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## No Elitlopp For Atlanta; Saturday Graduate Start Up Next

Trainer Ron Burke told Weekend Preview Tuesday morning (May 14) that despite interest from officials at Solvalla Racetrack in Sweden to bring the 2018 Trotter of the Year Atlanta to race in the May 26 Elitlopp, he has decided against going.

Burke, remembering the arduous journey that his mare Buck I St. Pat had to navigate to compete in the Elitlopp—she finished seventh in the elim and did not advance to the same-day final—said he made the decision after he was unable to find direct travel to Stockholm.

“The circumstances just didn’t fit for her,” said Burke. “Do I want to go next year? Yes, for sure. This year, I just felt like nothing would have worked out right.

**“It seems like there is an unusually good crop of 4 year olds.”**

—John Barnard

If it wasn’t a perfect situation I didn’t really want to go.”

Atlanta won her 2019 debut on May 6 at Miami Valley, cruising to a 7 ¾-length win in a track-record 1:50.4 in the \$100,000 Miami Valley Distaff.

Atlanta will make her next start in Saturday’s opening round of the Graduate Series for 4-year-old trotters at the Meadowlands, where she will take on male competition. Last year, while in the barn of trainer Rick Zeron, Atlanta bested her male peers in the Hambletonian on the way to divisional and Trotter of the Year honors.

Atlanta will start from post 4 in the first of two \$50,000 Graduate divisions (Race 5) with Yannick Gingras driving. Burke will also send out Fashionwoodchopper from post 1 in the same split. Fashionwoodchopper, who won just once last year in 17 starts, captured the 2017 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes final for 2-year-old colt trotters. He is making his second start for the Burke Brigade after being purchased last November at Harrisburg for \$75,000.

The division also includes the 2018 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Six Pack, who makes his 4-year-old debut for trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt from post 7, and the 2017 Breeders Crown champ Fiftydallarbill, who lines up in post 6 for driver Tim Tetrick.

Fiftydallarbill won an overnight at the Meadowlands last Saturday in 1:51.3 (:26.3 last quarter) after breaking stride in the Cutler Memorial the prior week.

“We came real close to being in an accident,” said John Barnard, who owns Fiftydallarbill. “I honestly thought we’d win the race if we didn’t have traffic problems and break.

“I’m taking the position that I’m not going to race in a 12-horse field,” Barnard continued. “I think it’s dangerous and it’s not worth the risk. We pay big money to race in stakes

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and we can’t get our nose on the gate? I would rather race for a lesser amount and have a fairer chance.”

Barnard said while he’s not thrilled that his horse will be facing Atlanta and Six Pack, “you’ve got to race them sometime.”

He added, “It seems like there is an unusually good crop of 4 year olds. There are not going to be any easy races.”

Burke also sends out Winning Shadow (post 2) and Mission Accepted (post 7) in the second \$50,000 Graduate division (Race 9). The field includes 2017 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes champions Crystal Fashion (post 1) and Phaetosive (post 6). —By Gordon Waterstone

## Schnittker Brings Two To Rooney Pace

Trainer Ray Schnittker won the 2010 Art Rooney Pace final at Yonkers Raceway with One More Laugh and since that time the New Yorker finished seventh in 2014 with Stevensville and second in 2016 and 2017 with Tailgunner Hanover and Summer Side (to eventual Pacer of the Year Downbytheseaside), respectively.

Two \$40,000 eliminations for the Rooney for 3-year-old male pacers are on tap Saturday night at Yonkers and Schnittker has a pair of hopefuls. Schnittker will send out Captain Malicious from post 3 in the first elim (Race 6) with Mark MacDonald driving and Branquinho from the outside post 6 in the second elim (Race 9) with Tyler Buter in the sulky. The top four finishers in each elim will advance to the \$300,000 final—which has an open draw for all posts—on May 25.

