Sponsors Weigh In On Meadowlands Races

The cancellation of the Governor’s Cup and Three Diamonds took harness racing by surprise. In making the announcement, the Meadowlands stated that a decline in sponsorship revenues forced them to cancel the two stakes races for 2-year-old pacers.

Last year the Governor’s Cup carried a final purse of $469,300 with the Three Diamonds raced for $391,250. Per the conditions of each race, the Meadowlands is required to add a minimum of $35,000 to each event. Added money for stakes races has traditionally come from the entire purse account at the Meadowlands, but the new appropriation bill would restrict those monies to overnight races.

The sponsors of those two races in 2018, Hunterton Farm and Sugar Valley Farm, respectively, were contacted about their sponsorship for 2019.

“They asked me for sponsorship money again. I told them I was good until you get the appropriation,” said Hunterton’s Steve Stewart on Wednesday (Feb. 6). “Then I was traveling yesterday and late in the day I saw the announcement that these two races were canceled. So I sent them an email and told them that if my $12,500 sponsorship of the Governor’s Cup is the deciding factor of reinstating the race, I’m in.”

“They got sports betting for purses and the $10 million (appropriation from the state). No one is throwing money at me, and Hunterton is continuing to help the Red Mile.”

Joe McLead, owner of Sugar Valley Farm, said he renewed his sponsorship package with the Meadowlands for the same amount as 2018. His sponsorship package allows the Meadowlands to select a race to carry the Sugar Valley Farm name, so there was no intent for Sugar Valley to be the sponsor for the Three Diamonds.

The Governor’s Cup and Three Diamonds have been part of a Fall Final Four stakes night which has also included the Valley Victory and Goldsmith Maid for trotters. The two trotting races have been sponsored by Kentuckiana Farms and Vieux Carre Farm, respectively.

“We just got our email from the Meadowlands on Jan. 28 and we’ve made no commitment yet, but I’m sure we will probably renew our sponsorship,” said Kentuckiana’s Bob Brady on Wednesday, shortly after he had received the worst kind of news for a breeder, that a mare lost a foal.

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When asked why he selected the Governor’s Cup and Three Diamonds to cancel, Gural said, “Truthfully, I own and breed trotters....”

Other 2018 sponsors of stakes at the Meadowlands have renewed, among them Diamond Creek Farms, Deo Volente Farms and Brittany Farms.

In 2018, Diamond Creek Farms sponsored the Jim Doherty Memorial on Hambletonian Day. The farm has agreed to again be a sponsor, but its race in 2019 will be the Kindergarten Series and final.

“I disagreed with them what my sponsorship package includes, so we reduced our sponsorship from $30,000 in ‘18 to $20,000,” said Diamond Creek’s Adam Bowden. “My reduction was because I disagreed with what we were getting.”

Brittany Farms’ manager Art Zubrod said he received his first email request for sponsorship on Monday, Feb. 4.

“I told them I expect to renew our sponsorship at the same level as last year ($10,000),” said Zubrod.

In 2018, New Jersey’s Deo Volente Farm sponsored the Shady Daisy Pace on Hambletonian Day. “We’ve recommited and we’re proud to be a part of this new, exciting chapter of harness racing in New Jersey,” said Deo Volente’s Mike Gulotta, who is also an SBOANJ board member.

Marvin Katz said the Libfeld/Katz Breeding Partnership, which sponsored the Peter Haughton Memorial on Hambletonian Day, would not be renewing its sponsorship this year.

“We have made a significant contribution to be the primary sponsor of the 2019 Breeders Crown at Woodbine Mohawk, and it is our intention that this will allow for the best presentation possible for the event at Mohawk, so we advised the Meadowlands that because of that commitment, we could not renew our sponsorship,” said Katz. “We also advised the Red Mile that we would not be a sponsor there this year as well. We are from Canada and the Breeders Crown races at Mohawk are our priority for 2019.

“The Meadowlands is important and Jeff (Gural) saved it, but he needs to work with people,” added Katz, who is also a Meadowlands shareholder. “I was disappointed that there wasn’t some effort made to reach out to breeders and the industry privately, before the press release, to look for a solution.”

Hanover Shoe Farms has advised the Meadowlands that it will not be a sponsor at the Meadowlands this year unless changes are made in the format of the Hambletonian.

“We are holding up our sponsorship for 2019 until the format of the Hambletonian reverts back to eliminations one week and a final the next,” said Hanover CEO and president Russell Williams, also a Meadowlands Racetrack shareholder.

Hanover’s position is because wagering data clearly shows a decrease in handle on the Hambletonian since its format was changed to single-day heats. Because the field for the final is not known until after eliminations are held, and thus past performance lines from the eliminations cannot appear in a printed program, bettors have less information available for wagering on the final.

Last year the best-bet race on Hambletonian Day was the Oaks, with wagering of $527,327. Of the three Hambletonian races, wagering on the two elimins was $463,757 and $413,497, respectively, with just $367,506 wagered on the final, a drop of $120,000 from the prior year. Back in 2011, when the Hambletonian was held with eliminations the week prior to the final, the final was included in Pick 4 and Pick 6 wagers and wagering was substantially higher.

The New Jersey state appropriation bill that will help fund overnight purses for five years contains several benchmarks that will serve to determine if the state’s appropriation of money will help improve the industry and payments continue past the first year. One of those benchmarks is handle.

