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## JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman X [BergmanJay](#)

The top two fillies in North America were scheduled to meet in the June 14 Fan Hanover Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park, but the undefeated Chantilly had to be withdrawn paving the way for Miki and Minnie to triumph. On Saturday, the \$250,000 James M. Lynch Memorial at Pocono Downs will be the site for the first meeting, with the terms now a bit different following the first defeat of Chantilly in an overnight event at Woodbine Mohawk Park on August 8.

The circumstances behind Chantilly's first loss – following 13 consecutive career victories – in her last outing suggest that driver James MacDonald was looking for a prep race in advance of the Lynch and drove the daughter of Big Jim more in a manner of a training mile than that of a betting race, despite the undefeated filly being sent off as the 1-5 choice. When MacDonald failed to pull the favorite to the outside following

a soft opening half, Chantilly remained boxed in-between horses for the remainder of the mile with a ton of pace and nowhere to go.

It was disturbing to see last year's Canadian Horse of the Year pulled from the ranks of the unbeaten without making a clear move to contend. In the olden days, that kind of effort or lack thereof might have set off a fan revolt at a racetrack, but somehow in modern times it had a few angry complaints with most just turning the page to the next race.

This is the next race on Saturday for Chantilly and perhaps the biggest question from a competitive standpoint will not be that the Nick Gallucci-trained filly lost her last race, but more than likely how her effort came down to just a final-quarter sprint between horses and not an effort where she was stretched out during the mile. Going back to those olden days again, there was a time where a prep race looked exactly like Chantilly's performance and involved just waiting to sprint the final quarter. In today's product horses must endure serious competition or pace throughout the mile to gain the conditioning edge required to go miles in sub-1:50 times.

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Look back just a few short weeks for vivid proof of horses that were prepping and racing in both the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks. The filly division saw Deja Blu, the regally bred lass, sitting along the pylons in her elimination race and ripping a last quarter of 26 1/5 as a 22-1 outsider. In the \$500,000 Oaks final, Deja Blu went off slightly under 5-1 odds but lacked the same finishing kick. The \$1 million Hambletonian saw Nordic Catcher S do the exact opposite in his elimination heat. Driver-trainer Ake Svanstedt sent him on a down-the-road mission in the toughest of three trials and won in the fastest of the three events. A week later Nordic Catcher S was stronger than all the other horses that just bided their time until the final quarter.

Chantilly drew post six in Saturday's Lynch, part of an extraordinary Sun Stakes program with \$2.3 million on the line. Carded as race 10 on the 14-race card with a 2:30 p.m. start time, the \$250,000 Lynch will likely be the marquee event given the two elite fillies in the field of eight. That said, the track will host the \$300,000 Earl Beal Jr. Memorial and \$300,000 Max C. Hempt for 3-year-old trotters and pacers, respectively, as well as the \$250,000 Delmonica Hanover for same-aged trotting fillies. There will also be two consolation events for each division.

This will be Chantilly's first race outside of Canada and the first race over a five-eighths mile track, as well as her first encounter with Miki And Minnie. The post edge in this race will go with Miki And Minnie and driver Dexter Dunn. The Fan Hanover winner and last year's Dan Patch Award winner as the top 2-year-old pacing filly in North America looks for her fifth straight stakes victory for trainer Chris Ryder. Defeated just once this year by Lynch rival Rodeo Drive Deo (post 1), Miki And Minnie added Lasix after that defeat and has looked unbeatable since.

In contrast to her Canadian Horse of the Year rival, Miki And Minnie has been engaged and involved in the pace, racing on the front end and without cover during her impressive string of success stories. Without benefit of post position, Dunn has been forced to make multiple moves and the daughter of Always B Miki has responded in kind with effortless scores where her quick and sustained speed have separated her from her rivals.

In Miki And Minnie's Pennsylvania Sire Stakes score on August 7 at Harrah's Philadelphia, she overcame post seven with Dunn taking a tuck third in a 27 1/5 opening quarter. Content to give the leader the time to back down the pace for the opening half, Dunn moved Miki And Minnie on the backstretch and she responded with a back half in 54 and a coast-to-the-wire 1:49 4/5 victory over Rodeo Drive Deo, a talented filly that appears to have accepted second place as the best results when facing Miki And Minnie.

For the remaining five horses in the Lynch there is always the hope and indeed the real possibility that the gloves from both camps will come off and a duel between these two outstanding pace fillies unfolds. There is simply too much talent and hopefully too much on the line for either filly to give the other a breather along the way. Along with Rodeo Drive Deo, horses like Time Of The Season (post 3), a 1:49 2/5 winner in the Adioo Volo on July 26 at The Meadows that finished third behind Miki And Minnie in her last start, could be a viable upsetter. Allegra Hanover (post 7) also won a division of the Adioo Volo in 1:50 2/5, but the Papi Rob Hanover-sired filly's six wins this year have mostly come away from top competition.

Beach Babe (post 4), Stevie Hanover (post 5) and Millie May Hanover (post 8) are more than likely to get a good view of the top fillies in action during the mile as opposed to having a say in the outcome.

It's a race we've been anticipating for a long time and hopefully the show these top 3-year-old pacing fillies put on Saturday afternoon will be of epic proportions.



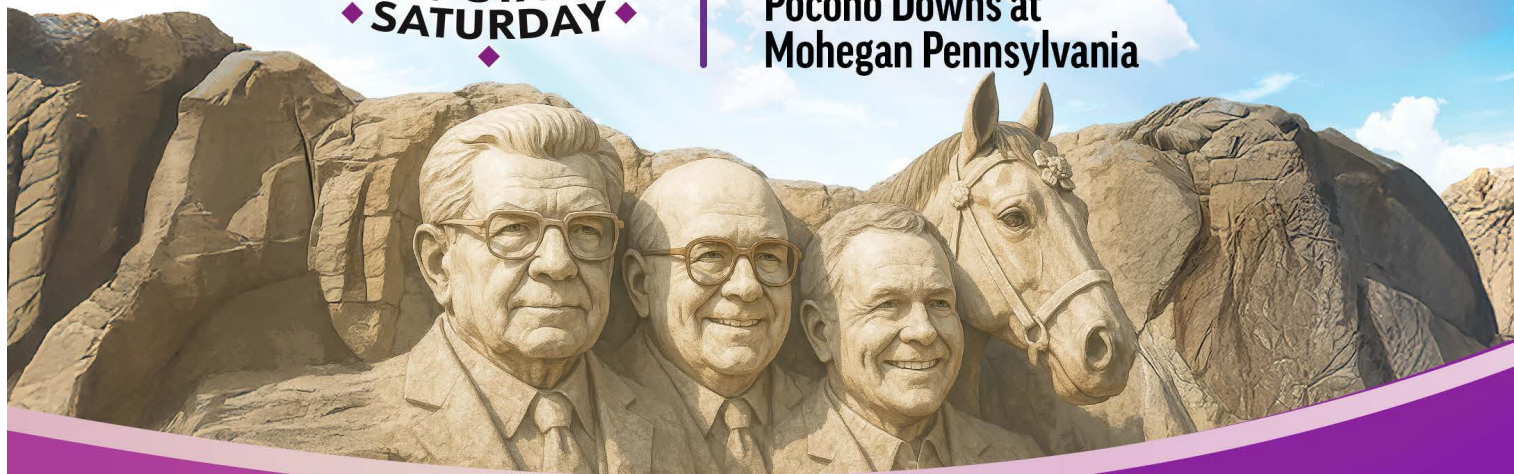
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**Dexter Dunn (left) and Chris Ryder are the team behind Miki And Minnie.**



