Messenger, Simcoe Showcase
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After winning his elimination for the $500,000 Messenger final, Bettor’s Wish moved up a position in the weekly Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll, going from fourth to third in the rankings and swapping spots with divisional rival Captain Crunch. Captain Crunch was on the sidelines last week.

Both colts are in action this weekend, but won’t be facing each other as Bettor’s Wish competes in the Messenger and Captain Crunch will be racing in the $171,503 Simcoe at Mohawk, where he beat Bettor’s Wish in the Pepsi North America Cup back in mid-June.

Which colt is the best likely won’t be decided for several weeks. Following the Simcoe, Captain Crunch has the $250,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship on Sept. 7 at The Meadows. Bettor’s Wish could be supplemented to the double-heat Little Brown Jug on Sept. 19 at Delaware, Ohio, if he wins the Messenger, but Jug-eligible Captain Crunch’s trainer, Nancy Johansson, told Weekend Preview Wednesday afternoon that the pacing classic is currently not on her radar.

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But let’s not get ahead of ourselves. Can either colt be beaten this weekend? On paper, it appears both are heavy favorites to win.

Bettor’s Wish’s chances for a Messenger victory skyrocketed when he drew post 1 in the open draw and the other

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$500,000 Messenger Pace

Yonkers Raceway, Saturday, Aug. 31, Race 7, Post Time: 8:50 pm

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elim winner, Aflame Hanover, had the misfortune of draw- ing post 8 in the eight-horse field.

American Mercury finished second to Bettor’s Wish in their Messenger elimination and drew post 3 for the big final, but the horse’s trainer and co-owner, Chris Oakes, isn’t getting his hopes up for a victory.

“Yes, the draw was good to me but it was also very good to Bettor’s Wish,” he noted. “Bettor’s Wish is going to be tough to beat. It looks pretty obvious, but you never know. People do funny things when they’re racing for $500,000.”

Since betting favorites, especially horses as strong in tal- ent as Bettor’s Wish, rarely cede a leading position on a half-mile oval these days, Oakes said that while he’ll be leaving the driving to Tyler Buter, he expects his horse to be “pushing off to try to follow Bettor’s Wish.”

Oakes does expect American Mercury to be better this week than he was in the elimination, when he paced home in :26.4 to finish second to Bettor’s Wish.

“Had he been off about three weeks, so he should be better,” said Oakes, who revealed that his horse was scratched “sick” from the Milstein Memorial on Aug. 10 due to a foot issue and thus hadn’t raced since Aug. 4.

Trainer Tony Alagna has three in the Messenger final, with arguably his best chance coming from U S Captain, who was second to Aflame Hanover in the elims.

“U S Captain raced very well last week,” said Alagna. “It looked to me as if he lost some momentum getting jammed up behind the leader (eventual winner Aflame Hanover).”

Moving on to the Simcoe, Captain Crunch goes into the race following a 28-day break from racing. His last start was the Cane Pace on Hambletonian Day at the Meadowlands, when he prevailed by a neck over Bettor’s Wish. He starts from post 2 in the Simcoe but will be facing a quartet of fellow sophomores who have been making a name for themselves in Ontario Sires Stakes Gold action: Best In Show (also the winner in the Meadowlands Pace); Century Farroh, who won a Gold race over Best In Show on Aug. 18; Stag Party, a third-place finisher in Ontario Gold and also the Adios final; and Bronx Seelster, who was nosed out by Century Farroh in Ontario Gold.

“He trained in 1:51.4 at the farm 10 days ago so he’s good to go,” said Johansson about Captain Crunch having raced just once the past seven weeks. “And he trained back another fast half last week.

“I really had no reason to race him on a half-mile track,” she added about bypassing the Messenger at Yonkers and the Milstein Memorial at Northfield Park in recent weeks. “He’s a big, strong colt and there were no other races to race him anywhere.” — By Kathy Parker
Gingras Goes Mohawk Bookends With This Is The Plan, Atlanta

Driver Yannick Gingras will leave from post 1 with This Is The Plan in Saturday night’s $525,000 Canadian Pacing Derby at Woodbine Mohawk Park, but before he starts from the inside in that rich event for older male pacers, he’ll have to contend with the outside post 10 with the 4-year-old mare Atlanta in the $600,000 Maple Leaf Trot.

