

Race 1 News

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes



TERMINOLOGY

WIN: The horse you select must come in first.

PLACE: The horse you select must come in first or second.

SHOW: The horse you select must come in first, second, or third.

DAILY DOUBLE: A bet attempting to pick the winner of two consecutive races.

PICK THREE: A bet attempting to select the winners of three consecutive races.

PICK FOUR: A bet attempting to select the winners of four consecutive races.

PICK SIX: A bet attempting to select the winners of six consecutive races.

EXACTA: A bet attempting to select the first two finishers in exact order.

TRIFECTA: A bet attempting to select the first **THREE** finishers in exact order.

SUPERFECTA: A bet attempting to select the first **FOUR** finishers in exact order.

Profile of driver Drew Monti

By Derick Giwner

What kind of car do you drive?

Chevy Silverado.

Favorite dinner meal?
Snack?

Eggplant Parmigiana;
Peanuts.

What is your favorite track to race at? Why?

Maybe Buffalo because it is home. That is where I started driving, so there is a little more memory there.

What is your favorite event in racing?

I haven't been to anything big, but I'd say the Hambletonian because my family has always been more into trotters and I have more of an appreciation for that.

How often is racing on your mind?

FLASH ME BABY

Left to tuck, burst out from half, got by winner into lane, stalled final yards, best of the rest. Nick's choice here. Post relief noted too. Lots to like.

BROOKLYN MOONSHINE

Led early, yielded to winner nearing half, chased to lane, cleared, urged, ran out of ground. Another with a better post. She figures right there as well.

HAGGINATTHEBEACH

Slow leaving, out near half, followed cover into lane, stalled final eighth. Price gonna drift a little now.

LAKOTA LAW

Left well, took easy run to the lane, stalled out. Looks like an undercard player in this one.

RUE HANOVER

Settled early, easy run along cones, benefited inside traffic, probably a little bit worse than looked. Extra week off. Does get some class relief.

PICK 5 (16% Takeout) - 20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

50 Cent Wagers	Your Cost		
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 1	\$.20	2 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$6.40
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 2	\$.40	2 x 2 x 2 x 3 x 3	\$14.40
1 x 1 x 1 x 2 x 2	\$.80	2 x 2 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$21.60
1 x 1 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$1.60	1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5	\$24.00
1 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$3.20	2 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$32.40
1 x 1 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$5.40	3 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$48.60
		2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6	\$144.00

Race 2 News

All the time; non-stop. I hate to admit that but it is the truth.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of racing?

Go fishing when it is nice outside.

What is your favorite sport to watch? Team?

Hockey – Buffalo Sabres, but that is an embarrassing answer as well. I like watching other teams, but that's because I love the game that much. It is pretty hard to live in Buffalo without rooting for the Buffalo teams.

What is one thing about you most fans/bettors don't know?

That I have a bachelor's degree in Economics.

What is one word that describes harness racing for you?

Passion. I was originally thinking competition, but that is not what it is all about. I love driving and winning races, but when I'm home, I work in the barn

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SARAH TOGA AGAIN

Sped to top, kept honest clip to lane, urged, stalled final sixteenth. Luke steers again. Usable from the pole.

NIGHTGIRL

1st out from half, uncovered to the lane, held well. Another favorable trip expected. Gimmick thoughts.

JUNE MORNING

1st out 3/8s, covered up half, good lead up trip, stalled out final eighth. Braxten's choice here. Inside post for the first time in a while. Player too.

PALOMA RUIZ

Grabbed cover half, good lead up trip, led deep in drive, nailed, ouch. Been giving solid signals. Should be closing fast again.

DIAMONDS ARE TRUMP

Left with many, 4hole trip, shook out deep str, urged, up wire. Versatile. Can leave or come off the face. Deserves strong support again.

TABBAT MCREY

Moved from afar 4th over half, angled into lane, rallied fastest. Outside again but benefits from smaller field size. Probably coming from last.



TERMINOLOGY

BOXED IN: A horse that is racing on the rail (or fence) and is surrounded by other horses in front, outside and behind it. A horse that is boxed in is held up and unable to gain a clear passage.

