Canadian Trotting Classic Wins Out Over Kentucky

Do you go against Hambletonian winner Forbidden Trade in the $605,000 Canadian Trotting Classic Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park, or race against Hambletonian runner-up Greenshoe in the $250,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes (KYSS) final on Sunday afternoon at The Red Mile?

That’s the dilemma trainers Tony Alagna and Nancy Johansson faced with their respective trotters Pilot Discretion and Don’t Let’em, who both earned enough points to qualify for the KYSS final. Both trainers decided they wanted no part of taking on heavy favorite Greenshoe in Lexington, so both colts go behind the gate in the Canadian Trotting Classic.

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—Nancy Johansson about Don’t Let’em

Pilot Discretion starting from post 5 and the Yannick Gingras-driven Don’t Let’em lining up in post 8.

“I decided the Canadian Trotting Classic was a better place. I think it’s easier for him to win up here for more money than what it would be to try and beat Greenshoe in Lexington,” said Johansson about Don’t Let’em. “That was pretty much the deciding factor.

“And nobody knows which Don’t Let’em will show up anyways, so you might as well race him where you’ve got a better chance for him to race good,” she added with a laugh.

Johansson was referring to Don’t Let’em’s tendency to make breaks, prompted by trying to switch gaits to a pace. Last year’s Peter Haughton Memorial winner has two wins in eight starts this year, those coming in an overnight in June at the Meadowlands and a career-best 1:50.2 score in the Reynolds on July 27 at the Big M.

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Weekend Preview Schedule Update

We will be sending out special editions of HarnessRacing Weekend Preview in the coming weeks. A special Jug Preview will be available on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Next up is the two-week Grand Circuit stand at the Red Mile and the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, and we will provide extra coverage in special Preview editions during that period. Be sure to check your email box or go to harnessracing.com for the easy downloads!

Also, don’t forget to look for the popular Backstretch With Gordon column daily on harnessracing.com beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 25.
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—Tony Alagna about Pilot Discretion

Don’t Let’em competed only once on the KYSS circuit this year, that race resulting in a second-place finish (to Super Schissel) in the third leg on Sept. 5 with Johansson’s father, Jimmy Takter, driving. That earned him just enough points to find a spot in the KYSS final.

“He was very good last start; my dad was very happy with him,” said Johansson, “and that’s always a good sign.”

Pilot Discretion raced twice in the KYSS preliminaries and finished second both times, including last time out behind Greenshoe, who cruised to a 1:50.4 victory. Pilot Discretion was six lengths behind crossing the wire. Pilot Discretion also finished second to Greenshoe (by 3 3/4 lengths) in a $153,000 Dancer Memorial division in July at the Meadowlands.

Pilot Discretion is two-for-two this year at Mohawk Park. Back in June he cruised to a 1:52 victory in his Goodtimes elimination and then a 1:52.4 score in the $185,250 final.

“I’m not avoiding Greenshoe, I’m just trying to be smart,” said Alagna. “We don’t avoid anybody, but the race goes for more money. And the horse already has a stakes win at Mohawk, so why not take advantage of that and go that way? Especially for locally-owned connections, who’d rather see the horse race in their own backyard than Kentucky, and for twice the money.”

Alagna has several other starters on the big Saturday stakes card, with all but Pilot Discretion racing in recent weeks at Mohawk.

“I prefer it because they’ve been up there and gotten acclimated and had starts over the track,” said Alagna. “But that doesn’t mean other horses don’t come up there first time and win; it just seems to work better for me.” —By Gordon Waterstone

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Selling his Muscle Hill full brother, Damien!

Cane Run Farm-bred BRIGHT BABY BLUES
3:1:54.2 ($492,203)
Selling her first colt, By N By, by Muscle Hill!

Hip 105 DAMIEN, br.c.  NJ/KY
Muscle Hill-Danae-Andover Hall
Full brother to multiple International stakes winner PROPULSION 1:49.3
($3,200,000+ Intl.) and DREAM TOGETHER 4:1:51.3 ($768,182); half-
brother to World Champion D’ORSAY 4:1:51.4 ($445,732-dam of 2YO
stakes winner MISTER WALKER 2:1:57.1f-19-$22,344). From
Hambletonian Oaks winner DANAE 3:1:54.2 ($529,099), half-sister to
TASTY CHIP 3:1:55.1 ($153,080-dam of GURF 1:54.3f-$494,877).

Hip 132 ON A STREAK, b.c.  PA/KY
Cantab Hall-Habit’s Best-Muscles Yankee
Half-brother to millionaire racehorse and Yonkers Trot winner HABITAT 3:1:53f
($1,262,221), HAT TRICK HABIT 3:1:52.3 ($220,054), stakes placed
WINNING HABIT 3:1:55.3-19 ($41,295) and 2019 2YO Creature Of Habit
BT 2:1:56-19 ($8,550). From a full or half-sister to CIVIL ACTION 3:1:53
($1,123,063), OVER RULED 1:55.2f ($266,527), CIVIC DUTY 1:54.2f ($232,490) and
HABIT’S LADY 3:1:54.2 ($104,796-dam of TAKE MY PICTURE 1:52.3-1:171,061).

Hip 795 FIFTY WAYS, b.c.  PA/KY
Donate Hanover-Fortunes Of Fables-Muscle Hill
Half-brother to multiple stakes winner FADE INTO YOU 3:1:56.1-19
($166,268). Third foal and first colt from a full or half-sister to FEED
YOUR HEAD 3:1:52 ($245,662), FALCOR BLUESTONE 4:1:53.4 ($204,130) and
FERRISWHEEL JUNKIE 1:53.4 ($112,119). Second dam is FLAW-
LESS BLUESTONE 3:0:51.3:54 ($589,935), half-sister to the dam of Dan
Patch Award winner BROADWAY SCHOONER 3:1:53.3 ($885,933).

