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EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner
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Sometimes a perceived negative can be a positive. That will seemingly be the case after the announcement that The Meadowlands, fresh off losing the prestigious Grade 1 Hambletonian and some companion races to Harrah's Hoosier Park, will create new signature events to take its place.

Dubbed the Meadowlands Trot, the new \$1,000,000 race will offer an increased opportunity for a big payday to owners of elite 3-year-old trotters in 2027. The race will be complimented by a companion filly event - Meadowlands Oaks Trot - with a \$500,000 purse, thus filling the same hole on the Meadowlands stakes schedule made by the loss of the Hambletonian.

While still upset at the Hambletonian Society for moving the races from his track, Meadowlands Chairman and CEO Jeff Gural is committed to keeping the stakes schedule at an elite level during the championship meet at The Meadowlands. To help accomplish that he'll reach into his own pocket while continuing to ask for industry support.

"I'm going to sponsor the Meadowlands Trot and try to get people to sponsor the other stakes," said Gural, who will put up \$150,000 via his Allera Farms.

According to Gural, The Meadowlands was paying \$1.2 million to have the Hambletonian and Oaks and that money will also help to fund the new Meadowlands Trot as well as some enhancements to the already existing stakes. The Stanley Dancer and Del Miller for 3-year-old trotters will switch to an elimination/final format from

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its current split-divisions setup. Those finals are estimated to go for \$400,000 each.

"My goal is to get people who are looking to win big races to see the Dancer and the Del Miller as the start of the [3-year-old trotting] season. Kind of the way it used to be," said Gural, who added that the finals for those races will be on Meadowlands Pace night along with \$400,000 (est.) boosted finals for the Graduate Trot and Pace for 4-year-olds, as well as the return of \$200,000 (est.) divisions for mares of both gaits.

The second leg of the Pacing Triple Crown – the Cane Pace – will also get a purse boost to \$500,000 (est.) in an effort to revitalize a race that has seen short fields in recent years. It will be contested as a single dash for the cash alongside the Meadowlands Trot during what will be a July to remember at the New Jersey oval.

Gural shared the schedule in 2027 of July 3 for Meadowlands Pace/Dancer/Del Miller eliminations with finals on July 10 along with the Graduate series conclusion. Eliminations for the Meadowlands Trot will occur on July 24 and the final will be on the afternoon of July 31 with the Cane Pace and all of the other former Hambletonian Day trimmings, like the Sam McKee Memorial, John Cashman Memorial, and many others.

That scheduling likely means the Hambletonian and Oaks finals, which have historically been contested on the first Saturday in August except when that day is August 1, will be pushed back at least a week to August 14 next year in order to avoid a major conflict. When reached for comment, Harrah's Hoosier Park Vice President and General Manager Gabe Prewitt said a date has not been finalized.



WALTER WŁODARCZYK PHOTO
Meadowlands Chairman and CEO Jeff Gural.

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—Deo Volente Farms owner Mike Gulotta

A major question remains how the Meadowlands Trot will be received and what value owners and trainers will place on winning it versus the Hambletonian. The Meadowlands Trot will offer a lower cost to participate in 2027, with a \$3,000 payment due in February and a \$10,000 starting fee. After that the 3-year-old payment will be \$2,000 and a 2-year-old payment will be introduced. The Hambletonian in 2026 cost \$17,525 to compete (includes \$25 yearling payment).

"I don't know. It probably won't," responded Gural when asked if the Meadowlands Trot would have the same allure as the Hambletonian. "I don't think they'll skip my race because I think that foreign guys like to come to The Meadowlands."

The elephant in the room when it comes to The Meadowlands is whether it will get a casino and how long Gural will continue the fight for his white whale in the Garden State. The proprietor has been uncharacteristically optimistic over the last few months and seems very committed to staying the course when it comes to the casino as well as the high-quality racing.

"I would say 2027 and 2028 are a bare minimum," said Gural when asked how long the new races would last. "I'm going to get a casino, I'm not worried about it. And when I do, I'll revitalize The Meadowlands."

While Southwind Farms recently announced that it will cease operations, Deo Volente Farms is still marching on in New Jersey. Owner Mike Gulotta admitted that he can't predict the future but he wasn't expecting to do anything drastic at this point and remains positive about the path forward for racing and breeding in New Jersey.

"I'm optimistic that New Jersey will come out of this in a better position than it was before," said Gulotta about the loss of the Hambletonian. "The state government makes money on the racing industry in New

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Gimpanzee	1	-

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Muscle Hill	1	-
Tactical Landing	1	-

NY PACERS	Colts	Fillies
Cannibal*	1	1
Courtly Choice	1	1
Huntsville	3	-
Shadow Play	1	-

NY TROTTERS	Colts	Fillies
Chapter Seven	1	3

OH PACERS	Colts	Fillies
Downbytheseaside	2	1

ON PACERS	Colts	Fillies
Beach Glass*	7	1
Bettor's Delight	1	2
Cattlewash	2	1

ON TROTTERS	Colts	Fillies
King Of The North	2	-

PA PACERS	Colts	Fillies
Always B Miki	1	2
Captaintreacherous	1	1
Stay Hungry	-	2
Sweet Lou	1	-
Tall Dark Stranger	1	-

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While there have been comments from trainers on social media expressing that they will consider leaving New Jersey given the circumstances and the explosion of the racing programs in Ohio and Kentucky, Gural feels that would be a poor decision.

"I think they'd be foolish, but, you know, it's a big business," said Gural.

The revised stakes program is being done in partnership with the Standardbred Breeders Association of New Jersey and with that comes some nice hometown perks. Any New Jersey-sired horse that wins the Dancer, Miller, Meadowlands Trot, Meadowlands Oaks Trot, Cane Pace or any of the Graduates will receive a 20 percent bonus if they are a New Jersey-sired. Ten percent will be paid by Gural and Allera Farms, while the other 10 percent will come from the purse account.

Nancy Grbelja, Chairwoman of the NJ Sire Stakes Board of Trustees and horse owner, also remains very hopeful that despite some recent bumps in the road, the State racing and breeding industry isn't on the downtrend.

"Maybe it was just a wake-up call for people in New Jersey to get their act together," said Grbelja. "I'm hoping that the Stallions will stay. I think that we have a robust New Jersey Sire Stakes program."

"We just recently sent a letter to the stallion owners encouraging them to keep their stallions in New Jersey because we are certainly working with the State and all of the stakeholders to try and offer some things that would be advantageous for the breeding program in New Jersey, for their stallions, as well as mares that are bred in New Jersey," continued Grbelja.

The long-term future of racing in New Jersey may not have the same short-term appeal as the thriving Midwest states, but for now the situation seems stable. There is potential downside but also great upside if a casino enters the equation. Ultimately the decision of the people of New Jersey in the coming years will determine the fate of the State's racing and breeding industry for perhaps decades to come.



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Powerful performances were on display at Yonkers, Scioto



JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman X [BergmanJay](#)

Watching this year's \$1 million MGM International Trot at Yonkers Raceway this past Saturday it was hard not to marvel at the ability of both horse and horsemen in creating a spectacle from the world's greatest trotters. On these shores it has often been said that 4-year-olds lack the toughness that comes with age to do battle against horses that have been challenged and met the test on numerous occasions. In Europe going distance and traveling on the outside are commonplace, yet still, when watching these veterans come to Yonkers' half-mile track they tend to defy all perceived logic and do the impossible.

Trainer Marcus Melander and driver Dexter Dunn have become an incredible force over the years, but 2026 has proven to be a study in how everything is working in precision and the results have been astounding. Super Chapter gave both Melander and Dunn their second International triumph, with the son of Chapter Seven clearing stablemate Bourbonista S following a sharp 27 1/5 first quarter. With last year's champion Lexus Kody unable to take advantage of the pole position, Dunn didn't have to deal with any other serious speed threats but didn't grab into Super Chapter until the half was passed in 55 3/5.

Predictably the pace quickened following a pedestrian 29 4/5 third quarter and it was France's Hooker Berry, a horse that traditionally goes with his head low and defies gravity getting around turns with an incredible gait while his head wanders. Hooker Berry was a better horse in his younger years but even at age 9 had the toughness to race five turns and race three wide through the latter half. Super Chapter had already



MIKE LIZZI PHOTO

Super Chapter captured the MGM Yonkers International Trot on September 12 at Yonkers Raceway.

drawn away from the field after a mile in 1:54 2/5 and the outcome had been sealed way before Diva Ek from Italy made a monumental move sweeping wide for Alesandro Gocciadoro and closing the gap through a 28 1/5 final quarter. Diva Ek would finish second for the second straight year, both coming from well back after drawing post eight.