BREAK: To start galloping and lose natural trotting or pacing rhythm. It usually occurs more with trotters than pacers.

BROODMARE: A female horse, generally retired from racing, used for breeding purposes.

CARD: Another term for a program of racing. For example, a person may refer to there being twelve races on the card, it simply means 12 races will be staged that particular day.

CATCH DRIVER: A driver which doesn't train his or her own horses, and is engaged by other trainers and owners to drive their horses.

CLAIMING RACE or CLAIMER: A race where any of the entrants may be claimed (purchased) for a specified amount.

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Race 3 News

with my father (Darrin Monti), we have eight-head, and I love that as much as I love driving.

Just like someone being involved in any world, if you love horses and love being able to race and compete, it's kind of passion more than anything.

Speaking of working with horses, you have a perfect 1-for-1 winning record as a trainer, right?

I raced a horse at a Fair like forever ago and it ran off the screen (won by a lot), but I thought I better just stick to driving and retire perfect.

How did you get started in the sport?

My family has been in it on both sides for three generations. Obviously you know my uncle Tim Bojarski (Chairman of the Board - USHWA). My grandfather on that side of the family raced horses and my grandfather on my dad's side of the family raced horses. Uncle Tim, my father, my mom was in it her whole life. That's how my aunt and uncle met, that's how my parents met. That's

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BANKERS FOR ALL

Sent to pocket, tracked winner for rest of the mile, urged, best of others. Favorably drawn. In store for a good trip. Slice maybe.

DOUGS HOBBY HORSE

Sat to half, burst out on rim, alongside winner, held tough till final yards. Steps back up. Another hoping for undercard chunk.

WINDSUN GALAXIE

Sped to top, braked to far turn, battled fave the balance, away late. Has not been effective against this level in a while.

MAJESTIC LADY JO

Led into turn, no pressure to lane, some urging, held fair. John hops aboard. One more looking for a piece of the pie.

MANDEVILLE

Been on the shelf a month plus since winning this class. Appears to be the main threat to Pridecrest. Readiness a concern.

PRIDECREST

Parked turn, to top, breather to far turn, stepped on gass, mild urging, no doubt. Looks to be the sharpest now. He's the one to beat again.



CLASS: A horse which has raced adequately against better foes may find his way into the winner's circle, while a horse who has beaten inferior foes may find tougher horses not to its liking. A fairly reliable way of checking class is comparing the purses of the previous races and the present race.

COLORS: The special colorful jacket worn by drivers when in a race. Unlike Thoroughbred racing, drivers register their own colors and wear them every time they race.

COLT: A male 3 years of age or less.

CONDITIONED RACE: A race where eligibility is based on age, sex, money won, or races won. For example, "3-year-old fillies, non-winners of \$10,000 or 4 races."

COVER: A horse that races with another horse in front of him is said to race with cover, as the leading horse cuts the wind resistance.

CROSS FIRE: When a horse's hind foot strikes the opposite front foot or leg.

CAL EXPO PICK 3 RULES

1. Any scratch in the first leg of a Pick Three is now a refund.
2. A wager with a scratch in the second leg creates a consolation pool.
3. A wager with a scratch in the third leg creates another consolation pool.
4. A wager with scratches in the second and third leg creates another consolation pool.
5. A consolation pool is the sum of all wagers that include the scratch(es) for that leg or legs. The winning combination for the consolation pool is a wager with the winner or winners of the non-scratch leg(s).

Race 4 News

just how it is. I grew up in the barn from a baby, literally.

Was there ever a chance you weren't going to be involved in the sport?

My parents didn't encourage me to do it. So I would say it was like a 50/50 chance of doing it or not. Of course it can be a difficult business, especially if you are not on the top of the game. They were always very adamant about my going to school and not worrying about racing. Obviously I was going to school but then I started driving and things took off. They've never interfered with anything. I just decided that this was what I wanted to do.

What is the best advice you've ever gotten about harness racing?

