

RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT IN LEXINGTON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024



THE LEXINGTON SELECTED YEARLING SALE AVERAGED A RECORD \$190,547 ON OPENING NIGHT TO ECLIPSE THE OLD RECORD OF \$189,074 FROM 2022

MONDAY'S SESSION WAS UP 3.75% OVER OPENING NIGHT IN 2023

RANI HANOVER BECOMES HIGHEST-PRICED FILLY TO SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION

By Greg Reinhart / Quotes by Derick Giwner

It was a record-setting opening night of the 2024 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale on Monday at Fasig-Tipton as 117 horses sold for an average of \$190,547, which eclipsed the previous best of \$189,074 for 122 offerings in 2022. While 2022 held on to the record gross of \$23,067,000, 2024's first session checked in at \$22,294,000 to beat out last year's \$22,222,000 (122 horses sold) to take over second-place all-time.

"You've got to be thrilled. The make up is a little bit different with the trotters and pacers this year from a sire point of view. Last year, you had Papi Rob Hanover, Tall Dark Stranger and Gimpanzee come into the marketplace. This year you've got Perfect Sting coming in there, and you've got maybe less of a new influx of horses, especially from a numbers point of view," remarked sale co-manager David Reid. "Trotters I think are out-pacing the pacers pretty good. The trotter market seems very strong. Walner, Chapter Seven, just seems like they're very strong and rightfully so. Overall you have to be thrilled the results overall tonight.

"I think it's important to recognize the breeders, and the investment they've made in bringing the right product. The sales company can't thank the consignors enough. From co-manager Bruce (Brinkerhoff) and myself's point of view, they're cooperative, they work hard. It takes a lot of process from the spring until now, but the breeders are doing a great job. We have the best breeders in the business and it shows. It's no coincidence in my personal opinion."

HIP 15 Rani Hanover set a high-water mark of her own by becoming the highest-priced Standardbred yearling filly to sell at public auction after going for \$925,000. Rani Hanover, a Hanover Shoe Farms and Crawford Farms Racing product, is by Walner and is the first foal out of 2020 Hambletonian champion Ramona Hill. Ken Jacobs was the buyer and Tony Alagna, who trained Ramona Hill, will get to train her daughter as well.

"I knew I wasn't going to steal her. I thought I could get her for about \$650,000. I knew a lot of people were going after her, I did, and I knew I was taking her home," offered Jacobs. "Frank Antonacci and Brittany (Farms), they partnered to buy 50 percent of Walner from me, so this is my giving back to them because they still own their piece. I know she's going to be the topper in the sale, so this is my way of giving back. I love the filly, don't get me wrong. I know when I sell her (as a broodmare), I'll get at least half-a-million back."

Michelle Crawford of Crawford Farms got to enjoy Ramona Hill's exploits on the track and now has the added bonus of seeing her succeed as a broodmare.

"I was really hoping for \$1 million," Crawford said with a laugh. "Ramona Hill, c'mon, she won the Hambletonian and she did what she did. Then to get to breed her, that's what it's all about, right? You're in the breeding business, you get to enjoy the fruits of your labor with high-priced yearlings. When she hit \$400,000, I was like 'I'm happy with that.' Then it kind of stalled, and when they kept going and going and going, I was like 'holy mackerel.' I don't think anyone ever really thinks 'that's a lot of money.' Think about that - she's got to not only go out and try to race and then broodmare value, what's the value? I think that Ken is going to be really happy and I'm quite happy that Ken is the one who got her."

Crawford also explained that lessons learned from the farm's past selling in New York contributed greatly to the position in the sport that they have now.

"I told Heather (farm manager Heather Marshall), last year we sold My BFF Annee for \$440,000 and we were high-fiving each other. You work so hard and achieve these goals and then you go out and you see them excel - \$400,000, you're just like 'wow.' I couldn't be more proud of



DERICK GIWNER

Ken Jacobs said he wasn't going to be outbid on Rani Hanover, who went to him for \$925,000.

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SEPT. 30 - OCT. 4

Don't miss the **DIAMOND CREEK CONSIGNMENT** in Lexington, 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 CAPTAINTREACHEROUS
o/o LA DELIGHT

HIP 907

GOODWILL, colt
by **DOWNBYTHESEASIDE**o/o **BLEND**





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Heather and her team. We have just worked so hard in so many areas to bring this type of value to market.

"Linda Toscano walked by me the other day and she's like, 'hey do you remember when you were losing your mind because you put on this huge party and spread at Morrisville and you weren't just weren't getting paid for your yearlings?" It's like 'thanks Linda.' A long way (from there), but with that comes knowledge. Knowledge is power and power sells good horses."

Another consignor that enjoyed a banner night was Steve Jones and his family's Cameo Hills Farm. Their HIP 83 Going Viral, a Chapter Seven full sister to \$547K+ earner Instagram Model, checked in second on the board at \$650,000 and was taken by Andrew Harris as agent for owner William Pollock.