The consensus that based on the handle figures and other factors, the race should be changed back to eliminations the week before the final,” said a Hambletonian Society director who requested anonymity. “The betting numbers are clearly compelling.” — By Kathy Parker
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$800,000 KINDERGARTEN CLASSIC PACE & TROT
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$490,000 GOLDSMITH MAID
$470,000 GOVERNOR'S CUP
$400,000 VALLEY VICTORY
$400,000 THREE DIAMONDS
$350,000 JIM DOHERTY MEMORIAL 2YO FILLY TROT
$350,000 PETER HAUGHTON MEMORIAL 2YO COLT TROT

2YO
$650,000 MEADOWLANDS PACE
$350,000 STANLEY DANCER MEMORIAL COLT TROT
$250,000 DEL MILLER MEMORIAL FILLY TROT
$190,000 MISTLETOE SHALEE FILLY PACE

3YO
$1,000,000 TVG FFA CHAMPIONSHIP PACE & TROT with Mare divisions for both
$500,000 GRADUATE 4YO PACE & TROT FINALS with $75,000 legs
$475,000 WR 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*
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$175,000 ROLL WITH JOE FFA PACE*

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Meadowlands Cancels Stakes, Then Decides To Take Payments

On Tuesday (Feb. 5), the Meadowlands issued a press release which announced that it was canceling the Governor’s Cup for 2-year-old colt pacers and Three Diamonds for 2-year-old filly pacers. Then on Thursday morning (Feb. 7), the track issued another press release that said it would take nomination payments for both races and decide if the races will be held later.

The Tuesday press release stated, “Although it is clear in the language of the bill that the subsidy money is to be used for overnight races, a number of breeders who have previously helped to fund Meadowlands Grand Circuit races over the past few seasons via sponsorships have declined to continue their contributions for 2019, creating a shortfall in the stakes account.

As a result of this shortfall the Governor’s Cup 2-year-old colt pace and Three Diamonds 2-year-old filly pace will have to be canceled for 2019 without the sponsor contributions.”

In the initial press release, Meadowlands CEO Jeff Gural stated, “The breeders had another record breaking year at the sales and seem to think that the pressure is now off at the Meadowlands with the purse subsidy, but it’s far from off. I am adding a minimum of $1 million from sports betting to the $6 million subsidy for overnight purses. The language is clear that the subsidy is not for use in our Grand Circuit stakes, so nothing has changed so far as funding those. If we get sufficient sponsors for these races we can reinstate them, if not they will be canceled for 2019.”

The second press release on Thursday morning said that the Meadowlands had decided to take nomination payments on the Governor’s Cup and Three Diamonds “…while continuing to seek sponsorships. A decision on the fate of the stakes will then be made by early March.”

On Wednesday (Feb. 6), the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOA), issued the following release on behalf of the organization.

“The SBOA had not been notified of these cancellations prior to the announcement, and to clarify, the Meadowlands release, while the $6 million earmarked for the Meadowlands from the proposed $10 million appropriation cannot be used for stakes events, that is not the case for the minimum of $1 million guaranteed to be received from sports betting revenues as that would be part of the general purse account, and can, in fact, be used for stakes and added money events.

“The $4 million balance of the purse allocation will be directed to Freehold overnight purses and the New Jersey Sire Stakes and other breeding related programs.

“The SBOA plans to communicate this to the Meadowlands for further discussion, with the hope that these two important events can be reinstated.”

The Meadowlands press release also noted that after New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy signs the appropriation legislation, it plans to increase overnight purses immediately, with another increase to come in late March or early April, when the competition for horses increases.

Once again, once the legislation is signed by Gov. Murphy, the five-person New Jersey Sires Stakes board—which includes New Jersey’s Secretary of Agriculture—will meet to hash out the details of increasing purses for their races in 2019.

“Everything is going to go up significantly,” said NJSS administrator Chris Castens. “We won’t finalize our purses until the first week in May, after all the nomination payments are in. We expect that purses will increase for all three divisions of the program—the Premier (traditional NJSS held at the Meadowlands), Standardbred Development Fund and Renaissance Pace.”

Castens said purse money for New Jersey-eligible horses totaled $1.9 million in 2018, with the additional $1.2 million from the appropriation bill bringing the value of the program to more than $3 million.
Winbak’s 2019 U.S. Stallion Lineup
Featuring Stallions in DE, NY & PA

New York Pacers

ARTISCAPE - $2,500
p. 2, 1:52.3; 3, 1:49.7z ($1,469,461)
Artsplace-Delinquent Account—On The Road Again
• Offspring have earned $104,679,000
• Sire of 8 Millionaires

BOLT THE DUER - $4,000
p. 2, 1:51; 3, 1:47.4 ($1,828,995)
Ponder-Wonderbolt-Artsplace
• Winner of Adios in World Record 1:47.4
• 1st Crop now 2 & in training

BOSTON RED ROCKS - $5,000
p. 2, 1:50.3; 3, 1:49.3f; 1:48.2t-18 ($1,365,823)
Rockroll Hanover-McGibbon-McArdle
• 2015 U.S. 2YO Colt Pacer of the Year
• Winner of Breeders Crown Final

New York Trotters

CR EXCALIBUR - $3,000
2, 1:56.1 ($463,412)
Yankee Glide—CR Kay Suzie-Royal Troubadour
• Sire of KLM Express, 1:54.4 ($784,346)
• Sire of Strong Hope, 1:54 ($592,617)

MET’S HALL - $4,500
2, 1:52.4; 3, 1:51.2t-18 ($1,295,306)
Cantab Hall—Met’s Inn-Mitter
• Multiple Stakes Winner at 2 & 3
• Finished 2nd in 2018 Hambletonian

MUSCLES YANKEE - $5,000
2, 1:56.3; 3, 1:52.2 ($1,424,938)
Valley Victory-Maiden Yankee-Speedy Crown
• Harness Hall of Fame Inductee
• Sire of 13 Millionaires

Pennsylvania Pacer

HESTON BLUE CHIP - $6,000
p. 2, 1:50.4; 3, 1:48.1 ($1,777,769)
American Ideal-Shot Togo Bluechip-Cam’s Card Shark
• 2012 U.S. 3YO Colt Pacer of the Year
• 1st Crop included Zero Tolerance, p. 2, 1:51.1-18 ($485,813)

