

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

# Global showdown



**By Derick Givner**

The eyes of the Standardbred world will be firmly entranced on Yonkers Raceway Saturday afternoon when 10 older trotters from all ends of the globe convene for the \$1,000,000 MGM Yonkers International Trot. The invitation-only event is the featured attraction on an 11-race card offering \$3.3 million in purses and also includes the New York Sire Stakes championships for 2- and 3-year-olds.

When the posts were drawn, French superstar Etonnant landed in the two-hole and was installed as the 3-1 morning-line favorite in the mile-and-a-quarter event. While it is generally a favorable spot at Yonkers, owner/trainer Richard Westerink was somewhat concerned with the early tempo of the race and how it could affect his horse.

"With post two we must be a little careful," said Westerink. "[Going into] the first turn the horse has a lot of energy and that is when he is most likely to make a mistake. After that I think it will be easier for him.

"On the first turn he will maybe be in fifth or sixth but after that he can come out and we'll see.

I think he is the toughest horse but maybe not the fastest at the start."

Westerink reports that Etonnant has lost a little weight due to the heat back in France and here but that the 9-year-old son of Timoko has been training very well. While the 2022 Elitloppet winner has won over \$2.3 million in his career, he is not the richest horse in the field. That honor belongs to the one horse Westerink fears most of the European contingent of five who came to play for the massive trophy.

"Vivid Wise As," said Westerink quickly on the main competition, "but the only horse I'm really scared of is Etonnant and what he will do. My horse is tougher than the others but this track is 800 meters. When it is 1600 meters it is no problem."

Etonnant raced in the MGM Yonkers International Trot last year and made a break on the fourth turn with regular driver Anthony Barrier, who steers again this year. The goal of course in 2023 is for Etonnant to mind his manners and pick up that elusive trophy for Westerink.

"If the horse trots all the way I think we can

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win,” surmised Westerink, who added that Etonnant will race with shoes, just as he did in 2022.

Although the United States hasn’t sent out a winner in the MGM Yonkers International Trot since Resolve in 2016, It’s Academic (7-2, post three) presents the home nation with a serious opportunity to get back in the win column this year. The Ron Burke trainee has taken his game to a new level in 2023 with seven wins in 11 starts and the 6-year-old is a top-three finish away from surpassing \$2 million in career earnings.

Most recently It’s Academic set the pace in the Maple Leaf Trot at Woodbine Mohawk Park and was defeated late by the unbeaten-in-the-U.S. Alrajah One in a final time of 1:50 2/5. The loss broke a five-race winning streak but didn’t dampen driver David Miller’s confidence in his charge.

“Obviously A-One [Alrajah One] was really on his game. My horse fought pretty hard and that horse did just get by us the final 100 yards,” said Miller. “I feel really good about [Saturday]. My horse is in good shape and is sharp.”

As good as the competition is on Saturday, many of the drivers and horses are virtually unknown to U.S. regulars like Miller, but he has an ace in the hole with the extremely easy-to-drive It’s Academic.



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**Vivid Wise As leads the MGM Yonkers International Trot field with \$3.1 million in career earnings.**

“I just kind of react to how the situation unfolds,” said Miller about driving against unknown quantities. “My horse is really versatile, he can leave really fast or come off the pace. He’s just an all-around good horse.”

Vivid Wise As, he of the lofty \$3,126,865 bankroll and impressive 34 wins in 85 career races, drew the coveted pylon starting spot in the one-hole for trainer Alessandro Gocciadoro and driver Matthieu Abrivard. The 9-year-old son of Yankee Glide has been razor-sharp in Europe while coming off a fast-closing second in Sweden in his last start (July 25) and winning his previous attempt in Italy a month prior.

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#### #17, MET’S HEART, T, F, NY

Met’s Hall-Cardio Pump-Angus Hall

- 1/2-sister to **Cardio Muscle**, 3, 1:55s -’23 (\$83,129)

#### #25, MARKET RATE, T, F, NY

Met’s Hall-Current Yield-Like A Prayer

- 1/2-sister to **Odessa**, 1:55.3f (\$199,016), & **Triple Bottom Line**, 3, 1:59.2h (\$151,837)

#### #28, MOON LITE STROLL, T, C, NY

Met’s Hall-Starlit Eyes-CR Commando

- 1/2-brother to **Lights Come On**, 3, 1:55f (\$150,808)

#### #62, SINGERS CHOICE, P, F, NY

Courtly Choice-Keystone Musical-No Nukes

- 1/2-sister to **Screenplay**, p, 1:51.4s (\$260,633), & **Foolish Attempt**, p, 1:53.3f (\$145,780)

#### #73, AIRFLOW SPEED, P, F, NY

Boston Red Rocks-Pulse Power-Quik Pulse Mindale

- 1/2-sister to **Bolt Power**, p, 3, 1:52.2h (\$134,121)

#### #98, GROOVIN WILL, P, C, NY

Roll With Joe-Who Moved The Rock-Life Sign

- 1/2-brother to **Bottle Rocket**, p, 1:52f -’22 (\$121,840)

#### #99, SPECIAL PIECES, P, F, NY

Courtly Choice-Gadgets To Go-Cam’s Card Shark

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As accomplished as some of his European brethren are in terms of their careers, Hierro Boko has been able to make some serious noise on the European scene this year, more than doubling his earnings with \$295,320 made at the ripe age of 9. Trainer/driver Hannu Korpi understands where his horse fits on the spectrum but feels he has some intangibles in his favor come Saturday.

"Etonnant and Vivid Wise are better than Hierro Boko, but my horse has better circumstances because he can swim and he isn't stuck in quarantine. He is on the same daily routine as he would be in Finland. He's taken the trip very well," said Korpi, who is at Magical Acres while his aforementioned competition remains stabled at Yonkers Raceway.

Hierro Boko (post five) is actually the fastest trotter in Europe this year by way of his 1:50 (mile rate) victory back on July 16 in his homeland of Finland. Times aside, Korpi feels his 9-year-old son of From Above has another distinct advantage in that the smaller track won't present any problems.

"He's not a super-fast leaver but he goes very well in the turns," said Korpi, who will race Hierro Boko barefoot on Saturday. "It is such an honor to be in this race and we are here to win. I'm not afraid to try anything and will do everything I can to make it happen."

The colorful Korpi even promised a special treat should he wind up in the winner's circle after the MGM Yonkers International Trot. "I will sing the U.S. National Anthem," said Korpi with a big smile.

It's Academic isn't the only U.S. representative as Venerate also carries the Red, White and Blue for Swedish trainer Marcus Melander and Hall of Fame American driver Brian Sears. The 5-year-old with

French bloodlines (Love You) made a break in the Maple Leaf Trot last time and will also have to navigate post 10 this week.

"Everything seems fine. I don't know what caused the break," said Melander, who said he would likely add a head pole on the inside for Saturday's race.

Carrying the Swedish flag for the U.S.-based Ake Svanstedt stable is Jiggy Jog. The 4-year-old is the lone mare in the field and also the youngest combatant. Four-time American driving champion Dexter Dunn will steer the daughter of Walner from post nine.

Other world travelers entered in the race include Get A Wish (Denmark, post six), Aldebaran Zeus (Australia, post seven) and Bengurion Jet (Italy, post eight).

The MGM Yonkers International Trot is race seven with a scheduled post time of 3:00 PM (EDT). The card, which starts at 12:15 PM, also features a \$15,000 seeded Pick 5 with a mandatory payout beginning in race five.



DERICK GIWNER

**It's Academic finished third in the 2022 MGM Yonkers International Trot.**

## Alford goes for International Trot trophy with Australian "Zeus"

By Ken Weingartner

Seven years ago, Chris Alford had the opportunity to participate in several races during Little Brown Jug Week at the Delaware County Fairgrounds while in the U.S. on holiday.

The renowned Australian driver's return to the States this week is all business.

Alford, who is approaching 8,000 lifetime victories and is the winningest driver in Australia history, will get in the sulky behind Aussie-bred Aldebaran Zeus in Saturday's \$1 million MGM Yonkers International Trot at MGM Yonkers Raceway. Aldebaran Zeus drew post seven in the 10-horse field that will go the distance of 1-1/4 miles.

"It's probably a little bit tricky," Alford said about the 6-year-old stallion's starting spot. "I'll have to take a look at the form of all the other horses to know their gate speed and all that. Once I get into all that, I'll know a bit more."

