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## JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman [Bergmanjay](#)

There's no secret formula to becoming a successful catch-driver. The reality is a reinsman must put their talent on display with the hope it's recognized by trainers and rewarded in the form of "live" mounts.

Over the course of Dexter Dunn's full-time move to North America, more specifically the U.S., he's gained a loyal following of trainers and owners who sought out his services and were rewarded in kind. In 2022 Dunn has already eclipsed his career best with his mounts earning in excess of \$13.8 million, with the number sure to grow through the final month of the stakes season. What's more impressive about the Dunn numbers is not just the amount of money his drives have amassed but the fact that Dunn sat behind fewer horses this year than in the past. Just comparing the numbers this year to last Dunn has driven in 750 fewer races in 2022 as opposed to 2021 and he's driven 150 fewer winners. It's a stunning achievement and exemplifies just how high Dunn's star has risen in the sport and the overall quality of the horses he drives with regularity.

As for the significant drop in numbers that don't include dollar signs, there is at least one easy explanation. Dunn took the entire months of January and February off in 2022, a move that could have risked him losing some mounts but in the end did not detract from those seeking his services or recognizing his commitment to excellence in major races.

"I didn't drive at Chester [Harrah's Philadelphia] very much," Dunn said when asked about the minimal number of drives this year. "I was down in Lexington with the longer meet they had."

Dunn was one of many drivers that shifted their tacks to Lexington where stakes action lasted for a few months with plenty of opportunity.

The key to any successful year for a catch-driver

is commitments to drive top stakes horses. In that regard Dunn had the cream of the crop both on the pacing front and the trotting side. Perhaps most notable was his ascension with trainer Ake Svanstedt this year.

"They [Ake and Sarah] are great to drive for," Dunn said. "Their horses are well-mannered and good-gaited."

Despite driving top horses like Alrajah One IT and Jiggy Jog S to impressive stakes victories this year, Dunn's appearance behind Ecurie D caught him off guard.



DERICK GIWNER

**Dexter Dunn leads all drivers in earnings in 2022 and that was helped by his four Breeders Crown wins.**

"No I wasn't expecting it," Dunn said of the call that came from the Svanstedts to drive last year's Breeders Crown champion in this year's Open final at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Though the news caught him by surprise, Dunn didn't take much of the credit for the bounce-back victory of Ecurie D in the Crown.

"They went to the blind bridle at Yonkers and it

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didn't work out," Dunn said of Ecurie D's disappointing effort in the International Trot. "He was very strong throughout the mile in the Crown."

Having driven both Alrajah One It and Ecurie D put Dunn in the position to evaluate the pair of premier trotters, but he was more than diplomatic when asked to compare.

"They're both top horses that's for sure," said Dunn. "Alrajah really hadn't been tested yet, but he was sensational."

While the aged horses were great for Dunn's resume, perhaps the move by the Svanstedts to seat him behind the Walner-sired Jiggy Jog S was the best for both parties, as Dunn seemed the perfect fit for a filly that Sarah Svanstedt had noted could get "excitable."

"I think she's definitely improved a lot over the course of the year," said Dunn of Jiggy Jog S, who captured the Kentucky Futurity filly division in brilliant fashion and then scored an easy victory over her rival Joviality S in the Breeders Crown last month.

The Kentucky Futurity filly event saw Jiggy Jog S trot a 1:50 flat mile despite starting from post eight and cutting most of the fractions.

"That was a great effort by her," said Dunn. "I got a little help with Selfie Queen parked on the outside, but she was solid right to the wire."



AMANDA STEPHENS

**Dexter Dunn will sit behind Matron contender Niki Hill on Thursday at Bally's Dover Downs.**

epic performance following a rare defeat at The Red Mile in early October.

"We were down there to go for a record," said Dunn of Bulldog Hanover's second-place finish in the Allerage at The Red Mile on October 9. "He really didn't feel the same that day. He was definitely back to himself in the Crown."

Dunn was perhaps trying to pull off the impossible of going for a record on a Red Mile surface that wasn't as live as it had been in prior days.

Dunn will be making two stops on Thursday (November 10), with the Matron for 3-year-olds of both sexes and gaited at Dover Downs in the late afternoon and the \$125,000 Potomac at Rosecroft a bit later in the evening. One of the likely bright spots on Thursday could come in the form of Niki Hill. Last year's top 2-year-old pacing filly has had an abbreviated campaign, but her driver believes she's back following a second-place finish in the Breeders Crown.

"I mean she's only had a handful of starts. That was a massive effort for her in the Crown," Dunn said. "That's as good as she's felt all year."

At Rosecroft, Dunn will partner with Tattoo Artist in the Potomac and that son of He's Watching is fresh off a second-place finish behind Dunn's Bulldog Hanover in the Breeders Crown.

With live drives coming in from all directions Saturday in the Kindergarten finals at The Meadowlands and over the next two weekends in the Fall Final Four and the TVG Finals, Dunn appears poised to add to his already personal-best year. Still, as is the case with many catch-drivers, his phone anxiously awaits the call to duty.

Are you driving Ecurie D in the TVG Dunn was asked?

"I don't know yet," said Dunn.

Even if the call doesn't come, Dunn is looking forward to a different 2023 campaign that will not be a carbon copy of 2022, at least from a scheduling perspective.

"I'm going to take off in January," Dunn said, "But I will be back in February next year."

That news is welcome for fans of The Meadowlands this coming winter.

## Allywag Hanover tackles Tattoo Artist in \$125,000 Potomac Pace

By Derick Giwner

Allywag Hanover, the co-second fastest horse in the history of Standardbred racing, will look to get back on the winning track on Thursday (Nov. 10) when he heads a field of seven in the \$125,000 Potomac Pace at Rosecroft Raceway.



AMANDA STEPHENS

**Can Allywag Hanover set a new track record in the Potomac Pace at Rosecroft?**

Allywag Hanover was most recently third behind both divisional leader Bulldog Hanover and fellow Potomac participant Tattoo Artist in the Breeders Crown on October 29 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. It was a good effort but perhaps one that fell a bit short of expectations following his 1:46 win at The Red Mile on October 9.

"I thought he raced really well. He basically dragged Bulldog [Hanover] to the front, so he did a lot of work in the first three-eighths or so. Following a horse like that, he was entitled to kind of come to the end of it. I was hoping he would fight off Tattoo Artist for second but he didn't. [Driver] Todd [McCarthy] said he gave all he could," said trainer Brett Pelling, who handles the 5-year-old for the Allywag Stable.

"I was really stoked with him at The Red Mile but he didn't come out of it exactly the way we wanted. I didn't get to prep him exactly how I wanted, even though we had the week in between. It wasn't a spot-on situation, but he came out of the race good and he's back home now, so he's doing well."

Allywag Hanover will no doubt have to be on top of his game if he is to turn the tables on Tattoo Artist, a 10-time winner in 2022 with earnings north of \$770,000. While he has the post edge (4 vs. 5), Tattoo Artist has proven so fast off the gate that he can get around just about any horse, and Dexter Dunn is back in the bike. The last time he drove the result was a 1:48 4/5 victory on a five-eighths Scioto surface in August.