That’s the price Atlanta pays after finishing second by three-quarters of a length to Guardian Angel As in their Maple Leaf elim last weekend. The connections of Guardian Angel As and second elim winner Crystal Fashion earned the right to choose their post for the final, and they respectively selected posts 3 and 2.

Atlanta, in the open draw among the other eight finalists, landed the outside post 10, which in 184 trotting races this year at Mohawk Park has won just 12 times (6.5 percent).

“It’s unfortunate with the starting post but it is what it is,” said Gingras. “I don’t think we can make the front from there but I’ll try and find a position somewhere in the middle and go from there.”

Atlanta’s Maple Leaf Trot elim runner-up finish was much improved from her sixth-place effort her prior start in the Joie De Vie at Tioga Downs, which came two starts after her world-record 1:49.1 performance in the July 6 Graduate final at the Meadowlands. Finishing off the board for the first time in 22 career starts, Atlanta bounced back with a game effort in the elim as Gingras sent her to the lead off the gate, yielded to Guardian Angel As, and then just couldn’t catch the winner despite a final quarter of :27.1.

“I gave Tetrick (driver Tim Tetrick with Guardian Angel As) the front because I didn’t want to overuse her because she wasn’t so good the week before,” explained Gingras. “That was part of the reasoning behind that. But she definitely was full of trot finishing. She was very good.”

The Maple Leaf Trot is Race 5, and in the Canadian Pacing Derby (Race 8) Gingras will move to the opposite side of the starting gate with This Is The Plan, who comes into the contest off a gate-to-wire 1:49.1 win in the $200,000 Prix d’Ete at Hippodrome 3R. With just nine entered there were no elims needed.

The win was just the second of the year for This Is The Plan who, like Atlanta, is trained by Ron Burke. But unlike Atlanta, who has six wins this year, the Prix d’Ete was just the second score of 2019 for This Is The Plan in 13 starts.

The other victory came in the $500,000 Ben Franklin final on June 29 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono. Sandwiched between his two victories are four second-place finishes: the $250,000 Graduate final, the $423,000 William Haughton Memorial, the $260,000 Joe Gerrity Memorial, and the $230,200 Sam McKee Memorial.

“This Is The Plan comes into the Canadian Pacing Derby with $626,618 in earnings this year, second to only Lather Up’s $667,448 on the leaderboard for older male pacers. Lather Up, riding a four-race win streak that began with his 1:46 world-record-equaling mile in the Graduate final July 6 at the Meadowlands, starts from post 5.

“(This Is The Plan) has had a really good year, but Lather Up is a little stronger right now and is tough to beat,” Gingras admitted. “Hopefully at some point we can overtake (Lather Up) and he’ll tail off a little bit. But right now he has the edge on all of us.”

So does Gingras have any strategy in mind from post 1, which has a win average of 11.6 percent in pacing races this year at Mohawk Park?

“It’s definitely a good spot, especially the way the gate goes at Mohawk now. The inside is not a disadvantage, let’s put it that way,” said Gingras. “He can leave the gate fast so I’ll try and get into the two hole behind Lather Up. It’s worked a few times before. I’ll leave hard and try and secure that spot.”

The Canadian Pacing Derby has attracted a star-studded field. Starting from the outside post 9 is the reigning Pacing Derby champ McWicked, the 2018 Horse of the Year in both the U.S. and Canada, who won the Roll With Joe on Aug. 18 at Tioga Downs. Starting from post 3 is Western Fame, whose biggest win this year came in the George Morton Levy Memorial Series final at Yonkers. The 2018 Little Brown Jug and Meadowlands Pace winner Courtly Choice starts from post 6. Jimmy Freight, who starts from post 4, won the Preferred last Saturday night at Mohawk Park, with Courtly Choice and Western Fame second and third, respectively.—By Gordon Waterstone

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Gimpanzee Holds Home Court Advantage For Yonkers Trot

Who will win the $500,000 Yonkers Trot? Hambletonian champion Forbidden Trade or New York kingpin Gimpanzee? Gimpanzee finished third behind Forbidden Trade in the Hambletonian, but the Marcus Melander trainee could have an advantage on the half-mile oval at Yonkers, where he is undefeated in three career starts.

