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By Jay Bergman X [BergmanJay](#)

"I knew he was coming down."

That's how driver Braxten Boyd described his mindset during a long inquiry that would eventually decide the outcome of the 2025 Meadowlands Pace. Though just 25 years old, Boyd has plenty of experience and he knew what he had just gone through attempting to bring Madden Oaks to the finish line first in the last quarter mile.

"He panicked," said Boyd describing Todd McCarthy's course change behind Prince Hal Hanover that would inevitably put a wheel in contact with Madden Oaks, force Boyd to check up thwarting his obvious momentum, and put the results in the hands of the Judges instead of the photo finish camera.

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-Jay Bergman

Certainly, the results of The Meadowlands Pace deserved a long inquiry and thanks to modern technology the betting public as well as horsemen got numerous chances to view what the Judges were looking at. While nearly everything in our society tends to be up for debate, I find it impossible to conclude that McCarthy wasn't guilty of trying to squeeze Boyd off the race-track and eliminate his opportunity to pass. To Boyd's credit, he never crossed inside of a pylon for room and kept a straight course for Madden Oaks in the process. Prince Hal Hanover on the

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2025 Meadowlands Pace screen shots starting with early stretch and progressing through mid-stretch. Leader Prince Hal Hanover starts in about the 2.5 path and ends partially in the one path that Madden Oaks is trying to access.



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other hand had drifted wide, with some estimates concluding he was in the three-path at head-stretch. McCarthy moved his horse closer to the rail in quick order, but Boyd had already established a lane for himself and would find the going tighter and tighter as Prince Hal Hanover and McCarthy struggled to maintain the lead.

Obvious comparisons have been made to the irony that befell trainer Dr. Ian Moore, who in 2021 had his Lawless Shadow elevated to the top spot when Charlie May was taken down for an alleged incident that had nothing to do with Lawless Shadow. In the 2025 edition the best two horses were involved in a spirited duel and only a course change by Moore's Prince Hal Hanover prevented Madden Oaks from rightfully crossing the wire first. There should be no asterisk or court proceeding required to confirm that notion.

"I was going to win the race a million percent," said Boyd on Sunday (July 13) when asked.

Boyd's experience in major races over the last month has helped elevate his stature in the sport and he has clearly shown the maturity to handle the moment. His drive in The Meadowlands Pace was every bit as good if not better than how he handled Madden Oaks in a slim loss last month to Louprint in the North America Cup.

"I didn't want to keep rolling after a 26 first quarter," said Boyd. "That's why I was happy when Todd regained. I knew those were the two best horses in the race."

Boyd marveled at Madden Oaks' progress from a lightly-raced 2-year-old to an improving yet still learning sophomore that perhaps has just hinted at what kind of greatness lay ahead for this Cameron Capone-trained son of Huntsville.

In just two short months Madden Oaks has elevated his game from a second-place finish in non-winners of 2 at Tioga Downs on May 17 to the winner's circle on the sport's biggest stage this past Saturday night in The Meadowlands Pace.

While Louprint recovers and hopes to regain top form later this year, Madden Oaks has clearly arrived at the top of the sophomore class. That's undeniable from what we have witnessed on the sport's biggest stages.



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Prince Hal Hanover (4) and Madden Oaks come through the stretch together in the Meadowlands Pace.

While McCarthy had to lose a big one in The Meadowlands Pace, his future looks bright sitting behind Go Dog Go, who powered past Maryland in a Stanley Dancer division and put himself in a top-three position heading into the Hambletonian eliminations slated for July 26. What's fascinating about this year's build-up to the 100th edition of the sport's signature race is that all the preps give indication that trainers and drivers are waiting until the big day to let all the strategy and horsepower play out.

None of the preliminary stakes have been battles. All have been gentlemanly like affairs with the best horses not tested until the final quarter mile sprints.

The undefeated Fashion Green returned to action at Harrah's Philadelphia on Friday (July 11) to win for just the second time this year in

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a career-best 1:52 3/5 clocking. The Jim Campbell-trained son of Green-shoe could give that sire a big one-two punch in the Hambletonian along with Go Dog Go.

Elista Hanover was brilliant in her mile and one-eighth dominating performance in the Hambletonian Maturity. That said, it's hard to imagine that she really trotted through a 25 1/5 first quarter-of-a-mile. A 1:49 3/5 mile time in advance of the 2:03 final time for the one and one-eighths mile contest would be incredible if accurate.

Fresh off his induction into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame, trainer Chris Ryder saw his pair of female pacers recapture the aura that may have been lost slightly by recent defeats. Twin B Joe Fresh caught her conqueror Sylvia Hanover's attention, wandering at the half-mile pole to circle that mare and go on to her second straight Dorothy Haughton title. Driver Tim Tetrick tried to revive Sylvia Hanover, but she couldn't shift gears fast enough and would be chasing her rival at a distance the final quarter. Ryder's sophomore filly Miki And Minnie was outkicked by Rodeo Drive Deo in a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes on June 21 at Pocono. In Saturday's Jerry Silverman Memorial, David Miller drove Rodeo Drive Deo as if he thought she was the best of the two sophomore fillies.



JESSICA HALLETT/DRF HARNESS

Trainer Annie Stoebe & owner Lynn Curry (left and center) were all smiles after the win by Elista Hanover in the Hambletonian Maturity.

When Miller pulled the pocket on Miki And Minnie, driver Dexter Dunn set the daughter of Always B Miki in motion and she powered home in a 25 4/5 final quarter to separate herself in another dominant performance.

It was refreshing to see an abundance of quality performances by Meadowlands media as they canvassed the backstretch and winner's circle throughout the evening. Jessica Otten did yeoman's work following drivers off the racetrack and into the winner's circle. Otten has mastered capturing the moving target and

posing meaningful questions to the drivers for the Fox Sports audiences.

John Rallis has been a persistent force when speaking with drivers or trainers in the paddock or winner's circle. What I find especially engaging about Rallis' style is that he comes with a wealth of obviously researched information about specific horses and asks direct questions of the trainers about equipment changes that could be crucial to the betting public. I must believe his informative questions are a breath of fresh air to trainers likely bored from the same old questions week-in week-out.

Greg Blanchard is a pro's pro whether hosting or interviewing and an incredible asset whenever he arrives in New Jersey to assist in a broadcast.

I was a bit disappointed in one interview held following the E.T. Gerry Jr. Hambletonian Maturity with winning conditioner Annie Stoebe. Her 4-year-old mare Elista Hanover just completed a stakes record-setting performance turning back a dozen rivals. Elista Hanover worked hard to clear the lead and made a second move on her way to a dominating performance in the mile and one-eighth contest. It was a defining moment in Stoebe's career as she's trained the mare for three years and co-owns

Instead of focusing on the victory, the trainer herself or the horse's performance, Stoebe was repeatedly asked about the horse racing on the front end as opposed to coming from off the pace, as if she had something to do with driver David Miller's strategy that worked seamlessly behind the betting favorite.