"But (Aldebaran Zeus) is pretty versatile and can get off the gate pretty well. He's raced on a half-mile track back in Victoria. He's handy. The track won't be a problem, I don't think."

France's Etonnant, who made a break in last year's International Trot and finished eighth, drew post two for Saturday's race and is the 3-1 morning-line favorite. Anthony Barrier will drive the 9-year-old stallion for trainer Richard Westerink.

Alford arrived in the U.S. earlier this week to prepare Aldebaran Zeus for the International Trot with trainer Brent Lilley. Aldebaran Zeus is a multiple Group 1 winner Down Under with 18 lifetime victories in 48 races. He has hit the board an additional 16 times and earned \$298,503 in U.S. dollars.

"He's got real good speed, which is the main thing, I think," Alford said about the son of Muscle Hill-Zoia Boko. "He can sort of race anywhere, though he does seem to run his best races when he's somewhere up near the lead."

Earlier this year, Aldebaran Zeus defeated Just Believe, who was invited to represent Australia in this past May's Elitloppet in Sweden, in the Group 1 Hammerhead Mile at Menangle. That victory gives Alford confidence Aldebaran Zeus can step up on the international stage as well.



KEN WEINGARTNER/USTA

**Aldebaran Zeus.**

Alford said. "Whether he can win, we'll need a lot of luck, but I'm sure he's good enough to be very competitive."

The 55-year-old Alford, who has captured the Australian Driving Premiership on 14 occasions, is looking forward to the opportunity as he prepares to drive in the U.S. for the second time. In 2016, he had a best finish of third among three drives at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. The drives were arranged through his friendships with drivers such as Yannick Gingras, Tim Tetric, and Brett Miller.

"I was here for holiday when the Jug was on," Alford said. "They said to bring my stuff and they would see if they could get me a couple of drives. It was super. The experience was great. It was a bit of fun there."

As for the chance to participate in the International Trot, Alford said, "It probably won't really sink in until we get to Saturday, but it's exciting. When you get to see horses from all around the world, it makes it even better."

The mysteries surrounding how the race might play out with 10 horses competing over the half-mile oval at Yonkers adds intrigue.

"That's the thing," Alford said. "You don't really know the horses or the drivers and their styles and what they do. You wouldn't expect it to be just a normal Yonkers race with drivers just in single file. I think they'll be one out all the way and moves will be coming because it's a mile and a quarter. I think it'll be a last-man-standing thing."

The MGM Yonkers International Trot will go as race seven on the 11-race program, which also includes the \$250,000 Bob Miecuna Invitational Trot and \$250,000 Aria Invitational Pace, as well as eight New York Sire Stakes championships.

Racing begins at 12:15 p.m. Saturday at Yonkers.





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# Stratton hopes for luck on power-packed Yonkers undercard

By Jay Bergman

Driver Jordan Stratton has had a solid season thus far and on Saturday he hopes to continue that run on the stakes-filled undercard at Yonkers Raceway on \$1 million MGM Yonkers International Trot Day. Stratton will need to start from the second tier with the multiple stakes-winning Covered Bridge in the \$250,000 Aria Pace, carded as race 10 of the 11 on the afternoon program.

"I was really impressed with the way he came back to win the Kane [August 26] at Batavia," said Stratton of Covered Bridge, a 7-year-old gelding that has won 14 of 27 starts this year and pushed his bankroll above seven figures. "What impressed me most about that night was how good he looked and felt before the race. It's a 20 hour ship and [trainer] Jeff [Gillis] and his team did a great job."

Covered Bridge had returned from Prince Edward Island where he captured the Gold Cup & Saucer for Stratton, taking an elimination on August 12 in 1:51 2/5 and coming back on August 19 with a spectacular 1:50 3/5 off-the-pace score with Stratton at the controls. He started from the second tier then, and on Saturday once again Covered Bridge landed in-behind the front tier, with post 10 in a stellar field.

"I would say I don't think we've ever had an Invitational at Yonkers with the depth and power in this field," said Stratton of the competition Covered Bridge will meet in the Aria. "It's going to be tricky from the second tier and a lot will depend on what kind of pace they set. Last year it looked like there was going to be a hot pace but then things settled down."

Stratton's reason for some optimism is the presence of some serious quality in the 10-horse gathering that will go one and one-quarter miles. Bythemissal, a winner in 20 of 25 of his career starts including the 2023 Little Brown Jug, returns to the half-mile track after getting nipped last Saturday (September 2) in the Canadian Pacing Derby. Bythemissal drew post six.

Allywag Hanover finished third in the very same Canadian Pacing Derby while without much clearance for most of the stretch run. The 6-year-old lacks half-mile track experience but finds himself with a good draw, landing post three.

Stratton showed some respect for Stonebridge Helios (post 5), the Graduate Series champion, but also wondered how the track will suit him.

"He's a big horse. I wonder how he'll get around the half-miler," said Stratton.

Stratton has some live mounts as well on the New York Sire Stakes Finals part of the program. The top state-bred 2- and 3-year-old male and female pacers and trotters are featured in eight of the 11 races, with \$225,000 on the line in each contest and a host of competitive races.

"I was really looking forward to Camerican," said Stratton. "But she drew post seven and it's going to be tough from out there."

In race four, the \$225,000 NYSS Final for juvenile pacing fillies, Stratton will hope for some racing luck with the Ron Burke-trained Camerican, a daughter of American Ideal.

"We're outside So Well Dressed (post 4) and Bronx Barista (post 6), so I'm probably going to have to work out a trip."

So Well Dressed is a four preliminary-leg winner and Bronx Barista won three legs of the Sire Stakes. The well-matched group has talent on the inside of the gate, with Sea Pearl (post 1) a three-leg winner and Delightville (post 3) on the board in four of her five lifetime starts.

The \$225,000 NYSS final for sophomore colt and gelding trotters goes as race six on the program. Stratton has sat behind Onion Gun (Chapter Seven) in his last two wins, the most recent a Sire Stakes score on July 31 at Monticello.

"I know Onion Gum comes off a scratch line," said Stratton, "But Lucas [Wallin] does a great job and I'm sure he'll have him ready."

The inside draw could help Onion Gum's chances, with Chapercraz (post 4) and Cecil Hanover (post 8) two of the more dominant sophomores on the Sire Stakes circuit drawing to his outside.

In race eight, the \$225,000 New York Sire Stakes final for 3-year-old filly pacers, Stratton thinks he's got a shot if things go the right way.

"She was actually very good last time," Stratton said of Silky Stride (post 4). "She came first-over into Twin B Joe Fresh and was solid to the wire."

Silky Stride went overland in a 54-flat final half in that mile at Tioga Downs on August 27.



WENDY J. LOWERY PHOTO

**Covered Bridge will have to overcome a strong \$250K Aria Pace field and the second tier on Saturday at Yonkers Raceway.**

"It helps that Earthwindfire drew outside," added Stratton.

A winner in seven of her eight starts this year before losing to the aforementioned Twin B Joe Fresh, Earthwindfire drew post seven with Jack Pelling again in the bike for trainer Brett Pelling. With rival Twin B Joe Fresh racing in Kentucky this weekend, Earthwindfire looks for her first New York Sire Stakes championship after serving as bridesmaid in 2022.

Stratton sits behind Taste Of Honey (post 4) in the 11th race, the sophomore colt and gelding \$225,000 Sire Stakes final.

"We're going to need them to mix it up a bit, but I think he can get a piece," Stratton said of Taste Of Honey, who must contend with a strong inside draw as favored Thunder Hunter Joe (post 1) and Metal Man (post 2) meet up with Huntinthelastdollar (post 5) in what could be a contentious battle for the top.

The one and one-quarter mile Bob Miecuna Invitational Trot drew 10 horses as well and has been tabbed as race five on the program. The race will feature one of the top trotting mares in North America this season in M-M's Dream (post 2) from the Ron Burke stable. The Indiana-bred mare defeated International contender Jiggy Jog S when the mares met on the last two occasions at The Meadowlands, with M-M's Dream scoring in the Hambletonian Maturity on July 15 and then the Steele Memorial on August 5 over the mile strip.

"She's really been a big surprise. I only got to drive her once last year but she's definitely moved it to another level as a 4-year-old," said M-M's Dream's driver David Miller, who felt the half-mile track wouldn't be an issue. "I've only raced her on big tracks but I talked to Ronnie [Burke] about it and he said she has trained on a smaller track than a half so we are thinking she should be just fine."

Trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt could have the main threat in this field with Southwind Tyrion (post 6) looking for his third win in his last four starts. The son of Muscle Hill is a 5-year-old with but 19 career starts who is fresh off a 1:50 4/5 score in a \$100,000 invitational at Pocono on August 19.

First post for the afternoon International Trot program is scheduled for 12:15 PM (EDT).

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# Kildare King looks to reign supreme in Scioto's Charlie Hill

By Ken Weingartner

Foot issues hindered Kildare King as a young horse, but since turning age 4 last year, the trotter's performances have been predominantly majestic.

The winner of two of 22 races at ages 2 and 3, Kildare King has hit the board 25 times in his past 31 starts, with 16 victories and seven second-place finishes. He has a career-best win time of 1:50 1/5, which he recorded in capturing the Corbin Maturity Series by a half-length over Venerate last October at Lexington's Red Mile.

He also has been a track-record performer at Eldorado Scioto Downs, where on Saturday he will face nine rivals in the \$250,000 Charlie Hill Memorial for older trotters. Kildare King will start from post five with Tim Tetrack listed to drive for trainer Chris Beaver.

Kildare King has hit the board in 13 consecutive races at Scioto since August 2022, with seven wins and five seconds.

"For the last couple years, he's raced good just about everywhere I've raced him," Beaver said. "He was talented from day one. He won his first qualifier on a half (at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in central Ohio) as a 2-year-old in (1):59( 4/5) but then got an abscess in a hind foot and it messed up his entire 2-year-old year.

"At 3, he was still having problems with sore feet, and he would make breaks late in the race. But at the end of his 3-year-old year, he did start to come on and put some good miles together. The last couple years as an aged horse, he's won a lot of races."

Kildare King, a son of Trixton-Exclusivity owned by breeder Robert Goodman, has earned nearly \$400,000 since the start of his 4-year-old season. This year, the gelding has won five of 13 races while adding five seconds and a third.

"He's been racing good," Beaver said. "He didn't race good at Plainridge (finishing sixth in the Spirit of Massachusetts), but I just think it didn't

work out for him that day.

"He's very high speed and he doesn't really get tired. But that's true of all the good open trotters. There are a lot of them now in Ohio, so he's racing good horses every week. But you like any horse that doesn't get tired. That's one good thing about him."

The field for the Charlie Hill also includes 2022

Hambletonian champion Cool Papa Bell and 2021 Trotter of the Year Jujubee. Refined is the lone mare in the 10-horse group. Her wins this season include the Armbro Flight Stakes.

Completing the lineup are Smoking Jet, Pretender, It's A Herbie, Incommunicado, Lovedbythemasses, and Kings County.

"I think it's a field of horses he should be competitive with," Beaver said about Kildare King, whose fastest win time at Scioto is 1:51.4 (which he's done twice).

In addition to the Charlie Hill, Scioto hosts the \$260,000 Jim Ewart Memorial for older male pacers and a full slate of Ohio Sire Stakes championships and consolations. The Ewart's 10-horse field includes Canadian Pacing Derby winner Tattoo Artist as well as Charlie May, the event's defending champion who is on the verge of \$2 million in lifetime purses, and 2022 Meadowlands Pace champ Beach Glass, who is making his seasonal debut.

Racing begins at 5 p.m. (EDT) Saturday at Scioto Downs. The Hill and Ewart are races 13 and 14, respectively, on the 18-race card.



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# Spaaaanzano puts his streak on the line in Ohio Championship

By Derick Gwerner

There is no shortage of stories waiting to be told on Saturday's Ohio Super Night card at Scioto. With 18 races on the docket and 16 of them for 2- and 3-year-olds in Sire Stakes competition, champions will be crowned throughout the night.

While there are many competitive events, the \$300,000 trotting championship for 2-year-old colts certainly stands out as an event no one will want to miss. One of eight \$300,000 contests and carded as the 10th race, it will pit the undefeated Spaaaanzano versus the quirky, yet talented Tennessee Tom and the nearly unbeaten Royal Precedent.

Spaaaanzano burst on the scene when he won the Next Generation in his career debut and has never tasted defeat in five starts. Of course he is coming off a scratched-sick line which may concern some people but not trainer Chris Beaver.

"He got a low-grade fever the day before the last leg [of the Sire Stakes] and he is too good to risk racing him," said Beaver. "He trained in [1:59] last week and he seems to be in good form."

Spaaaanzano owns a solid 1:55 4/5 career mark but that only ranks second in the field behind Tennessee Tom. The Ron Burke trainee is coming off a spectacular 1:55 1/5 performance on August 26 over the Scioto surface. That was the fourth win in seven career starts for the son of Long Tom, but he also shows breaks in two of his last five trips to the track.

"He was getting a little hot so Ronnie [Burke] put an open bridle and some cheek pieces on him," said driver Chris Page. "Now he's letting me drive him and I'm 99% sure everything is ironed out. This horse has gobs of talent."

The horse that Tennessee Tom defeated last time was Royal Precedent, who lost his five-race winning streak in the process. On Saturday he loses someone else as regular pilot Aaron Merriman will stick with Spaaaanzano and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. will get the drive. Still, the Sam Schillaci charge has never finished worse than second in seven trips to the track.

The Ohio Championship for the rookie colt trotters is far from the only event with potential star performers signed on. The \$300,000 championship for 2-year-old filly trotters has Sugar Instead. The daughter of Volstead has won five of seven starts and never been worse than second.

Rose Run Yolanda is the clear standout in the \$300,000 filly trot for sophomores. The Todd Luther trainee has won six of 10 starts and owns the fastest winning mile in the field (1:53) by a full second.

There is another good showdown among 3-year-old colts in the \$300,000 trotting championship. John Dutton has been in charge most of the year with nine wins in 14 starts but Jet Hill owns the best career mark (1:51 4/5) and a solid seven wins in 10 tries behind the gate.

Act Fast will look to run his winning streak to three in the final \$300,000 championship, this one for 3-year-old colt pacers. The Ron Burke trainee is off a career-best 1:49 1/5 win and he looks like the one to beat despite post seven and his 4-1 morning line.

Post time for the 18-race marathon card at Scioto, which features three \$10,000 Guaranteed Pick 4's and an all-championship Sire Stakes \$10,000 promised Pick 8, is 5:00 PM (EDT).

## SPOTLIGHT ON SCIOTO DOWNS

By Derick Gwerner

Saturday at Scioto Downs is Ohio Super Night with eight \$300,000 Sire Stakes championship as part of a card with purses totaling \$3.7 million. There are also a trio of \$10,000 Guaranteed Pick 4's as well as an equally-promised Pick 8. Here we'll look at the middle Pick 4.

### RACE 11: \$300,000 3YO FILLY PACE CHAMPIONSHIP

(1) HEY HEY MAMA is probably the best horse in the field but is a bit of an unknown after missing eight weeks with a tendon tear. The return qualifier was good and if the price is right she'll be my top pick. (6) MCSEASIDE comes off a throw-out line against older foes. Her previous Sire Stakes tries have all been very good except a nine-hole effort that I'll toss as well. (2) KASSAGI has gone some really big miles and doesn't seem to mind taking a little air on the rim.

### RACE 12: \$300,000 3YO COLT PACE CHAMPIONSHIP

(7) ACT FAST has put together back to back efforts that would certainly find him in the winner's circle. Ron Burke charge is clearly the best horse and only a bad trip caused by too much early pace can derail him. While I'll be playing most of my tickets with #7 as a single, (3) QUICK TRICK is intriguing as an upset player who could take advantage if the pace gets too hot.

### RACE 13: \$250,000 CHARLIE HILL MEMORIAL

(3) PRETENDER is a talented horse that seemingly lost his way, but the recent addition of trotting hobbles has reawakened this 4-year-old and he finds a good spot to succeed. (2) JUJUBEE was locked up in congestion and took a bad step last time. He finished nicely after that and should have a big chance at rebounding here. (6) INCOMMUNICADO steps up in company slightly after four straight wins. He's hard to toss but not worth betting as the potential chalk.

### RACE 14: \$260,000 JIM EWART MEMORIAL

We haven't seen (9) BEACH GLASS since last November when he was perhaps the top 3-year-old pacer in training. He returns here off a series of sharp qualifiers but drew the far outside post in a pretty strong field. This could be an opportunity to bet him at fair odds. (4) BACKSTREET SHADOW went through a rough patch at one point but seems to be back on track. His best is good enough. (10) CHARLIE MAY is clearly sharp and no doubt a serious threat to win, but the second-tier starting spot presents an issue since the inside horses may not show speed.

