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Rich And Miserable Looks To Drop And Pop At Big M

The stellar 4-year-old campaign of Rich And Miserable is nearing an end, and trainer Todd Buter is hoping some class relief on Saturday night at the Meadowlands will lead to a winner's circle trip for the trotter, who has amassed \$277,000 in earnings in 2019.

Rich And Miserable's last win came six races back in the Open Trot on Sept. 28 at Yonkers Raceway. His current five-race dry spell has resulted in a drop in class from the \$30,000 Preferred to a \$22,500 non-winners of \$20,000 in last five starts (Race 6) on Saturday at the Big M.

"He finished out his 3-year-old year with some good races so we put him on the shelf when he was still on the improve."

—Todd Buter

Buter's son, Tyler, will be in the sulky when Rich And Miserable lines up in post 9 in the 10-horse field. The trotter is listed as the 7-2 second choice on the morning line, behind the 3-1 Trolley (post 7), who is also dropping from Preferred company.

Rich And Miserable's current five-race winless streak began with a tough first-over trip in the

\$250,000 Harry Harvey Invitational on Oct. 12 at Yonkers Raceway where he eventually finished last. That was followed by a second, third and fourth in the Big M Preferred ranks. In his most recent Preferred start on Dec. 6, Rich And Miserable made a break at the start.

It was just the fourth time in his 43-start career he went offstride, the first two bobbles coming in his second and third career starts as a 2 year old and the other occurring in this year's \$60,000 Vincennes Trot at the Meadowlands on Hambletonian day in early August.

"I can't really answer that," Buter said when asked about Rich And Miserable's latest break. "He just slipped out of gear."

Owned by Buter's wife Lynette, Buter Farm and William and Carol Fuhs, Rich And Miserable was a \$40,000 yearling purchase. A son of Explosive Matter, he is out of the Yankee Glide mare Wishful Me, who started in Breeders Crown finals in all three years of her racing career.

After four wins in 22 starts with \$102,797 in earnings over his first two years on the track, Rich And Miserable turned on the burners in 2019, posting 11 wins in 21 starts and \$277,000 in earnings. He comes into Saturday's race with \$379,797 in career earnings.

Rich And Miserable got his year underway with a win and a second in the Standardbred Owners Association Series preliminaries and then a victory in the \$73,000 final at Yonkers Raceway. His biggest victory came in the \$100,000

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Great Northeast final at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, and he also captured the \$60,000 Mr. Muscleman Series final at the Meadowlands.

So what led Rich And Miserable to turn the corner in 2019?

"He seemed to get a little bigger and stronger from his 3-year-old year to his 4-year-old year," answered Buter. "He finished out his 3-year-old year with some good races so we put him on the shelf when he was still on the improve. We took our time bringing him back and pointed him toward the series at Yonkers, and that turned out very well. He just kept getting better and better."

Buter said vacation time is in the near future for Rich And Miserable.

"I don't think we're going to go too much longer with him," he said. "We'll give him a break for a little while." —By Gordon Waterstone

Dr. Katie Flynn Honored With AAEP President's Award

Dr. Katie Flynn, a veteran in the fight against the spread of equine infectious disease and biosecurity, was recognized by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) on Tuesday when she was announced as this



year's President's Award honoree. The award was presented during the AAEP's annual convention in Denver.

The AAEP tweet said Dr. Flynn was honored for "...her dedication to the association over the past year by contributing a significant portion of time and expertise to lead the AAEP Infectious Disease Committee."

Dr. Flynn is the daughter of Massachusetts

horseman Joe Flynn. While working toward a master's degree at the University of Kentucky, she also worked as an intern at The Horseman And Fair World magazine. Following her graduation from veterinary school she served an internship at the University of California-Davis and she's remained in California, where she is a state veterinarian. There she has led efforts in that state and elsewhere to implement biosecurity procedures, contain disease and prevent outbreaks. She has lectured around the world on biosecurity in stable areas and particularly at equine events.

In her spare time Dr. Flynn catches harness races at Cal Expo and makes the occasional trip back home to visit her family and consult with her father about his horses, which this year included the Maine stakes winner Just Enuf Sass. (harnessracing.com)



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All times listed are local.