"It is him and Tattoo Artist. I'm sure it will line up that way, whether he is in front or vice versa," summed up Pelling on how the race will play out.

The field also includes 2020 winner Leonidas A (post 6) off an Open Handicap victory at Yonkers Raceway, Sonny Weaver N (post 2), a consistent conditioned performer, and a trio from the Ron Burke barn in Workin Ona Mystery (post 1), Lou's Pearlman (post 3) and This Is The Plan (post 7).

Regardless of the results on Thursday, the Potomac, race 11 on a 14-race program, will be the final start of the year for Allywag Hanover since he's not eligible to the TVG series final. "This is his last race and he's done until February 1. At least next year he'll be staked to everything," said Pelling.

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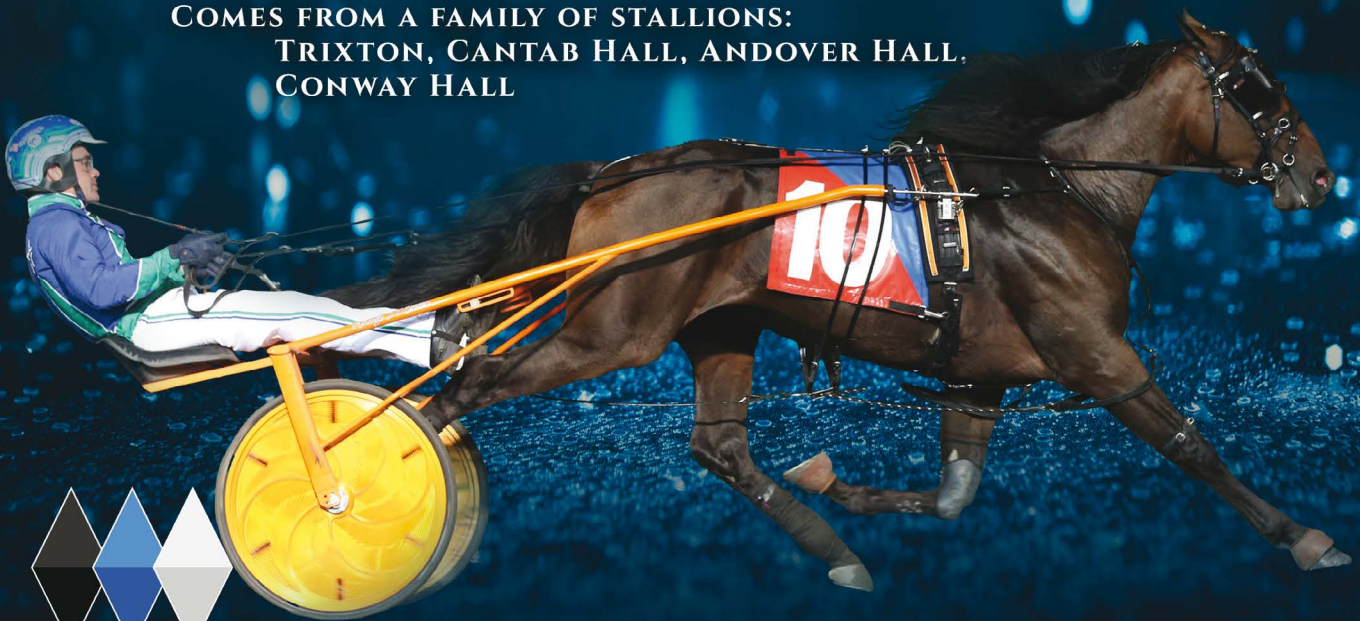
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# Top prospects aplenty in Friday's mixed sale at Harrisburg



## EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner

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Friday's mixed session of the Standardbred Horse Sales company auction in Harrisburg will have a bit of a 'kid in the candy store' feel for many buyers looking for racing and broodmare prospects. Well over 200 horses will change hands with many being proven commodities and others oozing with future potential.

Those with credit on account and ready to buy should first check the "outs" as a number of trainers and consignors revealed that some horses would be pulled from the sale. Included in that grouping are a 1:49 3/5 freshman pacer and an Indiana champion among others. Even with the defections, there are still many fast horses and even some millionaires that are expected to hit the block starting at 11 a.m. on Friday morning.

The Diamond Creek Farm consignment is led by 2020 Mohawk Million winner Venerate and 2021 Ohio Horse of the Year Gulf Shores. Venerate (HIP 1500) is certainly one of the most interesting prospects. While he excelled as a 2-year-old winning half of his 10 starts, one would think the future could be down the road since the 4-year-old is by French stallion Love You.

"He's in sharp form and was a really good second beaten by a half-length at Lexington last time [in a 1:50 1/5 mile]," said Diamond Creek's Shaun Laungani, who added that the sale was due to a stable change with the partnership. "Someone could take him overseas and win big races or win big races here and he also has stallion potential. The story is still being written with him and there is still untapped potential. He's still one of the fastest trotters we've seen when his gait is right."

Gulf Shores (HIP 1542) is similar to Venerate on the pacing side in that he did his best work as a 2-year-old, but he was able to win in 1:50 3/5 over a five-eighths at Scioto earlier this year and has obvious appeal as a son of Downbytheseaside.

"People don't mind buying from Brian Brown because he is good to the animal and he doesn't break them down, so you'll get a horse that is sound," said Laungani. "He probably has something going on that we've never been able to figure out health-wise, but it doesn't mean someone can't reap the rewards by solving it and making him into a free-for-all. He could probably benefit from being turned out every night or turned out more. He's not a stall-walker but he can be a nervous type."

Laungani threw out a "fabulous filly" selling as HIP 1392 named Primadonna Deo and a lightly-raced 2-year-old filly by Walner named Serena (HIP 1343) as horses worth considering. "Primadonna Deo's been in good form and done everything she could for the owners," said the Diamond Creek Vice President. "Her third dam is Spellbound Hanover and she is a super prospect for breeding as well as racing."

"HIP 1343 is a Walner sister to Selfie Queen, who's had an amazing year. This is a chance to buy a younger version of that horse for less money than she'll bring."

Bob Boni's Northwood Bloodstock has a number of proven 3-year-olds consigned with six-figure earnings in 2022. HIP 1397 A Girl That Twirls made well over \$100,000 as a 2- and 3-year-old and recently romped in the Simpson stake at Harrah's Philadelphia.

"[A Girl That Twirls] has a record of 1:50 4/5 now in her last start and she is a nice broodmare prospect as well as a potential earner on the track," said Boni.

HIP 1501 BA Superhero has been racing against the best 3-year-old male trotters all year and already has a 1:51 2/5 mark in 2022. "He's a Muscle Hill with a big pedigree that people should really look forward to next year because he has the Graduate, Hambletonian Maturity and other stakes."

Indiana Sire Stakes runner-up RIP Wheeler is one of the fastest horses in the sale with a 1:48 4/5 lifetime record. The son of Rockin Image selling as



2021 Ohio Horse of the Year Gulf Shores (above) is one of many horses available on Friday. (below) Next Level Stuff is a 1:50 4/5 trotter for sale at Harrisburg.

