Captain Crunch Looks To Rebound In NA Cup Final

On Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park, trainer Nancy Johansson will attempt to fill a spot on her resume that her now-retired father, Jimmy Takter, could never do: Win the $1 million Pepsi North America Cup.

“Well, he’s never trained a Horse of the Year in Canada and I’ve done that,” laughed Johansson, referring to JK She’salady, her 2014 Horse of the Year in both Canada and the U.S.

“His career stands for itself,” Johansson added about her father, who was inducted into the U.S. Hall of Fame in 2012 and will be enshrined into its Canadian counterpart in August. “If I win the North America Cup he still has about 2,000 other races on me that he’s won multiple times. I think a win though would be nice for the family.”

Johansson’s NA Cup hopes ride with Captain Crunch, who recovered from an early break in his elimination last Saturday to advance to the rich final. The connections of elimination winners Bettor’s Wish and Workin Ona Mystery earned the right to choose their posts, and they respectively selected posts 3 and 4. In the open draw among the other entries, Captain Crunch drew post 8.

Captain Crunch, who wrapped up his 2018 campaign with wins in the Breeders Crown and Governor’s Cup, was voted the Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year. The son of Captaintreacherous returned for his 3-year-old season without missing a beat as he cruised to a pair of qualifying and Pennsylvania Sires Stakes victories, including a lifetime best-equaling 1:49.1 win over a “sloppy” track at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

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Sent off the 1-2 favorite in the first of two North America Cup eliminations last Saturday, Captain Crunch made his first-ever break as driver Scott Zeron tried to maneuver him to the lead going into the first turn. Getting back on stride quickly, Captain Crunch raced the rest of the mile on the outside but still was game enough to pace his final quarter in :26.3 and finish fifth, beaten 3 ½ lengths to Bettor’s Wish in 1:49.3. Only the top five finishers in each elim advanced to the final.

Johansson said a setting sun that created shadows (the elim went off shortly before 8 p.m.) was the reason for Captain Crunch’s ill-timed miscue.

“I think there were about 30 shadows going into that turn,” she said. “I think the one from the tower got him a little rough and then the starting car came next, and then he was like, ‘What’s going on?’

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Johansson said she never lost faith in Captain Crunch after he made the break.

“No, because I know how good he is,” said Johansson. “I knew he would at least give an effort. He got back on stride pretty quick. He put in a very good effort to make the final; he beat other horses that didn’t run. It’s just one of those things. I was pretty comfortable he’d make the final, regardless.”

Johansson said she trained Captain Crunch at Mohawk on Wednesday (June 12) and that it was a “very good” training mile. She said there was no need to make any equipment changes, especially with the NA Cup final going off at approximately 10:15 p.m.

“The only change I’m going to ask is that it’s really cloudy and no shadows,” she concluded with a laugh. — By Gordon Waterstone
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Gingras Searching For First NA Cup Victory

While Yannick Gingras has a resume filled with wins in major races, the Pepsi North America Cup is not among them. His chance in this year's $1 million North America Cup on Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park will come from post 5 with Captain Victorious, who he directed to a second-place finish in the second of two eliminations last weekend at odds of 61-1.

Longshots in the NA Cup are nothing new to Gingras. Gingras drove in his first NA Cup in 2010, finishing ninth with the 106-1 Art Professor. In seven career drives in Mohawk's signature event, Gingras has never finished better than sixth and has never driven a horse at odds lower than 17-1 (A Rocknroll Dance, seventh in 2012). His horses the last two years, respectively American History and Ocean Colony, both finished last at odds of more than 20-1.

Captain Victorious came into the NA Cup elims with a trio of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes under his belt this year, with only a third to show for it. In the NA Cup elim, Gingras left from post 1 with Captain Victorious and settled in third behind betting favorite and eventual winner Workin Ona Mystery. Remaining on the inside, Gingras had to wait as a first-over Stag Party ranged up on the outside. He was able to angle Captain Victorious out in midstretch, rallying home with a final quarter of :26 to close within 1 ¼ lengths in 1:49.

"I thought (Captain Victorious) raced really good, " Gingras said about the 3-year-old son of Captaintreacherous who is trained by Ron Burke. "He's so fast off the gate so you have to decide what you're going to do with him. I got away third and then I had to back out and around the horse in the two hole (Tyga Hanover), who wasn’t going and then come back in the stretch."

"If I could have sat in the two hole behind (Workin Ona Mystery) I would have been even closer. I’m not saying I could have beat him though. I think my horse belongs in there. If things work out he could get a good piece. The horse is so quick that he can get himself in position."

Gingras Has “Giant” In Goodtimes

In the $247,000 Goodtimes for 3-year-old male trotters Gingras will drive Swandre The Giant. The Indiana champion finished second (by a neck) in his elimination but fared well in the draw as he landed post 2. Forbidden Trade, who edged Swandre The Giant in the final strides, starts from post 4, with second-elim winner Pilot Discretion lining up in post 3.

"I think he raced good and he needed that start for sure," said Gingras. "He will benefit from that start. I wish he would have won but I think he was good and I think he’ll be even better this week. It’s an open race and he has a shot. Whoever gets the best trip is going to win. Post 2 is a perfect post for him."