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LAZARUS N

p,Q1:48.3 (\$3,070,095)

Bettor's Delight-Bethany-Christian Cullen

2020 Stud Fee: \$10,000



TRIXTON

2,1:54.4; 3,1:50.3 (\$947,057)

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It's Official! Kentucky Phasing Out Lasix; New Horsemen's Group?

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) moved forward with plans to phase out Lasix, or furosemide, on race day. At its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, the commissioners voted unanimously to prohibit the race-day administration of Lasix in 2 year olds in 2020, and in all stakes races at Kentucky tracks in 2021. The prohibition also applies to harness racing.

With the proposal approved by the KHRC, the commission will move into the regulation process. The commission was advised by its legal counsel John Forgy that it could move forward with the proposal as an ordinary regulation or emergency regulation. The former would require the typical review process in legislation and a public comment period before it would go into effect. Forgy said the process takes five to eight months. Since 2 year olds do not race until at least May, the Lasix prohibition will most likely be in effect when they begin competing.

Lasix & 2YOs
2019 Red Mile Grand Circuit Meet

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

There was only minimal discussion about the change in the Lasix policy, which was recommended by the Kentucky Equine Drug

Council last month. A couple of commissioners at Monday's meeting wanted to clarify that phasing out Lasix is not directly related to the catastrophic breakdowns that have been plaguing Thoroughbred racing this year.

One commissioner noted of the Lasix policy change, "... something's got to be done to change public perception."

Several matters specifically affecting Standardbred racing in Kentucky were addressed. Jamie Eads, the administrator of the Kentucky Sires Stakes program, advised the commission of a change in the events for 2020. There will be an "A" series with \$40,000 legs and a \$250,000 final and a "B" series with \$20,000 legs and a \$75,000 final. Eads said the details of the events are still being finalized.

The Kentucky Sires Stakes "A" and "B" finals will be held Sept. 20-21 (Sunday and Monday) at The Red Mile.

Also, the Kentucky Colt Association, which organized and managed harness racing at Kentucky's fairs, is no longer in existence and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission will operate the fairs in 2020.

The commissioners were also advised of a planned regulatory request to recognize the Kentucky Harness Association as a second Standardbred organization in the state. The Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association has been the lone Standardbred organization representing horsemen/owners at racetracks for more than 40 years.

In noting the regulatory request, letters of support for the Kentucky Harness Association from The Red Mile and Churchill Downs were cited. The Kentucky Harness Association's leadership was not represented at the meeting and its organizers were not discussed.

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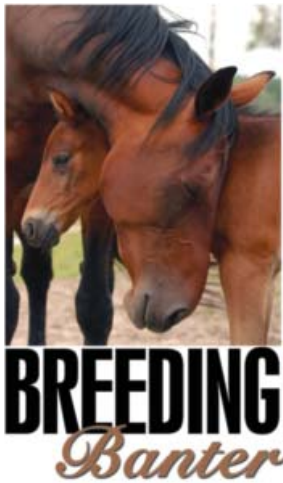
Well-known horseman Bob Stewart, president of the Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association (KHHA), was unaware of the new horsemen's organization.

"I think this is a lame-duck commission move to usurp the KHHA's position," said Stewart. "We can't stop another organization from forming, but the KHHA will fight in Frankfort (the state capital) to keep our position."

Bob Brady, a partner in Kentuckiana Farms, submitted a letter notifying the commission of the newly formed Kentucky Harness Association, of which he is president. Ken Jackson, also a partner in Kentuckiana Farms, is a member of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

In addition to its changes addressing Lasix, the commissioners also approved other medication policy changes which must now go through the regulatory process, including:

- Extending the withdrawal time of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to 48 hours from 24 hours to prevent the masking of lameness.
- A stand-down period of 14 days for a horse that receives intra-articular corticosteroids and the prohibition of stacking.
- Limiting the use of bisphosphonates (bone density drugs used to treat navicular disease) to horses four and older. A positive test for bisphosphonates in horses younger than four would be considered a violation and the horse would be placed on the veterinarian's list for six months. — *By Kathy Parker*



Bettor's Wish Set For Dual Career In 2020

I don't book a single mare or review any breeding applications, but like many at this time of the year, I'm swamped with breeding data. I've been reviewing data and proofing pages for The Horseman And Fair World magazine's annual Breeders Book, which will be mailed right before Christmas. With 140 stallions represented, statistics generated from racing, plus yearling sale data, the Breeders Book is the

most comprehensive resource available to breeders. And while many breeders have already made selections for mares, I know they'll be using the Breeders Book to start mulling over their 2021 decisions.

