Callahan Poised To Climb Up Meadowlands Standings

After three weekends of racing at the Meadowlands in 2020, Dexter Dunn easily leads the drivers’ colony with 23 victories, 11 ahead of runner-up Yannick Gingras. But with Dunn and Gingras part of a group of vacationing horsemen heading to Paris for Sunday’s Prix d’Amerique, it opens the door for others to make up some ground on the leaders.

Corey Callahan sits third in the standings with 10 victories, and he will have ample opportunity to move past Gingras as he has a drive in 25 of the 26 races on the two programs. Also in action this weekend for the first time this year at the Meadowlands is Tim Tetrick, who captured his ninth North American earnings title in 2019 with more than $15.6 million. Tetrick and Callahan sit one-two, respectively, in the dash standings at Dover Downs, which doesn’t race on Friday or Saturday nights.

One of Callahan’s mounts is Pappy Go Go, who was assigned the outside post 7 in the $37,500 Preferred Trot (Race 2) on Saturday night. Although he is coming off a three-week layoff, the 6-year-old gelding continues his climb up the class ladder after a pair of victories at the Big M in his last two starts.

“They didn’t fill the Preferred and they wouldn’t let him go in the other class,” trainer Andrew Harris explained of the layoff. Pappy Go Go’s current two-race win streak began with a 1:52 victory after starting from post 10 in a $20,000 conditioned event on Dec. 27. The mile equaled Pappy Go Go’s lifetime best, which he set last year on March 30 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and tied on April 25 at Harrah’s Philadelphia.

While Andy McCarthy was in the sulky behind Pappy Go Go for the Dec. 27 win, it was Callahan who directed the trotter to his 1:52.3 score last time out on Jan. 3 in a $25,000 conditioned event. With McCarthy also part of the Paris entourage, Callahan gets the drive again on Saturday.

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—Corey Callahan

Callahan said Pappy Go Go’s versatility will come into play starting from the outside post.

“We’re not going to get away seventh,” he said with a laugh. “He’s good any way. If I can cut it, I’ll cut it since he’s good on the lead. Last time I came first-up on JL Cruze and beat him. With a short field, if I could get to the lead, I’d rather do that.”

Pappy Go Go was a $4,000 yearling purchase at the 2015 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Select Sale. The son of Tad The Stud out of the Pegasus Spur mare Paging Willy raced his
While Rubber Duck has made 114 career starts on his way to $588,109 in earnings, this will be only the third time Tetrick has been behind the 8-year-old son of Muscle Mass. Tetrick drove Rubber Duck twice late last year at Harrah’s Philadelphia—and won both times.

“He’s a nice little horse,” said Tetrick, who was listed to drive in 22 races over the two programs. “He got parked last week off a qualifier.”—By Gordon Waterstone

Bettor B Going Looks For Snowshoe Repeat

Two divisions of the second leg of the Snowshoe Series for 3- and 4-year-old pacers will be raced Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park, and the likely favorite in the second $18,000 division (Race 8) is Bettor B Going, who won his division of the first leg last week as the 1-9 betting favorite.

Bettor B Going will start from post 7 for driver Chris Christoforou, and if the 4-year-old gelded son of Bettor’s Delight aims to make it two straight he’ll have to break a recent pattern in his lines. Over his last five races, Bettor B Going has alternated wins and losses, a streak that began with a victory on Dec. 5.

“This is a tough series and there are one or two horses that really look like they are the best in there, and I think he’s one of them,” said Christoforou. “He was real strong last week and if we get a little bit of luck he’ll hopefully break that streak this week.”

Christoforou quarter-pole moved Bettor B Going from third last week before the pacer drew clear to a 1:54.1 victory. He hopes for the same trip this week.

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“He’s in the same kind of field; he should do the same kind of thing,” said Christoforou. “With these kind of horses I have to keep him on the front or up close to it.”

The streak also includes a career-best 1:51.1 victory on Dec. 21 as well as late-rallying second and fourths after starting from post 8. Christoforou was in the sulky for the second-place finish on Jan. 6, rallying his charge from more than 10 lengths back in seventh with a final quarter of :26.2 to fall short by just 1 1/4 lengths.

