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Super Chapter headlines big weekend for Melander, Dunn



EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner HarnessEyeGuy

Da-da-da! Dum-da-dum! Da-da-da, Super Chapter!

He isn't a bird. He isn't a plane. He certainly isn't a man. Super Chapter is a 4-year-old male trotter who sits atop the 2026 Standardbred earnings leaderboard with $1,191,707 and has dominated his peers since late summer like Superman overpowers evil villains in the mythical world of Metropolis.

On Saturday in the $600,000 Breeders Crown Open Trot, Super Chapter will place his five-race win streak on the line as he tries to cement his claim to not only divisional honors but perhaps Horse of the Year. The son of Chapter Seven will start from post eight versus eight rivals as the 2-1 morning line choice to capture the Crown for trainer Marcus Melander and driver Dexter Dunn.

Bred and co-owned by Hanover Shoe Farms, which shares ownership with Jeff Snyder and Arthur Pronti, the connections of Super Chapter have made the most of an unfortunate situation. After winning 14 of 25 races and over $1.7 million as a 2- and 3-year-old, Super Chapter was supposed to become a stallion at Hanover, but plans and reality often fail to meet. Super Chapter's morphology, which refers to the size and the shape of the sperm cells, didn't come back strong.

"He was basically immature. We're expecting his fertility to be perfect this year, which happens with many cases," said Snyder, who compared the situation to 2024 Hambletonian winner Karl, who wasn't necessarily ready for stallion duty at age 4 but bred a full book of mares the following year. "If everything goes well, goes perfect, we plan to stand him next year."

Fertility setback aside, Super Chapter hasn't missed a beat on the track this year, winning seven of nine races. Melander says the horse was not only eager to return to the races but was physically more imposing as a 4-year-old.

"Obviously he came in late [due to test breeding] and when he came from Hanover, it was mid-February. The other ones had been training for a while, like our 3-year-olds and all of them," said Melander. "It was maybe a month and a half later that you could really see he started to fill out even more."

Perhaps some of the proof that Super Chapter has taken his game to another level is that he has won three times in 2026 under the 1:50 mark, something he never accomplished as a 3-year-old.

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FRIDAY

POST	RACE #	PURSE/CONDITIONS
9:03	7	$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Filly Trot
9:56	9	$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Filly Pace
10:23	10	$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Colt Trot
10:50	11	$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Colt Pace

KEY WAGERS: $20K GTD Pk 4 (R 7-10) / $15K Pk 4 (R 11-14)
$15K Pk 5 (R 10-14) / $10K Pk 4 (R 3-6) / $10K Pk 5 (R 1-5)

SATURDAY

POST	RACE #	PURSE/CONDITIONS
7:04	3	$600,000 Breeders Crown Open Trot
7:31	4	$400,000 Breeders Crown Mare Trot
8:10	5	$664,500 Breeders Crown 3YO Filly Pace
8:36	6	$664,500 Breeders Crown 3YO Filly Trot
9:03	7	$443,000 Breeders Crown Mare Pace
9:29	8	$664,500 Breeders Crown 3YO Colt Trot
9:56	9	$664,500 Breeders Crown 3YO Colt Pace
10:23	10	$662,000 Breeders Crown Open Pace

KEY WAGERS: $30K GTD Pk 4 (R 7-10) / $20K Pk 5 (R 1-5)
$25K Pk 4 (R 3-6 & 11-14) / $15K Pk 5 (R 10-14)

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Races 3-6 pick 4 $10K Guarantee
Races 7-10 pick 4 $20K Guarantee
Races 10-14 pick 5 $15K Guarantee
Races 11-14 pick 4 $15K Guarantee

SATURDAY WAGERING

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Races 3-6 pick 4 $25K Guarantee
Races 7-10 pick 4 $30K Guarantee
Races 10-14 pick 5 $15K Guarantee
Races 11-14 pick 4 $25K Guarantee

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"He's really just got everything you could possibly want. He's fast, he's quick, and he's got great stamina. He's can do it on the front, he can do it from behind. He's just a perfect trotter," said Dunn. "When you drive horses like him they just fill you with confidence. They make your job easy and they can overcome adversity on the race track; it's a big help."

There are many options for Super Chapter beyond 2026 if the breeding possibility fails to launch. He of course could compete in many of the same Grand Circuit stakes as this year or perhaps travel abroad for races like the Elitlopp at Solvalla in Sweden on the last Sunday in May.

"That would be exciting," said Snyder on the prospect of going to the Elitlopp. "It's been an amazing run. You very rarely see 4-year-olds beating older horses like he has been doing. And he beat a lot of the best horses in the world recently for fun in the International. So either way [breeding or racing in 2027], it's a win-win situation with him and he's just been a very exciting horse for us."

"We've been racing him pretty easy, so I definitely think he would have at least another season in him," said Melander. "I think he can be at least as good as he's been this year because he's takes care of himself. He's a sound horse and just the type of horse you wish all of them were like because he's so easy to maintain.

"Obviously I'd like to race him another season. I think he's such a fun horse to go and race. And I think a lot of people like him too, like to see him race and enjoy watching him."

Before any consideration for 2027 will begin, Super Chapter must seal the deal in the Breeders Crown on Saturday. He'll have to deal with elimination winner Emoticon Legacy, who had his number in the Kentucky Futurity last year, and On To Norway, who bested Super Chapter twice this year and is the fastest trotter in North American history (1:48 3/5).

"Of course, it would have been nice to have [post] three or four, but I think he was so good at Dayton and he's been good all year," said Melander. "He lost two races earlier against On To Norway, but since then he's just been fantastic week after week. So, I think he can overcome [post eight]."



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Marcus Melander (left) and Dexter Dunn team up in five of the 12 Breeders Crown finals at Scioto Downs.

Super Chapter is just one of many major contenders being driven by Dunn or trained by Melander. These include the second- and third-richest horses of the year – Brandon Blvd and Apex.

Brandon Blvd is the 3-1 morning line favorite in the $664,500 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pace despite coming in 1 1/2 lengths behind Melillo in his elimination on October 17. In that race Dunn sat fourth behind slow fractions for more than five-eighths of the mile before

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launching a wide bid on the final turn to no avail.

"I probably wish I could've keep punching forward early with how slow the second quarter was. Hindsight's always easier afterwards. But he raced great, felt great, came a great back half, and he's still going to be ready to roll on Saturday night," said Dunn.

Trained by Andrew Harris, Brandon Blvd (post four) will again meet Melillo (post two) along with Little Brown Jug winner Al Papi (post five) and elimination winner Gentleman's Club (post one), who set a track record with his 1:48 3/5 win last week.

Melander and Dunn team up a total of five times over the two-night Breeders Crown, including with Apex in the $664,500 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot. The Hambletonian winner this year has been struggling since that record-setting victory in 1:49 2/5 over Big Ranger and he came up a neck short in his elimination despite setting pedestrian fractions as Diabolic Hill surged up the passing lane.

"He had some blood spots there. Before the [Hambletonian], if you look at the lines, he came home in 25 4/5, 26 1/5, 26 3/5, like every start. After the Hambo, it's not been bad, but it's been 27 3/5, 27 3/5, 27 2/5 – he just hasn't really fired the last one-eighth like he used to do. He got very tired in the Hambo, and he might have bled. We're going to put him on Lasix and hopefully that will help him a little bit," said Melander, who said they never scoped Apex between the Hambletonian win and his Breeders Crown elimination. "We never scope them after the race if they never show any sickness or anything. You don't want to put a hose down there if you don't have to."

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-Driver Dexter Dunn on his decision to race Brandon Blvd conservatively

Apex starts from post six as the 7-2 second choice while Big Ranger (post two) was installed as the 8-5 favorite. Other contenders include Inexpressable (post four), fellow Melander trainees Nix Nacken (post five) and American Power (post one), and Diabolic Hill (post three).

The dynamic duo of Dunn and Melander will also pair with major contenders Blue Ranger in the $700,000 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot, Setyoursightshigh in the $664,500 3-Year-Old Filly Trot and Tactical Moni in the $400,000 Mare Trot.

"It felt like [Blue Ranger] had a little dip after the sire stakes win going to Hoosier, but she feels like she's back again," said Melander, who also sends out fellow elimination winner Two Day Hangover and Birr Castle, who took a bye into the final. "[Two Day Hangover] maybe had a little bit of a dip as well there, even if she's been racing good. Even if she races good on the bigger tracks, she has such great technique that the five-eighths (mile track) really benefits her as well. All three of my fillies have raced great on a five-eighths before."

The numbers are down from three to two for Melander in the 3-Year-Old Filly Trot, but he remains confident with the favorite in Nezuko Kamado (post four) and Setyoursightshigh (post six).

"Nezuko raced great, first-over, and it was nice to see her get back to winning a race. She really got around Scioto good. I'm confident going into the race. Setyoursightshigh raced good, first-over as well, and got second. She's raced good all year as well.



Walter Wlodarczyk photo

Brandon Blvd can wrap up divisional honors with a win in the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pace.

They're both in good form, so it will be exciting," said the trainer.

Tactical Moni is Melander's lone entrant in the Mare Trot but he heads into the final confident after a stellar prep in 1:51 over the Scioto Downs surface.

"It was a prep race, but she looked good doing it and looked very strong on the front. We closed her up a little bit, tried that, and Dexter was very happy with her," said Melander, who will send out Tactical Moni from post one with shoes on. "She was awesome with shoes on in her elimination so she will go with them again."

With Melander focused on trotters, Dunn hooks up with a number of other barns to compete in many of the pacing finals. His top contenders outside of Brandon Blvd include Blazin Lou, Hope Hill, Twin B Joe Fresh and Ervin Hanover.

"It was a very impressive [elimination] mile and I was really happy with his performance," said Dunn about Blazin Lou, who starts from post one in the $700,000 2-Year-Old Colt Pace.

"She's been racing great all year, to be fair," said Dunn about $664,500 3-Year-Old Filly Pace starter Hope Hill (post three), shrugging off the thought that the filly has only recently been good. "She put in some great miles at Oak Grove. She was chasing Miss Jum Jabber at Red Mile in the Kentucky Sire Stakes. She's just really in a good zone right now."

"It's been once in a lifetime owning her. She's just an out and out champion and I think right now she's the best she's been all year," said Dunn about $400,000 Mare Pace starter Twin B Joe Fresh (post six), who he co-owns.

"It's a tough class. There are no easy miles," said Dunn when asked about the somewhat up and down form of $600,000 Open Pace entrant Ervin Hanover (post nine). "He didn't win the other night, but he was right there at the finish and he's been feeling great lately. He's not far away. He just needs the right trip and for things to work out for him."

The Open Pace is the final Breeders Crown race of the weekend. Both nights start at 6:00 PM (EDT), with the Friday Crown races scheduled as 7 and 9-11, and the Saturday Crowns spanning from races 3 to 10. Wagering opportunities include $185,000 in guaranteed multi-race bets over the course of the two nights.



2026 BREEDERS CROWN

Scioto Downs – Columbus, Ohio

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Saturday, October 17	**Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old & Open Elims if needed** Post time 6:00 p.m. [EDT]. Elimination winners draw for posts 1-6, all others in open draw
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Todd McCarthy with rookie standouts among his Crown drives

By Jay Bergman





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Todd McCarthy drives 2-year-old trotting standout Wrong Sounds Right (above) and rookie pacing star Starstruck Dreamer (below) in Friday's Breeders Crown finals.

Since his arrival in North America in 2020 driver Todd McCarthy has enjoyed tremendous success on the biggest stages, with the highlight likely being the dramatic upset victory by Cool Papa Bell in the 2022 Hambletonian. McCarthy hopes to repeat some of that magic this weekend in the Breeders Crown for similar connections with the promising 2-year-old trotting colt Wrong Sounds Right. Owner-breeder Runthetable Stables and trainer Jim Campbell were behind Cool Papa Bell, and they will be cheering on McCarthy on Friday night in the $700,000 Breeders Crown event at Scioto Downs.

Wrong Sounds Right enters the Breeders Crown as the logical favorite in the field of nine despite landing post six, a reward of such for capturing one of two elimination races this past Friday (October 16).

"I think post six will be fine for him," said McCarthy, quite confident that the homebred son of Tactical Landing can navigate the field.

With six wins in eight starts this year including the Grade 1 Mohawk Million, Wrong Sounds Right has established himself as the division leader heading into Friday's contest.