Branquinho is a full brother to Stevensville. He is also a full brother to Cowboy Terrier and world champion Huntsville, who won the 2016 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace and 2017 Meadowlands Pace for Schnittker on his

**“When you have that breeding, you figure there is still hope.”**

*—Ray Schnittker about Branquinho*

way to \$1.7 million in earnings. After going winless in five starts in 2018, Branquinho—bred by Schnittker in partnership with the late Charles Iannazzo—is perfect in three attempts this year. The son of Somebeachsomewhere broke his maiden in 1:53 in a Pocono overnight on April 29, and then dropped his mark to 1:50.4 in a PA Stallion split on May 4 at The Meadows. Branquinho then notched a lifetime-best 1:50.1 win in a PA All-Stars division on May 11 at Pocono.

“He was always a nice colt,” said Schnittker, who is the sole owner of Branquinho. “He got pneumonia last year when he was starting to race really good and we had to shut him down (in August). Since he’s come back he’s been good. When you have that breeding, you figure there is still hope.”

Schnittker isn’t overly concerned with Branquinho starting on the outside in the compact field of six.

“He should be able to make the final,” he said. “He only has to beat two and if he can’t, he probably doesn’t belong in there anyways.”

Schnittker noted that if Branquinho advances to the Rooney final he will have missed two Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) legs.

“The Rooney conflicts with two of them so hopefully he does some good,” said Schnittker.

As for Captain Malicious, the son of Captaintreacherous is a \$105,000 yearling purchase by Schnittker, Dr. John Egloff, John Frisch and Max J. Hempt. Captain Malicious was a two-time winner in eight starts last year at two, including a career-best 1:52.3 in a PASS at The Meadows.

Captain Malicious cruised to a five-length win in 1:53.4 over a “sloppy” track April 28 at Pocono Downs in his 3-year-old debut, and in two subsequent starts in PASS and PA All-Stars, finished third and sixth.



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### Friday, May 17

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 7:58p VD7 **Empire Breeders 3FT elim** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
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### Saturday, May 18

7:40p M2 **Rainbow Blue OMP** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 8:30p YR6 **Rooney 3CP elim** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 8:45p M5 **Graduate 4YO Trot div.** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 9:30p YR9 **Rooney 3CP elim** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 10:10p M9 **Graduate 4YO Trot div.** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 11:14p M12 **Mr. Muscleman OHT div.** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
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### Sunday, May 19

9:24p PcD9 **PASS 3CP div.** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
 9:42p PcD10 **PASS 3CP div.** [Trackmaster PPs](#)  
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“He’s a nice colt but had a couple bad trips,” said Schnittker. “He’s probably better on a half, I would think.

“It’s the same thing, hopefully he can beat a couple and make the final.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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**ROCKING ZOE** p,3,1:54.4f-'19

**PET ROCK** -Hoosier Cruiser

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Trainer: Steve Carter • Driver: Jason Brewer

**YANKEE BOOTS** p,2,1:51.3h

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## Melander Hopes To Pack Punch In NJSS

While much of the focus on the Marcus Melander barn this year has been on his stellar group of 3-year-old colt trotters—including the undefeated Gimpanzee—he has a pretty formidable bunch of sophomore fillies under his care as well.

Three of Melander’s 3-year-old filly trotters will be on the track Friday night at the Meadowlands in a pair of \$25,000 divisions of the opening round of New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS). Melander’s Miss Trixton will start from post 7 in the first NJSS split (Race 6) with Brian Sears driving.

A daughter of Trixton, Miss Trixton is out of the \$1-million winning mare Possess The Magic, who captured the 2007 New Jersey Sires Stakes final at age three. A \$105,000 yearling purchase, Miss Trixton was winless in 10 starts last year for trainer Linda Toscano, although she managed to earn \$15,890 while picking up small checks in all but one attempt.

Miss Trixton was sold at Harrisburg last fall and brought a bid of \$110,000 from Julie Meirs, acting as agent for Stefan Balazi’s Order By Stable of Boras, Sweden. Melander said Balazi at first planned on sending Miss Trixton to the breeding shed.

