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The bottom rung on the North America Cup totem pole finds Redland Rocket Man (25-1, post two) and Lindy Dragonwater (25-1, post six). The former has only been able to get small checks thus far in 2026 and the latter similarly hasn't done much to whet the appetite of handicappers.

Before jumping into potential pace scenarios and other handicapping thoughts, let's take a moment to list fair odds as I see them for the final. Below is the field with morning line and how they compare to my goal odds for making a wager.

Post-Horse Odds	Driver	M/L	Fair
1-Melillo	R.Wrenn	20-1	25-1
2-Redland Rocket Man	L.Roy	25-1	75-1
3-Odds On Mr Mamba	J.MacDonald	9-5	2-1
4-Sweet Lovin Lou	S.Zeron	9-2	7-2
5-Beau Jangles	B.McClure	7-5	7-5
6-Lindy Dragonwater	J.Bartlett	25-1	75-1
7-Azrael Blue Chip	A.McCarthy	20-1	40-1
8-Al Papi	Y.Gingras	20-1	20-1
9-No Waitlist	D.McNair	25-1	25-1
10-Brandon Blvd	D.Dunn	8-1	6-1
AE-Wholetthedogsout	M.MacDonald		

As you can see the lower-priced horses fall pretty much in line with the track odds, which means they did a good job, somewhat of a rarity nowadays. The longshots are way off, but that is to be expected as tracks never want to "piss off" owners by basically screaming out loud that their horses don't have a chance.

Earlier we mentioned a couple of likely early speed players on the outside of the gate and that can certainly play a role in how the North America Cup will unfold on the track. If both Al Papi and No Waitlist fire off the gate, and for my money that seems likely, where does that leave Brandon Blvd from post 10? Additionally, does that force Beau Jangles to work harder than he would like to make the front?

I simply don't see a scenario where Beau Jangles isn't on the lead at some point between the three-eighths and half. Given that and Odds On Mr Mamba's propensity to race from off the pace, where does that leave the freaky-fast gelding and driver James MacDonald? Do they try to brush first to get the jump on Beau Jangles or accept the fate of a potential first-over trip?

Although the North America Cup goes through Beau Jangles from my perspective, what I find most interesting are the potential scenarios and possible odds for Sweet Lovin Lou. If driver Scott Zeron, who doesn't have the nickname "The Money Man" for nothing, elects to move before Beau Jangles, he could be sitting in his pocket with a big chance to win. If he plays it more patient, the possibility of landing on Odds On Mr Mamba's cover is very real. While other pace layouts could develop, each of those are logical and very enticing on a horse that will be no worse than third choice at post time.

So while I do respect the possibility that either Odds On Mr Mamba or Beau Jangles could simply come up with a other-worldly mile and post a 1:47 or lower stakes-record performance, Sweet Lovin Lou looks like the better value bet unless the final odds tell a different story than what I expect.

As far as Brandon Blvd, I really couldn't fault anyone for taking a chance on him at 6-1 or higher, but I'd want minimum 12-1 because the inner mechanics of the race probably won't favor him and he'd need a monster effort to overcome the post.

I do favor Al Papi as an exotics player in the field at what should be 20-1 or higher. Even though he couldn't handle Sweet Lovin Lou last time, he did plenty of work and posted a 1:48 3/5 mile in his first big-track start of the season. That performance could provide a foundation for him to move forward to the 1:47 and change range this week.

Regardless of where you land in the North America Cup, it figures to be a great race. Carded as the 11th of 13 programmed events on the card which starts at 6:35 PM (EDT), it is just one of five stakes finals on Saturday. There are also Invitationals on the pace and trot for older horses and a pair of \$100,000 guaranteed Pick 5 pools (Races 1-5 and 7-11).

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Louies Girl has overcome her pedigree to reach new heights



JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman



The C\$320,000 G1 Roses Are Red final this Saturday at Woodbine Mohawk Park was supposed to be the spot where former Horse of the Year Twin B Joe Fresh returned to the pinnacle of the Open Mare division. If not her, there was always stablemate Miki And Minnie, last year's top 3-year-old filly pacer that seemed only a few short steps from reaching the pinnacle as a 4-year-old this year.

Instead, what has become quite apparent is a sleeper of sorts has emerged during the first half of 2026 that has already met and defeated both in the span of just two races. Louies Girl N is a Down Under product that due to an unheralded pedigree and a lack of size, hardly seemed destined to ever meet those two mares in any race let alone dominate them in two straight races.

Trainer Per Engblom had nothing to do with bringing Louies Girl N to North America and he took to training her last year with modest aspirations. "I thought with her size she'd be a horse that we could work the classes with at Yonkers," said Engblom of the now 6-year-old mare that has rapidly risen in the ranks. "There wasn't much to talk about training her down and it wasn't until her first qualifier that she showed us something."

In that qualifier last August at Yonkers, Jason Bartlett sat third through much of the mile and Louies Girl N showed an effortless burst of speed, pacing home in 27 2/5 on the end of a 1:54 mile. Engblom would get the opportunity to utilize the Yonkers conditioned sheet to perfection and by November Louies Girl N had reached Invitational status, taking the \$35,000 event in 1:53 2/5 for her sixth straight win without defeat.

It was clear in late 2025 that Louies Girl N was better than an overnight horse but just how much better? Engblom would make her eligible to the McIntyre series (nee Blue Chip Matchmaker) at Yonkers and then stake her to other races, including Saturday's Roses Are Red.

"I just looked at the mare division back in February to see if we could give her a chance," said Engblom. "I knew that Sylvia Hanover was retired and that Twin B Joe Fresh was coming back from an injury and that Miki And Minnie was turning 4, so the division was going to look different."

Still, nominating to major races and entering them are two separate things and there was always the question of whether due to her size, or lack thereof, if Louies Girl N could compete against bigger and stronger horses on the mile track.

"She's extremely quick," said Engblom of Louies Girl N.

So quick that she was dominant through the McIntyre series at Yonkers but did suffer a rare defeat finishing third in the one and one-quarter mile \$456,000 final on May 8.

"That was her only clunker," said Engblom. "She tied up in that race and I have no idea why."

The McIntyre series has been known to take something out of a horse. Engblom raced Louies Girl N hard, going in all five preliminary legs of the McIntyre on consecutive weeks, and then two weeks later in the final.

A couple of weeks after the McIntyre, Engblom would have Louies Girl N entered in the \$100,000 Betsy Ross at Harrah's Philadelphia, a five-eighths mile track where she would engage Miki And Minnie for the

first time. The two were inseparable in the wagering, with both going off at even-odds, but there was a more than four lengths difference at the wire. Louies Girl N scored in a career best 1:48 4/5 clocking and Miki And Minnie was third in her 4-year-old debut.

Driver Jason Bartlett seemed stunned by the final time of the race, suggesting he didn't know with her small frame that she could go this fast. For Engblom there was something else garnered from the victory.

"She paced in 1:48 4/5 and the male division (Joe Auger Memorial) went in 1:49 2/5," said Engblom. "That really showed something."