Gimpanzee’s vast experience on half-mile tracks, including a 1:55 romp in a New York Sires Stakes earlier this summer, has put him as the 2-1 morning line favorite in the race. While Gimpanzee’s resume at Yonkers includes his 1:56.3 victory in last year’s New York Sires Stakes final, Forbidden Trade—and his driver Bob McClure—will be making their first appearances at the track.

But Forbidden Trade is no stranger to half-mile racing. He won at Ontario’s Grand River Raceway last season in 1:56.4, the fastest ever on a half-mile track by a 2-year-old trotter in Canadian history.

McClure has plenty of half-mile driving experience, honing his craft at Ontario’s smaller ovals before becoming a Woodbine Mohawk regular.

“At the end of the day they’re all still going in a circle,” the 28-year-old McClure said about racing at Yonkers for the first time. “I know it’s a tight half, but I’ve driven on a lot of (half-mile tracks) here too.

“Good horses, they get around pretty well anything,” he added. “(Forbidden Trade) is just a complete professional. That’s why he was so successful at 2; he was like a 4 year old to drive.”

Lastly, Brian Sears, who will be driving Gimpanzee at Yonkers and has driven the colt regularly, has plenty of familiarity with Forbidden Trade. That’s because he was driving Greenshoe, the runner-up in the Hambletonian.—By Kathy Parker

Ooh, that hurts!

How did Warrawee Ubeaut thank Yannick Gingras for a winning drive in a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes division on Monday (Aug. 26) at The Meadows? By fidgeting around in the winner’s circle and tipping the sulky sideways and into, well, Gingras’ most sensitive area. By the look on Gingras’ face it didn’t feel too good, but the incident—funny to all but Gingras—even led his wife, Vicki, to remark on social media after the photo was posted by track photographer Chris Gooden, “Glad I don’t have to worry about having any more kids.”

As for Gingras, he told Weekend Preview the day after that he was fully recovered and no medical attention was needed.

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Ohio Sires Stakes Championships Sunday At Northfield

Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) championship night is Sunday, Sept. 1, with eight $300,000 finals for 2 and 3 year olds of both gaits highlighting the 16-race card at Northfield Park. First-race post time is 6 p.m., with the OSS finals carded as races 7-14.

Powerhouse Ohio-based trainer Virgil Morgan Jr. will send out six OSS finalists on Saturday. Five of those Morgan knows very well; one he is just getting acquainted with.

The newcomer to the Morgan barn is Uncle Peters Love, who starts from post 4 in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot final. A three-time winner on the OSS circuit this year, Uncle Peters Love was just sold on Tuesday of this week at the Blooded Horse Summer Mixed Sale, with the catalog statement of trainer-owner Erv Miller—whose handful of starts in Ohio this year have come only with Uncle Peters Love—reading in part: “Selling only because we do not race in Ohio.”

Purchasing Uncle Peters Love for $95,000 was Carl Howard and Joyce McClelland, who turned over the leading point-earner in the division to Morgan, who is based out of his own training center near Scioto Downs. Uncle Peters Love has already earned $65,144 this year, and a $150,000 payday for winning Saturday’s OSS final just five days after the sale would easily cover the purchase price.

“We didn’t buy her for just one start; obviously this is a bonus.”
–Virgil Morgan Jr.

Morgan said that while Uncle Peters Love may be atop the points leaderboard, the competition is fierce. “You can make a case for three or four of the fillies,” said Morgan. “I know she’s the leading point-getter but it’s not like she’s 1-9 or 1-5. Any of those three or four fillies, if they show up they can win on any given night.”

Uncle Peters Love’s dam, SomebodyTo Love, earned $618,686 on the racetrack, with her resume including a second-place finish in the 2007 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot to Snow White and a third to Kadaelia in the 2008 Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Trot.