"It's a tremendous night. I thought we would do very well coming down here. We've brought six horses in the ring, they've all sold, and we've got one to go, and I think she'll sell well also," Steve Jones stated. "The total exceeds my expectations. Any time you sell half-a-dozen horses, there's usually one or two a little more than you think and one or two a little bit less. We sold a couple tonight that I thought might bring a little bit more, but the ones that were on the high side were significantly higher than we might have thought. That's the highest-priced horse we've ever sold, and she was also a lovely filly and a full sister to



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Tyler (left) and Steve Jones from Cameo Hills Farm had a huge night on Monday in Lexington.

a very good filly in Instagram Model. The difference between \$400,000 and \$650,000 is just two guys that are determined to get the horse and one of them eventually surrenders. It doesn't necessarily make that horse better than one that's sold for less, but that's just the nature of the sale game."

"I knew she'd sell great, but once they get past \$300,000 or \$400,000, you can't really expect anything. The prices and the night we had, I thought for a long time we were going to have a big night tonight, and I think I said that in one of the publications the other day. A lot of things happen and they're not always good, so we're very excited."

For the second straight year, Harris led the top buyers' rankings for Pollock, as they purchased 10 horses for a total of \$3,675,000, up a bit from 2023's nine yearlings for \$3,200,000. Another one of their acquisitions was HIP 106 Ice Fall, a Walner colt out of world champion Ice Attraction who was the top seller all-time for Jeff and Paula Gural's Allerage Farms at \$625,000.

"It's everything we're looking for - Chapter Seven filly, good family, good sister. There wasn't much I had to knock on her. I got outbid on a couple before, and I was bidding on another one just before that one. I let that one go through. I said 'well, the next one I'm bringing home,' and that just happened to be her," Harris offered about Going Viral. "I loved her. I thought she was really nice. Hopefully it works out. It's a lot of money, but at the same time she's got a lot of broodmare value. That family is gorgeous, so she'll be alright just that way.

"We're going more filly strong (this year) because I think that there's a little bit of reciprocal value there. With these colts, if the colts don't work out and they're not studs, then you're up against it. It's hard to get out on them; where the fillies, they've got future broodmare value, so it's a little bit of a safer buy."



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HIP 83 Going Viral (Chapter Seven-Check Out Trixie) was the second-highest yearling sold on Monday night. Andrew Harris (below) signed the ticket.

Harris and Pollock, along with partner Bruce Areman, are taking their future plans day-by-day and Harris noted that they may hang on to some of the fillies with major pedigree power that they've been purchasing with an eye towards breeding their own horses.

"Bill and Bruce are new to the game, so it's not that they're not breeders, they're new to the game and they're figuring out as they go and what they want to do and how they want to do it," Harris said. "Right now we're buying some horses that



we may end up keeping and breeding."

Despite the slight uptick in numbers, Harris did note that he was more selective this year than in 2023 and talked Pollock off some that he was interested in.

"This year I did different. I had a list of horses and I had some that I said 'okay, if they go in this price range we'll take them.' Some of them went in that price range and some of them different," Harris remarked. "It wasn't really a grocery list of which ones we were just taking home, it was which ones I felt comfortable paying more for. There were a couple of colts I backed out on because the price just went too high.



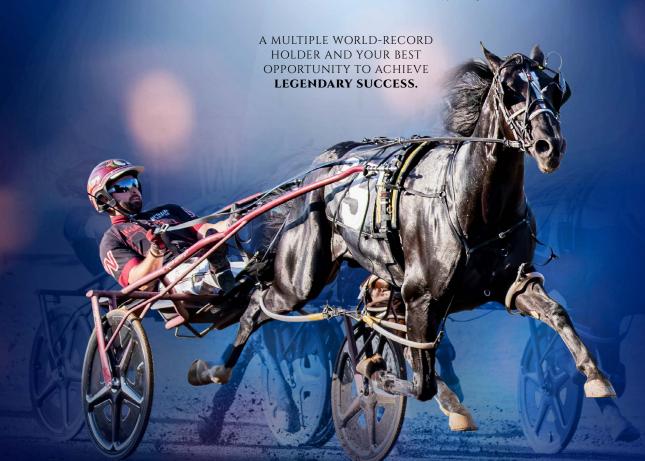
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SELLING IN LEXINGTON

HIP 3 - SECOND FOAL O/O **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 FAMILY OF MY GIRL EJ 1:48.4F (\$1,052,060)

HIP 182 - DUAL ELIGIBLE (PA & KY) FULL BROTHER TO 2YO RAILROAD STATION 1:51.1F (\$130,555)





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SWEET LOU'S **LOUPRINT** WON THE \$400,000 KENTUCKY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS FOR PACING MALES AT THE RED MILE.

"I usually tell (Pollock) I think this is too high and he tells me to keep bidding. There were a few where I had to really tell him 'I think that's too much for this one.' Hopefully I'm not wrong next year, but we'll find out. He pushes me on the ones he really wants."

First-crop sire Perfect Sting had a big night on the pacing side, as his seven offerings brought an average of \$220,714, led by HIP 36 Baalbek at \$460,000. Consigned by Kentuckiana Farms as agent, Baalbek is a half-brother to multiple New Jersey stakes winner Odds On Steno. Baalbek was purchased by Perfect Sting's trainer Joe Holloway for an ownership group to be announced.

"It was just a little bit higher (than I wanted). He has a great pedigree, and he was a great-looking animal," said Holloway, who noted he'd gone to see the horse many times over the past several months.

With opening night now in the books, the sale shifts to afternoon

sessions at 1 p.m. (EDT) Tuesday through Thursday and the final offerings on Friday night at 7 p.m. (EDT). Reid is extremely optimistic about what's to come.