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# Courtly Choice's stallion story remains very much unfinished



## JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman [@BergmanJay](#)

We live during times where answers to complex questions can be at your fingertips within seconds. Racing – especially the breeding component to it – would love to see all questions answered in short order, but there is no way to compress the time involved in breeding a mare to a stallion, and getting one in-foal to the day the resulting foals find a racetrack.

All business endeavors would love to know the results of the finished product before it goes to market and harness racing is no different, but due to the nature of the racing side often those who think long-term recognize not to be fooled by first returns.

This is not meant as an apology to stallions that aren't instant success stories when first crops hit the ground in June, but just a careful reminder that there are nuances in this business that defy simple conclusions and force us to wait more patiently before calling one stallion a winner or loser.

Courtly Choice, a son of Art Major, will see just his second crop of horses sell this fall and there is plenty of reason to be optimistic that his foals will bring him success on the racetrack in 2024 and beyond. Perhaps mostly because of the horse himself and the pedigree from his paternal line. While Courtly Choice was indeed a very fast horse as a 2-year-old, he was a much more complete racehorse when he turned 3 and perhaps a shade better a year later. Thus, despite the limits to his first-crops success on the New York Sire Stakes circuit this year, there is plenty of reason to be cautious not to make the blanket statement that the first crop hasn't succeeded.

As a 3-year-old Courtly Choice won the Meadowlands Pace and Little Brown Jug, no small feat by itself. But you'd be hard-pressed to convince anyone during his juvenile campaign that he was destined to be that kind of horse.

Such is the reason for optimism that his first crop will produce some extremely nice horses for the New York Sire Stakes program, but more importantly we should look at the number of foals when trying to make a reasonable analysis. There were but 49 foals registered from his first crop and that alone makes it hard to see truly how well he's done thus far. That 38 of those foals have started is most impressive, with the likelihood that those numbers will improve through the rest of 2023 and likely see more on the racetrack in 2024.

Given the numerical disadvantage when compared to other New York stallions, that Courtly Choice had two from his first crop in the Top 10 point standings in both Sire Stakes divisions is enough of an accomplishment if we can accept the premise his horses will get better as they get older. The filly Leanne's Choice is perhaps the quintessential "like father-like-daughter" racehorse. Overlooked by the masses at the betting windows, Leanne's Choice has captured New York Sire Stakes events on two occasions in her five starts this year and both came at healthy odds. An 18-1 winner in July at Saratoga, Leanne's Choice prepped for the Sire Stakes final with an 8-1 score at Tioga Downs on August 27, unfortunately she didn't qualify for the final. It should be recalled that pops Courtly Choice was a 34-1 shot when he rallied to win the 2019 Canadian Pacing Derby over heavily favored Lather Up. Her career-best 1:53 clocking came in the Saratoga mile where she was spectacular in following a runaway leader from a distant pocket through torrid fractions and somehow prevailed late. Far from a "perfect trip," Leanne's Choice earned that Sire Stakes victory and the mark that came with it.

Courtly Choice's sire Art Major went on to a fabulous stallion career and he too was a horse that improved dramatically from his 2-year-old to 3-year-old racing season and beyond. Successful Indiana stallion JK Endofanera, also a son of Art Major, was a late-bloomer as a 2-year-old and proved a better sophomore. The difference for those in search of a filly or colt from Courtly Choice's second crop is that unlike his sire Art Major or paternal brother JK Endofanera, there will be limits to the availability in that second crop. On Monday, September 11 there will be nine yearlings from his second crop going on the block in the Goshen Yearling Sale. The aptly named Chanceoflightning, a filly that's HIP number 3, has a deep pedigree that asks for patience but could ultimately reward the winning bidder. A foal of Admirals Chance, a mare that's already produced sub-1:50

speed from just five foals, this pedigree goes back a few generations to the Ontario war-horse Admirals Express, a horse with 86 lifetime wins.

HIP number 12 is named Hard Court and he's a colt and just fifth foal from a daughter of The Panderosa named Big Bottom. While the dam dabbled on the Pennsylvania Fair circuit during her racing years, the second dam Bell Bottom Pans was a solid New York Sire Stakes performer that like Courtly Choice, improved her racing stock as she aged.

HIP number 49 Ima Perfect Choice could be the perfect blend of New York Sire Stakes-line pedigrees, being a colt out of an American Ideal-sired mare. Perfect Choice is just the second foal from Ideal Paper, with the mare a 100 percent producer.



BLUE CHIP FARMS

**Wolfgang Blue Chip is one of nine yearlings by Courtly Choice available in Monday's (September 11) Goshen Yearling Sale.**

HIP number 74 Wolfgang Blue Chip is a colt from the \$405K-winning mare Hot List. The dam is a full sister to the \$1.3 million earner McCedes. Thus far Hot List has failed to hit as a broodmare, but that remains a mystery that could be solved with Wolfgang Blue Chip's arrival. The second dam Only Gossip saw five of her nine foals earn six-figures and only one miss racing.

While his numbers may be small, buyers are likely to be the beneficiaries of a small data sample as yearlings by Courtly Choice this year could prove to be major bargains in years to come. It's a book that is still just in its first chapter and likely to get better along the way.

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# Picking some prime prospects from Monday's Goshen Sale



## ON THE MARK

By Bob Marks [@BobMarks3](#)

Before you know it, Hambletonian Day is history. The Little Brown Jug is on the horizon and once again it's yearling sales time.

As has become somewhat traditional, at least south of the border with Canada, the Goshen Yearling sale at Mark Ford's training center in Middletown, New York leads off the yearling sales season. Being primarily but not limited to New York sired and bred colts and fillies, it will mean a good number of progeny by the Empire State's current leading sire Huntsville. Actually, Huntsville will offer a total of five colts and 10 fillies to the Goshen Yearling sale.

At this writing, Huntsville ranks fourth behind Captaintreacherous in the category of money-winning 2-year-old sires nationally and second behind Sweet Lou for money-winning 3-year-old sires.

Huntsville is far from the only major stallion represented at the Goshen Sale as Chapter Seven, American Ideal, Crazy Wow, Andover Hall, Bar Hopping, Tactical Landing, Courtly Choice and Met's Hall each have yearlings scattered through major consignments from Blue Chip Farm, Cameo Hills Farm and Winbak Farm.

Without further adieu, let's look at a few!

### HIP # 2 BALEVILLE BOMBER

Huntsville-Actress Hanover

First foal of Actress Hanover, a Western Ideal daughter of All American Indigo who takes up half the catalog page with the credentials of her numerous successful offspring. The next dam Incredible Margie has some major offspring, including millionaires All American Ingot and near millionaire L C B.

In that the first obligation for any yearling is to "make the races," one has to think Baleville Bomber capable of that and perhaps much, much more.

### HIP # 9 HONESTLY NEVERMIND

Greenshoe-Bambino Supreme

The sire Greenshoe has made it and while he doesn't have a championship contender just yet, he gets a very good number to the races. The dam Bambino Supreme is a sister to another newly "made" stallion in Six Pack

### HIP # 13 HOTTER THAN WASABI

So Surreal- JK Black Beauty

Like just about every son of Somebeachsomewhere, So Surreal gets more than his share of winners, and some like daughter Racine Bell have proven really top notch. The dam has already produced JK American Beauty, who is approaching the half-million mark in earnings last we looked. And then there's the maternal family going back to brilliant Town Pro, she responsible for Darlin's Delight, who shows up in the pedigree of several current substantial stakes stars.

### HIP #34 FANSVILLE

Huntsville-Caviart Elena

Huntsville first foal from Caviart Elena, who goes back to Makin Smiles, dam of Die Laughing. The third dam Odds On J P takes up more than half the catalog page with her outstanding broodmare credentials and if the individual is there, Fansville will have more than her share of lookers.

### HIP # 41 SMART GUY

Huntsville-Glowing Report

While the great race mare Glowing Report has not exactly distinguished herself in the broodmare ranks, there's the knowledge that many



of her Amazonian contemporaries do finally "throw one" at some point in their breeding lives. For that reason primarily, we'll venture over to the Cameo Hills barn for a good hard look at Smart Guy. In addition, he's a Huntsville and that matters in New York.