Hip 398 STOLEN KISSES, b.f.  PA/KY
Always B Miki-Soulmate Hanover-Well Said
First foal from SOULMATE HANOVER p,3:1:52.3f ($43,464), half-sister to
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Credit Winner-All Star Hanover-Cantab Hall
First by Credit Winner from multiple stakes winner ALL STAR HANOVER
3:1:55.3f ($333,328), half-sister to ABATON HANOVER 1:57.4f ($122,896)
and ALMIROLA HANOVER 4:1:55.4f ($77,131). Second dam is multiple
stakes winner ASTREA HANOVER 3:1:54 ($217,665).

Hip 546 PAINT BY NUMBERS, b.f.  PA/KY
Bar Hopping-Powell Blue Chip-Andover Hall
Half-sister to PRACTICAL CAT 3:0:51.5f-19 ($20,500). From POWELL
BLUE CHIP 3:1:55.2f ($50,085), half-sister to ACDC BLUE CHIP 1:58h
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($304,538) and to the dam of PIZZA DOLCE 3:1:52.4 ($668,824).

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The entry box for this year’s Little Brown Jug on Thursday, Sept. 19, closes on Monday morning (Sept. 16), and with that being just a few days away, it seems we know as much—or even more—about who is not going to Delaware, Ohio, than who is.

As of now it appears Jug favoritism will go to the Bill MacKenzie-trained Southwind Ozzi, whose resume includes wins in the Adios and Pennsylvania Sires Stakes final.

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“The Jug won’t be Johansson-less as she is entering Caviart Rockland, who most recently finished fourth in a Kentucky Sires Stakes division on Sept. 7 at The Red Mile.

“I have Caviart Rockland going so at least I brought something,” she said with a laugh. “I can’t go with our ‘A’ team horse so I figured I’d find a ‘B’ team horse.”

A son of Sportwriter, Caviart Rockland won once last year in 10 starts (an Ontario Sires Stakes Gold) and he has just one win in 12 starts this year (a 1:50.3 effort in a May 4 overnight at the Meadowlands).

Caviart Rockland has raced on the anti-bleeding medication Lasix the last two starts, and after showing improvement, Johansson decided to pull the trigger on the Jug.

“He was much, much better on Lasix last start, going in 1:49.2,” she said. “He has good gate speed and gets around the turns perfectly. So it’s worth a shot.” — By Gordon Waterstone
Greenshoe, Bettor’s Wish
Headline KYSS Championships

The Kentucky Sires Stakes (KYSS) season wraps up this weekend at The Red Mile, with eight $250,000 championship races going postward on the special “Fayette Fest” Sunday afternoon card that gets underway at 3 p.m. There are two $50,000 consolations on the card, while another three will be contested on Saturday night (first post 7 p.m.).

The early post time on Sunday is to transition from the big Fayette Fest fair, which will be held in the grassy area between the track and the Round Barn. Beginning at noon there will be live music, food trucks, a beer tent and activities for kids.

There will be plenty of star power on the track on Sunday, including Bettor’s Wish, the richest Standardbred in North America this year with $984,544 in earnings, and Hambletonian runner-up Greenshoe. While Bettor’s Wish drew the outside post 10 with driver Dexter Dunn in the KYSS final for 3-year-old male pacers (Race 7), the Brian Sears-driven Greenshoe landed post 6 in the KYSS final for sophomore male trotters (Race 6).

Greenshoe, who broke in his lone KYSS appearance last year and did not make the rich final, was one-for-one this year, scoring impressively in 1:50.4 in the third and last prelim on Sept. 5.

“He’s more mature. When he behaves there aren’t many horses that can beat him.”

While Greenshoe has six wins and two seconds—both in photo finishes—in eight starts this year, Melander admitted some apprehension going into the race.

“You don’t know with a new track, and it was an 11-hour trip from New Jersey, so you never know how they’ll take that,” said Melander. “I couldn’t be happier with how he looked tonight. “Greenshoe did a great performance in the Hambletonian,” he said. “Of course I wasn’t happy because I wanted to win the race, but I was happy with my horses that day, especially Greenshoe and Gimpanzee finishing second and third. It’s pretty good to do that in the Hambo.”

“I don’t see anything I could have done differently to win that race. I think we did the best we could do.”

Gimpanzee won the Yonkers Trot on Aug. 31 and is the heavy favorite to capture the New York Sires Stakes final on Saturday at Batavia Downs. Green Manalishi S, who completes Melander’s powerhouse trotting colt trifecta, will go to post in Saturday’s Canadian Trotting Classic at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Those two, plus Greenshoe, are headed for a match-up in the Oct. 6 Kentucky Futurity at The Red Mile.

“They’ll all probably race both weeks here if everything is good, and then the Breeders Crown,” said Melander. “They’ll of course face each other in the Kentucky Futurity, but that’s what you have to do.”

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HP Royal Theo’s Elim Effort Shows He Is A Legit Wellwood Contender

The field for the William Wellwood Memorial final for 2-year-old colts and geldings, set for Saturday night at Mohawk Park, appears very evenly matched. But one of the youngsters who appears to have the talent to win would not have been considered a contender just a couple of weeks ago.

That horse is HP Royal Theo, a gelded son of Royalty For Life bred and co-owned by Claude Hamel of Ontario. HP Royal Theo finished fourth in 1:58 back on Aug. 20 at Mohawk. The following week he won in 1:59, but a 1:59 mile is not the 1:55 speed expected to be needed to win a race like the Wellwood.

So how does a horse advance so quickly? Trainer Ben Baillargeon offers insights.

“He (driver Louis Philippe Roy) went to the front with him and the horse had no idea what he was doing, as he was wide up the backstretch,” shared Baillargeon about the Aug. 27 victory. “But he was under wraps when he won.”

Based on the horse’s progress, Baillargeon was hopeful about his chances in the Wellwood elimination.

“I thought last week he was ready to trot in 1:56, and he trotted in 1:55,” he noted.

“I trained him today and he is very good. I think we’ve got a good chance Saturday,” said Baillargeon of the Wellwood final, where HP Royal Theo will start from post 5. “He’s a fast horse.” — By Kathy Parker

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Can Mulinix Shake Up Metro With Mocha On The Rocks?