"I think the sale is very strong. I think it's very deep. I've been saying that all along. I think the catalog, sire power wise, I think it's our strongest catalog ever," Reid remarked. "Whether that translates into, as far as gross down the road, I'm very confident that the people looking on the grounds are going to find outstanding horses the rest of the week. We only sold 117 horses tonight and there are 900 in the catalog. I think it's going to be a good week."

Tuesday's session starts with eight breedings to Muscle Hill, Sweet Lou, Tactical Landing, Walner, Chapter Seven, Confederate, Downtheseaside and Karl to benefit the Breeders Crown Charity Challenge. HIPs 131-364 will then go through the ring to comprise the remainder of the afternoon.

Lexington Opening Night \$300,000-plus Yearlings

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HIP-Horse	Sire		Sex		Buyer
15-RANI HANOVER	Walner	\$925,000		Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Kenneth E. Jacobs
83-GOING VIRAL	Chapter Seven	\$650,000	F	Cameo Hills Farm	Andrew Harris for William Pollock
106-ICE FALL	Walner	\$625,000	C	Preferred Equine, Inc., Agent	Andrew Harris for William Pollock
95-MUFFIN QUEEN	Tactical Landing	\$550,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agncy, Agent	Anderson/Leblanc/Fielding/Pryde
75-STEALING BANKSY	Chapter Seven	\$475,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Marcus Melander, Agent
36-BAALBEK	Perfect Sting	\$460,000	C	Kentuckiana Farms, Agent	Joe Holloway
22-SPENCER HANOVER	Chapter Seven	\$450,000	C	Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	Jeffrey Snyder
60-BRICCO	Gimpanzee	\$425,000	C	Crawford Farms LLC.	Andrew Harris for William Pollock
66-WAYNE HARVEY	Downbytheseaside	\$425,000	C	Crawford Farms LLC.	Andrew Harris for William Polock
52-THE WOW CHAPTER	Chapter Seven	\$400,000	C	Cameo Hills Farm	Lucas Wallin
58-KICKAN	Walner	\$400,000	F	Cameo Hills Farm	David McDuffee, Agent
77-MIDWIND CHIMP	Gimpanzee	\$400,000	C	Peninsula Farm, Agent	Robert Lindstrom, Agent
85-GRAND PRIX DEO	Muscle Hill	\$400,000	F	Preferred Equine, Inc., Agent	Andrew Harris for William Pollock
86-PINK HERMES	Muscle Hill	\$400,000	F	Crawford Farms LLC.	Andrew Harris for William Pollock
45-BALERION	Captaintreacherous	\$380,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agncy, Agent	Linda Toscano, Agt for Richard Young
50-KAIZEN	Walner	\$350,000	C	Hunterton Sales Agncy, Agent	Lucas Wallin, Agent
79-BORN AS LINDY	Walner	\$350,000	C	Preferred Equine, Inc., Agent	Nancy Takter, Agent
105-RESPECT N HONOR	Muscle Hill	\$350,000	F	Kentuckiana Farms	David McDuffee
26-ENBOLDEN	Walner	\$345,000	C	Hunterton Sales Agncy, Agent	Kenneth E. Jacobs
7-BUY ANOTHER	Chapter Seven	\$330,000	F	All American Harnessbreds	Joe Holloway
25-MADAM CHEVAL	Walner	\$330,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	MB Stable Inc.
88-DELIGHTFUL YANKEE	Muscle Hill	\$325,000	F	Preferred Equine, Inc., Agent	Determination
108-INEXPRESSABLE	Walner	\$325,000	C	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agnt	Lucas Wallin, Agent
107-I'M KRONOS S	Walner	\$310,000	C	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agnt	Ake Svanstedt, Agent
10-CALAIS	Perfect Sting	\$300,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agnt	Tony Alagna, Agent
14-TREACHEROUS	Captaintreacherous	\$300,000	C	Preferred Equine, Inc., Agent	Tony Alagna, Agent
65-AMERICAN POWER	Walner	\$300,000	C	Kentuckiana Farms, Agent	M Biasuzzi Stable Inc.
91-ICONIC BI	Gimpanzee	\$300,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agncy, Agent	Andrew Harris for William Pollock
117-MELLIFLUENT	Walner	\$300,000		Hunterton Sales Agncy, Agent	



9/30-10/4 LEXINGTON HIGHLIGHTS



Sale starts at 1 pm on 10/1 & 10/2

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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, 3, 1:54.1f -'24; T1:53.1-'24 (\$67,231). Dam is a 1/2-sister to Casual Breeze, 1:53.1 (\$1,313,972)

Day 2 NY Pacer

#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 (\$255,741). 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 (\$437,115)

Day 2 PA Pacers (cont.)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 (\$180,627), & 2024 ONSS Grassroots Winner, McPleasant, p, 3, 1:50.3s -'24 (\$45,078). 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 (\$158,763),
& 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
Somwherovrarainbow,
p, 1:48f (\$1,338,408)

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 (\$124,668)

#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-Rocknroll Hanover 1/2-brother to Manceiver, p, 1:52.ff; 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)

Day 2 PA Pacers (cont.)

