Wiggle It Jiggleit Ready To Call It A Year After Progress

With 25 starts already under his belt this year, presumptive Horse of the Year Wiggle It Jiggleit already has the most starts by the winner of the E. Roland Harriman trophy since Gallo Blue Chip’s 29-start campaign in 2000. Wiggle It Jiggleit will close out his 3-year-old campaign with start 26 in the $283,000 Hap Hansen Progress Pace on Monday night, Nov. 30, at Dover Downs.

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–George Teague Jr.

Through the Buddy Gilmour Series at the Meadowlands. With the Progress Pace being raced just a few hours before the calendar turns to December, Wiggle It Jiggleit came close to making at least one start in 11 months. And if you include a May qualifier, he could have gone 12-for-12.

“It’s very rare great horses race this often,” said Wiggle It Jiggleit’s owner, George Teague Jr. “I said this the first time I trained him that I had seen a lot of good horses, but 10 or 11 months into training I am still in awe of his ability and how fast he is. I am still praising him because I never would have imagined this horse would be this fresh. He’s just a freak of a horse.”

Wiggle It Jiggleit’s Meadowlands Pace victory made him eligible to start in the TVG Series final against older horses on Nov. 21 at the Meadowlands. Teague declined the invitation and instead raced Wiggle It Jiggleit in the Progress Pace.

“I wish I could have done both, and if the Progress didn’t go eliminations, that would have been really nice because I could have gone to the TVG,” he said. “But the circumstances were that the Progress is right here at home, against 3-year-old colts, so it weighed a little bit better that way. The TVG would have been nice and I would have looked forward to it. If my horse goes in there and there’s a little bit of a buzz of him racing against the older horses like Captaintreacherous did a couple years ago, it’s good for the sport.”

Teague says he’s heard the comparisons between Wiggle It Jiggleit and 2003 Horse of the Year Somebeachsomewhere.

$300,000 HAP HANSEN PROGRESS PACE

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"Somebody chimed in about him being as good as Somebeachsomewhere," said Teague, who trained 2003 Horse of the Year Rainbow Blue but has turned the conditioning responsibilities of Wiggle It Jiggleit over to longtime assistant Clyde Francis. “One thing is, Somebeachsomewhere raced 15 times as a 3 year old. Everybody manages a horse different. I said one thing about my horse, the greatest horse I’ve ever seen, that he would compete from January when he won in 1:49 and he’d compete in November, and he won in 1:49, and in between he did some amazing things.

“If you compare the body of work this horse has done from the time he started racing until now, I think it’s remarkable that the horse has been that sharp and competitive that long.”

—George Teague Jr. on Wiggle It Jiggleit

Teague also recently came out in support of Meadowlands chairman Jeff Gural’s statement that he wanted to include trainer’s comments made 72 hours out in the race program, which came about after Bee A Magician’s fourth-place finish in a TVG leg and comments after that the mare’s recent issues of tying up led to a decision to racing from off the pace.

“I think it got way out of proportion,” said Teague. “I think horsemen are really, really slow to change anything. I see things crashing and not getting better, and everybody else is saying to leave it alone. Do I agree with everything Jeff Gural does? No. But I don’t disagree in what he asked for here. I thought it was something worth trying. But it got shut down by everybody. Somebody’s got to protect the gambler, and I commend the Meadowlands.”

So with Wiggle It Jiggleit’s back issues that came to light earlier this year, would Teague have been honest had he been required to give an pre-Meadowlands Pace comment?

“I don’t think a comment would have made a difference in how he performed,” said Teague. “I would say that the horse was coming into the race good. When he was hurting with his issues and soreness, it never depleted his performance. I knew going in that it wouldn’t be a factor with him because once he shows up to race he goes in all the way.

“I would have probably said, ‘The horse is coming into the race as good as he’s always been. His issues don’t play a factor with him.’

