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CHAMPIONS FOR SALE IN *Harrisburg*

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Management, consignors look forward to 2024's Standardbred Horse Sale



By Greg Reinhart

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Now that the Breeders Crown is in the books, the attention of the harness racing world switches to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for the Standardbred

Horse Sale that runs from November 4 through November 8. Three yearling-only sessions will take place from Monday through Wednesday and then the mixed sale will go on Thursday and Friday to conclude the event.

Coming off a strong group of regional sales and the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale that saw its second-highest average and gross in history, Standardbred Horse Sales Company President Dale Welk is optimistic that his sale can continue that trend.

"I think we are probably a little stronger than last year," said Welk. "We have some full brothers and half-brothers to some of the best horses out there right now. I'm looking forward to it. We do have more horses this year and everybody puts so much emphasis on average. We were down last year so hopefully this year we can stay steady in average and we'll be up a little bit in gross.

"Some of the ones I got may've been cut from Lexington because they were even up in numbers. Some of it was just a few guys that had more yearlings than normal," added Welk about offering 50 to 60 more horses at the yearling sale in 2024 versus 2023.

The Lexington sale kicked off with a record gross on their first night, showing once again that yearlings with great conformation from top families remain in high demand. With that said, Welk offered that he saw some tapering off below those high-end individuals.

"I thought the middle was a little weak at Lexington and we have a lot of middle-market buyers. The high end was tremendous at Lexington. As a matter of fact, before the sale I told Dave [Reid] and Bruce [Bickerstaff] that if they didn't have a good sale I wasn't even going to show up at Harrisburg," joked Welk. "People don't realize we are all great friends. They think because we run opposing sales that we are enemies. Our industry is too small to be bickering with each other.

"Everyone has strengths, and I have 50 to 70 on Tuesday that could've sold Monday and probably the same amount on Wednesday that could've sold Tuesday. There really are great horses selling every day. I could've expanded Monday but then we'd be starting at noon and still selling at 8 P.M. at night."

Hanover tries to duplicate Lexington success

Hanover Shoe Farms had the top seller in Rani Hanover at \$925,000 in Lexington, and they have many more yearlings that could accomplish the same feat on Monday in Harrisburg.

"We have a lot of very nice individuals," said Farm Manager Patti Murphy. "We kept some specifically for Harrisburg that could've sold well at Lexington, but we wanted to have some sale-toppers at Harrisburg as well."

One of Hanover's offerings that jumps right off the page is HIP 104 Cambridge Hanover, a Walner three-quarter brother to this year's Mohawk Million, Breeders Crown and Peter Haughton/William Wellwood Memorial champion Maryland.

"He is a bigger colt than his brother and shows wicked bursts of speed in the paddock," Murphy said.

Another Hanover trotting colt they have to offer is HIP 48 Sterling Hanover, a Walner brother to Pennsylvania Sire Stakes champion and Breeders Crown finalist Meshuggah.



GUNJAN PATEL

HIP 104 is a Walner three-quarter brother to Breeders Crown and Mohawk Million winner Maryland.

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“He is a handsome colt and from 100 percent producer Starita,” Murphy said. “He’s a farm favorite and should be in demand at the sale.”

As for trotting fillies, included in the Hanover consignment are the likes of HIP 28 Sorcery Hanover, a sister to triple millionaire Manchego.



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Captaintreacherous fillies remain in demand wherever they show up, and one of Hanover’s offerings is HIP 81 Aabriella Hanover, a full sister to Metro champion and Breeders Crown third-place finisher Fallout.

“She is a bit smaller than her full brother but has speed, a good attitude and likes to go,” Murphy remarked. “She’s also a full-sister to 2020 PASS and KYSS champion and 2021 Adioo Volo winner Blue Diamond Eyes p,3,1:47 2/5m \$1,340,144.”

On the pacing colt side, HIP 85 Baby Jack Hanover is one of note as he’s the first colt out of millionaire Bedroomconfessions and is a Captaintreacherous full brother to \$1.1 million earner Boudoir Hanover and multi-time stakes winner Bellissima Hanover.

“He is a racy-looking colt with a good way of going and charming personality. He’s a May foal and has some maturing to do but has loads of potential,” Murphy said.

Concord looks to go back-to-back at the top of the board

Concord Stud Farm had the highest-priced yearling in last year’s sale (De Kooning, \$600,000) and is back with another eye-catching group in 2024.

HIP 9 All In Agreement is a half-brother to harness racing’s all-time richest 2-year-old male trotter and Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot runner-up T C I, and Concord’s Julie Meirs is interested to see how he sells given he’s by Indiana-based stallion Swan For All.

“We weren’t quite sure where to go with breeding this mare. We didn’t know at the time that T C I would be T C I when we made this choice,” she said. “We had a share in Swan For All and decided to go that way with her. He’s a nice, big, dark Swan For All.”

Concord also has another trotting colt prospect in HIP 29 Ashoka, the second foal out of multiple stakes winner Senorita Rita. He’s by Muscle Hill.

“He’s another nice, well-put-together colt, but he is only New Jersey eligible so we’ll have to see what happens with the price,” stated Meirs.

HIP 53 Swinging Loyalty is a filly from the Concord consignment and is a Walner half-sister to Ahundreddollarbill, Slay, Royal Mission and Royal Filly, who are all multiple-time stakes winners during their respective careers.

“She’s stunning and a truly amazing filly. I can’t wait to watch her sell,” Meirs said. “I do have high expectations for her. Looking at the pedigree, she’s got the family behind her and she has the looks herself.”

“She has such a presence when she comes out of her stall. She walks out and visitors just say wow. She’s magnificent.”

Later on Monday, HIP 133 Art Of The State will go through the ring for Concord. A Gimpanzee filly, her brother Periculum won this year’s Maple Leaf Trot final and just missed in the Breeders Crown Open Trot final.

“She’s quick-footed and has an athletic way about her, as you can see in her video,” stated Murphy. “The family is active with 2-year-old Pink Chou Chou (Chapter Seven) winning a leg of the New York Sire Stakes at Vernon. She was also second in an International Stallion Stake at the Red Mile and the Jim Doherty at Hoosier, and third in the Kentuckiana at Hoosier.”



CONCORD STUD FARM

HIP 53 Swinging Loyalty is “stunning” according to Julie Meirs.

“She’s Kentucky eligible as a Gimpanzee and a very nice filly with a good family behind her as well,” offered Meirs, who also touted pacing prospects in HIP 52 Special Mac and HIP 56 Sandy Cookies from her consignment.

Others To Watch

Below is a list of 11 other yearlings that will sell on Monday that have a chance to do well for their respective consignors.

HIP 8 WORLD OF FAITH

Sex: Filly
 Sire: Captaintreacherous
 Dam: Cannae Cammie
 Consignor: All American Harnessbreds
 Eligibility: Pennsylvania and Maryland
 Early on Monday is HIP 8 World Of Faith, a Captaintreacherous filly who is a sister to former Horse of the Year and \$2.4 million earner Test Of Faith. Her full sister Debut sold for \$250,000 in Lexington in 2022.

HIP 38 COTTONWOOD

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Captaintreacherous
 Dam: Shocking Beauty
 Consignor: Diamond Creek
 Eligibility: Pennsylvania and Kentucky

This is the go-to family for pacing colts in the sport right now as Shocking Beauty is from the Dominique Semalu broodmare band that has produced the likes of Sportswriter, Downbytheseaside, Tall Dark Stranger, Captain’s Quarters, etc. Cottonwood’s brother Sling Shock was a multi-time stakes winner in Ohio at 2 and 3.



CAROLINE VAZQUEZ

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HIP 46 B SIRIUS

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Always B Miki
 Dam: Star Captain
 Consignor: Diamond Creek, Agent
 Eligibility: Pennsylvania & NJ Standardbred Development Fund
 B Sirius is the first foal out of Star Captain, a Captaintreacherous mare who earned over \$136,000 and had a mark of 1:51 1/5 during her career. Star Captain is also a half-sister to \$2.6 million earner and now productive stallion Bettor's Wish.

HIP 51 A LITTLE KICK

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Perfect Sting
 Dam: Sweet Paprika
 Consignor: Walnridge Farm
 Eligibility: New Jersey
 Yearlings from the first crop of Perfect Sting sold quite well in Lexington and here's a half-brother to \$1.5 million earner and Dan Patch Award winner Captain Crunch. The dam is a half-sister to Sweet Lou and Bettor Sweet.

HIP 55 ALBANY BLUE CHIP

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Sweet Lou
 Dam: Heavenly Bride
 Consignor: Blue Chip Farms

Eligibility: Pennsylvania
 Albany Blue Chip's dam Heavenly Bride earned in excess of \$252,000 and his 2-year-old half-brother Wedlock Blue Chip has won multiple stakes events in Pennsylvania this year. Sweet Lou is having another outstanding season and had Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace champion Louprint.

HIP 72 LUCILLE WALNER

Sex: Filly
 Sire: Walner
 Dam: Ab'sattitudexpress
 Consignor: Preferred Equine Marketing, Inc.
 Eligibility: New Jersey
 Lucille Walner gives those looking for a Walner filly one to check out in the middle portion of Monday's session. This is the first foal out of Ab'sattitudexpress, a multiple stakes winner who earned \$392,416 and had a mark of 1:51 4/5.

HIP 82 APEX

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Walner
 Dam: Mission Brief
 Consignor: Hunterton Sales Agency
 Eligibility: New Jersey and Kentucky
 Mission Brief's four yearlings to sell thus far have all gone for \$400,000 or more and her 3-year-old Vic Zelensky and 2-year-old Kadena both have had good seasons. Vic Zelensky trotted two 1:50 1/5 miles at The Red Mile and Kadena won twice in the Kentucky Commonwealth Series and made the Breeders Crown final.

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11/4-11/6 Harrisburg Lineup

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NJ PACER	Colts	Fillies
Lazarus N	-	1

NY PACERS	Colts	Fillies
American Ideal	4	4
Courtly Choice	1	3
Huntsville	-	1

NY TROTTERS	Colts	Fillies
Chapter Seven	1	-
Met's Hall	-	2

ON PACERS	Colts	Fillies
Betterthancheddar	1	-
Betting Line**	1	1
Bettor's Delight	4	-
Cattlewash**	1	1
McWicked	1	1
Shadow Play	2	2

ON TROTTERS	Colts	Fillies
Archangel	-	2
Muscle Mass	1	1
Resolve	-	1

PA PACERS	Colts	Fillies
Bettor's Wish	1	2
Stay Hungry	3	2

PA TROTTERS	Colts	Fillies
Bar Hopping	2	-
Captain Corey*	1	1
Father Patrick	-	1
Greenshoe	1	-

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#65, HANGRY BOY

11/4-11/6 HARRISBURG MILLIONAIRE FAMILIES Pacing Highlights

Sale starts at Noon on 11/4 & starts at 10 am on 11/5 & 11/6.