Interviewing people is a dynamic skill that requires thinking on the fly and under pressure. It is certainly easy to get lost in the moment or get caught up on one particular point and perhaps that is what happened here.

From *handicapper* to Med Pace-winning *owner*

Story and Photo By Derick Gwerner

While it may seem like the same people show up in the winner's circle constantly, Saturday's (July 12) Meadowlands Pace provided new faces and storylines which drive home the point that anyone can taste stakes success. For owner Paul Kautz, it was the experience of a lifetime watching his Madden Oaks finish second but then get placed first in the \$656,000 race.

"This was insane," said Kautz, who owns Madden Oaks with Samir Tawil, Alexander Henn and Nathan Fullmer. "The longer that the inquiry stayed up the more I felt they were going to change it."

But the Kautz's ownership storyline actually started some seven years prior when Rachel Ryan, Meadowlands Director of Marketing and Events, put him on the right path.



Owner Paul Kautz and Meadowlands' Rachel Ryan.

"I was doing the [live] handicapping contest and I got to know her," said Kautz of Ryan. "She was very nice to me, my wife had passed away the day after Christmas in 2018 and she helped me get through that even though she didn't know it. I eventually asked her if she could help get me involved in harness racing. She set me up with [Meadowlands winner's circle and event host] Gary [Dileo] and that's how it started."

The journey from horse number one to the Meadowlands Pace winner's circle was far from easy for Kautz. From 2019 to 2022 he owned or co-owned horses that started in 382 races and registered just 18 total wins (4.7% win rate). His earnings per start was just \$540. Then fate intervened.

"I had a couple of trainers that weren't so great and one night Cameron [Capone] called me," said Kautz about Madden Oaks' trainer. "I had a horse at the time named Magritte, who in 2023 won five in a row. He called me before that streak when the horse was doing terrible and said 'Paul, I can make that horse win.' He had no real barn at the time but I said let's try it. We took him to Freehold and he won. Then we brought him to The Meadowlands and he won four in a row. That's how it started."

Kautz's fortunes certainly changed from that point forward. From 2023 to mid-July 2025 he has won 77 races from 486 starters (15.8%) and seen his earnings per start grow to \$1,604. Of course much of those earnings have come courtesy of Madden Oaks, a \$50,000 yearling purchase at Harrisburg that was second in the \$740,000 North America Cup prior to his Meadowlands Pace victory.

"I don't have a gazillion dollars. It was a big gamble for me," said Kautz about investing in Madden Oaks and racing in general. "Now it could be life changing."

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Potential is there for three Hambletonian elimination fields



EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner ✉ @harnesseveguy

In just a few short days horses will be entered for the 100th Hambletonian. As officials plan for a day that we'll remember forever, the current crop of 3-year-olds is shaping up to deliver a show of their own, with a handful of legitimate upper-echelon contenders followed closely by a number of fringe players with just enough innate ability to break through on North America's biggest Standardbred stage.

After a quick glance over the 95 colts and geldings eligible to enter the Hambletonian elimination set for Saturday, July 26 at The Meadowlands, I felt reasonably confident that we will see somewhere between 18 and 22 horses seeking to plop down the \$15,000 necessary to compete. Of course, that wasn't good enough and I had to dig deeper. So, I searched every eligible horse to see how they were racing to make a more informed determination on how many horses we could see in the elimination round.

My research revealed 33 total horses that could conceivably declare to the Hambletonian prior to the 9:00 a.m. deadline on July 22. The original number was 34 but trainer Jim Campbell confirmed that the speedy yet erratic Mr Walner Fashion wouldn't be ready in time. Of course many of the horses on my list are much more likely to enter than others. Following my homework session the new working theory is that 16-18 horses are definite to enter, another four to six are likely and then, who knows?

Let's take a look at the possibilities:

THE UPPER TIER

EMOTICON LEGACY – He is perfect in three starts and owns stakes wins in the Goodtimes and Zweig. The Luc Blais trainee has done nothing wrong.

SUPER CHAPTER – He is undefeated in 2025! The argument can be made that he hasn't been tested but you can only beat the horses who are entered against you.

MARYLAND – Always a bridesmaid and never a bride so far in three starts for him, though you can't help but feel like they haven't pulled out all the stops yet and the only race that matters is the Hambletonian.

GO DOG GO – Three starts and three wins this year, including besting Maryland last time in the Stanley Dancer with a 1:50 4/5 mile. He may have the fastest burst of speed in the group.

MONSERRATE – Had no chance of beating Super Chapter in the Dancer after that one raced on an uncontested lead. Still, he took a major step forward by finishing second in a 1:50 4/5 mile.

ON THE CUSP

FASHION GREEN – Son of Greenshoe is undefeated in six career starts and stepped up to win a PASS last time at Philly in 1:52 3/5. Jim Campbell trains this untested yet clearly talented gelding.

GAP KRONOS S – Was just fifth in the Dancer but that hardly seemed like his "A" effort. I expect much more for the Hambletonian elimination.

MAXIMUS MEARAS S – Made his 2025 debut in the Stanley Dancer and dropped two seconds off his qualifier while finishing fourth. He has some catching up to do but the task is not insurmountable.

ONAJETPLANE – He was second in the NJSS final but has yet to take

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the step to the next level. He'll get a chance to pick up some confidence in the Tompkins-Geers on Saturday at The Meadowlands.

MR MOUTON – He is lightly raced but certainly showed he belongs last time with a 1:52 2/5 win at The Meadowlands. With just four career starts his future is still very bright.

NORDIC CATCHER S – Ake Svanstedt charge has proven he can chase and keep up with any of these but needs to find that next gear to succeed on the first Saturday in August.

LANDING ON TIME – Was third in the Goodtimes behind Emoticon Legacy and recently blew out a 1:51 1/5 win for trainer Rick Zeron at Mohawk Park. That seemed like a statement mile that says he's ready for more.

THE ROGUE PRINCE – This guy was under the radar until a recent 1:51 2/5 victory at Pocono Downs on July 14. He's now won two of three starts on the year and seems ready to test the best.

FRINGE PLAYERS

GALEN ERSO – Erratic colt has dealt with breaking problems but also displayed enough ability to be considered. On Wednesday (July 16) at Grand River he was used early, settled in third, brushed to the front and gamely held off the 3-5 chalk in a 1:54 1/5 statement mile.

GRANDE VIA – Not sure I expect him to show up in the eliminations but it wouldn't be a surprise either. He has competed with others on this list favorably this year.

HIDALGO – Was fourth in the Dancer and really hasn't stepped forward yet in 2025. Maybe trainer Ron Burke has a few tricks up his sleeve (removing shoes, etc.) to get this guy to step up.

MESHUGGAH – Finished third in the Zweig but made a break last time. He needs to behave and find more speed to compete in the eliminations.

TOP GUN HANOVER – Was second behind Hidalgo in the NJSS final on June 13 but hasn't fared as well since. The barn is struggling at 0-for-25 over the last four weeks at The Meadowlands and 2-for-43 since June 1, so it is hard to know if we've seen the best of him lately.



