

Race 1 News

Charters the guiding force behind the Hambletonian Society

By Jay Bergman

He didn't create the Breeders Crown.

He made it better.

He never raced in the Hambletonian, but he helped guide its arrival from one century to the next.

He didn't save harness racing, but he managed to save an incomparable number of stakes races.

Without Tom Charters much of what we have seen in the last quarter century may not have come to fruition.

Yet as Charters leaves his post as President of the Hambletonian Society in July and moves to a less active role on the roster, he does so having accomplished so much and very often being given minimal if no credit.

"I think supporting more than 130 stakes races would be at the top," Charters said in regard to what he's helped advance over the last 20 years. "There's been many changes and we've been entrusted to support stakes

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

KING BRITTS

Sent with many, yielded, stalked balance, driven, only fair. Rail again, Mooney's choice, user.

LUVUTHEMOSTEST

Off gate pair, rode cones whole trip, some urging, even. Might be tighter now after the tuner.

SLICK FALL

Sent from gate, appeared to be pulling hard, battled the fav, collapsed. Longshot.

ROCK OF AGES

Gapped early, failed to keep up. Drops from stake, can play with these.

TEXAS RATTLESNAKE

Looped leaving, parked half turn, tracked to lane, no rally. Adds Mike, but tough spot.

SCOOTERS LADY

Stuck at back to far turn, angled out, carried wide, no rally. Tough to recommend now.

ITSGOODTOBEKING

Sent 4wide, took turn to clear, braked bit, attacked into lane, 3vying for 2nd. Adds Luke, controls the pace?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

1st Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	ITSGOODTOBEKING
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	ITSGOODTOBEKING
Fastest time last race	ITSGOODTOBEKING
Fastest win time this year	ITSGOODTOBEKING
Fastest win time last year	SCOOTERS LADY
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LUVUTHEMOSTEST
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	SLICK FALL ITSGOODTOBEKING
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	ITSGOODTOBEKING (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	ITSGOODTOBEKING
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	ITSGOODTOBEKING

PICK 5 (16% Takeout) - 50¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

50 Cent Wagers	Your Cost		
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 1	\$.50	2 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$16.00
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 2	\$1.00	2 x 2 x 2 x 3 x 3	\$36.00
1 x 1 x 1 x 2 x 2	\$2.00	2 x 2 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$54.00
1 x 1 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$4.00	1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5	\$60.00
1 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$8.00	2 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$81.00
1 x 1 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$13.50	3 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$121.50
		2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6	\$360.00

Race 2 News

racing. I believe maintaining and increasing these opportunities is what I'm most proud of."

To some it's hardly sexy, but the mission of the Hambletonian Society is to advance the breed and no person has had to deal with as much turbulence as Charters and navigated it with a master's touch.

"I have to thank the staff that has made this possible," Charters said, recognizing the invaluable contribution of others to see all of the details worked out. When things go well, very often those behind the scenes don't get noticed. To put together the Hambletonian and Breeders Crown year after year is no small task and there are always bumps in the road. With Charters leading the way the races became the big story, not those putting them together.

What Charters brought to the table for the Hambletonian Society was a person with unending passion. A horseman that respected those he came in contact with, a person with the willingness to listen to others before making critical decisions.

"I can't tell you how many times I spoke with Del Miller, Norman Woolworth and Andy

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

ALLMYXSLIVENTEXAS

Took control into turn one, blazed the pace to str, some urging, strong again. Decent form, rail, player.

IM AN ATHLETE

Sped under urging, yielded, snuck out late far turn, burst 3wide, urged, tough. James returns, favorable draw, another user.

BUDDYS HOPE

Settled early, soft trip to lane, 2hole into str, urged, 3battlign for 2nd. Okay form, and Steve hops aboard here.

DOCS DEAL

Left 3wide, parked full, attacked fav to far turn, faded from the skirmish. Late speed specialist could benefit from the small field size.