It was Super Chapter's sixth win in eight starts with his lone two losses

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Hip 65 May May
PA/FL Eligible

Colt o/o McSeaside
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Hip 75 Coast Guard
PA/KY Eligible

Colt o/o My Little Captain
Alliance Bloodstock

Day 2

Hip 147 Odds On Ascend
PA Eligible

Colt o/o Angelou
Anvil And Lace Farm

Hip 187 Rebel Deo
PA/KY Eligible

Colt o/o Miss LA
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Hip 203 William Wallace
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Colt o/o Darlinonthebeach
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coming this year in close photos where he finished second behind On To Norway in both the Graduate final and Hambletonian Maturity. It's easy to say that those losses at The Meadowlands helped Super Chapter gain a measure of toughness that has stuck with him as he's annexed three Grade 1 stakes in succession. Unlike 2025, Lexus Kody entered the International Trot not in his best form. Stablemate Antognoni S started from the second tier and lost his stride early in the contest.

It's still summertime for another week, but if Super Chapter can stay the course through the next season he would have the credentials of a Horse of the Year.

On Saturday night the scene shifted to Scioto Downs for the \$300,000 Ohio Sire Stakes Scarlet Championships with eight divisions of freshman and sophomores of both gaits and sexes in action. While watching the Ohio Horsemen's feed on Youtube, it was no surprise that as much as the heated action was taking place on the racetrack, one or more eyes were focused on the Ohio State-Texas prime-time matchup, with the hosts keeping the audience advised that the Buckeyes were comfortably in the lead entering the fourth quarter.

Most compelling of the Sire Stakes performances was the return of Big Ranger for the first time since his narrow defeat in the Hambletonian. The son of In Range had no issues overcoming post nine for driver Tim Tetrack and winning handily in 1:51 3/5. Trainer Anette Lorentzon suggested afterwards that a trip to the Delaware County Fair Grand Circuit could be next. If that proves to be the case, Weslynn Quest's 1:50 4/5 all age world record over a half-mile track would certainly be in jeopardy.

Big Ranger's little sister Blue Ranger needed a win in her last Sire Stakes outing to qualify for the rich final and the Marcus Melander-trained freshman filly did exactly that on August 25 for driver Ronnie Wrenn Jr. When Wrenn opted for Made For More, the more seasoned daughter of Long Tom who drew the pole for trainer Vernon Beachy, Blue Ranger picked up Aaron Merriman, a staple on the Ohio circuit that had been out of action most of the summer following an injury. Merriman was more than up to the task, giving Blue Ranger a perfect steer en route to a 1:53 1/5 career-best victory in just her fourth lifetime start. Following Big Ranger's success as a fresh-

man last year, Blue Ranger required a \$210,000 winning bid at the Ohio Select sale by Bender Sweden Inc. to find a new home. Following Saturday's victory, she's almost won back the purchase price, though her future value as a broodmare is likely five times that amount.

Spring Haven Farm bred both Big Ranger and Blue Ranger, the first and second foals from Big Blue Bird. Last year the farm also purchased Big Blue Bird's dam Bluebird D Train, who was bred to In Range this year.

It's not always easy to balance the art of bringing a horse along slowly with the trials and tribulations of the Ohio Sire Stakes schedule. Multiple legs require participation, and the points put together tell the story of whether you reach the final or sit on the sidelines. Trainer Jeff Smith's Cool Julio had only a pair of third-place finishes in the early weeks of the Sire Stakes for 2-year-old colt and gelding trotters and headed into Saturday's final with no wins in six starts but just enough points to finish ninth in the standings and reach the \$300,000 final.

When we spoke with Smith in early August, he knew Cool Julio was a very fast horse but may have been too fast for his own good, making mistakes when trying to shift gears instantly. It was that mindset that had Smith tell his son driver Tyler not to leave the gate, suggesting that even though the horse had the ability to go forward early it was more important that he learned the ropes. Tyler Smith followed his father's wishes and Cool Julio rose to the biggest occasion of his young career with an authoritative closing kick to break his maiden in the richest race of the year. Cool Julio trotted the mile in 1:55 and obviously had some luck on his side as favorite Iluvmymoni broke early in the race and was far back throughout. The division's other two stars in preliminary action were Mind On My Moni, a winner in six of his first seven starts this year, and Debt Free, a winner in his last four Ohio Sire Stakes legs heading into the final. While those three spent much of their time contesting the pace through quick miles during the season, Cool Julio was chilling out from the back of the pack and finishing out his miles strongly except for an August 17 contest at Northfield Park.

"That was my fault," said Tyler Smith following Saturday's winning mile. In that Sire Stakes event, Smith sent Cool Julio full throttle into a 28 2/5 third quarter and he broke stride. With that lesson Cool Julio rewarded the Smith family's confidence in him with a signature victory.



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CONFESSIONS

By Keith Gisser

Five days in Delaware . . . Ohio

I admit to a bias, but for me, the best week in harness racing is coming up. Not just five days of racing at Delaware, but the Ohio Select Yearling Sale on the Friday before and the Saturday between where I get to visit several of my horses. It's not just the Little Brown Jug, but the other Grand Circuit events, the Ohio Breeders Championships and even the county fair races. There is something for everyone, and that doesn't even get to the creamy chicken sandwiches or ostrich burgers – you know, ostrich, “The other red meat,” available at concession stands.

Jug week is a whirlwind for me, especially now that I am once again back co-anchoring the radio broadcast on WDLR (and streamed worldwide at my967.com). It is exhausting and invigorating at the same time. I have only been attending the Select sale for a few years, but this year may be the end of an era, because even though the Select Sale will continue, it may look very different with the inaugural Prestige Yearling Sale set to debut in 2027. The exact impact remains to be seen, but after saying I was going to skip it this year, I changed my mind. I will head down early Friday morning.

Two years ago, I drove down on Thursday night to attend the Friday sale and visited with trainer Danny Collins at Winners Circle Training Center (at that point I had one trotter with him; today I have three, two of which we will hopefully get to see at Delaware, but more about that later) on Saturday morning. Last year I drove down Thursday morning for the preview day and walked around like I was a bigshot. Plus, there was free barbecue. Saturday morning, I again headed to Winners Circle Training Center before heading up to Delaware. I forgot to bring Danny Papa Nordin's trophy for winning the 2024 Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation, giving Chris Page his 7000th career win. It was a mistake I won't make this year.

I have no intention of buying any yearlings (yeah, let's see how well that works), but will pay attention to what my current and former partners buy, and may buy into one or two. Or five. I am especially excited about a new fractional group Donnelly Standardbreds, led by Ohio owner-breeder Bill Donnelly and trainer Nate Alexander. Bill and I have been partners on a few horses and he is as honest a guy as you will find.

Saturday, I will visit Winners Circle Training Center and I will remember to deliver the Papa Nordin trophy.

Hotels in Delaware are priced through the roof during Jug week, so when I have been on my own (I have attended 44 of the last 49 Jugs) I usually stay in Worthington, about 25 minutes South of the fairgrounds on US23, or 40 minutes South during rush hour. There are a number of hotels in all price points just North of I270 and off of US 23. The food at the fair is great. But that stretch of highway offers so many dining options, from White Castle and Skyline Chili (for those with a cast iron stomach) to pricey steakhouses (for those with a cast iron wallet). And just about everything in between.

After that, a quick stop at the Delaware Fairgrounds Log Cabin to grab a Sunday program and my media credentials. This will be the only night

I may actually have time to go out for dinner. The rest of the week it's takeout and handicapping in my hotel room. Perhaps I will try Opa in downtown Delaware. Any restaurant that is billed as having “the best bourbon selection in Delaware,” is a likely destination for me. Obviously I will also spend several hours handicapping the Sunday card.

Up early Sunday, I'll head to Hamburger Inn, now in its 95th year in downtown Delaware. The diner is as old-school as it gets and so is the menu. No avocado toast here. Biscuits and gravy. Crazy omelets including one called the Philly Cheesesteak. I might have to get my radio co-host Mike Bozich, who should be familiar to you from calling races at Harrah's Philadelphia and filling in at The Meadowlands, to weigh in on that one. I'll head to the track early for the 1PM card, since I will still be lining up interviews and meeting up with fellow OHHA Board members. Hopefully I'll also get some more info for my upcoming column on the Lexington Selected Sale.

Monday? Wash. Rinse. Repeat. Tuesday? Same. Jugette and Jug day? Same, but two hours earlier. We will be on the air a total of at least 37 hours, so conversation may occasionally veer away from racing and to the great kids at the Buckeye Valley fair food booth. A sit-down venue, they bring us lunch every day. Proceeds benefit Buckeye Valley Athletics and Music, so if you are at the Fair, stop by to chat about the weather or AI or bourbon. You never know what the topic of conversation will be on those long days.

This year with the addition of the Buckeye claiming series, I am expecting 20 race cards every day. The good news is that, as in the past several years, there will be no cheap over-nights.

