

Trainer Comments: Useful Information?

Beginning this weekend, the Meadowlands' race program will include pre-race comments by trainers. According to Meadowlands general manager Jason Settlemoir, the comments will be available as follows: in the program on the race review pages combined with director of racing operations Darin Zoccali's comments; on the race review page on the track's website www.playmeadowlands.com; on the simulcast show on TV; and via social media on Twitter and Facebook. The comments will not be provided with pro-

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—Meadowlands email to trainers

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"This is an easy transition for us to put the comments in the program," said Settlemoir, "but we will also continue to develop it."

"In my opinion, it's in the trainers' best interest to make this work because it's their future that is at stake," Meadowlands chairman Jeff Gural told Weekend Preview. "If we don't find a way to create new customers that replace the ones that are going to be dying off over the next few years,

there won't be enough people left to make it worthwhile to conduct harness racing."

Available this weekend will be comments from trainers with horses in the fifth race on both Friday and Saturday, as well as comments from trainers of the top two morning-line favorites in all races. Trainers who do not respond via email will be contacted by Zoccali or James Witherite for their comments, according to Settlemoir

Ron Burke is the busiest trainer at the Meadowlands and he told Weekend Preview he gave comments on eight horses over the phone to Witherite on Wednesday afternoon. Burke already posts race-day comments about his horses on Twitter and his approach to the Big M's request is no different.

"I basically said the things I'd say on Twitter, so it's no different. Now more people will see what I'd put on Twitter," said Burke.

Burke said he always tries to be as honest as he can be, even if means divulging sickness.

"I'd say the horse was under the weather and we're trying to treat him and be better," said Burke. "But what happens when you say the horse trains great and Thursday morning he ties up? You don't get to re-do your comment. That's why I like the Twitter thing because I do it the day of the race. What I see at that point is what I believe should go out to the bettors.

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"Most of my barn I'll say, 'trained good, raced good; trained bad, raced bad,'" he said. "So if you get it from me, it's probably going to be a betting angle you could use. But a lot of people think their horse is going to win every week. You may piss the public off if you say a horse was vicious training and the horse goes out and races like a hog. Especially with a new horse, you don't know what to compare it to."

Trainer Rob Harmon said he was asked to send in comments for two horses racing on Friday night who were second choices on the morning line: Fox Valley Legend (Race 3, Post 10, 9-2) and Detroit Rapper (Race 6, Post 7, 7-2). Fox Val-

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ley Legend is making his first start for Harmon after racing in Indiana, while Detroit Rapper steps up in class after two straight victories from post 10.

Harmon told Weekend Preview he sent in the following comments:

“Fox Valley Legend: We just brought back from Indiana for Jimmy Marohn Jr. Qualified OK, lands the 10 hole. (Actually printed was: We just brought him back from Indiana. Qualified OK; lands post 10.)

“Detroit Rapper: At least he didn’t draw the 10 the third week in a row. He is absolutely sharp right now. I still think he races the best coming from behind. He did show weakness on the front last week, he just likes chasing horses down in the stretch.” (Actually printed was: Absolutely sharp right now. Best from off pace; likes chasing horses down.)

Trainer John Butenschoen said he is not a regular email user so he was contacted by Witherite about his horses Celebrity Stimulus on Friday (Race 12, Post 1, 9-2) and Gratias Deo on Saturday (Race 11, Post 4, 7-2). Butenschoen said he gave reports on both horses and told Witherite to do a condensed version on each.

Butenschoen said it might be best to add an asterisk to the comments.

“Making comments doesn’t bother me, but if they are an abridged thing like that, it will make for entertaining reading for people,” said Butenschoen. “What they’re hoping to accomplish by this, it’s not going to happen. We as trainers can’t tell how a horse is going to be race by race.

“If they take five minutes out of my week to give a comment, no problem. It’s no different from what I tell the owners: ‘He came out of the last race a little sore, we’ll do a little work, and he should be good.’ Sometimes they are and sometimes they’re not, so we didn’t do the right work. Sorry.

“Are you going to confuse people by giving them more information?” he continued. “It’s great to have that information, but what are you going to do with it and what are you going to learn? The horses are still living, breathing animals that are going to change from day to day. It will make for entertaining reading.”