McCarthy guided Wrong Sounds Right to a 1:53 1/5 victory when setting his own pace and finishing strongly in the elimination race. It was the first start on a five-eighths mile track, but McCarthy wasn't concerned whether his horse could handle the tighter turns.

"I was pretty confident going in," said McCarthy. "He got over the 'egg-shaped' turns at Mohawk so I thought he would be fine and he was."

In Wrong Sounds Right, McCarthy felt from the first time he sat behind the colt that there was plenty of talent, but he took a cautious approach.

"Sure, I liked him a lot when I first sat behind him. You just hope that they continue to improve along the way and he definitely has," McCarthy said.

Friday's rich final (Race 10) puts Wrong Sounds Right outside of the last horse to defeat him in Lifetime Dreamer (post 5), a gelded son of Ecurie D from the Ake Svanstedt stable. Lifetime Dreamer scored in a World Record 1:51 1/5 mile in the New Jersey Sire Stakes championship at The Meadowlands on Hambletonian Day, getting the jump on Wrong Sounds Right from the pocket. Lifetime Dreamer was an easy winner going in 1:52 4/5 in his elimination.

"It's a solid field," said McCarthy with respect for the competition. "From post six I'll have plenty of options."

Starting outside of Wrong Sounds Right will be Mohawk Million runner-up Access Now (post 7), a gelded son of Walner from the Luc Blais stable. Access Now made what looked like a costly break in his elimination race but rallied from far back to finish fifth and find the final spot in Friday's final.

McCarthy captured the Breeders Crown in 2022 behind the 3-year-old Pebble Beach for trainer Noel Daley and the driver-trainer combo could have a horse even better in Friday's $700,000 2-year-old championship event in Starstruck Dreamer. The Captaintreacherous-sired colt evened the score with rival Shalom Hanover with a stunning first-over victory in one of two $25,000 trials a week ago. Raced from off the pace, Starstruck Dreamer rallied in the stretch for his sixth win in seven starts.

"He'd missed some time and I wasn't looking to rush him out of there," said McCarthy, describing his racing strategy for the elimination. "They were going at good clip early, so I thought I was in good shape when I pulled him. Louie's (Roy) horse (Shalom Hanover) had also missed time, and he wasn't going that much in the third quarter."

In the final quarter sprint, Starstruck Dreamer paced home in 26 3/5 for the victory.

Starstruck Dreamer drew post four in Friday's final, race 11 and the last of four $700,000 events for 2-year-olds on the program. Shalom Hanover landed post five and the other elimination winner Blazin Lou drew post one. Eastie Boy (post 6) finished second in his first start following a victory in the Grade 1 Metro Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park for trainer Ron Burke. Eastie Boy had previously finished third in the rich Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship event behind Shalom Hanover and Starstruck Dreamer.

"I spoke to Noel (Daley) and he was very happy with the way Starstruck Dreamer came out of the race, so I'm looking forward to the final," said McCarthy, who believes that his charge will be even that much better in the final.

As impressive as Starstruck Dreamer was in his return, Blazin Lou showed more sprinting power in the final quarter, rocketing home in 25 3/5 for driver Dexter Dunn in his elimination score. Eastie Boy and

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driver Ronnie Wrenn Jr. appeared to have the pace to their liking, waltzing to three quarters in 1:24 4/5, but Dunn and Blazin Lou made a first-over challenge coming out of fourth on the backstretch and had more than enough pace to win in dominant fashion. A son of Sweet Lou, Blazin Lou has five wins in 11 starts this year for trainer Tony Dinges and enters Friday's final on a three-race stakes winning streak.

McCarthy's Saturday night card will put him front and center in a few of the eight Breeders Crown finals, with two of his better chances coming towards the end of the program. Diabolic Hill (post 3, Race 8) looks to improve on his second-place finish in the 2025 Breeders Crown final for juveniles at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

"He's had some bumps in the road," said McCarthy, "But I think Annie (Stoebe) has done a great job bringing him into this race."

That was clearly in evidence in last week's elimination as Diabolic Hill roared past Apex, this year's Hambletonian winner, and on to a 1:51 3/5 score with a snappy 27 flat final quarter.

"He felt good the entire mile," said McCarthy of the Muscle Hill-sired colt that has hit the board in eight of his 10 trips as a sophomore and comes into the final on a two-race winning streak.

Diabolic Hill's upswing in form could be perfectly timed in a division that has seen highs and lows but many division leaders. Big Ranger (post 2) bounced back nicely from a sixth-place finish in the Kentucky Futurity with a dominating performance in his 1:51 1/5 elimination win on October 17. The Ohio-bred son of In Range has the inside track of the contenders for driver Tim Tetrick. Inexpressable, the Yonkers Trot winner, drew post four for trainer Lucas Wallin and looks to bounce back from a third-place finish in his elimination. Already adept over the five-eighths oval with his victory in the Grade 2 Beal at Pocono this summer, Inexpressable will be driven by Scott Zeron.

Nix Nacken chased Big Ranger in second through last week's trial, following a pair of Grade 1 victories for trainer Marcus Melander. The gelded son of Muscle Hill drew post five as one of three horses in the race from his stable. Apex (post 6) has only won once in five tries since the Hambletonian and tries to right the ship with Dexter Dunn in the bike. The colt adds Lasix for the race. American Power (post 1) has hit the board in 10 of his 13 starts this year.

"He'll just do everything you ask of him," said McCarthy describing Prince Hal Hanover, his mount in the $662,000 Breeders Crown Open Pace, the last of the eight Crown races on the program (Race 10). "They're going to retire him at the end of the year to stud and I'm looking forward in the future to drive some of his offspring."

The stallion barn is still in the future, with Prince Hal Hanover hoping to secure a Breeders Crown win first.

In last week's elimination race Prince Hal Hanover was used hard in the early stages and then had to come first-over against Ervin Hanover. In mid-stretch, Dandy Ideal was surging past him and Prince Hal Hanover just kept fighting right to the wire, losing by a neck. Multiple moves have been a major part of the 4-year-old son of Captaintreacherous' career and that could help on Saturday where he'll need to deal with some fast rivals to his inside.

Elimination winners Women Layer (post 1) and Dandy Ideal (post 3) sandwich supplemental entry Best Chip (post 2) in the field of nine. Ervin Hanover, the defending champion in this division, landed post nine following his third-place finish in an elimination.

McCarthy piloted last year's sophomore Breeders Crown trotting champion Yo Tillie to victory but finds himself in a longshot position from post 10 in Saturday's $400,000 Open Mares Trot (race 4). He'll also be on the outside looking in behind Topville Lucky (post 9) in the $664,500 Breeders Crown sophomore filly pace (race 5).

"I think with both of those we're going to hope for a hot pace to close off of," said McCarthy recognizing the challenges.

Both Scioto programs this weekend start at 6:00 PM (EDT) and offer 14 races.

Visit past Breeders Crown contenders at Scioto Downs this weekend

Four past Breeders Crown contenders - Foiled Again, Golden Receiver, Mission Accepted and Pinkman - will be on hand to greet fans at Eldorado Scioto Downs on Friday and Saturday (Oct. 23 & 24).

The three geldings and one stallion have an astounding 719 starts, 244 wins, 131 seconds, 97 thirds and $14.1-million in earnings between them. To commemorate these horses and their accomplishments, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association will have a booklet giveaway, featuring statistics on, and photos of, all four horses. There will also be a limited number of Foiled Again plushies available free for kids, limited to one per child. Adults who would like a plushie can purchase one for $10, with proceeds going to New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program.

Fans can visit Millionaires Row, located behind the grandstand, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. (EDT) on both Friday and Saturday.

The 22-year-old Foiled Again needs no introduction - the all-time money-leading Standardbred has been a snowbird - wintering in Florida and spending his summers in Pennsylvania. Always available for meet and greet opportunities, Foiled Again has been enjoying the retirement life for the last seven years. Foiled Again competed in six Breeders Crowns, winning in 2013, finishing second in 2010 and 2011 and third in 2012.

Golden Receiver, at 21 years young, has been a part of the Cherokee Stables All Standardbred Drill Team for the past eight years and a 4-H show horse under the guidance of Emma Thornsberry. During his eight years of racing, GR earned $2.2-million and finished second in the 2012 Breeders Crown and also competed in 2013.

Mission Accepted was a Breeders Crown contender in 2019 and 2020. He did double duty, racing and standing at stud, during the 2022 and 2023 seasons, earning $1.4-million lifetime. Fully retired to stallion duty since 2024, the 11-year-old currently stands at Winterwood Farm in Ohio.

Pinkman had an amazing 3-year-old year, winning the 2015 Hambletonian, Canadian Trotting Classic, Kentucky Futurity, Earl Beal Memorial, Zweig and Stanley Dancer on his way to being named the Dan Patch Trotter of the Year. Pinkman won the Breeders Crown in 2014, was a 2015 second-place finisher and contender in 2017 and 2018. Having earned $2.8 million during his 6-year racing career, the now 14-year-old Pinkman has been living in retirement at Richard McClelland's farm in Zanesville, Ohio.



MIKE LIZZI PHOTO

Foiled Again, the richest Standardbred in history, will be on hand to greet fans at Scioto Downs.

The 2026 Breeders Crown finals will be held at Scioto Downs in South Columbus on October 23 and 24. The 2-year-old finals will be held on Friday (starting at race seven), and the 3-year-old and open finals on Saturday (races three-ten). More details about the racing can be found on the Scioto Downs website and Hambletonian Society website. Available seating reservations can be made on Open Table. Live racing starts at 6:00 p.m. each day.

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Best Chip's journey from also-ran to Breeders Crown favorite



AT THE TRACK

By Darin Zoccali AtTheTrack7

When Best Chip puts his nose on the starting gate in Saturday's $662,000 Breeders Crown Open Pace (Race 10), it will mark the culmination of the most remarkable turnaround of a racehorse in the sport of harness racing that we have seen in quite some time. Personally, I don't know if I have ever seen a more impressive accomplishment.

If I would have told you six months ago that Best Chip would line up as one of the favorites in the Breeders Crown Open Pace, you wouldn't have told me I was crazy, you would have asked, "Who?"

That is because six months ago Best Chip was being sent off at 40-1 and finishing ninth in the bottom-level money condition at The Meadowlands. That race was a "Non-Winners of $2,500 in their last five starts" event in which he paced the mile in 1:53 4/5. It was his last start for those connections as after the race Best Chip was purchased by Joe Bongiorno and El Dorado Stables.

"I never thought he would be this kind of horse," said Bongiorno, "I just thought he would be a nice condition horse for us."

Initially, that is what it looked like they got, as three weeks later in his first start for Bongiorno, Best Chip won easily at that bottom-level condition in 1:50 2/5. One week later, Best Chip moved up in company to a Trackmaster condition of 83.5 or less, where he won again, by four lengths in 1:49 1/5.

Why the sudden improvement?

"We made some rigging adjustments. But every new horse we get, we check blood and have their stomach scoped to see if there is anything holding them back or something that needs to be worked on," said Bongiorno.

What they found were ulcers, something that can be easily treated. Once the issue was resolved, the horse responded almost instantaneously.

"I am a believer that if a horse is not 100 percent healthy, they will not give their all on the racetrack," said Bongiorno.

Soon after that victory, Best Chip began to climb the class ladder. After a narrow defeat to Voukefalas in the tougher "Non-Winners of $15,000 in the last five starts" condition, Best Chip won back-to-back races at that level, including a 1:46 4/5 victory on Meadowlands Pace night. Off that performance, Bongiorno sent Best Chip to Scioto Downs to compete in the Grade 3 $100,000 Send It In Stakes. Despite a tough draw in post position eight and being out the entire mile, Best Chip continued to pace on all the way through the mile, finishing a very respectable third.

On the sports biggest stage just a few weeks later, Best Chip would pace the fastest mile of the card on Hambletonian Day, winning an Open Pace in 1:46 1/5. Both divisions of the Grade 2 Sam Mckee Memorial would finish more than two seconds slower than Best Chip later that same afternoon.

After that performance, Best Chip was entered in the Canadian Pacing Derby, which was not cheap as it came with a $40,000 supplemental fee. Naturally a horse that had been struggling in the lower-level condition events at The Meadowlands just four months earlier was not nominated to any stakes events. He finished second in his elimination as the 6/5 favorite.

