

LEXINGTON SELECTED PREVIEW ISSUE

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THE LEXINGTON SELECTED SALE SET A NEW RECORD FOR GROSS SALES AT \$67.9 MILLION IN 2023 AND HAD THE SECOND-HIGHEST AVERAGE IN ITS HISTORY WITH ANOTHER STRONG CATALOG, WHAT IS IN STORE FOR 2024?

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SEPT. 30 – OCT. 4

Don't miss the **DIAMOND CREEK CONSIGNMENT** in Lexington,
including these **TROTting TREASURES**:

HIP 23

CITATION, colt
by **MUSCLE HILL**
o/o **SEQUIN**

HIP 61

COPERNICUS, colt
by **GIMPANZEE**
o/o **ALTAR**

HIP 101

CREATOR, filly
by **WALNER**
o/o **HANNA BOURBON FR**

HIP 228

CHAUCER, colt
by **FACE TIME BOURBON**
o/o **ADIRONDACK**



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including these **POWERHOUSE PACERS**:

HIP 274

BLOOD QUEEN, filly

by **DOWNBYTHESEASIDE**

o/o **BLOOD DIAMOND**

HIP 477

CREDIBLE, filly

by **PAPI ROB HANOVER**

o/o **SHOCKINGLY SWEET**

HIP 565

GRACIOUS, filly

by **CAPTAIN TREACHEROUS**

o/o **LA DELIGHT**

HIP 907

GOODWILL, colt

by **DOWNBYTHESEASIDE**

o/o **BLEND**



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Talented prospects in abundance on night one in *Lexington*

With the Little Brown Jug and Mohawk Million in the rear-view mirror, the stage is now set for the eye of the harness racing world to shift to Lexington,



By Greg Reinhart

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Kentucky, with Grand Circuit action at The Red Mile and the 2024 edition of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. The sale, which will take place at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion, begins on Monday, September 30 and continues through Friday, October 4, with the first and last sessions at 7 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday at 1 p.m.

Last year's sale topper was Kadena at \$800,000 for Steve and Cindy Stewart's Hunterton Farms. While the Stewarts have been enjoying some success owning as of late with the likes of MGM Yonkers International Trot champion Jiggy Jog and Mohawk Million victor Maryland, breeding is their bread and butter, and they have several offerings that could light up the board, not just on opening night, but throughout the event.



DERICK GIWNER

Cindy and Steve Stewart's Hunterton Farm was the leading consignor in 2023 in Lexington and has been the leading consignor on night one for five straight years.

Brief has a Walner colt that will sell at Harrisburg. So we have a lovely problem, kind of like Ake [Svanstedt] with so many aged trotters he gets to pick where they have to go.

"We don't go into the sales assuming we are going to have the sale-topper," said Steve Stewart before his wife Cindy chimed in, "Our goal is not to have a sale-topper. It is to have the next great horse on the track.

"If our horses perform well on the track, the rest will take care of itself," added Steve Stewart. "So the idea is to continue to have the Tactical Approach's and those type of horses, so it justifies the prices. The money will come if we win elite races."

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LEXINGTON SELECTED SALE POST TIMES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 1:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 - 1:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 1:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 - 7:00 PM

Lexington 2024 by the #'s

117 YEARLINGS TO BE SOLD ON THE FIRST NIGHT

72 TROTTERS AND 45 PACERS ARE PROGRAMMED NIGHT ONE

21 MORE YEARLINGS FROM SPRING STATION THAN 2023

25 YEARLINGS FROM CONCORD STUD FARM (UP FROM 16 IN 2023)

53 SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF WALNER LEAD ALL TROTTERS

54 TALL DARK STRANGER YEARLINGS TOPS ALL PACERS

27 WALNER YEARLINGS TOP OPENING NIGHT OFFERINGS

9 YEARLINGS FROM FIRST-CROP STALLIONS ON NIGHT ONE

125+ YEARLINGS FROM FIRST-TIME SIRES IN THE SALE

9 YEARLINGS AVAILABLE BY ALL-TIME FASTEST BULLDOG HANOVER

2 STRAIGHT YEARS A TACTICAL LANDING SON HAS WON HAMBO

37 OPPORTUNITIES TO GET A TACTICAL LANDING AT LEXINGTON

12 OUTS AS OF 9/26 (7 ON DAY 2, 2 ON DAYS 3 & 4, 1 ON DAY 5)

10 YEARLINGS SOLD UNDER \$100K IN 2022 HAVE EARNED \$300K

9 YEARLINGS SOLD UNDER \$100K IN 2023 HAVE EARNED \$100K

2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS TONY ALAGNA HAS SPENT MOST MONEY

3 STRAIGHT YEARS TROTTING FILLIES HAVE LED AVG. SALES PRICE

DRF HARNESS DIGEST SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 (AFTER MONDAY SESSION)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 (AFTER TUESDAY SESSION)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 (LATE EVENING)

GIMPANZEE

 **2-Time Dan Patch Award Winner
& Undefeated 2-Year-Old Champion**

 **3-Time Breeders Crown Winner**

42 YEARLINGS SELLING IN LEXINGTON, INCLUDING

Hip 27 – half-brother to **WINNER'S BET**
1:49.3 (\$770,471)

Hip 60 – half-brother to **SIG SAUER**
1:50 (\$434,312)

Hip 77 – half-brother to **BOND** 1:51.2 (\$1,434,335)

Eligible yearlings can take advantage of the 50%
Owners' Bonus!

From a limited first crop, Gimpanzee has the
fastest 2YO trotter in North America – **LUNA LOVEGOOD**
(GZ x Southwind Venus filly) with a mark of 1:51.4.

Additional winners include **KADENA** (GZ x Mission Brief filly), **VOGUEISH**
(GZ x Jolene Jolene filly) and **BLANK** (GZ x Cover Girl colt).



Luna Lovegood

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BY **CHAPTER SEVEN** OUT OF **STEAMY WINDOWS**

In addition to Jolene Jolene's colt, who is named Kaizen and goes at HIP 50, a couple of others to watch on opening night for the Stewarts are HIP 19 Rocknacious and HIP 108 Inexpressible.

Rocknacious is a New Jersey and Kentucky eligible colt from the first crop of Perfect Sting and is the initial foal out of the \$1.1 million-earning Captaintreacherous mare Rocknficient, who is a daughter of \$2.2 million earner Rockclamation.

Inexpressible also has that coveted New Jersey and Kentucky dual-eligibility as he is a Walner colt, and if you missed out on Kaizen, here's a chance to get into that same family as he is the first foal out of one of Jolene Jolene's fillies - the Cantab Hall mare Ineffable. Jolene Jolene has not only been a top producer herself, but her daughter Crucial is the dam of Maryland, so this family should remain as one of the most sought after in the sport.

Another consignor with a cluster of yearlings coming to Lexington is Pennsylvania's Hanover Shoe Farms. While known more for their offerings in Harrisburg, they have been coming regularly to Lexington again in recent years and have some noteworthy offerings sprinkled in the catalog.

"We have a smaller group of yearlings at Lexington this year with 13 exceptionally exciting individuals," noted Farm Manager Patti Murphy. "We sell four of them on night one."

Jumping right off the page early on Monday night is HIP 15 Rani Hanover, a Walner filly. Trotting fillies have been leading the way at sales in recent years, and this one should have every chance to do the same thing as she is the first foal out of \$1.3 million earner, two-time Dan Patch Award winner and 2020 Hambletonian champion Ramona Hill.

"Rani Hanover is a gorgeous filly. She is lighter-boned, similar to her



HIP 15 RANI HANOVER
GUNJAN PATEL PHOTO

It is not every day that a daughter of a Hambletonian-winning filly hits the auction market. So what is she like? We asked a couple of industry experts their opinion on the promise of anonymity.

#1: She has a nice gait with a good push with her rear legs and looks like a fast filly. She seems to have a good engine both front and rear and looks to have light bones. She has the right tools.

#2: She has a superb video. I watched her in the paddock - wow! Plus her pedigree includes superstar after superstar.

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A Smart Bet

Other major 2024 stakes winners by Bettor's Wish include:

Arbitrage Hanover, 1.49.1, 7 wins from 9 starts, NJ Sires Stakes and NJ Classic Champion

Bytheliteofthemoon (M), P, 2, 1:51.3, 3 wins from 4 starts in the KY Goldenrod Series

Odds On Steno (M), 1:50.4, NJ Sires Stakes Champion

Royal Desire, 1.50.4, winner NJ Standardbred Development Fund

Swimthecurrent, stakes-placed with a mark of 1:50.3

Twisted Destiny, P, 2, 1:51.0F 2 legs and final of PA Stallion Series

Wedlock Bluechip, P, 2, 1:51.3F, Arden Downs, PA Sires Stakes

Wish You Well, 1:49.1F, Adios elimination winner with earnings of \$427,940

BETTER IS NICE
wins the **\$400,000**
KY Championship Series Final



Better Is Nice (Bettor's Wish x Thatsoveryverynice) P, 3, 1:48.0M \$924,183



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LEXINGTON Class of 2024

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4



Hip 15 **RANI HANOVER** filly
Dual Eligible
Walner - Ramona Hill
First foal of 2020 Hambletonian winner
Ramona Hill.



Hip 22 **SPENCER HANOVER** colt
Dual Eligible
Chapter Seven - Secret Passion
Colt is out of a half sister to \$3 million
World Champion **Manchego**.



Hip 49 **THIAGO HANOVER** colt
Dual Eligible
Tall Dark Stranger - Trillions Hanover
First foal of **Trillions Hanover** winner of
over \$344,000 with a mark of 1:49.3.



Hip 93 **ECUADOR HANOVER** colt
Papi Rob Hanover - Eloquent Grace
Half brother to **Caviart Belle** p,2, 1:49.4
with earnings in excess of \$652,515.



Hip 140 **MAKEMBLUSH HANOVER** filly
Dual Eligible
Captaintreacherous - Modesty
Filly is out of a half sister to 2023 3-year-
old pacing filly of the year **Sylvia Hanover**.



Hip 179 **RAMBO HANOVER** colt
Dual Eligible
Muscle Hill - Riding High
(first foal)



Hip 207 **SNUGGLE UP HANOVER** filly
Dual Eligible
Tall Dark Stranger - Staycation Hanover
(first foal)



Hip 219 **THROTTLE HANOVER** colt
Captaintreacherous - Touchmatic



Hip 251 **AMIRA HANOVER** filly
Papi Rob Hanover - Ameraway



Hip 252 **AYDEN HANOVER** colt
Dual Eligible
Huntsville - American Charm



Hip 256 **ARELLA HANOVER** filly
Dual Eligible
Captain Corey - Andela
(first foal)



Hip 293 **DUBLIN HANOVER** colt
Captain Corey - Dab Hanover



Hip 355 **KEY LARGO HANOVER** colt
Dual Eligible
Perfect Sting - Key West



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Photo: Gunjan Patel

dam, and trots out amazingly. I was feeling very stressed about doing videos and when she came to the paddock, she was incredible,” Murphy stated. “She trotted down and back along the fence line three straight trips with no prompting needed. I just stood and watched her thinking to myself this is awesome. She is quick and athletic. She had a sequestrum removed from her left hind cannon area earlier this year from an injury in the yearling fields but it does not impede her ability at all. Rani is Kentucky and New Jersey eligible.”

One of Hanover’s other horses on Monday night is HIP 93 Ecuador Hanover, a colt from the second crop of Papi Rob Hanover. This one is a sibling to three multi-time stakes winners and six-figure earners in Caviart Belle, Energetic Hanover and Ervin Hanover

“He is a leggy colt with a solid body,” Murphy remarked. “Papi Rob’s first crop has been having a wonderful season, and we are extremely excited about his production thus far. Ecuador Hanover is Pennsylvania eligible.”

Based north of Lexington in Georgetown, Kentucky, is the Caldwell family’s Cane Run Farm. A regular consignor at the sale, 2024 is no exception as their group starts out with a pair on Monday night.

“Hopefully if we keep getting lots of lookers, we have what the buyers are looking for, and that will translate in how the sale goes for us,” Elizabeth Caldwell said. “It’s a nice, solid group of yearlings - good individuals, nice pedigrees and several have current activity, and they videoed well. We have good yearlings each day of the sale. It’s hard to pick out just one yearling as the overall star when several of them have excellent potential.

“I find it more difficult to select the top one when we are consigning for multiple clients over the past few years. It was easier when we had our own to sell and I could highlight the obvious ones. It’s nice that people have considered selling their yearlings with us and being able to grow our consignment over the past few years, too. We look forward to getting started on the right foot on opening night with the two we have. Day two and three look strong for us too. And four has good horses too. I’m hoping we have something for everyone and we look forward to seeing everyone at the sale. So far I’m pleased with the group overall.”



ELIZABETH CALDWELL PHOTO

HIP 27 Wukong is a half-brother to stakes standout Winner’s Bet.

One of Cane Run Farm’s offerings during the initial session is HIP 27 Wukong. Bred by Lennart Agren and Jan Johnson’s AB Svensk Reklamfinans, Wukong, a Gimpanzee colt, has certainly seen his status go up as his Walner 4-year-old brother Winner’s Bet has won the Graduate Series

final, the Charlie Hill Memorial and the Caesars Trotting Classic this year while going over the \$1 million mark in lifetime earnings. Being by Gimpanzee, Wukong also has the added appeal of the Kentucky stallion bonus that increases the money he’s eligible to race for.

“He has been popular, as can be expected with being a brother to Winner’s Bet. So far, a couple have mentioned he is similar looking to his brother at that age. Hopefully that is a good thing. He is a nice individual with a good head on his shoulders, and he has a presence to him,” Caldwell offered about Wukong. “Being a May foal, he has a little maturing to do, but he’s on the right track. Hopefully we have him at peak condition on opening night. Fingers crossed for a good sale overall for everyone and we hope to have happy clients and happy buyers when it’s all said and done.”

Diamond Creek also has a farm in Kentucky and will be active on night one with five trotters in the catalog.

“I do think this is a really strong crop for us and there are some champions in this group,” said Diamond Creek’s Shaun Laungani. “Nobody really knows where, but we’ll leave it to the buyers to sort it out.”

Among the offerings from Diamond Creek Farm on Monday is HIP 61 Copernicus, a Gimpanzee colt who is the first foal out of 1:50 3/5 performer and \$225,000 earner Altar.

“All of the Gimpanzees are such a joy to video. They are smart and willing,” added Laungani. “They just seem to know what you want them to do.”

In addition to the seven yearlings already mentioned, here are 13 additional ones to keep an eye on that could set the bid board spinning during Monday night’s opening session.



CAROLINE VAZQUEZ PHOTO

Copernicus is out of 1:50 3/5 winner Altar.

HIP 7 BUY ANOTHER

Sex: Filly
 Sire: Chapter Seven
 Dam: On Your Tab
 Consignor: All American Harnessbreds
 Eligibility: New York, Kentucky and Maryland
 The first one to watch is this triple-eligible Chapter Seven half-sister to \$700,000 earner and multiple-time stakes winner Buy A Round. Breeder Fred Hertrich III wound up retaining Buy A Round and the dam didn’t have a foal last year.

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9/30-10/4 LEXINGTON HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 & Day 2 Lineup



Sale starts at 7 pm on 9/30 & 1 pm on 10/1

[Click Here](#) or Scan QR Code to Register for Online Bidding.