Swandre The Giant was sent to trainer Burke last summer after being purchased for a reported $1 million. Gingras, who was behind the son of Swan For All a few starts last year, said there is a noticeable difference in 2019.

"He was very good gaited the other day, " said Gingras, "and last year at times he was a little bit bumpy and a little bit of a handful. He was a little bit of a handful in the (Goodtimes elim) post parade and I was thinking that maybe he didn’t change much, but once we picked up speed he was really easy to drive. In the race he was fine. I was really happy that he was chilled and let me drive him." — By Gordon Waterstone
Alagna Has Two “Captain” Fillies Taking On Fast Warrawee Ubeaut

You could say Tony Alagna is having a great time with the girls so far this year. That’s because the trainer has two very, very solid finalists in the $454,000 (C) Fan Hanover Stakes, scheduled as Race 10 on Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk.

Alagna’s Fan Hanover starters are Tall Drink Hanover (post 1) and Treacherous Reign (post 3), two daughters of Captaintreacherous, who was trained by Alagna. Treacherous Reign won her Fan Hanover elimination by a comfortable 2 ½-length margin in 1:50 while Tall Drink Hanover finished second to Warrawee Ubeaut in the fastest of the two elims (1:49.1).

Alagna also has another strong 3-year-old pacing filly in Odds On St Lucie, who made her first start of the season last Saturday afternoon and won a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes at The Meadows, and might have been in Canada if she had made her first before the PASS.

With the inside post positions and the strong finishes by his fillies in the Fan Hanover elims, Alagna is comfortably confident they will turn in very good performances Saturday.

“Things have to go our way to beat the other filly (Warrawee Ubeaut), but my fillies are pretty good,” said Alagna. And he has reason to think both will be better in the final than in the eliminations.

“That was just the second start for Tall Drink,” noted Alagna. “I was happy with how (Andrew McCarthy) ducked back in with her when we weren’t going to catch Warrawee Ubeaut. Then we scoped her after the race and she had some mucous. She was a three out of five (on the scale), so we’re treating that. Sometimes that just happens when you go to Canada. And both fillies stayed in Canada with my mom.”

While Alagna has the two filly contenders in the Fan Hanover, he does not have a horse in the Pepsi North America Cup, as he had hoped. He has two talented Captaintreacherous-sired colts in Captain Trevor and Captain Ahab. Both competed in the Somebeachsomewhere the week before the NA Cup eliminations.

Cup Night Insights

FAN HANOVER

TALL DRINK HANOVER, post 1: “From the post I can pretty much get her away where I want to. I’ll figure it out after that, I guess.” — driver Andy McCarthy

TRILLIONS HANOVER, post 5: “I look for her to be alright. I don’t think she can win the race but stranger things have happened. She’s a nice mare and I think she’ll improve off her last start.” — driver David Miller

Captain Trevor finished fourth in the Somebeachsomewhere; Captain Ahab was eighth but was charted as beaten 20 ¼ lengths and was obviously struggling.

“He raced OK in the Somebeachsomewhere, but wasn’t good enough to put in the NA Cup,” said Alagna. “He’ll race Saturday at the Meadowlands and if he’s good he’ll go to the Hempt.”

Alagna is hoping Captain Ahab bounces back so he can compete in the Meadowlands Pace.

“He had a bad case of the thumps (spasms of the diaphragm that can be caused by an electrolyte imbalance, profuse sweating or fatigue or stress),” said Alagna of CaptAIN Ahab’s poor performance.

“He warmed up great that night,” Alagna continued, “but when we got him back to the paddock after the race, he wasn’t himself. I brought him back to New Jersey and trained him and he seemed fine, but now he’s getting a full work-up at New Bolton Center to just make sure everything is fine before he continues training.”

While Alagna had hopes of winning the North America Cup with either “Trevor” or “Ahab,” he said he’s happy to see so many of Captaintreacherous’ offspring represented in the race. There are four sons of Captaintreacherous in the final, including morning line favorite Workin Ona Mystery. — By Kathy Parker

$454,000 Fan Hanover 3FP

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Gingras Goes With Atlanta In Armbro Flight

Yannick Gingras has had to make several important driving decisions over the years, and the two-time Driver of the Year had a choice to make in Saturday’s $256,000 Armbro Flight for older trotting mares at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

After driving the Ron Burke trainees Atlanta and Hannelore Hanover to impressive victories in last Friday’s eliminations, Gingras will remain in the bike behind Atlanta in the final.

That decision comes despite Hannelore Hanover posting a 1:51,3 victory in her elimination, the fastest mile ever trotted in Canada. Atlanta won in 1:51, the third straight win in as many starts this year for the 2018 Hambletonian champion. Atlanta will start from post 4 while Hannelore Hanover, who will be driven by Matt Kakaley, will start from post 3.

“Ronnie and I talked about it for a while, and what it came down to is that Atlanta has all the 4-year-old races coming up,” said Gingras. “It was definitely a hard decision. All those years driving Hannelore, “As far as racing wise, they are so different yet they are so close in performance.”

Gingras has been behind Atlanta all three of her starts this year, beginning with a Miami Valley track-record 1:50.4 win in the Miami Valley Distaff on May 6. That was followed by a 1:53 win in a leg of the Graduate Series for 4 year olds over a “good” track on June 1 at Mohawk. In her Armbro Flight elim, Atlanta was on top at the :56.4 half and then put on the burners through a back half of :54.1 to draw clear by 7 ¼ lengths.

