)

Coleman, King talk about McWicked, Shartin N

Harness racing's top-ranked horses, No. 1 McWicked and No. 2 Shartin N, head to their respective TVG Series championships Saturday at The Meadowlands Racetrack looking to bolster their Horse of the Year credentials while closing out historic seasons. [more](#)

Ashley Tetrick addresses USTA's STA funding

Ashley Tetrick has issued the following release regarding the Standardbred Transition Alliance and funds coming from the U.S. Trotting Association: As a trendy statement, "Fake News" seems to be thrown around frivolously, typically with little to no meaning. After this week's United States Trotting Association Executive Board meeting, "Fake News" seemed to hit social media even before the meeting's adjournment. [more](#)

Jacobs to receive Hamilton Medal from HHBNYS

Harness Horse Breeders of New York State (HHBNYS) have announced that long time Standardbred owner Ken Jacobs will receive the 2018 Bruce Hamilton Memorial Medal. [more](#)

Extreme Velocity passes at age 25

The 1997 Breeders Crown Aged Mare Pace winner, Extreme Velocity p,4,1:50.3 (\$856,070), passed away on Friday, Nov. 16, at Ruddick Stables in Scipio, Ind., where she was living out her retirement from racing and breeding. [more](#)

Stallion breedings available at benefit

Horsemen are invited to help fill in the gap in an upcoming benefit dinner and raffle scheduled to follow the Midwest Mixed Sale on Friday, Nov. 23. Proceeds will help defray hospital and medical costs for three families in the Standardbred industry. [more](#)

Deters wins 100th race, tops \$1 million in 2018

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Fourth Dimension to stand stud in Sweden in 2019

Fourth Dimension (Chapter Seven-Corazon Blue Chip), the 2017 Dan Patch 2-year-old trotting colt champion, will stand at Menhammar Stuteri in Stockholm, Sweden, during the 2019 breeding season. Menhammar has taken up a shareholding in the horse as a sire and will market him for a fee of SEK 50,000 (\$5,500) for a living foal. [more](#)

Vets to speak on out-of-competition testing in Ohio

A panel of practicing racetrack veterinarians will present their thoughts on out-of-competition testing at the Ohio State Racing Commission's (OSRC) monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. in Room 1948 at the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio. [more](#)

Meadowlands annual toy drive kicks off Friday

Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment is holding its 15th annual Toys for Tots Collection Drive Nov. 23 through Saturday, Dec. 8. This year the Meadowlands has teamed up with New York Jets wide receiver Quincy Enunwa and the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots to donate all the collected toys to Harlem Grown. [more](#)

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Berazzled tops Blooded Horse Sale at \$76,000

The 71st annual Fall Blooded Horse Sale, held Nov. 13-15, at the Champions Center in Springfield, Ohio, witnessed its highest average in the history of its fall edition. The sale was topped by former Ohio 2-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Berazzled at \$76,000. The daughter of Charley Barley, now an Open Pacer, earned over \$90,000 this year en route to lifetime earnings of nearly \$400,000. Consigned by Marion Beachy and Kerry O'Keefe to dissolve the partnership, Beachy prevailed against serious bidders throughout the pavilion to keep the beautiful black mare. [more](#)

Vesta Blue Chip, dam of Rainbow Blue, dies

Winbak Farm has announced that Vesta Blue Chip, the dam of Horse of the Year Rainbow Blue, has died at the age of 26. [more](#)

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Standardbred Poll

*Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
Harness Racing Communications for the week of November 20, 2018*

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. McWicked (27)	7ph	18-11-3-2	\$1,403,864	341	1
2. Shartin N (6)	5pm	23-18-1-0	968,361	309	2
3. Atlanta	3tf	14-8-5-1	1,017,278	249	3
4. Woodside Charm (2)	2tf	7-7-0-0	521,658	222	4
5. Kissin In The Sand	3pf	15-10-5-0	845,495	191	5
6. Gimpanzee	2tc	9-9-0-0	591,358	141	6
7. Dorsoduro Hanover	3pg	20-10-5-1	1,244,612	96	7
8. Six Pack	3tc	14-11-1-1	1,075,648	80	8
9. Courtly Choice	3pc	16-10-1-0	910,603	68	9
10. Tactical Landing	3tc	13-8-2-2	642,800	59	10

