

Meadowlands Saturday Opener Has Non-Winners With Big Pedigrees

While many young horses have finished their racing seasons, there are some who are late bloomers and are still learning the game of racing. The first race at the Meadowlands on Saturday night, an event for 2 and 3 year olds, includes five freshmen that fall into that category.

Among the group is Rockstar Stride, a Rockroll Hanover full brother to Put On A Show; Barbarian, a Somebeach-somewhere-Righteous Renee colt who Jimmy Takter bought for \$170,000 as a yearling; Art History, a homebred son of Western Ideal whose maternal family includes Panther Hanover, Philos Hanover, Passmaster Hanover and Power Pack Hanover; and American Plan, whose granddam is the great Albaquel.

Another youngster in the field with a notable pedigree is Shadow Margeaux, a son of Shadow Play and the Artsplace mare Joyeux, a sister to the speedster Quik Pulse Mindale. Shadow Margeaux is a work in progress says top driver David Miller, the youngster's owner, driver, and co-trainer.

"I got this horse after Lexington. I owned him, buying him as a yearling last fall with Dr. (Ian) Moore and the Shadow Play group," said Miller, who drove Shadow Play to a victory in the 2008 Little Brown Jug. He was a \$47,000 yearling. Doc trained him down and got him to the races. He raced him in Canada, and then he sent him to me and we raced him one time at Freehold and he wasn't any good, so they just gave him to me."

Miller and his wife, Misty, train a couple of horses together every year. Their most notable work was the top older trotting mare Autumn Escapade, who is now retired. The Millers trained horses long before David became one of the sport's leading drivers and an imminent Hall of Famer, with his induction set for July 2014, so they went back to the basics with Shadow Margeaux.

"I think he's battled a little bit of soreness and he's immature. I blistered his knees and hocks and turned him out," said Miller. "I qualified him here (Nov. 14) and he was really good (pacing in 1:55.4 with a last quarter in :28.2). He raced OK in his first start back, he gained a little ground, so we'll see how he does this time."

The Millers have already decided they won't be keeping Shadow Margeaux, consigning him to the Tattersalls January Mixed Sale.



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"This might sound strange, but Misty and I do fine with two horses to train, but three are just too much," said Miller. "Besides, the horse is Ontario-sired and I'm in New Jersey"

The Millers are also training a 2-year-old Four Starzz Shark filly they bought as a yearling, Moonlit Shark p,2, 1:55.2f, who is now turned out after suffering an injury.

"We gave 20 grand for her and she's made almost \$30,000, so that worked out ok, except that she put her foot through a fence and had to be stitched up and then it got infected," said Miller. "I also bought a yearling at Lexington (hip number 659, a Shark Gesture filly)."

The Millers train their small stable at White Birch Farm, but have enough acreage adjoining their home in Cream Ridge, N.J., that they can turn out horses, and keep an eye on Autumn Escapade.

"She's got a home for life in the backyard," said Miller of the mare who earned \$895,492 and won the Miss Versatility Final and finished third in the Breeders Crown. "We bred her to Big Rigs and Yankee Glide earlier this year, but she didn't catch to either of them. Autumn did way more on the racetrack than she was supposed to do, so maybe she's not going to be a broodmare." — By Kathy Parker

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Tetrick Looks To Take Reynolds With Twilight Bonfire

Although there were 38 sophomore male pacers eligible to Saturday night's W.N. Reynolds at the Meadowlands, a field of just six will line up behind the gate vying for the lion's share of the \$48,878 purse. The companion Reynolds for 3-year-old filly pacers was canceled after just two of 27 eligibles were entered.

The 6-5 morning-line favorite in the Reynolds (Race 2) is Twilight Bonfire, the fifth richest 3-year-old male pacer of 2013 with \$608,803 in earnings. Twilight Bonfire has won just

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three times in 22 starts this year, including most recently a 20-1 upset in the Progress Pace preview on Nov. 24 at Dover Downs, but he has picked up big checks along the way in major stakes.

