Crown Showdown Set In 2CP

Twelve Breeders Crown championship are set for this weekend at Woodbine Mohawk Park, with the four finals for 2 year olds on Friday night and the eight finals for 3 year olds and older horses set for Saturday night. Post time on both nights is 7 p.m.

One of the most anticipated races of the dozen rich finals is the $600,000 Two-Year-Old Colt Pace on Friday, as it features a return match-up of Tall Dark Stranger, Papi Rob Hanover and Capt Midnight, who respectively finished one-two-three in the $562,500 Metro final on Sept. 21 at Mohawk Park. Having won his first seven career starts, the Nancy Johansson-trained Tall Dark Stranger arguably was the front-runner for Dan Patch Award divisional honors, and driver Yannick Gingras still believes that to be the case even after his colt finished second in last weekend’s Crown elimination.

The loss came at the hooves of the Brett Pelling-trained Papi Rob Hanover, who Tall Dark Stranger had bested in their two prior match-ups in the elims and final of the Metro (in a stakes and track-record equaling 1:49.1). In the Crown elim, driver David Miller rushed Papi Rob Hanover to the lead after a :27.4 quarter posted by Tall Dark Stranger turned into a :55.1 half. Pacing a third quarter in :27 (1:22.1), Papi Rob Hanover closed out the 1:50.2 win with a final stanza of :28, holding off Tall Dark Stranger by 1 ¼ lengths.

“I was hoping that there was more early speed and then maybe I’d come on the end of it, but they lined right up out of the gate,” said Miller, who holds the all-time Breeders Crown single-night record when he won five races at Woodbine Racetrack in 2015. “There wasn’t any speed at all so I had to move. (Papi Rob Hanover) can race either way but going to the lead didn’t bother him or me.”

As a result of winning the Crown elim, Papi Rob Hanover drew from posts 1 through 5 for the final, and he landed post 3. In the open draw, Tall Dark Stranger drew post 7.

“It’s almost like a chess match. Whoever starts the chess match, everyone else then makes a move based on the first move.”

–Tony Alagna

While the final may at first glance appear to come down to Tall Dark Stranger and Papi Rob Hanover, don’t discount Capt Midnight, who received a bye when the trainers of the former two declined. Capt Midnight, who will be driven by Andy McCarthy, will start between his two rivals in post 5.

Capt Midnight, who has five wins in six starts at Mohawk, including a career-best 1:49.4 win in the Dream Maker Series final on Aug. 12, comes into the race off a 1:49.4 victory in an International Stallion division on Oct. 5 at The Red Mile.

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Capt Midnight is trained by Tony Alagna, who believes early decisions by the drivers will be important. “The 2-year-old colt pace can be won in the first turn,” said Alagna. “Some of these races do come down to the decisions by the drivers. It’s who lands in the best spot. It’s almost like a chess match. Whoever starts the chess match, everyone else then makes a move based on the first move.”

Gingras agrees. “I don’t disagree with that,” said Gingras. “I think definitely it’s a race that can be won or lost early on. “Not necessarily that you have to be on the front, but I believe that strategy going into the first turn will mean so much. A lot of things will be happening as to where you get away. “In my opinion, the best colts drew the 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. I don’t see it being a negative being the last one out there. If you try to get to the front, I’ll be happy to be the last one to get there. Then Papi Rob is going to have a decision to make. If Papi Rob hits the gas going into the first turn…then I have options too. I really don’t mind my spot there. I would rather have the 7 than the rail. “If it’s a two-horse race and the other horse drew the 3 and I have the 7, then it’s not quite as good, but having those other three horses in the middle I think helps me.”

While Miller is content with the post draw, he too admits things could be decided early. “I think it’s better that I’m inside of (Tall Dark Stranger), and Capt Midnight is between us so that will make it interesting,” said Miller. — By Gordon Waterstone
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Yoder Family Looks To Repeat In Crown 2FT With May Baby

Indiana-based horseman James Yoder and his wife, Cheyenne, believed early there was something special about the trotting filly May Baby they had purchased at the 2017 Hoosier Classic Sale. So much so that they made the nomination payment to the Breeders Crown.

But it was the 2020 Breeders Crown, slated for their home track of Harrah’s Hoosier Park, the Yoders had their eyes on, not this year. However, May Baby’s freshman success, which includes five wins in Indiana Sires Stakes legs, led to an acceleration of plans and she was entered in this year’s Breeders Crown at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Starting from the outside post 9 in her Crown elim last Friday night, May Baby finished fourth. With James Yoder driving, May Baby left fast, trotting the opening eighth in :13.1 and then setting fractions of :27.3, .56 and 1:24.4 before tiring to fourth, 4 1/2 lengths behind Ms. Savannah Belle, who hit the wire first in 1:53.2.

“She got a little tired at the end, but I left harder with her than I wanted to,” said Yoder.

As elim winners, Ms. Savannah Belle and Sister Sledge drew for posts 1 through 5 in Friday’s $600,000 final, and they respectively landed post 5 and post 2. In the open draw among the others, May Baby drew post 3.

May Baby heads into the Crown final with $219,466 in earnings for Cheyenne Yoder. It was Cheyenne who spotted the daughter of Guccio at the yearling sale. The Yoders had to be patient as May Baby was Hip 374—the very last yearling to be sold.

“She picked her out and I had looked at her beforehand,” said James. “She’s small, but I expect her to grow.”

James, the 25-year-old son of Verlin Yoder—who won the 2018 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot with Woodside Charm—said May Baby caught Cheyenne’s eye initially because she was foaled on her birthday of May 13. Cheyenne was able to get the last bid at $8,500, a little more than what they had hoped for, but still less than their maximum number.

“It was just a little bit more than what we wanted her for, but anything less than $10,000 we were going to buy her,” said James. “And the funny thing is, at that sale I was also buying for my dad and we had a four-horse trailer and we had bought four horses. She was the fifth so we had to make two trips.”

Winter training in Florida, May Baby got along with James, but Cheyenne was a different matter.

“She and my wife didn’t get along until we got to Hoosier, and then she turned the corner,” he said. “In Florida (May Baby) was wiry and full of energy.”

Upon arriving at Hoosier Park, May Baby cruised through the Indiana Sires Stakes series, despite having to battle through a foot abscess that developed just prior to her third start that led to a change in shoeing.

“She wore a window-bar shoe until the abscess grew out,” said Yoder. “Now she wears glue-on aluminum shoes.”

In the sixth Sires Stakes leg on Oct. 1, May Baby set a Hoosier Park track with an 1 1/4-length romp in 1:53.2. That was followed up by a second-place finish in the $270,000 Super Final on Oct. 11, which led into the Crown elims.

“What she’s done, she’s exceeded my expectations by a lot,” said Yoder. — By Gordon Waterstone
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Greenshoe, Forbidden Trade Meet Again
In Crown 3CT Final

Luc Blais was pleased when Forbidden Trade received a bye to advance directly to Saturday’s $500,000 Breeders Crown final for 3-year-old male trotters at Woodbine Mohawk Park. After the Hambletonian winning colt drew post 8, he was less enthused. “I was happy when they asked about the bye,” Blais said. “After the draw, I said oops. But it’s part of the game. A race is a race. All the time you need luck.”

Twelve horses entered the 3-year-old colt and gelding trot, which resulted in Forbidden Trade and Greenshoe taking byes while the remaining 10 horses competed for the eight remaining spots in the final. Don’t Let’em won the elimination with a Canadian-record-equalling 1:51.3 performance. His reward as an elim winner was being guaranteed a post in positions one through five. He will start Saturday from post 2.

Greenshoe, the winner of 10 of 12 races and $1.16 million this season, will start from post 4. He is one of three finalists for trainer Marcus Melander, with returning Breeders Crown champion Gimpanzee and Green Manalishi S.

Forbidden Trade defeated Greenshoe by a neck in the Hambletonian. Since then, Greenshoe has won five in a row, including the Kentucky Futurity on Oct. 6. The colt’s 1:49.4 triumph in a division of the Bluegrass Stakes on Sept. 29 at Red Mile is the fastest mile of the season for a 3-year-old trotter and the fourth sub-1:50 winning mile by a 3-year-old in history.

