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BREEDERS CROWN PREVIEW ISSUE

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will try to complete a perfect 12-for-12 season with a win in the \$700K Breeders Crown for 2YO male pacers

9 Crown starters seek to extend multi-race stakes winning streaks

Examining the dozen Breeders Crown favorites



EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner

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The Standardbred stars of 2025 are experiencing a wave of success that we've perhaps never seen as the stakes schedule takes us to the

Breeders Crown championships. Nine of the 12 races have a horse entering the final on at least a winning streak of two stakes races and seven of the Finals have a horse seeking their fifth straight win.

Certainly when you gather the best horses in North America there will be many stories of triumph and achievement, but to have so many horses entering the Crown on winning streaks is a bit surprising, especially when you consider that the list doesn't include Miki And Minnie and Louprint, who combined have only lost three races in 2025.

The question looms, how many of these streaks will remain intact following the \$7.6 million Breeders Crown finals at Woodbine Mohawk Park on October 24 and 25?

While it is unlikely that all of the horses on winning streaks will be odds-on favorites come post time, many of them will gain this status. We quantify odds-on as under even money. Recent history tells us that the average Breeders Crown year produces about 8.5 such favorites from the 12 races each year. Despite these being horses most people believe "can't lose," the numbers say they do and that the return on investment is below the breakeven point.

Over the last five years 42 horses have offered odds of 4-5 or less in the Breeders Crown and 20 have been victorious (47%). Even if they all paid \$3.80 (and they didn't), you lost money betting these "unbeatable" horses. With that thought in mind, we examine each of the Breeders Crown races in an attempt to determine the vulnerability of the favorites in terms of bang for your buck.

UNBEATABLE BEAU JANGLES?

Starting the Breeders Crown conversation with anyone but the undefeated Beau Jangles (Friday, Race 9) seems wrong. He's gone behind the gate 11 times and finished first in each of those races. With a win he would become the fourth-richest 2-year-old pacer in history and amazingly the only undefeated one in the top 25.

Beau Jangles (post 6) has faced and defeated every horse in the field except for Brandon Blvd (post 2) and Melillo (post 3). Interestingly, both of those colts own 1:48 4/5 career-best win times, two-fifths quicker than

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WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK - POST TIME: 6:35 PM (10/24 & 10/25)

	POST R	ACE #	PURSE/CONDITIONS		
	8:55	6	\$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Filly Trot		
FRIDAY	9:25	7	\$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Filly Pace		
2	9:55	8	\$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Colt Trot		
	10:25	9	\$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Colt Pace		
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	POST R	ACE #	PURSE/CONDITIONS		
	7:15	2	\$400,000 Breeders Crown Mare Trot		
	7:45	3	\$400,000 Breeders Crown Mare Pace		
	8:15	4	\$664,500 Breeders Crown 3YO Filly Trot		
M	8:45	5	\$600,000 Breeders Crown 3YO Filly Pace		
SATURDAY	9:15	6	\$600,000 Breeders Crown 3YO Colt Trot		
S	9:45	7	\$600,000 Breeders Crown Open Trot		
	10:15	8	\$600,000 Breeders Crown 3YO Colt Pace		
	10:45	9	\$600,000 Breeders Crown Open Pace		
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Beau Jangles' $1:49\ 1/5$. Al Papi (post 4) is actually the fastest horse in the field with a $1:48\ 1/5$ win. So at least in terms of pure time, Beau Jangles doesn't rate as better than his competitors.

It is reasonable to assume a final price of about 3-5 on Beau Jangles and you must ask yourself if he would win six out of every 10 times this field meets. I feel confident he would win four times. I'm not so sure about six. Why? Besides the obvious of others in the field having the pure speed to go with him, trainer Ron Burke has four horses in the race and three of them draw inside Beau Jangles. I'm not saying they are going to be working in tandem but they certainly aren't going to be hurting each other.

While there is no doubt that Beau Jangles is the best 2-year-old male pacer in the sport, considering his final odds and the coverage he'll get in the multi-race wagers due to the hype, he seems like a play against.

LEVITATING WITH LOUA DIPA



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Ronnie Wrenn Jr. will drive favorites Loua Dipa and Louprint in the Crown.

Clearly a play on words from pop star Dua Lipa, Loua Dipa went from good to great over the last six weeks. She's won four straight starts in under 1:50! Has a 2-year-old ever accomplished that feat before? Probably not when you consider that 11 of the 15 fastest freshman pacing miles in history have occurred in the last two years and none of them have accomplished it.

Riding a four race winning streak and off a performance where she trounced her foes in the elimination round, Loua Dipa (post 3 in Friday's 7th race) is going to be at least the co-heaviest favorite on the card at 1-9 at post time and it is difficult to find a filly that can defeat her. The Ron Burke trainee has won her last three races by a combined 16 1/4 lengths and is one of only two horses in the field to have eclipsed the 1:50 barrier (the other is stablemate Im A

Lou Lou, post 9, 1:49 3/5). Loua Dipa would need to regress and the other would have to improve multiple lengths to make this a fair fight. All things remaining as they have been, she's unbeatable.

IS NEZUKO KAMADO S THE REAL THING?

Named after a fictional character in "Koyoharu Gotouge's manga series Demon Slayer" according to a quick Google search, Nezuko Kamado S went from unknown to perhaps divisional leader over the last month by winning the Kentuckiana at Hoosier and Big Apple at Vernon. She looks to run her string of wins to five on Friday in the sixth race.

It is certainly debatable whether she'll reach odds-on status and off odds in the 3-2 range seem more likely. As easily as she won her elimination, she was set up by a great pace scenario, only came home in 28 2/5, and the favorite from that race is nowhere to be found in this final. In that she also hasn't separated herself in terms of time, it is difficult to accept her as the chalk.

Sparks (post 7) displayed an eye-catching late rally that could garner her more attention than she deserves in this field. She's a contender that deserves odds north of 5-1, so take that into consideration. Storybook Love (post 5) was impressive winning her elimination and seems to be coming into form at the right time, but she did have a nice cover trip in that race and could offer odds close to 5-2, perhaps a bit lower than she deserves. Could the value lie in beaten elimination favorite Setyoursightshigh (post 9) or Southwind Chaska (post 3), who came up short in the elimination round but had won three straight prior to that effort?

APEX HAS CLIMBED TO THE TOP

Four is a popular Breeders Crown number in terms of winning streaks and that is where Apex has landed following victories in the Mohawk Million, Peter Haughton and New Jersey Classic. A Crown win will also

make the royally-bred son of Walner and Mission Brief the fourth-richest 2-year-old trotter in history. And if he elects to race in and win the Valley Victory at The Meadowlands on November 15, Apex will take over the top spot, eclipsing Snow White's 18-year-old record.

Apex (post 1 in race 8 on Friday) should hover right around the even money mark, give or take a notch on either side. Here again we ask if he would win this race 50 percent of the time. The Marcus Melander trainee has defeated contenders Diabolic Hill (post 3) and Mr Big Spender (post 10), but is the former a different horse now? What about newcomer Spencer Hanover? He's won two straight in impressive fashion with hobbles added. Nix Nacken (post 4) has also been racing very well and finished willingly in his elimination. Apex may be best and he may win, but the smart move is probably to play against him.

SMOOTH RIDE FOR LEXUS KODY



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Breeders Crown Open Trot favorite Lexus Kody has won five straight stakes races.

With all due respect to Beau Jangles, is there a hotter and sharper horse right now than Lexus Kody? He's reeled off wins in the Maple Leaf Trot, MGM Yonkers International Trot, Caesars Trotting Classic and Dayton Derby to secure the top spot among all horses for earnings this year. He also set a Canadian record with a 1:49 1/5 win along the way.

Amazingly, despite coming into his elimination with four straight stakes wins, Lexus Kody was sent off at an astounding 6-5 in his elimination. He then brushed to the front and posted a powerful 1:49 4/5 victory versus most of the foes he faces Saturday (race 7). Of course the likely second choice in the final – Periculum (post 7) – had a bye and didn't race in the elimination, but is he good enough to even go with Lexus Kody (post 5) right now? It is very difficult to find a horse in this field sharp or talented enough at this moment to beat the Ron Burke-trained charge. Take 3-5 if you can get it and be happy.

"FRESH" IS THE CLEAR QUEEN AGAIN

Horse of the Year Twin B Joe Fresh went through a spell in late July and early August when people (myself included) started to doubt if she was still the best older pacing mare on the planet. Her connections then regrouped, gave her a few weeks off and she has returned with a vengeance, stringing together three straight stakes wins in times of 1:47 4/5, 1:48 4/5 and 1:47 3/5.

Doubts in the rearview mirror, Twin B Joe Fresh (post 1 in race three on Saturday) is a lock to offer odds of 1-5 or less as she hooks up with the same group she has defeated many, many times. Her one conqueror Sylvia Hanover (post 5) has been at a tactical disadvantage in their last two meetings. I could view her as an upsetter at odds of 5-1 or higher, but I'm not expecting her to be more than 3-1.

NEW DRIVER, NO PROBLEM FOR "ERVIN"

Despite coming into his Crown elimination on a three race winning streak that included stakes victories in the Dayton Derby and Ewart

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Memorial, Ervin Hanover lost his driver Louis Phillippe Roy to Nijinsky last weekend. Dexter Dunn was all too happy to sit in the bike and the divisional leader responded with a gigantic uncovered performance to best Nijinsky on the line by a neck in 1:48.

Ervin Hanover (post 5 in race 9 on Saturday) was a 7-5 favorite in his elimination and despite the addition of Ken Hanover (post 2) and Maximus Miki (post 7) to the field, the strong showing will likely mean he'll edge closer to even money in the \$600,000 final and that is a number which could be hard to stomach. Why? Check out the margin of victory in his stakes wins and losses lately – neck, neck, neck and head. He's hardly destroying the competition and let's be honest, there are a handful of horses in here capable of pulling off an upset. All that said, Ervin Hanover is sharp.

SMILEY FACE IN 3YO COLT TROT?