Bred and owned by Robert Key, Twilight Bonfire's biggest career payday came via a second-place finish in the \$980,000 North America Cup at Mohawk Racetrack. He also finished second in the \$450,000 Messenger final at

Yonkers Raceway and third in the \$500,000 Battle of the Brandywine at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

A son of The Panderosa, Twilight Bonfire is currently in the barn of trainer Paul Reid. Twilight Bonfire will start from post 3 in the Reynolds with driver Tim Tetrick, taking on a field of five that includes 2012 Breeders Crown champion Rockin Amadeus from post 6 with Ron Pierce driving.

"I like the little horse," said Tetrick, who has been in the sulky behind Twilight Bonfire his last six starts. "He should have been second in the Progress final (he was fourth), but he wasn't. He started early and is finishing the year, so you have to give the colt a lot of credit for that.

"He's not the fastest horse but he's super nice. You can put him in any kind of spot and he'll follow one all day."

While Twilight Bonfire may be considered an overachiever, the same can't be said of Doctor Butch, another of Tetrick's drives on Saturday at the Big M. Doctor Butch drew post 9 in Race 6, a B1/A2 race for 3-year-old colt and gelding pacers.

After a 2012 freshman season in which he dominated the New York Sires Stakes circuit, Doctor Butch appeared poised to step up and compete in open competition this year. While Doctor Butch won the \$275,000 Art Rooney final at Yonkers in early June, he primarily remained again on the NYSS circuit but didn't come close to achieving the same success as he won just once.

"Did he meet expectations? No. But he did make a bad year an OK year," Tetrick said of Doctor Butch, who enters Saturday's race with \$290,121 in earnings despite just the three-for-18 campaign. "He ended up making \$290,000, so what's wrong with that? He didn't live up to what he was supposed to do, but he had a good year." —

By Gordon Waterstone

WEEKEND FEATURED RACES

Friday, December 6

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2014 WINTER LATE CLOSING PROGRAM

AGES FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE DETERMINED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014

NOMINATIONS FOR EVENTS CLOSE DECEMBER 15, 2013

ELIGIBILITY FOR EVENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 15, 2013

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

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Harness Trouble In Michigan; Thoroughbreds To Return

Harnessracing.com has learned officials at Hazel Park Raceway and Northville Downs have reached agreement with the Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (MHPBA) to race Thoroughbred meets at both racetracks in 2014. If the applications and plans are approved by the Michigan Gaming Control Board, both tracks will conduct only 10-day harness meets next year and fulfill their date requests with Thoroughbred/Mixed Breed racing.

The reduction in Standardbred dates comes as a result of a breakdown in legislative negotiations between the race-tracks and the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association (MHHA) over distribution of the state's simulcast money that goes into the purse fund. Both Hazel Park and Northville Downs had submitted 2014 date applications with the Michigan Gaming Control Board for 44 and 26 dates, respectively, and both have now amended their applications.

"Obviously, we will object to this on the fact that the application amendments have already been rejected by the Gaming Control Board," said MHHA general manager Phil Stommen. "The tracks testified the amendments had nothing to do with the legislation breaking down, but it was pretty clear to anybody in the room that it was hogwash. While they certainly have every reason to pursue dealings with whoever would be the most financially beneficial to them, essentially throwing the Michigan industry into turmoil for 2014 because of their frustration over the legislative negotiations isn't good for anybody."

According to Dan Adkins, vice president and chief operating officer for Hartman & Tyner Inc., which owns Hazel Park, that track would race a 10-day harness meet (three days a week) from April 12-May 4, with 32 days of Thoroughbred racing beginning on June 29 (three days a week the first two weeks and then two days a week) until Oct. 11. Northville would race its 10-day harness meet in January and/or February, and then race 16 Thoroughbred cards after Hazel Park closed.

"From Hazel Park's standpoint, the industry is in trouble. Michigan's racetracks are in the position where they can't do what all the surrounding states are doing and offering additional products," said Adkins. "It's not for lack of trying; back in 2004 we almost had slot machines and the casinos came in and passed a constitutional amendment that basically shut everything down.

"We're in trouble and if the industry is going to survive, there needs to be cooperation. There was a serious lack of cooperation from the harness horsemen to get anything positive done. The Thoroughbreds were obviously more cooperative and more willing to try and save themselves and be productive. Hazel Park has run Thoroughbreds before

and this just seemed the time to change direction and work with a group that seemed the most willing to work toward a positive ending."

