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**HIP 79 KOUNTRY PRINCE TOPS OPENING NIGHT
LEXINGTON SELECTED SALE SESSION
\$199,883 AVERAGE BREAKS 2024 RECORD BY 4.9%**

Lexington Selected Yearling Sale begins with record average

By Greg Reinhart with quotes from Derick Giwner

The first session of the 2026 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale started quickly and never let up, resulting in the sale's highest-ever average of \$199,883, topping 2024's then-record of \$190,547. The gross of \$22,187,000 for 111 horses was just off 2024's total of \$22,294,000 for 117 yearlings.

"It was a very energetic night. I felt the crowd was fantastic - inside, outside, in the back ring - and it's a credit to the consignors like we always say," said co-sales manager David Reid. "Trotters are extremely strong and pacers held up great. It's a record average, and we're up 10% over last year and 5% over the year before. We're not far off the best gross, and we only sold 111 horses tonight because we had few outs and stuff like that. So, overall, it was a very good session and hats off to everybody. We always give the credit to the breeders for reinvesting and stuff like that. Sire power carried through, and the first crops sold well. So, we've got to be happy.

"I'm always conservative myself personally because you never know what's going to happen. Bruce (co-sales manager Bruce Brinkerhoff) and myself felt coming into the sale that we had a strong opening session. We take some heat for having too many of the certain sires, but I'm going to keep beating my drum that you can't have too many Walners or Chapter Sevens, and you can't have too many of the best pacing sires. Chapter Seven averaged \$317,000, and you've got Walner that averaged \$237,000. Walner sold 30 yearlings and Chapter Seven sold 17. We had great European support here tonight. You've got a contingent of top-notch trainers that were here, and they're shopping for their owners and we had European owners. I thought the participation was great. I think the first crop of Confederate's sold well, and I think your staple pacers held up well. You walk in here tonight and see so many happy people and feel the vibe, at least I felt it. I thought it was a great way to start the week, for sure."

Topping the session was HIP 79 Kountry Prince, a Walner colt consigned by Kountry Lane Standardbreds. Kountry Prince is the third foal out of \$1,576,251 earner Plunge Blue Chip and his 2-year-old Chapter Seven half-sister Kountry Plunge is undefeated and will be an odds-on favorite in Friday night's \$250,000 Big Apple final at Vernon Downs.

"I liked the pedigree, the conformation and the video," said Ake Svanstedt, who trained Plunge Blue Chip and trains Kountry Plunge, noting he bought the horse for six Swedish owners, including himself. "He was good-gaited, and the family has had a lot of successful horses. This was the number one for me."

Sarah Svanstedt also said she pushed Ake to buy Kountry Prince given the powerful family and their familiarity with it.

Having the sale topper was a feather in the cap for Ola Yoder's Kountry Lane Standardbreds, and the Indiana nursery was delighted with the outcome, especially since they also led the consignor average board at \$322,500 for their four yearlings.

"I never thought we'd do that. We took a lot of knocks along the way, but tonight it all came together," said Farm Manager Duane Miller. "I thought he could be the top seller just because of the amount of traf-

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DERICK GIWNER PHOTO

Ake Svanstedt (with wife Sarah) was all smiles as he signed the ticket for HIP 79 Kountry Prince.

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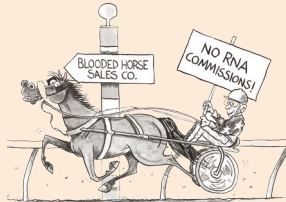
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fic and the people that looked at it. There were a lot of people that had him vetted out, like had their vets come and do all the scans and stuff, so I knew he was on a lot of people's list. If you have the sale topper in Lexington, that's an accomplishment."

Svanstedt wound up the top purchaser on the night, shelling out \$2,415,000 for eight yearlings.

"There are always high prices on the first day, but there are nice horses, also," he said. "Now we'll see if it's worth it. I backed off on a couple, of course, because they were too expensive."

Another person that was active was agent Peter Cimino, as he purchased two Kentuckiana Farms offerings in HIP 71 Maestro Volo, a Chapter Seven colt, and HIP 96 Special Account, a Walner colt, for \$800,000 and \$650,000, respectively. Cimino signed the tickets for Norwegian connections.

Jeff Snyder went home with a pair of yearlings from the Hunterton Sales Agency consignment in HIP 4 Lake Placid for \$700,000 and HIP 76 Indestructible for \$600,000. Lake Placid is out of a half-sister to Snyder's Hambletonian champion Apex, while Indestructible is a brother to a number of top fillies, led by \$1,187,798 earner Venerable.

"He's a beautiful colt. I spoke to several trainers and they loved him. We like to stick with the family. I'm a family man," Snyder said about Lake Placid. "He was expensive, but we kind of were expecting it to be that price. Actually, we thought it was going to be between 700 to 800, so it was the lower end, and I have a partner Lennart Ågren (S R F Stable). Marcus (Melander) will end up training the horse as he trains all my horses. We're looking to get lucky."

In regards to Indestructible, Snyder remarked, "I thought that one would go for a lot more. I think just because it was HIP 76, people were waiting for 79. I'm thrilled with it actually. He's a beautiful, beautiful colt. He's a full brother to Venerable, and I remember Venerable had the same dark, black color. I'm very happy with that. I thought I would have to go higher. I was prepared to do so. That fills my shopping list for tonight, and I can't wait for Harrisburg."

Buoyed by those two horses, Steve and Cindy Stewart's Hunterton Sales Agency was leading consignor by gross at \$4,974,000 for their 23 offerings.

"It doesn't get old. The sale is extremely strong," Steve Stewart stated. "We felt like Jeff Snyder was going to buy Jolene Jolene's (Indestructible), and he said that he was far from done, but it takes two people, and that's fine. We're very satisfied. How can you be unsatisfied at \$600,000? It was a very, very good sale all the way around."

"I just think if you mirror the Thoroughbreds, there's just a lot of money out there chasing good horses, and there are a lot of good horses in the sale. They've done their usual job of collecting some of the best Standardbred yearlings in the world, and it's showing in the sale ring. We've got a lot of nice horses still to sell."

The sale now moves to a morning "post time" on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the offerings increase by a large number.

"We're going to start a little earlier tomorrow morning. It's well-documented and there are going to be about 30 more horses selling in tomorrow's session," Reid said. "As jubilant as we are tonight with the averages, tomorrow the average is probably going to be down a little bit over year over year, just because of the number of horses sold. Perhaps the momentum will continue, which I expect it will."