“I think starting from the eight hole just got him beat that day,” said Christoforou. “He just got too far back; if he had been sitting up closer he would have handled him that day too. He’s a really nice horse.”

A $50,000 yearling purchase, Bettor B Going is trained by Wilford Perrault. Bettor B Going, who is owned by Grant and Joanne Curnow, was unraced at two but has since amassed earnings of $62,389. Last fall he finished fourth in all three legs of the Harvest Series at Mohawk Park, including in the $37,696 final on Nov. 16.

“He’s a fast, strong horse for his size, and he’s a good breed of horse. I love the Bettor’s Delights, they’re the best,” said Christoforou.

The Snowshoe Series final will be raced on Friday night, Jan. 31.—By Gordon Waterstone
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2YO

$1,500,000 Kindergarten Classic Pace & Trot with $20,000 Legs. 2020 Kindergarten Finals at the Meadowlands.
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$450,000 Goldsmith Maid 2YO Filly Trot
$450,000 Governor’s Cup 2YO Colt Pace
$450,000 Three Diamonds 2YO Filly Pace
$400,000 Peter Haughton Memorial 2YO Colt Trot
$350,000 Jim Doherty Memorial 2YO Filly Trot

3YO

$650,000 Meadowlands Pace
$300,000 Stanley Dancer Memorial Colt Trot
$250,000 Del Miller Memorial Filly Trot
$200,000 Mistletoe Shalee Filly Pace

OLDER HORSES

$1,000,000 TVG FFA Championship Pace & Trot with mare divisions for both.
$500,000 Graduate 4YO Pace & Trot Finals with $75,000 Legs.
$450,000 William R. Haughton Memorial FFA Pace*
$300,000 John Cashman Memorial FFA Trot*
$260,000 Sam McKee Memorial FFA Pace*
$200,000 Lady Liberty FFA Mare Pace*
$200,000 Golden Girls FFA Mare Pace*
$200,000 Arthur Cutler Memorial FFA Trot*
$155,000 Dr. John R. Steele FFA Mare Trot*
$100,000 Miss Versatility FFA Mare Trotting Series*

*denotes leg of TVG championship series

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OLDER HORSES

$175,000 Artiscape FFA Mare Pace*
$175,000 Joie De Vie (Formerly Muscle Hill) FFA Mare Trot*
$175,000 Crawford Farms FFA Trot*
$175,000 Roll With Joe FFA Pace*

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Eliza Dushku N Off To Great Start In Ohio

Ohio-based pacing mares are already banking decent money, especially thanks to the strong purses at Miami Valley Gaming and Racing, where the top class of fillies and mares compete for $25,000 weekly.

One mare who has started her year strong, and is within $3,000 of her entire 2019 earnings total, is Eliza Dushku N. The 7-year-old daughter of Bettor’s Delight has won two of three starts and banked $21,200 for owner CT Stables LLC. John Ackley trains the veteran pacer.

“We bought her at the Blooded Horse Sale in Springfield last November for $30,000,” noted Ackley, whose stable also includes last year’s Kentucky Sires Stakes 2-Year-Old Colt Pace champion Catch A Fire. “She’s already paid for herself.”

Eliza Dushku N had been in the Rene Allard Stable and had been off when she was acquired by CT Stables. Ackley started training the mare and while she was willing, he soon discovered the mare had a quirk.

“She’s fine when you feed her first thing in the morning, you can catch her then, but after that, you can’t catch her,” he explained. “What I finally had to do was, using a ladder, reach over from the other stall with a pole with a hook and then you could catch her and she’d be fine. And she’s fine when she ships.”

The mare’s attitude on the track was fine, and physically Ackley couldn’t fault her.

“She’s a pretty good-sized mare, she stands well, she’s a really sound mare, and she’s just a tough racehorse,” shared Ackley. “It’s great to have one like her.”

Last week Eliza Dushku N finished fifth in the Miami Valley filly and mare feature, but Ackley said she was a victim of the trip.

“They didn’t get to the half until :57.1, and her cover didn’t go on so she was just a victim of circumstance,” said Ackley.

While Ackley is making a few trip from his Washington Court House training base for overnight racing, he also is dreaming of next summer, when he hopes to be racing Catch The Fire in the sport’s top events.