What makes the situation even more unique is that Northville Downs is a half-mile oval and would need work to accommodate Thoroughbreds.

"We will have to take a little of the banking out of the turns," Northville Downs' John Carlo explained. "We'll also take down the four-bay garage where the gas pumps are as well as the bathroom that is at the end of the paddock, and that will allow a chute to run almost to the log cabin back there."

Hazel Park opened as a Thoroughbred racetrack in 1949, adding Standardbreds in 1953. In 1985 Hazel Park went strictly with a 168-date harness meet with Thoroughbreds raced solely at Detroit Racecourse (DRC), which at the time was owned by Ladbrokes. DRC closed in 1998 and the Thoroughbreds eventually landed at the new Pinnacle Downs near Metropolitan Airport in the far west suburbs of Detroit, but that track also soon closed. Since then, Mount Pleasant Meadows, a half-mile racetrack in central Michigan, hosted a mixed breed Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse meet and that track would continue do so in the spring of 2014 with a 12-day meet before the opening of Hazel Park.

"The horsemen, breeders, and everybody associated with Thoroughbreds are happy that this deal was reached," said MHPBA president George Kutlenios. "It came down to the tracks needing to change the whole paradigm of racing and they found a willing partner to move forward with us.

"We actually looked at Northville Downs a while back as a possible site for Thoroughbred racing. We came up with a plan where we can adjust the track to soften up the corner, which was of upmost concern, and put a chute there." — *By Gordon Waterstone*

Illinois Legislature Fails To Pass Bill, Racing In Jeopardy

The Illinois General Assembly was convened on Tuesday, Dec. 3, but failed to pass a bill which would extend advanced deposit wagering (ADW). Without the extension of the law permitting ADW, the Illinois Racing Board has said it will not have funds to operate and the state's racing calendar will be slashed to only a handful of dates.

The Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association issued the following statement:

"The Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association strongly denounces the failure of the Illinois General Assembly to pass an extension of Advance Deposit Wagering today. That failure will very likely result in the loss of many of Illinois' agribusiness jobs and millions of dollars in state revenue.

"Without Advance Deposit Wagering, the Illinois Racing Board will not have the money required to operate and Illi-

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nois harness racing dates will be cut to the bone with only 13 days of live harness racing in 2014. Thirteen days of live racing absolutely cannot employ the 20,000 men and women who currently work in Illinois' horse racing industry.

"We still hold out hope that on January 29th, just days before the harness racing schedule typically starts, legislators will pass an ADW extension. Much damage will already be done however, as horsemen will undoubtedly have already shipped horses to other states with more favorable horse racing environments."

Dave McCaffrey

President, Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association

Low Yonkers Exacta Payoff Being Investigated

New York State Gaming Commission spokesman Lee Park confirmed to harnessracing.com Wednesday morning that the commission is "investigating the matter" concerning the exacta payout on the seventh race on Friday, Nov. 29, at Yonkers Raceway. The race was won by the 33-1 Fort Valley As, with the 9-1 Elin finishing second, with the 8-3 exacta returning \$85.

Fort Valley As and Elin were listed at 8-1 and 5-1, respectively, on the morning line. As the horses were lined up behind the gate and headed to the start, the 8-3 exacta payoff was \$646. Those two horses got away first and second and the order remained unchanged. The resulting \$85 payoff—the total pool was \$21,151—was approximately an 86-percent reduction from the "will-pay price" shown on the TV monitors seconds before the race started. With the 15-1 Just Rebel third, the \$2 trifecta payoff was \$5,702.

Social media blew up immediately after the race. Some of the speculation on Twitter and Facebook centered on the possibility of the mutuel windows not being locked at post time, which allowed bettors to past-post bet on the race. Some posters wondered if tracks that took C-Band feeds, which are the direct feeds from racetracks and are viewed with just a two-second delay as opposed to the approximate seven-second delay that is normal on the simulcast feeds, allowed bettors to have an advantage, especially those that wager on the "off" making plays on horses that leave fastest off the gate.—By Gordon Waterstone

Lebanon Set For Last Night Of Racing Saturday

Closing night at Lebanon Raceway will take on an air of nostalgia on Saturday when the track gathers to salute those who have contributed to racing over the past 65 years.