“He’s doing great,” Melander said about Greenshoe, a son of Father Patrick-Designed To Be bred by Breeders Crown sponsors Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld. “I was happy to take the bye. He’s been on the road for a long time, so it was nice for him to be at home. I’m very happy with how he feels. I’m confident going into the race, he feels as good as he can. I think he’ll be good.”

Forbidden Trade, a son of Kadabra, has won eight of 13 races and $1.07 million (Can.). In his most recent start, he won his second Ontario Sire Stakes championship.

“I’m going to be a tough race,” Blais said. “He feels good. He raced good in the Ontario (Super) final and he’s in good shape right now. I hope everything goes well in the race.”

The fun-loving Don’t Let’em was once described as “a class clown” by trainer Nancy Johansson but he got an “A” for his elimination performance. The colt, a son of Muscle Hill-Passageway, has finished first or second 12 times in his career. He’s gone offstride in his remaining nine races.

“He’s mind is his own worst enemy,” driver Yannick Gingras said. “A couple times in the middle of the summer he’d wheel around in the post parade for no reason, but he’s doing none of that stuff now. It seems like he’s got his mind on his business.”

Chin Chin Hall finished second to Don’t Let’em in the elimination.

“I was really happy with his run (in the Crown elimination); why wouldn’t you be,” said the colt’s trainer, Richard “Nifty” Norman. “He’s been good every start the last couple of months. He actually feels like he’s getting better and better. I think he drew pretty good (post 5). It’s a tough group, it’ll be hard enough to just get a check, but I think he’s good enough to be top five.” — Ken Weingartner/USTA
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Ubeaut The One To Beat, But Solid Contenders Draw Inside

While Warrawee Ubeaut has proved her superiority in the 3-year-old pacing filly division and takes a seven-race winning streak into the Breeders Crown final, the field is deep with fillies capable of giving her a serious challenge.

To make sure “Ubeaut” had the best chance to win and become a two-time Crown champion, trainer Ron Burke decided to race the filly in the elimination instead of taking a bye.

After the filly’s two-length victory in the Crown race, Burke noted that “Ubeaut” doesn’t need much of a workout between races.

“She’ll just jog a couple days and train one day. The training now is just to maintain,” he said. “Last week (prior to the elim) we trained her to be ready for this week and next week. Now we’re just going to maintain, try to make her fresh. She doesn’t need a lot of work. She’s fit and ready right now, we just make sure she’s fresh and happy.”

Trainer Tony Alagna has beaten Warrawee Ubeaut this year with both of his fillies, Treacherous Reign and Tall Drink Hanover. He’s not conceding the race, but respects the opponent.

“Right now, Warrawee Ubeaut is obviously razor sharp,” he acknowledged. “But I was very happy with Tall Drink (finishing second to Warrawee Ubeaut in the Crown elimination). The thing is, Ubeaut accelerates so quickly; it takes our mare (Tall Drink) a few steps to get in gear.”

From a post position standpoint, one filly who has a better chance this week than she did in the elimination is Beautyonthebeach. She started from post 10 in the elimination and driver Doug McNair did what he needed to do to try to advance: he sent the Kentucky Sires Stakes champion—who went off at odds of 79-1—at the start.

With her fast acceleration, Beautyonthebeach cleared to take the lead while still in front of the toteboard. During the :12.3 opening eighth, McNair yielded to Tall Drink Hanover and stayed on the pylons the rest of the way. Beautyonthebeach dug in to finish fourth, pacing :26 and change first and final quarters.

$500,000 3YO FILLY PACE

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Beautyonthebeach is owned by Kentucky breeder Jim Avritt Sr., but is based in Ontario with trainer Gregg McNair. With the depth of talent in the race, McNair has no illusions of a home-track advantage.

“She definitely won’t be cutting the mile, and I don’t know how much she’ll be leaving,” said McNair. “Her best race is really if you don’t use her too much leaving.

“With that said, she wouldn’t have qualified if he had taken her back in the elim,” McNair continued. “Leaving the paddock last week, we talked (Gregg and his son Doug) and he was just hoping he could follow someone. Then behind the gate, it didn’t look like anyone was leaving too hard, so he stood on her pretty hard to get out of there fast.” — By Kathy Parker

Leading Drivers of Breeders Crown Starters (1984-2018)

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Indiana Filly Priceless Wins Crown Elim With Big Effort

Trainer-driver Brandon Bates will make his Breeders Crown debut following a 1:50.2 blowout victory by his 2-year-old pacing filly Priceless last Friday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Priceless, an Indiana Sires Stakes champion, won her elim by 4 ¾ lengths after taking control in the opening eighth of a mile, clocked in :12.3.

In one of the rare cases of a trainer also driving his pacer, Bates sent Priceless flying to the front from post 5 and the filly raced uncontested to a :55 half and faced far-turn pressure from Baby Your The Best. Past three-quarters in 1:22.4, Priceless opened her lead through the stretch.

“Actually she did it pretty easy,” said Bates in the winner’s circle after the race. “She’s got more in the tank. I thought all year that she belongs in the conversation.”

An Ohio native who 20 years ago moved to Indiana, Bates, 44, has worked full time in racing since the mid-2000s. Prior to that he split his time between the horses and a job in a soybean processing facility. Before Priceless came along he had two previous hopes of making it to the Breeders Crown, with the trotter Haulin Laser, who became ill, and the trotter Swandre The Giant, who he trained before the colt was sold.

Priceless now has seven wins in 10 starts and earnings of $344,912 for owners Kevin Miller and Bert Hochsprung.

Priceless will start from post 3, between the other two elim winners, Lyons Sentinel (post 1) and New Day (post 4). Her top foe appears to be Lyons Sentinel, who won her elim with a 1:50.3 effort.

“I followed Brandon Bates’ filly in the Kentuckiana,” said Tim Tetrick, who drove Lyons Sentinel to a victory. “I had a filly I thought was OK but he blew my doors off there.” — By Kathy Parker
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Hip 240 Miss Maytrix, bf
Trixton-Marion Mayflower-Yankee Glide
Second foal, oldest now 2, from MARION MAYFLOWER 1:53.3 ($144,745). Second dam is a full or half-sister to BRADS PHOTO 4,1:55.4h-Europe ($474,965-International), KORVETTE HANOVER 1:54.2 ($291,940) and to the dams of CHARLIE DE VIE 3,1:53.2f ($272,918) and BELONG TO ME 1:57.1f ($263,068).

Hip 293 Spicy Covina, bf
Art Major-Quiet Cove-Somebeachtsomewhere
First foal from stakes placed QUIET COVE 3,1:53.2f ($59,750), full or half-sister to 6 in 1:54, including REAL NICE p,1:49.4 ($1,431,751) and STAY UP LATE p,1:49 ($369,266). Second dam is multiple stakes winner DREAMLAND’S JO JO p,3,1:53.1 ($192,486), half-sister to World Champion HOLBORN HANOVER p,1:46.4 ($2,070,648) and HYPERION HANOVER p,1:49.1 ($1,187,758).

Hip 315 Double Dippin, bc
Bettor’s Delight-Skinny Dip-Western Ideal
Full brother to NOT BEFORE EIGHT p,4,1:49.3 ($267,290), BIG SURF p,3,1:52.2 ($131,884), DARK FORCE p,4,1:50.3f-'19 ($150,668) and BROOKDALE SONNY p,1:53.2f ($292,211), half-brother to stakes placed SKIPPING STONE p,2,1:57.2-$19 ($2,100). From SKINNY DIP p,2,1:57.2h ($86,920), full or half-sister to THONG p,3,1:50.2 ($705,185) and HANG TEN p,4,1:50.11 ($316,662).

Hip 662 Epic Spirit, bc
Art Major-Spirit Of The West-Western Hanover
Full or half-brother to 5 in 1:53 or faster, including BELIEVEINTHESPIRIT p,1:50.2f ($312,556) and SCALPED p,3,1:52.2f ($177,343). From SPIRIT OF THE WEST p,4,1:51.4 ($142,241), half-sister to PACIFIC OKEY DOKEY p,4,1:53.2 ($480,840), DESTINY CRUISE p,1:53.4 ($211,410), etc. Second dam is a half-sister to World Champion PACIFIC FELLA p,1:48.2 ($1,064,631) and PACIFIC RENEGADE p,4,1:49.1 ($784,247).

