

# 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.

## Driver Yannick Gingras enjoying the ride - as owner

*By Derick Giwner*

Yannick Gingras has been a mainstay atop the driver standings in Harness Racing for over a decade and lately he has been dipping his feet deeper into a different aspect of the sport - ownership.

Since he began his career as a driver in 1998, Gingras has always owned horses in some capacity, but his first experience as owner came in 1992 when he was just 13 years old. "I'm sure my dad paid for that one," joked Gingras.

For Gingras, his high point in terms of starters came back in 2003 when 188 horses with his name on the program went behind the gate. That number dipped then rose, then declined again from 2014 to 2018 when he averaged just 39 starters per year.

In the Fall of 2018, the 40-year-old made a conscious

### ALONG CAME JANE

Parked half turn, kept marching to top of lane, attacked by winner, gave way grudgingly. Back inside, controls the pace in here?

### LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT

Saved all ground to the lane, cleared, driven, no rally. Takes a noteworthy drop in class.

Certainly deserves some attention.

### DUANNES HORIZON

Rode cones the mile, no rally into speedy mile. Extra time off. James returns to the sulky.

### GORDY AGAIN

Bobbled just before the start, rail rider rest of mile, failed to show any late interest. Gerry's back. Not the worst stab in here.

### BUNKERHILL JILL

1st out near half, no cover to lane, urged, best of the others. Outside but it's a small field. Obvious contender as well.

## 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

decision to further invest in the sport.

"I had some money in the stock market and it was going up and down; just doing about the same. I talked to (owner) Mark Weaver about taking some money out and buying some horses with his group, where with certain price ranges of horses, I would automatically own a percentage," said Gingras. "It really wasn't working for them to include me on all of them, but they said if I could find some horses they would come in. It was just hard to find horses that worked for Ronnie (Burke, trainer) and I've had some success in the past with trainer Ed Gannon, so I took some money out of the market and started buying a couple here and there with the intent on growing it little by little.

"It was a really good year last year considering it was the first time I did it. It probably wasn't a 100% return, but I got about a 75% return, and that is being really conservative on the price of the horses,

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## CAPITOL HILL

Settled early, shuffled to midfar turn, edged out, driven, battling for 3rd slot. Assigned the rail in this event too. Trips for part?

## VIRGIN EYES

Away under urging to midturn lead, pushed before yielding to winner half, began to labor late last bend, faded. Needs an easier run to menace.

## VELOCITY MCSWEETS

Quarter moved to assert herself, not pressure to lane, sped home on her own. New York invader figures to play hard against this caliber if ready.

## BERTHA VANATION

1st over into last turn, kept marching, solid try. Late speed specialist cannot be taken lightly either.

## DANCINGONTHE SAND

Sped from gate, pocket behind winner mid turn, tracked rest of mile, urged. An extra week off for her. What's her plan when the gate springs?

## ALWAYSALITTLEMORE [post 10]

Left to midturn tuck, brushed back near 3/8s, stretched to clear, went for air far turn, urged to survive. Can she leave and retake again? Solid form now.



**CAL EXPO HARNESS**

## 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.

## March 2020

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## Race 3 News

how much I paid for them and their value now. I opened a different account and I just want to keep track of it to see if I can grow it and be profitable.

Mostly with longtime partners Gannon and Frank Canzone, Gingras had a solid year in 2019 as co-owner, compiling a 108-21-19-17 record and seeing his horses earn \$289,418. In just 22 starts this year his horses have done even better, racking up six wins and over \$75,000 earned in just two months of action.

"I partnered up with Frank Canzone on IMF, we go back to 2001 owning horses. I think we paid \$40,000 or \$43,000 and right away she made \$100,000 in four or five months in races like the SOA series at Yonkers," said Gingras. "Unfortunately she passed away recently. She coliced and we had to put her to sleep. It was just a bad situation. But you have ups and downs. Then I got Warrior One, who I think is a really nice horse. You just try to have more good luck than bad luck."