Day 1 PA Pacer

STAY HUNGRY

#65, HANGRY BOY, C
Stay Hungry-Village Madonna-Rockroll Hanover
1/2-brother to **Travel Playlist**,
p, 2, 1:49.2s (\$327,216), & 2024
NY Excelsior Winner, **Leanne's Choice**,
p, 3, 1:50.2f -'24 (\$217,912). Family of
Handsoffmycookie, p, 1:51.3f (\$1,408,440)

Day 2 NY Pacers

AMERICAN IDEAL

#276, HELLO BEAUTIFUL, F
American Ideal-Stonebridge Kisses-Artiscape
Dam is **Stonebridge Kisses**,
p, 1:50.2s (\$1,011,737). Full-sister to 2024
Gold Cup & Saucer Winner,
Covered Bridge, p, 1:48.3 (\$1,365,737).
Family of **Versado**, p, 1:48.4f (\$1,310,800)

#363, BET ON MARSHALL, C
American Ideal-Bet On Chrissy-Betting Line
First Foal. Family of **Rainbow Blue**,
p, 3, 1:49.2s (\$1,428,594), the dam of
Somwherovrainbow, p, 1:48f (\$1,338,408)

#529, IDEAL CATCH, C
American Ideal-Kutekatie-Real Artist
1/2-brother to **Passa Grille Beach**,
p, 1:49.3 (\$372,442). Dam is a full-sister to
Kikikatie, p, 3, 1:50.3 (\$1,268,463). Family
of **Heston Blue Chip**, p, 3, 1:48f (\$1,777,769),
& **Sunfire Blue Chip**, p, 3, 1:48.3f (\$1,626,773)

Day 2 ON Pacers

BETTOR'S DELIGHT

#269, LIQUID, C
Bettor's Delight-Sporty Juliana-Well Said
First Foal. Second dam is **Sportsfancy**,
p, 1:49.4 (\$1,001,957)

#370, BEACH DELIGHT, C, ON/KY
Bettor's Delight-Bolten Beach-Bolt The Duer
First Foal. Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Geez Joe**,
p, 1:47.4s (\$387,832). Family of
Southwind Gendry,
p, 1:47.2f -'23 (\$1,274,137)

#467, ARTIC CIRCLE, C
Bettor's Delight-Stonebridge Frosty-Shadow Play
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Stonebridge Tonic**,
p, 1:50.1 (\$937,394). Family of
Electrical Art, p, 3, 1:51 (\$1,010,568)

Day 2 PA Pacers

BETTOR'S WISH

#387, WORTHY CHANCE, C
Bettor's Wish-Chancey Lady-Camluck
Dam is **Chancey Lady**,
p, 1:48.4f (\$2,072,384). 1/2-brother to
Somebeach Baron, p, 1:49f (\$400,721)

Day 3 NJ Pacer

LAZARUS N

#823, LADY SPENCER, F
Lazarus N-Elizabeth Spencer-Western Ideal
1/2-sister to **King Spencer**,
p, 1:50.4f (\$204,875). Dam is a full-sister to
Vintage Master, p, 1:48.1f (\$2,160,953), &
1/2-sister to **Great Vintage**,
p, 1:49.1f (\$1,510,226). Family of
Pebble Beach, p, 3, 1:48.1s (\$1,715,799)

Day 3 NY Pacers

AMERICAN IDEAL

#609, IDEAL LOLA, F
American Ideal-Queso Relleno-Betterthancheddar
First Foal. Dam is **Queso Relleno**,
p, 1:51.4s (\$132,968). Family of
Symphony In Motion, p, 1:49 (\$1,065,949)

#667, REEF N SAND, F
American Ideal-Sun N Sand-Astros
1/2-sister to **Independent One**,
p, 1:50.3f (\$218,516). Dam is a 1/2-sister to
Somebeachsomewhere,
p, 3, 1:46.4 (\$3,221,299)

#721, WRITERS CHOICE, C
American Ideal-Writers Wish-Sportswriter
Family of **Shark Gesture**,
p, 1:48.1s (\$2,822,092)

HUNTSVILLE, NY

#860, COOKIE BAR, F, NY/KY
Huntsville-Had Me At Cookie-American Ideal
First Foal. Second dam is
Handsoffmycookie, p, 1:51.3f (\$1,408,440)

Day 3 ON Pacers

BETTERTHANCHEDDAR

#685, JOSES TRIPLETS, C
Betterthancheddar-Three Accounts-Mach Three
Family of **Delinquent Account**,
p, 1:51.4 (\$1,038,997), the dam of **Artiscape**,
p, 3, 1:49.3z (\$1,469,461)

Day 3 ON Pacers

CATTLEWASH

#660, LADY HELENA, F
Cattlewash-St Helena-American Ideal
Dam is a 1/2-sister to **Vintage Master**,
p, 1:48.1f (\$2,160,953), & full-sister to
Great Vintage, p, 1:49.1f (\$1,510,226).
Family of **Pebble Beach**,
p, 3, 1:48.1s (\$1,715,799)

SHADOW PLAY

#757, BEACH SHADOW, C
Shadow Play-Beach Burn-Somebeachsomewhere
1/2-brother to **Tipperary Hill**,
p, 3, 1:53.4s (\$227,940). Second dam is
Stonebridge Kisses, p, 1:50.2s (\$1,011,737),
the dam of 2024 Gold Cup & Saucer Winner,
Covered Bridge, p, 1:48.3 (\$1,365,737)

#790, FROM THE SHADOWS, C
Shadow Play-Twin B Cheeks-Sportswriter
1/2-brother to **Twin Delight**,
p, 3, 1:52s -'23 (\$183,741). Family
of **He's Watching**, p, 3, 1:46.4 (\$1,116,450)

#879, JAZZY JODIE, F
Shadow Play-Jazz Major-Art Major
First Foal. Family of **Sintra**,
p, 1:47.2 (\$1,370,833)

Day 3 PA Pacers

BETTOR'S WISH

#818, BEACH WISHES, F
Bettor's Wish-Drag N Sand-Dragon Again
Dam is a full-sister to **Speed Again**,
p, 1:48.1s (\$1,072,255)

#846, FREE YOUR MIND, F
Bettor's Wish-Free Show-Badlands Hanover
Family of **Slick Tony**, p, 1:49.3f (\$1,049,516),
& **Schoolkids**, p, 1:49.3f (\$1,053,826)

STAY HUNGRY

#797, HUNGRY FOR A CROWN, F
Stay Hungry-Crown Apple-Western Ideal
Second dam is **Sportsfancy**,
p, 1:49.4 (\$1,001,957)

#838, TEQUILA SHEILA, F
Stay Hungry-Favorite Margarita-Bettor's Delight
Family of **Bolt The Duer**,
p, 3, 1:47.4f (\$1,828,995), & **Shanghai Lil**,
p, 2, 1:51.2 (\$1,068,402)

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HIP 91 HIGH NOON INN

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Bar Hopping
 Dam: Boujee Girl
 Consignor: Winbak Farm
 Eligibility: Pennsylvania and Maryland



ELIZABETH CHEESMAN

This is the final crop of the late stallion Bar Hopping, and it appeared in Lexington that they were in demand. High Noon Inn is the first foal out of his dam, a full sister to \$595,175 earner and world champion Action Uncle. The second dam Action-Broadway banked over \$1.1 million and was a Dan Patch Award winner during her career.

HIP 97 JL SERENITY

Sex: Filly
 Sire: Captain Corey
 Dam: Cheesy Hanover
 Consignor: Northwood Bloodstock Agency
 Eligibility: Pennsylvania and Kentucky

First-crop sire Captain Corey has a few that will go through the ring on Monday, including this filly who is the first foal out of \$144,706 earner Cheesy Hanover. A number of Cheesy Hanover's siblings also earned six figures and one, the Explosive Matter mare Chezatter, produced stakes winner and Valley Victory runner-up Coach K Hanover.

HIP 98 CEYLON SPICE

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Bettor's Delight
 Dam: Cinamony
 Consignor: Preferred Equine Marketing
 Eligibility: Ontario & New Jersey Standardbred Development Fund
 Right after JL Serenity exits the ring, Ceylon Spice will step in. This colt's 2-year-old half-brother Captain Optimistic finished third in the Metro and fourth in the Breeders Crown as the favorite and won the New Jersey Classic final.

HIP 137 CAPTAIN STRONG

Sex: Colt
 Sire: Captaintreacherous
 Dam: Pirouette Hanover
 Consignor: All American Harnessbreds
 Eligibility: Pennsylvania and Maryland

Captain Strong is a half-brother to Nijinsky, this year's North America Cup and Ontario Sires Stakes champion, plus the runner-up in the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Pace. There are several other stakes winners in this family as well.

-Derick Givner contributed to this article



#420, BAR FLY BANDIT, T, C, PA/KY
 Bar Hopping-Donna's Dance-Donato Hanover

**Trotting Yearlings
 from Rich Families
 11/4-11/6 Harrisburg Highlights
 Sale starts at Noon on 11/4 &
 10 am on 11/5 & 11/6**

#91, HIGH NOON INN, C, PA, First Foal
 Bar Hopping-Boujee Girl-Uncle Peter
 • Second dam is Action Broadway,
 1:52.3 (\$1,099,099)

#100, ON MY COMMAND*, C, PA
 Captain Corey-Commando Queen-CR Commando
 • 1/2-brother to to the dam of Gimpanzee,
 1:50 (\$2,701,051)

#420, BAR FLY BANDIT, C, PA/KY, First Foal
 Bar Hopping-Donna's Dance-Donato Hanover
 • Dam is a 1/2-sister to Wild Honey,
 3, 1:50.4 (\$1,585,741)

#580, LILY REIN, F, ON
 Archangel-New Leaf-Muscles Yankee
 • 1/2-sister to Highly Motivated,
 3, 1:56f -'24 (\$91,171)
 • Family of Vivid Photo, 1:50.2z (\$3,275,631)

#590, MET'S HIT, F
 Met's Hall-Overnight Hit-Giant Hit
 • 1/2-sister to Navy Blue, 1:54.4f -'24 (\$318,717)

#840, GREEN SHADES, C, PA
 Greenshoe-Fifty Shades-Malabar Man
 • 1/2-brother to Can't Say No, 1:53.4f (\$342,567)
 • Dam is a 1/2-sister to Marion Marauder,
 1:50.2 (\$3,390,723)

#861, BLAZE OF GLORIA, F, ON, First Foal
 Archangel-Half Filthy-Kadabra
 • Family of Emoticon Hanover, 1:50.2f (\$1,777,580)
 *First Crop from Captain Corey

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GEOCENTRIC

These Harrisburg yearlings were bred and raised at Anthony Perretti Farm LLC who has already sold such gems as champion GEOCENTRIC p,2,1:49.3 (\$738,877),

PAPI'S PISTOL p,2,1:50.4-'24 (\$75,283),

MY SWEET LILY, p,2,1:51.2-'24 (\$93,145),

MIKI IN LUV p,3,1:50.4f-'24 (\$233,352) and

PA Fair final winner MILAGRO p,2,1:54.2f-'24 (\$35,447).