Emoticon Legacy (post 4 in race six on Saturday) has been all smiles of late in the 3-year-old male trotting division. His previous two races have been victories in the Canadian Trotting Classic and the Kentucky Futurity, lofting him to the top spot among his peers. That said, he was one of three co-favorites in the Futurity and only beat Maryland (post 3) and Super Chapter (post 2) by a neck and half-length, respectively.

On the heels of the consecutive sub 1:50 wins and given his home field advantage, Emoticon Legacy seems like to offer about 3-2 odds. That is probably a fair price in a vacuum but also means Super Chapter and Maryland will offer closer to 3-1 and one could drift up as much as 4-1, leaving potential value in other places.

JUST SHORT OF PERFECTION

In terms of winning streaks, only Beau Jangles has eclipsed what Louprint accomplished already in 2025. Going into his elimination Louprint was perfect in 10 starts this year and he seemed destined to do it again as the 1-5 choice. Unfortunately for his backers, the Ron Burke trainee wasn't quite on his cover and despite a 25 4/5 final quarter he lost by a nose to a game Dandy Ideal. Does that loss equate to better odds in the final? Could we get 3-5 and is that good value?

If Louprint (post 8 in race 8 on Saturday) was kept closer or handled with more urgency in his elimination I do think he would've been victorious. With that, 4-5 would be a good price. That said, you have to give Dandy Ideal (post 5) some respect, Prince Hal Hanover (post 3) is right there every time, and despite his refusal to behave, Madden Oaks (post 1) is definitely fast enough to win and could be the best value play.

3YO FILLY TROT SHOWDOWN



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Yo Tillie will face off against Delaney Hanover on Saturday.

The battle for supremacy in the sophomore filly trotting division will finally come to a fitting climax in the fourth race on Saturday. In one corner is the red-hot Delaney Hanover (post 2) seeking her fifth straight win against stakes competition. Her competitor is the once-beaten in 2025 Yo Tillie. Earlier in the year Yo Tillie had the clear edge but in their last match-up at The Red Mile it was Delaney Hanover who worked out the winning trip in the Bluegrass.

How the betting pans out here will be very interesting. Will handicappers favor the sharp Delaney Hanover (post 2) or Yo Tillie (post 4), who has been odds-on in every start in her 2025 campaign? Does R Dutchess (post 6) finally drawing well give her a shot at an upset? Can Stash Some Cash (post 1) or Stormont Beautiful (post 8) take the next step up?

With the uncertainty of the final odds, this is the one race where a definitive pre-race decision can't be made outside of saying that if Delaney Hanover or Yo Tillie actually offer odds of 2-1 or higher, you have to go that way.

SHE'S A MIGHTY MOUSE

Miki And Minnie (post 5 in race 5 on Saturday) lost her winning streak on September 14 in the Kentucky Sire Stakes final but is ready to start another one after a convincing first-over victory in her Breeders Crown elimination. Never worse than second in 13 starts this year and owner of 11 wins, she's going to hover around 1-5 in this spot. Is she worth such low odds?

Opponents will point out that she only won her elimination by a half-length over Unreasonable (post 2), though I'm not certain she was ever going to lose that race. It is also worth pointing out that the final time of 1:48 2/5 equaled the track and Canadian record.

A stablemate of Twin B Joe Fresh for trainer Chris Ryder, she's not unbeatable but probably a fair price at 1-5.

THE ONE WITH THE HEAD SCRATCHER

Of all the Breeders Crown races on the Saturday card, the older mare trot (race 2) is the one race where there really is no clear-cut favorite. M-M's Dream (post 4), Date Night Hanover (post 5), Warrawee Michelle (post 6) and Elista Hanover (post 7) are the most obvious contenders but not the only possible winners in what will be a separator race in the early Pick 5. Accepting under 2-1 on any horse in this race seems foolish.

Post time for both the Friday and Saturday cards is 6:35 PM (EDT). Each night offers a \$100,000 guaranteed Pick 5 in races one and six. Saturday also features a mandatory payout of the Jackpot Hi-5 in race 12 along with a mandatory payout in the Pick 6 which starts in race four.



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Burke quartet looks to hit a high note versus undefeated "Jangles"

By Jay Bergman

It's not often that a trainer has a four-to-one advantage in a horse race and finds himself the underdog. Such is the position trainer Ron Burke faces on Friday night in the \$700,000 Breeders Crown final for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Despite having four horses of impeccable quality in the field, Burke knows he's got a big mountain to climb if any are to become the first horse to beat Beau Jangles.

"We're going to have to pick up some speed to catch him," said Burke bluntly when asked about his numbers advantage. "That's a great horse.

We can't just let him get the front and back down the pace."

Burke's reference point was last week's elimination race where two of his top colts took shots at Beau Jangles going to the quarter, but neither was able to outsprint the unbeaten son of Cattlewash as Bob McClure made certain he had control of the race by sizzling to the quarter in 26 second before slowing the pace through the middle half.

"Frantic Hanover and Ubrute scoped bad so I think I could get them a little better for this week but I'm not sure it's going to be enough," said Burke. "Melillo was loaded and was probably a winner two steps past the wire. Al Papi was right there off a wicked half."

Burke's four horses are

all stakes winners and enter the race with sub-1:50 credits. It's a remarkable feat and perhaps in any other year would give him a decided advantage in a race to determine the division winner. In 2025 it's just not the case as Beau Jangles has been flawless with no signs of slowing down. Burke has had his share of great horses and wasn't shying away from giving full credit to what he's seen.

"He just may very well be the next great horse," said Burke of Beau Jangles. "I'm not surprised with how he's being driven. If I had a horse like that, I would want to put everyone in behind me. We're going to have to find a way to mix it up and see if that works."

The draw may have worked better in the final than it did for Burke in last Friday's (October 17) elimination races, with Melillo (post 3), Al Papi (post 4) and Frantic Hanover (post 5) all finding spots behind the gate inside of Beau Jangles (post 6). Ubrute, a son of a pair of Breeders Crown champions in Tall Dark Stranger and Warrawee Ubeaut, landed post nine. Ubrute worked hard last week to try to get in front of Beau Jangles but eventually driver Yannick Gingras had to put him in the pocket where he stayed throughout, unable to make up ground through a 26 2/5 final quarter.

A total of seven of the 10 horses in Friday's ninth race Crown final have lifetime records of 1:50 or better and while that number would have been unheard of a few years back it has become more commonplace.

"I've said this now for the last couple of years, but I think there's going to be a point where 2-year-olds will hold all of the world records," Burke said. "They are coming to their speed much faster, and they haven't been hurt."

The last point is critical as Burke well knows that soundness allows horses to race much faster.

While Burke has four in the field, he's not alone in the quest to take down Beau Jangles. Brandon Blvd (post 2) became the fastest 2-year-old in Canadian history with his 1:48 4/5 victory in the other elimination race. With seven wins in nine starts this year, Brandon Blvd enters the Crown final on a three-race winning streak that included back-to-back Grand Circuit scores at The Red Mile. Dexter Dunn picked up the driving assignment following a second-place finish in the \$400,000 Kentucky Championships on September 14 at The Red Mile, with Tim Tetrick opting for Frantic Hanover.

In last week's elimination, Brandon Blvd did have the benefit of a three-hole trip through first-half fractions of 25 2/5 and 52 4/5 and that





(TOP LEFT AND BOTTOM RIGHT) AMANDA STEPHENS / (TOP RIGHT) CHRIS GOODEN / (BOTTOM LEFT) GRACE ZIMMERS

(left to right on top) Melillo and Al Papi along with (left to right on bottom) Frantic Hanover and Ubrute will represent trainer Ron Burke in the Crown 2YO Colt Pace. certainly was to his advantage when Al Papi moved first on the final turn and provided him with ideal cover. That said, Brandon Blvd did have something left when it counted most.

"He's push-button. Any trip you want to give him it seems like he can do it," said Brandon Blvd's trainer Andrew Harris at the post draw. "He seems like he can take a lot of air so I just have to hope the Burke crew can rough up Beau Jangles a bit and set it up."

Perhaps working for Beau Jangles in Friday's contest is the advantage of having the best horse and one that has proven to be controllable and reliable when called upon. Beau Jangles gave the appearance that he was fired up in the early stages of his elimination yet managed to go from a

26 first quarter to a 28 3/5 second quarter without a struggle. When put to a challenge by both of Burke's horses – Frantic Hanover to his outside and Ubrute behind – he just paced away as if it was a one-horse race.

While great horses all get beaten, Beau Jangles may be out to prove that the adage is outdated when ascribed to him. The idea of making Beau Jangles work harder makes sense if in fact it tires him out. Burke's concern seems to be that the other nine horses will pay a bigger price for overuse.

What's unknown and something that could be revealed in Friday's final is what the wear and tear of 11 races have had on Beau Jangles. Trainer Dr. Ian Moore had suggested a few weeks ago that it was a concern of his following the Ontario Super Final victory on October 10 before he committed to racing in the Breeders Crown.

"No matter what happens with this colt on Friday night it's been a heck of a ride," said Moore after the post draw. "I'm looking forward to a good

Burke's fastest 2-year-old pacer happens to be a filly and Loua Dipa will be a heavy favorite to capture the \$700,000 Breeders Crown in her division (race 7).

"Training down she didn't appear to be as good as her sister (Looks-goodinloulou)," said Burke. "But she just kept getting better."

Loua Dipa is another by Burke's former champion Sweet Lou that has now proven to be a dominant pacing sire. Burke has seen what Sweet Lou has accomplished when bred to a multitude of broodmare crosses and is looking forward to the next chapter.

"I can't wait to see what the Sweet Lou mares will do when mated with the Somebeachsomewhere line," Burke said, perhaps with a vision of the first 1:46 2-year-old in mind.



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(9) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH (3) LOUA DIPA has been is likely the best value of Melander's trio.

(5) STORYBOOK LOVE (2) NEZUKO KAMADO S extraordinary and should dominate these.