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# Svanstedt speaks out on Hambletonian; Nordic Catcher S out for remainder of 2025



## EDITOR'S EYE

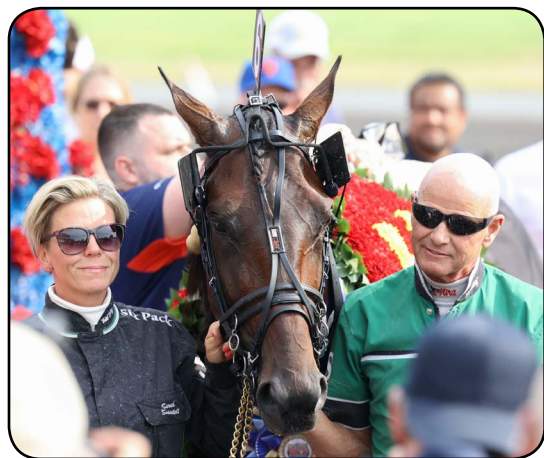
By Derick Giwner ✕ @harnesseveguy

There is a bit of a scandal going on in the harness racing world that is perhaps being blown more out of proportion than necessary. It boils down to an off-the-cuff comment that certainly shouldn't have been said but most definitely sounds worse without context.

After Nordic Catcher S won the Hambletonian at The Meadowlands on August 2, the track's CEO and President Jeff Gural, who is a co-owner, made the following statement while being interviewed:

"I give Ake and Sarah all the credit and the trackman for watering the track the way Sarah likes it," said Gural, referring to trainer Ake Svanstedt and his wife/assistant trainer Sarah Svanstedt.

Wait, did Gural say that he set the track up for his own horse to have success in the Hambletonian? That was the take by some and perhaps a general audience with no further background. But can a track really be set up for one horse to succeed while others struggle? Doesn't every trainer have the opportunity to warm up on the same track and evaluate options for equipment and shoeing?



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Sarah and Ake Svanstedt with Nordic Catcher S.

According to Sarah Svanstedt, there was no directive given to Gural about the track other than to remind his track crew that the track will need plenty of water because the sun would dry it out during the day. One could argue that a trainer shouldn't need to tell the track maintenance crew what to do, but it is far from uncommon.

When in the paddock you can often hear complaints from a number of individuals about the track needing more water or other modifications. What is a bit out of the ordinary is for the message to go through the owner of the track who happens to have horses racing on that card, but Sarah said she's been a bit of a conduit for other drivers and trainers to Gural because of the Svanstedt's relationship with Gural over the last decade.

"Other horsemen know we have a relationship with Jeff and that I talk to him, so they come up to us to see if we can help improve the track. Top drivers ask us as well. Now I have somehow become the victim with people saying that we, the Svanstedts, create the surface for our horses. It is not for our horses. It is for all the horses. I feel bad for the horses because we can't put Nike Air shoes on them. When they go high speeds on a hard surface it increases the risk of injuries. At Pocono or Red Mile, the horses love the track because there is a nice bounce-back in the surface," said Sarah, who said she along with other trainers had a meeting a couple of months ago with trackman Gary Wolff.

Sarah added that one of the problems is the stonedust surface in general. The stonedust material contains different-sized chips and when it isn't watered enough it is creating a loose top surface and a hard bottom that makes horses slip.

"When they fly around with the water truck the water doesn't have

a chance to hit the ground and the water isn't serving the purpose of making the track good," said Sarah. "The track needs a lot of water to create a healthy base under the surface."

"It is for the horses," she continued on the need for a soft track cushion beneath the surface. "My voice and care is for the horses. They can't speak. Would you like to run on concrete with steel shoes?"

Trainer Nancy Takter agreed with much of what Sarah mentioned and shared a list of talking points created before the meeting with Gural and the track superintendent Wolff. It outlined the core problem that the base is too hard and that the top layer is too loose, mentioned the speed and width of the watering, and the importance of beginning track maintenance hours before a card begins since horses start warming up approximately an hour before post time. Frankly, it was almost a handbook for care and maintenance of a track.

"My problem with the track is that the base needs to be dug up," said Takter. "Everybody always focuses on the top two inches of the track when the problem and the cushion comes from six to eight inches below the surface."

Those still concerned about watering should consider that astute followers of The Meadowlands know that the track responds very nicely to rain and water. Many of the fastest miles in the track's history have come with the benefit of rain. In fact, the fastest mile in the history of the sport – Bulldog Hanover's 1:45 4/5 record on July 16, 2022 at The Meadowlands – occurred on a track that had just taken some rain.

As for the Hambletonian winner himself, most may have noticed he did not enter the Earl Beal Jr. Memorial at Pocono Downs on Saturday (Aug. 16). Following her plea about track conditions and the welfare of horses, Sarah called back with bad news. Nordic Catcher S, who established a new stakes record while winning the Hambletonian in 1:50, has suffered a tear of his suspensory and will miss the rest of 2025.

"Since the Hambo he hasn't been himself. When you are with horses all day, you know every inch of them. He had a very quiet week [leading up to the Hambletonian] but I said to Ake, he's not himself. After the Hambo, he was not himself even more," said Sarah, who took Nordic Catcher S to see Dr. Patty Hogan on Tuesday (Aug. 12) and received the news.

"He is going to be out for the rest of this year but we're planning to bring him back next year. It wasn't a horrible injury and thankfully it will heal," said Svanstedt.

Nordic Catcher S has won five of 10 career starts while never finishing worse than third in his career. He currently leads all trotters in earnings with \$573,322 made this year and has totaled \$813,285 for his career.

A son of Six Pack out of the Somebeachsomewhere mare That Woman Hanover, Nordic Catcher S is the second horse, joining Maximus Mearas S, to have a season-ending injury following the Hambletonian. He is also expected to return in 2026.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR - HAMBLETONIAN COUNTERPOINT

As I agree in principle to your article I disagree with the explanation the Svanstedts have offered.

As an owner in harness and knowing 1st hand of the pressure on a regular basis that Sarah gives Jeff Gural to adjust the surface at the Meadowlands, it was intentional to add the additional watering and that's why they pulled shoes on five of their horses that day.

