

# Race 1 News

## McKirgan named to Ohio Hall Of Fame

Donald "Don" McKirgan, one of the top trainers in the state of Ohio, has been elected as the newest member of the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame. He was elected by a vote of the Ohio chapter of the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

Known as "Ohio's Trotmaster," McKirgan has enjoyed success with both gaits, including the 2015 Ohio Horse of the Year, Like Old Times and is credited with 3,640 career driving wins.

McKirgan, 77, came to Northfield Park when it opened in 1957 and remains stabled there today. He was the leading driver at the Cleveland oval in 1977 and 1981 and led all Northfield drivers in the Universal Drivers Rating in 1980, 1982, 1983 and 1985. He was elected to the Northfield Park Wall of Fame in 1992.

McKirgan has won at least one race at Northfield Park every year before being sidelined for the entire 2004 season.

In November 2003, McKirgan suffered what would have

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT**  
Out past quarter, didn't gain on the rim, faded from the skirmish. James choice, inside. Slice maybe.

**VERY WESTERN**  
Wide early to last, no rally in needed tuner. Longshot.

**LUCKY SEVEN OF LODI**  
First out well before half, engaged fav far turn, lugged wide into stretch.

**A TRIBUTE TO KATIE**  
Rank approaching gate, sped to top, braked, attacked past half, caught late, much best of the rest. Looks tough again.

**GOT TONE**  
Away well, soft trip the balance, urged to save show slot. Undercard contender?

**FEELING FANCY FREE**  
No hurry early, saved all ground to the lane, some late interest, best of the rest. Price should drift a bit. Usable.

**I WILL SCORE**  
Out well before half, charged up to engage leader, was repelled, took back into far turn, faded from the skirmish. Tony tries his hand.

**HF CARD**  
Broke approaching start, spotted field 12-15, 1st over far turn, easily 3rd best. Iffy but a gimmick must despite poor draw.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 1st Race Computer Analysis

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

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

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

# Race 2 News

been a career ending illness for most people. He was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré disease, an inflammatory disorder that paralyzed McKirgan for nearly half a year.

## How The Slanted Starting Gate Works

by Bob Pandolfo

(This updated column originally appeared in [www.drf/harness](http://www.drf/harness))

I think we all can agree that the more energy a horse uses prior to the stretch run, the slower it will finish. Harness handicappers have always put a lot of emphasis on the final quarter. But, harness races are much more speed favoring than they used to be, especially on half and five-eighth size tracks. Consequently, drivers are more aggressive early in a race. This creates a tremendous amount of pace pressure during the first quarter.

Harness tracks like The Meadows, Harrah's Chester, Tioga Downs, have slanted starting gates. These gates make it easier for horses from outside posts, such as eight, and nine, to leave the gate. If you watch races at

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## MAJESTIC LADY JO

Led briefly, yielded, tracked to lane, light urging, safely 3rd best. Hikes, adds Steve. Longshot.

## WINDSUN GALAXIE

Parked half turn, shook off last bend attacker, opened up, caught by flying fave. Down the road early. Slice?

## THE EVICTOR

Out near half, suffered poor cover far turn, tipped 3wide, flew, away easily. Solid form. But these are tougher.

## SILVERHILL VOLO

Rode cones, gapped to 3/4s, light urging, passed tired/breaking foes. Extra time off. Also hoping for a piece of it.

## TALKIN TOOTSIE

Away fast. Release. Backed up badly. Finished fair once she shook out. Looks second best on paper.

## PRIDECREST [post 10]

Out near half, cover mid far turn, swung wide, away easily, many troubled foes. Seems rather obvious once again.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 2nd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	THE EVICTOR
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	THE EVICTOR
Fastest time last race	PRIDECREST
Fastest win time this year	THE EVICTOR
Fastest win time last year	PRIDECREST
Fastest last '1/4' last race	SILVERHILL VOLO PRIDECREST
Closed Strongly last race	THE EVICTOR PRIDECREST
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	WINDSUN GALAXIE TALKIN TOOTSIE
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	THE EVICTOR (W) PRIDECREST (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	PRIDECREST
Blocked or in trouble last race	TALKIN TOOTSIE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	PRIDECREST

## January 2018

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## February 2018

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# Race 3 News

these two tracks, you can see that post one doesn't have a big advantage, as it does on most three or four turn tracks.

