Valedictory, Niagara Finals For 3YOs Highlight Boxing Day Card

One of the criteria of buying a racehorse is often how much money the horse has earned, so he can be properly classified for a chance of a good, quick return on investment. That was certainly the case when Marv Chantler and Bruce MacDonald selected the 3-year-old pacing colt Captain Cash, a son of Captaintreacherous out of $835,425 earner Authorize, at last month’s Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg. He cost Chantler $60,000.

“We were looking for a horse to race this winter at Mohawk, and we wanted to start with something that would fit non-winners of two or three,” said MacDonald. “Captain Cash was on our short list and it turned out that he was the first one on our list to go in the ring, and Marv bought him.”

Captain Cash is a finalist in the $35,000 Valedictory final (Race 9) at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Thursday, the traditional Boxing Day program at the track. Post time for the matinee card is 1 p.m. The 12-race program also features the $35,000 Niagara final (Race 5) for 3-year-old pacing fillies.

(For Americans, Boxing Day is a holiday celebrated the day after Christmas Day. The holiday originated in the United Kingdom and was carried forth in countries at one time a part of the British Empire.)

The Valedictory final will be Captain Cash’s fifth start for Chantler’s Mardon Stable. Thus far the colt has delivered two bright performances, most notably a 1:52.4 victory in the final Valedictory leg on Dec. 19. The colt had taken a lifetime mark of 1:51.4 at Harrah’s Philadelphia earlier this while racing in overnights for trainer Tony Alagna.

“I talked to Tony and he gave me some good feedback about the horse,” said MacDonald. “He’s not a very complicated horse. He’s very good gaited.”

Captain Cash drew post 10 for the very competitive Valedictory final, but don’t forget that at Mohawk, that means he’ll be starting as a trailer. Captain Cash is 10-1 on the morning line. He’ll be driven for the first time by Trevor Henry.

“I’ve got to say that I would prefer to be on the gate,” said MacDonald. “My horse has decent gate speed and that gives you more options.”

Captain Cash will be starting right behind Virgin Storm, who has shown he can rocket to the lead, winning from post 8 on Dec. 12. The 3-1 morning-line favorite in the race is Windsun Ricky (post 7), who won a Valedictory leg in 1:51.4 on Dec. 12 but finished seventh in the second leg to Lyons Pegasus (7-2 in the final). JKNR Liketell, who finished second in both Valedictory legs, starts from post 2 and is 4-1 on the morning line.

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With only seven starts as a 2 year old and making his 16th start of 2019 in the Valedictory, Captain Cash’s effort in the Valedictory final, and lightly-raced status, will determine his future in the Woodbine Mohawk overnights. He is one of seven racehorses and three yearlings that will be keeping MacDonald busy this winter.

“I started training for Marv after I worked for Ben Wallace,” said MacDonald. “We’re usually based at Marv’s farm in Loretto (Ontario), but during the winter we go to a farm not far away because it’s cheaper than having staff to plow snow and due all of the maintenance that comes with winter.” —By Kathy Parker

Meadows Has $105,000 Carryover For Mandatory Hi-5 Payout On Dec. 30

The Meadows Racetrack and Casino has announced a mandatory payout of its Jackpot Hi-5 for Monday, Dec. 30. The carryover heading into the mandatory payout date will be a record $105,000.96.

Jackpot Hi-5 wagering has been suspended for the Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 26, 27 and 28 cards, until the mandatory payout.

“This mandatory payout of the Hi-5 wager should put an exclamation point on what has been a strong 2019 season and provide an outstanding wagering proposition for our fans,” said Mark Loewe, vice president of racing for The Meadows.

Total wagering through Dec. 15 on The Meadows’ live racing is up nine percent in 2019.

The draw for Monday’s card of racing will take place Tuesday, Dec. 24.

The Jackpot Hi-5 mandatory payout race will be the final race on the card and free past performances compliments of Trackmaster for the Hi-5 race will be available at www.handicapping.ustrotting.com.