“I thought this was a generic thing and I thought it was something worth trying and something we need to try,” said Teague. “If people find the information to be a lie or bad information, then do away with it. But if we don’t try anything at all...then I think we’re shooting ourselves in the foot.” —By Gordon Waterstone
November 30, 2015 Deadline for Ohio Standardbred Stallion owners

For a stallion’s foals to be Ohio Sires Stakes eligible, the stallion must be registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission by NOVEMBER 30, 2015

Stallion Renewal: $25.00
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Report of mares bred to your Ohio Standardbred Stallion in 2015 is also due to the Ohio State Racing Commission by NOVEMBER 30, 2015

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Is Yonkers Close To Re-establishing Commingled Pools With France?

Next week, Joe Faraldo will be in France trying to convince officials with that country’s massive betting system, the Pari Mutuel Urbain (PMU), to restart the practice of betting into a common pool.

If successful, the implications of the French betting into a commingled pool are huge for Yonkers Raceway, in particular, and harness racing in general.

“There’s some serious money over in Europe,” said Faraldo, the president of the Standardbred Owners Association (SOA) of NewYork. “Last Monday, after the horrible tragedy in Paris, they told us they did want us to send our signal over. I was thinking they were not going to do anything that night, but the first race they bet $412,000. If we only commingle win and show, that amounts to about 50 percent of their handle of that $412,000. Fifty to 60 percent of that is win and show... I’m hoping that will attract big gamblers back into betting because there will be a bigger pool. You’re betting now against maybe $220,000 in the win pool. That’s Meadowlands’ numbers.”

The PMU has commingled with North American betting pools in the past, starting with the Breeders’ Cup and experimenting with it during a Hambletonian card and other races at the Meadowlands, but discontinued the practice in recent years due to bureaucratic red tape in France. Word is some of that red tape has been removed, creating the possibility commingling can return.

“I think harness racing wagering in North America is saturated and the only way to increase the pool size is to commingle with a foreign country. So, I think it’s just fantastic for the entire business,” said Sam McKee, the director of TV at the Meadowlands and one of the track’s announcers.

The idea of commingling on the Hambletonian came about more than a decade ago as Hambletonian Society management and directors initiated talks with French PMU. Sam McKee, who handles simulcasting at the Meadowlands, was a part of a Hambletonian Society group that traveled to France in 2013 to establish commingling on the Hambletonian.

McKee said Yonkers is perfectly positioned to take advantage of commingling with the PMU because revenue from the track’s racino gives it more flexibility in terms of setting post times that better line up with European time zones, which are typically five or six hours ahead. The Meadowlands relies entirely on handle for revenue and, “can’t afford to move post time to afternoons,” McKee said. “No matter how much they bet, we’ll never get the play we get domestically racing at night on Fridays and Saturdays.

“We’ve been trying to get Sweden to take our signal on their account wagering platform, but we don’t go off until one in the morning their time with our 7 o’clock post time. It just doesn’t make a lot of sense for them.”

Yonkers has made strong inroads into Europe in recent years by reinstituting the International Trot—which the track recently announced would return in 2016—and by running special Sunday morning cards aimed at the French market. Yonkers’ Sunday cards, which began a little over a year ago, proved to be one of the year’s biggest wagering success stories. Over 27 cards and 141 races, French bettors wagered more than $19 million in total, or about $700,000 per card.

Faraldo sees it not only as a way to expand the market for harness racing, but also as proof to New York politicians that the industry has wisely used some of the proceeds from slot machines to try to grow its core business.

Though the PMU is a huge betting operation, there are other world markets to explore.

McKee said Australian time zones work even better because night racing in North America is on Down Under during the morning hours.

“The first time we sent our signal over there was for the Breeders Crown at Pocono in 2010. Then, in the winter of 2011, the Aussies did a six-week or eight-week test with the Meadowlands where they took six races a night and we averaged $430,000 a night wagered from there. That’s nice money,” McKee said. “You get to thinking, ‘Wow, if we could send them our entire card how much are we going to bet? When we can commingle what are we going to bet?’ That was very, very successful.”