BARBARIAN

Ducked when gate sprung, no pull to far turn, kicked out, urged, surged, up. Extra week off, Luke's choice, seems fairly obvious again.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

2nd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	BARBARIAN
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	BARBARIAN
Fastest time last race	ALLMYX'SLIVENTEXAS
Fastest win time this year	ALLMYX'SLIVENTEXAS
Fastest win time last year	I'M AN ATHLETE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	BARBARIAN
Closed Strongly last race	BARBARIAN
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	ALLMYX'SLIVENTEXAS BARBARIAN
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	BARBARIAN (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	DOC'S DEAL
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	BARBARIAN

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Grant," Charters said. "They all gave me an incredible amount of their free time. I would talk to Andy for hours at a time."

Charters replaced Grant as the president of the Society some 20 years ago. It was a natural progression from his early work guiding the fledgling Breeders Crown from its infancy in 1984 to the pivotal showcase it would later become. It was his allegiance to the Breeders Crown and its future placement that allows the Hambletonian Society's next president, John Campbell, to move into the chair with a solid foundation.

"I let the Hambletonian Society know last August that when my contract ran out that I wanted to step down," Charters said. "I think John will do a great job. I think he'd be great at anything he decided to do."

In securing the first Breeders Crown for Hoosier Park in 2017 and having all the races return to The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 2018, Charters has solidified valuable partnerships that will allow the event to prosper in years to come. That in fact was the mission of the Society, and Charters always had a firm grasp of what to do next so that horsemen and breeders could move forward

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

DELIGHTFULLY WILD

Gapped along cones to the lane, urged, only fair. Fair form, rail, undercard thoughts.

MAGNIQUE

Reserved to far turn, tipped out on rim, urged into fast final quarter. William returns, trips, slice maybe.

MIKELEH

Sped from gate, no pressure to lane, lost to pocketeer, much best of the rest. Luke's choice, probably leaving pretty, big shot.

PLACE AT THE BEACH

Sat in behind top pair, chased to lane, faded out late stages. Form is fair, looks like more undercard material.

HARE TO ETERNITY

Led early, pocket into turn, stalked the fave, few late taps to get up. Does she fire out too?. Another player.

SHARK FESTIVAL

1st out from half, advanced on strong winner, stalled bit, broke into lane, tough to gauge. Sits and sprints home?



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3rd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	SHARK FESTIVAL
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	SHARK FESTIVAL
Fastest time last race	HARE TO ETERNITY
Fastest win time this year	MIKELEH HARE TO ETERNITY
Fastest win time last year	MAGNIQUE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	DELIGHTFULLY WILD HARE TO ETERNITY
Closed Strongly last race	HARE TO ETERNITY
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MIKELEH (B) SHARK FESTIVAL (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	MAGNIQUE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	HARE TO ETERNITY

THE 50¢ CAL EXPO PICK 6

Winning tickets with six correct selections will share in 75% of the daily net pool, and 100% of the carryover. Ticket holders with five correct selections share in 25% of the daily net pool.

If there are no tickets with six winners, all ticket holders with the greatest number of winners share in 25% of the daily net pool, with the remainder of the net pool carried over to the next racing day.

There is a mandatory payout of the entire net pool on the last night of the race meet. (.50 cent minimum)

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with a sense of confidence that their future investments were protected.

For Charters, the changes from the original Breeders Crown where races were contested at different venues is stark but was obviously necessary. "It was so hectic in those first few years. I found myself traveling all the time. I had to be at all the locations for the draw and the event," Charters said, recalling a time where events were at different tracks on a weekly basis.

Charters has helped navigate the Society through many changes including the conditions of the Hambletonian and Breeders Crown. He helped draft and redraft the conditions for both and is proud of one single accomplishment.

"We never lost a challenge in court," Charters said proudly.

Those conditions led to alterations that some purists didn't agree with. There were fights but few that materialized in public as Charters counseled with Society Directors and was able to build consensus.

Perhaps there were times along the way that Charters got angry but if he did it was near impossible to notice. His demeanor while dealing with varying types is his greatest gift.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

JESSESJO

Off gate pair, jumped on cover train half, swung 3wide, solid return tuner. James choice, and probably tighter now.

KICKINITWITHKOHLER

Settled for soft trip to lane, inherited 2hole late, urged. Extra week off, adds Luke, and class relief a big plus.