Hip 828 Take A Chance, bf
Art Major-Crazy Eights-Bettor’s Delight
Full sister to the stakes placed pair CASH CRAZY EXPRESS p,3,1:55h-'19 ($34,190) and Hold On Watch This BT 2,1:59.1h-$19 ($2,911). From CRAZY EIGHTS p,4,1:52.2 ($77,250), full or half-sister to stakes winner WINNING IT p,3,1:52.1f ($151,998) and A HARD DAYS NIGHT p,1:53.3h ($106,579). Second dam is stakes dam DAY AFTER DAY p,1:51 ($366,161), three-quarter sister to GOTCHA COVERED p,1:50.3 ($213,487). From the immediate family of CAMTASTIC DREAM p,1:50.4 ($448,491) and TOWN DREAMER p,1:53.4 ($424,908).

Hip 866 Critics Delight, bf
Bettor’s Delight-Film Critic-Art Major
Full sister to stakes placed GIDDY UP MAX p,2,1:56f-'19 ($8,065) and Critique p,4,2:00.2h ($25,264). From a half-sister to multiple stakes winner ALL BETS OFF p,1:48 ($3,097,707), ARMABRO CARRUTHERS p,1:51.3 ($341,878), PENNY PINCHER p,1:52.3f ($253,208), RESPECTEDNELOVED p,4,1:51.4 ($173,102) and ARMABRO VAGARIOUS p,4,1:53.2h ($168,599). Second dam is multiple stakes winner ARMABRO PENELPE p,2,1:56 ($166,224).

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Yannick Gingras Has 12 Crown Finalists

Driver Yannick Gingras stands sixth on the all-time Breeders Crown earnings list with more than $9.1 million. He is poised to add to his 21 career victories in finals after capturing six eliminations last weekend.

“I thought I had horses that belonged,” said Gingras about his elimination exploits. “That’s what you work hard all year for. Try to get good drives and get the horse to peak. You don’t want at this point to have nothing left.”

Gingras has drives in all 12 championship events, including an expected mount on Captain Crunch in the 3-Year-Old Colt Pace after the connections made a change. Gingras offers his take on each finalist:

SISTER SLEDGE—2FT

“The trip worked out; it was a nice two-hole trip. She should be really, really good this week. I don’t think she needs a two-hole trip; she can do it any way too.”

SYNERGY—2CT

“He surprised me a little bit. We worked out a good trip for him. He’s been knocking on the door all year. He was really good early on and wasn’t so good in the final of the Peter Haughton. He had moments in the middle of the year he was just OK. He wasn’t bad, but you always wanted more because you know he’s got it. It was definitely a step in the right direction last week and hopefully he can take another one in the final. Of course we have now the three horses that got byes so it will definitely be tougher this week. It helps a little bit they all drew outside, but they are nice horses. My horse definitely has the ability, he has the pedigree, and he has all the tools to do it.”

LADY LOU—2FP

“I don’t know her but she looks like a nice filly and it looks like she can race any way too. For her it was a good post draw because the four best horses are inside of her. It’s a good spot for her so we’ll see what happens.”

TALL DARK STRANGER—2CP

“I don’t think he was at his best last week. But this week is the week that matters. I think he needed the start a little bit so all things considered, I think he will be better. I still think he is the horse to beat.”

THE ICE DUTCHESS—3FT

“She was really good last week and I couldn’t be any happier. She has a big-time chance. You can do whatever you want with her. She can race on the front or from the back, or first-up. She doesn’t need a certain trip.”

DON’T LET’EM—3CT

“He was really, really good last week, and the second week in Lexington as well. I was really happy with him. He’s coming into the race the right way. He’s as good as he can be.”

WARRAWE UBEAUT—3FP

“She’s been super sharp. No complaints here. She’s coming into the race with seven wins in a row now. I’m super confident in her, and she’s super confident in herself too.”

CAPTAIN CRUNCH—3CP

“I’ve lost drives like this in the past. This time I was lucky and on the right side of it. When somebody asks you on a horse like that, it means they already made the decision to change the driver. It would have been me or somebody else. I have many friends around the track too and I would not expect them to say no.

“The trips just hadn’t been working out. I think the horse has a chance to win, I really do. Or I wouldn’t have taken myself off one horse (De Los Cielos Deo) to drive him. It’s just a matter of getting him in the right spot.”

HANNELORE HANOVER—Mare Trot

“No doubt Manchego has been really sharp, but Ronnie (Burke) and I talked about some things we wanted to do with Hannelore. I think she will be better this week. Will it be enough to beat Manchego and maybe Plunge Blue Chip? Who knows? I really do think Hannelore will be much, much better this week.”

ATLANTA—Open Trot

“I was definitely really disappointed in her last start (in the Yonkers International). I think she was in a perfect spot and coming into the race really sharp; it was unfortunate that health-wise she wasn’t there. I’ve never seen one thump as much as she was thumping. It definitely affected her performance. One thing I’m positive about is that she did it (suffered thumps) once this summer at Tioga and the next week she bounced back and was fine like nothing ever happened. I am going into the race looking at it the same way, and that she’ll be fine.”

KISSIN IN THE SAND—Mare Pace

“She’s been knocking on the door. I thought she was really good in Lexington. We got a little shuffled in the last turn and it cut into my momentum. I don’t think she can rush it up and beat them, but hopefully a couple of them mix it up a little bit. I’m not sure about Shartin. She was short in Lexington but now that she was beat once I think the other guys might be more up to take a shot at her.”

THIS IS THE PLAN—Open Pace

“Post 10 definitely makes things tougher for him. He’s been really sharp and I couldn’t ask for much more from him. We’ll see what happens. He’s a horse that likes to be up close so we’ll definitely take a really long look behind the gate. Unless they go crazy inside, I can say that we’ll be leaving for sure.”
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Clements, Camilleri Newcomers To Crown Championships

Twenty years ago, Todd Clements was working as a network administrator in Toronto when his father got sick and asked his son to return home to Newfoundland. Clements resigned from his job and spent six weeks with his dad before Charlie passed from cancer at the age of 49. Their final days together changed the direction of Todd’s life forever.

“I’m a systems engineer by education,” Clements said. “My dad was very proud of the work I did, but he knew my passion for racehorses. One of the last things he said to me was that life can be short, do what you love. Here I was in a three-piece suit, working in an office running a company. I really didn’t like it.

“My dad gave me the green light. I came back to Ontario and I went to work (in a stable) for $400 a week, which I was making a day, and it’s all paid off.”

The 44-year-old Clements is in his first Breeders Crown, sending Fixed Idea to Saturday’s $600,000 final for 3-year-old male pacers. Fixed Idea, who will be driven by Randy Waples, will start from post 8.

“...the best part of his mile is the last sixteenth.”

–Todd Clements

Fixed Idea, a son of Big Jim owned by Christopher Nicol, was unraced at age 2 and joined Clements’ stable this year. All five of the horse’s wins this season have come in conditioned races but he earned checks in three preliminary rounds of the Ontario Sire Stakes series as well as the series championship. He also was fifth-placed-fourth in the consolation of the North America Cup.

“The best thing about him is his durability,” Clements said. “He can take a long road trip and the best part of his mile is the last sixteenth. If races were a mile-and-a-sixteenth, a lot of those 3s and 4s would probably be 1s. He has heart. He tries and there’s not much more you can ask.”

Clements is not the only trainer in the race who made a career change. Tahnee Camilleri, a native of Australia, gave up a career practicing law to pursue her passion by moving to the U.S. to train horses. The 32-year-old Camilleri conditions Dancin Lou for owners David Kryway and 1362313 Ontario Ltd. Kryway won the 2016 Breeders Crown Mare Pace with Lady Shadow.

Camilleri, who trained some horses in the States during a brief stay prior to completing her law degree, is in her first full season with her own stable. Her horse Dancin Lou worked his way up through the conditioned ranks at Yonkers, putting together a five-race win streak, and won twice on the Kentucky Sire Stakes circuit. He was third in a division of the Bluegrass Stakes before winning a division of the Tattersalls over Southwind Ozzi.