Ohio-based trainer Jim Mulinix won the 2017 Metro final for 2-year-old male pacers with Lost In Time, a son of A Rocknroll Dance who had just two career starts—a win at an Ohio fair and second in a Kentucky Sires Stakes division—before arriving for the Metro elimins. Mulinix is hoping lightning strikes again two years later as he is back for this year’s renewal on Saturday night with Mocha On The Rocks, who starts from post 3 in the second elimination.

Mocha On The Rocks broke his maiden last time out in his third attempt at Hoosier Park. “The race has been good to me and we kept him eligible,” said Mulinix, who also finished second in the 2011 Metro with A Rocknroll Dance. “I wish I could tell you that he was a sleeper and I have high hopes, but we’re just going to have some fun and give him a chance and see how he fits in with those.”

“I figured I’d put him in because I figured they’d have short fields. We got a short field and if we make the final we get one percent, so we get our money back. And last year there was a consolation.”

The second elim is slated as Race 9, and Mocha On The Rocks will be driven by Tim Tetrick, who won the 2012 Metro with Captaintreacherous. The seven-horse elim field includes recent Champlain division winners YS Mathis and Capt Midnight, the latter riding a four-race field includes recent Champlain division winners YS Metro with Captaintreacherous. The seven-horse elim

The top five finishers in each Metro elim will advance to the final on Sept. 21. Mulinix added that Mocha On The Rocks is out of the Artsplace mare Southwind Mocha. Mulinix said OCDs in his hocks kept Mocha On The Rocks from getting started training until the middle of January.

“I wish I could tell you that he was a sleeper and I have high hopes, but we’re just going to have some fun and give him a chance and see how he fits in with those.”

—Jim Mulinix

Southwind Mocha won a qualifier on Aug. 13 at Scioto Downs in 1:58.1 and then in his pari-mutuel debut the following week at that same track he finished fifth. Southwind Mocha’s next start came at Hoosier Park on Aug. 28, where he finished seventh. In his last start on Sept. 4 at Hoosier Park, Southwind Mocha used a final quarter of :26.2 to rally from third up the passing lane to win in 1:54 at odds of 12-1 for driver Brandon Bates. “(Bates) said he never got him started up until the passing lane,” said Mulinix. “He was pacing faster at the end of the mile than any time in the mile.”

The top five finishers in each Metro elim will advance to the final on Sept. 21. Mulinix added that Mocha On The Rock’s future schedule could include the Bluegrass at The Red Mile, Governor’s Cup at the Meadowlands and the Breeders Crown at Mohawk Park.—By Gordon Waterstone

Metro 2YO Colt Pace

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New York Pacers

**AMERICAN IDEAL (12)**

#1, JAX BE QUIK, C, First Foal
American Ideal-Ashlee's Quik-Quik Pulse Mindle
Family of **Betterthancheddar.**
p, 1:48f ($1,635,364)

#22, I'LL DRINK TO THAT, C
American Ideal-Margarita Monday-Ponder
Full-brother to **Tequila Monday,**
p, 1:49.4f -18 ($953,912)

**ART MAJOR (6)**

#142, GRAB N GO, C
Art Major-Abraxas-Lady's Wishes
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Handsoffmycookie.**
p, 1:51.3f ($1,408,440)

#327, MAJOR BEAN, C
Art Major-Lismorebel-Camluck
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Lis Mara,**
p, 1:47.3 ($2,123,235)

**BOLT THE DUER (1)**

#772, BRAVE ELEMENT, C
Bolt The Duer-Necessary Element-Red River Hanover
Dam is **Necessary Element,**
p, 1:51.3 ($134,076)

**HESTON BLUE CHIP (2)**

#521, ALLISON'S ANGEL, F, First Foal
Heston Blue Chip-Angel Plus-Quik Pulse Mindle
Dam is Angel Plus, p, 3, 1:52.3f ($107,995)

#709, BELL FAMILY, C
Heston Blue Chip-Family Love-Western Hanover
1/2-brother to **Family Roll Call,**
p, 1:52.1f -18 ($182,056)

**ROCK N ROLL HEAVEN (4)**

#520, BAG N ROLL, F
Rock N Roll Heaven-Bagaholic-Dragon Again
Dam is a full-sister to **Roddy's Bags Again,**
p, 1:48.4 ($705,175)

#558, HOPNROLL HEAVEN, C
Rock N Roll Heaven-Bunny Dance-Alleman Native
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Barn Art,**
p, 1:50.1f ($226,993)

**ROLL WITH JOE (3)**

#339, SWIFT ROLL, C
Roll With Joe-Swift N Shout-Rocknroll Hanover
2nd dam is Cam Swiftly,
p, 3, 1:50 ($1,014,357)

#605, GO WITH JOE, C
Roll With Joe-Sweet Hedge-The Panderosa
Dam is Sweet Hedge,
p, 1:49.1s ($424,892)

New York Trotters

**CHAPTER SEVEN (3)**

#35, DEBTORS ADVERSARY, F
Chapter Seven-Met's Hidalgo-Pine Chip
1/2-sister to the dam of **Met's Hall,**
3, 1:51.2 -18 ($1,295,306)

#273, LOYAL LYNNLY, F
Chapter Seven-Resilience-Cola Commando
1/2-sister to **Windshield,**
3, 1:56.2f ($327,200)

**CREDIT WINNER (1)**

#418, TURN THE TABLE, C
First Foal
Credit Winner-Females Rule-Angus Hall
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Met's Hall,**
3, 1:51.2 -18 ($1,295,306)

**ARTSPEAK (4)**

#322, CYRUS PEAK, C
Artspeak-Lisa Phil-Lisa Phil
Dam is Lisa Phil,
p, 1:50.2f ($542,450)

#511, FILLIE SPEAKS, F
Artspeak-Filly's Victory-Jonna's Beach Boy
Dam is Filly's Victory,
p, 1:53.2h ($195,090)