Delaware Pacers

BADLANDS HANOVER - $4,000
p. 2, 1:50z ($754,772)
Western Hanover-Behave Hanover-Tyler B
• #1 Pacing Sire of DSFB Final Winners
• Offspring have earned $72,118,045

CLASSIC CARD SHARK - $3,500
p. 3, 1:53.2z; 1:52.1
Cam’s Card Shark-Classic Wish-Armbro Emerson
• Full-brother to Better’s Delight & Roll With Joe
• Sire of Much Adoo, p. 1:49.4s ($278,595)

DELMARVALOUS - $3,000
p. 2, 1:52.3f; 3, 1:48.2 ($899,123)
Badlands Hanover-Pymetyme Scootle-Scoot Herb
• Adios & Oliver Wendell Holmes Winner
• Proven Sire of PA Stakes Winners

DREAM AWAY - $2,500
p. 2, 1:52.2; 3, 1:50 ($1,342,071)
Artsplace-Some Kinda Dream-Forrest Skipper
• Proven Sire of DE Stakes Winners
• Sire of 12 who have earned $500,000+

RODDY’S BAGS AGAIN - $2,500
p. 2, 1:54.3; 3, 1:50.2f ($705,175)
Dragon Again-Get The Bags-No Nukes
• Sire of Purrfect Bags, p. 3, 1:51.2h ($675,489)
• Sire of Hot Roddy, p. 1:52.1h ($445,403)

RUSTLER HANOVER - $2,000
p. 2, 1:52.3e; 3, 1:51.1 ($971,683)
Western Hanover-Rich N Elegant-Direct Scooter
• Sire of Keystone Horatio, p. 1:48.4s ($1,563,204)
• Sire of 8 who have earned $500,000+

Delaware Troters

CR COMMANDO - $2,500
2, 1:53.2z ($785,602)
Royal Troubadour-Airborne Gal-Spellcaster
• #1 Sire for Trotting DSFB Final Winners
• Sire of Med Vac, 1:52.2 ($810,117)

CROWN PRINCE GAR - $1,500
2, 2:01.4h; 3, 1:57.4; 1:57.1f ($229,569)
Garland Lobell-Crown Julia-Crysta’s Crown
• Sire of All Shoes On Deck, 1:54.4 ($307,901)
• Sire of Odessa, 1:55.3f ($199,016)

GIANT HIT - $2,500
2, 1:58; 3, 1:54.2 ($846,650)
Speddy Crown-Classic Casette-Florida Pro
• Sire of Iroquoindianjiver, 3, 1:57.1s ($525,922)
• Sire of Lost Lady One, 1:54.2s ($492,161)

GLIDEMASTER - $3,000
2, 1:55.3; 3, 1:51.1 ($1,988,847)
Yankee Glide-Cressida Hanover-Mr. Lavac
• Sire of Maven, 1:51.4h ($1,997,809)
• Sire of Blue Porsche, 3, 1:54s ($642,127)

MUTINEER - $3,000
2, 1:56.4; 3, 1:54.4 ($548,717)
Muscles Yankee-Bathoria-Florida Pro
• Sire of Fuel Cell, 1:54.2f ($306,453)
• Sire of Utopia, 1:52.2s ($221,692)

POLITICAL BRIEFING - $2,000
2, 1:58; 3, Q1:56.2 ($312,743)
Donerail-Scent Of A Woman-Worthy Bowl
• Sire of Windshield, 3, 1:56.2f ($327,200)
• Sire of Spoonful, Q2:00h ($248,474)

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Givens Hoping Delishka N Is Matchmaker Worthy

The 6-year-old pacing mare Delishka N may be a relative newcomer to the United States, but prior to her arriving in the barn of Delaware-based trainer Wayne Givens last June, she was a star in her native New Zealand.

Bringing with her a resume that included 10 wins and $121,214 in earnings, Delishka N has won six of 14 starts for Givens, including a career-best 1:50.3 effort last December at Dover Downs. In three starts this year Delishka N has one win, a 1:51.2 score on Jan. 12 at Dover. The daughter of Bettor’s Delight finished third in last Friday’s Open for fillies and mares at Yonkers, and on Friday she’ll start from post 5 as the 5-2 favorite in the same $44,000 contest with Brent Holland driving.

“She’s a real nice mare and raced well, but she’s probably not as good on a half as she was real good at Dover,” said Givens, whose wife Vicki (as Legacy Racing of Delaware) shares ownership with Nanticoke Racing, Reginald Hazzard II and Gary Calloway. “She’s good on the front but she’s also good from behind.”

The partnership purchased Delishka N last June, immediately after she finished second in the Grade 1 Harness Jewels at Cambridge in New Zealand. Her ledger at the time included a 1:51.1 victory in Australia, with her best win coming in the Grade 3 $40,000 Sibelia Stakes over the seven-eighths mile Menangle oval outside of Sydney. Her Down Under owners weren’t planning on selling the mare because they had hoped to breed her, but the offer was too good to turn down.

“We weren’t intending on selling and this sort of came out of the blue,” Delishka N’s Down Under trainer Brad Mowbray told Harness Racing New Zealand. “The offer was so good it had to be seriously looked at and we are quite happy with the deal.”

Givens said Delishka N was in his barn for about two months before he qualified her for the first time on Aug. 9 at Ocean Downs.

“It wasn’t that she had trouble acclimating, I just wanted to take my time,” explained Givens.

Delishka N debuted at Yonkers Raceway a week later, but after starting from post 8 she had to settle for sixth. Back in the same conditioned event the following week but lining up in post 5, Delishka N won first-over in 1:51.3. She finished up the year with five wins in 11 starts and $64,700 in earnings. Adding in the $23,800 she’s amassed this year, Delishka N has returned $88,500 to her new connections.

