

Captain Crunch Draws Post 8 In Progress Pace Final

After Captain Crunch won last week's Hap Hansen Progress Pace elimination at Dover Downs in dominating fashion, it arguably appeared as if he again would carve up the competition in the \$335,000 final on Thanksgiving Eve on Wednesday.



However, the shake of the pills at the post-position draw threw a wrinkle into that scenario as Captain Crunch drew the outside post 8.

"I told Nancy (trainer Nancy Johansson), to me, if I had two choices, between the one and the eight, I'd pick number eight," said Captain Crunch's driver, Yannick Gingras. "On that track, with the rail you have to leave really hard and then come back out. From the eight, of course you have to leave hard, but now I can see what's happening in front of me. So I don't think it's the worst spot in the world.

—Ron Burke

"Maybe the second worst," he added with a laugh.

In the Progress elim, Gingras left fast from the gate with Captain Crunch and the son of Captaintreacherous never looked back as he cruised to a 1:47.3 victory, setting a new divisional and all-age track record.

The Progress Pace elim victory was Captain Crunch's first win in eight starts, dating back to his Cane Pace score on Aug. 3 at the Meadowlands, and comes after recently being placed on Lasix by Johansson. With Delaware rules allowing for using an adjunct bleeding medication, Johansson used Amicar in an effort to alleviate Captain Crunch's bleeding issues.

"Honestly, he was really sick after the Cane Pace, and in hindsight, I knew something was coming up and that he was not 100 percent going into the Cane," said Johansson. "He was maybe 80 percent, and maybe I shouldn't have raced him in the Cane and he might have had a better late summer.

"Yannick thought he was a winner in the last turn in the Breeders Crown and he said he flattened out the last eighth (and finished third). I scoped him after the race and he bled through Lasix. He never bled his entire 2-year-old

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year. He raced and won the North America Cup without Lasix. I don't know how much of his bleeding came from him getting sick this summer and having the sickness and allergy issues."

On the verge of surpassing the \$1-million mark in seasonal earnings—which he would achieve with a win in the Progress final—Captain Crunch is making his final career start. Owned by Christina Takter, 3 Brothers Stable, Rojan Stables and Caviart Farms, Captain Crunch is headed to Diamond Creek Farm in Pennsylvania to begin his stud career in 2020.

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Trainer Ron Burke started three horses in the Progress Pace elimination and despite the trio finishing sixth, seventh and eighth, since only the last-place finisher in the nine-horse race did not advance (that was Southwind Ozzi), the trio all earned a return ticket.

Burke's Pyro started from the outside post 8 and finished eighth. De Los Cielos and Semi Tough, who respectively started from the trailing nine and 10 posts, finished seventh and sixth.

But while the post Gods weren't kind to Captain Crunch for Wednesday's race, they were much more cordial to Burke as his trio drew the inside three posts.

"We snuck them all in from impossible spots and now we're going to be as aggressive as we can be from good spots," said Burke.

Burke said having Captain Crunch and driver Gingras—usually his go-to reinsman—on the outside makes things interesting.

"(Gingras) is going to have to get there and if that horse is kept out, sometimes he has problems," said Burke. "He's going to have to earn his way there; he's not just getting turned loose." —By Gordon Waterstone



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1st Leg: Thursday, December 12, 2019 \$17,000 G each
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FINAL: Thursday, December 26, 2019 **\$30,000 Added**

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VALEDICTORY

EVENT #62: Three year old pacing colts and geldings in 2019, non-winners of \$60,000 lifetime, as of midnight, October 31, 2019. No allowances.

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park

Nomination fee: \$200 CDN (\$165 U.S.)

1st Leg: Monday, December 9, 2019 \$17,000 G each
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FINAL: Thursday, December 26, 2019 **\$30,000 Added**

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EVENT #34: Three and Four year-old pacing fillies & mares in 2020, non-winners of two races or \$30,000 lifetime as of midnight, October 31, 2019. No allowances.

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

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1st Leg: Thursday, January 16, 2020 \$17,000 G each
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No allowances. Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Nomination fee: \$200 CDN (\$165 U.S.)

1st Leg: Friday, January 17, 2020 \$17,000 G each
2nd Leg: Friday, January 24, 2020 \$17,000 G each
FINAL: Friday, January 31, 2020 **\$30,000 Added**

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2nd Leg: Thursday, February 6, 2020 \$17,000 G each
FINAL: Friday, February 14, 2020 **\$30,000 Added**

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PEPSI

EVENT #37: Three and Four year-old trotting colts, horses & geldings in 2020, non-winners of \$60,000 lifetime as of midnight, October 31, 2019. No allowances.