“This past week she was the best she’s been in all three,” said Gingras. “She was good at Miami Valley but I think she was more impressive the other night. The mile she put up was pretty scary. She took off in the last turn on her own and trotted strong to the wire. And she had some left too so it was pretty impressive.”

Hannelore Back To Herself After Airway Problem

Hannelore Hanover has already made history in the Armbro Flight Stakes, in multiple ways, and will try to add to her accomplishments Saturday (June 15) when she goes for her fourth consecutive trophy in the Armbro Flight final for older female trotters at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

A 7-year-old mare, Hannelore Hanover already owns the record for Armbro Flight titles. In fact, she has never been beaten in the event, a perfect 7-for-7 counting her four triumphs in eliminations, including last week’s 1:50.3 score that was the fastest trotting mile in Canadian history. The previous record of 1:50.4 was set in 2012 by 4-year-old gelding Mister Herbie.

Three years ago, when Hannelore Hanover won her first Armbro Flight crown, she did it with a 1:51 mile that established the Canadian record for a trotting mare.

In Armbro Flight For Older Trotters

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Woodside Charm Qualifies, First Start Could Be June 26

The world champion filly Woodside Charm made her 2019 debut in a qualifying race at Harrah’s Hoosier Park on Saturday, June 8.

With trainer-owner Verlin Yoder in the sulky, Woodside Charm was put on the lead and trotted the mile in 1:54, with a :27 last quarter putting her 17 ¼ lengths ahead of her closest competitor in the race.

First Start Could Be June 26

“Last year Woodside Charm won the Breeders Crown in effortless fashion and finished her freshman season with seven wins in seven starts, $521,658 in earnings, and honors as the Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year.

A daughter of Chapter Seven, Yoder said his plans call for starting the filly in the Star Destroyer Series at Hoosier Park on June 26.

“I had made her eligible to the Beal, just so that we could have options, but most of the big money she's racing for is later in the year," said Yoder. "I just want to have a fresh horse in September, and I don’t want to race against Greenshoe out of the box!” — By Kathy Parker

Her win in her elimination last weekend was her first since July 14, 2018, and snapped an eight-race skid. She had won her first six starts of 2018 but slumped as the result of inflammatory airway disease. Following her diagnosis and treatment, she rebounded and ended the season with a second-place finish by a neck to Emoticon Hanover in the TVG Series final for trotting mares in late November.

“We spent two months and couldn’t figure out what it was,” trainer Ron Burke said about Hannelore Hanover’s ailment.

“We knew it was something small, but that's what she basically had. Once we treated her for that, by the TVG she was good.”

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1—**AFLAME HANOVER**

“He’s a handy little horse and I’m going to push off pretty hard and get away close. He’s going to have to get lucky but he’s good enough to get a good piece of it, that’s for sure. He’s just the type of horse that the faster they go the better he is. I hope they’ll mix things up. He wants to follow them as fast as they’ll go, so if they’re getting a little tired on the end of it he’ll be picking up the pieces.” — driver Andy McCarthy

2—**DE LOS CIELOS DEO**

“My thoughts going into the race are that if I can just have him somewhat closer. I know they are going to be going way harder. Last week they went :26.2 and :56.2 and this week that’s not going to be the case. If he can just stay six or seven lengths off turning for home, I will be feeling pretty good. If I can have him close I think he has a big shot, I really do, the way he charged home last week (:25).” — driver David Miller

3—**BETTOR’S WISH**

“What will it take to win? Action! We need action! Early, mid-race, three-quarters. What really happens will obviously depend on those guys hanging onto the lines. Somebody’s going to try to control the race. I believe that’s Timmy’s (Tetrick) style, and his horse raced that way last week. My horse is having a good week. Last week, by the time I got to the spit box, he was just standing there, not blowing, and wondering what was going on.” — trainer Chris Ryder

4—**WORKIN ONA MYSTERY**

“He didn’t scope as good after his race last week so he’s actually in Lexington right now in a hyperbaric chamber. So he’s supposed to be much better this week than last week.” — trainer David Miller

5—**TYGA HANOVER**

“He raced OK (in the elim). He was parked the quarter in :26.2 and took the lead and still came home in :26.4 and paced 1:49.3. He had a little bit of a sign of a tie-up in his blood Monday morning. And he was a little bit on the left line at the end because a splint was bothering him in front. So we had to do some work on him and he trained real good (Wednesday morning). It’s a big step for him (racing in the NA Cup final) to begin with—remember he just won his maiden three weeks ago. He drew the six hole and that’s the winningest number at Mohawk at 21 percent. I’m not going in thinking I’m the best, but I can go with them and if the trip works out, you never know. If somebody messes up, you never know. If somebody messes up he might pick up the pieces.” — trainer Ben Baillargeon

7—**BEST IN SHOW**

“I was really happy with the trip, after he had been on the lead for two straight races, but we were lucky at the end to get racing room. He’s worked himself up from non-winners of two to the North America Cup in three weeks, which is really something. I’m not as thrilled with the post this week, but there’s a lot of speed in the race, all across the gate. We’ve got to have some luck. I brought him home (to New Jersey) after the elim because I had heard some stories of sickness going around, and it’s that time of the year.” — trainer Linda Toscano