When you are starting out and you don't really know a lot, you really lean on the people you are with. If you are driving with other drivers who have been around a lot, you listen, you watch. If you are driving for trainers that have been around for a long time, you try to listen to

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BET TOGETHER

Led from gate, released to fav 3/8s, kicked back out into str, got by that one but was nipped from behind, ouch. Nick hops aboard. Solid threat from the pole.

URINGOODHANDS

Left, brushed back past quarter, released near half, chased to lane, 3 across deep in the drive. James choice here. Sharp, but tackles considerably tougher.

MUSICIAN

Well back early, out to catch cover before half, angled into lane, urged, fair late. Mooney returns. Another hiker with modest post relief. Plan?

WESTERN DEVIL

Sped to top, yielded to pair of q-movers, shook out midstr, urged to get it. Also gets a better post. Hikes. Adds Dean. Another with early speed.

FIVE CARD DRAW

Took cover behind winner into far turn, followed 3wide, some urging, safely 2nd. Extra week off and segues into the claiming ranks. Should be rallying late.

HE GRINS AGAIN

Looped leaving, tucked mid turn, chased strong winner to the lane, stalled final sixteenth. Returns to the claiming class. Might fire out looking for a tuck.

DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS

Came on long train half, followed 3wide, urged only a mild close. Drops a notch and is Luke's choice here. Will benefit if they mix it up early.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

DAM: The female parent, or mother, of a horse. Also a term occasionally used when you take a tough beat in a photo finish.

DEAD HEAT: A situation in which the judges cannot separate two or more horses when judging the outcome of a race.

DISTANCED: A horse that is out of touch with the rest of the field at any point of the race, usually more than 25 lengths behind the leader. This is often referred to as finished distanced.

DRIVER: The person holding a license or permit to drive harness horses. There are different types of licenses, which correspond to differing levels of experience.

EARLY/LATE CLOSER: A race requiring payments which start much closer to the actual race date than a stake "Early" and "Late" involve specified periods of time.

FILLY: A female 3 years of age or less.

PYLON RULE

(For Horses Racing Without Interference)

1. Going inside two (2) pylons and lapped-on at the finish: The offending horse will be disqualified and placed behind any lapped-on horses at the wire.
2. Going inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons: The offending horse will be disqualified and placed last.
3. If an unfair advantage is gained by going inside, over, or in-between one or more pylons in order to pass another competitor: The offending horse will be disqualified.

The steward's discretion applies to all placement.

Race 5 News

what they think. One of the most aggressive drivers at Buffalo Raceway told me one of the first weeks I was driving, I got parked one day and shouldn't have gotten parked, he said, 'Don't ever be afraid to call an audible. Don't ever let anyone tell you what to do. Don't let anyone convince you that only one thing can happen.' It was kind of odd because this was the type of guy who leaves in 27 (seconds) and won't take a hole, so I thought that was kind of good advice from a guy I wouldn't expect to hear it from. It was something that really stuck with me because it was really early in my career.

What was your favorite moment in harness racing?

I won a Sire Stakes final in Massachusetts with Odds On Orlando this last year. It was my biggest win so far. That day at the finals I had a couple of big shots and I really wasn't having a good day. She was the last horse and I was like, get this or don't get nothing, and she was awesome. That was a lot of fun.

Is there a race that you dream about winning?

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SAND AND ROCKS

Parked most turn to pocket, chased to the lane, urged, hung bit late. Nick returns and she gets post relief as well. Must use.

TIYAGA

Left 3wide, parked past quarter, released to fave's retake, faded from the chase. Class and post relief tonight. John hops aboard.

PADDY MURPHY

Left 3wide to top, yielded, tracked balance, urged, many across late. Racing okay since arriving from the east. Better post noted.

BUDGIE SMUGGLER

Left to tuck, sat in to lane, cleared, urged, rallied on near wire. Has tossed a few hints of late. Dean takes the drive.

MYSTIC WONDER

Stuck at back to far turn, asked to keep up 3/4s, angled wide, urged, up final yards. James back in the bike. Does he fire out?

PANCHANTEDIKIROOM

Left well, easy run to 3/4s, angled out for the drive, urged, solid try. Mooney chose over 2 others. Plan from the outside?



FIRST-OVER: The first horse to make a move on the leader in a race, moving up on the outside. Those following the first over horse on the outside are second over, third over, etc.