One trainer who did not want to be named noted a lot of regular Meadowlands drivers will be away over the next few weeks so the instability on that front will play a role in how horses compete. Another said he would not divulge any possible sickness in a horse 72 hours prior to a race, and that he questions the honesty of statements. “Who is to say that if you have a favorite and you want to cash a bet, you say the horse trained like crap?” the trainer noted.

One trainer said the extra time and effort that will be needed to collect and compose the comments may lead to its demise, comparing it to the Meadowlands’ recent efforts to color-code race bikes so bettors could decipher any changes.



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED RACES

Friday, December 4

All times listed are local.

7:50p	Wdb2	Autumn 3FT final	Trackmaster PPs
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Saturday, December 5

8:50p	Wdb5	Autumn 3CT final	Trackmaster PPs
9:30p	YR8	Open Pace	Trackmaster PPs
9:50p	Wdb8	Autumn 3CP final	Trackmaster PPs

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“It’s probably going to fall by the wayside the same as the color coding with duct tape all the race bikes and making announcements what horse is using what bike,” the trainer said.

The addition of comments comes directly as a result of Bee A Magician’s fourth-place finish in a TVG Series leg at the track on Nov. 14, which led to driver Brian Sears receiving a 15-day suspension for “lack of judgment in his driving performance.” That led to a statement issued the following day by Meadowlands chairman Jeff Gural that he was “flabbergasted by what transpired.”

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Gural spoke immediately after the race to Bee A Magician's trainer, Richard "Nifty" Norman, who admitted telling Sears to not race the mare on the front end because she had been tying up. According to the statement, Norman "agreed that it was a mistake for Brian Sears to drive the horse so conservatively."

Gural said he appreciated all the comments initially received and singled out Burke's statements.

"Overall, looking at the comments they looked pretty good," said Gural. "Ronnie Burke gave us some honest answers and I think that it is important that we don't have another fiasco like we had with Bee A Magician where the horse had been tying up and basically the trainer's instructions to the driver was to race her easy. The public made her 1-5 and the driver certainly made little or no effort to win the race."

Still, Burke believes the new protocol may have been put into place too quickly.

"I'm not against it, but I think it's a knee-jerk reaction," he said. "I like the idea, I just don't know if we're doing it for the right reason. I'm not against it because the more information we can give people the better. The way we've done things up until now hasn't worked. But if they're asking for race strategy, that comes from the driver." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Wild Honey To Brixton's Swedish Division

Wild Honey 3, 1:50.4, the winner of the Hambletonian Oaks, Breeders Crown and Kentucky Filly Futurity, has been acquired by Bengt Agerup's Stall Zet and exported to Sweden. Agerup races horses in North America under the banner of Brixton Medical.

Trained by Jimmy Takter, Wild Honey, who was sold for \$35,000 as a yearling, earned \$1,589,235 racing for Christina Takter, John and Jim Fielding, and Herb Liverman. The daughter of Cantab Hall-U Wanna Lindy won 17 of 28 starts and finished second eight times, finishing off the board only three times in her career.

Daniel Reden trains the Stall Zet horses in Sweden. Members of Stall Zet's racing stable include the world champion mare Delicious, Daley Lovin, Martiniwithmuscle, Propulsion and Little Brown Fox. Stall Zet stands two stallions at stud at Erikssund's, the home of the late Sugarcane Hanover, in Sweden: Pastor Stephen and Hard Livin. Brixton Medical also shares ownership of the North American studs Trixton and Father Patrick.



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Wallace Hopes My My Hey Hey Is Here To Stay

Canadian trainer Ben Wallace has been patient, and it's finally paying off. On Saturday night, Nov. 28, his 3-year-old trotter My My Hey Hey won the final leg of the Autumn Series at Woodbine and took a new lifetime mark of 1:55.1, and then on Monday, Nov. 30, also at Woodbine, the 3-year-old pacing gelding Sports Warning won for Wallace in a lifetime-best 1:52.2.

My My Hey Hey, a son of Deweycheatumnhowe, will start from post 2 in the \$38,000 Autumn Series final (Race 5) at Woodbine on Saturday. It will be the horse's 13th start of the season after being unraced at age two.

"Let's say it took us a while to get him organized," said Wallace of My My Hey Hey, who he co-owns with Seth Rosenfeld's Birnam Wood Farms. "He's better than his card

"I think he's going to be a very serious horse!"

—Ben Wallace on My My Hey Hey

reads. I should take some blame, but the horse has not been very cooperative either. He just was a tough horse to get gaited. He's short coupled and long legged and had some interference issues."