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### WINDSUN GALAXIE

Left 3wide, parked turn, yielded to pair of quarter movers, chased balance, urged, best of rest. In a tough spot tonight.

### MAJESTIC LADY JO

Led, brushed back past quarter, yielded to winner near half, stalked, no urged, easy 2nd best. Takes an easy run and hopes for a slice.

### DOUGS HOBBY HORSE

Out before 3/8s, surged to top, no pressure, away comfortably again. Sharp but facing much tougher opposition tonight.

### ITS A HORSE

Back after lengthy layoff. Dean's choice in here. Plays hard every race. Obvious readiness concerns.

### MANDEVILLE

Also returns after missing some time. Appears to be one of the main threats to Pridecrest as usual.

### PRIDECREST [post 10]

Been on the bench a month since his last very easy score. Seems to sharp at the moment even considering the post assignment.



## 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

Gingras' relationship with Ed Gannon began about 10 years ago with the classy trotter Looking Hanover. The driver recalled making an offer to Gannon to outright purchase the horse only to be told he had to ask his wife. "I waited a half-hour and told my buddy to offer him more. He said it was a nice offer but he still had to ask his wife. So I was bidding against myself," said Gingras, who eventually settled on a 50% share of Looking Hanover and got to enjoy watching and driving him to over a \$1 million career.

While Gingras admits he really enjoys owning horses, he has to walk a bit of a tightrope because he makes his living as a catch-driver. As the first-call driver for trainer Ron Burke, who has horses in a wide variety of classes at many tracks, Gingras can't afford too many conflicts.

"Ronnie jokes around all the time, saying, 'Are you an owner or are you a driver?' But I don't have that many horses, maybe five or

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### ROYAL MISTRESS

2nd over into far turn, good lead up trip, driven to save show check. Drops, adds Dean. Rail won't hurt either.

### GETTER QUEEN FLUSH

Left, quarter moved, attacked by fav before half, battled rest of the way. Racing very well of late. Price thought.

### DELIGHTFULLY WILD

Pushed leaving, yielded, mild traffic far turn when rival tired, cleared, urged, even. Drops. Braxten stays in the bike. One of many.

### KISS ON THE LIPS

Led into turn, brushed back past quarter, yielded half, steadied midstr, urged along cones, much best of the rest. Four solid mile since Nick took over.

### EXSQUEEZEME

Off a month since last unfortunate mile against tougher. Luke's choice in here. She'll be dangerous off the drop if ready.

### SURPRISINGLY SWEET

Settled in for soft trip, tracked to lane, heavy traffic, never fully clear. Scratched last week, Rich Little problems. Nothing wrong with the horse. Another dropper.

### LICKCREEK SPEEDWAY

2nd over behind fav near half, led up into it, some urging, pretty easy. Very dangerous if she can repeat that performance.



**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

six right now," said Gingras. "Part of the reason Warrior One went with Ronnie is because I figured there would be less conflict. Of course, I would like to have them all with Ronnie. Most of the time when I buy one I ask him if he wants to train it, except for the ones I buy with Ed because he trains them.

"Frank (Canzone) is very understanding that way. If I know Ronnie is going to have a good horse in that I need to drive that day, we won't put ours in the box or we'll race them somewhere else. Frank understands that my number one business is to drive horses not own them. We have a good relationship and that makes it a lot easier."

Gingras, who trained a stable in the late 1990s and early part of this century, clearly has a keen eye for picking the right horses. Over the past decade, his stable has clicked at over a 23% win rate, which is even higher than his 17.6% track record as a driver.

"If they don't win I sell

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### IMMA TANK

2nd over near half, good lead up trip to lane, flattened out late stages. Post relief. Mooney hops aboard here.

### COZ AND EFFECT

Left to tuck, out on rim well before half, uncovered into fast 3rd panel, stalled bit. Enough post relief to make him very dangerous.

### CHINA KING

Left to tuck behind top pair, chased to lane, urged 3 across deep in drive. Nick's choice. Also gets a better draw for this.