However, the following year Australia began taking the Meadowlands on Thursdays and Saturdays and soon added Yonkers, Balmoral and Northfield Park, which diluted the impact, particularly since Australia is not set up, yet, to commingle with North America.

That’s the key. Commingling with every major harness racing country is the Holy Grail despite the bureaucratic nightmares caused by differences in language, currency, regulations, hardware, software and time.

Can you imagine if people in Hong Kong, Australia, Europe, South America and South Africa could all bet right into U.S. harness racing pools?
NIAGARA

EVENT #61: Three-year-old pacing fillies, non-winners of $50,000 lifetime, as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances.
Raced at Woodbine Racetrack
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
1st Leg: Friday, December 11, 2015 $18,000 G each
2nd Leg: Friday, December 18, 2015 $18,000 G each
Final: Saturday, December 26, 2015 $30,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

BLIZZARD

EVENT #34: Three and Four-year-old pacing fillies & mares in 2016, non-winners of two races or $30,000 lifetime as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances. Raced at Woodbine.
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Thursday, January 7, 2016 $17,000 G each
Second Leg: Thursday, January 14, 2016 $17,000 G each
Final: Friday, January 22, 2016 $35,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

MISS VERA BARS

EVENT #36: Three-year-old pacing fillies in 2016, non-winners of three races or $40,000 lifetime as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances. Raced at Woodbine.
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Thursday, February 4, 2016 $17,000 G each
Second Leg: Thursday, February 11, 2016 $17,000 G each
Final: Friday, February 19, 2016 $35,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

ONTARIO GIRLS

EVENT #38: Ontario sired Four-year-old pacing mares in 2016, non-winners $60,000 lifetime, as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances. Raced at Woodbine.
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Friday, May 6, 2016 $18,000 G each
Second Leg: Friday, February 12, 2016 $18,000 G each
Final: Saturday, February 20, 2016 $40,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

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EVENT #40: Four-year-old pacing mares in 2016, non-winners $100,000 lifetime as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances. Raced at Woodbine.
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Friday, March 4, 2016 $20,000 G each
Second Leg: Friday, March 11, 2016 $20,000 G each
Final: Saturday, March 19, 2016 $50,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

LIFETIME DREAM

Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Monday, January 11, 2016 $20,000 G each
Second Leg: Monday, January 18, 2016 $20,000 G each
Final: Monday, January 25, 2016 $40,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

VALEDICTORY

Event #62: Three-year-old pacing colts and geldings, non-winners of $50,000 lifetime, as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances.
Raced at Woodbine Racetrack
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
1st Leg: Saturday, December 12, 2015 $18,000 G each
2nd Leg: Saturday, December 19, 2015 $18,000 G each
Final: Saturday, December 26, 2015 $30,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

SNOWSHOE

EVENT #35: Three and Four-year-old pacing colts, horses & geldings in 2016, non-winners of two races or $30,000 lifetime as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances. Raced at Woodbine.
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Friday, January 8, 2016 $17,000 G each
Second Leg: Friday, January 15, 2016 $17,000 G each
Final: Friday, January 22, 2016 $35,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

THE COUNT B

EVENT #37: Three-year-old pacing colts & geldings in 2016, non-winners three races or $40,000 lifetime as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances. Raced at Woodbine.
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Friday, February 5, 2016 $17,000 G each
Second Leg: Friday, February 12, 2016 $17,000 G each
Final: Friday, February 19, 2016 $35,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

ONTARIO BOYS

EVENT #39: Ontario sired Four-year-old pacing horses & geldings in 2016, non-winners $60,000 lifetime, as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances. Raced at Woodbine.
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Saturday, February 6, 2016 $18,000 G each
Second Leg: Saturday, February 13, 2016 $18,000 G each
Final: Saturday, February 20, 2016 $40,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