If Gural or the maintenance staff made it aware to the additional watering as Sarah likes it, then it's an even playing field.

Look, everyone tries to get an advantage for themselves but in the situation with the Hambletonian it really puts a stain on the beautiful day it was and the sport overall.

Gural as the owner of the Meadowlands needs to distance himself from controversy like this and just have the maintenance crew do their job as they have for many years with no outside interference.

If trainers feel the surface needs adjustment there should be open communication with all trainers and staff not just a couple and make it known to all what the outcome will be.

It's unfortunate that Nordic Catcher tore a suspensory. Hopefully he comes back and has a great racing career.

-Michael Yardeni

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# Ardonne seeks to keep beating the odds in Wellwood Elims

By Jay Bergman

Each fall top owners and trainers canvas the yearling sales in pursuit of the next great trotter. It's inevitable that their paths cross and bidding wars ensue. In the end the belief is that the bluebloods with the best pedigrees and confirmation will rise the following year and become the champions.

Thankfully for those competing with the richest of the rich there is hope that some of those "less expensive" horses will find a way between the cracks of the yearling market and the racing wars to emerge and prove more than capable of competing of beating horses perceived "better" than them just months earlier.

Such is the case for Ardonne, a \$37,000 yearling purchased at last year's Lexington Selected sale by trainer Megan Scran, who didn't show up at Lexington with a six or seven-figure budget but something on the low end of five. Ardonne, a son of Tactical Landing, was surrounded by high-priced horses in Kentucky last year and has spent the better part of his first four races competing favorably against those in New Jersey. Most recently, Ardonne was barely beaten by a head in the \$225,000 New Jersey Sire Stakes final at The Meadowlands on Hambletonian Day (August 2). On Friday he'll see action for the first time since in one of two C\$30,000 eliminations (race 6) for the William Wellwood Memorial at Woodbine Mohawk Park, again hoping to knock off

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Scott Zeron and Ardonne just missed in the New Jersey Sire Stakes final at The Meadowlands on August 2.

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another blueblood in the process.

"He's feeling great," said Megan Scran on her way north on Tuesday (August 12) in advance of Friday's contest. "We gave him a couple of days off after the Sire Stakes final, but he was feeling good and ready to go when we got him back on the track."

Scran doesn't talk about the odds of getting where Ardonne has gotten thus far but it's worth noting just how uncommon Ardonne's presence in the New Jersey Sire Stakes final was and the extraordinary power he ran into in the Sire Stakes races. Of the 10 finalists in the colt and gelding division, seven sold for more than \$185,000 (one of the 10 was a homebred). Race winner Apex was a \$525,000 yearling and half of the field sold for prices more than \$300,000.

"He was a good-training horse from the start," Scran said of Ardonne. "After I would train him each week, I kept telling (boyfriend Scott Zeron) I hope he doesn't break my heart."

As Ardonne got closer to the races there was a chance that might happen, and one Scran wasn't willing to accept at the time. "The last two times I trained him getting ready for his first baby race he made breaks, and I just didn't want to take any chances, so we put the trotting hobbles on him," said Scran. "I don't think he really needs them and hopefully he'll outgrow them."

On Friday, Ardonne need only finish in the top five of the seven-horse field to qualify for the August 23 final, but a win wouldn't look bad following three second-place finishes in four career starts while racing exclusively in the New Jersey Sire Stakes.

"I'm not making any changes," said Scran. "I think he'll be fine over the Mohawk surface."

While Ardonne was handled carefully so not to get him too hot in the first few legs of the Sire Stakes races, Zeron had no issues overcoming post six in the final with a solid gate move that had him in control at the quarter before relinquishing the lead. Unfortunately, Ardonne would get pinned to the pylons when the leader caved in prematurely and Apex and Dexter Dunn would move to the front. Ardonne did find room in mid-stretch and closed valiantly go come up short, missing a head and trotting in 1:53 2/5. That time is faster than any of his rivals have gone in Friday's Wellwood but means little with many trainers trying to have their horses peaking for the summer classics.

Ardonne will meet another rather expensive horse in Cambridge Hanover on Friday. The \$1 million yearling purchase by trainer Andrew Harris' connections happens to be a three-quarter brother to last year's Mohawk Million and Wellwood Memorial champion Maryland. Cambridge Hanover sidestepped the New Jersey Sire Stakes but showed some promise with a third-place finish in a leg of the Kindergarten at The Meadowlands on August 1. Cambridge Hanover landed post five.

The Wellwood is always a showcase for top Ontario-breds and recent Ontario Sire Stakes Gold winner Crunchintheodds (post 1) has experience over the track and a 1:54 2/5 career-best taken in that August 7 conquest.

Trainer Ake Svanstedt's stable has been red hot following his Nordic Catcher S' win in the Hambletonian just a few weeks ago. He'll send out Magic Punk (post 1) in the first Wellwood elimination (race 3). The colt by Wishing Stone hails from a family that Svanstedt has had enormous success with in the past. Magic Punk's dam is a sister to the dam of Plunge Blue Chip, who has career earnings of more than \$1.5 million and a sub-1:50 record. Magic Punk captured a Kindergarten division in 1:54 on August 1 at The Meadowlands.

Trainer Shawn Steacy will send out Greenarrow Hanover, a gelded son of Greenshoe that captured the Millar Farms final over this surface on August 4. With two wins in his three career starts, Greenarrow Hanover faces a tougher test from post four.

Scran has been in the big dances before at Woodbine Moahwk Park, with Tactical Mounds racing here in the Armbro Flight last year and Crantini an entrant in the 2022 Mohawk Million, but Ardonne is a first of sorts.

"He's the first one that I picked out myself and trained down as a 2-year-old," said Scran.

As for why she picked him out among what she had to choose in Lexington last year. "I saw that Ake (Svanstedt) bought the first foal out of the mare for a lot of money (\$140,000) and that horse had won his only start."

As it turned out, had Mr. Mouton, Ardonne's older brother, shown anywhere near the kind of speed as a 2-year-old he displayed in capturing a Kentucky Sire Stakes event on August 4 in 1:50 1/5 at The Red Mile, there's a strong likelihood a trainer with deeper pockets would be sending him out on Friday night and not Scran. Fortunately for her and owner Phillip Steinberg the timing couldn't have been more ideal.

## Ron Burke reaches 16,000 training wins

By Greg Reinhart

Ron Burke, the winningest trainer in horse racing history, sent out his 16,000th winner on Tuesday afternoon at The Red Mile when Kimpanzee, a 3-year-old daughter of Gimpanzee won the seventh race.

Burke, who has more than two times as many victories than Virgil Morgan Jr., who is second on the all-time wins list, also tops Thoroughbred racing's Steve Asmussen 16,000 to 10,950. Burke's \$359,146,204 in earnings also leads harness racing and trails only Thoroughbred trainers Todd Pletcher, Asmussen, Bob Baffert and Bill Mott overall.