### BLUE STAR MAVERICK

Sped from gate, blazed the clip, stormed home on own. Luke's choice to drive. That was a powerhouse mile considering conditions last week.

### TO THE LIMIT

3rd over half, loose cover to the lane, urged, fair burst near wire. Second start against this caliber. Will need some luck.

### HE GRINS AGAIN

Left to tuck, soft trip, no late interest. John returns to steer. Might juice exotics.

### PANCETTA

Burst out past quarter, sped up far turn, powered home under urging, strong. Jake drives tonight. Post won't help.

### GORGEOUS FOR REAL

2nd over near half, loose cover to str, useful tuner. Second start back. Deserves a look in here as well despite #8.



**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.

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them," said Gingras bluntly. "I'm the same way as a driver as I am as an owner. I hate losing. I put them in classes where I think they will be good. If you look at the horses I've owned over the years, I guarantee you that not many have been 20-1 or above. If I'm going to lose a drive from somebody else, I'd like my horse to at least have a chance."

One sector of the sport where you won't see Gingras' name on the program is with younger horses. Since Gingras must drive the horses he owns by rule, the possibility of being forced to pick off the best horse in a division to drive his own is too risky of a proposition.

With north of 7,450 career wins as a driver, Gingras knows his way to the winner's circle and appreciates the success he's had in the sport, but he admits that the owner experience is completely different. "I enjoy it," said Gingras. "It is a different feeling winning with one you own versus one that you just drive."

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**AHEAD BY A CENTURY**  
Stuck afar for 5/8s, tipped out late far turn, urged, solid close, 2nd best. Post relief but facing much tougher.

**NIGHTGIRL**  
Out near half, on rim balance, held pretty well to the end. Luke hops aboard. One of many players.

**PANCHANTEDTIKIROOM**  
Left on float, parked long eighth plus, braked to far turn, shook off 1st attacker, caught by pocketeer. Fires out again?  
**TIYAGA**

Off gate, far back 4th over past half, failed to keep it up late. John's choice in here. Post relief too.

**SPORTS DRAMA**  
Came up 3rd over past half, angled 3, then 4wide, only a mild rally. So-so form. Slice maybe.

**BUDGIE SMUGGLER**  
Well back early, no chance into the pace/position scenario. Remains a longshot.

**HIHO JULIO**  
Off gate, moved from afar, excess cover, swung wide, rallied okay to narrow gap. Outside again but not worst stab.

**ROCKET POWER**  
Off gate, saved all ground, 4hole past half, didn't keep up late. Rene steers now.

**THEREALGOODS**  
Led early, yielded nearing quarter, soft trip to lane, no room till very late, up near wire. Probably leaving for position. Use.



## 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

## Stafford's wait to become trainer was well worth it

By Ken Weingartner

Paul Stafford always believed it was only a matter of time before he operated his own training stable. He just didn't know how much time it would take before it happened. But after 15 years as an assistant for barns in the Midwest and East, he seized his chance in August 2018 and couldn't be happier.

Stafford, a 39-year-old San Francisco native, trains 27 horses for owner Tom Ceraso Jr. at central New Jersey's Gaitway Farm. In his first full season, Stafford won 71 races and \$1.22 million. His stable's earnings, accrued mostly at Yonkers Raceway, fell just outside the top 50 for trainers in North America.

Prior to accepting Ceraso's offer to train his horses, Stafford spent eight years at Gaitway working as a

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### PADDY MURPHY

Left, brushed back near quarter, no pressure to lane, held well to the end. Rail again, Mooney drives.

### WIZARD OF ODDS

Off gate 3, far back throughout, failed to show any late interest. Back inside. Braxten in the bike.

### CROOKSHANKS

Away well, back out into final bend, flattened before the top of the drive. His trainer drives.

### LODI EAT MY DUST

Sat in whole trip, cleared mid-stretch, urged, just fair. Debuts for Luke. Must take notice.

### MYSTICAL STORM

Returns after month off. Does get some class relief. How ready is the question.