The first race on Monday’s card will be at 1:05 p.m. (Meadows)
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Moreover, if a nominated stallion does not breed more than twenty (20) mares in 2020 or produce more than fifteen (15) registered foals in 2021, up to 50% of the stallion nomination fee may be refunded, provided, however, that it shall be the obligation of the stallion nominator to notify the Society in writing of any request for adjustment by December 31, 2020 (mares bred) or by December 31, 2021 (registered foals). No stallion nomination fee will be reduced to less than $500.00 U.S. funds.

Any payment on a North American stallion that has been nominated by January 15, 2020, and is subsequently exported prior to February 15, 2020 and that does not commercially breed a mare in North America by any means during the entire 2020 breeding season, may be refunded, provided, however, that it shall be the obligation of the stallion nominator to notify the Society in writing of any request for refund by December 31, 2020.

With the exception of supplemental nominations or declarations as provided in the conditions, foals of 2021 by a stallion for which the above nomination fee has been refunded will be ineligible to the Breeder's Crown unless an additional amount equal to the amount of the refund is paid.

Except as provided above, stallion nomination fees shall not be refunded.

Stallion payments may be made in the local currency of the nation in which the stallion stands, or in equivalent U.S. funds ($500 U.S. funds minimum).

Conditions for nominating yearlings will be published in the U.S.T.A. Stakes & Futurities Nomination Book. Specific conditions for the races for which these foals are eligible will be published in the U.S.T.A. Stakes Guide in the year of the races.

The Hambletonian Society reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Breeder’s Crown program, without liability.

In 2020, 2-year-old, 3-year-old and open Breeder’s Crown events will be conducted under the conditions of Breeder’s Crown 2020. All of these races are closed with sustaining payments due in 2020, with the exception of supplemental nominations.

For more information contact: The Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown at (609) 371-2211 or www.hambletonian.com

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Top Horsemen Taking Trip To Prix d’Amerique

The famed Prix d’America will be raced at the Vincennes Racetrack in Paris, France, on Sunday, Jan. 26, and on hand will be several of the sport’s leading U.S.-based drivers and trainers. No, they won’t be on the track for the classic trotting race. Instead, they will all be there just enjoying the festivities that will also include some sightseeing.

The trip was the brainstorm of Andy McCarthy and Yannick Gingras, who said the group itinerary was put together quickly over the past couple of weeks. Gingras said the group, which also includes Andy and Julie Miller, Dexter Dunn, Chris Ryder, Nick Surick and Nancy Tacket, will fly to Paris on different flights on Friday, Jan. 24, and will return on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

“Andy and I started chatting about the trip about a couple weeks ago and he took it and rolled with it. He organized everything,” said Gingras. “Andy found us a nice little spot to stay in the center of town. Everything fell into place really quick.

“Actually, when the conversation started we were talking about having the group go south for a quick vacation. But we decided to go to Paris instead where it’ll be cold.”

Gingras said he and his wife, Vicki, will watch their son Jaiden play a hockey game at 5 p.m. and then they will take a 10 p.m. flight from Newark. Several others will fly out of Philadelphia earlier that day.

“We get there Saturday and will have a nice night, go to the Prix d’Amerique on Sunday, and then be there Monday and come back Tuesday,” he said.

Gingras said because somebody who worked at the racetracks in Quebec that he knew from his early career now works at Vincennes, he was able to make a phone call to make dining room reservations on the big race day.

“It’s something a little bit different, that’s for sure,” said Gingras. “It’s a fun group of people. We tried to convince a few others to go, but they couldn’t.”

Gingras said the last Prix d’Amerique he attended was in 2014 when he drove Maven.

“I didn’t really get to enjoy the race itself, the whole atmosphere,” said Gingras. “I had a lot on my plate those couple days so now I am just going to go as a fan. I’ve never been to any of these places just as a fan. It will be a completely different experience being there and just enjoying the show. I’m looking forward to it.” — By Gordon Waterstone
Hanover Foundation Makes $50,000 Grant To Transition Alliance

The Hanover Shoe Farms Foundation has made a grant of $50,000 to the Standardbred Transition Alliance (STA) to support their mission of accrediting and granting to programs assisting Standardbreds as they transition to new careers.