Like #56, Cameo's Steve Jones mentioned both of them as "nice looking with good conformation".

### HIP # 46 WISEGUY BLUE CHIP

Courtly Choice- Ascending

The sire Courtly Choice is enjoying a successful debut season as 38 of his 49 foals have raced, several of which have shown well in New York Sire Stake circles. In addition, he's a brother to Ashlees Big Guy and B J's Squall, who just happens to be the dam of the world's fastest Standardbred Bulldog Hanover. P.4,1:45 /5. The dam Ascending, a winner of \$773,523, has significant offspring, like Maxdaddy Blue Chip, Connery Blue Chip and Max's Leading Lady. I'd imagine Wiseguy Blue Chip will spend most of his day on the showing floor getting looked at.

### HIP # 56 CERVI

Huntsville-Limestone Cowgirl

Huntsville filly from a family that shows multiple fast-class distaffers like Storm Point, A Beach Cowgirl, and from the second dam Odds On J P, there's millionairess Ticket To Rock and Miss Scarlett, she credited with current stakes performers Crosscut, Wicked Ways and Shock Trooper. There's plenty for Huntsville to work with here and Cervi could prove more than a New York Sire Stakes filly for sure.

### HIP # 61 ON THE CLOCK

Tactical Landing-Murderers Row

The only Tactical Landing in the sale and that alone assures he'll have plenty of traffic when it comes to lookers. The second dam Housethatrbuilt, herself a Dan Patch champion, takes up nearly three-quarters of the catalog page with her credentials. Yes Murderers Row is not quite her dam just yet, but there's enough there to warrant careful inspection for son On The Clock.

### HIP #83 FAMILY JEWEL

Huntsville-Sir Erika Z Tam

The first Huntsville from prolific Sir Erika Z Tam and that alone warrants a close inspection. The dam produces winners, as does her dam Hula Dancer, she responsible for the well-remembered Maltese Artist, a winner of over \$2 million, and Artesian, a winner of \$800,000-plus. This could be any kind of filly and it's noticeable that Sir Erika Z Tam's leading money-winning offspring are by Somebeachsomewhere, sire of Huntsville.

Post time for the Goshen Sale is 12 Noon on Monday September 11. It's a good catalog, and in the words of my longtime friend Roger Huston, BE THERE!



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# ROAD TO THE MOHAWK MILLION



The Mohawk Million for 2-year-old trotters is scheduled for September 23 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Nine owners paid C\$100,000 each to own slots for the C\$1,000,000 race. Each slot-holder may enter their own horse in the Mohawk Million or make arrangements with another owner to use the entry. Below are the Top 10 horses on the Road to the Mohawk Million (Week 1 - September 6) as rated by DRF Harness Editor Derick Givner along with his comments. (Horses are considered not only by on-track performance but chances of being in the race considering ownership)

**1-KARL (3-3-0-0, 1:52 1/5)**

**Driver: Yannick Gingras – Trainer: Nancy Takter**

**Owners: Christina & Nancy Takter, Black Horse Racing, Crawford Farms Racing,  
Bender Sweden – Breeder: Crawford Farms**

Givner: At this point in terms of 2-year-old trotters there is Karl and there is everybody else. The son of Tactical Landing owns a lifetime mark that is a second faster than any of his peers and no foe has come within a dozen lengths of him in two starts. His latest victory was effortless on September 3 at The Red Mile. Only negative for him in the Mohawk Million would be racing back in six days following the Ky Sire Stakes final.

**2-T C I (8-7-1-0, 1:54 1/5)**

**Driver: David Miller – Trainer: Ron Burke**

**Owners: Burke Racing Stables, Hatfield Stables, Knox Services, Weaver  
Bruscemi – Breeder: Concord Stud Farm**

Givner: Cantab Hall colt has now won seven straight starts including the William Wellwood final and PA Sire Stakes Championship. His Sire Stakes win on September 2 saw him get away with slow fractions before sprinting home impressively. As a non-Kentucky eligible, he has no conflict with that Sire Stakes final six days prior and should be well-rested for the Million as the only guaranteed starter since he won the William Wellwood Memorial.

**3-ALLEGIAN (8-5-1-0, 1:52 2/5)**

**Driver: Scott Zeron – Trainer: Vernon Beachy**

**Owner: Ryan Smith**

**Breeders: Atlantic Trot Inc., Steve Stewart**

Givner: Filly owns multiple wins under 1:54 including a 1:52 2/5 score that ranks as the second fastest on the year. Those accomplishments are certainly something for her to hang her hat on. That the daughter of Tactical Landing was co-bred by Steve Stewart, whose Hunterton Farms & Partners owns a Million ticket, has to bode well for her opportunity to get into the race.

**4-SIG SAUER (3-3-0-0, 1:53 3/5)**

**Driver: Andrew McCarthy – Trainer: Noel Daley**

**Owners: Patricia Stable, Joe Sbrocco, JAF Racing, Allister Stables, Caviart  
Farms – Breeder: Southwind Farms**

Givner: Muscle Hill colt is perfect in three starts now and seems to have a nose for the wire. On September 1 he powered home in 26 4/5 to win by a neck and he sits in a tie for fourth as the fastest 2-year-old of the year. New Jersey Sire Stakes champ will look to extend his unbeaten streak in the September 8 New Jersey Classic final.

**5-DRAWN IMPRESSION (3-3-0-0, 1:54)**

**Driver: Louis Roy – Trainer: Luc Blais**

**Owner/Breeder: Determination**

Givner: Muscle Hill filly is undefeated in three starts including an impressive Peaceful Way victory by nearly five lengths last time out. That she is owned by Determination, who has two tickets to the Million, means she's probably a lock to be in the race. The other starter from this owner is unclear, though maybe Emoji Hanover, who debuted on August 11 and just won on August 24, could be in consideration.

**6-BUY A ROUND (4-3-0-1, 1:54 3/5)**

**Driver: Andrew McCarthy – Trainer: Noel Daley**

**Owner/Breeder: Frederick Hertrich III**

Givner: New Jersey Sire Stakes filly champion has won three straight starts now and clocked a career-best 1:54 3/5 in the New Jersey Classic elimination in preparation for the final this coming weekend.

**7-WILLYS HOME RUN (7-4-3-0, 1:55 1/5)**

**Driver: James Macdonald – Trainer: Robert Fellows**

**Owner: Sara Gatchell, Jake Higgs, Reg Higgs, N Yolanda Fellows  
Breeder: Reg Higgs**

Givner: Archangel-sired filly finished second behind Drawn Impression in the Peaceful Way and she's never been worse than second in her career. She absolutely dominated an Ontario Gold field on September 4 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. That she is stabled in Canada means her chances of showing up are increased.

**8-FRENCH CHAMPAGNE (4-4-0-0, 1:53)**

**Driver/Trainer: Ake Svanstedt**

**Owners/Breeders: Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld**

Givner: Daughter of Muscle Hill is perfect in four starts and her last effort where she came uncovered and set a 1:53 lifetime mark was certainly impressive. That is now the second-fastest mark by a 2-year-old trotter in 2023. That her ownership group resides in Canada could add to the allure of bringing her north from Kentucky.

**9-LONGFELLOW S (3-1-0-1, 1:54)**

**Driver: Brian Sears – Trainer: Marcus Melander**

**Owners: Courant Inc, Holly Lane Stud East, Larry Berg Stable  
Breeder: Am Bloodstock**

Givner: Colt from the first crop of Greenshoe charged home on August 7 to take a 1:54 mark. While he hasn't been as impressive since, owner Courant has a Million ticket and that means we may just see this guy.

**10-TOP MAST (7-3-2-1, 1:56 4/5)**

**Driver: Travis Cullen – Trainer: Desiree Jones**

**Owner: Gino Toscani**

**Breeders: Steve Stewart, Martti Ala-seppala**

Givner: This guy has some early speed in his arsenal and was second in the Wellwood elims. Walner colt is owned by Gino Toscani, who has a pair of tickets for the Million. Another from his contingent is Tactical Strike and one of them seems likely to show up.





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# Daley duo look to add New Jersey Classic titles to resumes

By Ken Weingartner

Noel Daley liked Buy A Round from the moment he began training the female trotter, particularly because she reminded him of past stable star Cedar Dove. The 2-year-old filly has done little to change Daley's opinion since the beginning of her campaign, winning three of four races, including the New Jersey Sire Stakes championship a month ago.