9—**HURRIKANE EMPEROR**

“This isn’t going to be a line-up race. I would rather have racing luck than drawing luck, but I’m thrilled with Captain Crunch and Stag Party being outside too. There’s going to be some action. I do believe my horse raced as good as I could ask for last week. He was a little short, and I knew that would be the case, but I want him peaking for the final. The only thing that could have gone different last week is I would have loved if Danny (Dube) could have saved him and brushed home in :26 instead of going a third quarter in :26 and change, but he did what he had to do (to try for separation from the pocket-sitting Bettor’s Wish).” — trainer John McDermott

10—**STAG PARTY**

“Obviously (post 10) sucks and not much we can do. His first couple starts I wasn’t overly happy with him. He had a few different issues going on. One, he was simply short. He’d been in (1):56 in Florida but once we got home it was raining non-stop and cold weather and wind and no matter what we couldn’t get a fast track to go on. Nothing was going right to get fast speed under him. Then we had issues with ulcers and EPM. Saying that, I was very happy with him in his last start. He raced real tough. A first-over trip and he paced in 1:49.2, which was the fastest he’s been before. Home in :26.2 first-over so I was very happy with him. But now we have the 10 hole to overcome now and hopefully Brian (Sears) can work some magic somehow.” — trainer Casie Coleman
Cup Night Insights

ARMBRO FLIGHT

WESLYNN DANCER, post 2:
“Shes not real handy getting out of there so I don’t know how far back she’s going to be. It’s going to be tough beating Ronnie’s two so third would be great. She raced very well last week and I’m hoping for the best.” — driver David Miller

TOP EXPECTATIONS, post 6:
“She hit her knee last week in the last turn and that’s why she gapped three lengths coming out of the last turn. We did a little adjustment in her shoeing and she trained super (Wednesday). She’s a gutsy mare.” — trainer Ben Baillargeon

ROSES ARE RED

CAVIART ALLY, post 2:
“I’m not going to make it easy on (Shartin N). If I put her in front of me it’s pretty hard to beat her. I’d prefer Shartin to be behind me. Going for big money I’m definitely not going to make it easy, that’s for sure.” — Andy McCarthy

GOODTIMES

PILOT DISCRETION, post 3:
“This horse has been terrific. He’s done everything we’ve asked him so far. And doing it pretty easy as well. I think he’s a real contender. They’re starting to talk about him a little bit. He looked pretty good his last start. Up until his last start he really hadn’t beaten much, but the way he’s doing things right now, he acts like he’s going to be a real contender.” — Andy McCarthy

YOUAREMYCANDYGIRL, post 3:
“I’m hoping they mix it up a little bit. I’d rather race mine from behind and go from there. The problem with these mares lately is that they go :25 or :26 to the quarter and from behind and go from there. The problem with these

ALEXIS FAITH, post 7:
“I’ve been really happy with her. Her last two starts she’s won very easy. Saying that, we realize we’re in against the big fish this week and I don’t know if she’s ready for them or not. If she can get a piece in there I’ll be very happy with her. She’s just four and it’s still June. I wasn’t going to put her in but a last-minute decision I decided to give her a chance. It’s a horse race and anything can happen but we realize she’s not quite up their caliber yet, I don’t think. We’ll find out and hope she proves me wrong.” — trainer Casie Coleman

KISSIN IN THE SAND, post 10:
“She just really can’t catch much of a break. She actually had a little bit of a tie up last week so we had to deal with that a little bit. She just can’t be in the right position to save her life recently. It’s still early and it’s not part of the season when 4 year olds do their best work yet. We just have to bide our time and get some races into her and by hopefully the summer she’ll come into her own more.” — trainer Nancy Johansson

NORTH AMERICA CUP CONSOLATION

CAVIART ROCKLAND, post 4:
“That horse should have been in the final. He paced a :52 back half and :25.4 last quarter but he was never in play. He’s in the consolation and that might be a better spot for him. He can win the consolation and would have needed a lot of things to go his way in the final.” — trainer Nancy Johansson

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1—Only For Justice (Justice Hall) C. Christoforou/D. Fontaine 10-1 Ecurie Gaetan Bono/Homebred
2—Swandre The Giant (Swan For All) Y. Gingras/R. Burke 3-1 DM Stables/$12,000
3—Pilot Discretion (Muscle Hill) A. McCarthy/T. Alagna 5-2 S. Stewart, D. Miller/$100,000
4—Forbidden Trade (Kadabra) B. McClure/L. Blais 7-2 S. Stewart/$110,000
5—Super Schissel (Uncle Peter) S. Zeron/P. Engblom 6-1 Coyote Wynd Farms/$115,000
6—Smart As Hill (Muscle Hill) P. MacDonell/M. Keeling 10-1 S. Klemencic/$70,000
7—Dream Nation (Archangel) D. Dubé/J. Dupont 15-1 Winbak Farm/$42,000
8—Southwind Avenger (EL Titan) T. Henry/N. Norman 8-1 Southwind Farms/$77,000
9—Jumpshot (EL Titan) M. Baillargeon/J. Maguire 20-1 PG Van Camp Stables/~
10—Knight Angel (Archangel) S. Filion/S. Arsenault 20-1 Dr. B. Eskeland/$26,000
AE—Trix And Stones (Trixton) J. Jamieson/C. Jamieson 20-1 S. Smith-Rothaug/$45,000

$247,000 Goodtimes 3CT

Woodbine Mohawk Park, Saturday, June 15, Race 3, Post Time: 7:06 pm
NA Cup Night: The Horses, And The Event

We’re close to one of harness racing’s favorite events of the year—the Pepsi North America Cup at Woodbine Mohawk Park. It’s a night I truly love, so please allow me to share a few of my thoughts.