Louies Girl N would win the Betsy Ross on the front end but that wasn't going to be the trip she would get in last Saturday's Roses Are Red elimination race. Starting from the pole position with Bartlett in the bike, Louies Girl N got away third with Dexter Dunn placing Twin B Joe Fresh right behind her in the early stages. Last year's Breeders Crown champion Always B Naughty would set a quick 26 1/5 opening fraction but get away with a controlled half of 54 4/5, with Dunn appearing to have Bartlett and Louies Girl N at his mercy with Twin B Joe Fresh on cover.

Bartlett and Louies Girl N battled hard with Always B Naughty through a blistering third quarter paced in 26 3/5 and entering the stretch the task was daunting considering the horse to her inside and the one right behind.



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Louies Girl N set big fractions and held on to win her Roses Are Red elimination.

Louies Girl N wasn't done at three quarters. Instead she drove right past Always B Naughty into the stretch and quickly separated herself from the rest of the mares, including Twin B Joe Fresh.

A 28 2/5 final quarter was enough to secure the win, with the margin of victory a safe half-length.

"That wasn't the kind of trip I was looking for," said Engblom, who obviously recognized the danger in moving first-over with quality horses on your back.

The Roses Are Red elimination victories granted Louies Girl N and Miki And Minnie solid post positions in the final.




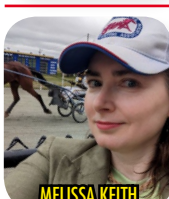


"I'm happy with the draw," said Engblom, with his mare landing post three outside Miki And Minnie (post two). On the other side of the fence is Twin B Joe Fresh, who in the open draw landed number nine.

With seven wins in nine starts this year, Louies Girl N has moved to the top of the division. Whether she can stay at the top is anyone's guess, but she's already overcome her theoretical size disadvantage and her suspect pedigree to get this far.

"Her pedigree hasn't stopped her from being a top horse," said Engblom. "How it will impact her as a broodmare could be different."

For now, no one is talking about retirement with Louies Girl N at the top of her game.

NORTH AMERICA CUP NIGHT HANDICAPPING

	<i>Race 3 \$240K Goodtimes Final</i>	<i>\$100K Pick 5 Race 7 \$215K Armbro Flight Final</i>	<i>\$5 Mohawk Pick 3 Race 8 \$320K Roses Are Red Final</i>	<i>Race 9 \$100K Mohawk Gold Cup</i>	<i>Race 10 \$420K Fan Hanover Final</i>	<i>Race 11 \$1,000,000 NA Cup Final</i>
 MATT ROSE	(3) MAGIC PUNK was easy winner in slower of the two elims but there's more in tank. (4) TOUCHEDBY-ANANGEL (5) NEIGHVER PUNT	(8) BRAVO ANGEL S has the speed to be involved for a proven stakes-winning driver. (4) WARRAWEE MICHELLE (6) YO TILLIE	(2) MIKI AND MINNIE was more than ready in 2nd start; even stronger now. (3) LOUIES GIRL N (9) TWIN B JOE FRESH	(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER was charging in Northfield's Battle; back with Todd. (2) COACHES CORNER (9) ERVIN HANOVER	(3) LOUA DIPA was more than ready in elim despite light workload; Ronnie Wrenn is legit. (5) BE PERFECT BG (10) A CLEAN DEAL	(4) SWEET LOVIN LOU will be a price despite odds-on elim win; The Moneyman gets the call. (3) ODDS ON MR MAMBA (5) BEAU JANGLES
 JAY BERGMAN	(3) MAGIC PUNK has come back strongly and has the speed to prevail. (4) TOUCHEDBY-ANANGEL (1) STROBE LITE	(11) MIRACLE MAVEN finds a good spot in the second tier following solid win. (8) BRAVO ANGEL S (1) STORMONT BEAUTIFUL	(3) LOUIES GIRL N matched blinding speed with toughness and draws perfectly. (6) THE LAST MARTINI (2) MIKI AND MINNIE	(4) VOUEFALAS steps up but loves this surface and is primed for the upset (9) ERVIN HANOVER (2) COACHES CORNER	(3) LOUA DIPA showed breathtaking speed in last; dominates. (5) BE PERFECT BG (1) EASY STATION	(5) BEAU JANGLES was too cute in defeat; puts the pedal down here. (4) SWEET LOVIN LOU (3) ODDS ON MR MAMBA
 RAY COTOLO	(4) TOUCHEDBY-ANANGEL draws great off a career-best mile. Maybe steps up. (3) MAGIC PUNK (8) ROYAL CAPTAIN	(8) BRAVO ANGEL S is in career form and ready for a breakout. (6) YO TILLIE (1) STORMONT BEAUTIFUL	(2) MIKI AND MINNIE won with plenty in reserve. Should find a trip. (3) LOUIES GIRL N (5) RODEO DRIVE DEO	(2) COACHES CORNER should improve off Auger. May be in best spot. (9) ERVIN HANOVER (7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER	(3) LOUA DIPA is too good. Way too good. (5) BE PERFECT BG (8) DAYA	(8) AL PAPI should offer a live price in a great and open race. (3) ODDS ON MR MAMBA (5) BEAU JANGLES
 DERICK GIVNER	(4) TOUCHEDBY-ANANGEL is off tough trip; keeps getting better. (3) MAGIC PUNK (5) NEIGHVER PUNT	(4) WARRAWEE MICHELLE may scare some people away due to missed time; not me. (11) MIRACLE MAVEN (8) BRAVO ANGEL S	(3) LOUIES GIRL N was HUGE in her elim; seems special right now. (5) RODEO DRIVE DEO (2) MIKI AND MINNIE	(4) VOUEFALAS turned back the clock in last and should offer value. (9) ERVIN HANOVER (7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER	(3) LOUA DIPA was back to her old self in last; oozes talent. (5) BE PERFECT BG (6) PERFECT THOUGHT	(4) SWEET LOVIN LOU keeps getting better with each start; will be value. (5) BEAU JANGLES (8) AL PAPI
 MELISSA KEITH	(4) TOUCHEDBY-ANANGEL sacrificed first-over in elim as even-money fave; stung at wire. (3) MAGIC PUNK (5) NEIGHVER PUNT	(7) DIAL SQUARE S - 2025 Armbro Flight champ is reunited with MacDonald. (6) YO TILLIE (1) STORMONT BEAUTIFUL	(2) MIKI AND MINNIE remains an undefeated 5-for-5 at Mohawk; cruised in elim. (3) LOUIES GIRL N (8) ALWAYS DAWN	(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER's four-wide rally in Battle of Lake Erie just missed. (2) COACHES CORNER (9) ERVIN HANOVER	(5) BE PERFECT BG remained perfect under wraps in elim, her ninth straight win. (3) LOUA DIPA (10) A CLEAN DEAL	(5) BEAU JANGLES looks to rebound; beaten 2/5 fave draws better post. (3) ODDS ON MR MAMBA (10) BRANDON BLVD
 MIKE PRIBOZIE	(4) TOUCHEDBY-ANANGEL draws perfectly; can get the jump on these. (3) MAGIC PUNK (1) STROBE LITE	(6) YO TILLIE looks faster than her older rivals. This isn't an easy spot. (8) BRAVO ANGEL S (10) CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS	(3) LOUIES GIRL N is too sharp right now and should offer value. (2) MIKI AND MINNIE (5) RODEO DRIVE DEO	(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER - loved his latest; needs a trip vs. these types. (9) ERVIN HANOVER (3) LOU HILL	(3) LOUA DIPA was awesome last week. Her best trounces these. (8) DAYA (5) BE PERFECT BG	(3) ODDS ON MR MAMBA proved himself in Elim; still learning; that's scary. (4) SWEET LOVIN LOU (10) BRANDON BLVD
 GREG REINHART	(3) MAGIC PUNK was brilliant in multi-move elim win. (4) TOUCHEDBY-ANANGEL (5) NEIGHVER PUNT	(1) STORMONT BEAUTIFUL prepped well over home track. (11) MIRACLE MAVEN (4) WARRAWEE MICHELLE	(9) TWIN B JOE FRESH can definitely improve second time out. (2) MIKI AND MINNIE (3) LOUIES GIRL N	(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER showed new off-the-pace style at Northfield. (9) ERVIN HANOVER (3) LOU HILL	(3) LOU DIPA went a huge trip in her elimination win. (5) BE PERFECT BG (10) A CLEAN DEAL	(5) BEAU JANGLES gets a different trip than in his elim, rebounds. (3) ODDS ON MR MAMBA (4) SWEET LOVIN LOU
 DARIN ZOCALI	(4) TOUCHEDBY-ANANGEL appears to be the best alternative to the likely favorite. (3) MAGIC PUNK (1) STROBE LITE	(6) YO TILLIE is likely to rebound off a rare defeat against this group. (8) BRAVO ANGEL S (4) WARRAWEE MICHELLE	(2) MIKI AND MINNIE was my 2025 Horse of the Year and expect her to show why. (3) LOUIES GIRL N (9) TWIN B JOE FRESH	(9) ERVIN HANOVER came back sharp and looms large here. (7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER (3) LOU HILL	(5) BE PERFECT BG not only dominated but was flattered by Perfect Thought's win. (3) LOUA DIPA (6) PERFECT THOUGHT	(3) ODDS ON MR MAMBA was so full of pace that MacDonald had to tip him early. (5) BEAU JANGLES (10) BRANDON BLVD