Raced at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

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Smedshammer Remembers Arch Madness

Arch Madness, a winner of more than \$4.2 million who competed in seven Breeders Crown finals and three Elitlopps in Sweden, recently died at the age of 15. Trainer Trond Smedshammer said Arch Madness was discovered dead in his stall at the Maine farm of Michael Andrews, where the trotter had resided since his retirement after his 10-year-old campaign in 2014.

“He meant everything to me,” Smedshammer said of Arch Madness, a son of Balanced Image who stands as the richest Canadian-sired Standardbred of all-time. “To get a horse that can win the Breeders Crown is hard enough, but one that you can put in that position year after year, it’s unheard of. He was such a tough horse and overcame so much.”

“He deserves recognition because people forget how great he was.”

—Trond Smedshammer

Overall, Arch Madness won 34 of 119 career starts, with 26 seconds and 14 thirds. He was owned by Marc Goldberg and Barry Goldstein, who were also co-breeders.

Included among Arch Madness’s greatest victories was the 2007 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot, where he defeated the eventual Horse of the Year Donato Hanover. Other major vic-

tories include the 2008 Maple Leaf Trot, the 2009 Credit Winner, and the 2010 Cutler Memorial. He also posted two runners-up finishes in Breeders Crown finals and Maple Leaf Trot finals.

Arch Madness also traveled overseas, winning the 2011 Oslo Grand Prix in Smedshammer’s native country of Norway. Arch Madness also made three starts in Sweden’s famed Elitlopp, finishing second in 2012 and 2013.

“He was in the Elitlopp three years in a row with a legitimate chance to win,” said Smedshammer. “The first two years he was the heavy favorite and didn’t have the right luck. His legacy is great as it is, but it easily could have been more.”

Smedshammer said in the days after learning of Arch Madness’s passing he watched videos of some of the trotter’s greatest triumphs. One of those is the 2011 Titan Cup at the Meadowlands, where Arch Madness, who was driven by Brian Sears, won by eight lengths in a career-best 1:50.2.

“I’ve been watching that, not only because it’s Arch Madness, but the race caller—the greatest race caller of all

Burke Considering Opening Stable In France

Trainer Ron Burke told Weekend Preview on Monday (Nov. 25) that he is in the initial stages of formulating a plan to open a stable in France.

Burke said his plans to open an overseas stable could get underway as soon as next year. He said while he won’t travel to France until the end of 2020, he’ll begin laying the groundwork over the next few months.

“We are shooting for next year,” said Burke. “We’ll go at the end of 2020, if we can get it done. We’ll know when we start (in the coming months) how long it will take us.”

Burke, along with trainer Ray Schnittker and retired Hall of Famer Mike Lachance, went to France last year as part of the Standardbred Owners Association of New York’s project of selecting 24 horses to race at Yonkers last winter.

Driver Yannick Gingras has discussed Burke’s plans for France and said that he is strongly considering joining him. Gingras said he would head to France over the winter months and return in time for the North American stakes season.

Burke recently surpassed the \$20-million mark in seasonal purse earnings, the seventh consecutive year he has reached that level. His stable earned a record \$28.4 million in 2014.

Not only does Burke lead the trainers’ standings in earnings, he also dominates the dash leaderboard with 913 wins (through Nov. 26). He is on pace to top the 1,000-win mark for a single year for the fourth time; he won a record 1,093 races in 2014.

Overall, Burke has 10,378 career victories with \$232.9 million in purse earnings. — *By Gordon Waterstone*

time—has also passed on,” said Smedshammer. “I couldn’t help crying watching the race and hearing Sam McKee and watching Arch Madness just blow them away.

“He went in 1:50.2 that day, and I remember specifically the track was a second and a half or two seconds slower that day. Horses in that caliber of races, to leave them by eight lengths, it never happens. It was just an amazing effort.”

Smedshammer also recalled Arch Madness’s win in the 2013 Allerage Farms final at The Red Mile, another race called by the late McKee.

“Arch Madness was 9 years old then and I couldn’t believe how he held them off,” said Smedshammer. “That shouldn’t have happened. The sky opened up in the winner’s circle and I told (Ida Nielsen) his caretaker, who was bawling her eyes out, that there is something magical about this horse.”