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 (\$346,119), & 2024 NYSS Winner,
Happy Jack B, 2, 1:54.1 -'24 (\$140,996)

Day 3 NY Pacer

AMERICAN IDEAL

#404, AMERICAN SHINE, F

American Ideal-Platinum Choice-Admirals Galley Full-sister to Itzpapalotl, p, 3, 1:52.1h (\$136,015). Half-sister to 2024 Champlain Winner, Sterling Choice, p, 2, 1:52.1s -'24 (\$122,554), & 2024 NY Excelsior Winner, Hurrikaneaphrodite, p, 3, 1:53.4f -'24 (\$80,134). Dam is a full-sister to Admirals Express, p, 1:48.2s (\$1,766,644)

Day 3 ON Pacer SHADOW PLAY

#566, COLD BREW SUE, F

Shadow Play-Dreamlands Latte-Artsplace
Dam is **Dreamlands Latte**,
p, 3, 1:52.3f (\$226,375). Full-sister to 2021
O'Brien Horse of the Year, **Desperate Man**,
p, 3, 1:49.3s; BT1:47.4f-'24 (\$1,445,274)

Day 3 PA Trotter

BAR HOPPING

#431, RED LION MARY, F

Bar Hopping-Some Kinda Special-Cantab Hall 1/2-sister to Some Chapter, 3, 1:52.4 (\$153,100), & Some Kinda Night, 1:54.3s -'24; BT1:54.2s-'24 (\$101,407)



Pedigree and patience prove to be the winning combination



JAYWALKING

Lexington in the fall is known for great racing, but perhaps more importantly it is a vivid link between pedigrees and potential. With the premier yearling sale as the lure that brings trainers and owners to Kentucky, buyers are in search of bloodlines that will work to win major races.

On Saturday (September 28) the value of incredible pedigrees was once again on display at The Red Mile, but unlike many times in the past, on this occasion it was a pair of untested 3-year-olds with eyepopping pedigrees that quickly moved up the ladder of success.

Both Disney and Vic Zelenskyy were bred for greatness. Neither had their name mentioned in 2023 when they were both freshman and both have spent much of this year in virtual obscurity. Both moved up to Grand Circuit level competition at The Red Mile over a rain-soaked surface and both, as if they didn't already have internationally recognized names, made dramatic impacts that suggest we'll be hearing from them often in the future.

Disney, a filly by Always B Miki, is the second foal from the \$2.4 million winner Pure Country.

"I liked her from the start," said trainer Brett Pelling, who has trained the filly for Diamond Creek since she was a yearling.



AMANDA STEDUENO

Disney, a daughter of champion pacer Pure Country, won a Bluegrass division on September 28 at The Red Mile.

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TELLER'S CHOICE



WINNER OF \$75,000 ONTARIO SIRE STAKES GRASSROOTS FINAL IN 1:56.1 AT WOODBINE-MOHAWK!

The Bank-Tosca-Muscle Mass 2, 1:56.1s -'24 (\$59,950) CAD

Trainer: Luc Blais / Driver: Louis-Philippe Roy

Owner(s): Determination

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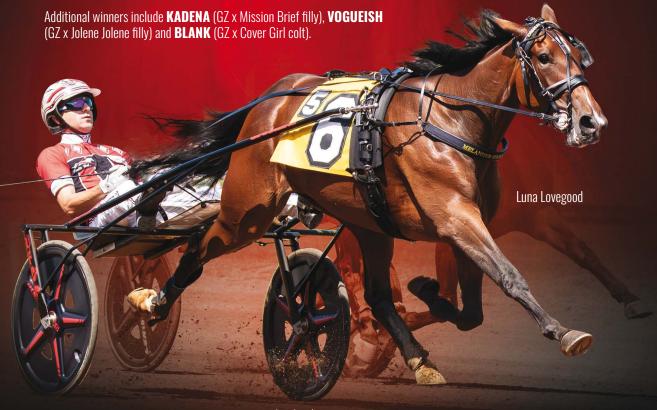
Hip 27 – half-brother to **WINNER'S BET** 1:49.3 (\$770,471)

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.





Given the pedigree and the looks it was easy to understand why Pelling would like the filly, but she was hurt training down as a 2-year-old and needed a screw to fuse her injury. Training down again this year, Disney suffered another injury that required a screw to be put in a different leg.

"It wasn't a major injury, so I gave her 30 days off and brought her back," said Pelling of Disney.

Still, pedigree aside, there was a lot of catching up Disney needed to do with no racing experience. Heading into Saturday's Bluegrass division, Disney had finished first four times and second four times in her eight starts while showing improvement in each start. Pelling positioned Disney in the weakest Kentucky Sires division and that helped boost the filly's confidence with three preliminary-leg victories followed by a second-place effort in the final on September 17 at The Red Mile.

"The race she put in on August 27 convinced me she could race with the best," said Pelling, looking back on the past performance page to a 1:50 2/5 effort where Todd McCarthy sat in with the 2-5 favorite and looked to have no chance at the three quarters only to find room in mid-stretch, with Disney flying home the final eighth to victory.

On Saturday, Disney sat a pocket for much of the mile but when Todd McCarthy pulled she got right up to pacesetter Donegal Spirit in short order. The two matched strides for the entire stretch with Disney putting her nose out near the wire to capture her first Grand Circuit event.

"She's got such a nice way of going," said Pelling of the filly. "She still doesn't know what she's doing out there."

While lacking experience, Disney has shown that she has speed and staying power, and that has given Pelling confidence to give the filly a chance going forward.

