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Elite 2-year-old pacers Shalom Hanover and Starstruck Dreamer have common bloodlines and recent paths leading up to the Breeders Crown



JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman BergmanJay

In the 42-year history of the Breeders Crown there has likely never been a time that the two main contenders in the 2-year-old colt pacing division were as closely matched and as closely bound by blood as the match-up we will see on Friday night (Oct. 16) at Scioto Downs. To say that the undefeated Shalom Hanover and the once beaten (by a head in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship) Starstruck Dreamer have matched records on the racetrack would be a fair statement. To look even closer at their pedigrees would suggest they are quite close to being brothers by birth that went separate ways and now have found each other on the racetrack.

Shalom Hanover and Starstruck Dreamer have seen each other in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes, but in their short careers they have only met in a race on one occasion. Looking down their maternal line, you find that Scarlett Hanover, the Jugette winning daughter of Bettor's Delight that is the dam of Starstruck Dreamer, just happens to be a sister to Shalom Hanover's dam Sammy's Magic Girl. That the two colts are by sons of Somebeachsomewhere shows the similar blood runs through both their paternal and maternal families.

As rare as it is to find two 2-year-old pacers born in the same year with such close family ties, it is even more unusual to find them both in the Breeders Crown and somewhat fascinating that they have had similar bumps in the road that followed their first and only confrontation in the $300,000 Pennsylvania Championship held at Pocono on September 7. In that race Starstruck Dreamer drew post seven and the race winner Shalom Hanover had the pole position.

Leading up the Pennsylvania final both Shalom Hanover and Starstruck Dreamer won Sire Stakes races and exchanged stakes and track

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records. Inevitably, Starstruck Dreamer would come to hold the world standard with his 1:48 4/5 effort at Harrah's Philadelphia on August 14, a record that could be in serious jeopardy either this weekend or in the final should the weather cooperate. Noel Daley, who trains Starstruck Dreamer, had plans to race him following the Sire Stakes.

"We qualified him and I planned on racing both weeks at The Red Mile," Daley said. Those plans were altered when the colt had to deal with sickness issues that followed a September 22 qualifying mile at The Red Mile.

While Starstruck Dreamer was missing action so too was Shalom Hanover as his trainer Dr. Ian Moore had set a different path for his unbeaten colt and that would be a date with destiny as the heavy favorite to capture the prestigious C$1,000,000 Metro Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park on September 26. The colt had captured his elimination with extreme ease and seemed poised to win his eighth straight when he was scratched just an hour before post time. Shalom Hanover did return on October 9 with a sharp qualifying mile over the Woodbine Mohawk Park surface, suggesting he'll be ready for this Friday's first of what could be two epic battles with his blood brother.

While Starstruck Dreamer was a $105,000 yearling purchase at the 2025 Lexington Selected sale, Daley was not involved in the purchase.

"Trevor Ritchie picked him out and bought him," said Daley, offering credit where it's rightfully deserved. "Trevor gets a list of about 100 yearlings from George Segal (Brittany Farms) to look at before the sale. This colt wasn't on George's list, but Trevor loved him."

Given he's the first foal from a $946K winner, Daley surmised that the $105,000 price tag was a bit of a bargain. Perhaps it was the fact that Starstruck Dreamer, known then as Cptn Valentine Sgt, was just the second horse on opening night of the Lexington sale to go through the ring.

Daley considers Starstruck Dreamer to be the best 2-year-old pacer he's had in the last 20 years, recalling the undefeated freshman pacing filly from 2005 My Little Dragon, a Breeders Crown winner of similar stature.

"What's interesting to me is that when you look at what (Ron) Burke and his partners have done in the breeding business over the last few years with all of the mares they have kept and had champions from, they sold the dam of Starstruck Dreamer," Daley said.

In 2022, following her 4-year-old campaign, Scarlett Hanover brought $260,000 at the Harrisburg mixed auction. In fairness to Burke and company, the mare had not come close to beating Test Of Faith who she upset in the 2021 Jugette during her 3-year-old season.

Shalom Hanover cost less than half of his blood brother, going for just $50,000 at the Harrisburg Sale. That price is perhaps easier to understand because he was the tenth foal from Sammy's Magic Girl and was the first time the mare had been bred to Papi Rob Hanover. Sammy's Magic Girl had been bred to multiple sons of Somebeachsomewhere without enjoying the success she achieved with Scarlett Hanover.

Looking further down the family tree of these two impressive freshmen we find that Sammy's Magic Girl, a daughter of Western Hanover, was the first foal and most successful of 10 foals from her dam L Ts Magic.

L Ts Magic was a daughter of Magical Mike, who never quite captured the success as a sire he enjoyed as a racehorse. Though he was the sire of Horse of the Year Gallo Blue Chip, his other successes were few and far between. L Ts Magic was a solid New York Sire Stakes horse and did capture the 2004 Shady Daisy at Freehold.

Beyond L Ts Magic there is nothing flashy in this maternal line going back 50 years, which makes the presence of both Shalom Hanover and Starstruck Dreamer in a single $25,000 Breeders Crown elimination contest this Friday an incredible awakening of a dormant, or for some non-existent, champion producing pedigree.

Then again, perhaps we should put more weight on the individual and the paternal lines in these two gifted colts. The late, great Somebeachsomewhere exceeded his talent on the track with his potency in the breeding shed. His sons have excelled on the track and beyond, with Captaintreacherous leading the way thus far but now being chased by Downbytheseaside and Papi Rob Hanover as stallions.

As great as both Shalom Hanover and Starstruck Dreamer have looked this year, Friday's contest will be a test for both when it comes to bouncing back from health issues while facing horses they have yet to go up against. The pair will be separated on the starting car by Night Surfer (post 3), a son of Downbytheseaside that has won five of his six starts in the Ohio Sire Stakes program, with his lone defeat coming after he drew post nine in the $300,000 final on September 12 and cut a wicked 1:21 4/5 first three quarters before succumbing. Since that race Night Surfer has bounced back with a victory at the Delaware Fair and then qualified in 1:50 flat against older rivals at The Red Mile on October 8.

Without a doubt Scioto Downs' racing secretary Jason Roth saved the best for last with Friday's second $25,000 Crown elimination for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings. You'll definitely want to stay up for the 11th of 13 races on the card with an expected off time around 10:30 PM (EDT). The first race for Scioto on Friday, which offers six total Crown elims for 2-year-olds, starts at 6:00 PM.

BREEDERS CROWN 2-YEAR-OLD ELIMINATIONS - SCIOTO DOWNS (10/16)

2YO Filly Trot Elimination #1 - Race 3

POST-HORSE	DRIVER	TRAINER	MORNING-LINE
1-City Of Light	Tim Tetrick	Nancy Takter	8-1
2-Blue Ranger	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	5-2
3-Orinoco	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	3-1
4-Kissme Ifyoucan	Austin Hanners	Todd Luther	6-1
5-Putitondad'stab	Scott Zeron	Lucas Wallin	10-1
6-Rbssouthwindcentra	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	Henry Graber Jr.	9-2
7-Nevis Peak	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	6-1
8-Fleur Delacour	Todd McCarthy	Marcus Melander	8-1

2YO Filly Trot Elimination #2 - Race 7

1-Shes A Home Run	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	Vernon Beachy	8-1
2-Two Day Hangover	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	4-1
3-Athena's Girl	Mattias Melander	Marcus Melander	5-1
4-Heart Of Secret	Jason Bartlett	Petter Engblom	6-1
5-Dandelion Wine	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	7-2
6-Gabriela Beatriz S	Tim Tetrick	Ake Svanstedt	10-1
7-Rio De Janeiro	Joe Bongiorno	Nancy Takter	7-1
8-Climatic Hanover	Yannick Gingras	Lucas Wallin	6-1

2YO Colt & Gelding Pace Elimination #1 - Race 5

1-L A Captain	Bob McClure	Luc Blais	8-1
2-Eastie Boy	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	Ron Burke	5-2
3-Ocean Party	Chris Page	Ron Burke	9-2
4-Billy Hill	Austin Hanners	Todd Luther	10-1
5-Night Agent	Andy McCarthy	Joe Holloway	8-1
6-Mascarpone	Scott Zeron	Dr. Ian Moore	7-1
7-Mr Bear	Marcus Miller	Erv Miller	7-2
8-Blazin Lou	Dexter Dunn	Tony Dinges	7-2