Smedshammer said Arch Madness was buried on Andrews’ farm.

“He deserves recognition because people forget how great he was,” said Smedshammer. “He was living his retired life, this is sad.” — *By Gordon Waterstone*



Arch Madness

No Lasix For 2YOs In Kentucky In 2020?

By a vote of 6-2, the Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council approved a recommendation on Monday morning (Nov. 25) to eliminate the use of furosemide (Lasix) in 2 year olds on race day beginning in 2020, and in 2021 to also ban furosemide in all stakes races conducted in the state. The Kentucky State Horse Racing Commission will now consider the recommendation at its next monthly meeting, Dec. 9. The recommendation passed includes all horse racing in the state.

The Drug Research Council's recommendation had the support of Churchill Downs, with the company's Mark Ziegler speaking in support. Art Zubrod, manager of Brit-tany Farms, voted in favor of the recommendation. Other "yes" votes were made by veteri-narians Stuart Brown, chairman of the panel, James Morehead, and Johnny Mac Smith, as well as Ken-tucky Senate majority leader Damon Thayer.

The two "no" votes were by Dr. Andy Roberts, a well known Stan-dardbred breeder and racetrack veterinarian, and Dr. Mark Cheney, a Thoroughbred veteri-narian who early in his career worked the backstretch at The Red Mile during the spring and fall meets.

The recommended limitations on furosemide also include allowing a horse in to go to be administered the medication up to 24 hours prior to race time. The horse would have to be on the grounds of the racetrack 24 hours in advance. The stipulation that horses be stabled on the grounds where they will race was included to make sure horses are not being dehydrated in order to minimize bleeding.

"This is not ready for primetime," said Dr. Roberts. "This is not good for the horse. Anything that increases danger for the horse is bad."

Dr. Roberts also noted that a new drug to prevent and control exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH), or bleeding, in horses is presently in the development stage and has shown promise.

The recommendation which passed also came following the release of results of a new study that was made public Monday morning. The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Founda-tion sent out the results of the project it funded that shows horses benefit from being treated with furosemide 24 hours prior to racing.

There was some discussion at the meeting regarding the science behind the newly released study and whether or not it had been peer reviewed.

Among those in attendance at the meeting was Mike Tan-ner, CEO of the USTrotting Association. Tanner had pre-pared a statement to read, but at the beginning of the meeting it was announced that the pros and cons of the rec-

ommendation would only be discussed by the Drug Re-search Council members, that no outside comments would be permitted.

Instead, Tanner's statement follows:

"In 2012 the United States Trotting Association (USTA) formally affirmed its position on the race day ad-ministration of furosemide, commonly known as Salix or Lasix. The Association's stance remains unchanged today and is as follows.

"Considering all the issues concerning the race day administration of furosemide, the USTA believes the de-termining factor should be the welfare of the horse. It is clear to us that furosemide provides therapeutic bene-fits not only in helping bleeders but also in preventing bleeding before it starts.

"Given the stress experienced by equine athletes during competition, exercise in-duced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH) is estimated to occur in excess of 90 percent of all race-horses.

"The use of furosemide (Lasix, Salix) has for quite some time been an accepted thera-

peutic resource for the horse industry in combating the effects of EIPH. In North America the use of this medica-tion has been widely adopted in horse racing as a means of ensuring that racehorses do not suffer the ill effects associated with respiratory hemorrhage. As you all know, EIPH results in blood vessels breaking, and eventually such hemorrhaging has an extremely dam-aging effect on lung capacity as a result of the formation of scar tissue.

"Absent the development and introduction of a bet-ter method to mitigate the onset and effect of EIPH, the USTA believes that the most humane way to address this problem is through the continued approval of the race-day administration of furosemide for all Standard-bred horses who require it, under controlled conditions and by a licensed veterinarian. A number of respected, national veterinary groups, among them the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) and the North American Association of Equine Practitioners (NAARV), have independently articulated similar positions.

"The USTA recognizes the importance of optics, es-pecially when navigating the politically-charged land-scape that exists today. The past year's well-publicized spate of Thoroughbred catastrophic breakdowns - something that, thankfully, rarely happens in harness racing - has altered the focus on horse racing. We un-derstand that. However, doing what is right for the horse should always be the first priority. This proposal does not do that, and will hurt, rather than help, Stan-dardbred racehorses."