Kimpanzee's triumph made Burke three-for-three on Tuesday at The Red Mile; the second of his victors was Sippinonsearoc in the \$80,000 second leg of the Kentucky Championship Series for 3-year-old male pacers. Driven by Yannick Gingras, Sippinonsearoc took the lead away from Captain Arturovico (Jeremy Bobbitt) past the 26 3/5 quarter, and following middle-half panels of 53 4/5 and 1:21 2/5, Sippinonsearoc kicked home in 27 seconds flat to win by 4 1/2 lengths in 1:48 2/5. Crack Shot (Doug McNair) was second and Captain Arturovico wound up third.

Sippinonsearoc, a colt by Downbytheseaside, is owned by owners Burke Racing Stable LLC., Weaver Brusceci LLC., R A S Racing LLC. and Knox Services Inc. Sippinonsearoc, who was bred by Trent Stohler Stable and Alesha Binkley, has a summary of 9-4-2 from 20 appearances, has put away \$720,900 and returned \$2.44 to win.

In a Kentucky Championship Series test for 3-year-old trotting fillies, Voguish (Todd McCarthy) cut fractions of 28 4/5, 56 3/5 and 1:24 4/5, but Luna Lovegood (Dexter Dunn) tipped out of the pocket before three-quarters. Voguish tried to hold on through the lane, but she weakened inside the final eighth, and Luna Lovegood took advantage as she went by en route to the victory by a neck in 1:53 1/5. R Lady W (Scott Zeron) rallied off Luna Lovegood's cover for second and Stash Some Cash (Tim Tetrick) got up for third.

Marcus Melander trains Luna Lovegood, a daughter of Gimpanzee bred by Blue Chip Farms and Stefan Melander, for owner Holly Lane Stud East Ltd. She has six wins, a second and a third from 14 starts, has banked \$422,010 and returned \$11.88 to win.

Strangerinthenight, a Tall Dark Stranger colt, led throughout in a 1:51 1/5 win for driver Scott Zeron and trainer Tony Alagna in a \$30,000 Kentucky Commonwealth Series dash for 3-year-old male pacers. Strangerinthenight, who paid \$6.14 to win, was bred by Alagna Racing LLC., Marvin Katz and Riverview Racing LLC. and is owned by Brittany Farms, Riverview Racing LLC., Steve Head and Pryde Stables Inc.



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## AT THE TRACK

By Darin Zoccali [X AtTheTrack7](#)

### The continuing handle decline dilemma

The Meadowlands championship meet has come and gone and this marks a good time in the calendar to review where handle stands in the industry.

Overall, it is not a pretty picture. Through this past weekend, handle on Standardbred racing between the United States and Canada is down \$144 million compared to the same period in 2024. That is an 11.6% decline.

By comparison, Thoroughbred racing is down 1.6% compared to 2024 at this point.

Before looking into which racetracks are responsible for the decline, the analysis should begin with the number of racing days. While this does show a reduction compared to last year, it is not nearly a large enough decline to justify a \$144 million handle decrease.

There have been just over 1,000 fewer harness races conducted in North America than at this point last year. Still, handle per-race is down just over eight percent. So there is a 3.6% gap between those numbers, meaning that fewer races is responsible for roughly 30 percent of the issue.

Of the \$144 million decline, \$96.4 million can be attributed to the United States harness racing handle and \$47.6 million can be attributed to Canadian harness racing handle.

The closing of Freehold Raceway has had an impact of \$17.8 million thus far, enough to be responsible for 12.3% of the overall decline. They are 441 of the 1,003 lost races.

Of the \$47.6 million handle decline in Canada, \$33.6 million of that is Woodbine Mohawk Park, making them just under 71% of the decline in Canada and 23.2% of the total North American decline. They are the largest contributor to the year-on-year harness racing handle loss. They have contested 38 fewer races than at this point last year, the equivalent of nearly four racing programs. Still, that means their average handle per race has dropped from just over \$149,000 to just over \$128,000.

The Meadowlands is down 7.2% compared to the previous year, or just over \$14 million, making them about 9.7% of the total handle loss. They have actually run 27 more races this year, but this decline is mostly due

to the removal of post-time drag which the track experimented with for about six weeks, so there is an intangible at play with their handle.

Northfield Park is down \$12.6 million on 33 fewer races and Monticello is down \$11.9 million on 39 fewer races.

Yonkers is down 92 races compared to the previous year, but only down 3.3% in handle. Their handle per race is up, putting them in a stronger position than most Standardbred tracks.

There is one track showing strong year-on-year gains and that is Hoosier Park, up \$12.8 million, or 20.6% on 48 more races. They are the only track to show handle gains of more than \$1.5 million for the year and even more troubling is only three Standardbred tracks in North America – Hooiser, Oak Grove and Hawthorne – have shown handle gains of over \$1 million.

The disturbing thing is I cannot find a common trend as to why these tracks are down. I could speculate on it being the current hot-topic of C.A.W. play, but I would have no evidence to base this on. Sure, there have been fewer races, but not enough to warrant these types of declines. We are seeing a total decline of 11.6% and a per-race decline of 8.2%, meaning if there were the exact number of races, handle would still be down 8.2%.

There have been 52 racetracks to offer pari-mutuel wagering on harness racing this year that also offered wagering last year and of those 52 racetracks, 36 are showing year-on-year declines.

Too many tracks are showing similar trends. These are not outliers, perhaps with the exception of The Meadowlands and their post-time drag experiment. There are several questions that need to be answered.

Is field size down?

If so, is this directly related to any decline in recent foal crops?

Is the industry losing handle to other forms of gaming, like sports wagering?

Why is harness racing showing a decline of 11.6% when Thoroughbred racing is down only 1.6%?

Unfortunately, I don't have any good answers. But these handle figures are alarming and need to be pointed out. Furthermore, they need to be analyzed to determine a path forward and not just an attempt to justify them. There is no silver bullet and at least on the surface there is no primary cause that I can see controlling the issue.

If the industry wants to wait and see if 2025 proves to be an anomaly and next year is going to rebound, I would advise that is not the best approach. This is over seven months of data across two countries with most racetracks showing a similar and significant trend. That demands action and I hope the industry takes a good look at what is happening to try and determine if there are any ways to help reverse this trend.

## Louprint 'vicious' in qualifying return

By Ken Weingartner

Dan Patch Award-winning male pacer Louprint, who was unbeaten in five races this year before being sidelined in early July, returned to the racetrack Tuesday (Aug. 12) with a 1:52 2/5 qualifier win by 10-3/4 lengths at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows. Regular driver Ronnie Wrenn Jr. was in the sulky for trainer Ron Burke.

"He was vicious," Burke said after the qualifier, which Louprint capped with a 26 2/5 last quarter as part of a 54 3/5 back half. "I couldn't have been happier."