WEGZ

EVENT #41: Four-year-old pacing horses & geldings in 2016, non-winners $100,000 lifetime as of midnight, October 31, 2015. No allowances. Raced at Woodbine.
Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Saturday, March 5, 2016 $20,000 G each
Second Leg: Saturday, March 12, 2016 $20,000 G each
Final: Saturday, March 19, 2016 $50,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

GENERAL BROCK

Nomination fee: $200 CDN ($165 U.S.)
First Leg: Monday, February 8, 2016 $18,000 G each
Second Leg: Monday, February 15, 2016 $18,000 G each
Final: Monday, February 22, 2016 $40,000 Added
Declarations close as posted on weekly condition sheet

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Northfield’s Top Drivers Have Chance In Courageous Lady

The $120,000 Courageous Lady Pace has a star in Jugette champion Sassa Hanover, but at this point in the season, one more start in a long campaign can bring defeat.

Trained by Ron Burke and driven by Yannick Gingras, Sassa Hanover will be making her 21st start of 2015 and she has raced every month since May. Last Saturday night she finished fourth in the 1 1/8 mile Tarport Hap at the Meadowlands. The filly raced third-over until the last turn, when she was left uncovered while alongside the pacesetting Bedroomconfessions.

Since Sassa Hanover drew post 3 in the Courageous Lady, she’s the 2-1 morning line favorite. The two leading drivers at Northfield, however, aren’t conceding the race to the favorite. Ronnie Wrenn Jr., the dash leader at Northfield with 556 wins, will drive 7-2 choice Triple V Hanover and start from post 1. Aaron Merriman is a bit of a longshot with Somewhere Sweet, is 10-1 on the morning line.

“I haven’t driven her before, but the rail obviously is a good place to start,” said Wrenn of post 1.

Although the rail is the winningest post position at Northfield (18.7 percent), Wrenn said it’s not always his preferred starting spot.

“I like the rail, but I like the three and four because you can get a horse off the (starting) gate best from there. At the rail, sometimes the gate comes back at you and you can lose almost a half a length.”

Brian Brown trains Triple V Hanover, who comes into the Courageous Lady off of a second-place finish in the American National on Nov. 7. Triple V Hanover’s half-mile track experience includes racing in the Jugette and training at the Delaware County Fair.

Merriman will start from post 4 with Somewhere Sweet, who is also trained by Brown. Somewhere Sweet finished a lackluster fifth in the American National, but interestingly she is undefeated with Merriman driving her this year. He won a Keystone Classic with the filly on Oct. 5 and an overnight with her earlier in the season.

“I think she’ll get around a half good as she’s very, very handy,” said Merriman. “I think she’s got an outside chance. I don’t think my horse has been raced as hard as these others.”

Merriman said that even though trainers Burke and Brown each have two entries, he thinks there will be enough early action in the race to give his filly a chance. But with that said, he believes pacesetters fare well at Northfield.

“There’s a lot of speed inside of us, and Northfield is a track where speed carries,” added Merriman. “It’s a track where you can overdrive a horse at times and still win.”

Another filly likely to a strong presence in the race is the Burke-trained Southwind Roulette. Although still winless this year in 17 starts, Southwind Roulette finished second in the Jugette final and was the runner-up in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship, beaten just a head. She comes into the Courageous Lady off of a qualifying win at The Meadows on Nov. 19.—By Kathy Parker
Full Fields Friday At Meadowlands
Friday (Nov. 27) night’s slate of racing at the Meadowlands offers 13 overnight races with the majority filled to the brim with 10 or 11 horse fields. A total of 41 pacing mares split into four divisions will compete for one of the ten berths next week in the $20,000 G-Note final. A pair of tens comprise the G-Note trot with the best finishers returning to race for the bonus amount next week.

The guarantees continue on the Meadowlands horizontal wagers with the Late Pick-4 (races eight-11) leading the way with a promise of $50,000 in the pool at a minimum for that bet. Friday night’s promotions are led by the $1,500 Black Friday Gift Card Sweepstakes offering some relief to wallets preparing to be made weary by holiday shopping.