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Lasix & 2YOs— 2019 Red Mile Grand Circuit Meet

Total 2YOs entered: 190
2YOs racing on Lasix: 14

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, the USTA issued a press release on its position on Lasix, noting many of the same things included in Tanner's prepared statement for the Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council.

In addition, the Nov. 26 release stated, "In 2012, at the annual USTA Board of Directors' meeting the policy supporting the use of race-day Lasix was determined and announced after a detailed presentation by Dr. Alice Stack of Michigan State University, an expert on exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH) in horses, who demonstrated the harm caused by EIPH and how the therapeutic use of Lasix not only helps bleeders but also prevents bleeding before it starts."

Two prominent national veterinary groups, the American Association of Equine Practitioners and North American Association of Equine Practitioners (NAARV), have also announced support for the use of Lasix until a better therapeutic medication is found.—*By Kathy Parker*

New Vocations Seeks Breeding Donations

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program is currently organizing its 22nd Annual Stallion Auction to be held through OnGait.com Feb 4-6, 2020. The program annually offers hundreds of former racehorses a safety-net through rehabilitation, retraining, and placement in carefully screened and monitored homes.

New Vocations embraces racing and the excitement and joy of racehorse ownership. At the conclusion of a horse's racing career, New Vocations stands ready to assist with its aftercare needs.

"We rehabilitate the horses, break them to ride and care for them until a qualified adopter can be found," said executive director Dot Morgan. "Then we educate the adopters on the characteristics of racehorses, answer myriads of questions, encourage them through problems and offer training guidelines. New Vocations adoptees can be returned at any time, for any reason during their life."

The stallion auction is New Vocations' biggest fundraiser of the year and a perfect opportunity for stallion owners to show their support of aftercare. Generating dollars is the ultimate goal, so if you don't have a breeding to donate, please consider a year-end contribution.

New Vocations is a 501 (c) 3 charity; donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. For information about the stallion auction or donating a horse, email dot@horseadoption.com or call (937) 947-4020. Donations can be made through the website at www.NewVocations.org or mailed to New Vocations 3293 Wright Rd. Laura, Ohio 45337. To maximize advertising, breedings need to be received by Jan. 1; however, breedings will be accepted right up until the auction Feb. 4 and throughout the spring. (*New Vocations*)

Hall Of Fame Announces Horse Candidates

The Living Horse Hall of Fame Committee of the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame has announced the slate of six candidates for election into the Hall of Fame. The nominees are: Always B Miki, Bee A Magician, Chapter Seven, Father Patrick, Peaceful Way and Sweet Lou.

Standardbred horses are elected into harness racing's Living Horse Hall of Fame by current members of the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame. Six candidates will be presented to the Museum membership for consideration. Ballots will be mailed to members after Thanksgiving and must be returned by Jan. 2, 2020. The three top vote-getters will be inducted into the Living Horse Hall of Fame on Hall of Fame Day—July 5, 2020—in Goshen, N.Y.

If you wish to participate in the Living Horse Hall of Fame election process and are not currently a Museum member, please contact the Museum to become a member.

In July 2018, the Board of Trustees of the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame approved a revised set of Living Horse Hall of Fame eligibility criteria. Those criteria are as follows:

A racehorse must be retired from racing for two years and have had a drug-free career. In addition, racehorses must have been the winner of \$2.5 million lifetime WITH 2 Dan Patch Awards, OR been the winner of \$3 million lifetime, OR been named Dan Patch (U.S.) Harness Horse of the Year. Horses over the age of 12 that are still racing and meet the criteria are also eligible.

A racemare must be retired from racing for two years and have had a drug-free career. In addition, racemares must have been the winner of \$1.5 million lifetime WITH 2 Dan Patch Awards, OR been the winner of \$2.5 million lifetime, OR been named Dan Patch (U.S.) Harness Horse of the Year. Mares over the age of 12 that are still racing and meet the criteria are also eligible.

Stallions must rank among the 10 all-time leading money-winning sires at their gait, OR have sired at least 100 \$200,000 winners, OR been a leading money-winning sire at his gait in three or more seasons.