2YO Colt & Gelding Pace Elimination #2 - Race 11

1-Stonebridge Blitz	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	Ron Burke	6-1
2-Shalom Hanover	Louis Roy	Dr. Ian Moore	4-1
3-Night Surfer	Dexter Dunn	Virgil Morgan Jr.	5-2
4-Starstruck Dreamer	Todd McCarthy	Noel Daley	3-1
5-Hamilton Hanover	Bob McClure	Luc Blais	10-1
6-Totally Tyler	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	5-1
7-Lounado	Austin Hanners	Todd Luther	10-1
8-Seine	Joe Bongiorno	Joe Bongiorno	7-1

2YO Colt & Gelding Trot Elimination # 1 - Race 6

1-Mats	Dexter Dunn	Ake Svanstedt	9-2
2-Lifetime Dreamer	Yannick Gingras	Ake Svanstedt	3-1
3-Special Day	Andy McCarthy	Chris Beaver	7-1
4-Whateverittakes As	Tony Hall	Anette Lorentzon	4-1
5-Top Reacher	Scott Zeron	Marcus Melander	10-1
6-Presidente	Tim Tetrick	Nancy Takter	7-2
7-Access Now	Bob McClure	Luc Blais	6-1

2YO Colt & Gelding Trot Elimination #2 - Race 10

1-Wrong Sounds Right	Todd McCarthy	Jim Campbell	7-5
2-Captain Kenny J	Jason Bartlett	Linda Toscano	7-1
3-Gio's Hope	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	5-2
4-Yankee Boss	Tim Tetrick	Ake Svanstedt	5-1
5-Carbon Fiber	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	10-1
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EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner @HarnessEyeGuy

Another Elimination Plan

Over the years we've discussed the topic of elimination races ad nauseum. None of the solutions seem to be the perfect fit for all parties – owners/trainers, tracks and bettors. Perhaps I can toss in a more drastic solution that has the ability to truly produce much more competitive racing in all elimination races.

Before we jump right into my solution, let's review the current models:

1) No eliminations and field is chosen based on earnings – The benefit here is that you typically get a strong full field. That said, you also potentially eliminate viable contenders who are either peaking late or didn't have a good previous year.

2) No eliminations and field is split into divisions. The track somewhat benefits in that it gets two races, but these are typically shorter fields which don't exactly help wagering. Owners/trainers get a mixed bag. The opportunity to get a check increases but the check is smaller because the purse is split in half.

3) Eliminations held the week prior where the winner gets to choose an inside post. There is some obvious incentive to win for the good post, but you still don't see drivers going all out for the win. They give it a token try and if things don't go the right way easily, plan B takes hold and they save their horse for next week when the real money is on the line. There is also the issue of the posts you can gain being less than desirable, like post six at Scioto, which wins at 10.1% in 2026, much less than posts four or five at 16.6% and 17.8%, respectively.

4) Eliminations held the week prior and there is no incentive to win outside of the small purse. An open draw is conducted for the final and everyone starts fresh. I happen to like an open draw but it does nothing to encourage participants to try hard to win when fourth or fifth could be just as good as first in the elimination.

Now that the scene is set, brace yourself for what I have planned. The total purse of any stake will be split down the middle, with 50% going for the final and 50% in the elimination. Since the Breeders Crown is coming up, let's use that as a general example. The 3-year-old divisions often have two eliminations at $25,000 each and a $600,000 final (more if there are supplements like this year). My system calls for a $325,000 final and two $162,500 eliminations (any supplement money can go directly into the final).

The thought process here is simple and I believe it solves multiple issues:

1) The larger purses for the eliminations will encourage more action in the race as that is too much money to leave on the table.

2) The bigger elimination purses should also entice more horses to enter since there are now two opportunities to cash a sizable check instead of just one. This could lead to larger fields and better wagering opportunities.

3) While some will say that the lower purse in the final takes away some of the luster of winning, it really doesn't since that horse is going to be crowned champion and get all the recognition that comes with it.

There is no doubt that the above change would be a drastic move from the current system. Some will even say that the status quo is fine and there is no need for a solution, but when I see fields in the Breeders Crown racing for a purse of $25,000 and seven of the nine or four of seven horses come back the following week to compete for at least 15 times that amount, that is a recipe for a bad race. My viewpoint is that it doesn't hurt to try something new and find out if the results improve in terms of competitive races with higher wagering totals.

Don't like my idea?

For those that think I've lost my mind and feel that the finals of races must have huge purses to attract attention from fans, owners and bettors, I have yet another idea (can't blame me for trying…lol).

Rather than the "choose an inside post" model for elimination winners, I'd like to introduce a monetary incentive for those horses that win their elimination and go on to win the final. Ten percent of the purse from the final will be up for grabs to any horse that wins both the elimination and final. So, again, using the 3-year-old Breeders Crown as an example:

Elimination purses are $25,000 each. If neither of the elim winners are successful in the final, the purse is $600,000. If one of those winners does pull off the double, the final purse is $540,000 and the winner gets an additional $60,000 bonus (which is really a 5% reward since they are getting $30,000 they would've already won).

In a perfect world the purse would remain at $600,000 for the final and the bonus money could be found elsewhere, but I do understand that pulling money out of thin air is unrealistic.

Does the system for stakes races need adjusting? You tell me… dgiwner@drf.com.

London Classic Yearling Sale ends with average up YOY from 2025

By Greg Reinhart

This year's London Classic Yearling Sale wrapped up on Wednesday at the The J-AAR Expo Centre at Western Fair District in Ontario.

The second day session-topper was HIP 174 She's So Sharp, who was purchased by Ecurie CSL for C$122,000. A daughter of Betterthancheddar bred and consigned by Winbak Farm, She's So Sharp is out of the Roddy's Bags Again mare Peak Of Chic, which makes She's So Sharp a sister to Global Choice [1:50 2/5, C$356,045] and World Of Wishes [1:48 4/5, C$287,281].

264 yearlings sold over the two days for a gross of C$8,623,000 and an average of C$32,662. The year-over-year average was up from C$30,442 while the gross was down just a bit from C$8,798,000. However, 25 more horses were offered at the 2025 edition of the London Classic Yearling Sale.

Indiana will now have their big sale, the Midwest Standardbred Horse Sale, on Thursday (10/15) and Friday (10/16) before attention begins to shift to the Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, during the first week in November.

Two go for C$150,000 on day one

Two horses - trotter North Lite and pacer Vaughn Seelster - went for C$150,000 to lead the first of two sessions of the 2026 London Classic Yearling Sale on Tuesday.

HIP 55 North Lite, a colt by King Of The North, was consigned by Preferred Equine Marketing, Inc. for breeder Glengate Farms and was purchased by Glenview Livestock. North Lite is a brother to two-time Ontario Sires Stakes champion and O'Brien Award recipient Strobe Lite (C$982,130, 1:52).

Vaughn Seelster, a Bulldog Hanover colt who sold as HIP 86, was part of the consignment of breeder Seelster Farms and was acquired by Pam Young. Vaughn Seelster is the second foal out of an Always B Miki sister to several successful horses, led by $1,370,324 earner and 2014 Little Brown Jug champion Limelight Beach.

Seven horses sold for C$100,000 or more, leading to a year-over-year gain in average from C$31,717 to C$33,172. The gross was down from C$4,599,000 in 2025 to C$4,412,000 in 2026, but 12 more horses were sold during the first day of the London Classic Yearling Sale a year ago.

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Zeron with a strong hand heading into Saturday Crown elims

By Jay Bergman

Driver Scott Zeron brings a solid hand into Saturday's Breeders Crown elimination races at Scioto Downs. The two-time Hambletonian winning reinsman has been known for his steady hand behind trotters and those hands will be tested with critical spots for the rich finals on October 24 in the balance.