“I never thought initially when I got this horse that he was going to turn out like he has,” Camilleri said. “It’s been a gradual thing, but he’s just gotten better and better.” — By Ken Weingartner/USTA
Winbak’s Delaware Yearlings Selling 11/7

Featuring 3 pacers & 5 trotters

Delaware Pacers

DELMARVALOUS
#903, PRIME CUT, C
Delmarvalous-Mery Linny Lee-Riverboat King
- Dam is Mery Linny Lee, p, 3, 1:54.4s ($96,324)
- Dam is a 1/2-sister to Sparkler, p, 3, 1:50.2s ($646,676), & Armstro Treasure, p, 1:52.2 ($272,822)

RODDY’S BAGS AGAIN
#905, PERFECT PURSE, F
Roddy’s Bags Again-Purrfectly Bad-Badlands Hanover
- Full-sister to Purrfect Bags, p, 1:51.2h ($675,489)
- Dam is a 1/2-sister to Winbak Speed, p, 1:49 ($879,682)

#914, ROWDY ONE, F, First Foal
Roddy’s Bags Again-Worthy Jackie-Shark Gesture
- Dam is a 1/2-sister to JW’s Best, p, 1:50s ($635,564)
- Family of Jake And Elwood, p, 1:50.1 ($2,273,187)

Delaware Trotters

CR COMMANDO
#901, KIM’S COMMAND, F
CR Commando-Kim’s Big Crown-Donerail
- 1/2-sister to Ex Crown, 1:56.2s -’19 ($96,261)
- Family of Simba, 1:54 ($225,691)

#906, COMMAND THE MARKET, C
CR Commando-Revenue Shares-Revenue Stream
- Dam is a 1/2-sister to Soda Pump, 1:55f -’19 ($197,617)
- Family of Holy Guacamole, 1:52.3 ($220,581)

GIANT HIT
#904, OVERNIGHT STAR, F
Giant Hit-Overnight Rall-Donerail
- Full-sister to Overnight Hit, 1:57f ($182,415)
- 1/2-sister to Overnight Command, 3, 1:59h ($226,625), the dam of 2019 NYSS Final Winner, Third Shift, 2, 1:54.4s -’19 ($198,212)
- 1/2-sister to Overnight Shipper, 1:54.4f ($156,823), & Distracting Beauty, 1:56.1f ($119,028)

Winbak’s Agent Racehorse Lineup Selling 11/8

2-Year-Old Pacer

WELL SAID
#1424, MOVIE MAVEN, F, PA
Well Said-Betterthanrevenge-Guik Pulse Mindale
- p, 2, 20.7h -’19 ($7,232)
- Finished 3rd at The Meadows on 10/8, race timed in 1:57.4!
- 3x PA Fair Stakes Winner!

2-Year-Old Trotter

MUSCLES YANKEE
#1367, LADY AT ARMS, F, NY
Muscles Yankee-Maiden Knight-Conway Hall
($3,825)
- Raced a few times for practice, trotted under 2:00 & was turned out
- Comes from a stakes-winning & money-earning family!

3-Year-Old Pacers

AMERICAN IDEAL
#1684, JACK NATION, C, NY
American Ideal-Lady.Jack-Cam’s Card Shark
- p, 1, 1:57 -’18 ($55,701)
- Stakes-Winner in New York at 2
- Fresh horse to race this winter

ART MAJOR
#1539, ASHLEE SPARKLES, F, NY
Art Major-Ashelee’s Star-Western Hanover
- p, 1, 1:53f -’19 ($53,440)
- Half-sister to Twinkle, p, 1, 51.3 ($354,278)
- Stakes-Winner that is big, strong & sound!

3-Year-Old Trotter

HOLY GUACAMOLIE
#1540, CURRENT NEWS, F, MD
Holy Guacamole—Current Yield-Like A Prayer
- 2, 20.11f; 3, 1:56.3f -’19 ($50,150)
- Stakes-Winner that can race on any size track
- Will be freshened up & racing by sale

Delaware Trotters (cont.)

POLITICAL BRIEFING
#913, BAK TROT, C
Political Briefing-Winbak Half-CR Excalibur
- Dam is a 1/2-sister to Off The Wall, 1:57.2h ($258,288), dam of Chipoffthewall, 1:55.4f -’19 ($215,390)
- Family of Quick Study Liza, 3, 1:59.2f ($235,162)

#925, JAZZY JUDY, F
Political Briefing—Giant Smash—Giant Hit
- Full-sister to Epic Smash, 3, 1:56.4f ($210,564)
- Dam is a full-sister to Hang Time, 1:56.3f ($318,206)
- Dam is a 1/2-sister to Fitness Girl, 2, 1:56s ($246,302)
- Family of Like A Prayer, 3, 1:52.2 ($1,118,504)

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The Breeders Crown is back in the Greater Toronto Area. Woodbine Mohawk Park, one of North America’s best raceways, is hosting the event for the first time since 2008. I arrived at Mohawk Saturday as the conditioned contenders entered the track for the first race. While my fellow writer Gordon Waterstone spent a lot of time complaining about the sweltering heat of Lexington’s Red Mile in his Backstretch columns, I’m going to take this opportunity to moan about the chill of a southeastern Ontario evening. Some fans brought blankets to cope with temperatures that neared 40 degrees, and I will be equipped with a few extra layers next Saturday.

I watched the first few races from the apron with the few other race fans who were willing to brave the cold. The first event kicked off the Dexter Dunn show, which featured the New Zealander winning five Crown eliminations and one overnight race on the card.

It wasn’t long until we witnessed the first surprise of the night in Race 2, when Evident Beauty, a favorite for the 3-year-old filly trot division, went off stride while bearing down on The Ice Dutchess and refused to reset. The Ice Dutchess closed out the mile to take the opening elimination.

A second giant was toppled in the second elimination when odds-on chalk Beautiful Sin made no headway in the stretch and missed the final. Millies Possesion held onto the lead she had taken on the backstretch and scored her 11th career win. She was then unfortunately scratched from the final, however, after suffering a broken coffin bone.

After the fourth race, a Preferred event which contained four of next week’s open pace starters, I visited Mohawk’s beautiful dining room to speak with Adriano Sorella. He is the owner of one of the local hopes, Jimmy Freight. He was jovial following Jimmy’s second-place finish to fellow Crown hopeful Dorsoduro Hanover. Sorella said that the race was essentially what he wanted from the outing and that he was “looking for a tightener in that race.” He also half-jokingly said that he was hoping for a “second-over trip, off cover, and a win by five” next week.

I left him and his girlfriend Krysta alone to finish their meals, and foraged for some grub of my own in the paddock kitchen. I met “The Voice,” Roger Huston, along the way, who made the trip north of the border to announce at Leamington Raceway. Word on the street is that he is there to show my fellow USHWA Canada Youth member Nathan Bain how it’s done, but that could also just be my own speculation.

While waiting for my order of chicken fingers and fries, I talked with local conditioner Craig Barss, whose 8-year-old veteran Ideal Jet was set to go in the final race of the evening. We mused about how his stable’s top horse often gets stuck in the night’s getaway pace—six times in the past 11 starts.

I enjoyed my terrific food—the Mohawk kitchen is superb—from a picnic bench by the rail and watched Don’t Let’em score an impressive victory in the 3-year-old colt and gelding trot division. I then took refuge from the cold again and sat down in the Mohawk carrels just long enough to hear a group around me celebrate Morgan Reilly scoring the game-winning goal in overtime to lift the Leafs over the Bruins.

Ake Svanstedt was even happier than those fans when his trotting mares Darling Mearas S and Plunge Blue Chip finished one-two in the Open Mare Trot elimination. The bettors seemed to be the only ones surprised that the 7-1 Darling Mearas was able get the better of 4-5 favorite Plunge Blue Chip as Svanstedt shared that he knew the former has been racing better.

Nobody was more jubilant on the night though than Tahnee Camilleri, Dancin Lou’s trainer. Her cheering and hopping became so vigorous as the horse found room at the rail that you had to wonder if the horse heard her yelling. It seemed as if with every “come on Louie!” the horse’s metaphorical wings unfurled even farther, and he got stuck in the night’s getaway pace—six times in the past 11 starts.

The major events ended with Milstein winner Bettor’s Wish and Jug champion Southwind Ozzi finishing first and second respectively in the second elimination, and Dexter Dunn getting his picture taken for the sixth time.

I couldn’t locate Dunn after the race, but I’m sure his cheekbones were getting tired and he wouldn’t have wanted to talk much anyways.
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What is the greatest harness race you’ve ever seen?
As a kid, seeing Albatross beat Nansemond in the 1972 Canadian Pacing Derby at Greenwood Raceway. It was a thrilling stretch drive to the wire.