**BETTING LINE (2)**

#59, BET ON CHRISSY, F
Betting Line-Sports Chic-Sportswriter
Dam, **Sports Chic,** p, 2, 1:54.2f ($254,738),
is a 1/2-sister to **Rainbow Blue,**
p, 3, 1:49.2s ($1,428,594)

#277, BETTIE MINE, C
Betting Line-Pleasant Yat Bad-Badlands Hanover
1/2-brother to **Weeper,**
p, 3, 1:49f ($569,511), Dam is a full-sister to **Badlands Nitro,**
p, 3, 1:50f ($1,597,638)

**SOMEBEACHESOMEWHERE (2)**

#23, BALI BEACH, C
Somebeachesomehere-Hallie Gallie-Village Jolt
2nd dam is **Galleria,** p, 1:49.1 ($1,814,453)

#88, BAR HARBOR, C
Somebeachesomehere-Weeper-Alleman Native
Dam is **Weeper,** p, 3, 1:49f ($569,511)

**SWEET LOU (1)**

#165, BEST CHANCE, C
Sweet Lou-Chancy Lady-Camluck
Dam is Chancy Lady,
p, 1:48.4f ($2,072,384)

Pennsylvania Pacers (cont.)

**WESTERN IDEAL (1)**

#545, OCEAN'S APART, F
First Foal
Western Ideal-Ocean-Cam's Card Shark
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Geez Joe,**
p, 1:48.1 -18 ($228,978)

Pennsylvania Trotters

**ANDOVER HALL (3)**

#699, KRISTEN'S DOVE, F
Andover Hall-Kristen Y-Malabar Man
Family of **Lassie's Goal,** 3, 1:54.2 ($596,739)

#710, BELAIR BEAUTY, F
Andover Hall-Belle Of The Ball-Muscles Yankee
Dam is **Belle Of The Ball,**
3, 1:56.3f ($102,025)

**BAR HOPPING (2)**

#616, FRENCH HOPS, C
Bar Hopping-Lucerno De Vie-Angus Hall
Dam is Lucerno De Vie,
1:55f ($113,605)

#769, INDIAN LANE, C
Bar Hopping-Missy Lane-Lindy Lane
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Lassie's Goal,**
3, 1:54.2 ($596,739)

**CANTAB HALL (1)**

#75, HALL IT IN, C
Cantab Hall-Met's Inn-Multanear
Full-brother to **Met's Hall,**
3, 1:51.2 -18 ($1,295,306)

**DONATO HANOVER (3)**

#202, OUTTA STYLE, F, First Foal
Donato Hanover-Mots Life-Kadabra
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Met's Hall,**
3, 1:51.2 -18 ($1,295,306)

#286, SIDE SWAY, F
Donato Hanover-U Wanna Lindy-S J's Photo
1/2-sister to **Wild Honey,**
3, 1:50.4 ($1,585,741)

**EXPLOSIVE MATTER (2)**

#700, EXPLOSIVE HALL, C, First Foal
Explosive Matter-Kimco Hall-Andover Hall
Family of **Oh Sweet Baby,**
1:54.4s ($655,330)

#742, ABOVE THE CLOUDS, F
Explosive Matter-Miss Michelle H-King Conch
1/2-sister to **Michelle's Way,**
3, 1:56.1s ($248,072)

All information as of 9/10/19

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KYSS Prelim Purses Boosted; Secondary Bluegrass Series Proposed

The Kentucky Standardbred Development Fund and Kentucky Breeders’ Incentive Fund Advisory Panel met on Tuesday, Sept. 10, and approved changes to the Kentucky Sires Stakes (KYSS) program beginning in 2020.

Committee chairman Ken Jackson said the changes include increased purses for next year’s KYSS preliminary legs and the addition of a Bluegrass Series, a program similar to the Excelsior Series in New York and Stallion Series in Pennsylvania.

“Some of the changes we made we will be able to implement immediately, and some may require regulatory or statutory changes,” explained Jackson, who chairs the committee comprised of members Bob Brady, Art Zubrod, Joe Costa (representing the Red Mile) and Steve Stewart (representing the Kentucky Harness Horsemen’s Association).

One change that goes into effect next year is increasing the purses for the three KYSS legs for all eight divisions for 2 and 3 year olds from $30,000 to $40,000. Jackson is also hoping to add the Bluegrass Series, which would be raced concurrently with the KYSS contests.

“We envision that series to be two legs of $15,000 each, and a $50,000 championship,” said Jackson. “A horse could race in the first (KYSS) leg, and if the connections believe that the horse couldn’t compete there, then at the time of the second leg you would have the opportunity to go to the Bluegrass Series. It would be the same timeframe, just at a different level. This would give additional racing opportunities for horses. Pending approval, we’d like to hope that we can start the Bluegrass Series as early as next year.”

Jackson said approval was given for the same funding and purse structure—$5,000 legs and $15,000 finals—for the Kentucky Fairs in 2020, but noted also approved was the addition of “a meaningful marketing budget for the fairs to help them promote it.”

Jackson also said the committee also discussed finding ways to bring well-known stallions to Kentucky. Only eight stallions were registered in Kentucky for 2019.

“In order to attract stallions to Kentucky, we are exploring the possibility a bonus program,” said Jackson. “We approved the process of taking the next steps to get the regulations and everything in order and appropriate approvals to add a stallion bonus program that would reward owners of racehorses that met not only the mare eligibility program, but who are sired by a Kentucky-standing stallion.”