Among the stallions represented in the Breeders Book is Bettor's Wish, the 3-year-old pacing colt who finished up his 2019 season with a second-place finish in the TVG Open at the Meadowlands. Following that performance, the owners of Bettor's Wish decided to race their colt again next year at age four.

Bettor's Wish will race and stand at stud and breed in 2020, as did the trotter Father Patrick in 2015. Father Patrick bred 73 mares which resulted in 47 foals, one of them Greenshoe.

"The TVG helped us with our decision," said Chris Ryder, who trains Bettor's Wish and also shares ownership of the horse with Bella Racing Ltd. (Lisa Ezzo), Fair Island Farm (Art Zubrod and Leah Cheverie) and Bettors Wish Partners (Eric Cherry's Let It Ride Stables, Dana Parham and Ken Solomon). "I think he's the only 3 year old to hit the board in the TVG Open Pace. That told us he can race with those older horses."

Prior to the TVG, and before the Matron, Bettor's Wish was test bred in New Jersey and evaluated by Dr. Richard Meirs at Walnridge Equine Clinic.

"He was collected before the Matron, four or five times, and it didn't negatively affect him at all, so that got us to thinking," said Ryder, who also confirmed that Bettor's Wish is a ridgling. "We learned he could breed 50 or 60 mares comfortably but we're going to limit him to 40 or so."

Ryder, who is based at Winners training center in New Jersey, said Walnridge Equine Clinic is about 15 minutes away and Bettor's Wish will be taken there two or three mornings a week to be collected.

"It's something new for me but it was done with Father Patrick, and it's been done with others, so we'll see how it goes. I'm looking forward to it," said Ryder of the breeding/racing program.

Bettor's Wish is presently turned out in New Jersey and will rejoin Ryder's stable in early January, with his 2020 racing campaign expected to start in May.

Greenshoe's Book

Hanover Shoe Farms has announced Greenshoe's book is full and closed, the following mares are booked for 2020.

- **All The Time** – Winner of the Hambletonian Oaks, full sister to Ariana G
- **Ariana G** – World champion, winner of the Hambletonian Oaks
- **Asiago** – 3, 1:50.4 (\$422,360)
- **Behindcloseddoors** – dam of standout 2YO trotting filly Sister Sledge
- **Cedar Dove** – Million-dollar winning dam of Hambletonian Oaks winner When Dovescry
- **Columbia** – sister to Atlanta
- **Crys Dream** – 3, 1:54f (\$997,378)
- **Danae** – Dam of international star Propulsion
- **Emmylou Who** – Dam of Breeders Crown champ Emoticon Hanover 4, 1:50.2f (\$1,778,033)
- **Good Common Cents** – Dam of Hambletonian winner Perfect Spirit
- **Hannelore Hanover** – 2017 Horse Of The Year
- **High Sobriety** – Dam of Hannelore Hanover
- **Pasithea Face** – 1:50.4 (\$591,473)
- **Passageway** – dam of Don't Let Em 3, 1:50.2 (\$580,382)
- **Primary Target** – full sister to Mission Brief and Tactical Landing
- **Secret Passion** – Three-quarter sister to Manchego
- **Starita** – Stakes-winning granddaughter of Passionate Glide
- **Winbak Blondie** – Sister to Muscle Hill; dam of Hey Blondie
- **Window Willow** – dam of Crystal Fashion 1:50 (\$1,725,784)

In other breeding news, early in the week Hanover Shoe Farms announced an innovative approach to selling productive broodmares. Although listing them for sale online, as Hanover has done, is not novel, Hanover noted that since the farm is committed to the welfare of all its horses, "...if it becomes necessary, all of these mares are welcome back to live out their lives at Hanover Shoe Farms at the conclusion of their breeding careers providing that they are not in foal at the time and that they meet the testing requirements for re-entry."

Hanover CEO and president Russell Williams has been a quiet leader in equine rescue for many years, most notably for purchasing every horse that sold for \$1,000 or less at the annual Standardbred Horse Sales Company auction in Harrisburg. As president of the United States Trotting Association, Williams has also supported the organization's recent involvement with creation of the Standardbred Transition Alliance. — *By Kathy Parker*

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NJ Now Has Drug-Sniffing Dog At Tracks, Training Centers

Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal and the New Jersey Racing Commission have deployed a new asset in the effort to prevent cheating in the horse racing industry—a specially-trained scent-sniffing dog named Shadow.