Givens said Friday’s race is a final audition for the upcoming Blue Chip Matchmaker Series at Yonkers as the payment is due Feb. 15.

“I tried her at Yonkers to see how she does and I’ll make my mind up (about the Matchmaker Series) after this week,” he said. “If I decide to put her in I’ll give her a break.” — By Gordon Waterstone
2019

PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP XXXVI
Three-year-old open pace.
Final raced on Saturday, June 15, 2019.$1,000,000 Guaranteed Final Purse.

ARM BRO FLIGHT
Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares trot.
Final raced on Saturday, June 15, 2019.
Purse $250,000 E Final ($175,000 A).

CANADIAN PACING DERBY
Three-year-olds and older open pace.
Final raced on Saturday, August 31, 2019.
Purse $600,000 E Final ($350,000 A).

CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC
Three-year-old open trot.
Final raced on Saturday, September 14, 2019.
Purse $665,000 E Final ($400,000 A).

CASUAL BREEZE
Three-year-old filly trot.
Raced on Friday, August 23, 2019.
Purse $150,000 E ($60,000 A).

ELEGANT IMAGE
Three-year-old filly trot.
Final raced on Saturday, September 14, 2019.
Purse $350,000 E ($225,000 A).

ETERNAL CAMNATION
Two-year-old filly pace.
Raced on Saturday, August 24, 2019.
Purse $250,000 E ($60,000 A).

FAN HANOVER
Three-year-old filly pace.
Final raced on Saturday, June 15, 2019.
Purse $425,000 E ($275,000 A).

GOODTIMES
Three-year-old open trot.
Final raced on Saturday, June 15, 2019.
Purse $260,000 E ($125,000 A).

MAPLE LEAF TROT
Three-year-olds and older open trot.
Final raced on Saturday, August 31, 2019.
Purse $650,000 E Final ($350,000 A).

METRO PACE
Two-year-old open pace.
Final raced on Saturday, September 21, 2019.
Purse $850,000 E Final ($300,000 A).

MILTON
Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace.
Final raced on Saturday, September 21, 2019.
Purse $250,000 E Final ($150,000 A).

NASSAGAWEYA
Two-year-old open pace.
Raced on Saturday, August 24, 2019.
Purse $225,000 E ($60,000 A).

PEACEFUL WAY
Two-year-old filly trot.
Final raced on Saturday, September 14, 2019.
Purse $380,000 E Final ($175,000 A).

ROSES ARE RED
Three-year-olds and older fillies and mares pace.
Final raced on Saturday, June 15, 2019.
Purse $370,000 E Final ($225,000 A).

SHES A GREAT LADY PACE
Two-year-old filly pace.
Final raced on Saturday, September 21, 2019.
Purse $550,000 E Final ($250,000 A).

SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE
Three-year-old open pace.
Raced on Saturday, June 1, 2019.
Purse $180,000 E ($60,000 A).

WILLIAM WELLWOOD MEMORIAL
Two-year-old open trot.
Final raced on Saturday, September 14, 2019.
Purse $400,000 E Final ($175,000 A).

BATTLE OF WATERLOO
Ontario Sired Two-year-old open pace.
Final raced on Monday, August 5, 2019.
Purse $250,000 E Final ($90,000 A).

BATTLE OF THE BELLES
Ontario Sired Two-year-old filly pace.
Final raced on Monday, August 5, 2019.
Purse $165,000 E Final ($60,000 A).

CONFEDERATION CUP XLI
Four-year-old open pace.
Final raced on Sunday, May 19, 2019.
Purse $180,000 E ($150,000 A).

BALANCED IMAGE
Final raced on Saturday, August 24, 2019.
Purse $50,000 E ($20,000 A).

DREAM OF GLORY
Ontario Sired Three-year-old trotting fillies & colts in 2019, non-winners of $75,000 (fillies $100,000) in 2018.
Final raced on Saturday, August 3, 2019.
Purse $60,000 E ($40,000 A).

KIN PACE
Ontario Sired Three-year-old pacing fillies in 2019, non-winners of $50,000 in 2018.
Final raced on Sunday, July 7, 2019.
Purse $60,000 E ($40,000 A).

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Rainbow Room Ready To Return To Racetrack

After a stellar freshman season in 2017 in which she won seven of 12 starts and $467,880, Rainbow Room’s connections hoped she would really find the pot of gold during her 3-year-old campaign. However, shortly after Rainbow Room finished second in an April 28 qualifier at the Meadowlands, the filly suffered an injury that completely derailed her sophomore season.

“I qualified her once and gave her a week off, and I was going to train her and qualify her again, and she broke a coffin bone,” explained Joe Holloway, who trains the filly for owners Crawford Farms Racing, Val D’Or Farms and Ted Gewertz. “So she missed the whole year.”

Rainbow Room will make her first appearance in more than nine months on Friday at the Meadowlands, starting from post 5 in a qualifier with Corey Callahan driving.

“She didn’t race at all last year and it’s not easy to get them back,” said Holloway, whose resume includes conditioning world champions Jenna’s Beach Boy, She’s A Great Lady and Shebestingin, the fastest female Standardbred in history. “I’ve been in 1:56 with her and right now she really looks good. I’m hoping for good things from her.”

A $100,000 yearling purchase from breeders Vieux Carre Farms and Steve Jones, Rainbow Room is regally bred with a mating of Somebeachsomewhere and Rainbow Blue, both a former Horse of the Year. Rainbow Room’s wins at two included the $200,000 Kentuckiana Stallion Management and the $252,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship.

Holloway said there have been some discussions about retiring Rainbow Room and sending her to the breeding shed.