Jackson said exact numbers haven’t been finalized, but one possibility would be that if a horse met all the qualifications to receive a bonus, the amount could be up to 50 percent of the purse. For example, if a horse won a $40,000 leg, instead of the owner receiving a $20,000 check, it would be as if the horse raced for $60,000 and it would be a $30,000 check. A horse that won a $250,000 final would then would receive a check for $187,500 (as if the horse won a $375,000 race) and not a $125,000 check.—By Gordon Waterstone
Stakes Insights

NYSS 2YO Colt Pace
GROOVY JOE—post 8
“He’s not a big horse and he gets around a half-mile track perfectly. You could see him get stronger with each of those wins and he came home faster each week as he went along.” — trainer Blake MacIntosh about the winner of seven of nine starts

NYSS 3YO Filly Pace
ZERO TOLERANCE—post 7
“She’s been good in the NYSS this year so far. Each time she has raced she’s performed for us and that was the plan. When she looked like she was dominant, I was going to go to the Jugette. But where it’s New York, and it’s such good money, basically close to the same money as the Jugette after you’ve got to go heats, we decided to race here instead. The seven hole doesn’t help us in the final but she’ll be alright.” — trainer Joe Holloway

NYSS 2YO Filly Trot
HYPNOTIC AM—post 2
“She trained down good and every start she seems to get better and better. She has no problem doing the work herself; she has speed, she has stamina, she has everything a good horse should have.” — trainer Marcus Melander

NYSS 3YO Colt Trot
GIMPANZEE—post 7
“It was good that there were no eliminations for the Yonkers Trot so we could bring him up to Batavia that week and get some more points and get some experience around that track. It was a great surface to race over at Batavia and he got around it very well.” — trainer Marcus Melander

She’s A Great Lady (1st elim)
PEAKY SNEAKY—post 1
“She’s a nice filly that’s coming along. I brought her to Canada so she could race in some overnights and all of a sudden she started racing good. She deserves a shot in the She’s A Great Lady; she raced really well last week in the Champlain. She’s going in the right direction.” — trainer Nancy Johansson

LADY LOU—post 5
“We made some changes after her last start when she showed some redness in her throat like she had lost her air. Hopefully she’ll be back to herself this week.” — trainer Nancy Johansson

She’s A Great Lady (2nd elim)
JK FIRST LADY—post 2
“She raced really well in the (Pennsylvania) Sires Stakes final. We had decided beforehand we were going to race her off the pace, but she didn’t really get any racing room until a little too late. She has to do what her mom did (JK

She’salady, who won the 2014 She’s A Great Lady in a career-best 1:50.1).” — trainer Nancy Johansson

REFLECT WITH ME—post 3
“She’s been great. She trained super (Wednesday morning) so everything is a positive going forward. We can’t be much happier with her than we have been.” — trainer Tony Alagna

LYONS SENTINEL—post 5
“She’s been good all year. She won the (Pennsylvania) Sires Stakes final and has been first or second all her starts. I look forward her to be very tough to beat.” — driver Tim Tetrick

Metro Pace (1st elim)
TALL DARK STRANGER—1st elim, post 2
“Obviously he’s been racing really well. He’s done everything right and I don’t know what else to really say about him. He trains good, he doesn’t jog, he eats all his food.” — trainer Nancy Johansson

PAPI ROB HANOVER—post 3
“They’ve been bringing him along slow. He’s very nice to drive and I’ve raced him different ways. So far, so good.” — driver David Miller about the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes pacing colt champion

CAPTAIN KIRK—post 4
“He raced good the other night. Probably not his best trip on the front end, but he fought off the horse beside him but he couldn’t see the horse on the far outside. He is definitely better coming off a helmet, but that was a pretty good effort.” — trainer Tony Alagna

SEEYOU AT THE BEACH—post 5
“I’ve driven him a few times. He won the last leg of the (Pennsylvania) Sires Stakes and I won one earlier with him. I think the bigger track should really help him.” — driver Tim Tetrick

Metro Pace (2nd elim)
ESAI HANOVER—post 1
“This horse has come a long ways in a short amount of time. I’m real happy with his progress. We put him in the Champlain and figured if he showed up and did his job, we’d give him a shot in the Metro. And he did (by finishing third) and I was very happy with how he raced.” — trainer Tony Alagna

CAPT MIDNIGHT—post 7
“He’s been super, not much anything can be said about him that hasn’t been said at this point. He split away from Papi Rob Hanover and Tall Dark Stranger (in the first elim) but at some point they are going to meet. My horse is in good shape.” — trainer Tony Alagna

Wellwood Memorial final
CAPRICORNUS—post 4
“He’s a very nice trotter. He was super last week. I really like the horse as he trots good and is very easy to drive. He gets things done.” — driver Tim Tetrick, who selected the post after Capricornus won his Wellwood elim in a career-best 1:55.1.

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**Canadian Trotting Classic**

**GREEN MANALISHI**—post 4

“This is his race to win. He likes Canada, so hopefully this will be a good spot for him.” — driver Tim Tetrick, noting Green Manalishi’s three-for-three record at Mohawk Park, including last year’s Wellwood Memorial.

**Peaceful Way final**

**DIP ME HANOVER**—post 3

“I’ve been driving her and she has been racing really well, and she raced really well last week.” — driver David Miller

**PANEM**—post 4

“She is still a work in progress. A very super-talented filly. Great gaited; her manners are always there. She’s starting to understand what this is all about.” — trainer Nancy Johansson about Panem, who won her Peaceful Way elimination in 1:55.4.

**Elegantimage final**

**CLOUD NINE FASHION**—post 6

“She’s been up and down all year, but her last start at The Meadows was very impressive. That’s what I thought she’d be doing all year. Jim has made some shoeing changes on her and she was super at The Meadows. If she comes back to that, I think she’ll be hard to beat.” — driver Tim Tetrick about Cloud Nine Fashion’s 10 1/2-length, career-best 1:53.2 win in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes consolation

**EVIDENT BEAUTY**—post 8

“I don’t have an answer for why she broke (in the Simcoe, won by When Dovescry). I thought she was going to trot by (When Dovescry) and win. She’s very capable; she’s just got to behave. Nifty (trainer Richard Norman) and I have a game plan so we’ll see what happens.” — driver David Miller

**THE ICE DUTCHESS**—post 9

“I changed her shoes for a third time; she was hitting her knee a little bit. I pray this is the right combination for her. Even though she was hitting her knee she raced super and made up a lot of ground. If she puts it together I think she is just as good as any of the other fillies. We have to find the right key for this track as it’s a little more difficult than Meadowlands or Vernon.” — trainer Nancy Johansson

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**S$150,000 BOBBY QUILLEN MEM. PACE**

**Harrington Raceway, Monday, Sept. 16, Race 8, Post Time: 6:15 pm**

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**Breeder Claudean Cone Passes**

Claudean Cone, 73, a well-known Bluegrass horse breeder, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Sept. 11, in her home at her Millstream Farm in Georgetown, Ky. Ms. Cone, who had been in good health, was found in a sleeping position on a sofa in her home.