“Order By Stable bought her in Harrisburg and the plan was to breed her right away, but then he asked me to try her out a little bit,” shared Melander. “She has good pedigree and that’s why he bought her. We started training her and she didn’t feel really special until maybe mid-February, when she started to turn things around. After that she trained great all winter and I couldn’t be more happy with how she started out the season.”

Miss Trixton won an April 13 qualifier at the Meadowlands in 1:55.3 and then 11 days later broke her maiden in 1:55.1 in a Harrah’s Philadelphia overnight. In her last start on May 3 at the Big M, Miss Trixton rallied from far back after starting from post 10 to finish second by a head in 1:54.

“Her last half then was really impressive,” said Melander. “She raced great. She also raced great (at Harrah’s Philadelphia) when she won in 1:55.1 easily. Hopefully we can have a good season with her, and it absolutely feels like that.”

Melander will start Lady Allaire and Solatire Hill in the second NJSS division (Race 8). Lady Allaire will start from post 3 with Sears driving, while Solatire Hill will be directed from post 10 with Dexter Dunn.

Lady Allaire, a \$50,000 yearling purchase by Jorgen Jahre Jr., is a daughter of Father Patrick out the 2003 Hambletonian Oaks winner Southwind Allaire. Lady Allaire won once in eight starts last year, that coming in her final attempt in a 2-year-old late-closer at The Red Mile in 1:58.

Lady Allaire has one start under her belt this year heading into Friday’s NJSS contest, that being an eighth-place finish on May 10 at the Meadowlands.

**“...she didn’t feel really special until maybe mid-February...”**

*–Marcus Melander about Miss Trixton*

“Maybe we should have qualified her one more time but instead we raced her at the Meadowlands and it was a tough race for her,” said Melander. “She still went in 1:54.1 and came home in :28, so it was a good mile. It will be tough for her to win in here, but she’ll get better and better every race. She’s a nice little horse.”

Solatire Hill, a daughter of Trixton out of the Self Possessed mare KD Girl, was winless in four starts last year. She found the winner’s circle for the first time in her second start of 2019, that being a 1:56.2 victory in a Harrah’s Philly overnight on May 3.

“She was developing good all winter, but from the 10 hole she’ll need some racing luck,” admitted Melander.

Two \$25,000 NJSS divisions for colt trotters are also set for Friday and Melander will send out the 6-5 morning-line favorite Greenshoe in the first split (Race 2) with Sears driving from post 4. The son of Father Patrick won both her NJSS starts last year, including the \$125,000 final, but after he made breaks her next two starts in August, Melander shut him down.

Greenshoe comes into Friday’s race off a pair of winning qualifiers (1:54.1 and 1:55.1) at the Meadowlands.

“I’m really happy with how he’s behaving himself,” said Melander. “I know he’s a really, really good horse and I’m so glad he’s behaving behind the gate. He’s relaxed and hopefully he continues to be like that. It’ll take a good horse to beat him because he’s so fast.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*

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## No Elim Needed For Empire Breeders 3CT

Only nine horses were entered for the Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) for 3-year-old male trotters at Vernon Downs so with no elims needed on Friday, all will advance directly to the \$215,200 final on May 27.

Coming off a perfect nine-for-nine season that led to Dan Patch Award honors as the 2-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year, Gimpanzee will be the one to beat in the EBC final on Memorial Day. Regular driver Brian Sears will be in the sulky behind Gimpanzee from post 5.

**“Actually, it was perfect for me because I would have had a problem finding a driver for Gimpanzee that day.”**

—Marcus Melander

while you might have thought trainer Marcus Melander was chomping at the bit for the son of Chapter Seven to embark on the pari-mutuel trail, that is not the case.