In the final Autumn leg on Nov. 28, My My Hey Hey started from post 7 and was sent to the lead by Roger Mayotte, who had been regularly driving him. They won easily, by 4 ¾ lengths. Mayotte is on holiday this week and won't be available on Saturday night so Wallace lined up Mario Baillargeon to drive.

"He was so good last week. Roger said he could have gone around again," added Wallace, who is presently training 20 horses, with eight of them yearlings/coming 2 year olds. "I think he's going to be a very serious horse. He's got some speed and his manners are good."

As for Sports Warning, his pacing project, Wallace said an incident as a 2 year old, when the youngster ran off in a training mile and got over the shaft of the jog cart, was the first setback. Next came a knee that needed to mature.

"Other than the knee, soundness hasn't been an issue at all. He's a sound horse," said Wallace of Sports Warning, who made just his third start of 2015 on Nov. 30 and didn't make but two starts as a 2 year old.

Sports Warning is by Sportswriter and is out of the Camotion-sired mare Wind Warning. Wallace raced both Camotion and Wind Warning.

"The mare was a big, strong mare, but she never had great speed. This horse is like her in that he can't go quick, but he can go a long way. He's a big, strong horse," shared Wallace, who owns Sports Warning in partnership with Antoinette Nigito's Joie de Vie Farm.

Following the wins by both horses, Wallace said he texted his partners to thank them for their patience.

"I've known all along both were decent horses. They just needed patience," said Wallace. — *By Kathy Parker*



Opulent Yankee Returns Friday At Big M

Julie Miller likens Opulent Yankee's return from a nearly five-month layoff to compete in Friday's Open Handicap Trot at the Meadowlands to "jumping off the high dive a little bit." But it might help the trainer determine whether the 4-year-old gelding can make a big splash in 2016.

A son of Muscles Yankee, Opulent Yankee has won six of 18 races this year and finished second on nine occasions en route to \$141,881 in purses. He finished no worse than second in any of his first 15 starts of the season and eight of his second-place finishes came to world champion JL Cruze. In fact, overall, JL Cruze won 11 of the 12 races Opulent Yankee failed to win.

Opulent Yankee will start in Friday's nine-horse \$25,000 Open Handicap from post 3 with driver Andy Miller. He is 5-1 on the morning line, which is the third choice behind 5-2 favorite Handover Belle and 3-1 Master Of Law.

"He's had a great season," said Julie Miller, who trains Opulent Yankee for Jeff Gural's Little E LLC, Arthur Geiger, Jason Settlemoir and David Stolz. "He was finishing second to JL Cruze, which wasn't a bad thing. This summer we decided to give him a little time off and he's come back nicely.

"I think we're jumping off the high dive a little bit starting right out in the Open, but that's where he fits and where he has to race. It's kind of a step up from just series, but hopefully he'll be able to do OK."

Opulent Yankee enters this weekend's Open Handicap off two qualifiers. He finished second in the first qualifier, timed in 1:56, and won the second qualifier in 1:53.1.

"He's got those two nice qualifiers, but as a trainer I'd like to see him in an easier spot and give him a chance to get his legs underneath of him," Miller said. "It is what it is. Hopefully, he can compete at this level. He loves the Meadowlands, he loves a mile track, and I think Andy gets along with him excellent. I'm optimistic about it, but at the same time they're going to race and they're going to go fast. I don't want to over-extend him his first start, but we go to the races to do our best and to win." (HRC)

"I think we're jumping off the high dive a little bit starting right out in the Open, but that's where he fits and where he has to race!"

—Julie Miller

DerbyWars Sued By Stronach Tracks

Although the U.S. Trotting Association (USTA) announced on Nov. 10 it was partnering with DerbyWars.com to “create and present harness racing contests to a new audience,” according to director of marketing and communications Dan Leary, the association was forced to nearly immediately step back until legal challenges concerning fantasy sports websites Draft Kings and FanDuel are settled.

Despite the USTA backing out, DerbyWars continues to have harness contests on its website, including \$1,000 survivor challenges on Monday and Tuesday nights, which has players selecting a horse to finish first, second or third in each race at various harness tracks in order to survive. Each contest progresses until the last race or there is only one survivor left. Each entry fee is \$4. The other contests include a \$500 Sunday Survivor contest on races at Yonkers.