(4) HUNTING MEMORIES (5) DAYA

(2) SPENCER HANOVER has really picked his game up with hobbles.

> (1) APEX (3) DIABOLIC HILL

(6) BEAU JANGLES has (1) DRAWN IMPRESSION taken the air out of some serious rivals.

(1) SHOW ME YOUR ACE

(4) AL PAPI

may be winless but has the talent to upset. (7) ELISTA HANOVER

MICHELLE

(6) WARRAWEE

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH has bounced back with a vengeance and should control the race.

(5) SYLVIA HANOVER (7) ALWAYS B NAUGHTY

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH is

vet another masterpiece

mare for Chris Ryder.



(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S has yet to flex her full might.

(5) STORYBOOK LOVE (9) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH

(3) LOUA DIPA should just be given the trophy. Race is for second.

> (5) DAYA (9) IM A LOU LOU

(1) APEX's tenacity comes through on blood. Truly the one to beat.

(3) DIABOLIC HILL

(10) MR BIG SPENDER

(6) BEAU JANGLES is a freshman draped in a sophomore body.

(1) SHOW ME YOUR ACE (10) FRAGMENT

(6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE has been stellar all year. Draw should put her close.

(4) M-Ms DREAM (7) ELISTA HANOVER

Trophy time.

(5) SYLVIA HANOVER (3) MY GIRL EJ

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH

has regained her status



(3) SOUTHWIND CHASKA could be value after a rare poor effort. (5) STORYBOOK LOVE (9) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH

(3) LOUA DIPA is simply more advanced than her rivals.

> (9) IM A LOU LOU (5) DAYA

(2) SPENCER HANOVER has turned the corner with hobbles added and should offer value.

> (1) APEX (4) NIX NACKEN

(2) BRANDON BLVD has (7) ELISTA HANOVER has great form, can take air and will offer a fair price. year; better on big tracks. (5) FRANTIC HANOVER

(4) AL PAPI

(6) BEAU JANGLES

shrugged off all-out

Frantic Hanover in elim;

perfect 11-for-11

(1) SHOW ME YOUR ACE

(6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE

(4) M-M'S DREAM

been aiming for this all

as Queen of this division. (5) SYLVIA HANOVER

(2) KOBES GIGI



(6) BINGO NIGHT posted a decisive OSS Superfinal win and was not overextended in elim. (2) NEZUKO KAMADO S

divisional standout and a perfect 3-for-3 at Mohawk. (5) DAYA

(3) LOUA DIPA is the

(7) SANGRIA SUMMER

(2) SPENCER HANOVER was the fastest closer in 2-year-old trot elims; near-perfect for Bartlett (1) APEX

(3) DIABOLIC HILL

(3) MELILLO

(3) MELILLO

(1) DRAWN IMPRESSION is undefeated from rail, 23/24 Crown elim winner proceeds to final.

(7) ELISTA HANOVER (5) DATE NIGHT HANOVER (5) SYLVIA HANOVER was parked to half in prep; better draw for beaten 2/5 fave.

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH (7) ALWAYS B NAUGHTY



(5) STORYBOOK LOVE gets around Mohawk well and looks to have more.

(9) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH

(6) BINGO NIGHT (2) NEZUKO KAMADO S (3) LOUA DIPA is a class above the rest of the division.

(9) IM A LOU LOU (5) DAYA

(1) APFX stamped himself as the horse to beat last month.

(2) SPENCER HANOVER (3) DIABOLIC HILL

answered every call. The perfect game looms.

(2) BRANDON BLVD

(6) BEAU JANGLES has (7) ELISTA HANOVER has been close and should provide a square price.

(6) WARRAWEE **MICHELLE** (5) DATE NIGHT HANOVER

(6) WARRAWEE

MICHELLE - Ake finds

ways to win these; she's

versatile and fast

(7) ELISTA HANOVER

(4) M-M'S DREAM

(1) TWIN B IOE FRESH has returned to careerhest form in the last month.

(7) ALWAYS B NAUGHTY (5) SYLVIA HANOVER

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH

is back to herself and

that's bad for everyone



(2) NEZUDO KAMADO S is incredibly sharp off 4 straight wins; scores with any trip.

(5) STORYBOOK LOVE (9) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH

(6) BINGO NIGHT held

well despite being part of

contested pace in elim.

(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S

(4) ATLANTIC SUMMER

(3) LOUA DIPA is a micro-priced fave that looks to continue to dominate these.

(9) IM A LOU LOU (5) DAYA

(3) LOUA DIPA looks like

the lock of the weekend.

(9) IM A LOU LOU

(8) SEASIDE SHUFFLE

(2) SPENCER HANOVER's light has gone on in last two. Price makes him attractive.

(1) APEX

(1) APEX has led this

division for a while &

qualified great.

(2) SPENCER HANOVER

(3) DIABOLIC HILL

(3) DIABOLIC HILL

(2) BRANDON BLVD is very tactical, needs someone else to soften up 'Beau'.

(6) BEAU JANGLES (3) MELILLO

(6) BEAU JANGLES

(2) BRANDON BLVD

keeps passing each test thrown at him.

(3) MELILLO

(7) ELISTA HANOVER qualified sharp with tactics change.

(8) CALL ME GOO (6) WARRAWEE **MICHELLE**

else. (7) ALWAYS B NAUGHTY (3) MY GIRL EJ

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH

doesn't look like she can

lose right now.

(5) SYLVIA HANOVER

(7) ALWAYS B NAUGHTY



(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S put it all together after adding hobbles. (6) BINGO NIGHT

(5) STORYBOOK LOVE

(3) LOUA DIPA is the most talented filly we've seen in some time; deserving 1/9.

(8) SEASIDE SHUFFLE

(5) DAYA

(1) APEX continues to impress and should be tight off his morning prep

(2) SPENCER HANOVER (3) DIABOLIC HILL

(2) BRANDON BLVD has kicked it into another gear since adding Dex and comes off life mark.

(6) BEAU JANGLES (4) AL PAPI

(4) M-MS DREAM faltered in a couple at Hoosier; usually steps it up when it counts.

(6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE (7) ELISTA HANOVER

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH is back on top of the world and will control these.

(5) SYLVIA HANOVER (2) KOBES GIGI



(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S showed a new dimension with her racing style in the elimination. (9) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH

(6) BINGO NIGHT

(3) LOUA DIPA looks like a woman amongst girls at this point off a dominant elimination.

(4) HUNTING MEMORIES (5) DAYA

(1) APEX would need to regress off his current form, which stands out in the field.

(3) DIABOLIC HILL (10) MR BIG SPENDER

(2) BRANDON BLVD will offer a better price than he should with Beau Jangles here. (3) MELILLO

(6) BEAU JANGLES

(4) M-M'S DREAM may offer better value off two recent defeats.

(5) DATE NIGHT HANOVER (6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE

(1) TWIN B JOE FRESH is the most likely winner of the weekend. (2) KOBES GIGI

(5) SYLVIA HANOVER

BREEDERS CROWN HANDICAPPING



SAT. - Race 4 \$664.5k 3yoF Trot Breeders Crown

SAT. - Race 5 \$600k 3voF Pace Breeders Crown

SAT. - Race 6 \$600k 3voC Trot Breeders Crown

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SAT. - Race 7 \$600k Open Trot Breeders Crown

SAT. - Race 8 \$600k 3voC Pace Breeders Crown

SAT. - Race 9 \$600k Open Pace Breeders Crown

MANDATORY PICK 6



(6) R DUTCHESS may benefit from a strong opening pace to spring the upset

(4) YO TILLIE (2) DELANEY HANOVER (5) MIKI AND MINNIE has been brilliant all season long and deserves the nod.

(2) UNREASONABLE (3) ROSE

(4) EMOTICON LEGACY should continue his domination of these. (2) SUPER CHAPTER

(3) MARYLAND

(5) LEXUS KODY is in a class by himself and seems overpowering.

(3) FRENCH WINE (7) PERICULUM

be more assertive from this spot for Roy. (8) LOUPRINT

(8) LOUPRINT almost

(1) MADDEN OAKS will

(2) MANOLETE

(5) ERVIN HANOVER atones for his narrow loss in the Pacing Derby here.

(2) KEN HANOVER (8) NIIINSKY



(2) DELANEY HANOVER's (2) UNREASONABLE has turn of foot likely bails her out in the stretch.

(4) YO TILLIF (8) STORMONT **BEAUTIFUL**

a chance to capitalize off a trip; a chance.

(5) MIKI AND MINNIE (7) FAZE

(4) EMOTICON LEGACY keeps moving the bar. Most likely winner.

(2) SUPER CHAPTER

(1) MESHUGGAH

(5) LEXUS KODY moves so effortlessly. His speed is his edge.

(7) PERICULUM (9) HILLEXOTIC

pulled through from a dead spot. Still the best. (3) PRINCE HAL

HANOVER (6) SIPPINONSEAROC (5) ERVIN HANOVER has a chance at a better trip, but he's not invincible.

(6) COACHES CORNER (2) KEN HANOVER



(4) YO TILLIE doesn't need a perfect trip and has tactical speed.

> (8) STORMONT **BEAUTIFUL**

(2) DELANEY HANOVER

(5) MIKI AND MINNIE is simply better than these.

(2) UNREASONABLE

(6) SKYWALKER SEA

(3) MARYLAND is the best winless horse around; take the price.

(4) EMOTICON LEGACY

(10) GO DOG GO

(5) LEXUS KODY has been too good for these for months and wins off any trip

(3) FRENCH WINE

(7) PERICULUM

(1) MADDEN OAKS went a 51 4/5 last half while uncovered in elim; trip has to be better.

> (8) LOUPRINT (10) FUSION

(7) MAXIMUS MIKI went too slow last time; different trip tonight. (5) ERVIN HANOVER

(3) CAPTAIN ALBANO



(2) DELANEY HANOVER flew down stretch in Mohawk record to take elim.