A 2-year-old black Labrador, Shadow is New Jersey's first-ever K-9 horse racing investigator, and is already proving to be a valuable tool in deterring licensees who might seek a competitive or wagering advantage by drugging race horses.

The Racing Commission has put Shadow on regular patrol at New Jersey racetracks, including Monmouth Park, Freehold Raceway and the Meadowlands Racetrack. Earlier this year, Shadow made his first find, detecting the presence of a prohibited substance.

"A big part of the job for any regulatory and enforcement agency is to stay one step ahead of those who would seek to profit by breaking our laws and rules," said Attorney General Grewal. "Shadow is an incredible asset in that respect, because cheaters in horse racing can't cheat without using prohibited substances, and he is specifically trained to sniff them out. Shadow is helping not only to protect horses, but to preserve the integrity of the horse racing industry throughout our state."

Racing Commission executive director Judith A. Nason credits Shadow with having "vastly increased the Racing Commission's investigatory ability," and with helping to send a strong cautionary message to would-be horse dopers.

"One very important purpose of Shadow is to deter trainers or owners from even the thought of giving a prohibited substance to a horse," said Nason.

"We believe Shadow will prove to be an efficient, cost-effective tool in catching and penalizing licensees who cheat," Nason said. "The Racing Commission already has four human investigators. That's eight boots on the ground. By adding Shadow, we now have 12 boots on the ground – although four of them are paws."

Earlier this year, Attorney General Grewal challenged the leadership of every division and commission within the Department of Law and Public Safety to look for ways to better serve the public by identifying new ways to collaborate with each other.

As part of that process, the Racing Commission identified the need for adding a trained, scent-sniffing dog that could detect the presence of substances unique to horse racing that cannot lawfully be possessed by anyone but a licensed veterinarian.

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*–Attorney General
Gurbir S. Grewal*



Shadow and Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal.

The New Jersey State Police partnered with the Racing Commission in this effort and through its Canine Academy found a 2-year-old black Labrador retriever for the Racing Commission and, following a Racing Commission naming contest, the dog became officially known as "Shadow."

With Investigator Joseph Sczerbowicz manning the leash, Shadow now spends Monday through Thursday patrolling racetracks and licensed farms to ferret out banned chemicals that might be concealed in stalls or barns – sometimes in places where a routine inspection might not uncover them, such as locked drawers, toolboxes or even piles of hay. And on race days – Fridays and Saturdays – Shadow is deployed at New Jersey's Thoroughbred and Standardbred racetracks.

For investigative reasons, executive director Nason will not disclose details concerning what substances Shadow is able to detect. However, she confirms that he is trained to find a host of banned chemicals known to be used by cheaters, as well as related paraphernalia such as syringes and hypodermic needles.

"The people hiding drugs and needles have always had an intrinsic advantage, because it's easier to conceal these things than to locate them," said Nason. "But Shadow could turn out to be a true game-changer. Not only can he search a lot of territory very quickly, he can also detect banned substances in hiding places where we humans might not find them." *(New Jersey Racing Commission)*



**Do You Want To Know A Secret?
Do You Promise Not To Tell?**

Ballots for voting for the best in harness racing in 2019 have been sent out to members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA) and in a few weeks we will know the winners. The exceptions are the Pacer of the Year, Trotter of the Year and Horse of the Year honorees, which will be announced at the Dan Patch Awards banquet at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando on Feb. 23.

To tell or not to tell, that is the question. To me, what's there to gain if I announce I voted for Bettor's Wish for Pacer of the Year and thus Horse of the Year, or if I voted for Shartin N? And before you believe I let slip my choice by the above order, let it be known I listed the two in alphabetical order. I'm not going to make a case in this column for or against either.

Although USHWA membership currently numbers around 200, over the past several years the vote count has come in at approximately 130. Should USHWA post the individual ballots sent in by those who voted?

Arguments have been made over the past couple of years on social media, both for and against. While I understand the case for transparency, this sport has shrunk so small that I only see revealing votes as being a negative. There aren't too many degrees of separation so it's human nature that feelings could be hurt. One thing we all know is that people regard their horses with almost the same affection as their own children.