"He had been battling some sickness going into that elimination and he was not 100 percent. I knew he should be better for the final and Timmy [Tetrick] drove him great," said Bongiorno.

He was indeed better, winning the $507,600 event in 1:46 4/5, tying the stakes record set by the fastest horse in harness racing history – Bulldog Hanover – just four years earlier.

Best Chip followed up that victory with another win in the Aria Invitational at Yonkers before a narrow defeat in the Dayton Derby where he was forced to set sharp fractions (26, 54, 1:21 2/5) after making the lead from post position nine.

The 4-year-old son of Heston Blue Chip bred by Winbak Farm was given the following week off and went into the Breeders Crown elimination last Saturday as the close second choice in the wagering. Tim Tetrick chose off to drive multiple Grade 2 stakes winner Ken Hanover, so Bongiorno elected to drive the horse himself.

"When Tim [Tetrick] picked off, I decided to drive him. But Jason [Bartlett] will drive him in the Final," said Bongiorno. "The horse knows me too well and I don't think I get enough out of him in the stretch. He is a horse that likes change. But I thought his elimination was great and he was not 100 percent there either. I turned the race into a sprint with the slow fractions [26 3/5, 55, 1:22 1/5] and just got outsprinted. I am expecting a big race next week."



(above) Michael Burns / (below) Walter Wlodarczyk

Best Chip won the Canadian Pacing Derby with Tim Tetrick in the bike but Jason Bartlett takes over the lines on Saturday.



How big? Well, the connections had to put up another $72,000 to enter him in the race. That's a large chunk of change, even for a horse that has earned over $500,000 on the year.

"To me, he's the best horse in the division and I have all the faith in the world in him, so we decided to put the money up," said Bongiorno of Best Chip, who starts from post two as the 3-1 morning line second choice. "He's made it for us and we put our money up because we have faith in our horse. If he's 100 percent healthy and the trip works out, he will always be on the wire."

Regardless of the outcome, Bongirono confirmed that his racing career will continue into 2027. A Breeders Crown win would make him the leading earner this year in terms of the older pacers, net him his 10th win in 18 starts this year, and should make him the favorite for divisional honors.

One thing is certain, when he returns to the racetrack next year, it won't be in a "Non-Winners of $2,500 in the last five starts" condition event. Those days are over!

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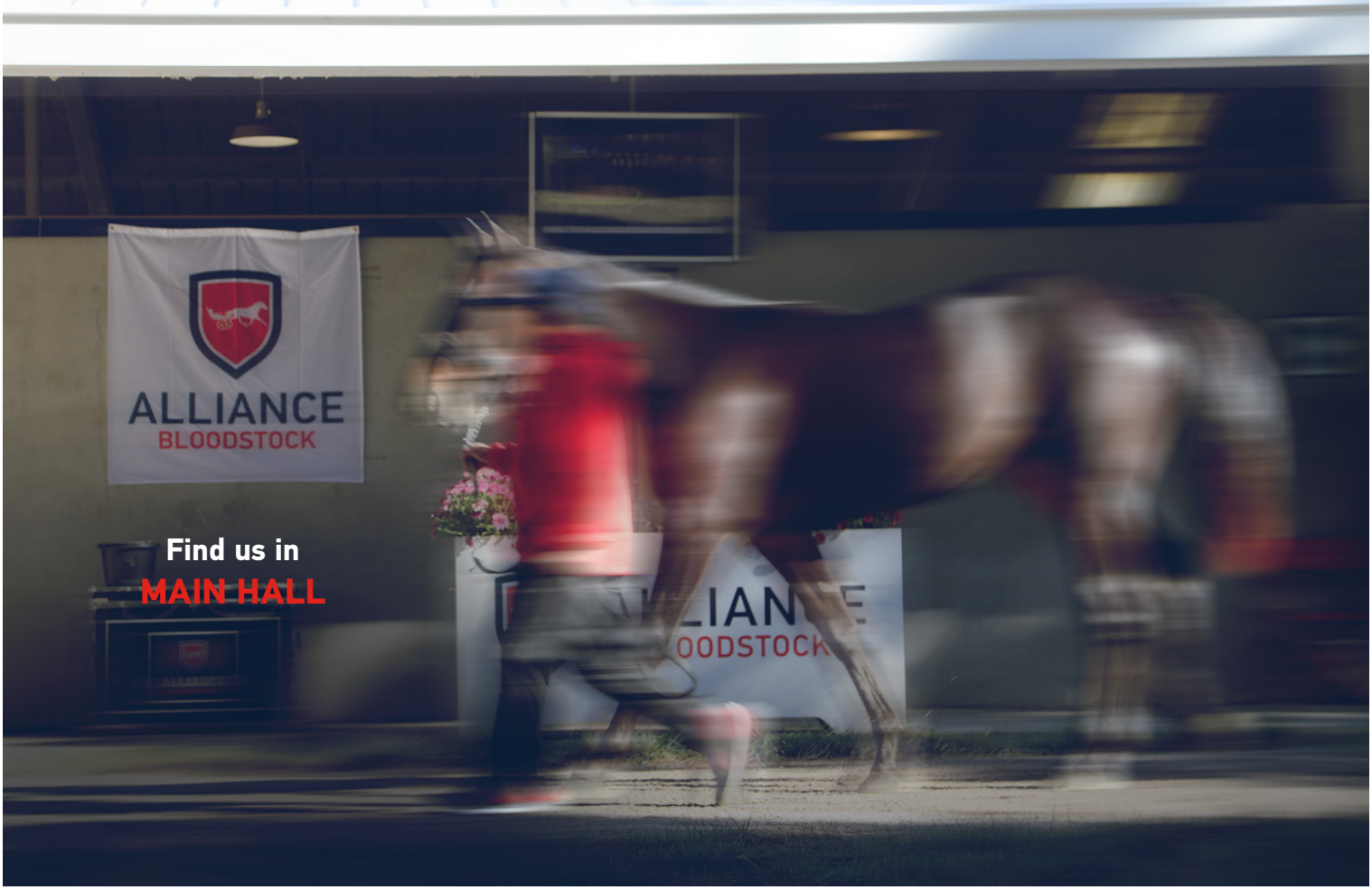
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BREEDERS CROWN HANDICAPPING

	FRI. - Race 7 $700k 2yoF Trot Breeders Crown	FRI. - Race 9 $700k 2yoF Pace Breeders Crown	FRI. - Race 10 $700k 2yoC Trot Breeders Crown	FRI. - Race 11 $700k 2yoC Pace Breeders Crown	SAT. - Race 3 $600k Open Trot Breeders Crown	SAT. - Race 4 $400k Mare Pace Breeders Crown
	$20K GTD PICK 4		**$15K GTD PICK 5**	**$15K GTD PICK 4**	**$25K GTD PICK 4**	
 JAY BERGMAN	(1) NEVIS PEAK draw works in her favor following solid mile. (3) BLUE RANGER (2) BIRR CASTLE	(7) COWBOY CANDY has looked powerful in New York. (10) ACEANDATEN (4) J K LADY LIBERTY	(6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT enters the race in career form and will be hard to beat. (7) ACCESS NOW (5) LIFETIME DREAMER	(4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER has looked to be best freshman all year long (5) SHALOM HANOVER (1) BLAZIN LOU	(8) SUPER CHAPTER draws the worst but has been the best horse this year. (4) EMOTICON LEGACY (5) ANTOGNONI S	**(6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE** has regained her dominant ways. (9) WALSPEA (5) R DUTCHESS
 RAY COTOLO	(1) NEVIS PEAK got perfect tightener in elim & terrific draw for final. (2) BIRR CASTLE (4) TWO DAY HANGOVER	(10) ACEANDATEN never relents and could find a winning path. (4) JK LADY LIBERTY (3) WE WANT IT ALL	(6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT has difficult talent to topple. Should be aggressive with draw. (3) JIMDOUGIE ARMITAGE (2) WHATEVERITTAKES AS	(1) BLAZIN LOU could be the sharpest & peaking with the best draw. (4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER (6) EASTIE BOY	(4) EMOTICON LEGACY could expend less & have enough to spoil. (8) SUPER CHAPTER (3) LEXUS KODY	(5) R DUTCHESS has raced great all year and prepped nicely to assert. (1) TACTICAL MONI (10) YO TILLIE
 DERICK GIWNER	(3) BLUE RANGER is back on track and ready to peak. (6) CLIMATIC HANOVER (2) BIRR CASTLE	(10) ACEANDATEN second behind a killer in last; needs smooth trip. (4) JK LADY LIBERTY (7) COWBOY CANDY	(3) JIMDOUGIE ARMITAGE no chance in elim; could see speed here. (6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT (5) LIFETIME DREAMER	(4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER was huge in elim after missing 39 days; wow! (5) SHALOM HANOVER (1) BLAZIN LOU	(8) SUPER CHAPTER might offer a slightly better price from the bad post. (6) GO DOG GO (5) ANTOGNONI S	(6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE has some value appeal with Ake driving. (9) WALSPEA (1) TACTICAL MONI
 MELISSA KEITH	(3) BLUE RANGER: won last three here; drew away late in Crown elim. (8) DANDELION WINE (2) BIRR CASTLE	**(7) COWBOY CANDY** crushed Big Apple in Vernon record; undefeated inside of 8-hole. (6) MY TAYLORS SWIFT (10) ACEANDATEN	(6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT kept finding more down the stretch in four straight wins (3) JIMDOUGIE ARMITAGE (2) WHATEVERITTAKES AS	(1) BLAZIN LOU reeled in elim fave; card's fastest (25 3/5) last quarter (4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER (5) SHALOM HANOVER	(4) EMOTICON LEGACY easily held off rivals in elim; high win-percentage post (8) SUPER CHAPTER (5) ANTOGNONI S	(1) TACTICAL MONI cleared early in prep race; track record win; going away (5) R DUTCHESS (9) WALSPEA
 KEVIN PLOWCHA	(1) NEVIS PEAK can turn the tables with an easier trip. (3) BLUE RANGER (4) TWO DAY HANGOVER	(10) ACEANDATEN gets a lukewarm nod in a wide open Final. (8) SEASIDE UBEAUT (7) COWBOY CANDY	**(5) LIFETIME DREAMER** can trip out again and beat the favorite. (6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT (3) JIMDOUGIE ARMITAGE	(4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER gives us an encore performance tonight. (1) BLAZIN LOU (2) MR BEAR	(8) SUPER CHAPTER finishes out his super season with another win. (4) EMOTICON LEGACY (7) ON TO NORWAY	(1) TACTICAL MONI looks to repeat last week's lethal mile. (6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE (9) WALSPEA
 MIKE PRIBOZIE	(8) DANDELION WINE was against track in Elim; improving for top barn at a price. (3) BLUE RANGER (4) TWO DAY HANGOVER	(10) ACEANDATEN needs a trip from this draw; her kick is wicked. (8) SEASIDE UBEAUT (4) JK LADY LIBERTY	(6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT was too fast for these; wins with any trip. (2) WHATEVERITTAKES AS (5) LIFETIME DREAMER	(5) SHALOM HANOVER - His A effort wins here; you get a better price now. (4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER (1) BLAZIN LOU	(4) EMOTICON LEGACY won the draw; looked flawless in Elim. (8) SUPER CHAPTER (1) FRENCH WINE	(6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE is coming in the right way for the right people. (5) R DUTCHESS (9) WALSPEA
 GREG REINHART	(6) CLIMATIC HANOVER won brilliantly two back at Hoosier. (3) BLUE RANGER (4) TWO DAY HANGOVER	(5) POSITIVE PROCESS gets reunited with Gingras for a hot stable. (4) JK LADY LIBERTY (8) SEASIDE UBEAUT	(3) JIMDOUGIE ARMITAGE trotted home well in elim, gets post relief. (5) LIFETIME DREAMER (6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT	(4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER should be better with a race under his belt. (5) SHALOM HANOVER (1) BLAZIN LOU	(4) EMOTION LEGACY has major post edge on main rival. (8) SUPER CHAPTER (5) ANTOGNONI S	(1) TACTICAL MONI should have confidence off handy prep win. (5) R DUTCHESS (9) WALSPEA
 MATT ROSE	(4) TWO DAY HANOVER is a top talent who will now offer a price. (3) BLUE RANGER (2) BIRR CASTLE	(8) SEASIDE UBEAUT can make $500K purchase look like bargain; overcomes post. (4) JK LADY LIBERTY (7) COWBOY CANDY	(3) JIMDOUGIE ARMITAGE lives in shadow of barnmates; close in talent. (6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT (5) LIFETIME DREAMER	(7) NIGHT SURFER was just shy in elim; can fire out with Tetrick; home edge. (4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER (1) BLAZIN LOU	(6) GO DOG GO turned things around in elim and can upset with stalking trip. (8) SUPER CHAPTER (7) ON TO NORWAY	**(6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE** dominated last couple of stakes and is a 2x Crown champion. (5) R DUTCHESS (9) WALSPEA
 DARIN ZOCCALI	(1) NEVIS PEAK was out the first 3/8th's from a wide draw in the elimination. (4) TWO DAY HANGOVER (3) BLUE RANGER	(4) JK LADY LIBERTY will be even better in her second start off the qualifier. (3) WE WANT IT ALL (6) MY TAYLORS SWIFT	(6) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT - Division leader has been too much for these to this point (3) JIMDOUGIE ARMITAGE (5) LIFETIME DREAMER	(1) BLAZIN LOU was too impressed by him last week to not pick him. (5) SHALOM HANOVER (4) STARSTRUCK DREAMER	(8) SUPER CHAPTER wraps up Horse of the Year with a victory. (4) EMOTICON LEGACY (6) GO DOG GO	(3) MIRACLE MAVEN can use her speed to take advantage of a lackluster group this year (6) WARRAWEE MICHELLE (10) YO TILLIE