Zeron's Saturday gets underway in race one with Hambletonian Oaks winner Nezuko Kamado S (post 3) among six fillies and only the top three qualifying for the final. A daughter of Chapter Seven trained by Marcus Melander, Nezuko Kamado S captured the Oaks with Zeron on the sidelines but won her first start with Zeron back in the bike on August 30, a Kentucky Championship event. The filly has finished off the board in her last three starts, but Zeron remains confident.

"The trips didn't go her way," said Zeron, revealing that he didn't want to get to the front too early with the filly and thus was left in compromised positions. "She's got plenty of talent and she drew a good spot."

Nezuko Kamado S drew post three and will be looking for her seventh win in just her 11th trip to post in 2026. With $1.1 million banked and 12 wins over the last two seasons, Nezuko Kamado S is the class of the field but there are other strong contenders.



AMANDA STEPHENS PHOTOS

(above) Nezuko Kamado drew an inside post and may be ready to get back on the right track in the 3-year-old filly trot. (below) Inexpressable has a big chance of success in the 3-year-old colt trot.

Madam Cheval (post 2) was most recently second in the Grade 1 Kentucky Filly Futurity at The Red Mile and has been a consistent filly for trainer Nancy Takter all year. Custom (post 5) got roughed up in the Filly Futurity and could bounce back for trainer Petter Engblom.

Yonkers Trot, Beal Memorial and Kentucky Championship winner Inexpressable is one of two sophomore male trotters Zeron will pilot on Saturday. Inexpressable drew post four in the fourth race and first $25,000 Breeders Crown elimination, with the top four guaranteed a spot in the final along with the richest fifth-place finisher to round out the field of nine.

"He went a great race in the Kentucky Futurity," said Zeron of the third-place finish. "I wanted to sit behind Big Ranger but we had to get down to the half in 54 for that to happen."

Inexpressable would vie for the lead again only to be outkicked late in the mile that was trotted in 1:50 flat.

"Lucas (Wallin) has done a great job with having him ready early for the Yonkers Trot and having him sharp this time of year," said Zeron. "He gets around the turns extremely well and that's a plus on the five-eighths track."

Inexpressable captured the Grade 2 Beal Memorial at Pocono in August on the front end and was a dominant winner in the $400,000 Kentucky Championship trotting to a personal best 1:49 3/5 mile over The Red Mile surface.

Inexpressable will meet Hambletonian winner Apex (post 3), Ontario Super Final winner Strobe Lite (post 1) – a supplement to the Crown – as well as American Power (post 6), a 1:50 performer this year with a victory in the Zweig Memorial at Vernon Downs.

Zeron will return for the second sophomore colt and gelding trot division (race 7) as the driver of Nix Nacken for trainer Marcus Melander. Nix Nacken captured the Grade 1 Kentucky Futurity on October 3 at The Red Mile for catch driver Bjorn Goop but prior to that race Zeron had been his regular pilot, as he was on September 26 when Nix Nacken captured the Grade 1 Canadian Trotting Classic after a long overland grind.



"I think his best attribute is that he can race on the outside and take a lot of air and keep going," Zeron said of Nix Nacken, who landed post eight in the second division and will be putting his two-race win streak on the line with Big Ranger (post 2) the main competition.

Nix Nacken doesn't always behave himself before the race and that's a concern for Zeron, who believes the horse has more than enough speed to reach the final.

Big Ranger has won seven of his 11 starts this year and as an Ohio-bred is more familiar with the Scioto Downs five-eighths oval than any other horse in the field. The son of In Range was just a nose behind Apex in the Hambletonian final and looks to bounce back to reach the final and a rematch.

In addition to Nix Nacken, trainer Marcus Melander has two others in this division with Zephyr Kemp (post 1) and last year's Crown champion Spencer Hanover (post 6) also looking to secure spots in the lucrative final.

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Zeron will guide Go Dog Go (post 1) in the single $25,000 Crown elimination for Open trotters carded as race five and he's hopeful that 4-year-old son of Greenshoe will mind his manners and finish in the top seven of the nine horse field to reach the final.

"He's definitely got the speed," said Zeron.

The field includes Emoticon Legacy (post 2), a horse that Zeron drove to victory in the Charlie Hill Memorial over this surface on September 12 and he was most impressed by. "He went a huge trip that night and really gets around the turns well," said Zeron, who also guided the Luc Blais trainee to a second-place finish behind Super Chapter in the Dayton Derby. Super Chapter accepted a bye and will be in next week's final.

On the pacing side, Zeron has a solid entry in Sweet Lovin Lou (post 4) in the eighth race and first of two $25,000 eliminations for sophomore colts and geldings.

"I think if you look at all of the eliminations this weekend, this race is clearly the toughest," said Zeron. "You've got Beau Jangles (last year's Crown winner) from the inside (post 1) and Redland Rocket Man (post 5) and Al Papi (post 7)."

Sweet Lovin Lou finished second behind Al Papi in the Grade 2 Tattersalls on October 10 at The Red Mile. "The track was pretty deep, and he was parked pretty much the entire trip," Zeron said describing the second-place finish.

Redland Rocket Man has been on a roll for trainer and co-owner John Pentland following up his two-heat win in the Little Brown Jug with a wire-to-wire victory in the Ontario Gold Super Final this past Saturday (October 10) at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The Bulldog Hanover-sired gelding was supplemented to the Breeders Crown for $72,000.

Beau Jangles finished second behind Redland Rocket Man in that Ontario stakes but finds the tables turned a bit on Saturday. Beau Jangles shined in his last start in the States winning a division of the Bluegrass at The Red Mile in 1:47 2/5 on October 3, a career-best clocking.



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Francent won the Milton stakes at Mohawk Park this year.

PACING MARE RETURNS: Trainer Patrick Lachance will be in search of his first Breeders Crown victory with the $48,000 supplement Francent N, one of nine mares entered in the $25,000 Breeders Crown Open Mare elimination carded as race nine.

"She got sick," said Lachance, explaining why the Milton Stakes winner had missed time since that epic performance at Woodbine Mohawk Park on September 5.

"I qualified her back the other day and she went a solid trip," said Lachance of the 1:50 3/5 blowout at The Meadowlands on October 8. "I'm glad there are eliminations because I really wanted her to have a start."

Francent N drew post three and will face the resurgent Twin B Joe Fresh this Saturday and likely again in the final. Twin B Joe Fresh finished fourth behind Francent N in the Milton but had post 10 on that occasion. Since that mile the daughter of Roll With Joe has shown some of her old firepower with a big effort capturing the $250,000 Grade 1 Dayton Derby on October 3 and then an off-the-pace score in the Grade 3 Allerage Farm final at The Red Mile on October 10. Twin B Joe Fresh drew post six with the top seven advancing to the final.

The Saturday Breeders Crown card starts at 6:00 PM (EDT) and features 13 consecutive eliminations followed by an Open Pace in the finale.



Stanislowsky living his dream as a harness racing owner



HARNESS FOCUS

By Jessica Hallett @JHallettPhoto

Joseph 'Joe' Stanislowsky was standing along the Saratoga fenceline watching his horse Mama's Little Angel go to the gate when suddenly she broke stride as the wings of the car drew away. As the field of horses raced ahead of her, she had 15 lengths to make up just to catch them.

Stephane Bouchard was in the bike and he didn't give up on the mare. Together, they worked their way from a far distance to catch the field and then slowly chip away towards the leader. Turning for home, she was second. At the wire, she was a winner by a length. From that moment, Stanislowsky knew harness racing would always be a part of his story as an owner.

Stanislowsky is a native of Ballston Spa, New York, just a short drive away from both the thoroughbred and harness tracks located on Nelson Ave in Saratoga Springs. His parents owned a small taxicab company and when his dad passed, he took over. He established his own school bus company as well before retiring in 2006.

His history in racing dates back to 1968 at the age of 13, when a neighbor brought him to the track for the first time.

"That night, I said 'someday I am going to get my picture taken in that winner's circle'," Stanislowsky recalled.

In 2011, he bought his first horse, Kentucky Charm, with Frank McMahon, a trainer he stayed with until 2017.