> (8) STORMONT **BEAUTIFUL** (7) WALSPEA

(5) MIKI AND MINNIE is the defending Crown champ; undefeated at Mohawk; new mark in elim

(2) UNREASONABLE

(4) THE LAST MARTINI

(4) EMOTICON LEGACY is the season's fastest 3YO trotter; fought off rivals in Kentucky Futurity

(2) SUPER CHAPTER

(3) MARYLAND

(9) HILLEXOTIC and Hanners left aggressively in elim; second move in stretch.

(5) LEXUS KODY (7) PERICULUM

gets post relief; threewide late kick in elim, closing in 25 flat. (8) LOUPRINT

(6) SIPPINONSEAROC

(5) DANDY IDEAL

(3) CAPTAIN ALBANO came first-up in elim; hunting for room in deep stretch

(5) ERVIN HANOVER (2) KEN HANOVER



(2) DELANEY HANOVER is the only filly to beat Yo Tillie this year. (4) YO TILLIE

(1) STASH SOME CASH

(5) MIKI AND MINNIF looks to claim back-toback Breeders Crown titles.

(2) UNREASONABLE (10) CHANTILLY

(4) EMOTICON LEGACY is perfect at Mohawk this year. No signs of stopping.

(9) MR MOUTON

(2) SUPER CHAPTER

form at age 7. The horse to catch.

(7) PERICULUM (9) HILLEXOTIC

(5) LEXUS KODY is in top (8) LOUPRINT is the best horse in the sport. He'll show why.

(6) SIPPINONSEAROC (3) PRINCE HAL **HANOVER**

(2) KEN HANOVER is the best in this division when on his game.

(3) CAPTAIN ALBANO (5) ERVIN HANOVER

(8) NIJINSKY can get a

stalking trip now, don't

sell him short on this

track.



(2) DELANEY HANOVER has a kick that is too much for these right now. (8) STORMONT

BEAUTIFUL

(1) STASH SOME CASH

(2) UNREASONABLE kicked 25 1/5 in Elim. She has closed the gap on 'Minnie'.

(5) MIKI AND MINNIE

(9) RODEO DRIVE DEO

(3) MARYLAND just missed with new pilot in KY; needs a setup here. (4) EMOTICON LEGACY

(2) SUPER CHAPTER

(7) PERICULUM could be value here after skipping Elim. Best kick in field.

(5) LEXUS KODY

(3) FRENCH WINE

(6) SIPPINONSEAROC had no chance in Elim; nearly beat 'Lou' in Crown last year.

(8) LOUPRINT (2) MANOLETE

(2) KEN HANOVER (3) CAPTAIN ALBANO



(2) DELANEY HANOVER overcame an anti-closer bias in elim

> (4) YO TILLIE (8) STORMONT **BEAUTIFUI**

(2) UNREASONABLE turned in another great effort in the elim.

(5) MIKI AND MINNIE (6) SKYWALKER SEA (4) EMOTICON LEGACY gets post relief off his Kentucky Futurity triumph.

(3) MARYLAND (2) SUPER CHAPTER

(5) LEXUS KODY looks too sharp for the others right now.

(7) PERICULUM (3) FRENCH WINE (8) LOUPRINT - all indications are more aggressive tactics are coming.

(3) PRINCE HAL **HANOVER** (5) DANDY IDEAL

(8) LOUPRINT saw his

(3) CAPTAIN ALBANO just needs the trip to work out this time.

(2) KEN HANOVER (5) FR\/IN HANO\/FR



(2) DELANEY HANOVER is in career form and I think she's freshest late.

(4) YO TILLIE (7) WALSPEA (5) MIKI AND MINNIE was defeated down in Lexington but bounced back with sharp Crown elim.

(10) CHANTILLY

(2) UNREASONABLE

(9) MR MOUTON has local champ J. Mac in the bike and anything Ake must be respected.

(5) LEXUS KODY has grown into an absolute short price. (4) EMOTICON LEGACY

killer and is deserving of (10) UP YOUR DEO (7) PERICULUM

streak snapped when a bit too far back in elim; won't happen again. (2) MANOLETE

me a believer with that massive move at Hoosier; can pounce off cover. (5) ERVIN HANOVER

(6) COACHES CORNER

(7) MAXIMUS MIKI has

broken through a couple

(7) MAXIMUS MIKI made



(6) R DUTCHESS could be an upset special with the improved post position.

(4) YO TILLIE

(2) DELANEY HANOVER

(2) UNREASONABLE has been super-consistent and flew home last week (5) MIKI AND MINNIE

(4) THE LAST MARTINI

(3) MARYLAND put forth the kind of effort in the Kentucky Futurity you have to love. (4) EMOTICON LEGACY

(2) SUPER CHAPTER

(3) MARYLAND

be flying home if he can work out the right trip. (5) LEXUS KODY (8) LOGAN PARK

(7) PERICULUM should

(6) SIPPINONSEAROC had a perfect prep for this and looms as an upset candidate. (8) LOUPRINT

(1) MADDEN OAKS

(3) PRINCE HAL HANOVER

times this year and he might do it again. (2) KEN HANOVER

(5) ERVIN HANOVER

It's all about family for Ryder in 2025 Breeders Crown



JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman

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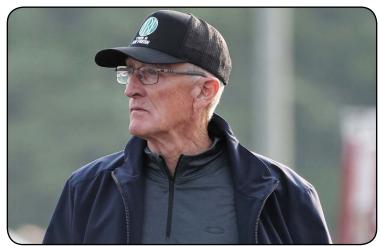
For Hall of Fame trainer Chris Ryder it's all about family. Yes, his son Patrick will get to drive for the first time in a Breeders Crown final this Friday, but more importantly on the equine side Ryder's commitment to family has brought three of the four starters he'll have to the dance.

"I just love the family," said Ryder when asked about the three that he bought at auction, and all have maternal links to one specific mare. Three Diamonds, a champion on the racetrack before Ryder got to know her is a solid link to the defending Horse of the Year Twin B Joe Fresh along with a pair of 2-year-old Crown finalists in Show Me Your Ace and the Patrick-driven Bettor Be A Star.

For Ryder the family has produced with regularity, more so than perhaps any other trainer in the sport. "Other people know about the maternal line," Ryder said, wondering aloud how he's been fortunate to come away with so many stars—including champion Bettor's Wish—from this root while other trainers have either passed or perhaps been underbidders.

"I look at all of the yearlings with a connection to Three Diamonds," said Ryder. "There's no type of individual, just one that's correct."

Home run horses like Bettor's Wish and Twin B Joe Fresh have helped define Ryder's resurgence in the last few years, with the mare continuing an epic run that may not be ending soon. While her 2024 campaign was virtually flawless, Twin B Joe Fresh had a blip during her season where Ryder had to call an audible.



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Trainer Chris Ryder has four horses racing in the Breeders Crown.

"She just wasn't finishing the way she always did," said Ryder about Twin B Joe Fresh's second straight loss to Sylvia Hanover in the Lady Liberty at The Meadowlands.

"I decided to turn her out for 10 days in the field," Ryder said, suggesting the mare needed to be Fresh-ened up if you will. Since the time away, Twin B Joe Fresh has regained her edge and enters Saturday's Breeders Crown in top form.

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Pebble Beach*	-	1

NJ TROTTER	Colts	Fillies
Six Pack	1	-

NY PACERS	Colts	Fillies
American Ideal	6	3
Courtly Choice	5	4
Shadow Play	2	2

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

ON PACERS	Colts	Fillies
Bettor's Delight	2	1
Cattlewash	1	-
McWicked	2	1

ON TROTTERS	Colts	Fillies
King Of The North*	1	1
Muscle Mass	-	1

PA PACERS	Colts	Fillies
Always B Miki	1	1
Bettor's Wish	2	2
Captain Crunch	-	3
Stay Hungry	1	-
Sweet Lou	-	1

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"I expect her to be on her game," said Ryder. "She's always good coming off a qualifier and I was glad Patrick gave her a two-hole trip. It's something she doesn't get very often in races."

Twin B Joe Fresh responded to the journey at The Meadowlands last Saturday, pacing home in 25 2/5 in the qualifying victory.

Just six mares showed up to take on Twin B Joe Fresh for the \$400,000 Breeders Crown Mare Pace on Saturday at Woodbine Mohawk Park (race 3), with Sylvia Hanover trying to reverse the latest trend between the two

titanic mares. Sylvia Hanover has now lost the last three times she's faced Twin B Joe Fresh, but that's certainly no reason to count her out given a brilliant career that saw her dominate as a 2 and 3-year-old but lack the consistency over the past two years. Sylvia Hanover may have finished sixth in her prep race last week, but she was used rather hard to gain control in the first half and then was put to immediate pressure by race-winner Always B Naughty in a 1:48 2/5 mile.

Ryder suggested that Twin B Joe Fresh would be returning to the races next year. She's been a virtual cash cow for ownership. "The money has been great for us and great for the sales companies too," said Ryder, who expects to have 25-30 yearlings in training by the end of the year. "I'll pick up a few more at Harrisburg, but we've made most of our purchases already."

It's hard to compare Miki And Minnie to Twin B Joe Fresh as they have both been winning machines from the start, but Ryder compares the two at least in terms of size. "Actually, Miki is a little taller than Joe Fresh but not as broad," Ryder said.

The two did have something in common this year and that was slight adjustments that were necessary to regain form. For Miki

And Minnie it came after a rare defeat in the Kentucky Championship Final at The Red Mile.

"She bled in that race," said Ryder of the second-place finish behind Looksgoodinloulou as the prohibitive favorite.

Miki And Minnie had been racing with Lasix but due to Kentucky rules could not in that race at The Red Mile. Following a strong qualifier, Miki And Minnie was back on her game in last week's single elimination for the Breeders Crown and responded as she has all year with her 11th win in but 13 starts.

"I'm happy with the way she's coming into the race, and we drew a good spot," said Ryder about his charge, who races in the fifth event on Saturday. "I am concerned about Marcus' filly. She's racing well right now."

Ryder was referring to Unreasonable, a 1:47 4/5 winner in the Glen Garnsey Memorial, then followed Miki And Minnie home while pacing a 25 1/5 final quarter last week.