TRAVOLTA HANOVER – He has gone the wrong way after some success earlier in the year. He'll need to turn things around Saturday at The Meadowlands to earn his ticket.

VARIEGATED – Has been second behind Chat Room and Super Chapter so far this year. On the surface that makes him a fit, but his Dancer effort was poor. It is probably more likely that we don't see him in the Hambo.

GO AHEAD MAKEMYDAY – This is one of those horses where you see the ability is there but he's his own worst enemy and perhaps too aggressive at times. His last effort was one of his best and he's entered on Saturday at The Meadowlands.

CHAT ROOM – Won the Empire Breeders Classic but wasn't able to drop enough time to compete in the Zweig. He's in-to-go at The Meadowlands on Saturday to get one final prep.

BLANK – Third behind Super Chapter and Monserrate in the Dancer. Trainer Marcus Melander needs to find a couple more seconds in him.

GIMPANZEE DANCER – He owns a 1:52 1/5 win at The Meadows and that alone says he might be deserving, but he couldn't make any noise in Kentucky Sire Stakes action.



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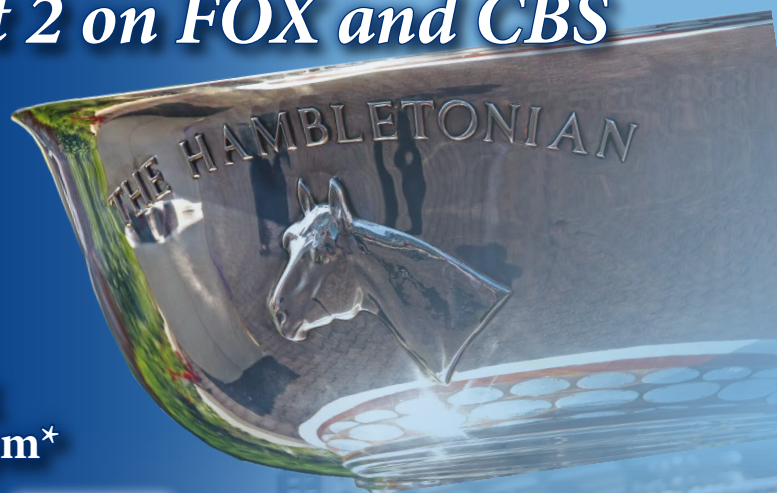
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Youth served in Meadowlands Pace

Most everyone remembers their teenage years and early twenties – a time when everything is coming together and you're figuring out where you want to be and what you want to do. Yet, when you've grown up in the harness racing industry and you get bit by "the bug", your plan is pretty much mapped out for you with every career in harness racing revolving around the same thing: the horses.

For Cameron Capone, Morgan Paquet and Braxten Boyd – the kids of generations of harness horsemen – their path was destined for harness racing and so, everything led them up to the eve of Saturday, July 12 in the winner's circle at Meadowlands Racetrack in one of the most prestigious races, the Meadowlands Pace.

Trainer Cameron Capone's story in harness racing dates back to birth as he stems from a generational family in the business. On June 14, Capone secured a second-place finish by a nose in the prestigious North America Cup in Canada. Six days later, he turned 26 and three weeks after that, he was raising the Meadowlands Pace trophy above his head in celebration.



JESSICA HALLETT

Meadowlands Pace winning driver Braxten Boyd.

Madden Oaks, a 3-year-old son of Huntsville and the Bettor's Delight mare Hard Eight, was a \$50,000 purchase out of the Harrisburg Sale as a yearling for owners Samir Tawil, Paul Kautz, Alexander Henn and Nathan Fuller.

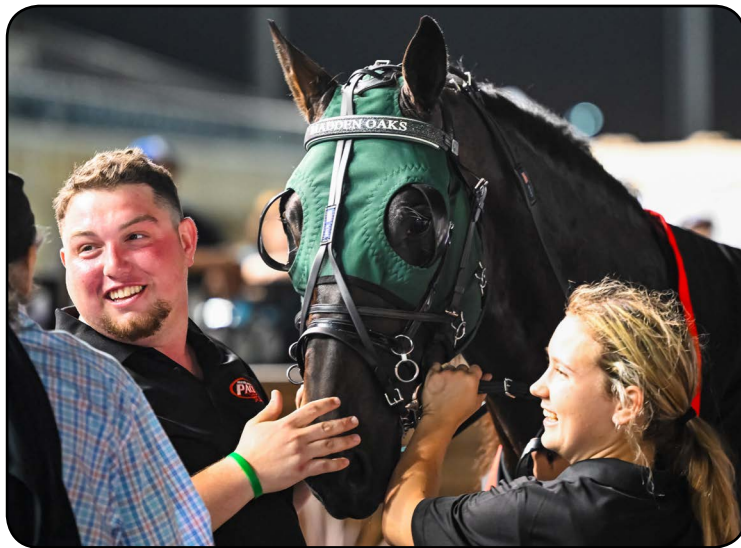
"We bought Madden Oaks out of Harrisburg, got the partners to all buy a piece. We had a price range and we stayed under it. In the long run we could have bought the filly we wanted, too, who turned out to be The Last Martini," Cameron recalled. "How we got the horse was crazy though. We liked Huntsvilles because the two we bought did good, so we decided to look at Harrisburg and watch all the Huntsvilles, pick our favorites, and keep within the budget.

"My mom had a high school reunion so my parents ended up going a few days before because it was in Harrisburg and they took a ride over to look at the few. My dad looked at Madden first and he was mesmerized and told me we have to buy this horse, I'm just going to focus on him. Then he went back to the sale and bought him a few days later. It really is such a cool story and even crazier that we only bought one baby and he turned out to be this."

The team behind Madden Oaks and Madden himself really put themselves on the map with the performance out of post 10 at the C\$1 million

"I was involved in horses since the day I was born as my grandfather and father both trained. I was in a jog cart as early as 2 years old on my old man's lap and when I was about six or seven, Steve Elliott took me in the bike with him. I smiled the whole time and came back with a mouth full of dirt. I was in the race bike when I was 10 and always knew I loved it and was most likely going to do it for a living," Cameron said. "I was working alongside my father for my whole life, learning from him. I came home from school and claimed a horse with my dad and the rest was history from there."

Cameron got his first win in May 2022 at Freehold Raceway with Madame Leza A. Since 2022, he has amassed \$1.5 million in career training earnings and is closing in on 100 training wins with his career best year to date, already doubling his stats from 2024 this year.



JESSICA HALLETT

Madden Oaks' trainer Cam Capone (left) and caretaker Morgan Paquet.

North America Cup, getting nosed out at the wire by favored Louprint.

"I never thought losing could feel so good. We were so happy for ourselves plus for the horse to finally get some respect that he deserves because he does everything so effortlessly. Then to come back in the Pace and win it, wow, what a moment. It was so surreal and so awesome to do it at the track I would have to call home turf," said Capone, who had to deal with some anxious moments after the Pace concluded. "After the race we were waiting to put in an objection and before we could get on the phone, they already had him flashing and Todd [McCarthy] came directly back

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to the paddock. I figured we were right with all those gut feelings and then it took a very, very long time, so I went back to the stall to check on him. When I did, they announced that we won and it was just a very, very cool feeling.”