Brandon Parker battling through the abyss to regain his life



HARNESSES FOCUS

By Jessica Hallett

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The anxiety starts long before the starting gate folds its wings.

It begins when Brandon Parker sees his name on the entry sheet. It follows him as he pulls on his driving colors, slips on his driving gloves and snaps on his driving goggles. Before even grabbing hold of the lines, his heart races. Before swinging his legs over the shafts, his breathing slows. Before the horse takes a step, his face is beaded in sweat.

For many drivers, these are routine moments not given a second thought. For Parker, they are victories.

Every trip behind the gate represents another step back toward a life he feared he might lose.

At 27 years old, Parker is working to return to the sport that has defined him since childhood after years of battling depression, severe anxiety, and multiple suicide attempts. His story is one of survival, but more importantly, it is one of hope.

Harness racing was woven into Parker's life long before he ever set foot on the track.

The son of legendary driver Billy Parker Jr., he grew up surrounded by horses, barns, racetracks, and a hefty namesake to carry. Some of his earliest memories are of accompanying his mother to the barn, enjoying watching the horses run and play.

"Growing up, I always liked going to the barn with my mom to see the



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Brandon Parker driving at Goshen Historic Track in 2015 when he was just 16 years old.

horses," Parker said. "It's what my parents loved and it's something I fell in love with, too."

His mother was a stay-at-home mom, but she wasn't just his mother. She was his best friend. The two were inseparable.

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When she died while Parker was still young, it shattered the foundation beneath him. What followed was years of anxiety, depression and darkness that Parker describes as the abyss.

"I've always called it the abyss," he said.

The word is tattooed on his arm above scars that serve as a reminder of battles fought away from the racetrack.

"It's been downhill since my mother died. I've had terrible anxiety and lots of depression with a few suicide attempts. I've been in very dark places," said Parker.

His last suicide attempt was in 2019, resulting in hospitalization and a month-long stay in a psychiatric facility.

"The abyss comes from [American rapper and singer] Juice WRLD. It's just a reminder to stay above that dark place," said Parker.

From the outside, few people would have known. While he battled internally, his racing career appeared to take off. From 2017 through 2022, his numbers climbed steadily. Starts increased. Wins increased. Earnings increased.

In 2022, he was enjoying the most successful season of his career with 229 wins and over \$1.3 million earned. Yet, the success visible in the program never told the whole story. Behind the statistics was a young man fighting a battle no one could see.

The place that served as a trigger for Parker's anxiety was also the place that helps heal it. The racetrack felt like home and the horses felt like therapy.

"Whenever I go to the paddock and just watch my horses race and chat with people, it makes me feel great," said Parker. "When I work with the horses, they are like my therapist. They listen; they don't judge. I grease feet, do heels and it makes me feel great. Now driving a horse, I get off and I feel like I'm on top of a building with so much confidence, so much joy. I miss it very much."

The path isn't a linear one, though. While being at the track helps his anxiety subside, going from track to track causes a spike in his anxiety, too.

"It's been like a rollercoaster. The highs are highs, but the lows are low. I struggle with getting from track to track. My anxiety is terrible on highways. A few times I had to get picked up from Tioga Downs because I just couldn't make it home," admitted Parker.

Nevertheless, the track is where Parker wants to be. Like many others, horses serve as an escape from reality and as the best form of therapy.

Parker's greatest challenge now isn't learning how to drive a horse, it's growing his confidence. The feeling of anxiety before a race raises his body temperature and feels like it's constricting his throat and chest to where he cannot breathe. This feeling has contributed to that significant decline in starts and has ultimately kept him out of the bike throughout much of the past year.

Parker reached a high of 1,586 starts in 2022 when he won a career-best 229 races. Those totals dipped to 962/108 the following year, then 123/10 in 2024 and 43/0 last year. He has yet to drive in 2026.

While the road back hasn't been easy and Parker admits he still



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Brandon Parker has 746 driving wins in just 6,649 starts.

doesn't know when his return to driving will come, he is taking things one step at a time. Recently, he sat behind a horse for the first time in months. Now, he is jogging regularly again. He's studying race replays. He's leaning on friends like Mark and Brett Beckwith for advice. Most importantly, he's finding the right place for him to be and to move forward.

"My first day back jogging was like seeing that little light at the end of the tunnel," Parker said. "It made me confident and hopeful."

In a sport built on competition, Parker believes the greatest strength horsemen can show one another isn't found in the winner's circle. It's in speaking up.

For years, he battled his demons in silence. Now, he is choosing something different.

"It's okay to talk about it. You've got to get it off your chest. Please speak up. Don't hold it in. It only gets worse. Everyone deals with something of some sort – anxiety, depression, anger," said Parker. "I just want to say it's okay. Choose to live. Stay positive. Keep moving forward. Turn the page after every race."

For the first time in a long time, that light at the end of the tunnel no longer feels quite so far away for Parker. There is a way out of the abyss for him and a path to a better life and existence.

"If you just need a friend to talk to like another driver, speak up. We're all in this amazing sport together. Let's support each other," concluded the newly hopeful Parker.

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Stoebe and Daley take aim at New Jersey Sire Stakes finals

By Jay Bergman

Trainers Annie Stoebe and Noel Daley will each send out a pair of high-powered sophomore trotters at The Meadowlands on Friday night hoping to capture the lucrative \$225,000 New Jersey Sire Stakes finals for male and female trotters. Stoebe has a pair of Hambletonian contenders in Diabolic Hill and Mega Shark in the colt division while Daley sends out the razor-sharp Naked And Famous along with Oaks eligible Emmas Mystery CCL in the filly division.