"I think she's the kind of filly that will pick up her game racing against better horses," said Pelling. "We'll race her again her next week (in Lexington) and look to the Breeders Crown."

With just nine starts to date Disney's stock continues to rise, and though Pelling has some other talented fillies, including the other Bluegrass winner Rocket Deo, he's excited about the trajectory that Disney is on.

Trainer Marcus Melander also had high hopes for Vic Zelenskyy, the third foal from the world champion Mission Brief and from the first crop of his standout Greenshoe. The pedigree and look of Vic Zelenskyy made him a \$550,000 purchase at the Lexington Selected Sale in 2022, with bidders excited about both sides of the pedigree.

"He's always shown speed," said Melander. "He got sore as a 2-year-old and we stopped with him."

Vic Zelenskyy's speed aside, Melander had issues with his gait for much of the time training him down. "He would get pacey," Melander said.

That of course would lead to breaks in stride and Melander needing to find shoes that would get the colt to trot more consistently.

Even when Vic Zelenskyy began this season he would race well and then make breaks in stride.

Things changed dramatically for the colt when Melander moved him to The Red Mile for the stakes season.

"I was able to remove the hind shoes," said Melander of the change and the dramatic improvement on the racetrack.

Vic Zelenskyy won the first two legs of the Golden Rod division Melander put him in, setting a personal best 1:53 mile on August 5 and then winning comfortably on the front end the following week. Melander had to return to shoes for Vic Zelenskyy's next two starts to preserve his feet and



Amanda Stephens

Vic Zelenskyy winning the Golden Rod final at The Red Mile.

the result was consecutive races with breaks once again.

Melander was able to remove the hind shoes prior to the Golden Rod final on September 17.

"I was also able to put full swedges in front and remove those heavy shoes he was wearing (see photo)," said Melander.

The shoe change made a world of difference and Vic Zelenskyy became the fastest sophomore in North America when he won that final in $1.50\,1/5$, a time that even surprised his trainer somewhat.

"It's not like I didn't think he could trot in 1:51 and change," said Melander, "But he did it so easily."

Perhaps even more impressive than his Golden Rod victory was Vic Zelenskyy's second-place finish in the Bluegrass division this past Saturday.

"That was a very good performance," said Melander. "He was three wide a long way and finished very well."

Driver Dexter Dunn wanted to make sure Vic Zelenskyy stayed trot-

ting, especially given the slick surface on Saturday, and had the colt relaxed from off the pace. When he went to follow favored T C I's cover on the backstretch, he was undercut some when Caballero moved into the second lane. Dunn didn't want to check his horse and instead accepted going three wide. Vic Zelenskyy didn't mind the extra air and continued trotting wide into the stretch. While Vic Zelenskyy couldn't reach front-stepping race winner Secret Agent Man, he did manage to go by the classy T C I easily.

Melander would like to race Vic Zelenskyy in the Kentucky Futurity on October 6 but thinks it may be out of reach.

"I'm going to enter him," Melander said, "But he's only got \$71,000 in earnings and that probably won't be enough."

The rules restricting the number of entries in the Futurity make it likely that Vic Zelenskyy won't race with the best at Lexington next week, but Melander thinks he could get an opportunity a few weeks later.

"If he doesn't get into the Futurity his next start will be the Breeders Crown," said Melander, who thinks his horse has the talent to compete with the best in North America. That's tremendous progress considering his lack of racing as a 2-year-old and limited stakes experience.

While breeders love when yearling purchases are immediately successful months after the auction, it's nice to know that horses like Disney and Vic Zelenskyy have had the time necessary to overcome obstacles and finally live up to their breeders and buyer's dreams.



For Vic Zelenskyy it must be the shoes as he's worn these cool blue ones.





October brings divisional and Horse of the Year battles



EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner X @harnesseyeguy

Don't look now but it is October. Fall began over a week ago and we are just 24 days from the Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands. Perhaps more than any other year in recent history, Dan Patch year-end honors

will certainly be on the line as only two divisions are locked up with less than two months of stakes on the calendar.

At this point there is nothing that can happen which would unseat either Twin B Joe Fresh as the top pacing mare or Jiggy Jog from becoming a back-to-back winner in the mare trotting division. Both have proven dominant long enough and are probably only looking at two to three more races each, so even if the wheels fell off their accomplishments to date can't be overcome by the competition.

While Twin B Joe Fresh and Jiggy Jog are the leaders for Pacer and Trotter of the Year, it is premature to call either a lock for those respective awards. It is however worth considering which of the two deserve Horse of the Year honors should they win out. Twin B Joe Fresh leads in the weekly Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll by a fair amount in terms of first-place votes (25-7), but vou can certainly argue that the margin should not be quite that wide.

Twin B Joe has looked spectacular winning against her peers and owns the fastest mile (1:47 3/5) by a pacing mare this year. Her victories have been visually pleasing and her record is nearly flawless with nine wins in 10 starts. Jiggy Jog on the other hand has yet to lose in six starts and has beaten male competition in multiple attempts. She also holds

the co-fastest mile by a trotter this year (1:49 2/5), male or female.