As for the legal challenges, the controversy is centered on whether or not the fantasy sports websites constitute gambling or skill. Nevada and New York have already issued rulings banning fantasy sports sites as being a form of gambling, and states such as Pennsylvania and California are considering legislation governing the sites.

Now, the Louisville, Ky.-based DerbyWars is being sued by six racetracks owned by the Stronach Group—Santa Anita, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Pimlico, Laurel and Portland Meadows. The suit alleges DerbyWars contests are a violation of the Interstate Horseracing Act, the Racketeering Influence and Corruption Act (RICO) and California Business and Professions Code and inflict “intentional interference with prospective economic advantage.”

The suit claims DerbyWars contests are “indisputably a form of wagering on the results of horse races” and that DerbyWars does not hold a license permitting it to accept wagers in the states where the Stronach racetracks do business. The suit also alleges that “DerbyWars keeps a percentage of the tournament ‘pool’ for itself, and none of the money goes to the race meets where the races used in the contest were run.”

Balmoral, Maywood Racetracks On Auction Block This Month

The process is officially in place for the sale of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park via public auction. Bidding procedures were approved on Dec. 1 by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization cases of the two tracks.

On Dec. 24, 2014, Balmoral Racing Club Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association Inc., Chicago-area racetracks operated by Billy Johnston and his sons, John and Duke, for many years, each filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The tracks filed for bankruptcy after riverboat casinos prevailed in a lawsuit alleging illegal contributions to the campaign of ex-Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich. The casinos won an \$82 million judgment.

Since then the tracks have operated, but neither received racing dates for 2016 from the Illinois Racing Board. Instead, two live harness racing meets, with far fewer dates than Balmoral and Maywood conducted in their heyday of year-round racing, will be held at Hawthorne Race Course under the Suburban Downs license.

A private investment banking firm appointed by the court had solicited interested bidders in the tracks in early November but none were received, thus the action for the public auction. A hearing has been set for Tuesday, Dec. 15, for the approval of the highest and/or best offer received. The auction will reportedly be conducted without any reserve prices, although all bids are subject to being accepted by the tracks, creditors and Bankruptcy Court. Bids must be received on or before Friday, Dec. 11, at 4:30 p.m. (CST).

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Gingras, Burke Win Grand Circuit Titles

With Wiggle It Jiggle It's track-record 1:48.2 victory in the \$300,000 Hap Hansen Progress Pace on Monday night, Nov. 30, at Dover Downs, the 2015 Grand Circuit season came to an end.

Individual honors went to Yannick Gingras as leading driver, Ron Burke as leading trainer, and Burke Racing as leading owner.

The Grand Circuit leaders in the three categories (driver, trainer and owner) were tracked on a points system (20-10-5 for the top three finishers in divisions/finals and 10-5-2 for the top three finishers in eliminations/legs). Winbak Farm is the sponsor for the 2015 Grand Circuit awards.

Here are the final standings for the 2015 season:

DRIVERS:

1. Yannick Gingras – 1,599
2. David Miller – 1,311.5
3. Tim Tetrick – 1,215
4. Brett Miller – 670
5. Scott Zeron – 586.5

TRAINERS:

1. Ron Burke – 1,932
2. Jimmy Takter – 1,605
3. Tony Alagna – 612.5
4. Jeff Bamond Jr. – 395
5. Ake Svanstedt – 386

OWNERS:

1. Burke Racing – 446.3
2. Weaver Brussemi – 374.35
3. Bamond Racing – 330
4. Christina Takter – 252.1
5. George Teague Jr. Inc. – 250. (*Grand Circuit*)

Mission Brief, Stayin Strong Named NJ Horses Of Year

Mission Brief has been selected as the New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS) Premier Division Horse of the Year for 2015 while Stayin Strong was named the Green Acres Horse of the Year.

The awards, which are voted annually by the New Jersey Sires Stakes Board of Trustees, are based solely on performances in races for New Jersey-sired horses, including NJSS races and other major stakes for N.J.-sired horses.

Mission Brief was undefeated in NJSS competition, winning a preliminary leg of the Premier Division and the \$100,000 final. Her regular driver, Yannick Gingras, handled her in both victories for trainer Ron Burke.