Diabolic Hill, the Valley Victory winner at The Meadowlands last November, has made just one start this year, a third-place finish in the second preliminary leg on June 5.

“That wasn’t the kind of trip we were looking for,” said Stoebe of the first-over grind Diabolic Hill had to make following a very soft opening half mile.

A five-time winner in 10 starts as a freshman, Diabolic Hill, a son of Muscle Hill, is a different horse in 2026 than he was in 2025 according to his trainer.

“He was diabolical as a 2-year-old,” said Stoebe of the demeanor of Diabolic Hill. “He’s calmed down this year and is much easier to be around.”

Despite his antics as a freshman, Diabolic Hill still managed to earn \$506K in 2025 and is now hoping to gain traction and compete in the sport’s most lucrative events.

Diabolic Hill (post 4) will face seven others including the defending Dan Patch winner Apex (post 3) as well as last year’s Wellwood Memorial winner Ardonne (post 5) in the \$225,000 event on Friday’s program carded as race 10.

Stoebe sends out a sleeper from her own stable in Mega Shark (post 2), a Tactical Landing-sired sophomore that went winless in seven tries as a freshman.

“Most his maternal family couldn’t trot faster than 1:57 as 2-year-olds,” said Stoebe of Mega Shark. “He was timed in 1:55.”

Time was a factor in development for Mega Shark and the results showed themselves early this year when he trotted to a 1:51 3/5 win for Tim Tetrick in a non-winners of 2 on May 15 at The Meadowlands. “I always thought he had talent,” said Stoebe. “He’s a big awkward horse that still is learning.”

Mega Shark made the final with a second- and fourth-place finish in his two preliminary legs.

Trainer Marcus Melander also has a pair in the Sire Stakes final and in addition to Apex, second in his first start of the year a week ago, he has American Power, undefeated in three starts including two preliminary legs of the Sire Stakes. American Power (post 6) is a son of Walner from the \$2.4 million winner Ariana G, the 2017 Hambletonian Oaks champion.

Rounding out the Sire Stakes field will be leg winner Gabes Luck (post 1), Kingmen (post 7) and Practical Man (post 8).

Daley’s Naked And Famous has already gone the fastest mile of the 10 fillies in the \$225,000 Sire Stakes final carded as race six. The daughter of Six Pack burst onto the national spotlight in a big way with a 1:51 2/5 victory in the Oak Grove Oaks elimination on May 4. Following a disappointing outing in the final, Naked And Famous regrouped with a 1:51 1/5 triumph in the second round of preliminaries for the Sire Stakes.

“I don’t know what happened in the final (Oak Grove Oaks),” said Daley. “She got stuck inside and got wound up and made a break.”

Naked And Famous has a world of speed but can get a bit hot and Daley was relieved that she showed calm in her Sire Stakes preliminary victory. “Todd (McCarthy) was really happy with her,” said Daley of the Sire Stakes elimination.



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Naked And Famous is the 3-1 morning line favorite in Friday’s NJ Sire Stakes final for 3-year-old trotting fillies at The Meadowlands.

Naked And Famous drew outside in the Sire Stakes final with post eight but will be joined by two other high-powered fillies on each flank. Custom, also a winner in her Oak Grove Oaks elimination and a breaker in the final, will start from post seven. The Walner-sired filly from the Per Engblom stable made one Sire Stakes appearance on May 23 and was an easy winner. Jailbird Jog (post 9) has come back this year with a vengeance, capturing the \$300,000 Oak Grove Oaks in a runaway performance on May 16 then returning for her Meadowlands debut on June 5 with an effortless 1:51 4/5 career-best mile in the New Jersey Sire Stakes.

Daley also has Hambo Oaks eligible Emmas Mystery CCL (post 1) in the final and hopes post position plays a part in her success. “She needs a trip, but I think she can go with these,” said Daley of the Muscle Hill-sired filly that showed talent winning four times as a freshman.

A few other fillies on the inside of the starting gate could provide the upset should the favorites falter, with trainer Nancy Takter’s pair of Leading Lady (post 2) and Madam Cheval (post 4) showing they belong at this level in preliminary legs.

On the pacing side on Friday’s stakes-filled program at The Meadowlands, Daley will send out the 4-year-old Smooth Dream for his first start in nine months in a division of the Graduate Series for \$50,000 carded as race four.

“I was hoping to have a start in him before this race,” said Daley. “But I wasn’t going to race him over that hard surface after spending nine months bringing him back. I’m not usually a fast trainer but I trained him this morning (June 9) and he came a 26-flat last quarter.”

Still, Daley is cautiously optimistic given the quality and fitness level of the competition in his division. A nine-time winner in 10 starts as a 3-year-old in 2025, Smooth Dream suffered his lone defeat in the Milstein Memorial at Northfield Park last August where he incurred an injury that thwarted a successful season.

Smooth Dream drew post four in a field of nine that includes a solid pair coming down from Woodbine Mohawk Park for the Enrico Robinson stable in Sugar Man (post 6) and Bruno No No No (post 7).

The Friday Meadowlands card, which gets underway at 6:35 PM (EDT), includes three other Graduate divisions for 4-year-olds including the return of Dan Patch Award winner Super Chapter.

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Tom Largo tackles Big Ranger in search of perfect start to 2026

By Wesley Mayberry for OHHA

After getting a win in the first leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes, Tom Largo's trainer Scott Cox was careful not to rest on his laurels.

"I just try to stay humble," Cox said at the time. "We have to go clear to September, so it's a long season. But if we can improve a little bit each time out, then maybe we'll have a shot at the end."

The first leg of the OSS for sophomore colt trotters was held May 2 at Miami Valley Raceway, and Tom Largo stood out, winning by three lengths in 1:54 4/5. The Long Tom gelding went on to showcase the improvement Cox was seeking, taking a division of the second leg of the OSS in a lifetime mark of 1:53 1/5 at Eldorado Scioto Downs on May 25.

"It was a really nice race," Cox said. "He didn't have to do the work, and he got a real nice trip."

Now 2-for-2 in the OSS this year — the only 3-year-old colt trotter to have such a distinction — Tom Largo will look to keep that perfect mark intact on Saturday (June 13) as Scioto Downs hosts two \$75,000 divisions in the third leg as part of a 16-race card beginning at 5:25 p.m. Driven by Chris Lems, Tom Largo will leave from the rail in the second of the two divisions and will face off against the likes of Big Ranger and Rose Run Banker in what Cox views as another opportunity for the horse to improve.

"This week is a tough race, but I'm not worried about trying to win," he said. "I'm just worried about getting him better each week."

Saturday's race should prove to be a good measuring stick for Tom Largo, who recorded five wins — including the Ohio State Fair Stake and the Buckeye Stallion Series Final — and one runner-up finish while banking \$125,400 in nine starts as a freshman and has two wins and two seconds with \$81,000 in earnings in four starts this year. He opened as the 5-2 co-second choice with Rose Run Banker behind 8-5 favorite Big Ranger.