FRANKY PROVOLONE

Out to catch cover near half, good lead up trip, kicked wide, urged to hold show. Mooney's choice, better post, another to include.

SILVERHILL VOLO

Out past quarter, long uncovered grind, caught by fave, solid try. Good form, can't rule out this guy either.

SHEZ SO SASSY

Led at once, pocket behind winner into turn, chased, driven, 2nd best. Hikes, adds Steve, coming from last?

TOUR GUIDE

Parked eighth, kept honest clip, some stretch urging, handy late. Steps up, does she fire out again?



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4th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	JESSESJO
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	KICKINITWITHKOHLER
Fastest time last race	SILVERHILL VOLO
Fastest win time this year	KICKINITWITHKOHLER TOUR GUIDE
Fastest win time last year	SILVERHILL VOLO
Fastest last '1/4' last race	KICKINITWITHKOHLER
Closed Strongly last race	KICKINITWITHKOHLER
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	TOUR GUIDE
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	SHEZ SO SASSY (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	FRANKY PROVOLONE
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	KICKINITWITHKOHLER

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.

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In passing the torch to Campbell, Charters believes the Hall of Fame driver is perfect for the job. "He's familiar with horsemen and he's familiar with racetrack executives," Charters said, well aware of how that expertise can go a long way towards solving problems that arise as they often do.

Charters, who turns 69 this year, said he didn't want to continue a 40-hour week, essentially the minimum required to lead the Hambletonian Society.

"My wife Sue has been retired for five years," Charters said. "We'd like to have time for travel and other things. She's the type that comes to the racetrack with a book to read."

Charters will stay on part-time through the Breeders Crown at Hoosier and may offer some support past that date if he's needed.

"I think some of the greatest pleasure I've had leading the Society is when a person comes up to me and says that they were in the Hambletonian and how special it was," Charters said. "I would ask where did you finish? And they would say 'sixth, but we had a great time.' To me that's the most rewarding feeling."

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

WHATCHAMACALLUM

Rode cones the trip, failed to get into it. Adds Tony, rail, small shot.

BETTORS PROMISE

Led briefly, pocket behind fave into bend, stalked, cleared, urged. Steps back up, confidence builder?

FF BIGSHOW

Stuck at back while winner slowed the half, tipped out late last turn, wide around stalled foe, flew too late. Major contender as usual.

CR ARTISTIC

Sent hard, pushed turn before yielding to fave, stalked, faded from the chase. Time off as he debuts off the claim.

NATIVES REVENGE

Sped to top, braked 2nd panel, home with bak2bak 28 panels, strong off drop. Can he control the pace again?

HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON

Out from quarter, surged to top, kept marching, driven late to hold. Obvious threat and also could be tighter too.

RUSTY CARTER

Off gate pair, cover into far turn, angled, failed to sustain the bid. Drops, Luke's choice over 2 others, what's the plan from outside?



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5th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	FF BIGSHOW
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	CR ARTISTIC
Fastest time last race	NATIVE'S REVENGE
Fastest win time this year	FF BIGSHOW
Fastest win time last year	RUSTY CARTER
Fastest last '1/4' last race	FF BIGSHOW
Closed Strongly last race	BETTOR'S PROMISE FF BIGSHOW
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	CR ARTISTIC NATIVE'S REVENGE HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	FF BIGSHOW (B) HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	FF BIGSHOW
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	FF BIGSHOW

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

How has Charters managed to maintain his enthusiasm for the sport for so long?

"That's easy. I'm a fan at heart," Charters said.

The Breeders Crown was fortunate to find him at just the right time.

The Hambletonian Society owes him a debt of gratitude for ably leading during a very critical period in its history.

"The timing was right," Charters said. "John decided he was going to be retiring from driving, so it worked out well for the Society."

Charters had the equivalent of Campbell's hands guiding the Society.

Enjoy the next chapter in your life Tom.