After her NJSS campaign, Mission Brief went on to win the Elegantimage at Mohawk Raceway and the Continentalvictory at the Meadowlands. The 3-year-old daughter of

Muscle Hill won 10 of 14 starts during the season, earning \$1,008,517 overall this year for her owners Burke Racing Stable LLC, Our Horse Cents Stables, J&T Silva LLC, and Weaver Brussemi LLC. The filly was bred by Steve H. Stewart, Black Creek Farm and Andrea Lea Racing Stables Inc.

Stayin Strong was undefeated in four NJSS Green Acres series starts at Freehold, including the \$25,000 championship final for 2-year-old trotting colts and geldings. The son of Muscles Yankee earned \$39,964 from 11 starts this season with \$23,700 of it coming in the Green Acres series. Stayin Strong was trained by Julie Miller for co-owners Jason E. Allen and Douglas W. Allen of Vincentown, N.J., and was bred by Lauren and Robert Tucker of Glen Gardner, N.J. (*NJSS*)

No Pan Intended To Stand Stud In Ireland

Oakwood Stud management has announced that they have purchased No Pan Intended and will stand him for the 2016 breeding season in Ireland. A selling price was not disclosed.

"We were trying buy No Pan Intended in February this past year," said Derek Delaney of Oakwood Stud. "And Brian Doyle from Brian Doyle Air Cargo, was negotiating in our behalf, but it didn't happen.

"We were looking to buy some nice stallions for our farm," Delaney added. "Brian is our bloodstock agent and he is always looking out for good breeding stock for Oakwood Stud as he flies all our horses and many others to the UK and Ireland from Harrisburg and all the major sales.

"Brian was approached again by Marvin Raber, handler of No Pan Intended for owner Bob Glazer from the Peter Pan Stable and he asked if we would still be interested in him.

"We got the deal done this time," Delaney explained "And we are delighted to now have two top USA stallions (joining Foreclosure N) standing at Oakwood stud this coming year."

No Pan Intended became only the 10th horse in history to win the pacing Triple Crown back in 2003. As a 3 year old he won 17 of 21 starts with earnings of \$1.46 million. He was voted the 2003 Horse of the Year.

As a stallion, No Pan Intended has had 550 registered foals with 422 of those foals racing and sporting combined earnings of more than \$34 million. (*Steve Wolf/Oakwood Stud*)

Hinckley Wins, Waterstone 4th In HANA Contest

The 2015 HANA Harness Grand Circuit Handicapping Challenge has concluded with Sally Hinckley running away with the title, finishing 570 points ahead of her nearest competitor, Dennis O'Hara. Anne Stepien finished third to complete

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the winning trifecta, while Weekend Preview's Gordon Waterstone settled for fourth.

The contest is sponsored by Bellino Stables, DRF Harness, Green Acquisition Corporation, Hambletonian Society, Isle of Capri Pompano Park, Meadowlands Racing and Entertainment, Northfield Park, Tioga Downs, and Vernon Downs.

Hinckley is a member and the secretary of the Maine Harness Racing Promotional Board. She started out as Lady Lewiston in the Lewiston Sun Journal. She has also been the regular linemaker at Scarborough Downs for quite some time.

For winning the handicapping challenge, Hinckley's selected rescue, the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals, an organization dedicated to equine welfare, will receive \$2,950 for use towards their Standardbred program. In addition to this donation, \$500 will be donated to Canadian rescues by our Canadian partners, Red Shores Racetrack and Casino at Charlottetown Driving Park and Western Fair Raceway. A \$200 donation was made by an anonymous sponsor.

Second-place finisher O'Hara, will see his rescue, Standardbred Retirement Foundation, receive a donation of \$1,575. Third-place finisher Stepien will see her rescue, Heading for Home, earn approximately \$675 for her efforts. *(Allan Schott for HANA)*

Meadow Skipper Book Signing At Meadowlands

Equine authors Victoria M. Howard and Bob Marks will be at the Meadowlands on Saturday, Dec. 5, for a book signing of their recent book, *Meadow Skipper, The Untold Story*. The book signing will take place inside the main entrance of the racetrack from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Both Howard and Marks will also be appearing live on the Meadowlands TV show. The book will be sold at the track for \$15.

The book is an unofficial biography of a champion Standardbred race horse who singlehandedly changed the direction of an entire breed of animal.

Meadow Skipper, the untold story, is an unforgettable saga of an equine Rocky Balboa, who overcame insurmountable odds to emerge as harness racing's greatest progenitor since Adam. This story is relayed in a unique way to authors Howard and Marks — straight from the horse's mouth as only he could tell it.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.