"I could tell the middle of last week that he was himself again. His weight is back to where it was, his energy level is back. He's back. If he wasn't, he would never have qualified. I wasn't going to force him to do anything he isn't ready to do."

"He was really good."

Burke plans to give Louprint one more tune-up ahead of the final leg of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes for 3-year-old male pacers on Aug. 30 at The Meadows. The PASS championship also is at The Meadows, on Sept. 6.

The next Grand Circuit event on Louprint's schedule is the Grade 1 Little Brown Jug, which will be held Sept. 18 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in central Ohio.

"Right now, we're leaning toward officially working him out next Tuesday during the card at The Meadows," Burke said. "Then it will

be sire stakes, sire stakes, and then the Jug. With how his year shook out, the biggest thing is to have him ready for the Jug. I think he's ready today. He (qualified) so easily."

Louprint has hit the board in all 15 career races, winning 12 and earning \$1.18 million. He was the Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male pacer in 2024.

His victories this year include the Grade 1 Pepsi North America Cup, which was his most recent start on June 14, before seeing his campaign halted because of surgery to remove a testicle on July 7. His top triumph last season came in the Grade 1 Breeders Crown.

A son of Sweet Lou-Rockin' Racer, Louprint is owned by breeders Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Bruscelli LLC, and Phil Collura, as well as Larry Karr.



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**Louprint is expected to start next on August 30 at The Meadows.**





  
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# Yo Tillie puts unblemished 2025 record on the line Saturday

By Ken Weingartner

Yo Tillie was not eligible to the Hambletonian Oaks earlier this month, but she will meet four horses from that event's final – including champ Conversano – when she brings an eight-race win streak to Saturday's \$250,000 Grade 1 Delmonica Hanover Stakes for 3-year-old female trotters at Mohegan Pennsylvania's Pocono Downs.

Purchased this past November by Bill Pollock, Bruce Areman and trainer Andrew Harris following the completion of her 2-year-old season, Yo Tillie is unbeaten in five starts this year. The daughter of Tactical Landing-Consolidator finished her rookie campaign with three consecutive victories for then owner/trainer/driver Verlin Yoder as part of an eight-win season that included Kentucky Sire Stakes titles at Oak Grove and Cumberland Run.

Over her past four starts, Yo Tillie has won twice in 1:51 and once in 1:51 1/5. The next fastest victory time this season by a sophomore trotting filly is 1:51 2/5 – set by Conversano when she captured the Grade 1 Hambletonian Oaks at The Meadowlands on Aug 2.

Conversano, trained by Juan Cano, and driver James MacDonald will leave from post three in the Delmonica Hanover and get the 5-2 nod as morning-line favorite. Yo Tillie, the 3-1 second choice, and driver Todd McCarthy will start from post seven in the field of eight.

"She's been doing great, and she's coming into the race good," Harris said about Yo Tillie, who is ranked No. 6 in the current Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll, four spots ahead of Conversano. "Obviously, we respect the heck out of Conversano, she's a very nice filly. I'm just like the fans; I get to watch this and see what happens."

Yo Tillie heads to the Delmonica Hanover, which is part of Pocono's Sun Stakes Saturday card, off a three-length 1:51 1/5 win in the first round of the Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Series at Lexington's Red Mile. Her remaining four victories this year have all been by more than three lengths, including her 1:51 score in a division of the Grade 2 Del Miller Memorial at The Meadowlands on July 12.

Her other triumphs this season came in divisions of the Tompkins-Geers Stakes, Reynolds Memorial and Garden State Trot for 3-year-old trotting fillies. All were at The Meadowlands.

"Did I expect her to be as good as she is? No," Harris said. "But at the

same time, nothing she does surprises me. I had a feeling she was the real deal, and that's what attracted us to try to buy her."

So, what has been the key to her success?

"I think it's just that she has such a big set of lungs," Harris said. "She's obviously fast, but there are a lot of fast horses. I think it's the lungs. She can just take so much more air than most horses. And she's doing it any way Todd wants to do it right now, so she's not trip dependent. I think her lungs allow her to do that. She can make a sweeping move and just keep going."

For her career, Yo Tillie has won 13 of 17 races and banked \$467,383.

Conversano will make her first start since winning the Hambletonian Oaks. The daughter of Muscle Hill-Celebrity Ruth has hit the board in all nine of her starts this season, with seven wins, one second and a third. In addition to the Oaks, her victories include the New Jersey Sire Stakes championship and a division of the Reynolds.

The remaining Hambletonian Oaks finalists heading to the Delmonica Hanover are third-place finisher Delaney Hanover, fifth-place finisher R Charm and seventh-place finisher Torrisi. Delaney Hanover, who came home in 26 3/5 as she rallied from eighth in the Oaks, leads the trio at 5-1 on the morning line. She leaves from post six with Scott Zeron in the sulky for trainer Lucas Wallin.

Also among the field, at 4-1 on the morning line, is 2024 Goldsmith Maid winner What A Bid Hanover. She will start from post two with trainer Ake Svanstedt doing the driving. She was a 1:51 4/5 winner in her Del Miller Memorial division last month but went off stride in her Hambletonian Oaks elimination and failed to reach the final.

The Sun Stakes Saturday card at Pocono also features the \$250,000 Grade 1 James M. Lynch Memorial for 3-year-old female pacers, \$300,000 Grade 2 Max C. Hempt Memorial for 3-year-old male pacers and \$300,000 Grade 2 Earl Beal Jr. Memorial for 3-year-old male trotters.

Miki And Minnie, the sport's No. 1-ranked horse, is the 5-2 morning line favorite in the Lynch, which also includes Canada's 2024 Horse of the Year, Chantilly, in her first trip away from Ontario's Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Prince Hal Hanover, coming off victories in the Adios and Carl Milstein Memorial, is the 5-2 morning-line favorite in the Hempt while multiple graded-stakes winner and Hambletonian runner-up Super Chapter gets the 5-2 nod in the Beal.

## MEADOWLANDS \$26,408 PICK 4 CARRYOVER ANALYSIS

By Derick Giwner

There is a huge opportunity available to bettors on Friday when The Meadowlands offers a large Pick 4 carryover. Normally I would play this sequence a bit shallower and I'll note it in the analysis but with the free money in the pool it makes sense to spread a bit.

### RACE 10: TRACKMASTER 80.5 (NW L2 82.5) OR LESS

(6) LOUIS LITT N has been a fairly consistent performer at this level while a number of these have done better work one level lower. He gets a narrow call only due to unreliability on the win end. (9) RILKOFF bumps up two levels but has been impressive in each of his last two starts here.