BREEDERS CROWN HANDICAPPING

	SAT. - Race 5 $664.5k 3yoF Pace Breeders Crown	SAT. - Race 6 $664.5k 3yoF Trot Breeders Crown	SAT. - Race 7 $443k Mare Pace Breeders Crown	SAT. - Race 8 $664.5k 3yoC Trot Breeders Crown	SAT. - Race 9 $664.5k 3yoC Pace Breeders Crown	SAT. - Race 10 $662k Open Pace Breeders Crown
			$30K GTD PICK 4			**$15K GTD PICK 5**
 JAY BERGMAN	(7) SHES A BULLDOG has looked better the past few weeks; upset primed. (3) HOPE HILL (1) SANGRIA SUMMER	(2) VICTORIANAS SECRET has shown prowess over this size oval and can upset. (3) SHE'S MONI (5) LITTLE ROAD	(6) TWIN B JOE FRESH is battle tested and ready to fight. (3) FRANCENT N (1) THE LAST MARTINI	(4) INEXPRESSABLE finds a perfect spot to benefit from speed duel. (2) BIG RANGER (6) APEX	(1) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB should work out a winning trip from this spot. (4) BRANDON BLVD (5) AL PAPI	(4) CALICOJACK HANOVER will be a huge price worth having in this kind of field. (5) PRINCE HAL HANOVER (3) DANDY IDEAL
 RAY COTOLO	(8) MISS JUM JABBER may have a lot of speed to close into. (1) SANGRIA SUMMER (7) SHE'S A BULLDOG	(3) SHE'S MONI holds all the cards with her inside speed. (1) STORYBOOK LOVE (4) NEZUKO KAMADO S	(3) FRANCENT N should be primed for a big effort second back. (6) TWIN B JOE FRESH (9) UNREASONABLE	(2) BIG RANGER can go a big mile if all's a-go. (4) INEXPRESSABLE (1) AMERICAN POWER	**(6) SWEET LOVIN LOU** is in career form and may perch in pouncing position. (3) FUNKY BUDDHA (4) BRANDON BLVD	(5) PRINCE HAL HANOVER could make the first attack and prove successful. (3) DANDY IDEAL (1) WOMEN LAYER
 DERICK GIWNER	(8) MISS JUM JABBER has some recent excuses and will be a much better price now. (1) SANGRIA SUMMER (3) HOPE HILL	(4) NEZUKO KAMADO S set track record in elim and can take air. (3) SHE'S MONI (6) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH	(6) TWIN B JOE FRESH has come back to form and will be in charge. (3) FRANCENT N (4) ROCKET DEO	(2) BIG RANGER looks back off elim; can control the race from inside. (5) NIX NACKEN (APEX	**(5) AL PAPI** was blocked in the stretch in elim; has quick acceleration. (4) BRANDON BLVD (6) SWEET LOVIN LOU	(2) BEST CHIP can take charge from the inside; driver change to Bartlett. (1) WOMEN LAYER (5) PRINCE HAL HANOVER
 MELISSA KEITH	(1) SANGRIA SUMMER confidently cruised to track record in elim; versatility a strength. (8) MISS JUM JABBER (3) HOPE HILL	(5) LITTLE ROAD out-sprinted rivals to wire in elim; two moves; lone supplement. (4) NEZUKO KAMADO S (3) SHE'S MONI	(1) THE LAST MARTINI was overlooked at 68/1 in 2025 Crown; outsider draws inside. (6) TWIN B JOE FRESH (3) FRANCENT N	(3) DIABOLIC HILL edged out APEX in elim; life-time best; two moves. (2) BIG RANGER (5) NIX NACKEN	(6) SWEET LOVIN LOU advanced third-over though quickening fractions, widest in elim. (4) BRANDON BLVD (2) MELILLO	(1) WOMEN LAYER - Elim winner is 6-for-9 at Scioto this season (5) PRINCE HAL HANOVER (6) KEN HANOVER
 KEVIN PLOWCHA	(1) SANGRIA SUMMER works out the right trip and wins again. (3) HOPE HILL (8) MISS JUM JABBER	(5) LITTLE ROAD completes the storybook season in a dartboard final. (7) CUSTOM (9) BUSY MISS LISSY S	(6) TWIN B JOE FRESH remains the queen of this division. (3) FRANCENT N (8) RODEO DRIVE DEO	(2) BIG RANGER returns home to take the ultimate prize. (3) DIABOLIC HILL (4) INEXPRESSABLE	(4) BRANDON BLVD gets another chance after a patient elimination drive. (1) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB (6) SWEET LOVIN LOU	(1) WOMEN LAYER loves to fly around this track. Speed mission. (3) DANDY IDEAL (2) BEST CHIP
 MIKE PRIBOZIE	(1) SANGRIA SUMMER aired in Elim. Her speed early will help overcome draw. (3) HOPE HILL (2) WHOOMP	(4) NEZUKO KAMADO S looks to avenge loss in '25 - classy, versatile. (9) BUSY MISS LISSY S (5) LITTLE ROAD	(3) FRANCENT N needed last. If she's close to TBJF early she wins. (6) TWIN B JOE FRESH (1) THE LAST MARTINI	(2) BIG RANGER - This is his house and I think he protects it emphatically. (6) APEX (5) NIX NACKEN	**(1) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB** was very sharp off the bench; gets diluted bunch. (2) MELILLO (4) BRANDON BLVD	(2) BEST CHIP draws perfect relative to the other speed. Can he hold late? (1) WOMEN LAYER (3) DANDY IDEAL
 GREG REINHART	(1) SANGRIA SUMMER set a track record in her elim victory. (3) HOPE HILL (8) MISS JUM JABBER	(3) SHE'S MONI has gotten hot at the right time of year. (7) CUSTOM (4) NEZUKO KAMADO S	(6) TWIN B JOE FRESH looks like the leader of this group again. (3) FRANCENT N (9) UNREASONABLE	(3) DIABOLIC HILL appears happy and healthy in his last two wins. (2) BIG RANGER (5) NIX NACKEN	**(5) AL PAPI** probably wins his elim if he had room. (4) BRANDON BLVD (1) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB	(5) PRINCE HAL HANOVER his versatility & toughness give him the edge. (2) BEST CHIP (3) DANDY IDEAL
 MATT ROSE	(8) MISS JUM JABBER has burned money with recent losses but looms large; chance for price. (3) HOPE HILL (1) SANGRIA SUMMER	(5) LITTLE ROAD proved in elim that she belongs; would be great story. (6) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH (4) NEZUKO KAMADO S	(3) FRANCENT N was held at bay in elim but I suspect the torch will be passed tonight. (6) TWIN B JOE FRESH (7) CHAMPAGNE ROOM	(5) NIX NACKEN is versatile, talented and new driver won't be an issue; good post. (2) BIG RANGER (6) APEX	(5) AL PAPI did well to get into final from tough post; early speed makes the difference. (4) BRANDON BLVD (2) MELILLO	(5) PRINCE HAL HANOVER never goes a bad race and can set up live stalking trip behind #2. (3) DANDY IDEAL (2) BEST CHIP
 DARIN ZOCCALI	(1) SANGRIA SUMMER came back very sharp off rest following the Sire Stakes Final. (3) HOPE HILL (2) WHOOMP	(4) NEZUKO KAMADO S - Speed around her should set things up nicely for her rally. (5) LITTLE ROAD (3) SHE'S MONI	(6) TWIN B JOE FRESH - She is sharp and has the speed to take these all the way on top. (9) UNREASONABLE (3) FRANCENT N	(5) NIX NACKEN - Expect him to return to his off the pace tactics that work best. (2) BIG RANGER (6) APEX	**(5) AL PAPI** left, shuffled, caught behind horses with pace in the elimination. Sneaky. (4) BRANDON BLVD (2) MELILLO	(2) BEST CHIP - Rags to Riches story deserves a storybook ending (5) PRINCE HAL HANOVER (1) WOMEN LAYER

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Digging into the possibilities of Saturday's $30K GTD Pick 4



JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman BergmanJay

There will be a dozen Breeders Crown races this weekend (October 23-24) at Scioto Downs and as challenging as the events will be for those participating, the puzzle is quite different for those handicapping and hoping to take advantage of some lucrative pools and prices sure to follow in many hard-to-predict contests. Going into the weekend it's important to seek out the races that have the most probability to produce favorites that connect and those that are open to longshots that can add enormous value in multi-wager events.

With eight straight Breeders Crowns on Saturday's program over the five-eighths mile track in Columbus, Ohio, there will be a pair of consecutive Pick 4 opportunities. Races 3-6 will offer a $25,000 guaranteed pool while races 7-10 have a $30,000 guarantee posted. While the guarantees post one incentive to get involved in the later Pick 4, it is worth noting that the Breeders Crown finals that comprise races 7-10 appear to offer a stronger chance of a big payday, with longshots chances filtered nicely in the final three legs of the wager.

In race seven, the first leg of the wager, recent past performance points clearly to just two horses at the top of the Open Mares class. Francent N (post 3) and Twin B Joe Fresh (post 6) have established themselves clearly as the best horses in the division and each drew well enough not to be compromised in their paths to victory. Francent N for her part, returned from time away from the races with a strong second-place finish in her elimination. Champion Twin B Joe Fresh needs no introduction and enters the crown riding a three-race win streak.

Race eight opens the door for more possibilities, with as many as six horses having a clear chance to win. What's important from a gambler's perspective is not to overthink the elimination races and try to map out trips that could elevate the longer shots to the winner's circle. Essentially breaking down this field on paper, Big Ranger (post 2) would appear to have the speed and position edge on all horses. That said, his elimination proved very little as once he gained control under no duress, he never had to look another horse in the eye. That's not likely to be the case on Saturday with several horses that could leave, including Diabolic Hill (post 3), Inexpressable (post 4) and Apex (post 6). Notable as well in trip handicapping is the presence of American Power (post 1), one of three from the Melander stable that could open a hole for his roommates. On paper, Big Ranger is likely to be a strong favorite, but he could be extremely vulnerable given the talent around him. Despite less than inspiring elimination performances, Apex and American Power could add value to a ticket that should cover the top contenders.