"There are nearly 800 horses in the sale. We've only sold 111 of them tonight, so we've still got a long way to go."

HIPs 131-391 are slated to go through the ring on Tuesday, but first the Breeders Crown Charity Challenge auction will take place with stallion shares for nine top horses offered.



DERICK GIWNER PHOTOS

(above) HIP 71 Maestro Volo was the second-highest yearling sold at \$800,000. (below-left to right) Jeff Snyder, Steve Stewart and Marcus Melander were prominent names during the opening session at Lexington.





10/5-10/8 LEXINGTON HIGHLIGHTS

Lineup for Day 2 & Highlights for Day 3

Sale starts at 11 am on 10/6 & 10/7.

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#238, YANKEE GENTLEMAN

Day 2 NJ Trotter

TACTICAL LANDING

#238, YANKEE GENTLEMAN, C, Agt.
Tactical Landing-Met Gala-Chapter Seven
Family of Gimpanzee, 1:50 (\$2,701,075)

Day 2 NY Pacers

NEW! CANNIBAL

#385, IT'S ON THE HOUSE, F
Cannibal-Uwant It Ugot It-Always A Virgin
First Foal. Dam is a 1/2-sister to
Funknwaffles, p, 1:49.2f (\$1,110,600)

HUNTSVILLE

#331, QUESO KID, C
Huntsville-Queso Relleno-Betterthancheddar
1/2-brother to 2026 NY Stakes Winner,
American Cheese,
p, 3, 1:51.1f -'26 (\$155,873)

#349, SMOOTH HUNT, C
Huntsville-Silk Pajamas-Bettor's Delight
1/2-brother to PJ Lou,
p, 1:48.2f -'25 (\$417,247)

Day 2 NY Trotter

CHAPTER SEVEN

#324, NEW CHAPTER, F
Chapter Seven-Precious Fashion-Yankee Glide
Second dam is Honorable Daughter,
2, 1:55.1f (\$979,236)

Day 2 ON Pacers

BEACH GLASS

#258, BLAST ZONE, C
Beach Glass-Impact Zone-American Ideal
1/2-brother to Contact Zone,
p, 1:51.4f -'24 (\$244,310), & 2026 Arden
Downs Winner, Gold Impact,
p, 2, 1:52.3f -'26 (\$115,908)

#273, DREAM BY THE BEACH, C
Beach Glass-Dreamlands Latte-Artsplace
1/2-brother to O'Brien Horse of the Year,
Desperate Man, p, 1:48.2f -'25 (\$1,823,529),
& Smooth Dream, p, 3, 1:49.2 -'25 (\$314,122)

#354, TROPHY GLASS, C
Beach Glass-Sports Chic-Sportswriter
1/2-brother to Vivians Dream,
p, 2, 1:50.4s (\$633,782)

BETTOR'S DELIGHT

#288, DELIGHTFUL BEACH, C
Bettor's Delight-Micki Lovedthebeach-Always B Miki
First Foal. Family of Huntsville,
p, 3, 1:47.4 (\$1,704,242)

Day 2 ON Pacers (cont.)

CATTLEWASH

#322, NITROGEN, C
Cattlewash-Pleasant Yet Bad-Badlands Hanover
1/2-brother to Weeper, p, 3, 1:49f (\$569,511)

Day 2 PA Pacers

CAPTAINREACHEROUS

#192, CLEARLY TROUBLE, C, PA/KY
Captaintreachorous-Clear Idea-American Ideal
Dam is Clear Idea, p, 3, 1:50.4f (\$639,323)

SWEET LOU

#321, ROLL WITH LOU, C
Sweet Lou-Pleasant Roll-Roll With Joe
1/2-brother to Momentsthatmatter,
p, 1:51.1f -'23 (\$201,498)

Day 2 PA Trotters

CAPTAIN COREY

#260, SOLID CATCH, F
Captain Corey-Met's Inn-Mutineer
1/2-sister to Met's Hall, 3, 1:51.2 (\$1,295,306)

#280, WINNING CAPTAIN, C
Captain Corey-Loyal Lynnly-Chapter Seven
Dam is a 1/2-sister to Windshield,
3, 1:56.2f (\$327,200)

NEW!

VOLUME EIGHT

#219, LOUDER THAN LIFE, F, PA/KY
Volume Eight-Exotic Form-Malabar Man
1/2-sister to Happy Jack B,
3, 1:52 -'25 (\$598,027)

#242, CATCHY KING, C
Volume Eight-Girl From Queens-Cantab Hall
Dam is a 1/2-sister to Amazing Catch,
3, 1:51.4s -'24 (\$958,640)

#352, VOLUME UP, C
Volume Eight-Southern Autumn-Southwind Frank
Dam is a 1/2-sister to Flex The Muscle,
1:52.4f (\$957,210)

Day 3 NJ Pacer

PERFECT STING

#500, TICKET TO PARADISE, F
Perfect Sting-Free Ticket-Quik Pulse Mindale
1/2-sister to Free Flyin Ticket,
3, 1:52s (\$266,340)

Day 3 NJ Trotter

MUSCLE HILL

#410, DARE TO COMPARE, C
Muscle Hill-Amorous Flirt-Andover Hall
Dam is a 1/2-sister to Market Share,
1:50.2f (\$3,792,101)

NEW!

Day 3 NY Pacers

CANNIBAL

#583, PAPA'S CHOICE, C
Cannibal-Platinum Choice-Admirals Galley
1/2-brother to Sterling Choice,
p, 1:50.3h -'26 (\$473,770)

COURTLY CHOICE

#644, COVER TO COVER, F
Courtly Choice-Unred Hanover-Western Ideal
1/2-sister to Genius Man,
p, 1:50.4 -'25 (\$615,285)

Day 3 NY Trotters

CHAPTER SEVEN

#445, SEVEN SUNS, C
Chapter Seven-Bramasole Hanover-Kadabra
Dam is a full-sister to Caprice Hill,
3, 1:52.3f (\$1,329,072)

#479, NEXT EDITION, F
Chapter Seven-Devanly-Donato Hanover
Dam is a 1/2-sister to Crystal Fashion,
1:50 (\$2,446,284)

NEW!