The slanted gate also results in very fast first quarters. Anyone who follows one of the tracks that has the slanted gate knows that many horses that haven't shown early speed suddenly jet out to the lead when they draw posts eight or nine. Put yourself in the driver's seat. Your horse is starting from post nine, which means that it's 14 feet in front of the horse in post one. If you take back and race from off the pace, you are giving up your advantage. The driver has been given a beneficial handicap. Either use it, or lose it.

Let's look at how the slanted gate potentially changes a race. The horse on the rail has pretty good speed, and the six horse is a pure speed horse. If this race is run on a regular five-eighth size track, the one and six leave; at the quarter the six is leading and the one horse is in the pocket.

Now run this same race at The Meadows. The six and nine both leave fast. Now at the quarter, the nine is leading, the six is in the pocket,

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## A BAY BAY

Looped, parked eighth plus, gapped gar turn, urged. Steve's back. Favorable draw. One of many.

## LUCKY IVAN

Rode rail whole trip, urged in lane, didn't rally much. Tony hops aboard. Looking for a slice.

## GOOD CITATIONS

Out near half, suffered poor flow last bend, tried wide bid, no chance. Better post tonight. Nick returns. User too.

## SANTANNA SAM

Left, 2nd over near half, traffic into the lane, wasn't loaded. Probable longshot again.

## MINT TO CRUISE

1st out well before half, cover half, angled wide, closed well, nipped for 2nd. Luke returns. Post relief. Major player.

## LIL ORPHAN ELMER

Gapped bit behind quick clip, tipped out far turn, cover mid-bend, urged to save 3rd slot. Mooney drives. Post concerns. But usable.

## COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS

Out near half, never really covered, kept grinding, flattened late. Outside. That's a tough assignment for the cowboy.



# CAL EXPO HARNESS

## 3rd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	MINT TO CRUISE
Fastest time last race	MINT TO CRUISE
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	MINT TO CRUISE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	MINT TO CRUISE
Closed Strongly last race	MINT TO CRUISE
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	GOOD CITATIONS
Blocked or in trouble last race	GOOD CITATIONS SANTANNA SAM MINT TO CRUISE COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MINT TO CRUISE

# 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

and the one horse is sitting third. This is a huge difference. First of all, the one horse goes from getting an easy pocket trip to most likely having to go first over, or sit in and risk getting shuffled in tight quarters. The nine horse, who would be nowhere in a race that doesn't have the slanted gate, is now able to get the lead and cut the mile. So the nine horse goes from having no shot to being a major contender. The one horse goes from a major contender to a marginal contender. This is a simple example but it happens all the time.

Personally, I liked the slanted gate. I think it makes the race more interesting and competitive. Anything that evens out the post and speed bias is a good thing. The Meadows is the least favoring five-eighth track in the country, and the slanted gate also helps the closers because the early pace tends to be quicker when the outside horses leave.

Recently we found out that Yonkers Raceway is thinking about using a slanted starting gate. I'm surprised it isn't being used at all on half-mile tracks. Posts six, seven, and eight win about half as much as they used to on half-mile

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**HOLLA AT UR BOY**  
Tracked to last bend, grabbed cover late in turn, urged, fair. Dropped in price tonight. Better post the result.

**ALLAMERICAN SOLO**  
Led briefly, gapped far turn, urged, rallied fast, too late. Returns from layoff. How ready?

**MR RIGHTNOW**  
Off gate pair, rode cones in return, just a mild rally. Likely longshot once again.

**GENE EUGENE**  
Looped leaving, parked turn, yielded to retaker, stalked, some drive, best of rest. Entered for \$3900 tonight. Must use.

**KUKALAKA**  
Sped to top, brushed back past quarter, couldn't stop winner far turn, some urging to save place. Field size shrunk. Obvious threat.

**KG EXPLORER**  
Moved up on long cover train, didn't have much chance into the blazing mile though. Noteworthy class drop tonight.

**MIGHTY FINE HIHO**  
Looped leaving, tucked, burst out past half, right by leader, shut down late, strong. Razor sharp. Remains in for the \$4000 base price.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 4th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Fastest time last race	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Fastest win time this year	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Fastest win time last year	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Fastest last '1/4' last race	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Closed Strongly last race	ALLAMERICAN SOLO KG EXPLORER
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	KUKALAKA
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MIGHTY FINE HI HO (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MIGHTY FINE HI HO

## 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

tracks. Post seven and eight hardly ever win on many half-mile tracks. That's not good for business. Ideally you want racing to be as unbiased as possible. In other words, not speed favoring, fair to all styles, and without a post position bias. Two turn tracks like The Meadowlands, Hoosier, Cal Expo, Hawthorne, and Mohawk in Canada, all do good business, they generate good handle. The main reason for this is that the tracks are not speed favoring. When closers and all posts have a chance to win, it makes for better, more exciting races, and higher pay-offs. The handle proves that bettors prefer tracks that aren't speed biased.