Annually on March 1, a list of the broodmares that have produced two Dan Patch winners, OR two millionaires, OR one Dan Patch winner and one millionaire will be assembled for the Living Horse Hall of Fame Committee to review. Committee members can also nominate a broodmare that does not meet the criteria. Each of the committee members votes for his or her top five broodmares, voting results are tabulated and the top two vote-getters are elected to the Living Horse Hall of Fame. (*Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame*)

The nominees are:

**Always B Miki,
Bee A Magician,
Chapter Seven,
Father Patrick,
Peaceful Way
and Sweet Lou.**

Reflections On McWicked's Career

For the past several years, owner Ed James and trainer Casie Coleman could look forward to racing McWicked. Now, they will have to look forward to racing his offspring.

McWicked retired Saturday following his fifth-place finish in the TVG Open Pace championship at The Meadowlands, bringing the curtain down on the 8-year-old stallion's award-winning and record-setting career. The horse was honored in the Big M winner's circle, where James, Coleman, and driver Brian Sears gathered in a light rain to offer their thoughts about the 2018 Horse of the Year.

"He's been a real special horse for me," Sears said. "He's raced against the best his whole career and brought us a lot of special moments, that's for sure. The last couple falls in Lexington, those were some great races, but he's done some tremendous things throughout his career. He'll be real hard to replace."

McWicked, a son of McArdle out of Western Sahara, won 40 of 110 career races and \$4.93 million in purses. He is the richest pacing stallion in North American harness racing history and second to only gelding Foiled Again on the all-time money list.

This season, McWicked won six of 17 races and \$1.03 million. It was his third million-dollar season, putting him in the company of Foiled Again as the only pacers with three million-dollar campaigns.

Last year at age 7, 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 also broke Foiled Again's earnings record for a 7 year old, which was \$1.40 million in 2011.

McWicked's victories included two editions each of the Breeders Crown (at ages 3 and 7), Jim Ewart Memorial, Dan Rooney Pace, and Allerage Open Pace. He also won the Ben Franklin Pace, Max C. Hempt Memorial, William R. Haughton Memorial, Canadian Pacing Derby, Delvin Miller Adios, TVG Open Pace, Progress Pace, and Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial.

"I can't say he raced bad, they went (1):48, but I'm glad we made the decision. It's time for him to go to the breeding shed."

—Casie Coleman



McWicked

Mike Lizz Photo

He won the 2018 Allerage at Lexington's Red Mile in 1:46.2, which is the third-fastest winning race mile in history.

Throughout his career, McWicked battled throat and foot issues.

"He's tough as nails," Coleman said. "He just refuses to lose and gives everything he's got right to the wire every week. I've never been disappointed with the horse."

James, whose SSG Stables has owned McWicked since late in his 2-year-old season, made the decision to retire the stallion two days prior to the TVG, which was won by Always A Prince in 1:48.2.

"I can't say he raced bad, they went (1):48, but I'm glad we made the decision," Coleman said. "It's time for him to go to the breeding shed."

"He wasn't as sharp as he used to be after eight years," James said, noting how difficult it is for a horse to remain at the top level over such a long period of time. "He's just good; he busts his butt every day. Casie has done a great job with him. The (drivers) have done a great job driving him. It's about as good as it gets."

There was no decision where McWicked, who was bred by Andray Farm in Pennsylvania, would stand stud.

"Mr. James has to make his decision what farm is best for him to go to," Coleman said. "I know I'll definitely buy some McWickeds when they come to the sales. The way he looks, his speed and grit, if they're anything like that, we'll be good." (Ken Weingartner)

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Baldachino Looks Back On Hannelore Hanover's Career

Hannelore Hanover enjoyed many big moments in many of harness racing's biggest races during her illustrious career, but when co-owner Frank Baldachino looked back on the trotting mare's accomplishments, it was her performance in an open handicap at the Meadowlands in July 2016 that came to the forefront.

Late on a Friday night, the then 4-year-old Hannelore Hanover faced older male rivals with Grand Circuit credentials for the first time since leaving her home state of Indiana. She went offstride just after completing the first quarter of the race but rallied down the stretch with a :26.1 final quarter to beat returning Dan Patch Award-winner JL Cruze by a half-length in a track-record-equaling 1:51.1.

"That just stands out as a great race to me," Baldachino said last Saturday night during Hannelore Hanover's retirement ceremony at the Meadowlands following a third-place finish in the TVG Mare Trot. "It doesn't get a lot of accolades, but it was a super mile. That's when I knew she really, really arrived."

That arrival in 2016 foreshadowed more great moments to come. She ended 2016 with 17 wins in 20 races and took home the Dan Patch Award for best older female trotter.