McMahon was the trainer of Mama's Little Angel, who was known for her big heart. The race where she broke stride and came back to take victory from the 'jaws of defeat' -- as Stanislowsky called it -- is the one race that he will never forget. The mare had a bad leg and was retired as a broodmare. To this day, Stanislowsky still follows her offspring and cherishes their success as much as he did the success he had with the mare.

When McMahon retired, Stanislowsky recalled admiring their catch driver Phil Fluet for his treatment of the horses, and so he got his first horse with Fluet, Mystical Somolli.

"Phil currently has eight horses for me and we have had a ton of fun," Stanislowsky said. "The excitement of watching your horse race is awesome and has been wonderful. I have met so many great people who truly love these gentle giants."

For Stanislowsky, having retired 18 years ago, he feels that harness racing can give anyone a purpose in life.

Every race day he can be found in the Saratoga clubhouse, and when his horses are out on the track, he's right on the trackside apron keeping a watchful eye on them, no matter the weather. And he doesn't come alone. Along with his wife, Stanislowsky brings a group with him to watch the races. If the horse wins, he brings them into the winner's circle and gets them all a photo, too! The group ranges from those new to racing to lifelong fans to bettors.

In addition to spending race days at the track watching his horses, he looks forward to the draw each week. As an owner, he is able to stay involved with the decision making, but he says he leaves the training to Fluet.

"I am very active in selecting the horses," Stanislowsky said. "I feel much closer to harness racing because I can stay involved in a lot of the decision making, I get to watch them racing almost every week as opposed to the thoroughbreds that race occasionally, and it's fun to be able to watch the races right in my backyard. The dedication that the grooms and trainers show is amazing and inspiring. It's a great sport to be involved in and rather inexpensive to do."



COURTESY JOE STANISLOWSKY

Joe Stanislowsky (left) with trainer/driver Phil Fluet.

Stanislowsky's eye for horses has proven to be strong, especially in the last few years with the great success he and Fluet have had.

Mystical Somolli, their first horse together and Stanislowsky's favorite horse, has earned well over $300,000 for them and continues to race strong at the age of 11. He has three wins this year and has made a statement at each one given his disinterest in standing for a photo.

"He is such a head case come race day but is such a love bug in the barn. He is my favorite horse by far," said Stanislowsky.

Whether buying online, at the sales or claiming, the team has had a lot of success. Their claiming pacer Swiss Cotton even won claiming pacer of the year in 2025 at Saratoga.

Fluet has become a friend more than anything in their partnership together.

"I have developed a deep personal relationship with Phil and am so appreciative of his love and care of my horses," Stanislowsky said.

Fifty-eight years ago, 13-year-old Joe Stanislowsky said he was going to make it to the Saratoga winner's circle. Today, he has done that and then some. He has formed over a decade of memories in harness racing, new friendships, and close relationships with his horses. For him, he has no regrets in his decision to become an owner and loves to share his passion for the sport with anyone he can.

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Crown starter Mr Bear has been a blessing for Mark Adams

By Ken Weingartner

After enduring a difficult year in 2025, breeder Mark Adams has found a level of comfort in watching the exploits of 2-year-old male pacer Mr Bear in 2026.

Mr Bear, a son of Rockin Image-Mama's Lil Beach who will head to Friday's (Oct. 16) eliminations for the Grade 1 Breeders Crown at Eldorado Scioto Downs with eight wins in 10 starts this season, was bred by Adams and Timothy Sullivan (better known by his middle name, Sean) and born in April 2024 at Winterwood Farm in Bellville, Ohio.

Fourteen months later, Sullivan – who purchased Winterwood from Adams and his father, Albert, in 2013 – passed away, at the age of 63, from complications due to a sudden and complex neurological illness. Adams' dad passed away, at 89, three months after Sullivan. Then, just months after that, Mr Bear's mother was lost due to complications from colic.

"It was a really, really tough year," said Adams, the farm manager at Winterwood. "It was a rough go, like this is enough. But to have this horse come on like he did, it's kind of like divine intervention because, for me, those guys were looking down and giving it the assist. It's really nice to have a positive like that because it gets you up in the morning if you're thinking about other things. It makes you recognize the positives and look forward to getting to work.

"It's kind of a tough-luck story, but I'm so happy for (co-owner/trainer Erv Miller) and all his people. It just shows that we can raise a good horse, and that makes me feel good. All we can do is carry on."

Mr Bear, originally named Sticktotheshadows, was a $50,000 purchase at this past fall's Midwest Standardbred Select Yearling Sale. Miller signed the ticket and shares ownership (as Ervin Miller Stable) with D&M Trading II, Levi Bontrager, and Laura Perniciaro.

Driven throughout the season by Marcus Miller, Mr Bear opened his career with six consecutive wins, four in Indiana Sires Stakes competition and all by at least 1-3/4 lengths, before a second-place finish to Tell Me It's You in the fifth leg of the series on Sept. 11. He came back with back-to-back triumphs, including in the Grade 3 Elevation, before a second-place finish, again to Tell Me It's You, in the Indiana Sire Stakes championship for freshman male pacers last week.

All of his races were at Harrah's Hoosier Park. He has a best win time of 1:50 3/5, which he accomplished three times, and earnings of $291,625.

"He was just a great individual," Adams said about the young Mr Bear. "Early on, he always acted kind of strong around the other colts, but you get those kinds and you just never know what you've got. But what a nice colt he's become.

"I think he has his mom's toughness. That mare wasn't the easiest to be around. I knew when we were breeding her, it was going to be a little bit tough when her foals got to be yearlings. We let them be horses. We'll break them and lead them beside the mare, but once you turn them out, they forget all that and they become who they are. He was just a tough colt. I had Enos Weaver help me and he had a big hand in helping that colt. It wasn't just me; it was a group effort. I was lucky to have those people helping me."

Mr Bear will compete Friday in the first of two $25,000 Breeders Crown eliminations for 2-year-old male pacers at Scioto Downs. He is the co-second choice on the morning-line, at 7-2, in a field of eight and will leave from post 7 with Marcus Miller in the sulky.

"He's been phenomenal," Miller said about Mr Bear's campaign. "He's only been beaten twice, and it was a really good horse that beat him both times. He's just such a nice horse. He's the picture of the horse you want to drive, that's for sure. The first time I went with him, I pegged him right away as the colt that I would like to drive this summer. I just loved him from the first time I sat behind him. You could tell that he was strong and smart; all the things you wanted.

"He's a really intelligent horse, and it makes him easy to drive. He knows his job, and he likes it. When we start to angle around the last turn, he picks up all on his own; I don't have to tell him when to go, or anything. He can also absolutely sprint like crazy."

Eastie Boy, who captured the Grade 1 Metro Pace in his most recent start, is the 5-2 morning-line favorite in the elimination. The son of Sweet Lou-Rockin Racer will leave from post 2 with Ronnie Wrenn Jr. driving for trainer Ron Burke. Blazin Lou, a two-time Grade 3 stakes winner during the Grand Circuit meet at Lexington's Red Mile, is the 7-2 co-second choice with Mr Bear. The son of Sweet Lou-Beautiful Lady is the fastest starter in the field (1:49 1/5) and will start from post 8 with Dexter Dunn driving for Tony Dinges.



DEAN GILLETTE PHOTO

Mr Bear has won eight of 10 lifetime starts.

"It's a different group for (Mr Bear) to race against, but I think he's up to it," Miller said. "I'm excited to see what he does."

In the second elim, Night Surfer is the 5-2 morning-line favorite, starting from post 3 with Dexter Dunn at the lines for Virgil Morgan Jr. The son of Downbytheseaside-Dark Force has five wins and a third in six races, with the setback coming in the Ohio Sires Stakes championship on Sept. 12 at Scioto. He bounced back to win an Ohio Breeders Championship 11 days later at the Delaware County Fair.

The second elim also includes Pennsylvania Sire Stakes runner-up Starstruck Dreamer, whose only loss this year in six starts came by a head to undefeated Shalom Hanover in the PASS final. A son of Captaintreacherous-Scarlett Hanover, Starstruck Dreamer is the fastest 2-year-old ever on a five-eighths-mile track (1:48 4/5) and will leave from post 4 with Todd McCarthy driving for Noel Daley. He is 3-1 on the morning line.