Chantilly, the 2024 Horse of the Year in Canada, didn't show the same firepower in the elimination as she has in the past but there is no reason to dismiss the Big Jim-sired filly despite post 10. Chantilly tried to race from off the pace and could not possibly make up ground in a 52 3/5 final

While Ryder had been pointing both Twin B Joe Fresh and Miki And Minnie for the Breeders Crown, he was very much on the fence as to sending any of his 2-year-olds to the big dance at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

"I had sent Show Me Your Ace to Corbin to race in the Kentucky Sire

Stakes," Ryder said. "When he won down there in 1:50 4/5 I thought he deserved a shot." Show Me Your Ace is a son of American Ideal that finished a solid second behind the unbeaten Beau Jangles in his elimina-

"He's been getting better with each start. He's steering better now than he did earlier.'

Show Me Your Ace (race 9 on Friday) has followed a similar path to the Breeders Crown as a few others from the Ryder stable in that he started out at the mid-level Kentucky Sires program known as the Commonwealth and eventually advanced to compete in the Bluegrass and now the Breeders Crown. Miki And Minnie was another that started out in



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Twin B Joe Fresh is no stranger to the Woodbine Mohawk Park winner's circle having won six of seven starts there the last three years.

Kentucky at a lower level and eventually improved to divisional cham-

"I think it can help with their confidence while they are learning how to race," said Ryder of his strategy that has paid off nicely already.

In Bettor Be A Star, a solid third-place finisher behind Loua Dipa in the lone elimination for 2-year-old pacing fillies, Ryder has a finalist that has the Three Diamonds connection on the stallion line from Bettor's Wish. A \$10,000 yearling buy at Harrisburg last fall, Bettor Be A Star finished fourth in the Commonwealth final at The Red Mile and then followed that up with two third-place finishes in Grand Circuit stakes.

When I saw Handsome Stranger win a division of the Tattersalls I thought why not give her a chance too," said Ryder, referring to the 86-1 upsetter that found his footing at the right time for trainer Per Engblom.

Ryder's sense proved correct as his son steered the filly through traffic and she proved she belonged, passing horses in the final eighth.

Bettor Be A Star is owned by Ryder and family, and gave Chris' son his first-ever Breeders Crown drive. "You have to get experience to get ahead in this sport and be in races like these," said Ryder, referring to the Crown as well as his son. "I thought he drove her very well."

As for Bettor Be A Star's chances in Friday's rich final (race 7) having drawn the pole position, Ryder said, "I think Loua Dipa is a lock. I'm hoping we can get a piece."

Post time for the Breeders Crown finals on both Friday and Saturday is 6:35 PM (EDT).





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CONFESSIONS

By Keith Gisser

While all eyes are on Woodbine Mohawk Park for this year's Breeders Crown finals, preparations are already underway for the 2026 event, to be held at Scioto Downs. The eliminations are set for Friday and Saturday October 16 & 17, with the finals scheduled for the following weekend.

The Buckeye State has a rich history of hosting the season-ending championships, but this will be the first time in 30 years that the races have returned to Ohio and nearly 40 years since they have been held at the track located just south of Columbus. It is also the first time since the races were consolidated in one location that an Ohio track will host.

Back in 1986 and 1987, the great Grades Singing went back to back in the Mare Open Trot at Scioto and Northfield, respectively. In 1988, Call For Rain took the Open Pace at Scioto, and in 1989 Armbro Feather won the 3-year-old filly pace at Northfield. A few years later in 1992 we saw a night of contrasts as favored So Fresh took the sophomore filly pace and 43-1 longshot Kingsbridge won the colt pace. Another upset occurred at Northfield in 1995 when That'll Be Me upset Pacific Rocket (among others) at 10-1. Both longshots were driven by Roger Mayotte.

Caesar's Entertainment (Eldorado Resorts) has spent millions of dollars in renovations to "Ohio's Showplace of Harness Racing." A \$27 million dollar grandstand opened for the 2023 meet and the new 16-race, \$16 million dollar paddock opened prior to the 2025 season, making the track an ideal candidate to the mind of Hambletonian Society CEO John Campbell. The Society administers the Breeders Crown races.

"With the state of racing in Ohio, we were looking to come here. I was actually at Dayton to watch Bulldog Hanover (2022 Dayton Derby) and spoke with Chris McErlean about hosting there and he said he didn't think they could pull it off, but Scioto was getting the new paddock and would be a perfect candidate," Campbell explained.

The paddock is ideal as it can also serve as the required detention facility for the races. I asked Campbell if they were looking specifically to come to a five-eighths-mile track, to come to Ohio or to come to Scioto and he responded "All of the above."

"We are looking to expand our footprint and with the growth of the Ohio program it just can't be ignored. And not just purses, breeding too. Ohio's stallions can compete with anything in the sport," said Campbell.

Ohio Harness Horseman's President Scott Mogan added: "Joe Morris and Jason Roth (from Caesars) were all in but had to get approval from Anthony Corano, whose family has owned Eldorado Resorts for many years. Once he said go, it was full steam ahead and we were brought in to help secure the rights, which cost \$900,000. We hope to offset a great deal of that with sponsorships and with the involvement of the Columbus Sports Commission. This is going to be a big deal for the city."

But what about that very nice but small grandstand? Campbell foresaw something like the large tent that Hoosier Park put up when they hosted the event, and Mogan confirmed it.

"We will put in a 400-seat tent with temporary flooring and heat if we need it," said Mogan. $\,$

The track also has a clubhouse and outdoor patio seating area, but temperatures can be a bit chilly in Columbus in late October, so the tent is a necessity. Both of the track's meeting rooms will also be put in use. The Three Diamonds room will be the hub for the OHHA and the Hill room will host special guests. The two rooms can accommodate another 250 people, so there will be seating for 1,500 and a large apron area that can handle many more.

The Scioto race dates are interesting for a number of reasons. The track's meet typically ends in early September, flowing into the Little Brown Jug in Delaware for a week and then two weeks of Grand Circuit action at The Red Mile in Lexington. Most years there is a week off from major stakes and the Breeders Crown eliminations and finals. The first thing Scioto Downs had to do was get permission from Hollywood Gaming



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Scioto Downs will host the 2026 Breeders Crown next October.

at Dayton Raceway to grab two October weekends when the Southwest Ohio track would normally race. Once that was accomplished, things got interesting.

"The Little Brown Jug is always held on the third Thursday after the first Monday of September," Mogan explained. "This year that Monday is September 7, the latest it could possibly be. The Jug will be the 24th and Lexington races the next two weeks. The issue for horsemen is that the last weekend at Lexington is a Friday-Saturday-Sunday (Kentucky Futurity Day), which means some horses would come into the eliminations with just six days rest. We asked Lexington to move back one day to a Thursday-Friday-Saturday, but they declined. We still hope they can be persuaded to make the change."

It's still a year out, so not all of the food details have been finalized, but all formal dining areas will feature buffets catered by some of the top providers in Columbus, including Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse and others. Concession stands – both the permanent one at the top of the grandstand and temporary stands at ground level – will be available. There is a Hampton Inn on the property, but good luck getting a room there. There are a number of economy and mid-range hotels in Grove City, particularly along Stringtown Road, which is less than 15 minutes from the track. Most of the higher end hotels are either downtown or near The Ohio State University campus.

And what to do Saturday during the day (other than handicapping the card)? There's the zoo and there's COSI, the Center of Science and Industry (an amazing museum if you have the kids with you). Columbus also has a great network of MetroParks. Hungry before the races? I am lunching one day at Schmidt's Sausage Haus in the German Village. It is world-renowned. I will also be having lunch at either Joya's or Agni, both operated by acclaimed chef Avishar Baruja, who has won the show Beat Bobby Flay and competed on Top Chef and Flay's Triple Threat. China Bell on Stringtown Road has outstanding Chinese food. One of the last Ponderosa Steak Houses still standing in the region is a couple miles north of the track on Route 23. Of course, if you have ever had a slider, the original slider was developed in 1921 at White Castle, which is now a chain of fast food joints in the area. Try one.

That's it for this time. Now go cash on the amazing Breeders Crown cards at Woodbine Mohawk Park this weekend.





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Madden Oaks seeks NA Cup revenge on Louprint in Breeders Crown

By Derick Giwner

The coronation was put on hold in last week's Breeders Crown elimination when Dandy Ideal pulled off the upset by a nose and ended the perfect 10-for-10 campaign of Louprint. Both highly-regarded 3-year-olds now return in the G1 \$600,000 final and are joined by another colt looking for revenge over the Woodbine Mohawk Park oval.

Back in June, Madden Oaks battled it out down the stretch with Louprint only to fall a head short in the G1 \$740,000 North America Cup final. On that night he started from post 10 and had to fire off the gate to get into play. This time the tables are turned and Madden Oaks has landed an inside post with the hopes of a more conservative journey according to trainer Cam Capone.

"Fourth or fifth probably," said Capone when asked where he thought Madden Oaks would get away from the gate. "There are a lot of colts in there that will take shots. It could get really dicey early with a big first quarter and then a lot of guys making moves to the front. I kind of see it being like the old Meadowlands. Whoever is on front at the quarter could be fifth at the half; the old Meadowlands shuffle."



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Louprint (4, outside) and Madden Oaks battled it out in the stretch in the North America Cup.

Madden Oaks also started from pylon position in his elimination and got away sixth. He battled with driver new Louis Rov as the pace slowed from 26 4/5 to 29 2/5 from the first to the second quarter. that point the son of Huntsville was sent

first-over and mounted what looks like a ho-hum bid on the rim at first glance, but his final half was a sizzling 51 4/5 as the leader sprinted home safely in 53 seconds.

"He's going to be a lot more settled [in the final] because they'll be going way faster," said Capone, who added that the driver change was at the request of his owners. "My horse never gets tired and last week was the exact opposite of what I'd want to see happen."