FOAL: A newly born horse. Also describes the act of a mare giving birth.

FREE LEGGED: A pacer which races without wearing hobbles.

GELDING: A castrated male of any age.

HANDICAPPING: The first step in successfully picking a winner (or "handicapping") is becoming familiar with reading the racing program. Each program has a section explaining the information format used at that particular track. Probably the best place to start when handicapping Standardbreds is time. Since over 99 percent of all harness races are conducted at the one-mile distance, valid comparisons can be made among horses.

CHRB Rule No. 1699

(b) A horse shall not interfere with or cause any other horse to lose stride, ground or position in a part of the race where the horse loses the opportunity to place where it might be reasonably expected to finish.

(c) A horse which interferes with another and thereby causes any other horse to lose stride, ground or position, when such other horse is not at fault and when such interference occurs in a part of the race where the horse interfered with loses the opportunity to place where it might, in the opinion of the Stewards, be reasonably expected to finish, may be disqualified and placed behind the horse so interfered with.

Race 6 News

Hambletonian. I can remember growing up watching big races with my father, because he drove for 25 years. I think he retired in maybe 2004 or 2005. He just trains now. We would always come home after racing and watch the Meadowlands replay show at like midnight. We would never miss one of those. We would watch other tracks too, but that was one show he would tape and we would never miss it. I always had aspirations to go to The Meadowlands because it is the big-time. It is one of the top places in the world and the Hambo just goes hand in hand with that.

Which is your favorite horse you've ever driven?

Eddie Morgan owned a horse (Ophiuchus N), Tony Morgan's father. He sent it to Buffalo after Sports Creek closed. This horse could leave the gate like you wouldn't believe. He made the front in three steps. We had him seven or eight months, I think in 2014, and he won like 13 races. He won every race in April. I loved driving him. I loved Tony's dad, Eddie. He would tell me that I was doing a great job.

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BERTHA VANATION
Gapped early on, rode cones to the stretch, some traffic, tough to gauge. Not much early foot. Sits in and sprints home.
LICKCREEK SPEEDWAY
Took easy run along cones, picked up 2hole into stretch, never got room while in behind the winner. Iffy but talented. Gotta use.
CUSTARDS DUNGEON
Parked eighth plus, out past half, lost cover far turn, kept marching, urged to hold. Post relief and Dean returns. Sharp. Steps up.
PLATINUM TIME
Parked half turn, kept marching to the lane, shook off attacker, urged to survive. Steve's choice. Post relief. Another gimmick must.
ASPLODE HANOVER
Parked half turn to drop, cleared along rail into lane, urged to save place. Jacob returns to the bike. Small shot to share.
EXPLAINNOTCOMPLAIN
Off gate 2plus, behind early gapper, 1st over past half, rimmed the balance. Held fair considering. Luke steers now. Thought.
REYS N A RUCKUS
Out from last into far turn, couldn't continue when the pace hastened. Drops from hard-hitting claiming contest. Not worst stab.
PICKET HANOVER
Off gate 2, behind early gapper, 2nd over far turn, gapped the flow, tired. Outside again with speed to his left. Plan?
MY MUDDY BUDDY
Led early, yielded to winner mid turn, back out 3/4s, urged, okay try. One more who could be firing out when the gate springs.



HARNESS: The gear which is used to attach the sulky to a horse, to carry the hobbles and to enable the driver to steer the horse.

HOME STRETCH or STRETCH: The straight length of the track, nearest the spectators, where the finish line is situated. It is called this because it is the final part of the track a horse travels down during a race -- on its run 'home' (or run to the finish line).

HOBBLES/HOPPLES: The straps which connect the front and rear legs on the same side of a horse. Most pacers wear hobbles to help balance their stride and maintain a pacing gait. The length of hobbles is adjustable and a trainer registers the length that best suits his or her horse. There are also trotting hobbles that work through a pulley system to help trotters maintain their gait.

HORSE: A male 4 years of age or older.