Though Brandon Blvd (post 4) finished second in his elimination, he's still the top-race sophomore pacing colt or gelding in North America. The logical favorite for leg three, the $664,500 Breeders Crown 3-year-old pace, Brandon Blvd has won nine races this year, much to the credit of trainer Andrew Harris and perhaps more from the skill of Dexter Dunn, who has captured eight Breeders Crowns in just the last two years. As much as Brandon Blvd has been tested throughout the year, most recently he's dominated weaker horses. Thus, Saturday's contest will likely make him need to do more work with the talent level of his rivals at a higher level. Specifically, Gentleman's Club, a horse that has hidden beneath the radar and in plain sight this year and finally emerged as a serious threat with his 1:48 3/5 shocker at 26-1 in the eliminations. While many longshots arrive when others do the heavy lifting, Gentleman's Club and driver Andy McCarthy accomplished the feat with a sinister first-over power move that ended with a 26 3/5 kicker. In a race where wagering dollars will likely go to Brandon Blvd as well as the duo from Ron Burke's powerhouse of a stable in Melillo (post 2) and Al Papi (post 5), Gentleman's Club looks to be in a role reversal situation with Brandon Blvd when looking back at the last time the two met in the $300,000 Hempt on August 22 at Pocono. In that race Dunn had Brandon Blvd on the lead at the quarter from post two while McCarthy left from post seven with Gentleman's Club for a four-hole. While Brandon Blvd would later get a pocket-trip behind Al Papi, Gentleman's Club would gut it out without cover, moving before the half and going on the attack. Brandon Blvd got the trip and won but Gentleman's Club's fifth-place finish was an indication that he was strong enough but just not lucky. On Saturday the trip may decide this contest, and I would expect McCarthy will create as many seats as possible behind Gentleman's Club. It's also worth noting that Gentleman's Club did his best racing late in 2025 winning the Governor's Cup, and perhaps the weather played a part in his big elimination score.

With $662,000 on the line in the final leg of the Pick 4 (race 10), the Breeders Crown Open Pace could be even more wide-open than it appears on paper. Though speed horses Women Layer and Best Chip have drawn the inside two posts, it's doubtful they will be alone in the early skirmish. When on his game Dandy Ideal (post 3) has shown early speed, and while Tim Tetrick was reluctant to leave and benefitted from taking back in last week's trial, the result should give him confidence to look to the front. Adding Prince Hal Hanover (post 5), Ken Hanover (post 6) with Dave Miller returning to the bike, and Ervin Hanover (post 9), there could be the proverbial cavalry charge through the opening quarter and beyond.

In this group it would seem wise to go as far as seven deep if possible and maybe just eliminate Admiral Hill and Surreal Ideal from the ticket. Calicojack Hanover (post 4) is a horse that on paper looks like a toss as well, but he is now making his third start since moving into the Burke stable, has a good draw, and wasn't that far removed from the pack in his Crown elimination race. It's worth noting that Burke's Harrisburg Heist upset many of these horses just three weeks ago and he didn't even reach the Crown final.

Brandon Blvd to stand stud at Hanover Shoe Farms starting next year

Dr. J Stallion Management and Hanover Shoe Farms announced on Wednesday that 3-year-old pacing colt Brandon Blvd, p, 3, 1:47 2/5m ($1,570,842) will stand in Pennsylvania at Hanover Shoe Farms, commencing with the 2027 breeding season.

During his 2-year-old campaign Brandon Blvd won seven of 10 starts, including victories in the Bluegrass and International Stallion Stakes. Brandon Blvd set his 2-year-old mark of 1:48 4/5 in winning his Breeders Crown elimination, which at the time was the fastest mile ever paced in Canada by a 2-year-old.

This year at the age of three, Brandon Blvd has nine wins in 13 starts and has never been off the board. Brandon Blvd's sophomore wins include the Meadowlands Pace, Hempt Memorial, Paul Revere Pace and the Somebeachsomewhere. In addition, Brandon Blvd showed his grit and determination with a second-place finish in the North America Cup, coming first-over before the half and being defeated by a mere half-length.

Bred by Crawford Farms and a former $425,000 yearling, the royally-bred and impeccably-conformed Brandon Blvd is out of the American Ideal mare Alexis Faith, p, 3, 1:50 3/5f ($586,546), who is a half-sister to World Champion and 2021 Dan Patch Horse of the Year Test of Faith.

"Brandon Blvd is the complete stallion package. Pedigree, performance and physical presence, Brandon has them all in spades," said Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky. "Brandon Blvd rejuvenates the Somebeachsomewhere sire line in Pennsylvania, a state that makes obtaining dual eligibility relatively easy. I am thrilled to be partnering with Hanover Shoe Farms.

"Brandon Blvd's 2027 book will include several of Hanover's best mares, several of Odds On Racing's best mares and 12 high-profile fillies owned by Punisher 11 Stable."

"One of several exciting breeding lines we plan to follow with Brandon Blvd is the ability to breed probably the best grandson of Somebeachsomewhere to some of his best granddaughters, touching up the dominant pacing line of the past quarter century," said Russell Williams, Hanover Shoe Farms president.

The introductory Service Fee for Brandon Blvd will be $12,000 U.S. Brandon Blvd will be syndicated at the conclusion of his 2026 racing season, please contact Dr. J at (717) 578-7395 or drjablonsky@drjstallionmanagement.com for more information.

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Lauren Tritton looks for another first in Breeders Crown finals

Lauren Tritton's résumé already boasts several history-making accomplishments, and over the course of the two-night Breeders Crown championships at Eldorado Scioto Downs on Friday (Oct. 23) and Saturday (Oct. 24) in Columbus, Ohio, she hopes to make more memories.

Tritton, who had more than 900 driving wins in an accomplished career in her native Australia before coming to the U.S. in 2020, already has a Down Under Breeders Crown title to her credit, and she has two chances to add a second Crown trophy to her mantel. If successful with either Too Pink To Pass in Friday's $700,000 2-Year-Old Filly Pace or Darlin's Angel in Saturday's $664,500 3-Year-Old Filly Pace, the 33-year-old Tritton would become the first female driver to capture a Breeders Crown final in North America.

While women trainers in the winner's circle have become a common occurrence in the 43-year-history of the Breeders Crown, Tritton will be just the fourth female driver to attempt to take home a Crown trophy, and only the second to have a drive in a final. Karen Fekete (1998), Jacquie Ingrassia (2008 and 2010) and Riina Rekila (2010) all had elimination drives but failed to advance to the final. Only Brooke Nickells in 2001 with Lavecster in the 3-Year-Old Colt Trot reached the final, finishing ninth.

"Winning a Breeders Crown would be beyond my goals, but I'll take it," said Tritton, who in addition to helping her husband Shane train a stable of 30 horses is mother to son Levi, 9, and daughter Emily, 5.

Don't believe capturing a Breeders Crown title is beyond Tritton's reach. In 2023 Tritton became the first female driver to win the Battle of Lake Erie at Northfield Park with Lochinvar Art A, who was trained by Shane. Also that year, she became the first woman to drive in a Meadowlands Pace final, finishing 10th with It's A Me Mario (also trained by her husband) after finishing third in the elims. Another feather in Tritton's cap came in 2025 when she became the first female driver to win three races on a card at the Meadowlands.

When the Trittons arrived in the U.S. six years ago, Lauren concentrated on helping her husband train their stable. Tritton had only seven driving starts in 2020-21, but since then she has picked up the pace. This year she has already posted career-highs in wins (68) and purse earnings ($1.28 million). Overall, she has 177 wins and $2.67 million in purse earnings on this continent.

Tritton admits it was a learning curve once she embarked on a North American driving career.

"It was basically the way races are run here," she said. "They are a lot faster and are only a mile, where we would race (in Australia) a mile and a quarter. There we would look for a slower second (quarter) but that's frowned upon here. So, the speed of the races, that was a little hard."

Tritton said she received favorable advice from some current U.S.-based drivers she competed against Down Under, including Dexter Dunn and brothers Andy and Todd McCarthy.

"We all raced against each other for a long time and if I do need anything they are the people I go to," she said.

On the flip side, she said she also received some pushback, but that those words essentially lit a fire under her.

"I was actually told that women don't belong here driving, and I wouldn't fit in at any track, so I might as well give up on that idea," said Tritton. "I was told that it was a boys' club here and I wouldn't be welcomed. It was game on from there."

Fast forward to now, and there are some who compare Tritton's talents to those of the late Bea Farber, recently inducted as an Immortal into harness racing's Hall of Fame. Farber, widely considered the greatest female driver, won 1,801 races over her career and several driving titles in the 1970s and '80s.

"I didn't really know much about her and watched as many of her races as possible," said Tritton. "She reminds me of the same mindset as myself. We both work hard and we just love the horses, and the adrenaline and love to race. And we don't worry about the other stuff."

There were no elims needed for Friday's 2-Year-Old Filly Pace. Tritton will start from post two with Too Pink To Pass, who is attempting to become the first horse to break its maiden in a Breeders Crown final. Trained by Shane - who like Lauren is making his Breeders Crown debut - Too Pink To Pass has finished second four times in nine starts, and the Steve Jones-bred, Joshua Graber-owned daughter of Huntsville comes into the race off a fourth-place finish in the $250,000 Big Apple final for freshman filly pacers at Vernon Downs.



Mike Lizzi photo

Lauren Tritton has two drives in this weekend's Breeders Crown.

"It would be awesome to break a maiden with a 2-year-old in the Breeders Crown," said Lauren Tritton. "Juvenile races are high on my list as they are very hard to win."

As for Darlin's Angel, who starts from post six on Saturday, Tritton has been behind the Hot Lead Farm homebred daughter of Captaintreacherous in all 19 career starts, which includes eight wins and a trio of seconds this year in the Jugette, Lynch Memorial and Shady Daisy, all graded stakes events. Darlin's Angel finished third in her Crown elim to advance.

The pairing of driver and horse is perfect, according to Darlin's Angel's trainer Juan Cano.

"When we entered her for her first start in the Kindergarten there were 11 horses entered and she got the 11-hole," remembered Cano. "There was a shortage of drivers that weekend, so I looked at the early races, and I saw Lauren's name there. She took the drive and gave her a really good trip and ended up finishing fifth. Ever since she's been on her and she's gone everywhere with her. She's helped develop her to become the nice filly she's become.

"We wouldn't want anybody else on her either. She's so kind to the horses. She talks to them and I think fillies really respond to that."

Tritton agreed with Cano that talking to the horses helps greatly.

"I drove a couple of 2-year-olds for them early in qualifiers and I had my recording glasses on, and I sent a video to them," said Tritton. "They couldn't believe how much I talked to the horses. I don't even realize I'm doing it. I'm an equestrian from way back, so I think being on top of the horse pays off as I get along really well with a lot of high-strung fillies.

"And that's crazy because they call me a high-strung filly," she added with a laugh.

History could be on Darlin's Angel's side as her dam, Darlin's Delight, appeared in five Breeders Crown finals, with three second-place finishes (all behind My Little Dragon) and a third-place finish, while her second dam, Town Pro, was the first pacer to win two Crowns, capturing titles at 2 and 3, in 1989 and 1990.

"(Darlin's Angel) is so fast off the gate and we love using that for our best interest," said Tritton. "She needed the run last week as she'd been off three weeks and will be tighter this week."

Tritton hopes someday that she can stop being identified solely as a female driver, and a Breeders Crown victory could go a long way toward that.

"It does bother me, especially in a country where they make it a big deal when it shouldn't be," she concluded. "Here it's like whose record am I breaking and who else is going to break that? It does get a little annoying."

Scioto Downs will host all four Breeders Crown championships for 2-year-olds on Friday (Oct. 23) with the remaining eight finals to follow on Saturday. First-race post time both nights is 6 p.m. (EDT). Friday night's action will be aired on FOX Sports 1 (FS1) from 8-11 p.m. and Saturday's on FOX Sports 2 (FS2) 7-10:30 p.m.

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Two 'Rangers' set for Breeders Crown stage this weekend

By Ken Weingartner

Senena Esty is excited for this weekend's Breeders Crown finals at Eldorado Scioto Downs, she just doesn't want to think about them.

Esty and her husband, Jeff, own Spring Haven Farm in Utica, Ohio, located about an hour northeast of Scioto Downs. Two Breeders Crown trotting finalists – the brother and sister duo of 3-year-old colt Big Ranger and 2-year-old filly Blue Ranger – hail from the Estys' breeding operation. Both horses, by In Range out of the mare Big Blue Bird, head to their finals as elimination winners.

Full siblings have never won Breeders Crowns in the same year. The closest instance occurred in 2011 when half-brothers Bettor Sweet (by Bettor's Delight) and Sweet Lou (by Yankee Cruiser) won at Woodbine Racetrack to make mom Sweet Future proud.

"I don't even like to mentally go there," Esty said with a laugh, referring to Big Ranger and Blue Ranger's potentially own sweet future this weekend. "You hate to get too pumped up about it, so I'm just trying to stay cool and calm."

Blue Ranger will be the first of the siblings to head to the track when Scioto Downs hosts all four $700,000 Grade 1 Breeders Crown finals for 2-year-olds on Friday (Oct. 23). The remaining eight Grade 1 events, for horses 3 and up, will take place on Saturday. First-race post time both nights is 6 p.m. (EDT).