“Actually, it was perfect for me because I would have had a problem finding a driver for Gimpanzee that day,” said Melander. “Brian (Sears) was going to be driving Green-shoe for me in the (New Jersey) Sires Stakes that day because we didn’t want to change drivers on him because he’d been behaving. So I was very happy with (Gimpanzee) going to the final right away. It actually turned out pretty good.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*

With no elim needed, trainer Marcus Melander decided to enter Gimpanzee in a Saturday morning (May 18) qualifier at the Meadowlands. This will be the third qualifier for Gimpanzee, following up a fifth and a 1:55 victory. And

## Winndevie On Target For EBC Elims

Winndevie won six of seven starts last year at two, and if it weren’t for a peer named Woodside Charm—who dominated her competition in an undefeated 2-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year campaign—the Trond Smedshammer trainee could have been perfect.

Winndevie is already one-for-one in 2019 and the daughter of Credit Winner will attempt to make it two in a row in Friday’s eliminations of the Empire Breeders Classic for 3-year-old filly trotters at Vernon Downs. Winndevie, with Smedshammer driving, will start from post 2 in the second of two \$12,500 elims (Race 7). The top four finishers in each elim, plus a fifth-place finisher drawn by lot, will advance to the \$209,500 final on May 27. Elimination winners will draw for posts 1-6 in the final.

“She won but she wasn’t overly impressive,” Smedshammer said about Winndevie’s 1:59.1 winning effort over a “sloppy” track in a \$54,833 New York Sires Stakes (NYSS) division May 7 at Yonkers Raceway. “It was just her first start and she wasn’t razor sharp.”

A \$45,000 yearling purchase by Wanda Poliseni’s Purple Haze Stables, Winndevie won her first five career starts last year, all in NYSS competition. Her first loss came in a NYSS leg on Sept. 13 at Saratoga when she finished second by 2 1/4 lengths in Woodside Charm’s world-record 1:53.4 mile. With Woodside Charm not racing the following week in the \$225,000 NYSS final at Yonkers, Winndevie won in a lifetime best-equaling 1:58.

“She filled out some over the winter,” said Smedshammer of the filly who now sports career earnings of \$255,294. “I’m happy with her.”

While Winndevie’s stakes schedule includes the Hambletonian Oaks, which has eliminations on July 27 at the Meadowlands, Smedshammer doesn’t have the date marked in ink.

“I’m not sure she’s that caliber,” he admitted. “We’ll see. But she’s one of the top contenders (in New York Sires Stakes).” — *By Gordon Waterstone*



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### \$215,200 EMPIRE BREEDERS 3CT FINAL

Vernon Downs, Monday, May 27

Post—Horse	Trainer/Driver
1—Gettin Serious	R. Lopez
2—Star Track Hanover	R. Burke/TBA
3—Skyway Kon Man	T. Smedshammer
4—Whimzical Chapter	D. Daley
5—Gimpanzee	M. Melander/B. Sears
6—Mr. Viktor	G. Sholty/T. Buter
7—Travel Winner	R. Norman/T. Buter
8—Cavill Hanover	A. Svanstedt/J. Morrill Jr
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## 2-For-2 Southwind Ozzi Faces Captain Crunch In PASS

Captain Crunch, the 2018 Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year, makes his 2019 debut in the middle of three divisions of the second leg of Pennsylvania Sire Stakes (PASS), set for Sunday night at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

Trained by Nancy Johansson for 3 Brothers Stables, Christina Takter, Rojan Stables, and Caviart Farms, Captain Crunch won six of 10 starts as a 2 year old, including the Breeders Crown at Pocono. He has prepped for his 2019 debut with two qualifying races, which resulted in wins in 1:50.1 and 1:51.2 at the Meadowlands.

Several of the horses Captain Crunch will be facing Sunday night have already been racing. That includes Southwind Ozzi, who drew a post 1 starting position on the speed-favoring Pocono oval. Although he scored just one win in seven starts as a 2 year old, Southwind Ozzi is undefeated in two starts this year and turned in an impressive :52.2 back half in winning a PASS division in 1:50.4 on May 4 at The Meadows.

Bill MacKenzie trains Southwind Ozzi and is naturally pleased with how his colt has begun his sophomore season.

"He ended last year on not the best note; he was sick and we scratched him out of the last leg of the Kindergarten but then there was so much money to race for in the final that we raced him, and we shouldn't have done that," said MacKenzie of the colt's 10th-place finish (but pacing his own mile in 1:52.3). "So we turned him out and then brought him back this year and he's been great."