Hip 63 SWEET LOVIN LOU, bc (PA/NJ)

Sweet Lou-Lover's Dream

The Sweet Lou brother to stakes winner

Miki In Luv p,3,1:50.4f-'24 (\$233,352)

and from a sister to the rugged

Rockyroad Hanover p,4,1:46.2 (\$1,020,612).

Hip 32 CAMPANZIA, bc (KY/NJ)

Gimpanzee-Tuscany

A multi-state eligible Gimpanzee colt from a strong maternal family.

Hip 84 PAPIS BEST SHOT, bc (PA/NJ)

Papi Rob Hanover-Bang Bang

The lookalike full brother to fleet freshman

stakes star Papi's Pistol p,2,1:50.4-'24 (\$75,283).

Hip 46 B SIRIUS, bc (PA/NJ)

Always B Miki-Star Captain

The only foal from the accomplished Star Captain, half-sister to stallion Bettor's Wish p,4,1:47.3 (\$2,601,233).

Watch him pace in the video.

Hip 105 DANCIN DADDY, bc (PA/NJ)

Papi Rob Hanover-Dancin Lucille

Good moving Papi Rob Hanover brother

to Slipmeamiki p,4,1:51f-'24 (\$132,137) and from a half-sister to Sintra p,4,1:47.2 (\$1,370,839).

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Don't sleep on the resurgent **GREENSHOE**



EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner

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It is said that you never get a second chance to make a first impression and in the world of standing Standardbred stallions that often rings true.

A subpar first-crop debut can set a once highly-promising young stud back multiple years as he looks to make his mark in the uber-competitive industry.

With explosive speed and a 1:49 4/5 lifetime mark, Greenshoe was considered to be something special as a stallion when brought in by Hanover Shoe Farms and tagged with a \$25,000 per foal stud fee. On-track ability aside, as a son of \$2.5 million earner Father Patrick from a Cantab Hall line that has produced over a dozen millionaires, the breeding also supported the lofty expectations.

The masses flocked to the sales to get their hands on a Greenshoe yearling at the 2022 sales and subsequently the average horse sold for \$104,458 (85 yearlings) between Lexington and Harrisburg. Anticipation was in the air for 2023 as to what they may accomplish and the results were just average, checking in ninth in total earnings and 20th in average per foal.

It was a letdown for sure and boldly reflected at the major sales the following year when Greenshoe's average fell to \$41,889. People were clearly fazed by the performance of his first crop and quick to toss him aside, but who doesn't love a good comeback story?

Sometimes life isn't about the flavor of the month as much as it is realizing an opportunity to get in when the market is low and ride the wave back upstream. That was the good fortune to those who refused to believe the initial returns of Greenshoe's inability to produce quality horses.

The proof is in the numbers as Greenshoe's second crop sits solidly second in total earnings in 2024 (up from 9th) and jumped from 20th to 5th in average earnings as well. Even his thought-to-be subpar first crop picked up their games this year by checking in 7th in total and 12th in average earnings.

"I think trainers have learned how to handle his yearlings, be a little more patient with them, maybe," said Patti Murphy, Farm Manager at Hanover Shoe Farms. "They seem to fit in well with the Kentucky program as well as the PA Sire Stakes."

The proof was also on the track at the recently concluded Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands when Greenshoe had a trio of starters in the finals and saw Go Dog Go finish a valiant first-over third in the 2-year-old colt and gelding trot, just 1 ¼ lengths behind divisional leader Maryland in a track and stakes record 1:51 4/5 over the Meadowlands surface.

Interestingly, Maryland (\$1.1 million earned in 2024), a lock for 2-year-old Colt Trotter of the Year, is out of the mare Crucial, a daughter of Father Patrick, the sire of Greenshoe.

While horses like Meshuggah, Greenspan and Go Dog Go lead the way in earnings from the Greenshoe line, he's clearly displayed the ability to pass on his raw speed through sons like Vic Zelenskyy, who owns a 1:50 1/5 record already.

What these horses lack is a signature victory and Murphy for one feels there is still time for Greenshoe to make his mark on the Grand Circuit.

"He has some good colts and I think he has the potential to do even better with his progeny," said Murphy, who gave a general timeline perspective on how long it is reasonable to wait for a top colt from a stallion. "We always hope that within the first four years something pops up."

At this point Greenshoe has become a value play and it will be interesting to see how things play out at the Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg since for the first time the majority of his foals will sell at that location. The Lexington Selected Sale averaged 48 yearlings per year by Greenshoe in 2022 and 2023 but only offered 20 this year. Harrisburg will go from an average of just under 40 in previous years to 63 at this year's auction which begins on November 4.

"[The Greenshoes] are not going to pick up to where they were the first year but we are hoping they do better given their performance this year," said Standardbred Horse Sale manager Dale Welk.

Hanover Shoe Farms sells nearly half of the total Greenshoe's at Harrisburg with 31 in their large consignment. Murphy was kind enough to point out a few of the standouts from her perspective:



Vic Zelenskyy (above) is the fastest son of Greenshoe with a 1:50 1/5 record. (below) HIP 116 Elysa Hanover is a half-sister to Elista Hanover, recently third in the Breeders Crown final.

(ABOVE) AMANDA STEPHENS / (BELOW) GUNJAN PATEL

HIP #115 Emmett Hanover is from the extremely productive Emmylou Who and a full brother to Emoji Hanover (3,1:52 3/5s \$175,170). He's very athletic and quick.

HIP #116 Elysa Hanover is a half-sister to Breeders Crown finalist Elista Hanover (3,1:51 3/5 \$479,832).

HIP #130 Heiress Hanover is a daughter of Hannelore Hanover who is a gorgeous filly. She is a bit more refined than her full brother Loxahatchee (3, 1:54 4/5f), light on her feet and athletic.

HIP #134 Hot Shot Hanover is a three-quarter sister to Hambletonian Oaks winner Heaven Hanover (3,1:50 3/5 \$555,637). This filly impressed



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me with her solid build and muscular rear end. The Greenshoes don't typically have solid rear ends, they tend to drop off at the hips, but she's extremely solid behind.

HIP #199 Skarloey Hanover is a full brother to Send It In Hanover (2,1:55 2/5 \$113,352) and half-brother to Sadie Hanover (3,1:51 3/5 \$233,454). He's 15.2 hands and covers some ground already.

HIP #255 Sherlyn Hanover is a sister to Snowstorm Hanover (3,1:53 2/5; Int, 1:52 2/5), who earned \$870,386 domestically and internationally, and Sambuca Hanover (3,1:52 4/5f \$516,891). She's a very nice individual.

While Hanover Shoe Farms is selling about half the total, there are certainly other interesting Greenshoe yearlings throughout the three yearling sessions at Harrisburg. To name a few, Diamond Creek Farm has a Greenshoe brother to Celebrity Bambino (3,1:50 4/5 \$866,665) selling as HIP 96 on opening day named Giuseppe C, Cool Winds Farm is offering up a Kentucky and Pennsylvania eligible first-foal colt as HIP 219 Walnutmuscleshoes that sports names like Spellbound Hanover (\$962K) and Marion Marauder (\$3.3 million) on his page, and Walnridge Farm has a half-sister to recent Breeders Crown runner-up Miss Belmar selling as HIP 388.

Despite his 2024 production resurgence, the market value continued to sag on Greenshoe at the 2024 Lexington Selected Sale and his average price decreased to \$44,450. If that trend continues it could create a potential buying opportunity for the more patient owner or trainer.

"They got deals on these horses last year and they more than made their money back on quite a few of them, so hopefully they'll be in demand," concluded Murphy.



GUNJAN PATEL

HIP #255 Sherlyn Hanover is a sister to two horses that have earned over \$500K in their careers.

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By **Darin Zoccali**

With the Standardbred Horse Sales Company's yearling and mixed sale fast approaching, many of the usual faces and farms will be present and converge on the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Naturally, Hanover Shoe Farms leads all the consignments with over 200 yearlings offered in the sale. However, one consignment has increased its presence in the sale substantially, that being Diamond Creek Farms.

While Diamond Creek has always had some presence in Harrisburg, it did not compare to their consignment in Lexington the month prior, and while the 2024 Harrisburg consignment is not yet at that level of volume either, the jump in the numbers is noticeable.

This year, Diamond Creek Farms will be selling 38 yearlings in Harrisburg, the most they have ever brought to the sale.

Shaun Laungani, Vice President at Diamond Creek, spoke to several reasons for the dramatic increase in the Diamond Creek presence.

"The reason for the uptick in [Harrisburg] yearlings is Diamond Creek has more yearlings to sell every year," said Laungani. "We hadn't sold our own yearlings in Harrisburg the last several years. Pointing a group to this sale makes sense to try and get them each in their best spot to shine for the markets."

It goes without saying that if this larger consignment is proven to be a success, we can expect to see Diamond Creek send more of their own yearlings to the sale in the years to come.

Laungani noted that in years past they have been a consignor at the Harrisburg sale, but in the role of selling for their clients.

"The last few years we have sold yearlings for clients at Harrisburg which started with Anthony Perretti approaching us to sell his yearlings. He has really nice horses and we sold Geocentric for them, then Papi's Pistol and My Sweet Lily."

The success shared with Perretti has acted as a catalyst for the Diamond Creek approach to this sale in 2024.

"That momentum brings us to this year where we sell a total of 38. One-third of those yearlings are Diamond Creek yearlings,

and the others for clients including Perretti, Hot Lead Farm, Nick Malcolm, Woodside Farm and Order By Stable. It's a mix of good horses we know well, owned by people we work closely with."

In 2023, Diamond Creek sold 13 yearlings on behalf of their clients for an average of nearly \$43,000 per yearling. The previous year, they sold 24 yearlings for an average of \$34,000 per yearling. With Diamond Creek yearlings on display this year, it will be interesting to see what they average in 2024.