Balmoral Has Hi-Five With $30k Guarantee
Balmoral Park will be offering lucrative guaranteed pools on Friday, Nov. 27. With the 10 cent Hi-Five going unclaimed last Saturday night, a nice carryover of $14,755 will be added to this Friday’s pool. With that in mind, Balmoral Park will offer fans a chance to grab some Black Friday shopping money by posting a $30,000 guaranteed pool on the 10 cent wager. The Hi-Five is on race 12 on Friday night.

In addition to the Hi-Five guarantee, fans will have a chance to snap some additional money they can use to expand their tickets earlier in the night as Balmoral Park will also offer up a guaranteed pool of $15,000 on its 50 cent Pick 5 wager. The low cost wager also went unclaimed last Saturday meaning an additional $4,427 in carryover money will be added to the pool on Friday night. The Pick 5, which is on races four through eight on Friday once again features a low 50 cent minimum.

As usual on Fridays, the $1 Pick 4 with its low takeout of 15 percent will be offered on races nine through 12. The Pick 4 will have a guaranteed pool of $15,000 as well.

Handicappers across North America can get a head start on their competition with free 12 line program pages for the guaranteed pools courtesy of the USTA Strategic Wagering Initiative and TrackMaster on the handicapping section at www.ustrotting.com.

Meadowlands Rescinds Trainer Limit Rule
After careful consideration and consultation with various horsemen, the Meadowlands will be suspending its rule limiting a trainer to two horses (other than any horse the trainer has campaigned since the horse’s first start) in the final of a stakes race.

“There had been concerns voiced to us in the past regarding any trainer having multiple starters in one stakes final,” said Jeff Gural. “But after listening to the view-points of several horsemen, we will suspend the rule going forward. In addition, with the horse population continuing to decrease, limiting the number of horses entered into our biggest races may not be in the best interest of the Meadowlands as a business. We will monitor this going forward and we certainly reserve the right to bring this rule back with 30 days notice, if we feel it is necessary.”

The suspension of this rule is effective immediately and all trainers should be aware of this when submitting their nominations for the stakes events on Feb.15. (Meadowlands)

First Phase Of Ohio Cobalt Study Complete
Dr. James Robertson, the Ohio State Racing Commission’s (OSRC) consulting veterinarian, announced at the OSRC monthly meeting on Nov. 18 that the first phase of the cobalt pilot study being conducted at The Ohio State University is complete.

“A range of doses of intravenous cobalt chloride were administered to five healthy horses at weekly intervals,” Dr. Robertson offered. “Blood and urine samples were taken for analysis and will continue to be taken in weeks to follow.”

The OSRC has partnered with veterinary clinicians and scientists from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Ohio Department of Agriculture Analytical Toxicology Laboratory in a comprehensive research study, which focuses on what cobalt does to a horse’s system and its effects on racehorses.

“Intravenous cobalt chloride, especially at the higher dosage levels, produced a rapid onset of clinical signs and had detrimental effects on a number of body systems including the cardiovascular system (hypertension, arrhythmias and tachycardia) and the renal system (bloody urine),” Dr. Robertson revealed. “Sample analysis and data collation will take place over the next few months.” (OSRC)

JL Cruze To Return To Training In January
World champion JL Cruze was sidelined in September because of complications from a virus, but trainer Eric Ell expects the trotter to begin preparing for his 2016 campaign in January. And Ell hopes the gelding can be as good—if not better—next season.