I have never won a race at Delaware, either as a driver or an owner. One third as a driver, a few seconds as an owner. With anywhere between one (ugh) and (hopefully) five racing there this year, I have high hopes.

My racing week actually kicks off Friday in Minnesota with Memorialized going in the Minnesota-bred Consolation Final. He will be sold at the Heartland Sale on Tuesday, September 22. Live racing at Delaware should begin for me with Moni Tree. The 2-year-old trotting filly by Ready For Moni won her

career debut impressively but has had a tough time of things since. A good effort in her Buckeye Stallion Series race gets her into the \$25,000 Consolation Final at Dayton and a great effort gets her into the \$75,000 Final. Those races will be at Dayton October 3 and 4. Mister Moolah is a 3-year-old trotting colt who is currently ninth in the Buckeye Stallion Series Standings. A good effort gets him into the final. His race is Tuesday.

On Jugette day, Summa L, currently top five in the Ohio Fair Championship standings, will look to solidify his spot in the \$50,000 Final at Northfield on October 11. Fight To Theend may try the Buckeye Stallion Series, but he may stay at The Meadows. The full brother to the ill-fated Our Honor Defend, whose exploits I have detailed here in the past, is very green. Jug Day, I am hoping Pompcircumstance, a half-brother to the good Pants On Fire, tries the Buckeye Stallion Series. He is stabled at Delaware so Brian Brown may take a shot with him.

As for the Jug, it's hard to pick against Brandon Blvd, but I like Melillo a bit, too. And as Greg Blanchard, Director of Equine Programming at Western Fair Raceway in Ontario, pointed out to me the other day, “I'd have to think we might have some good Canadian representation at the Jug this year based on what we saw over the weekend. It's shaping up as a really good one this year. Should be some fireworks.”

Yes there should be. And hopefully a win photo. That's it for this time. Now go cash. Hopefully on one of mine.



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Miss Jum Jabber headlines Pelling trio in KYSS Finals

By Derick Gwerner

While a number of trainers will send out multiple horses in Sunday's \$3.2 million Kentucky Sire Stakes finals at The Red Mile, few have the chance of coming away victorious more than once. Brett Pelling is one of the few, as he sends out contenders in three of the eight \$400,000 events for 2- and 3-year-olds on the 5:00 PM (EDT) twilight card.

Pelling's star attraction, and certain to be a prohibitive favorite in the sixth race come post time, is Miss Jum Jabber. The 3-year-old filly by Bettor's Wish has amassed a stellar 12 wins in 14 starts this year and won just over \$400,000, a chunk of that coming in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes final on September 6 at Harrah's Philadelphia.

"She was in Kentucky for her leg [August 31] and then that was on a Monday and then she shipped to New Jersey to race on Sunday [September 6] and then she shipped back to Kentucky to race on the Sunday [September 13]. Believe me, if anyone ever says to you 'what affects horses more than anything?' it's travel. It's very, very hard on them and it takes quite a bit for them to recover," said Pelling. "Considering how I shipped her to Kentucky, I raced her, shipped her from Kentucky, raced



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Miss Jum Jabber has won 12 of 14 career races and will be the heavy favorite in her \$400,000 Kentucky Sire Stakes championship at The Red Mile.

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her Sunday, and then shipped her back. I thought it was a real testament to how good she is."

As amazing as Miss Jum Jabber has been in 2026 for Pelling, who owns the horse as well, her most recent Kentucky Sire Stakes start on September 13 really spoke volumes about her natural ability. The filly was trapped third on the pylons in a difficult spot behind soft fractions for the class and seemingly had no chance of victory. That was until she uncorked a 24 4/5 final quarter capped by what had to be a final eighth around 12 seconds.

"I was just thinking, I got a chance to be third here, maybe," said Pelling about what he thought his chances of victory were on the final turn. "I just thought for her to get out and win from where she did, I thought it was pretty amazing."

Pelling said Miss Jum Jabber is a different brand of top pacing filly. He described her as feminine and gentle, as opposed to some of his past stars.

"Some good mare pacers that I've had, like Test of Faith and Caviart Ally, they could just push you out of the way. They were alpha girls. This one's not like that at all," said Pelling. "She doesn't sort of turn around to you and say, geez, I'm having a good day or I'm having a bad day. She really gives nothing away."

Miss Jum Jabber drew post five with regular driver Andrew McCarthy in a seven-horse field and as good as she was last time, Pelling said he expects her to be even better after a nice easy week with no shipping. After Sunday she'll stay in Lexington for the Bluegrass and Glen Garnsey Memorial. Then her next stop is unknown since she isn't eligible to the Breeders Crown and Pelling hasn't decided whether he'll pay the supplement fee.

Pelling's evening starts in race five with Rumble And Sway in the 2-year-old colt and gelding pace. That son of Sweet Lou has two wins and seconds in four starts including one each at the top Kentucky Sire Stakes level.

"He was always a young, kind of a gangly 2-year-old, but since he's been there at the Red Mile, I don't know, if it's just the time of the year or getting into race mode, whatever, but he's really physically changed a lot," said Pelling. "Of all my 2-year-olds, he's the one I've been most happy with how he's shaped up and handled it."

"I don't think he's anywhere near the lengths of his ability yet."

Starting from post one, Rumble And Sway has Tim Tetrack in the bike versus a strong field of nine other competitors. Gobstopper (post six, Dexter Dunn) has won two Sire Stakes legs already for trainer Tony Dinges, who also has another contender in Blazin Lou (post two, Todd McCarthy). Hard Four had to scratch out of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship but was a 1:50 1/5 winner in his last Kentucky start. Just Perfect Stuff won five straight to start his career versus softer Kentucky-sired foes and was a decent fourth last time moving up to this class. He'll have to overcome post nine with trainer Joe Putnam in the sulky.

"If he got away third and he sat in, I'd be pretty happy," said Pelling, hoping for the right trip.

The final \$400,000 Sire Stakes (race 10) is for 3-year-old colt and gelding pacers and divisional leader Brandon Blvd will be the heavy favorite to extend his winning streak to three. The Meadowlands Pace and Hempt winner is electing to skip the Little Brown Jug for this spot according to trainer Andrew Harris and will compete next in the Bluegrass at The Red Mile if he comes out of Sunday's race in good order.

Brandon Blvd starts from post three with Dexter Dunn driving this week.

Pelling's upset chance comes with the sharp Sea Bistro Hanover (Todd

McCarthy). The gelding has five wins and finished in the top three in all but one of his 13 starts this year. While he will have his work cut out for him from the outside post nine, the son of Captaintreacherous does own the fastest winning mile of the field at 1:47 1/5.

"He's very quick off the gate but I do think leaving hard compromises him a little," said Pelling, who was hoping his charge wouldn't have to work hard early while finding a good spot close to the front.

Sea Bistro Hanover finished just a half-length behind Brandon Blvd on September 8 over the Red Mile surface and even had to check ever so slightly late in the mile while trying to come up the pylons.

"He just had to check him up a little bit, and as soon as he did that, it turned it into a fight. Sea Bistro Hanover is not going to win a fight against Brandon Blvd," said Pelling.

The Sire Stakes events on the 12-race Red Mile program start in race three with the undefeated 2-year-old trotting filly Wall Of Fame putting her eight-race winning streak on the line. She'll start from post one for the team of driver Andy Miller and trainer Julie Miller, who was unsure if they would take a shot in the Mohawk Million at Woodbine Mohawk Park on September 26.

The 3-year-old trotting filly division also has a star performer with Hambletonian Oaks winner Nezuko Kamado in the field for trainer Marcus Melander. Scott Zeron will drive from post three in the eighth race.

The star-studded Red Mile program also includes a pair of \$10,000 guaranteed pools, with a Pick 5 that contains a \$1,844 carryover beginning in race three and a Pick 4 commencing in race 6.



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Brandon Blvd (3) bested Sea Bistro Hanover (1) in their matchup on September 8 at The Red Mile.

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Burke takes two shots at Shalom Hanover in Metro elims

Ducharme rolls the dice with Sharp Seven in Friday's Eleganimage eliminations

By Jay Bergman

Trainer Ron Burke enters more horses in races in North America than any other trainer. He annually wins many more races than other trainers. If there's a method to Burke's success it is that he doesn't accept defeat as permanent, and no matter what the odds he expects his horses to prevail.

Going into Saturday's two Metro Pace eliminations at Woodbine Mohawk Park, Burke has entered a pair of horses among a dozen while all eyes for a second year are on an undefeated Dr. Ian Moore-trained freshman. Shalom Hanover has looked like a dominant force in the division since his debut on the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes circuit and ultimate victory in the rich final at Pocono on September 7. Undaunted, Burke will have two chances to reach the final, with Rose Run Cowboy entered against Shalom Hanover in the first \$40,000 division (race 2) and Eastie Boy facing five others in the second division carded as race seven.