In terms of the yearlings being offered through the Diamond Creek consignment, Laungani has his eye closely watching a few that he is very high on.

HIP 21 Woodside Jet Seven (Chapter Seven – Miss Vet Hanover)

"HIP 21 looks elite in the paddock. This is a strong Chapter Seven colt that appears to have all the tools."

HIP 105 Dancin Daddy (Papi Rob Hanover – Dancin Lucille)

"HIP 105 is from the very good Perretti program that is producing. This colt is a physical standout. He is uber-masculine and has a star presence physically."

HIP 131 Vinyl Daddy (Chapter Seven – Heaven)

"This colt is bred on the same cross as 2-year-old Breeders Crown Champion Maryland. I believe this is the only colt on that cross in this sale."

HIP 330, Climate (Downbytheseaside – Compass)

"HIP 330 - The dam of this filly was injured as a yearling, but this first foal strikes us as a stakes prospect."

HIP 357 Canal (Creatine – Bayou)

"HIP 357 is a lovely and athletic filly. Her pedigree is an outcross for future mating and she is dual-eligible in Ohio and Kentucky."



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HIP 21 is a Chapter Seven colt with good looks and "all the tools".

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Hip#1197 Highland Top Hill

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Hip#1286 Mollop Hanover

p,3, 1:50s (\$131,832)

Brm 2020 • Betting Line - Mayhem Seelster

A 1:50s winning daughter of Betting Line and a sister to 2024 \$600,000 Breeders Crown Final winner, MIRAGE HANOVER p,3, 1:46.3-'24 (\$882,593). Selling in foal to super-sire Captaintreacheros. All stud fees are paid for and non refundable.



Hip#1526 Capytreach

p,3, 1:49.2-'24 (\$257,265)

Bf 2021 • Captaintreacheros - Southwind Thundra

Multiple KYSS winner in 2024 including the \$100,000 KY Commonwealth Final. To-date in 2024 she is: 5-6-0 in 17 starts. CAPYTREACH is from a 1:54.4f sister to the winners of over \$8 million including SOUTHWIND TEMPO p, 1:48.2 (\$2,445,541). Eligible to the \$100,000 KYSS final on Nov. 5/24, \$50,000 Star Destroyer on Nov 15/24, \$50,000 The Ballys Randy on Nov 22/24 and the \$50,000 Thanksgiving Classic on Nov 29/24.



Hip#1527 Lil' Sweet

2, 1:53.4s-'24 (\$249,371)

Bf 2022 • Green Manalishi - Sweetpellosuccess

2024 \$300,000 OSS Super Final winner in 1:53.4s, equaling the OSS record for 2yott's. To-date in 2024 she is: 2-3-2 in 10 starts. This champion filly is a half-sister to TRY TRY AGAIN 1:53.1 (\$297,512). Her dam SWEETPELLOSUCCESS 3, Q1:58.4 (\$206,024) is a half-sister to Hambletonian Champion and \$3 million winner, MARION MARAUDER



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Huntsville's stock continues to rise heading into Harrisburg



JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman ✕ [BergmanJay](#)

When it comes to looking for the best yearlings, buyers often consider the sport's top stallions first before addressing the maternal family. A top stallion has the capacity to carry mares from almost all lines and buyers are aware that finding a prospect from a proven stallion is more than half the battle.

On the trotting side of the sport in 2024 there is an unquestioned leader in Chapter Seven. The pacing side has some traditional leaders in Captaintreacherous and Sweet Lou but there has been growing admiration for Huntsville this year as the returns from his third and fourth crops have opened eyes in a major way.

Heading into the Harrisburg Sale there are many good reasons to be looking into the Huntsville's for next year's stakes engagement in New York and beyond. Steve Jones, the proprietor of Cameo Hills Farm where Huntsville has stood for his entire second career, explained, "The purses next year go up in all three levels. The Sire Stakes finals purse goes from \$225,000 to \$300,000, the Excelsior finals go from \$55,000 to \$100,000 and the Fair finals go from \$15,000 to \$25,000."

While the Sire Stakes final purses should put the Empire State on better ground when compared with other programs, it is the obvious presence of sons and daughters of Huntsville on the national stage that has raised his profile over the course of the last two years. Leading the arsenal of proven talent is Legendary Hanover, Huntsville's fastest son and the fastest sophomore pacer in North America by way of his 1:46 2/5 mark taken in the Cane Pace at The Meadowslands. That win came after a 1:46 3/5 blowout win in the Meadowslands Pace.

What's daunting about Huntsville's statistics this year is just how well offspring of a stallion with an \$8,500 stallion fee have performed when compared with sires that cost substantially more.

"When you look at earnings per start for his 2-year-olds he's at the top of the list," said Jones. "He's third when it comes to 3-year-olds."

While the numbers may speak for themselves, it's often the performances that one doesn't expect that separate just how good a sire Huntsville has proven to be and how his first few crops may be just scratching the surface. This past weekend, Huntsville-sired fillies put in some exceptional performances in the Breeders Crown, with the 2-year-old The Last Martini a solid second while adversely impacted in a tight pocket for much of the mile. Overlooked in the wagering, Tarrific, the New York Sire stakes champion, managed to get the lead at the start despite drawing post 10 and then was making champion My Girl EJ work extremely hard in the late stretch to hold her off.

Perhaps the best stat to explain the rise in Huntsville's stock is his overall ranking among all pacing stallions when it comes to all pacers of all age groups. That Huntsville's 424 foals racing had earned more than \$11.2 million prior to the Breeders Crown puts him in close proximity to American Ideal, another New York-based stallion that had more than three times the number of horses active this year than Huntsville.

While Downbytheseaside, a horse that raced in the same crop as Huntsville and is also a sire son of Somebeachsomewhere, has gained much attention from buyers across North America, Huntsville's statistics have more than matched him. Jones, however, isn't concerned that Downbytheseaside's stud fee has risen with his success while Huntsville's remains rather modest at \$8,500.

"The breeding business is a tough business," said Jones. "We've always strived to make sure he had a full book, and he's had one every year." Still with the overwhelming achievements this year, Jones recognizes changes may need to be made. "We'll see after Harrisburg,



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HIP 253 Fragment is from the family of Put On A Show and has New York and Kentucky eligibility.

and I'll talk to Ray (co-owner Schnittker) to see what he thinks."

Jones' consideration is for breeders to have a chance to get good returns on their investments, but there is another side to the equation that he's aware of.

"People breed different caliber mares to horses with higher stud fees," said Jones with an understanding of the market. On the back end of that comment is also the knowledge that Huntsville's success has come with a theoretically lower caliber of mares.

For those looking to get on the bandwagon at Harrisburg, there are quite a few Huntsville's worth looking at and most certainly bidding on. Buyers may have to wait for the second session and beyond to get a look at multiple sons and daughters by Huntsville but they shouldn't overlook Monday's session entirely as HIP 41 is a Huntsville colt named Silas Hanover with the look and pedigree to match. His dam Social Scene is a 100 percent producer. As a racehorse, Social Scene captured the New York Sire Stakes final as a 3-year-old but surprisingly her mating to Huntsville is her first with a New York stallion. Perhaps that will prove the magic touch.

HIP 171 is a filly named Ortegass that benefits instantly as a New York-Kentucky dual-eligible horse. She's just the second foal from an Always B Miki-sired mare from the immediate family of \$2.9 million winner Mach It So. She sells as part of the Concord Stud Farm consignment.

HIP 238, selling under the Preferred Equine banner, could be a money-making machine if things work out in 2025 and beyond. Lindy In Belief is a filly that is dual-eligible in New York and Massachusetts. She's a half-sister to recent Mass Stakes final winner O'er The Ramparts and is from the solid maternal family of Well Said.

HIP 253 Fragment is a colt and the sixth foal from The Show Returns. The dam is a full sister to the \$2.4 million winner Put On A Show. He has the type of maternal line that should work well with Huntsville and the Hunterton Sales Agency yearling is dual-eligible in New York and Kentucky.

HIP 486, also from Hunterton, a filly by the name of Carry Back, is just the third foal from the dam Hard Eights. More important though is she's a full sister to this year's lightly-raced 2-year-old Madden Oaks, a horse that while green in nature on the track has shown blistering speed at times, including a 1:51 3/5 mile at Tioga in late summer that included a 26 3/5 final quarter. Carry Back hails from a solid maternal family that some extremely fast horses with hard-hitting Bolt The Duer being the most notable.

As strong a year as Huntsville has had, buyers should be aware that his yearlings could prove a bargain down the road, especially with the caliber of mares bred to him likely to improve in the coming years.



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BREEDERS CROWN & OTHER THOUGHTS

By Derick Giwner X @harnessveguy

Another Breeders Crown is in the books and it was great to hear that handle was up compared to the 2021 edition at The Meadowlands. While it was only a 4.8% gain to \$7.72 million, the increase stands out because industry handle is down 6.6% in 2024. That is a total shift of 11.4% from the negative side to the positive if you are a glass half-full guy like me.

Every trip to the track brings lasting memories and for me it was the number of young people I saw at The Meadowlands roaming around and enjoying the races. There were three boys in particular that seemed between 8 and 13, maybe, that I ran into a number of times. They were all from Europe and they really enjoyed the racing. One of them told me I should come to the UK because the food is great; might have to try that trip one day.

On the track it was Twin B Joe Fresh that I'll remember as she went back to dominating her division in style and left no doubt who the Horse of the Year is for 2024.

A number of horses stamped themselves as likely divisional winners with Breeders Crown victories and one has to wonder if Sig Sauer's win vaults him ahead of Hambletonian winner Karl for top honors in the 3-year-old male trotting arena. I'll reserve my opinion for now but since both horses have announced they are retired to stallion duty there are no more variables to consider.

For me the most interesting year-end battle will come in the Trotter of the Year category. In one corner is the great mare Jiggy Jog, who was perfect in six starts, eclipsed the 1:50 barrier and beat male foes on multiple occasions. The other side of the ring has 2-year-old colt Maryland. He is the richest horse in the sport this year and is perhaps a Kindergarten Series Final win (depending on the purse for the Nov. 9 race) away from becoming the all-time leader in single-season earnings by a trotting rookie. These two sit second and third in the weekly Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Top 10 poll. The voting here, which begins in December, could be interesting.