### RED N HOTALLOVER

Well back to half, out far turn, bad flow, back to rail, cleared late, finished fair considering. Drops, outside though. Gerry steers.

### FOX VALLEY B GUMP

1st out near half, covered into far turn, urged, rallied on to save show. What's the plan from 7?

### JOKER JOHN

Off gate 2, moved out near half, cover to lane, finished fair considering. Outside once again. Still deserves a look.

### CUSTARDS DUNGEON

Moved out on cover train, good lead up, but stalled into the blazing mile. Week off, drops, post the worry.



**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

second trainer for, first, Tony Alagna and then Julie Miller.

"I didn't foresee it taking me 15 years to have my own barn, but I wouldn't take the 15 years away because of all the things I learned along the way," Stafford said. "I've had the luxury of working for some good stables and I learned a lot of different things from different trainers.

"There was a point in time when I knew that I could do this on my own, but it took me a long time because I needed to have the right opportunity at the right time. It didn't need to be 27 horses, it just needed to be the right opportunity to put myself in so I could do it my way and give myself the best opportunity to succeed. Tom was the guy to offer that."

Stafford's relationship with Ceraso goes back a decade when Stafford trained a horse for Ceraso in Chicago. The two remained friends over the

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### CALIFORNIA ROCK

Brushed out with strong quarter move, blazed the 3/4s, opened up, nailed on the wire, ouch. Back inside, one to beat on paper as usual.

### EXPLAINNOTCOMPLAIN

Came on cover train, loose cover from winner, urged to narrow gap. Mooney comes back to steer.

### MY MUDDY BUDDY

Led early, checked near quarter, back to rail, stalked to lane, urged along cones, mild traffic. John returns to the bike.

### MARC MELLOW MAN

Parked half turn, back out half, covered into last bend, kicked 3wide, urged to get it. Good form, tackles tougher.

### MIKIS MAGIC RIDE

Scratched 3/6, also eligible. Mild post relief. And worthy of undercard consideration.

### FLASH ME BABY

Led into turn, yielded, tracked speed battle to far turn, cleared, away in hand. Nick returns to the bike.

### ASPLODE HANOVER

Sped 3wide to top, yielded, tracked, faded out late stages. Outside again, Dean's, drive again.

### PICKET HANOVER

Parked quarter, chased to lane, cleared traffic, urged, many across. Another tough post. Does he leave again?



**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

years. "I'm blessed to have Tom," Stafford said. "He's been in the business for a long time and he likes to race good horses."

Stafford did not grow up around harness racing, although he was around horses. His father was involved in the Thoroughbred industry years ago and Stafford had riding horses during his younger days. His cousin, though, is driver Ryan Anderson, which provided Stafford's introduction to the sport.

"As much as I knew about harness racing was when I would go visit Ryan in Chicago and go to the races or to the farm and hang out," Stafford said.

Stafford became immersed in the sport while an equine science major at the University of Kentucky. He lived in an apartment across the street from Red Mile race-track and worked helping veterinarian John Cummins.

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**LUKES COWBOY**  
Quarter moved to top, no pressure to lane, couldn't contain pocket fave, much best of the rest. Nick's choice over 2 others.

**TWO BEAT**  
Reserved leaving, gapped at the back no chance.. Tries Braxten here.

**BEST DREAM SEEKER**  
Left with many, attacked, back out on rim, led, challenged, faded from hard use. Inside, adds James.

**MAJOR JESSE**  
Led early, back out near half, lost cover, held well to end. One more to toss into exotics.

**CRUSIN FOR YOU**  
Left well, backed up to lane, cleared, some urging, fair. Extra week off. Mooney's back.

**ZACHARIAHS HONOR**  
Moved up with cover good lead up, urged, fair near wire. Yet another who can get some of it.

**KEY WORD**  
Left to tuck, live cover, angled wide top of the lane, well intentioned, up. Stays in for \$5500 tag.

**MUSICIAN**  
Back after long layoff. Rene takes the drive. Readiness?

**ALS BRIEFS**  
Left 3wide, parked past quarter, backed up in traffic, finished fair once free. Probably firing out again. Use.