### RACE 11: TRACKMASTER 71 (NW L2 73.75) OR LESS

(3) C KAN TROT is being allowed to double drop in class and it is very difficult to avoid making him the obvious pick to win, especially with Miller joining the team. When they give you a gift, say thank you. While the top pick is the clear one to beat at a very short price, if she somehow has a bad night you can get many people out of this sequence, so... (2) BANK BOX TREASURE won easily at this level three starts back and then was a credible third last time with a driver that has amateur status; sharp enough to win. (4) HUNTERS GAL didn't fire last time but her prior form is fine. Note that this

barn finally got a win last weekend after a long drought.

### RACE 12: TRACKMASTER 77.5 (NW 214 79.5) OR LESS

(9) ALBERT ALPHA hasn't had much success so far at Yonkers for new trainer Ron Burke. That said, we get a key location shift to the big track tonight and notice that he raced well in his lone Mohawk try in a very fast mile. (1) STRAIGHT TALK perhaps does his best work down a level, but that last mile was quite good and three of his last four miles have been solid efforts. (2) FERRAGAMO HANOVER has seen mixed results here in this class but it is worth mentioning that his lone win this year came here. Overall this looks like a soft TM77.

### RACE 13: TRACKMASTER 71 (NW 214/L8 73.32/73.76) OR LESS

(10) ODDS ON SARA SARA won by almost eight lengths in her last appearance at the TM71 level and has multiple wins this year in faster times than any of these have travelled in their lives. She is most definitely my key, but if you feel the post makes her vulnerable, there are a number of options... (3) DARLIN'S DREAM is another who raced well in her races in this class, but she lacks the raw speed of the top pick. (5) JUST MY MAMA, (8) COUNTRY DANCING and (7) PULL ME THROUGH are all sharp enough to contend if the top one falters.

.50 TICKET: 6,9 / 2,3,4 / 1,2,9 / 10 = \$9

# RACE OF THE WEEK

## 10 POCONO SAT

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### 1 RODEO DRIVE DEO(L)

21:50(1) \$18,648 LEX-SEL \$170,000

4-1 Dv. Miller 1102-168-161-170 (152)

7 Aug25	10Phl	fst80°	271	:55	1:22	1:49	PASS 3YOF
2 Aug25	2M1	fst79°	254	:54	1:22	1:48	D-ShadyDaisy
26 July25	12M1	fst77°	27	:55	1:23	1:49	TOMPKINS
12 July25	12M1	fst76°	264	:55	1:23	1:48	JSilverman
21 Jun25	8Pcd	fst68°	271	:56	1:23	1:51	PASS 3YOF
14 Jun25	10Wbs	fst68°	254	:54	1:21	1:48	FAN HANOVE
7 Jun25	3Wbs	fst69°	282	:56	1:24	1:50	FAN HANOVE
30 May25	10PhlA	fst76°	273	:56	1:24	1:51	FM W4-8

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Burke Rcd Stb & Weaver Brusconi, PA Beasty, NV, J&T Silva- PurnellLibby, FL

R. Burke 3166-648-509-445 (205)

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Last 4 Sts-\$57,572

1:51 Pcd 5/8

1:50.1 Lx1

25	2	1	1	0	\$35,560	25 Tot	10	3	4	1	\$186,479
24Pcd	0	0	0	0	-	24 Tot	11	4	4	1	\$393,800
23Pcd	0	0	0	0	-	Life	21	7	8	2	\$980,279

### 2 MIKI AND MINNIE(L)

31:48(3) \$49,386

5-2 D. Dunn 652-144-97-106 (221)

7 Aug25	10Phl	fst80°	271	:55	1:22	1:49	PASS 3YOF
2 Aug25	2M1	fst79°	254	:54	1:22	1:48	D-ShadyDaisy
26 July25	12M1	fst77°	27	:55	1:23	1:49	TOMPKINS
12 July25	12M1	fst76°	264	:55	1:23	1:48	JSilverman
4 July25	3M1	fst76°	294	:59	1:27	1:53	Qua
21 Jun25	8Pcd	fst68°	271	:56	1:23	1:51	PASS 3YOF
14 Jun25	10Wbs	fst68°	254	:54	1:21	1:48	FAN HANOVE
7 Jun25	2Wbs	fst69°	262	:56	1:24	1:50	FAN HANOVE

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C W Henderson, Chicago, IL R A Mondillo, Delaware, OH L S Minowitz, Greenwich, CT

C. Ryder 271-61-44-43 (225)

109440	7	3 <sup>3</sup> <sub>3</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> <sub>3</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>
95650	6	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>
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288600	4	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>3</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>3</sub>
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Last 4 Sts-\$215,120

\*1:48.3 Wbs 7/8

\*1:49.2 M1

25	2	1	1	0	\$29,030	25 Tot	8	7	1	0	\$395,091
24Pcd	0	0	0	0	-	24 Tot	10	11	6	4	\$503,086
23Pcd	0	0	0	0	-	Life	19	13	5	1	\$1,223,177

### 3 TIME OF THE SEASON(L)

31:49(2) \$9,027

10-1 A. McCarthy 759-123-94-95 (162)

7 Aug25	10Phl	fst80°	271	:55	1:22	1:49	PASS 3YOF
2 Aug25	2M1	fst79°	254	:54	1:22	1:48	D-ShadyDaisy
26 July25	14Mw	fst77°	262	:55	1:23	1:49	ADIOO VOLO
17 July25	11Mw	fst84°	281	:56	1:25	1:52	FMW2NW4EXT
21 Jun25	10Pcd	fst68°	264	:54	1:21	1:50	PASS 3YOF
7 Jun25	11Mw	fst72°	264	:56	1:24	1:51	TSS-3YOF
22 May25	3Mw	gd51°	291	:56	1:24	1:52	FMW2NW4EXT
15 May25	6Mw	fst79°	291	:57	1:25	1:52	FMW2NW4EXT
7 May25	12Mw	fst67°	273	:57	1:25	1:53	FMW2EXTPM

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Biram Wood Farms, Boca Raton, FL

T. Twaddle 384-69-66-65 (180)

109440	3	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	5 <sup>5</sup> <sub>3</sub>	3 <sup>2</sup> <sub>1</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>3</sub>	3 <sup>2</sup> <sub>1</sub>
95650	5	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>3</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>
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Last 4 Sts-\$51,715

1:49.2 Mw 5/8

1:55 Mw 5/8

25	2	1	1	0	\$4,900	25 Tot	8	4	2	1	\$72,213
24Pcd	0	0	0	0	-	24 Tot	7	1	2	0	\$25,512
23Pcd	0	0	0	0	-	Life	15	5	4	1	\$97,725

### 4 BEACH BABE

31:52(1) Q \$9,534 SHS-HBG \$85,000

6-1 Y. Gingras 1288-229-202-159 (178)