What’s the greatest harness race you’ve ever seen at Mohawk?
Probably Somebeachsomewhere winning the NA Cup in 2008, hearing the roar of the crowd as he came down the stretch.

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

You and your wife, Lori, like to travel. Any place you want to go to that you haven’t visited?
Never been to California and would also like to get to a baseball game in Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

If you and Lori had a perfect “date night,” what would it be?
Probably going to a hockey game (laughing)

What’s your favorite type of music?
70’s Classic

What was your favorite group of the 70s?
I don’t think anyone in particular. I liked a wide range, from Elton John to Billy Joel to the Doobie Brothers to Meatloaf and Fleetwood Mac.

What’s your favorite meal?
Steak and potatoes

What’s the toughest part about your job?
Keeping everyone happy, which has been proven to be impossible.

What’s the best part about your job?
Actually dealing with everyone. There are a lot of good people in the business.

What person(s), past or present, would you like to have dinner with?
Bobby Orr and John Calipari

What’s the best advice you’ve ever received, and from whom?
From my parents; treat people how you would like to be treated.

If you could be a professional athlete in any sport, which would you choose, and why?
(NHL star) Sidney Crosby. For not only his ability but the way he handles himself off the ice.

Any time for TV? What’s your favorite show?
Any hockey game.

What’s your all-time favorite movie?
Don’t really have a movie but I loved the TV show Wiseguy from a few years ago.
Dexter Dunn Discusses 10 Crown Finalists

Dexter Dunn, completing his first full year of racing in North America after a successful career Down Under, comes into Breeders Crown weekend with five elimination victories under his belt. The 30-year-old New Zealander has more than 330 wins this year, and his $9.2 million in purse earnings place him third, behind only Tim Tetrick and Yannick Gingras.

One of Dunn’s elim wins came with the 3-year-old filly trotter Millies Possession, who was then scratched from the final after suffering a broken coffin bone the following day. “It’s a shame really, because she had such a good year and is such a good filly,” said Dunn. “The way she felt the other night she was on the top of her game.”

Dunn offers his thoughts on his 10 Breeders Crown finalists:

SHISHITO—2FT
“She has been really good lately. She struggled a little bit in the last turn (in the elim) and lost a touch of ground, but she trotted up the straight really strong. Her last quarter was pretty good. She is pretty handy off the gate so she can get herself into position.”

MARLOE HANOVER—2FP
“She was really good (in the elim). She needs a ton of luck, no doubt from the seven hole. But it was a good run the other night.”

AMIGO VOLO—2CT
“He jumped it off on the back (in the elim). It was a funny race; we really didn’t have a lot of room. Horses were everywhere that race, especially in that first turn. We were stuck in the middle of horses and he ran up the backside. He showed what he can do in Lexington and I wouldn’t write him off at all. He still has the ability to win.”

MAJOR BETTS—2CP
“He was OK the other night. I wish he could have finished up a touch better. He had such a strong run two starts ago. I think he is going to improve a little this week because (after the elim) he scoped with a bit of mucous so it will get cleaned up. There are a great bunch of 2 year olds in there so he’ll need a little bit of luck.”

SOUL STRONG—3CT
“He drew the 10 in the Hambo, the 10 in the Futurity, and the 9 in this race. He can’t buy a draw. He’s been really good all year too, but it makes it hard starting from out there. He was pretty good last week.”

TREACHEROUS REIGN—3FP
“She’s a lovely, lovely filly and had a great year as well. She doesn’t let you down too often. She got the bye and I trained her the other morning. She has a good draw (post 3) so if she doesn’t land in the top four it would surprise me.”

BETTOR’S WISH—3CP
“He’s had a great year and just as good as the year goes on. He felt great the other night and I was really happy with his run. He’s such a handy horse. I’m very lucky to be driving him. This will be his grand finale for the year so hopefully he can pull it off.”

MANCHEGO—Mare Trot
“She’s been awesome. Two world mile runs (records). The way she’s been doing it gives me a lot of confidence going into this week. She’s obviously a great, great horse, and been that way since day one. She still has her form this year later on in the year, and that’s not a bad thing.”

WILL TAKE CHARGE—Open Trot
“I’ve never driven this horse. I’ve seen him race a lot and he gets off the gate pretty good. I’ll be looking for a little bit of luck with him.”

GEEZ JOE—Open Pace
“He was awesome two starts ago at the Meadowlands and last week he wasn’t as strong as the week before. He really wants that right trip to work out for him.”
**CROWN CHATTER**

**2YO FILLY TROT**

1—**HYPNOTIC AM**

“She raced good. She got a little fresh on the lead and Brian (Sears) had to hold her a little too much. Maybe we need to do some changes for next week, but I think she raced good. You always want to win so you know you’re going to draw (post) one to five. I still think we have a great filly even if she got beat, and (Sister Sledge) is a good horse. I really like my horse and think she will have a big chance in the final. She gets over the ground so easy. She can do anything; race on any sized track, she’s got speed, she’s got stamina. Like I said, I wanted to win but we got beat and hopefully she is a little bit better next week. She hadn’t raced in five weeks (before the elim).”— **trainer Marcus Melander**

2—**SISTER SLEDGE**

“I rushed her a bit out of the two hole at The Red Mile, and she got rough. Here I waited a bit and she was strong.”— **driver Yannick Gingras of the 1:53.1 elim winner**

4—**DIP ME HANOVER**

“She disappointed me a little. She didn’t finish well and we scoped her and she had mucous so we are hoping we’ll get her dried up and she’ll be better this week.”— **trainer Linda Toscano**

5—**MS SAVANNA BELLE**

“She’s a darling. She’s good every time. She’s got a couple (1:52 miles) in a row. We decided to race her just the first week at The Red Mile and get her ready for this. I think she’ll be even better next week. I worried she might be a little short, but Yannick (Gingras) worked out the perfect trip for her, so it was no problem.”— **trainer Per Engblom**

6—**WINE RACK HANOVER**

“She raced good. (Sylvain Filion) gave her a great drive, just perfect. She’s got a big motor; she’s just had trouble with her manners all year. But she’s getting better and better all the time. She was really tough to hang on to; she was really hot. I’m pretty happy with her.”— **trainer Richard “Nifty” Norman**

7—**MADAME SHERRY**

“It’s a tough group. It’s a real tough group. She’s going to have to step her game up to be better for next week to get money in there, but she’s got a chance to go for it, which is better than not being in it.”— **trainer Jim Campbell**

8—**SHISHITO**

“She was leaning in the turn a little bit so he lost a little ground in the last turn, but then she finished really good in the stretch. We’ll try to change her bridle up a little bit to keep her a little straighter. She’s such an honest little filly.”— **trainer Per Engblom**

9—**VIOLET STRIDE**

“She’s got to be involved. She’s got to punch out of there at the start and be involved and see what happens. She can’t be fourth-over. I thought she was very good in the elimination.”— **trainer Mark Harder**

10—**RAMONA HILL**

“She needed a start over the track. I didn’t think she was tracking as good as she has been, so we’re going to make a couple of adjustments for the final, but she went a monster trip after (Andy McCarthy) got her settled. He tried to press out of there a little bit with her, but she wasn’t as comfortable, so he just waited on her. She was parked the entire mile first-over, so she went a huge mile just to be third. I made an adjustment (before the elim, to correct the filly running in) and now today (Tuesday) I trained her and I made a bigger adjustment and she was good. I’m just disappointed with the draw.”— **trainer Tony Alagna**

**2YO COLT & GELDING TROT**

1—**BEADS**

“He’s been a project, a little bit, since John (Bax) took him over (in August). I think he’s improving every time. He’s come a long way. He qualified (Sept. 17), had two races, and now the Breeders Crown elim and now in the final. We’re optimistic. He’s got to learn to carry his speed a little more to go with these better colts. Hopefully, he got stretched out tonight and that may help him. He’s got a perfect gait, he’s flawless gaited, and he can get himself situated. He’s got a few more lengths to gain but at least we’re in it.”— **driver Paul MacDonell**