“He just came in last Friday,” he said of the colt by Captain-treacherous. “He had been turned out at Kentuckiana Farms and he’s gotten a little bigger and he’s filled out some. He looks like a million dollars.”

Ackley has other 3 year olds he is keen to start racing, including a colt by Somebeachsomewhere.

“He had trained in 2:00 last year when we discovered he had a bone bruise, and instead of shocking it we just quit with him to let him recover naturally,” he explained. “He’s been in for a while and he’s been really good.”—By Kathy Parker

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Don’t Mention “R” Word Around This Warhorse

Heavenly Knox has known more adversity than most Standardbreds.

Confusion surrounding his registration kept him from racing until 4. Last summer, he was so sore that his connections retired him...not for the first time.

But the old warhorse loves competing so much that he refused to stay retired. Now, at 9, he’s back at it, adding to his $124,750 bankroll and defying Father Time. Heavenly Knox will go from post 2 with Dan Charlino aboard in Friday afternoon’s seventh race at The Meadows.

“He has some kind of heart. I always thought that had something to do with my grandson”

—John Zawistowski

His career began in uncertainty. The son of The Panderosa-Mystical Shark trained down well in Illinois for John Zawistowski—known as Johnny Z on the backside—who has conditioned Heavenly Knox for most of the gelding’s career. But the horse’s owner, awash in financial difficulties, somehow never managed to get Heavenly Knox properly registered. Thus, he missed his entire 2- and 3-year-old seasons, and it was only when he was acquired thereafter by George Bonomo’s Wolf Creek Farm that Heavenly Knox was made eligible to compete.

Because he was unregistered, he remained unnamed. An opportunity for a name arose in the worst way imaginable when the son of Zawistowski’s daughter, Ashley Mitchell, and her husband, Marty Mitchell, died at birth. The baby was named Knox, and to honor his memory, the unraced horse was called Heavenly Knox.

Despite his star-crossed beginnings, Heavenly Knox began to show promise, winning his first four starts and taking his mark of 1:51.3 as a 4 year old. While on his streak, he provided reinsman Dave Magee with the final winning drive of his Hall of Fame career.

Zawistowski shifted his late bloomer to The Meadows, where he won the championship of the 2015 Walter Russell Memorial Pace and headed east for further conquests. But the rigors of racing left him with breathing issues and frequent soreness. Zawistowski and Wolf Creek decided to retire him. And again. And again.

“He came back like a cat from three or four different shut-downs,” the trainer says. “He has some kind of heart. I always thought that had something to do with my grandson.”

By the summer of 2019, though, Zawistowski had seen enough.

“I said, ‘that’s it, he’s done. He’ll never have a harness on again.’ We decided to retire him for good and keep him as a family pet. But out in the field, he was racing dogs and everything that came by. All he wanted to do was race.”

So Zawistowski brought him back again, and the old boy responded well, collecting a win and a pair of place finishes since his most recent “unretirement.” He hasn’t earned as much as he might have because his connections—understandably, given his meaning to them—won’t put him in a claimer; he’s usually in with tough conditioned types a little beyond his reach. But Zawistowski has learned not to mention the “r” word around Heavenly Knox.

“If he had been able to stay sound, he’d probably have a record of 1:48 or 1:49,” Zawistowski said. “Even now, you can’t really jog him; he wants to go by everything. That’s what makes him a great racehorse.” (by Evan Pattak/Meadows SOA)
Fourth Time A Charm For Propulsion In Prix d’Amérique?

The starting list for the famed Prix d’Amérique was finalized Thursday morning and there are two American-bred trotters starting in the race that was first run on Feb. 1, 1920—100 years ago—and won by a horse named Pro Patria.

Although it is being promoted as such, this is not an exact anniversary since the race’s name was changed to the Grand Prix d’Hiver in 1942, ’43 and ’44. When the name Prix d’Amérique came to life again in 1945, the race was held at the Enghien track in Paris. Two more editions were held at Enghien before the scene became Vincennes again and since 1948 the race has been run at the track located inside Paris’ Vincennes park, on the Paris metro line.

The first time an American-born horse won the Prix d’Amérique was Hazleton (Lu Princeton-Jeanette Speed), and he did so both in 1931 and 1932. Greats such as Delmonica Hanover followed, but the last American winner was Jimmy Takte’s superstar Moni Maker in 1999.