The Race Itself is Not Exactly Clear-Cut

I think this year’s race sets up a little different than many of the previous editions where chalk has appeared to rule the roost.

Morning-line favorite Workin Ona Mystery is shrouded in some of that namesake mystery because according to trainer Brian Brown, he shipped home for treatment after scoping poorly after his elimination win. The colt is a beast and looked the part in his elimination, but if we’re searching for a free square, we’re still looking.

The colt who’d likely be favored if he converted at short odds in his elimination—Captain Crunch—will take a good deal of action, as he should. According to the connections (and you can see this clearly on the race video), the rangy son of Captaintreacherous jumped the starting car shadow, costing him all chance. This sport is maddening at times—if the Captain raced 15 minutes earlier or later (when the sun was in a different height in the sky), he probably would’ve roared home a winner. But it’s what a lot of us love about the game.

Meanwhile, the “wise guy” horse is sure to be De Los Cie-los Deo. The Burke trainee eye-catchingly stormed home like a good horse should and that he landed in post 2 only adds to his pari-mutuel appeal. The colt has a funky way of going and appears to be a bit of a project horse, but betting against Burke with another week to iron out some kinks is usually not a smart move.

Adding to the zest of this year’s classic is the somewhat forgotten elimination winner, Bettor’s Wish. I’ve watched this talented son of Bettor’s Delight since his debut and I’ve always been a fan. He seems stronger and more seasoned this year and he’s got a big motor.

Often in the big races for the 3 year olds we see a corona-tion. This time it looks like we’re in store for a real barn-burner, and bettors who sometimes sit out these races should probably take note.

Whip Changes (This Time) Are A Whole Lot of Nothing

This will be the first North America Cup under Ontario’s new whip rules, which basically mandates the drivers use only “wrist action.” I must confess, after watching the races since the new rule was implemented, I believe it’s much ado about nothing. The horses are flying, the optics look great, and in a slight shock (to me anyway), no one seems to be complaining. I think we need to give a big thumbs up to Bill O’Donnell, Woodbine Entertainment, and most of all the drivers for getting this done.

$10 Admission Adds Value

It costs 10 bucks for over 18 year olds to attend the North America Cup, and in some quarters it seems to cause con- sternation. In harness racing land, the prevailing theory (since slots, especially) is “free,” hoping customers will show up in droves and come back weekly.

I couldn’t disagree more. When the sport charges some- thing for admission for a big day, it’s signaling to customers the event is worth something. And, yes, the sport of harness racing is worth something.

In addition to world class horses going for huge money, there are bands, bull riding, food trucks, cap giveaways and other assorted entertainment. If that’s not worth a couple of gallons of gas ($CDN), we’re in big trouble.

Handle Benchmarks

We all know wagering needs to be growing for the sport to be successful. If you’re watching the pools and wondering, here are a few benchmarks to look for:

• Pick 5 pool in ’18: $95,585
• First Pick 4 in ’18: $88,760
• All Stakes Pick 4 in ’18: $137,930

Enjoy North America Cup night everyone, and safe and good racing luck to all!
With Unexpected Luck, Stewart Breeds Top Goodtimes Contenders

Breeders, of course have horses to cheer for in big stakes races. Hanover Shoe Farms leads the way with seven contenders in the Goodtimes, Armbrro Flight, Fan Hanover, North America Cup and Roses Are Red.

But it is a bit unusual for a breeder to have a couple of top contenders in a single stakes race who are offspring of broodmares who had been struggling to make their mark as producers. That's the kind of story breeder Steve Stewart has about his two contenders in the Goodtimes, both elimination winners.

Stewart, who with his wife Cindy operate Hunterton Farm in Paris, Ky., will be watching Goodtimes finalists Pilot Discretion and Forbidden Trade, who he bred and sold as yearlings for $100,000 and $110,000, respectively. Although Stewart and his partners are known for acquiring high-profile mares that demand costly investment, the happenstance of life— not a planned purchase of a blue-blooded mare— put Stewart in the position to breed Pilot Discretion and Forbidden Trade.

First, the story behind Pilot Discretion.

Pilot Discretion is a son of Muscle Hill out of the Self Possessed mare Self Indulgent. Self Indulgent took a mark of 1:53.3 at age three and earned $223,228. With her racing credentials and maternal line that includes other filly stakes winners and traces back to trotting greats Speedy Crown and Lindy's Crown, Self Indulgent had the potential to become a productive broodmare for her breeder-owner, Lindy Farms.

Self Indulgent had a 2007 colt by Muscles Yankee that sold as a yearling for $200,000, but the mare became a problem breeder, the kind that veterinarians can't figure out. She was barren from 2008 through 2012.