Racing resumes in Lebanon on Feb. 7, 2014, in a new building, with a new name, Miami Valley Gaming.

A race called "Farewell Lebanon Raceway," between many of the drivers whose roots in racing started at Lebanon will

be carded for race nine, expected to go off at about 9:10 p.m. The race will feature current or past Lebanon drivers Dan Noble, Jeremy Smith, Ken Holliday, Kayne Kauffman, Randy Tharps, Tyler Smith, Joe Essig Jr., Tony Hall and Mike Wilder.

In addition, there will be a tribute to the people and horses that lost their lives in the fire at Barn 16 in December 2009.

Track executives and horsemen Omar Hiteman, Don Huston, Trent Tharps, Chip Noble, Bobby Gray, Corwin Nixon, Herb Coven Jr., Ronnie Giehls, Rosemary Wainscott, the Carlo and Hagemeyer families, George Owens, Ray Paver, David Miller, and the George Williams family are among those that will be honored and remembered on Saturday.

Roger Huston, announcer at the Little Brown Jug and The Meadows, will travel to Lebanon for the night to call a race in honor of his uncle, Don Huston, a former announcer at the track. (*Lebanon*)

Higher Purses, More Ohio Sires Stakes Races

At a meeting of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Tuesday, the three-member panel approved a racing schedule for the 2014 Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) that includes higher purses and additional races.

OSS championship purses in 2013 were \$150,000. Eight championships for 2 and 3 year olds will each be worth \$200,000 next year. Scioto Downs will host the races on Ohio Super Night on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Purses in four races that lead up to each championship will also climb. When only one race is scheduled the purse will be \$45,000, up from \$35,000 this year. When enough entries require two or more divisions, each will go for \$40,000, an increase of \$10,000 from 2013.

The development fund committee, Chairman Richard McClelland, Senena Esty and Keven Greenfield, also approved the return of OSS races for horses ages four and up.

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway will host \$50,000 races for older trotters and pacers of each sex. The mares will race on Friday, Oct. 17. Stallions and geldings will go postward on the following evening. Eliminations, if needed, will be held a week before each race.

The cost to nominate will be \$250 due June 1, 2014, 2 1/2 months following the nomination deadline for 2 and 3 year olds. The starting fee will be \$500.

Overall, harness horses bred in Ohio will race for OSS purses of \$4 million or more. Purses in 2013 were \$3.1 million. Two years ago they were \$1.9 million.

The increased purse money for Ohio-bred harness horses is a result of two developments: One was the start of video lottery terminal gaming at Scioto Downs in 2012. Two other harness racetracks will begin VLT gaming this month, Northfield Park and Miami Valley Gaming and Racing.

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The other was the start of Ohio State Racing Commission distributions of tax proceeds from casino gambling. The development fund received \$1.8 million this year.

The OSDF committee approved more than a handful of other changes to the racing conditions for 2014, but none more important than entry guidelines, including the following: nominating and sustaining payments of \$350 for each horse entered have been due on Feb. 15 and April 15 in all years of OSS racing since the program's inception in 1976. They were replaced by a single payment of \$500 due on March 15.

Two other harness stakes programs are expected to strongly consider the change to single payment nominations. According to Delaware County Fair general manager Phil Terry and Scioto Downs general manager Stacy Cahill, each is considering closing nominations for the Ohio Breeders Championships and Ohio State Fair Stakes, respectively, on March 15 instead of Feb. 15.

Other changes in 2014 racing conditions include the following:

- The starting fee for all 2 -and 3-year-old championships has been reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000
- Nine horses will be on the starting gate in each race next year, an increase of one. The maximum number of starters remains at 10
- Foals produced by embryo transplant may become eligible to compete when in compliance with U.S. Trotting Association Rule 26.24.

Before adjourning the committee also discussed awards for breeders and a proposal to shift administration of the two stakes programs mentioned above to the OSDF. These items may be addressed at a meeting in January. (OSRC)

Freehold Adopting Classified Racing

Classified racing is coming to Freehold Raceway in 2014. The Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOANJ) and Freehold Raceway have jointly announced the change. Designating the conditions of races by ABC classification will go into effect with the 2014 meet that begins on Jan. 2. Opening day entries will close on Monday, Dec. 30, at 9 a.m.