Those looking to back the other horse could find some statistics to back up a negative view of the competition. For Twin B Joe Fresh, you

could argue that perhaps she is not facing the best group of older pacing mares. So far this year only two other pacing mares have won a race in 1:48 3/5 or faster while Twin B Joe Fresh has done it SIX times. In 2023, six different mares won in 1:48 3/5 or faster and in 2022 eight accomplished the feat. With Jiggy Jog, one could argue that nine starts isn't enough to win a Horse of the Year title. No horse in the last 20 years has won the award with fewer than 10 starts and I wonder if any horse has done it. We should also note that she hasn't faced the best of competition whether facing the boys or the girls. Yeah, you can point to her beating male international competition in the MGM Yonkers International Trot,

but let's face it, that group from overseas wasn't exactly the "A" team we've seen in past years. There is a reason why she was oddson to win that race.

An interesting factor for which horse ultimately wins the top award in the sport may be the willingness of the Twin B Joe Fresh team to tackle the boys on the last Saturday in November in the Fanduel championship. Assuming both horses enter the Fanduel on their current winning streaks, certainly a victory against male competition by Twin B Joe Fresh would keep her ahead or push her over the top versus Jiggy Jog. It should be an interesting battle to the wire.

Getting away from the top award and the older mare divisions, every other divisional title is up for grabs, even the ones that some people may think is wrapped up. Sticking with the older group and moving to the boys, Abuckabett Hanover (10-5-2-1, \$569K) has the narrowest of leads over Little Rocket Man (15-11-2-0, \$498K) in my eves and horses like Coaches Corner, Desperate Man and It's My Show could get into the picture with a couple of stakes wins to close out the year. Winner's Bet (9-6-0-0, \$422K) is probably the current leader on the trotting side with Periculum (12-6-1-2, \$567K) and Logan Park (14-9-2-2, \$430K) hot on his heels.

With the 3-year-olds, it would take a lot for Karl (11-9-1-1, \$977K) to

be dethroned as the top trotter, but wouldn't Kentucky Futurity and



(ABOVE) MIKE LIZZI PHOTO / (BELOW) NIKKI SHERMAN/DRF HARNESS

Jiggy Jog (above) and Twin B Joe Fresh (below) are the leading candidates for Dan Patch Horse of the Year honors in 2024.



Breeders Crown wins push Highland Kismet (13-8-2-0, \$485K) to that realm? What about Sir Pinocchio (15-9-4-0, \$549K)? Could he get into the picture with a Breeders Crown win?

With the filly trotters it is as wide-open as it comes. R Melina, Date Night Hanover, Warrawee Michelle and French Champagne all sit less than \$80K apart in earnings. And then there are fillies like Hambletonian Oaks runner-up Buy A Round or the undefeated Ohio wonder Sugar Instead (10-for-10) to consider.

It's a Love Thing looked to be sitting pretty in her bid for 3-year-old filly pacer of the year but it has been over a month since her last victory. That has brought a large group of ladies into the picture including Odds On Platinum, My Girl Ej, Seaside Diva, Direction and Rocket Deo.

With the male sophomore pacers it is a three-horse race with one potential wildcard. Captain Albano (13-8-1-2, \$797K) is my current leader and clearly the flavor of the moment after winning the Little Brown Jug, but Nijinsky (11-9-1-0, \$802K) and Legendary Hanover (13-6-4-2, \$775K) are clearly in the conversation. Then there is Sabonis. The Indiana-bred has won an astonishing 15 of 16 starts while earning \$445K, though it appears he would need to be supplemented to the Breeders Crown.

The one potential standout when it comes to the 2-year-olds is Chantilly (\$399K). The filly pacer is unbeaten in seven starts but doesn't have the Breeders Crown on her dance card and will not make a start in the U.S. this year. That leaves the door wide open for Cowgirl Hanover (10-6-3-0, \$367K), The Last Martini (8-3-3-1, \$341K), Miki And Minnie (8-4-4-0, \$318K) and Rose (7-6-1-0, \$295K).

The 2-year-old pacing colt division is now headlined by Fallout (8-3-2-1, \$436K) after his Metro win, but a slew of very talented youngsters will be waiting to pounce on his throne in the Breeders Crown. That group includes Louprint (7-6-1-0, \$359K), world-record holder Sippinonsearoc, and others like Swingtown or Captain Optimistic. Ohio star Rick Wink is undefeated but ineligible to the Crown.



AMANDA STEDUENO

Highland Kismet was super in the Bluegrass. If he can do that in the Kentucky Futurity, maybe divisional honors are possible.

Switching gaits to the trot, Maryland is the clear leader on the boys side after winning the Wellwood, Haughton and Mohawk Million. That said, Super Chapter has a similar overall record and a Breeders Crown win over Maryland would put him in the running.

Then there is the rookie filly pacing battle where Champagne Problems (7-4-2-0, \$327K) and Monalishi (8-5-1-0, \$312K) have almost identical stats while a number of others aren't that far behind.

We've been hearing the connections of a number of horses saying they will skip Lexington to stay fresh for the Breeders Crown. Some of that has to do with the reality that races like the Bluegrass and International Stallion Stake offer similar or lower purses than state-bred Sire Stakes, but this year more than most it may also be because the Breeders Crown is going to be the deciding factor in the majority of the divisional battles for year-end hardware.