THE WARM-UPS

The track is busy between races, with horses warming-up for later races. Standardbreds are a rugged breed and this activity enhances their performance. About two hours prior to racing, the trainer will "jog" the horse, the same way any athlete runs to loosen-up prior to competing. Generally, the horse is jogged by going the "wrong way" (clockwise) on the track, follow-

ing a traffic pattern that is standard on tracks all over North America. About an hour before his race, he's warmed-up again. Different trainers have different methods. Some go slowly, others ask for speed. Only experts can detect such things as lameness. Look, though, to see if his gait is fluid. If it is, chances are he's ready to do his best. As a rule, those working out between races **ONE** and **TWO** are in final prepa-

ration for the **FOURTH RACE**, those between **TWO** and **THREE** will be prepping for the **FIFTH RACE**, etc.

SADDLE PADS

Saddle pads at Cal Expo will indicate the horse's betting number and the race number in a smaller size, in upper right hand corner. In the adjacent example: **HORSE NUMBER 3** IN **THE SEVENTH RACE**.

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Race 7 News

And don't get me wrong, this horse was only an eight or ten claimer, but he was one of my favorites to drive. I will never forget him.

You've picked up a handful of wins for a respectable 10% win rate in January at The Meadowlands. Is that track your ultimate goal or are you happy staying on the Batavia/Buffalo circuit?

I definitely want to branch out. I have a lot more the end of this past year and this winter, but I don't really have any concrete plans. I'd like to aspire for more than Buffalo or Batavia. I love it here. it is my home. I never plan on leaving and never coming back. That being said, there is so much more out there. How could you not go other places.

Do you think you have more to learn before you take that step?

I think I'm pretty much ready. Don't get me wrong, you can always get better, but you have to move your way up as you go. I did a little bit of stakes driving for Lindy Farms this year. They used me at Plainridge and

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ONE GORGEOUS GAL
Sat in whole trip, wasn't asked much in her debut. Likely to take life easy in her lifetime bow.

NUTS N HONEY
Settled early, rail rider the balance, failed to show any late interest. Post relief and Mooney in the bike. Shot.

SPICE AND ICE
Away to tuck, rode cones to the lane, some urging but no threat to top pair. Better post and a little tighter now. Slice?

CENALTA SPITFIRE
Away well, stalked the top pair throughout, solid comeback tuner. Gerry's choice here. How ready can she be?

GLITTER N GINGER
Led early, yielded, moved out midfar turn, carried wide into lane, urged, 2nd best. Decent form since returning. Player.

CENALTA SUNRISE
Led into turn, yielded midbend, came out late, last turn, sped home confidently. Gotta use again.

PECAN
Saved all ground to the stretch, urged, failed to rally. Class relief but slice maybe.

INTREPID BYRD
Returns after missing some time. Talented but as iffy as they come. Your call.

SPORTS DRAMA
Looped leaving, parked full first over, held okay till deep in drive, traffic near wire. Drops, outside, adds Dean, wouldn't rule out.



INQUIRY: Stewards may conduct an inquiry as a result of any incident which may have occurred during a race, to determine whether or not certain drivers and/or horses were responsible for the incident and whether they should receive due punishment.

INVITATIONAL: A race for the top horses in the area. Also known as an Open or Free-For-All.

LAME: The term used to describe a horse which is limping or has difficulty walking properly, similar to leg cramping, or a Charley-horse.

LEASING: As opposed to buying a harness horse, people have the option of leasing one. Just like some people lease a car instead of paying the money up-front, leasing a horse gives people use of a horse without large capital outlay. An agreement or contract must be drawn up between the two parties, and the lease must be registered with the relevant controlling body.

STARTER'S RULES

1728. Starter's Control. The starter shall have control over the horses from the formation of the parade until he gives the word 'go.' The starter shall report to the stewards any misconduct or violation on the part of the driver and may order any unmanageable or disabled horse declared (scratched) from the race with the concurrence of the stewards.

1729. Starting the race. The starter shall bring the horses to the starting gate as near one-quarter of a mile from the starting point as the track may permit, and shall endeavor to get all horses away in position and on gait. If a horse refuses to come to the gate, is unmanageable or liable to cause an accident or injury to any other horse or driver, it may be declared and all monies wagered on that horse shall be refunded.