2 Aug25	2M1	fst79°	254	:54	1:22	1:48	D-ShadyDaisy
4 July25	14M1	fst77°	28	:56	1:24	1:51	FM5u nw2cd
21 Jun25	6M1	fst83°	27	:55	1:24	1:50	NJ SDF F
13 Jun25	3M1	fst79°	282	:56	1:24	1:51	NJ SDF
6 Jun25	2M1	gd77°	271	:55	1:23	1:50	NJ SDF
24 May25	11M1	fst79°	273	:57	1:24	1:51	NJ SDF FINAL
10 May25	11M1	fst67°	273	:55	1:23	1:50	NUSS
3 May25	7M1	fst67°	28	:56	1:24	1:52	NUSS

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R. Burke 3166-648-509-445 (205)

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95650	3	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>3</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>
52500	5	2 <sup>1</sup> <sub>3</sub>	3 <sup>2</sup> <sub>1</sub>	3 <sup>2</sup> <sub>1</sub>	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>	4 <sup>4</sup> <sub>3</sub>
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56120	2	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>1</sub>
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Last 4 Sts-\$15,218

1:52 M1

1:54 M1Q

25	2	1	1	0	\$4,306	25 Tot	11	6	2	1	\$95,340
24Pcd	0	0	0	0	-	24 Tot	7	0	0	1	\$36,230
23Pcd	0	0	0	0	-	Life	17	1	3	3	\$131,630

### 5 STEVIE HANOVER

21:51(2) Q \$6,208 SHS-HBG \$20,000

15-1 T. McCarthy 754-136-124-102 (180)

7 Aug25	4Phl	fst80°	283	:55	1:23	1:51	TSS 3YOF
29 July25	14Phl	fst81°	281	:56	1:24	1:54	Qua
21 Jun25	8Pcd	fst68°	271	:56	1:23	1:51	PASS 3YOF
7 Jun25	6Mw	fst72°	264	:55	1:24	1:50	PASS-3YOF
27 May25	8Har	fst66°	272	:56	1:24	1:54	FMWVOPMLT
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7 Jun25	3Wbs	fst69°	282	:56	1:24	1:51	Qua
24 May25	2Wbs	fst53°	271	:55	1:24	1:51	Onss-gl
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# Huge carryovers at Mohawk Thursday

It's an evening of opportunity for horseplayers on Thursday at Woodbine Mohawk Park with carryovers in the Early Pick 5 and Pick 6.

The Early Pick 5 (starts Race 1) has a carryover of \$53,763.61, while the Pick 6 (starts Race 4) will offer a carryover of \$7,830.66. Both wagers offer a \$0.20 minimum and a 15 percent takeout.

Tonight's race card features a pair of C\$140,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold events for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings (Race 9) and 2-year-old pacing fillies (Race 6).

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The undefeated Beau Jangles headlines the OSS Gold for rookie colts, entering off a 1:51 victory in the Battle of Waterloo. The Gold for pacing fillies features a showdown between Battle of the Belles winner Daya and the undefeated Gold winner A Clean Deal.

Post time for tonight's card is 6:35 p.m.

## Pacing Derby and Maple Leaf Trot supplements due Monday

Woodbine Mohawk Park's Race Office is reminding any owners and trainers of the deadline for supplements to the Canadian Pacing Derby (C\$540,000E) and Maple Leaf Trot (C\$600,000E).

Supplements for the Canadian Pacing Derby and Maple Leaf Trot must be submitted to the Race Office no later than Noon (ET) on Monday (8/18).

The supplemental fee is \$40,000 (CAD) for each race.

The Canadian Pacing Derby and Maple Leaf Trot serve as Woodbine's marquee races for open pacers and trotters. The entry box for both closes on Tuesday, August 19 at 10:30 a.m. Eliminations are scheduled for Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23.

The rich finals for both races will take place on Saturday, August 30.

**-edited release (Woodbine)**

## Gold Cup & Saucer on tap Saturday

The highlight of the year at Charlottetown Driving Park and perhaps for many in Prince Edward Island is the C\$100,000 Gold Cup & Saucer. Just under 200,000 people live in the area according to a quick online search and visually on the simulcast feed it typically seems that they are all at the track for at least part of the Saturday doubleheader with cards at noon and 6 PM (EDT). The Gold Cup & Saucer is the final race on the evening card and tends to go to post between 11 PM and midnight.

While this is typically a race won by a Canadian driver, Ohio native Jordan Stratton has captured the last two events with Covered Bridge. Neither horse or driver is returning but Brett Beckwith is venturing north to take his shot at feeling the special buzz that comes with winning the Gold Cup & Saucer. He is one of six drivers in the field seeking their first victory in the historic race that began in 1960. Gilles Barrieau (2017, 2002, 2000, 1997) and Mark Campbell (2020, 2015, 2013) are the only two drivers to have seen past success and both will have a good shot in 2025 having drawn inside posts on contenders.

Miki Shan N is the morning line favorite as he rides a six race winning streak into the \$100,000 final. He raced from off the pace and pulled clear to win his elimination in 1:50 1/5 last weekend. The final clocking was two-fifths quicker than Its Major Major A, who starts one slot to his outside in post four with Campbell driving.

While lacking a standout "star" on paper, the group is solid from top to bottom with total earnings exceeding four million (CDN). Below is the full field for the Gold Cup & Saucer:

### C\$100,000 ATLANTIC LOTTERY GOLD CUP & SAUCER - RACE 15

Saturday, August 16 at Charlottetown Driving Park

POST-HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	M/L
1-Arbitrage Hanover	B Davis Jr	A Stymest	8-1
2-Fortify	G Barrieau	R Bourassa	6-1
3-Miki Shan N	C Macpherson	C Mackay	5-2
4-Its Major Major A	Ma Campbell	R Bourassa	3-1
5-Bee Two Bee	J Hughes	A Gamester	10-1
6-Virgo	B Beckwith	D Taneyhill	4-1
7-Legion Seelster	J Jamieson	V Puddy	12-1
8-Poseidon Seelster	B McClure	D Lindsey	7-2
AE1 Nuttin But Finesse	M Downey	E Stevenson	
AE2 Malignity	P Langille	P Langille	

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### RACE 6

(4) DAYA comes off a scintillating 1:50.4 win in the Battle of the Belles Final. She gets my nod in a nice field of fillies.

**-Kevin Plowcha**



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### RACE 9

(6) SUPER DUPER COOPER can't be faulted for finishing second behind the classy Celebrity Bambino last time. Four-year-old lands in a great spot and could be pointed down the road.

**-Derick Gwerner**



### RACE 8

(3) ELEKTRA A drops in class, moves in to a much better post and picks up the leading driver. She's the most accomplished in here this year (by money earnings) and the Cullipher trainee seems to have found the winning spot.

**-Matt Rose**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

### RACE 1

(1) LASTING DREAM jumps off the page on paper, not just because of her ability and form but the speed she can deliver to get her away in good order from the pylons. She'll be the chalk here and deservedly so.

**-Gwerner**



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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

## TWO CARRYOVERS HIGHLIGHT FRIDAY AT THE BIG M

Lately at The Meadowlands, you can expect the unexpected.

