

# Race 1 News

## Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes



### Stopping the Clock

by Ken Weingartner

Nancy Takter remembers vividly the day she watched Tom Ridge become the fastest trotter in history with a 1:50.2 win in the 2004 World Trotting Derby at the Du Quoin State Fair in Illinois. Takter was the 23-year-old caretaker of the colt, trained by her father, Jimmy, who at the time called Tom Ridge's performance "amazing."

Fifteen years later, Takter watched as Manhego became the fastest female trotter in history with a 1:49 victory in the 2019 Allerage Mare Trot at Lexington's Red Mile. No longer a groom, Takter now had Manhego in her own training stable. The 4-year-old mare's performance, like Tom Ridge's effort, certainly could have been called amazing.

But for Takter, it also was something else—a moment

#### SARAH TOGA AGAIN

Led early, yielded mid turn, slid out 3/4s, driven, just a mild rally. Rail again. Slice?

#### FOX VALLEY B GUMP

Left to tuck, shuffled to top of lane, urged, ended up in little late congestion. Tough to get a clear read.

#### BUDGIE SMUGGLER

Stuck afar to last turn, angled out on rim into lane, some urging in mild traffic. Get some post relief tonight.

#### SPORTS DRAMA

Left to tuck, back on rim, backside, stalled around the far turn. James hops aboard here

#### PANCHANTEDIKIROOM

Sat in, backed up to last, cleared, had some late interest. Certainly one of the likely contenders.

#### HIHO JULIO

2ndover behind fave near half, led up into contention, stalled final quarter. Dean's choice here. One more thought.

#### JOKER JOHN

Left to midturn tuck, back out before half, got by leader, caught by rail rider, easy 2nd best. Outside again but another obvious threat.

### 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.

## 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

of fulfillment in a new era of speed for the trotter.

Prior to her world-record win in Lexington, Manhego twice broke the 1:50 mark, but in losing efforts, missing by a nose in 1:49.4 at age 3 and finishing fourth with a time of 1:49.2 at age 4. Her fastest wins had put Manhego tantalizingly close to establishing her own mark in the 1:49s, with two triumphs in 1:50 and another two in 1:50.1, one of those a win by nine lengths at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway in the start prior to her 1:49 score.

"I really wanted her to get a mark in [1]:49 at some point," Takter said. "I wasn't thinking [1]:49 flat. I would have been more than happy with [1]:49.4, because I just felt like she deserved it. She had been there, but never got the mark.

"When she won at Dayton, I looked at the timer and I

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## MURDER MYSTERY

Moved from back with excess cover, kicked wide late last bend, finished fair considering. Noteworthy post relief tonight. Use in exotics.

## COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS

Sped from gate, pocket behind fav into turn, chased, urged, away deep in the drive. Confidence boost? Nick returns to the bike.

## A AND C ARTIST

Saved all ground, heavy traffic to the stretch, shook out, flew, ran out of ground. A gimmick must in here.

## MY FRISKIE BOY

Scratched 2/14 also eligible. Raced okay in prior miles. One more to toss into gimmick equation.

## BEAUS COWBOY

2nd over near half, not a good flow, 3wide to be uncovered after a mile, faltered from the journey. Back at a mile. Post relief too.

## PH HIPPIE

Led, brushed back quarter, never pressed, sped home on own off the class drop. Could have bolstered his confidence.

## PEDIGREE BLUE CHIP

Back after month off. Mooney returns. What's the plan from the outer post after missed time?



## 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.

## February 2020

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## March 2020

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## Race 3 News

was like, 'Seriously?' She was so under wraps that day. But then she came back and trotted [1]:49 flat. It was great. She's an amazing horse."

Manchego will be one of the horses to watch again this year as a trotting speed revolution looks to continue into a new decade.

At the end of the 20th century, the fastest trotting mile in history was 1:51, set by Pine Chip in a time trial at Lexington's Red Mile in 1994. The clocking eclipsed Beat The Wheel's mark of 1:51.4 established earlier in the year at The Meadowlands.