(ABOVE) CONRAD PHOTO / (BELOW) LISA PHOTO



HIP 1503 has been in-the-money 18 times in 20 starts this year. "He's eligible to two races after the sale in Indiana – The Star Destroyer and Thanksgiving Classic – on November 18 and 25 which are \$50,000 estimated but go for more. Those are the races that propelled Bulldog Hanover last year."

In addition to a 2-year-old Sweet Lou gelding named Gallie Getaway, who just won at Freehold in 1:56 4/5, Boni named a couple of others which were worth consideration from his group.

"Palermo Hanover (HIP 1432) is a high-quality mare with big pedigree. She's more a broodmare than anything else. She's a stakes winner of \$250,000. There is one other one is Swan Trixie (HIP 1403), a Swan For All mare with over \$100,000 made so far this year, she also has the Hoosier races yet to come."

It is hard to top Preferred Equine's consignment in terms of star power and one of the standouts is certainly HIP 1422 Next Level Stuff, a 5-year-old trotting mare with earnings of \$857,732 and a 1:50 4/5 mark.

"Scott Farber, the owner, has the mother of her so he has more siblings, one being a Tactical Landing filly. It wasn't an easy decision for him to sell but it was a business decision," said current trainer Jim Campbell. "If someone wants to race her, she is physically able to do that and has a great attitude on the track. She is also a Sebastian K so she can go to any of the top stallions. She's a gorgeous-looking mare with a really nice conformation."

A younger broodmare prospect worth considering is HIP 1429 Selfie Queen. Through two seasons on the track the Nancy Takter trainee has earned \$479,882 and won in 1:51 1/5. "She's one of the fastest 2-year-olds ever and one of the fastest 3-year-olds as well. She can be bred to Chapter Seven, Walner, Gimpanzee or any from that line," said Takter, who indicated that she can't race right now due to a wing fracture in her

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coffin bone that would require at least three months rest.

There are a few Tony Alagna trainees in the sale and he was happy to share some thoughts about a pair of 2-year-olds with a potential bright future.

"Captain Batboy [HIP 1358] is a nice horse. He probably needs another year of maturity and hasn't had the best of luck, but he showed in the one start when he was second to Save America that he has a lot of upside for next year," said Alagna. "Cabot Beach [HIP 1357] is a brother to Pebble Beach. He's a medium sized horse that we raced in Lexington who is probably better suited to a smaller track like a five-eighths because he is not big. He won in 1:51 in Lexington and his last start in 1:53 at Chester, so he has upside for next year, plus he has the Kentucky Sire Stakes."

Alagna also felt someone might come away happy if they purchased HIP 1537 Rouser Hanover. "He's shown how much ability he has. He has some aches and pains where sometimes you have to give him time to catch up again, but as far as raw speed and talent, he's got it. He's also still a stallion and a brother to Rockyroad Hanover. He can go regionally to stand stud or a small breeder can buy him."

Others from Preferred that warrant a look (assuming they remain in the sale):

HIP 1414 Fire Start Hanover: 4-year-old pacing mare with \$1.2 million in earnings

HIP 1425 Peyton Hanover: 3-year-old trotting filly who won a division of the Bluegrass this year in 1:51 2/5.

HIP 1428 Scarlett Hanover: Bettor's Delight mare who was a top 2- and 3-year-old but suffered the 4-year-old blues and could come out of her shell again.

HIP 1507 Double Deceiver: 3-year-old was just second in the Breeders Crown and is entered in the Matron on 11/10 at Bally's Dover. He has a 1:50 2/5 career mark.

HIP 1508 Energetic Hanover: 3-year-old won the Simpson last time in 1:49 4/5 at Philly and is entered in Thursday's Matron.

HIP 1531 Delayed Hanover: Has almost \$500,000 in career earnings and the 4-year-old owns a 1:51 1/5 career-best time.

Whether looking for a 2-year-old or an aged performer, a trotter or a pacer, a broodmare or a stallion, there is truly something for everyone in Friday's mixed session at Harrisburg. You just have to choose right!

## Southwind Frank bought by Burke/ Weaver Bruscem; may race in 2023

By Derick Gwerner

Southwind Frank, a winner of \$1.9 million who has been standing stud for Diamond Creek Farm since 2017, was sold during the mixed portion of the Standardbred Horse Sale at Harrisburg for \$215,000. Winning bidder Burke Racing Stable and Weaver Bruscem already owned a 35% interest in the now 9-year-old but decided to take control of the horse in his entirety.

"He's had some bad luck. Some decisions were made that we were a part of that turned out not to be the right decisions," said co-owner Mark Weaver, who added that perhaps the location of the stallion was an issue in seeing his stature rise as a sire. "We decided that at a certain number we would buy him. We have three options now, race him, continue to stand him as a stallion or sell him to someone else."

Weaver said there was already strong interest from multiple parties looking to buy Southwind Frank and that they would sell him if the right deal came along. He added that the 2015 Breeders Crown and Dan Patch champion also has a strong revenue stream from Europe and racing in the U.S. as well as shipping semen overseas is a possibility.

According to trainer Ron Burke, it would take three months at most to get the decorated trotter back into action for a 2023 campaign, and he intimated that winning the Yonkers International Trot would be a reasonable goal.

Flawless Country (\$567K) and Delayed Hanover (\$483K) lead the foals sired by Southwind Frank. He also has an exceptional 2-year-old in Bond, who has won five of seven career races and starts in Saturday's Kindergarten final at The Meadowlands.



# 11/11 HARRISBURG MIXED SALE Featuring Racehorses with Winning Potential

## #1455, RUMORED, 3, P, F

Sweet Lou-Major Crush-Art Major

p, 3, 1:56f -'22; BT1:54.4f-'22 (\$17,410)

- 1x Winner
- Extra nice green 3-year-old pacing filly
- Useful addition to any stable with breeding potential afterwards

## #1456, ASHLEE'S SUPREME, 3, P, F

Heston Blue Chip-Ashlee's Court-Quik Pulse Mindale

p, BT1:53.4f-'22 (\$10,516)

- Nice, big, sound, green 3-year-old pacing filly
- Extremely high speed & still fits a NW 1 PM

## #1481, RELAY ROLL, 4, P, M

Roll With Joe-Parlay Hanover-Western Ideal

p, 3, 1:55h -'21; BT1:52.1s-'21 (\$55,308)

- 5x Winner
- Nice, sound, push-button pacing mare
- Family of many successful racehorses

## #1539, BELL FAMILY, 4, P, H

Heston Blue Chip-Family Love-Western Hanover

p, 3, 1:53.1f; 1:50.1 -'22 (\$55,496)

- 5x Winner
- Has won multiple times this year
- Family of top-notch money earners

## #1551, HALL IT IN, 4, T, H

Cantab Hall-Met's Inn-Mutineer

3, 1:57.4f; 1:56.2f -'22; BT1:55f-'22 (\$55,753)

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## RAY'S RUMBLINGS

By Ray Coto

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I work hard for my money. You work hard for your money. We all supply our specialized labor in some respect to earn the tender which pays for us to survive. Because it's all about surviving, after all.