**WILDCAT BOBBY**  
Behind early gapper, out past half, back to rail, urged round the bend, closed on to narrow gap. Dean's choice over 2 others. Plan from 10?



**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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"Going to the track and working on the horses, you're surrounded by it and it just takes over," Stafford said. "It sucks you in. I knew this was what I wanted to do."

As a trainer, Stafford enjoys the challenges of getting a horse to improve. His youngest horses are 3-year-olds and none are stakes horses.

"We have some horses that are projects, that you have to tinker with and figure out," Stafford said. "It's always gratifying to see a horse cross the wire first, but sometimes it's gratifying just to have it work. A horse might finish third, but you know what, he behaved himself. That's what is satisfying for me."

"This business has never been about the money. It's always about the money at the end of the day because you have to pay your bills, but I love doing this. This is my passion. Because it's never been about the money, it

## Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**KING OF THE CROP**  
3rd over before half, bad flow, 3wide late in bend, finished fair considering. Post relief and James returns.

**ROCKIN EDDIE**  
Came from afar with cover last bend, carried wide near 3/4s, solid rally once in the lane. Back inside, thought?

**MYSTIC RULER**  
Left to pocket behind class dropping fave, soft trip, much best of the rest. Solid form, gotta use.

**DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS**  
2nd over past half, gapped the flow far turn, failed to rally. Segues from claimers, adds John. Shot too.

**DEPENDLEBURY**  
1st over past quarter, never really covered up, held okay considering. Extra week off. Now Luke steers.

**TWOMICKEYTRIP**  
Out near half, on rim balance, flattened out. Took some time off since. Does drop.

**PH HIPPIE**  
Left to tuck, moved out with loose but live cover, rallied fiercely deep in drive, up wire. One more player.

**IN FOR THE CHASE**  
Out before the half, attacked the balance, solid runner-up to class dropping winner. Jake steers but facing tougher.

**HIHOS LITTLE REV**  
Left to tuck, sat in to lane, some traffic, tough to get a clear read. Mooney's choice. Post woes persist.

**SENGA NITRO**  
Away to top, braked half, sped up far turn, never a worry off the class drop. Hikes and 10 hole too.



**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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has to be my passion, otherwise I'll go do something else. If I'm not excited coming to work, or doing this for a living, it's time for me to do something else."

Ceraso and Stafford focus on buying 3-year-olds with limited starts that fit lower-level conditioned races with the idea of racing them up through the ranks. Stafford, who as a second trainer gained a lot of experience with Grand Circuit horses, wouldn't mind adding a yearling to the stable with the hopes of developing a stakes star. He sometimes jokingly drops hints to Ceraso about doing so.

"I like the home run angle," Stafford said, adding with a laugh, "We'll get him. Eventually."

Sometimes, it just takes time.



# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**BE MY LUCKY LADY**  
Rode cones, shuffled to last, no chance. First inside post in a while for her.

**FREE RADICAL**  
2nd over trip to lane, urged, managed to get a skinny win. In store for another easy run. Gotta use.

**LITTLE EMMA**  
Reserved early, came on the cover train, led up, surged, 3across, ouch. Okay form and field not too strong either.

**OUTLAWINTRIGUEDBYU**  
1st out well before half, long grind to lane, caught deep in drive. Been giving solid signals. Dean's choice.

**GREEKONA**  
Sent to top, pushed turn, shuffled to midstretch, traffic, tough to gauge. Last pair were fine. Another to include.

**YOUOLDLOVELETTER**  
Led early, yielded to winner midturn, tracked balance, faded from the chase. Extra week off. Mooney hops aboard.

**DONTCLOSEYOUREYES**  
Away 3wide, parked turn, yielded, traffic midstretch, tough to gauge. Another tough post. John stays. His plan?

**SING ALONG**  
Left 4wide, parked past quarter, took pressure late last turn, held okay. Far outside once again. How hard will she get stretched?



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

**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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