Morgan Paquet, at the young age of 18, graduated high school just two weeks prior to post time. She is also a generational horseman with both of her parents and her grandparents as horsemen in the business.

“Growing up, I really wasn’t interested in the racehorses since I was very determined to be successful with the riding horses,” Morgan said. “My grandparents, mom, and dad all have their own stables, so every once in a while I was helping out around the barn and learning new things while still keeping my focus on riding. After moving up to New York, my mom helped get me started on picking up catch paddocks, which led to me falling in love with the thrill of the sport.

“I didn’t always have plans on becoming a caretaker,” Morgan continued. “I kind of just wanted to go the easy route and do catch paddocks. After working a little bit in the Harmon Stable during the 2023 meet at Tioga, I decided I wanted to put a little more focus into the racehorses. I started going on the road to experience different tracks and paddock for different people to see all the ways of doing things.”

Morgan works for Cameron Capone at Tioga Downs and her time is split between the barn and being on the road traveling with horses to stakes races in addition to Madden Oaks’ Grand Circuit adventure.

“I usually take care of eight horses, but that number goes up or down every week depending on which horses are getting turned out or if there are new ones coming in. I try to go on the road as much as possible since we have a great team to hold down the barn when Cameron and/or I are away at another track, but I usually stay behind,” said Morgan. “I never realized the stress of sending your horse off to another track to race and having to trust someone else to do the right thing by your horse until I experienced it for myself after becoming a full-time groom.”

The esteemed Madden Oaks is one of those many horses in Morgan’s care and like her other horses, she knows him and his quirks very well.

“Madden is a very special horse. He is always relaxed, which I think is something that makes him so good. He is never really fired up until he goes to the gate, after that, it’s game on,” said Morgan. “There really isn’t much Madden doesn’t like except being left alone. Whenever you leave him, all he does is paw and make as much noise as possible. He is really a pleasure to be around and take care of overall.”

While the majority of the harness racing population fears the future of the sport, Madden Oaks’ young team demonstrates the strength and potential it has. With an 18-year-old caretaker by his side, 26-year-old trainer calling the shots and 25-year-old driver holding the lines, his own young career has been guided to success thus far by the next generation of horsemen.

“I think us being young is great for the sport. From what I’ve seen so

far on social media, it really excites people to see fresh faces doing so well and opening new doors for everyone on Madden’s team,” Morgan said. “Working with Braxten is refreshing because he is always willing to help and talk about things with all of the horses so we can keep them performing well and make changes as needed. Cameron is also different from any trainer I’ve been around. Instead of telling us to do something, he tries to explain why or ask opinions on his ideas.”

Braxten Boyd rounds out the trio of young guns backing Madden Oaks as the 25-year-old reinsman holds the lines and makes the calls once the horse steps on the track. Braxten is from Michigan with a lifetime in the industry as well.

“My dad has always bred, trained, and raced horses and so growing up, pretty much my entire life, I knew what I was going to do. I knew I was going to be in the business in some sort of capacity, whether it was training or driving or whatever it was – I wasn’t really certain when I was young. I always wanted to be a driver, but you never really know,” Boyd said.

Boyd has proven himself as a rising star in the industry thus far. Before making headlines with Madden Oaks, he won his first driving title at Tioga Downs last year and won the Monticello-Goshen USHA Rising Star Award in 2022 in addition to winning Sires Stakes finals in both New York and Indiana. After a star-studded performance in Ontario on June 14, Boyd was looking forward to the race at The Meadowlands on July 12, but he never expected to have to deal with so much stretch confusion.

“During the inquiry, you know, all I could think is they have to take him down,” said Boyd.

Regardless of the way it happened, Madden Oaks added another win to his seasonal record of now 3-3-2 in eight starts with \$509,067 banked, and Braxten, Cameron, and Morgan notched their first Grand Circuit victory.

“It’s kind of crazy being able to drive a horse that doesn’t really get tired. You know, that’s not usually how it works. And he’s not the easiest horse in the world to drive, but week after week he’s getting better and he’s so intelligent, the horse that is just starting to figure things out. He’s still a lightly raced horse,” said Boyd.

Madden Oaks looks ahead to an adventure on his Grand Circuit path with sights set on the Cane Pace and Breeders Crown.

In addition to being on the road for a lot of races at other tracks including stakes and the Grand Circuit with Madden Oaks, Boyd has a stable of four with his fiancée,

Brandy.

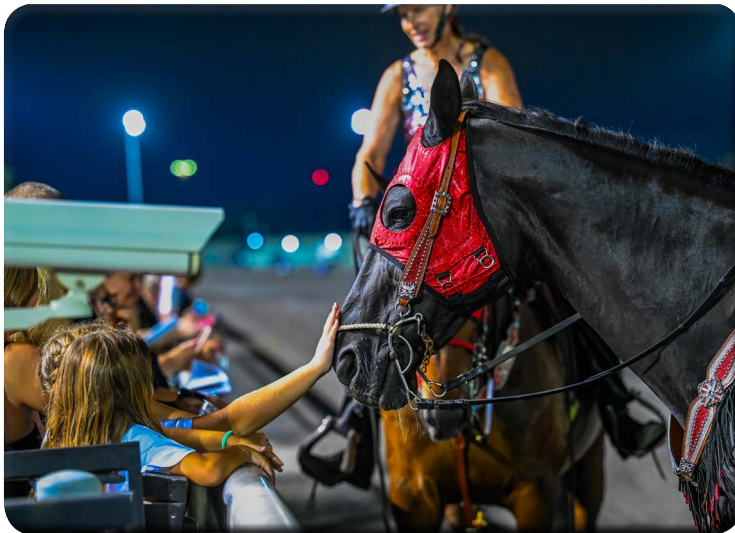
“Luckily, we got somebody who’s been helping us, so I don’t have to go every day, but I try to at least stay on top of it to help her, and Brandy owns three of the four. So, I’m trying to help her the most I can. But lately I haven’t been too good at that because I’ve been so busy. But most of the winters and when I am not as busy, I always tend to show up and try to make sure that we have all the ducks in a row and put the horses on the track. You know, she handles everything in the barn very well,” said Boyd.

Cameron Capone, Morgan Paquet and Braxten Boyd share in a learned lifetime of experience through generations of horsemen in each of their families and now they are taking the harness racing world by storm by mapping out their success on the big stage with Madden Oaks.



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(above) Meadowlands Host and Handicapper Dave Little chats with some kids while (below) others enjoyed the opportunity to pet one of the outrider’s horses.



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Beckwith has a puncher's chance in Sunday's Plainridge stakes

By Jay Bergman

This has all the makings of a career year for young driver Brett Beckwith. The talented pilot has a mount in all three of Sunday's major races on the Spirit of Massachusetts program at Plainridge Park and is driving one of his mom's horses in a race named after his late grandfather, the Bert Beckwith Memorial.