When we exchange our money for any good or service, we do so with a sort of trust. I buy X food at Y establishment because I trust it will nourish me – I may even trust that it will be good. Or I go to X mechanic to get my car's oil changed because I trust it will keep my car running. Every transaction hinges on the trust that the decision will provide value, otherwise the door wouldn't budge.

Now the business we work in is a gambling game. The only real thing we can trust is chaos rules, but that doesn't mean we lack trust in this business of uncertainty. Every time I make a gamble, I do so trusting the information I'm given and trusting the form I see on the program as well as what I've seen from following horses. But sometimes, the truly unpredictable occurs in racing, and most times its only unpredictable because of the information given.

Devout fans of this column will remember when I interviewed trainer Scott Betts after he had a horse drop several seconds off just a few starts. In that conversation, Betts explained equipment adjustments and shoeing changes which rationalize how a horse could improve well off its previous form. But when we just look at the past performance page, all we are given are numbers of where the horse raced and where they finished, no additional insight as to what changes could have occurred from start to start.

So then how, for the uninformed and disconnected everyday bettor, can we trust the information?

I, like many in the sport, watched the races from The Red Mile for the Grand Circuit meeting. It's always a fun meet because of how chaos materializes and how, for some reason, horses go faster in the second quarter than they do the first. But this meet, I noticed a trend that climaxed with a 28-1 shot I liked purely from the post parade, a 2-year-old named Volume Eight. Now this horse warmed up like a freight train, and maybe that's enough visual information to trust even though we have seen many exceptions of horses who then race as duds. Sure enough, the horse goes a monster mile off a pocket trip and the connections after the race said they pulled the shoes on the horse, an equipment change never mentioned prior to the race.

The good news on that front is several of our major tracks already work to inform the bettors of this information. The Meadowlands will add it to the bottom scroll and also will include equipment changes with blinkers, Murphy blinds, etc. Woodbine Mohawk Park does this too and does so with frequency, and easily delivers it to the viewing audience. This sort of transparency is paramount because, while not ALL equipment changes can explain improvement, they do serve as markers for interpretation. And the less you force the customer to purely guess, the more they will learn to understand the intricacies of a horse's lines and thus the more invested they will be to participate.

But all of this transparency only occurs on race day. I got a message from Mark Cramer before the Hambletonian asking if we keep records of horses' shoeing in North America since he's currently acquainted with the record keeping of the French trots. When I told him "No", I also thought of all the other equipment adjustments we do not list in programs. Blinkers, blinds, Kant-See-Backs, which are spelled like that for some reason – all these pieces of tinkering which do aid in a horse's performance are left off any record we look at on a program. Hell, good luck finding when a horse was gelded, either. The biggest equipment change of all just left nowhere beyond the sights of the hyper-sharp eye. And only those who pay the \$2.50 on Pathway are able to find that info. Sorry, TrackIT users.

All of this comes back to trust. I have been ingrained in this game for a long time, so I know how to maneuver around the general information given to the horseplayer. But for the everyday player or those looking to break into the vocation, there's a learning curve simply from the allowance in reliability you have to give for each line on a horse's past performances. Ensuring this sort of transparency is not a cure-all solution, of course, but any sort of informing just serves to gain the trust of the consumer.

We look at the success of racing in Hong Kong and have to wonder what sets their product apart. Among them is the perhaps militant transparency they give for all their customers on every horse. In return, its customers invest millions into the betting pools each race. For every race I watch over in England, I can see in the Racing Post what head gear a horse wore in what race and when in that horse's career they were gelded. Or we can look at the multi-billion-dollar market of sports betting, where no team's starting lineup ever goes unreported. Imagine the star shooting guard of a basketball team being listed all day but then not starting (beyond some unforeseen circumstance) – that's the equivalent of not listing a shoeing change.

I can spend my money on anything. I choose to spend some of it on harness racing because I have spent so many years watching it that I have some level of trust in how to interpret the information. But the well-over a billion dollars spent on racing, either betting or even in the gamble of ownership, pales to the many trillions of dollars that are put into the stock market annually. Because, in the stock market, there is an enforced trust since every company must publish its financials and records in order to legally take the public's investment. And because of that transparency, many people have trusted putting a portion of their labor's pay into a still uncertain market. Millions of Americans hold enough trust in that gamble that they will pin the budget for the twilight years of their life on things like Coca-Cola inventing a new fruit punch or IBM's first edible computer chip.

The dollar, after all, is the determining factor for many on whether we can eat at night or wake up hungry, whether we have shelter or live on the street. And yet, people are still willing to spend their dollar, so long as that dollar is being given a value in return. But that value is intrinsic to trust in the transaction. We should give that level of respect to every dollar invested, from ensuring the most transparent information to the bettors in the same way vet records are available to those looking at yearlings in Harrisburg this week. Find and seal the holes where conjecture runs too free. Get the public to trust your product and they will give you their dollar.



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# Record gross for yearling-only catalog at Standardbred Horse Sale

By Greg Reinhart

The yearling-only portion of the Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, ended on Wednesday with a new record gross of \$44,345,000 for 903 horses sold. That total exceeded the previous mark of \$42,784,000 set in 2007 when 1,048 horses went through the ring.

While the average of \$49,109 was down about 10 percent from last year's record of \$54,653 (777 yearlings were offered in 2021 in Harrisburg), it was the second-highest in sale history, going past the last pre-pandemic Standardbred Horse Sale in 2019 when the average was \$48,903. A total of 833 horses were sold in 2019.

Trotting fillies headed the yearling market in Harrisburg this year with 181 of them fetching an average of \$66,978. Pacing colts were next at \$49,588 (262 sold), followed by trotting colts (\$44,837 / 203 sold) and pacing fillies (\$39,409 / 257 sold). As far as totals by group, pacing colts were at the top of the charts, grossing \$12,992,000. Trotting fillies took second on that list at \$12,123,000, with pacing fillies third (\$10,128,000) and trotting colts fourth (\$9,102,000).

Ontario's Icy Stable/Farhi Standardbreds won the race in the consignor averages, with their nine offerings landing at \$102,944. Concord Stud Farm, based in New Jersey, had another strong sale and came in second at \$93,030 for their 67 horses. Completing the top five were Pennsylvania's Hanover Shoe Farms (\$71,594 / 197 horses), Ontario's Twinbrook Farms (\$70,385 / 13 horses), and Maryland's All American Harnessbreds (\$59,424 / 33 horses).

Chapter Seven was at the head of the class in the sire averages, with the venerable New York-based stallion's 26 yearlings checking in at \$149,462. Chapter Seven was also responsible for the yearling sale's top seller in Date Night Hanover at \$600,000 on Monday. Behind Chapter Seven were Walner (\$134,917 / 24 horses), Captaintreacherous (\$119,000 / 42 horses), Muscle Hill (\$97,857 / 14 horses), and Downbytheseaside (\$90,875 / eight horses). Captaintreacherous led the sire averages in Lexington and Chapter Seven was third, so they reversed those positions this time around.