“Dr. Dean Richardson at the University of Pennsylvania put a screw in, which is a relatively new procedure. That was her best chance of racing,” he said “The reason I’m starting her back and qualifying her now is that I’ve been jogging and training her, and if she wasn’t going to be sound and good, we weren’t going to miss the breeding season. But she seems pretty good.

“So the plans are to qualify her a couple of times. Missing last year, she’ll need some starts and I look forward then to the start of the stakes season. But before that she’ll need at least four starts, for sure.”

Also in Holloway’s barn this year is two-time New York Sires Stakes champion Funknwaffles. The 5-year-old pacer won more than $850,000 his freshman and sophomore seasons, but then last year at four earned just $47,811 in only 10 starts. After a qualifying win on Jan. 25 at the Meadowlands, Funknwaffles made his Holloway pari-mutuel debut a winning one on Feb. 2 at Freehold. Starting from post 8 in the $8,000 Preferred Handicap on Feb. 2 as the 3-5 betting favorite, Funknwaffles and driver Jordan Stratton rallied from behind to win by three-quarters of a length in 1:55.4.

“Missing last year she’ll need some starts and I look forward then to the start of the stakes season.”

–Joe Holloway about Rainbow Room

“He’s not racing this week but he will next week at the Meadowlands and then I’ll skip another week,” said Holloway, who is set to be inducted into harness racing’s Hall of Fame in early July.

Holloway said the goal is to race Funknwaffles in the upcoming George Morton Levy Memorial Series at Yonkers, which is why the son of American Ideal was sent to him by owner Crawford Farms Racing. While he sees the decreased numbers last year on Funknwaffles’ ledger, Holloway doesn’t know the answer.

“I don’t know, it could have been the 4-year-old drummers,” said Holloway. “But he seems like a nice horse as I’ve been training him down so far. He acts like a very nice horse and he obviously came in with some credentials.” — By Gordon Waterstone
The fastest Standardbreds have Hoosier Horsepower

Hannelore Hanover
(Swan For All)
World's Fastest Mile Trotted by a Mare
1:49.2

Always B Miki
(Always A Virgin)
World's Fastest Paced Mile
1:46

Breed for Speed:
Breed in Indiana

Homicide Hunter
(Mr Cantab)
World's Fastest Mile Trotted
1:48.2
Results Of Super Bowl Picks Are In

Last Sunday’s “Snooze Bowl” Super Bowl LIII saw the New England Patriots beat the Los Angeles Rams 13-3. The outcome came as no surprise to some who gave their prognostications to Harness Racing Weekend Preview as 27 of 35 backed the Pats.

Several of those who selected the Patriots noted the team’s experience should give them an edge. Well, obviously experience didn’t come into play when it came to people making picks for the game as Weekend Preview’s editor “Boss Kathy” Parker—making a selection for the first time ever—earned the title of “Closest To The Score.”

Parker, who tossed her hat in the ring at the last minute because she said “I have a premonition and I’ve felt left out before,” predicted the Patriots would win 24-16. Yes, the total of 40 points was the lowest given by any of the 35 who made their pick.

Scioto Downs/Pompano Park’s Stacy Cahill and Vicki Gin- gras had the Rams scoring only 14 points, but both thought the Patriots would score 28 points in victory.

Trainer Tom Fanning and driver George Napolitano Jr. were next with the Patriots winning 24-17, with Batavia Downs’ Tim Bojarski going with the Patriots 24-21.

In all, 24 of those who went with the Patriots thought they’d score 30 or more points (insert snicker here). Nobody said the Patriots would score less than 24. And it would be remiss to not mention trainer Brian Brown’s predicted Patriots win by a score of 50-45 (insert hearty guffaw here). Thank goodness Brown said he wasn’t a gambler and played the over.

How about the one guy in Las Vegas who bet $250 on the Rams to score exactly 3 points and won $100,000? Think he was sweating that missed Rams field goal in the closing seconds? And just think, broadcaster Tony Romo said “Here we go!” more times during the game than Rams points.
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Chapter Seven - Shes Gone Again - SJ's Caviar

By the red hot sire Chapter Seven, Enterprise was a multiple stakes winner at 3.

Measuring just under 16 hands, he is from the 100% producing dam SHES GONE AGAIN whose first three foals all trotted in 1:52.4 or faster, (including LIVE LAUGH LOVE, BT1:50.2). His Muscle Hill half sister sold for $275,000 this past year at Lexington.

His dam is also a half-sister to Breeders Crown champion Poof She's Gone 3, 1:53.1 ($1,312,093), also a 100% producing mare and her Muscle Hill yearling colt sold for $410,000 at Lexington in 2018.

Enterprise won half of his 12 starts in 2017, including an elimination of the Hambletonian, and finished fourth, placed third in the $1,000,000 final at the Meadowlands. Enterprise has won on all sized tracks, including a 1:55.4h victory against older horses at Yonkers.

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Ultimate Shopper Ready For Beissinger Medley Series

Anette Lorentzon shares a special connection with Ultimate Shopper, and it goes beyond winning races and money. The 6-year-old mare, who competes Friday in the Howard Beissinger Memorial Medley for trotters at Miami Valley Raceway, was one of two yearlings Lorentzon bought at the 2014 Lexington Selected Sale after being diagnosed with cancer.

Lorentzon, who has overcome bone cancer and last year posted career highs for training wins and purses, purchased Ultimate Shopper for $140,000. She was familiar with the horse’s family, having conditioned Ultimate Shopper’s dam, Adelaide Hall, who finished third behind Possess The Magic and Pampered Princess in the 2006 Breeders Crown for 2-year-old filly trotters.

Adelaide Hall was injured while preparing for her 3-year-old season and never raced again. Her third foal was Ultimate Shopper, a full sister to stakes-winner All Laid Out. Ultimate Shopper has won 15 of 73 career starts and earned $351,515 for Lorentzon, who owns the mare with her family’s ACL Stuteri and Kjell Johansson.