A lot of Custard in Henry The Dragon

by Ken Weingartner

There will always be a special place in Montrell Teague's heart for Custard The Dragon. The pacer was the first open stakes winner driven by Teague, who in 2011 guided the then 3-year-old colt to wins in the Max C. Hempt Memorial and Hoosier Cup. Teague and Custard The Dragon also won an Adios

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

CHERYLS SURPRISE

Parked eighth plus, back out near half, cover by winner into far turn, urged. Back inside. Third start back angle now.

GETOUTTHEWAYANMOVE

1st out past half, long grind on rim, urged late to survive. William back in the bike.

ADDIE ROSE

Away well, 1st over into last bend, kept grinding, up late, tough. One more must include here.

ST LADS GABBY GAL

Moved out from last into lane, angled wide, driven, fair. Probably relegated to the undercard.

SECRET ALIBI

Took cover half, gapped flow last bend, urged, mild traffic, broke. Extra week off. Takes noteworthy drop too.

SOUL DIVA

Sped to top, braked to last bend, shook off pocket attack into lane, away. Also skipped a week, Mooney's choice. Fires out?

DUET

Sent to top, yielded 3/8s, tracked, stalled badly late. James hops aboard. She may head down the road as well.



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6th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	SOUL DIVA
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	SOUL DIVA
Fastest time last race	SOUL DIVA
Fastest win time this year	SOUL DIVA
Fastest win time last year	DUET
Fastest last '1/4' last race	ADDIE ROSE SOUL DIVA
Closed Strongly last race	ADDIE ROSE
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	SOUL DIVA DUET
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	GETOUTTHEWAYANMOVE (W) ADDIE ROSE (W) SOUL DIVA (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	CHERYLS SURPRISE
Blocked or in trouble last race	CHERYLS SURPRISE SECRET ALIBI
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	SOUL DIVA

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).

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elimination with a world-record performance before finishing second to favorite Alsace Hanover in the final.

Now, Teague is enjoying the ride with one of Custard The Dragon's offspring, 3-year-old Henry The Dragon. The colt has won seven of eight career races and is 2-for-2 this season as he heads to Thursday's second round of the Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund series for 3-year-old male pacers at Dover Downs.

Henry The Dragon is owned by George Teague Jr. Inc., which bred the colt with Elmer Fannin. Clyde Francis trains Henry The Dragon, who is out of the broodmare Surveille Hanover.

"He reminds me so much of Custard," Montrell Teague said. "He's just got the perfect attitude. He loves to do it. He's a very calm horse. Custard was the same exact way. He's the spitting image of him. He's like his twin."

Teague, the 26-year-old son of George Teague Jr., has won numerous stakes races since Custard The Dragon in 2011, most notably with 2015 Horse of the Year Wiggle It Jiggleit. So while it is difficult to pick favorites, Custard The Dragon remains unique to Teague in certain ways.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BIG BAD PUDDYCAT

Settled early, easy run to lane, some urging late, away. Steps up, adds Mooney, user.

WIZZEL STIX

Rode the rail, failed to make any menacing moves. Likely longshot, third start back.

YESWELLMOMAYBE

Good trip, followed winner 3wide late last bend, driven, only fair. Fair form, also usable.

HAPPY HEATH

Parked half turn to pocket, tracked, led late, nailed. Steve's choice over 2 others. Obvious threat.

SOUNION

Sent hard, yielded near quarter, tracked to lane, angled inside, urged to save place.

Price gonna drop now.

ROCKVILLE MENTOR

Sped to top, attacked by parked full foe, attacked into lane, held well. Adds Tien tonight.

WEST FOR GOLD

Sat in to the top of the lane, some urging, no rally into blazing heat. Danger off the drop.

LILBITOFMAMA

Off gate pair, reserved to far turn, angled 3-4wide into lane, urged. Week off, James returns.

PL JALAPENO

Left 4wide, parked full, faded into lane. Tony's back but killer post.



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7th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	HAPPY HEATH
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	WEST FOR GOLD
Fastest time last race	WEST FOR GOLD
Fastest win time this year	HAPPY HEATH
Fastest win time last year	ROCKVILLE MENTOR
Fastest last '1/4' last race	BIG BAD PUDDYCAT
Closed Strongly last race	BIG BAD PUDDYCAT
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	HAPPY HEATH (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	HAPPY HEATH

POST POSITION TEN - 10 Across

When there is a field of 10, the horses will score 10 across the track. Horses drawing post positions HIGHER THAN 10 will start from the 2nd tier.