One of Morgan’s other OSS finalists is Action Uncle, who starts from post 1 in the 2-Year-Old Colt Trot with Miller driving. Another son of Uncle Peter, Action Uncle is out of the mare Action-Broadway, who Morgan conditioned to a $1.1 million-winning career.

“I loved (Action-Broadway) and this is her first foal,” said Morgan. “I was fortunate enough to break (Action Uncle) but he got off a little slow. He’s a nice horse and I think he’ll continue to get better.”

Action Uncle comes into the race with a 1:57.2 win in an Ohio State Fair contest on Aug. 1 at Scioto Downs and two seconds and a third in OSS legs. His runner-up outings came in his last two efforts, both behind It’s Academic, who starts from post 4 in the final for driver Chris Page and trainer Ron Burke.

“I’m happy he got the rail; can’t complain there,” said Morgan. “I think we’ll have to take advantage of that. (It’s Academic) drew the four hole so we have to come up with a different strategy.”

As happy as Morgan was with the inside post with Action Uncle, he was unhappy with the outside post 8 that Gray Dragon drew in the 2-Year-Old Colt Pace final. Especially since the five-for-five Elver Hanover drew post 2 and Ocean Rock, riding a four-race win streak that includes a 1:51.1 gelding world record at Northfield Park, starts from post 6.

“I was disappointed he got the eight hole because I really like him,” Morgan said about Gray Dragon, a son of Dragon Again who has two wins and a second in four OSS starts. “He’s a gorgeous looking colt and I don’t think we’ve seen his best yet this year. I think he would have been a factor had he drawn inside.” —By Gordon Waterstone

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Woodbine Mohawk's big weekend of stakes gets underway Friday night with Race 4 (8:50 p.m.), an Ontario Sires Stakes Gold for 2-year-old filly pacers. The field includes the 1:52 filly OFF THE PRESS, who will be starting from post 8. The second OSS Gold for freshman fillies is scheduled as Race 8 and includes ALICORN, who won an Eternal Camnation division last Saturday at Mohawk. Race 5 Friday night is a Champlain division for 2-year-old colt trotters, with the consistent SYNERGY and PORT PERRY, each with two wins in three starts, along with HORSE TRADER, a winner of three of six. Stay tuned for Race 5 to catch YOUAREMYCANDYGIRL try to get her game back in the Fillies and Mares Preferred Pace. With her move to north of the border, she's moved from the Burke barn to the stable of Richard Moreau.

On Saturday, early evening action worth catching is at the Red Mile, where Kentucky Sires Stakes for 2-year-old trotters are scheduled for Races 1 through 5. The field in Race 1 features CRUCIAL, with a mark of 1:54.3, and MS SAVALAH BELLE, who took a Sires Stakes leg in 1:55. Race 2, the first split for colts, includes READY FOR MONI, a winner of two of three starts, including a victory in a Sires Stakes leg.

Also Saturday, Scioto Downs has programmed a feature (Race 7, 8:30 p.m.) that will pit MISO FAST (post 8) against the warrior DANCIN' YANKEE (post 9).

At Pocono Saturday night, catch Race 10 (9:42 p.m.) to see the streaking BACKSTREET SHADOW (post 9) try to beat DONTTELLMEAGAIN (post 4), who is the 5-2 morning line favorite.

At Harrah's Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon, two Great Northeast races will feature some of the biggest names in harness racing. The field for Race 7 (2:40 p.m.), for older trotters, includes RICH AND MISERABLE (4-1), HANNELORE HANOVER (3-1), PINKMAN (4-1) and FIFTYDALLARBILL (5-1). In Race 11, for pacing mares, SHARTIN N seems a cinch to win from post 1 and is 1-5 on the morning line.

Two-year-old colt and filly pacers will be in action in Kentucky Sires Stakes at the Red Mile Sunday night, and top drivers David Miller, Scott Zeron and Doug McNair are also scheduled to compete. The field in Race 2 includes ROLL WITH JR, a 1:51.1 winner in his first Sires Stakes leg in Lexington. He'll start from post 8. The field in Race 3 includes BABY YOU THE BEST, who won her only prior KYSS in 1:52.2. She has also qualified for the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship, to be raced at Harrah's Philadelphia on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Tioga Downs will be open for a Labor Day matinee card on Monday and will feature two very consistent 2-year-old pacing colts in New York Sires Stakes. GROOVY JOE, a winner of six of eight starts, starts in Race 3 (1:36 p.m. post) while AMERICAN REBEL, who is four for eight, competes in Race 5.