First of all, there is normally no live racing after the Hambletonian, but the Big M resumed action last week the Friday (Aug. 8) after the 100th edition of the Hambo, with the first of six weeks of harness action that will go until Saturday, Sept. 13.

In addition, this week – and next – there will only be one day of racing to accommodate the large crowds anticipated for preseason football at MetLife Stadium, so this week, racing will be conducted on Friday (Aug. 15) and go dark on Saturday (Aug. 16), before next week finds no racing on Friday, Aug. 22, and then live action resuming on Saturday, Aug. 23. Post time is the normal 6:20 p.m.

Confused? Don't worry about it. Just remember to be at the mile oval this Friday night for a special betting opportunity.

Last Saturday (Aug. 9), the Late 50-cent Pick-4 sequence was won by horses at odds of 6-1, 42-1, 7-1 and 6-1, which resulted in the first 50-cent Pick-4 carryover of 2025.

There will be \$26,408 in the hat before betting begins on the Big M's most-popular puzzle on Friday night's 10th race.

"These are the types of opportunities our players love," said Big M Chief Operating Officer and General Manager Jason Settlemyer. "Whenever you combine our low-takeout multi-leg wagers with a carryover, it creates a lot of excitement, especially in the Pick-4, which does not see carryovers very often."

**ANOTHER CARRYOVER?** Yes, indeed, the Pick-4 is not the only carryover on Friday's program.

The 20-cent Pick-6, which began with a 6-5 shot and a 10-1 chance before the Pick-4 races completed the sequence last week, will offer a \$4,028 carryover when the bet begins on race eight.

-edited release (Meadowlands)

## FILLY NYSS PACERS COME TO BATAVIA ON THURSDAY

Batavia Downs welcomes back the New York Sire Stakes on Thursday (Aug. 14) evening when 15 2-year-old pacing fillies will go postward in two divisions for a total of \$110,000 in purse money.

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## PRINCE HAL HANOVER JUMPS INTO TOP 10

Prince Hal Hanover, whose win in the Grade 2 Carl Milstein Memorial this past Saturday made him the richest horse in harness racing this season, was the lone fresh face in Wednesday's Week 9 edition of the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll.

A 3-year-old pacing colt, Prince Hal Hanover captured the Milstein at MGM Northfield Park two weeks after winning the Grade 1 Adios at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows. Earlier in July, he was first-placed-second in the Grade 1 Meadowlands Pace. He joined the poll's Top 10 at No. 7 this week.

Prince Hal Hanover has earned \$581,633 in 10 starts this year to lead the sport in purses.

The six horses ahead of Prince Hal Hanover were unchanged from last week, with Miki And Minnie leading the way at No. 1 for the second week in a row. Miki And Minnie was the only horse in last week's Top 10 to race, winning the third round of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes for 3-year-old pacing fillies at Harrah's Philadelphia.

She was followed in the rankings by Sylvia Hanover, Louprint, Nordic Catcher S, Twin B Joe Fresh, and Yo Tillie.

Miki And Minnie, Yo Tillie and Prince Hal Hanover are scheduled to race this weekend as part of the Sun Stakes Saturday card at Mohegan Pennsylvania's Pocono Downs. Also slated to race there are No. 8 Super Chapter and No. 10 Conversano.

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 9

Rank	Name (1st Votes)	Age/Sex/Gait	Record	Earnings	Points	Pvs
1	Miki And Minnie (12)	3fp	8-7-1-0	\$395,091	291	1
2	Sylvia Hanover (7)	5mp	7-4-2-1	\$275,379	280	2
3	Louprint (13)	3cp	5-5-0-0	\$449,132	227	3
4	Nordic Catcher S (2)	3ct	5-3-1-1	\$573,322	200	4
5	Twin B Joe Fresh	5mp	6-3-2-1	\$299,114	174	5
6	Yo Tillie (1)	3ft	5-5-0-0	\$162,083	155	6
7	Prince Hal Hanover	3cp	10-4-4-1	\$581,633	130	--
8	Super Chapter	3ct	6-5-1-0	\$548,505	118	7
9	Periculum	6ht	4-3-1-0	\$353,980	98	8
10	Conversano	3ft	9-7-1-1	\$483,511	77	9

ALSO: Ken Hanover 61; Beau Jangles 36; Emoticon Legacy 17; Chantilly 16; Elista Hanover, Madden Oaks 9; Twisted Destiny 6; Captain Optimistic, Sabonis 4; Sippinonsearoc 3; Endurance, Luna Lovegood, Smooth Dream 2; Fitness First, M-M's Dream, Maryland, On To Norway 1.

-by Ken Weingartner

## GRAND CIRCUIT RACING RETURNS TO MOHAWK THIS WEEKEND

Grand Circuit action is set to ramp up again this week at Woodbine Mohawk Park with 2-year-olds the focus over the next several weeks.

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## PEACEFUL WAY AT MOHAWK TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE FINAL

The Peaceful Way attracted 11 2-year-old trotting fillies and will go directly to the final on Saturday, August 23. A \$C30,000 Peaceful Way prep race will take place on Friday.

The 11 entered fillies for the Peaceful Way are listed below.

Bingo Night (Dustin Jones)  
Calyx (Shawn Steacy)  
Feet Of The Moon (Les Posan)  
Green Moni Queen (Shawn Steacy)  
One Belle (Matt Bax)  
Patrona (Nancy Takter)  
Shimmering Hanover (Luc Blais)  
Sister Scarlett (Mark Etsell)  
Sugar Packet (Blake MacIntosh)  
Upto Laura Hanover (Laura Toscani)  
Wishuponastar Deo (Susie Kerwood)

-release (Woodbine)

## NEW "GIRL POWER" MARE TROT EXPANDED FOR 6YOS

The Meadowlands is announcing that the new race for trotting mares named "Girl Power" scheduled for Friday, August 29 is being adjusted to include mares that are 6 years of age.

The conditions now read:

Trotting mares 4, 5 & 6 years of age

The 10 highest money winners in 2025 as of the date of entry

The purse will be \$100,000 added with a fee of \$2,500 due at time of entry.

No other fees are required, just enter for the race as it is listed on the condition sheet for the Friday, August 29 draw and if your entry is among the top 10 she will race if not your entry fee will be returned.

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## WINNER'S CIRCLE SPEED SALE DEADLINE APPROACHING

Breeders and consignors are advised that the deadline for entries for the 2025 Winner's Circle Speed Sale is one week away, on Friday, Aug. 15.

The Winner's Circle Speed Sale will take place Thursday, Oct. 9, at Michigan State University, in Lansing, Mich. To enter online, or to access a printable form to enter via mail, visit <https://www.winnerscirclesale.com/enter/>.

Any inquiries can be directed to Don Marotta via email at [dm@winnerscirclesale.com](mailto:dm@winnerscirclesale.com).

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