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"It's a little bit sentimental with Custard because he started me off, I think," Teague said. "He kind of had a different attitude than Wiggle's. Wiggle doesn't let you love on him like Custard would. Custard is still my man. I see a lot of him in (Henry The Dragon). Hopefully he can step up and be as good as his father."

Henry The Dragon, named after one of Teague's nephews, did not do much to impress Team Teague when he was training down as a 2-year-old, but that all changed once the racing season began. When Henry The Dragon won a division of the DSBF in 1:52.1 last November on the same night the Matron Stakes for 2-year-old male pacers was won by What's Goin On in 1:53, it confirmed to Teague that his colt could be a player in future open stakes.

"He could have won (the Matron) hands down easy," Teague said. "He still had the ear plugs in and was on idle."

"Training down he was just average. He didn't really stand out. When he got behind the gate he was a totally different horse. It was like the flip of a switch when he got into a race. He's a small horse, but he's all go. He never gets tired."

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BARBOSA

Left, took back, out near half, no cover to lane, fair tuner, tw8-10. How ready will he be?

MAJOR MARCUS

Been on the bench a month. Steve's choice over 2 others. Another readiness unknown.

WALKER MEISTER

Tucked into turn, shadowed pocket winner, cleared, urged, easy 2nd best. Adds James. He's a player.

BESTNOTLIE HANOVER

Parked half turn, back out mid-last bend, urged, almost. Enough class relief to warrant solid look.

GENE EUGENE

Out near half, powered by leader, opened up, nailed wire. Hikes, adds Andy, price thought.

WINONEFORDOUG

Led into turn, yielded, stalked, urged when asked, up over the fave. Steps back up.

MATTADOR D

Left with many, rode cones, failed to get into it. Outside, adds William. Needs the race?

SNOOP DE LION

2nd over half, kicked wide into lane, driven, fair try. Tony returns but another outer post.



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8th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	MATTADOR D
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	MATTADOR D
Fastest time last race	WALKER MEISTER
Fastest win time this year	BESTNOTLIE HANOVER MATTADOR D
Fastest win time last year	MATTADOR D
Fastest last '1/4' last race	WALKER MEISTER
Closed Strongly last race	WALKER MEISTER WINONEFORDOUG
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	WINONEFORDOUG
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MAJOR MARCUS (B) GENE EUGENE (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MATTADOR D

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.**

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Henry The Dragon's only loss last year came in his last start of the season when he finished second to Bags To Riches in the \$100,000 DSBF final at Dover. But Henry The Dragon impressed his connections enough to have them stake the colt to several open races this year, including the North America Cup and Messenger.

"When he was a 2-year-old I thought pretty highly of him because he kind of dominated the Delaware stakes," Teague said. "He got caught in the last final because he was sick. After every race I'd call Dad and say maybe we should stake this guy a little more because he's definitely shown up every time and shown he has some speed. We talked about it and we staked him up a little more. Not overly, but we're going to give him a chance anyway."

Henry The Dragon is not the only horse from the Teague Stable to open eyes in the DSBF this year. Daiymir, also named after one of Montrell's nephews, won his career debut last week with a 1:52.4 effort in the first round of the series. Daiymir and Henry The Dragon will meet in Thursday's first of four divisions.

"He seems like a pretty nice horse so far," Teague said

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

RAYS RAYZER
1st out past half, cover far turn, kicked wide, stalled last eighth. Luke's back, better post, thought.

QUALITY SPORT
Rode cones the trip, heavy traffic in lane, never clear. Not the worst stab in the world.

THISBOYCANFINISH
Moved from last, out far turn, failed to get involved. Tony returns, post relief too.

BRANDONS COLT
Took cover half, good lead up trip, fair close on own, tw8-10. How ready can he be?

ART GENTA
Rode cones to 3/4s, swung wide into lane, flew too late. James back, one more in the mix.