## Sbrocco has high hopes for 2018

*by Ken Weingartner*

Joe Sbrocco enjoyed a successful 2017, most notably with Dan Patch Award winner Downbytheseaside, and the 76-year-old harness racing owner hopes to keep the good times rolling this year.

"I've got more horses coming back this year than I ever have," Sbrocco said. "I have

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**ROCKINAROUNDHEAVEN**  
Followed winner out well before half, great lead up trip, driven, just fair. Inside for a change. Use in gimmicks.

**AWHIMAWAY**  
Left fast 3wide, took turn to clear, yielded to retaker, chased, some late traffic, tough to gauge. Post relief too. Adds Mooney. Player.

**DOUBLE MYSTERY**  
Cover near half, a good trip to lane, urged, fair. Looks like undercard best case scenario.

**CHILMA**  
Parked eighth to drop, tracked to lane, urged to save place. Fair form. She can get on the ticket.

**SHEZ A SWIFT**  
Away under urging, ended up in 3hole, tracked to lane, never fully free. Some excuses of late. One more thought.

**SOUL DIVA**  
Led into turn, brushed back past quarter, attacked by winner far turn, tough to end. Might use her speed to overcome outer post.

**SPEAK ENGLISH**  
Out on long train near half, led up, faded out late stages. Stuck outside again. Adds Gerry.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 5th Race Computer Analysis

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

## 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

hopes for them. We'll see. I have a good feeling about this year."

Sbrocco said goodbye to Downbytheseaside at the conclusion of last year. The horse, who retired to stud duty in Ohio, won 14 of 22 races and a North America-leading \$1.60 million last season.

He was the third Dan Patch Award-winning pacer for Sbrocco, who shared ownership of Downbytheseaside with Country Club Acres, Richard Lombardo, and Diamond Creek Racing.

Sbrocco's other Dan Patch honorees, also in partnerships, were two-time Pacer of the Year Captaintreacherous (2012-2013) and Artspeak (2014).

"I like trotters, but I've done pretty well with pacers," Sbrocco said. "Captain and Artspeak gave me thrills and Downbytheseaside was my latest thrill, for sure. There was so much camaraderie with this horse. We're very close friends and (caretaker) Toni Dale Hollar promoted the heck out of him on Facebook. She's just a wonderful, loving person. This year was right up there.

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## SENGA NITRO

Gapped a bit to the half, tipped first over into far turn, driven, held fair. Extra time off. Drops from open. Gimmick must.

## MAKE IT BIG

Settled in behind top pair, angled wide into str, bobbled briefly, driven, best of the rest. Also idle a couple weeks. Adds Tim.

## BETTORS PROMISE

Quarter moved to top, attacked balance, urged, tough. Nick returns. Solid form. Must use.

## PAYDAZE A ROCKIN

Sped from gate, yielded, back out into far turn, advanced to striking position, faded from the skirmish. Week off. Adds James. Possible.

## FLY AWAY

Sped to tuck, burst out past half, sped by leader, in hand late. Steps back up after 3 bagger. Tough to ignore.

## HIHOS LITTLE REV

Out mid turn to top, repelled two attackers, kept marching, nailed by pocketeer. Mooney's choice. Another sharp contender.

## ONE AND ONLY

Away under urging, yielded mid turn, pocket popped into last bend, attacked balance, caught deep in drive. Luke's choice over 2 others. Can't rule out.

## CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK

Out near half, broke, caught back, on again last bend, broke, lost contact. Adds chip. Outside. What's his plan here?



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 6th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	BETTORS PROMISE FLY AWAY
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	HI HO'S LITTLE REV
Fastest time last race	ONE AND ONLY
Fastest win time this year	FLY AWAY
Fastest win time last year	BETTORS PROMISE HI HO'S LITTLE REV
Fastest last '1/4' last race	SENGA NITRO
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	BETTORS PROMISE
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	ONE AND ONLY (B) CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	BETTORS PROMISE

# 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)

# Race 7 News

"I'd advise people to go in with partners," he added. "How many times can you get Dan Patch winners when you buy horses on your own? You're better off. Look around and try to get partners. But I still look at every horse that I can. There isn't a time that I don't look at a horse before buying one."