“She means quite a bit to me and my family,” Lorentzon said. “When they found out I had cancer, life changed in a heartbeat. I picked (Ultimate Shopper) out when I was going through my treatments. We didn’t know what was going to happen. You never know how it’s going to go when you get cancer. It might be the last thing you do. Luckily it didn’t turn out that way.”

Lorentzon has nearly 70 horses in her stable, with 13 in New Jersey and the remainder in Kentucky. Last year, the stable produced 154 wins and earned $2.24 million. So far this season, it has 13 victories and $155,680.

Ultimate Shopper has won two of three starts this year. The mare slumped after winning the Open Handicap at Northfield Park last August, but has returned refreshed after a two-month respite. She won a conditioned class by 10 1/4 lengths on Jan. 8 at Miami Valley, finished third in her next start, and after a bridle change bounced back with another victory.

“She dropped in class when she was out of form,” Lorentzon said. “If she didn’t drop in class I might not have tried her back; we might have just bred her. I said to the owners that I wanted to give her a break and then try her and play it by ear. We do the breeding, but it is a lot of fun to have the good horses racing. That’s what you want. As long as she is racing good she will be racing.”

Ultimate Shopper, who was a Grand Circuit winner at age 2, will start from post 4 in the first of two $12,500 opening-round divisions of the Beissinger. She will be driven by Elliott Deaton and is 7-2 on the morning line. The races in the first round of the Beissinger Memorial Medley will be contested at five-eighths of a mile. The second-round will be contested at one mile and the final at 1 1/4 miles.

“I don’t know how good she will be over the five-eighths (distance); I don’t know how quick she is over five-eighths.”

–Anette Lorentzon

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# Early & Late Closing Events 2019

## Event #1 The Walter Russell Mem. Pace
- For 3 & 4 yo Pacers C & G (Pa. Owned or Sired)
- Nw’s of $25,000 or 2 ext pm life up to and including January 1, 2019.
  - (Winner over $40,000 life as of January 1, 2019 NE)
- 1st Leg: Friday, March 8th, 2019 $12,500
- 2nd Leg: Friday, March 15th, 2019 $12,500
- Final: Friday, March 22nd, 2019 $17,500 added

## Event #2 The Donna Dunn Mem. Pace
- For 3 & 4 yo Pacers F & M (Pa. Owned or Sired)
- Nw’s of $25,000 or 2 ext pm life up to and including January 1, 2019.
  - (Winner over $40,000 life as of January 1, 2019 NE)
- 1st Leg: Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 $12,500
- 2nd Leg: Sunday, March 10th, 2019 $12,500
- Final: Friday, March 22nd, 2019 $17,500 added

## Event #3 The Ken Weaver Mem. Trot
- For 3 & 4 yo Trotters C & G (Pa. Owned or Sired)
- Nw’s of $25,000 or 2 ext pm life up to and including January 1, 2019.
  - (Winner over $40,000 life as of January 1, 2019 NE)
- 1st Leg: Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 $12,500
- 2nd Leg: Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 $12,500
- Final: Friday, March 22nd, 2019 $17,500 added

## Event #4 The Mary Wohlmuth Mem. Trot
- For 3 & 4 yo Trotters F & M (Pa. Owned or Sired)
- Nw’s of $25,000 or 2 ext pm life up to and including January 1, 2019.
  - (Winner over $40,000 life as of January 1, 2019 NE)
- 1st Leg: Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 $12,500
- 2nd Leg: Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 $12,500
- Final: Friday, March 22nd, 2019 $17,500 added

## Event #5 The Tom Kirwan Mem. Pace
- For 3 yo Pacers C & G (Pa. Sired or Owned)
- Nw’s 3 ext pm races life or $30,000 life up to and including March 1, 2019.
  - (Winners over $50,000 life as of March 1, 2019 NE)
- 1st Leg: Saturday, April 13th, 2019 $15,000
- 2nd Leg: Saturday, April 20th, 2019 $15,000
- Final: Saturday, April 27th, 2019 $20,000 added

## Event #6 The Ruby Cook Mem. Pace
- For 3 yo Pacers Fillies (Pa. Sired or Owned)
- Nw’s 3 ext pm races life or $30,000 life up to and including March 1, 2019.
  - (Winners over $50,000 life as of March 1, 2019 NE)
- 1st Leg: Monday, April 8th, 2019 $15,000
- 2nd Leg: Monday, April 15th, 2019 $15,000
- Final: Saturday, April 27th, 2019 $20,000 added

## Event #7 The Margaret Provost Mem. Trot
- For 3 yo Trotters Fillies (Pa. Sired or Owned)
- Nw’s 3 ext pm races life or $30,000 life up to including March 1, 2019.
  - (Winners over $50,000 life as of March 1, 2019 NE)
- 1st Leg: Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 $15,000
- 2nd Leg: Wednesday, April 17th, 2019 $15,000
- Final: Saturday, April 27th, 2019 $20,000 added

## Event #8 The Ben Wood Mem. Trot
- For 3 yo Trotters C & G (Pa. Sired or Owned)
- Nw’s 3 ext pm races life or $30,000 life up to and including March 1, 2019.
  - (Winners over $50,000 life as of March 1, 2019 NE)
- 1st Leg: Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 $15,000
- 2nd Leg: Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 $15,000
- Final: Saturday, April 27th, 2019 $20,000 added

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Hall of Famer Tom White Dies at 84

Hall of Fame Communicator Tom White, who kept harness racing in the headlines, and helped put fans in the stands for many years as publicist at The Red Mile, Scioto Downs and the Little Brown Jug/Delaware County Fair, died Monday morning, Feb. 4, at Sayre Christian Village in Lexington, Ky. He was 84. He had been in poor health since suffering a major stroke four years ago.