Southwind Ozzi is a son of Somebeachsomewhere out of the Camluck mare Southwind Solara. He was an \$85,000 yearling purchase for owners Alma lafelice (MacKenzie's grandmother) and Vincent Ali Jr.

"We were looking for one big horse, and we wanted a Somebeach colt out of a proven mare," said MacKenzie of selecting Southwind Ozzi. "We thought the Somebeach

### \$58,418 PASS 3YOCP—SECOND DIV.

Mohegan Sun Pocono, Sunday, May 19, Race 10, Post Time: 9:42 pm

Post—Horse	Driver	Odds
1—Southwind Ozzi	B. MacKenzie/B. Sears	3-1
2—Prince Of Tides	R. Croghan/E. Carlson	6-1
3—Captain Crunch	N. Johansson/S. Zeron	5-2
4—Brassy Hanover	E. Dennis/C. Callahan	10-1
5—Lyons Night Hawk	G. Dowse/J. Morrill Jr.	5-1
6—Captain Trevor	T. Alagna/A. McCarthy	12-1
7—Crimson And Chrome	T. Tetrick/J. King Jr.	15-1
8—Proof	B. Brown/D. Miller	4-1
9—Yacht Week	R. Burke/Y. Gingras	20-1

yearlings might be a little undervalued that year with the first Captains (Captaintreacherous) and Sweet Lous."

MacKenzie was not at The Meadows to watch Southwind Ozzi's PASS victory by a neck over Proof, instead catching it via simulcast at Freehold.

"The speed was inside, so we got away a little back (racing sixth, 7 1/2 lengths back at the :56.2 half). But did I think he would pace a back half in :52? Tim (Tetrick) told me that at the top of the stretch he thought he had a chance to win, and he did."

With Tetrick driving his own horse in the PASS, MacKenzie has lined up Brian Sears to handle the assignment with Southwind Ozzi.

Southwind Ozzi is not staked to the Pepsi North America Cup, the Max Hempt Memorial, the Meadowlands Pace or the Breeders Crown. He is eligible to the Adios and the Little Brown Jug.

"We have high hopes, but we're going week-to-week with him," added MacKenzie, who is training 16 horses at Misty Acres, a farm founded in Cranbury, N.J., by his grandparents. "If he continues to race good, we'll supplement to the Hempt."

As for the PASS showdown with Captain Crunch Sunday night, MacKenzie, who has worked with horses all his adult life, notes, "All of the horses in this race have been good. It should be an interesting race." — *By Kathy Parker*

## Big 3YO Winner Crystal Fashion Starts In Graduate

Jim Campbell figures when you bring together many of the best 4-year-old trotters in North America, there is no such thing as an easy spot.

So, although his returning millionaire Crystal Fashion will avoid two 2018 Dan Patch Award winners (Atlanta and Six Pack) and a 2017 Breeders Crown champion (Fiftydallarbill) in Saturday's (May 18) opening round of the Graduate Series at The Meadowlands, Campbell is not expecting a stroll in the park. Crystal Fashion competes in the second of two \$50,000 di-

visions, starting from post one with regular driver Tim Tetrick.

"On paper maybe the other one does look a little tougher, but when you go race them, they're all going to go fast and they're all going to be tough," Campbell said. "So, I don't put a lot of thought into that. Every time I think there is a division that looks easier on paper they always go more."

"Just being at the Meadowlands, you know they're going to be going fast no matter what."

Crystal Fashion, who won nine of 17 races last year including the Canadian Trotting Classic and Earl Beal Jr. Memorial, made his first start of 2019 on May 4 in the Great

Northeast Open Series for trotters at Harrah's Philadelphia, where he finished fourth.

"He's the type of horse that needs to get racing to get himself tight," Campbell said. "He's going to need some more racing to get himself into top shape, but I was very happy with his first race."