### Crystal Fashion Shooting For Rare Win Combo

Two horses in history have won the Canadian Trotting Classic at 3 and Maple Leaf Trot at age 4. Crystal Fashion will try to add his name to the list this weekend.

Crystal Fashion brings a three-race win streak to Saturday's $600,000 Maple Leaf Trot at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The Jim Campbell-trained 4-year-old gelding won his Maple Leaf Trot elimination last week, following victories in the Cashman Memorial and Hambletonian Maturity. He will start the Maple Leaf final from post two with David Miller at the lines.

Crystal Fashion, who won last year's Canadian Trotting Classic as part of a $1.08-million season, is the 3-1 second choice on the morning line behind 5-2 favorite Guardian Angel As, who also was a Maple Leaf elimination winner.

With a win, Crystal Fashion would join Market Share and Mr Muscleman as the only horses to win the Canadian Trotting Classic and Maple Leaf Trot in successive years. Market Share accomplished the feat in 2012-13; Mr Muscleman in 2003-04. Mr Muscleman added a second Maple Leaf title in 2005. Ima Lula is the only other horse to win both the Canadian Trotting Classic and Maple Leaf, in 1977, but she captured both at age four, prior to the CTC being restricted to 3 year olds.

“He definitely is more versatile this year,” said Campbell. “You can race him any way you want, which is a huge advantage when you’re racing at this level. Even as a 2- and 3-year-old, being first-over never bothered him, but he was always better chasing horses.”

Crystal Fashion, owned by Fashion Farms, has won 18 of 38 career races and finished worse than third only six times. Only once has he been worse than fifth.

“The biggest change (from last year) is that he’s grown and filled out a lot,” —Jim Campbell about Crystal Fashion

“He definitely is more versatile this year,” said Campbell. “But his mannerisms are the same as they have been the last couple years. He’s just a nice horse to be around. He’s always got his head out (of his stall) and is looking for someone to come up and say hi to him.”

Crystal Fashion is part of a talented field in the Maple Leaf. The 10-horse group includes three Trotter of the Year recipients — Atlanta and Marion Marauder in the U.S. and Speeding Spur in New Zealand — as well as divisional award-winners Emoticon Hanover in Canada and Manchego and Six Pack in the States.

“This has got to be one of the best races of the year,” Campbell said. “The way it looks, anything could happen. I’m sure there is going to be a lot of action in there. You could make a point for a lot of horses in there. For a trainer with a horse in there, it’s a tough race.” —By Ken Weingartner/USTA
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Ohio Finalist Ocean Rock
Overcomes Tough Beginning

When Ocean Rock paced to a new world record clocking of 1:51.1 on Aug. 24 at Northfield Park in his $40,000 Ohio Sires Stake division, Lyndsay Hagemeyer had tears in her eyes.

The son of Rockin Amadeus, who established a new mark for 2-year-old gelding pacers on a half-mile track, heads up a field of eight in the $300,000 Championship (Race 10) on Sunday at Northfield Park. Dan Noble trains and drives the youngster for longtime Standardbred owner Sandra Burnett of Wilmington, Ohio.

Hagemeyer, a third-year veterinarian student at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, was on the scene when Ocean Rock first entered this world at the Hagemeyer family farm in Clarksville, Ohio.

Ocean Rock is the first foal out of the On The Attack mare Ocean Pearl, p, 5, 1:53.2f ($143,637) and he has $78,167 in earnings thus far, but his prospects were not immediately good.

“He was a dummy’ foal,” Lyndsay recalled. “He didn’t want to get up on his own and he didn’t appear responsive to his mother. It was a normal delivery, and while we’re always on hand if a mare needs assistance, we didn’t have to intervene with his delivery. But after he was out and getting cleaned off, we realized his situation quickly.”