2—**SYNERGY**

“He’s been a little disappointment. We really thought we had a great horse. He started out so good at the Meadowlands and then he got into little rough spots. He had a bad post (nine) here in the Wellwood final and raced OK in Lexington, but he’s getting better in shape now. He got sick after the Peter Haughton and it was just a long time to recover for him. He was better the first week in Lexington and even better the second week. Now he’s even better.”— **trainer Per Engblom**

3—**MOON BRIDGE**

“I was happy with him. I was hoping to leave and find a spot but there was no spot, so I took him back. He felt really strong. I liked the way he finished. The last time I drove him, he wasn’t that strong on the end of it, but tonight he felt good. He was trotting good, straight. With a decent post, I think he’ll have a shot.”— **driver Sylvain Filion**

6—**ROME PAYS OFF**

“I really liked what I saw last week in the elimination (finishing third to Synergy). He’s an outsider, but he was second in the Peter Haughton. Real Cool Sam is the horse to beat, but otherwise it’s an open race.”— **trainer Marcus Melander**
7—THIRD SHIFT
“He was just OK. He warmed up bad. He raced OK but I
couldn’t drive to a hundred percent in the stretch. I had the
ear plugs left in the ears, and I couldn’t go faster. He had
power left but he was close to making a break. I hope I can
have him better next week. I hope he can do a better race.
He has a very good head and he really tries. He warmed up
very bad, so it was good for him to be second.” — trainer-dri-
ver Ake Svanstedt

8—CAPRICORNUS
“He was supposed to qualify at the Meadowlands last
week, but he drew in with Guardian Angel As, so we just
trained him a 1:57 mile instead. He was good and I expect
him to be good.” — trainer Marcus Melander

2YO FILLY PACE
1—LYONS SENTINEL
“I hope we’re ready for them. (Priceless) was impressive;
that was one really good mile tonight. I hope she was
watching us too. I think she has a little in reserve and I hope
we don’t have to use it all up yet.” — trainer Jim King Jr. of
the 1:50.3 elim winner

4—NEW YEAR
“She’s really fresh. She’s gone a couple of big heats—that
heat at Lexington was huge. Today she didn’t have to work
quite as hard as she did down there, so I think we have
fresh legs going into the final.” — driver Corey Callahan after
winning an elimination in 1:52

5—LADY LOU
“She raced very good. She left from the outside, made the
front, let Alicorn go, and was blocked halfway down the
stretch but when she shook loose, she had good go. I was
very happy with the effort. We were very high on this filly
early, she just had a lot of things not go her way. She got a
little aggressive on us, so we made some changes on her.
Her last start at Lexington was very encouraging so we
thought we’d bring her up here and take a shot, and she
made the final.” — trainer Tony Alagna

6—LOOKING GOODINAROMPER
“I couldn’t have been happier. I was so disappointed in
Lexington because I really think the world of her. She got
put in an impossible spot but finished alertly with pace. I
just want to draw inside and she’ll hold her own.” — trainer
Ron Burke

8—REFLECT WITH ME
“I wish she could be inside one more spot at the start. I think
there’s going to be a hot pace, and that’s good for Reflect With
Me as she’s a serious closer.” — trainer Tony Alagna

9—BABY YOUR THE BEST
“My filly was OK. We tried a new bridle on her and I didn’t
like the bridle on her this week. I think we’re going to go
back to the blind bridle next week. She’s an honest horse.
We’ve never done that, the first-up stuff with her against
good horses. She tries her butt off. I honestly think these 2-
year-old pacing fillies are awful good. She may have been
beaten (in the elim) by the filly that wins the whole thing
(Priceless).” — trainer Linda Toscano

10—SHOULDBEENAT
“She’s probably a little bit of an overachiever, but like
every time she finds a way to get a check. That’s what
we’ll be looking for her to do again next week.” — trainer
Ron Burke

2YO COLT & GELDING PACE
3—PAPI ROB HANOVER
“I knew we had to finish in the top eight so I asked Brett
(trainer Brett Pelling) before the race what the strategy was.
He said, ‘I came here to win,’ so we accomplished that. I
was going to sit and just come late but when I saw the
quarter in :27.4 I figured I better go. He was strong.” — driver
David Miller after winning the elimination

4—CATTLE WASH
“He was very good. Those are the two best colts in the
country and he was right with them. I was thrilled. We
couldn’t have been happier with him. He’s been a good
horse. He went through a little doldrums and now the last
couple weeks he’s starting to turn it around, he’s starting to
come back to the colt we thought he was. Horses just go
through cycles.” — trainer Ron Burke

5—CAPT MIDNIGHT
“With Capt Midnight, we wanted to take the bye. I’ve had
bad luck; one time I (didn’t take) a bye, had to beat one
horse, and she made a break going to the gate. I said I’ll
never do that again and we’ll just have to wait and see what
the draw does. We got lucky enough to get the five hole. On
Saturday I brought Treacherous Reign, American History
and Capt Midnight here to train to the bike. It was a beauti-
ful day and a great day to be able to do it. The hardest part
was getting Dexter Dunn and Andy McCarthy out of bed to
do it. Once we got here we trained them a pretty good mile
and I was very happy with them. It think it sets them up for
the final.” — trainer Tony Alagna

6—MAJOR BETTS
“I was disappointed (with the colt’s seventh-place finish in
the elimination). We scoped him and he had pimples and
virus activity, so we have treated him the best we can.
Aside from the two standouts, I think he’s as good as the
others.” — trainer Mark Harder
**7—TALL DARK STRANGER**

“I thought he was a little flat the last eighth. His blood work didn’t come back perfectly, unfortunately. He had a little bit sickness. Hopefully we can get that squared away. I changed his front shoes for the final so we can hopefully get a little more speed out of him. I think that he will be fine. He’s a good horse. The way his bloodwork looked after the race, he actually put in a pretty good performance. He trained a little bit this morning and he was fine. There is a lot of speed on the inside and I’m sure they are all going to mix it up a little bit. Yannick (Gingras) knows the horse. He won from the seven hole here before so I’m not concerned about the post position.” — trainer Nancy Johansson

**9—CATCH THE FIRE**

“I think it’s going to come down to who gets the best trip. And if we can work out a good trip we’ve got just as good a shot as anybody in the race. He’s been a little tired the last couple starts so this extra week off getting the bye is going to help us quite a bit. It gives him a few extra days off.” — owner Charles Taylor (CT Stables)

**3YO COLT & GELDING PACE**

**1—SOUTHWIND OZZI**

“I’m not happy with him. He’s getting too hot. He wasn’t warm before, and that’s the issue. We’re going to have to make a bridle change and put something in his mouth to get him back to two fingers like he was before, like when he won the Jug. Post 1 will hurt but it isn’t the worst of posts.” — driver Brian Sears

**2—CAPTAIN CRUNCH**

“I’m happy with the (post) 2. Hopefully he can work something out from there. Hopefully I’ll have him a little better this week and he’ll show up so he can repeat from last year. I think he was used quite a few times in the race (elim). It was go, stop, go, stop. I think it was too much for him. He’s the type of horse that when you ask him to go, you just need to go. Yannick and I work really well together. He’s driven a lot for my dad and I worked obviously a long time for my dad. I know he drives my horses with confidence. When I decided I needed to make a change I called Yannick to see if he would be interested, and obviously he was.” — trainer Nancy Johansson

**3—COVERED BRIDGE**

“I love the spot. We’re in the right position. If he races like he has the last two weeks, I think he can be right there. He was coming hard on the end (in the elim) and we were just trying to make sure we got in the final.” — trainer Blake MacIntosh

**4—DANCIN LOU**

“Dancin Lou The trip worked out pretty good, really. We got away fourth and there was a bit of action in that race. He was really good in his last start in Lexington, but he was even better tonight. We took a shot, took a bit of luck, and he got around the inside there and he really exploded. He’s a versatile little guy. He really sprinted home a good last quarter.” — driver Dexter Dunn

**6—BEST IN SHOW**

“I choreographed it! Richard Young and I talked about it (how the elimination race would develop) and we knew that Stag Party was going to leave. I knew we would have to go way too much to leave with Stag Party. So I said, maybe we just do it the other way, take back. (Bob) McClure didn’t even disagree with me. As I watched the other races, and there wasn’t an honest pace and horses weren’t advancing from behind, I thought maybe we should change plans. But I stuck with it and it worked out for us. When (McClure) tipped him, he sprouted wings! In the final, with that post, he should be able to follow and hopefully he’ll be able to step up.” — trainer Linda Toscano
Huston Leaving Meadows
After 44 Years In Stand

Hall of Famer Roger Huston, the “Voice” of The Meadows racetrack since 1976, has resigned his position as announcer and TV host of Meadows Racing. His last day of announcing at The Meadows will be Saturday, Nov. 2.