Where the Breeders Crown will go in the future was certainly a topic swirling through the East Rutherford, New Jersey air. Everyone now knows that the 2025 round will be at Woodbine Mohawk Park and I'd be mildly surprised if it didn't show up in Ohio, perhaps at Scioto Downs in 2026. Nothing is set in stone but there does seem to be strong interest. Now for 2027, The Red Mile seems to be part of the conversation given that the funding will be available after legislation spearheaded by Senator Damon Thayer passed earlier this year. I actually met the Senator in the winner's circle at The Meadowlands and found him to be a great guy. We don't get enough politicians to show up at the races and it was great to see him outside his neck of the woods taking in the action. I can tell you he is very much hoping that the series does indeed visit the Bluegrass state in the near future.

Switching away from the Breeders Crown, the USTA announced on Monday that its Standardbred Racing Investigative Fund is currently "engaged in numerous investigations of suspected misconduct in the Standardbred industry" and the **release** further called out "bearding" in particular:

"During today's Board meeting, USTA President Russell Williams emphasized that in carrying out its oversight role, the USTA must investigate and, when warranted, take action against USTA members involved in the false and fraudulent ownership of registered Standardbred horses by ineligible individuals, a practice known as "bearding." Bearding is prohibited by the USTA's Rules and Bylaws, and for too long, the USTA has had insufficient resources to investigate and enforce violations of these Rules. That era has ended."

The release further went on to state that an inquiry into "bearding" by SRIF "produced results" and that all facts uncovered would remain confidential until the committee was done with its investigation.

Obviously the provided facts remain limited at this time, but if the results ultimately produce action by the USTA against people who are looking to skirt the rules, the organization should be very much applauded. There is no place in the sport for unsavory practices.

One to watch from



on opening day

Though breeding stock will be the focus of the first phase of All American Harnessbreds dispersal at the Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg, they will be offering almost 20 yearlings starting Monday November 4 and buyers should make sure to be there early according to General Manager Rob Tribbett.

"If there's one yearling in the group, I would point to HIP number 2," said Tribbett about Bettor Story, a filly by Bettor's Delight with Ontario eligibility. "She's out of a mare that's very special to the farm."

Allamerican Memoir was sold as a yearling by the farm and then purchased back the following year. She's been a fixture as a broodmare for All American, having produced the \$945K winner Beach Memories as her first foal and the \$1.08 million winner Bettor Memories from her fourth foal.

Bettor Story marks the first time the mare was bred back to Bettor's Delight, making the yearling a full sister to Bettor Memories.

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Sire Name	2022 Foals	Starters	Earnings	Avg Earnings
HUNTSVILLE	103	74	\$3,040,075 (1)	\$29,515
SWEET LOU	100	69	\$2,933,295 (3)	\$29,333
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	106	78	\$2,945,242 (2)	\$27,785
CATTLEWASH	38	27	\$936,688 (11)	\$24,650
DOWNBYTHESEASIDE	109	78	\$2,620,012 (4)	\$24,037
RUSTY'S FOR REAL	19	16	\$398,627	\$20,980
PAPI ROB HANOVER	105	81	\$1,943,890 (5)	\$18,513
COURTLY CHOICE	34	26	\$615,751 (19)	\$18,110
DUDE'S THE MAN	19	12	\$331,470	\$17,446
BIG JIM	50	24	\$863,977 (14)	\$17,280
JK ENDOFANERA	98	71	\$1,632,894 (6)	\$16,662
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ODDS ON EQUULEUS	20	14	\$324,894	\$16,245
LATHER UP	61	41	\$922,404 (12)	\$15,121
ALWAYS B MIKI	105	50	\$1,492,728 (7)	\$14,216
BETTERTHANCHEDDAR	37	26	\$514,441	\$13,904
CATCH THE FIRE	50	36	\$691,114 (16)	\$13,822
KARPATHIAN KID	23	15	\$306,358	\$13,320
RACING HILL	26	20	\$329,765	\$12,683
AMERICAN IDEAL	72	45	\$902,943 (13)	\$12,541
FEAR THE DRAGON	105	72	\$1,175,391 (9)	\$11,194
TALL DARK STRANGER	108	71	\$1,203,333 (8)	\$11,142
BIT OF A LEGEND N	55	28	\$599,958 (20)	\$10,908
BETTOR'S WISH	77	48	\$637,175 (18)	\$8,275
BETTOR'S DELIGHT	134	83	\$1,029,687 (10)	\$7,684
MCWICKED	111	63	\$720,825 (15)	\$6,494
CAPTAIN CRUNCH	105	69	\$675,356 (17)	\$6,432

2-YEAR-OLD TROTTERS

Sire Name	2022 Foals	Starters	Earnings	Avg Earnings
CHAPTER SEVEN	97	71	\$4,840,105 (1)	\$49,898
GOOGOO GAAGAA	16	12	\$494,438	\$30,902
GIMPANZEE	38	28	\$1,031,685 (13)	\$27,150
WALNER	93	71	\$2,327,155 (3)	\$25,023
GREENSHOE	107	77	\$2,431,213 (2)	\$22,722
IL MAGO	18	12	\$395,548	\$21,975
TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR	21	10	\$402,179	\$19,151
BAR HOPPING	76	58	\$1,432,968 (7)	\$18,855
TACTICAL LANDING	106	66	\$1,976,403 (4)	\$18,645
DEVIUS MAN	39	25	\$714,949 (17)	\$18,332
MUSCLE HILL	77	53	\$1,352,178 (8)	\$17,561
GREEN MANALISHI S	90	61	\$1,558,884 (6)	\$17,321
LONG TOM	93	65	\$1,576,542 (5)	\$16,952
UNCLE PETER	66	47	\$1,060,215 (12)	\$16,064
MUSCLESPRINCTIONIAN	16	14	\$248,315	\$15,520
E L PLATINUM	16	11	\$240,107	\$15,007
WHAT THE HILL	86	63	\$1,274,958 (9)	\$14,825
SWAN FOR ALL	91	50	\$1,261,748 (10)	\$13,865
HELPISONTHEWAY	44	22	\$575,321	\$13,075
CANTAB HALL	64	47	\$803,686 (15)	\$12,558
MUSCLE MASS	92	62	\$1,096,330 (11)	\$11,916
INTERNATIONAL MONI	70	50	\$803,195 (16)	\$11,474
FATHER PATRICK	75	55	\$850,084 (14)	\$11,334
MARSEILLE	64	34	\$661,783 (18)	\$10,340
SIX PACK	62	35	\$615,684 (20)	\$9,930
DONT LET'EM	78	42	\$630,896 (19)	\$8,088

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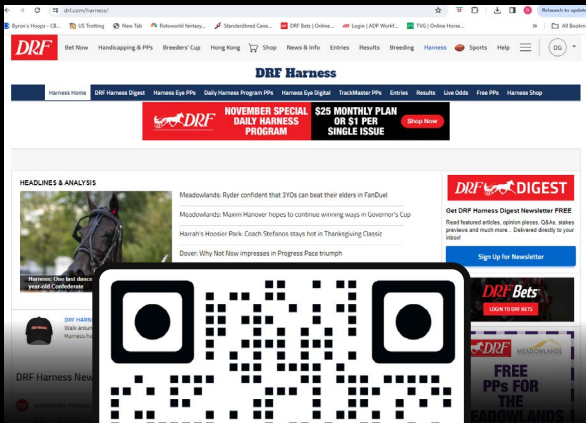
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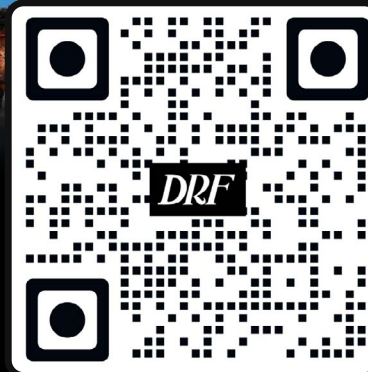


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T C I keeping his dance card full as he trots into Hoosier Friday

By Jay Bergman

T C I put in one of the better Breeders Crown performances of the dozen that were contested at The Meadowlands last weekend and returns just six days later, moving to the Midwest for trainer Ron Burke in the \$175,000 Carl Erskine on Friday night at Harrah's Hoosier Park. A nose behind Sig Sauer in the Crown, Burke is hopeful that T C I will regain winning form because he has more plans for his sophomore trotter.

"I thought he raced great in the Breeders Crown," said Burke of T C I. "He had to fight off multiple challenges and was still digging in on the wire."

A Mohawk Million champion and a winner of over \$1.2 million as a freshman, T C I's sophomore campaign has had its ups and downs, and Burke finally believes he's gotten to the bottom of issues that had T C I performing at less than optimal conditions.

"He had been bleeding but nothing major," said Burke. "That race in the Bluegrass (September 28) was the worst race he's ever had and he scoped bad so we decided to put him on Lasix."

While the drug was not permitted in the Kentucky Futurity, Burke shipped T C I north and worked on his conditioning in preparation for the Breeders Crown.

"The first time we trained him with Lasix he was good," said Burke. "The second time we trained him he was vicious."

So, it was no shock to see the old T C I back in a sharp Crown trial victory on October 19 at The Meadowlands and then under less-than-ideal conditions a week later, racing hard the entire mile and getting nipped by the shortest nose in a wicked 1:50 4/5 clocking.

On Friday, Burke expects to see T C I perform at a high level. He drew post three and will be right between a pair of serious contenders, with Indiana Super Final champion Gruesome Twosome (post 1) to his inside and Ontario Super Final champion Paquet to his outside in the Erskine that goes as race 7 on the Hoosier program.

Gruesome Twosome has won 15 of his 22 lifetime starts for trainer-driver and co-owner Daryl Bontrager. A son of You Know You Do, Gruestome Twosome is riding a four race win streak into the Erskine.

Paquet (post 6) could be the sleeper in the field given the progress he's made in just seven career starts. The son of Muscle Mass' inexperience showed in the Canadian Trotting Classic where he got away ninth despite starting from the pole position. He rebounded nicely with a front-end score in an Ontario Sire Stakes Gold event on September 30 at Woodbine Mohawk Park and then was a crushing open-lengths winner in the Super Final on October 12.

Burke has a host of talent entered in the four Grand Circuit events

on the Hoosier card, with Iam Independent and Sister Mary Maude starting side-by-side from posts five and six respectively in the \$110,000 Crossroads Of America (race 5).

"Sister Mary Maude is a nice, consistent horse, and I think she can go with Open company," said Burke. "Iam Independent has been getting a lot better lately."

Burke's duo will face Indiana Sire Stakes star Danger, a winner in nine of her 12 career starts looking to rebound after some rough racing luck. Danger drew the pole in the field of seven.

Burke has ultimate confidence in Seaside Diva, who landed post seven in the \$100,000 USS Indianapolis Memorial, race nine on the card.