1730. Recalls. The starter may sound a recall for only the following reasons: 1-A horse scored ahead of the gate; 2- There is interference prior to the word 'go' being given; 3-A horse has broken equipment; 4-A horse falls prior to the word 'go' being given. There shall be no recall after the word 'go' is given and any horse, regardless of his position or an accident, shall be deemed a starter from the time he entered into the starter's control unless dismissed.

Race 8 News

then shipped me out to Red Mile and Hoosier when they needed me. You have to find your own path. You go places when it suits you.

You need to be on an 'A' circuit, but when you watch enough guys drive, there are good drivers all over that have done it for a long time. I love going to new places and meeting people I have never met before; guys who have done it their whole life. One for instance is Larry Stalbaum. He's been all over, maybe every venue that has ever been open.

He came to Buffalo for like a year. I can't tell you the life experience and the little things you pick up just by being around him because he's been involved in this business his whole life. He's the epitome of hard work. He didn't have anything his whole life and everything he has, he worked hard for. He's an inspiration of what harness racing is.

In terms of starts, you keep a relatively light schedule. Have you ever thought about pulling double duty like so many drivers nowadays?

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HIHOS LITTLE REV

Took cover past half, good lead up trip, urged, closed well, best of the rest. Rail, one of many.

GENE EUGENE

1st over from quarter, rimmed to lane, stalled out final furlong. Segues from claimers, shares?

COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS

Quarter moved to top, attacked last bend, stalled out once passed. Second start down in class.

DEPENDLEBURY

Left well, pocketed behind speedy leader, cleared driven, no rally. Week off. Adds Braxten. Drops too.

WINONEFORDOUG

Left fast, yielded, shuffled, squeezed out into str traffic, urged, away late. Luke's choice. Figures tough again.

CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK

Sat to the half, popped out on rim, attacked fave to lane, faded out. Chip steers. Gimmick price thought.

A AND C ARTIST

Away well, backed up to far turn, came on into lane, finished fair considering. James choice. Another price player.

BURNTISLAND BILLY

At the back from outset, failed to get into it. Outside again. Drops. Adds Dean.

MURDER MYSTERY

1st over into far turn, unable to sustain the move. Nick's choice over 2 others. Plan from 9?

MIKIS MAGIC RIDE

Sped from gate, yielded, tracked top pair to the lane, stalled final eighth. Adds James but way outside.



MAIDEN: A horse which has not yet won a race.

MARE: A female 4 years of age or more.

PARI-MUTUEL RACE: A race in which wagering is allowed, held at a track licensed by a state's racing commission. Pari-mutuel races are held at licensed pari-mutuel racetracks or fairs.

PARKED: A horse racing on the outside, with at least one horse between it and the inside rail. A horse on the outside of two horses is said to be **THREE WIDE**.

PHOTO FINISH: When two horses cross the finish too closely to identify a winner, officials call for a photograph of the race, taken exactly at the finish line, to help them determine who was ahead.

POCKET: A horse in the pocket is sitting in perfect position behind the leader, also known as the **two-hole** or the **pocket**.

Pick Four (16%) - \$40,000 Guaranteed Pool

To win the **Pick Four**, you must select the winners of the four (4) races designated as the pick four races. Otherwise, pursuant to (CHRB 1976.9): **If no ticket correctly selects all four winners, 10% of the net pool will be paid to the winner(s) correctly selecting the most winners, 90% of the net pool will CARRYOVER to the next Pick Four Pool.**

Race 9 News

I would have to be in the right area. The workload wouldn't bother me. It would just come down to location. This last year was pretty busy with doing Plainridge Monday, Thursday, Friday and Buffalo Wednesday and Saturday. I was mixing in Tioga on Sunday, so I only really had off on Tuesday. That said, if I was in a more convenient area, like between Meadowlands and Monticello or Freehold, where you could do two cards a day, I would do it if I could.

What does your current schedule look like?

I'm going to be at Buffalo on Wednesdays and Meadowlands on Fridays and Saturdays. I'll add Plainridge when they open in April.