In recent years Ms. Cone operated Millstream Farm in Kentucky and in Allentown, N.J., in partnership with her daughter, Christine. Millstream will be selling 17 yearlings at the Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg this fall, including a Muscle Hill colt out of Mystery Woman in the opening session.

Born in Big Spring, Texas, Ms. Cone was a graduate of Texas Tech University, where she was a featured twirler with the marching band unit. She married Steve Cone and lived in Lubbock and Houston, Texas, and Nashville, Tenn., rearing their children Christine and Steven. During her years in Texas she served as president of the local Junior League charitable organizations and was a delegate for Jesse Jackson’s Rainbow Coalition.

While attending an oil convention in Nashville she met Jack Conway, eventually falling in love with him and moving to Kentucky, where she quickly embraced Conway’s interest in Standardbred horses. Ms. Cone’s first horse was the trotting mare Duo Val Car, who set a half-mile track world record at Delaware, Ohio, in 1997.

“She was hooked on harness racing the minute that Duo Val Car crossed a finish line first,” said Christine Cone.

A daughter of Garland Lobell, Duo Val Car earned $207,145 during her racing career and became the first broodmare for Millstream Farm. Duo Val Car produced 11 foals, among them Pinetucky 1:53.2 and Twocarlane 1:55.1f. Ms. Cone had often expressed that when she passed away, she wanted her ashes buried at the grave of Duo Val Car.

Ms. Cone also shared ownership of the great matron Amour Angus with Walnut Hall Ltd. for a few years and is credited with being the co-breeder of Andover Hall and the millionaire Banker Hall. She also bred 2011 Hambletonian Oaks winner Bold And Fresh. The two Millstream Farm locations presently have 28 broodmares as well as foals.

In addition to her children Christine and Steve, Ms. Cone is survived by a brother, Simon, and a sister, Mary Alice.

Christine Cone said her mother did not want a formal funeral service and that a Celebration of Life would be planned.
Lexington Selected Yearling Sale
October 1 - 5 at Fasig Tipton

TROTTING COLTS
164 BLACK TIE BASH (Chapter Seven-Daylon Mermaid)
200 ROSIE’S WAR BONDS (Muscle Mass-Rose De Vie Stena)
276 NOW YOU SEE ME (Kadabra-Classical Flirt)
694 SAINT K (Sebastian K S-Mauresmo)

TROTTING FILLIES
507 CAN’T MUSCLE ME (Muscle Mass-Legs On A Rail)
632 ROSE’S AND WINE (Chapter Seven-Chelsea Hall)
738 HEY JOSIE (Muscle Mass-Valley Courtney)
739 ETTA CLAY (Uncle Peter-Valley Of Dreams)

PACING COLTS
582 MAHI MAHI (Sweet Lou-Terri Hall)
717 KING’S CRUISER (Yankee Cruiser-Hurrikanequeenrose)

PACING FILLY
366 IN LOU OF MONEY (Sweet Lou-Notreadytobenice)

We welcome your inspection of these yearlings at the farm prior to the sale.
Calling for an appointment would be appreciated.

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Photos by Joseph Kyle
We’re so connected to see things from afar these days that it seems that sometimes opportunities to experience something live are skipped.

That’s how I felt about the appearance of Greenshoe at the Red Mile on Thursday night, Sept. 5. For me, it was a must-see event.

It was a beautiful night in Lexington, no humidity, temperature in the upper 70s and a light, cool breeze was hinting that fall was just around the corner. (By the way, a mere five days later the temperature in Lexington hit 96 degrees!)

Getting back to Sept. 5, Greenshoe was entered in Race 2, the final leg of the Kentucky Sires Stakes for 3-year-old colt and gelding trotters. So with an expected post time of around 7:20 p.m., you could catch Greenshoe race and still be home early evening, and well before dark.

As the horses were scoring down for Race 2, I found myself ducking my head under the inside wing of the starting gate so I could watch Greenshoe from a vantage point few experience. Since my husband, Dan Coon, and brother-in-law, Greg Coon, are starters, I’ve taken advantage of my access to see many great horses from the starting car and it’s always a thrill.

I can remember watching Niafirst and Nihilator battle as 2 year olds in the first turn at the Red Mile (Nihilator prevailed), and I distinctly recall Muscles Yankee getting jammed up on the backside in the first heat of the Kentucky Futurity and then flattening out in the last turn, which foreshadowed that he would not be winning the race and thus becoming the first trotting Triple Crown champion in 26 years.

More recently, the day after the 2015 Little Brown Jug, I squeezed in the back seat of the starting car to watch Jimmy Takter drive Always B Miki in a qualifier at the Red Mile. It was Miki’s second qualifier of the year, after a surgery in the spring for a broken bone, and cruised around the oval effortlessly, turning in a whopping 1:48.2 effort. I remember that I had my phone and had planned to video the qualifier and do a little social media posting, but while watching Miki’s big stride gobble up the track, I hit the wrong button and only ended up with my memory.

So yeah, I was keen to see Greenshoe up close Tuesday night. And here is what I found interesting.

First of all, driver Brian Sears had Greenshoe first at the gate, far before other horses joined them, and he put the colt’s nose right on the metal. Greenshoe was climbing a bit since the car was barely inching forward at that point, and the colt’s eyes and ears were taking in his surroundings. When the rest of the field lined up, the car picked up speed and as we neared the start pole I was anxious for starter Mike Moss to hit the throttle and the mechanism to fold the wings so Greenshoe would relax and be able to stretch out his stride.