Big Ranger, the reigning Ohio Horse of the Year who won the Ohio Triple Crown as part of a 7-for-7 freshman season, will leave from post three. The In Range colt has two wins in four starts this season and is coming off a track-record and lifetime-best performance of 1:51 2/5 in the second leg of the OSS, increasing his lifetime earnings to \$450,360. Saturday will mark his first start as part of the Anette Lorentzon stable and with Tim Tetrick in the sulky, as trainer Ronnie Gillespie drove him in each of his first 11 career races.

Rose Run Banker (Chris Page) will leave alongside Big Ranger from post four. A winner in the opening leg in a lifetime-best 1:53 3/5, the In Range colt finished as the runner-up to Big Ranger in the second leg. The Ron Burke trainee has three wins and one second in four seasonal starts and \$295,410 in lifetime earnings.

To his credit, Tom Largo continues to earn praise from Cox for his laid-back demeanor, and the trainer has noted how he has developed more



CONRAD PHOTO

Tom Largo starts from post one with Chris Lems in the bike in Saturday's 11th race at Scioto Downs.

speed off the gate compared to a season ago. Those improvements are paying off, and Cox is eager to see how the horse fares on Saturday.

"Most likely, he won't have to do the work in it, so hopefully he can stay close and try to be there at the end," he said. "But if we can just come out of the race sound and able to race again, that's the main thing."

First Division

Soulful Saul (Luke Hanners) opened as the slight 2-1 favorite in the first division and will leave from post six alongside 5-2 second choice Time Has Come (Kurt Sugg) in the far outside post seven.

Soulful Saul finished his freshman season with a 4-2-3 record and \$94,569 in earnings in 14 starts. He has a season-best finish of third in three starts in 2026. The Ready For Moni gelding is trained by Steve Carter.

Uncle Peter gelding Time Has Come has hit the board in all five seasonal starts with four wins and one second. The Miles Wollam trainee notched a victory in each of the first two legs of the Buckeye Stallion Series this season and recorded a lifetime mark of 1:56 in the second leg at Northfield Park Racino.

Saturday's card at Scioto also features a \$25,000 Horses and Geldings Open Pace as well as the \$30,000 final of the Jerry Knappenberger Pace miniseries and the \$15,000 second leg of the Daryl Sherman Pace miniseries.

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BABIES OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES DEBUT AT THE MEADOWLANDS

A full session of Meadowlands qualifiers for 2-year-olds took place on Thursday morning over a fast track with hot/humid conditions and no wind. There were a number of exceptional performances from yearlings of all price points and below we highlight a few of the standouts from each gait.

Trotters

YANKEE BOSS, just a \$6,500 yearling purchase, certainly out-raced his price tag in the third race. The son of Captain Corey set all of the fractions while winning on his own in 1:58 1/5 for trainer/driver Ake Svanstedt. The colt is out of Brigit Of Kildare, a product of Muscle Hill and Buck I St Pat.

GRANDIFLORA split foes midway through the stretch and unleashed a big burst of speed that was better than the 27 4/5 final quarter would have you believe. The Muscle Hill filly sent out by Noel Daley and driven by Andrew McCarthy posted a 1:58 final time.

DEJEUNER, the most expensive performer of the morning who sold for \$1,000,000 in Lexington, looked sharp in her first charted line. The filly by Walner-French Cafe angled from third in the stretch and surged to a 1:59 victory for the same Daley/McCarthy connections. Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld bred the filly, who is owned by Winning Key Inc.

SEVEN PLEDGES was the fastest trotter of the morning with a 1:57 final time. She sat the pocket for driver Jason Bartlett and got a measured win under just a few taps of the whip. Andrew Harris trains and co-owns the \$700,000 Harrisburg purchase by Chapter Seven.

Pacers

POSITIVE PROCESS was far and away the fastest pacer from the four events for that gait. The daughter of Captaintreacherous came away on the lead, yielded into the pocket and drew clear very nicely on her own when shown daylight in the stretch. Sent out by the Engblom stable with Bartlett in the bike, she stopped the timer in 1:55 3/5.

SEASIDE UBEAUT was certainly slower at 1:56 4/5 but just as impressive powering away from her rivals while on her own using a sizzling 26 2/5 final quarter. A product of Downbytheseaside and Warrawee Ubeaut, the \$500,000 Lexington Sale buy, bred by Crawford Farms and Burke Racing Stable, is trained by Andrew Harris. Dexter Dunn drove on Thursday.

A complete recap of the action from the track can be found [here](#).

TOSCANO 2-YEAR-OLDS LEAD THE WAY AT GAITWAY

Linda Toscano, Joe Bongiorno and Ron Burke each had multiple training wins at Wednesday's (June 10) first week of 2-year-old qualifiers at Gaitway Farm.

Toscano led the group with four victories, including the day's fastest winner, pacing colt In One Fell Swoop. Bongiorno and Burke each had three triumphs. Completing the list of winning trainers in the 12 races for freshmen were Julie Miller and Veronica Spicer.

In One Fell Swoop (a son of Papi Rob Hanover-Presto Blue Chip) was guided to the lead by driver Scott Zeron and clocked fractions of 31, 1:00, and 1:27 2/5 on the way to his 1:55 4/5 victory in his debut. Purchased for \$30,000

at the Standardbred Horse Sale, the Twinbrook Limited-bred colt is owned by South Mountain Stables, Bill Elliott, JAF Racing, and Jim Winske.

Toscano's other winners were pacing colt Wishawave and pacing fillies Schnapps Hanover and Love Somebody.

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SVANSTEDT STABLE SCORES SIX-PACK OF BABY RACE WINNERS AT POCONO

The Åke Svanstedt Stable, winner of five 2-year-old qualifying races during the first baby session at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania a week ago, topped themselves on Wednesday, with six of their freshmen tasting success, including engineering a sweep of the four contests for trotting fillies.

Åke Svanstedt drove five winners from his barn, but not the quickest of the fillies. That distinction went to wife Sarah, guiding the Chapter Seven - Plunge Blue Chip miss Kountry Plunge, who stepped home sharply on the front end in 28 3/5 to complete a 1:59 3/5 victory. The \$200,000 yearling purchase is owned by Ohm Stable, Svanstedt & Midnight Sun, Bender Sweden Inc., and Ecurie Dicoles AB.

Reporting home first for trainer-driver Åke were fillies Dandelion Wine (Ecurie D DK - Plum Wine) in 1:59 4/5 - 57 2/5 - 28 1/5; the Walner - Milady Grace miss Gabriela Beatriz S in 2:00 3/5 - 58 4/5 - 28 4/5; and another Walner filly, Queen Palema (dam Sobti Hanover), tallying in 2:01 3/5 - 58 2/5 - 29 1/5.

Perhaps the most impressive winner of the entire session was the International Moni - Fast Reaction trotting colt Moni In His Pocket, who was never headed in a 1:58 mile, last half 57 4/5, for trainer-driver Todd Schadel, who also is a co-owner with wife Christine and Rick and Regina Beinhauer.

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BABIES OUT IN FORCE TUESDAY AT PHILLY

Fourteen fields of freshmen faced the starting gate in the first full-scale set of 2-year-old qualifiers of the season at Harrah's Philadelphia. Themes set themselves up in the various divisions - driver Andy Miller and trainer Julie Miller were the dominant figures in the trotting action; the team of driver Cory Mumford and trainer Jamie Sullivan posted three 2:00 miles with male pacers, including the fastest mile among all the freshmen; and sire Papi Rob Hanover saw three of his four pacing daughters succeed.