"It's a great card and a great day for racing and the fans at Plainridge," said Beckwith. "You've got horses like Twin B Joe Fresh on the card for people to see in person and of course I'm excited have a horse to drive in all three major stakes."

The biggest race on the afternoon program is the \$250,000 Spirit of Massachusetts (race 9) for the top older trotters in North America and it has drawn a field of nine with Beckwith getting his chance with Air Ferrari J.

"He's such a classy horse and he's great gaited," said Beckwith, describing the 5-year-old son of Walner from the Tony Alagna stable. Beckwith has been Ari Ferrari J's regular pilot this year while racing primarily at The Meadowlands where he won an Open with the stallion in 1:50 1/5, a career-best clocking on June 6.

"He drew a great spot," said Beckwith, a regular on the Plainridge circuit who knows what is needed to win over the five-eighths mile track. "He's got the speed and that's important at this track."

Ari Ferrari J has early speed, but Beckwith suggested he'd be good tracking top horses as well, and that could be necessary on Sunday with the field overloaded with class. Last year's second- and third-place finishers in this race – Chapercraz and Logan Park, respectively – have drawn posts two and three and each are blessed with an abundance of early speed as well.

Chapercraz gets his first good draw in some time for trainer Ron Burke. Logan Park has returned to North America following a trip to Sweden for the Elitlopp and regained winning form for trainer Robert Fellows. The 7-year-old by Archangel has captured consecutive Preferred events at Woodbine Mohawk Park in preparation for his return to Plainridge.

Trainer Marcus Melander has a pair of solid contenders but they didn't draw as well, with Crawford and Cutler Trot champion Periculum in post six and Aetos Kronos S landing post eight.

Trainer Burke will also second out a pair with his Lexus Kody, a 1:50 3/5 winner in his most recent outing at The Meadowlands, starting from post seven.

Ake Svanstedt generally shows up with solid horses for this race each year and this time will be no exception with Up Your Deo (post 1) and Get A Wish DK (post 4) giving him two solid chances.

Beckwith noted the appearance of Twin B Joe Fresh on the program and the defending Horse of the Year looks to build on her 2025 resume in the \$100,000 Clara Barton (race 7) following a vicious effort capturing the Dorothy Haughton at The Meadowlands on July 12. Carded as race seven, the Clara Barton may be just a six-mare field but there could be fireworks with Twin B Joe Fresh starting from post four and Sylvia Hanover, last year's Clara Barton champion, landing post five.

Beckwith expects to have more than a say in this contest getting the assignment behind Talk Curdy To Me, a Jeff Cullipher-trained mare that finished third in this race a year ago.

"She's no slouch," said Beckwith, recognizing the competition but well aware that Talk Curdy To Me has raced and been competitive at this level. The duo has experience over this surface, with Beckwith guiding the 5-year-old daughter of Betterthancheddar to a 1:50 3/5 victory on June 10 in a \$25,000 Open Handicap for fillies and mares.

Talk Curdy To Me drew the pole position.

The Clara Barton will be the third straight match-up between Twin B Joe Fresh and Sylvia Hanover this year. On June 28, Sylvia Hanover upset the Horse of the Year in the Perfect Sting at The Meadowlands, rallying off her cover in the stretch. In last week's Dorothy Haughton post positions played a role in the event as Twin B Joe Fresh used the rail to her advantage while Sylvia Hanover started from post nine and was forced to work hard to gain the front.

Rounding out the Clara Barton field are Valar Dohaeris (post 2), Turn The Page N (post 3) and My Girl EJ (post 6).

The \$75,000 Bert Beckwith Memorial (race 8) appears to be a wide-open event with the 23-year-old sitting behind Fourever Boy from post four.

"He's a solid horse and is coming into the race in good shape," said



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Ari Ferrari J owns a 1:50 1/5 win at The Meadowlands this year.

Beckwith, who drives for his mom Melissa's stable. "I like the draw."

Fourever Boy's post will likely give his driver enough options to work out a favorable trip. "Ideally he's better off a helmet," said Beckwith.

Now driving regularly at Plainridge, Saratoga Harness and The Meadowlands on weekends, Beckwith's career has grown immensely this year.

"You can only get better driving against the best drivers in the sport," Beckwith said, recognizing the experience he's gotten racing at the East Rutherford mile track this year.

In addition to those tracks, Beckwith plans to remain active on the New York Sire Stakes circuit and said he'll likely follow a Lindy Farms-trained sophomore trotting filly - Sonmar Pond - slated to race in the future at The Red Mile in Kentucky Sire Stakes.

The Spirit of Massachusetts program begins at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on Sunday with 11 races programmed.



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Rick Wink gets the nod for Adios elimination start with Page

By Ken Weingartner

Rick Wink might not be as well known as some of his fellow 3-year-old pacers in the Ron Burke Stable, such as Dan Patch Award-winner Louprint and world-record-setter Sippinonsearoc, but the colt will get the chance to step out from their shadows when he heads to Hollywood Casino at The Meadows for Saturday's Adios eliminations.

With only one loss in 13 career races, Rick Wink will make his Grand Circuit debut against six rivals in the first of two \$25,000 eliminations for the Grade 1 Delvin Miller Adios Pace for the Orchids, presented by the Mickey Burke Family. Rick Wink was supplemented to the event for \$35,000. The top four finishers from each elimination, plus the fifth-place finisher with the highest career earnings according to U.S. Trotting Association records, will advance to the July 26 final.

Rick Wink will leave from post one in his elim with regular driver Chris Page in the sulky. The son of Bit Of A Legend N-Mcgrin N-Mcbare It enters the race off a 1:49 2/5 half-length victory over the aforementioned Sippinonsearoc in a division of the Ohio Sire Stakes on July 5 at Eldorado Scioto Downs. In his previous start, he won the Open II at Scioto in 1:49, the third-fastest mile of the season by a 3-year-old on a five-eighths-mile track.

"He's the best horse nobody knows about," Page said. "Ronnie has got five very nice 3-year-olds this year; sometimes a horse like Rick Wink gets a little lost in the shuffle. But he is for real. He can do it anyway you want; on the lead, from last, first-up. He's turning into one of my favorite horses of all time. He's just a cool dude."

Rick Wink has won 12 of 13 lifetime races and earned \$383,250 for owners Burke Racing Stable, RAS Racing, Knox Services, and J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby. The Larry Miller-bred colt was purchased for \$27,000 at the 2023 Ohio Selected Jug Sale, and his family includes 2021 Adios winner Hellabalou and 2015 Dan Patch Award-winner Boston Red Rocks.

Page has been a fan of Rick Wink from early in the horse's career.

"On the track, he's got a great personality," Page said. "He is very user friendly. He doesn't wear a boot, he's great gaited, and has exceptional gate speed if you want to use it. One race last year, I two-moved him early and he still had a third move coming home. I was like, oh my, this horse is for real."