When the second decade of the 21st century came to an end last year, the fastest mile belonged to Homicide Hunter, thanks to his 1:48.4 triumph at Red Mile in 2018. Three other trotters joined Homicide Hunter in the sub-1:50 win club that season.

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### EDDIE BRUSH

Tracked to far turn, tipped out on the rim, failed to rally. Back to the rail. Hoping for a slice of it.

### BECKYS DREAMBOAT

Settled early, trapped behind last turn gapper, cleared late, urged enough to save 3rd. Dean's choice. Not the worst stab.

### STYLEMASTER

Away well, pocket at once, chased to lane, led near wire, caught. Extra week off. Third start back angle. Must include.

### OUTLAW BLUE BY YOU

Broke after start, lost contact. James choice in here. Third start for Rios barn. Who knows?

### NAKED BURNER

Moved out near half, had decent lead up 4th over, rallied okay near wire. Class relief tonight. Has a small shot down here.

### TICKET TO ROLL

Took cover into far turn, led up to 3/4s, driven, best of the rest. Mooney gets the drive. Needs some racing luck.

### BURNTISLAND BILLY

1st out before half, on rim balance, tired readily. So-so form. But was a winner at this level with Nick early last month.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

**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

That club got its first member in 2008, when Enough Talk won in 1:49.3 at Colonial Downs to lower the trotting speed standard from 1:50.1, set by both Donato Hanover and Giant Diablo on the same card at Red Mile on Oct. 6, 2007. From then through 2017, three additional trotters won in less than 1:50, topped by Sebastian K's then-world-record 1:49 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 2014. After that, the floodgates seemed to open. During the final two years of the past decade, eight trotters broke the 1:50-win barrier, with seven more winning in 1:50.1 or faster.

"I think once it happens, then the drivers feel more confident that it can happen again," said Ron Burke, who has trained three sub-1:50 trotters in Atlanta, Hannelore Hanover and Impinktoo. "They give horses chances by getting to the half[-mile] faster. Why our

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### PALOMA RUIZ

Shuffled to last bend, tipped out, heavy traffic, swung wide, rallied fastest too late. Well drawn. Gotta use in all positions.

### QUEEN OF MARCS

Led at once, pushed before yielding to fave, popped pocket late final bend, held okay to end. Extra week off. Another who figures in the gimmicks.

### CENALTA SPITFIRE

Led midturn, yielded, right back to top past quarter, attacked far turn, urged to get the cheese. Tackles considerably tougher tonight. Adds Dean.

### NANANA BAATMAN

Hopped on cover train half, came 3wide into lane, urged to save show slot. Has had some excuses. Mid price thought.

### PADDY MURPHY

Out past quarter, traffic near half, stormed wide around final turn congestion, held fair considering. Post relief noted.

### THEREALGOODS

Parked hard quarter to clear, yielded, tracked, tired. Nick returns. Does he fire out in here?

### VILLA FOR RENT

Stuck afar to last bend, came wide around traffic, finished fair considering. Mooney's back. What's his plan gonna be from outside?



**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

sport has gotten faster and faster—with the advent of catch drivers—is, as they've realized horses can go faster, they've asked them to go faster.

"There will be more horses that can do it. Now when you get to the half in :53 in a trot race, you don't think you're an idiot. Years ago, they would have thought you were insane, and tell you no horse could trot that fast. They're finding out, yeah, the great ones can, and you find the true bottom of these horses. But if you don't give it a shot, if you're not aiming for [1]:49, how do you ever become [1]:49?"

And as illustrated by Manchego, a fast mile does not have to be a one-off performance. Six Pack, who retired at the end of his 4-year-old campaign in 2019, became the first trotter with sub-1:50 wins in two different seasons, going 1:49.1 at age 3 and 1:49.2 at age

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### SENGA NITRO

Well back approaching the start, couldn't catch up. Noteworthy class drop tonight. Braxten's choice.

### CRUSIN FOR YOU

Moved on cover train past half, tried wide bid into lane, failed to advance. Extra time off. Adds Nick.

### TO THE LIMIT

Sat at back while leaders dueled, urged in the lane, just a mild rally. Mooney's choice. Class and post relief here.