Day 3 ON Pacers

BEACH GLASS

#495, SMOOTH AS GLASS, C
Beach Glass-Feelinglikeastar-Artiscape
1/2-brother to Zero Tolerance,
p, 3, 1:50.2f (\$980,736)

Day 3 ON Trotter

KING OF THE NORTH

#458, NORDIC KING, C
King Of The North-Chica-Kadabra
Dam is a 1/2-sister to Big Rigs,
1:52.1f (\$662,826)

Day 3 PA Pacer

TALL DARK STRANGER

#550, MOJITO MONDAY, C
Tall Dark Stranger-Margarita Monday-Ponder
1/2-brother to Tequila Monday,
p, 1:49.4f (\$993,712)

Day 3 PA Trotters

CAPTAIN COREY

#444, BOJEE BABE, F
Captain Corey-Boujee Babe-Girl-Uncle Peter
Second dam is Action-Broadway,
1:52.3 (\$1,102,073)

GREENSHOE

#473, EMERALD HALL, F
Greenshoe-Debra Hall-Cash Hall
1/2-sister to 2026 NYSS Winner,
Read The Room, 3, 1:53.2f -'26 (\$472,900)

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Lexington Opening Night \$200,000-plus Yearlings

HIP-Horse	Sire	Price	Sex	Consignor	Buyer
79-KOUNTRY PRINCE	Walner	\$825,000	C	Kountry Lane Standardbreds	Ake Svanstedt Inc.
71-MAESTRO VOLO	Chapter Seven	\$800,000	C	Kentuckiana Farms	Peter Cimino, Agent
4-LAKE PLACID	Chapter Seven	\$700,000	C	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	Jeff Snyder & SRF Stable
96-SPECIAL ACCOUNT	Walner	\$650,000	C	Kentuckiana Farms, Agent	Peter Cimino, Agent
76-INDESTRUCTIBLE	Walner	\$600,000	C	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	Jeff Snyder & SRF Stable
68-TARGETER	Tactical Landing	\$575,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	Al Libfeld
31-BOY TOY	Walner	\$500,000	C	Cameo Hills Farm	David McDuffee
101-SMART BEAUTY	Walner	\$500,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	Wiesman Farms
114-MA CHERIE STATION	Chapter Seven	\$475,000	F	Spring Station Bloodstock	Patty Key
94-FREYA JULES	Chapter Seven	\$435,000	F	Crawford Farms	Jared Bako, Agent-Steve Moskowitz LLC.
82-MY SWEETZIE	Chapter Seven	\$425,000	F	Kentuckiana Farms, Agent	Armitage Farm
92-GOODBAY	Chapter Seven	\$425,000	C	Blue Chip Farms LLC., Agent	Marcus Melander, Agent
113-ODDS ON WARRIOR	Sweet Lou	\$425,000	C	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Andrew Harris, Agent-Punisher 11 Stable
9-ANOTHER BELLE	Chapter Seven	\$400,000	F	Kentuckiana Farms, Agent	Bradley J. Grant
43-CROWN LEGACY	Tactical Landing	\$375,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Marcus Melander, Agent
111-UBEAUTIFUL	Captaintreacherous	\$350,000	F	Crawford Farms	Andrew Harris, Agent-Punisher 11 Stable
36-ELIETTA	Tactical Landing	\$335,000	F	Crawford Farms	Philomena Curry
40-PASS GO	Confederate	\$325,000	C	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	David McDuffee
2THE KANSAS COMET	Walner	\$300,000	C	Cameo Hills Farm	Al Libfeld
14-BLUE BOOK	Chapter Seven	\$300,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Ake Svanstedt Inc.
18-BLACK SQUARE	Muscle Hill	\$300,000	C	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Robert Lindstrom, Agent
33-SIGN THE MAX	Huntsville	\$300,000	F	Cameo Hills Farm	Andrew Harris, Agent-Punisher 11 Stable
8-SAVASANA	Captain Corey	\$275,000	F	Crawford Farms	Ake Svanstedt Inc.
49-CULONE BLUE CHIP	Chapter Seven	\$275,000	C	Blue Chip Farms LLC., Agent	Ake Svanstedt Inc.
104-ASTRAL SKYS	Walner	\$275,000	F	Peninsula Farm, Agent	Marcus Melander, Agent
112-ODDS ON VARIABLE	Captaintreacherous	\$270,000	F	Concord Stud Farm, Agent	Bradley J. Grant
34-MANDRAKE BI	Walner	\$250,000	C	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	Reijo Liljendahl
88-TOP GUN	Gimpanzee	\$250,000	C	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	Marcus Melander, Agent
69-TIME IS MONI	Captaintreacherous	\$240,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	Joseph Pavia, Agent for Max Moskowitz
39-MELINO ARMITAGE	Walner	\$235,000	C	Armitage Farm LLC.	Ake Svanstedt Inc.
16-CAPO VELOCE	Walner	\$230,000	C	Anvil And Lace Farm, Agent	AJ Select Equine AB
28-DEVI	Huntsville	\$225,000	F	Crawford Farms	Brett Pelling
21-BLUE BLOOD	Chapter Seven	\$220,000	C	Cameo Hills Farm	Ake Svanstedt Inc.
52-EVOCATIVE	Chapter Seven	\$220,000	F	Blue Chip Farms LLC., Agent	Andy Miller Stable, Inc.
41-HAPPYNLOVE STATION	Chapter Seven	\$210,000	C	Spring Station Bloodstock	Marcus Melander, Agent
57-LIVE LOVE PLAY	Captain Corey	\$210,000	F	Crawford Farms	Burke Racing Stable, Agent
64-MARABEL VOLO	Tactical Landing	\$210,000	F	Kentuckiana Farms	Pinske Stables, Agent
65-MAY MAY	Confederate	\$210,000	C	Alliance Bloodstock, Agent	Andrew Harris, Agent-Punisher 11 Stable
53-PECCADILLO	Walner	\$200,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	M Biasuzzi Stable Inc.
61-GOLD DIGGER	Walner	\$200,000	F	Hunterton Sales Agency, Agent	Robert Lindstrom, Agent
78-KOUNTRY PENELOPE	Captaintreacherous	\$200,000	F	Kountry Lane Standardbreds	Virgil Morgan Jr.
87-CONFEDERACY	Confederate	\$200,000	F	Kentuckiana Farms, Agent	Andrew Harris, Agent-Punisher 11 Stable

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SELLING TUESDAY, OCT. 6 IN LEXINGTON



HIP# 170 – GRACE IN CHAOS – B. F. (NY, KY)
CHAPTER SEVEN first foal
from a **MUSCLE HILL** half-sister to
SITUATIONSHIP 3,1:51.1 (\$422,530).