JL Cruze, a 4-year-old, entered this year a relative unknown but made headlines during the summer thanks to victories over Dan Patch Award winners Father Patrick, Sebastian K, and Shake It Cerry. JL Cruze also became the sport’s first trotter to trot a mile in less than 1:50 on a mile-sized track, stopping the timer in 1:49.4 to capture the Graduate Series championship at the Meadowlands. He equaled the world record of 1:51 for a 4-year-old gelding on a five-Continues on page 8
eighths oval in the Sun Invitational at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

For the year, JL Cruze won 16 of 21 races and earned $627,456 for owners Ken Wood, Bill Dittmar Jr., and Steve Iaquinta. The ownership group purchased JL Cruze—who entered this season with five career victories in 17 races—a year ago for $37,000 because he fit favorable non-winners conditions at Dover Downs, where the owners race frequently.

JL Cruze began this season by winning the Super Bowl Series championship in January, followed by the Singer Memorial Series in February, the Shiawassee St Pat Series in March, and the Weiss Series in April. He then won two preliminary rounds of the Graduate Series over Father Patrick, upended Sebastian K in the Sun Invitational, held off Shake It Cerry in the Graduate Series final, and fended off Resolve in the Hambletonian Maturity.

“The whole year was unbelievable,” Ell said. “He kept getting better all the time. When we took him to the first series I didn’t know if he could go with those kinds of horses. He just surprised us. We put him in the next one and he was better yet. He just got better all year.

“When he set the track record at the Meadowlands, that was probably the biggest high I had all year. I just couldn’t believe it. It was mind boggling.”

JL Cruze, who was driven by John Campbell in all but one race this year, saw his season come to an end after finishing 10th in the Maple Leaf Trot. The horse led to the halfway point, but came home with a :31 last quarter-mile. A week earlier, JL Cruze led into the stretch but finished fifth.

A trip to the New Bolton Center, where JL Cruze was monitored on a treadmill, revealed issues with the trotter’s lungs as the result of a virus.

“When we got him up to high speed, he was only taking in 60 percent of the oxygen level he was supposed to be taking in,” Ell said. “They recommended a few months off and some medication. I have him scheduled to start Jan. 1 and try to get him ready for the spring. He should be fine. It wasn’t life threatening.

“It was great; everybody liked him,” Ell said. “Everyone was watching him, that’s for sure. It was a good story. We all try to find that diamond in the rough.

“It can happen.”—By Ken Weingartner/Harness Racing Communications

Pete Hanley Named Hawthorne Race Secretary

Hawthorne Race Course President Tim Carey has named Pete Hanley as Racing Secretary for the upcoming Suburban Downs at Hawthorne harness meet. The meet begins on Friday, Jan. 8, and races through Saturday, Feb. 6. Live racing will take place five nights/week, with racing taking place Wednesday through Sunday. Purses for the Suburban Downs at Hawthorne meet are expected to average $75,000 per card with 9-10 races taking place each racing night.

Hanley comes from a family that have backgrounds in harness racing. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program and got his first job in racing at Foxboro Raceway in 1984. Pete has done almost every job in the harness industry, recently serving as a steward at Running Aces from 2012 – 2014. In 2013, he was named Director of Racing & Racing Secretary at Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland.

“We are very pleased to have Pete as a part of our team for the upcoming harness meet at Hawthorne,” Hawthorne President Tim Carey stated. “Pete has experience, but also brings a fresh perspective that many horsemen we have spoken to say they appreciate.”

Hawthorne Race Course, Chicago’s hometown track, currently is in the midst of a live Thoroughbred meet which takes place through Saturday, Jan. 2. The track surface will be converted for the opening of the Suburban Downs at Hawthorne harness meet which begins Friday, Jan. 8. For details on racing at Hawthorne, visit http://www.hawthorneracecourse.com.

Armbrro Feather Dies At Age 31

Winbak Farm announced on Nov. 24 that the champion race mare Armbro Feather p, 2, 2:03.3h; 3, 1:53.4; 1:51.3 ($1,454,927) had died. She was 31 and her last years have been spent enjoying a well-deserved retirement with Winbak’s band of retired mares.