The term “dummy foal” is a common moniker in the breeding business. The official term is “neonatal maladjustment syndrome.” Dummy foals often appear confused, detached and unresponsive to their dams and many require 24/7 care and feeding by breeders.

“The theories on what causes this condition varies,” said Lyndsay. “Some veterinarians think it could be a result of an overabundance of neuro-steroids in a foal’s bloodstream, which help to keep them quiet during the birthing process, or a slight lack of oxygen during delivery—nobody is really sure. The average is about three out of every 30 foals will be dummy foals.”

To assist the newborn Ocean Rock, the “Madigan Foal Squeeze” procedure was performed.

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TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR: 1 Colt
ARTSPEAK: 1 Filly

ON Pacers Sired By:
BETTERTHANCEDAR: 2 Colts / 1 Filly
CLASSIC CARD SHARK: 2 Fillies
ROYAL MATTJESTY: 1 Colt
SHADOW PLAY: 1 Colt / 2 Fillies
VINTAGE MASTER: 1 Filly

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ANGUS HALL: 2 Fillies
ARCHANGEL: 1 Filly
GLIDEMASTER: 2 Colts

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To assist the newborn Ocean Rock, Lyndsay, working in tandem with her parents, Scott and Cindy Hagemeyer, performed what is known as the “Madigan Foal Squeeze” procedure on the newborn. The foal is wrapped gently with soft ropes, in a kind of mini-harness, and light pressure is applied for a short period to mimic the time the foal is in the birthing canal.

“The purpose of squeezing is for the foal’s brain to go from neuro-inhibition to neuro-activation,” Lyndsay explained. “In other words, to make them wake-up from the womb.”

After about 20 minutes, the ropes are removed and the foal gets up, suddenly alert and responsive and interesting in nursing. The technique is named for the University of California-Davis Veterinary Professor James Madigan, an expert in equine neonatal health.

“We got him up every hour and then less frequently as he became more able to get around on his own,” Lyndsay related. “We also supplemented him with colostrum and a plasma infusion. The main issue was making sure he got his colostrum as the mare had low levels of it.”

Colostrum is fluid produced by a mare prior to her milk production and is loaded with antibodies necessary to boost a newborn foal’s immune system. The mare produces colostrum no more than 24 hours prior to birth and is vital to a foal’s survival. It is imperative that a foal get colostrum from the mare within the first two hours of its birth to fight off infection—the main cause of death in newborn foals. Often, breeders will supplement a foal when the mare’s colostrum levels are low, and many keep supplies of colostrum from donor mares on hand throughout the foaling season.

“Sandra (owner Burnett) is a close family friend and brings her mares to us to foal out and we also wean them and breed them back for her,” Lyndsay said. “She’s the type of owner who does right by her horses. She never sells a filly and has a ton of horses at her home.

“There are days in the breeding business when you really question what you’re doing and think ‘why am I here?’” Lyndsay offered. “But then, when you see a horse like Ocean Rock go out and set a world record, you know all the hard work that it took to get him here was worth it. It’s just so exciting to know where he came from and see where he is today.” — By Kimberly Rinker/Ohio Standardbred Development Fund

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**$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes 2CP**

**Northfield Park, Sunday, Sept. 1, Race 10, Post Time: 9:00 pm**

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Wiggle It Jiggleit third in Pocono qualifier

Wiggle It Jiggleit, the 2015 Horse of the Year, finished third in his second qualifier Wednesday morning at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono after almost three years away from the races. He was timed in 1:54.2 after winning his first qualifier back in 1:53.4 at Philly eight days ago. more

DuQuoin races set for Friday at Hawthorne

After an extremely successful week of racing at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Mother Nature was not as kind when racing shifted to the DuQuoin State Fair last weekend. Rain fell for four consecutive days leading to the start of the fair, leaving the track in no condition to contest races. more

Breeders Crown dining passes on sale

Dining passes are now on sale for this October’s Breeders Crown, presented by Libfeld-Katz Breeding Partnership, at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Fans can purchase tickets for the COSA Premium Lounge, make reservations for the Terrace Trackside Buffet, Mohawk Harvest Kitchen and Trackside Bar. more