If you had the power to change one thing in the sport, what would it be?

It's easy to say because I'm younger, but I guess I wish they would do more things to make the presentation less stale. Not so much at a place like The Meadowlands, because they do try new things, but I guess I'm think-

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PART TIME

Reserved to middle of last bend, followed cover into lane, urged to save 3rd spot. Steve drives for the first time since November.

BUNKERHILL BILL

Out mid turn to get control, slowed 3rd panel with longshot 1st over, sped home on own, easy. Extra week off. Tackles tougher.

BOBBY DAZZLER

Took out past quarter, cover half, led up to lane, surged late, away. Mooney's choice.

MR VARSITY

Came from last 3rd over midfar turn, angled, urged, no close. One of three dropping from open.

BETTOR IN THE BANK

Reserved early, shuffled to back, 5th over late last bend, no chance. James returns. One of many.

BESTINTHEBUSINESS

Parked eighth plus, yielded past quarter, traffic to lane, loose late, big late rally. Braxten returns. Fires out?

ALMOST CUT MY HAIR

Tracked to far turn, edged out on the rim, driven, just fair. Chip's back. Tough spot from outside.

CHINA KING

Settled early, easy run to far turn, followed winner out, urged, just fair. Nick drives. Also has post woes.

FOX VALLEY HOSS

Pushed leaving, yielded, tracked top pair to the lane, tired a bit late. Drops. Does he fire out too?



POST POSITION: Generally, the closer a horse starts to the inside rail or barrier of the track (especially on smaller tracks), the better is its chance of winning. At the start, horses must either "leave" (start quickly) to get a good position or else find a place on the rail to avoid racing on the outside of other horses. When racing on the outside the horse is said to be "parked out", and loses ground on every turn. A horse on the inside has a better chance to get to the rail or quickly get a good position.

QUALIFIER: A race in which a horse must go a mile below an established time standard to prove itself capable of competing in pari-mutuel races.

SCRATCHING: A horse that is withdrawn (or scratched) from a race before the start.

SIRE: The male parent, or father, of a horse.

HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

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1 with 234 with 234 with 234 with 567.....	\$3.60	1 with 234 with 2345 with 23456 with 2345678910.....	\$32.40
1 with 2345 with 2345 with 2345 with 6.....	\$4.80	12345 with 12345 with 12345 with 12345 with 123456.....	\$48.00
12 with 123 with 1234 with 12345 with 123456	\$6.40	123 with 1234 with 12345 with 123456 with 1234567.....	\$48.60
1 with 234 with 234 with 234 with 5678910	\$7.20	1 with 2345 with 23456 with 234567 with 2345678.....	\$51.20
1 with 23 with 234 with 2345 with 2345678910.....	\$9.60	1234 with 12345 with 123456 with 1234567 with 12345678.....	\$204.80
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ing with how they do fantasy sports now. People are obsessed with that.

They check all the time to see which players to start. Maybe we need to open the doors a little to allowing people to just bet drivers or bet trainers. Maybe some sort of fantasy style betting or even something not including betting. I think we need a bit of an update that way to target a new generation.

How do you view the future of harness racing?

I think the future is good. You see people breeding. You see tracks going for good money, so I don't see anything dangerous in the future. Of course there is always unpredictability. I haven't been doing this quite long enough to speak to that, whereas older people can. They've seen more things and know what the score is. Obviously I feel comfortable enough to do it for a living, so hopefully I end up ok.

If you had one wish in life, what would you wish for?

**Individual Recap
Last Race Footnotes**

TWOMICKEYTRIP

Left 4wide, parked past quarter, released to fav, chased to lane, found seam late, urged, up. Confidence booster? Hikes, inside.

KEY WORD

No hurry early, sat in to the lane, urged, only fair late interest. Dean gets the drive tonight. One of many.

MYSTERY DRAGON

Left well, tipped out on rim far turn, unable to dent strong winner's margin, little late urging. Mooney steers now.

ITS A GREAT WHITE

Sped to top, brushed back past quarter, repelled first attacker, caught late by 2holer. Solid form but tackling tougher.