On Friday at The Meadowlands, Buy A Round will be one of four NJSS champs looking to add a New Jersey Classic final to their list of accomplishments. Daley also trains one of the other three, 2-year-old male trotter Sig Sauer. The remaining two are 2-year-old female pacer Pulp Fiction and 3-year-old male trotter Air Power.

New Jersey Sire Stakes champs also will be in action in Saturday's two New Jersey Classic finals, 3-year-old male pacer Voukefalas and 3-year-old female pacer Ucanodit Blue Chip. The NJC finals for trotters go for purses of \$275,000 while the pacers race for \$150,000.

The NJC, sponsored by The Meadowlands and Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey, is for N.J.-sired horses and horses eligible to the New Jersey Standardbred Development Fund stakes.

Buy A Round is a daughter of Walner-On Your Tab owned by breeder Fred Hertrich III. Last week at the Big M, she won her NJC elimination from post nine by 1-1/2 lengths over Walcango in 1:54.3. She starts the final from post three with Andy McCarthy in the sulky and is the 3-1 morning-line favorite.

"From day one, she reminded me of Cedar Dove, and I knew I had a good one real early with her," Daley said, referring to his 2011 Dan Patch Award winner. "She's a little natural. She's as good a going trotter as I've ever had. She's all business."

Daley also will send out Miss I La, who finished second to Sunkist Beauty in the other elimination for rookie filly trotters. Miss I La (Walner-Southwind Venus) has raced four times, with two seconds and a third in her three most recent outings. She has been within three-quarters of a length of the winner in all three.

"I trained her down with Buy A Round and loved them both," Daley said. "Miss I La got sick and had a few little issues along the way, but she will be much improved from that race last week. She was a little aggressive the other day. If she settles down and trips out, she can be right there. She's not going to out-muscle them right now, but it wouldn't shock me at all if she won."

Miss I La will start from post four with driver Scott Zeron and is 10-1.

Sunkist Beauty (Six Pack-Orange Bigi) is the 7-2 second choice after her 1:54.1 score last week. She will leave from post one with trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt.

Sig Sauer, undefeated in three races, is the 2-1 favorite among the 2-year-old male trotters. He won his elimination in 1:55.4, finishing a neck ahead of Southwind Metric. He leaves from post one Friday with McCarthy in the bike.

"He's always been very nice," Daley said. "He's a very strong horse. He's got a lot of power to him. I don't think we've seen anywhere near the best of him yet. He's got a lot more to give, I think."

Daley trains the son of Muscle Hill-Sigilwig for owners Patricia Stable, Joe Sbrocco & JAF Racing, Allister Stables, and Caviart Farms. He was purchased for \$200,000 at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale.

"For us, it was a lot of money; we don't usually go in those numbers," Daley said. "I don't want to over-race him. I think he'll be a better 3-year-old. I don't want him to have more than about eight starts. If everything goes to plan, which it never does, we'll take him to Kentucky for two and then the Breeders Crown for two and that's probably it."

In the final for 2-year-old female pacers, Daley-trained Miraculous Deo will take on a field that includes 2-1 favorite Pulp Fiction, who is undefeated in four starts for trainer Michael Hall. Miraculous Deo, who finished second in her elimination, starts from post seven with driver Brian Sears and is 5-1. She has hit the board in five of six races, winning one.

"If she happened to trip out, she's good enough to win it," Daley said about Deo Volente Farms' homebred daughter of Stay Hungry-Worldly Beauty. "I think she'll go with all of those."

In the final for freshmen male pacers, Daley will send out longshot Avellino for breeder-owner Anthony Monica. The gelding, a son of Lazarus N-Raise Your Glass, has one win in three starts. He will leave from



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**Sig Sauer is perfect in three career starts.**

post seven with driver McCarthy.

"Realistically, we're just looking for a piece," Daley said. "We liked him early, then the first time I qualified him, he lost the plot. But he's heading in the right direction now."

Newsroom (Always B Miki-Well Hello There) is the 3-5 favorite in the race. He is 4-for-4 for trainer Joe Holloway and driver David Miller and will start from post five.

In the remaining NJC finals Friday, Air Power (Muscle Hill-Beyond Blue) is 9-2 on the morning line in the race for 3-year-old male trotters, third choice behind 2-1 favorite Oh Well (Muscle Hill-Fine Tuned Lady) and Celebrity Bambino (Muscle Hill-Celebrity Ruth) at 5-2. Secret Volo (Walner-Secret Serenity) gets the 5-2 nod among 3-year-old female trotters.

Marcus Melander trains Air Power, Oh Well, and Secret Volo. Ron Burke trains Celebrity Bambino.

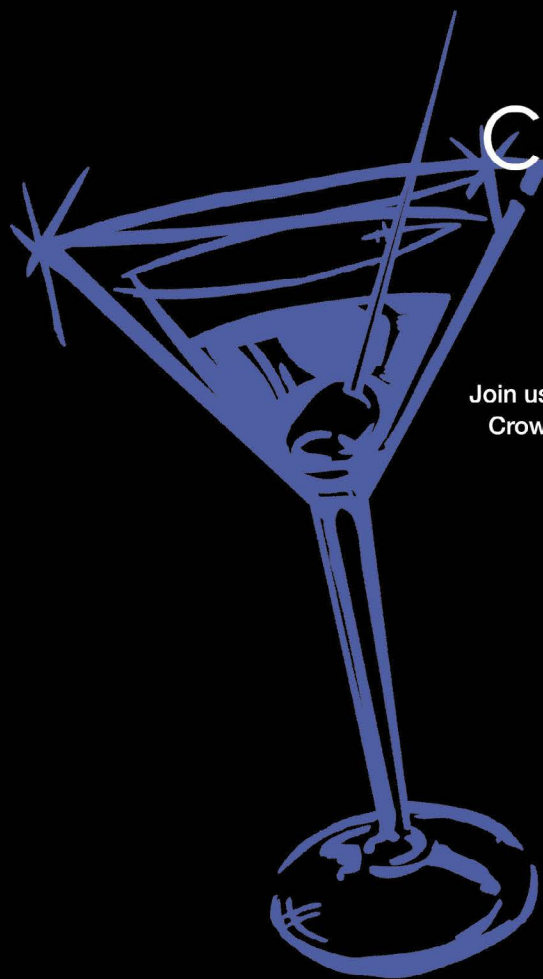
Racing begins at 6:20 p.m. (EDT) at The Meadowlands.



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# COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE

Join us for a special cocktail reception to launch the 2023 Breeders Crown Charity Challenge. 'Cocktails For A Cause' will be held at Lexington's Selected Yearling Sale at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington, Kentucky.

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**  
**Noon - 1:00 pm**



**THANK YOU** - The Indiana Standardbred Association would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following, for donating stallion breedings to be auctioned off in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio this fall. 100% of all proceeds will be donated to the four deserving charities participating in the Breeders Crown Charity Challenge.

**LEXINGTON:** Selling October 3rd  
at 1pm, prior to session  
two of the sale.

**WALNER**  
(Walner Syndicate)  
**BULLDOG HANOVER**  
(Seelster Farms)  
**TRIXTON**  
(Deo Volente Farms)  
**TALL DARK STRANGER**  
(Hanover Shoe Farms)  
**SWEET LOU**  
(Diamond Creek Farm)  
**CAPTAIN CRUNCH**  
(Diamond Creek Farm)  
**BETTORS DELIGHT**  
(Blue Chip Farm)

**INDIANA:** Selling October 20th  
at 10am, prior to the  
**HOOSIER CLASSIC SALE.**

**SWAN FOR ALL**  
(Kentuckiana Farms)  
**HELPISONTHEWAY**  
(Jon Weisman)  
**ROCKIN IMAGE**  
(Victory Hill Farm)  
**REBUFF**  
(Victory Hill Farm)  
**TEMPORAL HANOVER**  
(Ola Yoder)

Over \$1.2 million  
raised to date  
for local charities!