Shalom Hanover, a son of Papi Rob Hanover-Sammy's Magic Girl who is 7-for-7 this season, goes from post 2 with Louis-Philippe Roy in the bike for Ian Moore. He is 4-1 as he makes his first start since being scratched from the Metro Pace final on Sept. 26.

The top four finishers from each elim plus the fifth-place finisher with the highest seasonal earnings will advance to next week's final.

Scioto Downs, which is hosting all 12 Breeders Crown events for the first time after being the site of single Breeders Crown finals in 1986 and 1988, is holding eliminations for 2-year-olds on Friday, with the four $700,000 freshman finals all on Oct. 23. Eliminations for the 3-year-olds and Open events are Saturday (Oct. 17) with those finals on Oct. 24.

"It's fantastic," Adams said about the Breeders Crown return to the Buckeye State. "I can't wait; I'm just super excited. (Scioto Downs Director of Racing) Jason Roth and everybody is doing such a great job. When you've got people excited and giving it their all, it can only be one thing – and that will be a great thing."

Racing on each of the four nights of Breeders Crown action will begin at 6 p.m. (EDT). For free program pages, visit the Eldorado Scioto Downs website.

BREEDERS CROWN RACES NOT REQUIRING ELIMINATIONS

2-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACE

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JK Lady Liberty	My Taylors Swift	Positive Process
Seaside Ubeaut	Tempting Flames	Too Pink To Pass
We Want It All		

MARE TROT

Bravo Angel S	Delaney Hanover	Jurassic Hattie
Miracle Maven	R Dutchess	Tactical Moni
Walspea	Warrawee Michelle	Woman Of Passion
Yo Tillie		



11 SCIOTO FRI

1 Mile Pace BREEDERS CROWN ELIMINATION - 2 YEAR OLD COLTS AND GELDINGS - 2ND DIVISION. ELIMINATION WINNERS DRAW POST POSITIONS 1 - 6. Purse $25,000

$1 EXACTA | $.50 TRIFECTA | $.20 SUPERFECTA | $1 PICK 3 (11-12-13)

1 STONEBRIDGE BLITZ

2 1:49.4 (1) Q $16,569 LEX-SEL $40,000

b g 2, by Tall Dark Stranger, Shouldabeenatd by Sweet Lou

Burke Rcg Stb,PA;L Karr,FL;M Rosenthal,NV;F Baldachino,NJ

Last 4 Sts-$115,400 | 1:49.4 Lx1

26 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 26 Tot 10 2 2 2 $165,692
25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 0 0 0 0 –
24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 10 2 2 2 $165,692

6-1 *R. Wrenn Jr.* 80-16-8-13 (.200)

R. Burke 539-100-90-61(.186)

Br.- Stonebridge Farm LTD,ON, CA

9 Oct26	9Lx1	fst81°	27	:532	1:213	1:494	INSS-G3	104000	4	4°021	11½	21	24	12	YaGingras	RoBurke	272	**26**	282	28	**1:494**	104		*2.00	StnBlitz OceanPrty Reflector	-9
2 Oct26	7Lx1	gd72°	28	:562	1:243	1:522	BLUEGRASS-G3	89300	1	22	21	21	21	1hd	YaGingras	RoBurke	282	281	281	273	1:522	91		3.08	StnBlitz OceanPrty DogDareU	-8
25 Sep26	11HoP	fst58°	27	:551	1:24	1:503	D-ELEVATN-G3	75000	1	21	211½	21½	24	2334	YaGingras	RoBurke	271	281	284	271	1:512	99		12.40	MrBear StnBlitz AnothrMIA	-8
17 Sep26	5Mw	gd80°	264	:56	1:23	1:514	KEYSTON2CP	69900	1	21½	11½	1x1½	x9 15	919	RonWrnnJr	RoBurke	27	29	27	323	1:553	81		*1.10	HngryMrco AtomixHnv Lounado	-9
7 Sep26	10PcD	fst76°	263	:54	1:213	1:492	PASS Final-R1	300000	2	421	433	3°11	313	451	YaGingras	RoBurke	27	274	27	283	1:502	104	+4 0w	85.60	ShalomHnv StrStrkDr EastieBoy	Unc,loom,tired-7
21 Aug26	5Mw	fst75°	263	:552	1:221	1:502	PASS-2YOCG	129491	2	21½	3°2	2°½	22	33	DaPalone	RoBurke	264	29	262	284	1:51	108		34.00	EastieBoy LoudLuxry StnBlitz	-6
14 Aug26	5Phl	fst89°	261	:542	1:213	1:484	PASS-2YOCG	129892	3	681	671	6°53	69	613	TyButer	RoBurke	274	28	27	283	1:512	100	+3 9w	78.10	StrStrkDr EastieBoy AtomixHnv	-7
3 Aug26	8PcD	fst78°	271	:544	1:214	1:494	PaSS 2yrCG	65946	3	421	4°3	2°1	32	615	MaKakaley	RoBurke	273	274	263	304	1:524	94	+2 7w	8.30	StrStrkDr EastieBoy HngryMrco	Unc,chal,quit-6

2 SHALOM HANOVER

2 1:49.2 (5/8) ★ $46,354 SHS-HBG $50,000

b c 2, by Papi Rob Hanover, Sammy's Magic Girl by Western Hanover

Shalom Hanover Stable,Cambridge,ON, CA

Last 4 Sts-$247,000 | 1:49.2 PcD 5/8

26 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 26 ★ 7 7 0 0 ★$324,476
25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 0 0 0 0 –
24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 7 7 0 0 ★$324,476

4-1 Lo. Roy 0-0-0-0 (.000)

Ia. Moore 1-0-1-0(.000)

Br.- Hanover Shoe Farms Inc,Hanover,Pa

9 Oct26	2Wbs	fst53°	284	:57	1:241	1:522	**Qua**		6	46	47	4°634	46	2hd	LoRoy	IaMoore	30	282	**271**	264	1:522		nb		Mascarpne ShalomHnv LACaptain	-6
26 Sep26	8Wbs	fst59°		:	:		METRO-G1 -G1	710000		*scratched-lame*												+9 5w				-9
19 Sep26	2Wbs	fst57°	262	:553	1:232	1:494	Metro	28400	5	32	11½	11½	13½	14½	LoRoy	IaMoore	264	284	274	262	1:494	105	+8 5w	*.05	ShalomHnvThTheoCattlrcks	Tck,brsh,much best-6
7 Sep26	10PcDA	fst76°	263	:54	1:213	1:492	PASS Final-R1	300000	1	1½	21¼	21¼	21¼	1hd	LoRoy	IaMoore	263	273	273	273	1:492	107	+4 0w	1.10	ShalomHnv StrStrkDr EastieBoy	Yld,pkt,on wire-7
29 Aug26	6Wbs	fst64°	271	:564	1:243	1:51	NSSGWYA-G3	79200	2	21¼	21½	12	133	12½	LoRoy	IaMoore	272	293	273	262	1:51	99	+11 3w	*.05	ShalomHnvBlgDEnrgyYesIAmHnv	Pkt,brush,handy-6
21 Aug26	7Wbs	fst68°	271	:562	1:252	1:514	DRM MKR--G3	86400	2	451	1°1	11½	12½	13¼	LoRoy	IaMoore	281	281	29	262	1:514	98	+7 5w	*.05	ShalomHnv LACaptain BillyHill	Brush,much best-6
3 Aug26	10PcDA	fst78°	263	:54	1:22	1:492	PaSS 2yrCG	65946	4	322	11¼	11¼	11¼	11¼	LoRoy	IaMoore	27	27	28	272	1:492	107	+2 7w	*.05	ShalomHnvAtomixHnvLoudLuxry	Tck,brush,handy-6
25 July26	11MwA	fst	274	:563	1:24	1:504	PASS-2YOCG	64173	3	11½	11½	11½	11½	14¼	LRoy	Moorel	274	284	272	264	1:504	106		*.20	ShalomHanover Lounado CaptainKangaroo	-8