HIP# 182 – CALI YORK – BR. C. (PA, KY)
CAPTAIN COREY first foal from a
CHAPTER SEVEN granddaughter of the dam of
WALNER 2,1:51.3; 3,1:50.2 (\$567,652).



HIP# 269 – SCARLETT IRIS – BR. F. (PA, KY)
TACTICAL APPROACH first foal
from a **WALNER** full sister to
WALNER PAYTON (M) 3,1:51.4 (\$801,071).



HIP# 339 – SANDYTOZMAKEMEHAPY
B. F. (PA, KY)
First **SWEET LOU** filly from
SANDBETWEENURTOES
p,3,1:49.1 (\$1,065,848).



Baker's dozen on day two with the potential to be champions



JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman ✕ [Bergmanjay](#)

There was a time when the second day of the Lexington Selected sale was a place to find relative bargain buys for those in the market. With a much wider array of talent selling each year, there are generally gems to be found far beyond opening night.

Tuesday's (October 6) day session is rich in pedigree and deep in potential talent no matter where you wish to train and race in 2027. The mix of trotters and pacers as well as first-year and proven stallions should make it easy to land on a quality colt or filly with more than 250 yearlings set to walk through the Fasig Tipton Sales Pavilion in Lexington beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Having perused the catalog and taken advantage of individual short videos from Day Two, I've come up with a baker's dozen that show a mix of pedigrees which hopefully will yield some bargains and better yet, some stakes winners in 2027 and beyond. With the influence of dual and at times triple eligibility, today's buyer doesn't always have to find the best horse in the sale to make the most money when racing begins next year.

Papi Rob Hanover's stallion career is still in its early stages with his fourth crop selling in this sale. The emergence of the unbeaten Shalom Hanover has put him back in play in 2026 and it's likely this year's crop could be even better. **HIP 145 Thurbo Field**, a Pennsylvania-Kentucky eligible colt from the **Concord Stud Farm** consignment, is the first foal from a full sister to Warrawee Ubeaut. This family has taken flight in a major way this year with Kentucky Championship series winner Seaside Ubeaut, a freshman filly with a 1:49 2/5 record, leading the way. Another sister to the dam of Thurbo Field also produced a 1:51 freshman pacing filly that is a stakes winner this year. Thurbo Field's hammer price could reflect the solid maternal backing while also signifying a top colt for the coming year.

Sometimes it's not the stallion but the dam that attracts you to a specific yearling and that's the case for **HIP 153**, the quirkily named **Toulouse Le Chimp**, given that Gimpanzee is the sire and Toulouse Lautrec is the dam of the Kentucky-sired filly. It's the first from the dam that was a very fast filly with a 1:54 2-year-old mark. Toulouse Lautrec also happens to be a half-sister to the successful first-year stallion Cuatro De Julio. Toulouse Le Chimp looked the part in the video for **Concord Stud Farm**, but it's likely to be her rich Euro-based maternal line that will induce bidding at the auction.

Having three separate options is something that didn't exist just a few years ago, but with the birth of the Massachusetts program buyers are finding prospects that can go anywhere. From the **Preferred Equine** consignment, **HIP 164 Treacherous Lindy** is a Captaintreacherous-sired colt that is eligible in Kentucky and Pennsylvania, as well giving his future owner a chance to make money during the summer and fall without hitting the Grand Circuit. In fact, Lindy Believer, the 2-year-old full sister, took a 1:51 4/5 record racing in the Commonwealth program at The Red Mile this year and just last week won the opening round of Massachusetts Sires Stakes at Plainridge in 1:53 1/5. Just the second foal from a dam from the rich maternal family that includes Well Said, Treacherous Lindy is the first colt and just second foal from his dam.

HIP 182 is a Captain Corey-sired colt and first foal from a Chapter Seven dam. **Cali York** is a Pennsylvania and Kentucky eligible from **Crawford Farms** with a solid pedigree that looks kind of blank in the last two generations, but that's something that is easy to explain. Cali York's dam California Glow is a daughter of Malibu S, the only sister to champion stallion Walner. With the lack of sisters, Walner's maternal line hasn't had that much of a chance to blossom on the racetrack. Perhaps the sharp-looking Cali York will help spark the family in 2027.

HIP 196 Hit The Button (Preferred Equine) is another Papi Rob Hanover-sired colt that has the maternal line pedigree that is known for speed and durability. This is the second foal from the 1:50 2/5 freshman



(ABOVE) COURTESY CRAWFORD FARMS / (BELOW) SPRING STATION FACEBOOK

(above) **HIP 269 Scarlett Iris** is from the first crop of **Tactical Approach** from the **Crawford Farms** consignment.
(below) **HIP 237 Frisky Station** is a **Spring Station Bloodstock** colt by **Captaintreacherous**.



stakes winner Continualou, herself a winner of \$410K during her racing days. Continualou's dam Continual Velocity is a 100 percent producer, all by her sire Sweet Lou.

Frisky Station, **HIP 237** from **Spring Station Bloodstock**, is a Captaintreacherous-sired colt from a family that has a proven history of sending out superstars. The first foal from the Bettor's Delight-sired Freshen Up, Frisky Station hails from the immediate family of Twin B Joe Fresh, as well as the successful sire Bettor's Wish. With the fourth dam the incomparable Three Diamonds, Frisky Station has the potential to excel both in Pennsylvania and Kentucky next year.

The first crop from Hambletonian champion **Tactical Approach** is much anticipated and we like both the video and pedigree for **HIP 269**, the **Crawford Farms**-consigned filly named **Scarlett Iris**. She's the first foal from Kelsie Awaiting. While the dam has a name that's hardly recognizable on track, she is in fact a full sister to the \$801K winner Walner Payton. Extending to the third dam, Bar Hopping was a star on the track and as a stallion as well.

HIP 283 Macbeth is the first colt and second foal from the multiple stakes winner Manon, a daughter of Bar Hopping. From the **Hunterton** consignment and raised at Walnridge Farm, Macbeth is a son of Walner that looked sharp in his video and should give his \$341K winning dam the boost she'll need on track next year in both New Jersey and Kentucky.