#133, PRECIOUS GEMMA

Day 1 PA Pacer

PAPI ROB HANOVER

#84, ENCRYPTION, C
Papi Rob Hanover-Code In-Art Major
1/2-brother to 2024 NJSS Winner,
Power Code, p, 2, 1:51.2 -'24 (\$30,840).
Second dam is **Knock Three Times**,
p, 3, 1:51 (\$645,922). Family of
Dorsoduro Hanover, p, 1:47.4 (\$2,039,993)

Day 1 NJ Trotter

WALNER

#113, YOU CAN DREAM, C
Walner-Mets Life-Kadabra
Full-brother to 2024 Canadian Trotting
Classic Winner, **Amazing Catch**,
3, 1:51.4s -'24; BT1:51.1-'24 (\$679,780). Dam
is a 1/2-sister to **Met's Hall**,
3, 1:51.2 (\$1,295,306)

Day 1 NY Trotter

CHAPTER SEVEN

#48, SEVEN WINDS, F
Chapter Seven-Tosca-Muscle Mass
Dam is **Tosca**, 3, 1:56.2s (\$118,754).
Full-sister to **Senorita Palema**,
3, Q1:54.3 -'24; BT1:51.2-'24 (\$375,575).
1/2-sister to **Tuscan Prince**,
3, 1:52.3s -'23, BT1:51.4-'23 (\$274,142).
Dam is a 1/2-sister to
Guccio, 1:51.1f (\$1,021,802)

Day 2 NJ Trotter

MUSCLE HILL

#265, BAILEY'S PLEEZE, F
Muscle Hill-Baileys Breeze-Angus Hall
1/2-sister to **Calderone**,
3, 1:53.2f -'23 (\$79,570), & **Breezy Hall**,
2, 1:57.2f -'23; BT1:53.1-'24 (\$52,731). Dam
is a 1/2-sister to **Casual Breeze**,
1:53.1 (\$1,313,972)

Day 2 NY Pacer

AMERICAN IDEAL

#304, IDEAL PRO, F
American Ideal-Kattimon-Astreos
Dam is **Kattimon**, p, 1:53.4f (\$196,345).
Full-sister to **Devil Child**,
p, 1:49.1f (\$604,549), & **Carrythetorchman**,
p, 1:52.1h -'24 (\$249,991). 1/2-sister to
O'Brien Award Winner, **Classic Pro**,
p, 3, 1:51s (\$574,974)

Day 2 NY Trotters

CHAPTER SEVEN

#300, READ THE ROOM, C, NY/KY
Chapter Seven-Debra Hall-Cash Hall
Second dam is **Daylon Mystique**,
1:56.4f (\$310,162). Dam is a 1/2-sister to
Dancer Hall, 1:51.1s (\$432,451). Family of
Daylon Magician, 1:51.1s (\$1,977,853)

#319, SEVEN RULES, F

Chapter Seven-Females Rule-Angus Hall
1/2-sister to **Limitless Winner**,
1:53.4s (\$101,421). Dam is a 1/2-sister to
Met's Hall, 3, 1:51.2 (\$1,295,306). Family
of **Gimpanzee**, 1:50 (\$2,701,051)

Day 2 PA Pacers

BETTOR'S WISH

#199, MARGARITA WISH, C, PA/KY
Bettor's Wish-Margarita Monday-Ponder
1/2-brother to **Tequila Monday**,
p, 1:49.4f (\$993,712), & **I'll Drink To That**,
p, 1:49.1f (\$539,604). Dam is a full-sister to
Bolt The Duer, p, 3, 1:47.4f (\$1,828,995), &
1/2-sister to **Shanghai Lil**,
p, 2, 1:51.2 (\$1,068,402)

#317, FINAL FLING, F, PA/KY

Bettor's Wish-Feeling You-Cambest
Dam is **Feeling You**, p, 1:48.4 (\$1,028,496).
1/2-sister to **American Fling**,
p, 1:50f -'24; BT1:49.2s-'23 (\$430,115)

PAPI ROB HANOVER

#167, ROBINS SONG, F
Papi Rob Hanover-Pleasant Roll-Roll With Joe
1/2-sister to **MomentsThatMatter**,
p, 1:51.1f -'23 (\$177,127), &
2024 ONSS Grassroots Winner,
McPleasant, p, 3, 1:50.3s -'24 (\$44,523).
Family of **Badlands Nitro**,
p, 3, 1:50f (\$1,597,638)

#206, SPORT N A CRUSH, F, PA/KY

Papi Rob Hanover-Sports Chic-Sportswriter
Dam is **Sports Chic**, p, 2, 1:54.2f (\$254,738).
1/2-sister to **Vivians Dream**,
p, 2, 1:50.4s; BT1:49.4-'23 (\$632,882),
Team Best, p, 3, 1:52s; BT1:48.3 (\$154,783),
& **Team Mac**, p, 1:51.4f -'24 (\$132,584).
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Rainbow Blue**,
p, 3, 1:49.2s (\$1,428,594), the dam of
Somwherovrainbow,
p, 1:48f (\$1,338,408)

Day 2 PA Pacers (cont.)

STAY HUNGRY

#322, FLIPPIN LIZ, F, PA/KY
Stay Hungry-Flipit To Winit-Western Ideal
First Foal. Dam, **Flipit To Winit**,
p, 1:52.1f (\$75,111), is a full-sister
to **Ideal Flip**, p, 1:50.1f (\$424,724)

SWEET LOU

#133, PRECIOUS GEMMA, F
Sweet Lou-Silk Pajamas-Bettor's Delight
Dam is **Silk Pajamas**,
p, 2, 1:54.4f (\$113,045). Full-sister to **PJ Lou**,
p, 1:48.3s -'23 (\$251,712). 1/2-sister to
Silky Stride, p, 3, 1:53f -'23 (\$117,168)

#172, MAGIC MONARCH, C

Sweet Lou-Queen Fourteen-Camluck
Full-brother to **Warrawee Unique**,
p, 1:49.4s (\$278,449), & **Warrawee Xtreme**,
p, 1:51.4f -'23; BT1:50.3f-'24 (\$112,235).
Dam is a full-sister to **Mystician**,
p, 1:49.2s (\$1,921,541)

#212, HE'S EPIC, C, PA/KY

Sweet Lou-Swift N Shout-Rockroll Hanover
1/2-brother to **Manceiver**,
p, 1:52.1f; BT1:50.4s (\$202,650), &
Better B Swift, p, 1:53h -'23 (\$181,411).
Second dam is **Cam Swifty**,
p, 3, 1:50 (\$1,014,357)

TALL DARK STRANGER

#318, MASKED SINGER, C
Tall Dark Stranger-Feelinglikeastar-Artiscape
1/2-brother to **Zero Tolerance**,
p, 3, 1:50.2f (\$980,736), &
Ideal Feeling, p, 1:48.4; BT1:47.4 (\$479,429).
Dam is a full-sister to **Rainbow Blue**,
p, 3, 1:49.2s (\$1,428,594)

#354, DEVIL'S MARK, C, PA/KY

Tall Dark Stranger-Devil Child-American Ideal
Dam is **Devil Child**, p, 1:49.1f (\$604,549).
1/2-brother to 2024 NY Excelsior Winner,
Demon Boy, p, 3, 1:51.4s -'23 (\$101,154)

Day 2 PA Trotter

FATHER PATRICK

#315, ANN-MARI'S COOKIE, F
Father Patrick-Exotic Form-Malabar Man
Dam is **Exotic Form**, 2, 1:58.2s (\$151,891).
1/2-sister to **Barn Hall**,
1:53.2h -'23 (\$344,859), & 2024 NYSS Winner,
Happy Jack B, 2, 1:54.2f -'24 (\$102,346)



Visit us at Fasig-Tipton's Barn 8! Yearlings will be available for previewing starting on 9/28!

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HIP 9 PACEY STATION

Sex: Filly
Sire: Downbytheseaside
Dam: Pace Baby Pace
Consignor: Spring Station Bloodstock
Eligibility: Ohio and Kentucky

A yearling from one of the newest consignors in the sport, Spring Station Bloodstock, Pacey Station is the first foal out of \$384,000 earner Pace Baby Pace. Downbytheseaside is having a terrific year with the likes of world champion Sippionsaroc and Swingtown, and here is a chance to get into a family that's not usually available at public sales as Burke Racing Stable and Weaver Brusceci own the second dam Breakheart Pass and have retained all of her offspring.

HIP 18 JUMPIN' JACK DEO

Sex: Colt
Sire: Captaintreacherous
Dam: Rocklamation
Consignor: Preferred Equine Marketing, Inc., Agent
Eligibility: Pennsylvania and New Jersey Standardbred Development Fund

HIP 19 Rocknacious was mentioned earlier, and right before him comes HIP 18 Jumpin' Jack Deo, who is out of \$2.2 million earner Rocklamation, Rocknacious's second dam. Jumpin' Jack Deo is also a full brother to Rocket Deo, who won this month's New Jersey Classic final for 3-year-old pacing fillies and has pocketed over \$312,000 this year.

Captaintreacherous just had a fantastic week with Captain Albano winning the Little Brown Jug and three of his colts sweeping the trifecta in the Metro Pace.

HIP 32 SCORPION SEELSTER

Sex: Colt
Sire: Bulldog Hanover
Dam: Soiree Seelster
Consignor: Preferred Equine Marketing, Inc., Agent
Eligibility: Ontario

The lone yearling from the first crop of Bulldog Hanover, harness racing's all-time fastest horse, that's available on Monday is Scorpion Seelster. His dam side has power as well, as Soiree Seelster was a stakes winner during her career, and she's produced a \$1.27 million earner and multi-time year-end award winner in Stockade Seelster.

HIP 35 KOUNTRY SPLASH

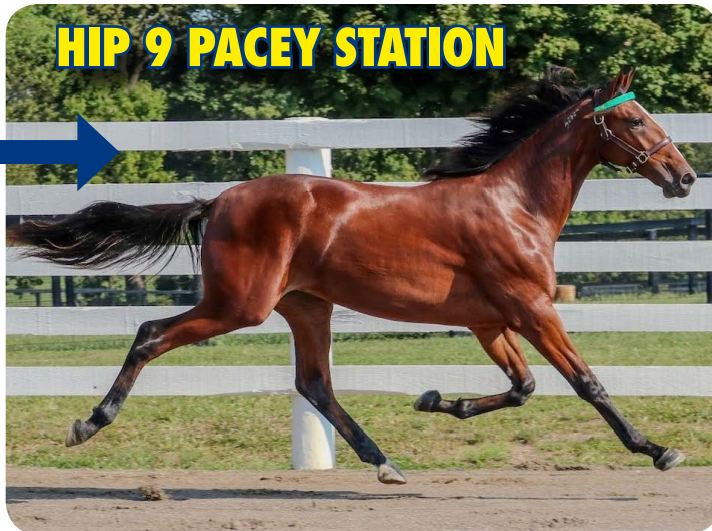
Sex: Filly
Sire: Chapter Seven
Dam: Splash Blue Chip
Consignor: Anvil And Lace Farm, Agent
Eligibility: New York and Kentucky

If you miss out on HIP 7 earlier on Monday, here's another Chapter Seven filly worth watching as she's the first foal out of \$474,000 earner Splash Blue Chip. Splash Blue Chip, who had success both in New York and on the Grand Circuit, is also a half-sister to \$1.5 million earner and world champion Plunge Blue Chip.

HIP 51 UBRUTE

Sex: Colt
Sire: Tall Dark Stranger
Dam: Warrawee Ubeaut
Consignor: Crawford Farms
Eligibility: Pennsylvania and Kentucky
Among a loaded group for Crawford Farms on Monday is Ubrute,

HIP 9 PACEY STATION



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the first foal out of \$1.8 million, two-time Dan Patch Award winner and world champion Warrawee Ubeaut. The second dam Great Memories has been a great producer, too, as in addition to Warrawee Ubeaut she's thrown millionaire Warrawee Needy and two more big earners in 1:46 4/5 performer Warrawee Vital and Big Bay Point.

HIP 60 BRICCO

Sex: Colt
Sire: Gimpanzee
Dam: Sigilwig
Consignor: Crawford Farms
Eligibility: Kentucky and Kentucky Stallion Bonus

Crawford Farms also has this trotting colt on Monday night. He's just the second foal out of the dam and a half-brother to near \$600,000 earner – and this year's Beal Memorial winner – Sig Sauer. He also has the Kentucky Stallion bonus eligibility as he's from the second crop of Gimpanzee.

HIP 51 UBRUTE



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COLTS

*Hip 27 WUKONG, b.c. KY +Bonus

Gimpanzee-Side Bet Hanover-Donato Hanover

Three-quarter brother to multiple stakes winner **WINNER'S BET** 4,1:49.3-'24 (\$1,000,471). From stakes winner **SIDE BET HANOVER** 3,1:53.1 (\$237,646). Second dam is a half-sister to **SPELLBOUND HANOVER** 3,1:54.3 (\$962,395 - dam of Hambletonian winner **MARION MARAUDER** 1:50.2 - \$3,392,609).

Hip 278 BE GREEN, b.c. PA/KY

Greenshoe-Bright Baby Blues-Andover Hall

Half-brother to **JULA MUSCLE PACK** 3,1:53.1 (\$356,291), **WHOSE BLUES** 3,1:52.3f (\$135,748) and KY Commonwealth Series winner **BEST FRIENDS GIRL** 2,1:57-'24 (\$18,000). From stakes winner **BRIGHT BABY BLUES** 3,1:54.2 (\$492,203).

Hip 337 FOOTBALL IS LIFE, b.c. KY +Bonus

Gimpanzee-Habit's Best-Muscles Yankee

Half-brother to the trio of multiple stakes winners **HABITAT** 3,1:53f (\$1,262,221), **ON A STREAK** 2,1:52.4 (\$803,475) and **HAT TRICK HABIT** 3,1:52.3 (\$220,054), and **GOTTA HABIT** 4,1:55.2f-'24 (\$122,434).

*Hip 371 EARWIN, b.c. KY +Bonus

Gimpanzee-Magical Lady-Kadabra

Half-brother to multiple stakes placed **SHIRIN** 3,1:56.3-'24 (\$53,989) and **CAPTAIN CHESLEY** 3,1:56.3f (\$48,757). Third living foal from **MAGICAL LADY** 3,Q2:01 (\$90,621), half-sister to **SUNSHINE DELIGHT** 3,1:53.1 (\$354,847) and **ONTOPOFTHEHILL** 3,1:54 (\$110,428).

Hip 609 SLIDERS, b.c. NJ/KY

Tactical Landing-Oasis Dream-Cantab Hall

Three-quarter or half-brother to **ONLY PASSING THRU** 1:54.2 (\$287,105) and **ONE AFTER NINE** 1:54.2f-'24 (\$196,109). From stakes winner **OASIS DREAM** 3,1:53.4 (\$221,961), full or half-sister to the dams of stakes winners **JACK FIRE** 4,1:54.1 (\$327,219), **LILBITALEXIS** 3,1:51.1 (\$214,790) and **FLY BY** 3,1:53.3f-'24 (\$228,437).

*Hip 692 VENTURE CAPITAL, b.c. NJ/KY

Tactical Landing-Anikadabra-Kadabra

Half-brother to **BLUE SKIES SHINING** 3,1:55.4f (\$30,906) and full brother to 2024 2-year-old **Confident** BT 2,1:57.3-'24 (\$3,720). From **ANIKADABRA** 3,1:56f (\$83,809), half-sister to International stakes star **RESOLVE** 4,1:50.4 (\$2,621,086).

Hip 752 FORTUNATE ONE, b.c. PA

Father Patrick-Fortunes Of Fables-Muscle Hill

Three-quarter brother to **FADE INTO YOU** 3,1:54.4 (\$215,628 - dam of multiple stakes winner **SADBIRDSTILLSING** 3,1:54h-'24 - \$371,984) and half-brother to **FIFTY WAYS** 1:54.1f-'24 (\$324,055) and **FIGHT SONG** 1:53.1f-'24 (\$150,286). From a full sister to **FEED YOUR HEAD** 3,1:52 (\$245,662).

Hip 770 UNDERGROUND, b.c. NJ/KY

Muscle Hill-Hidden Temple-Kadabra

Full or half-brother to KY Proud Final winner **YO MONICA** 2,1:58.3-'24 (\$31,420) and **PIRATE'S LOOT** 3,1:56.3f-'24 (\$30,501). From a half-sister to **TEMPLE OF DOOM** 3,1:52.4f (\$745,917) and **JIMMY SHIN** 1:54.3 (\$420,882).

FILLIES

Hip 87 CALYX, b.f. NJ/KY

Muscle Hill-Creature Of Habit-Donato Hanover

Full sister to 2024 2-year-old Court And Spark BT1:56.4-'24 (\$7,195). Second foal from **CREATURE OF HABIT** 3,1:54.2f (\$94,810), half-sister to multiple stakes winner **HABITAT** 3,1:53f (\$1,262,221), Breeders Crown winner **ON A STREAK** 2,1:52.4 (\$803,475) and **HAT TRICK HABIT** 3,1:52.3 (\$220,054).