**OHIO:** Selling September 15th by  
**SILENT AUCTION...** closes  
at the end of the  
**OHIO SELECTED JUG SALE.**

**IN RANGE**  
(Hickory Lane Farms)  
**MONTE MIKI**  
(Midland Acres)  
**LONG TOM**  
(Midland Acres)  
**SUMMA CUM LAUDE**  
(Midland Acres)  
**READY FOR MONI**  
(Midland Acres)  
**LATHER UP**  
(Sugar Valley Farms)  
**CATCH THE FIRE**  
(Greg Luther Racing, CT Stables  
& Sugar Valley Farms)

# RACE OF THE WEEK

## 7 YONKERS SAT

1 1/4 Mile Trot. MGM YONKERS INTERNATIONAL TROT. Purse \$1,000,000

\$1 PICK 3 (7-8-9) | \$2 EXACTA | \$2 TRIPLE | \$.10 SUPERFECTA

<b>1 VIVID WISE AS IT</b> \$43,385 4-1 M. Abrivard 0-0-0-0 (0.000)		b h 9, by Yankee Glide, Temple Blue Chip by Cantab Hall Bivans Srl Napoli, IT; Bruni Racing Team Ab Biared, SD		Last 5 Sts - \$164,258		None in U.S.A. None in U.S.A.		23 YR 0 0 0 0 22 YR 0 0 0 0 21 YR 0 0 0 0		- 23 Tot 10 3 3 1 - 22 Tot 14 6 4 1 - Life 85 34 12 9		\$433,945 \$1,015,198 \$3,126,865	
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<b>2 ETONNANT FR</b> \$42,432 3-1 A. Barrier 0-0-0-0 (0.000)		b h 9, by Timoko, Migraine by Alligator Richard Westerink, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, FR		Last 5 Sts - \$245,448		None in U.S.A. None in U.S.A.		23 YR 0 0 0 0 22 YR 0 0 0 0 21 YR 0 0 0 0		- 23 Tot 10 6 0 1 - 22 Tot 14 5 4 1 - Life 70 21 12 4		\$424,322 \$533,620 \$2,332,705	
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<b>3 ITS ACADEMIC (L)</b> 51:50.1 (1) \$50,814 7-2 Dv. Miller 29-2-7-1 (.069)		b h 6, by Uncle Peter, Annapolis by Muscle Hill Bradley J Grant, Milton, ON, CA		Last 5 Sts - \$489,620		1:50.2 M1 1:50.1 M1		23 YR 0 0 0 0 22 YR 0 0 0 0 21 YR 2 0 2 0		- 23 11 7 2 2 - 22 Tot 18 3 5 3 - Life 77 29 17 13		\$558,951 \$533,620 \$1,918,263	
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<b>4 #FASHION FRENZIE</b> 51:50.4 (7/8) \$18,010 20-1 Lo. Roy 0-0-0-0 (0.000)		br g 5, by Archangel, Striking Fashion by Striking Sahara Ecurie Francis Richard Inc, QC; M R Bourgeois, QC; P Guillemette, St-Gregoire, QC		Last 5 Sts - \$105,426		1:50.4 Wbs 7/8 1:51.2 Wbs 7/8		23 YR 0 0 0 0 22 YR 0 0 0 0 21 YR 0 0 0 0		- 23 Tot 7 4 2 0 - 22 Tot 9 7 0 0 - Life 35 22 5 0		\$126,073 \$171,740 \$80,658	
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<b>5 HIERO BOKO S</b> \$15,543 8-1 H. Korpi 0-0-0-0 (0.000)		b g 9, by From Above, Staro Almighty by Yankee Glide Talli Unelmavyyt, Pirkkala, FI		Last 5 Sts - \$148,624		None in U.S.A. None in U.S.A.		23 YR 0 0 0 0 22 YR 0 0 0 0 21 YR 0 0 0 0		- 23 Tot 19 9 3 2 - 22 Tot 19 3 4 3 - Life 99 23 18 12		\$236,320 \$40,879 \$491,395	
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<b>6 GET A WISH DK</b> \$5,442 15-1 B. Westergaard 1-1-0-0 (1.000)		br h 5, by Wishing Stone, Amanda Vang by Lindy Lane Stall My Little Pony, Arendal, NO		Last 5 Sts - \$27,880		None in U.S.A. None in U.S.A.		23 YR 0 0 0 0 22 YR 0 0 0 0 21 YR 0 0 0 0		- 23 Tot 7 3 0 1 - 22 Tot 9 4 1 0 - Life 33 13 2 5		\$38,095 \$174,828 \$282,109	
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<b>7 ALDEBARAN ZEUS A</b> \$7,792 15-1 C. Alford 0-0-0-0 (0.000)		b h 6, by Muscle Hill, Zoia Boko by Viking Kronos Lessee-Aldebaran Lodge Pty LTD, Vic, AS; Tracey Cullen, Vic, AS; Danny & Melinda J Thackeray, Vic, AS		Last 5 Sts - \$1,362		None in U.S.A. None in U.S.A.		23 YR 0 0 0 0 22 YR 0 0 0 0 21 YR 0 0 0 0		- 23 Tot 11 6 0 3 - 22 Tot 11 6 0 3 - Life 48 18 9 7		\$101,256 \$76,812 \$298,503	
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<b>8 BENGURION JET IT</b> \$25,314 15-1 A. Gociadoro 0-0-0-0 (0.000)		b h 6, by Maharajah, Love Me Tender by Supergill Le Siepi Horse Racing Srl, Reggio Nell'Emilia, IT		Last 5 Sts - \$151,941		None in U.S.A. None in U.S.A.		23 YR 0 0 0 0 22 YR 0 0 0 0 21 YR 0 0 0 0		- 23 Tot 9 1 4 3 - 22 Tot 11 4 0 0 - Life 56 15 10 8		\$227,823 \$16,334 \$643,946	
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# NJ Classic card to air on FS2

When it comes to national television exposure, The Meadowlands has had plenty during 2023, and this Friday (Sept. 8) night, the TV departments at the New York Racing Association (NYRA) and The Big M will combine forces to show five of the six finals for the New Jersey Classic Series for 2- and 3-year-olds of each sex and gait live during a two-hour live presentation on Fox Sports 2 (FS2) beginning at 9 p.m.

Big M TV's Jessica Otten will provide the harness racing analysis on the broadcast, which will also feature Thoroughbred action from Charles Town Races.

During the Friday card, all but the 2-year-old colt and gelding pace will be seen on FS2. The six events have purses totaling \$1.4 million. Then, on Saturday (Sept. 9), the final two NJC finals will be contested, with a total of \$300,000 up for grabs, bringing the total purses for the eight NJC finals to \$1.7 million.

If business from a week ago is an indicator of things to come, Friday should be a big night.

"One week ago, despite racing having been on a three-week hiatus after Hambletonian Day, total handle was just shy of \$3 million," said track Chief Operating Officer and General Manager Jason Settlemyer, "which represented a 71 percent increase over the corresponding Friday from the year prior. Everything is trending in the right direction for the NJCS on Friday."

"We want to thank NYRA and Fox for their extraordinary efforts and talent, allowing The Meadowlands to show our sports' greatest events on "America's Day at the Races". It's an honor to be a part of such a first-class broadcast."

This weekend marks the end of the Big M's four-card "Mini Meet". Racing will take place Friday and Saturday with a first-race post time of 6:20 p.m.

Then, harness racing at The Meadowlands will take a five-week break before returning on Friday, Oct. 20. In addition to The Big M being back, the first two weekends will feature the Breeders Crown championships, which will be contested at Indiana's Hoosier Park. Eliminations will be conducted on Oct. 20-21 with the finals on Oct. 27-28.

Beyond that, November will feature great championship racing at The Meadowlands with many divisional honors on the line.

The Kindergarten Series finals will be conducted on Nov. 4, with the New Jersey Home Grown series being conducted one week later.

Shortly thereafter, the "Fall Final Four" championships – featuring the Goldsmith Maid, Valley Victory, Three Diamonds and Governor's Cup for 2-year-olds (with estimated purses of \$850,000) – will take place on Nov. 25.

The very same night, 3-year-olds and older horses will go at it for divisional honors – and maybe Horse of the Year – in four FanDuel championship events for estimated total purses of \$1 million.

-release (Meadowlands)

## YONKERS WITH HUGE PICK 5 CARRYOVERS ON THURSDAY, SATURDAY

This week's seeded \$5 minimum Pick 5 at MGM Yonkers Raceway was not hit on Wednesday night's (September 6) program, so there will be a carryover of \$19,100.75 in the sequence starting in Thursday night's (September 7) fifth race. This carryover amount is combined with \$15,000 of seed money from the SOA of New York to make the total "free" money available \$34,100.