"I don't think there's that big a distance between the top ones and mine," said Burke with confidence when asked about Eastie Boy, a third-place finisher to Shalom Hanover in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes final. "If those two (Shalom Hanover and Starstruck Dreamer) had mixed it up a little instead of racing single file, the results could have been different."

Eastie Boy was first to the lead in the Sire Stakes final but ended up sitting third on the pylons and was finishing very fast, though not a threat to the top pair.

From a pedigree standpoint Eastie Boy was an interesting horse for Burke from the start. A full brother to Louprint, Burke quickly put aside comparisons.

"I knew from the first time I sat behind Louprint he was a different kind of horse," said Burke. "This colt has been coming along slowly but I expect a big second half of the season from him."

Eastie Boy is the third foal from the Rockin Image-sired Rockin Racer. In addition to Louprint she's also the dam of Shacarri, a winner this year in a division of the Adioo Volo at The Meadows where she upset Miss Jum Jabber. When asked to compare the trio he has trained throughout their careers, Burke said, "If there's one thing they all have in common it's toughness."

In Eastie Boy, Burke suggested a horse that he envisioned early in the season as one that looked like he'd have trouble staying sound. In contrast, with seven starts racing at the highest level in Pennsylvania, he's won in 1:50 2/5 and been timed in 1:49 3/5 over the five-eighths mile track.

Eastie Boy drew post five and will likely be the favorite, with Dr. Ian Moore sending out the probable second choice in Nassagaweya winner Mascarpone (post 2).

Rose Run Cowboy drew post three in his division inside of Shalom Hanover (post 5) and Burke believes the son of Huntsville has a bright future.

"He's got to learn more to be a good racehorse," Burke said. "In the Sire Stakes final (September 12) he lost his focus on the lead and came to a complete stop for a few strides."

That incident opened the door for rivals and inevitably cost Rose Run Cowboy, who dropped the \$300,000 final to Bastonata Blue Chip by a scant nose.

"I think the big track will help him out a lot," said Burke of Rose Run Cowboy. "He'll be able to chase the speed, and he'll have no problem doing that."

Just how close Rose Run Cowboy will come to Shalom Hanover remains to be seen. The son of Papi Rob Hanover is now perfect in his first six starts following an impressive 1:49 2/5 victory, edging the previously unbeaten



CHRIS GOODEN PHOTO

Eastie Boy takes his talents north of the border on Saturday for trainer Ron Burke.

Starstruck Dreamer in the \$300,000 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes final. Louie Philippe Roy had the first shot to drive Beau Jangles regularly as a freshman and opted off. This year he's made a habit of sitting behind Shalom Hanover in all his starts as he will again on Saturday night.

Only one horse from each elimination will not qualify for the rich final on September 26.

Trainer George Ducharme will send out Sharp Seven, one of two \$300,000 New York Sire Stakes winners from his stable on September 12 at Yonkers, in one of two \$35,000 Eleganimage eliminations at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Friday night. Ducharme's 2-year-old pacing filly Huntsville Honey captured her New York title before Sharp Seven and Jason Bartlett scored in her division.

"I expected Sharp Seven to race well and win," said Ducharme. "I wasn't expecting my pacing filly to win."

Huntsville Honey, according to Ducharme, had been stymied during legs of the Sire Stakes in New York when racing from behind. "It's been tough to race her from off the pace when there isn't much action. On Saturday there was plenty of pace and she finished it off."

As for Sharp Seven, Ducharme is hoping to give his filly a chance.

"She's got a few more Grand Circuit races on her schedule. She's definitely much better on the smaller track but after winning last Saturday I thought she earned a chance," said Ducharme.

Sharp Seven is the richest of the nine fillies in her division, carded as race seven, but will need to overcome post seven with Jody Jamieson picking up the drive.

Hambletonian Oaks elimination winner Busy Miss Lissy S (post 6) is the morning line favorite and she's coming off a superior effort – recovering from a break in stride in the \$125,000 Delmonica Hanover first consolation and winning in a 1:52 4/5 clocking on August 22 – but hasn't raced in nearly four weeks.

Leading Lady was made the 8-5 favorite in the first Eleganimage elimination carded as race three with Jason Bartlett driving the Walner-sired filly for trainer Nancy Takter. Leading Lady has finished second in seven of her 12 starts this year with but one victory.

Last year's Breeders Crown champion Storybook Love returns to Woodbine Mohawk Park following a second-place finish in the New York Sire Stakes behind Sharp Seven for trainer Matt Bax. The Chapter Seven-sired filly was a winner in the Simcoe over this surface on September 4 and returns from post four.

The top five from each elimination will return for the Eleganimage final on September 26.

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Graber duo aims for Grade 1 success at Hoosier Park on Friday

By Ken Weingartner

Swan Good Bi will say hello to the Grand Circuit for the first time in his budding career when the undefeated Indiana-bred trotter meets nine rivals in the \$475,100 Grade 1 Peter Haughton Memorial, for 2-year-old colts and geldings, on Friday night (Sept. 18) at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Trained by Henry Graber Jr., Swan Good Bi is 5-for-5 this season, with all his races at Hoosier Park, and will head to the Haughton as the 8-5 morning-line favorite. Four of his five victories have come against exclusively state-bred competition, including three triumphs in preliminary legs of the Indiana Sire Stakes for freshman male trotters.

Graber also will send out a horse – Rbssouthwindcentra – in the night's other Grade 1 event, the \$483,350 Jim Doherty Memorial, for 2-year-old female trotters. Rbssouthwindcentra, who joined Graber's stable in late August after making her first three starts for co-owner/trainer Ronald Burks, is 1-for-1 for her new connections and the 3-1 third choice on the morning line.

The official winner of each the Haughton and Doherty, if Breeders Crown eligible as of June 1, will advance directly to their respective Breeders Crown final at Eldorado Scioto Downs in October, with no entry fee, and entitled to draw for post 1 through 5.

Swan Good Bi, a son of Swan For All-Bange Bi, was a \$30,000 yearling purchase at last fall's Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale. He is owned by Indiana Stables, Frank Baldachino, Michael Rosenthal, and James Zito.

In his five starts this season, the gelding has shown the ability to win from both the front or from behind for Graber and driver Jordan Ross. He has won once gate-to-wire and twice when getting the lead on the way to the half. In his second race, Swan Good Bi came from seventh place at three-quarters, eight-lengths back, to win by three-quarters of a length in 1:55 2/5 thanks to a 26 4/5 kick home. He posted another 26 4/5 final quarter in his next start as he rallied from fifth to win in a career-best 1:55. He also has a 26 3/5 last quarter to his credit, which came in his most recent race on Aug. 22.

"Jordan has done it however he's wanted to do it so far," Graber said. "(Swan Good Bi) has raced any way, and he just tries his hardest. There were a couple of starts where he had to go 26 4/5 to get to the wire first, and that's what he did."

Swan Good Bi was scratched from a race on Sept. 2 at Hoosier Park, but Graber said, "We got the issue taken care of, and I think he's ready to roll." The trainer added that the earner of \$83,250 this season has been a professional on the track from the beginning.

"We never put (ear) plugs in him until he qualified," Graber said. "That's the first time he ever wore anything. In the barn, he never runs out of energy, but on the track, he's the complete opposite. Anybody could drive him. He just does his work, and he loves it."

"I feel we're as good as anybody else in Indiana. He's been pretty good to us."

Swan Good Bi will leave from post 4 in the Haughton Memorial as he faces a number of out-of-state visitors.

Presidente, the 5-2 second choice, has won in 1:52 in the Kentucky Championship Series for trainer Nancy Takter and driver Scott Zeron and will start from post 5. Dream Shaq (driver Dexter Dunn, post 3, 7-2), Big Time Trot S (Yannick Gingras, post 8, 12-1), Yankee Boss (Tim Tetrick, post 9, 15-1), and Red Andray (Mike Wilder, second-tier post 10, 20-1) all have won on the Pennsylvania Stakes circuit while Southern Hanover (John DeLong, post 6, 9-1) has triumphed on the Grand Circuit.

In the Jim Doherty Memorial, Rbssouthwindcentra will leave from post 2 with David Miller in the sulky as she looks for her fourth win in five starts, but her first in stakes company. She posted two wins and a second in conditioned races at Hoosier Park for her previous connections before being purchased by Hillside Stables, Hickory Hollow Stables, Frank Baldachino, and Indiana Stables.

The daughter of Tactical Landing-Cocktails N Dreams heads to the Doherty off a 7-3/4-length 1:55 1/5 victory in a conditioned race (2-year-old fillies, non-winners of \$30,000) on Sept. 7 at Eldorado Scioto Downs with Ronnie Gillespie in the sulky.