Sure, there are some scratch-your-head votes cast—I believe simply because a voter wanted to see a particular horse's name in print—but having a public flailing is not the answer. And in today's social media world, that's what would happen.

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I've argued in USHWA's annual meetings that those who make those oddball votes should be individually contacted by the USHWA president and asked to explain, and if not satisfactory then voting privileges could be suspended.

Yes, I know that voting for the major professional sports awards are made public, and that includes baseball's Hall of Fame. In order to gain some perspective, I made a call to my longtime Michigan friend Gene Guidi, who transitioned from being the racing writer for the Detroit Free Press to the Detroit Tigers beat writer. As a member of the Baseball Writers' of America (BBWA), Gene voted for baseball's Hall of Fame and annual awards, so I wanted to get his take on making his votes public.

Gene told me he had no problem when the BBWA made a change to make individual ballots public. All members turned in Hall of Fame ballots, but Gene said members of the Detroit Chapter of BBWA rotated individual annual awards, so that one year he would vote for the Cy Young winner, another for Rookie of the Year, etc. Gene related a story from back in 1991

when his category was American League Manager of the Year, and his vote went to Tigers manager Sparky Anderson.

Twenty-eight votes were cast that year for Manager of the Year and 27 went to Minnesota Twins skipper Tom Kelly. Tom is familiar to many of us as he has owned several Standardbreds over the years, and

was at Colonial Downs for the 1998 Breeders Crown and again at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 2013.

Gene said the voting was announced while the World Series was being played between the Twins and Atlanta Braves. He saw several articles outing him as the lone renegade vote. Gene told me was in the press box prior to one World Series game when a Twins rep came up and told him Tom wanted to see him. Of course, Gene thought, 'Uh, oh, here it comes.' So he walks into Tom's office and starts to apologize for not making him a unanimous winner.

"I don't care about that," Tom told Gene, "I just wanted to talk to you about a couple of 2-year-old filly trotters I own."

I know I digressed but that story was too good to not tell. But getting back to divulging votes in harness racing, to me the negatives outweigh the positives. That's my vote and I'm sticking to it.

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Still Time To Nominate For Caretaker Of Year

With a deadline of Friday, Dec. 20, nominations are still being accepted for the 2019 Caretaker of the Year. The award, sponsored by Art Zubrod and Leah Cheverie's Fair Island Farm in conjunction with the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), recognizes the unsung heroes of the sport—the caretakers who maintain the health and welfare of the horses on a daily basis.

Initially titled Groom of the Year Award when first presented in 1982, the honor was instituted as a result of a suggestion made by Delvin Miller at the annual Harness Tracks of America meeting when he received HTA's Stanley F. Bergstein Messenger Award. Previously sponsored annually by HTA and Hanover Shoe farms, the tradition lapsed in 2014 but was re-established in 2015 by Hard Rock Northfield Park and USHWA, with Fair Island Farm coming on this year.

"We have been presenting trophies to the winning caretakers during the Grand Circuit meet at The Red Mile for a couple of years now, so we are very honored and happy to be able to now recognize the national Caretaker of the Year," said Zubrod.

The Fair Island Farm Caretaker of the Year will receive a cash prize of \$500, a trophy, and transportation costs to the USHWA Dan Patch Awards banquet in Orlando, Fla., on

Sunday evening, Feb. 23, 2020, where he or she will be recognized. The winner will also enjoy a two-night stay at Rosen Shingle Creek, host hotel for the USHWA activities, as well as two complimentary dinner tickets.

"Caretakers are the day-to-day unsung heroes of the industry, long before and after the spotlight of the grandstand lights," said USHWA president Shawn Wiles. "This cadre toil in anonymity, not looking for a pat on the back, but always looking out for the best interests of their charges health and welfare. We are fortunate to have many outstanding caretakers in our industry to look after our equine athletes."

Any caretaker working for any stable or farm in North America is eligible to be the Fair Island Farm Caretaker of the Year. All that is needed to nominate is a letter or email, 200 words minimum, from an individual or group detailing the skills and special qualities of the caretaker.

The winner will be chosen by a seven-person selection committee comprised of USHWA members, all of whom are former caretakers: Tim Bojarski (chair), Tom Charters, Moira Fanning, Dean Hoffman, Rob Pennington, Kim Rinker and Shawn Wiles.