### ALS BRIEFS

Sat in the trip, in traffic to stretch, cleared, urged, only fair once free. Back at a mile. One of many.

### CHIEF SARATOGA

Parked half turn, yielded past quarter, some traffic when leader stalled into the lane, tough to gauge. Jacob stays in the bike.

### ZACHARIAHS HONOR

Got away nicely, soon sitting 3rd behind the top pair, tracked, driven to hold 3rd spot. James choice in this. Fires out?

### WET SHARK

First out into far turn, dropped behind winner 3/4s, light urging, easy 2nd best. Hikes, moves outside, tries Dean.

### LAISSEZMOIPICOLER

Saved all ground to the lane, failed to keep up final furlong. James returns. But a tough post. Plan?



**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

4. He enjoyed an unprecedented four victories in 1:50 or faster.

"The horses are conditioned for it," said Yannick Gingras, who drove each of Burke's three sub-1:50 winners. "The trainers know what they're doing. If the horses weren't ready for it, they could do it maybe once. They have the best trainers in the world taking care of them.

They didn't show up here by mistake, they showed up here because they were ready. These trainers have prepared these horses for months to get to this point. That's the reason they can handle it and can sustain it. All the credit goes to them for making it happen."

Ake Svanstedt trained and drove Six Pack, as well as three other sub-1:50 trotters, including Sebastian K. No one has trained or driven more horses with marks faster than 1:50. He pointed

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## SPICE AND ICE

Sat in to top of lane, angled out, urged, no close into fast final quarter. Inside again. Sits nearby, closes.

## AHEAD BY A CENTURY

Tracked to far turn, tipped out on rim, didn't gain in the needed comebacker. He might be tighter tonight.

## GLITTER N GINGER

Parked quarter, yielded to winner's retake, out on rim past half, held well to end, best of the rest. Major player for sure.

## ONE GORGEOUS GAL

Broke before the start, disappeared. Luke's choice. Obvious danger if she gets launched.

## CENALTA SUNRISE

Checked near quarter, broke, back out near half, bumpy far turn, tired. Let's give her another look.

## PECAN

Looped leaving, parked full first over, faded from the skirmish. Extra week off. Longshot.

## MEAN SISTER OF LODI

Sat behind only rival from outset, unable to keep up late. Obvious longshot.

## ROCKET POWER

Took out midfar turn, followed winner into lane, urged, even, probably worse than looked. Skipped a week. Been chasing tougher. Nick steers.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

**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 preparing 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

to breeding being a key factor.

"I don't know if I'm surprised, but there are a lot of horses that can go [1]:49," Svanstedt said. "I think they can go faster in the future. They're born to trot now. Years ago, you must balance them to make them trot. Now they're natural trotters."

Brian Sears, who was in the sulky for Homicide Hunter's 1:48.4 win, agreed.

"I just think the gait has become so natural, so flawless," Sears said. "It used to be that you had to rig them up and make sure they're not touching anywhere, and these horses are getting to be like pacers. As soon as you throw a harness on them, they're trotting and doing it in good-gaited fashion."

"A great gaited trotter, there's nothing better than that. I always said about

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### DIAMONDS ARE TRUMP

Angled out past quarter, easy lead before half, little pressure, stormed home on own. Sharp, rail, adds Jacob. Obvious contender.

### FLASH ME BABY

Led early, yielded, squeezed out near 3/4s, angled, surged, away easily. James stays. Figures strongly too.

### BERTHA VANATION

First out half, advanced on to the lead but no match for flying winner, easy 2nd best. Goes well every week. One more user.

### THATS HOW IT GOES

Sat in to far turn, followed rival out, bad flow, back to rail, urged, safely best of the rest. Undercard threat here.

### TABBAT MCREY

Stuck afar early, rode cones to 3/4s, tipped, urged, just fair. Will need some luck to get on the ticket.

### RED N HOTALLOVER

Sped to tuck, out before quarter, released to pair of rival, chased to lane, no rally. Tougher post. Plan?