A number of horses in Saturday's eighth race Crown Final own early speed and figure to put it on display. Prince Hal Hanover (post three) battled with Madden Oaks through a 1:19 4/5 three quarters at The Red Mile two starts back, Dandy Ideal (post five) has won a number of races on the lead this year and trainer Ron Burke has already hinted that Louprint would be more aggressively handled this week after racing from behind last time.

"We are going to be very aggressive I'm sure. If we get beat this year, we are going to do it going down in flames," said trainer Ron Burke, who will send Louprint out from post eight with Ronnie Wrenn in the bike.

Louprint was installed as the 6-5 morning line favorite with Prince Hal Hanover the 4-1 second choice with Todd McCarthy in the bike. While Madden Oaks is fifth on the early line at 10-1, Capone isn't lacking for confidence that his horse came come out on top.

"I am confident," said Capone. "He is so gutsy, he just needs a target to chase for as long as he can. I don't know what [Roy's] plan is but it is his home track. When he got out of the bike last week he said 'We can win this. I just have to get the right trip.' I think there are six or seven in there that can win the race.

"We just need to see a half in 52 and change or 53 and hopefully he's the last one clearing about 300 yards from the wire. If he can do that he'll win the race."

The 3-year-old male pace final is one of eight Breeders Crown events on the 12-race Woodbine Mohawk Park program that starts at 6:35 PM (EDT).

Rookie Virginia-breds in the spotlight on Saturday at Shenandoah Downs

By Derick Giwner

The best 2-year-olds Virginia has to offer will be in action on Saturday afternoon (1:05 PM) at Shenandoah Downs for the Virginia Breeders Fund Finals. The program has grown in recent years and four full fields of eight are vying for over \$90,000 each on the 14-race program.



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Shenandoah Downs tends to draw a nice crowd.

Things kick off with the filly pacers going for \$91,025 in race two and (1) CAVIART DAISY looks like a standout on paper. The daughter of Sweet Lou was fourth in the Kentucky Sire Stakes championship before heading east and has won her two preliminary legs of the Breeders Fund by a combined 12.5 lengths. The battle for second comes down to (2) CAVIART AMORE MIO and (4) CAVIART SANTA FE. Both have a win and a second in the series but perhaps the latter is the better bet as she has been kicking home with a bit more pace.

One race later the path to the winner's circle goes through (2) CAVIART TRENTON in the \$93,275 2-year-old colt pace. One-upping Caviart Daisy, this Captain Corey-sired gelding bred by Caviart Farm won his two Breeders Fund legs by over 19 lengths total. If anyone is going to give him a run for the money it is one of two shipping in for the Tony Alagna barn. (4) CAVIART CADET and (8) HUNGRY JOEY both raced well here last weekend and while the latter got a victory the former looks a bit faster overall.

Perhaps the most wide open final on the card is also the richest, the \$96,100 2-year-old filly trot (race four). Four different horses won the four preliminary legs of the series and there is no clear standout. Owner/driver Anthony MacDonald might have a slight edge with (2) CHERRY'S GIRL due to an inside draw with a horse that blew away her competition last week after being scratch-sick out of leg one of the series. Trainer Ronald Millman has a strong hand with three entrants topped by (6) CAVIART GEMMA, who clearly has enough early speed to get into the early tussle. (8) WOLFPACK ONE is on the other end of the spectrum in post eight, but she is coming off a solid 2:01 1/5 victory.

The Virginia-bred fun ends in race five with the \$94,425 2-year-old colt trotting final and this field is clearly led by (3) KALISPEL. The son of Gregory Pecs has won five of six career races and won his two legs by more than 17 combined lengths. The key to hitting a good exacta could be (2) SEMINOLE BREEZE. The Shibboleth Hanover colt has just enough early speed to get around the pole-sitter and that could have him sitting pretty as the perhaps faster (7) CAVIART WAR ROOM has to avoid breaking issues and find his way from the outside post.

Saturday at Shenandoah Downs is the penultimate card of the season as racing concludes on Sunday. Fans can watch all of the action on the track's website.

Melander with plenty of opportunity for success in Crown Finals

By Ken Weingartner

Marcus Melander has won five Breeders Crown trophies in his career so far, and the 33-year-old trainer will have multiple opportunities to add to that total this weekend at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Melander will send out at least one horse in six of this year's 12 Breeders Crown finals. He has three finalists in the events for 2-year-old male trotters, 2-year-old female trotters, and 3-year-old male trotters plus two in the Open Trot and one in each the Mare Trot and 3-Year-Old Filly Trot. "Hopefully, we can do some good," Melander said.

Melander's Crown quests begin Friday with two morning-line favorites. Apex, who in his most recent start on Sept. 20 won the Grade 1 Mohawk Million at Woodbine Mohawk Park in a Canadian-record 1:51 4/5, is the 7-5 favorite in the \$700,000 (USD) final for 2-year-old male trotters while Nezuko Kamado S, also on a four-race victory streak, gets the nod in the \$700,000 final for 2-year-old filly trotters.

Apex, as the winner of the Peter Haughton Memorial, advanced directly to his Breeders Crown final. He qualified on Oct. 17 in 1:54 1/5, winning by eight lengths, at Mohawk. For his career, the son of Walner-Mission Brief (each a Breeders Crown champ) has won six of eight starts and earned \$821,575 (USD). He will leave from post one with driver Dexter Dunn.

"We were very happy with his qualifier," Melander said. "He looks good, he feels good, and we obviously have a lot of confidence in him. The draw was good. He had the one-hole in the Mohawk Million, too, so he should be OK out of there. Everything seems fine with him.

"He needed a race or a qualifier, so that's why we qualified him. But I'm happy that we got the bye, and we knew that we were going to draw well (posts one through six). I'm happy with everything leading up to the race. He's a fantastic horse. It's exciting."

Melander's other starters in the race for freshman male trotters are Spencer Hanover and Nix Nacken, who are 6-1 and 8-1, respectively on the morning line.

Spencer Hanover won his Breeders Crown elimination and has two victories and a second since the addition of trotting hobbles. Nix Nacken, also a Grand Circuit winner, finished second in his elimination, won by Diabolic Hill.

"(Spencer Hanover) has been very good in his past few starts," Melander said. "I always liked the horse, but he was a little immature and didn't really understand everything. The hobbles really helped him get a little bit of confidence. He's shown really good potential here the last couple starts."

In the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot, Nezuko Kamado S enters off a 1:53 1/5 win in her elimination. For the year, the daughter of Chapter Seven-Zefira Kronos IT has won six of nine races and earned \$364,894. She leaves from post two with driver Scott Zeron.

"She's been great all year," Melander said. "She had a little bump there where she made some breaks (at Batavia in the New York Sire Stakes final and Yonkers in a NYSS leg), but other than that, she's been doing great all year. She showed in the elimination that she's good enough to race at this Grand Circuit level as well. She's a very good horse."

Melander also has the race's second choice, Ohio Sire Stakes champion Setyoursightshigh at 7-2 from post nine, and Lainey W, who is 5-1 from post one.

"The nine-hole could have been better, but we'll have to go from there," Melander said about Setyoursightshigh. "She's good enough, so she can overcome it. She always gives it her all."

In Saturday's \$600,000 final for 3-year-old male trotters, Melander's trio of Super Chapter (5-2), Maryland (3-1) and Meshuggah (20-1) will start from inside posts in their pursuit of 8-5 morning-line favorite Emoticon Legacy. Eliminations were not necessary for the event.

Super Chapter, winner of the MGM Yonkers Trot (G2) and second in the Hambletonian (G1), leaves from post two with Dunn in the sulky. Maryland and driver Yannick Gingras have post three and Meshuggah and driver Zeron have post one.

Maryland, a Breeders Crown and Dan Patch Award winner in 2024 is winless in eight races this year but has six seconds and a third. In his most recent start, Oct. 5 in the Kentucky Futurity, he was beaten by a neck by Emoticon Legacy in 1:49 2/5. Maryland has been timed in 1:50 4/5 in five of his past six races and, according to the U.S. Trotting Association



(ABOVE) NEW IMAGE MEDIA (BELOW) WALTER WLODARCZYK

(above) Apex won the Mohawk Million at Woodbine Mohawk Park in his last start. (below) Maryland seeks his first win of 2025 in Saturday's Breeders Crown 3-year-old colt trot.



Research Department, is the only trotter in history to be winless after racing five times in $1:50\,4/5$ of faster in a season.

"I feel bad for Maryland," Melander said. "He's done great racing all year and doesn't have the win yet. Hopefully, it can come on Saturday. I think everyone has seen how good he's raced, so I think he'll be fine either way going forward, but he deserves a big win."

Melander's other top Breeders Crown hopefuls, based on the morning line, are Periculum (5-2) in the \$600,000 Open Trot and Date Night Hanover (4-1) in the \$548,000 Mare Trot.

Date Night Hanover is coming off a nose win in the Allerage Mare Trot in 1:49 2/5 on Oct. 5 at The Red Mile. Periculum won the Allerage Open Trot in 1:49 3/5.

"She went barefoot the last time and we'll probably go barefoot again on Saturday," Melander said about Date Night Hanover. "She's a little sharper when she can race barefoot. She definitely raced fantastic in the Allerage"

Racing begins at 6:35 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Woodbine Mohawk Park. For more information about the Breeders Crown, visit the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown website here and the Woodbine Mohawk Park website here.

Ohio connections abound in Breeders Crown at Mohawk Park

The 2025 Breeders Crown is scheduled for Friday and Saturday (Oct. 24-25) at Woodbine Mohawk Park in Ontario, Canada, and Ohio will be well represented among the 12 divisions.

The four divisions of 2-year-olds will race on Friday followed by the four divisions of 3-year-olds along with the Open pace and trot and Open Mare pace and trot races on Saturday. First-race post time for both days is 6:35 p.m.

2-Year-Olds

Ohio-breds Brandon Blvd, Seaside Shuffle, and Setyoursightshigh highlight the entries with Ohio connections looking to score a Breeders Crown victory in one of the four divisions for freshmen this year.