*Hip 226 GUINEVERE, br.f. NJ/KY

Tactical Landing-Vita Bella Bi-Donato Hanover

Three-quarter sister to **EXCALIBUR BI** 3,1:52.2 (\$146,227) and **LANCELOT** 2,1:55.3-'24 (\$5,480). Third foal from a half-sister to **CRYS DREAM** 3,1:54f (\$997,378) and **BRIGHAM DREAM** 4,1:53.2 (\$639,280).

*Hip 356 MISS ANN REED, b.f. NJ

Muscle Hill-Lady Ann No-Credit Winner

First foal from **LADY ANN NO** 1:57.1h (\$185,255), half-sister to **THANKFUL NO** 1:53h (\$285,092). Second dam is World Champion and Hall of Fame Broodmare **PEACEFUL WAY** 4,1:51.4 (\$2,746,240).

*Hip 392 GRACE IN HEAVEN, b.f. NY

Chapter Seven-Oblivion-Muscle Hill

Second foal (oldest now 2) and from the immediate family of multiple stakes winners **PERSONAL STYLE** 4,1:53.1 (\$778,391-dam of **PATRIARCH HANOVER** 1:51.4-\$755,143 and **PAULINA HANOVER** 3,1:52f-'24-\$331,989), **MASSIVE LIGHTNING** 1:54f (\$353,779) and **FLASH LIGHTNING** 3,1:52.4 (\$322,018).

*Hip 524 YGRITTE, ch.f. KY +Bonus

Gimpanzee-Etta Am S-Muscle Hill

Three-quarter sister to stakes winner **CHAPTER ONE** 2,2:03.4f; BT1:57f-Europe (\$40,000-Int.). Third foal from Etta Am S BT1:58.1f-Europe (\$16,866), half-sister to **DORNOCH AM** 1:59.1f-Europe (\$65,000-Int.) and **GASSIN AM** 1:56f-Europe (\$45,000-Int.). Second dam a half-sister to **SILVERADO DREAM** 1:55.2 (\$329,345).

Hip 748 FLY THRU TIME, b.f. PA/KY

Cantab Hall-Fate Smiled-Muscle Massive

Three-quarter or half-sister to **SKYLINE SEASHELL** 2,1:57.2f (\$48,863) and **FORWARD PATH** 2,1:57.3f-'24 (\$19,300). Third foal from **FATE SMILED** 3,1:56f (\$158,119), half-sister to multiple stakes winner **FOR A DREAMER** 4,1:53 (\$541,629).

*Hip 758 OROMONO, ch.f. KY +Bonus

Gimpanzee-Goldavila F-Love You

Half-sister to **SIR HISS** 3,1:55.2f-'24 (\$25,205). Third foal from Goldavila F 2,Q2:04.3-Europe, half-sister to stakes winners **HAVANA D'AURCY** 3,1:57.4-Europe (\$305,000-Int.), **KANADA** 2,2:03.4; BT1:54-Europe (\$255,000-Int.) and **JAMAICA D'AURCY** 4,1:57.2-Europe (\$135,000-Int.). Dam is by leading world, European and French champion sire **LOVE YOU** 1.10.2 (mile rate 1:52) (€1,416,537).

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HIP 69 ASPEN

Sex: Colt
Sire: Propulsion
Dam: Avalicious
Consignor: Crawford Farms
Eligibility: Kentucky and New Jersey

This Crawford product is out of the \$202,000 earner Avalicious, making him a half-brother to Hambletonian champion Karl. New Jersey-based sire Propulsion, who has a couple of stakes winners this year in filly R Charm and gelding Tregaron, gets a big chance here with a night-one yearling.

HIP 74 THE UNIT

Sex: Colt
Sire: Huntsville
Dam: Big McDeal
Consignor: Cameo Hills Farm
Eligibility: New York

Huntsville is at the top of the list for total earnings by 2-year-old progeny so far in 2024, and this Huntsville colt is a full brother to Max Contract, last year's Breeders Crown Open Mare Pace champion. The Unit's dam Big McDeal was a world champion during her racing career, and in addition to Max Contract, she has produced three other six-figure earners.



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Aspen brings back the blood of European star Propulsion and combines it with the mare who produced Hambletonian winner Karl.

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p, 2, 1:55.1f; 3, 1:49.3h -'24 (\$245,078)**

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ROCKET DEO p,3,1:49 (\$361,624).



UP YOUR DEO

Hip #85 GRAND PRIX DEO filly,
Muscle Hill - Grand Stand

A 1/2 sister to **UP YOUR DEO** 3,1:51.2s (\$773,952).

Hip #12 ROYAL FLUSH DEO colt, Walner - Princess Deo
2nd foal (1st colt) from **PRINCESS DEO** 3,1:52.2 (\$459,308).

Hip #37 THISBEESTINGS DEO colt, Perfect Sting - Stephanie Deo
1st foal from **STEPHANIE DEO** p,1:50.4f (\$65,124).

Hip #99 BYE BYE BYE DEO colt, Walner - Contepartiro Deo
1st foal from a 1/2 sister to **PERFECT ALLIANCE** 1:51.2s (\$249,788).

Hip #153 STINGRAY DEO colt, Perfect Sting - Oceania
A 1/2 brother to **AYEAYE CAPTAIN DEO** p,2,1:52s-'24 (\$76,070).

Hip #183 KILLER BEE DEO colt, Perfect Sting - Run Deo Run
1st foal from a mare out of **WORLDLY BEAUTY** p,1:49.3 (\$1,900,255).

Hip #235 YUKON DEO colt, Chapter Seven - Yalta Hanover
A full brother to **WORLD AT WAR DEO** 3,1:53s (\$238,013).

Hip #359 QUEEN BEE DEO filly, Perfect Sting - Lisjune
A 1/2 sister to **I LUV THE NITELIFE** p,3,1:48.4f (\$1,942,477).

Hip #369 BETTERS HOPE DEO colt, Bettors Delight - Machnhope
1st foal from **MACHNHOPE** p,1:49.1 (\$657,111).

Hip #399 BLACK MAGIC DEO colt, Muscle Hill - Pandoras Box
From a 1/2 sister to **WINE RACK HANOVER** 3,1:54.2s (\$296,111).

Hip #584 CINDY LOU WHO DEO filly, Six Pack - UF Lindsay Lou Who
A 1/2 to **PRIMADONNA DEO** (\$277,580) & full to **BLAZING DEO** (\$122,572).

Hip #635 EASY PEAZY DEO filly, Propulsion - Say My Name
From a 1/2 sister to **MR RIGHT** 1:54.1f (\$346,593).

Hip #671 WISHUPONASTAR DEO filly, Six Pack - Wish I Was There
From a 1/2 sister to **BILLY FLYNN** Q1:52.4 (\$419,179).

Hip #732 EVERLAST STING DEO colt, Perfect Sting - Little Miss K
A 1/2 brother to **EMPRESS DEO** p,1:50.2f (\$688,159).

Hip #753 TOTAL PACKAGE DEO colt, Tall Dark Stranger - Full Picture
Out of a 1/2 sister to **BETTING LINE** p,3,1:47.2f (\$1,878,456).

Hip #810 MALIBU BARBIE DEO filly, Downbytheseaside - Miss LA
A 3/4 sister to **RODEO DRIVE DEO** p,2,1:54f-'24 (\$46,585); out of a full sister
to **L A DELIGHT** p,3,1:49.1f (\$1,459,280).

Hip #910 NO DOUBT DEO colt, Six Pack - Deo Grazia
2nd foal from a 1/2 sister to **STAND GUARD** 1:53.1f (\$629,065).

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HIP 80 IN NEW YORK

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Gimpanzee
 Dam: Brooklyn
 Consignor: Concord Stud Farm, Agent
 Eligibility: Kentucky and Kentucky Stallion Bonus

Concord Stud Farm typically sells foals out of Brooklyn in Harrisburg, but this one they brought to Lexington. His half-brother Hidalgo went for \$600,000 at the Standardbred Horse Sale in 2023 and five of Brooklyn's seven offspring have fetched \$200,000 or more. Hidalgo has had a solid 2-year-old campaign with over \$151,000 in the bank, and he was recently second to Maryland in the Peter Haughton Memorial.

HIP 88 DELIGHTFUL YANKEE

Sex: Filly
 Sire: Muscle Hill
 Dam: Darlene Hanover
 Consignor: Preferred Equine Marketing, Inc., Agent
 Eligibility: New Jersey and Kentucky

Delightful Yankee is the first foal out of multiple stakes winner and \$591,000 earner Darlene Hanover. This has been a super filly family overall as Darlene Hanover's half-sister Delilah Hanover banked over \$308,000 and another half-sister Delaney Hanover was a fast-closing second in the New Jersey Classic for 2-year-old filly trotters.

HIP 111 SOLIDARITY

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Tall Dark Stranger

Dam: Kissin In The Sand
 Consignor: Kentuckiana Farms, Agent
 Eligibility: Pennsylvania and Kentucky
 Tall Dark Stranger got another exceptional book of mares, and here's another one as Solidarity is the first foal out of \$1.7 million earner and two-time Dan Patch Award winner Kissin In The Sand. Under the third dam is Kikikatie, a millionaire herself who went on to produce top Indiana sire Rockin Image.

HIP 113 YOU CAN DREAM

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Walner
 Dam: Mets Life
 Consignor: Winbak Farm
 Eligibility: New Jersey and Maryland



VIDEO SCREENSHOT

This Walner colt certainly got a big boost on Saturday (September 21) when his full brother Amazing Catch won the Canadian Trotting Classic final at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The dam Mets Life is a half-sister to Met's Hall, who has had a great year with his son Sir Pinocchio winning both in New York and on the Grand Circuit.

You Can Dream has a full brother that just won the Canadian Trotting Classic.

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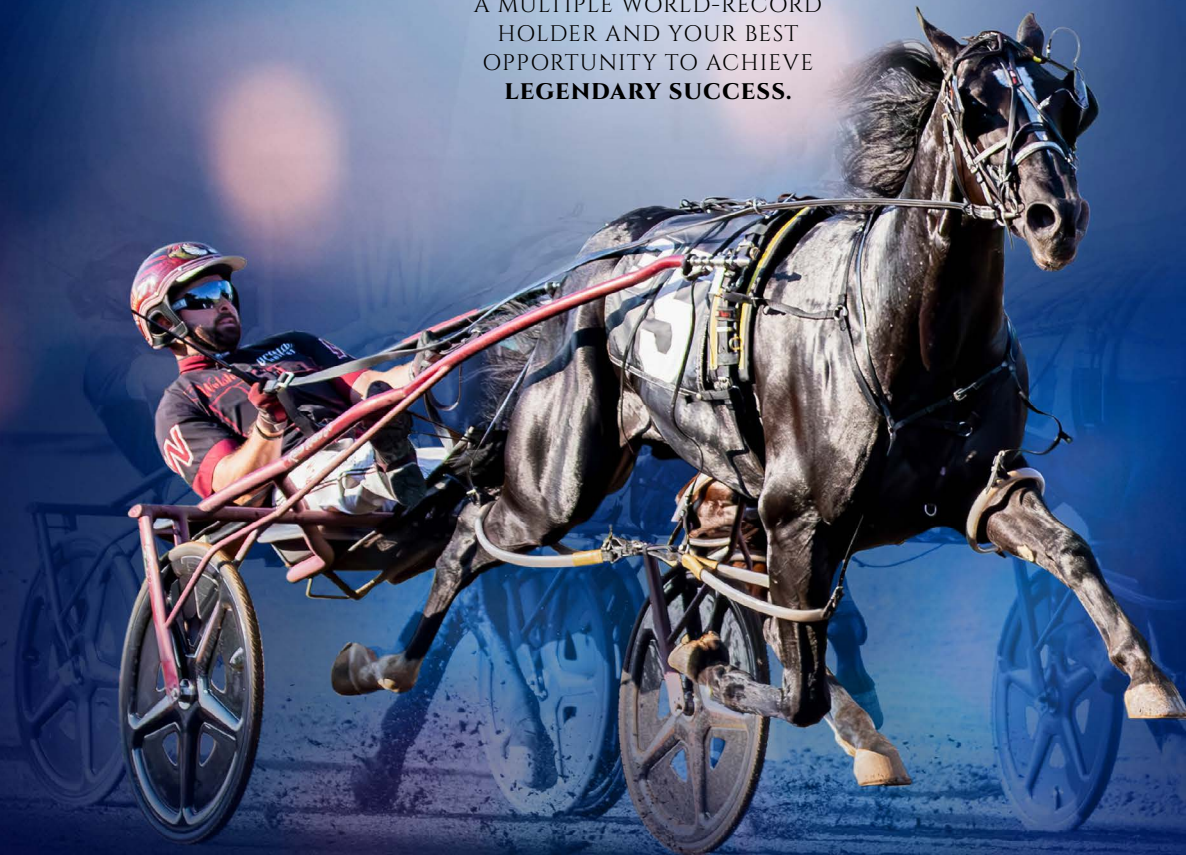
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STYLISH SOMEWHERE 1:50.4 (**\$222,206**),
FAMILY OF **TATTOO ARTIST** 1:47.1 (**\$2,822,098**)

HIP 90 - DUAL ELIGIBLE COLT (PA & KY) FROM
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EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner X @harnessveguy

"C" IS FOR LEXINGTON

Those with kids of almost any age will remember the catchy Sesame Street tune "C is for Cookie" sung by none other than Cookie Monster, of course. Seth Rosenfeld certainly knows the tune as he named one of his homebreds after the song and she earned nearly \$200K in 2023.

While there is nothing wrong with cookies, an argument can certainly be made that "C" is for the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale in 2024. No, Lexington doesn't start with "C" and Kentucky is not considering a name change to Centucky, but the letter "C" is certainly prominent on all fronts of the sale this year.

Consider that 200 of the 926 yearlings originally entered in the sale are by stallions that start with our letter of the day. A total of 12 stallions beginning with the letter "C" are represented in the sale, nearly double that of the next most popular letter of "S" which only has 67 yearlings for seven stallions.

The "C" collection of stallions begins with a newcomer to North America in Calgary Games. The son of Readly Express will have 18 of his 22 yearlings from this crop at Lexington with nearly half selling through the Hunterton Farm consignment. The plan by co-owner Timo Nurmos was to ship frozen semen to the U.S. to breed 15 to 20 mares in order to sprinkle Calgary Games' blood into the market.

"He was a stallion that stood for \$9,000 and at the time - 2 to 3 years ago - there wasn't a lot of medium-priced stallions. It was either Walner at \$30,000 or Chapter Seven, Muscle Hill at \$35,000 or \$40,000, so he was a tweener," said Steve Stewart, who co-owns Hunterton with his wife Cindy. "We knew that the upside was his stud fee wasn't outrageous but we also knew that most trainers here don't know who he is and we would be selling to a Swedish contingent because they know him. As Americans we are all doubting Thomases. We have to see it to believe it.

"People aren't going to go to the sale thinking 'I should buy a Calgary Games', but I'm very happy with the way they videoed and they should be on everyone's list to take a shot at because I don't think they will be crazy expensive. They are nice horses that are correct and very well developed as a rule."

Another newcomer to the market is 2021 Hambletonian winner Captain Corey. A son of Googoo Gaagaa, who has been very successful as a stallion overseas, Captain Corey has 39 yearlings slated to sell with a large majority going in the second and third sessions.

"He's a great outcross for the industry, so hopefully he hits," said Heather Marshall, breeding manager for Crawford Farms. "I've heard good things from the other farm managers about him and I've watched a couple of tapes and they are all great.

"We only have one yearling by Captain Corey, HIP 438 Captain Charlie, but he is breathtaking. He has great size. If he trots on the track next year the way he looks now, he could be a very good horse."

"We have two and they are videoing well," said Diamond Creek Farm VP Shaun Laungani about the Captain Corey's. "I think they are going to sell well. The buzz is good."