"She beat them like a good horse is supposed to beat a group in a class like that," Graber said. "She was pretty impressive. I was very happy with her."



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Swan Good Bi has yet to taste defeat in five starts this year. He is the 8-5 morning line favorite in the Peter Haughton Memorial.

Birr Castle is the 2-1 morning-line favorite in the Doherty after winning the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship on Sept. 7 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania. She has four wins and a second in five starts and will leave from post 1 with Zeron driving for trainer Marcus Melander. Peaceful Way (G1) winner Athena's Girl, another Melander trainee, is 5-2 and will go from post 4 with Dunn in the sulky.

"There are some pretty nice fillies in there, so she's definitely going to have to take a step forward, but I think she can," Graber said about Rbssouthwindcentra. "I've got confidence in her. She drew good, and she trained really good (Tuesday). We'll see what happens."

Rbssouthwindcentra is eligible to the Breeders Crown. Swan Good Bi is not Breeders Crown eligible.

"But we're going for a lot of money, so if I get a check, I'll be tickled," Graber said.

Racing begins at 5:30 p.m. (EDT) at Harrah's Hoosier Park. The Peter Haughton Memorial is race 11 and will be followed by the Jim Doherty Memorial.



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Three horses look to complete Ohio Triple Crown at Delaware

By Wes Mayberry for OHHA

As Cleveland Darby crossed the finish line at Eldorado Scioto Downs on Sept. 12 to win the \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship for freshman filly pacers, Carl Howard had a bit of an out-of-body experience.

"I don't normally act like that," said Howard, of RAS Racing. "I remember doing that but don't know why I did it."

In a moment captured in a video posted to social media, Howard is bent over before rising to celebrate with a huge smile on his face. Cleveland Darby, a homebred for Howard, was officially an OSS champion.

"I just put my hand down for a second and thanked my dad and my father-in-law, and I just wished they were both there to see it. I said, 'Thank you to both you guys for helping make me the man that I am,'" Howard remembered. "My dad gave me the work ethic, and my father-in-law was a lifetime restaurateur, and I made my money in the restaurant business. To breed and have a nice piece of a horse that wins an Ohio Sires Stakes championship is really special."

RAS Racing, of Powell, Ohio, owns Cleveland Darby in partnership with Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Brussemi, and Lawrence Karr. Going off with 18-1 odds, Cleveland Darby took the lead at the top of the final stretch and held off heavy favorite Tempting Flames — who equaled the world record for a five-eighths mile track with a 1:50 mile in the fourth leg of the OSS at Scioto Downs on Aug. 18 — to win by a length in a lifetime-best 1:51. The victory was her fifth in eight seasonal starts, increasing her earnings to \$306,000. Looking back, Howard hadn't been aligned with the bettors in seeing her as such a longshot.

"I thought she was going to have to be on her A game, but I don't think people realized how good she's been," he said.

The Downbytheseaside filly out of Loreenas Ruffian made her first career start in the \$150,000 Next Generation at Scioto Downs and finished



CONRAD PHOTO

Cleveland Darby pulled off the 18-1 upset in the 2-year-old filly pace championship on September 12.

fourth. An inauspicious sixth-place finish in the first leg of the OSS followed, but she has won five of her six starts in the time since. She has been paired with driver Chris Page all season, and Howard also credits trainer Ron Burke with how well the horse has progressed.

"Ronnie has done an amazing job and kept working on her and made some changes — last weekend was the first time that she had earplugs in," he said.

That victory on Sept. 12 was the culmination of a story that began at the 2023 Little Brown Jug. After selling Loreenas Ruffian foal Women Layer

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— a 5-year-old Sweet Lou gelding with 31 career wins and \$1,025,797 in earnings — Howard decided to keep the mare's future foals. Howard, who has missed just two Little Brown Jug races since 1981, approached Mark Weaver, of Weaver Bruscelli, and Burke at the 2023 Jug to discuss partnering to own those foals. An agreement was made, and Karr joined the ownership group for Cleveland Darby in April.

The filly is now one of just three horses vying for this year's Ohio Triple Crown. Having already won the Ohio Stake Fair Stake and OSS Scarlet Championship, she'll look to complete the trifecta next week in the Ohio Breeders Championship at the Delaware County Fair — home of the Little Brown Jug. Howard will be there, hoping to celebrate yet another victory.

"Winning at Delaware is really special," he said. "You get goosebumps when you're in that winner's circle. There's nothing that beats that."

Mooter Tooter

Cleveland Darby isn't the only RAS Racing-connected horse looking to complete the Ohio Triple Crown this year. Mooter Tooter — owned by Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services, Beasty, and RAS Racing — has the same goal in mind.

This season has seen a big turnaround for the 3-year-old Long Tom filly trotter out of Moos. Winless as a freshman, she hit the board just once in seven starts and finished the year with \$17,500 in earnings. The Burke trainee won her first start as a sophomore and has gone on to post a 5-2-0 record in 13 seasonal starts, banking \$264,075. Qualifying for the OSS Scarlet Championship wasn't always a given, however.

"She started off the year very slowly and had some breaking issues," Howard said. "Mr. Burke goes to work on the horse and figures out something. He made a change with her shoeing, and it made a big difference, and she's been really sharp ever since."

Indeed, Mooter Tooter's performances in the first two legs of the OSS were underwhelming, resulting in a pair of seventh-place finishes. But she finished first and second, respectively, in the next two legs and proceeded to add a victory in the Ohio State Fair Stake. A fourth-place finish in the fifth leg put Mooter Tooter in third place in the OSS point standings and comfortably into the final. With the filly coming off a runner-up finish in an overnight race at Scioto Downs the week before, Howard was confident in her chances of coming out on top in the OSS Championship on Sept. 12.

"I thought the horse was really good the week before," he said. "It was kind of a warmup mile, and she closed off the mile real strong."

Mooter Tooter went off with 12-1 odds in the nine-horse Scarlet Championship field that also included 2025 Dan Patch Award winner and OSS 2-year-old filly trot champ Setyoursightshigh. With Yannick Gingras in the sulky, she was in seventh place and trailed leader Chip Shot by six lengths at the halfway mark but used a late surge on the far outside down the final stretch to edge Setyoursightshigh by a neck at the line in a photo finish.

"I wasn't shocked that she won. Maybe surprised, but not shocked," Howard said. "Yannick did a heck of a job. He got first-over cover, and he followed that cover into the stretch. We were four or five wide on the outside in the four lane and got up for the victory. These are so rare and hard to get, so any time you get one, it's a thrill of a lifetime."

Mooter Tooter will look to give Howard and the rest of her connections even more thrills next week in Delaware.

Don'ttruckwithme

As his name perhaps suggests, Don'ttruckwithme proved difficult to work with during his early days with trainer Daren Harvey.

"He wasn't the barn favorite, that's for sure," Harvey said. "When he was out on the track, he did his job. But to put his bridle on...impossible. To put his halter on...impossible. To walk into his stall to give him water...impossible."

Wayne Mast Jr., who owns Don'ttruckwithme with Eden Acres Farmstead and Kirk Nichols, also remembers those traits.

"He was a little ornery," he said. "It seemed like when he hit the track, he was normally focused on what they were trying to do with him. The trouble was more in trying to get him to settle down in the barn."

However, in the span of just a few months, the 2-year-old Catch The Fire gelded pacer out of Age Of Consent has become an OSS champion ready to complete an Ohio Triple Crown-winning season.

"He's really evolved — the girls that take care of him have really transformed him. He's kind of a doll baby now," Harvey said. "He still has his moments, but he's not the horse that first showed up."

Don'ttruckwithme has hit the board in all eight seasonal starts with six wins and two seconds while banking \$415,960. A \$37,000 purchase



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The connections of Mooter Tooter were thrilled after her victory in the OHSS 3-year-old filly trot championship at Scioto Downs.

at the Ohio Selected Jug Sale from breeder Judy Roegner in September 2025, he was victorious in his debut in The Next Generation as part of five straight wins to begin his career. A pair of runner-up finishes to Night Surfer in the final two legs of the OSS followed, but Don'ttruckwithme still ended as the points leader.

Night Surfer led the championship race at the first three calls before fading to third at the finish as the Mike Wilder-driven Don'ttruckwithme edged Ocean Party by a nose at the line in a track-record 1:49 4/5.

"He put in an incredible effort — that was tight," Harvey said during a post-race interview.

Harvey was happy to have Wilder in the sulky that night but gave plenty of credit to the horse's regular driver, Chris Lems, who was unavailable due to injury.

"Chris Lems got this horse ready for tonight," he said and then previewed what was next.

"Just the Breeders at Delaware, and hopefully we'll wrap up and get him ready for next year," he said.