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Opening-night pedigrees available on 2nd day in Lexington



ON THE MARK

By Bob Marks

As usual, day two at the Lexington Selected sale is loaded with premium prospects both genetically and individual-wise. The smart yearling buyer will look at as many as possible in the hopes that some may fall through the cracks based on the heavy expenditure the night before on what is almost always a brilliant opening session for the

As for me, the first question I ask myself is whether this pedigree can be great, or am I looking at what could be a very nice pedigree page depending upon the corresponding individual? Next up is where will the horse be racing in terms of Sire Stakes eligibility, although the dual eligibility trend for those foaled in Kentucky but not sired by stallions there has increased earnings potential for those individu-

I'll then wonder why this colt or filly might exceed its modest predecessors, which might be suggested by a video in addition to asking the consignor why this one might be better than its siblings. As a long-time consignor during my Perretti and Boardwalk Days, I would unhesitatingly volunteer those tidbits, if accurate, to those looking at the individual.

Day two features 233 individuals, many of which could have made the opening night and some will indeed bring prices synonymous with night-one levels. Remember, this catalog was assembled months before we're actually seeing it. Consequently some individuals may have blossomed considerably after being initially assigned a day and a number.

Let's look at a few.

HIP 145 CLOUSEAU

Captaintreacherous-Mystery Game

Hunterton Sales Agency

Pennsylvania and Kentucky eligible

Dam Mystery Game is a producer and sire Captaintreacherous shows no signs of slowing down. There's a racehorse here but just how good remains to be seen. They could really like him!

HIP 149 CHE BELLA

Bar Hopping-New Wave Kentuckiana Farm

Pennsylvania and Kentucky eligible

Bar Hopping showed his fondness for this maternal line as evidenced by daughter Bella Bellini from third dam Bella Dolce. The second dam has the noted Bond and one would think this first foal from the Chapter Seven dam will have them lined up looking to inspect all day long.

HIP 150 SECURE VALUE

Chapter Seven-Peaceful Mission N Blue Chip Farms

New York eligible

I'm always partial to unsung daughters of great race mares that more than just occasionally will out-produce their heralded dams. The second dam is Peaceful Way and she has been a solid producer in her own right, and with Chapter Seven still going strong, this colt could approach opening-night numbers if he looks the part.

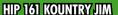
HIP 155 APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP

Papi Rob Hanover-Queen Of Darkness

Blue Chip Farms

Pennsylvania eligible

It's a Papi Rob Hanover from a producer, so there's an excellent chance for a race colt. The second dam has Downbytheseaside, now the leading sire in Ohio. There are lots of reasons to check this one out, as many undoubtedly will.





DERICK GIWNER

Father Patrick-Spoiled Princess Anvil And Lace Farm, Agent

Pennsylvania and Kentucky eligible

They like this one and with good reason given the pedigree and very credible video. Father Patrick remains a top sire and the dam has excellent credentials to be a top producer.

HIP 183 KILLER BEE DEO

Perfect Sting-Run Deo Run

Preferred Equine Marketing, Agent

New Jersey & Kentucky eligible

The Perfect Sting's have been touted as "lookers" and here's a first foal from Run Deo Run, a Somebeachsomewhere daughter of the alltime great Worldly Beauty. And you get also the New Jersey program where the Perfect Sting foals have an excellent opportunity to dominate.

HIP 195 BEAUTIFUL MEMORY

Perfect Sting-Reflect With Me

Brittany Farms

New Jersey & Kentucky eligible

Pedigree, pedigree, and currency! The second dam Remember When has Lucy's Pearl, dam of this year's sensational My Girl EJ, and just look at that pedigree page when Beautiful Memory is done with racing. Every breeder has her page earmarked as one to look at.

HIP 206 SPORT N A CRUSH



DERICK GIWNER

Papi Rob Hanover-Sports Chic Winbak Farm

Pennsylvania, Kentucky & Maryland eligible

Papi Rob Hanover has been sensational in his first crop and the well-bred dam gets winners. The second dam Vesta Blue Chip takes up most of the catalog page with her credentials, particularly Rainbow Blue.

HIP 228 CHAUCER

Face Time Bourbon-Adirondack Diamond Creek Farm Kentucky eligible

Adirondack is a daughter of Mission Brief and thus eligible to be any kind of broodmare. Moreover, the European sire line adds some mystery as some by those sires seem to be better as age 3 and ups rather than show brilliant 2-year-old early speed. That said, Chaucer could be well worth waiting on as he has a truly international pedigree. This guy will be looked at all day long.

HIP 257 CALL ME ANGELITA

Papi Rob Hanover-Angels Pride Hunterton Sales Agency

Pennsylvania and Kentucky eligible

A consignor "mention" and one can readily see why. Papi Rob Hanover has been brilliant and the dam speaks for herself. She'll be one of those "buzz" individuals on the showing floor most of the morning as word gets around about "seeing 257".

HIP # 301 BONHOMIE

Downbytheseaside-Higher And Higher Hunterton Sales Agency

Ohio and Kentucky eligible

From his base in Ohio, Downbytheseaside gets Grand Circuit winners in addition to dominating the Buckeye State or "The Heart of It All" as they now refer to Ohio. He's a three-quarter brother to the gifted and long-wearing Highalator in addition to South Beach Star. Higher And Higher obviously excels with Somebeachsomewhere stallions and Downbytheseaside is one of his very best.