The King of the C's on the pacing side is certainly Captaintreacherous and he'll have 42 of his progeny up for auction. Three of those sell under the Anvil and Lace banner for Kountry Lane Standardbreds, who have been continuing to increase their broodmare band and will sell nine at Lexington.

"I think this year's consignment is deeper. We might not have a Plunge Blue Chip or something like that but we have a solid consignment," said Kountry Lane Farm Manager Duane Miller, who was willing to single out one of his Captaintreacherous yearlings as his top pick. "If I had to pick I'd take the Peaky Sneaky colt [HIP 205 Kountry Peaky]. His pedigree score is phenomenal. He has great confirmation



HIP 35 is a Chapter Seven filly out of a sister to Plunge Blue Chip.

and a really nice video. Just his presence alone is something that will get your attention."

On the trotting front there is little statistical doubt that Chapter Seven sits atop the heap and he has a large sampling of 51 in the sale, including 19 up for grabs on the first night. Miller only has two but is tickled with his opening-night prospect, HIP 35 Kountry Splash, a New York and Kentucky eligible filly.

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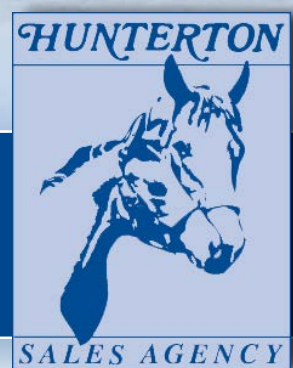
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“The one on the first day is really exciting. She’s a first foal out of a sister to Plunge Blue Chip [Splash Blue Chip] who is a 1:51 trotting mare. I love that family and Splash is such a great mare,” said Miller. “She looks like a typical Chapter Seven. She’s about the size of Chapter Seven and has an extremely long barrel and great confirmation.”

A healthy seven of the 51 Chapter Seven’s are being sold by Concord Stud Farm for Order By Stable. Owned by the Meirs family, Concord tends to bring some of the best yearlings to the sale each year and Julie Meirs was able to single out a pair from that Chapter Seven grouping.

“It would be 54, the filly out of Windy Corner, and 75, the filly out of White Cheetah. They are both really growing into nice individuals and those mares have always put out nice foals that seem to match,” said Meirs. “Trotting fillies seem to be what you want to have, and later on trotting mares.”

Having a Kentucky-bred is all the rage these days and Crawford Farm is offering up a six-pack of Crazy Wow youngsters on night five of the sale. Tops among them according to Heather Marshall is Funk Bus, a colt out of Somebody To Love, who made \$618K in her time on the track.

“My favorite one is 846. He’s just a nice colt overall. He looks the part, comes from a nice family and had a great tape,” said Marshall.

Other stallions from the “C” family with at least one selling are Cantab Hall, Catch The Fire, Cattlewash, Centurion ATM, Courtly Choice, and Creatine.

Moving on to the yearlings, there are 56 of them which start with the letter “C” and that is no surprise considering how many stallions start with that letter. Of course “C” is coming off a Horse of the Year campaign through 2023 winner of the award Confederate. While we will have to wait a couple of years to see those yearlings, Diamond Creek Farm is supplying us with an astonishing 24 HIPs beginning with that letter.

In what can be a bit confusing, most of the horses that Diamond Creek Farm are keeping start with the letter G while the ones being sold are a few letters behind as C’s.

“There are some that we originally thought we were going to keep but we decided to put them in the sale,” explained Shaun Laungani about the couple of yearlings from their consignment in the sale that start with a G.

If you are looking for the next champion with a C, Diamond Creek is a good place to start and Laungani suggested a few from his consignment, starting with HIP 61 Copernicus.

“Number 61 looks like Gimpanzee, he’s super-determined and has really blossomed into a gamer. Being around him, he’s really getting into his paddock shows. He seems likes he’s going to be a type that wants to race,” said Laungani. “That mare [Altar] was so fast and was nearly a Breeders Crown champion if she didn’t make a break in the stretch. She’s easily the fastest, most talented trotter we’ve ever bred on the mare’s side. She’s a highly-anticipated first foal and in the past she would never be in the sale, the Bowden’s would keep it and race her, but we are not keeping any trotters. They are all in the sale. We are just going to focus on pacers for a while. We are really just breed-to-sell folks on the trotting side now.

“HIP 424 [Carve] is a first-crop Captain Corey. She’s a pretty filly who is the first foal out of this mare – we have 18 first-foals in our consignments, which is definitely a record for us. This filly gets out in the paddock for videos and can totally rip, and I had no idea. She was always a sweet filly but I didn’t know she had all those gears. She just puts her butt down and goes. People should check her out.

“We have this really cool Papi Rob Hanover filly,” continued Laungani about HIP 477 Credible. “She’s out of the family of Confederate and Pure Country. She is super graceful and really attractive going. She has a lot of elegance and is really light on her feet; gets a lot of air under her. She hangs in the gait a little bit but I don’t mind that because she looks really good.

“C” is a popular letter for consignors as well, with 127 horses representing four

farms. Leading the way is Crawford Farms with 55 in the sale. Marshall offered up her favorite overall and perhaps one that may prove to be a bargain purchase later on.

“My top favorite is 66,” said Marshall, indicating Wayne Harvey, a Downbytheseaside-sired colt that is dual eligible in Kentucky and Ohio, and from the family of former Horse of the Year Test The Faith. “He’s an absolutely gorgeous colt that is put together great and is the perfect size. He’s also has a great attitude and is great in the field.

“549 on Wednesday [Sundownsomewhere] is from a good filly family. She’s a big, strong filly that is gorgeous and stands great. She has a little bit of grit to her, so hopefully she’ll have what it takes to be a good mare.”

Cameo Hills Farm has 32 yearlings being offered up with 21 raised on their farm in New York. Steve Jones is the man in charge and he



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HIP 424 Carve is a Diamond Creek filly from the first crop of Captain Corey selling on day three.



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focused on his opening-night squad when asked for some standouts.

"I'm very excited about what we are selling at Lexington," said Jones. "We've got seven selling the first night and we've got three Walner fillies selling, including the first foal out of You Ato Dream, whose brother [Ari Ferrari J] just won the \$250,000 race [at Yonkers]. She's beautiful. We also have a Walner filly first foal out of Mazzarati, a filly that was second in the Breeders Crown. Also a Walner filly out of Hey Blondie, whose brother [Flightline] just won a \$100,000 race at The Meadowlands.

"The Mazzarati filly, when you see her in the field she absolutely flies. They are all nice fillies with pedigree and confirmation that will sell well."

Concord Stud Farm checks in third with 25 from their consignment. Unlike Crawford who are selling mostly homebreds, Concord raises and sell foals for others. Who does Julie Meirs like most?

"We have a great selection for what people want on the trotting sires for sure," said Meirs. "HIP 25 is a nice trotting filly out of Shake It Cerry. She's a standout from that family. She has a great video and looks the part. From the same family we have a Solveig colt also by Walner. We also have a Gimpanzee from the Cool Papa Bell family, HIP number 76, out of Blk Thai Optional.

"The first night is so loaded that there is going to be great horses on the second day," said Meirs, who pointed out a New Jersey and Kentucky colt from the family of Dan Patch winners Crys Dream and Brigham Dream. "To round out our trotters we have a really nice Muscle Hill colt that sells on Tuesday as HIP 292."

Last but not least is Cane Run Farm with 15 horses expected to sell. When you are consigning horses for others it can be difficult to pick and choose which ones to highlight and you have to give Elizabeth Caldwell credit for taking a democratic and unbiased approach.

"The day-one yearlings are both very nice. Day two is strong too, and I think we have good horses on every day that we are selling," said Caldwell. "So far the popular ones are 27, 87, 226, 337, 392, 524. It's a good, solid group overall. They have made a lot of progress over the past month and hopefully they will be at their peak sale week."

When all the bidding is complete, "C"

can also be for restaurants, as we found Carson's Food and Drink on E Main St. and Coles 735 Main not far away.

Make sure to leave room for dessert as in the end "C" is for cookie and there are plenty of options - Crumbl, Insomnia Cookies and Great American Cookies - in Lexington.



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HIP 524 Ygritte is a chestnut filly selling for Cane Run Farm on day three at Lexington.

What's in a name?

By Derick Givner

Have you ever noticed that elite horses have great names . . . or at least good ones? You never see a top horse named Joe's Crazy Animal or Chicken Grow Teeth (the latter is a real horse that is retired more than 15 years ago and made a grand total of \$80,356 in 131 starts).

Now I know people spend countless hours dissecting pedigrees, watching videos, examining physical characteristics and discussing value, but I'm going to have some fun with the Lexington Selected sale and take a less scientific approach. Below you will find my top picks based solely on names alone.

We start early with HIP 2 **Extra Gears**. I don't know that this is the best name in the sale but it is a very good take by consignor Cameo Hills Farm on the filly's dam Mazzarati.

Citation just sounds like a champion, and maybe that is because his thoroughbred namesake won the Triple Crown. Whether or not that fate is in the cards for this Muscle Hill colt selling as HIP 23 by Diamond Creek Farm remains to be seen.

Cameo Hills strikes again with HIP 44 **Perfect Weather**, a great combination of sire Perfect Sting and dam Thebeachscalling. Can't you just picture a filly by this name winning a Grand Circuit race?

There have been plenty of good "American" horses and certainly HIP 65 **American Power** has a name with gravitas. From the great Ariana G and by Walner, certainly the bloodlines are there for this New Jersey and Kentucky dual-eligible.

Diamond Creek loves their one-word names and to me they have a winner with HIP 101 **Creator**. Whether you think of God, a builder or simply an artist, the word extols positive thoughts.

HIP 138 **Gentleman's Club** is certainly the best-named foal from two-time Dan Patch winner See You At Peelers, which is a reference

to strip clubs. Perhaps the connection with Downbytheseaside this year will provide 'Peelers' with her first top-level performer.

HIP 300 **Read The Room** checks in with a great name for Winbak Farm. Here we have a Chapter Seven colt from a mare that has produced a number of six-figure foals.

I'm not sure it is a championship name but from the moment I saw HIP 337 **Football Is Life** the name has stuck in my head. This colt comes from Cane Run Farm and is a son of Gimpanzee.

We've seen Tactical Landing earn over \$800K and become a top stallion. We've also seen Explosive Matter earn over \$1.5 million. So certainly HIP 525 **Explosive Landing** has a right to be something special for whoever buys this Midland Acres colt.

You have to love the name **Bingo Bango**, selling as HIP 533 for Kentuckiana Farms. Bettor's Wish colt is from the family of Dan Patch winner Fire Start Hanover.

Certainly HIP 574 **Climax** is an innovative announcers dream horse. Hopefully whoever gets the daughter of Gimpanzee from Diamond Creek also feels fulfilled.

Above are the ones that caught my eye most but let's throw in a few for honorable mention status:

HIP 96 Brooklyn Bombshell - I really don't recall many good "Brooklyn" horses but I'm always going to be a Brooklyn boy so this one makes the list.

HIP 105 Respect N Honor - You have to respect this name and mom Honor Thy Daughter has churned out a couple of decent horses. Could this be her champion?

HIP 179 Rambo Hanover - Here's a strong name for those of you who are fans of action movies and Sly Stallone. And the topper is the third dam is Brooklyn - there's that connection again.

HIP 738 Numbers - It's a simple name but can't you just hear the announcer saying "Numbers is running up the score" or something like that?

Of course the new owners could change all of these names and ruin everything, but here's hoping they realize the power of a name.

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Brittany Farms' final Lexington crop marks the end of an era



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By Jay Bergman [X BergmanJay](#)

With next week's Lexington Selected yearling sale the curtain will come down on one of the greatest breeding farms the sport has known. Brittany Farms will sell its final yearling consignment, a small collection in Kentucky, and by the end of the year say goodbye to the farms that helped raise generations of the sport's best performers.

For Art Zubrod, the heralded farm manager that was there from the start when owner George Segal offered him a career-changing opportunity, the time was right.

"I had said that I would die with my boots on," Zubrod said, reflecting on his time with Brittany and the thought that his dream job would last all his days on this earth. Then a few years back Zubrod sort of saw the writing on the wall. "It hadn't rained for quite some time and I was worried about the fields."

The daily attention to the details necessary to run not just a breeding farm, but one that most buyers had come to expect excellence from had finally weighed so heavily on Zubrod that he recognized there had to be an exit strategy.

"I would say in the 40 years or so I've been at this job there's only been two days that I've ever been completely disconnected from the farm," said Zubrod. "That was when we took a trip to Colorado and were in the mountains where there was no cell service."

Under Zubrod's care and owner George Segal's guidance Brittany Farms became an institution in the sport. Unlike Hanover Shoe, that annually offered consignments in the hundreds, Brittany started out small, grew much larger and then eventually moved to disband.

"George started out with 12 mares," said Zubrod, recalling the roots of Brittany.

When asked about what Segal offered Zubrod as a "business plan" on what would come next once the mares were in his care, he laughed. "There was no business plan," Zubrod said.

Segal agreed that things just started when he found himself with a collection of fillies that had finished their racing careers and needed to

move on to the next part of their journeys.

There was no actual farm in 1984 when the idea of Brittany came to pass, but a year later a major opportunity came along and Segal took it when breeder William R. Shehan decided to sell his Kentucky nursery.

"Bill Shehan was a genius," Zubrod said with great admiration for a man that he got to know quite well over time. "He would study a horse for hours."

Shehan was not a horseman but a lawyer, yet what he saw in those horses would lead to a collection of broodmares that provided some of the foundation that Brittany Farms was built upon.

While Shehan had sold off a large part of his pacing broodmare band prior to the Brittany Farms acquisition, Zubrod and Segal inherited some of the most coveted trotting mares. That may not have been

apparent at the time but they would later produce some of the sport's biggest stars.

"Take a mare like Allegro," said Zubrod. "There was nothing on her page and nothing that preceded her."

The Arnie Almahurst-sired mare would go on to produce Higher Love from one of Brittany's first crops. Higher Love's first foal

Lookout Victory gave Brittany its first Hambletonian Oaks champion in 1995 and would go on to earn \$1.9 million.

While William Shehan's mares helped kick start Brittany's trotting impact on the sport, it would be the solid foundation of pacing broodmares that Segal had brought

in and ones he would later acquire that generated the biggest buzz throughout the farm's 40-plus years of existence. It was Segal's Three Diamonds, a champion filly at 2 and 3 that opened the floodgates to future champions.

"Gene Riegle had a lot to do with our success," said Segal of the late Hall of Fame trainer. "I would pick out the pedigrees and Gene would approve of course, but Gene would look over the conformation and he had a great eye."

Conformation was key to selecting not only horses that could make it on the racetrack but ones that could pass on those characteristics to the next generation. It was sort of the insurance policy required to get into the breeding business, and with Riegle's blessing Brittany's foundation mares would flourish.

Three Diamonds' maternal line was Shehan-influenced, though the breeder would sell off much of that pacing line prior to his deal with



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Brittany Farms was purchased in 1985 by George Segal and has become one of the top breeders in the sport over the last three decades.

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Segal, and she did produce the 1993 Jug winner Life Sign. From her 10 foals, half were fillies. Her daughter Lifetime Success hit with current top New York stallion American Ideal. Fresh Look, a full sister to American Ideal, produced Fresh Breeze from a mating with Captain-treacherous. Fast forward a couple of years with the farm producing Twin B Joe Fresh from her second foal.

The Three Diamonds line flourished through one other daughter Trilogy Lobell, a mare who would produce the dams of Eternal Camnation and Trim Hanover, a line that has seen dramatic success in the last decade.

While there may have not been a specific business plan, Segal did make some major decisions along the way that he feels quite good about.

“I would say that the two biggest were the decision to start the farm and the second would be to close the farm,” said Segal.

While the farms won’t exist in 2025, Segal was quick to add, “The Brittany name isn’t going anywhere.” In fact, George still has some mares that he has retained and owns in partnership with others. “There will be horses sold under the Brittany banner,” said Segal.