All nomination letters and emails must be received and/or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 20, 2019, and sent to chairman Bojarski at a159star@gmail.com or mailed to Tim Bojarski, 7523 Maple Road, Akron, N.Y. 14001. (USHWA)

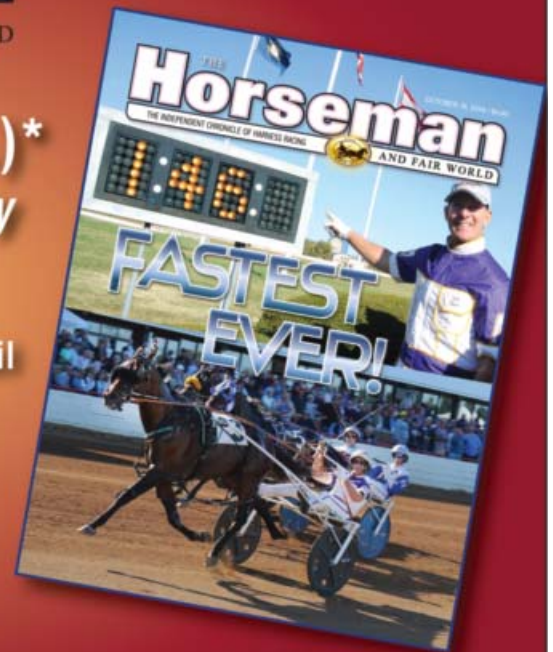
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New scratch rule at Flamboro, Western Fair

Management at The Raceway at Western Fair District and Flamboro Downs, in consultation with the AGCO and Central Ontario Standardbred Association (COSA), wishes to advise horsepeople of a new rule that will be implemented as part of their respective Track Rules effective Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019. This rule will be known as the "Outside Post Rule." [more](#)

Mossbarger re-elected to Farm Bureau board

The Washington Court House (Ohio) Record Herald has reported that John Mossbarger has been elected to a fourth three-year term on the board of trustees of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. He will represent Farm Bureau members from Clinton, Fayette, Greene and Warren counties in the governance of the state's largest and most inclusive farm and food organization. [more](#)

International, NYSS finals set for Sept. 12

Yonkers Raceway has announced its live 2020 schedule, pending approval of the New York State Gaming Commission. [more](#)

Burke, Page win Ohio's Kaltenbach titles

The powerful one-two punch of trainer Ron Burke and driver Chris Page captured both Kaltenbach titles in 2019. The Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial Trophies were established in 1988 and are awarded annually to the driver and trainer who have earned the most dollars competing in Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) events that season. [more](#)

HHYF utilizing Top Line Media talents

Effective Dec. 1, the Harness Horse Youth Foundation (HHYF) is using the talents of the Top Line Media Team to coordinate and manage its social media platforms and website content. [more](#)

Dr. Thomas Lazzaro dies at 75

It is with deep sorrow that the family and friends of Dr. Thomas Lazzaro announce his passing on Sunday, Dec. 8. He was 75. [more](#)

Hall of Fame Communicator Nick Saponara dies

Nicholas J. Saponara, a member of the Harness Racing Communicators Hall of Fame, and a past president of the U.S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA), an organization to which he belonged for 57 years, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 7, after health issues. He was 80. [more](#)



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RACE LINES

Final Standardbred Poll

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll compiled by
 Harness Racing Communications for the week of December 3, 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	306	2
3. Greenshoe (3)	3tc	13-10-3-0	1,277,049	253	3
4. Manchego (1)	4tm	17-8-1-0	585,788	204	4
5. Warrawee Ubeaut	3pf	19-12-2-3	950,610	173	5
6. Gimpanzee	3tc	14-8-1-2	1,128,753	135	6
7. Caviart Ally	5pm	19-9-7-3	672,215	114	7
8. Papi Rob Hanover	2pc	12-6-4-2	754,774	71	8
9. Real Cool Sam	2tg	10-9-0-0	497,774	56	9
10. Tall Dark Stranger	2pc	9-8-1-0	717,514	51	10

Others receiving votes: Atlanta 48; McWicked 41; Six Pack 39; Lather Up 38; Emoticon Hanover 10; When Dovescry 9; Captain Crunch, Forbidden Trade, Senorita Rita 8; Southwind Ozzi 6; Lyons Sentinel 5; Amigo Volo 4; Blue Ivy, Sister Sledge 3; Easy Lover Hanover, Elver Hanover, JK First Lady 2; Always A Prince, Bold Eagle, Shake That House, Winndevie 1.