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1 Mile Trot KENTUCKY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES. 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES FINAL. Purse \$400,000

EXACTA & TRIFECTA | 20 CENT SUPERFECTA | 50 CENT PICK 5 (8-9-10-11-12) 12% TAKEOUT

1 #GODUSA

31-532 (5/8) Q \$12,944 SHS-HBG \$35,000

8-1 Dv. Miller 1250-215-163-160 (172)

12 Sep26 9ScD+ fst74° 27: 57 1:24 1:53 D-OHSS3FFN-R1 300000 1 44 4°3 2°11 2hd 621
30 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst92° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 1x 10ds 10ds 10ds 10ds 10ds
18 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst93° 27: 55 1:24 1:51 KYSS 80000 7 2hd 441 741 741 634
9 Aug26 10Lx1+ fst85° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 7 11 11 12 21
31 Jul26 3ScD+ fst96° 27: 57 1:25 1:53 DSF 3F 73000 2 3°2 11 1hd 11
18 Jul26 12ScD+ slv75° 28: 56 1:24 1:52 D-MONI MKR-G3 100000 1 321 331 311 46

b f 3, by Ready For Moni, Behold The Dream by Triton
E Five Racing, Boca Raton, FL; John D Fielding, Scarborough, ON, CA

N. Takter 296-63-52-32 (213)

Br.- Carter H Duer, KY

Last 4 Sts-\$20,000

1:53.2 ScD 5/8
1:53.3 ScD 5/8

26 Lx1 3 0 1 0 \$20,000 26 Tot 9 2 2 0 \$116,500
25 Lx1 2 0 0 1 \$9,600 25 Tot 8 2 0 1 \$62,350
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 17 4 2 1 \$178,850

2 CARVE

31-511 (1) Q \$25,719 LEX-SEL \$170,000

9-2 A. McCarthy 877-146-120-103 (166)

6 Sep26 10Phl fst90° 27: 56 1:24 1:52 PASS Final-R1 300000 1 33 3°3 2°11 21 21
30 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst92° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 6 78 9°8 8°5 951 413
18 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst83° 27: 55 1:24 1:51 KYSS 80000 1 411 11 11 311
8 Aug26 9M1 fst91° 28: 56 1:25 1:51 D-HamboOaks-F-G1 500000 6 11 211 311 311
1 Aug26 1M1 fst79° 28: 56 1:24 1:51 D-HamboOaksE 50175 5 21 321 421 31
25 Jul26 4ScD+ fst90° 27: 55 1:23 1:52 NW6PM 16500 8 3°13 11 11 223

br f 3, by Captain Corey, Alpine by Creatine
Lessee-Patricia Stos, Missq, NY; L A Express Sts, Lincoln Univ, PA; Stoeblom Rcy, Dir Boh, FL

N. Daley 708-113-99-121 (160)

Br.- Diamond Creek Farm LLC, PA

Last 4 Sts-\$216,000

1:51.1 M1
1:52 Lx1

26 Lx1 2 0 0 1 \$16,000 26 Tot 11 3 4 2 \$282,906
25 Lx1 7 2 3 1 \$19,225 25 Tot 10 2 5 2 \$216,791
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 21 5 9 4 \$499,697

3 #NEZUKO KAMADO S

31-501 (1) * \$88,788

5-2 S. Zeron 835-109-119-123 (131)

9 Sep26 5Lx1+ fst99° 27: 54 1:22 1:50 KYSS 80000 4 43 431 3°11 21 43
30 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst92° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 5 661 7°6 6°3 523 13
8 Aug26 9M1+ fst91° 28: 56 1:25 1:51 D-HamboOaks-F-G1 500000 2 4°4 11 11 11
1 Aug26 4M1+ fst79° 27: 57 1:25 1:51 D-HamboOaksE 50175 5 441 431 3°2 321 2nk
11 Jul26 2M1+ fst77° 27: 55 1:23 1:50 D-Miller-G2 141900 1 321 1°no 11 12 1
14 Jul26 4M1+ fst85° 28: 57 1:25 1:52 REYNOLDS 33225 3 1°1 11 11 11

br f 3, by Chapter Seven, Zefira Kronos It by Muscle Hill
Courant Inc, Delray Beach, FL

M. Melander 535-138-89-89 (258)

Br.- Courant Inc, FL

Last 4 Sts-\$308,944

1:50.1 M1
1:52.4 HoP 7/8

26 Lx1 2 0 0 1 \$46,400 26 Tot 8 6 1 0 \$350,305
25 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 25 11 6 2 1 \$549,040
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 19 12 3 1 \$1,099,369

4 #HEART FOR TWO

31-511 (1) \$8,971 LEX-SEL \$180,000

15-1 D. Dunn 839-216-158-130 (257)

9 Sep26 5Lx1+ fst99° 27: 54 1:22 1:50 KYSS 80000 5 883 881 8°8 883 791
30 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst92° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 9 11 311 53 633 834
18 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst83° 27: 55 1:24 1:51 KYSS 80000 5 1°hd 33 53 64 85
9 Aug26 10Lx1+ fst85° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 6 21 21 31 22 11
28 Jul26 10Lx1+ fst85° 28: 54 1:21 1:53 NW7PM 8000 2 21 21 21 22 33
14 Jul26 13OAG+ fst85° 28: 55 1:24 1:52 KYSS-3F-A 80000 7 681 68 68 623 623

ch f 3, by Gimpanzee, House Music Fr by Ready Cash
Punisher 11 Stable LLC, Freehold, NJ

A. Harris 345-60-48-47 (174)

Br.- Louis Baudron, KY

Last 4 Sts-\$40,000

1:51.1 Lx1
1:55.1 Lx1

26 Lx1 5 1 0 1 \$40,960 26 Tot 10 3 2 1 \$89,710
25 Lx1 6 1 0 1 \$31,400 25 Tot 12 2 0 2 \$145,354
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 21 5 2 3 \$235,064

5 SHES MONI

31-501 (1) Q \$9513

8-1 Y. Gingras 1401-234-224-200 (167)

9 Sep26 5Lx1+ fst99° 27: 54 1:22 1:50 KYSS 80000 8 1°1 21 21 321 21
30 Aug26 9Lx1+ fst92° 27: 55 1:23 1:50 COMMONWLTH 30000 1 43 43 12 12 13
18 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst83° 27: 55 1:24 1:51 KYSS 80000 9 7°5 6°6 4°2 5 742
9 Aug26 6Lx1+ fst90° 27: 54 1:21 1:50 KYSS 80000 1 33 551 4°3 431 3
25 Jul26 6M1+ fst93° 28: 55 1:24 1:52 TOMPKINS 68650 1 321 1°1 11 443
11 Jul26 3M1+ fst77° 26: 55 1:24 1:52 D-Miller-G2 143150 5 1°1 21 31 51 53

b f 3, by Walner, Thats All Moni by Cantab Hall
Brittany Farms LLC, Versailles, KY; Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON, CA

N. Takter 296-63-52-32 (213)

Br.- Brittany Fms LLC, KY; M Katz & A J Liefield, ON

Last 4 Sts-\$44,600

1:50.1 Lx1
1:57.3 Lx1

26 Lx1 4 1 1 1 \$44,600 26 Tot 8 2 2 1 \$76,106
25 Lx1 1 1 0 0 \$5,300 25 Tot 1 1 0 0 \$5,000
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 18 9 3 2 \$81,106

6 #VICTORIANA SECRET

31-501 (1) Q \$36,993 LEX-SEL \$32,000

2-1 R. Wrenn Jr. 1420-354-254-187 (249)

9 Sep26 5Lx1+ fst99° 27: 54 1:22 1:50 KYSS 80000 7 311 31 11 11 11
22 Aug26 11PcD+ fst74° 27: 55 1:23 1:51 Delmonica-G1 250000 1 44 431 2°hd 11 11
9 Aug26 6Lx1+ fst90° 27: 54 1:21 1:50 KYSS 80000 3 4°3 21 21 21 11
1 Aug26 6M1+ fst79° 27: 58 1:26 1:53 D-HamboOaksE 50175 x2 715 783 74 74 63
18 Jul26 12ScD+ slv75° 28: 56 1:24 1:52 D-MONI MKR-G3 100000 4 1°1 11 11 11 13
25 Jun26 5M1+ fst80° 27: 56 1:24 1:53 C&J YOFT 28662 2 3°1 11 11 11 11

br f 3, by Tactical Landing, Victoriana by Donato Hanover
Rvan W Smith, Dennison, OH

V. Beachy 197-67-40-28 (340)

Br.- R Kevin Greenfield & Michael R Creps, OH

Last 4 Sts-\$205,000

1:50 Lx1
1:56 OaG 5/8

26 Lx1 2 0 0 0 \$80,000 26 Tot 10 8 0 0 \$369,931
25 Lx1 5 0 0 2 \$25,600 25 Tot 8 1 2 2 \$80,600
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 18 9 3 2 \$450,531