Huston, 77, said, “I am not retiring, just cutting back on the day-to-day announcing. So I have decided to resign my position at The Meadows Racetrack and Casino as announcer and TV host of Meadows Racing.”

Huston has accepted a post as Ambassador for the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association and will continue to work some county fairs in Ohio, The Vincent Delaney Memorial in Dublin, Ireland, and The Little Brown Jug.

“Roger has been a mainstay and a voice not just of The Meadows but all of harness racing for over 50 years. His dedication to the sport of harness racing is unparalleled and his voice will be missed by many. The Meadows team wishes him all the best in his new role with the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association,” said Mark Loewe, vice president of racing for The Meadows.

Huston was a seasoned race announcer when he joined The Meadows, having worked at Ohio fairs, Lebanon Raceway, the Red Mile, Pompano Park, and the Delaware, Ohio, County Fair, where he began calling the Little Brown Jug in 1968. The Meadows allowed him to keep his association with the Jug and other county fairs, and keep his family in one town.

It didn’t take Huston long to make his mark on the Pittsburgh area sports scene, where he became an icon to anyone that ever watched a race at The Meadows. He called the historic 1984 Breeders Crown when the locally-based colt Dragon’s Lair defeated Nihilator, and then the following year was of course in the stand when Nihilator was unexpectedly beaten in the Adios.

Scores of great racing moments at The Meadows, from other editions of the Breeders Crown, to the Adios, and the historic record-breaking drives by Dave Palone, were brought to life and memorialized by Huston.

“My first Roger call that I remember was when Armbrong Ranger and Keystone Ore were battling in the Adios (1976). It might have got me hooked on harness racing,” said Palone.

“He’s been there for all of my milestones,” Palone continued. “It won’t be the same here without him. He’s going to be missed, not just announcing but in the backstretch community here at The Meadows. He’s like a member of everyone’s family.

“And Roger may be the most passionate person ever about harness racing,” he added. “He still counts every statistic and lives and breathes harness racing. We’ve been fortunate that he’s been in the sport.”

Huston became more than just a race announcer when the simulcasting era hit harness racing in the early 1980s. Huston took a step into television when The Meadows launched “Call-A-Bet.” In 1983 Huston began broadcasting from a studio before the race cards to give fans analysis, racing news and anecdotes. He became not only a household voice, but a familiar face as well. At one point during the Ladbroke ownership era, Huston’s Ladbroke Racing Network show reached as many as a million-plus viewers.

In a full-page story in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette newspaper in 2000, sportswriter Pohla Smith described Huston as, “On the air, an oddball combination of consummate sports-casting professionalism and unabashed ham.”

Smith was correct as Huston not only delivered straight analysis on races, but added trivia and handicapping contests to the mix.

Huston has been a statistician for not only Palone, other drivers, trainers and horses, but also himself. He has meticulously kept track of his work and by his calculation he has called 188,495 races in his career. That is, through the Wednesday, Oct. 23, card at The Meadows.

A native of Ohio, Huston said he plans to continue calling races at the Delaware County Fair each fall, and traveling to other tracks to make cameo appearances, which has evolved into a sort of ambassadorship for Huston.

“Del Miller told me before his passing, ‘Harness Racing has been good to you. You be good to Harness Racing.’ I have tried my best to do just that and will continue in the future,” said Huston. “Be There!” — By Kathy Parker

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Millies Possesion Scratched From Crown 3FT

Trainer Jim Campbell had to scratch the 3-year-old filly trotter Millies Possesion out of Saturday’s $500,000 Breeders Crown final at Woodbine Mohawk Park after she suffered a broken coffin bone in her left front foot.

Millies Possesion won her Breeders Crown elimination last Saturday night in 1:53 and drew post 2 in the rich final. Driven by Dexter Dunn, the win was Millies Possession’s 11th of the year in 14 starts. The victory also came one week after a sub-par seventh-place finish in the Kentucky Filly Futurity at The Red Mile, her first while racing on the anti-bleeding medication Lasix. Campbell said afterward Millies Possesion scoped sick afterward, and he expected a much better performance in the Crown final.

“She was probably as good as she’s been (in the elim),” said Campbell. “Dexter said she was absolutely perfect in the race.”

Campbell said the injury was discovered Sunday morning.

“She ended up with a broken coffin bone the day after,” he said. “She wasn’t acting right.”

Owned by Jules Siegel’s Fashion Farms, Millie’s Possession’s career-best 1:51.1 came while winning a Reynolds division at the Meadowlands. Her biggest victory came in the $253,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship, and she also had a runner-up finish in the $500,000 Hambletonian Oaks final after capturing her elimination.

“This will heal; it’s no problem there,” said Campbell. “Jules will probably make a decision soon whether to breed her or let it heal and race her again. He’ll do whatever is best for Millie.

“This wasn’t something we were expecting, especially when you have one win an elimination like that.”

As a result of the scratch, Dark As A Pocket, who finished 7p6 in her Crown elim and was the first also eligible, drew into the race. According to Crown conditions, Dark As A Pocket will start from the outside post 10.—

By Gordon Waterstone

McWicked Shooting For Third Crown Victory

McWicked’s accomplishments have already put him in rarified air, and the 8-year-old pacing stallion has a chance this weekend to add to his achievements.

On Saturday, McWicked is the 5-2 morning line favorite in the $500,000 Breeders Crown Open Pace. With a victory, he would join Jenna’s Beach Boy as the only male pacers with three Breeders Crown trophies.

McWicked is one of three horses attempting to win a third Breeders Crown. The others are trotting mares Hannelore Hanover and Emoticon Hanover.

The only other horses with three Crowns are female pacers Eternal Camnation and My Little Dragon as well as male trotter Mack Lobell and female trotter Grades Singing. Female trotter Peace Corps holds the record with four.

In addition, McWicked is on the verge of surpassing $1 million in purses for a third time in his career. The only pacer with three million-dollar seasons is Foiled Again. McWicked will enter Saturday with $990,198 (US$981,466). For his career, McWicked has earned $5.03 million (US$4.87 million) and is second to only gelding Foiled Again among all pacers in history.

Last year, at age seven, McWicked became the oldest pacer in history to receive Horse of the Year honors from the U.S. Harness Writers Association. He led the sport in earnings, with $1.57 million, and became the oldest horse in 43 years to top the money standings.

“He’s an amazing horse, no doubt,” said Casie Coleman, who trains McWicked for Ed James’ SSG Stables. “There are not too many horses that have done what he’s done, and to keep doing it at his age. You really wouldn’t know this horse is 8 years old.

“And he’s got a lot of big, tough miles under his belt; it’s not too often he has an easy race. Every time he goes behind the gate, they’re pacing (1):47, (1):48, (1):49. He’s definitely an unbelievable horse.”

McWicked won his first Breeders Crown at the age of three in 2014. When he won his second in 2018, he became the first pacer to ever win Crowns separated by four years. He will try Saturday to become the first repeat Open Pace winner since Always B Miki in 2015 and 2016.

“Everything has been great,” Coleman said about the horse’s preparation for the race. “I trained him (Tuesday) and he was awesome. He’s sharp, sound, healthy. I’m very happy with how he is coming in.

“I obviously would have liked a little bit better (McWicked drew post 8) but it’s better than the nine and it’s better than the 10. The way this horse has been racing, I’m not too concerned about it. Everybody wants to draw the inside more but it’s a big track and the eight hole at Mohawk really isn’t terrible.” — By Ken Weingartner/USTA
Is Bold Eagle A Threat In Crown Open Trot?

European-based horses have traveled to North America in the past and taken home the Breeders Crown crystal trophy. Most recently, back in 2014, when the Crowns were held at the Meadowlands, Commander Crowe started from post 9 and defeated Maven and Creatine in 1:51.

In 2011, at Woodbine in Toronto, the French star Rapide Lebel was beaten on the wire (by a neck) by the beloved Canadian trotter San Pail. Commander Crowe finished third in that race. Both Rapide Lebel and Commander Crowe were trained by French horsemen.