QUEENACE BLUE CHIP

Parked eighth to tuck, back on rim far turn, loose cover, urged, even into blazing heat. Regularly nearby. Solid threat.

SENGA NITRO

Led early, quarter moved, attacked past half, faded from the skirmish. Gets into a pretty soft spot considering previous company.

GIGGLE MONSTER

Brushed out 3/8s to top, stepped on the gass late last turn, got swallowed up last 50 yards. Nick's choice here. Plan from outside?

PANCETTA

Sat in whole trip, cleared along cones midstretch, urged to narrow gap. Decent form. Does he look for an early tuck?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

SIRE STAKE: Stake races designed to promote Standardbred breeding and racing within a state. Different states have different rules regulating eligibility to that state's sire stakes program. Rules include: a horse must be the offspring of a stallion standing in the state or a mare living in that state, owned by a resident of that state, or the horse was born in that state.

STAKE RACE: A race where owners make a series of payments, starting well in advance, to keep a horse eligible. If an owner misses a payment to a stakes race, the horse becomes ineligible.

STARTER: The person responsible for starting a harness race. The starter controls the start of the race from the back of the mobile starting car.

SULKY: Also known as the cart or race-bike, the sulky is attached to the harness and carries the driver and which the horse pulls.

C.H.R.B. BREAKING RULES

1722. Breaking. Should any horse break from its gait in either trotting or pacing, the driver shall:

- (a) Where clearance exists, take such horse to the outside.
- (b) Attempt to pull the horse to its gait.
- (c) Lose ground.

1723. Lapped-on Break. The driver of a horse which has broken from its gait who has complied with the breaking rule shall not be set back unless a contending horse on his gait is lapped on the hind quarter of the breaking horse at the finish.

Race 11 News

My grandfather on my mom's side just passed away in the late wintertime. He was a huge fan. He came down to The Meadowlands the last time I was there to watch and stood in the winner's circle with me. He was one of my biggest fans and I wish he could still be here to enjoy it with me.

Time for the stretch drive. What's the first thing that comes to your mind?

Lasix - Yes or No?: Yes, absolutely.

Best race you ever saw: He's Watching at Buffalo Raceway. I'm almost sure he won and made two breaks during the mile. It was just a New York Sire Stakes, but it was just freakish. He made a break coming out of the first turn, came back pacing and brushed to the front, made another break and came back to win. It was just absurd. You've never seen anything like it, especially at that racetrack. The was probably the best race I saw in person.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BETTOR LADY

Away under urging, pushed eighth plus, shuffled bit to lane, but only fair once free. Luke's choice. Usable from pole.

CAPITOL HILL

Left under urging, parked long eighth plus, yielded past quarter, cleared along cones in lane, 3 vying for place. Always dangerous versus this level.

PLACE AT THE BEACH

Led at once, yielded, tracked behind winner to lane, urged, 2nd best. Hikes, adds James. Thought.

MISSPANDEROSAJONES

Far back early, failed to get into it. Noteworthy post relief tonight. One more consideration.

LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT

Parked eighth plus, yielded to q-mover, chased to lane, away pretty easily. Nick's choice. Better post. Fires out again?

SURPRISINGLY SWEET

Moved on long train from half, 4th over into lane, some urging, fair. Late speed specialist drew a bit better. Hopes for live lead up.

HI FIDELITY

Left 3wide, parked past quarter, attacked by winner far turn, stalled once passed. Another tough post. Tries Rene.

BRIANS MAGIC GIRL

Checked in traffic past quarter, grabbed cover from half, unable to rally much late. Another 8 hole.

SHOCK N AWE

Took out behind winner near half, good lead up trip, urged to save place. second start down in class. John hops aboard. User too.



TIME TRIAL: An attempt to have a horse beat its own best time in a non-competitive event. A time trial is not a race. Galloping horses hitched to sulkies, called prompters, are used to push a horse to its best effort.

TOTE BOARD: An electronic board, usually in the infield of a track, which posts the odds, amount of money bet, results of a race and the wagering pay-offs.

WEANLING: A baby horse, up to its first birthday.

YEARLING: Any horse between its first and second birthday; all harness horses share the birthday of January 1st.

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