Confederate stands out as not just a former Horse of the Year but this

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year's most anticipated first-year stallion. **HIP 293** is a Confederate-sired colt from **Hunterton** that may slip under the radar but is worth a closer look. **Confederate's Law** is the first Sweet Lou-stallion line foal from his dam's four foals, with the first three from Miswave Hanover all winners in Indiana. Confederate's Law broadens the possibilities with eligibility in Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

From Winning Key Farm and handled by the **Anvil And Lace Farm** team, **HIP 303 Parachutes** is the second foal and first colt from Breeders Crown champion Next Level Stuff, by Tactical Landing. Next Level Stuff was not only rock solid on the race-track but her immediate pedigree includes a \$1.3 million winning half-brother Take All Comers. It's more than logical to believe that Parachutes will land successfully next year, either on the New Jersey Sire Stakes circuit, the Kentucky circuit, or better yet the Grand Circuit.

Also from **Anvil And Lace**, **HIP 326 Going Topless** could be the next in the growing list of success stories from quality Rockin Image-sired dams. From the first crop of Confederate, Going Topless is a filly from the 2019 Indiana freshman champion Priceless, who went on to win a Breeders Crown elimination that year in 1:50 2/5 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. This is just the second foal from the dam, with the first a winner by Perfect Sting.

Captain Corey's first two crops have been impressive and the guess is that his prowess will continue given the quality of mares he's been bred to. **HIP 350 Sippinoncaptain** is a colt and sixth foal from Sina, a mare that sold her first foal for \$480,000 at this auction in 2017. The maternal family has grown since then, with this year's speedy freshman Mats showing Grand Circuit talent. Sippinoncaptain enjoys

Kentucky and Pennsylvania eligibility and can be found at the **Preferred Equine** barns.

It may be a long day but it's always worth hanging around to the end of a sale with the chance to be the lone bidder on a potential champion. **HIP 365**, a Confederate colt by the name of **In League** from **Hunterton**, is the ninth foal from the Somebeachsome-where-sired dam Tessa Hanover. The mare has had tremendous success from a wide range of stallions. In League's arrival represents the mare's first chance with a Sweet Lou-stallion line sire. Tessa Hanover has produced a \$1.1 million winner in American Mercury and just last week her 2-year-old Dog Dare You finished third in a Bluegrass division at The Red Mile. The mare shows no signs of slowing down and may just be ripe for a star from the first crop of Confederate.

Whether you jump in the waters in the beginning at HIP 131 or at the end at HIP 391, there is a plethora of equine talent available to the highest bidder on Tuesday in Lexington.



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EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner

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Kentucky Futurity AFTERMATH

Most races occur in a vacuum where there are no ripple effects to consider outside of that single moment in time. Others, like the 134th Kentucky Futurity, include a tidal wave of ripples to consider for many races to come.

The race was billed as the rematch between Apex and Big Ranger, the pair of 3-year-old trotting titans which finished a nose apart in the fastest Hambletonian (1:49 2/5) in history. In reality the storylines were much deeper, with Inexpressable coming off a 1:49 3/5 Kentucky championship victory, Nix Nacken a recent winner of the Canadian Trotting Classic over Apex, and even the introduction of a pair of European superstar drivers brought in to ensure that trainer Marcus Melander's six horses all had pilots to his owners' liking.

By now the results are known – Apex broke at the start; Big Ranger left, led and tired; Nix Nacken saved ground third and took home the win for Courant Inc., Melander and driver Björn Goop. The Kentucky Futurity aftermath conversation begins with winning caretaker Stina Sjöberg. After being escorted to the winner's circle, she made her way towards Nix Nacken with tears flowing as she uttered "we did so much work with this horse, I can't believe it." Then Sjöberg planted a huge hug on Nix Nacken.

In a sport where it seems we often are just going through the same motions race after race and year after year, it was fulfilling not only to see the sheer joy of victory but the result of hard work rewarded.

"All of our caretakers do a great job. They work very hard, so they all deserve to be in the winner's circle," said Melander. Melander revealed that the road to success with Nix Nacken was certainly a challenging one.

"He's so stupid. There's a reason he's a gelding. We gelded him pretty early as a 2-year-old in March," said Melander, who added that he drove himself and could tell there was talent but something was holding him back. "Honestly, in the middle of the mile, he could just stop, and that's what he did when I decided to castrate him. I was in the front and he just stopped."

A year-and-a-half later, Nix Nacken is a multiple Grade 1 winner who Melander says takes good care of himself. He certainly seemed to enjoy racing without shoes in the Futurity and that could be a tool the trainer can use in future races like the Breeders Crown at Scioto Downs or perhaps even the FanDuel championships at The Meadowlands in November if he elects to try his luck versus older horses.

There was a third party of note who had a big moment courtesy of Nix Nacken. Driver Björn Goop flew to Lexington, Kentucky from Sweden to participate in the Futurity as a favor to owner and 30-year friend Anders Ström, who told us that he actually covered Goop's first win as a young reporter.

"He called me like it was like Tuesday or Wednesday, so it was a short notice," said Goop. "You always stand up for friends, and he asked me and that was an honor. There are many other drivers, really good drivers here he could have picked, and then of course when he calls to ask me to drive, you don't say no."

For the Swedish superstar, the victory was Goop's first at The Red Mile and his seventh in 66 career starts in North America. His horses have earned well over \$1 million in those drives.

Given the results in the Futurity, the question remains whether Goop will be back in flight later in October for the Breeders Crown. While that decision is yet to be made, Goop wouldn't rule it out.

"Why not?" said Goop on the prospect of coming back. "You know, my

father [Olle Goop] went over for the Breeders Crown with Grades Signing two times and won, and of course that would be a great honor to try to do the same, but we will see. This was a great thrill."

Unlike his caretaker and Goop, Melander had to deal with a greater array of emotions considering his horses finished first, fourth, fifth, eighth, ninth and tenth in the Futurity. Sure, he was happy with Nix Nacken, who he sent out for one of his top owners in Anders Ström's Courant Inc., but also perhaps frustrated with his Hambletonian champion Apex, who never recovered from his early miscue.

"It's very hard. You have six horses in there. You have different owners on four of them. So some of them will be disappointed," said Melander.

In the immediate moments after the race the trainer pondered whether removing all four shoes for the Futurity was the right move and perhaps that caused the break. A couple of days later, that equipment decision is where the blame is being placed.

"He came out of it good. I probably should've kept the hind shoes on him," said Melander.

As for Big Ranger, his connections said he scoped with some mucus after the race and perhaps he simply wasn't feeling 100% on October 3. That said, there are those that can wonder how going 1:49 2/5 in the Hambletonian in a hard-fought race has affected both horses. Apex had four wins and a second following the Hambletonian. Big Ranger went



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Caretaker Stina Sjöberg gives a big hug to Kentucky Futurity winner Nix Nacken as driver Björn Goop brings him back to the winner's circle.

on to win both starts between the Hambletonian and Futurity, but the competition level was much lower. Is it possible that both horses gave so much that afternoon that their peak level has dipped a notch or two?