"He hasn't really changed (from last year). He's got the same personality and everything like that. He maybe filled out a little more, but for both a 2-year-old and a 3-year-old he was a good-sized colt. Maybe he grew a little bit, but for the most part he's pretty much the same." — *By Ken Weingartner/USTA*


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### Arthur Pendragon tops Blooded Horse

Horsemen flooded to the Champions Center in Springfield, Ohio, on May 14, seeking racehorses and breeding stock among the nearly 400 cataloged horses. The sale was virtually tied with last year as the best Spring Sale in its 56-year history. [more](#)

### US debut of Darling Mearas delayed

Fans got their first look at Swedish-bred trotter Darling Mearas during Saturday's (May 11) qualifiers at The Meadows Racetrack, but they will have to wait a little longer than anticipated to see the 6-year-old mare in her first race in North America. [more](#)

### Wilder, Kleinhans host NYSS Night of Champions

Batavia Downs has announced that they have retained the services of Heather Wilder and Peter Kleinhans as their on-air personalities for the broadcast of the \$1.8 million New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) Night of Champions which will be held at the track on Saturday, Sept. 14. [more](#)

### New strategies for Marion Marauder

Expect to see less, yet more, of trotting Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder on the racetrack in 2019. [more](#)

### MacDonald wins four to reach 2,000 for career

James MacDonald posted a grand slam Monday evening at Woodbine Mohawk Park to reach 2,000 career driving wins. [more](#)

### New York horseman John Cummings Sr. dies

Longtime western New York harness horseman John P. Cummings Sr. passed away on Saturday, May 11 after a lengthy illness. [more](#)

### Owner Diane Norris, 79, dies

Diane L. Norris, together with her husband, Gordon, an active participant in harness racing in Michigan and at Pompano Park in Florida, died April 25. She was 79. [more](#)



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**RACE LINES**

**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through May 14, 2019 (week difference May 8-14).

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

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Western Fame (6ph)	8	5	1	1	\$448,800
Shartin N (6pm)	6	5	0	0	319,500
Rodeo Rock (6pg)	7	3	2	1	249,400
Ideal Jimmy (6pg)	16	7	4	1	223,014
Bettor Joy N (5pm)	8	4	3	0	193,180
Apple Bottom Jeans (6pm)	11	5	2	4	168,316
More The Better N (6ph)	9	2	2	3	153,930
The Wall (5pg)	15	3	1	2	126,220
Seaswift Joy N (6pm)	11	6	1	1	124,845
Don Domingo N (7pg)	15	7	2	2	123,300
Melady's Monet (10tg)	13	5	3	1	120,810
Smalltownthrowdown (6tg)	12	3	4	2	120,560
Somewhere In LA (8pg)	11	3	1	2	120,080
Feelin Red Hot (6pm)	14	5	4	1	120,000
Weslynn Dancer (5tm)	14	3	3	1	119,220

**Leading Money-Winning Drivers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Tim Tetrick	1,124	269-189-139	.374	\$3,693,498 (\$307,818)
Jason Bartlett	920	167-163-133	.328	3,322,854 (227,808)
George Brennan	819	151-127-100	.311	2,802,697 (99,006)
Jordan Stratton	877	136-124-137	.286	2,787,743 (175,535)
Aaron Merriman	1,535	334-241-204	.349	2,455,026 (139,525)
Matt Kakaley	864	109-134-122	.259	2,371,679 (129,320)
Yannick Gingras	870	174-125-110	.322	2,357,919 (240,639)
Chris Page	1,043	176-145-133	.288	2,088,349 (142,900)
Dexter Dunn	913	135-123-115	.265	2,036,575 (119,026)
Brett Miller	1,162	198-176-134	.293	2,003,917 (96,670)
Corey Callahan	1,080	124-149-143	.236	1,920,605 (84,082)
Trace Tetrick	1,036	209-153-113	.320	1,899,484 (91,208)
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	1,140	220-179-156	.326	1,812,214 (62,673)
Dan Noble	1,001	162-123-139	.276	1,720,372 (49,640)
Daniel Dube	467	63-55-48	.235	1,649,068 (97,319)