The Brittany brand has produced excellence for more than 40 years and the name still evokes a sense of quality at the sales.

As far as this year’s final consignment is concerned, the focus will likely be on the first crop of Perfect Sting, the son of Always B Miki from the world champion Shebestingin.

“I’m thrilled with how all of his foals look and behave,” said Zubrod.

Brittany and partners will be selling five by Perfect Sting at the Lexington Selected auction.

“His colt out of Captiva is very special,” said Zubrod of Stingman, HIP 34, selling on opening night (Monday, September 30).

Zubrod’s comments on Stingman came just days before Captiva’s full brother Fallout captured the C\$1 million Metro at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Captiva’s maternal line extends back to Three Diamonds via the Eternal Camnation branch of the family.

Segal is excited as well with the first crop from Perfect Sting, a horse that he raced in partnership with Marty Granoff’s Val D’or Farms.

“From the horses I’ve seen, they look very good,” said Segal. “I may be biased.”

Segal’s bias has worked quite well for those lucky enough to have purchased from his consignments over the last 40 years. It’s somewhat ironic that many of today’s breeders have adopted Segal’s strategy that during its infancy drew a ton of unfounded criticism.

In the early 90’s Segal was both a breeder and active bidder at the yearling sales, and some had implied that he was “bidding up” his own horses. Many believed that breeders shouldn’t be in the racing business, but as we can see today with the successes of major farms like Diamond Creek and Crawford Farms, it is possible to both breed and race horses.

“The thoroughbreds do it all of the time,” said Zubrod. “There is nothing wrong with setting a value on a horse and taking it home if it doesn’t reach the price.”

As for the breeding business Brittany is departing from, Segal said, “I would say it’s far more competitive today than it used to be.”

The good fortune to those who continue to breed standardbreds will surely come from future stars with Brittany-rich bloodlines that have already stood the test of time.

On the human front, Zubrod was most grateful for a loyal staff that has helped make his horses accessible to would-be buyers for many



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Brittany Farms owner George Segal above with farm manager Art Zubrod and below with racing manager Myron Bell.



years and will now move on. “I’ve had a lot of good people over the years and without them none of this would have been possible,” Zubrod said.

With Brittany Farms’ closure, Zubrod was happy to find a spot for items that have provided cherished memories. “I kept staring at all of the trophies we’ve collected and just didn’t know what to do with them,” said Zubrod. “Thankfully we’ve donated them to the Round Barn at The Red Mile where they will be displayed.”

Fitting that the Brittany Farms legacy will live on in the Bluegrass for years to come.

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Yearling sale mishaps, bidding wars and frustration buys



CONFESSIONS

By Keith Gisser

It's yearling season. A couple of regional sales have taken place already, with many more in the pipeline. Plus, there's the big two – Lexington and Harrisburg – just around the corner. Trainers and owners have spent hundreds of hours reviewing pedigrees, watching videos, visiting farms, working out budgets and generally preparing for the sales. Heck, I probably spent 50 hours of pedigree research and video watching and I'm small potatoes in this business. Small potatoes? I am barely a fingerling.

With all that research and time invested, you would think everything would go as smooth as silk. But that's not always the case. When we reached out to people about their experiences, we heard stories of yearlings being sent to the wrong farm; a yearling filly who couldn't pace in 2:50 and kept gaining weight, eventually foaling in late spring of her 2-year-old year; and even a story of one being left at the sale, only to have the winning bidder claim he never bid. One of my partnerships ended up with that one. Trainer Dan Roland christened her Sandstone Bonus Baby. That was last fall. Sandstone Bonus Baby trained down to 2:30 and then got sore. By the time you read this, she will have been sold at the Heartland Sale in Minnesota. We got one story about a trainer bidding on a colt that he saw on the board at \$4,000, so he bid \$4,200, only to find out it was \$40,000 and he had bid \$42,000. They let him resell the colt for his account at the end of the sale.

The day after his horse It's My Show won the Canadian Pacing Derby, Richard Young contacted me with this story:

"Quite a long time ago (It was 1997) I had Joe Holloway as a trainer, and I was with Joe and started to bid on a horse by the name of Badlands Hanover. I stopped bidding around 100k. Well, I was the under-bidder when one of Joe's other owners comes over and says I just bought this colt, Badlands Hanover. Joe says, 'you two guys were the only two bidding from 70 (thousand) on.' He apologizes, and said didn't know and that we could have been partners. He then offered me to buy in for half. I responded the idea is not to bid up a horse and then go partners. So I not only was under-bidder, I turned down a really good horse who became a sire."

For the record, Badlands Hanover won over \$754,000 and took a mark of 1:50 at age 2.

Roger Huston shared a similar story about people bidding against each other without knowing:

"Back in 1974 I was with Tom McNew at the Tattersalls sale. On the spur of a moment, I told Tom to bid on an unnamed Bret Hanover colt. Tom wondered why? I told him since you own a number of Pure Oil Truck Stop Plazas in Ohio, I have the perfect name for him. On that hunch he started bidding. When it reached \$17,000, I saw his trainer Lew Williams in the aisle leading to the ring. I made a dash to talk with Lew, only to find out he was bidding with the thought of Tom as his owner. Fortunately, they got him for just \$18,000 and I named him Plaza Bret. They had been bidding against each other since \$10,000. Plaza Bret won \$207,000 in his career." (He took a mark of 1:56 2/5 in 1976, a year where he won 15 races)

I also have a Tom McNew story. In 1975, he paid \$25,000 for a Noble Gesture colt that he named Plaza Jester. The joke was on Tom, because Plaza Jester would not trot. He paced. After going through a few hands related to Lew Williams, he ended up being the first horse I ever trained, winning nine times at age 4, at five different distances (1/2, 9/16, 3/4, 13/16 and a mile). He ended up with career earnings of \$14,396, which tells you most of what you need to know about his ability.

Jessica Johnson shared a story of bidding on a horse with the wrong eligibility:

"My friend bid on a horse thinking it was MN bred but it was only Iowa eligible, so I told her I'd take it so she could buy another. He ended up being the Iowa champion."

From Rod Hennessy, by way of Diane Harrie Hennessy, comes a story of a horse that got left behind:

"Back in 2002 Rod bought about 12 yearlings at the ASHA yearling sale. After spending the day in the "Blue Room" bidding and having a few beverages (or a lot), they loaded up the horses and sent them off to the farm. A couple days later Fred Gillis called Rod to ask him if he had all the horses he bought, and Rod replied of course. Fred said, well, I've been feeding one here for you for the last couple days so you better come get it. The horse's name was changed to 'Left at Sale.'"

Alcohol and yearling sales don't mix, although I am sure consignors would disagree. A few cocktails tend to loosen up the pocketbook, as long-time Northfield Park fixture Sam Schillaci told me over the phone.

"Don't bid when you have been drinking," Schillaci said before telling a tale of an experience that worked out. "Five years ago at Lexington I was getting frustrated...everything I liked went for way more than I wanted to spend. So I had a few beers. Maybe a few more. Then this little colt comes into the ring, I didn't even have the catalogue or know his breeding. He was a gorgeous looking little colt. I just said the heck with it. He started at \$3,500 and I made one bid at \$4,000 and got him. He made over \$50k at 2 and then went on to be a really nice horse. He wasn't a great horse, but a nice horse."

But perhaps Doris Crandell said it best, "Most of the best stories can't be told. And thank goodness for DNA. That's all I can say."

She may well be right.

Good luck to everyone at the sales. Pay attention. And maybe, just maybe, you'll get the yearling you want at the price you want. That's it for this month. Now I have to go cash to pay for the two yearlings I bought this year (so far). See you next month.

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*First foal out of **THE BIG HEN**; family of **MEDUSA 1:49 (\$1,004,178)**, and **ALICORN 1:50.3 (\$561,140)***



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BY DERICK GIWNER

Canadian based trainer Nick Gallucci has seen his stable take off in recent years since hooking up with Millar Farms. The 37-year-old has surpassed the million-dollar mark for stable earnings in four straight years and could be in line for some serious O'Brien or Dan Patch hardware if the undefeated Chantilly continues her winning ways.

Gallucci, who also trains top mares Silver Label and Prohibition Legal, took some time out of his schedule to discuss his path in the sport, Chantilly and racing in general. Enjoy!

TRAINER NICK GALLUCCI

How did you get started in harness racing?

My grandfather used to train horses and I used to follow him to the farm at a really early age.

Was your grandfather the only family in the sport?

My uncle was as well. My father was never involved with it.

Was harness racing always going to be your path in life?

It was never really a career path I had in mind when I was younger but everything kept pulling me back to it and here we are now. I went to University and it didn't work out for me. I tried a couple of other different careers that didn't work out. Finally I just put my head down and decided I was going to be a trainer one day.

You basically started from scratch in the sport. What is that like?

It was tough. I had a few people that supported me early and I'll always be grateful for them. I built it up the best I could year after year and started to get better horses. It just seems like everything has come together. It wasn't easy, definitely. Anybody who starts out fresh there is probably a pretty high failure rate.

Are you exclusive as a trainer for Millar Farms?

It pretty much is exclusive. I'll take the occasional horse for a friend of ours but I'm not really a public trainer.

When did you make the switch to Millar Farms and has it been everything you hoped for?

It was towards the end of 2019. It has worked out great for me and him as well.

How many horses do you have in your barn?

We probably have 12 that are still going. We had a lot of 2-year-olds that we shut down. We will probably have over 30 for the winter.

What is your favorite track to race at? Why?

Obviously Mohawk is my home track and I really love racing there. In the States I'd say The Meadowlands.

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

Spend time with my son and family.



NEW IMAGE MEDIA

Since starting his training career in 2012, Nick Gallucci has won well over 500 races.

What is one word that describes harness racing for you?

Thrilling.

What is the best advice you've ever gotten or given about harness racing?

Let the horse talk to you. If you listen there is always an answer at the end of the road.

What was your best moment in harness racing?

Winning the She's A Great Lady the other night [with Chantilly].

Which is the best horse you've ever trained?

I think they all have their peaks but for consistency and the amount of years she has raced, Silver Label.

Speaking of Chantilly, when training down, could you ever imagine she would be undefeated through seven career starts?

Can't really say I could. She's been a hell of a surprise. She was a homebred, first foal out of a mare that wasn't a very good horse. He [George Millar] gave \$115,000 for the mother, so she did have some pedigree. It's funny, the mother's dam and the granddam both raced in the She's A Great Lady. The dam was just no good, but Chantilly obviously won it.

Is there added pressure training a horse that hasn't lost?

Yeah, every week there is more stress. Maybe I shouldn't feel that way, but it is good pressure. I have a lot of faith in the horse and I just hope that everything goes as planned and she stays out of trouble. I'm a bit petrified of the idea of her losing, but it is mostly pressure I put on myself.

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Hip 70 BAY ON THE BEACH bc (PA)

*Always B Miki-Beach Gal,
by Somebeachsomewhere*

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*Stay Hungry-Mcgibson,
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Hip 170 PAPI RICK bc (PA)

*Papi Rob Hanover-Odds On Pussycat,
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Hip 208 CRAZY TRAIN bc (PA)

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Hip 307 CAPTAIN DOLITTLE bc (PA)

*Captain Corey-Dip Me Hanover,
by Donato Hanover*

Hip 329 INTISAAR MIL bf (PA)

*Bar Hopping-Frisky Magic,
by Kadabra*

Hip 375 MCMIKI bf (PA)

*Always B Miki-Mcgibson Beach,
by Somebeachsomewhere*

Hip 376 MIS AMIGAS bf (PA)

*Father Patrick-Mezcal Morning,
by Donato Hanover*

Hip 443 DELIGHTFULLY LOOKIN bf (ON)

*Bettor's Delight-Swelllookinbeach,
by Well Said*

Hip 455 HOT FOR HER brf (PA)

*Father Patrick-Tweet Me,
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Hip 478 DANCING STRANGER bc (PA)

*Tall Dark Stranger-Always B Dancing,
by Always B Miki*

Hip 541 ZERO TO A HUNDRED bc (PA)

*Always B Miki-Girl's Got Rhythm,
by Sportswriter*

Hip 616 BLUE RARE bf (ON)

*Muscle Mass-Pinky Lee,
by Father Patrick*

Hip 688 GREEN SNICKERS bc (ON)

*Green Manalishi S-Andover The Top,
by Andover Hall*

Hip 704 CAPTAIN POISON bf (PA)

*Captain Crunch-Before The Poison,
by Rocknroll Hanover*

Hip 709 JUST DROPPED IN bc (NJ)

*Perfect Sting-Booya Beach,
by Somebeachsomewhere*

Hip 738 NUMBERS bc (PA)

*Sweet Lou-Eden,
by Somebeachsomewhere*

Hip 750 CRUNCH CLASS bc (PA)

*Captain Crunch-JK First Class,
by American Ideal*

Hip 779 CAPTAIN IDEAL bc (PA)

*Captain Crunch-Ideal Appeal,
by McArdle*

Hip 872 STOP THE VANITY bc (IN)

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ON THE BACKSTRETCH

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What does Chantilly's schedule look like the rest of the year?

She has one more [Ontario Sire Stakes] Gold leg and the Superfinal. That will put her at nine starts. I don't like to over-race 2-year-olds. She is a horse we would definitely think about Breeders Crown but it isn't at our home track and we generally don't pay to stake 2-year-olds in the States.

So she is not Breeders Crown eligible?

She's not. If she was we would've been going. Next year she definitely will be; that's the game plan anyway.

What's interesting is that she could win divisional honors in the U.S. without even racing here, no?

Yeah, that is a pretty crazy thought. A few years ago Stockade Seelster did that. There are some nice horses down there, like Rose and the filly of Chris Ryder's [Miki And Minnie].

Will you be in Lexington for the sale?

No, not likely. We have 17 homebreds so I'll pretty much focus on that. We are going to try to buy a few trotting yearlings either in London or Harrisburg, I think.

Do you typically skip Lexington?

I have been going to Lexington the last few years with no success in buying. Who knows? Maybe down the road we'll get more involved in the Lexington sale but for right now the best value for us is in London.

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

For things to be more transparent. I think there should be stricter medication rules and more out-of-competition testing. We need more transparency with the general public. I don't think they know what goes into the care of race horses.

How do you view the future of harness racing?

I feel like with how popular the sales have been I don't see us going anywhere in the near future. I think the majority of the racing is going to be done in the Midwest – Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. That will be the focal point in the next 10 years. I don't see the East coast, with Freehold closing and The Meadowlands only having minimal dates, I don't see it. There is also Yonkers and PA, but I think Midwest is the place now.

Do you see a good future in Canada where you are?

I think we are ok. We have a good sustainable program for the near

future. Nothing is a sure thing but it is still quite a popular sport with plenty of wagering that goes through it; not near as much as our Thoroughbred compadres but enough. I think the horse population in Canada is maybe a fifth of what it used to be about 15 years ago. A number of tracks have closed and even the ones that have stayed open, they used to race three or four days a week at peak and now they have 20 cards in the summer. Georgian is on the brink of closing. Flamboro I don't know what will happen. These were premier tracks at one time. Flamboro was one of the first Standardbred tracks in Canada and people viewed it as the best half-mile track at one time. It just isn't what it once was.

What does a day in the life of Nick Gallucci look like?

Usually I get up fairly early, drop my son off at daycare and go to the barn. I usually work until about midday and I either pick him up or relax and go to the gym once in a while. If we are racing, I'll be at the track. Sundays are slower and we just take it easy, though there are always a couple of things to do at the barn. Most of my days are spent there.

Time for the stretch drive:

Best Horse you ever saw: Flightline – what he did his last race, I've never seen anything like it. With Standardbreds I'd go with Muscle Hill.

Lasix – Yes or No: Yes.

Favorite TV Show: Sopranos.

Trotters or Pacers: Pacers.



NEW IMAGE MEDIA

The Nick Gallucci-trained Chantilly has never lost in seven career starts.

'Albano' sitting out until Crown

Little Brown Jug, Adios and Max Hempt winner Captain Albano will sit out the Grand Circuit meet at Lexington and instead wait for the Breeders Crown for his next start.