Team Orange Crush were connected with three of the four trotting filly winners, the fastest of whom was the Walner - Flyer Mel miss Mrs Rattigan, who went wire-to-wire in 1:59 2/5, last half a crisp 57 2/5, for owner Michael Anderson. Two other trotting fillies who won for the Millers include Jula Florence (Chapter Seven - Jula Shes Magic) in 2:00 - 57 3/5 - 28 3/5 and the Greenshoe miss Honky Tonk Babe in 2:02 4/5.

There were only two section for male trotters, and the Millers won with the fastest trotter of the day (and just missed the fastest pacer's clocking by a fifth), the Love You - Southwind Adele colt Adios Amigos Kemp, who flashed successive back quarters of 29 to win in 1:58 for Andy Miller Stable Inc., Arden Homestead Stable, Jean Goehlen, and Adios Amigos Stable.

Switching over to the pacing males, Cory Mumford piloted three precocious freshmen to victory for trainer Jamie Sullivan, the fastest of which was the 1:57 4/5 wire-to-wire victory of Miki's Big Bang, a colt by Always B Miki - Shebang N who sped home in 56 2/5 - 27 4/5 to show his talent for owner James Fleming. The other pair of colt winners for Mumford / Sullivan, both also pacesetters, are owned by the triumvirate of Hamm / Phillips / Chick and are both sons of Stay Hungry: Hungry Marco (dam Always Gigging) in 1:58 1/5 - 56 - 27 2/5, and Midnight Drive (dam Turn-offthelights) in 1:58 2/5 - 56 2/5 - 27 2/5.

The quickest winner among the three Papi Rob Hanover freshman pacing fillies was Pa Layla (dam Tava), moving past the quarter to the lead for driver Andrew McCarthy and finishing in 57 1/5 - 28 2/5 to complete her mile in 1:58 2/5 for the ownership of Patricia Stables LLC, L A Express Stable LLC, Sjoebloom Racing Inc., and trainer Noel Daley (McCarthy and Dailey also combined with the Captaintreacherous - Bet On Sunday baby distaff Treacherous Bet for a 2:01 2/5 - 56 - 27 3/5 tally).

Papi Rob Hanover's other two winners during the Tuesday morning set were JK Alwaysbpositive (dam JK Alwaysbalady, 1:59 4/5 - 56 3/5, 27 4/5) and Ginger Tree Ashley (dam Magic Starlight, 2:00 3/5 - 57 4/5).

The meet's leading driver, Tim Tetrick, had a win in three of the four baby groupings, then added two more in the qualifiers for older horses later in the morning.

Replays of the Philly qualifiers can be seen at www.phha.org.

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RACE OF THE WEEK

11 MOHAWK PARK SAT

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1 MELILLO

31:48.4 (5/8) \$13,738

6 Jun26	9Wbs	fst20 ⁹	26 ²	:54	1:21	1:48	NaCup
24 May26	7PhIA	fst	27 ¹	:54	1:21	1:48	PASS-3YOCC
16 May26	12PCDA	fst	27 ¹	:56	1:23	1:50	Pass3yocg
2 May26	6MwA	fst	26 ⁴	:54	1:21	1:50	PASS-3YOCC
22 Apr26	9MwA	fst	26 ¹	:54	1:21	1:51	WNW4EXTFM

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24 Wbs 0 0 0 0 -Life -Life \$95,102

R. J Burke 1922-395-311-228 (206) Br.-Burke Rcg Stb, PA, J Melillo, OH, Weaver Bruscon

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2 REDLAND ROCKET MAN

21:52 (7/8) \$3,484

6 Jun26	9Wbs	fst20 ⁹	26 ²	:54	1:21	1:48	NaCup
30 May26	5Wbs	fst15 ⁹	26	:54	1:21	1:48	Somebeach-g3
23 May26	7Wbs	gd7 ⁹	25 ⁴	:55	1:24	1:50	Onsng-gl
16 May26	7Wbs	fst18 ⁹	26 ⁴	:55	1:23	1:49	OnSboa-g3
9 May26	9Wbs	fst11 ⁹	27 ²	:55	1:23	1:50	OnSboa

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1:52 Wbs 7/8 25 Wbs 11 2 0 2 \$165,452 25 Tot 12 3 0 2 \$178,287
24 Wbs 0 0 0 0 -Life -Life \$195,705

J. Pentland 99-9-15-15 (091) Br.-Redland Farms, Bible Hill, Ns

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25000	1	5 ⁷¹	5 ⁷¹	5 ⁸¹	6 ⁹	3 ⁵	LRoy	JPentland	29	28 ¹	28 ²	26 ¹	1:51	95	+6.5w	4.20	BorderlineMobbyWnдрRedlandRocketMan	Roll, little-7

3 ODDS ON MR MAMBA

21:47.4 (7/8) \$45,834

6 Jun26	9Wbs	fst20 ⁹	26 ²	:54	1:21	1:48	NaCup
25 May26	15HoP	fst	26 ⁴	:54	1:22	1:49	ISS-3CGP
16 May26	6HoP	sly	30 ¹	:58	1:27	1:53	Qua
9 May26	7HoP	gd	28 ¹	:56	1:25	1:52	Qua
29 Apr26	7HoP	fst	29 ²	:58	1:27	1:53	Qua

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Odds On Racing, Boca Raton, Fl
Last 5 Sts-\$357,986 1:48.2 Wbs 7/8 26 * 1 1 0 0 \$25,200 26 * 2 2 0 0 \$91,667
1:47.4 HoP 7/8 25 Wbs 0 0 0 0 -25 * 8 7 0 0 \$436,552
24 Wbs 0 0 0 0 -Life -Life \$528,129

M. Wrenn 41-11-5-4 (268) Br.-Odds On Nourrir, FL

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4 SWEET LOVIN LOU

31:48.2 (7/8) \$21,002

6 Jun26	7Wbs	fst20 ⁹	26 ³	:54	1:20	1:48	NaCup
30 May26	5Wbs	fst15 ⁹	26	:54	1:21	1:48	Somebeach-g3
16 May26	4Wbs	fst18 ⁹	27 ²	:55	1:23	1:50	Wo3-5r-cd
8 May26	3Wbs	fst15 ⁹	29	:57	1:25	1:53	Qua
27 Apr26	4Wbs	fst12 ⁹	29	:59	1:28	1:55	Qua

b c 3, by Sweet Lou, Lover's Dream by Somebeachsomewhere
Lagace Stables Cambridge On-Edwin Buhler, Wantagh, Ny-Big Als Stables Woodbridge, On-Brittany Farms Micki Rae, Versailles Ky
Last 5 Sts-\$93,561 1:48.2 Wbs 7/8 26 Wbs 3 1 1 1 \$63,005 26 Tot 3 1 1 1 \$63,005
1:50.4 Wbs 7/8 25 Wbs 8 3 1 3 \$228,057 25 Tot 9 3 2 3 \$249,312
24 Wbs 0 0 0 0 -Life -Life \$323,317