Thomas Wayne White joined in death his sweetheart of 60 years, Frankie (Frances Thornbury White), where they are surely cheering the University of Kentucky Wildcats at center court or the 50-yard line.

He will be missed dearly by his children, Scott White (Susan) and Marianne Mosley (Gary), and four grandchildren, Caroline and Nathanael White and Emily and Elizabeth Mosley. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Jon White and Mary (Bloxham) White.

A native of Plymouth, Ind., near South Bend, Mr. White grew up rooting for Notre Dame and the Chicago White Sox. However, following a Bear Bryant-led University of Kentucky Sugar Bowl championship in 1951, he traveled south to Lexington’s greener pastures and the University of Kentucky.

Mr. White made the most of his matriculation even though Bear Bryant left, pledging Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, writing for the Kentucky Kernel — he was sports editor his senior year, and meeting the love of his life. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in journalism. After graduation, he became a sports writer for the Lexington Leader, covering high school sports, Transylvania University basketball, back-up UK football and basketball, and harness racing. He had a regular high school sports column called “The White Line.”

While covering harness racing for the Leader, Mr. White fell in love with the sport. He left the newspaper to become associate editor for The Horseman and Fair World and later for the U.S. Trotting Association’s Hoof Beats magazine.

In 1974, he took a job as director of publicity and public relations at The Red Mile and Tattersalls horse sales. He was a regular fixture on local TV and radio, wrote regular features in the Lexington Herald-Leader, and inaugurated the famous Memorial Day Chili Cook-Off and Concerts at the Red Mile. He wrote two books, Harness Racing History in Kentucky and A Century of Speed, a compendium of stories, photographs, and interviews celebrating the centennial of The Red Mile.

After almost 15 years, Mr. White left The Red Mile to direct publicity and public relations at Scioto Downs racetrack in Columbus, Ohio. He then returned to Lexington as assistant advertising manager at The Horseman And Fair World. In February 1996 he also began working as publicity director for the Little Brown Jug at the Delaware County Fair in Ohio, the third leg of pacing’s Triple Crown. Mr. White served as publicity director until he retired in October 2012.

Mr. White served as the longtime treasurer of the North American Harness Publicists Association and won that organization’s prestigious Golden Pen Award in 1985. In 2005 he was inducted into harness racing’s Communicators Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y.

Mr. White mentored many college students and young harness racing colleagues and taught a course in sports writing at Eastern Kentucky University. He was an avid reader, loved history, and took classes through UK’s Donovan Scholars program. He was a lifelong learner who was nevertheless somewhat perplexed by technology. Colleagues will remember him pounding on his laptop keys with the same enthusiasm he employed on the manual typewriter he brought with him to college.

He was an active member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder. He was active in Men of Maxwell and spent many years as an usher, greeting members and visitors with his trademark friendliness, kindness, sense of humor, and gift of gab.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Red Mile at a date announced later.

He will be cremated and asked that his ashes be spread all over God’s green earth. More specifically at the Red Mile; UK Commonwealth Stadium; Notre Dame football field; Plymouth, Ind.; Delaware, Ohio fairgrounds; Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame; and Comiskey Park in Chicago.
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Event 31 – Trot – 3YO Colts & Geldings
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Event 32 – Pace – 3YO Fillies
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Event 33 – Trot – 3YO Fillies
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Breeding season is heating up, and so is breeding news. Despite the bitter cold temperatures last week, foals are being born and Diamond Creek Farms opened its breeding shed on Wednesday. Last week Hanover Shoe Farms announced that its trotting stallion Explosive Matter has been sold and will exported to stand at Broline Stud in Sweden.

The 13-year-old Explosive Matter is the sire of the top filly trotter Phaetosive, but he hasn’t bred a full book of mares the last couple of years, servicing just 91 in 2017 and 100 in ‘18.

The American-bred trotter Mr. Pine Chip, who stood at stud at Vasterbo Stud in Sweden, recently died. The son of SJ’s Caviar was bred by Joe Sbrocco and was the betting favorite in the 2006 Hambletonian after winning an elimination, but broke stride in the homestretch and finished last. He sired 340 foals in Sweden plus 221 in Finland, with six Swedish (kroner) millionaires.

Yes, during the bitter cold snap that hit the country last week, foals were born at Standardbred farms, much to the consternation of staff. One of the places where the babies wouldn’t wait was at Victory Hill Farm in northeastern Indiana.

“I think we had four or five foals born when it was 22 below zero, and that’s without the wind chill,” said Victory Hill’s Dr. Maria King. “Some of the mares foaled in the middle of the night, although of course we were in a barn. But it was cold!”

Victory Hill stands nine stallions at stud, with its most successful stallions already fully booked for the 2019 breeding season. That includes Always A Virgin, Rockin Image, Tellit-likeitis and Swan For All.

“JK Endofanera is almost full; the trotting stallions Youknowyoudo, Whom Shall I Fear, Muscle Massive and Class Included still have openings,” said Dr. King. “I do think there is excitement in Indiana because of the smooth transition of the ownership of Hoosier Park, but when people don’t think they have to book early, they don’t.”

Earlier this week another chapter was shared in one of the neatest stories in the breeding world in recent years.

You may have seen the news that NF Happenstance 4, 1:52.2f ($661,321), a winner of an elimination for last year’s Breeders Crown Mare Trot, has been retired from racing and sent to Olive Branch Farm in North Carolina to begin her second stint at motherhood. She is scheduled to be bred to Father Patrick.

NF Happenstance, having trained her for most of her 4-year-old season. So when he saw the mare in the Harrisburg sale, in foal to Sebastian K, for $42,000.

“My buddy Chip (Moore) owned her the first time around,” Parker told writer/publicist Chris Tully. “We raced her with some success. She made some money and broke some track records. But then she started to make breaks so we sold her to Hall of Famer Bill Weaver. We were excited to get her back.