GORILLA MONSOON
Led early, yielded, stalked to lane, urged, up late. Week off, chip's choice here.

MAR DREAM
Scratched 3/31, also eligible. Mooney chose. One more must include.

REAL ATTITUDE
Left 3wide, got the lead but not the rail half, kept marching, held okay. Good form, but the plan from 8?

LUCKY IVAN
Moved 4th over far turn, followed rival 3-4wide, urged, up, wow. Stuck outside but not impossible after last.



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9th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	BRANDON'S COLT MAR DREAM LUCKY IVAN
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	BRANDON'S COLT
Fastest time last race	GORILLA MONSOON
Fastest win time this year	BRANDON'S COLT
Fastest win time last year	GORILLA MONSOON
Fastest last '1/4' last race	MAR DREAM
Closed Strongly last race	BRANDON'S COLT ART GENTA GORILLA MONSOON MAR DREAM
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	THISBOYCANFINISH
Blocked or in trouble last race	RAY'S RAYZER QUALITY SPORT MAR DREAM
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	BRANDON'S COLT MAR DREAM

HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

10 Cent Wagers	Your Cost		
1 with 23 with 23 with 45 with 45	\$.80	1 with 234 with 2345 with 23456 with 234567.....	\$16.20
1 with 23 with 234 with 2345 with 6	\$3.20	1 with 2345 with 2345 with 2345 with 234567810.....	\$28.80
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 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
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about Daiymir, who was unraced at 2 because of soreness. "He's the same way as Henry; he's two fingers and loves what he does. I think he's got a little bit bigger brush than Henry. I think he could out-sprint him. He's pretty impressive. But Henry is a grinder; he can go non-stop. When he gets on the track he points his head to the front and he's ready to roll. I haven't seen the end of it yet.

"It's unfortunate they drew in together. I was hoping they wouldn't face each other until the final."

The \$100,000 DSBF final is April 13.

Sears looks to return next week

by Ken Weingartner

Hall of Fame-bound driver Brian Sears plans to return from his winter hiatus next week following an extended break in North Carolina. Sears last raced Nov. 29 at Yonkers Raceway.

Sears had laser eye surgery in December and expected to return to action in February, but decided to prolong his time off until April. He spent part of his break in Pinehurst,

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BLUE NOTE

Rode cones the whole trip, urged in lane, no chance. Luke's choice, post relief, also drops.

HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Left 3wide, parked turn, braked to last bend, sped up, stalled deep in lane. Back inside and adds Andy.

ETERNAL GRACE

Off gate bit, 3rd over half, not a good flow, came wide, fair rally. Gets Mooney tonight. Thought.

LA MADAWNA DE ROSA

Out near half, covered up, followed to lane, no close in fast panel. Drops enough to warrant price look.

BLUE GEM

1st out from half, at the mercy of strong pace slowing winner, stalled. Williams chose, drops, beware.

SCARLET V

Rode cones, shuffled to last, urged, fair in return. Tighter now?

GRAN GABRIEL

Away well, settled in for soft trip, chased to lane, no late moves. Week off, Steve's choice.

ICED OUT

Parked eighth, yielded quarter, tracked, urged, led, caught. Third start back angle applies.

BACK STOCK

1st out well before half, long grind to lane, urged to narrow gap. Adds Mike. Post woes.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

10th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	BLUE GEM
Fastest time last race	ICED OUT
Fastest win time this year	BLUE GEM
Fastest win time last year	GRAN GABRIEL
Fastest last '1/4' last race	BLUE NOTE
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	BLUE GEM (B) GRAN GABRIEL (B) ICED OUT (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	BLUE NOTE HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
Blocked or in trouble last race	ETERNAL GRACE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	BLUE GEM

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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where he made trips to the local harness racing track several times a week while also enjoying the opportunity to work on his golf game. He plans to resume racing April 13 following a trip to the Masters Golf Tournament.

"Everything is good," Sears said. "I'm looking forward to starting back. Too much of a good thing isn't good. But it's been fun. I've enjoyed my time."