Harness Racing Leaders

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

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)	16	6	3	3	945,827
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	3,073	750-531-368	.380	\$15,564,558 (\$253,269)
Yannick Gingras	2,047	394-296-275	.318	13,211,434 (113,600)
Dexter Dunn	2,559	425-338-333	.283	11,700,978 (174,655)
Jason Bartlett	2,480	503-449-355	.351	10,057,702 (213,280)
David Miller	1,761	273-274-267	.292	9,047,109 (136,859)
Brian Sears	765	115-92-102	.262	8,220,695 (0)
George Brennan	2,333	449-369-291	.322	8,136,595 (141,950)
Aaron Merriman	4,182	928-666-535	.353	8,014,772 (216,636)
Matt Kakaley	2,281	299-324-324	.257	7,522,059 (118,040)
Andrew McCarthy	1,834	236-265-241	.253	7,368,368 (126,371)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	4,686	945-685-584	.324	\$20,949,645 (\$256,439)
Tony Alagna	721	156-126-90	.355	5,947,511 (10,045)
Rene Allard	1,700	329-244-203	.313	5,771,510 (70,822)
Marcus Melander	332	86-50-45	.388	5,361,856 (960)
Ake Svanstedt	464	98-70-63	.340	4,963,997 (9,660)
Nancy Johansson	338	72-53-51	.350	4,592,082 (1,640)
Scott Di Domenico	1,459	290-215-182	.322	4,553,594 (80,682)
Erv Miller	1,099	215-180-135	.328	4,308,630 (42,050)
R. Nifty Norman	550	118-89-85	.356	4,235,157 (27,075)
Jim King Jr.	572	161-86-79	.411	4,182,080 (90,794)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	988	733	2,453	\$33,211,068
Winbak Farm	912	613	2,039	20,785,523
Brittany Farms LLC	215	171	629	12,522,804
Steve Stewart	209	144	449	7,383,982
White Birch Farm	152	110	382	6,359,242
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	204	144	489	5,748,795
Seelster Farms Inc.	198	137	488	4,851,019
Midland Acres Inc.	164	121	451	4,290,492
Diamond Creek Farm LLC	151	111	344	4,161,899
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	130	96	320	3,784,881

Leading Money-Winning Sires

USTA statistics through December 10, 2019

2YO Pacers

Sire Name	Foals	Starters	Earnings
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	120	83	\$4,467,269
SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE	126	95	3,230,255
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	118	89	2,169,332
AMERICAN IDEAL	109	71	1,599,486
ROCKIN IMAGE	105	69	1,532,722
SWEET LOU	94	60	1,447,949
SPORTSWRITER	120	73	1,356,142
ROLL WITH JOE	85	58	1,129,149
WESTERN IDEAL	46	26	1,041,964
PET ROCK	62	42	1,011,533
SO SURREAL	45	32	938,936
BIG BAD JOHN	75	50	894,897
ART MAJOR	92	62	857,624
SUNSHINE BEACH	110	64	816,903
ALWAYS A VIRGIN	104	66	761,601
YANKEE CRUISER	34	24	635,572
ROCK N ROLL HEAVEN	40	29	633,354
HE'S WATCHING	77	46	602,814
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	3,419,989
CHAPTER SEVEN	76	48	2,511,387
SWAN FOR ALL	83	53	1,517,511
TRIXTON	90	52	1,431,850
KADABRA	84	55	1,327,765
UNCLE PETER	96	59	1,278,263
EXPLOSIVE MATTER	94	64	980,011
ROYALTY FOR LIFE	69	40	924,327
DONATO HANOVER	96	66	898,720
MUSCLE MASS	99	59	805,074
GUCCIO	82	36	695,639
CANTAB HALL	45	36	690,877
TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR	37	27	645,985
CONWAY HALL	62	41	629,632
E L TITAN	40	25	605,167
CREDIT WINNER	49	32	575,815
RC ROYALTY	27	18	502,740
ANDOVER HALL	65	38	425,590
DEJARBRO	68	25	418,790