Sbrocco, who lives near Cleveland, got started in harness racing in 1970 with his father-in-law Bob Cole. Sbrocco trained and drove horses at the county fairs for several years, but eventually put harness racing on hold to concentrate on his title agency and family.

After a decade hiatus, Sbrocco returned to the sport solely as an owner. He enjoyed success in the early 2000s with stakes-winning female trotter Norway But My Way and in 2006 had the Hambletonian favorite with homebred Mr Pine Chip. The colt was unbeaten in six starts that year, but went off stride in the Hambletonian final.

"He got sick," Sbrocco said. "That was a pretty disappointing day."

Sbrocco's top horses since then have included, but are

## Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**MOONSHINEMONKEYS**  
Left to tuck, tracked to lane, urged, just fair. Extra week off. Adds Tony. Inside again.

**HI FIDELITY**  
Left 3wide, parked well past quarter, released to retaker, faded out final turn. Nick's choice. Post relief as well.

**DICKIES MOTEL**  
Rode cones, clogged in last turn traffic, shook out, only fair once free. Okay form. Small shot.

**CENALTA COUGAR**  
Led into turn, yielded to quarter moving fav half, tracked to lane, some traffic, stalled bit late. Adds Ryan. Grabs a slice?

**PERFECT PITCH**  
Parked turn, took back, backed up in traffic, loose late, just fair. Post relief. Facing hard hitter's though.

**CENALTA CALL GIRL**  
Shuffled last, moved 4th over midfar turn, kicked 3-4wide, closed fastest. Remains sharp. One of many.

**BACK STOCK**  
Left under urging, brushed back past quarter, yielded half, tracked to lane, faded from hard use. Adds Steve. What's his plan here?

**LA MADAWNA DE ROSA**  
1st over half, rimmed balance, held tough to the end. Adds Gerry. But will need some racing luck.

**HIGH BET HANOVER**  
Settled at once, stalked to last bend, followed fave out, urged, up near wire. Week off. Luke's choice. Danger despite killer post.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 7th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	CENALTA CALL GIRL
Fastest time last race	HIGH BET HANOVER
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA
Fastest last '1/4' last race	CENALTA CALL GIRL
Closed Strongly last race	CENALTA CALL GIRL HIGH BET HANOVER
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	HI FIDELITY CENALTA COUGAR
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	HI FIDELITY
Blocked or in trouble last race	HI FIDELITY DICKIES MOTEL
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	HI FIDELITY CENALTA CALL GIRL

## 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

not limited to, his three Dan Patch Award winners as well as 2012 Kentucky Futurity winner My MVP, 2007 Little Brown Jug runner-up Hot Rod Mindale, and stakes-winners Mythical Lindy, Ma Chere Hall, Goddess, and Braggart.

He also was among the owners of Propulsion, who was sold in 2015 and headed to Europe, where he has become one of the sport's top trotters.

"Propulsion was the best trotter I ever saw in the field," Sbrocco said. "I went to the farm and saw him as a baby and he totally took my heart away."

Sbrocco has horses with a number of trainers, including Tony Alagna, Chris Beaver, Brian Brown, Paul Kelley, Ray Schnittker, Ake Svanstedt, Jimmy Takter, and Linda Toscano. He partners on approximately 30 horses each year.

Among his group of horses coming back this year are pacers Dragonology, Decoy, and Whos Better and trotters Sortie, White Cheetah, and Bautista. He also has hopes for a 2-year-old colt pacer by

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## SHARK FESTIVAL

Away well, took cover into far turn, angled, broke, had pace. Adds Mooney tonight. She's definitely a threat for all.

## BLUE NOTE

Out near half, quick cover, solid lead up trip, urged, surged wire. Luke returns. Price drops though.

## WINDSUN T BIRD

Away to tuck, tripped out behind top trio, well place, urged. Chip Lackey hops aboard. One more thought.

## RUSH AND A BRUSH

Left to tuck, back with last turn cover, angled, urged, away. Looks rather dangerous once again.

## KISS ON THE LIPS

Sent hard, brushed back past quarter, attacked far turn, held gamely to wire. Gerry's choice. Also in form.

## PLACE AT THE BEACH

Sped to top, yielded near quarter, back out last bend, held okay. James takes the drive. One more possibility.