D. G Lagace 6-2-2-1 (333) Br.-Joseph Davino, Clarksburg, NJ-Brad Shackman, Ca

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5	5 ⁶¹	5 ⁶¹	5 ⁶¹	4 ⁶	2 ¹¹	1 ¹¹	JMacdonld	DLagace	30 ²	30	29 ²	25	1:53	93	-7	0.00	PlanktonHanover SweetLovinLou MegaMoves	-10	

5 BEAU JANGLES

21:48.3 (7/8) \$38,559

6 Jun26	9Wbs	fst20 ⁹	26 ²	:54	1:21	1:48	NaCup
23 May26	7Wbs	gd7 ⁹	25 ⁴	:55	1:24	1:50	Onsng-gl
16 May26	7Wbs	fst18 ⁹	26 ⁴	:55	1:23	1:49	OnSboa-g3
9 May26	7Wbs	fst11 ⁹	27 ³	:56	1:24	1:51	OnSboa
17 Apr26	2Sot	gd	26 ³	:56	1:23	1:50	Qua

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Graham Grace Stables LLC, Clifton, Va-Kiwi Stables LLC, La Plata, Md-Bolton Stables, Clermont, Fl
Last 5 Sts-\$633,738 1:48.3 Wbs 7/8 26 * 4 1 3 1 \$154,238 26 * 4 3 0 1 \$154,237
1:48.3 Wbs 7/8 25 * 11 0 0 0 \$157,200 25 * 12 1 0 0 \$1,688,750
24 Wbs 0 0 0 0 -Life -Life \$1,842,987

I. Moore 25-7-6-3 (208) Br.-Tara Hills Stud LTD, Port Perry, On

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6 LINDY DRAGONWATER (L)

21:51 (5/8) \$7,414

6 Jun26	7Wbs	fst20 ⁹	26 ³	:54	1:20	1:48	NaCup
25 May26	8ScD	fst	25 ⁴	:53	1:20	1:50	Oss3c
2 May26	13MVR	fst	27	:54	1:23	1:51	Ohs3c
23 Apr26	6MVR	fst	26 ⁴	:55	1:22	1:50	HACKETT
16 Apr26	6MVR	fst	27 ³	:56	1:23	1:51	HACKETT

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7 AZRAEL BLUE CHIP (L)

21:51 (1) \$24,336

6 Jun26	7Wbs	fst20 ⁹	26 ³	:54	1:20	1:48	NaCup
23 May26	6M1	sly	26 ⁴	:54	1:23	1:50	NJSS-Ptlnm
9 May26	6M1	sly	26 ³	:55	1:23	1:50	NJSS-Ptlnm
2 May26	7M1	fst	27	:55	1:23	1:50	NJSS-Ptlnm
25 Apr26	3M1	sly	28 ¹	:57	1:26	1:53	HOMEGROWN

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Last 5 Sts-\$121,681 1:53 M1 26 Wbs 1 0 0 1 \$6,000 26 Tot 5 1 3 1 \$121,681
1:51 M1 25 Wbs 10 0 0 0 -25 Tot 8 6 0 1 \$210,881
24 Wbs 0 0 0 0 -Life -Life \$210,082

Beckwith returns to Big M Thursday; Big carryovers await handicappers

Fans of Brett Beckwith will be able to wager on their favorite driver Thursday (June 11) night at The Meadowlands, when the 23-year-old pilot makes his return to the races earlier than originally anticipated after suffering a brain injury, broken jaw and broken wrist in a spill at Saratoga on April 12.

The Big M is racing this week on Thursday and Friday (June 12). There is no live racing on Saturday (June 13) due to a World Cup soccer match at New Jersey New York Stadium (aka MetLife Stadium).

"I trained a couple and biked up a couple last week," said Beckwith, who led The Big M with 146 wins during 2025. "But Thursday will be my first time driving in parimutuel races. To be honest, I'm excited. It's been a while."

That's because Thursday will mark almost two months to the day since Beckwith had to go to the sidelines. His Thursday return is approximately one month earlier than he expected.

"I'm happy with the way everything is going (with my recovery)," said Beckwith. "Just the way everything's healed. Every time I went in for an x-ray, everything was good. And I was super diligent in taking care of myself during the time away."

Beckwith said he attended "eight or nine" therapy sessions and did plenty on his own at home to earn the blessing of his doctor to return to work.

Beckwith's 73 wins still have him in the top spot in The Big M driver colony, but the red-hot Joe Bongiorno is nipping at his heels, with 71.

"It'll be fun and interesting (to compete with Joe for the top spot)," said Beckwith. "I mean, I'm just happy to be back and whatever happens, happens."

Not surprisingly, Beckwith will come back and go right to warp speed, the only speed he knows.

"On Thursday, I think I have 13 drives at The Meadowlands," said Beckwith. "Then, Meadowlands on Friday, Saturday in the Poconos, Sunday Saratoga, and then Monday and Tuesday at Plainridge. I'm getting right back to it."

BIG CARRYOVERS: A pair of monster carryovers are also on the menu Thursday as the Pick 5 offers \$24,117 in the pool for the opening race on the card and the Pick 6, which begins in race three, has \$11,807 in money carried over from last Saturday. Handicappers should expect more than \$100,000 to be wagered on the Pick 5 and north of \$50,000 in the Pick 6.

Both wagers include a low 15% takeout.

CHALK TALK: The Meadowlands has long been known as a place where players can bet against favorites with confidence, and when one takes a look at other North American harness tracks, that is once again the case thus far in 2026.

Currently, chalk at The Big M reports home first at a rate of 40.8 percent.

Every other harness track of note has a percentage of winning favorites higher than that of The Meadowlands: Hoosier Park (45.9), Philadelphia (46), Meadows (48.9), Monticello (48), Mohawk (46.8), Northfield (46.2), Oak Grove (48.7), Plainridge (48.6), Pocono (44.7), Saratoga (47.9), Scioto (44) and Yonkers (46.2).

27TH HEAVEN? The remarkable On To Norway will be at The Big M Friday night in one of two \$50,000 divisions of the second leg of the Graduate Series for 4-year-olds on the trot.

The gelded son of Muscle Massive-One Class Act, who has not lost since his 3-year-old debut on April 3, 2025, will be in search of his 27th consecutive victory. The Hoosier Park regular will depart from post eight for driver Yannick Gingras and trainer Ron Burke and will start out at 2-1 on the morning line.

-edited release (by Dave Little for The Meadowlands)



DRF HANDICAPPER'S CORNER

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 head to your nearest ADW and simply make a win bet.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

RACE 3

(5) AMERICAN STORY added Lasix on Saturday and went down the road in a solid 1:52 mile. She steps up now but can handle these with a repeat performance.

-Derick Givner



FRIDAY, JUNE 12

RACE 6

(1) LYDEO hasn't done a whole lot since returning locally earlier in the year but look who she's been facing. Veteran outclasses these and should sail down the road.

-Matt Rose



RACE 7

(7) STING GIRL has taken giant steps forward in her last couple of starts and hats off to trainer Joe Holloway for getting her to this point. She'll need to step up a bit more tonight but seems to have the talent to make some noise in here.

-Givner



SATURDAY, JUNE 13

RACE 7

(1) STORMONT BEAUTIFUL has improved with each start back and really looks like she has been pointed towards this race. Her kick should make her a threat at a potential price.