So when Kentucky breeder David W. Miller made a routine call to Lindy Farms looking for mares to buy that the farm might be culling, Lindy principal Frank Antonacci decided to include Self Indulgent in the package.

Miller lived in Mumfordville, Ky., about a three-hour drive from Lexington, so he sent his mares to Park Equine in Paris, Ky., to be bred once semen was picked up at the Lexington airport. Stewart picked up the semen, delivered it to Park Equine, and actually inseminated Self Indulgent himself. When Miller found out his problem mare was in foal, he was so happy he told Stewart to just take the mare to Hunterton. They then became partners on the mare.

“Sometimes you don’t know what change might make a difference with a mare. It’s just Mother Nature.”

–Steve Stewart

Self Indulgent’s resulting foal from that breeding was a filly by Donato Hanover. Stewart and Miller sold the yearling for $65,000. The next year Self Indulgent again conceived, this time getting in foal to Muscle Hill.

“Our vet did nothing out of the ordinary with the mare,” said Stewart. “Sometimes you don’t know what change might make a difference with a mare. It’s just Mother Nature.”

Stewart and Miller’s luck continued when Self Indulgent delivered a good-looking colt by Muscle Hill. That foal is

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Pilot Discretion

New Image Media Photo
Pilot Discretion, who won his only two starts as a 2 year old and now is undefeated in three starts this year, with his 1:52 victory in his Goodtimes elimination his lifetime best. The colt is owned by Robert LeBlanc, David Anderson and John Fodera and trained by Tony Alagna.

Unfortunately, Miller never got to see Pilot Discretion race. “Four months before we sold Pilot Discretion at the sale, David gets sick and has to have major surgery,” shared Stewart. “The doctor told him not to go to the sale, but he went anyway. Two weeks after the sale, he died. David was only in his 30s, but watching Pilot Discretion sell was the biggest highlight he ever had in the horse business. He loved the horses.”

Stewart ended up with the dam of Forbidden Trade in another unlikely development. Forbidden Trade’s dam is Pure Ivory 3, 1:53.1, a winner of $1.9 million and an O’Brien Award winner at ages two and three. But like Self Indulgent, she didn’t make her mark as a broodmare until she arrived at Hunterton.

Pure Ivory was exported to Finland in 2007, when she was purchased by the wealthy international businessman Ahti P. Vilppula. Vilppula sent the mare’s first foal, a Muscles Yankee filly named Ivory Queen, to Jimmy Takter to train. She didn’t make it past a few starts at age two, with no particular distinction.

So how did Pure Ivory end up back in North America with Stewart?

“The way I ended up with Pure Ivory is I got a call from Marti Alla-Seppala, and he tells me Pure Ivory is in Finland, and her owner now is a wild guy who one minute is a multi-billionaire doing a big job in the Amazon and the next year he’s broke,” begins Stewart. “So they send Pure Ivory over to us. I ended up with her on a board bill because the guy never paid his bills and disappeared.”

Pure Ivory had three foals while owned by Vilppula, the Muscles Yankee filly plus two fillies by Muscle Hill, with the third selling for just $5,500. When Stewart had his first chance to pick a stallion for the mare, despite his access to Muscle Hill breedings, he chose the Ontario-based Holiday Road.

“Marti studies bloodlines a lot and he says breed her to Kadabra,” says Stewart, “but I know Kadabra can be tough to get in foal to, so that’s why I picked Holiday Road (a son of Yankee Glide).”

The Holiday Road offspring was a filly and John Bax bought her for $50,000.

“The filly ended up having a bad ankle,” Stewart said. In 2017, Stewart took Alla-Seppala’s advice and bred Pure Ivory to Kadabra. “Boom, she got in foal immediately!”

The good karma continued as Forbidden Trade grew up to be a very dark bay, “dynamite individual,” notes Stewart. Canadian horseman Luc Blais bought Forbidden Trade for Serge Godin’s Determination Inc. At two Forbidden Trade won seven of 11 starts and was voted Canada’s O’Brien winner in his division. With his second dam, Image Control, winning an O’Brien as a 3 year old, Forbidden Trade marked the fourth O’Brien Award for the first two generations of the maternal family.

Hunterton is selling yearling siblings to both Pilot Discretion and Forbidden Trade this fall. Self Indulgent’s yearling is a colt by Trixton who Stewart describes as “a knockout, a special colt.” Pure Ivory has a Kadabra filly.

So what has his experience with Self Indulgent and Pure Ivory taught Stewart about troublesome mares?

“If what you’re doing isn’t working, breed different,” he said. —By Kathy Parker
Who is the best horse you’ve ever been associated with?
Always B Miki

Let’s say you are Mr. Ed, the talking horse from 1960s television. Which horse would you like to talk to and what would you say?
I’d love to talk to every horse that I ever drove that hangs! I’d ask them why they won’t go by a horse! I would say, ‘Hey, what was the deal?’ Why did I finish with tons of horse and you wouldn’t go by?

Which racetrack is your favorite and why?
The Delaware County Fair, because I’m from Ohio. I have a lot of good memories from there.

How much time do you think there should be between races?
Fifteen minutes.

When you’re not driving horses, what do you drive?
I have a Ford F150 pick-up truck so I can haul my race bike. It rides just like a car.

What are your favorite things to do when you’re not involved in racing?
Eat and sleep when I have time off.