## COASTAL TREASURE

Moved out with excess cover far turn, tried wide bid, failed to rally. Steve's choice. Outside again. What's her plan?



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 8th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	BLUE NOTE RUSH AND A BRUSH
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	BLUE NOTE RUSH AND A BRUSH
Fastest time last race	WINDSUN T BIRD
Fastest win time this year	RUSH AND A BRUSH
Fastest win time last year	KISS ON THE LIPS
Fastest last '1/4' last race	BLUE NOTE COASTAL TREASURE
Closed Strongly last race	BLUE NOTE RUSH AND A BRUSH
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	SHARK FESTIVAL (B) COASTAL TREASURE (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	BLUE NOTE RUSH AND A BRUSH

## Pick Four (16%) - \$30,000 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

Captaintreacherous named Primo Capitano.

"I've had some ups and downs, but I've had a lot of good horses," Sbrocco said. "I'm looking forward to a good year."

## Memorable first win for 79-year-old trainer

by Charlene Sharpe

At 79, Paul Gsell admits he's no longer up to riding the high-strung Thoroughbreds that once helped him earn a living.

That doesn't mean he's given up equines entirely. These days, Gsell, who lives in Crumpton, Md., spends his time working with Standardbreds. On Nov. 11, he earned his first win as a trainer with 8-year-old pacing mare Allabout Town at Rosecroft Raceway.

"It was a great feeling," Gsell said. "I wanted to prove it to myself and everybody else that I could do it."

Gsell bought his first Standardbred in 2010. After spending several years as a hands-on owner, he decided to get his trainer's license this summer.

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**CENALTA DIESEL**  
Thought of leaving, took back, grabbed cover midfar turn, swung 3-4wide, urged, closed well. Adds Gary. Hikes. Rail. Thought.

**DONTOUBTTHELAKERS**  
Grabbed cover near half, good lead up, angled, driven, ran out of ground. Another sharp class hiker. Adds Richard.

**PANCETTA**  
Pocket at once, stalked strong winner whole trip, never asked. Chip hops aboard. How ready?.

**JUMP THE SHARK**  
Settled in early, cover into far turn, angled wide, urged, surged, up. Ryan in the bike. Another stepping up.

**ALLMYXSLIVENTEXAS**  
Sat in to the stretch, angled, closed strongly on his own. Nick's choice over 2 others. Readiness??

**TO THE LIMIT**  
Took cover into last turn, led up to lane, urged, okay try considering fractions. Extra time off. Tough to rule out.

**IM AN ATHLETE**  
Led at once, braked to lane, sped home on own, solid tuner. James drives. Always dangerous.

**GORGEOUS FOR REAL**  
Sent from gate, pocket behind winner into turn, stalked, driven to narrow gap. Week off. Post woes. Usable too.

**JAZZMANIAN DEVIL**  
Returns after month on the shelf. How ready will he be in here?

**EASTENDER**  
Sped from gate, braked to half, stepped it up midfar turn, urged, strong. Luke's choice. Week off. Strategy?



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 9th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	JUMP THE SHARK
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	JUMP THE SHARK
Fastest time last race	JUMP THE SHARK
Fastest win time this year	JUMP THE SHARK
Fastest win time last year	I'M AN ATHLETE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	TO THE LIMIT GORGEOUS FOR REAL
Closed Strongly last race	DONTOUBTTHELAKERS JUMP THE SHARK
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	GORGEOUS FOR REAL
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	EASTENDER (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	JUMP THE SHARK

# HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

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# Race 10 News

Gsell said he spent most of his life working with Thoroughbreds -- riding jumpers and then working with stallions at places like Windfields Farm -- and wanted to stay busy now that he's retired.

"If I sit around now I'll never keep going," he said.

So Gsell, with the help of his wife Carolyn, currently trains three Standardbreds he races at Rosecroft Raceway. While a trip to a harness track years ago first sparked his interest in the sport, now that he's truly involved he's come to appreciate the Standardbreds themselves.

"There's a lot more to them as far as harness but they're so much easier to work with than Thoroughbreds," he said. "Standardbreds have a great disposition. They're good for an old person to deal with."

Allabout Town is a particular favorite.

"She's an angel," Gsell said. "She eats biscuits and plays with you. She's a pet."

He says he had no idea she'd win when she went

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**MY HEARTS CONQUEST**  
Looped leaving, parked half turn, back 1st over half, attacked to lane, held tough. Rail, undercard thought.