7 MADAM CHEVAL

31-511 (1) Q \$20,922 LEX-SEL \$30,000

6-1 Ti. Tetrack 1552-335-278-217 (216)

9 Sep26 5Lx1+ fst99° 27: 54 1:22 1:50 KYSS 80000 1 543 543 5°2 421 33
30 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst92° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 2 321 431 2°1 21 721
18 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst83° 27: 55 1:24 1:51 KYSS 80000 10 10°8 10°9 6°3 43 11
8 Aug26 9M1+ fst91° 28: 56 1:25 1:51 D-HamboOaks-F-G1 500000 10 1010 10°7 8°1 741 64
1 Aug26 1M1+ fst79° 28: 56 1:24 1:51 D-HamboOaksE 50175 7 11 21 21 21 31
19 Jul26 9VD fst72° 26: 55 1:24 1:51 D-Zweig-F-G2 139000 8 911 911 9°0 63 761 783

b f 3, by Walner, Shake It Cerry by Donato Hanover
M Biasuzi Stable Inc, Pompano Beach, FL

N. Takter 296-63-52-32 (213)

Br.- Solveig's Racing Partners, NJ

Last 4 Sts-\$49,600

1:51 Lx1
1:54.4 Lx1

26 Lx1 3 1 0 1 \$49,600 26 Tot 11 4 0 4 \$230,144
25 Lx1 6 1 0 1 \$38,000 25 Tot 12 1 2 1 \$36,552
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 23 5 2 5 \$326,696

8 YGRITTE

31-513 (1) Q \$10,201 LEX-SEL \$60,000

12-1 Ma. Melander 124-25-18-20 (202)

9 Sep26 5Lx1+ fst99° 27: 54 1:22 1:50 KYSS 80000 9 910 910 9°1 917 921
30 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst92° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 4 21 21 33 31 31
18 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst83° 27: 55 1:24 1:51 KYSS 80000 6 53 5°4 2°1 21 21
9 Aug26 6Lx1+ fst90° 27: 54 1:21 1:50 KYSS 80000 2 65 67 6°4 31 23
1 Aug26 1M1+ fst79° 28: 56 1:24 1:51 D-HamboOaksE 50175 1 44 44 3°2 623 653
19 Jul26 9VD fst72° 26: 55 1:24 1:51 D-Zweig-F-G2 139000 8 911 911 9°0 63 761 783

ch f 3, by Gimpanzee, Etta Am by Muscle Hill
S R F Stable, Del Ray Beach, FL; Eric K Good, Davidsonville, MD

M. Melander 535-138-89-89 (258)

Br.- Ab Svensk Reklamfinans, FL

Last 4 Sts-\$49,600

1:51.3 M1
1:59.4 M1Q

26 Lx1 4 2 1 1 \$49,600 26 Tot 12 5 2 1 \$122,406
25 Lx1 1 0 0 0 \$0 25 Tot 1 0 0 0 \$0
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 13 5 2 1 \$122,406

9 #JAILBIRD JOG

31-512 (1) \$26,341 LEX-SEL \$52,000

8-1 An. MacDonald 812-115-110-106 (142)

9 Sep26 5Lx1+ fst99° 27: 54 1:22 1:50 KYSS 80000 3 4°3 1°1 11 11 52
30 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst92° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 4 3°1 21 31 31 41
18 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst83° 27: 55 1:24 1:51 KYSS 80000 4 3°1 21 31 31 41
9 Aug26 6Lx1+ fst90° 27: 54 1:21 1:50 KYSS 80000 6 5°4 1°1 11 11 441
1 Aug26 1M1+ fst79° 28: 56 1:24 1:51 D-HamboOaksE 50175 4 5°5 5°5 5°3 421 422
25 Jul26 6M1+ fst73° 28: 56 1:24 1:51 TOMPKINS 68650 7 6°3 6°3 4°6 321 11

b f 3, by Tactical Landing, Miss Don Fanucci S by SJ's Caviar
Thestable Jailbird Joq, Brunswick, OH; P23 Bldsk, ON; Hutchison Fms LLC, N Rideview, OH

E. Patalan 65-10-8-4 (154)

Br.- Jorgen Sparredal Inc, FL

Last 4 Sts-\$20,814

1:51.2 M1
1:52.2 Lx1

26 Lx1 2 0 1 0 \$24,000 26 Tot 12 5 2 0 \$316,089
25 Lx1 7 1 1 0 \$82,290 25 Tot 11 3 1 0 \$128,532
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 23 8 3 0 \$444,521

10 ISLANDGRILL HANOVER

31-524 (5/8) Q \$5,468 SHS-HBG \$120,000

15-1 J. Bongiorno 1046-218-174-118 (208)

9 Sep26 5Lx1+ fst99° 27: 54 1:22 1:50 KYSS 80000 6 21 31 421 531 51
30 Aug26 11Lx1+ fst92° 28: 56 1:23 1:51 KYSS 80000 11 55 5°4 4°2 413 23
22 Aug26 1PcD+ fst76° 26: 56 1:23 1:51 D-Con II 75000 8 11 11 11 21 61
15 Aug26 2Mw fst81° 27: 55 1:23 1:51 PASS-3YOF 49276 3 43 44 4°4 531 32
1 Aug26 6M1+ fst79° 27: 58 1:26 1:53 D-HamboOaksE 50175 7 53 56 55 531 41
17 Jul26 6M1+ fst80° 28: 57 1:25 1:53 Suw2w-nw5 22500 3 43 43 43 31 23

b f 3, by Captain Corey, Island Lily by Chapter Seven
Purple Haze Stables LLC, Fairport, NY

T. Smedhammer 96-17-10-12 (177)

Br.- Hanover Shoe Farms Inc, PA

Last 4 Sts-\$29,967

1:52.4 Phl 5/8
1:55.1 Phl 5/8

26 Lx1 2 0 1 0 \$24,000 26 Tot 12 5 2 0 \$35,521
25 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 25 7 3 2 1 \$93,774
24 Lx1 0 0 0 0 -Life 19 5 5 3 \$159,395

Entries Pursuant to 810 KAR

Super Chapter leaps into #1 spot

Following his win in the MGM Yonkers International Trot this past weekend, Super Chapter ascended to No. 1 in the Week 14 edition of the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll released Wednesday (Sept. 16). He became the sixth different horse this year to hold the top spot, the most since six were ranked first in 2012.

Super Chapter received 25 of 35 first-place votes to overtake previous No. 1 Brandon Blvd, who garnered eight first-place nods. Super Chapter has won four consecutive starts, with three being Grade 1 events – the International Trot, Maple Leaf Trot, and John Cashman Memorial. He became the first horse this season to surpass \$1 million in earnings thanks to his score in the \$1 million International.

Following Brandon Blvd, who was idle, in the rankings were New Jersey Classic 3-year-old male trotting champ Apex and Charlie Hill Memorial (G2) runner-up On To Norway, who swapped positions three and four. Big Ranger, who won the Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship, vaulted from seventh to fifth.

Dropping from fifth to sixth was Nezuko Kamado S, who finished fourth in the fourth leg of the Kentucky Sire Stakes for 3-year-old female trotters. Miki And Minnie and Shalom Hanover, both idle, were next in the Top 10, followed by Wall Of Fame and newcomer Best Chip. Wall Of Fame won the N.J. Classic for freshman filly trotters and Best Chip captured the Aria Invitational Pace (G2) as a follow-up to winning the Canadian Pacing Derby (G1) in his previous start.

Bourbonista S dropped out of the Top 10.

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

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Standardbred Poll: 9/16/2026

Rank	Name (1st Votes)	Age/Sex/Gait	Record	Earnings	Points	Pvs
1	Super Chapter (25)	4ht	8-6-2-0	\$1,071,707	331	2
2	Brandon Blvd (8)	3cp	10-7-2-1	\$935,695	308	1
3	Apex	3ct	7-5-1-0	\$860,466	267	4
4	On To Norway (2)	4gt	11-9-2-0	\$486,750	215	3
5	Big Ranger	3ct	9-6-1-0	\$552,337	158	7
6	Nezuko Kamado S	3ft	8-6-1-0	\$550,305	126	5
7	Miki And Minnie	4mp	8-6-0-2	\$372,099	104	6
8	Shalom Hanover	2cp	6-6-0-0	\$310,276	88	8
9	Wall Of Fame	2ft	8-8-0-0	\$361,250	86	10
10	Best Chip	4hp	15-9-3-1	\$470,805	60	--

ALSO: Miss Jum Jabber 33; Victorianas Secret 20; Bourbonista S 18; Franc N 15; Emoticon Legacy, Loua Dipa, Twin B Joe Fresh 13; Melillo 11; Odds On Mr Mamba 10; Redland Rocket Man 9; Starstruck Dreamer 6; Al Papi 5; Be Perfect BG, Sea Bistro Hanover 4; Don't truck with me, Ken Hanover 2; Geologic, Jersey Bulldog, Prince Hal Hanover, Waves Of Fortune 1.