The Harness Racing Dynamic Duo of equine book writing, Howard and Marks have also promised a surprise announcement on Dec. 5 at the Meadowlands. (Meadowlands)

Kentucky Commission Chairman Beck Steps Down

Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) chairman Robert "Bob" Beck announced that he will step down from his post effective Dec. 7. Beck, who has chaired the KHRC since his appointment by Governor Steve Beshear in 2008, made his decision known at the December meeting of the KHRC.

"This incredible opportunity to serve with a number of excellent industry leaders who are fellow members of the commission has helped re-establish Kentucky as the leader in Thoroughbred breeding and racing throughout the world," said Beck. "I want to thank Gov. Beshear for his support and vision as we have enacted numerous pieces of key legislation and regulations that will serve the industry well for years to come."

"Bob has led the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission through a difficult period, initially, when the fate of the horse industry in Kentucky was perilous," said Gov. Beshear. "His leadership and determination are big reasons why Kentucky's signature industry is once again flourishing."

Among the initiatives Beck cited are the advent of Historical Horse Racing which has, since September 2011, seen more than \$1.2 billion wagered at three locations in Kentucky. Additionally, more than \$11.2 million has gone toward increased purses and another \$4.4 million put into the state's General Fund. Other important milestones, Beck said, include the adoption of uniform medication rules and a regulation that allows racetracks to card non-Lasix races.

Beck also reminded commission members of their move to bring an internationally-recognized sports testing lab to Lexington, a partnership that has increased the ability of the KHRC to monitor post-race test results for many more substances than before. A replacement for Beck will be named by Gov.-elect Matt Bevin. (KHRC)

Illinois Horseman Bill McEnery Dies At 73

Bill McEnery, a well-known horseman from Illinois and former president of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, died Nov. 23. He was 73.

Mr. McEnery was also known as the one-time owner of the Gas City fuel and convenience store outlets. He bred Standardbreds at his Bell Valley Farm in Frankfort, Ill., and campaigned many with the Bell Valley name.

He is survived by his son William "Billy" McEnery; stepchildren Jennifer (David) Christopher and T.J. Geary; and grandchildren Grace Christopher, and Makena Geary.

Memorable contributions may be made to the Legoria and Thomas McEnery Scholarship Fund, c/o Mt. Carmel High School, 6410 Dante, Chicago, Ill. 60637 or Providence Catholic High School, 1800 W. Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, Ill. 60451.

RACE LINES

Final Standardbred Poll

*Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
Harness Racing Communications for the week of November 24, 2015*

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Wiggle It Jiggleit (30)	3pg	25-21-3-0	\$2,031,995	338	1
2. Freaky Feet Pete (3)	3pc	17-15-2-0	853,774	269	2
3. Southwind Frank (1)	2tc	12-11-0-0	786,419	267	3
4. Mission Brief	3tf	14-10-3-0	1,008,517	207	5
5. Pinkman	3tg	17-11-3-1	1,892,865	202	4
6. Pure Country	2pf	10-10-0-0	689,968	142	7
7. Always B Miki	4ph	4-4-0-0	301,210	136	6
8. Bee A Magician	5tm	18-10-5-0	980,845	81	8
9. Wild Honey	3tf	16-7-7-0	1,149,532	65	9
10. D'One	5tm	5-4-0-0	329,150	39	—

Others receiving votes: L A Delight, State Treasurer 37, Resolve 20, Wakizashi Hanover 17, JL 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, Anndrovette, Betting Line, Control The Moment, Dot Dot Dot Dash 1.

Note: L A Delight received one first-place vote.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through December 24, 2015 (week difference Nov. 25-Dec. 1).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Wiggle It Jiggleit (3pg)	26	22	3	0	\$2,181,995
Pinkman (3tg)	17	11	3	1	1,892,865
Wakizashi Hanover (3pg)	20	11	4	2	1,153,700
Wild Honey (3tf)	16	7	7	0	1,149,532
Crazy Wow (3tc)	17	9	3	1	1,027,612
Mission Brief (3tf)	14	10	3	0	1,008,517
The Bank (3tc)	18	5	8	0	998,652
Bee A Magician (5tm)	18	10	5	0	980,845
Artspeak (3pc)	17	6	5	1	883,684
State Treasurer (6ph)	19	9	1	5	865,807