"Our faith in the switch to classified racing at the Meadows yielded fuller fields, more competitive racing and increases in wagering," said SBOANJ president Tom Luchento. "We expect it will work well at Freehold. Sometimes a change is needed to shake things up and make for better racing."

"I am excited for the changeover from condition racing to classified racing for both the benefit of horsemen and the patrons," said Freehold's director of racing Karen Fagliarone. "We will now have the ability to classify horses

based on their performance and not necessarily their earnings. This will benefit our fan base, resulting in more wide open fields and fewer short payouts. I will continue to write claiming races, maiden and non-winners of three pari-mutuel races for the younger horses."

Freehold's current racing season draws to a close on Saturday, Dec. 14. When the track re-opens for its 2014 winter meet on Jan. 2, it will continue with a Thursday, Friday and Saturday live schedule through May 17. Additionally, the track is open for live racing on two holiday Mondays—Jan. 20 and Feb. 17. Post time is 12:30 p.m.

Horsemen racing at Freehold in 2014 will need to complete an application for the classification of their horses and return it to the Freehold Race Office by Dec. 27, 2013. That application is available on the Freehold website's Horsemen page.—By Carol Hodes/SBOANJ

Pierce Wins 9,000th Career Race

Ron Pierce has been busy this year, so busy he didn't realize he reached another career milestone Tuesday, Dec. 3. Pierce got lifetime North American win 9,000 when he drove No Bu to victory in the 13th race at Harrah's Philadelphia. No Bu, trained by Rene Allard, won by a length over Sheer Brilliance in a \$13,000 conditioned race.

"I didn't even know," Pierce said about reaching the milestone. "I guess I've been out there so long that everything keeps going up. I'm lucky I'm still able to do it and I've been really busy. I've been doing a lot of racing, but it doesn't bother me. I'm in shape to do it.

"Nine thousand is a lot of wins, but I would have gotten there sooner if I didn't mess up so many times," he added wryly. "If I could do every race over again, I'd have 20,000 (wins). But that's true for everybody."

Pierce, 57, ranks No. 14 in wins among all drivers in North American harness racing history. Earlier this year, he joined John Campbell as the only drivers with more than \$200 million in career purses.

This year, Pierce has set career highs for wins with 519 and starts with 3,331. His victory total is eighth best in North America and he ranks fifth in purses this season with \$11.3 million, giving him nine seasons of at least \$10 million over the last 10 years. He just missed in 2012, by less than \$10,000. (HRC)

New Papers On Clenbuterol, Corticosteroids

The Racing Medication & Testing Consortium (RMTTC) is releasing two position papers which stated that no physiologic difference among the various racing breeds exists to justify changing regulatory thresholds from those recently established by the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium (RMTTC) for the use of corticosteroids and clenbuterol.

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The recommendations were made by a panel comprised of recognized laboratory directors, veterinary pharmacologists, practicing veterinarians, regulatory veterinarians, and veterinary surgeons with extensive experience in Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Quarter Horse and Arabian racing. The panel was established by the RMTC in response to a request by the United States Trotting Association (USTA) at the September 2013 RMTC board meeting to establish more liberal thresholds for the use of intra-articular corticosteroids and clenbuterol in the Standardbred breed.

The Corticosteroid Position Paper outlines the concerns regarding both short term pain masking effects of corticosteroids as well as long term damage caused by injudicious use of these medications. The panel affirmed the thresholds originally proposed by the RMTC.

"The benefit of the intra-articular corticosteroid thresholds as enacted by RMTC is to allow sufficient time between treatment and racing to allow the veterinarian to evaluate the effects of such treatment," stated panel member Dr. Wayne McIlwraith of Colorado State University. "Moreover, by providing a significant separation between intra-articular corticosteroid treatments and race-day, we minimize the potential for those treatments obscuring a more serious injury and compromising pre-race examinations."