The most interesting part of watching Greenshoe before the start is that while he was certainly not a relaxed horse behind the gate, he was nothing like he was in the Hambletonian. He wasn’t on a line, forcing Sears to hold him together and steer him out of his anxiety. In fact, while Greenshoe was on the bit behind the gate, I never saw Sears move a muscle. His hands appeared locked, and the lines never moved. While Greenshoe might not have been relaxed, Sears was the epitome of poise and cool, which he obviously translates to his steed.

Once the wings folded and the starting car pulled away, Greenshoe was solid and smooth. Sears slid him over to the pylons and like the rest of us probably watched in surprise as Jimmy Takter and Corey Callahan battled to the half with Guaranteed and Thunder, respectively. Weren’t those two horses supposed to fall in line and wait for Greenshoe to come and hope to pick up a check?

Sears deftly pulled on the right line down the backstretch to get out in front of Pilot Discretion, who Andy McCarthy had moving on the outside. Then coming out of the last turn Sears moved Greenshoe wide again, but no more than he would with any seasoned horse. Greenshoe shifted into high gear and with a :26 final quarter, he hit the wire in 1:50.4. In my opinion, he could have easily trotted in 1:49 over the famed clay oval that was at its absolute best that night.

If you’re in the area, the Red Mile will have a great card of racing, with Greenshoe among those set to compete, on Sunday afternoon. Don’t forget that post time is earlier than usual, 3 p.m.!
I’m sure it isn’t the first time a particular maternal family had more than a couple of representatives in a big race, but this Saturday’s Peaceful Way final is another example. Three of the 10 fillies hail from the maternal family of Armbro Vanquish, who is now 21 years old and was bred earlier this year by owner Angie Stiller.

Armbro Vanquish was a successful filly on the track, taking a mark of 1:55.4 and banking $321,522, with most of her money earned in New York Sires Stakes. The daughter of Garland Lobell-Armbro Whirl was trained by Jimmy Takter for Armstrong Bros. and then sold in the 2004 Armstrong dispersal for $335,000 to Kentuckiana Farms, which sold the mare in 2012 Kentuckiana to Stiller for $90,000.

Armbro Vanquish’s most successful offspring is 2011 Kentucky Futurity winner Manofmanymissions, but her very first foal is Armbro Deja vu, now owned by Fair Winds Farm. Armbro Deja vu’s first foal is million-dollar winner Dejarmbro, who started his stud career in Ohio and now stands in Illinois.

The dam of Armbro Vanquish is Armbro Whirl, a winner of $149,355, and tracing this family back another three generations takes you to the great filly Impish.

The Peaceful Way field includes Sheer Energy (post 10), a daughter of Muscle Mass and Armbro Vanquish; Hello Tomorrow (post 9), a daughter of Muscle Hill out of Armbro Deja vu; and Panem (post 4), a daughter of Father Patrick and Katniss (Credit Winner-Armbro Deja vu).

You can’t overlook the breeding of a few other fillies competing in the Peaceful Way. Intense Justice, who starts from post 1, is a full sister to Only For Justice, who will be starting in the Canadian Trotting Classic. Also of note are She Must Be Magic, a daughter of Kadabra and million-dollar winner Win Missy B, and Jula Shes Magic, by Kadabra out of Breeders Crown champion Windsong Soprano.—By Kathy Parker

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**$405,000 Peaceful Way 2FT Final**

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Greenshoe To Stand At Hanover Shoe Farms in 2020

Hanover Shoe Farms Inc., Courant Inc., Hans Backe, Lars Granqvist and Morten Langli proudly announce that superstar colt trotter Greenshoe will retire to Hanover Shoe Farms at the conclusion of his 3-year-old campaign to commence stallion duty at the world’s foremost nursery in 2020.

Greenshoe burst onto the harness racing scene in early June of his 2-year-old year, winning his first baby race in an astonishing 1:55 with a last quarter of :27.3. He would go on to win his next four races at 2, including the New Jersey Sire Stakes final in 1:53.2. Greenshoe made his highly anticipated return to the races as a 3 year old in May of this year and has once again electrified industry participants and fans alike with his unparalleled speed, stamina, and determination.

Greenshoe has thus far won seven of his nine sophomore starts, including both New Jersey Sires Stakes legs and the final, his Earl Beal elimination, the Stanley Dancer Memorial, his Hambletonian elimination, the Zweig Memorial and, most recently, a Kentucky Sires Stake leg in 1:50.4 with an astonishing last quarter of :26 flat. Greenshoe has trotted sub-.27 final quarters in each of his last five starts. To date Greenshoe boasts a record of 1:50.1 and $843,223 in earnings.

According to Sabine Kagebrandt, managing director of Courant Inc., Greenshoe is slated to appear in three more races this year: the Kentucky Sires Stakes final on Sept. 15, the Kentucky Futurity on Oct. 6, and the Breeders Crown (Oct. 26, with eliminations the week before if necessary). It is possible that Greenshoe will also start in the TVG final at the Meadowlands on Nov. 23.

A former $330,000 yearling purchase from breeders Al Libfeld and Marvin Katz, Greenshoe is from the first crop of the trotting stallion Father Patrick and the first foal out of Designed To Be 3.1:51.3f ($656,166), she by Donato Hanover. While sporting the most modern of bloodlines, Greenshoe’s pedigree still makes him accessible to mares by preeminent stallions Muscle Hill and Chapter Seven.

Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, executive vice president of Hanover Shoe Farms, has been an avid Greenshoe fan since the colt’s first baby race. Dr. Jablonsky says, “It is with much joy and satisfaction that I share this announcement with the harness racing world today. I fell in love with Greenshoe the first time I saw him race and could envision his spot in our stallion barn very early in his career. To me, he is the horse of a generation. He can do things that I haven’t seen other horses do. His acceleration is magical and his gait is a thing of beauty. “

Courant’s Anders Ström says, “Greenshoe showed early talent in training during the spring as a 2 year old and showed his capacity in his performances early on. He is, in my opinion, the most capable and technically most perfect gaited horse since Muscle Hill and there are perhaps only 10 horses like this born in a century. With his ability, conformation and pedigree, I am looking forward to his career as a stallion and will of course be breeding my best mares to him.”