Brandon Blvd opened as the 5-2 second choice in the freshman colt pace division behind 8-5 favorite Beau Jangles. The Downbytheseaside colt has hit the board in all nine starts this year, recording seven wins and two seconds along with \$338,909 in earnings. He paced to a 1:48 4/5 new track and Canadian record in last week's Breeders Crown Eliminations and drew post two for Friday's final. The entries in this division also include Melillo and Frantic Hanover. Co-bred and co-owned by Jason Melillo, of Powell, Ohio, Melillo has hit the board in 10 of 11 starts in 2025 with three victories and earnings of \$215,847. Frantic Hanover is co-owned by Knox Services, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and has seven wins and two seconds with \$506,159 in earnings in 10 seasonal starts.

Downbytheseaside filly Seaside Shuffle was bred by William Walters and Joseph McLead, both of Delaware, Ohio, and is co-owned by Knox Services and RAS Racing, of Powell, Ohio. She will leave from post eight in the freshman filly pace division. The 2025 Ohio Sires Stakes 2-yearold filly pace champion, Seaside Shuffle has hit the board in nine of 10 starts on the year with four victories and \$321,702 in earnings. Other horses with Ohio connections in this division include 1-5 morning line favorite Loua Dipa along with Bettor Be A Star, Fragment, I'm A Lou Lou, and Ubrute. Ronnie Wrenn Jr., a staple in the Northfield Park driving colony, has been tabbed to be in the sulky with Loua Dipa, who has eight wins and \$393,204 in earnings in 11 starts this year. Bettor Be A Star was co-bred by Country Club Acres, of Findlay, Ohio, and has two victories and earnings of \$65,378 in nine seasonal starts. Co-bred by Michael Robinson, of Lewis Center, Ohio, Fragment has earned \$514,158 on the year, scoring eight wins and two seconds in 13 starts. I'm A Lou Lou is co-owned by Knox Services and has three wins in nine starts to go with \$219,023 in earnings this season. Ubrute, who is co-owned by Hatfield Stables, of Columbus, Ohio, has two victories and earnings of \$313,393 in eight starts in 2025.

Setyoursightshigh, the 2025 OSS 2-year-old filly trot champion, is an Ohio-bred by In Range. She opened as the 7-2 second choice behind 5-2 favorite Nezuko Kamado S and will leave from post nine. Setyoursightshigh has hit the board in all 10 seasonal starts with seven wins and three seconds, earning \$521,079. Atlantic Summer, driven by Wrenn Jr., and Sparks, who is co-owned by Joe Sbrocco, of Brecksville, Ohio, are also in this division. Atlantic Summer has two wins in eight starts and has bankrolled \$308,397 this season. Sparks also has two wins in eight starts on the year, earning \$106,530.

3-Year-Olds

Among the horses with Ohio connections in the sophomore divisions are Ohio-breds Sippinonsearoc and Skywalker Sea.

Sippinonsearoc will leave from post six in the sophomore colt pace division. Co-bred by Alesha Binkley, of Lebanon, Ohio, and co-owned by RAS Racing and Knox Services, the Downbytheseaside colt was Ohio's 2-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year in 2024. He has won six of 14 starts this season and has 12 career victories with \$1,061,818 in earnings in 25 lifetime starts. Louprint, driven by Wrenn Jr., is the 6-5 morning line favorite in the division. The 2025 Little Brown Jug winner has 10 victories in 11 starts this year and is coming off a second-place finish in a Breeders Crown Elimination. He has 17 wins, three seconds, and one third with earnings of \$1,757,791 in 21 lifetime starts.

Skywalker Sea will leave from post six in the sophomore filly pace division. The Downbytheseaside filly was bred by Black Magic Racing and is owned by Greg Luther Racing, both of Blacklick, Ohio. Ohio-based

driver Austin Hanners will be in the sulky. Skywalker Sea enters with seven wins and \$328,718 in earnings in 28 career starts. Other Ohioconnected horses in the division include Miki And Minnie and Rose. Robert Mondillo is co-breeder and co-owner of Miki And Minnie, the 6-5 morning line favorite. She posted a track- and Canadian-equaling mile record of 1:48 2/5 in her Breeders Crown Elimination race and has hit the board in all 24 lifetime starts with 17 victories and \$1,656,336 in earnings. Wrenn Jr. will drive Rose, who was co-bred by Melillo and has seven career wins and earnings of \$478,453 in 20 career starts.

The sophomore filly trot division contains four horses with Ohio connections in Miss Belmar, Royal Mission, Walspea, and Yo Tillie. Co-bred by GBW Breeding Farms, of Findlay, Ohio, Yo Tillie opened as the 7-5 favorite. She has 10 wins and one second in 11 seasonal starts and has hit the board in 21 of 23 lifetime starts with 18 victories and \$954,242. Sbrocco co-owns Miss Belmar, who has three career wins and \$288,333 in earnings. Royal Mission was co-bred by Jonas Schlabach, of Apple Creek, Ohio, and has four career victories with \$465,329 in earnings in 22 starts. Co-owned by M3 Racing Stable, of Berlin, Ohio, Walspea has seven lifetime wins and has bankrolled \$278,770 in 20 starts.

Ohio connections Gimpanzee Dancer, Happy Jack B, and Mr Mouton are in the sophomore colt trot division. Gimpanzee Dancer is owned in part by Chris Beaver and Carolina Acosta, both of Radnor, Ohio. The Beaver trainee has five wins and earnings of \$279,347 in 24 career starts. Happy Jack B is co-owned by Sbrocco and has four victories and \$526,057 in earnings in 20 lifetime starts. Bred by Kevin Greenfield, of Perrysburg, Ohio, and co-owned by Stolz Geiger, of Columbus, Ohio, Mr Mouton has hit the board in eight of nine seasonal starts with four wins as part of five career victories in 10 starts with earnings of \$199,153.

Opens

The Open divisions feature Ohio connections Hillexotic, Southwind Coors, Oakwood Ardan Ir, M-M's Dream, and Always B Naughty. Hillexotic and Southwind Coors are in the Open Trot. Wrenn Jr. will drive Southwind Coors, a 5-year-old gelding with 18 career wins and \$596,188 in earnings in 67 starts. Hillexotic is owned by Greg Luther Racing and will be driven by Hanners for trainer Todd Luther, of Commercial Point, Ohio. The 8-year-old gelding has 34 wins and \$1,552,861 in earnings in 103 lifetime starts. That owner-driver-trainer combo is also behind Always B Naughty, an entry in the Open Mare Pace. The 5-year-old has 17 lifetime wins and \$693,734 in earnings in 60 starts. In the Open Mare Trot, 6-year-old M-M's Dream, co-owned by Hillside Stables, of Dundee, Ohio, enters with 36 career victories and a bankroll of \$2,187,917 in 67 starts. Oakwood Ardan Ir, a 6-year-old gelding owned by Royal Wire Products, of North Royalton, Ohio, is in the Open Pace. He has a combined 22 wins and \$374,192 in earnings in his domestic and international careers.

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Large Pick 6 Carryover on tap Friday at The Meadowlands

It's been five weeks since The Meadowlands has conducted harness racing on a Friday night, and for those who are frequent Friday flyers, when racing takes place this Friday (Oct. 24), they will have a large pot of gold to shoot for.

The 20-cent Pick-6 failed to yield a winning ticket on both the last day before the break (Sept. 13) as well as the first day after (Oct. 18), creating a double carryover of \$11,126.

With five figures sitting in the hat not subject to the already low 15 percent takeout, the action figures to be fast and furious.

Here's why.

Take Feb. 1, for instance. That's when the only other double Pick-6 carryover of the year resulted in over \$100,000 of "new money" crammed into a pool that totaled \$128,543.

The mathematics for what could await players on Friday is impressive. If \$74,000 of new money were bet into the P6, that would create a total pool of \$74,026. Thus, instead of a return of the normal 85 cents on the dollar to players, the payback would be 100 cents on the dollar to those holding winning tickets.

"Our fan base always gets excited when these opportunities come along," said Big M Chief Operating Officer and General Manager Jason Settlemoir. "And, in the case of the Pick-6, this is only the second double carryover of the year, so our fans figure to take advantage of the chance to make a big score. Combine that with the Breeders Crown simulcast and our sportsbook offering fans a chance to watch and wager on the World Series, it should be a big night, and a big weekend, at The Meadowlands."

The Pick-6 is offered nightly on races eight through 13.

SEE MEADOW'S DEBUT: This Friday and Saturday, Ken Warkentin, Dave Little and Joe Romanelli will perform their usual roles, serving as track announcer, TV host and back-paddock interviewer, respectively.

But joining Little for both race cards will be a brand-new face to simulcast show viewers.

Meadow Twaddle, who currently works with the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association and is the co-host of the podcast "Hot 2 Trot", will co-host alongside Little on the Sam McKee Memorial Broadcast Set.

She also assists the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association with their marketing efforts.

Her father, Tim, is a veteran trainer, so "I've been involved with horses for as long as I can remember," said Meadow.

The 23-year-old has a bachelor's degree in psychology and marketing from Washington and Jefferson College. Her passion is making horse racing more accessible and exciting by sharing authentic, behind-the-scenes moments that highlight the people and heart of the sport, helping bring fans closer to the action.

"We are so happy to have Meadow on our broadcast," said Settlemoir. "When trying to convince younger people to come out to the track and see what we have to offer, getting them to see someone closer to their own age on TV is always a good way to go. All of us at The Meadowlands are looking forward to having her be part of the show."

SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS: The ninth edition of the 2025 Meadowlands \$1,000 Monthly Handicapping Contest takes place on Saturday (Oct. 25).

Nick Montemurro would like to have won the last time the contest was held on Aug. 30 (Emile Issa was the top dog), but it's likely he's good with his second-place finish. He now has four top-two finishes, meaning he now has four entries in the year-end competition that takes place on Dec. 13. That big-money final has prize money totaling \$10,000.