What’s your idea of a great vacation?
To go someplace with family or friends and have a whole bunch of laughs.

Do you have anything on your “bucket list” to do or see?
Not really. We’re going to be grandparents later this summer. Our daughter Leigha works in Florida and she’s going to have a boy, so we’re excited.

Are you a music lover and if so, what do you listen to?
I like the ‘80s and ‘90s rock.

Which horse of the past do you wish you could have driven?
I would have loved to drive Niatross, but also Super Bowl and Cam’s Card Shark.
Marion Marauder Makes ’19 Debut Friday At Meadowlands

The waiting is the hardest part. Not so much for Paula Wellwood, but for Marion Marauder.

Marion Marauder, a multiple Dan Patch Award recipient and 2016 Trotting Triple Crown winner, will make his seasonal debut Friday in the third round of the Mr. Muscleman Series at the Meadowlands.

Wellwood was in no hurry to get the 6-year-old stallion’s campaign underway, starting him this year nearly a month later than in 2018, but Marion Marauder looked full of himself and anxious to get going when he arrived at the Big M for his final qualifier last weekend.

Marion Marauder, three stablemates, and Wellwood arrived in New Jersey from their Canadian base about a month ago. While the other horses raced, Marion Marauder waited.

“When we first got here, he really didn’t care,” Wellwood said. “But after we trained him a couple times and he went faster each time, he knew it was near time to go. When he sees the harness getting arranged (in the barn for a trip to the racetrack) he knows what’s going on. He’s thinking, maybe it’s my turn now.”

Marion Marauder faces eight foes in the $40,000 Mr. Muscleman on Friday night. The stallion, with regular driver Scott Zeron, will start from post 9 and is 6-1 on the morning line. Guardian Angel As, the Maxie Lee Memorial winner, is the 3-1 favorite followed by Trolley (7-2), Cruzado Dela Noche (4-1), and Pinkman (5-1). Marion Marauder prepped for the race by winning his qualifier last Saturday in 1:53.1.

Last year, Marion Marauder won six of 14 races and earned $605,180. He finished no worse than second in his first 10 races, including victories in the Cleveland Trotting Classic and Cashman Memorial, but was no better than fourth in his final four.

“We are limiting his starts this year,” said Wellwood, who trains Marion Marauder for owners Marion Jean Wellwood, her mom, and Devin Keeling, her son. “He seems to like maybe a little less starts. We’ll let him tell us.”

By starting later, Marion Marauder missed the Cutler Memorial and Maxie Lee, but the bulk of the major stakes for older trotters are later in the year, particularly from late July through November.

“We know the heavy end is at the back (of the schedule),” Wellwood said. “That’s why we weren’t in any big rush.”

Wellwood, who shares training duties with husband Mike Keeling, said the stallion has continued to mature a bit physically, but little else has changed from last year to this year.

“I think he’s a little bit bigger, thicker, like in the girth and the shoulder,” Wellwood said.

Marion Marauder has won 20 of 52 career starts and $3.14 million. His purse total ranks 10th among trotters in North American harness racing history.

“He doesn’t owe us anything so we kind of let him do what he wants,” Wellwood said. “It’s his world and we live in it.”

In addition to the third round of the Mr. Muscleman, The Meadowlands hosts the third round of the Golden Receiver Series for older pacers. Highlator, who has won four races in a row including the first two legs of the Golden Receiver, is the 3-1 morning-line favorite from post eight.—By Ken Weingartner/USTA
Leeman Hopes Fourth
NA Cup Is A Charm

After Done Well finished second in his elimination for last year’s Pepsi North America Cup, Ohio owner Milt Leeman believed he had a great chance to win the $1 million final. But Leeman and his partners had to settle for second in the rich finale with the pacer trained by Brian Brown and driven by Tim Tetrick.

The connections are all back for this year’s North America Cup final on Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park and this time they’re bringing in an elimination winner in Workin Ona Mystery.

“It’s exciting. We were pretty confident last year going in with Done Well, but he was not up to the task,” said Leeman.

Leeman shares ownership in Workin Ona Mystery with Jim Stambaugh (as Stambaugh Leemon Stable), Alan Keith, Wingfield Brothers and Diamond Creek Racing, the latter of which purchased an interest in the son of Captaintreacherous last October with plans for him to stand stud. Earlier this year Diamond Creek also purchased an interest in NA Cup finalist Captain Crunch, and plans are for him to join the farm’s stallion roster in the future.

After a late beginning to his freshman season last year after getting an infection in a leg after getting caught in a fence, Workin Ona Mystery made up for lost time as he won his first five races before finishing sixth in his Breeders Crown elimination. Brown said at the time Workin Ona Mystery bled and as a result, he has added Lasix this year.

Workin Ona Mystery has come out of the box strong this year at three, capturing a pair of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes before cruising to a career-best 1:49.1 win in his NA Cup elim after starting from post 9. The win was historic as it was driver Tetrick’s 11,000th career victory. Tetrick and Brown selected post 4 for Workin Ona Mystery for Saturday’s final, with pacer tabbed the 2-1 morning-line favorite.