"He came out of the first heat like he hadn't raced," said trainer Noel Daley about Captain Albano's first-heat Jug performance at the Delaware County Fair on September 19. "He came out of the race awesome."

Despite Captain Albano feeling good, Daley felt a patient approach might be best for the colt's future.

"We never planned to race him the first week [at The Red Mile], but I decided to keep him in New Jersey. We've already had a ton of interest in him as a stud and if he wins the Breeders Crown he could be the 2- and 3-year-old champion. That would step up his value a bit," concluded Daley.

The Breeders Crown eliminations are set for October 18 and 19 at The Meadowlands. The finals will take place the following weekend.

Captain Albano owns a 13-8-1-2 record and sits fourth on the North American earnings leaderboard in 2024 with \$797,043. He trails only Nijinsky (\$802,170) among 3-year-old colt pacers in the money-won category.

-Derick Gwerner

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Selling 21 yearlings in Lexington (Sept. 30 - Oct. 4) and one in Harrisburg. Including...



HIP #24 LADY ON THE HILL, filly (Muscle Hill - Seventimesalady)

The second foal from *SEVENTIMESALADY* 2,1:56.4s; 3,BT1:53 (\$248,218) and a 3/4 sister to *LADY LANDIA* 2,1:54.3 -'24; BT1:53 -'24 (\$43,790).



HIP #106 ICE FALL, colt (Walner - Ice attraction)

The first colt out of *ICE ATTRACTION* 1:50.1 (\$733,767) and a half-brother to *SLIP SLIDING AWAY* 2,1:54.4; 3,1:53.2 -'24 (\$186,348).



HIP #428 NICKSIN, colt (Walner - Sina)

A half-brother to *BEAUTIFUL SIN* 3,1:50.1 (\$406,289) and *ROBERTSIN* 3,1:51.3 (\$193,035).



HIP #471 AJ HALL, filly (Cantab Hall - Aela Jamieson)

First foal out of a full sister to Hambletonian Champion *COOL PAPA BELL* 3,1:51.3 (\$1,087,872).

Also selling in Lexington:

HIP #229 CAPTAINS WHISTLE, colt (*Captain Corey - Wet My Whistle*)
First foal from *Wet My Whistle* (\$193,315).

HIP #466 LAURENS CHAPTER, filly (*Chapter Seven - A Hopeful Prayer*)
First foal from stakes winner *A Hopeful Prayer*.

HIP #488 KAVAKAZEE, colt (*Gimpanzee - Ava Marion*)
A 1/2 brother to *Lucky Ava* (\$391,177).

HIP #543 SEVERIAN, colt (*Chapter Seven - Glitzey Gal*)
A 3/4 brother to *Wallandar* (\$103,360).

HIP #546 CLOUD HOPPING, colt (*Bar Hopping - Hallintheclouds*)
Out of a 1/2 sister to *Barn Doll* (\$875,258).

HIP #548 TRICKY HANDS, colt (*Father Patrick - Hannah*)
First colt from *Hannah* (\$133,873).

HIP #608 LIPSTICK, filly (*Tactical Landing - Non Stick*)
Out of a 1/2 sister to *Rebuff* (\$962,490).

HIP #612 CAPTAINOFILLUSION, colt (*Captain Corey - Perfect Hillusion*)
Out of a 1/2 sister to *Winning Alliance* (\$139,464).

HIP #693 ANTONELLA, filly (*Muscle Mass - Antonia*)
Out of *Antonia* (\$114,350).

HIP #727 DEMIROSE, filly (*Muscle Mass - Day Lily*)
A 1/2 sister to *Dabra Day* (\$176,520).

HIP #742 VERDANT, colt (*Greenshoe - Evelyn*)
Out of *Evelyn* (\$305,222).

HIP #759 THE GOOSE PRINCESS, filly (*Muscle Mass - Golden Goose*)
A full sister to *Princess Lilly* (\$271,996).

HIP #765 HAVEACANFORME, filly (*Cantab Hall - Haveoneforme*)
Out of *Haveoneforme* (\$361,784).

HIP #769 COSMIC STORM CLOUD, colt (*Captain Corey - Headintheclouds*)
A 1/2 brother to *Barn Doll* (\$875,258).

HIP #776 SEVENSOUTH, colt (*Chapter Seven - Southwind Hope*)
Out of *Southwind Hope* (\$219,573).

HIP # 825 SIXTH ALLIANCE, colt (*Six Pack - Perfect Alliance*)
A 1/2 brother to *Winning Alliance* (\$139,464).

HIP #849 ALPACKA, colt (*Six Pack - Allerage Star*)
Out of *Allerage Star* (\$420,090).

Selling in Harrisburg:

FALLIN FOR TRIX, colt (*Trixtan - Hall Wont Fall*)
First foal. From the family of *Pub Crawl* (\$489,545).

All yearlings are in the Preferred Equine consignment.



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LEADING MONEY-WINNING SIRES - 2024

2-YEAR-OLD PACERS

Sire Name	2022 Foals	Starters	Earnings	Avg Earnings
HUNTSVILLE	103	72	\$2,471,685 (1)	\$23,997
CATTLEWASH	38	27	\$800,285 (10)	\$21,060
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	106	76	\$2,215,913 (2)	\$20,905
SWEET LOU	100	68	\$2,085,931 (3)	\$20,859
COURTLY CHOICE	34	24	\$566,349 (14)	\$16,657
PAPI ROB HANOVER	105	79	\$1,579,295 (5)	\$15,041
DOWNBYTHESEASIDE	109	77	\$1,596,738 (4)	\$14,649
ODDS ON EQUULEUS	20	14	\$264,394	\$13,220
JK ENDOFANERA	98	68	\$1,276,070 (6)	\$13,021
KARPATHIAN KID	23	15	\$298,178	\$12,964
RACING HILL	26	20	\$296,851	\$11,417
CATCH THE FIRE	50	36	\$561,256 (15)	\$11,225
BIG JIM	50	23	\$559,714 (16)	\$11,194
RUSTY'S FOR REAL	19	16	\$187,140	\$9,849
BONDI HANOVER	18	16	\$176,712	\$9,817
BETTERTHANCHEDDAR	37	24	\$359,500	\$9,716
DUDE'S THE MAN	19	12	\$183,819	\$9,675
AMERICAN IDEAL	72	44	\$696,084 (12)	\$9,668
TELLITLIKEITIS	30	21	\$278,075	\$9,269
FEAR THE DRAGON	105	72	\$952,686 (7)	\$9,073
LATHER UP	61	40	\$545,828 (17)	\$8,944
ALWAYS B MIKI	105	49	\$889,146 (9)	\$8,468
TALL DARK STRANGER	108	68	\$903,783 (8)	\$8,368
WELL SAID	63	40	\$494,038 (20)	\$7,841
STAY HUNGRY	75	47	\$515,284 (19)	\$6,870
BETTOR'S WISH	77	46	\$519,745 (18)	\$6,749
MCWICKED	111	63	\$602,003 (13)	\$5,423
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	134	81	\$717,134 (11)	\$5,351

3-YEAR-OLD PACERS

Sire Name	2021 Foals	Starters	Earnings	Avg Earnings
BETTOR'S WISH	39	31	\$1,773,312 (9)	\$45,470
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	110	84	\$4,016,470 (1)	\$36,513
SWEET LOU	93	84	\$3,260,770 (4)	\$35,062
HUNTSVILLE	108	88	\$3,691,011 (3)	\$34,176
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	134	102	\$3,726,062 (2)	\$27,806
NOB HILL HIGH	19	14	\$516,073	\$27,162
AMERICAN IDEAL	92	70	\$2,277,083 (5)	\$24,751
RUSTY'S FOR REAL	17	10	\$374,317	\$22,019
COURTLY CHOICE	49	38	\$1,072,067 (18)	\$21,879
RACING HILL	50	38	\$1,086,050 (17)	\$21,721
ALWAYS B MIKI	100	71	\$2,139,800 (6)	\$21,398
JK ENDOFANERA	53	35	\$1,055,211 (19)	\$19,910
TELLITLIKEITIS	90	64	\$1,771,231 (10)	\$19,680
DOWNBYTHESEASIDE	106	81	\$2,068,977 (7)	\$19,519
HESTON BLUE CHIP	72	61	\$1,332,291 (13)	\$18,504
CAPTAIN CRUNCH	103	78	\$1,836,280 (8)	\$17,828
STAY HUNGRY	100	80	\$1,706,244 (11)	\$17,062
VERTICAL HORIZON	20	15	\$313,629	\$15,681
CAPTIVE AUDIENCE	17	10	\$253,768	\$14,928
ROLL WITH JOE	30	24	\$440,551	\$14,685
LATHER UP	82	56	\$1,113,310 (16)	\$13,576
FEAR THE DRAGON	98	71	\$1,329,291 (14)	\$13,568
ALL BETS OFF	77	54	\$1,033,628 (20)	\$13,423
ROCKIN IMAGE	93	65	\$1,189,271 (15)	\$12,787
BETTING LINE	110	80	\$1,332,291 (12)	\$12,111

2-YEAR-OLD TROTTERS

Sire Name	2022 Foals	Starters	Earnings	Avg Earnings
CHAPTER SEVEN	97	70	\$3,767,279 (1)	\$38,838
GOOGOO GAAGAA	16	12	\$430,538	\$26,909
GIMPANZEE	38	28	\$722,992 (13)	\$19,026
GREENSHOE	107	75	\$2,018,831 (2)	\$18,868
DEVIIOUS MAN	39	25	\$712,469 (15)	\$18,268
WALNER	93	70	\$1,659,212 (3)	\$17,841
BAR HOPPING	76	57	\$1,241,019 (4)	\$16,329
MUSCLESPRINGTONIAN	16	14	\$233,346	\$14,584
GREEN MANALISHI S	90	58	\$1,080,312 (7)	\$12,003
WHAT THE HILL	86	63	\$1,027,006 (8)	\$11,942
UNCLE PETER	66	47	\$775,279 (12)	\$11,747
LONG TOM	93	65	\$1,091,001 (6)	\$11,731
TACTICAL LANDING	106	64	\$1,207,339 (5)	\$11,390
CANTAB HALL	64	46	\$688,212 (16)	\$10,753
E L TITAN	20	15	\$210,365	\$10,518
MUSCLE HILL	77	53	\$802,611 (10)	\$10,424
IL MAGO	18	12	\$176,245	\$9,791
INTERNATIONAL MONI	70	49	\$673,444 (17)	\$9,621
FATHER PATRICK	75	54	\$714,235 (14)	\$9,523
SWAN FOR ALL	91	48	\$817,078 (9)	\$8,978
MARSEILLE	64	34	\$560,749 (18)	\$8,761
MUSCLE MASS	92	60	\$793,641 (11)	\$8,626
SIX PACK	62	35	\$505,260 (20)	\$8,149
DON'T LET'EM	78	42	\$534,737 (19)	\$6,855

3-YEAR-OLD TROTTERS

Sire Name	2021 Foals	Starters	Earnings	Avg Earnings
CHAPTER SEVEN	91	67	\$4,521,773 (1)	\$49,690
MET'S HALL	20	15	\$766,880 (18)	\$38,344
MUSCLE HILL	70	47	\$2,513,702 (4)	\$35,910
WALNER	103	67	\$3,615,945 (2)	\$35,106
VOLSTEAD	29	20	\$959,451 (15)	\$33,085
FATHER PATRICK	100	74	\$2,521,757 (3)	\$25,218
TACTICAL LANDING	100	58	\$2,374,931 (5)	\$23,749
CRAZY WOW	39	30	\$905,396 (16)	\$23,215
RESOLVE	19	15	\$380,415	\$20,022
GREENSHOE	101	66	\$1,945,289 (6)	\$19,260
MUSCLE MASS	96	76	\$1,752,363 (8)	\$18,254
BAR HOPPING	62	43	\$1,122,375 (13)	\$18,103
E L PLATINUM	28	18	\$505,926	\$18,069
E L TITAN	50	35	\$902,227 (17)	\$18,045
INTERNATIONAL MONI	102	71	\$1,816,623 (7)	\$17,810
CANTAB HALL	83	55	\$1,414,027 (10)	\$17,036
TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR	18	12	\$302,745	\$16,819
CREATINE	43	25	\$718,727 (19)	\$16,715
SWAN FOR ALL	95	53	\$1,435,142 (9)	\$15,107
SIX PACK	85	56	\$1,241,299 (12)	\$14,604
LONG TOM	91	62	\$1,302,952 (11)	\$14,318
UNCLE PETER	54	31	\$687,639 (20)	\$12,734
WHAT THE HILL	84	56	\$986,075 (14)	\$11,738

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HIP 9 - o/o a **SWEET LOU** stakes mare,
PACE BABY PACE 1:50.3 (**\$384,680**),
family of **PASS LINE** 1:50.2 (\$603,382)

HIP 66 - Dual eligible (OH & KY), first colt o/o
ALEXIS FAITH 1:50.3 (\$586,546) family of
TEST OF FAITH 1:47 (**\$2,416,011**)

HIP 89 - full brother to **BYTHEMISSAL** 1:47.1
(**\$2,168,591**)

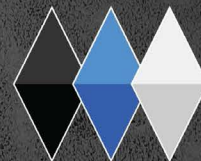
LEADING PERFORMERS IN 2024 INCLUDE:

SIPPINONSEAROC, who set a **world record** at
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YEARLING NUMBERS GAME

By Derick Giwner X @harnessyeguy

There is a certain truth to numbers. Sure, you can interpret them from different angles to support your conclusion, but in the end they represent a certain set of facts that are indisputable.

As of September 25 at 12:00 PM, 2-year-olds sired by Chapter Seven had earned \$3.77 million, an astonishing \$1.7 million more than Greenshoe (more about him later) in second on the list. What about average earnings, you say? Chapter Seven leads in that category by a whopping margin of nearly \$12,000 per foal. That's some serious money considering only nine stallions currently have an average-per-foal of \$12,000.

Even in the 3-year-old ranks Chapter Seven is absolutely dominating, leading in money won by about \$900K and average by over \$11K. No one can deny that foals by Chapter Seven are earning the most money, and it doesn't hurt that his son Maryland, a recent winner of the Mohawk Million, looks like the top dog among rookie colts in 2024.

Armed with these figures, let's say you walk into the auction dead set on going home with a Chapter Seven so you can own the next champion. According to 2023 Lexington Selected statistics it would cost you about \$135K on average. So if that yearling won at the same average rate we are currently seeing you would have earned around \$90K back on your investment, not including let's say another \$80K in training expenses. Some quick math would have you believe that you are in the red for \$125K, but you do still have an asset that is worth something.

None of the above is to say that buying a Chapter Seven is a bad investment. No buyer is going to the sale thinking they are going to get an average Chapter Seven. Everyone is hoping for the next champion, whether it be on the Sire Stakes or Grand Circuit levels.

This is where numbers get tricky, because you could spend \$475K on Maryland and get a horse that is potentially worth millions. You could spend \$110K on Civilian Drone and get a horse that has already earned \$114K or \$47K on fellow 2-year-old Chat Room and walk away with an earner of more than \$147K in 2024. The paths are not linear. Spending a lot doesn't necessarily equate to earning a lot (though it did in the case of Chapter Seven since Maryland was the highest-priced of his 2022 foals) but spending a little doesn't mean you can't hit it big. And there is some solace in knowing that more than 25% of the current crop of Chapter Seven 3-year-olds have eclipsed six figures in earnings.

We live in a "now" world where the only thing that matters is current results. That is why it is sometimes good to zig when other people zag in order to get the best return on investment. Those that refused to believe in the rapid demise of Greenshoe as a stallion have been amply rewarded for their faith.

Looking at the numbers, the average Greenshoe yearling sold for \$130K in 2022 while earning just \$13K (\$1.32 million in total earnings) the following year. Perhaps rightfully, people jumped off the bandwagon in droves and his foals sold for just \$57K on average the following year at Lexington. That's a gigantic 57% decrease!

How did Greenshoe respond to the bad press? With an earnings-per-foal increase to \$18K for his 2-year-olds to rank fourth among 2024 stallions. With three months to race his foals are on pace to double the stallion's total foal earnings!