NF Happenstance foaled a filly and after the foal was weaned the mare was put back in training.

“The mare never missed a beat once she got going again,” added Parker.

Last year NF Happenstance earned $361,065 for Moore with 13 wins and 11 seconds in 36 starts.

NF Happenstance’s 2-year-old filly by Sebastian K, named Pure Happenstance, is now in training with Gordon Corey at the Pinehurst, N.C., training center.

In other news out of Hanover Shoe Farms, Murray Brown, the farm’s longtime director of public relations, is no longer in that position. Brown, who is 77, announced his departure from his position in a Letter to the Editor of Harness Racing Update last Sunday.

Although Brown is a prolific poster on Facebook, when asked about his departure from Hanover, he declined to offer any details, writing on his Facebook page, “...I have been advised by counsel not to answer any questions asked of me pertaining to my employment.” — By Kathy Parker
1. Mark stallion selection and highest bid on application. Minimum bids, booking fees and semen transport charges may apply. Stallion manager may reserve right to approve mare. Call 845-294-6330 for additional information.

2. Return application with a check for 10% of amount bid (Canadian bidders may submit bids on Canadian stallions in Canadian funds). If bidding on more than one stallion, please use separate application or plain paper and write separate checks for each bid. All bids are confidential.

3. Bids must be postmarked by Saturday, February 16th, 2019.

4. Make check(s) payable and send to The Harness Racing Museum, 240 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924. Call or email Joanne Young to let her know that your bid is in the mail.

5. Bidders will be notified starting February 25th.

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A deposit check for $________ is enclosed (Canadian bidders may submit bids on Canadian stallions in $C/Canadian funds).

Name_________________________________________________________ Phone ___________________________

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If you aren’t a winning bidder, would you donate all/part of your deposit to the Harness Racing Museum?  YES____NO____

Signature ________________________________________________ Date_________________, 2019
Harness Racing Weekend Preview, 18 of 20  
February 8, 2019

McWicked named Canada’s 2018 Horse of Year
On Saturday, Standardbred Canada announced the winners for the 2018 O’Brien Awards, at the 30th edition of the annual O’Brien Awards Black Tie Gala held at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale hotel in Mississauga, Ont. The O’Brien Awards honor Canada’s best in harness racing over the past season and are named in honor of the late Joe O’Brien, an outstanding horseman and member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

Ronnie Wrenn Jr. wins 5,000th race
Ronnie Wrenn Jr. made his 5,000th trip to the winner’s circle after winning with Body Of Work in Northfield Park’s third race on Wednesday night.

Pocono Downs announces 2019 schedule
The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono is pleased to announce their 2019 racing season schedule. The track in Northeast Pennsylvania is looking forward to another tremendous season of racing.

Austin Siegelman reflects on career-best season
Austin Siegelman put up career-best numbers in 2018 and is looking to parlay that success into even bigger numbers this year. Siegelman, who turns 27 on Feb. 27, won 314 races and $2.19 million in purses last season. His win total ranked 26th among all drivers in North America.

Western Fair to stop betting early after low payoff
An unusually low exactor payout in the seventh race on Jan. 16, 2019, at The Raceway at Western Fair District, prompted management to contact AGCO officials along with the local CPMA (the national regulator responsible for oversight of pari-mutuel wagering) rep in order to investigate the wagering patterns for that race and the origin of the winning tickets.

Our tote provider immediately provided us with wagering information which showed that the bulk of the winning tickets were sold at a tote hub in Kentucky.

Dan Patch named Canadian horse racing legend
The Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame announced Monday it will recognize a world champion, world record holder, and household name of over 100 years ago—pacer Dan Patch as its 2019 Legend.

Warner embraces new role at SUNY Morrisville
When Kerin Warner got a degree in history from Rutgers some two decades ago, he already knew his future was with racehorses and not students in a classroom. The education he gained during the ensuing years, though, has now led the 45-year-old Warner to the role of teacher.

Hoosier Park seeking interns
Harrah’s Hoosier Park is currently accepting applications for two internship opportunities with the Race Marketing Department for the upcoming 2019 live harness racing season. Both internships will be with the Race Marketing Department and are ideal for students pursuing careers in marketing, hospitality, communications, business, or any equine related fields.

Horner named Standardbred Canada chair
Standardbred Canada elected its Officers and Executive Committee for 2019. Mark Horner of St. Marys, Ont. was elected as the Chair of Standardbred Canada.

Horseman Howard McCullough dies
Longtime horseman and racing official Howard McCullough, 85, died Dec. 21.

Hall of Fame broodmare Three Mile Island dies
According to Alisa Horner, Office Manager at White Birch Farms, Allentown, NJ, “Three Mile Island died Feb. 2 of natural causes. She didn’t have any health issues prior and still looked great, considering her age.” She was 34.

Trotter Larks Crown dies at age 34
Larks Crown, who led all older trotters in wins in 1990 and later embarked on a second career as a teaser stallion at Hanover Shoe Farms, died Monday (Feb. 4), owner Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky said. He was 34.
Harness Racing’s Biggest Night of the Year!

There is still time to attend!

The 2019 Dan Patch Awards
Night of Champions Banquet

Sunday, February 24, 2019
Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
Orlando, Florida

Honoring the 2018
Dan Patch Champions
E. Roland Harriman Horse of the Year
Trotter of the Year
Pacer of the Year
Hall of Fame Inductees
Communicator Hall of Fame Inductees
Hervey & Smallsreed Winners
Grand Circuit Award Winners
USHWA Awards

2019
Night of Champions

For Dinner Tickets Contact
Judy Davis-Wilson at Zoe8874@aol.com

President Shawn Wiles    Vice President Kimberly Rinker
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### Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through February 5, 2019

#### Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

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### Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Jan, 30-Feb 5 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

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