3 NIGHT SURFER(L)

2 1:50 (1) Q $43,110 OH-SEL $67,000

b c 2, by Downbytheseaside, Dark Force by Bettor's Delight

Let It Ride Stbs,FL;Morrison Rcg Stbs,PA;S Held,NY;Alberg Rcg,NJ

Last 4 Sts-$179,850 | 1:50 Lx1Q

26 ★ 5 4 0 1 $189,810
26 ★ 6 5 0 1 ★$258,660
25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 0 0 0 0 –
24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 6 5 0 1 ★$258,660

5-2 D. Dunn 3-0-1-1 (.000)

V. Morgan,Jr. 621-141-96-98(.227)

Br.- Kad Farms,NY

8 Oct26	5Lx1	fst64°	28	:553	1:231	1:50	**Qua Pace**		2	22	22	21½	21	1½	DeDunn	ViMorgnJr	282	273	272	263	1:50		nb		NightSrfr WatchfireJstPrfStf	-8
23 Sep26	16Del	gd59°	263	:543	1:243	1:534	OBC 2C	137700	5	451	441	1°no	13	15	DeDunn	ViMorgnJr	273	274	291	291	1:534	95		L*.50	NightSrfr Dontrckwt FirstGrde	-9
12 Sep26	8ScD	fst74°	262	:534	1:214	1:494	D-OHSS 2C FN	300000	9	11½	12	11¾	1hd	331	LuHanners	ViMorgnJr	262	272	28	283	1:502	108		L2.90	Dontrckwt OceanPrty NightSrfr	-9
29 Aug26	11ScD	fst72°	264	:563	1:263	1:534	OHSS 2C	75000	3	11¼	11½	11½	11	11¾	LuHanners	ViMorgnJr	264	294	30	271	1:534	91		L*.40	NightSrfr Dontrckwt TheMghtyB	-7
22 Aug26	11ScD	fst76°	272	:564	1:254	1:522	OHSS 2C	75000	3	11½	12½	11¾	13¾	14	LuHanners	ViMorgnJr	272	292	29	263	1:522	98		L*.30	NightSrfr Dontrckwt AtIntclvy	-6
1 Aug26	10ScD	fst76°	273	:572	1:234	1:51	OSF 2C	82620	5	2°1	32	43	33	11	LuHanners	ViMorgnJr	274	30	263	263	1:51	105		L*.50	NightSrfr JettJames NorthRim	-9
25 July26	1ScD	fst81°	262	:553	1:243	1:52	OHSS 2C	75000	1	21	331	333	2hd	13	LuHanners	ViMorgnJr	263	293	291	263	1:52	98		L2.90	NightSrfr NorthRim JettJames	-7
6 July26	3ScD	fst77°	291	1:004	1:283	1:562	**Qua 2YO**		8	34	33	33	21¼	11¾	LuHanners	ViMorgnJr	30	312	274	271	1:562		Lnb		NightSrfr AtiBzCrsn RltucksSm	-8

4 STARSTRUCK DREAMER

2 1:48.4 (5/8) Q $36,333 LEX-SEL $105,000

b c 2, by Captaintreacherous, Scarlett Hanover by Bettor's Delight

Steve Wienick Rcg,FL;Pryde Stbs,ON;Jfoderatritchiecanamerica,NY;Hyatt Hlds,ON

Last 4 Sts-$185,419 | ★1:48.4 Phl 5/8

26 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 26 ★ 6 5 1 0 $218,000
25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 0 0 0 0 –
24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 6 5 1 0 $218,000

3-1 T. McCarthy 0-0-0-0 (.000)

N. Daley 0-0-0-0(.000)

Br.- Sergent Stables LLC,PA

22 Sep26	5Lx1	fst60°	312	:594	1:281	1:55	**Qua Pace**		1	1°1	113	16	17	183	ToMcCrthy	NoDaley	312	282	282	264	1:55		nb		StrStrkDr Concern UpYorBbls	-5
7 Sep26	10PcD	fst76°	263	:54	1:213	1:492	PASS Final-R1	300000	7	2°1	11¼	11¼	11¼	2hd	ToMcCrthy	NoDaley	263	272	273	274	1:492	109	+4 0w	*.50	ShalomHnv StrStrkDr EastieBoy	Gd try,nailed-7
29 Aug26	1M1	fst72°	30	:58	1:254	1:531	KNDRGARTEN	25000	2	21¼	11¼	11¼	13	123	AnMcCrthy	NoDaley	301	274	274	272	1:531	84	+5 8w	nb	StrStrkDr BcsOddsOn AmercnLou	-6
14 Aug26	5Phl	fst89°	261	:542	1:213	1:484	PASS-2YOCG	129892	4	213	11½	11¾	131	153	ToMcCrthy	NoDaley	263	274	271	271	1:484	112	+3 9w	*.05	StrStrkDr EastieBoy AtomixHnv	-7
3 Aug26	8PcD	fst78°	271	:544	1:214	1:494	PaSS 2yrCG	65946	5	2°1	11¼	1¹	11½	183	TyButer	NoDaley	271	273	27	28	1:494	107	+2 7w	*.30	StrStrkDr EastieBoy HngryMrco	Brsh,prs,drew off-6
25 July26	7Mw	fst80°	272	:561	1:234	1:504	PASS-2YOCG	45163	3	213	213	311	321	13	ToMcCrthy	NoDaley	274	284	272	264	1:504	104		2.20	StrStrkDr AtomixHnv HngryMrco	-7
9 July26	11M1	fst77°	292	:592	1:284	1:544	2YOCG	20000	6	214	211	2°3	14	12	ToMcCrthy	NoDaley	293	30	292	254	1:544	79	+5 6w	*.40	StrStrkDrDbnrBnFdBlch	Pkt,2w bf 3/4,handy-6
26 Jun26	1M1	fst75°	293	:591	1:283	1:552	**Qua 2YO**		3	33	33	321	211	111	ToMcCrthy	NoDaley	301	293	291	262	1:552		nb		StrStrkDrBnFdBlchStmbtWl	Sat,ang pst 3/4,handy-6

5 HAMILTON HANOVER

2 1:53.2 (7/8) $2,174 SHS-HBG $250,000

b c 2, by Captaintreacherous, History Repeats by Dragon Again

Determination,Montreal,QC, CA

Last 4 Sts-$10,870 | 1:53.2 Wbs 7/8

26 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 26 Tot 5 1 0 0 $10,870
25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 0 0 0 0 –
24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 5 1 0 0 $10,870

10-1 B. Mcclure 0-0-0-0 (.000)

L. Blais 3-1-1-0(.333)

Br.- Hanover Shoe Farms Inc,Hanover,Pa

5 Oct26	9Wbs	fst50°	271	:551	1:233	1:503	NW2	14700	7	710	712	784	710	710	TySJones	LucBlais	291	282	273	272	1:523	91	+7 7w	39.25	Amorphous Goldiamnd CarWshBls	Struggled-8
18 Sep26	5Wbs	fst64°	282	:582	1:283	1:543	**Qua 2YO**		4	451	45	45	471	481	TySJones	LucBlais	292	30	301	263	1:561		nb		QuedUp Mauritius DAAljkssd	-5
11 Sep26	3Wbs	fst59°	30	1:003	1:302	1:57	**Qua**		5	462	451	443	48	512	TySJones	LucBlais	311	302	294	28	1:592		nb		TrchrsNva JustKpFly MyLadySde	-5
21 Aug26	7Wbs	fst20°		:	:		DrmMaker-g3	120000		*scratched-sick*												+7 5w				-6
6 Aug26	2Wbs	fst75°	273	:574	1:27	1:531	2YNW2R2000	17750	4i	581	571	6°53	662	521	TySJones	LucBlais	291	30	29	252	1:533	87	+7 7w	3.15	NinIvnHnv LACaptain Trashnyrd	3d ov,dull-7
27 July26	6Wbs	fst71°	273	:573	1:263	1:532	2YNW1R1000	15620	2	112	113	113	112	113	TySJones	LucBlais	273	30	29	264	1:532	89	+4 4w	*.20	HamltnHnv Calmbfrst CptnCvlr	Down road,handy-8
10 July26	7Wbs	fst73°	272	:562	1:24	1:504	TOMPKINS-G	43444	7	783	793	563	562	554	TySJones	LucBlais	291	291	27	262	1:514	95	+10 6w	20.00	ShalomHnv Mascarpne NinIvnHnv	Little to offer-9
29 Jun26	4Wbs	fst26°	292	1:003	1:284	1:553	2YO	20000	5	793	79	772	774	634	TJones	LBlais	312	31	274	26	1:561	73	+9 4w	31.65	FreeAgent ElCucuy WhiskeyStinger	Late,little-10