As expected, since the Standardbred Horse Sale occurs in the Keystone State, Pennsylvania eligibles dominated the totals by region at over \$22.4 million, but their next-door neighbor Ohio had the top spot by average at \$56,250, edging out New Jersey (\$55,112). That list doesn't include horses who are eligible to more than one program due to dual-eligibility.

Wednesday's action saw a pair of \$100,000 yearlings sold in HIPs 769 Vignette Blue Chip and 893 Tenacious Hanover.

Vignette Blue Chip, who was purchased by William Donovan Jr., was bred by Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. and sold by Blue Chip Farms as agent. She's a filly from the first crop of Bettor's Wish and is out of the Rock N Roll Heaven mare Mo Molly Blue Chip, which makes Vignette Blue Chip a sister to the likes of former Massachusetts Sire Stakes champion Ry's Red Rocket [1:52 2/5, \$194,513].

Agent Linda Toscano grabbed Tenacious Hanover, a Stay Hungry colt bred and consigned by Hanover Shoe Farms. Tenacious Hanover is out of the Well Said mare Temptation Hanover and is a brother to horses such as Patriot Nation [1:50 1/5, \$231,793].

Donovan also went to \$95,000 to take HIP 534 Artonic Hanover, a Betting Line filly bred and consigned by Hanover Shoe Farms. Artonic Hanover is out of the Real Desire mare Allamerican Cognac, who has produced JJ Flynn [1:49 2/5, \$718,916] and Air Force Hanover [1:50 1/5, \$511,291].

With the yearling-only catalog now complete, the focus at the Standardbred Horse Sale is now on to the two-day mixed sale. Thursday's slate saw mainly yearlings, stallion shares, fillies, broodmares, and broodmare prospects, while Friday's action is more centered on race-horses of all ages. HIPs 941-1218 and 1600-1635 in the supplement book will be available on Thursday, and then the sale wraps up on Friday with HIPs 1300-1553 and 1650-1655 in the supplement book. Each session begins at 11 a.m. (eastern).



DERICK GIWNER PHOTO

(above) Owner R Lynn Curry and trainer Annie Stoebe walked away with one of the more unique horses in the chestnut Elista Hanover. (below) Trainer Jack Darling had his Black Book indexed as he looks for the next Bulldog Hanover.





# Standardbred Horse Sale \$200,000-plus Leaderboard

HIP-Horse	Sire	Price	Sex	Consignor	Buyer
38-Date Night Hanover	Chapter Seven	\$600,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Jeffrey S. Snyder
60-Tandem Hanover	Walner	\$510,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Andrew Harris
109-Greenspring	Greenshoe	\$500,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Determination
119-Pennteller Hanover	Chapter Seven	\$500,000	C	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Determination
134-Linnea G	Tactical Landing	\$475,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Julie E. Miller, Agent
142-Paparazzi Rat	Chapter Seven	\$400,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Jim Glass, Agent
101-Monticello	Chapter Seven	\$335,000	C	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Bradley Grant
153-Time Out Hanover	Stay Hungry	\$325,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Tony P. Alagna, Agent
294-Volcanic Blue Chip	Walner	\$325,000	F	Blue Chip Farms LLC., Agent	Ake Svanstedt
391-Twin B Predator	Captaintreacherous	\$310,000	C	Twinbrook Farms	Noel Daley, Agent
6-Alamo Hanover	Captaintreacherous	\$300,000	C	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Myron Bell, Agent
121-Legal Scholar	Walner	\$300,000	C	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Andrew Harris
122-Best Day	Bettor's Delight	\$290,000	C	All American Harnessbreds	Determination
18-Jinx Blackout	Walner	\$275,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Mark Steacy, Agent
137-Solange Hanover	Walner	\$265,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	David McDuffee
366-Seven Again	Chapter Seven	\$260,000	F	Preferred Equine, Inc., Agent	Trond Smedshammer
45-Evangelina	Chapter Seven	\$250,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Douglas S. Overhiser, Agent
75-Mosquito	Muscle Hill	\$250,000	C	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Morrison Racing
110-Private Access	Muscle Hill	\$250,000	C	Preferred Equine Inc., Agent	Determination
112-Security Protected	Father Patrick	\$250,000	C	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Marcus Melander, Agent
129-Shebebakin Hanover	Captaintreacherous	\$250,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Pinske Stables
131-Sula Hanover	Downbytheseaside	\$250,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Burke Racing Stable LLC.
277-Elista Hanover	International Moni	\$240,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Lynn Curry
512-Abra Abra Kadabra	Kadabra	\$235,000	F	Icy Stable/Farhi Standardbreds	Determination
149-Titanic Hanover	Captaintreacherous	\$230,000	C	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	David McDuffee
32-Cerise Hanover	Captaintreacherous	\$210,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Luc Blais
126-Step Up Hanover	Greenshoe	\$210,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Christian Rakshys
475-Sarasota Hanover	Stay Hungry	\$210,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Linda Toscano, Agent
10-Armada Hanover	Stay Hungry	\$200,000	C	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Brett Pelling
25-Calicojack Hanover	Captaintreacherous	\$200,000	C	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Luc Blais
46-Locomotion	Chapter Seven	\$200,000	C	All American Harnessbreds	Marcus Melander, Agent
93-Donegal Spirit	Captaintreacherous	\$200,000	F	Preferred Equine Inc., Agent	Andrew Harris, Agent
132-Sambuca Hanover	Bar Hopping	\$200,000	F	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	David McDuffee
163-Way To Go Captain	Captaintreacherous	\$200,000	C	Icy Stable/Farhi Standardbrds	Thomas R. Dillon

# Burke and others look for late-season Kindergarten victory

By Jay Bergman

The Meadowlands hosts four Kindergarten Series finals for each freshman division on Saturday night and the sport's leading trainer Ron Burke was fortunate enough to land the pole position in two of the races. For Burke, who is well ahead of any rival when it comes to wins and earnings in 2022, a victory by either Loubet in the \$233,970 Kindergarten final for 2-year-old colt and gelding pacers (race 9) or In Italian in the \$279,290 final for 2-year-old filly trotters (race 5), would be more than icing on another successful season.

Looking at Loubet, initially there is a lot to like in the homebred son of Sweet Lou that has missed plenty of time this year but now appears on the right track.

"He was sidelined with a weird issue," said Burke, without going into details. "We had to give him time off and he's come back well."

Loubet made just one start in the Kindergarten series and that came a week ago (November 11) as Yannick Gingras guided him wire-to-wire, easily holding off finalist Goldin Greatness in a 1:53 3/5 clocking.

"We've got David [Miller] driving him. He drove him in a baby race earlier this season and really liked him," said Burke. "With the post position I'm hoping for a mid-pack trip that he can close from."

While Loubet has but three starts, the Kindergarten final finds him up against not just horses with more experience but many that have been much faster. First on that list would be Gingras' choice in Save America (post 6), a colt that has already won in 1:49 4/5 this year in the Metro Pace elimination and then finished a good second in the final for trainer Nancy Takter.