Hanover president Russell Williams adds, “Over nearly a century, Hanover has built the greatest Standardbred broodmare band in existence, and we continue to add at the top. Potential stallions of Greenshoe’s caliber do not come along often, but when they do, they belong in our stallion roster. The Greenshoe yearlings of 2022 will begin a new page in trotting history.”

The response to the syndication of Greenshoe is expected to be overwhelming. Although shares won’t be formally sold until after his fertility exam in December, we encourage all those who are interested in becoming a Greenshoe shareholder to contact Dr. Jablonsky at (717) 578-7395 or djtablonsky@hanoverpa.com to discuss the syndication. (Hanover Shoe Farms)
Pre-Jug party to benefit New Vocations

The annual charity auction to benefit New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program and the Delaware County Fair will be held Wednesday September 18 in conjunction with the Pre-Jug Party immediately following the Jugette.  

Museum gift shop at Delaware fair

The Harness Racing Museum's Winner's Circle Gift Shop will be at the Delaware County Fair in Delaware, Ohio, Monday, Sept. 16, through Thursday, Sept. 19. Our shop will be located east of the Log Cabin near the Jugette Barn.  

White Birch Farm to disperse

White Birch Farm of Allentown, N.J., a four-time New Jersey Breeder the Year and two-time U.S. Harness Writers Association Breeder of the Year, has announced that its breeding stock will be sold as part of a complete dispersal of the famed nursery at the Harrisburg Mixed Sale on Thursday, Nov. 7.  

Youth Foundation at Fayette Fest

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation and stable member Royal Attire will be participating in several ways at Fayette Fest at The Red Mile on Sunday, September 15. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky Sires Stakes finals.  

RJP a VIP again at The Meadows

In 2017 when Mark Weaver of Weaver Bruscemi LLC was scouting prospects for Team Burke for the Delvin Miller Adios Pace for the Orchids, he came across a handsome Somebeachsomewhere-Vysoke Tatry gelding named RJP. Weaver’s group purchased him privately for $200,000 and did start him in the Adios, where he finished a respectable third to Fear The Dragon.  

Mattias Melander taking it one race at a time

Mattias Melander is uncertain what the future holds for his career as a driver. The 23 year old is simply taking it one race at a time.  

PA crowns 3YO champs;

Ozzi beats Captain Crunch

Reigning Dan Patch awardee Warrawee Ubeaut became a millionaire, Adios champion Southwind Ozzi won his fifth straight stake locally, and Millies Possesion completed a sweep, as each captured a Pennsylvania Sires Stake championship Saturday afternoon at The Meadows.  

Real Cool Sam wins PASS final to stay undefeated

The cream of the Pennsylvania-sired 2 year olds took center stage at Harrah’s Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon, contesting four $252,000 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes Championships, along with attendant $50,000 consolations.  

WHHC set for April 18, 2020 at Meadowlands

Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment and DerbyWars.com are proud to announce the 2020 World Harness Handicapping Championship (WHHC) presented by DerbyWars.com—offering a record $150,000 prize pool—is set for Saturday, April 18, 2020.  

Top NYSS driver Buter ready for Saturday’s finals

After only one year of competing full time on the New York Sires Stake (NYSS) circuit, Tyler Buter claimed his first driving title in the series as its top reinsman for both wins and earnings. In a category long dominated by Hall of Famer Wally Hennessy and Jim Morrill Jr., Buter hopes to become as familiar a name driving champion New York-bred Standardbreds as theirs.  

French mare Bahia Quesnot in International

Junior Guelpa has traveled New York City in the past, but his next trip to the Big Apple will be nothing like his previous visits. The French trainer and driver will bring trotting mare Bahia Quesnot across the Atlantic to compete in the Yonkers International Trot. The $1 million stakes, slated for Saturday, Oct. 12, will be Guelpa’s first time competing in the United States.  

So Surreal colt tops Goshen Sale at $95,000

A large crowd of 1,500 eager buyers convened at the Mark Ford Training Center on Sunday (Sept. 8) to examine, evaluate and purchase the 107 available Standardbred yearlings up for sale at the annual Goshen Yearling Sale. Many of these stake eligible horses will be competing in Sire Stake programs in New York and Pennsylvania and those attending reflected many connections from those racing jurisdictions.  

Tyler Smith drives 3,000th winner

Driver Tyler Smith copped his 3,000th career win at Hollywood Dayton Raceway on Tuesday afternoon. The 26-year-old reinsman, who was the youngest driver in history to reach the 1,000 and 2,000 win milestones, captured three of the first six races in pursuit of his 3,000th score.  

Propulsion prevails in Masters final in Paris

Europe’s Trotting Masters final, held at the Vincennes track in Paris on Saturday, went to the American-bred Propulsion.  

Dot Morgan is Lady Pace Honoree

Dot Morgan, executive director and facilities manager of the New Vocation racehorse adoption program, will be honored as the 2019 Lady Pace Honoree by the Delaware County Fair.
**Standardbred Poll**

Hambeltonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by Harness Racing Communications for the week of September 10, 2019

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Others receiving votes: McWicked 45; When Doves cry 43; Guardian Angel AS 40; Hypnotic AM 27; Tall Drink Hanover 21; Millies Possession 17; Tall Dark Stranger 13; Crystal Fashion 10; Century Farroh, Manchege 7; Alcorm 6; Capt Midnight, Sister Sledge 5; Hannelore Hanover 4; Green Mananishi S, Western Fame 3; Courtly Choice, Dancin Yankee, Ever Hanover, Rich And Miserable 1.

**Harness Racing Leaders**

Compiled by the USTA—through September 10, 2019 (week difference Sept 4-10).

**Leading Money-Winning Sires**

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