Now the French are back, and specifically horseman Sebastian Guarato, who trained Rapide Lebel. The horse Guarato has brought this time to the Crown is Bold Eagle, a French sensation who beat the American trotter Resolve in a heat of the 2017 Elitlopp. He will start from post 1 in the $500,000 Open Trot, which is scheduled as the grand finale of the Breeders Crown championship weekend at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Bold Eagle has 45 lifetime victories and a speed badge of 1:50 at a mile distance, but this year, at age 8, the stallion has not been showing the form he did in prior years. Claes Freidenvall, editor of Sweden’s Sulky Sport magazine, who has watched Bold Eagle compete in both Sweden and France.

“For me Bold Eagle is over the hill, and I don’t think number one is a good position for him,” said Freidenvall. “This year he has raced over a mile distance two times: in the Grand Criterium de Vitesse (March 10) he was not good and didn’t earn any money. When he won his last race at Mons (Belgium), the Grand Prix de Wallonie (€150,000) on Aug. 4, he took the lead (from post 8), but let Bugsy Malone go to the front on the first backstretch. One lap from the finish he went outside the leader, but had to fight to win in a mile rate of 1:54.1 (2,300 meters) against Valokaja Hindo, who is not a top class horse.”

“After that he raced two times with Björn Goop in the bike. He was third in the finale in the European Trotting Masters behind Propulsion and Bahia Quesnot in a 1:55.4 mile rate (2,700 meters) after a race inside. In his last start he was second in the Grand Prix de la Federation Regionale du Nord (€90,000) behind Tony Gio, who is also trained by Sebastien Guarato, after a trip in the pocket.”

With Goop having driving commitments in Sweden, Guarato has lined up Brian Sears to drive Bold Eagle. With an 11-horse field in the Crown final, Marion Marauder will be starting from the second tier.

“I think Bold Eagle needs nice trips inside, and I think Sears will be a perfect driver for him,” added Freidenvall. “Trainer Guarato knows his job,” continued Freidenvall, “but Bold Eagle is not the top horse he once was. He can also be a little nervous before the race, which not is so good.”

The moderate morning line choice for the race is Lindy The Great at 3-1. He comes into the Crown following a second-place finish to Six Pack in the Allerage in Lexington. Six Pack drew post 10 for the Crown final. Lindy The Great will start from post 7, and right inside of him will be Guardian Angel As and Atlanta.

Tim Tetrick will be driving Guardian Angel As, who in his last start finished fourth in the Yonkers International after being pushed wide while making his move up the backstretch the second time around. The horse’s regular driver, Tetrick is naturally thrilled to be starting from post 5 in the Crown.

“In his last two starts he has started from the second tier, so this is great,” noted Tetrick. “He’s got really good gate speed. I plan on being in charge or being close, and I think he can win it.” —By Kathy Parker

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Diamond Creek Expands, To Stand Lather Up At New York Farm

Diamond Creek Farm, Taylor Made Stallions, and partners have announced that two-time world champion Lather Up p,4, 1:46 ($1,735,623) will stand stud duty at Diamond Creek Farm’s new facility in Davenport, N.Y., for the 2020 breeding season.

Trained by Clyde Francis of the George Teague Stable, Lather Up was retired due to injury. His 23 career wins include this year’s Graduate Series final at the Meadowlands, when he equaled Always B Miki’s 1:46 all-time world speed record. Lather Up’s biggest victory came last year at age three when he captured the Pepsi North America Cup.

Lather Up, a son of the Bettor’s Delight stallion I’m Gorgeous, will be joined by other stallions at Diamond Creek’s new facility in New York.

“Hopefully, we will have more stallions for this location for the 2020 breeding season,” said Diamond Creek’s Adam Bowden.

“This is a small farm owned by the Lomangino family. Frank Lomangino and I have been friends for years. We had put adding a New York farm on hold, but the opportunities became available to make it happen now.”

Bowden said Diamond Creek plans to expand its stallion operations into other states as well. Presently it stands five stallions at its farm in Wellsville, Pa., but Lather Up is the ninth stallion that will be under Diamond Creek management.

Diamond Creek will also be welcoming 2019 North America Cup champ Captain Crunch in the future. Diamond Creek purchased an interest in the colt following his 2-year-old campaign.

“The ownership group will discuss his future plans after the Breeders Crown,” said Bowden of Captain Crunch.

Diamond Creek also has a farm in Kentucky, where Bowden resides with his wife and three children, but has put that property on the market.

“We’ve turned down some offers for that farm,” said Bowden. “We’re happy to keep it unless we get the right price. We plan to continue raising horses in Kentucky, and we’ll probably have 40 or more mares here this winter.”

Bowden said Diamond Creek presently owns 80 mares and may get up to 90 by the beginning of the breeding season.

“We have some race fillies that will be retired, and we could acquire some others as well,” he said.— By Kathy Parker
Breeders Crown Charity Challenge donates more than $200,000
Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of donors who raised significantly more money than anticipated through the recent breedings sales at the Fasig-Tipton Sales, Woodbine Entertainment and its donors are proud to deliver larger donation amounts to the Breeders Crown Charity Challenge participants and their charities. more

Brandt steps down from USTA board
Richard “Dick” Brandt Jr. notified the U.S. Trotting Association in writing at the end of last week that he was resigning his seat on the board of directors as well as his position as Treasurer of the Association. Elected to the USTA Board in 1986 and treasurer in 2010, he served as a representative of District 1. more

Play the Harrisburg “Stable Stars” contest
In conjunction with its annual yearling sale in Harrisburg, Standardbred Horse Sales Company is pleased to announce the 2019 edition of its popular “Stable Stars” Contest. Contestants will predict the knock-down sales prices of 15 Harrisburg yearlings to be sold on Monday, Nov. 4. more

Bettor’s Delight colt tops London sale at $270,000
The opening session of the 2019 London Selected Yearling Sale made Canadian history within the first hour of the sale, and it ended with record numbers. Marlboro Seelster entered the sales ring at the Western Fair District Metroland Media Agriplex in London, Ont. as Hip 25 on Saturday (Oct. 19), and when the hammer fell the high bid was $270,000, making him the highest-priced Standardbred yearling to sell in Canada. more

NY State legislators at Yonkers
It wasn’t pari-mutuel, but rather political bragging rights that were up for grabs Saturday night (Oct. 19), with Yonkers Raceway hosting the Legislators’ Challenge. The ‘Challenge’ was comprised of four before-the-card races, featuring 17 New York State elected officials competing in double-seated jog carts…with sporadic assistance from the Raceway’s leading drivers. more

Clarification of SBOANJ 3YO trotting series
The series for 3-year-old New Jersey-sired trotters sponsored by the SBOANJ will be held at Freehold Raceway and the Meadowlands beginning in November without starting fees. more
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Others receiving votes: Tall Dark Stranger 79; Forbidden Trade 31; Lyons Sentinel 18; Captain Crunch 16; Elver Hanover 13; Gimpanzee 11; Hypnotic AM; Papu Rob Hanover 8; Century Far,roh, Dancin Lou 7; Alicorn, Guardian Angel AS, Millies Possession 6; When Dovescry 4; Caviart Ally, Rich And Miserable 3; The Ice Dutchess 2; Priceless, Sister Sledge, Tall Drink Hanover 1.

Harness Racing Leaders
Compiled by the USTA—through October 15, 2019 (week difference Oct. 9-15).

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

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**All Souls’ Day**

- 2YO Kindergarten (M)
- Peony OMP (HoP)

**Veterans Day**

- Remembrance Day (Can.)
- Autumn 2&3FP (Lon)
- Progress 3CP elims (DD)
- Progress 3CP final (DD)
- Three Diamonds 2FP (M)
- TVG OMP/OMP finals (M)
- Valley Victory 2CT finals (M)

**Halloween**

- I-69 OHT (HoP)
- Single G OHP (HoP)
- Monument Circle 3CP (HoP)
- USS Indianapolis 3FP (HoP)

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

- Gridiron F&M Pace final (Nfld)
- Autumn 2&3FP final (Lon)
- DSBF 2CT/2FT finals (DD)
- DSBF 2CP/2FP finals (DD)
- TVG OHT/OMT finals (M)
- TVG OMP/OMP finals (M)
- Thanksgiving

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