Burke raced Loubet's sire and dam Atsallrite Hanover and thinks the mare may finally have struck gold for him and his partners. "She never quite got there as a racehorse," Burke said of Loubet's dam. "She died after this horse was born. She really hadn't produced much until this colt. He was our best training down."

While Burke is hopeful Loubet will get a nice check on Saturday night, he was more than cautious about the competition and likely looking forward to a successful 3-year-old campaign.

"There's some horses that are probably more experienced than him and just as fast or maybe faster," said Burke.

The trainer said that Loubet is ineligible to the Governor's Cup as the stable had hoped to race him earlier in the season before issues side-tracked those plans.

In Italian, the full sister to Burke's champion mare, the soon-to-be retiring Atlanta, will hope for a good check in the Kindergarten final for juvenile trotting fillies (race 5) as Burke again calls on David Miller to substitute for Yannick Gingras who is committed to Mambacita (post 6).

"She raced much better first-time Lasix," said Burke, referring to her third-place finish in last Saturday's (November 5) final Kindergarten preliminary where In Italian finished behind finalists Heart On Fire (post 5) and Wild Jiggy S (post 8).

"David's (Miller) going to drive her, and he has a way of working out a trip for horses that should do her well," said Burke. "Second time Lasix is also a good angle."

In Italian was a \$750,000 yearling buy at last year's Harrisburg auction and thus far has won twice in nine starts for Burke this year.

Jim Doherty Memorial champion Instagram Model returns to the site



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**Loubet was a convincing winner in last week's Kindergarten leg but driver Yannick Gingras opted for the more seasoned Save America.**

of her major triumph for trainer Annie Stoebe and landed post two for driver Scott Zeron.

"I was happy with her last race," said Stoebe, "We got money in the Breeders Crown and you have to be happy with that. She really needed that race."

Without any Breeders Crown elimination race, Instagram Model hadn't had a competitive race for 35 days between her victory in the Reynolds at Tioga Downs on September 23 and the Crown finale at Woodbine Mohawk Park on October 28, and was a decent fifth behind Special Way.

Zeron had been Instagram Model's driver before an injury sidelined him and forced him to miss the Doherty. The Chapter Seven-sired Instagram Model was a \$350,000 purchase and is out of a sister to Breeders Crown winner King Of The North.

Trainer Ake Svanstedt qualified three for the Kindergarten final but lacked any luck in the post draw as Emira Mil It (post 7), Wild Jiggy S (post 8) and Bond (post 10) all drew to the outside of the field. On a positive note is the performance of Bond, the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes champion who returned to action last Saturday (November 5) with a stellar 1:54 Kindergarten score, trotting a final quarter in 26 4/5 to complete the mile.

A pair of red-hot 2-year-old colts meet in the \$268,180 (race 8) Kindergarten final for colt and gelding trotters, with Volume Eight (post 7) on a three-race stakes winning streak and Southwind Admiral (post 10) a winner in seven of nine starts this year meeting for the first time.

Charleston (post 1) is the likely favorite in the \$238,810 Kindergarten final (race 10) for 2-year-old pacing fillies. The Downbytheseaside-sired filly has been first or second in all nine starts this year with six wins. She most recently finished second in the Breeders Crown final (October 28).

The 14-race Kindergarten card kicks off at the usual 6:20 p.m. start time but fans and friends of longtime Meadowlands on-air personality Dave Brower are invited to show up at 5:30 to honor his memory.

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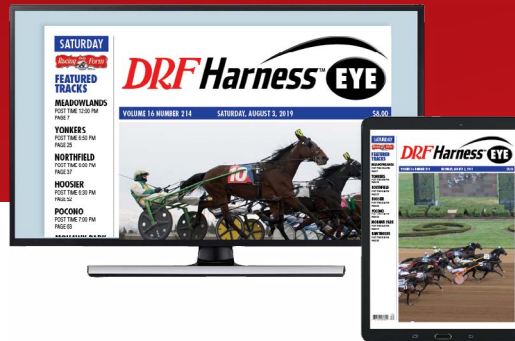
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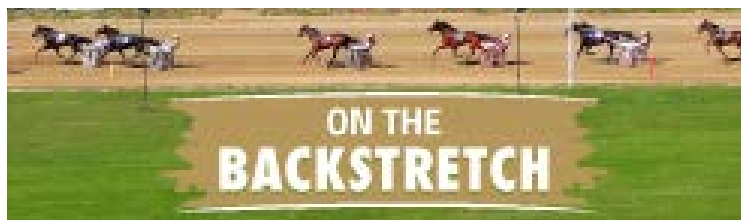
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**BY DERICK GIWNER**

Owner Alan Katz has been around harness racing for most of his life and races under the moniker 3 Brothers Stable, representing himself as well as his brothers Ronnie and the recently deceased Steve. Whether at baby races, for big stakes events, or in this case the Harrisburg sale, you can often find Alan in attendance, even if he admits to going to the track less now than in the past.

The Brooklyn, New York native needed a bit of cajoling from his trainer Nancy Takter to participate in this interview, so when her name comes up quite often, you'll know why. Once in "talk" mode, Katz had plenty to say about his journey in the Harness Racing as well as the current state of the sport and where it is headed in the future. Enjoy!



## OWNER ALAN KATZ

### How did you get started in harness racing?

We used to go to Monticello and Roosevelt. My whole family – my parents, my brothers – loved it because it brought us entertainment.

### How did you become an owner?

My father and mother would go down to the track; they didn't play golf; they didn't go boating. They liked going to the races. One thing led to another and they met Morty Finder. We bought our first horses from Pine Hollow Stud the first year. That was about 1977 and it grew from there.

### You have a few trainers that you use. Why did you choose those people?

Integrity and results. We like to have conversations and talk to our trainers. We are loyal to our trainers. We haven't had a lot of them.

### Rumor has it you drive trainer Nancy Takter crazy. Is that true?

100% no. Maybe if she would answer her phone and stop texting, we would have a better relationship, but you are not going to teach her anything at this stage, and you can ask her dad [Hall of Famer Jimmy Takter] if I'm telling the truth.

I called Nancy a month ago in the car on a Sunday. It was like 3pm and I had to make a decision to do something. She picks up the phone and says 'Alan I can't hear you because my [car] hood is down.' [Nancy Takter laughing: "I was thinking to myself I really don't want to talk to Alan right now."] I was thinking, would you say that to Marvin Katz? She loves texting and we love talking. All of my trainers talk. [Nancy Takter laughing: "I give Alan at least three weeks of my life every year on the phone."] I told this to Jimmy Takter, I told this to Ronnie Burke and I'll tell it to any trainer who I work with, we've never been in the business to make money. We are in it to enjoy ourselves. When I told it to Burke he was flabbergasted. He said, 'Alan I make money every year.' I said that I don't. The only way we make money is with the stallions. You cannot make money with just racehorses, unless you are Burke.