"I don't think [Apex] has been bad, but I mean, I know what you're saying," said Melander on his horse's performance since the Hambletonian. "It didn't work out [in the Futurity] with him, but he'll come back."

Luckily for fans of the sport, all three horses are expected to be at Scioto Downs for the Breeders Crown final and perhaps this division will be viewed in a new light now. Rather than one or two clear leaders, maybe there are three or four contenders. Certainly the Crown will be a major decider in year-end honors considering that Apex is the earnings leader but Nix Nacken is a win away from being on his coattails, and he has two Grade 1 wins to the former's one. You can certainly argue that three Grade 1 wins trump an earnings edge gained in one million-dollar race. And where is Inexpressable and Big Ranger in the conversation if they win the Crown?

The uncertainty in just this one group is just another reason why you should show up at Scioto Downs on October 24 to see who will be crowned champion.



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Super Chapter, Warrawee Michelle rule in Trotting Derby, Oaks

By Jay Bergman

Super Chapter and driver Dexter Dunn returned to action for the first time since capturing the MGM Yonkers International Trot in September on Saturday night (Oct. 3) with an epic world record-equaling performance, winning the Grade 2 \$250,000 Dayton Trotting Derby in 1:50 2/5 at Dayton Raceway.

Super Chapter left, along with a host of horses at the outset, but waited as Up Your Deo sprinted to the front and seated Emoticon Legacy midway on the opening bend. Dunn stayed on the outside and hustled Super Chapter, a 4-year-old son of Chapter Seven, to the front in a 27 second flat first quarter.

Super Chapter relaxed after that, hitting the half in 55 2/5 but had company when Scott Zeron pulled Emoticon Legacy at the half and made a strong bid, racing head-to-head with Super Chapter through an accelerated three-quarters that was reached in 1:22 4/5. Antognoni S and Yannick Gingras attempted to stay on Emoticon Legacy's cover but couldn't coming into the stretch as early leader Up Your Deo also struggled.

Emoticon Legacy made a race of it into the stretch, but Dunn let the Marcus Melander-trained Super Chapter loose, and he sprinted home in 27 3/5 to win comfortably. Emoticon Legacy, also a world champion on a five-eighths-mile track, settled for second with Lexus Kody finishing third. Antognoni S and Gimpanzee Dancer completed the top five.

Owned by Jeffrey Snyder, Arthur Pronti and breeder Hanover Shoe Farms, Super Chapter was a winner for the seventh time in nine tries in 2026 and returned \$3.20 as the public's choice.

In the \$250,000 Grade 1 Dayton Oaks Derby, Warrawee Michelle and driver-trainer Ake Svanstedt cruised to an impressive victory, their second straight major stakes in Ohio with a 1:52 2/5 mile. The 5-year-old daughter of Walner, sent off as the even-money choice, defeated 60-1 shot Yo Beth D with R Dutchess third in the mile.

Yannick Gingras and Woman Of Passion blasted to the front at the outset and set a hot 26 4/5 opening quarter with Svanstedt on the outside with Warrawee Michelle but content on taking his time in moving to the lead. Warrawee Michelle cleared to the pylons with three-eighths of the



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After winning the Kentucky Futurity, "Team Melander" was at Dayton with driver Dexter Dunn to win the Dayton Trotting Derby with Super Chapter.

mile elapsed, and Svanstedt successfully shut down the half, hitting that mark in 56 2/5. When Yo Tillie came first-over at the half, Warrawee Michelle had an answer and kept control of the action through a 1:24 2/5 clocking at three-quarters.

R Dutchess and Tim Tetrick tried to make a race of it coming wide off cover on the final turn, but her rally stalled in mid-stretch and Yo Beth D was able to rally successfully for the place spot. Woman Of Passion finished fourth.

Warrawee Michelle is owned by Ake Svanstedt Inc., Santandrea Inc., and Young Guns. The win put Warrawee Michelle's career bankroll above \$1.8 million. Warrawee Michelle paid \$4.20 to win.

Harrisburg Heist, Twin B Joe Fresh capture Pacing Derby, Distaff Derby

By Greg Reinhart

Harrisburg Heist pulled off a 25-1 upset while Twin B Joe Fresh picked up her first win since the Clara Barton back on July 19 in the Dayton Pacing Derby and Dayton Distaff Derby on Saturday night at Dayton Raceway.

In the Grade 2 \$250,000 Dayton Pacing Derby for stallions and geldings, Best Chip (Joe Bongiorno) showed speed from post nine and cleared Ken Hanover (Tim Tetrick) for the lead beyond the 26 second opening quarter. Best Chip then got to the half in 54 seconds as Ervin Hanover (Dexter Dunn) began a first-over march out of the fifth spot, giving cover to Harrisburg Heist (Chris Page) and Coaches Corner (Jason Bartlett).

Best Chip was able to keep Ervin Hanover at bay to three-quarters in 1:21 2/5 and around the last turn, but in the stretch Page swung Harrisburg Heist off Ervin Hanover's cover, and he rallied by Best Chip late, prevailing by three-quarters of a length in 1:49 1/5. Best Chip was second, though he was a pari-mutuel refund for suffering broken equipment before the start. Women Layer (Yannick Gingras) advanced in the passing lane to get third, followed by Coaches Corner and Ken Hanover.

Ron Burke trains Harrisburg Heist, a 4-year-old Downbytheseaside gelding, for owners Burke Racing Stable LLC., Knox Services Inc., Phil Collura and Weaver Brussemi LLC. Harrisburg Heist, bred by Brittany Farms and Marvin Katz, has 21 wins, four seconds and six

thirds from 46 starts, has earned \$920,462 and paid \$53.80 to win.

Later on the program, Twin B Joe Fresh won the Grade 1 \$250,000 Dayton Distaff Derby for the third straight year. Co-owner/driver Dunn showed speed with her from post six and cleared Unreasonable (Todd McCarthy) for the top spot after the 26 1/5 quarter. Dunn then got to the half in just 55 2/5 with Twin B Joe Fresh, which left him plenty in reserve to deal with a first-over bid from Rodeo Drive Deo (Gingras) to three-quarters in 1:22 3/5 and around the last turn.