6 TOTALLY TYLER

2 1:49 (7/8) $21,150

br c 2, by Bulldog Hanover, Band Stand by A Rocknroll Dance

Bradley J Grant,Milton,ON, CA

Last 4 Sts-$184,900 | 1:49 Wbs 7/8

26 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 26 Tot 10 2 2 1 $211,495
25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 0 0 0 0 –
24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 10 2 2 1 $211,495

5-1 Y. Gingras 10-2-2-1 (.200)

R. Burke 539-100-90-61(.186)

Br.- Bradley J Grant,ON, CA

10 Oct26	4Wbs	fst53°	26	:55	1:234	1:512	ONSS-GF -R1	245000	1	53	66	961	621	12	JJamieson	ScMceneny	**263**	293	284	262	1:512	97	+11 4w	*.75	TotlyTylr ThBenedct YesIAmHnv	Wide,on wire-10
3 Oct26	2Wbs	fst48°	271	:551	1:214	1:49	Onss-gl	70000	3	431	441	433	433	11	JJamieson	ScMceneny	274	281	263	262	1:49	109	+8 6w	9.55	TotlyTylr KerplunkDAAljkssd	Wide,on wire-7
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3 Aug26	11Lx1	fst73°	291	:58	1:251	1:531	KYSS	80000	2	56	5x43	x1115	10ds	10ds	ToMcCrthy	RoBurke	302	283	291	31	1:591	56		nb	Gobstoper MdwndBxtn HoldFast	-11
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7 LOUNADO

2 1:52 (5/8) Q $9,021 LEX-SEL $170,000

b c 2, by Sweet Lou, Lucy's Pearl by Well Said

Greg Luther Racing LLC,Blacklick,OH

Last 4 Sts-$45,388 | 1:52 PcD 5/8

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10-1 Au. Hanners 909-86-97-92 (.095)

Td. Luther 162-21-28-15(.130)

Br.- Burke Rcg Stb & Weaver Bruscemi,PA;E Novak,F

2 Oct26	3Lx1	sly72°	281	:561	1:242	1:514	BLUEGRASS-G3	89300	7	4°312	3°3	3°21	441	713	AuHanners	ToLuther	284	28	28	293	1:542	89		13.80	RmbleNSwy FrwyToHvn ElounMusk	-8
17 Sep26	5Mw	gd80°	264	:56	1:23	1:514	KEYSTON2CP	69900	9	551	56	3°3	22	31	AuHanners	ToLuther	274	292	262	281	1:514	102		6.40	HngryMrco AtomixHnv Lounado	-9
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27 Aug26	1Gre	gd77°	28	:564	1:254	1:574	PARSHALL	24000	[7	322	321	1°1	1no	13	AuHanners	ToLuther	282	284	283	32	1:574			1.20	Lounado FrlsPrffc TheTwnBck	-8
14 Aug26	5Phl	fst89°	261	:542	1:213	1:484	PASS-2YOCG	129892	5	793	79	771	581	491	CoCallahn	ToLuther	281	28	264	273	1:503	103	+3 9w	119.20	StrStrkDr EastieBoy AtomixHnv	-7
3 Aug26	10PcD	fst78°	263	:54	1:22	1:492	PaSS 2yrCG	65946	3	211	321	421	551	611	AuHanners	ToLuther	264	273	28	291	1:513	96	+2 7w	18.20	ShalomHnv AtomixHnv LoudLuxry	Saved,caved-6
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8 SEINE

2 1:52.2 (1) Q $21,191 LEX-SEL $90,000

b g 2, by Sweet Lou, Lock Bridge by Captaintreacherous

P S Steinberg,Weston,FL;Mr B scot Monastersky,Woodcliff Lk,NJ;J M Bell,Boca Raton,FL

Last 4 Sts-$130,400 | 1:52.2 M1

26 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 26 Tot 7 1 2 1 $148,340
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7-1 J. Bongiorno 0-0-0-0 (.000)

J. Bongiorno 8-1-2-1(.125)

Br.- 1876472 Ontario Inc & Princeton Farms Inc,ON

8 Oct26	2M1	fst60°	292	:574	1:263	1:532	**Qua**		2	541	441	43	13	141	BrHolland	JoBongirn	301	282	283	**261**	1:532		nb		SeineAntMFstRDThTlGy	Rail,2w bf 3/4,handy-6
20 Sep26	5Lx1	fst89°	273	:544	1:23	1:502	KYSS-R1	400000	8	1¼	431	43	33	21	JoBongirn	JoBongirn	273	274	281	264	1:502	100		7.60	Gobstoper Seine RmbleNSwy	-9
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23 Aug26	6Lx1	fst79°	28	:561	1:243	1:511	KYSS	80000	4	111	11½	1no	11	431	DaMiller	JoBongirn	28	281	282	271	1:514	95		*1.38	RmbleNSwy Gobstoper MdwndBxtn	-6
11 Aug26	8Lx1	fst93°	263	:55	1:232	1:501	KYSS	80000	7	121	11½	11½	121	2nk	JoBongirn	JoBongirn	263	282	282	264	1:501	103		*1.86	HardFour Seine BluEydStr	-9
3 Aug26	11Lx1	fst73°	291	:58	1:251	1:531	KYSS	80000	9	10 14	10 11	10 13	581	54	JyDPutnam	JoBongirn	32	281	273	261	1:54	84		nb	Gobstoper MdwndBxtn HoldFast	-11
24 July26	3M1	fst74°	274	:572	1:254	1:522	KNDRGARTEN	25000	6	1°3	11½	11¼	121	11¼	JoBongirn	JoBongirn	274	293	282	263	1:522	90	+4 9w	*.80	Seine Debonaire TnkLs	Usd pst 1/4,ld,handy-7
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ALL HORSES IN THIS RACE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DETENTION SINCE 8 AM FRIDAY. NOS. 1 & 6 R. BURKE TRAINS RACE UNCOUPLED BY OSRC RULES. THE FIRST 4 IN THE OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH PLUS THE 5TH PLACE HIGHEST 2026 MONEY EARNER ADVANCE

Meadowlands returns Saturday

After a four-week hibernation while the Thoroughbreds took the spotlight, the Standardbreds will be back racing over the mile oval at The Meadowlands on Saturday (Oct. 17) night as the Fall Meeting resumes its march to the end of 2026.

Post time is 6:20 p.m.

Fans of all horse racing will get to sample a buffet of both breeds this weekend, as the final evening of Thoroughbred turf action takes place on Friday (Oct. 16) with a 7 p.m. post time.

"The four weeks of turf racing provided some variety for our regular customers," said Big M Chief Operating Officer and General Manager Jason Settlemoir. "But now, it's time to get back to what we are known for here at The Big M, the best harness racing in the world."

He makes a good point.

The temperatures will continue to cool down as fall advances toward winter, but the harness action will remain hot through the end of the year.

The pacers and trotters will be in action at The Big M every Friday and Saturday through the end of 2026, with just one exception, as there is no live racing on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25.

In addition, there are three Thursday cards on the calendar: Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

All told, there are 23 nights of live Meadowlands harness racing remaining this year, and each has a post time of 6:20 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES: There are still some dates worth circling on your calendar if you only like to come out to The Big M when the racing is at a sky-high level, starting with Saturday, Oct. 31, when four $125,000 Kindergarten finals for 2-year-olds of each sex and gait are offered on the Halloween Night program.

But that's not all.

Two weeks later, on Saturday, Nov. 14, the last major stakes card on not just The Meadowlands schedule, but the entire harness racing calendar, takes place when estimated purses of $2.65 million will be up for grabs on Fall Final Four/FanDuel Championships Night.