-by Ken Weingartner for Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown

PICK 5 CARRYOVER FOR THURSDAY AT WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

Woodbine Mohawk Park will offer a carryover of \$48,479.74 for the Early Pick 5 on Thursday evening. The carryover comes after the Late Pick-5 wasn't hit on Monday evening and sets the stage to start Thursday evening's card with a strong wagering opportunity in Race 1.

The minimum for the Pick-5 is \$0.20. Post time is 6:30 p.m.

-edited release (Woodbine)

PICK 4 CARRYOVER AT YONKERS THIRSDAY

MGM Yonkers Raceway remained carryover central this week as the late Pick 4 went unsolved on Wednesday night (September 16), meaning there will be \$5,825.55 in the pot when that sequence occurs on Thursday (September 17). The pool will also be guaranteed at \$20,000.

The guarantee in the late Pick 4 is being offered as part of the United States Trotting Association's Strategic Wagering Program, and free past performances for the late Pick 4 are available [here](#). The late Pick 4, which begins in race six 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).

-edited release (Yonkers)



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, SEPTEMBER 17

RACE 1

(6) BOUT DAMN TIME A has a win and a second in her last two outings and debuts for a high-percentage stable off the claim. She was also leading driver Jason Bartlett's pick over two others.

-Greg Reinhart



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

RACE 12

(5) TAMARA HANOVER tried to make multiple moves from post ten and then wound up stuck behind cover that never materialized. Post relief should help.

-Kevin Plowcha



WOODBINE
MOHAWK PARK

RACE 6

(1) EXQUISITE TASTE hasn't won since the middle of June but she's got a solid record of seven wins through 28 starts in her 4YO campaign and the Lachance trainee drops back down to the level of that aforementioned win.

-Matt Rose



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

RACE 11

(9) SNACK ATTACK makes his second start with a new pilot and was caught in a blind switch in a race where there was a ton of movement. A speed try could see him wake up.

-Plowcha



WOODBINE
MOHAWK PARK

RED MILE SUNDAY - \$10,000 GTD PICK 5 (R 3-7) & PICK 4 (R 6-9)

FULL CARD ANALYSIS / PAST PERFORMANCES

Mohawk Park Analysis

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Yonkers Analysis

[Thursday](#) [Friday](#)

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HARNESS EYE PPS

TRACKMASTER PPS

FREE PPS

INSTANT RACING UPDATES VIA TWITTER: @DRFHARNES

NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

NO ELIMINATIONS FOR CANADIAN TROTTING CLASSIC, SHES A GREAT LADY

A busy slate of stakes action is now set for the next two weekends at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

The Canadian Trotting Classic for 3-year-old trotters and the Shes A Great Lady for 2-year-old filly pacers will not need eliminations this weekend. The Canadian Trotting Classic received eight entrants, while the Shes A Great Lady attracted a group of 11.

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BREEDERS CROWN SPOTS UP FOR GRABS IN HAUGHTON, DOHERTY

Harrah's Hoosier Park will play host two a pair of Grade 1 events on Friday, Sept. 18, with the \$475,100 Peter Haughton Memorial and \$483,350 Jim Doherty Memorials for the sport's top 2-year-old trotters headlining the 15-race program which gets underway at 5:30 p.m. (EDT).

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WINBAK FARM LEXINGTON SALE VIDEOS NOW POSTED

Winbak Farm graduates have earned over \$490 Million and won close to 51,000 races since 1998.

Winbak Farm is proud to offer a consignment of 56 yearlings at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, which will be held October 5th-October 8th at Fasig-Tipton. The Winbak Farm lineup includes Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Ontario and Pennsylvania sired yearlings. Four Pennsylvania yearlings and one Ohio yearling are dual-eligible to the lucrative Kentucky program.

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SHENANDOAH DOWNS FALL MEET KICKS OFF ON SATURDAY

Shenandoah Downs kicks off its 11th fall season of pari-mutuel harness racing this Saturday, September 19 and continues a seven-week campaign thru November 1 with cards every Saturday and Sunday at 1:05 P.M. (EDT). The track hosted a seven-week meet back in the spring and most recently played host to a four-day non-wagering County Fair meet in the week leading up to Labor Day.

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ONE ADAM TWELVE LAYS DOWN THE LAW IN GOSHEN YEARLING SALE

The 2026 edition of the Goshen Yearling Sale took place on Monday at the Mark Ford Training Center, and pacer One Adam Twelve led the proceedings at \$77,000.

Bred by Cameo Hills Farm and sold as HIP 113, One Adam Twelve was purchased by Ford. The Huntsville colt is a half-brother to Say Good-night, who was second in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes final for 3-year-old fillies this year after she won the final for that division in 2025.

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TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLIES BATTLE IN KEYSTONE CLASSICS

Two-year-old fillies were in action on Wednesday afternoon at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows in two Keystone Classic splits for pacers and a single test for trotters.

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OHIO SELECTED JUG YEARLING SALE OFFERS TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONS

It's no secret that Ohio-bred horses are just as sought after as their East Coast counterparts, however, that fact was amplified on Hambo Day at The Meadowlands as Ohio-bred and -sold Big Ranger was a whisker away from winning the prestigious \$1,000,000 Grade 1 Hambletonian. With the Ohio Selected Jug Yearling Sale taking place this Friday (September 18) at the Pickaway Ag Center, in Circleville, Ohio, many astute buyers will be looking for that next great Standardbred racehorse.

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NEW SEASON SET TO KICK OFF ON OCTOBER 2 AT WESTERN FAIR

The Raceway at Western Fair District is set to welcome horseplayers, horsepeople, and fans back to live harness racing on Friday, October 2, 2026, signaling the start of an exciting 2026-27 season highlighted by significantly increased purses, enhanced wagering opportunities and a full calendar of special events.

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ROAD TO OAK GROVE DERBY, OAKS WENT THROUGH NY AND OH

Uncle Rob secured his spot in the eliminations to the 2027 \$500,000 Oak Grove Trotting Derby by winning the \$300,000 New York Sire Stakes Championship for 2-year-old trotting males on Saturday at MGM Yonkers Raceway. Cool Julio also secured a "Win and You're In" spot for the Derby eliminations by breaking his maiden in the Ohio Sire Stakes Scarlet Championship for 2-year-old trotting colts at Eldorado Scioto Downs.

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CHRIS TULLY NAMED 2026 TOM WHITE MEDIA AWARD WINNER

The Little Brown Jug and the Delaware County Fair have selected veteran photographer, publicist, and lifelong Standardbred advocate Chris Tully as the recipient of the 2026 Tom White Media Award.

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ALL LADIES PACE RETURNS TO NORTHFIELD PARK 10/10/26

Northfield Park will host its annual all lady drivers' pace on Saturday, October 10th as part of the \$150,000 Courageous Lady program. Females interested in participating with a valid P license should contact the Northfield Park Race Office or Kenny Livengood at klivengood@northfieldparkracino.com. Last year Northfield Park had enough participants to host two separate divisions.

The race is for pacers who are non-winners of \$30,000 in 2026 (through 10/6/26). All horses and drivers must be approved by the race office.

We look forward to another night of wonderful racing and celebrating the ladies of our sport.

-release (Northfield)

SBOANJ ANNOUNCES RESIDENT MARE REBATE FOR 2026 FOALS

The SBOANJ's resident mare rebate for 2026 is \$1000, designated for mares who reside in New Jersey 150 days, inclusive of foaling.

Please register foals early and include USTA foal registration along with the application and send to the SBOANJ no later than October 31. Foal registration must be included with application.

You must be a current SBOANJ member and have a 2025 W9 on file in order to receive your resident mare awards money.

For more information, please visit www.sboanj.com or call 732-462-2357.

There are membership and W9 forms on the SBOANJ website for your convenience.

-release (SBOANJ)

JUG & JUGETTE SUPPLEMENTAL ENTRY REMINDER

Just a reminder that any three-year-old pacer not currently eligible for the 81st Little Brown Jug (Grade 1) may, with a payment of \$45,000, supplement to the 2026 Little Brown Jug. Supplemental entries are due by Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Those currently eligible must submit their entry by Monday, September 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Any three-year-old filly pacers not currently eligible for the 56th Juliette (Grade 1) may, with a payment of \$15,000, supplement to the 2026 Juliette. Supplemental entries are due by Friday, September 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Those currently eligible must submit their entry by Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The 2026 Little Brown Jug is sponsored by the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association and the Juliette by UMH Properties, Inc.

-release (Little Brown Jug)