The Clenbuterol Position Paper provides a review of both the ultimate beneficial effects and potential integrity issues associated with clenbuterol use. Ultimately, the panel determined that the original threshold recommended by RMTC should be upheld.

"We believe that protecting the integrity of horse racing is paramount and, therefore, there should be a sufficient separation between the administration of clenbuterol and race day for all horses which is supported by the existing threshold," stated RMTC board member and panel member Dr. Bobby Lewis. "We do, however, acknowledge the need to provide options to veterinarians that allow them to appropriately treat horses which is why we recommended re-searching albuterol and guaifenesin as alternative treatments to clenbuterol." (RMTC)

Meadows Annual Charity Auction On Dec. 15

The 2:00 Club, together with the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association (MSOA), will hold the track's 25th annual Chinese Auction for Charity on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the DoubleTree Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) on Racetrack Road in Meadow Lands.

This event has raised more than \$196,900 over the past 24 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 it will be in the Grande Ballroom of the hotel this year. 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 \$26,395 last year and it hopes to surpass that total this 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 MSOA during regular business hours. Please be sure to include your name with your donation. Prizes can also be sent to Janet Campbell, 2:00 Club President, 9711 Downing Place, North Huntingdon, Pa. 15642.

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Elizabeth Caldwell Joins KY Horse Council Board

Elizabeth Caldwell, who operates Cane Run Farm in Georgetown, Ky., with her mother, Rikki, and brother, Danny, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Kentucky Horse Council.

Caldwell has helped breed, raise, and sell Standardbred racehorses, following in her mother's and grandmother's footsteps, with her mother breeding the great Moni Maker and her late grandmother, Frances Dodge Van Lennep, breeding horses at her Castleton Farm until her passing in the 1970s. Caldwell began competing in the American Saddlebred discipline at age 10 and still enjoys competing. She served as the 2013 Horse Show Chair for the Lexington Junior League Charity Horse Show, the first leg of the Triple Crown for American Saddlebreds. She also serves on the board of the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame and the Standardbred Stable of Memories, which is devoted to the preservation of the Round Barn at The Red Mile. (KHC)

RACE LINES

Final Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of Dec. 3, 2013

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Bee A Magician (32)	3tf	17-17-0-0	\$1,547,304	344	1
2. Captaintreacherous (2)	3pc	16-13-2-0	2,055,033	284	2
3. Foiled Again (1)	9pg	29-11-6-7	1,404,984	258	6
4. I Luv The Nitelife	3pf	15-13-1-1	1,253,757	253	3
5. Father Patrick	2tc	11-10-1-0	744,057	215	4
6. Market Share	4th	14-6-1-5	1,077,356	138	9
7. Maven	4tm	14-10-2-0	509,220	135	5
8. Shake It Cerry	2tf	11-8-2-0	827,769	96	10
9. Royalty For Life	3tc	14-7-2-0	1,277,130	69	8
10. Pet Rock	4ph	18-6-4-1	972,820	65	7

Others receiving votes: Shebestingin 22, He's Watching 18, Vegas Vacation 12, Spider Blue Chip 9, Anndrovette, Sunshine Beach 3, Sevruga 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through Dec. 3, 2013 (week difference Nov. 26-Dec. 3).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Captaintreacherous (3pc)	16	13	2	0	\$2,055,033
Bee A Magician (3tf)	17	17	0	0	1,547,304
Foiled Again (9pg)	29	11	6	7	1,404,984
Royalty For Life (3tc)	14	7	2	0	1,277,130
I Luv The Nitelife (3pf)	15	13	1	1	1,253,757
Spider Blue Chip (3tg)	20	10	3	2	1,088,918
Market Share (4th)	14	6	1	5	1,077,356
Pet Rock (4ph)	18	6	4	1	972,820
Vegas Vacation (3pg)	20	10	4	1	971,632
Sunshine Beach (3pc)	20	8	5	3	909,283