There were plenty of values for Greenshoe buyers last year including Meshuggah (\$120K purchase, \$300K earned), She's A Shoe In (\$55K vs. \$191K), and Divine Thing (\$30K vs. \$189K). Even the biggest dud on the earning end - French Riviera \$350K vs. \$15K - has a ton of value as a broodmare if she doesn't do better on the track as a 3-year-old.

While it will be interesting to see how the 20 Greenshoe yearlings sell for at Lexington and later in Harrisburg this year, Googoo Gaagaa represents one of the more interesting options for making money. Consider that he is second in terms of average earnings per foal for 2-year-olds this year at almost \$27K while his average foal sold for \$60K in 2023 in Lexington. Plus the emergence of the Kentucky Sire Stakes program has really upped his value as the six foals in the sale this year are Kentucky eligible.

What makes Googoo Gaagaa most interesting is his ability to hit a

home run. Hail Mary has made over \$1.7 million overseas, Captain Corey eclipsed a million in earnings and won the Hambletonian, and Call Me Goo has nearly \$600K in the bank. Looking for 2-year-old success? Perfect Annie has earned \$303K already this year. She's the only one that has done well but he only had 12 foals to race here this year.

Just touching on the pacing side briefly, Captaintreachorous is clearly the leader of the pack in terms of getting a superstar. The former has the Metro winner in Fallout and the latter has a colt and filly standout in Louprint and Rose. That said, the leader in terms of average earnings as a 2-year-old is Huntsville by a few thousand over those, and his yearlings sold for just \$51K at Lexington last year, compared to \$114K for 'Captain' and \$82K for Sweet Lou. Both 'Lou' and 'Captain' are ahead of Huntsville in average earnings for 3-year-olds by a small margin.

It is worth noting that Perfect Sting enters the market with 46 available at Lexington and they figure to draw some attention away from the three above. Consider that Tall Dark Stranger was the new kid on the block last year and came in just below Captaintreachorous in average cost per foal at \$92K. If Perfect Sting gets the expected attention that means a stallion or two will drop and Tall Dark Stranger with 54 to sell could be the victim. Or looking at things from a different light, maybe he is this year's Greenshoe, where the prices drop but the results on the track improve dramatically.

In the end no one truly knows which of the 900-plus yearlings will be the best. While history says that the Chapter Sevens, Walners, Captaintreachorous' and Sweet Lous will rise to the top, that doesn't mean there won't be some value in other viable options. All you need is money, the will to bid and a dream.

All American Harnessbreds announces disbursement plan

Coinciding with the retirement of longtime farm manager Beverly Webb and assistant Debbie Pinder, Fred Hertrich III's All American Harnessbreds is planning a complete dispersal of breeding stock, to be offered without reserve. The dispersal will take place in two phases:

- Phase One - All in foal broodmares and stallion shares to be sold at the 2024 Standardbred Mixed Sale on November 7, 2024.
- Phase Two - All barren mares of 2024 to be offered in foal at the 2025 Standardbred Mixed Sale.

The foals of 2024 will be held over to be sold at the 2025 Lexington Selected and Standardbred Yearling Sales.

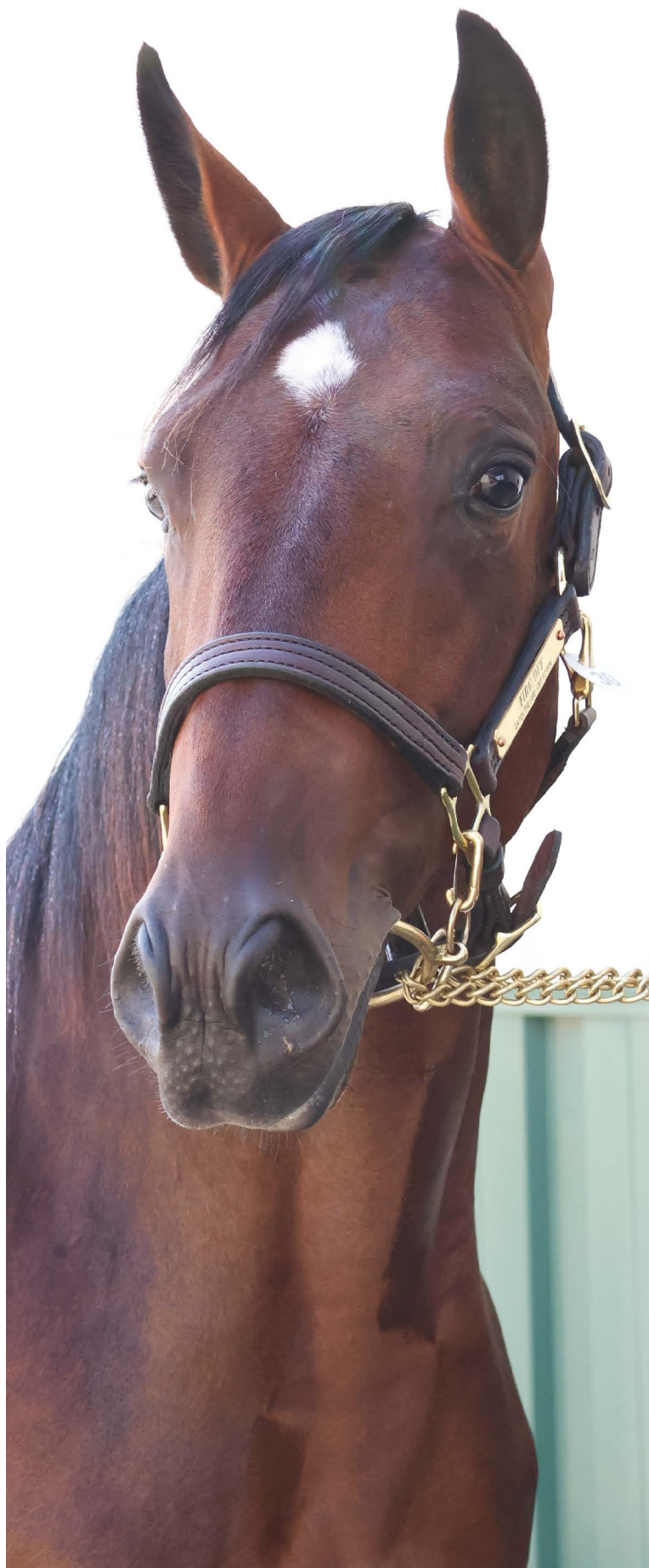
2024 is the fourth consecutive year that All American Harnessbreds (Fred W. Hertrich III) has ranked as a top-five breeder by earnings, despite maintaining only a select broodmare band. Top 2024 Graduates include Little Brown Jug winner Captain Albano, North American Cup winner Nijinsky (foaled and sold by All American), and Hambletonian Oaks runner up Buy A Round.

All American will offer 37 mares at the 2024 Standardbred Mixed Sale, including the dams of Captain Albano, Nijinsky, Buy A Round, Metro winner Stag Party, Act Fast and Test of Faith, the 2021 horse of the year. Buy A Round will also be offered, and will continue racing up to the sale.

All American has maintained a broodmare band of approximately fifty mares, all of which fit the parameters developed by the management team of Fred W. Hertrich III, Beverly Webb, and Rob Tribbett, that has produced such outstanding results. The dispersal will offer breeders the opportunity to select from the carefully curated group.

Pedigrees are now available on theblackbook.com and the mares will be available for inspection at the All American consignment at the exhibition hall Wednesday, November 6.

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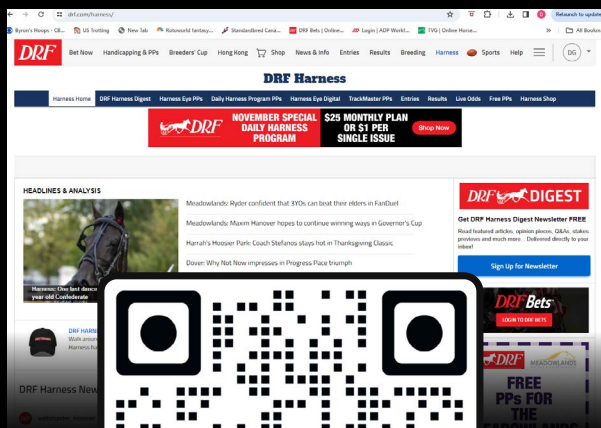
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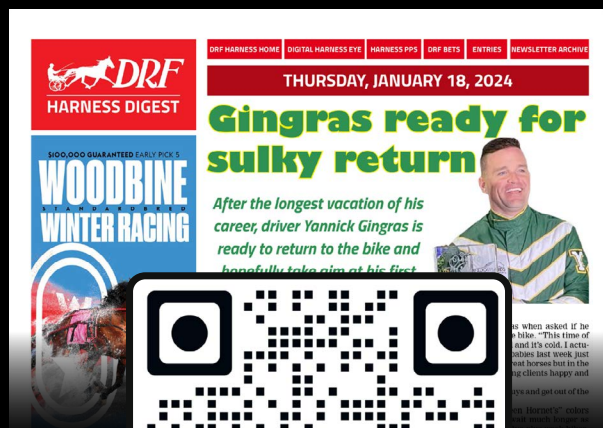


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Dayton Derby races feature the sport's best older performers

By Jay Bergman

The stars will be out in force on Saturday night as Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway hosts the best older pacers and trotters of both sexes in four \$250,000 Dayton Derbies over the five-eighths mile track. The races drew a who's who of the sport's elite and the number-one ranked horse in North America – Twin B Joe Fresh – will again be in the spotlight as she looks for her ninth consecutive victory in the Dayton Distaff Derby, race nine on the evening program.

"I'm really happy with her," said Chris Ryder about Twin B Joe Fresh, a 4-year-old mare that he trains and co-owns along with Dexter Dunn, who will once again be at the controls behind the gifted daughter of Roll With Joe on Saturday. "We shipped her in today (Wednesday) and she's at a farm about 30 minutes from the track."

The well-traveled Twin B Joe Fresh returns to Ohio following a victory in the Milton Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park on September 14 where she defeated arch-rival Sylvia Hanover once again. While Sylvia Hanover proved the dominant of the two in 2023 when the pair were sophomores, the battles have taken on a different perspective this year, with Sylvia Hanover winless when the two mares have faced each other. That could be something that is on the verge of change as Sylvia Hanover showed some renewed life in her second-place finish behind Twin B Joe Fresh in the Milton.

For trainer Ryder, keeping his mare fit and happy has been on schedule throughout the year.

"Her races have come about every two weeks and we've been able to train her to keep her fit," said Ryder, who was happy that Twin B Joe Fresh drew well for the Dayton Distaff, landing post three inside of Sylvia Hanover's post four.

There will be nine mares contending for the Dayton Distaff while Twin B Joe Fresh once again is expected to be the odds-on favorite. Prior to her Milton conquest Twin B Joe Fresh blitzed Scioto Downs on August 17, capturing the Cleopatra for catch-driver Brett Miller in a 1:48 2/5 clocking. Whether on the lead of coming from off the pace Twin B Joe Fresh has finished powerfully throughout the year and Ryder is hopeful the winning continues as he maps a strategy to close out the campaign.

"She's eligible for a race at The Red Mile," said Ryder. "I'm not sure we'll go there. I think going back home (New Jersey) and getting her ready for the Breeders Crown will be the plan."

Prohibition Legal, second to Grace Hill in the 2024 edition of the Dayton Distaff Derby, returns for a second chance at the coveted title. Trainer Nick Gallucci will have Scott Zeron in the bike from post five.

Good post positions have been few and far between this year for Abuckabett Hanover. Still, the veteran son of Betting Line is in the midst of a career year for trainer Andrew Harris and he hopes to regain his winning form in the \$250,000 Dayton Pacing Derby, race 11 on the 14-race card.

"He's only had one bad race all year and he scoped sick after that," said Harris of his stable's star. "I was happy with his last race (Hoosier Park Pacing Derby) because he had to be used in the early going and was still fighting to the end."

Indeed, Abuckabett Hanover started from post eight in the event at Hoosier Park on September 20 and finished a solid second behind Little Rocket Man, a horse he'll meet again on Saturday.

"Drawing inside on a five-eighths mile track should help," said Harris, who expects Abuckabett Hanover to race at Lexington in the coming weeks before returning to New Jersey in search of the Breeders Crown title.

The road through the Dayton Derby won't be an easy one with Little Rocket Man in career form seeming to get better with each year he races. Trainer Ken Rucker has done an outstanding job with the 8-year-old by Rockin Image, sending him out to 11 wins this year in 14



NIKKI SHERMAN/DRF HARNESS

William Haughton winner Abuckabett Hanover looks to rebound after a pair of second-place finishes in his last two stakes races.

tries. That record could be in jeopardy on Saturday with the outside draw as well as talent inside.

Last year's North America Cup champion It's My Show (post 2) took a bit of a shuffle in the Hoosier Park Pacing Derby and shook loose too late to threaten. Prior to that the 4-year-old captured the Canadian Pacing Derby at Woodbine Mohawk Park, nosing out Abuckabett Hanover on the wire.

Sam McKee Memorial upsetter Rocknroll Runa A (post 3) has not won since that August 3 event at The Meadowlands but hasn't had the luck of the draw either as he will on Saturday. An imported son of Rock N Roll Heaven, Rocknroll Runa A is looking for his eighth win of the year.

Dan Patch winner Dunkin' drew post nine for trainer Scott DiDomenico, but the 4-year-old by Pet Rock has dealt with adversity before and surprised. Dunkin' showed a 25 3/5 final quarter finishing fourth in the Hoosier Park Pacing Derby and the hardy sort will be making his 30th start of the year, the most of any in this nine-horse field.

The other two Dayton Derby races on the card with a 6:30 PM (EDT) post time feature older trotters, with Twin B Joe Fresh's main competition for Horse of the Year, the undefeated Jiggy Jog, going to post in race eight versus the girls and a wide-open affair in the tenth race male Trotting Derby.

Trainer Harris was quite active at last year's Lexington Selected Sale and wasn't tipping his hand as to what his activity may be at this year's auction. On the racing side, Harris is looking forward to the next start for Voguish. The \$535,000 buy at last year's Harrisburg Sale recently captured the \$222,000 Kentuckiana Stallion Management at Hoosier Park in a dead heat.

"She's been good right from the start," said Harris of the Gimpanzee-sired filly. "She'll race the second week at The Red Mile."

While Harris and partners made some expensive yearling purchases, the selection of Voguish may prove to be the biggest bargain. Not only does the filly have high earning potential, but her half-sister Crucial gave the immediate family its second Mohawk Million winner when Maryland captured the event on September 21. Voguish is also a half-sister to the 2021 Mohawk Million champion Venerable.

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5	PROHIBITION LEGAL (L) 41:50 (7/8) \$6,679	b m 5, by Big Jim, Catch A Wish by Jenna's Beach Boy	2:10.00	6.1	23	JaCross	1:51.2 Wbs 7/8 1:50 Wbs 7/8	24 Dtn 0 0 0 23 Dtn 1 0 1 22 Dtn 0 0 0	-24 Tot 12 2 4 1 -\$62,500 23 5 1 4 0 -Life 34 12 12 3	\$80,150 \$127,949 \$945,210
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7	STRONG POISON (L) 31:48 (7/8) \$17,564 LEX-SEL \$30,000	b m 4, by Always B Miki, Flyonce by Rocknroll Hanover	2:10.00	6.1	23	JaCross	1:49.1 ScD 5/8 1:48 HoP 7/8	24 Dtn 0 0 0 23 Dtn 0 0 0 22 Dtn 0 0 0	-24 * 14 7 3 0 -23 Tot 17 3 2 3 -Life 41 16 12 4	\$245,900 \$407,116 \$1,077,375
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USTA to debut graded stakes information in yearling catalogs

By Ken Weingartner

Graded stakes information will debut in yearling sales catalog pedigree pages beginning in 2025, the U.S. Trotting Association announced Monday. The move comes as the result of standards created by a Graded Stakes Committee that was formed in 2023 at the request of major sales companies and breeders, with the support of the USTA.