Brown revealed earlier this week that Workin Ona Mystery came up a bit sick after the elim so he sent the pacer to the Kesmarc equine therapy center just outside Lexington, Ky., where has been undergoing treatment in a hyperbaric chamber to help with his breathing. Leeman said Thursday morning that the belief is that allergies were the culprit.

“Brian is very optimistic that it is allergies and not sickness, and he’s been dealing with that pretty much all spring,” said Leeman. “Remember, he hadn’t raced in three weeks going into the elim and obviously he didn’t show any signs of being unfit.

“It’s exciting and it’s scary, all at the same time, but I’d certainly rather have the favorite than be 20-1,” added Leeman, whose other prior Cup starters included Dave Panlone, who won his elim and was fourth in the final in 2006, and Lime-light Beach, who did not advance to the final after finishing sixth in his elim.—By Gordon Waterstone

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"Workin Ona Mystery's career-best 1:49 win in his North America Cup elimination was also driver Tim Tetrick's 11,000th career victory."
USTA Opposes National Horse Racing Integrity Act

The U.S. Trotting Association (USTA) strongly opposes the Horse Racing Integrity Act of 2019 (S. 1820), which was introduced Wednesday (June 12) by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY). The legislation is bad for harness racing, horse racing, and the health and welfare of horses.

“At a time in which the industry is focused on preventing deaths, this legislation will have the opposite effect, and more horses will die,” said USTA President Russell Williams.

The legislation seeks to ban the use of a race-day, therapeutic medication called Lasix. Lasix is endorsed by veterinarians as the only known treatment for Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage (EIPH), a disease that causes bleeding in the lungs of a racehorse. Both the American Association of Equine Practitioners and North American Association of Racetrack Veterinarians support the use of Lasix and oppose the legislation.

The bill also increases the cost of regulation and threatens the livelihoods of USTA members.

“This newly-created regulatory body will have to impose additional fees and costs on the industry because it will receive no federal funding. Harness racing horsemen will be hit particularly hard because most of them are working-class people,” added Williams. “It will drive many of them out of the business.”

According to a recent American Horse Council study, the racing industry contributes $36 billion annually to the national economy and provides 240,000 direct jobs. Any measure that will add further regulatory and cost burdens will only harm those state and local economies that depend on the industry.

Finally, the proposed legislation would federalize horse racing and place it under the control of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), adding an unnecessary layer of oversight to the current state-based system. It would create an unelected, national board that specifically prohibits current owners, trainers, drivers, and practicing veterinarians from serving on it.

Williams questioned, “Why an unelected board at the FTC would be better at regulating horse racing than those that know our industry best is beyond me.”

While the recent deaths in California are alarming, and more research needs to be done on what caused the tragedies, the proposed legislation would not have prevented a single death. Instead of working to reduce deaths in the industry, this legislation covers up the problem by pointing the finger at so-called “rampant doping” in the industry.

Test results prove that doping is not a problem. In 2018, the Anti-Doping and Drug Testing Program conducted by U.S. racing regulatory bodies and compiled by the Association of Racing Commissioners International found that 99.4 percent of all racehorses were compliant with the rules. The “clear” rate for Standardbred horses was even higher at 99.71 percent.

The USTA strongly opposes the Horse Racing Integrity Act of 2019 (S. 1820) and encourages all industry participants and racing fans to contact their U.S. Senator to express their opposition to Senator Gillibrand’s proposed legislation.
Jacqueline Ingrassia is recovering from injuries suffered in a training accident. 

Meadowlands tops $3 million in handle 10th time 

Breeders Crown Charity Challenge announced

Ohio SS action set for Scioto, Northfield

New Southern Hemisphere farm for American Ideal

Buckeye entries close Saturday

Greenshoe romps to 1:52 qualifying win

New Owner Seminar June 16 at Tioga

New England amateur drivers donate to STA

Horseman Tim Curtin, 61, dies

Owner Al Rideout, 76, dies

Gaitway 2YOs: Burke wins 5, DiDomenico 3, Miller 3

None Bettor A best in Battle of Lake Erie

The Downtown Bus upsets in Graduate

Millies Possesion 5-for-5 after PA All Stars win

Only Take Cash, Pure Chance score in OSS 3FTs

Jacqueline Ingrassia, one of the sport's all-time leading female drivers, is recovering from injuries suffered in a training accident Thursday morning at White Birch Farm in New Jersey.  

When it comes to the magic $3-million handle mark, Saturday night, June 8, at the Meadowlands was a perfect 10. Wagering at the industry's handle leader went past the $3-million mark for the 10th time in 2019, as after betting from all sources were tallied, the $3,205,559 pushed through the windows represented the third-highest single-card total of the year.

The New England Amateur Drivers Club (NEAHDC), based at Plainridge Racecourse, is donating $2,000 to the Standardbred Transition Alliance (STA) to help in accreditation and granting to programs caring for off the track Standardbreds.

Horseman Tim Curtin, a fixture on the Illinois circuit for many years, passed away Tuesday night at the age of 61. Currently tied for second in the driver standings at Hawthorne Race Course with 23 wins on the meet, Curtin had an illustrious career that spanned back into the late 1970s.

Alphonsus ‘Al’ Rideout, 76, died June 10, after a short battle with cancer.
**Standardbred Poll**

Hambeltonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by Harness Racing Communications for the week of June 11, 2019

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**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through June 11, 2019 (week difference June 5-11).

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