Others receiving votes: Homicide Hunter 53, Warrawee Ubeaut 39, Manchego 18, Jimmy Freight 14, Marion Marauder 12, Crystal Fashion 9, Lather Up 8, Captain Crunch 5, Emoticon Hanover, Met's Hall 4, Plunge Blue Chip 2, Pure Country 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through November 20, 2018 (week difference Nov. 15-20).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
McWicked (7ph)	18	11	3	2	\$1,403,864
Dorsoduro Hanover (3pg)	20	10	5	1	1,244,612
Crystal Fashion (3tg)	17	9	4	2	1,086,317
Six Pack (3tc)	14	11	1	1	1,075,648
Met's Hall (3tc)	15	5	4	4	1,028,171
Atlanta (3tf)	14	8	5	1	1,017,278
Shartin N (5pm)	23	18	1	0	968,361
Courtly Choice (3pc)	16	10	1	0	910,603
Lather Up (3pc)	18	11	1	2	893,512
Kissin In The Sand (3pf)	15	10	5	0	845,495

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Tim Tetrick	2,531	514-411-354	.340	\$12,497,299 (\$296,620)
Yannick Gingras	1,478	289-227-180	.321	10,851,032 (183,297)
Aaron Merriman	4,170	984-728-605	.381	9,319,552 (195,100)
David Miller	1,629	259-258-251	.298	9,186,649 (149,777)
Jason Bartlett	2,339	487-375-336	.345	9,020,783 (155,868)
Jordan Stratton	2,116	364-334-283	.304	7,850,051 (157,184)
Scott Zeron	1,334	196-169-162	.258	7,412,628 (64,540)
Matt Kakaley	1,775	251-282-239	.275	7,265,052 (156,297)
George Napolitano Jr.	2,700	622-457-315	.363	6,742,376 (70,805)
George Brennan	2,053	360-297-253	.297	6,684,299 (171,676)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,209	901-661-572	.347	\$19,628,914 (\$513,663)
Jimmy Takter	635	143-124-81	.376	8,231,064 (36,237)
Rene Allard	1,599	335-250-198	.338	5,862,632 (120,161)
Julie Miller	628	148-117-74	.378	4,532,121 (63,674)
Tony Alagna	574	125-80-80	.342	4,252,869 (21,500)
Scott Di Domenico	1,502	254-212-188	.289	4,053,849 (99,944)
Ake Svanstedt	527	83-66-75	.275	3,621,818 (130,183)
Erv Miller	968	157-165-134	.303	3,591,102 (25,500)
Richard Moreau	1,514	281-230-189	.312	3,293,050 (74,568)
Brian Brown	492	109-89-62	.364	3,279,227 (1,950)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	969	678	2,204	\$29,517,052
Winbak Farm	934	635	1,982	20,438,071
Brittany Farms LLC	227	162	603	10,817,131
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	201	147	505	7,081,291
Steve Stewart	198	132	405	5,468,191
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	161	114	330	5,396,606
White Birch Farm	171	125	372	4,759,945
Seelster Farms Inc.	198	138	453	4,288,847
Midland Acres Inc.	173	118	423	3,555,159
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	142	104	375	3,463,363

Leading Money-Winning Sires

USTA statistics through 11/20/18

2YO Pacers

Sire Name	Foals	Starters	Earnings
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	113	83	\$3,075,772
SWEET LOU	97	79	2,919,170
SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE	113	90	2,562,646
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	122	87	2,151,629
ART MAJOR	97	67	1,586,223
AMERICAN IDEAL	89	71	1,544,961
SPORTSWRITER	166	116	1,385,933
ALWAYS A VIRGIN	81	48	1,275,026
PET ROCK	104	75	1,019,430
TELLITLIKEITIS	76	47	926,402
A ROCKNROLL DANCE	79	44	892,697
ROCKIN IMAGE	93	65	861,932
WELL SAID	71	52	817,604
SO SURREAL	55	38	772,499
BETTERTHANCHEDDAR	85	57	738,045
MCARDLE	58	36	716,200
BIG JIM	61	31	562,859
BIG BAD JOHN	48	37	557,970
HESTON BLUE CHIP	27	18	544,930
ROCK N ROLL HEAVEN	47	28	536,379

2YO Trotters

Sire Name	Foals	Starters	Earnings
MUSCLE HILL	102	68	\$3,595,205
CHAPTER SEVEN	49	33	1,900,383
CANTAB HALL	96	72	1,749,126
SWAN FOR ALL	87	48	1,645,509
TRIXTON	82	54	1,603,715
FATHER PATRICK	47	31	1,412,291
MUSCLE MASSIVE	96	59	1,212,093
CREDIT WINNER	76	50	1,021,086
UNCLE PETER	85	61	932,420
KADABRA	63	43	885,825
CONWAY HALL	76	47	884,744
EXPLOSIVE MATTER	79	58	833,736
MANOFMAYMISSIONS	50	32	730,657
DONATO HANOVER	78	49	706,776
E L TITAN	33	24	636,713
MUSCLE MASS	45	32	616,325
ARCHANGEL	65	27	567,314
CRAZED	48	34	555,308
WISHING STONE	31	23	555,213
ROYALTY FOR LIFE	56	34	532,984