"She's as good a filly as there is," said Burke of the daughter of Downbytheseaside that followed up an Ohio Sire Stakes final victory on October 10 with an easy win in the Pegasus at Hoosier on October 18.

Seaside Diva drew post seven with stablemate Pass Line landing post five.

"Pass Line is really good now too," said Burke. "She had road trouble in the Breeders Crown elimination."

Burke's stable has a pair entered in the \$180,000 Monument Circle (race 10) for 3-year-old colt and gelding pacers that are positioned to get money but perhaps not the first-place check. Nijinsky (6-5 morning

line), a solid second in the Breeders Crown on October 26 at The Meadowlands, landed post three and figures to be a heavy favorite. The North America Cup champion has regular pilot Louis Roy venturing down from Ontario for the assignment as he looks for his 11th win this season.

Burke's pair of Solid Character (post 1) and Noblesville (post 2) have drawn well, and along with Clever Cody, who starts in the second tier, appear the main threats to Nijinsky.

Burke is hoping that T C I races well on Friday as he would like to put him right back in the box for a stakes race on Thursday (November 7).

"If all goes well, he'll go next week in the Matron," said Burke. "I've got the trip planned that he won't be in the trailer more than four-to-five hours at a time before stopping."

If T C I does enter the Matron at Dover Downs, it will be the second time in two weeks he's racing on six days rest.

As for T C I returning as a 4-year-old, with his contemporaries Karl and Sig Sauer already confirmed 2025 stallions, Burke has an inclination that T C I may also join the stallion brigade.

"I think the owners are leaning in that direction right now," said Burke. "I look at T C I's season the same way I looked at Sweet Lou's 4-year-old year. I know he's a better horse than he showed this year."

Perhaps if T C I can capture the last few stakes races this year it would justify a return to the racetrack in 2025.



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Co-owners Chris Ryder and Dexter Dunn hug after Twin B Joe Fresh's Breeders Crown victory.

Mirage Hanover gave trainer Jake Leamon (right, with daughter Emily) his first Breeders Crown win.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM DRF HARNESS



(above) Sarah Svanstedt watches as Jiggy Jog walks off the track for the final time in her career.



(left) Caretaker Sanne Hansen is all smiles after Allegiant won her Breeders Crown.

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Driver Brett Beckwith greets kids adorning Halloween costumes at Saratoga Raceway.

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1 SOLID CHARACTER

31:49.2 (5/8) Q \$11,275

8-1 **Dr. Miller** 25-3-1-2 (120)

b g 3, by Sweet Lou, Riley Character by Shady Character
 Burke Rog Stb Frdrktwn PA R Jackson By Vlg, OHT Sullivan, Bvl, OHT Wilson, Clvnd, OH

R. Burke 202-33-26-16 (163)

Last 4 Sts - \$37,338 1:49.2 Mw 5/8 24HoP 0 0 0 0 - 24 Tot 15 6 3 3 \$169,123
 1:52.3 Mw 5/8 23HoP 0 0 0 0 - 23 Tot 10 1 4 1 \$77,009
 22HoP 0 0 0 0 - Life 25 7 7 4 \$246,132

18 Oct24	12Pl	fst64	26	:55	1:23	1:51	Lib Bell	33200	7	2 ¹ ₁	2 ¹ ₁	3 ¹ ₁	4 ² ₃	5 ³ ₃	CoCallan	RoBurke	27	29	27 ¹	28 ³	1:51 ⁴	97	+4 12w	*1.40	ArmadaHw DelJHwMaximHw	-8
7 Oct24	3PRc	wf60	26	:55	1:22	1:50	REYNOLDS	49875	3	2 ¹ ₁	2 ¹ ₁	2 ¹ ₁	2 ² ₁	1 ² ₂	YaGingras	RoBurke	27	28 ¹	27 ³	27 ³	1:50 ³	106		1.40	HwInthSs SlcCroc ArmadaHw	Dh-5
28 Sep24	8Mw	fst75	26	:54	1:22	1:49	KEYSTONE	33950	5	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	RonWmJr	RoBurke	26 ³	28	27 ¹	27 ¹	1:49 ¹	113		1.50	SlcCroc Rushin DelJHw	-7
19 Sep24	18Del	fst85	26	:54	1:21	1:51	JUG ELIM	50000	5	2 ⁰ ₁	2 ⁰ ₁	4 ⁰ ₂	6 ³ ₁	6 ¹ ₁	DaMiller	RoBurke	26 ¹	28	27 ⁴	30 ⁴	1:52 ⁴	102	+0 7w	13.40	CaptnsOrt TlSmrg LgndryHw	-7
9 Sep24	10PCd	fst77	25	:54	1:22	1:50	PASS Final	25200	7	2 ^h _d	2 ^h _d	3 ² ₁	4 ² ₁	3 ³ ₁	DaMiller	RoBurke	25 ⁴	29	27 ⁴	28 ²	1:51	99		28.60	SwBchLe Rushtn SlcCroc	Shuff, aim 2, wtr-8
30 Aug24	8Mw	slv85	26	:55	1:22	1:50	PASS-3YOCG	51657	6	4 ³ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	HuMyers	RoBurke	27	28	27 ²	27 ³	1:50	112		3.60	SlcCroc VengBc ArmadaHw	-7

2 NOBLESVILLE(L)

31:50 (7/8) Q \$15,048

6-1 **Ch. Page** 0-0-0-0 (000)

b g 3, by Jk Endofanera, Happiness by Rocknroll Hanover
 Burke Racing Stable LLC, Fredericctown, PA Weaver Brussemi LLC, Canonsburg, PA

R. Burke 202-33-26-16 (163)

Last 4 Sts - \$138,721 1:50 HoP 7/8 24 HoP 1 1 2 0 \$186,221 24 Tot 15 2 4 1 \$225,721
 1:51.3 HoP 7/8 23 HoP 1 1 2 0 \$240,885 23 Tot 15 4 2 0 \$265,057
 22 HoP 0 0 0 0 - Life 30 6 6 1 \$490,818

25 Oct24	4HoP	fst62	26	:54	1:23	1:50	NW7500L4	13700	3	2 ¹ ₁	3 ³ ₁	4 ³ ₁	6 ² ₄	4 ² ₂	BrBates	RoBurke	26 ¹	28 ⁴	28 ⁴	26 ⁴	1:50 ³	103		L1.90	PlLou Telmeabtt Howbyrke	-8
11 Oct24	14HoP	fst61	27	:54	1:22	1:50	D-SuperFin3C	25000	2	2 ² ₁	2 ¹ ₁	3 ² ₁	3 ¹ ₁	1 ^h _d	YaGingras	RoBurke	27 ³	27 ²	27 ⁴	27 ¹	1:50	106		L21.80	Nobles DaleYeah TeImtrts	-9
4 Oct24	8HoP	fst69	26	:55	1:23	1:50	ISS-3C-LG8	50500	8	1 ⁰ ₁	2 ¹ ₁	3 ¹ ₁	4 ¹ ₁	2 ¹ ₁	BrBates	RoBurke	26 ¹	29 ¹	27 ⁴	27 ¹	1:50 ²	106		L43.20	Sabonis Noblesville MmsBud	-9
20 Sep24	11HoP	fst71	26	:55	1:24	1:50	D-Jennas	115000	3	4 ³ ₁	4 ³ ₁	5 ⁴ ₁	5 ⁴ ₁	6 ¹ ₁	RonWmJr	RoBurke	27	29 ¹	28 ³	27 ¹	1:52	96		L64.80	Sabonis HwInthSs MmsBud	-9
6 Sep24	10HoP	fst60	25	:55	1:23	1:49	H-Cup Elm	15000	7	1 ³ ₁	1 ² ₁	1 ² ₁	1 ² ₁	1 ² ₁	DeTharps	RoBurke	25	30 ¹	28	28 ³	1:51	99		L27.60	Sabonis DaleYeah PackwdHc	-7
23 Aug24	7HoP	fst77	25	:54	1:22	1:49	ISS-3C-LG7	50000	3	6 ⁸ ₁	6 ⁸ ₁	5 ⁴ ₁	5 ⁵ ₁	6 ⁵ ₅	DeTharps	RoBurke	27 ²	28 ⁴	27 ²	27 ¹	1:51	103		L13.00	Sabonis MmsBud MldhtrHc	Moved up p.57

3 NIJNSKY(L)

31:47.3 (1) * \$75,209 SHS-HBG \$120,000

6-5 **Lo. Roy** 0-0-0-0 (000)

b c 3, by Bettor's Delight, Piourette Hanover by Western Ideal
 West Wins Stable, Wellington, FL John D Fielding, ON, Mark B Dumain, Pine Bush, NY

A. Beaton 0-0-0-0 (000)

Last 4 Sts - \$265,570 *1:47.3 M1 24 HoP 0 0 0 0 - 24 * 14 10 3 0 *\$105,920
 1:53.4 Wbs 7/8 23 HoP 1 0 0 0 \$200,233 Tot 10 1 2 3 \$74,735
 22 HoP 0 0 0 0 - Life 24 11 5 3 *\$127,655

25 Oct24	10M1	fst54	26	:54	1:21	1:48	D-Br Crown F	60000	2	4 ³ ₁	4 ² ₁	5 ³ ₁	3 ² ₁	2 ² ₁	LoRoy	AnBeaton	27 ²	27 ¹	27 ²	26 ²	1:48 ²	108	+4 3w	L4.50	MiragHwNjnskyCpnAlbno	Sat ang lane even-10
19 Oct24	6M1	fst60	27	:54	1:22	1:48	D-Br Crown F	25000	1	3 ² ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	2 ^h _d	LoRoy	AnBeaton	27 ⁴	27	28	26	1:48	106	+4 4w	L3.80	MrgHwNjnskyGmClty	Brdsh, led 1/2 game 2nd-8
12 Oct24	9Wbs	fst49	26	:54	1:21	1:50	OnSS Final	21900	8	4 ⁵ ₁	4 ⁰ ₃	4 ⁰ ₃	2 ⁰ ₃	1 ¹ ₁	LoRoy	AnBeaton	27 ¹	27 ²	28 ³	1:50 ³	105	+9 3w	L*25	Njnsky BestNgrE UnrvldHw	Tok, wide, strong-8	
4 Oct24	1Wbs	fst69	26	:59	1:28	1:55	Qua	4	3 ³ ₁	3 ³ ₁	3 ³ ₁	3 ³ ₁	3 ³ ₁	LoRoy	AnBeaton	30 ¹	29 ²	29 ⁴	26 ¹	1:55	1			nb	SborHos SdMucMre Njnsky	-4
19 Sep24	17DelA	fst85	26	:54	1:22	1:49	JUG ELIM	50000	3	3 ⁴ ₁	3 ³ ₁	3 ³ ₁	3 ³ ₁	6 ¹ ₁	LoRoy	AnBeaton	27 ²	27 ⁴	27 ²	29 ⁴	1:52	99		*40	CpnAlbno CaptLuka MiragHw	-6
7 Sep24	7Wbs	fst57	27	:54	1:21	1:48	Simcoe	123580	8	3 ³ ₁	1 ⁰ ₁	2 ² ₁	2 ² ₁	1 ¹ ₁	LoRoy	AnBeaton	27 ²	26 ⁴	27 ²	27	1:48	113	+6 4w	2.85	NjnskyGndryHwCupShle	Tok brsh, yd game-11