Additionally, the same amount of \$19,100.75, along with another \$15,000 in seed money, is now in the Pick 5 pool for Saturday's (September 9) MGM Yonkers International Trot program. There will be a mandatory payout of the wager on that card.

The "Lucky" Pick 5 is a non-Jackpot bet and offers a takeout rate of 20 percent.

MGM Yonkers Raceway will race tomorrow night at 7 p.m. and then will be dark on Friday (September 8) in preparation for Saturday's blockbuster that includes the \$1 million MGM Yonkers International Trot, two \$250,000 invitationals – the Aria for pacers and the Robert Miecuna for trotters – and the eight \$225,000 New York Sire Stakes finals for 2- and 3-year-olds of both sexes and gaits. Post time on Saturday is 12:15 p.m. (EDT).

-release (Yonkers)

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### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

#### RACE 4

(1) AIR FORCE HANOVER moves back inside on the gate this week after two straight poor draws and was in the Open as recently as June. He also gets a driver change to Yannick Gingras.

-Greg Reinhart

**EMPIRE CITY.**  
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YONKERS RACEWAY

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

#### RACE 10

While some may've felt (1) SIG SAUER was in danger of losing last week, I'm not on that boat. McCarthy had him safely home and there is reason to think an even better performance is coming in his second start after missing four weeks.

-Derick Giwner

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#### RACE 4

(7) INTOTHEMYSTICMOON raced well in two straight but she had the misfortune of facing streaking Velvet Stinger in both those races. She has a big shot in this spot.

-Garnet Barnsdale

**WOODBINE**  
MOHAWK PARK

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

#### RACE 9

(5) INSTAGRAM MODEL was perhaps gunning for some bigger prizes this year but winning today would be a nice consolation. She simply seems a step faster than these.

-Giwner

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

## STALLION SERIES FINALS HIT THE TRACK FRIDAY AT THE MEADOWS

A total of \$320,000 in purses will be up for grabs Friday when Hollywood Casino at The Meadows hosts \$40,000 Pennsylvania Stallion Series championships in all eight divisions. The finals go as races 3-10 on the 13-race card — the final twilight program of the season — beginning at 5:10 PM.

Scores of 2- and 3-year-olds have competed in four preliminary legs, yet several trainers have dominated. Ron Burke will send out 12 horses in the eight championships while Nifty Norman will be represented by seven finalists. Among his group, Norman touts freshman filly trotter Sambuca Hanover as one to watch. She captured all three stallion series divisions in which she competed, taking a mark of 1:55 3/5 — fastest in the field.

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## SOUTHWIND AMAZON NOW SECOND ON ALL-TIME WINS LIST

Southwind Amazon has had a long and storied career, competing against the best in the United States and Canada. On Wednesday (September 6), he continued to make history at MGM Northfield Park by defeating conditioned company to score his 129th victory, making him second in wins all-time.

The 13-year-old son of Camluck tied Rambling Willie on August 30 with a jaw-dropping performance at the Canton fair. On Wednesday night, his connections had something to prove in breaking that tie.

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## CONFEDERATE LOWERS WORLD RECORD FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS TO 1:46 1/5

Confederate is now harness racing's all-time fastest 3-year-old pacer by virtue of a 1:46 1/5 victory in the \$80,000 Kentucky Championship Series event for colts and geldings on Monday afternoon at The Red Mile. Dan Patch Award winner Special Way, making her first start back after missing just over three months, took the companion event for sophomore trotting fillies.

Driver Tim Tetrack and Confederate watched from the three-hole as For Once In My Life (Andy McCarthy) led through the 27 second opening quarter, but he would be overtaken by pocket-sitter Command (Todd McCarthy) beyond that marker. Command, who like Confederate is a Diamond Creek Farm homebred and is trained by Brett Pelling, then hit the accelerator at full speed and ripped off a 53 1/5 half and a 1:19 2/5 three-quarters.

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## SKYWAY PAIGE, SOMEBODY SPECIAL WIN INDIANA SIRES STAKES

Two-year-old trotting fillies were back in the spotlight at Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino on Wednesday, September 6 as they squared off in round five of Indiana Sires Stakes action. Two \$66,000 divisions were sent postward on the evening's 14-race card.

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## ROOKIES TUSSELE IN MARYLAND SIRE STAKES FINALS

Four \$85,000 Maryland Sire Stakes finals for 2-year-olds topped Wednesday night's program at Ocean Downs.

Only I Exist (Russell Foster) and New Concept (John Wagner) faced off in the non-wagering filly trot, and Only I Exist won by 26 1/2 lengths over her foe after leading through panels of 30 3/5, 1:01 1/5 and 1:32 3/5. Richard Hans bred, owns and trains Only I Exist, a daughter of Yall Beneath Me who has won three of four starts and earned \$70,506.

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## MILTON STAKES GOES STRAIGHT TO FINAL AT MOHAWK PARK

Woodbine Mohawk Park yesterday (9/6) announced there will be no eliminations for the Milton Stakes. All nine entrants are set to race in the C\$220,000 Milton Stakes on Saturday, September 16.

Accompanying the Milton Stakes on next Saturday's stacked race card are the eliminations for the Metro Pace, Canadian Trotting Classic, Elegance and She's a Great Lady, with finals for each taking place on September 23.

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## DANCIN CHAMPION, ALLEGIANT SHINE IN KENTUCKY CHAMPIONSHIP

Dancin Champion (David Miller) took full advantage of a miscue by leader Ivy Park in mid-stretch to spring a mild upset at 7-1 in the \$80,000 Kentucky Championship Series race for 2-year-old male pacers on Tuesday (Sept. 5) at The Red Mile. Allegiant (Scott Zeron) collected her second consecutive victory in the division for rookie filly trotters.

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## ONTARIO SIRE HARVEST AND AUTUMN SERIES DETAILS RELEASED

Woodbine Entertainment today released details for the upcoming Ontario Sired Harvest Series at Woodbine Mohawk Park and the Ontario Sired Autumn Series at Flamboro Downs and Western Fair.

Nominations for the Ontario Sired Harvest Series and Autumn Series all close on Monday, October 2.

This year's Ontario Sired Harvest Series will feature events for all two and three-year-old divisions, all consisting of two \$17,000 preliminary legs and a \$40,000 added money final.

The event is open to Ontario Sired horses that are non-winners of \$30,000 in 2023 as of midnight September 30. The nomination fee is \$300 (CAD).

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## THE RACEWAY IN LONDON GEARING UP FOR BUSY FALL MEET

The Raceway at Western Fair District is less than a month away from kicking off its Fall season on Monday, October 2nd and fans of the London track will notice plenty of changes this season when racing resumes.

The race day broadcast has been revamped and will feature a fresh, new graphics package along with a new photo finish and timing system. The races will continue to be broadcast on a variety of platforms including live streaming on The Raceway's popular YouTube channel which can be accessed through the track's website.

The Top Of The Fair dining room also has a new culinary team and new head chef this season who promises guests a new menu focused on modern, comfort food featuring high quality, locally-sourced ingredients. The dining room will be open each Friday evening as well as other special event days during the meet.

Guests can also watch and wager in the comfort of two new lounge spaces, The Raceway Lounge located on the second level of the grandstand as well as the new Top Of The Fair lounge.

The popular Survivor Tuesday contest will return this season with an 'online only' format. Participants must have an HPIBet account to qualify and play along in the weekly contests. The Raceway will have more exciting initiatives to announce in the coming days.

Several special events are planned this Fall including the Donnie McElroy Memorial race on Friday, October 13th, London Classic Yearling Sale with a special menu at the Top Of The Fair on Tuesday, October 17th, the 18th annual Harness The Hope Night on Friday, October 20th, Caretaker Appreciation Day on November 3rd and the annual Holiday Drivers Challenge in support of Toys For Tots on Sunday, December 10th.

The front section of the grandstand has been undergoing significant renovation and infrastructure enhancement this summer. The project is slated to be completed prior to the start of the race season although customers may experience some temporary disruption as that project wraps up.

Fans are reminded that the main level of The Raceway will not be open to racing customers when racing resumes as it will remain operating as an MLHU Vaccination Clinic for the Fall period. On-track patrons will be able to access the Raceway Lounge on the second floor as well as the Top Of The Fair restaurant and new Top Of The Fair lounge space.

To stay up to date with what's happening and to access live streaming, free program downloads and much more make sure to bookmark [www.westernfairdistrict.com/raceway](http://www.westernfairdistrict.com/raceway).

-release (The Raceway)