**Leading Money-Winning Trainers**

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	1,382	331-219-162	.367	\$4,491,704 (\$360,764)
Rene Allard	619	125-102-71	.332	2,260,443 (102,035)
Nick Surick	735	157-127-85	.348	1,387,531 (58,851)
Scott Di Domenico	478	94-64-65	.316	1,338,224 (90,472)
Richard Moreau	631	110-102-84	.309	1,159,219 (62,849)
Richard Banca	353	52-57-51	.285	1,153,628 (59,652)
Jim King Jr.	201	49-28-27	.366	1,097,723 (34,917)
Jennifer Bongiorno	287	73-42-35	.376	1,033,526 (108,952)
Carmen Auciello	588	61-87-85	.234	1,005,110 (37,496)
Andrew Harris	245	53-44-30	.357	927,556 (72,900)
Lance Hudson	185	41-36-31	.386	868,145 (75,515)
Jose Godinez	375	58-65-58	.303	861,375 (44,397)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	427	74-57-46	.283	847,844 (78,329)
Joseph Columbo	389	62-57-47	.281	749,352 (41,080)
Gilberto Garcia-Herrera	292	39-44-48	.272	726,849 (53,527)

**Leading Breeders**

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	711	373	677	\$7,652,303
Winbak Farm	639	310	611	5,818,502
Brittany Farms LLC	164	93	195	2,541,553
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	141	71	144	1,371,644
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	105	50	115	1,188,293
Seelster Farms Inc.	146	61	128	1,176,289
Midland Acres Inc.	114	60	119	1,122,529
Steve Stewart	133	57	105	1,092,102
Robert J. Key	105	61	119	1,081,538
White Birch Farm	114	56	106	1,068,495
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	105	58	102	982,858
Spring Haven Farm	94	55	104	939,937
Bulletproof Enterprises	75	43	91	897,284
Frederick Hertrich III	90	41	77	888,150
Victory Hill Farm Inc.	80	47	107	839,112

**Leading Money-Winning Sires**

USTA statistics through May 14, 2019

**3YO Pacers**

Sire Name	Foals	Starters	Earnings
SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE	114	82	\$612,733
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	113	72	594,658
SWEET LOU	97	70	516,716
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	122	87	500,619
SPORTSWRITER	166	100	466,111
AMERICAN IDEAL	89	68	450,748
ART MAJOR	97	68	369,138
WELL SAID	71	53	331,841
DRAGON AGAIN	73	39	298,022
BETTERTHANCHEDDAR	85	54	291,348
A ROCKNROLL DANCE	79	43	255,431
PET ROCK	104	53	254,577
MCARDLE	59	38	253,452
ROCKIN IMAGE	93	62	234,532
SHADOW PLAY	94	51	233,058
WESTERN IDEAL	71	45	224,932
RODDY'S BAGS AGAIN	13	8	219,078
SUNSHINE BEACH	101	62	198,129
BIG JIM	61	32	180,605
ROLL WITH JOE	57	28	166,611

**3YO Trotters**

Sire Name	Foals	Starters	Earnings
CANTAB HALL	96	55	\$523,440
EXPLOSIVE MATTER	79	50	496,440
UNCLE PETER	85	51	289,708
MUSCLE HILL	102	53	287,282
CREDIT WINNER	76	48	270,422
DONATO HANOVER	78	33	216,827
MUSCLE MASSIVE	96	53	190,026
WISHING STONE	31	22	164,567
CONWAY HALL	76	37	153,446
MANOFMANYMISSIONS	50	26	150,409
MUSCLE MASS	45	25	148,055
CHAPTER SEVEN	49	28	143,926
YANKEE GLIDE	61	32	134,352
KADABRA	63	37	127,517
TRIXTON	82	39	118,051
SWAN FOR ALL	87	40	116,818
RC ROYALTY	34	22	115,350
TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR	25	12	112,268
POSSESS THE WILL	26	10	112,206
ARCHANGEL	65	29	111,149