The eight stakes races that will take place that evening are:

- $400,000 (est.) Valley Victory (2-year-old colt and gelding trot)
- $400,000 (est.) Governor's Cup (2-year-old colt and gelding pace)
- $400,000 (est.) Goldsmith Maid (2-year-old filly trot)
- $400,000 (est.) Three Diamonds (2-year-old filly pace)
- $350,000 (est.) FanDuel Open Pace
- $350,000 (est.) FanDuel Open Trot
- $175,000 (est.) FanDuel Fillies and Mares Trot
- $175,000 (est.) FanDuel Fillies and Mares Pace

(All FanDuel events are for 3-year-olds and up)

The 2026 stakes curtain will then fall when four $70,000 (est.) New Jersey Standardbred Development Fund finals for 2-year-olds of each sex and gait will be contested on Saturday, Nov. 21.

IT'S LIVE ON FOX: The TV teams at The Meadowlands and the New York Racing Association will continue their partnership with two more live broadcasts that will bring high-end Big M stakes action into people's living rooms from coast-to-coast.

Both Kindergarten Finals Night as well as Fall Final Four/FanDuel Championships Night will be televised as part of the NYRA's "America's Day at the Races" series. The Kindergarten races take place on Saturday, Oct. 31, and will be on Fox Sports 2 (FS2) from 8-11 p.m., while the FF4/FDC are on Saturday, Nov. 14, and will be broadcast on FS2 from 9-11 p.m.

-edited release (Dave Little for Meadowlands)



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Race 6

EMPIRE CITY CASINO YONKERS RACEWAY

(5) STACKING GREEN didn't get to the front on 10-1 and had to settle for fourth, but hopefully she'll be back to the aggressive tactics tonight as she moves in a couple of notches on the gate.

-Greg Reinhart

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Race 5

WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

(9) SUNDAY SHOES returns to Mohawk after a solid extended campaign in New York and PA. Despite what the recent miles show, he should more than hold his own tonight.

-Kevin Plowcha

Race 11

ELDORADO GAMING SCIOTO DOWNS

Is it possible we could get around 2-1 on (4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER in his rematch with the undefeated Shalom Hanover and some other sharp foes? He draws an ideal post here to either take charge or track the other major contenders.

-Derick Giwner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Race 14

MEADOWLANDS RACING & ENTERTAINMENT

(3) MASSIVE MATTER picks up a catch-driver and drops to a career low in terms of class level. Expect him to take care of business from the inside post.

-Giwner

FULL CARD ANALYSIS / PAST PERFORMANCES

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

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REDLAND ROCKET MAN MAINTAINS MOMENTUM IN TOP 10 POLL

Redland Rocket Man continued his ascent in the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll while Twin B Joe Fresh returned to the Top 10 in the Week 18 edition of the rankings released Wednesday (Oct. 14).

Super Chapter and Brandon Blvd, both idle, remained unchanged at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, for the fifth consecutive week. On To Norway moved from fourth to third in a swap of positions with idle Wall Of Fame following his win in the Indiana Sire Stakes championship for older male trotters.

Redland Rocket Man, who has won four consecutive races, vaulted from seventh to fifth following his triumph in the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final.

Apex and Shalom Hanover both dropped one spot, to sixth and seventh, and were followed by Big Ranger, who was unchanged in eighth. All three were idle.

Twin B Joe Fresh jumped back into the Top 10, at No. 9, for the first time since Week 12 following her win in the Allerage Mare Pace. Best Chip rounded out the Top 10, one point ahead of Nix Nacken for the second consecutive week.

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

Rankings based on the votes of harness racing media representatives on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Standardbred Poll: 10/14/2026

Rank	Name (1st Votes)	Age/Sex/Gait	Record	Earnings	Pts	Prv
1	Super Chapter (26)	4ht	9-7-2-0	$1,191,707	341	1
2	Brandon Blvd (8)	3cp	12-9-2-1	$1,175,195	311	2
3	On To Norway	4gt	14-11-2-0	$626,750	207	4
4	Wall Of Fame	2ft	10-10-0-0	$608,250	206	3
5	Redland Rocket Man (1)	3gp	15-5-3-1	$669,978	181	7
6	Apex	3ct	9-5-2-0	$958,908	136	5
7	Shalom Hanover	2cp	7-7-0-0	$324,476	107	6
8	Big Ranger	3ct	11-7-1-0	$582,849	77	8
9	Twin B Joe Fresh	6mp	12-5-3-1	$417,441	70	--
10	Best Chip	4hp	16-9-4-1	$530,805	44	9

ALSO: Nix Nacken 43; Miss Jum Jabber 38; Wrong Sounds Right 28; Jersey Bulldog 26; Miki And Minnie 19; Loua Dipa 16; Emoticon Legacy, She's Moni 15; Prince Hal Hanover 14; Sangria Summer 8; Beau Jangles, Starstruck Dreamer 4; Al Papi, Nezuko Kamado S 3; Cant Turn You Down, Kountry Plunge 2; Ervin Hanover, Francent N, Melillo, Nuance, Strobe Lite 1.

-by Ken Weingartner for Hambletonian Society

TRACK-RECORD EFFORT BY DARINGLY IN DSBF FINAL

Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund (DSBF) final action for 2-year-old trotters headlined the Wednesday (October 14) program at Harrington Raceway, as finals for colts/geldings and fillies were contested to wrap up a week of stakes action as the track's 80th anniversary season winds down.

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SALTY BEACHES CRUISES IN HER DSBF FINAL

Tyler Davis' Salty Beaches ($2.80, Montrell Teague) was a four length winner in the $110,000 Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund (DSBF) 2-year-old pacing final Tuesday at Harrington Raceway in 1:56 3/5.

Trained by her owner, the Badlands Hanover filly overcame the outside post early and cruised to a front-end triumph, her fourth in-a-row. Land Of The Free was second with Unberdnbywhathsben third.

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FOUR MORE SPOTS EARNED FOR OAK GROVE TROTTING DERBY/OAKS

Four more standout 2-year-old trotters have punched their tickets to the eliminations for the 2027 Oak Grove Trotting Derby and Oaks following major Sire Stakes Championship victories over the weekend.

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BUTER JUST MISSES GOING THREE-FOR-THREE IN SIMPSON DIVISIONS

Tyler Buter, going for his second straight driving crown at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania, won two of three $30,000 divisions of the Super Bowl, a John Simpson Sr. Stake for 2-year-old trotting males held Tuesday at the mountain oval Tuesday afternoon - and he came as close as you can in harness racing to pulling off the sweep.

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SURREAL SPIRIT, EVERLAST STING DEO SHINE IN W.N. REYNOLDS STAKES

The $112,800 W. N. Reynolds Stakes for 3-year-old pacers was featured at Plainridge Park on Monday (Oct. 12) afternoon and contested in two divisions separated by gender. The races were outstanding and both divisions produced a record event.

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HAWAIIAN WARFARE MAKES IT SEVEN STRAIGHT TRIUMPHS IN DSBF FINAL

Forrest Bartlett's Hawaiian Warfare ($6.40, Mike Cole) was a 1:56 1/5 winner in the $110,000 Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund (DSBF) final for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings Monday at Harrington Raceway.

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NOBODY KNOWS IT STAYS UNDEFEATED BY WINNING MDSS FINAL

Two-year-old trotting filly Nobody Knows It improved to eight-for-eight in her career with a 1:56 2/5 victory in one of eight $100,000 Maryland Sire Stakes finals on Sunday night at Rosecroft Raceway.

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BATAVIA TO CELEBRATE WOMEN AND SUPPORT CANCER RESEARCH

Every October, Batavia Downs partners with the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester to raise both funds and awareness during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, in an attempt to fight a disease that will affect one in eight women during their lifetime. And this year, the event known as "A Night at the Races", will be held on Saturday (Oct. 17) and feature a new attraction.

The Sulky Queens Lady Driving Series will visit the track on Saturday with eight female drivers competing in two races, one that features only horses entered by local female trainers. These races are programmed as race four and six.

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