Remaining contest schedule:

- Saturday, October 25
- Friday, November 21
- The \$10,000 invitation-only final is on Saturday, December 13

Previous players that have qualified for the December contest are Montemurro and Gary Scogna (the top two finishers from January); Michael Grasso and Montemurro (February); Sean Loebs and Joe Barre (March); Robert Glaser and Jim Bohnarczyk (April); Karen Fossli and Russ Slader (May); Del Kern and Scogna (June); Fossli and Montemurro (July); and Issa and Montemurro (August).

Complete contest rules and regulations can be found here.

-edited release (Meadowlands)



At DRF Harness we strive to provide the best handicapping information in the sport. Each week we'll use this space to bring you some of our handicappers' best bets and value plays. Use this information as one of your tools when wagering or simply click on the link above and head to DRF Bets to wager now.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

RACE 9

(3) OLIVER THE GREAT slides down from the NW30000L5's and gets post relief to go with it. He also won in this class two back.



-Greg Reinhart

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

RACE 8

(5) DARLIN'S ANGEL was buried fifth on the pylons and finished up the mile willingly in her lone Kindergarten start. Since then she's gone on to beat up on weaker a few times. Filly is on a confidence high and seems ready to handle this caliber of competition.



-Derick Giwner

RACE 13

(9) COCCO PUFF POWER was a mare who I thought deserved some respect last week, and I thought she raced well from post ten. Now, she gets another drop to the bottom level, and I think this is her time to do some serious damage.



-Kevin Plowcha

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

RACE 7

(5) LEXUS KODY is riding a five race winning streak and it doesn't even seem to matter what trip he gets; on the lead, first over and last-to-first. Ride the wave!



-Giwner

FULL CARD ANALYSIS / PAST PERFORMANCES

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Thursday

Friday Saturday

Meadowlands Analysis

<u>Saturday</u>

Yonkers Analysis

Thursday Friday

Friday

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TRACKMASTER PPS

FREE PPS

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

HARRAH'S HOOSIER PARK ECLIPSES SINGLE SEASON HANDLE RECORD

While the meet still had 23 race dates left, Harrah's Hoosier Park surpassed its all-time record handle for a single season on Thursday, Oct. 16 as it soared past the previous record of \$124 million for a 160-day meet.

"We're thrilled with the results so far in 2025 and appreciate the support from horsemen and horseplayers alike for what has been a record-breaking year," said Gabe Prewitt, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Harrah's Hoosier Park. "We still feel like there is a lot of opportunity for growth in 2026 and beyond and look forward to finishing out the record-breaking season with tremendous racing over our final five weeks of the meet."

The previous record of \$124 million was established in 2023 when Harrah's Hoosier Park hosted the Breeders Crown for a third time, of which, total handle from Breeders Crown related cards was over \$8 million. Without hosting a Breeders Crown and down slightly in average field size from a year ago and in an industry which is down nearly 8.5% year-over-year, Harrah's Hoosier Park handle has continued to soar in 2025. 21 times in 2025 the handle for a single card has eclipsed the \$1 million mark in, while the previous record was 13 in 2023. The Hoosier Champions card on Oct. 10, which was broadcast nationally for the first time in the event's history this year, saw a record handle for a non-Breeders Crown card of racing at \$1.77 million.

The 2025 season at Harrah's Hoosier Park marches on with racing Wednesday though Saturday until Nov. 8 before going to a Thursday through Saturday schedule Nov. 13-22. The 32nd harness meet will end with a two-day Friday (Nov. 28) and Saturday (Nov. 29) closing weekend before racing returns next February to the Anderson oval. First Post daily is 5:30 p.m.

For more information on the 2025 live racing season at Harrah's Hoosier Park, guests are encouraged to visit www.harrahshoosierpark.com.

-release (Harrah's Hoosier Park)

WINBAK FARM HARRISBURG SALE VIDEOS NOW POSTED

In 2025, Winbak Farm graduates have won 1,602 races and \$17,908,115. Top Stakes Wins by Winbak Farm graduates in 2025 include the New Jersey Sire Stakes Final (Smooth Dream), New York Sire Stakes Final (Happy Jack B), Ontario Sire Stakes Super Final (A Clean Deal), Peaceful Way Final (Sugar Packet), and Simcoe Stakes (Perfectly Chic). Winbak Farm is continually a leading breeder in Delaware, New York, and Ontario!

Winbak Farm is proud to offer a consignment of 53 yearlings at the Harrisburg Sale, which will be held November 3rd-5th at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. The Winbak Farm lineup includes Indiana, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Ontario and Pennsylvania-sired yearlings. Three yearlings are dual-eligible to the lucrative Kentucky program.

Winbak Farm's Harrisburg yearling videos are now posted. Please visit www.winbakfarm.com and click on an individual yearling's hip number to watch their video.

Winbak Farm's 2025 Harrisburg Lineup

Indiana Trotter: Helpisontheway: 1 Colt (agent) Kentucky Pacer: Pebble Beach: 1 Filly (First Crop!)

New Jersey Trotter: Six Pack: 1 Colt

New York Pacers

American Ideal: 6 Colts / 3 Fillies - Courtly Choice: 5 Colts / 4 Fillies

Shadow Play: 2 Colts / 2 Fillies (First New York Crop!)

New York Trotters: Chapter Seven: 1 Colt / Met's Hall: 1 Colt

Ontario Pacers

Bettor's Delight: 2 Colts / 1 Filly - Cattlewash: 1 Colt

McWicked: 2 Colts / 1 Filly

Ontario Trotters

King Of The North: 1 Colt / 1 Filly (First Crop!)

Muscle Mass: 1 Filly

Pennsylvania Pacers

Always B Miki: 1 Colt / 1 Filly - Bettor's Wish: 2 Colts / 2 Fillies Captain Crunch: 3 Fillies - Stay Hungry: 1 Colt - Sweet Lou: 1 Filly

Pennsylvania Trotters

Captain Corey: 1 Filly - Father Patrick: 1 Colt / 2 Fillies

International Moni: 1 Filly

Highlights of the consignment include:

#131, Well Of Hope, a Captain Corey daughter, the first foal from a Bar Hopping half-sister to New Jersey Viking, 1:52 4/5 (\$220,048)

#309, Fiery Choice, a Courtly Choice full-brother to Courts On Fire, p, 3, $1:49\ 1/5s$ -'25 (\$453,740), winner of the New York Sire Stakes Final at 2 and runner-up in the New York Sire Stakes Final at 3

#401, Rockstar Vibes, an Always B Miki half-brother to Zero Tolerance, p, 3, 1:50 2/5f (\$980,736), and Ideal Feeling, p, 1:48 4/5 (\$510,194)

#785, Audrey's Choice, a Courtly Choice half-sister to 2025 Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final Winner, A Clean Deal, p, 2, 1:50s -'25 (\$329,394) #880, Silver Moon, a Shadow Play half-sister to 2025 Ontario Sires Stakes Winner, Sterling Choice, p, 3, 1:50 4/5s -'25 (\$323,630)

The yearlings will be available for viewing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex starting on Saturday, November 1st.

For more information about the Harrisburg Sale, visit theblackbook. com. Be sure to register early for online bidding.

-edited release (Winbak)

KILMISTER TO STAND AT TARA HILLS STUD IN 2026

KILMISTER 2, 1:52 3/5, 3, 1:50 3/5 (\$855,039) is sired by 2025 Leading Trotting Sire CHAPTER SEVEN and is a brother to 2025 Grand Circuit winner DENARIUS 2, 1:53 1/5 (\$131,961). His dam is 100% producer, TREVISO 2, 1:53 1/5 (\$330,515) by Muscle Massive. On the racetrack KILMISTER was a multiple stakes winner at ages 2 and 3. At age 2 in 2022, he won the \$337,000 Peter Haughton Memorial elimination and Final and captured the KY Championship in a freshmen-best time of 1:52 3/5. At age 3 in 2023, he was victorious in the Bluegrass, Empire Breeders Classic, Muscle Hill and finished second in the \$400,000 KYSS Final, the \$300,000 Earl Beal Memorial, the \$138,500 Stanley Dancer and was a finalist in the Breeders Crown. KILMISTER sold at the 2021 Lexington Selected Sale for \$170,000 and was trained by Marcus Melander. KILMISTER will stand for \$5,000 Cdn and is the richest son of Chapter Seven to stand in Ontario. Please contact the farm for further information (905) 985-7770, E: office@tarahills.com, www.tarahills.com

-edited release (Tara Hills Stud)

\$5,226 PICK 5 CARRYOVER AT YONKERS THURSDAY

A 47-1 upset by C-Bet Hanover in the eighth race was the catalyst to the Pick 5 not being hit on Wednesday night (October 22) at MGM Yonkers Raceway. As a result, there will be a \$5,226.14 carryover and a \$15,000 guaranteed pool in the sequence on Thursday night (October 23).

The Pick 5, which begins in race five and has a \$1 minimum, has a takeout rate of 20 percent.

-release (Yonkers)

"WINTER IS COMING" SERIES AS POCONO WINDS DOWN 2025

The 2025 racing season at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania ends in a month, but Pocono Director of Racing Rick Kane is looking to add some excitement to the remaining midweek cards with the "Winter Is Coming" pair of series, pop-up events with one on each gait and each racing for a \$20,000 Championship on the last calendar week of the Pocono season.

The series, which have no nominating or starting fees, are written for non-winners of \$35,000 in 2025 with ten or more calendar year starts at the time of declaration of the first leg. To thank the many horsemen who have been loyal in helping Pocono put up quality cards all year, all entrants must have made three of their last five starts in Pennsylvania at time of first leg declaration.

Points are awarded on a 50-25-12-8-5-4-3-2-1 system, with each starter getting 25 additional points.

The two preliminaries for pacers are scheduled for Monday November 3 and 10 for \$12,500 a division, with the \$20,000 Championship on November 17. Trotters will go for the same money a day later: their prelims will go on Tuesday the 4th and 11th, and their Championship on the 18th. The regular draw schedule at Pocono will apply for when entries need to be submitted.

For further information, please contact Pocono Director of Racing Rick Kane at 570 831 2228.

-release (Pocono/PHHA)