Twin B Joe Fresh would put Rodeo Drive Deo away at the top of the stretch and then pulled away to score by a length and three-quarters in 1:49 2/5 with Rodeo Drive Deo second over Unreasonable. Champagne Room (Ronnie Wrenn Jr.) got fourth, followed by Rocket Deo (Scott Zeron).

Trainer Chris Ryder also co-owns Twin B Joe Fresh with Dunn, Peter Trebotica and Barry Spak. The Brittany Farms-bred 6-year-old Roll With Joe mare has a summary of 40-12-3 from 60 outings, has banked \$3,250,170 and returned \$3.80 to win as the favorite.

Surreal Ideal (Tetrick) won a \$75,000 Dayton Pacing Derby consolation from first-up in 1:49, defeating pace-setter Calicojack Hanover (Gingras) by a quarter of a length. Swingtown (Wrenn Jr.) got third.

Vernon Beachy sent out Surreal Ideal, an 8-year-old gelded son of So Surreal bred by 3 Brothers Stables, for owners 518 Group LLC. and Gitup Racing. He made his 46th trip to the winner's circle, has pocketed \$756,522 and paid \$21 to win.

Ohio Sires Stakes finals for older campaigners featured on Sunday

By Greg Reinhart

Driver Dan Noble won both trots and the tandem of driver Chris Page and trainer Ron Burke took both paces in the \$100,000 Ohio Sires Stakes finals for older horses on Sunday night at Northfield Park Racino.

Noble won the mare trot final with Abbey D by 3 3/4 lengths in 1:54 2/5 after she led through fractions of 27 2/5, 57 and 1:25 1/5. Jurassic Hattie (Brett Miller) finished second and Sugar Instead (Page) came in third.

A 7-year-old daughter of Uncle Peter, Abbey D is trained by Deborah Swartz for owner Bradley Delaney. Bred by Kenneth Sommer, Abbey D now has 36 career victories, has earned \$583,841 and paid \$4.40 to win.

In the final for trotting stallions and geldings, Caviar Gold (Aaron Merriman) led at the 27 3/5 quarter, 56 second half and 1:24 2/5 three-quarters, but Hung Over and Noble wore Caviar Gold down from first-over in the stretch and went on to score by a length and a half in 1:54. Hilltop Sonar (Page) was the runner-up and Caviar Gold held third.

Breeder Bluestone Farms LLC. co-owns the victorious 5-year-old gelded son of Creatine with Lynda Stewart. Trained by Bob Stewart, Hung Over has 16 wins, six seconds and 15 thirds from 53 efforts, has



Fearless Ginger dug in late for a narrow victory in one of the four Ohio older championships at Northfield Park.

pocketed \$696,130 and returned \$3 to win.

Page and Burke's first success came in the mare pace with Fearless Ginger. She watched from the pocket as Skywalker Sea (Austin Hanners) ripped off a quick tempo of 26 2/5 and 53 3/5, then came to the outside before the 1:22 2/5 three-quarters as Dragon By The Sea (Tyler Smith) went three-wide off the parked cover of Odds On Chesapeake (Luke Hanners). Fearless Ginger and Dragon By The Sea would battle through the final quarter, but Fearless Ginger came out on top, scoring by half a length in 1:51 3/5. Beautiful Seaside (Trevor Smith) finished third.

Fearless Ginger is a 5-year-old Emerald Highlands Farm-bred mare by Fear The Dragon and is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC. and Weaver Brussemi LLC. She has a summary of 25-21-13 from 84 tries, has banked \$601,375 and paid \$16.60 to win as a 7-1 offering.

Paris's Dragon and Page went to the lead from post one in the final for pacing stallions and geldings and cut the quarter in 27 4/5, then gave the cold shoulder to Clever Cody (Luke Ebersole) as he pulled out of the pocket on the second turn to challenge Paris's Dragon through middle-half stations of 56 3/5 and 1:23 4/5. A phalanx of horses tried to close in on Paris's Dragon through the lane, but he was resolute and held sway by half a length in 1:52 4/5. Rick Wink (Ronnie Wrenn Jr.) crossed the wire off-stride in second and was placed back to fifth, elevating Clever Cody to second and Charlie May (Noble) to third.

Dennis Owens bred and now co-owns Paris's Dragon, a 5-year-old gelding by Fear The Dragon, with Burke Racing Stable LLC., Weaver Brussemi LLC. and Larry Karr. Paris's Dragon made his 22nd trip to the winner's circle from 64 appearances, has put away \$738,142 and returned \$7.60 to win as the 5-2 second choice.

Ballardrdrgoldfngr prevails in one of four Virginia Sire Stakes finals

Jonda Smith's Ballardrdrgoldfngr picked up where he left off a week ago in Virginia Sire Stakes competition, capturing the \$102,975 divisional final for 2-year-old colt and gelding pacers Saturday at Shenandoah Downs.

The Archie Buford trainee was fresh off a 2:00 1/5 wire-to-wire effort in his divisional prep September 27 and wired the field again in the final in 1:57 2/5. The Doctor Butch gelding got to the front and cut panels of 28 3/5, 57 3/5 and 1:27 2/5 with Buford in the sulky, then crossed the finish line 4 1/4 lengths the best over Joe Chindano's Ohh Hey Bud. Tracy Bradshaw's Ain't No Doctor finished third.

Ballardrdrgoldfngr is now five-for-eight with earnings of \$93,987. Earlier this year, he powered to a 1:54 3/5 winning effort at Oak Grove in a \$40,000 Kentucky Sire Stake event.

John Pyott's Nurse Nippy also wired the field in the \$102,100 filly pace division in just her second career start. The daughter of Doctor Butch, who won her prep in 2:01 1/5, triggered quarter panels of 29 seconds, 59 seconds and 1:29 2/5 before finishing a comfortable 3 3/4 lengths ahead of runner-up Miss Diagnosed. Bryson Dunning trains the winner and Scott Warnick conditions the runner-up. Mike Viars and Pam Horton's Art Heart Breaker finished third.

Tremaine Harding's Dance With Jenni headlined the \$103,150 filly trot based off a seven length prep win and did not disappoint. The Armed Dangerously filly led by a one or two length cushion at every quarter station in the final, cutting respective panels in 31 seconds, 1:00 4/5 and 1:31 4/5 before crossing the wire in 2:02 3/5. The winner is owned by Tremaine Harding and was driven by Billy Carter. Michael Sherman's Vee Gee was second and Tremaine Harding & Cornelius Martin's Queen Jessica finished third.