### BROOKLYN MOONSHINE

Left, brushed back 3/8s, yielded to fav near half, chased to lane, driven, 2nd best. Adds Dean. Negative post switch. Leaves?

### HAGGINATTHEBEACH

Out before quarter, led briefly, yielded, cleared bit late along cones, urged, fair close. Stuck outside. Tough assignment.

### RUE HANOVER

Out before half, grabbed cover from fav half, good lead up but no rally. Brutal post. Gonna need lotto luck.

### LAKOTA LAW

Rode cones whole trip, urged in the lane, didn't muster a rally. Now the 10 hole. Rugged assignment.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

**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

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[2009 Horse of the Year] Muscle Hill that he was so efficient behind that he almost went like a pacer; there was no wasted action. That seems to me where he got most of his speed. I think you see that in some [of his progeny]."

Of the 11 fastest 3-year-old trotters in history, only Muscle Hill and 2007 Horse of the Year Donato Hanover competed prior to 2018. Muscle Hill's offspring include three of the remaining nine—Manchego, When Dovescry and Beautiful Sin—as well as former Burke star Mission Brief, whose 1:50.3 win in 2014 remains the fastest mile ever by a 2-year-old.

"I thought Mission Brief could trot in [1]:48, I honestly did, if she would have stayed sound," Burke said. "I think that is coming. And I think [1]:48 flat. That's four :27 [quarters]. Maybe somebody can do a tick more, [1]:47 and a piece,

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## SWAGASaurusREX

Sat in the trip, picked up 3hole near 3/4s, split rivals mid-stretch, some drive, away. Luke's choice. Hikes, but dangerous.

## CHINA KING

Pushed hard leaving, yielded, backed up to midstretch, angled, urged, ran out of ground. Nick chose. Repeat of last puts in hunt.

## PRODIGAL

Left 3wide, parked turn, 2nd quarter breather, attacked by fav far turn, faded out final sixteenth. Better post. James chose. Down the road?

## FOX VALLEY HOSS

Left to protect, rode cones whole trip, failed to keep up late stages. Drops, Adds Jacob. MYSTIC RULER

Led at once, yielded half, soft trip to lane, away in hand. Solid form but these are some hard hitters.

## KING OF THE CROP

Out before half, attacked to lane, held fair to the end. Tougher post. But can't rule him out.

## MARCED MAGIC

Moved from afar, excess cover, angled wide, finished fair considering. Drops, outside, one more to consider.

## HE GRINS AGAIN

Settled in behind the top pair, chased to the lane, urged, didn't gain. Brutal post and will need a lot of luck.



**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

but it's going to be hard, I think, for a trotter to string more than four :27s. Yes, there are horses that will trot in :26; you might even have somebody trot in :25. But where you've seen the pacers go :24 and a piece, I don't think you'll see the trotter go :24. So I think there is still going to be a difference.

"But never in my mind did I not think Mission Brief could trot [1]:48 flat. She had a different gait; it was a little more powerful. Some of it is Muscle Hill's breeding changing the game.

"Muscle Hill, he went in [1]:50.1 and was under wraps, and at that point right there, he could have gone in [1]:49. I think maybe his progeny is going to be where you see it get to [1]:48. And it looks like [stallion] Chapter Seven now might be the other one. You've seen horses like Walner, Atlanta—extreme speed."

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**HIHOS LITTLE REV**  
Tucked early, brushed back before half, took pressure final turn, gave way grudgingly. Segues into claimers. Usable.

**CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK**  
Out from back near half, bad flow, came wide last turn, flattened. Needed post relief. Dean takes the drive.

**MAJOR JESSE**  
Took easy run to far turn, angled out 3/4s, tipped wide, urged to save the show. Back with claimers. Adds Phil.

**BET TOGETHER**  
Hopped on cover train half, led up to the lane, urged to save show slot. Luke's choice here. Gotta use.

**GIGGLE MONSTER**  
Parked eighth plus to drop, back out far turn, kicked wide into lane, slim lead, caught by rail rider. Nick returns. Always tough.