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Tim Tetrack	2,926	570-418-397	.319	\$15,998,538 (\$560,700)
Yannick Gingras	2,209	507-373-293	.368	13,900,813 (703,233)
Brian Sears	2,192	500-367-319	.370	13,659,031 (620,709)
David Miller	2,655	375-397-367	.270	12,015,037 (960,310)
Ron Pierce	3,331	519-462-477	.281	11,300,245 (421,799)
Corey Callahan	3,388	571-423-440	.281	9,231,959 (455,953)
George Brennan	2,495	438-425-308	.311	8,913,439 (128,145)
Matt Kakaley	2,779	428-423-405	.287	7,252,757 (188,582)
Andy Miller	2,512	343-348-321	.256	6,957,053 (211,827)
Jason Bartlett	2,303	342-283-292	.259	6,829,169 (135,555)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,314	1036-707-504	.370	\$21,634,550 (\$1,069,483)
Jimmy Takter	593	133-87-79	.350	7,747,236 (529,457)
Tony Alagna	794	145-91-98	.287	5,377,348 (17,408)
Erv Miller	1,244	241-198-164	.326	4,553,907 (40,150)
Rene Allard	1,905	433-282-229	.350	4,503,570 (99,260)
Linda Toscano	546	109-78-95	.337	4,008,228 (282,940)
P.J. Fraley	887	170-148-131	.334	3,959,702 (71,820)
Nifty Norman	434	84-68-49	.318	3,763,732 (127,150)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	1,311	303-197-154	.354	3,684,844 (12,474)
Casie Coleman	348	99-56-31	.404	3,475,679 (400)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	1,109	762	2,538	\$28,010,978
Winbak Farm	1,033	667	2,008	17,703,147
Brittany Farms	314	220	805	10,863,008
White Birch Farm	154	117	404	8,523,855
Perretti Farms	367	236	738	8,433,770
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	286	181	603	7,044,493
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	186	138	451	6,575,418
Walnut Hall Limited	201	148	476	3,953,049
Arlene & Jules Siegel	165	115	359	3,907,773
Steve Stewart	140	106	323	3,719,760

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Nov. 26-Dec. 3 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Yannick Gingras	81	22-23-9
Corey Callahan	104	18-13-6
Tyler Smith	63	16-9-5
Aaron Merriman	87	15-14-18
George Napolitano Jr.	62	15-7-8
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	70	15-13-7
Jim DeVaux	83	14-11-10
Bruce Aldrich Jr.	87	13-15-18
Luke Plano	25	12-3-3
Billy Dobson	45	11-7-2
David Miller	88	11-18-10
Tim Tetrack	88	11-16-16
Ron Pierce	84	10-9-8
Trevor Henry	39	10-5-6
Brian Sears	38	9-5-3
Dave Palone	23	9-2-3
Jordan Stratton	50	9-6-6
Matt Kakaley	53	9-10-6
Ross Wolfenden	51	9-2-8
George Brennan	47	8-6-8
Mike Wilder	28	8-4-5
Rick Plano	30	8-6-3
Shawn Thayer	23	8-4-3
W. Drew Campbell	31	8-5-3

Trainers	Wins
Ron Burke	23
Rene Allard	10
Dylan Davis	7
Nick Surick	7
Bob Johnson	6
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	6
Lou Pena	6
Mike Watson	6
Amber Buter	5
Gene Vallandingham	5
Kevin Carr	5
Melissa Beckwith	5
Rick Plano	5
Alvin Callahan	4
Carmen Auciello	4
Jose Godinez	4
Joseph Hundertpfund Jr.	4
Mark Ford	4
Richard Moreau	4
Robert Lounsbury	4
Rosy Weaver	4
Truman Gale	4
Vincent Fusco Jr.	4
Wayne Givens	4

2013

DECEMBER



sunday

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wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

1 DSBF 2CP/2FP finals (DD) Progress 3CP final (DD)	2	3	4	5	6	7 Reynolds 3CP/3FP (M)
8	9	10	11 The Horseman	12 Niagara 3FP (Wdb)	13 Valedictory 3CP (Wdb)	14 Cleveland Classic 3CP (Nfid)
15	16	17	18	19 Niagara 3FP (Wdb)	20 Valedictory 3CP (Wdb)	21 First day of Winter
22	23	24	25 The Horseman	26 Boxing Day (Can.) Kwanzaa Niagara 3FP final (Wdb) Valedictory 3CP final (Wdb)	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	<i>Happy New Year</i>			