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Yannick Gingras	1,927	407-313-261	.347	\$13,172,209 (\$99,090)
David Miller	2,403	356-344-346	.276	12,044,788 (152,075)
Tim Tetrick	2,525	465-360-333	.307	11,994,175 (122,791)
Jason Bartlett	2,595	508-460-362	.341	9,750,438 (116,924)
Corey Callahan	3,157	598-464-455	.319	9,413,539 (233,312)
Brian Sears	1,907	367-298-270	.326	9,203,455 (180,727)
George Napolitano Jr.	3,043	805-544-373	.405	8,307,903 (105,950)
George Brennan	2,421	388-322-305	.276	7,527,619 (123,945)
Daniel Dube	2,303	346-307-263	.262	7,272,701 (118,934)
Brett Miller	2,140	259-301-274	.242	7,162,628 (0)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,592	931-736-652	.339	\$24,342,071 (\$234,381)
Jimmy Takter	771	182-146-103	.386	12,924,417 (10,000)
Rene Allard	1,626	418-265-214	.391	6,035,302 (140,485)
Tony Alagna	666	140-100-86	.337	4,643,860 (5,000)
Jeff Bamond Jr.	807	134-126-138	.310	4,569,979 (83,100)
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	1,724	315-275-212	.312	4,193,112 (49,780)
Julie Miller	719	118-126-102	.309	3,648,561 (24,585)
Ake Svanstedt	509	99-72-51	.306	3,478,713 (10,160)
Brian Brown	591	142-92-84	.374	3,427,741 (9,600)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	1,306	299-180-163	.347	3,214,459 (26,655)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	1,063	734	2,345	\$29,153,225
Winbak Farm	1,008	663	2,171	18,188,538
Brittany Farms	288	205	761	11,769,769
Perretti Farms	299	206	719	7,444,371
White Birch Farm	154	115	355	5,828,971
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	136	88	261	5,762,734
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	244	164	526	5,145,698
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	198	139	444	5,063,323
Steve Stewart	140	97	283	4,380,437
Frederick Hertrich III	156	118	341	4,230,183

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Nov. 25-Dec. 1 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Aaron Merriman	94	23-17-11
Corey Callahan	87	20-10-13
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	53	16-8-6
Alfred Carroll	49	14-8-5
Brian Sears	51	13-9-8
Kevin Cummings	35	13-4-4
Sylvain Filion	38	13-4-3
George Napolitano Jr.	41	11-6-6
Frank Coppola Jr.	38	10-3-2
Jason Merriman	66	10-6-13
Jim Marohn Jr.	57	10-3-6
Tim Tetrick	49	10-8-4
Allan Davis	52	9-8-4
Bob McClure	40	9-5-5
Chris Page	47	9-7-4
Daniel Dube	35	9-4-2
Frank Milby	22	9-1-1
Jason Bartlett	56	9-5-6
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	63	8-10-8
Dave Palone	36	8-4-7
Jim Taggart Jr.	24	8-3-2
Mark Beckwith	28	8-4-3

Trainers	Wins
Ron Burke	12
Richard Moreau	11
Rene Allard	10
C. Brian Loney	8
Kyle Spagnola	8
Melissa Beckwith	7
Wayne Givens	7
Jackie Rousse	6
Kimberly Asher	6
Carmen Auciello	5
Gilbert Garcia-Herrera	5
Scott Di Domenico	5
Shawn Gray	5
George Reider	4
Isaac Waxman	4
J.D. Perrin	4
James Clouser Jr.	4
John Kokinos	4
Josh Green	4
Patrick Shepherd	4
Ronnie Roberts	4
Vincent Fusco Jr.	4
Virgil Morgan Jr.	4

2015 DECEMBER



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
29	30	1	2 Horseman	3	4 Autumn 3FP final (Wdb) Autumn 3FT final (Wdb)	5 Autumn 3CT final (Wdb) Autumn 3CP final (Wdb)
6	7 Chanukah	8	9	10	11 Niagara 3FP (Wdb)	12 Valedictory 3CP (Wdb)
13	14	15	16	17	18 Niagara 3FP (Wdb)	19 Valedictory 3CP (Wdb)
20	21 First day of Winter	22	23 Horseman	24	25	26 Boxing Day (Can.) Kwanzaa Niagara 3FP final (Wdb) Valedictory 3CP final (Wdb)
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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