Jamieson vows to win Clinton’s Drivers’ Challenge

Jody Jamieson is throwing down the gauntlet for the 39th edition of Clinton Raceway’s annual Charity Drivers’ Challenge to be held Sunday in support of Royal Canadian Legion branches in Clinton, Wingham, Seaforth and Brussels. The reigning Drivers’ Challenge champion two years running and the overall leader with six victories in the event said he’s fully intending to pad his lead. more

Alagna trainees 1-2-3 in Nassagaweya

Rookie pacers got their first taste of Grand Circuit action at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Saturday night for the Nassagaweya and Eternal Camnation. A field of 11 colts and geldings clashed in the $228,100 Nassagaweya, while a pair of $112,239 Eternal Camnation divisions for fillies also took place. The Nassagaweya Stakes saw trainer Tony Alagna sweep the trifecta with his sons of Captaintreacherous. more

Mark MacDonald to miss rest of 2019

Standardbred Canada has reported driver Mark MacDonald will likely miss the remainder of 2019 after undergoing surgery following an accident at Saratoga Casino Hotel in July. more

SOANY director opines on federal bill

In his Op-Ed “Commentary: Horse racing bill is crafted to help breeders, not horses,” in Monday’s (Aug. 26) Albany Times Union, Standardbred Owners Association of New York director Chris Wittstruck details why the current federal Horse Racing Integrity Act is not only dangerous for horses, but is loaded with the ulterior motives of Thoroughbred breeders looking to increase the sale price of their horses in Europe by eliminating the use of race-day Lasix, which will cause our horses more harm than good. more

Hollywood Dayton nears Sept. 9 opening

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway is busily preparing for its sixth season of live harness racing action. The 78-day schedule is set to commence on Monday, Sept. 9 with a 2:15 matinee program and end Saturday, Dec. 28. more

Lex. Selected Yearling Sale catalog now available

The catalog for the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale is now available on the company’s website, lexingtonselected.com, and on the Equineline Sales Catalog app. Print catalogs will be mailed early next week. The yearling sale will start Tuesday evening, Oct. 1 and run through Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Fasig-Tipton Pavilion in Lexington, Ky. It will be followed by the Lexington Selected Mixed Sale on Sunday evening, Oct. 6. more

Buckeye Classic catalogs now available

Sale catalogs are now available for the fifth annual Buckeye Classic Yearling Sale in Springfield, Ohio. Conducted by the Hoosier Classic Sale Company of Indiana, the auction will be held Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Champions Expo Center located at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Start time is 10 a.m. more

MSOA donates to animal rescue group

The Washington County Animal Response Team (WaCART) provides irreplaceable services throughout Washington County, rescuing animals trapped in life-threatening situations. Yet the agency has been hampered in its efforts by the lack of a truck to haul the trailer that houses its emergency equipment and supplies. more

ARCI approves Standardbred racing amendments

At its most recent meeting in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., earlier this month the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI), approved 12 amendments to the Model Rules pertaining to Standardbred racing and set aside final action on other pending items for further review. more

Millionaire Hellava Hush dies at 19

According to Don Carroll of Whiting, N.J., Hellava Hush’s former caretaker, the 19-year-old gelding has died from natural causes at the private farm of Darin Lane of Massachusetts. In his racing career, the son of Lindy Lane posted 30 victories, 20 seconds and 13 third-place finishes in 88 starts. more
Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through August 27, 2019 (week difference Aug. 21-27).

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

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S E P T E M B E R

sunday  monday  tuesday  wednesday  thursday  friday  saturday

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Great Northeast OMP (Phl)
Great Northeast DRT (Phl)
KYSS 2CP (Lex)

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KYSS 2FT (Lex)

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INSS Championship Night (ScD)

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Great Northeast OHT (Phl)
PA Stallion 2YO/3YO finals (Phl)

5  
INSS 2CT (HoP)
KYSS 3CT (Lex)
INSS 2FP (HoP)

6  
Miss Versatility OMT (TgDn)
INSS 3CT (HoP)
KYSS 3CT (Lex)
INSS 3FP (HoP)

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PA Stallion 2YO/3YO finals (ScD)

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