4 M M S BUD(L)

31:51 (7/8) \$8,740 HOOSIER \$24,000

20-1 **Jy. Cross** 261-23-26-26 (088)

b g 3, by Tellitkeitis, Climate Hanover by Western Ideal
 Ted D Comerford, Peru, IN Alvin R Miller, Bunker Hill, IN Marvin M Schwartz, Peru, IN

Al. Miller 210-29-27-31 (138)

Last 4 Sts - \$24,260 1:51 HoP 7/8 24 HoP 15 2 2 2 \$127,095 24 Tot 15 2 6 2 \$131,095
 1:51 HoP 7/8 23 HoP 9 2 1 4 \$94,405 23 Tot 11 4 2 2 \$102,761
 22 HoP 0 0 0 0 - Life 26 6 8 4 \$231,666

25 Oct24	13HoP	fst55	26	:55	1:24	1:51	CrCity-3C	55000	3	2 ^h _d	2 ² ₁	3 ² ₁	3 ¹ ₁	4 ¹ ₁	JaCross	AlMiller	26 ¹	29 ²	29 ²	26 ³	1:51 ³	98		L14.10	PlayActnP DaleYeah TeImtrts	-9
11 Oct24	14HoP	fst61	27	:54	1:22	1:50	D-SuperFin3C	25000	7	6 ¹ ₆	6 ⁰ ₈	7 ⁰ ₆	7 ⁰ ₄	8 ⁷ ₇	JaCross	AlMiller	30 ²	26	27	27	1:52	101		L30.20	Nobles DaleYeah TeImtrts	-9
4 Oct24	8HoP	fst69	26	:55	1:23	1:50	ISS-3C-LG8	50500	6	3 ⁰ ₂	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	3 ² ₁	JaCross	AlMiller	26 ³	28 ³	27 ⁴	27 ³	1:50 ³	105		L12.00	Sabonis Noblesville MmsBud	-8
20 Sep24	11HoP	fst71	26	:55	1:24	1:50	D-Jennas	115000	4	3 ¹ ₁	3 ³ ₁	2 ⁰ ₁	2 ⁰ ₁	2 ⁰ ₁	JaCross	AlMiller	26 ³	29 ²	28 ¹	26 ¹	1:50 ²	107		L11.60	Sabonis HwInthSs MmsBud	-9
13 Sep24	8HoP	fst74	27	:55	1:22	1:49	D-HOOSIERCUP	75000	7	2 ² ₁	3 ⁴ ₁	3 ⁵ ₁	4 ⁷ ₁	2 ¹ ₁	PeWrenn	AlMiller	27 ²	28 ³	27 ⁴	26	1:49	107		L25.70	Sabonis MmsBud DaleYeah	-7
6 Sep24	12HoP	fst60	26	:55	1:24	1:51	H-Cup Elm	15000	5	1 ⁰ ₁	1 ² ₁	1 ² ₁	1 ² ₁	1 ¹ ₁	PeWrenn	AlMiller	26 ¹	29 ³	28 ⁴	26 ³	1:51	102		L*7.00	MmsBud MldhtrHc AlwEndvr	-7

5 PLAY ACTION PASS(L)

31:50.3 (1) \$4,210 HOOSIER \$50,000

10-1 **M. Oosting** 1058-126-126-137 (119)

b g 3, by Jk Endofanera, Cinnamon Girl by Rocknroll Hanover
 Douglas S Overhiser, New Smyrna Beach, FL Fac Racing LLC, Scarsdale, NY

Me. Essig 438-76-70-65 (174)

Last 4 Sts - \$49,060 1:50.3 HoP 7/8 24 HoP 19 3 4 2 \$86,750 24 Tot 21 3 4 4 \$88,410
 1:54.3 HoP 7/8 23 HoP 10 1 4 1 \$100,845 23 Tot 10 1 4 1 \$122,845
 22 HoP 0 0 0 0 - Life 31 4 4 5 \$191,255

25 Oct24	13HoP	fst55	26	:55	1:24	1:51	CrCity-3C	55000	5	8 ⁸ ₈	8 ⁸ ₈	6 ⁵ ₁	6 ² ₁	1 ⁰ ₁	MIoosting	MeEssig	27 ⁴	29 ¹	28 ³	26	1:51 ³	101		L18.80	PlayActnP DaleYeah TeImtrts	-9
18 Oct24	12HoP	fst49	26	:55	1:23	1:50	Pegasus-3C	25000	1	4 ⁴ ₁	4 ³ ₁	3 ⁰ ₃	2 ¹ ₁	3 ³ ₁	AMerrim	MeEssig	27 ²	28 ¹	28 ¹	27 ²	1:51	102		L6.60	Endofstry RacngPlt PlayActnP	-6
11 Oct24	15HoP	fst61	26	:55	1:23	1:50	D-SS-Cons3C	50000	6	1 ⁰ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	1 ¹ ₁	2 ^h _d	YaGingras	MeEssig	26 ³	28 ⁴	27 ⁴	27 ²	1:50 ³	105		L*8.80	LnsTrble PlayActnP Bttbr	-10
4 Oct24	9HoP	fst65	26	:55	1:23	1:49	ISS-3C-LG8	50500	4	1 ² ₁	1 ² ₁	1 ² ₁	1 ² ₁	3 ^h _d	MIoosting	MeEssig	26 ¹	28 ⁴	28	26 ³	1:49 ³	110		L11.70	MartZely DaleYeah PlayActnP	-8
19 Sep24	18Del	fst85	26	:54	1:21	1:51	JUG ELIM	50000	6	7 ^h _d	7 ^h _d	7 ^h _d	7 ^h _d	7 ^h _d	DeDunn	BrBrown	27 ²	28 ³	27 ⁴	26	1:57	70		L32.60	CaptnsOrt TlSmrg LgndryHw	-7
13 Sep24	8HoP	fst74	27	:54	1:22	1:49	D-HOOSIERCUP	75000	6	8 ¹ ₃	8 ¹ ₅	8 ¹ ₅	8 ¹ ₅	8 ¹ ₅	DeDunn	BrBrown	29 ³	28 ³	26 ⁴	25 ⁴	1:50 ⁴	103		L35.30	Sabonis MmsBud DaleYeah	-9

6 STAT THAT

31:50.1 (7/8) \$5,054 HOOSIER \$5,000

20-1 **Leva, Miller** 747-60-82-85 (080)

b c 3, by Check Six, Rockin Songbird by Rockin Image
 Derek J Lehman, Topeka, IN

Su. Miller 3009-27-47-37 (087)

Last 4 Sts - \$18,540 1:50.1 HoP 7/8 24 HoP 14 1 2 2 \$75,155 24 Tot 17 1 4 2 \$85,910
 1:51.4 HoP 7/8 23 HoP 9 2 1 1 \$65,260 23 Tot 9 1 2 1 \$87,739
 22 HoP 0 0 0 0 - Life 26 2 6 3 \$173,709

Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands sparks strong handle

Last weekend, Oct. 25-26, at The Meadowlands, when it came to coronating a Horse of the Year, very likely a Driver of the Year, and, for good measure, establishing an all-time event handle record, it did indeed “All Come Down to the Breeders Crown.”

The Breeders Crown’s 12 championship events over the two nights – 2-year-olds on Friday and 3-year-olds and older horses on Saturday – were seen by an international television audience on Fox Sports, completing a season where many of harness racing’s biggest events were broadcast to huge audiences.

“Standardbred racing’s greatest stars put on an incredible show and an international audience got to see it all on Fox Sports,” said Big M Chief Operating Officer and General Manager Jason Settle-moir. “Judging by the numbers, it’s a good bet that new people are starting to watch and wager on the most popular signal in nighttime racing.”

“The Breeders Crown events at The Meadowlands were a success on every metric,” said Hambletonian Society Chief Executive Officer and President John Campbell. “The racing was championship level throughout the weekend and that was reflected in the tremendous wagering we had on both Friday and Saturday.”

Campbell, the leading driver in Crown history with 48 victories, was recognizing the record number of dollars poured into the pools during Crown weekend.

All-source handle on the 14-race Saturday (Oct. 26) card totaled \$4,356,475. Since the four races on Friday and eight on Saturday format went into existence, The Meadowlands total of \$7,372,478 in 2021 had stood as the standard.

Until this year.

When you add Friday’s (Oct. 25) total wager of \$3,369,424 to Saturday’s action, you get the new mark of \$7,725,899, an average per race of \$275,924 for the weekend’s 28 total dashes.

When you look only at Breeders Crown races, the numbers are more

impressive. On Friday night, the four Crown events took in \$1,397,037, an average of \$349,259.

Saturday’s eight BC dashes saw handle total \$3,135,925, for an average of \$391,990.

Thus, Breeders Crown betting totaled \$4,532,962 over the two nights, an average per race of \$377,746. For perspective, if the average per race is \$377,746 for a 14-race card, the total handle would be \$5.28 million.

The betting was remarkably consistent throughout, as only once did Crown wagering last weekend fail to reach \$300,000, while just three times it exceeded \$400,000.

“We commend and thank The Meadowlands for all of their effort and execution in putting on a championship weekend,” said Campbell. “Everywhere you looked, people were having fun and enjoying the very best that Standardbred racing has to offer.”

ONE MORE HUGE NIGHT:

The Meadowlands is known for its big-event days, and with the Breeders Crown added to the mix this year, The Big M has already played host to Meadowlands Pace Night, Hambletonian Day and the Crown.

The last of the “Fab 2024” takes place on Saturday, Nov. 30, on Fall Final Four/FanDuel Championships Night.