**ITS A GREAT WHITE**  
Left to tuck, traffic to mid-stretch, loose bit too late, driven last 50 yards. Extra week off. Also enters claiming wars.

**DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS**  
Out near half, on rim into strong winner, flattened out final eighth. Tough post. Adds James.

**FIVE CARD DRAW**  
3rd over far turn, not a good flow, came wide, finished fast. Jacob's choice. Plan from outside?

**TIM TO PLAY THE GAME**  
Stuck last from outset, rode cones to lane, urged, fair into fastest quarter of the mile. Braxten stays. Plan from 9?



**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.

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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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Manchego, like Mission Brief before her, also has a special gait, according to Takter.

"It's hard to explain unless you've ever sat behind her, but she has a gait unlike any other horse I've sat behind," Takter said. "It's almost like she's on springs; she has this bounce to her. She literally springs forward. Where does it come from? Is it how she's built? She's the only one I've ever felt that in. It's like she's a rubber ball and bounces forward. She's very light on her feet. It's very unique." Manchego and Atlanta—who, prior to Manchego, held the trotting record for a female at 1:49.1—appear to be the most likely horses to challenge 1:48 this year.

"I could see Atlanta coming back this year and trotting in the [1]:48s," Burke said. "Obviously, Manchego. They are high-speed horses that can carry their speed for a long time. Nobody else to

## Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

### GENERAL WA MANN

Settled early, took easy run to the lane, only a mild close. Debuts for Pierre Girard tonight.

### RED STAR TIGER

Moved from back 4th over far turn, angled. Fair close. Sits in, rallies?

### LINCOLN

Took cover past half, good lead up trip, driven, best of the rest. Noteworthy post relief tonight and Dean's choice too.

### PANEDICTINE

Rode cones, shuffled to lane, cleared, had some late go, little urging. Hops in for \$3000 tag tonight.

### GUNNY WILSON

Moved out past half, gapped flow in bow for new connections. Skipped a week since.

### URINGOODHANDS

Parked past quarter, took pressure last bend, little resistance, called it off. Usable, but one of many.

### FLY AWAY

Came with cover past half, led up into lane, away in hand late. Hoping for another speed battle up front.

### WHO DAT LOVE

Left, backed up to last far turn, solid close once clear. Moves way outside. What's his plan?



## 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.

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me has shown that high, high ability. To me, coming back, those are the two. They're going to be [age] 5 and this is usually the year, or the next two years, when a horse is going to find the true top of their game.

"As long as they stay sound, they're as mature as they're going to be, and you can get their greatest performance now. And they're going to be against each other, which is going to help. Something is going to have to give. It's going to be interesting."

Regardless of the results of their performances, trotting speed will continue to evolve and change the sport.

"I think [1]:49 is going to be commonplace," Sears said. "If you get down [to the half] in time, they're going to go fast. If all the conditions are right, I'm sure they're going to be trotting in [1]:48, that's for sure."

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**YOUOLDLOVELETTER**  
Led from gate, slowed clip to far turn, little urging late. Looks like one of many in here.

**LITTLE EMMA**  
1st out before half, on rim into strong winner, flattened out. Soft trip needed, should get it.

**FREE RADICAL**  
2nd over half, led up to 3/4s, kicked wide, urged, caught for 2nd late. Okay form. Usable, but probably underneath.

**GREEKONA**  
Along rail to 3/4s, kicked wide into the lane, urged to save place check. Favorable post here. Tighter?

**BE MY LUCKY LADY**  
Left well, soft trip to lane, urged, fair. Debuts for Long barn tonight.

**DUET**  
Moved out past half, gapped flow far turn, weak late. Dean will steer her here.

**LILAC LAUREY**  
Left well, yielded to winner mid turn, tracked to lane, held on better than expected. Post woes now. Stab?

**OUTRAGEOUSDELIGHTN**  
Came on long train near half, bad flow, back to rail far turn, some late interest. One of two in for \$4000. Outside post expected. Third start angle.

**DONTCLOSEYOUREYES**  
Stuck afar early, rode cones to lane, only modest late rally. Stays in for \$4000. Luke hops aboard. Plan?



**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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