The purpose of the 11-member committee was to provide the harness racing industry with a guide to the relative quality and racing class of horses by identifying U.S. and Canadian races whose recent renewals have consistently attracted the highest quality competition.

USTA catalog pedigree pages will display stakes grades for 2023 and 2024, as well as Grade 1 winners back to 2021. Grades for stakes will be available for racetracks to use for marketing purposes but will not be ready for past performances until a later date.

"This is an opportunity to promote the Grand Circuit and the top open races this industry has always wanted to showcase," said USTA Vice Chairperson Mark Loewe, who chaired the Graded Stakes Committee. "It's a pretty big thing. This is something that's been talked about for many years, and whether people agree with the grades or not, it's something I think the industry has needed for a long time. We really think graded stakes will be advantageous for everyone involved."

The committee reviewed races from 2021-2024 and used tiered purse requirements to establish Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 3 stakes. A points system to determine the quality of fields, based on horses' performances in graded stakes, also was created and will be considered, along with field size, for the grading of races starting in year two of the process. A race may be upgraded or downgraded, regardless of purse, based on its point value.

A stakes race will not be considered for grading unless it has a total purse of:

For male horses – \$75,000 to \$174,999 for Grade 3, \$175,000 to \$349,999 for Grade 2, and \$350,000 and up for Grade 1. For female horses – \$75,000 to \$124,999 for Grade 3, \$125,000 to \$249,999 for Grade 2, and \$250,000 and up for Grade 1.

Purses are based on the host country's dollar value. Elimination races and consolation races are not eligible for grading regardless of purse. Races with conditions allowing for divisions cannot be graded on total purse, and regardless of purse, drop one grade. Invitationals with a minimum purse of \$100,000 can be graded.

"We needed a starting point, and purses was the jumping off point," Loewe said. "As it evolves, we'll get into purses plus points. This is not something based on one person's opinion, it's based on facts and specific criteria."

"Nothing will probably be adjusted for at least two years. We've got to give tracks the opportunity to make adjustments and have a little more history before something is done."

A second tier of purse-based grades was created for state- or province-restricted stakes (R1, R2, R3) and for now will apply only to sire stakes finals. Other restricted stakes will be addressed in the future.

"What to do with restricted races was a big discussion," said Graded Stakes Committee member Steve Stewart of Hunterton Farm. "If certain horses can go in a race, and other ones can't, that is not a true graded race. So, we came up with the 'R' designation, which I think accomplishes what we were trying to do. It acknowledges success and quality of horse, but also lets people know it's different from a graded race."

"You're never going to make everybody happy, but we're trying to do what is best for the sport. I feel like at the end of the day we're going to accomplish our goal."

Stewart said the addition of graded stakes on pedigree pages would create a more vivid documentation of a horse's accomplishments.

"I think it's a wonderful thing," Stewart said. "You want to identify quality. That's what the job is of a pedigree. It's kind of like winning an Academy Award. That's how you're branded. It identifies you. You're more than just an actor."

"It really makes a difference. This is such a step in the right direction."

As part of the process of creating graded stakes for harness racing, the committee reviewed the work done on the Thoroughbred side for its graded stakes program, which was founded in 1973, as well as previous Standardbred committees.

Chris McErlean, a USTA director and vice president of Penn Entertainment Inc., which operates both Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing properties, served as an advisor to the Graded Stakes Committee.

"I think the benefits of the grading system are twofold," McErlean said. "First and foremost, it gives some order and some standardization for the breeding side and pedigree side. There is always the debate where certain races stand in the pecking order for pedigrees and breeding purposes, and this sets some order to the hierarchy of races."

"The second part, and this is something on the Thoroughbred side that I think has worked very well, it becomes a marketing tool for racetracks to use to promote their races and attract better horses. Especially at tracks like ours. Charles Town has the Charles Town Classic, which is a solid Grade 2 event. It's been able to attract horses that have competed in Grade 1 races, won Grade 1 races, or went on to win Grade 1 races."

"People looking for breeding credentials for a horse will be attracted to that type of race. It kind of feeds upon itself. You attract more graded horses and that helps your standing going forward and enhances your ability to attract more graded horses to that race. We've definitely found value in that from a marketing standpoint."

Stewart envisions graded stakes in harness racing making a similar impact as tracks vie to attract top horses, or enhance purses, to improve or maintain grades for their races.

"I think we all wake up in the morning and we're all competitive," Stewart said. "When you start grading races, people want to be a part of it and figure out a way to make themselves better and compete with other jurisdictions. Competition is a wonderful thing. And bragging rights, I guess you might say. If you don't have a grading system, it doesn't mean anything."

Tentatively, the Graded Stakes Committee is scheduled to meet in mid- to late November to confirm 2024 grades and propose 2025 grading.

"This is a fluid situation," Loewe said. "There will be an annual review. Every year it could change, but it's not going to change dramatically from year to year because then it doesn't have any credibility. There were a lot of discussions to ultimately come to an end document."

Beginning in 2026, the Graded Stakes Committee will consist of 11 members serving three-year staggered terms, with the ability to serve three terms. The committee will be made up of two representatives from Standardbred Canada, one from the Hambletonian Society, and eight selected by the USTA. Those eight shall include two breeders, two sales company representatives, three racetrack representatives, and one at-large representative.

Current members of the committee will continue to serve, with their terms expiring in 2027. Current members, in addition to Loewe and Stewart, are Chris Antonacci, Steve Jones, Darryl Kaplan, Mike Klau, Rich Mattei, Mark McKelvie, David Reid, Seth Rosenfeld, and Peter Szymanski.



Daley brings a handful to Saturday Bluegrass at Red Mile

By Derick Gwerner

Three-year-olds invade The Red Mile this Saturday afternoon for 10 divisions of the Bluegrass series with some looking to keep the good times rolling and others hoping to right the ship after subpar performances. Trainer Noel Daley has four in-to-go with one on each side of the spectrum and two perhaps right in the middle.

While the Saturday card starts at 1 PM (EDT), Daley's day begins in race two with Buy A Round making what will likely be one of her last four starts before hitting the auction blocks during the Harrisburg Mixed Sale for owner Fred Hertrich III. The filly by Walner is coming into this \$84,400 Bluegrass division for 3-year-old trotting fillies off victories in the \$250,000 New Jersey Classic at The Meadowlands and \$40,000 Garden State Trot at Freehold Raceway.

"She can do anything. He can fire her off the gate if he wants to but she races best off a helmet. She is probably the most brilliant trotter I've ever had as far as turn of speed," said Daley, who starts Buy A Round from the outside post eight with Andrew McCarthy in the bike.

Assuming she maintains her normal style, Buy A Round will have to pass a number of horses. Even so, Daley isn't concerned.

"As long as Yannick isn't in front going a 30-second quarter she'll be fine," said Daley, who added that he was unlikely to pull her shoes this week but may go that route next weekend.

Daley actually has three starters in the Bluegrass for filly trotters. Miss I La goes in race six and Paulina Hanover in the ninth race.

Miss I La seems to have drawn into a good spot to perhaps pick up a rare win rather than another placing. The Ken Jacobs-owned lass has won only three times while finishing second on a half-dozen occasions.

"She's so honest. She gets a piece every time; it's what she does," said Daley about the Walner filly that starts from post six with Joe Bongiorno driving.

Paulina Hanover (post seven) comes into the race off a second-place finish in the PA Sire Stakes and Daley feels similarly about her.

"She's also a very honest filly and I'm really happy with her," said the trainer, who added that both fillies would be moving on to Hunterton farm at the end of their 3-year-old seasons to be bred.

Paulina Hanover faces a difficult task on Saturday versus the pole-sitting Kentucky Sire Stakes final winner Date Night Hanover for the combination of trainer Marcus Melander and driver Dexter Dunn.

Staying on the trot, Daley has one entrant in the \$85,300 colt and gelding Bluegrass. Sig Sauer has stakes victories in the Stanley Dancer at The Meadowlands and Earl Beal at Pocono Downs but is coming off a break in stride in his most recent race.

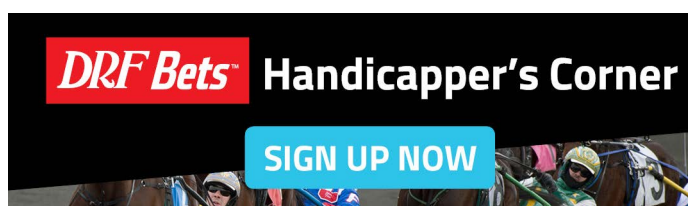
"He didn't warm up the same. The same thing happened to me with him last year. I took him right to Rood & Riddle to get him checked out and he's fine; just bone sore," said Daley, who added that he trained him on Sept. 25 and everything seemed good. "I half wasn't going to start this week and I was going to wait until next week, but they cleared him and he seemed good."

Sig Sauer starts from post two (race eight) with McCarthy in the bike against a good field that includes Dame Good Time, who won the Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship last time while beating divisional leader Karl. While Daley is expecting a rebound performance on Saturday, the goal is next week's Kentucky Futurity for a much bigger payday. The trainer is also thinking ahead to what the horse could do if the owners elect to bring him back as a 4-year-old.

"I hope they bring him back next year. I think he'll be a perfect 4-year-old," said Daley.

Daley's lone pacer goes in the \$85,000 Bluegrass for fillies slated as race seven. Miraculous Deo, who starts from post five with Todd McCarthy driving, has been more of a check-getter than a big earner, but she does have one big asset.

"She has wicked gate speed," said Daley, who added that the turns at Freehold Raceway where she finished fifth last time did her no favors. "She doesn't have the greatest knees and she pulled herself up on every turn. Her last few starts were actually pretty good so I'm just going to toss that start."



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

RACE 3

(2) BUZZ was bothered and wound up with a difficult trip last time out at the Meadowlands. He won handily at both The Big M and Pocono prior to that, though, and driver Andrew Adamczyk has been doing very well in amateur races.

-Greg Reinhart



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

RACE 3

(4) TARRIFIC has won four straight stakes races in New York in dominant fashion at odds ranging from 1:20 to 1:9. She should crush this field at extremely low odds.

-Larry Fox



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RACE 3

(6) SLAYIN THE DAY AWAY looks to take his 8th win of the year here, and he should get an aggressive steer in this consolation. I see him leading his five rivals on a merry chase; top call.

-Garnet Barnsdale



WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

RACE 10

(10) SOUTHWIND TYRION hasn't raced in five weeks and wasn't very good last time; not a concern with this barn. Best horse in the race will rebound.

-Derick Gwerner



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

THREE GAIN BIG IN HAMBLETONIAN SOCIETY/BREEDERS CROWN POLL

By Ken Weingartner

Little Brown Jug winner Captain Albano, She's A Great Lady champion Chantilly, and Mohawk Million winner Maryland made big gains in the Week 15 edition of the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll, which was released Tuesday.

Captain Albano added 160 points from a week ago and received one first-place vote as he vaulted from No. 10 to No. 4 following his sweep of his elimination and the final of the Little Brown Jug.

Chantilly, unbeaten in seven starts, added 89 points and also garnered a first-place vote as she rose from seventh to fifth in the rankings. Maryland, who won the Mohawk Million in a Canadian-record 1:52 3/5, nearly duplicated Chantilly's points improvement. He upped his total by 88 and cracked the Top 10 for the first time this season, coming in at No. 8.

No. 1 Twin B Joe Fresh and No. 2 Jiggy Jog S did not compete last week. Neither did Karl, who moved up from fourth to third as Nijinsky dropped from third to sixth following his sixth-place finish in his Little Brown Jug elimination.

Also dropping following their races last week were No. 7 Legendary Hanover, who was third in both his elim and the final of the Little Brown Jug, and No. 10 Highland Kismet, who made a break in the Canadian Trotting Classic. Its A Love Thing, who was idle, got bumped down a notch by Maryland's arrival in the Top 10.

Warrawee Michelle, who was idle, dropped out of the Top 10.

The Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll, which will be released every Tuesday through the remainder of the Grand Circuit season, does not determine Horse of the Year. The members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association vote on all Dan Patch Award division winners plus Trotter of the Year, Pacer of the Year and Horse of the Year.

Rankings based on the votes of harness racing media representatives on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Standardbred Poll: Week 15 - 9/24/2024

Rank-Name (1st Votes)	Age/Sex/Gait	Record	Earnings	Points	Pvs
1-Twin B Joe Fresh (25)	4mp	9-8-1-0	\$495,812	329	1
2-Jiggy Jog S (7)	5mt	5-5-0-0	\$809,188	301	2
3-Karl (1)	3ct	11-9-1-1	\$977,839	236	4
4-Captain Albano (1)	3cp	13-8-1-2	\$797,043	194	10
5-Chantilly (1)	2fp	7-7-0-0	\$399,015	188	7
6-Nijinsky	3cp	11-9-1-0	\$802,170	156	3
7-Legendary Hanover	3cp	13-6-4-2	\$775,017	148	5
8-Maryland	2ct	7-4-1-1	\$795,378	108	—
9-Its A Love Thing	3fp	10-7-2-0	\$494,174	61	8
10-Highland Kismet	3gt	12-7-2-0	\$443,156	34	6

ALSO: Winner's Bet 32; Sabonis 19; Little Rocket Man, Warrawee Michelle 17; Periculum 14; Rose 12; Louprint 10; Call Me Goo, Soft Shot 7; Abuckabett Hanover, French Champagne, It's My Show, Monalishi, Sir Pinocchio 4; Desperate Man, Direction 3; Amazing Catch, Fallout, My Girl EJ, Rocket Deo 2; Greenspan 1.

CREATINE RETIRED FROM STALLION DUTY

Diamond Creek regrettably announces today that Creatine (Andover Hall - Berry Nice Muscles) will be retired from breeding.

Creatine has struggled with issues that continue to affect his ability in the breeding shed. With advice from industry professionals and our partners at Sugar Valley Farm, Diamond Creek has decided that it is best to retire Creatine for the welfare of the stallion.

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STALLIONS ON DISPLAY AT DIAMOND CREEK; "BEACH PARTY" ON OCT. 4

Diamond Creek is throwing its 4th annual "Champions and Champagne" showcase during the Lexington sale week.

Everyone is invited to come to the Georgetown farm to sip champagne and meet some of the stallions of Diamond Creek. This year's line up includes Gimpanzee, Father Patrick, Marseille and the recently retired winner of over \$2 million, Allywag Hanover!

The showcase is Tuesday through Friday (Oct 1-4th) from 10-12pm each day. The address is 6146 Paris Pike, Georgetown, KY 40324. No RSVPs required.

Diamond Creek is also hosting their annual "Beach Party" on October 4th before the sale from 5-7pm at Barn 7. There will be tacos, margaritas and music - all sponsored by the Downbytheseaside syndicate. Come mingle with us!

-release (Diamond Creek)

CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS HEADS FRIDAY'S NINE BLUEGRASS DIVISIONS

Fresh from her 1:54 win in the \$305,000 Jim Doherty Memorial, Champagne Problems treks southward to The Red Mile to compete in the first of six Bluegrass divisions for 2-year-old trotting fillies on Friday (Sept. 27), a card which includes three Bluegrass dashes for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings.

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2YO'S SLUG IT OUT IN MASSACHUSETTS BREEDERS STAKE SPLITS

There was \$315,000 in purses available for state-bred 2-year-old trotters and pacers of both sexes in the first leg of the Massachusetts Breeders Stake for first-year participants at Plainridge Park on Tuesday (Sept. 24) afternoon. Three of the divisions went in two \$40,000 splits, with trotting colts and geldings going a lone test for \$75,000.

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LITTLE MISS PEYTON QUICKEST IN TUESDAY'S DSBF RACES

A trio of \$20,000 Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund (DSBF) first leg stakes for 2-year-old filly pacers headlined the Tuesday (September 24) Harrington Raceway program.

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MELVIN G, CALLAHAN STAR AT HARRINGTON WEDNESDAY

Melvin G (\$2.10, Jim Morand) was the fastest of four Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund (DSBF) \$20,000 2-year-old trotting divisional winners Wednesday at Harrington Raceway with a 1:59 2/5 triumph, while driver Corey Callahan had six wins on the track's 56th card of 2024.

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