"It looks like he went to the gym in the offseason. He came back big, strong, muscled up. He's just a very nice horse, and he tries. He will not embarrass us Saturday."

Rick Wink's elimination includes Prince Hal Hanover, who was first-placed-second in last week's Grade 1 Meadowlands Pace, and Twisted Destiny, the winner of the Grade 2 MGM Grand Messenger Stakes. Rounding out the field are North America Cup elimination winner Lite Up The World, Doncic, Knockout Round and Papi's Rocket, another Burke trainee.



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Rick Wink won his last start in 1:49 2/5.

Twisted Destiny is the 5-2 morning-line favorite for driver Dexter Dunn and trainer Chris Ryder. Rick Wink is the 3-1 second choice.

"It's the tougher division, in my opinion, so it'll be a good chance to kind of see where we're at," Page said.

Page has won the Adios in the past, bringing home Bythemissal from post seven for trainer Burke in 2022 at odds of 8-1. Beach Glass was second and Pebble Beach, the season's eventual Dan Patch Award winner, was third.

It was Ron Burke's second Adios triumph, to go with Dorsoduro Hanover in 2018, and third for the Burke family. Mickey Burke captured the race in 2007 with May June Character.

"I had a little luck the last time I was in this race, so maybe lightning can strike twice," Page said. "That's one of the most prestigious wins of my career, for sure. The (Little Brown) Jug, and then that's a close second, because that's Ronnie's track, that's Ronnie's race. They always want to win it. That race comes well supported by the Burkes. You always want to do well for them on their home turf."

Burke has three horses in the second Adios elimination: Sippinonsearoc, Swingtown and Railroad Station. Sippinonsearoc and Swingtown finished 1-2 in the 2024 Ohio Sire Stakes championship for 2-year-old male pacers, with Rick Wink being third. Page will also drive Railroad Station on Saturday.

The second division's eight-horse field also includes Papis Pistol and Fallout, who were third and fourth, respectively, in the Meadowlands Pace. Papis Pistol, leaving from post three, is the 3-1 morning-line favorite for driver David Miller and trainer Sam DePinto.

Racing begins at 12:45 p.m. (EDT) at The Meadows.

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Kakaley favored with Desperate Man in \$250K Gerrity

By Ken Weingartner

A year after starting the Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial from the least advantageous position on the gate – post eight – at Saratoga Hotel Casino, Desperate Man finds himself in a much better spot for Saturday's edition of the \$250,000 Grade 2 event for older male pacers.

Desperate Man will leave from post four with driver Matt Kakaley and was made the 7-5 morning-line favorite for the 16th annual Gerrity Memorial. Statistically, post one is the best starting spot at Saratoga (with a 21.2% win rate) with post four (15.4) ranking just behind posts two and five (both 15.9) as the next best positions.

A 7-year-old gelding, Desperate Man heads to the Gerrity with five wins and a second in his past seven starts for trainer Travis Alexander.

"With the draw and how he's been racing, I'm pretty confident," Kakaley said. "He's been really good, and he's a good horse."

"I think Travis has got the horse where we need him to be, for sure. I think it's going to be a fun few months with that horse because he's got some other engagements after the Gerrity coming up. He's been super."

Desperate Man, who finished fourth in last year's Gerrity, has won 32 of 81 career races and earned \$1.65 million for owner Kathy Cecchin. He was Canada's Horse of the Year in 2021 when his victories included the North America Cup and Ontario Sire Stakes championship.

This season, he opened his campaign with two thirds and a second in three preliminary rounds of the MGM Borgata Pacing Series at MGM Yonkers Raceway before winning divisions in weeks four and five of the event. He began the Grade 1 final from post seven and finished eighth after going off stride with three-eighths of a mile to go.

"I think I might have had him a little too doubled up following (eventual winner Mossdale Ben N) there at the five-eighths," Kakaley said. "He's a big boy, and when he wants to rock and roll, he wants to rock and roll. It was just one of those situations. But ever since then he's been razor sharp."

Desperate Man's only loss since the Borgata final on May 9 was a second-place finish behind Ken Hanover in the Grade 2 Battle of Lake Erie on June 7 at MGM Northfield Park. Desperate Man led through the first three quarters of the race before being caught by Ken Hanover in the stretch in a world-record 1:48 3/5 mile.

"I was disappointed we lost because the horse raced so good and went such a great mile that he deserved to win," Kakaley said. "But Ken Hanover is a good horse, and he got a great trip."

Desperate Man rebounded by winning an Invitational at Yonkers on June 30. He was set to race on July 14 at Yonkers, but the card was halted early because of persistent heavy rain.

"Travis just wanted to get a tightener for him, but the horse is fit," Kakaley said. "I trained him a week ago (Wednesday) at Pocono and we went a decent mile. I'm not real worried about his fitness level or anything like that."

"He's a great horse. He wasn't voted Canada's Horse of the Year for nothing."

Ervin Hanover, leaving from post six with Wally Hennessey driving for trainer Dave Menary, is the 7-2 second choice in the Gerrity. Hennessey won the 2022 Gerrity with Tattoo Artist.

Coaches Corner, the 2024 Gerrity champ, drew post eight and was made 6-1 on the morning line. He will have two-time Gerrity winner Jason Bartlett in the sulky for trainer Per Engblom.

Racing begins at 6:45 p.m. (EDT) at Saratoga Casino Hotel. The Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial is race seven on the card.

Gio Cash joins the \$1,000,000 MGM Yonkers International Trot field

Always hard at work, Yonkers Raceway's European talent scout Klaus Koch wasted no time in extending a second invitation to the Grade One \$1,000,000 MGM Yonkers International Trot following a sparkling performance by Gio Cash in Sweden. The 6-year-old, who is coming off the fastest mile of his career, will be representing Germany for the September 13 event at MGM Yonkers Raceway.

"When you have a horse that is able to compete in big races and you have an opportunity to race, you take it," said Gio Cash's driver/trainer Daniel Wäjersten. "To be able to race in big races and drive good horses is what I dreamed about when I was 10 years old. It feels really good to have the opportunity."

Not only was Gio Cash's latest victory in the Arjängs Stora Sprinter on July 12 the fastest of his career, but the 1:08.5 time (1:50.1 mile rate) crushed the previous track record by more than a second. He faced intense pressure throughout the 1640-meter race and ultimately bested the classy 2021 Elitlopp winner Don Fanucci Zet by a narrow margin. The victory by Gio Cash was also his second straight over his rival as he defeated him at 2140 meters on June 14.

"This is a horse that has been racing at the top level as a 2-, 3- and 4-year-old, then he had some problems as a 5-year-old. Now he is back in good shape. He has always been a talented horse," said Wäjersten on Gio Cash's recent form spree.

Gio Cash, a career winner of 15 races in 28 starts and \$617,767, came to the Wäjersten barn for his 2025 campaign and is already closing in on the best season ever. The trainer admitted that he really didn't change anything on the son of Victor Gio to revive him.

"He's a super horse. We just made him the same level as he was when he was young," said Wäjersten.