Trained by Marcus Melander, Blue Ranger won her elimination last week by a length over Nevis Peak in 1:53 1/5, equaling her own track record that she established Sept. 12 in capturing the $300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes championship for freshman filly trotters. That time is also the fastest this season for 2-year-old filly trotter on a five-eighths-mile oval.

Esty won't claim that she knew from day one that Blue Ranger could be that kind of filly.

"She was an average-sized filly as a weanling, and she was OK," Esty recalled. "She was nice – she wasn't nice. Everything about her was correct, but she did have a little bit of an attitude. I like to scratch them and bend down to kiss them, or whatever us girls do, and she might have wanted to take your face off. It was like, OK, we won't be kissing her too often.

"Then I literally remember one day I was out feeding the yearlings, and I hadn't seen that group for a while because me and my husband rotate what fields we do. I walked out and I looked at her rear end, and I was like, wow, this filly … is that Bluebird's? Of course, all she had to do was turn around and show that blaze on her face. And, wow, did she change. From that point on, I really, really liked her. She really developed in her later yearling phases."

Blue Ranger went for a sale-topping $210,000 at the 2025 Ohio Selected Jug Sale. She has three wins and three third-place finishes in seven starts this season, with earnings of $251,480 for owner Bender Sweden Inc.

The auction price for Blue Ranger was in contrast to that for Big Ranger, who went for $25,000 the previous year, but his success as a 2-year-old helped fuel interest in the filly. And whereas Blue Ranger left little initial impression upon Esty, the young Big Ranger was the opposite.



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Big Ranger was the easiest of winners in his Breeders Crown elim.

"He was just a really good-natured colt, just a real sweet personality, and I liked him kind of from the get-go," Esty said, adding about his yearling price, "I was honestly disappointed. I wondered what I missed. Maybe I was thinking too much of him, but I thought he was a very well-conformed colt with good size. He was big, but not too big; he wasn't too clunky. He had a good look about him."

Big Ranger proved Esty's belief in him was warranted, winning all seven of his starts at 2, including an Ohio Sires Stakes championship, and being named Ohio's Horse of the Year for trainer/driver Ronnie Gillespie. This season, his exploits include a second Ohio Sires Stakes title and memorable stretch duel with Apex in the Grade 1 Hambletonian Stakes, losing by a whisker. For his career, the colt has 15 wins and a second-place finish in 19 races and $965,959 in purses for owner Madison Global. He won his Breeders Crown elim by 2-1/4 lengths over Nix Nacken in 1:51 1/5 for trainer Anette Lorentzon.

So, what has Esty seen from her "kids" that's most impressed her so far.

"Besides what they've already demonstrated on the track, I love their gait," she said. "I like how they go with their head kind of down, and they seem to really dig in. There really is not a lot of wasted motion up front. That's what I like to see about them. They just go easy."

And while Esty would rather not think about the weekend's finals, she is happy the Breeders Crown is being held in Ohio. Scioto Downs is hosting all 12 Breeders Crown events for the first time after being the site of single Breeders Crown finals in 1986 and 1988.

"It's just huge having it at Scioto Downs," she said. "It means so much. We were over there for the eliminations, and it looks like they're ready. They've done a great job, so fingers crossed it'll go off without a hitch now."

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Last 4 Sts-$118,880

1:47.2 Lx1 — 26 ScD 1 0 0 1 $3,000 26 Tot 13 3 5 3 $256,880

1:52.4 OaG 5/8 — 25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 10 3 2 3 $141,840

24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 23 6 7 6 $398,720

15-1 Ti. Tetrick 1722-362-307-245 (.210)

T. Dinges 303-51-44-39(.168)

Br.- Black Horse Racing & Christina Takter,NJ

17 Oct26	8ScD	fst44°	26¹	:54²	1:21⁴	1:48³	D-Br Crown E	25000	3	5⁶½	5⁵¼	4°²½	3¹½	3¹	TiTetrick	ToDinges	27²	**28**	26⁴	26³	1:48⁴	**115**	8w	46.00	GentlmnCSwtLvnLouFunkyBdha	Great cvr,outfnshd-7
3 Oct26	11Lx1	fst69°	26²	:54	1:21	1:47²	BLUEGRASS-G3	79000	6	5⁴	5⁵	4°³	4²¼	3²½	TiTetrick	ToDinges	27¹	27⁴	26³	26¹	1:47⁴	**114**		8.06	BrndnBlvd SwtLvnLou FunkyBdha	-9
20 Sep26	10Lx1	fst81°	26³	:54²	1:21	1:48	KYSS-R1	400000	6	5⁴	5°³¾	2°no	3²	2¼	TiTetrick	ToDinges	27²	27⁴	25⁴	27¹	1:48¹	**115**		19.21	BrndnBlvd FunkyBdha SeBstrHnv	-9
8 Sep26	6Lx1	fst87°	26³	:54²	1:22¹	1:48	KYSS	80000	4	1¹½	2¹¼	2¹½	3³¾	4⁴	TiTetrick	ToDinges	26³	28	27⁴	26²	1:48⁴	**108**		12.62	BrndnBlvd SeBstrHnv Ubrute	-6
30 Aug26	1Lx1	fst90°	28¹	:55³	1:24	1:49	KYSS	80000	1	2¹½	2¹¼	2¹½	2⅜	2¹	DeDunn	ToDinges	28²	27²	28²	25	1:49¹	**106**		nb	SeBstrHnv FunkyBdha Ubrute	-3
18 Aug26	6Lx1	fst82°	26¹	:53²	1:21	1:47¹	KYSS	80000	4	5⁵½	5⁵	6°³¾	5³	3³¼	TiTetrick	ToDinges	27¹	27¹	27²	26	1:47⁴	**114**		4.45	SeBstrHnv Ubrute FunkyBdha	-7
9 Aug26	5Lx1	fst90°	26⁴	:53³	1:20³	1:47²	KYSS	80000	5	3°²½	1½	1¹	1no	1no	TiTetrick	ToDinges	27¹	26²	27	26⁴	1:47²	**117**		8.43	FunkyBdha SeBstrHnv SnekySqky	-9

4 BRANDON BLVD

3 1:47.2 (1) ★ $90,880 LEX-SEL $425,000

b c 3, by Downbytheseaside, Alexis Faith by American Ideal

Punisher 11 Stable LLC,Freehold,Nj

Last 4 Sts-$285,750

1:47.2 Lx1 — 26 ScD 1 0 1 0 $6,250 26 ★ 13 9 3 1 ★$1,181,445

1:48.4 Wbs 7/8 — 25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 ★ 10 7 2 0 $389,397

24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 23 16 5 1 ★$1,570,842

5-2 D. Dunn 1053-260-197-167 (.247)

A. Harris 412-80-52-54(.194)

Br.- Crawford Farms LLC,NY

17 Oct26	10ScD	fst43°	26⁴	:56²	1:22⁴	1:49³	D-Br Crown E	25000	3	4⁴	4⁴¼	4³	3¹½	2¹½	DeDunn	AnHarris	27³	29³	26¹	26²	1:49⁴	**109**	8w	★.10	MllBrndnBlvdFrgmnt	Bd cvr,wd 3/4,no shot-6
3 Oct26	11Lx1	fst69°	26²	:54	1:21	1:47²	BLUEGRASS-G3	79000	3	3°¹½	2¹	1¹	1¹	1½	DeDunn	AnHarris	26³	27³	26⁴	26²	1:47²	**117**		★.36	BrndnBlvd SwtLvnLou FunkyBdha	-9
20 Sep26	10Lx1	fst81°	26³	:54²	1:21	1:48	KYSS-R1	400000	3	3°¹¼	1¹¼	1no	1¹¾	1¹¼	DeDunn	AnHarris	26⁴	27³	26³	27	1:48	**114**		★.36	BrndnBlvd FunkyBdha SeBstrHnv	-9
8 Sep26	6Lx1	fst87°	26³	:54²	1:22¹	1:48	KYSS	80000	3	3°¹¼	1¹¼	1¹¼	1¼	1½	DeDunn	AnHarris	26⁴	27³	27⁴	25⁴	1:48	**114**		★.44	BrndnBlvd SeBstrHnv Ubrute	-6
22 Aug26	12PcD	fst74°	27	:54³	1:21³	1:48²	Hempt-G2	300000	2	1°hd	2¹¼	3¹½	2¹¼	1¹½	DeDunn	AnHarris	27	27⁴	27	26³	1:48²	**114**	+7 3w	★2.10	BrndnBlvd Melillo AlPapi	Yld,pkt,handy-8
8 Aug26	3M¹	fst91°	27¹	:54¹	1:21¹	1:47³	D-CanePace-G2	310750	2	3¹¹	3²¹	3°²¼	2²	3¹½	DeDunn	AnHarris	27²	27¹	27	26¹	1:47⁴	**113**	+5 4w	★.60	SwtLvnLGntlmnCBrndnBlvd	Sat,3w bf 3/4,even-5
1 Aug26	8M¹	fst79°	25⁴	:54¹	1:21³	1:47³	TOMPKINS	54150	2	4²¹	4³³¼	2°¹¼	1²	1¹½	DeDunn	AnHarris	26¹	28⁴	26⁴	25⁴	1:47³	**115**	+10 6w	★.20	BrndnBlvdSBstrHnvFrntcHnv	1st up,ld lane,handy-10

5 AL PAPI

3 1:47.2 (5/8) $59,293

b c 3, by Papi Rob Hanover, Baron Remy by Yankee Cruiser

Burke Rcg Stb & J&T Silva- Purnel&Libby,PA;L Karr,FL;Weaver Bruscemi,PA

Last 4 Sts-$275,500

1:47.2 Mw 5/8 — 26 ScD 1 0 0 0 $2,000 26 Tot 16 5 4 4 ★$948,683

1:48.1 Lx1 — 25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 11 4 4 2 ★$403,102

24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 27 9 8 6 ★$1,351,785

9-2 Y. Gingras 1607-286-256-224 (.178)

R. Burke 4545-832-701-591(.183)

Br.- Burke Rcg Stb,PA;J&T Silva- Purnel&Libby,FL;

17 Oct26	8ScD	fst44°	26¹	:54²	1:21⁴	1:48³	D-Br Crown E	25000	7	1¹¹	3²¹	5³³	6³¼	4¹½	YaGingras	RoBurke	**26¹**	28³	27⁴	**26¹**	1:48⁴	**114**	8w	15.70	GentlmnCSwtLvnLouFnkyBdh	Spd,shff,ang,traffic-7
10 Oct26	11Lx1	gd61°	27³	:54¹	1:21³	1:50²	TATTERSALL-G2	365000	2	6⁵³	6°³½	4°³	3¹³¼	1²½	YaGingras	RoBurke	28⁴	26	27²	28¹	1:50²	**103**		**3.09**	AlPapi SwtLvnLou Melillo	-10
24 Sep26	19Del	fst68°	26²	:55³	1:22³	1:49⁴	D-JUG FINAL-G1	550000	2	3²¹	3°¹³	2°no	2²½	3⁵¼	YaGingras	RoBurke	26⁴	29¹	26³	28¹	1:50⁴	**111**		1.60	RedIndRoM Melillo AlPapi	-8
24 Sep26	15Del	fst68°	27²	:56⁴	1:24	1:51¹	D-JUG E G1	50000	2	1¹¼	1¹	1¹	1¹½	1¹½	YaGingras	RoBurke	27²	29²	27¹	27¹	1:51¹	**105**		★.50	AlPapi FrantcHnv TrchrsLou	-6
6 Sep26	13Phl	fst80°	26	:55	1:20³	1:48²	PASS Final-R1	300000	1	3¹³	2°¹	1¹²	1¹²	2³	YaGingras	RoBurke	26²	28³	25³	28	1:48³	**116**	+5 7w	2.10	Melillo AlPapi SnekySqky	-8
28 Aug26	8Mw	fst74°	26³	:55²	1:24¹	1:50³	PASS-3YOCG	54601	3	3³	1¹	1¹½	1¹½	1¹¼	RonWrnnJr	RoBurke	27¹	28¹	28⁴	26²	1:50³	**105**		★.10	AlPapi PapiRick EasyBreze	-7
22 Aug26	12PcD	fst74°	27	:54³	1:21³	1:48²	Hempt-G2	300000	3	3¹¼	4¹¼	1¼	1¼	3²	YaGingras	RoBurke	27¹	27²	27	27¹	1:48⁴	**110**	+7 3w	4.30	BrndnBlvd Melillo AlPapi	Brush,press,tired-8