-Kevin Plowcha



FULL CARD ANALYSIS / PAST PERFORMANCES

Mohawk Park Analysis	Friday	Saturday
Meadowlands Analysis	Thursday	Friday
Yonkers Analysis	Thursday	Friday

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- HARNESS EYE PPS
- TRACKMASTER PPS
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

SPENCER HANOVER HEADLINES TWO EBC DIVISIONS AT VERNON

Vernon Downs will play host to the Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) for sophomore trotting colts & geldings as well as the fillies on Friday (June 12) at a special post time of 12:15 pm.

Spencer Hanover (Jason Bartlett) will be the one to beat in the \$176,500 EBC for colts & geldings. The colt by Chapter Seven was a Breeders Crown champion as a freshman. As a sophomore he is three for three, including winning the Oak Grove Derby and a leg of the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) at Vernon Downs.

The Ron Burke trained AI (Tyler Buter) could be his major competition. The colt by Chapter Seven is still searching for his first win of 2026. He had a five-win freshman campaign including a win in the NYSS final.

The morning line favorite in the \$195,020 EBC for fillies is Nezuko Kamado (Scott Zeron). She won the inaugural Big Apple Final for 2-year-olds. She is one for one for won this season with a NYSS win at Vernon Downs. The filly by Chapter Seven is trained by Marcus Melander.

Six-time winner Sharp Seven (Jeff Gregory) and 2025 Breeders Crown champion Storybook Love (Todd Ratchford) are major contenders. Both are Chapter Seven fillies. Sharp Seven is trained by George Ducharme. Storybook Love is trained by Matthew Bax.

Vernon will also feature a \$121,800 leg of the NYSS for 3-year-old pacing colts & geldings. Knoxville (Tyler Buter) and Unmatched Wisdom (Leon Bailey) are the top two morning choices. They both have a NYSS win this season.

Knoxville is a colt by Huntsville and trained by Ray Schnittker. Chuck Connor Jr. trains Unmatched Wisdom, the gelding by American Ideal.

Once again, the 13 race-card starts at 12:15 pm.

-edited release (Vernon)

\$8,013 CARRYOVER TRIGGERS \$30,000 GUARANTEED POOL AT YONKERS

Favorites went zero-for-five during Wednesday night's (June 11) Pick 5 at MGM Yonkers Raceway, leading to an \$8,013.68 carryover and a \$30,000 guaranteed pool in the sequence on Thursday (June 11).

The guarantee in the Pick 5 is being offered as part of the United States Trotting Association's Strategic Wagering Program, and free past performances for the Pick 5 are available [here](#). The Pick 5, which begins in race five and has a \$1 minimum, has a takeout rate of 20 percent.

MGM Yonkers Raceway is operating on a Monday through Friday live racing schedule with post time each night at 6:45 p.m. (EDT).

-release (Yonkers Raceway Media)

YONKERS ALTERS RULES REGARDING PICK 4 CARRYOVERS

Starting on Monday (June 15), the rules governing Pick 4 carryovers at MGM Yonkers Raceway will change.

Beginning with that program, if no one hits the early Pick 4, the carryover will go to the next day's early Pick 4 sequence. Similarly, if no one hits the late Pick 4, the carryover will go to the next day's late Pick 4 sequence.

Both sequences still have a \$1 minimum bet.

MGM Yonkers Raceway is also gearing up for the return of stakes action to the oval with eliminations for the Grade 2 MGM Grand Messenger Stakes and Grade 2 MGM Yonkers Trot (if necessary) for 3-year-old males coming up next Friday (June 19). Those races will begin this year's Pacing and Triple Crowns, and the finals the following Friday (June 26) will be joined by the companion Grade 3 New York New York Mile and Grade 3 Park MGM Pace for 3-year-old fillies.

Through the final week in July, MGM Yonkers Raceway is now back on a Monday through Friday live racing schedule with post time each night at 6:45 p.m. (EDT).

-release (Yonkers Raceway Media)

\$1,000 MEADOWLANDS HANDICAPPING CONTEST ON FRIDAY

This Friday, June 12, is the sixth Meadowlands Racetrack handicapping contest of the year.

The top two finishers in the contest qualify for the invite-only \$10,000 tournament in December.

The \$1,000 prize pool will be split among the top four finishers.

Remaining 2026 Contest Schedule:

- Friday, June 12
- Friday, July 24
- Saturday, August 22
- Saturday, September 5
- Friday, October 23
- Saturday, November 14
- Invite Only \$10,000 Contest - Saturday, December 12

The contest format:

- Contestants must bet a minimum of 5 Meadowlands races.
- No minimum and no maximum bet per race.
- Open to any wager on the Meadowlands live wagering menu. This includes W/P/S, Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3/4/5/6, Daily Double, Superfecta, and Pick X wagers.

- Contestants keep all pari-mutuel winnings

- Unlimited entries are allowed per person.

There is no entry fee (a \$100 live money bankroll is required) for players, and the prize pool is guaranteed at \$1,000, funded by the Meadowlands Racetrack.

On Saturday, players must register/check in at the Clubhouse Lobby by 6:35 p.m. A \$100 betting card must be purchased to participate, as this is a live money/wagering contest.

Complete contest rules/regulations can be found [here](#).

-release (Meadowlands)

LIBERTY STYLE STARS IN NEW YORK SIRE STAKES AT BUFFALO

Liberty Style (\$2.28) looked every part of a New York Sire Stakes champion at Buffalo Raceway on Wednesday (June 10) as the 2-year-old filly defending champion had absolutely no issues in squashing the field in the \$121,800 event for the 3-year-old distaff pacers. She easily toppled Surreal Spirit by a dialed-down 1-3/4 lengths in 1:55 over the fast track, with Taladega Express rolling in for third-place honors.

After the NYSS Sire Stakes crown last season, the 3-year-old campaign for Liberty Style doesn't look like it will be slowing down anytime soon. She's been nothing but perfection through her first two starts in 2026 thus far. After taking the NYSS race at Saratoga on May 31 by 3 3/4 lengths in 1:52 3/5, Liberty Style was ready to face her seven worthy opponents at Buffalo Raceway.

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DAME GOOD TIME EQUALS WORLD RECORD AT POCONO

Ridge Warren was in the right place at the right time Tuesday afternoon at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania - and thus he got to drive Dame Good Time, who equaled the world record for older trotting geldings on a five-eighths-mile track with a tremendous 1:50 2/5 victory during the card's \$27,500 fast-class handicap trot.

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POST POSITIONS DRAWN FOR THE 43RD PEPSI NORTH AMERICA CUP

Top contenders Odds On Mr Mamba, Sweet Lovin Lou and Beau Jangles will all start in posts three through five in Saturday's C\$1 million Pepsi North America Cup (Grade 1) at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Elimination winners Odds On Mr Mamba and Sweet Lovin Lou were guaranteed to land a post anywhere from two through six. Odds On Mr Mamba landed post three and Sweet Lovin Lou drew post four.

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\$200,000 IN GUARANTEED WAGERS ON NA CUP CARD

Woodbine Entertainment today (6/8) released the official wagering menu for this year's Pepsi North America Cup card taking place this Saturday (June 13) at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Fans can look forward to a \$100,000 Guaranteed Early Pick 5 and \$100,000 Guaranteed All Stakes Pick 5. Additional wagers include an Early Pick 4, Late Pick 4, and Late Pick 5.

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