HIP 346 BEE THERE

Chapter Seven-Image Of Bee Cameo Hills Farm

New York eligible

A Chapter Seven first foal of a Muscle Hill daughter of the \$4 millionplus winning Bee A Magician. Again it's a daughter of a great race mare eligible to be any kind of a broodmare. Bee There will be on the showing floor all morning over at Cameo Hills barn!

HIP # 363 GRACELAND

Always B Miki-Darlinonthebeach Diamond Creek Farm

Pennsylvania and Kentucky eligible

Another with a super maternal pedigree stemming back to foundation mare Town Pro. And by Always B Miki, who is no slouch in the siring department. This is another dual purpose racing and eventual breeding prospect that shouldn't be overlooked due to later positioning in the sale. If the individual matches the pedigree page, they'll wait for her! Her sister Faze is showing speed at The Red Mile.

Whittling this group down to a slightly more than a dozen was a nearly impossible task as there were so many others super-worthy of inclusion. It will be an exciting sales session.



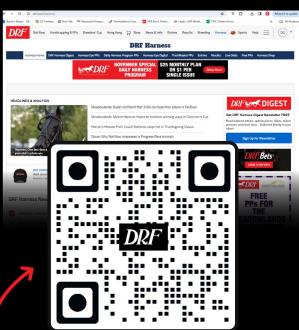
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Diamond Creek farm has a number of standout yearlings on day two at Lexington.









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HARNESS INDUSTRY NEWS

SBOANJ FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST FREEHOLD RACEWAY

September 30, 2024 -- The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOANJ) filed a complaint against FR Park Racing LP and PlayUp Interactive Inc. on Friday evening in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

The complaint primarily asserts that FR Park Racing breached its contractual obligations to the SBOANJ concerning the general operations of Freehold Raceway as well as the sharing of sports wagering revenues generated through the Raceway. FR Park Racing has been evading its responsibilities under an agreement with the SBOANJ to maintain the Raceway, provide a safe condition for patrons and racing participants, and to make necessary repairs. FR Park Racing and its sports wagering partner, PlayUp Interactive, also owe the SBOANJ hundreds of thousands of dollars from sports betting as required by a revenue sharing agreement.

Rather than live up to its commitments, FR Park Racing first closed its sports betting operations and transferred its online presence to another entity to avoid any future sport wagering revenue sharing with the SBOANJ. It then announced the closure of the Raceway one week after Governor Murphy signed legislation providing Freehold Raceway with a \$1.6 million annual purse subsidy for the next five years, and even though the SBOANJ members made significant investments on racing in Calendar Year 2025.

The SBOANJ tried to resolve these issues without litigation, but to no avail. The Standardbred industry has been and continues to be harmed by FR Park Racing's broken promises and failures, and the SBOANJ will fight in the courts to hold FR Park Racing and PlayUp Interactive accountable.

Additionally, the SBOANJ's leadership is committed to finding an alternative venue to conduct races in 2025 that would otherwise have been held at Freehold Raceway prior to the closure announcement. Discussions are ongoing with various entities to mitigate the harms caused by FR Park Racing.

-release (SBOANJ)

THREE RECORDS FALL IN MASS BREEDER STAKES AT PLAINRIDGE

It was a record breaking day in the Massachusetts Breeders Stake at Plainridge Park on Monday (Sept. 30) afternoon after three stake standards were rewritten by some of the finest state-bred 3-year-olds who were competing in the second leg of the series whose five races were valued at \$305,000.

The pacing fillies went in two \$40,000 splits due to the number of entries while all other divisions competed in one \$75,000 dash.

The connections of driver Yannick Gingras, trainer Ron Burke and owners Thomas and Scott Dillon had a big day as they sent two recordbreaking horses to post while another talented triumvirate of driver Bruce Ranger, trainer Domenico Cecere and owner/breeder Lindy Farms of Connecticut also boasted a record-setter in one of their two stake wins.

Gingras, Burke and Dillon got started in the \$75,000 pace for colts and geldings where they saw their Rocknroll Lou (Sweet Lou-Beautiful Lady) win his second straight Mass Stake start in record time, stopping the timer in 1:51 1/5.

The Gingras, Burke and Dillon trio also won with Every Mans Dream (Always B Miki-Lindy's Nightmare) who made it two in a row in the first \$40,000 leg for 3-year-old pacing fillies in 1:52 4/5.

Then the group of Ranger, Cecere and Lindy got to work and were responsible for the third stake record of the day that came in the \$75,000 event for trotting fillies where their Treatyofversaille (International Moni-Birthright) turned in the mile of her life in 1:53 4/5.

Ranger, Cecere and Lindy's second win came in the \$75,000 trot for colts and geldings where Intl Blockade (International Moni-Love N Lindy) bounced back from an untimely break last week to win in 1:54 4/5.

The second \$40,000 split for pacing fillies went to Beantown Ace (1:55 3/5) who got the nod in a blanket finish.

-edited release (Tim Bojarski for Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts)



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

RACE 4

(1) NO WIN NO FEED A has been a cash machine all year and now she gets major post relief after putting in big efforts from the seven and eight hole in her last two. Not looking at much of a price but she's clearly the one to beat.

-Matt Rose

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

RACE 9

(4) PYRO comes north from Philadelphia out of some fast miles and is now with trainer Paul Stafford. This horse has had lots of success at Yonkers in the past and can hopefully find some more here.

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-Greg Reinhart

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