6 SWEET LOVIN LOU(L)

3 1:47.3 (1) $33,291 SHS-HBG $70,000

b c 3, by Sweet Lou, Lover's Dream by Somebeachsomewhere

Lagace Stbs,ON;E V Buhler,Wantagh,NY;Biq Als Stbs,ON;Brittany Fms Micki Rae,Versailles,KY

Last 4 Sts-$167,250

1:47.3 M1 — 26 ScD 1 0 1 0 $6,250 26 Tot 15 3 6 2 $499,372

1:50.4 Wbs 7/8 — 25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 9 3 2 3 $180,845

24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 24 6 8 5 $680,217

7-1 S. Zeron 961-123-140-141 (.128)

D. Lagace 56-6-11-10(.107)

Br.- Joseph Davino,Clarksburg,NJ-Brad Shackman,Ca

17 Oct26	8ScD	fst44°	26¹	:54²	1:21⁴	1:48³	D-Br Crown E	25000	4	6⁸¼	6⁷	6°⁴¼	5³	2¾	ScZeron	DaLagace	27⁴	**28**	26⁴	**26¹**	1:48⁴	**115**	8w	L10.00	GentlmnCSwtLvnLFnkyBdh	3rd up,widest,willing-7
10 Oct26	11Lx1	gd61°	27³	:54¹	1:21³	1:50²	TATTERSALL-G2	365000	10	5⁴¼	5°²½	3°²	2¼	2²½	ScZeron	DaLagace	28²	26¹	27²	28⁴	1:50⁴	**102**		★1.79	AlPapi SwtLvnLou Melillo	-10
3 Oct26	11Lx1	fst69°	26²	:54	1:21	1:47²	BLUEGRASS-G3	79000	4	2°°¹	1¹	2¹	2¹	2½	ScZeron	DaLagace	26³	27²	27¹	26¹	1:47²	**118**		2.60	BrndnBlvd SwtLvnLou FunkyBdha	-9
25 Sep26	8HoP	fst61°	26¹	:54¹	1:22	1:48³	D-JNNASBBG3	100000	3	4³½	1°¹	1²	1³	1²	ScZeron	DaLagace	26⁴	27²	27⁴	26³	1:48³	**116**		L★.40	SwtLvnLou ProficBld Dncngdrmr	-8
12 Sep26	7Wbs	fst71°	26²	:53³	1:20⁴	1:46⁴	SIMCOE-G3 -G3	100800	1	3½	3³	3³	3²	2¹³	LoRoy	DaLagace	26³	27³	27¹	25⁴	1:47¹	**118**	+12 6w	L2.10	RedIndRoMSwtLvnLouBeauJngls	Saved,gd finish-5
4 Sep26	2Wbs	fst68°	28³	:57²	1:26²	1:52²	**Qua**		2	1²¹	1²³	1²³	1⁹	1¹⁷	JaMacdnld	DaLagace	28³	28⁴	29	26	1:52²		nb		SwtLvnLou SunstRidr	-2
22 Aug26	12PcDA	fst74°	27	:54³	1:21³	1:48²	Hempt-G2	300000	6	7⁶³¼	7°⁶³¼	7°³³¼	8⁴³¼	4²¹¼	ScZeron	DaLagace	28²	27³	26²	26²	1:48⁴	**112**	+7 3w	L9.20	BrndnBlvd Melillo AlPapi	Wide,late rally-8

7 ODDS ON MR MAMBA(L)

2 1:47.4 (7/8) $55,770

b g 3, by Odds On Equuleus, Honky Tonk Woman by Western Ideal

Odds On Racing,Boca Raton,Fl

Last 4 Sts-$88,250

1:48.1 Wbs 7/8 — 26 ScD 1 0 0 0 $1,250 26 ★ 11 5 1 2 $613,470

1:47.4 HoP 7/8 — 25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 ★ 8 7 0 0 $314,405

24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 19 12 1 2 $927,875

20-1 P. Wrenn 130-16-17-20 (.123)

M. Wrenn 159-31-27-17(.195)

Br.- Odds On Nourrir,FL

17 Oct26	10ScD	fst43°	26⁴	:56²	1:22⁴	1:49³	D-Br Crown E	25000	6	6⁸³	6⁷¼	6°⁴¼	6³¼	5⁶½	PeWrenn	MeWrenn	28³	29¹	**25⁴**	27¹	1:50⁴	**105**	8w	L16.50	MllBrndnBlvdFrgmnt	Out 3/4,wd fnl,no pop-6
9 Oct26	13HoP	fst62°	26¹	:53⁴	1:22²	1:50²	D-ISSF-3YOCG	250000	2	3°¹³¼	1hd	3¹½	1½	2hd	PeWrenn	MeWrenn	26³	27¹	28⁴	27⁴	1:50²	**106**		L★1.00	SwisLghts OdsMrMmba WhtNooWay	-10
2 Oct26	12HoP	fst52°	25⁴	:54³	1:23¹	1:50⁴	ISS-3CGP	49000	6	5⁷½	5⁶	5°⁶½	3²½	1¼	PeWrenn	MeWrenn	27¹	28³	28³	26²	1:50⁴	**103**		L★.70	OdsMrMmba Dncngdrmr WhtNooWay	-7
23 Sep26	4HoP	fst57°	27⁴	:56⁴	1:26¹	1:52²	**Qua**		4	2²¼	2²	2¹½	2hd	1⅝	PeWrenn	MeWrenn	28¹	29	29¹	26	1:52²		Lnb		OdsMrMmba SabaRock Btrsthshw	-7
22 Aug26	12PcD	fst74°	27	:54³	1:21³	1:48²	Hempt-G2	300000	4	5⁴	5⁴¼	4°¹½	5³¼	7⁴¼	JaMacdnld	MeWrenn	27⁴	27³	26²	27²	1:49¹	**109**	+7 3w	L4.40	BrndnBlvd Melillo AlPapi	Cover,no gain,fold-8
8 Aug26	3M¹	fst91°	27¹	:54¹	1:21¹	1:47³	D-CanePace-G2	310750	5	2no	2¹¼	2°¹	3²	4²¼	JaMacdnld	MeWrenn	27¹	27¹	27	26³	1:48	**113**	+5 4w	L1.60	SwtLvnLGntlmnCBrndnBlvd	Ld,yld,2w bf 3/4,no bid-5
25 July26	16Mw	fst80°	26³	:54²	1:20²	1:48¹	ADIOS-G1	420500	3	3³¹	3³	2°¹½	2¹	3nk	JaMacdnld	MeWrenn	27¹	27⁴	25³	27³	1:48¹	**120**		L2.10	AlPapi Melillo OdsMrMmba	Loom, not enough-9

8 FRAGMENT(L)

3 1:49.3 (5/8) $51,014 SHS-HBG $80,000

b c 3, by Huntsville, The Show Returns by Rocknroll Hanover

Engblom Farm LLC,Wrightstown,NJ;Douglas E Sipple,Georgetown,DE;Peaceful Acre Farm,York,PA

Last 4 Sts-$201,000

1:49.3 TgD 5/8 — 26 ScD 1 0 0 1 $3,000 26 ★ 11 5 3 1 $561,149

1:50 VD 7/8 — 25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 16 9 2 0 ★$585,906

24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 27 14 5 1 $1,147,055

15-1 J. Bartlett 1762-493-303-223 (.280)

Pe. Engblom 602-104-94-72(.173)

Br.- S Stewart,KY;Black Creek Fm,IN;M Robinson,OH

17 Oct26	10ScD	fst43°	26⁴	:56²	1:22⁴	1:49³	D-Br Crown E	25000	1	2¹	2¹½	2¹½	2¹½	3³	JaBartlttt	PtrEngblm	27	29³	26²	27¹	1:50¹	**107**	8w	L14.90	Melillo BrndnBlvd Fragment	Spd,yld,even-6
24 Sep26	19Del	fst68°	26²	:55³	1:22³	1:49⁴	D-JUG FINAL-G1	550000	8	8¹¹	8⁷¾	6⁴½	6⁶½	4⁵¾	JaBartlttt	PtrEngblm	28³	28³	26¹	27³	1:51	**104**		L33.80	RedIndRoM Melillo AlPapi	-8
24 Sep26	16Del	fst68°	27	:54¹	1:22⁴	1:50²	D-JUG E G1	50000	3	1°¹	2¼	1¼	4⁶½	4¹⁵	JaBartlttt	PtrEngblm	27	27¹	28³	30³	1:53²	**94**		L4.10	RedIndRoM WtchEmWin Melillo	-5
12 Sep26	3YR	fst80°	27¹	:56	1:24	1:54²	D-NYSS3CGPR1	300000	1	1¹½	1¹½	1²	1⁵	1¹½	JaBartlttt	PtrEngblm	27¹	28⁴	28	30²	1:54²	**92**	+0 9w	L★.27	FragmentHntngGlryFerlsPrtn	Ld,opened up,handy-7
30 Aug26	7TqD	fst78°	26¹	:55¹	1:22²	1:50³	D-EmpBreeder	197100	3	2¹¼	1¹¼	1¹½	1¹	2½	JaBartlttt	PtrEngblm	26²	28⁴	27¹	28¹	1:50³	**105**		L★.18	FerlsPrtn Fragment HntngGlry	-7
13 Aug26	3YR	fst81°	27³	:56³	1:24³	1:52²	NYSS 3CGP	81000	1	1°o³	1¹³	1²½	1¹³¼	2hd	YaGingras	PeEngblom	27³	29	28	27⁴	1:52²	**102**	+0 3w	L★.05	CprstwnBFrgmntUnmtchdW	Usd pst 1/4,ld,tuf beat-4
3 Aug26	8MR	wf76°	28	:56¹	1:24	1:52²	NYSS	119700	5	1°°²¼	1²³¼	1²¼	1⁴½	1⁷¾	JaBartlttt	PeEngblom	28	28¹	27⁴	28²	1:52²	**108**	+4 7w	L★.05	FragmentCoprstwnB HntngGlry	-7

9 COOPERSTOWN BOY

3 1:51.4 (5/8) $12,450 SHS-HBG $57,000

b g 3, by Huntsville, Twinsburg by McArdle

Ny Seb Inc,Katonah,NY

Last 4 Sts-$20,375

1:51.4 TgD 5/8 — 26 ScD 1 0 0 0 $2,000 26 Tot 13 5 4 0 $161,850

25 ScD 0 0 0 0 – 25 Tot 0 0 0 0 –

24 ScD 0 0 0 0 – Life 13 5 4 0 $161,850

25-1 D. Mcnair 1112-244-187-149 (.219)

J. Bako 587-127-99-76(.216)

Br.- Jeff C Mcfadden & Jeff S Roberts,ON, CA

17 Oct26	10ScD	fst43°	26⁴	:56²	1:22⁴	1:49³	D-Br Crown E	25000	5	5⁷	5⁵³¼	5⁴¼	4³	4⁴½	DoMcnair	JaBako	28¹	29²	26	26⁴	1:50²	**106**	8w	37.90	Melillo BrndnBlvd Fragment	Sat,evenly-6
10 Oct26	3Lx1	fst61°	28⁴	:56¹	1:24	1:50³	NW5000L4	12000	2	2°¹	1¹½	1¹½	1²	2³	ScZeron	JaBako	28⁴	27²	27⁴	26⁴	1:50⁴	**100**		★.68	BeStingCoprstwnB Fourbetor	-9
3 Oct26	11PcD	fst70°	26³	:54¹	1:21²	1:49⁴	W3-5PM CG	15500	2	3²¹	3³	2°¹	2hd	2hd	CoKelly	JaBako	27	27⁴	26³	28²	1:49⁴	**108**	+2 5w	2.60	ElmerHnv CoprstwnB AriesBlc	Unc,chl,nailed-8
22 Sep26	2YR	fst63°	28	:56²	1:24³	1:52⁴	HGW2BN4PM	23000	3	3³¾	3³	3°²	2no	1²¾	CoKelly	JaBako	28⁴	28¹	28	27⁴	1:52⁴	**100**	+3 5w	★1.02	CprstwnBHlsStngnSwtJl	Rail,2w bf 3/4,handy-8
12 Sep26	3YR	fst80°	27¹	:56	1:24	1:54²	D-NYS3CGPR1	300000	2	iip3³¹²	3³¹	5⁴¼	5⁶³	6p5⁵	CoKelly	JaBako	27⁴	28⁴	28¹	30³	1:55²	**85**	+0 9w	3.18	FragmentHntngGlryFerlsPrtn	Bothrd,shfld,no bid-7
22 Aug26	1Btv	fst79°	28²	:57²	1:25⁴	1:53⁴	NYSS	56900	3	2¹¾	2¹¼	2¹¼	2¹	1²	CoKelly	JaBako	28⁴	28⁴	28²	27⁴	1:53⁴	**99**		nb	CoprstwnB HrdToFrgt UnmatchdW	-4
13 Aug26	3YR	fst81°	27³	:56³	1:24³	1:52²	NYSS 3CGP	81000	3	3²¹	3³¹	3²³	2¹³	1hd	DoMcnair	JaBako	28	29¹	28	27¹	1:52²	**100**	+0 3w	18.24	CoprstwnBFragmentUnmatchdW	Rail,ang In,drvng-4

ALL HORSES IN THIS RACE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DETENTION SINCE 8 AM SATURDAY. NO. 2 & NO. 5 R. BURKE TRAINS RACE UNCOUPLED BY OSRC APPROVAL

Prince Hal Hanover joins stallion list at Blue Chip Farms in 2027

Dr. J Stallion Management and Blue Chip Farms announced on Wednesday that Prince Hal Hanover, p, 3, 1:47 2/5m ($1,785,454) will stand in New York at Blue Chip Farms, commencing with the 2027 breeding season.