**LOVERS HOLIDAY**  
Came on long cover train, tipped 3wide, followed 4wide, solid rally. Better post. Segues from claimers.

**CENALTA DIAMOND**  
Hopped on cover train half, led up to 3/4s, angled wide, sped to lead, urged to hold. Hard not to like.

**LA DIVA DE ROSA**  
Rode cones, shuffled last, cleared, had a mild late rally. Gerry returns. Will needs some luck.

**GETTER QUEEN FLUSH**  
Out past quarter, cover half, good lead up, driven, just fair. Post relief. And Nick takes the drive.

**CORDEES FANTASY**  
Sent to top, rebuffed attacker near half, kept marching, caught by pocket fav, tried to fight back. Facing much tougher.

**WINDOW WIPER**  
4th over past half, blind switch into lane, flattened. Steve's back. Her plan from outside?

**YESWELLNOMAYBE**  
Shot from gate, yielded quarter, stalked to lane, cleared bit late, urged, still fighting. May leave for position.

**ALONG CAME JANE**  
Left 3wide, parked turn, released to pair of quarter movers, chased to lane, driven, only fair. Another tough post assignment. Tighter?



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 10th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	CENALTA DIAMOND
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	CENALTA DIAMOND
Fastest time last race	LOVERS HOLIDAY
Fastest win time this year	CENALTA DIAMOND
Fastest win time last year	CENALTA DIAMOND
Fastest last '1/4' last race	CENALTA DIAMOND
Closed Strongly last race	LOVERS HOLIDAY
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	CORDEES FANTASY
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	CENALTA DIAMOND (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	LOVERS HOLIDAY
Blocked or in trouble last race	ALONG CAME JANE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CENALTA DIAMOND

## C.H.R.B. BREAKING RULES

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

(a) Where clearance exists, take such horse to the outside.

(b) Attempt to pull the horse to its gait.

(c) Lose ground.

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

# Race 11 News

behind the starting gate Nov. 11. While the Allie's Western mare generally earns checks, she hadn't won a race since May.

When the gate folded she landed eighth and sat there through fractions of :27 and :56.2.

Driver Justin Vincent eventually pulled the right line and the mare was three-wide at the three-quarter pole. That's when Gsell started to get excited.

"She came through the stretch and ran right by 'em," he said.

Allabout Town won by a half-length in 1:58.

"Hopefully Paul and Allabout Town win many more races," Vincent said.

He said he enjoys driving for the Gsells.

"Paul and his wife are great people," he said. "They're always happy with the way Allabout Town races even if she doesn't get a check. She isn't the biggest or fastest mare but every time she steps on the track she gives it all she has."

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**CHIEF SARATOGA**  
Sent under urging, yielded, inherited 2hole late last bend, urged, almost. Post relief. Class hike. Thought.

**MUSICIAN**  
Parked turn, forced rival back near half, went for air, held tough to end. Sharp enough to merit must use status.

**SWAGASAURUSREX**  
Left 3wide, parked half turn, back out late last bend, some urging, 2nd best. Gerry's choice. Post relief as well.

**REAL BUZZ**  
Led into turn, yielded to strong winner midbend, tracked rest of way, stalled final eighth. Longshot type.

**JULERICA**  
Sent under urging to midturn lead, blazed clip, attacked by pocket fave far turn, held tough to deep str. Drops. Very dangerous.

**PL JALAPENO**  
Soft trip throughout, 3hole last bend, urged, photo'd for show. Undercard thoughts.

**LINCOLN**  
Left to tuck, tripped to lane, cleared, urged, just fair. Adds Steve. Needs some racing luck.

**FF BIGSHOW**  
Far back to last bend, tipped out on rim, never covered, fair into blazing heat. No chance trip. Luke stays. Use.

**RUSTY CARTER**  
Out past quarter, didn't advance, back to rail, failed to get involved. Adds Rene. Obvious tactical woes.

**BARBOSA**  
Sent to mid turn lead, attacked by winner far turn, tired bit deep in drive. Chip hops aboard. Debuts for Longo barn.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 11th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	SWAGASAURUSREX
Fastest time last race	JULERICA
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	SWAGASAURUSREX
Fastest last '1/4' last race	CHIEF SARATOGA
Closed Strongly last race	CHIEF SARATOGA
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	FF BIGSHOW (B) BARBOSA (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	CHIEF SARATOGA
Blocked or in trouble last race	SWAGASAURUSREX FF BIGSHOW
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CHIEF SARATOGA SWAGASAURUSREX

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