This year the American-bred Propulsion will make his fourth start in the race after finishing fourth (2017), third (2018) and fifth (2019). The second American is Stefan Melander’s Milligan’s School, who will make his debut in the world’s toughest race for older trotters.

The likely betting favorite for the race will be Face Time Bou-
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The **Prix d’Amérique** has a unique start, without a mobile gate. The field gathers inside the track, then when a bell is rung the drivers head for the main track and pick their position. With 18 horses, how you get away depends on the skill of the driver and the horse working together, and just sheer luck. Then, of course, who you can follow is another component determined by skill and luck. The field listing is simply that, a listing of the field.

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**A Rarity: Siblings Competing In Prix d’Amérique**

Two siblings will be competing in this year’s Prix d’Amérique—Enino du Pommereux and Delia du Pommereux.

Since 1979, this has happened three previous times: in 1995, the brothers brothers Bonheur de Tillard and Uranium de Tillard, both from the mare Joie de Tillard; in 1983, La Bourrasque and his brother Mon Tourbillon, daughter and son of Tornado IV; and in both the 1978 and ’79 editions, Hadol du Vivier and Fakir du Vivier (out of Ua Uka). The latter two fought for the podium in the 1978 edition and took second and fourth, respectively.

The main architect of this latest instance is Noël Lolic. Passionate about trotting races, he started breeding almost four decades ago and will experience an extraordinary moment on Sunday. When owners from all over the world dream of one day starting in the Prix d’Amérique, Lolic will have two from one broodmare!

Both of Lolic’s starters are from Noune du Pommereux, an exceptional broodmare who also produced Clif du Pommereux, a winner of more than €500,000.

A former merchant from Bayeus, France, Lolic’s first big horse was Prince de Crépon. “This quality horse won the Prix de l’Île d’Oléron at the end of its career,” he noted.

Two months earlier, Lolic had purchased Tulipe du Braud at the Selected Yearling Sales in Deauville.

Under the leadership of Denis Warin, the filly won three times, including once at Vincennes.

Lolic says he did not intend to be a breeder. He became one when Tulipe du Braud was injured and he couldn’t find a buyer for her.

“Over time, I didn’t have to regret it,” he said. “Her first daughter, Dolly, from Podosis, did a good job. From the start, she gave me the excellent Jim du Pommereux, then Noune du Pommereux, who, after having had a good career, turned out to be a remarkable broodmare.”

The facts already proved him right during the winter of 2017, but what would happen afterwards has been even bigger. A year and a few weeks later, Enino du Pommereux won the Critérium des 4 Ans in a blistering time. In September 2018, Délia du Pommereux was second in the Critérium des 5 Ans to Davidson du Pont.

Propelled to the top of their respective hierarchies, the brother and sister succeeded this winter in winning their ticket for the Prix d’Amérique in different conditions. The eldest validated her place in the second qualifying event, the Grand Prix du Bouronnais, which she won, thus highlighting her position in the elite, while Enino had to wait for the Prix de Belgique to get his ticket, finishing second to Belina Josselyn, the winner of the 2019 Prix d’Amérique.

All hopes are therefore allowed for Lolic and his team led by trainer Sylvain Roger. —turncom/Prix d’Amérique.com

To watch the Prix d’Amérique, go to https://www.letrot.com/fr/courses/live

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*Hippodrome de Vincennes, Paris, France; Sunday, Jan. 26; Race 7; Post Time: 4:10 p.m. CET (10:10 a.m. EST); Distance: 2,700 meters (approximately 1.67 miles); Purse: €900,000 (approx. $998,000)*
Arnold, Binkley inseparable, again
Growing up together in southeastern Illinois, Jazmin Arnold and Alesha Binkley were inseparable during their summers off from school. If you saw me, you saw her; if you saw her, you saw me,” Arnold said, laughing. more

McClure at Milton Sports Celebrity Dinner
Fresh off a career-best season, driver Bob McClure will appear at the 18th annual Milton Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at RattleSnake Point Golf Club. A finalist for Driver of the Year at the upcoming O’Brien Awards, McClure will join sports celebrities Eric Lindros, Alvin Williams, Jack Armstrong, Tessa Bonhomme and Tyler McGregor as the stars. more