A year later, Hannelore Hanover became the fastest female trotter in history with a 1:49.2 win at Lexington's Red Mile, beat the boys in both the Breeders Crown Open Trot and Maple Leaf Trot, and became the first trotting mare since Moni Maker in 1999 to be named U.S. Horse of the Year.

The 7-year-old Hannelore Hanover, by Swan For All out of High Sobriety, was trained by Ron Burke and finished her career with 46 wins in 87 starts and \$3.06 million in purses. She was owned by Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Brussemi, Baldachino, and J&T Silva Stables.

In addition to her Breeders Crown Open and Maple Leaf Trot victories, she won a Breeders Crown Mare Trot, a record three Armbro Flight finals, two TVG Mare Trot championships, the Hambletonian Maturity, Centaur Trotting Classic, Fresh Yankee, Cutler Memorial, Muscle Hill, Allerage Open Trot, and Miami Valley Distaff. She was an Indiana Sires Stakes champ at age 3.

Driver Yannick Gingras pointed to the 2017 Maple Leaf Trot win as his favorite.

"I had never won the Maple Leaf Trot before, and the year before we got beat right on the wire," Gingras said. "I thought maybe we could have won it that year and (it was great) to come back the following year and win it. It was a dominant year for her. If I had to pick one race, it would definitely be my favorite."

Hannelore Hanover's 1:49.2 win in the 2017 Allerage Open Trot was not far from the top, either.

"That's right up there too," Gingras said. "She had so many great performances, it's hard to pinpoint one or two or three. She's been a pleasure all throughout."



Michael Lisa/USA Photo

Hannelore Hanover was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and will return there to begin her broodmare career. She will be bred to Greenshoe in 2020.

"We have a great business relationship with Hanover Shoe Farms, and it was just the right fit for her to go back home and start her broodmare career," Baldachino said. "Hopefully it's real successful. We all can't wait to see the first one on the ground."

Gingras said he would like the chance to drive Hannelore Hanover's first foal by Greenshoe.

"I'd put my name in the hat," he said with a laugh. "Hopefully my name would come out first." (Ken Weingartner)

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RACE LINES

Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of November 26, 2019

	AGS	St-1-2-3	Earnings	Pts	Pvs
1. Shartin N (23)	6pm	19-15-3-0	\$982,177	322	1
2. Bettor's Wish (8)	3pc	19-13-6-0	1,643,745	302	2
3. Greenshoe (3)	3tc	13-10-3-0	1,277,049	255	3
4. Manchego (1)	4tm	17-8-1-0	585,788	204	5
5. Warrawee Ubeaut	3pf	19-12-2-3	950,610	174	4
6. Gimpanzee	3tc	14-8-1-2	1,128,753	134	6
7. Caviart Ally	5pm	19-9-7-3	672,215	104	—
8. Papi Rob Hanover	2pc	12-6-4-2	754,774	63	—
9. Real Cool Sam	2tg	10-9-0-0	497,774	58	7
10. Tall Dark Stranger	2pc	9-8-1-0	717,514	57	—

Others receiving votes: Atlanta 55; McWicked 44; Lather Up 40; Six Pack 39; Captain Crunch 14; When Dovescry 9; Emoticon Hanover, Forbidden Trade, Senorita Rita 8; Southwind Ozzi 6; Lyons Sentinel 5; Amigo Volo, JK First Lady 4; Sister Sledge 3; Elver Hanover 2; Always A Prince, Bold Eagle, Winndevie 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

Compiled by the USTA—through November 25, 2019 (week difference Nov. 20-25).

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Bettor's Wish (3pc)	19	13	6	0	\$1,643,745
Greenshoe (3tc)	13	10	3	0	1,277,049
Gimpanzee (3tc)	14	8	1	2	1,128,753
McWicked (8ph)	17	6	3	3	1,034,091
Shartin N (6pm)	19	15	3	0	982,177
Forbidden Trade (3tc)	14	8	3	1	968,922
Warrawee Ubeaut (3pf)	19	12	2	3	950,610
Captain Crunch (3pc)	15	6	2	3	862,077
Southwind Ozzi (3pc)	15	9	3	0	837,685
Lyons Sentinel (2pf)	14	9	4	1	801,809