A top-level performer all three years he has raced, Prince Hal Hanover won the Somebeachsomewhere, Adios, Milstein, the Bluegrass and an elimination of the Breeders Crown at three, competing against one of the very best 3-year-old crops in recent history. This year, at the age of four, Prince Hal Hanover has been a major player in the older pacing ranks. Many 4-year-olds have tried this but very few have succeeded. Prince Hal Hanover won the Pacey Mindlin and swept his elimination and final of the Juravinski on the half-mile track at Flamboro Downs in his first three starts as a 4-year-old.

He has gone on to win a leg of the Graduate Series, an elimination of the Canadian Pacing Derby and the Allerage and is racing in the Breeders Crown final this Saturday night. Possessed with blazing gate speed, Prince Hal Hanover is a factor every time he races and has missed the board just once in 2026.

Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, Prince Hal Hanover is out of the Breeders Crown-winning mare Percy Bluechip p,3, 1:51 1/5f ($874,267); she a sister to millionaire Kenneth J.

Says Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, "I have always admired Prince Hal Hanover; he always shows up. He's fast, he's tough and he has the gate speed to put himself in any race. Never count him out. Hanover purchased his dam in 2019, my first year as the Executive Vice-President there. It's very satisfying to see a mare I selected produce a horse like Prince Hal Hanover as her second foal."

"Prince Hal Hanover's second dam Advantest was one of the first high-end race fillies we invested in, and after her career all she did was throw top horses. We are very excited to have all that Blue Chip blood back on the farm and in New York State. We are big believers in stallions from top maternal families, and we are very excited for Prince Hal Hanover's future in New York," said Tom Grossman of Blue Chip Farms.

Trainer Dr. Ian Moore adds, "Prince Hal Hanover is without question one of the toughest and fastest horses I have ever trained. He shows up every week on every size track, from any post position with any kind of trip. Hal is a class act that has every characteristic in a racehorse that you would want, and I truly believe he will pass on all those qualities as a stallion."

The introductory Service Fee for Prince Hal Hanover will be $7,500 U.S. Prince Hal Hanover will be syndicated at the conclusion of his 2026 racing season, please contact Dr. J at (717) 578-7395 or drjablonsky@drjstallionmanagement.com for more information.

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DRF HANDICAPPER'S CORNER

At DRF Harness we strive to provide the best handicapping information in the sport. Each week we'll use this space to bring you some of our handicappers' best bets and value plays. Use this information as one of your tools when wagering or head to your nearest ADW and simply make a win bet.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Race 6

EMPIRE CITY CASINO YONKERS RACEWAY

(4) ROYAL COMET had trot in the lane after an off-the-pace trip last week and won in this class on 9-17. I just think he needs a more aggressive steer here to find the winner's circle again.

-Greg Reinhart

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Race 14

ELDORADO GAMING SCIOTO DOWNS

(8) DURATION doesn't have much form on his lines competing in the Opens lately, but if you dig deeper he was a 1-5 winner in his last two tries in this class. You have to think early speed and a form reversal is imminent.

-Derick Giwner

Race 4

MEADOWLANDS RACING & ENTERTAINMENT

(3) GIFT OF FAITH invades from Pocono with back-to-back victories and closed well in a third-place effort in the Kindergarten on August 29.

-Reinhart

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Race 1

ELDORADO GAMING SCIOTO DOWNS

(6) BRIGHT BET gets major class relief and should be firing down the road to kick off the card and pad the bankroll of chalk lovers.

-Giwner

FULL CARD ANALYSIS / PAST PERFORMANCES

Scioto Downs Analysis	Friday	Saturday
Mohawk Park Analysis	Friday	Saturday
Meadowlands Analysis	Friday	Saturday
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

TWO SHOTS LEFT TO QUALIFY FOR BIG M CONTEST FINAL

With just two legs to go before the big-money final, handicappers will be gunning to finish in the top two in the $1,000 Meadowlands Monthly Handicapping Contest on Friday (Oct. 23) night as they seek a seat in the contest final on Dec. 12, which offers $10,000 in prize money.

Friday will mark the 10th of 11 legs of the competition. Those finishing in the top four take home prize money on a $500-250-150-100 basis, but the top two, they not only earn the top two cash prizes, but also cop spots in the five-figure final, where the winner will walk away with $5,000.

Contest regulars Stefan Ferrara and John Skladany have earned three entries for the contest's invitation-only finale, and each are looking to equal Nick Montemurro's mark of four entries, which he earned in 2025.

Thus far this year, 18 entries have been earned for the year-end competition, which will have a total of 22 entries. Those handicappers – with their nightly contest totals – are:

- Leg 1 – January: Del Kern ($934.01) and Ferrara ($840.76)
- Leg 2 – February: Robert Glaser ($592.50) and Emile Issa ($500)
- Leg 3 – March: Sean Loebs ($1,170.06) and Patrick O'Malley ($832)
- Leg 4 – April: O'Malley ($554) and Ferrara ($380.20)
- Leg 5 – May: Skladany ($1,031.60) and James Molina ($800)
- Leg 6 – June: Rodney Duncan ($822.20) and Skladany ($497.28)
- Leg 7 – July: Jim Sidor ($1,192.10) and Russ Slader ($750)
- Leg 8 – August: Ferrara ($1,000.75) and Skladany ($726.50)
- Leg 9 – September: Glaser ($305.40) and Joe Barre ($210)

2026 contest schedule:

- Leg 10 – Friday, Oct. 23
- Leg 11 – Saturday, Nov. 14
- Invitation-only $10,000 contest final: Saturday, Dec. 12

The contest follows this format:

- Contestants must bet a minimum of five Meadowlands races.
- No minimum or maximum bet per race.
- All wagers offered on The Meadowlands program are eligible for the contest.
- Contestants keep all pari-mutuel winnings.
- Unlimited entries per person.

There is no entry fee, but a $100 live-money bankroll is required for players, and the prize pool is guaranteed at $1,000, funded by The Meadowlands.

On the night of the contest, players must register/check-in at the Clubhouse Lobby by 6:20 p.m. A $100 betting card must be purchased to participate, as this is a live-money/wagering competition.

The top two finishers from each $1,000 contest earn spots in the $10,000 tournament final on December 12 (22 total entries).

To register, go here.

-edited release (Dave Little for Meadowlands)

BALLY'S DOVER 2026-27 SEASON OPENS NOV. 2

The Delaware harness racing circuit returns to the state's capital city on Monday, Nov. 2, when Bally's Dover kicks off its 2026-27 meet.

The 83-day stand, which runs through April 1, 2027, features live harness racing on a Monday-through-Thursday schedule with a daily post time of 4:30 p.m. (ET). The only exceptions to this schedule are dark days on Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov. 26) and the entire week of Dec. 21-24.

Over $1.3 million in purses will be contested in Grand Circuit events during November, headed by the $300,000 Progress Pace, for 3-year-olds, on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Additionally, the Matron Stakes will bring the sport's top 2- and 3-year-olds to Bally's Dover, with all four rookie divisions taking place Thursday, Nov. 5, and all four sophomore sections on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Delaware-sired horses will square off in the final Delaware Standardbred Breeders' Fund series of 2026 through November and December. The $110,000 championship races for 2-year-olds will take place Nov. 19-25, followed by the 3-year-old finals the week of Dec. 14-17.

Pre-meet qualifiers will take place Tuesday, Oct. 27, beginning at 10 a.m.; entries are due to the race office by Monday, Oct. 26, no later than noon. During the meet, qualifiers will take place weekly on Wednesdays beginning at 10 a.m. with entries due to the race office the preceding day no later than 11 a.m.

The opening day program will also be drawn on Oct. 27.

The weekly draw schedule is as follows:

Race Day	Draw Day
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Monday

Entries are due to the race office no later than 11 a.m. each day.

Condition sheets will be posted throughout the meet at horsemen.ustrotting.com.

Horsepeople are encouraged to use the USTA Online Entry system. To contact the race office, call 302-857-3230 on race days between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Bally's Dover is located at 1131 North DuPont Highway in Dover, Del., minutes off Exit 104 on Delaware Route 1. For more information on harness racing, sports wagering, gaming and events at Bally's Dover, visit www.ballysdover.com.

-release (Bally's Dover)

DÉJÀ VU IN TUESDAY'S KENTUCKY SIRE STAKES AT CUMBERLAND RUN

Todd McCarthy had a Kentucky Sire Stakes hat trick for the second straight card on Tuesday afternoon at Cumberland Run as 3-year-old trotters kicked off their series.

McCarthy took a pair of divisions for colts and geldings with Deuce Pop (by Tactical Landing and bred by Atlantic Trot Inc., paid $5.42 to win) in 1:52 2/5 for trainer Ron Burke and owners Burke Racing Stable LLC., Weaver Bruscemi LLC., Knox Services Inc. and Phil Collura and Fineline Hanover (by Captain Corey and bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, paid $6.68 to win) in 1:53 2/5 for trainer Carter Pinske and owners Ron Coyne Stables, Inc., Blair Corbeil, Mike Mcallister and Larry + Gregg Stable.

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SOPHOMORES COMPLETE MASSACHUSETTS BREEDERS STAKES PRELIMS

The Massachusetts Breeders Stakes 3-year-old eligibles faced off for $324,000 in purses at Plainridge Park on Tuesday (Oct. 20) in single divisions, except for the pacing fillies. The day was highlighted by four horses sweeping their divisions and three career-best efforts. However, the trotting gelding Geologic and his driver, Yannick Gingras, made the biggest news of all.

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2,000 TRAINING VICTORIES FOR RANDY BICKMORE

When Leave It To Luther (1:53 1/5, $4.20) won the fourth race at Plainridge Park on Tuesday (Oct. 20) afternoon, it vaulted longtime New England horseman Randy Bickmore to the 2,000th training win of his career.

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ANDERSSON HANOVER, I'M A HUGGER SHINE IN SIMPSON MEMORIAL

The favorites had a rough time of it in each of the two $47,550 divisions of the Davidia Hanover, the John Simpson Sr. Stake for 2-year-old trotting fillies, on Tuesday afternoon at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania, with photo finishes going to a 11-1 shot (the second choice) over a 21-1 proposition in one cut and a horse sent off at 7-1 just ahead of a 12-1 shot in the other section.

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SPEED AWAY, CRISSMAN JR., GIVENS HONORED AS HARRINGTON LEADERS

Harrington Raceway's 80th season of live harness racing concluded Wednesday with a 13-race program.

Breakaway Racing and Yorwollohan Racing's Speed Away ($9, Corey Callahan) continued his affinity for Harrington Raceway with a 1:55 2/5 win in the $22,500 Open Trot from post eight. Callahan guided the 8-year-old Father Patrick gelding into contention late off a second-over trip before he charged by favorite Arrowhead Hanover and scored his 11th win of the year.

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