“This gift is meant to incentivize the STA’s establishment of advanced standards for transformative grant making,” said Russell Williams, president of the Foundation and president and chief executive officer of Hanover Shoe Farms. “Transformation will be necessary to give our industry an effective network of post-career facilities using best practices.”

“Hanover Shoe Farms has been a leader in the Standardbred industry since 1926,” said David Reid, president of the STA. “It is no surprise that the Hanover Shoe Farms Foundation recognizes the importance of caring for the cornerstone of our business—the horses.”

“We greatly appreciate Hanover’s faith in STA and the support of the flagship program for Standardbred aftercare with this donation. It is vitally important that our donors have confidence in the business practices of the organizations we accredit, and that funds raised are making a difference in future options for our racehorses.”

The STA, which was granted approval in April of this year by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable nonprofit organization, is currently reviewing and inspecting six applicant agencies. The process will be complete in early 2020 and accredited groups will be eligible for grants from the STA.

Groups seeking accreditation have supplied detailed documentation of their financial, operational, and horse care policies and practices. Inspections will be conducted at each farm housing horses in the care of an applicant agency. To learn more about the work of the STA and donors who have supported its mission to date, click here. (STA)

Swandre The Giant Sold, To Stay Racing

The 3-year-old trotter Swandre The Giant 3, 1:51.3, has been sold for $250,000 on OnGait. The final bid was made Saturday, Dec. 21.

Albert Crawford of Crawford Farms was the winning bidder in the online auction. The sellers were Diamond Creek Farm, J AndT Silva Stable and Howard Taylor. The horse had been slated to stand at stud under the management of Diamond Creek Farm.

Nick Surick confirmed he will be training Swandre The Giant, a son of Swan For All.

SwandreThe Giant dominated the Indiana Sire Stakes at two and three and won a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial Trot at the Meadowlands. He won $400,188 in 2019, bringing his career earnings to $655,368.
Standardbred Mare In NJ
With EHM Euthanized

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture has quarantined a property in Monmouth County after a horse developed the highly infectious equine herpes myeloencephalopathy (EHM). The 18-year-old Standardbred mare was euthanized Dec. 18. Other horses in the premises are under quarantine. Temperatures are also being taken twice daily on all quarantined horses to monitor for sickness.

EHM is the often-deadly neurologic form of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) infection. (Editor’s Note: An outbreak at The Meadows in January 2018 shut down racing at the Pennsylvania track.)

“The Department took swift action to prevent the disease from spreading to other horses by enacting a quarantine, which stops movement of horses in and out of the property and puts in place preventive measures to contain the virus,” New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher said.

The EHV-1 organism spreads quickly from horse to horse and can cause respiratory problems, especially in young horses, spontaneous abortions in pregnant mares, and the neurologic form of the virus can result in death. The incubation period of EHV-1 is typically 2-10 days. Clinical signs include respiratory disease, fever, nasal discharge, depression, cough, lack of appetite, and/or enlarged lymph nodes. In horses infected with the neurologic strain of EHV-1, clinical signs typically include mild incoordination, hind end weakness/paralysis, loss of bladder and tail function, and loss of sensation to the skin in the hind end.

The virus spreads readily through direct contact with infected materials. While highly infectious, the virus does not persist in the environment for extended period and is neutralized by hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers and sunlight. The virus does not affect humans and other domestic animals, except for llamas and alpacas.

Concerned owners should consult with their veterinarian prior to taking any action as the clinical signs of infection with the neurological form of EHV-1 (EHM) are common to many other diseases. EHM is a reportable disease in New Jersey. If an owner has a horse exhibiting neurologic signs or suspects Equine Herpes, they are directed to call their veterinarian immediately.

The NJDA Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory provides testing for the neurologic form of EHV-1. For more information, visit https://jerseyvetlab.nj.gov/ or call 609-406-6999. (New Jersey Department of Agriculture)
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