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Tim Tetrack	2,938	704-508-357	.376	\$14,922,492 (\$456,736)
Yannick Gingras	1,951	378-284-267	.320	12,959,330 (834,585)
Dexter Dunn	2,414	405-321-314	.285	11,356,564 (403,512)
Jason Bartlett	2,394	485-431-338	.350	9,759,320 (157,555)
David Miller	1,655	256-255-251	.291	8,806,377 (317,479)
Brian Sears	765	115-92-102	.262	8,220,695 (205,209)
George Brennan	2,274	437-359-282	.321	7,932,760 (130,225)
Aaron Merriman	3,983	872-634-507	.350	7,670,741 (116,552)
Matt Kakaley	2,209	290-314-313	.257	7,344,749 (93,816)
Andrew McCarthy	1,724	222-246-226	.252	7,156,852 (192,556)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,532	912-658-567	.324	\$20,548,973 (\$481,104)
Tony Alagna	712	156-124-87	.357	5,893,266 (60,650)
Rene Allard	1,657	319-233-200	.311	5,628,409 (97,070)
Marcus Melander	326	85-49-45	.390	5,348,646 (108,411)
Ake Svanstedt	460	97-69-63	.340	4,945,337 (503,768)
Nancy Johansson	336	72-52-51	.351	4,506,692 (330,745)
Scott Di Domenico	1,404	281-210-175	.325	4,439,692 (69,963)
Erv Miller	1,082	211-178-133	.327	4,253,880 (32,240)
R. Nifty Norman	544	116-89-84	.356	4,199,082 (118,043)
Jim King Jr.	550	147-83-77	.398	4,064,886 (153,284)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	986	722	2,364	\$32,430,872
Winbak Farm	911	607	1,972	20,211,083
Brittany Farms LLC	215	171	614	12,308,191
Steve Stewart	208	144	435	7,196,709
White Birch Farm	152	110	372	6,252,215
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	204	143	474	5,615,753
Seelster Farms Inc.	198	136	477	4,690,811
Midland Acres Inc.	163	119	439	4,178,112
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	151	111	333	4,052,107
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	130	96	314	3,715,929

Leading Money-Winning Sires

USTA statistics through November 25, 2019

2YO Pacers

Sire Name	Foals	Starters	Earnings
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	120	83	\$4,450,343
SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE	126	94	3,229,865
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	118	88	2,156,172
AMERICAN IDEAL	109	70	1,595,897
ROCKIN IMAGE	105	69	1,527,942
SWEET LOU	94	60	1,437,294
SPORTSWRITER	120	70	1,347,658
ROLL WITH JOE	85	58	1,129,149
WESTERN IDEAL	46	25	1,041,964
PET ROCK	62	42	1,003,378
SO SURREAL	45	32	896,963
BIG BAD JOHN	75	50	894,897
ART MAJOR	92	62	857,209
SUNSHINE BEACH	110	63	812,146
ALWAYS A VIRGIN	104	66	753,601
YANKEE CRUISER	34	24	635,572
ROCK N ROLL HEAVEN	40	29	620,354
HE'S WATCHING	77	46	597,566
TIME TO ROLL	89	59	593,445
TELLITLIKEITIS	55	32	587,127

2YO Trotters

Sire Name	Foals	Starters	Earnings
MUSCLE HILL	103	67	\$4,098,529
FATHER PATRICK	81	68	3,419,029
CHAPTER SEVEN	76	48	2,511,387
SWAN FOR ALL	83	53	1,514,488
TRIXTON	90	52	1,425,710
KADABRA	84	55	1,322,140
UNCLE PETER	96	59	1,278,263
EXPLOSIVE MATTER	94	64	975,811
ROYALTY FOR LIFE	69	38	920,149
DONATO HANOVER	96	66	892,954
MUSCLE MASS	99	59	804,811
GUCCIO	82	36	695,639
CANTAB HALL	45	36	684,877
TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR	37	27	645,985
CONWAY HALL	62	41	628,512
E L TITAN	40	25	601,417
CREDIT WINNER	49	32	572,554
RC ROYALTY	27	18	502,740
ANDOVER HALL	65	38	424,150
DEJARBRO	68	25	418,790

2019 DECEMBER



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2	3	4 Horseman	5	6	7
8	9 Valedictory 3CP (Wbsb)	10	11	12 Niagara 3FP (Wbsb)	13	14
15	16 Valedictory 3CP (Wbsb)	17	18	19 Niagara 3FP (Wbsb)	20	21 First day of Winter
22	23 Chanukah	24	25 Horseman Christmas	26 Boxing Day (Can.) Kwanzaa Niagara 3FP final (Wbsb) Valedictory 3CP final (Wbsb)	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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