A foal of 1984, Armbro Feather was a daughter of Most Happy Fella and Bret’s Velvet. Her sire had passed away by the time she was born. Bred by Armstrong Bros., Armbro Feather won 56 of her 90 career starts and finished in the money in 91 percent of her starts, but she was a difficult horse at first. She refused to turn right to go to the gate (a trait she never lost until the day she retired). She preferred no fuss and to be left alone.

At age three, Armbro Feather won the Jugette (in straight heats), the Shady Daisy Stake and the Reynolds Memorial. She was also the New York Sire Stakes champion. At four she was voted the USHWA Dan Patch Award for Older Pacing Mares. She won the Breeders Crown prep, two Clare Series legs and the final, Hanover Stake and Roses Are Red Stake. She was second in the Breeders Crown and Milton Stakes. She took her lifetime mark of 1:51.3 at the Meadowlands when she won the fillies & mares open. As an aged racehorse, she won the Breeders Crown, Clare Stake Final, Milton Stake leg and Final and Roses Are Red final.

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When she retired from racing, Armbro Feather joined the Armstrong Brothers broodmare ranks. While a broodmare at Armstrong, Armbro Feather produced 11 foals, none of which came close to their mother’s earnings. Her best foal for the Armstrong was Us And Them p, 1:51.4 ($265,036).

In 2003, Armbro Feather was sold at the Harrisburg sale as part of the Armstrong pacing mares dispersal and was bought by Winbak Farm for $22,000. She would have three foals at Winbak Farm, one that Armstrong Brothers bred and two that Winbak Farm bred including her richest earning foal, Get Jazzed p, 1:53.2f ($323,631). Her other foal bred by Winbak Farm, named Clearly Foxy, is now a broodmare at the farm. (Winbak Farm)

**Meadows 2:00 Club**

**Seeking Help With Charity**

The 2:00 Club, together with the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association (MSOA), is very pleased to announce that the upcoming 27th annual Chinese Auction for Charity will take place on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe. This event has raised more than $250,000 over the past 26 years for the benefit of worthy local charities as well as the Standardbred Retirement Foundation in New Jersey and New Vocations Racehorse Adoption in Ohio. All proceeds of the auction are donated to charity.

Doors will officially open at 5 p.m. with the drawings to begin around 7 p.m. The auction has grown so large over the years that this year it will be held in the Washington Grand Ballroom at The Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe. A buffet dinner will be provided by the MSOA along with a cash bar. Prizes can be viewed and tickets can be purchased beginning at 1 p.m. on the day of the event; winners need not be present for the drawing.

Thanks to the many generous donors, the event raised $28,300 last year. Please consider donating a prize to add to the “prize list.” Some suggestions for your gift donation are: Gift Certificates for Area Restaurants; Basket of Cheer; Holiday Decorative Item or Apparel; Tickets to Sporting Events or Theater Shows; Horse Supplies; Items Related to Your Business; Lottery Tickets; Horse Related Jewelry or Clothing. We welcome all gifts and they are tax deductible.

Prizes can be left at the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association (MSOA) during regular business hours. Please be sure to include your name with your donation. Prizes can also be sent to Janet Campbell, Chinese Auction Chair, 9711 Downing Place, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Please contact the MSOA at 724.228.3644 or email msoa@themsoa.com or contact Janet Campbell at 724.331.2660 or email jjcamp1@comcast.net with any questions.

**Fund-Raiser For Amanda Harris**

As part of a fundraising effort for Amanda and Andrew Harris, an online auction website is now live and will be taking bids through Tuesday (Dec. 1).

The wife of trainer Andrew Harris, Amanda was diagnosed a stage III cancer case in March 2015. Her treatments began in April and after 12 rounds of chemotherapy doctors reported her tumor had shrunk significantly. In late July, doctors performed a bilateral mastectomy and were able to remove the remainder of the cancerous growth from Amanda’s chest, breast, and armpit.

Now nearing the conclusion of proton radiation therapy treatments, Amanda will be on hormone therapy for the next five years. The cost of many of these treatments have not been covered by their medical insurance.