One particularly enjoyable moment came March 19 when Sears recorded a hole-in-one at the Legacy Golf Links, located near Pinehurst. It was Sears' first-ever ace.

"That's one thing I accomplished this winter," Sears said with a laugh, adding, "It doesn't mean my golf game is that much better, it just means I'm playing a lot of golf. But it was cool."

Sears won 301 races last year and \$7.49 million in purses. His top wins came with Control The Moment in the Meadowlands Pace and Flanagan Memory in the Breeders Crown Open Trot.

In September it was announced that Sears was voted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame by the members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association. Sears will be

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

MIGHTY FINE HIHO

Reserved leaving, rode the cones every step, driven, only fair. Mike's back, drops, rail again.

COWBOY MATHIS

First out half, advanced thru snappy panel, urged, stalled deep in the drive. Luke gets aboard tonight. Must use.

DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS

Moved out from last 3rd over far turn, not a good flow, urged, only fair. Excuses last pair, and adds Steve.

OH YEAH

Sped to top, braked 2nd panel, accelerated far turn, faded bit final eighth. Mooney's choice, also has had excuses.

KG CODY

Settled early, good trip to lane, urged, fair to save show. Probably stuck on the undercard.

HOLLA AT UR BOY

Sent to tuck, 1st out mid far turn, urged, stalled out last sixteenth. Enough class relief to make him usable.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

11th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	OH YEAH
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	OH YEAH
Fastest time last race	MIGHTY FINE HI HO HOLLA AT UR BOY
Fastest win time this year	COWBOY MATHIS
Fastest win time last year	OH YEAH
Fastest last '1/4' last race	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Closed Strongly last race	KG CODY
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	OH YEAH (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	OH YEAH

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.

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inducted July 2 in Goshen, N.Y., the home of the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame.

For his career, Sears has won 9,715 races and \$176 million in purses. He ranks 14th in North American history for wins among drivers and sixth in purses. He led the sport in earnings in 2005, with a then-record \$15 million, and has finished among the top 10 in purses each of the past 13 years.

Sears has driven three Horse of the Year award winners — Rocknroll Hanover in 2005, Muscle Hill in 2009 and Bee A Magician in 2013. He has won the Hambletonian three times, with three different trainers, and is the only driver to twice win the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks on the same day. He accomplished that feat with Muscle Hill and Broadway Schooner in 2009 and again with Royalty For Life and Bee A Magician in 2013.

The 49-year-old Sears received the 2009 Driver of the Year Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association and was the 1991 Rising Star Award recipient from the same organization.

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Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

KISS ON THE LIPS

Pushed leaving, back out past half, kept marching, urged, almost. Rail again, gimmick must.

FULL MOON RISING

2nd over last bend, no chance under pace scenario. Post relief. Third start back angle here.

MY LAST TIME

Sent 3wide, parked most turn, kept marching, attacked by winner into lane, faded last sixteenth. Drops, adds Luke, thought.

GALEX

Off gate pair, out past quarter, cover half, good lead up, driven to narrow gap. Steve's choice over 2 others.

ATTACK MODES BILLY

Saved all ground, shuffled last, failed to make any late moves. Tony returns. Tighter now?

GREAT QUOTE

Sluggish from outset, cover past half, driven, failed to rally. Drops, adds Tim, shot.

REACHINFORTHESTARS

Parked eighth plus, yielded, tracked to lane, urged. Back outside, but Mooney takes the call.

ME TARZAN

1st out last turn, failed to sustain the bid. William chose, obvious tactical issues from outside.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

12th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	REACHINFORTHESTARS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	GREAT QUOTE
Fastest time last race	MY LAST TIME
Fastest win time this year	REACHINFORTHESTARS
Fastest win time last year	ATTACK MODES BILLY
Fastest last '1/4' last race	KISS ON THE LIPS GREAT QUOTE
Closed Strongly last race	KISS ON THE LIPS
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	FULL MOON RISING MY LAST TIME ME TARZAN
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	KISS ON THE LIPS MY LAST TIME GREAT QUOTE REACHINFORTHESTARS

HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

10 Cent Wagers	Your Cost		
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