Here are the eight major events that will take place that evening (with estimated purses that total \$2.65 million):

- \$400,000 Governor’s Cup (2YOC&GP)
- \$400,000 Three Diamonds (2YOFP)
- \$400,000 Valley Victory (2YOC>)
- \$400,000 Goldsmith Maid (2YOFT)
- \$350,000 FanDuel Open Pace
- \$350,000 FanDuel Open Trot
- \$175,000 FanDuel Open Mare Pace
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Southwind Amazon equals modern era record for career wins

“Step aside Niffit!” exclaimed track announcer Kenny Livengood as Southwind Amazon tied the all-age modern era record for wins at 137 on Tuesday (Oct. 29) at MGM Northfield Park.

Southwind Amazon (Justin Irvine), a 14-year-old gelded son of Camluck, began his racing career in 2012, and after a slow start to his career, it was at age five that the gelding started to blossom.



DIANE WISE

Southwind Amazon picked up the 137th win of his long career on Tuesday night at MGM Northfield Park.

Purchased for \$30,000 in February 2016, and given to trainer Paul Holzman, he quickly turned heads with a spine-tingling 1:49 2/5 performance just five starts into his tenure with his new connections.

Throughout much of 2024, Southwind Amazon has been chasing Niffit's record and on Tuesday, piloted by young Justin Irvine, the gelding got the job done in 1:54 4/5.

I'm A Skoldier (Chris Lems) got the jump on Southwind Amazon into the initial turn, but Irvine pushed the son of Camluck to the lead entering the backstretch, looking to control the pace while arriving at the quarter in a swift 26 4/5.

Irvine backed the pace down in the second quarter and hit the half in 56 1/5, but as they entered the backstretch White Hair Rocks (Keith Kash Jr.) tipped to the outside. That towed along Honali (Hunter Myers), as the pair tried to start a bid on Southwind Amazon, who continued to cruise on the front-end past three-quarters in 1:25.

Turning for home Irvine implored Southwind Amazon for more, and he cruised to an impressive record-tying victory, winning by 2 1/4 lengths.

“We have been waiting for so long for this moment, I can't explain how happy we all are for Southwind Amazon,” said an emotional Holzman. “I can't put my emotions into words, all day I felt it could be the day.”

22-year-old Justin Irvine has had a lot of firsts this year, including driving in his first Grand Circuit event, but he said that helping the connections earn this achievement is one of the top moments of this year.

“I'm thrilled for these guys. I'm extremely thankful for the opportunity to drive such a nice horse,” said Irvine.

Southwind Amazon is owned by Ameer Najor of West Bloomfield, Michigan, and the victory pushed his career earnings to \$1,496,374.

“Going to the track with my dad when I was young, I never thought I would have a horse like this. I'm so thankful,” said Holzman.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

RACE 1

(4) THAT DOG WILL HUNT drew much better tonight than he has in his last two tries and was victorious in this class back on October 3.

-Greg Reinhart



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

RACE 7

You can't see it in her PP lines but (3) PHELGON won her last start in this class and has a number of good performances here versus similar company. I'll probably take my chances and single her in the Pick 4 for a barn that was perfect in two starts here last weekend.

-Derick Givner



RACE 5

(5) TWIN B TIPSTER gets more aggressive when she races at this level, and she gets top billing on the class drop here.

-Garnet Barnsdale



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

RACE 12

(8) FALLOUT just missed by a neck in the Breeders Crown. He should toast this field and eat them for breakfast.

-Givner



FULL CARD ANALYSIS / PAST PERFORMANCES

Freehold Analysis	Friday
Meadowlands Analysis	Friday Saturday
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FREE PPS

NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

DR. J STALLION MANAGEMENT ADDS FOUR EXCITING STALLIONS

Four new stallions will enter the market in 2025 under the banner of Dr. J Stallion Management.

Captain Albano p, 3, 148 1/5 \$1,320,023, Dan Patch 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year in 2023 and the favorite to capture divisional honors again in 2024, will stand the 2025 breeding season at Blue Chip Farms in Wallkill, NY for a service fee of \$8,500.

Sig Sauer 3,1:49 3/5 \$1,151.32, the likely choice for 2024 Dan Patch 3-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year, is the winner of nine of 15 lifetime starts. He will stand in Pennsylvania at Hanover Shoe Farms for a service fee of \$8,000. Shares in this exciting young stallion will be sold.

It's Academic 1:50 1/5 \$2,640,323, the World Champion and 2023 Dan Patch Older Trotting Horse of the Year, is a gold standard for consistency and honesty. It's Academic will stand the 2025 breeding season at Tara Hills Stud in Port Perry, Ontario, His 2025 service fee will be \$6,000 CAD and multiple mare discounts will be available.

Hellabalou p,1:48 3/5f \$1,475,821, another from the Ron Burke barn and an iron-tough son of super-sire Sweet Lou out of the Rocknroll Hanover mare Magestic Blue Chip, will stand the 2025 breeding season at Pedigree Point Stables in Etna Green, Indiana for a service fee of \$4,000.

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TWIN B JOE FRESH SOLIDIFIES HOLD ON NO. 1

Breeders Crown champion Twin B Joe Fresh solidified her hold on No. 1 in the Week 20 Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll released Tuesday while Maryland, Sig Sauer, Winner's Bet, and My Girl EJ all improved their positions thanks to Crown victories.

Twin B Joe Fresh received 32 first-place votes and saw her advantage over retired No. 2 Jiggy Jog S increase from 32 points last week to 63 points this week, the largest margin for a No. 1-ranked horse this season. Twin B Joe Fresh has held the poll's top spot for 16 consecutive weeks.

Two-year-old male trotter Maryland, who is the sport's richest horse following his Breeders Crown triumph, moved from sixth to third in the rankings. Idle Chantilly remained fourth while Sig Sauer vaulted from eighth to fifth.

Captain Albano and Nijinsky, who finished third and second, respectively, in the Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male pacers, dropped to sixth and seventh in the poll. Crown champs Winner's Bet and My Girl EJ moved into the Top 10 at eighth and ninth while retired Karl was No. 10, one point ahead of Crown-winning 3-year-old colt pacer Mirage Hanover.

The Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll 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.

Rank	Name (1st Votes)	Age/Sex/Gait	Record	Earnings	Points	Pvs
1	Twin B Joe Fresh (32)	4mp	12-10-2-0	\$827,062	347	1
2	Jiggy Jog S (3)	5mt	6-6-0-0	\$934,188	284	2
3	Maryland	2ct	8-5-1-1	\$1,145,378	243	6
4	Chantilly	2fp	9-9-0-0	\$560,315	203	4
5	Sig Sauer	3ct	10-5-0-1	\$871,812	171	8
6	Captain Albano	3cp	15-9-1-3	\$874,343	153	3
7	Nijinsky	3cp	14-10-3-0	\$1,052,920	111	5
8	Winner's Bet	4ht	11-8-0-0	\$729,254	104	--
9	My Girl EJ	3fp	16-9-4-1	\$745,663	77	--
10	Karl	3ct	13-9-1-1	\$1,004,089	65	7

ALSO: Mirage Hanover 64; Call Me Goo 31; Louprint 20; Legendary Hanover 11; R Melina 9; Fallout, Rocket Deo 6; Coach Stefanos, Little Rocket Man, Logan Park, Miki And Minnie 3; Greenspan, Gruesome Twosome 2; Abuckabett Hanover, Direction, Its A Love Thing, Shark Week 1.

-Ken Weingartner

PER ENGBLOM JOINS LIST OF TRAINERS WITH 1,000 CAREER TRIUMPHS

Trainer Per Engblom sent out two winners on Monday night at MGM Yonkers Raceway, with the second of those victories being the 1,000th of his career.

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WALLY HENNESSEY SURPASSES \$80 MILLION IN CAREER EARNINGS

Wally Hennessey added another line to his resume on Monday (Oct. 28) afternoon at Saratoga Casino Hotel after he went past the \$80 million mark in career driving earnings.

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MGM GRAND PRIX TROTTING SERIES RESUMES FRIDAY AT YONKERS

Two \$75,000 divisions of the second leg of the MGM Grand Prix Trotting Series will go behind the gate on Friday night (November 1) at MGM Yonkers Raceway.

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BADLANDS HANOVER RETIRED FROM STALLION DUTY

Badlands Hanover, p, 2, 1:50z (\$754,772), has been retired from standing at Winbak Farm of Delaware.

"Badlands Hanover is one of my favorite stallions that we have ever stood," said Joe Thomson, Winbak Farm Owner. "His offspring won many stakes and helped pay the bills for many."

The World Champion son of Western Hanover is the #1 pacing sire for Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund Final winners.

At 2, Badlands Hanover won the Breeders Crown elimination and Final, Niatross Pace, Bluegrass Stakes, Keystone Classic, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes leg and Governors Cup elimination. He was second in the Woodrow Wilson Pace elimination (third in Final). At 3, he won a leg of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes. He was second in the Jug preview, Adios Stakes elimination and Meadowlands Pace elimination. At 4, he won the Governor's Cup elimination and Final.

He was trained by Joe Holloway and Jeffrey Smith during his career. "Badlands Hanover retired as the fastest 2-year-old pacer ever," said Jack Burke, Winbak Farm General Manager. "He set a World Record winning the Breeders Crown Final at Colonial."

The first Badlands Hanover foals were born in 2001. Badlands Hanover stood his first Delaware season in 2001 at Winbak Farm of Delaware, moved to Winbak Farm of Canada in 2009, and later returned to Winbak Farm of Delaware in 2018.

"We would like to give a special thank you to everyone who supported Badlands Hanover during his career," said Thomson. "He had many fans but was probably most loved by John Celli, who owned him while he was racing and while he stood at stud until 2018 when Celli passed away."

As a sire, Badlands Hanover averages \$82,492 earnings per starter. He is the sire of 860 race winners in North America and 263 who earned \$100,000 or more. Badlands Hanover offspring have earned \$84,162,955 in North America. He is the sire of three Millionaires in North America, including Tug River Princess, p, 1:49 3/5 (\$1,830,155), Badlands Nitro, p, 3, 1:50f (\$1,597,638), and Mr Wiggles, p, 3, 1:49 1/5f (\$1,171,484). Tug River Princess is the richest pacer ever in the Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund in 22 years.

Badlands Hanover has sired multiple stallions including Badlands Nitro, Mr Wiggles and Delmarvalous, p, 3, 1:48 2/5 (\$899,123), who all sired stakes winners. Mr Wiggles is the sire of Harness Racing Hall of Fame inductee Mr Wiggles, p, 1:47 2/5 (\$3,945,839).

Badlands Hanover will continue to reside at Winbak Farm of Delaware. "He will have the best of care during his retirement and continue to be one of the most loved horses at Winbak Farm," said Burke.

-edited release (Winbak Farm)