USHWA announces Media Award winners
Derrick Giwner and Melissa Keith were named winners of the 2019 John Hervey Awards for excellence in harness racing journalism while Chris Gooden and Mark Hall were named recipients of the George Smallreed Awards for photography and Woodbine Entertainment Group was selected winner of the Sam McKee Award for broadcasting, the U.S. Harness Writers Association announced Tuesday. more

Lindy The Great tops Tattersalls at $450,000
Six-year-old trotter Lindy The Great, who won last year’s Caesars Trotting Classic and was second in the Allerage Farms Open Trot, brought the top price at Monday’s (Jan. 20) Tattersalls Winter Mixed Sale at The Meadowlands, selling for $450,000, while 4-year-old pacer Escapetothebeach was No. 2 on the list, purchased for $250,000. more

Southwind Amazon is sport’s newest millionaire
Storied pacer Southwind Amazon became a millionaire winning the $15,000 Open Pace on Monday in MGM Northfield Park’s ninth race. Southwind Amazon went to the gate with 88 career wins and $998,216 in earnings. Monday’s victory yielded $7,500, bringing his career tally to $1,005,716. more

Elver Hanover named Ohio’s Horse of the Year
Elver Hanover, the 2019 Ohio 2-Year-Old PACing Colt of the Year has been named the 2019 Ohio Horse of the Year. Elver Hanover, a son of Yankee Cruiser-Edra Hanover by The Panderosa, won all nine of his starts for trainer Ron Burke, his stable and ownership group of Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, Jason Melillo, J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby, earning $363,450. more

Winbak of Ontario stallion showcase Feb. 9
Winbak Farm of Ontario will be hosting a stallion showcase and open house on Feb. 9. The event will be from 12-3 p.m. and the stallion showcase will be from 2-2:30 p.m. Potential breeders are encouraged to come to the farm and meet the 11 stallions that Winbak Farm will be standing in 2020. more

Major doping threat uncovered
The New York Equine Drug Testing Program’s director Dr. George Maylin has confirmed the presence of a major doping threat to both human and equine sport in two Standardbred horses racing at Yonkers Raceway.
The New York horse racing lab is believed to be the first laboratory, in either horse racing or the worldwide WADA network of human testing labs, to screen for and confirm the presence of IOX-2.
IOX-2 is both a blood and gene doping agent that is the type of emerging small molecule synthetic doping agent that Dr. Maylin warned about at last year’s ARCI annual conference in Arcadia, Calif.
Dr. Maylin, a member of the ARCI Scientific Advisory Group, has stressed that the more serious threat to the integrity of the sport lies in these types of doping agents rather than the misuse of therapeutic medications which have commande the majority of attention by racing industry organizations and represent the majority of drug violations detected by racing commissions. In human sport, athletes can receive permission to compete with substances in their system that are banned in horse racing.
All RCI member jurisdictions have been put on notice of the details of this development.
IOX-2 is an HIF stabilizer that can trigger EPO like effects as well as overall stimulation of an athlete.
“The New York Gaming Commission and Dr. Maylin specifically should be commended for their work and focus on finding new and emerging threats to clean sport,” said Ed Martin, ARCI president. “Dr. Maylin has worked long and hard looking for these type of substances and his work will benefit all RCI member jurisdictions.
“Unfortunately IOX-2 is just one doping agent and we are not naive to believe that others are not finding their way into professional sport. Whether it be a racing lab or a WADA lab, we share a common mission and can never let our guard down. Today, it’s IOX-2, tomorrow it’s going to be something else. Horse racing is blessed to have experts like Dr. Maylin in our regulatory network.”
Regulatory actions taken by the New York Gaming Commission are posted online at https://rulings.gaming.ny.gov.
According to the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC), the horses that tested positive for IOX-2 were Sports Bettor and Showmeyourguns, both trained by Michael Temming. Sports Bettor tested positive after a win at Yonkers on Dec. 7, 2019, while Showmeyourguns tested positive after a victory on Dec. 17.
Temming has received an indefinite suspension from the NYSGC with a hearing scheduled for Jan. 31, 2020. (ARCI)