A question with any International horse arriving at Yonkers Raceway is how they will handle the tighter turns of the half-mile track (800 meters). Wäjersten revealed that both of his horse's recent wins came over a 1,000-meter surface with tight turns that can be a bit difficult for some horses. He also added that Gio Cash has a very smooth gait that makes it easy for him to trot over any track.

For the 35-year-old Wäjersten, the trip will be his first to New York, though he has been to the now defunct Pompano Park and The Red Mile on previous occasions. It will be a special experience for him as well as the ownership group of Carpe Diem Stable.

"I'm looking forward to the race and the experience for all the owners and the groom," said Wäjersten.

Gio Cash will have one more start in Sweden prior to shipping to the United States about a week ahead of the MGM Yonkers International Trot. He joins the previously announced Hohneck as the first two starters for the \$1,000,000 event. Additional invitees will be announced in the coming weeks.

MGM Yonkers Raceway is currently operating on a Monday-Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday live racing schedule with post time each night at 6:45 p.m. (EDT).

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Gio Cash set a track record in his last start in Sweden.

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14 Apr25	10YR	fst5 ⁹	27	.552	1:231	1:513	3-6 YO OPN

b g 4, by American Ideal, Arielle Lynn by Somebeachsomewhere

Symmetry Stables LLC, Pleasant Valley, NY

T. Alexander 3-1-1-1 (333)

Br. Crawford Farms LLC, NY

39000	3	33 ³	34 ¹	33 ¹	33 ¹	31	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	281	284	273	27	1:512	104
39000	5	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	6 ³	42 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	284	284	264	27	1:513	106
39000	1	21 ¹	1 ⁰	11	11 ¹	31	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	27	292	281	281	1:524	102
49640	2	4 ²	43 ¹	21 ¹	21	4 ²	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	271	271	261	29	1:493	109
178200	5	12 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	21	TrCullen	TrAlexndr	263	28	28	28	1:503	112
25200	1	3 ⁰	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	21	TrCullen	TrAlexndr	263	281	28	274	1:503	111
25000	2	2 ⁰	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	32 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	263	281	273	283	1:51	101
39000	4	1 ⁰	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	27	282	274	282	1:513	106

Last 5 Sts-\$67,631

1:51.3 YR

1:50.1 VD 7/8

25 Stg 0 0 0 0

24 Stg 1 0 0 0

23 Stg 1 0 0 1

-25 Tot 17 4 4 2

-24 Tot 35 9 4 7

-Life 111 40 21 11

\$92,867

\$453,200

\$558,280

4 DESPERATE MAN(L)

71:48.2 (5/8) * \$17,950

7-5 Ma. Kakaley 7-3-1-0 (429)

30 Jun25	8YR	fst8 ¹⁰	272	.561	1:24	1:512	3-6 YO OPN
7 Jun25	11Nfd	fst6 ⁹	262	.541	1:21	1:483	D-Battle-g2
25 May25	8Phl	fst6 ⁷	262	.554	1:224	1:493	SEND IT IN
17 May25	12PcD	fst7 ⁸	254	.533	1:203	1:482	wo25000lt
9 May25	8YR	wf5 ⁸	264	.553	1:23	1:512	D-BORG FG1
28 Apr25	8YR	fst7 ⁷	27	.561	1:24	1:51	BORG #5
21 Apr25	7YR	fst5 ⁴	272	.55	1:224	1:51	BORG #4
14 Apr25	4YR	fst5 ⁹	27	.56	1:24	1:513	BORG #3

b g 7, by Shadow Play, Dreamlands Latte by Artsplace

Katlyn L Cecchin, Arthur, ON, CA

T. Alexander 3-1-1-1 (333)

Br. Winbak Farm, Chesapeake City, Md, U.S.A.

39000	7	12 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	274	281	274	271	1:51	109
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50000	6	12 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	262	292	27	264	1:493	110
25000	3	3 ⁰	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	26	273	27	274	1:482	114
516000	7	7 ⁹	8 ⁶	8 ⁶	8 ⁶	8 ⁶	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	284	28	291	421	2:081	22
50000	4	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	27	291	274	271	1:511	108
50000	5	3 ⁰	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	273	273	274	281	1:51	110
50000	2	1 ⁰	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	11 ¹	MaKakaley	TrAlexndr	271	284	28	281	1:521	103

Last 5 Sts-\$107,000

1:48.2 Pcd 5/8

1:50.3 YR

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\$179,500

\$486,940

\$1,655,779

5 VERDUN(L)

31:50.4 (7/8) \$13,499

8-1 P. Lachance 5-0-1-1 (000)

7 July25	8YR	fst8 ¹⁰	272	.561	1:24	1:512	3-6 YO OPN
30 Jun25	7YR	fst8 ⁴	272	.561	1:234	1:511	3-6 YO OPN
16 Jun25	7YR	fst6 ⁷	27	.562	1:243	1:523	3-6 YO OPN
9 Jun25	6YR	fst6 ⁴	273	.56	1:233	1:513	3-6 YO OPN
2 Jun25	7YR	fst6 ⁷	272	.561	1:24	1:514	3-6 YO OPN
19 May25	6YR	fst6 ³	27	.55	1:222	1:512	3-6 YO OPN
9 May25	8YR	wf5 ⁸	264	.553	1:23	1:512	D-BORG FG1
28 Apr25	8YR	fst7 ⁷	27	.561	1:24	1:51	BORG #5
21 Apr25	7YR	fst5 ⁴	272	.55	1:224	1:51	BORG #4
14 Apr25	4YR	fst5 ⁹	27	.56	1:24	1:513	BORG #3

b h 5, by Bettor's Delight, Pop Goes Thewasell by Mach Three

Thomas Caruso Jr, Stamford, CT

P. Lachance 1-0-1-0 (000)

Br. Roland Trudel, Becancour, Qc

39000	6	71 ⁰	71 ⁰	71 ⁰	71 ⁰	71 ⁰	PaLachanc	PaLachanc
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THURSDAY, JULY 17

RACE 6

(6) GRAND CIRCUIT was pushed too hard as the heavy favorite in the Pop-Up Final and faded back to last. She deserves another shot on top.

-Kevin Plowcha



WOODBINE
MOHAWK PARK

FRIDAY, JULY 18

RACE 13

(1) IT COULD BE WORSE flashed good trot at both ends of the mile in his debut here and it is worth noting that he got shuffled back a spot. This looks like a great spot for him to shine.

-Derick Giwner



RACE 5

(6) MISS DOTTIE MAE drops to the basement conditioned class and meets some pretty stale rivals. Vallee trainee gets Bartlett back in the bike tonight and though we haven't seen it recently she's got plenty of early speed; looking for her to fire down the road.

-Matt Rose



SATURDAY, JULY 19

RACE 12

(6) LT LOVERBOY has been super in Ohio and now tries his luck on the big track. Long Tom-sired 3-year-old doesn't exactly catch the toughest group and can show what the Buckeye crew are made of tonight.