DERICK GIWNER

**Horses owned by Alan Katz' 3 Brothers Stable have earned over \$800,000 in 2022.**

### Are you an easy owner to have?

Yes [Nancy Takter agreed: "He always pays his bills"]. I just like to complain. She likes to complain too. I used to complain about drivers picking off my horses but I've gotten over that. What bothers me is traveling expenses for the drivers. They get private planes to go to the stakes races and the owners are paying. If one of the drivers are in 10 races, why shouldn't they split up the costs over the 10 drives. What if the driver gets hurt in race 1 and he can't drive in race 8 that I'm in after I paid \$3,000 for him to get there? What do I do? If seven drivers go to Hoosier Park for the Breeders Crown and all seven are running in divisions for hundreds of thousands, why can't they pay? There are certain races where drivers can get together with the owner and say that they have to get from the Adios in the day to The Meadowlands at night and they need a private plane. I'll buy that. If they have to go to Canada, I buy it. But to go to the Breeders Crown where they are in seven or eight races? I'd like to tell them we'll just use local drivers. Then they'll pay. I blame the trainers because they don't stick up to them.

### What kind of car do you drive?

Lexus.

### Favorite dinner meal? Snack?

Pizza. I don't snack much. Pizza and bagels are my two favorite foods. I'm not a good eater.

### What is your favorite track to visit and why?

My favorite track closed, Roosevelt Raceway. We only lived about a half-hour away. It was very enjoyable and had good crowds. Today we only go to the track if we have a good horse racing; Meadowlands, obviously.

### What is your favorite big event in racing and why?

Meadowlands Pace. I've always wanted to win it and never did. There is definitely hope. We've been close.

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### How often is racing on your mind?

24/7.

### What is your favorite thing to do outside of racing?

Only other thing I do is work; make a living.

### What do you do for a living?

Linen supply. It is a family business we've had for a long time.

### What is your favorite sport to watch? Team?

Hockey – New York Rangers.

### What is one thing about you that most fans or bettors don't know?

All of the trainers call me “the coach” because I like to explain to them ways of correcting their mistakes.

[Nancy Takter: Something else people don't know is that [Alan] is one of the breeders of Mr Muscleman]. My partner was George Segal. We sold him for \$1,900.

### You've been involved in the sport a long time. Do you think you know better than the trainers?

On certain things I do. I never get involved with the actual training. For example – using Nancy [Takter] since she is sitting next to me – a few years ago we had a horse in a big race in Canada and we called her up and said we wanted to scratch because we had the 10-hole. We wanted to run four or five days later in Tioga. She said, ‘are you nuts?’ I called her father and he said, ‘Alan, you are 100% right.’ I told him to convince his daughter. I told Brett Pelling one year to scratch out of the [Little Brown] Jug when we drew the eight-hole and he said, ‘you can't scratch’. I said why? He raced the horse and he's still running. So when I say managing, I know my trainers are great at what they do, but I focus on the little things that need to get done. I like to be involved with staking and preparing the schedule that we think is right.

### What is one word that describes harness racing for you?

Exciting.

### We are at a yearling sale right now. What role do you play in the yearling selection process?

We talk to our trainers, go over the breeding and conformation, what stallions we want. At this stage we want to invest in our own stallions like Captain Crunch. We want to give them every opportunity to be a top stallion. We support JK Endofanera. We still buy other stallions like Captaintreacherous, obviously.

### Perhaps some of the people here have an unlimited budget. Are you budget-minded or have you reached the point where if you want a horse you are getting it?

You are always under a budget. For example, yesterday we loved a trotter and it went for \$500,000. We stopped at about \$350,000. If you call that a budget, then that's a budget.

### What is the best advice you've gotten about harness racing?

Get rid of them when they stink. Don't bring them back if they don't show anything at [age] 2. Your first loss is your best loss. I learned that the hard way. If they have problems at 2 they don't go away at 3. That is another thing with trainers, they hate selling horses. To get Nancy to sell a horse is like pulling teeth . . . Like No Lou Zing, she never wanted to sell. So when I say managing or coaching a trainer, that's when we want to have some input.



DERICK GIWNER

Alan Katz (right) and trainer Nancy Takter, who conditioned 2014 Horse of the Year JK She'salady for his 3 Brothers Stable.

### What is the best moment you've had in harness racing?

JK Endofanera winning the North America Cup and JK She'salady in 2014; it's a pick'em.

### Which is the best horse you've ever owned?

JK She'salady.

### Throughout the years you've had a lot of good horses. Is there one you feel sentimentally close to?

The homebreds, the JK horses. We definitely feel differently about them. But having Captain Crunch, years ago with Ronnie Gurfein and Higher Power, Giant Force, those were great horses for us.

### At 64, what keeps you motivated and involved in the sport?

It's exciting. We like to go to the barns, watch them train, breeding, speaking to our trainers and communicating. It is part of our lives.

### Do you spend more time with the horses or your regular job?

50/50. On weekends I like to go down to the barn and look at the babies and watch the yearlings train down; make decisions.

### You are listed under the 3 Brothers Stable. What role does Ronnie play?

Him and his wife Mardi enjoy it, but we definitely miss Stevie. He was the one that started 3 Brothers Stable. He loved the horses the most of the three of us. When he passed, we are still going to use 3 Brothers. We are not going to change that name. We miss him. When the horses used to lose it was a personal affront to him.

### If you had the power to change one thing in the sport, what would it be?

Get rid of the drug trainers.

### Do you think ridding the sport of trainers who use illegal drugs is possible?

No. I think they are way ahead of us. I'd love to see it happen. I'd love to see fans come back to the game. It is so depressing to see 20 people in the grandstand. I'm not optimistic about the future. I'm actually surprised how the sales can be this strong.

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## ON THE BACKSTRETCH

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### Why are you so surprised by the sales considering how high overnight purses are right now?

Because everyone is complaining and purses haven't increased in 30 years. We don't race in overnights, just stakes. The Meadowlands Pace, when I had horses with George Berkner, was more money than it is today. Expenses have gone way up in the last 25 years – trucking, vet bills. Horses have to make \$80,000 just as a break-even point.

I think 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds should race for more money, especially at The Meadowlands. They don't give you an opportunity for 3-year-olds to run for good money. A green 3-year-old should have a \$20,000 minimum non-winners of 2 races purse.

### Wouldn't you say that The Meadowlands has tried to put out races for young horses with series like the Kindergarten?

No. What about years ago when Joe DeFrank was around. They had the Aquarius, the Trendsetter, \$25,000 claimers for 3-year-olds, the Blossom. I loved those. There used to be multiple divisions. The racing was competitive. You had to win a division of the Trendsetter to make the final. Today the Kindergarten is two divisions maybe. The Kindergarten conflicts with all the other races. The scheduling is terrible. The New Jersey Sire Stakes is way too early. And like I said, if I have a green 3-year-old, where am I racing them? I hate a half-mile track. If you go to The Meadowlands you have to go 1:54 for \$10,000. So a lot of people wait until March and go to Pocono for the Weiss Series to educate 3-year-olds.

### What do you have against half-mile tracks?

They ruin horses, getting around the turns. If you have a good 2-year-old, you ruin them racing on a half-mile track.