In the Sire Stake male trotting counterpart, Dylan Havens' Andy's Disaster came from third in the final turn of his \$102,425 final, opened up by 2 1/4 lengths at the top of the stretch and held on for a 1 3/4 length victory in 2:03. Trainer/driver Chrissy Johnson led the winning effort aboard the Winning Fireworks gelding who is now five-for-six. All five wins have come at the Woodstock oval - two during the recent County Fair meet, one in an overnight race opening weekend and two in Sire Stake battles the last two weeks. Tracy Bradshaw's TNT Jabony finished second and Arthur Hauser's Opie Taylor took third.

Shenandoah Downs continues its fall meet through November 1 with racing every Saturday and Sunday at 1:05 P.M. (EDT) - with one exception. This coming Sunday's card (October 11) will go to post at 11:05 A.M. Details are at shenandoahdowns.com.

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Sting Me breaks multiple records in Massachusetts Breeder Stakes at Plainridge

The \$3.2 million (est.) Massachusetts Breeder Stakes began week two at Plainridge Park on Monday (Oct. 5) and featured the 2-year-old Standardbred stars bred in Massachusetts. Eight divisions, two for each gender and gait, went postward for a total of \$338,800 in purses.

During the stakes there were four new lifetime marks taken, three horses remained undefeated in the series and several records were set. But the big news came in the first division of male pacers who went postward for \$42,000 where Sting Me (Perfect Sting-Gallie On Thebeach) got a perfect trip to victory and entered the record books as a result.

Sting Me (Mitchell Cushing) flew to the front off the gate and reached the quarter in 28 3/5. But then Bastonata Bluechip (Matt Kakaley) left the pocket in lieu of the lead as the group passed the stands. Bastonata Bluechip got to the half in 56 2/5 and three-quarters in 1:25 with Sting Me on his back, just waiting to make his move. That move came as they turned for home when Sting Me tipped to the center of the track and ran down Bastonata Bluechip by 2-3/4 lengths and won in 1:52 4/5, home in 27 3/5.

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She's Moni wins Filly Futurity

Edited release by Ray Coto for Red Mile

Trainer Nancy Takter snagged the top two finishing spots of the \$300,000 Grade 1 61st Kentucky Filly Futurity when her trainee She's Moni overcame a second-tier draw to seize the front and never look back for a lifetime-best equaling 1:50 1/5 victory over stablemate Madam Cheval on Saturday (Oct. 3) at The Red Mile.

Driver Yannick Gingras planted She's Moni behind stablemate Madam Cheval (driven by Tim Tetrick) leaving the gate and spliced through traffic once Tetrick crossed over to the lead. Carve (Bjorn Goop) hustled out of post six to press for the lead but tucked into the pocket entering the first turn, giving She's Moni open road to roll for the lead to a 27 3/5 first quarter. She's Moni continued to speed on the lead in the backstretch as Custom (Jason Bartlett), parked from the start, idled uncovered on the rim with 2026 Hambletonian Oaks champ Nezuko Kamado S (Scott Zeron) in tow. Zeron unwound Nezuko Kamado S around stalled cover approaching a 54 1/5 half, but wobbled off-stride while She's Moni cruised on the lead.

She's Moni maintained an uncontested lead while charging for three-quarters in 1:22 2/5 as Custom retreated. Madam Cheval bided her time in her stablemate's slipstream rounding the bottom corner and gradually edged out of the pocket for an attack into the final eighth. She's Moni extended for the finish and hit the line a half-length better than Madam Cheval with Carve giving chase in third and 32-1 shot R Ro (Andy Miller) rallying for fourth.

"I was waiting to see [behind the gate] - Timmy's filly is pretty sure-gaited and I thought was the right one to follow," Gingras said after the race. "I also had the option of maybe sliding behind [Nuance], but as the gate was getting ready to open I thought I was in a great spot.

"She's got a beautiful gait," Gingras also said of the winner. "She's strong. She can get a little bit aggressive here and there, but today she was super. I was lucky to pick her up three starts back and she's a wonderful filly. I thought I had enough to fend everybody off, but you just never know. They're quality fillies. I saw Scotty [Zeron with Nezuko Kamado S] made a break at the half, so obviously that's one I had to fear late in the race, but I knew she was out of the race."

A homebred for Brittany Farms LLC. and Marvin Katz, Shes Moni won for the fourth time from just 10 starts this season after a brief freshman campaign of one win from one start due to soundness issues. The Walner filly, out of the Cantab Hall mare Thats All Moni, has now earned \$431,106.

"I was having a wonderful day before the race and it's even more wonderful now," said George Segal, winning co-owner of She's Moni through Brittany Farms. "I love breeding fillies and I love racing fillies. It's great, and being a partner with Marvin is even better."

"George [Segal] had one of the greatest, if not the greatest pacing broodmare bands the sport has ever seen," co-owner Marvin Katz said. "Hopefully we can replicate that with trotting. It's a big statement - I don't have that much hubris, but we're trying."

She's Moni paid \$8.14 to win.

Isabella Bi (Ake Svanstedt) won the \$25,000 Kentucky Filly Futurity consolation with a 1:51 effort earlier in the card. Svanstedt swept to the lead with the daughter of Tactical Landing-Call Me Bi IT past a 27 4/5 first quarter and coasted through middle fractions of 55 3/5 and 1:23 1/5 to then stave off late pursuers for a neck victory. Southwind Chaska (Tim Tetrick) rallied for second past pocket-popping 2-1 favorite Sparks (Yannick Gingras) in third while Decreed (Todd McCarthy) rallied from near last for fourth.

Ake Svanstedt trains Isabella Bi for owners Ake Svanstedt Inc., Joe Shrocco & JAF Racing, Little E LLC. and Mr. Lars Olsson. The filly won for the second time from 11 starts this season and the third time from 18 starts in her career, good for \$178,564 in earnings. She paid \$10.80 to win.

The 61st Kentucky Filly Futurity was named "The Atlanta" and sponsored by Crawford Farms. The Kentucky Filly Futurity consolation was sponsored by the Volume Eight Syndicate and Hanover Shoe Farms.

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(2) PINNY TIGER A is hard to look past coming off that powerful 1:51 4/5 win last week. Step up a class shouldn't be a problem.

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(4) GLITTERATI didn't show much on 9-23 but she moves in on the gate to the four-hole here and kept Jordan Stratton. Some of her recent efforts at Harrah's Philadelphia and The Red Mile are good enough to merit a chance in this event.

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