-Giwner



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

MELANDER STARTS POWERFUL PAIR IN \$250K SPIRIT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Trainer Marcus Melander is bringing a major one-two punch to the G2 \$250,000 Spirit of Massachusetts Trot at Plainridge Park on Sunday (July 20). Millionaires Periculum and Aetos Kronos S have been entered in the eighth edition of The Spirit and both have been a force in the older Open trotting division so far this year.

[READ MORE](#)

3YOS CLASH IN MARYLAND SIRE STAKES FINALS

Yall Keep Dreaming won by 18 lengths and equaled the track record for 3-year-old trotting colts of 1:55 in one of four \$95,000 Maryland Sire Stakes finals on Wednesday night at Ocean Downs.

[READ MORE](#)

AI BREAKS BUFFALO TRACK RECORD IN NYSS

AI (\$2.90) broke a long-standing Buffalo Raceway track record for 2-year-old trotting colts on a muggy Wednesday afternoon (July 16) with a hard-fought half-length victory over Titans Mischief in the \$106,400 New York Sire Stakes for the freshman sidewinders.

[READ MORE](#)

FIVE OAK GROVE TRACK-RECORD PERFORMANCES IN KYSS FINALS

The near \$1 million day of Kentucky Sire Stakes (KYSS) finals at Oak Grove Racing, Gaming & Hotel on Monday (July 14) saw five track-record performances, the fastest of which came in a powerhouse romp by Erv Miller trainee Unreasonable to win the \$100,000 final for 3-year-old pacing fillies in 1:49 4/5.

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MEADOWLANDS DATE CHANGES DUE TO NFL FOOTBALL

The Meadowlands will lose two days of live racing in August to pre-season NFL football.

Live racing will be cancelled on Saturday, August 16 and Friday, August 22. This necessitates moving the stakes that were scheduled over that period.

Please be aware of these changes and the resulting change to draw dates: Homegrown 2 C&F Pace: from Saturday, August 9 to Friday, August 8. Renaissance 2 C&F Pace elims and Garden State 2 C&F Trot: from Saturday, August 16 to Friday, August 15.

NJSDF 3 C&F Trot finals and Kindergarten Leg 3: from Friday, August 22 to Saturday, August 23.

-release (Meadowlands)

TWIN B JOE FRESH GAINS ON LOUPRINT IN TOP 10 POLL

Twin B Joe Fresh pulled within six points of Louprint in the No. 1 spot and three fresh faces joined the Top 10 in the Week 5 edition of the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll released Wednesday.

Twin B Joe Fresh won the Dorothy Haughton Memorial (Grade 2) this past Saturday at The Meadowlands and gained 10 first-place votes and a total of 67 points on the idle Louprint in this week's voting.

Emoticon Legacy, who did not race, remained in the No. 3 position and retained his two first-place votes from a week ago. Jerry Silverman Memorial (G3) winner Miki And Minnie moved from fifth to fourth in the rankings and Super Chapter, who won a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial (G3), jumped up from seventh to fifth.

Ken Hanover, who finished seventh in a division of the William R. Haughton Memorial (G2), slipped from fourth to sixth. He was followed by the three newcomers: Dancer division winner Go Dog Go, Del Miller Memorial (G2) division winner Yo Tillie, and Meadowlands Pace (G1) champ Madden Oaks. Yo Tillie, who is undefeated in three races this season, received the remaining first-place vote.

Completing the Top 10 was Periculum, who was idle.

Dropping from the Top 10 were Brue Hanover, Chantilly and Sylvia

Hanover.

The Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll, which will continue weekly on Wednesdays through the Grand Circuit season, does not determine year-end awards. The members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association vote on all Dan Patch Award division winners plus Trotter of the Year, Pacer of the Year, and Horse of the Year.

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

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Standardbred Poll: Week 5

Rank	Name (1st Votes)	Age/Sex/Gait	Record	Earnings	Points	Pvs
1	Louprint (21)	3cp	5-5-0-0	\$449,132	309	1
2	Twin B Joe Fresh (11)	5mp	4-3-1-0	\$252,892	303	2
3	Emoticon Legacy (2)	3ct	3-3-0-0	\$254,940	252	3
4	Miki And Minnie	3fp	5-4-1-0	\$267,252	210	5
5	Super Chapter	3ct	4-4-0-0	\$281,730	179	7
6	Ken Hanover	5hp	7-5-0-1	\$176,427	86	4
7	Go Dog Go	3ct	3-3-0-0	\$102,233	84	--
8	Yo Tillie (1)	3ft	3-3-0-0	\$103,521	76	--
9	Madden Oaks	3cp	8-3-3-2	\$509,067	74	--
10	Periculum	6ht	2-2-0-0	\$152,980	72	6

ALSO: Elista Hanover 69; Chantilly 52; Brue Hanover 45; Sylvia Hanover 34; Smooth Dream 19; Twisted Destiny 13; Call Me Goo 9; Prince Hal Hanover 7; Bythemissal, Captain Albano 6; Conversano, Nijinsky 4; Desperate Man, Dial Square S 3; Beau Jangles 2; Caviart Daisy, Logan Park, Overthemoonforyou, Sabonis 1.

-by Ken Weingartner

MEADOWLANDS JULY HANDICAPPING CONTEST THIS FRIDAY

The Meadowlands' monthly handicapping contest takes place this Friday, July 18. Players must register and check in at the Clubhouse Lobby by 6:20 p.m.

There is no entry fee (a \$100 live money bankroll is required) for players, and the prize pool, guaranteed at \$1,000 and funded by the Meadowlands Racetrack, will be paid out to the top four finishers.

The top two finishers will be eligible to play in the \$10,000 tournament on December 13 (20 total players).

Contest Format:

- Contestants must bet a minimum of 5 Meadowlands races.
- No minimum and no maximum bet per race.
- Open to any wager on the Meadowlands live wagering menu.

This includes W/P/S, Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3/4/5/6, Daily Double, Superfecta, and Pick X wagers.

- Contestants keep all pari-mutuel winnings
- Unlimited entries are allowed per person.

Remaining 2025 Contest Schedule:

- Saturday, August 30
- Saturday, October 25
- Friday, November 21
- Invite Only \$10,000 Contest - Saturday, December 13

Complete contest rules/regulations can be found at <https://playmeadows.com/handicapping/contests-challenges/>

-edited release (Meadowlands)

SPORTSWRITER IS ON THE MOVE!

Sportswriter will stand stud with Ashley MacDonald at Kingsmen Equine in PEI. To-date, Sportswriter is the sire of the winners of over \$83 million and has sired two millionaires, Jimmy Freight and Karma Seelster. His average earnings per starter is \$80,270 and he has sired 854 winners! On the racetrack, Sportswriter earned \$1,649,411 and took a 3-year-old mark of 1:48 3/5. He won the Metro Final and 2 and the North America Cup Final at 3.

"We have loved having Sportswriter here at Tara Hills Stud and will miss him but are also very excited for his continued success in the Maritimes," said a Tara Hills Stud representative.

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