### Time for the stretch drive...

**Best horse you ever saw?** Somebeachsomewhere.

**Best driver ever?** John Campbell

**Best trainer ever?** Brett Pelling and Taktors, Nancy and Jimmy.

**Lasix: Yes or No?** Yes.

**Favorite TV show?** Seinfeld.

**Trotters of Pacers?** I bought a trotter this year but mainly pacers.

### Why do you stick with pacers?

[Nancy Taktors laughing: Because he would really drive his trainers crazy if he had trotters]. We had trotters with Per Eriksson. We won the International. When Per Eriksson closed shop up we had no outlets for a trotting trainer. My mother loved trotters.

### We talked a lot about you coaching trainers. Did you ever stop using a trainer because they didn't want to be coached by you?

Truthfully, no. I just complain but they don't listen. I'm like Rodney Dangerfield.

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

### RACE 3

(5) SLAVE LABOUR finished fourth last week against a tougher group of NW4's than he faces here and I'll give him the nod.

**-Greg Reinhart**

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

### RACE 8

(7) TWIN B HEART THROB was well-meant in his debut for Jeff Cullipher last week as he brushed to the top and ended up third. He gets to drop a level here and should be tighter.

**-Reinhart**

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### RACE 9

(5) SO MUCH MORE was given a week off following a terrific effort in the Breeders Crown final and she is always the mare to beat when facing locals.

**-Garnet Barnsdale**

**WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

### RACE 4

(7) CAPOZZO came home pretty well but lost to a horse with a better trip last week. Veteran has form, hails from a good percentage barn and can tap into his class with twice as much money on the line this time.

**-Derick Gwerner**

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## MEADOWS ADDS PARTNERS, UPS THE ANTE FOR "FORCE OUT FRIDAY"

Hollywood Casino at The Meadows, in conjunction with the United States Trotting Association and the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association, is adding guarantees to two pools for this Friday, November 11, dubbed "Force Out Friday." The pools will combine for \$125,000 in guaranteed pool size.

The Pick 5 pool, which currently has a \$14,223 carryover, will be guaranteed to \$50,000 in race 4.

The Super Hi-5 pool, which has a multi-day carryover of \$22,949, will be guaranteed to \$75,000 in race 13.

Please note the 20-cent max wager amount will be lifted for both wagers on Friday.

First race post time for "Force Out Friday" is 12:45pm ET.

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## PEBBLE BEACH ADDED TO DIAMOND CREEK'S STALLION LINEUP IN 2023

Diamond Creek is excited to announce that Pebble Beach will join our stallion roster in 2023. This year's Breeders Crown and North America Cup winner will become the first elite pacing stallion in Kentucky since the inception of the 50 percent stallion bonus. He will be retired at the end of the racing season to stand for a stud fee of \$7,500.

"Pebble Beach is the best son of Downbytheseaside, and the first to come to stud," said Diamond Creek's Adam Bowden. "We have long desired to have a pacer in Kentucky, and he is the perfect horse to spearhead our expansion into the Kentucky market."

Pebble Beach was brilliant as a 2-year-old, setting a speed mark of 1:48 4/5 and being a Breeders Crown elimination winner and Kentucky Sire Stakes champion. Hailing from a productive Brittany family, his relatives include high-class performers and multiple millionaires.

Syndication is underway with limited shares available at \$30,000. Please contact Diamond Creek for information at [office@diamondcreek-farm.com](mailto:office@diamondcreek-farm.com) or (717) 638-7100.

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## DOUBLE DECEIVER SEEKS BIG SCORE IN MATRON

When it comes to appearance, Double Deceiver is, well, deceiving.

Small in stature, the 3-year-old male trotter is big in heart. Purchased for \$17,000 at the 2020 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, the Carter Pinks trainee has hit the board in 19 of 24 career races, winning 10, and earned nearly \$700,000.

On Thursday, Double Deceiver will compete in the \$143,950 Matron Stakes for 3-year-old male trotters at Bally's Dover. He heads to the event off a second-place finish in last month's Breeders Crown and is the 5-2 morning-line second choice behind Breeders Crown winner King Of The North at 2-1.

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## MISTY COAST STAYS HOT IN DSBF

Misty Coast continues to prove herself as Delaware's top rookie pacing filly, cruising to a 1:56 1/5 win in her \$20,000 first round Delaware Standardbred Breeders' Fund preliminary event on Wednesday (Nov. 9) at Bally's Dover.

Following wins in the \$100,000 final of the DSBF Harrington series on Oct. 11 and against older conditioned company in a lifetime-best 1:54 1/5 on Nov. 2, Misty Coast recorded her seventh career victory in extremely easy fashion, taking the first of three splits.

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## VOLCANIC BLUE CHIP FRONTS THE FIELD ON SHS DAY TWO

HIP 294 Volcanic Blue Chip gave sire Walner the top seller during Tuesday's second session of the Standardbred Horse Sale, going to Ake Svanstedt for \$325,000.

A filly consigned by Blue Chip Farms as agent, Volcanic Blue Chip's dam Thislady's dynamite is an Explosive Matter half-sister to Dunk The Donato, the dam of Plunge Blue Chip, Splash Blue Chip, and Threepoint-bluechip. Svanstedt has plenty of experience with the family as he also trained Plunge Blue Chip and Splash Blue Chip.

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## DAVE BROWER TO BE REMEMBERED SATURDAY

Everyone throughout harness racing has been mourning the loss of longtime Meadowlands lead TV personality, morning-line odds maker and program analyst Dave Brower, who passed away on Oct. 7 at the age of 53.

On Saturday (Nov. 12), those who knew Brower well, or were just among the many who thought highly of his talent, can come out and say goodbye at Brower's "Celebration of Life", which will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Big M winner's circle. For those who cannot attend, they can watch live on [rtn.tv](http://rtn.tv) (Racetrack Television Network).

"We continue to mourn the loss of Dave Brower," said Meadowlands' Chief Operating Officer and General Manager Jason Settlemyre. "But on Saturday night, we can put our sadness aside, for at least a little while, and pay tribute to Dave with his family and friends coming to the track and swapping happy memories and stories about someone who not only meant an awful lot to us at The Meadowlands, but to the entire industry as well."

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## WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK ANNOUNCES WINTER STAKES

Woodbine Entertainment has announced details for its upcoming Winter Series. A total of four series events will be contested this December through February. All events feature two preliminary legs and an added money final. Nominations close December 1, 2022.

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A promotional graphic for Woodbine Mohawk Park's Fall Racing series. The background is a solid orange color. On the left, there is a black and white photograph of a horse and jockey racing. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the text "\$100,000 GUARANTEED EARLY PICK 5 EVERY RACE NIGHT" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "FALL RACING" are written in a large, white, stylized script font. At the bottom, the text "MON, THU, FRI, SAT | POST TIME 7:00 PM ET" is displayed in a white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, the Woodbine Mohawk Park logo is visible, featuring a stylized 'W' and 'M' inside a circle, with the text "WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK" to its right. At the very bottom, in small white text, is the phrase "Know When to Take the Reins. ResponsibleGambling.org".