(To read Amanda’s story in her own words, click the following link: Amanda Harris – My Story)

Trainer Casie Coleman has spearheaded a fundraising effort to help Amanda, Andrew and their two daughters with the cost of the treatments. The harness racing industry has responded with an outpouring of generosity, and the items donated include (but are not limited to) stallion services, sporting event and concert tickets, equine supplements, autographed driving colors, race bikes and joggers, apparel, Little Brown Jug tickets, cosmetics and design services. The site is up and running at harrisfundraiser.com.

Bidders only need to have a valid e-mail address to take part in the auction. All information and terms are available on the auction page. A GoFundMe account has also been set up to provide individuals with another avenue to contribute financially.
Final Standardbred Poll
Hambeltonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by Harness Racing Communications for the week of November 24, 2015

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Others receiving votes: L A Delight, State Treasurer 37, Resolve 20, Wakizashi Hanover 17, Jr Cruze 11, Artspeak, Divine Caroline 9, Bettor’s Edge 6, Boston Red Rocks, Shake It Cerry 5, Broadway Donna, Crazy Wow, Venus Delight 4, Double Exposure 3, All The Time, Yankee Moonshine 2, Anna Drovevite, Betting Line, Control The Moment, Dot Dot Dot Dash 1.

Leaders Of The Week
Rankled by wins for Nov. 18-24 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers

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Leaders Of The Week
Compiled by the USTA—through November 24, 2015 (week difference Nov. 18-24).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

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Leading Money-Winning Drivers

| Yannick Gingras | 1,903 | 403-309-256 | .347 | $13,073,119 ($613,560) |
| David Miller | 2,353 | 350-337-335 | .276 | 11,892,713 (500,553) |
| Tim Tetrick | 2,476 | 455-352-329 | .307 | 11,871,384 (865,139) |
| Jason Bartlett | 2,539 | 499-455-356 | .343 | 9,633,514 (110,040) |
| Corey Callahan | 3,070 | 578-454-442 | .318 | 9,180,227 (385,271) |
| Brian Sears | 1,856 | 354-289-262 | .324 | 9,022,728 (132,095) |
| George Napolitano Jr. | 3,002 | 794-538-367 | .405 | 8,201,953 (201,115) |
| George Brennan | 2,371 | 383-311-299 | .276 | 7,403,674 (162,602) |
| Brett Miller | 2,140 | 259-301-274 | .242 | 7,162,628 (126,893) |
| Daniel Dube | 2,268 | 337-303-261 | .261 | 7,153,767 (119,913) |

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

| Ron Burke | 4,523 | 919-725-643 | .340 | $24,107,690 ($1,108,712) |
| Jimmy Takter | 769 | 180-146-103 | .384 | 12,914,417 (359,344) |
| Rene Allard | 1,587 | 408-254-212 | .391 | 5,894,817 (130,507) |
| Tony Alagna | 662 | 140-99-86 | .338 | 4,638,860 (241,420) |
| Jeff Bambom Jr. | 788 | 131-122-137 | .310 | 4,486,879 (265,932) |
| Gilbert Garcia-Herrera | 1,690 | 310-273-210 | .315 | 4,143,332 (75,152) |
| Julie Miller | 708 | 117-123-100 | .309 | 3,623,976 (125,160) |
| Ake Svanstedt | 505 | 98-72-50 | .306 | 3,468,553 (229,346) |
| Brian Brown | 589 | 142-92-84 | .375 | 3,418,141 (27,650) |
| Virgil Morgan Jr. | 1,288 | 295-179-158 | .347 | 3,187,804 (28,801) |
Happy Holidays!

We look forward to working with you again in 2016!

2016 Sale Dates:

**Winter Speed Sale**
February 8 & 9

**Spring Mixed Sale**
May 9

**Pre-Jug Mixed Sale**
August 29 & 30

**Fall Speed Sale**
November 14 - 17

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